

"We hired several lawyers over the years, but they took money and left," he says. "We did not understand court matters. Every time we went to the police station to ask, they told us nothing will happen, go home." Years passed in limbo. Then, in 2014, he was sent to Naini Jail in Prayagraj—now over 90 years old and barely able to walk. "They did not make me do any jail work due to my age. Everyone treated me kindly," Lakhan says quietly.



LOST AND FOUND

It is notified for the information that my Original DMC Matriculation year 2017 and Unique Id 6572164 Passed from Sacred Heart Senior Secondary School Amritsar issued by ICSE Board has been actually lost. Name of the candidate Manan Mehra D/o Rajeev Mehra R/o H.No.11, Gali No.1, Jagdamba Colony, Majitha Road, Amritsar 88476-23835

BEDKHALI NOTICE

We, Vinod Kumar Srivastav S/o Nand Kishor & Mrs. Ashish W/o Vinod Kumar Srivastav R/o H.No.166, Tehsil Camp,Krisna Nagar, Distt. Panipat, Haryana declare that our son Aadesh shrivastav and his wife Kashish Aneja are completely out of our control. So we disown them from all our moveable immoveable properties.Anybody dealing with them at their own risk, our family members will not be responsible.

I, Subhash Chand S/o Bodh Raj, R/O 1117, Mahvir Colony, Jagadhri, Distt Yamunanagar declares my son Sushil alias Monu, his wife Ganga and their childrens are out of my control. So, I disown them from my all moveable-immovable properties. Anybody dealing with them at their own risk. Me and my family members will not be responsible for their any act.

I Satpal sharma S/o Sh. Prem Chand R/o H.No.-416,Gurmandi bazar,Jain Mohalla, Panipat declare My three child Anchal, Nansi and Abhinav these are Beyond my control. I evict them from my movable and immovable properties. Anyone who deals with them will be responsible for it. In future,I will not be responsible for anything.

I, Narender Singh S/o Jagir Singh R/o Siyana Saida, Tehsil Pehowa, District Kurukshetra, My Son Ranjit Singh Is Completely Out Of My Control, I Disown Him From My All Moveable And Immoveable Properties. If Anybody Deals With Him That Will Be At His Own Risk.

I, Dharpal S/o Nahar Gir Vill.Tikri Tehsil Pehowa Distt.Kurukshetra My Son Sonu Gir and his wife Mukesh Is Out Of My Control. I, Disown Them From All My Moveable And Immoveable Properties. If Anybody Deals With Him That Will Be At His Own Risk.

I, Mesari W/o Sh. Jai Kanwar R/o Vill- Khewra, Rai, Sonipat declare that My son Parveen and his wife Nutan both are out of my control. So I disown them from my all movable-immovable property. Anybody deals with them at their own risk.

We, Chandra Pal son of Shri Chet Ram and Ramvati wife of Shri Chandra Pal residents of village Kheda Rath, Kheda Bajeda, Shahjahanpur, Uttar Pradesh-242303, currently residents of village Ramgarh, Tehsil and District Panchkula, Haryana declare that our son Manoj Kumar and his wife Sunita is not in our Control. We disown our Son and his wife from our Moveable and immovable Properties. Anybody dealing with them will be solely responsible for his legal and illegal Activities. We and any of our family member have nothing to do with him.

I, Rajesh Devi W/O Sh. Shish Pal R/O VPO Golpura, Distt. Panchkula, Haryana-134118 declare that my Son Jai Chand and his Wife Smt. Ranjna Devi are out of my control. I disown my Son and his wife from my movable and immovable property. Anybody dealing with them will do so at their own risk and will be responsible. I and my Family shall not be responsible for the same

We, Gopal Krishan S/o Tulsi Dass Verma and Kajal W/o Gopal Krishan R/o H.No.51-G, Partap Colony, Railway Road, Khanna (Ludhiana) declare that our son Manik Verma and his wife Aastha are out of our control. We disinherit them from our entire moveable/immovable properties. We have no relation with them, anybody dealing with them at their own risk.

I Pooja D/o Jagan R/o H.no. 1189, Sector 52-D, Chandigarh, declared that my sons namely Arman and Aman and Princika wife of Aman, all are out of my control, so I disown them from my movable- immovable properties, anybody deals with them at their own risk.

I, Shamsher Singh alias Sher Singh S/o Sarwan Singh R/o village Bhutal Kalan, Tehsil Lehra, Distt. Sangrur declares that earlier I had disown my son Harmanpreet Singh from all my moveable and immoveable property. But now my above mentioned Son is under my command. So I cancel the disownment of my Son. Now, He will be co-owner of my moveable-immoveable property. All concerned please note.

I, Anil Kumar S/o Sh. Ran Singh R/o Tajpur Tihar Khurd, Teh. & Distt. Sonipat has disowned my son Sachin & his wife Ravina from my all movable-immovable property as they are out of my control. In future, if anybody deals with them, he/she will do at their own risk.

I, Sanjay S/o Sh. Anil Kumar R/o Tajpur Tihar Khurd, Teh. & Distt. Sonipat has broken all relations with my brother Sachin & his wife Ravina as they are out of my control. In future, if anybody deals with them, he/she will do at their own risk.

I, Wazir Singh S/o Dayanand R/o H.No. 1036, Ward No. 1, Hisar Road, Shastri Nagar, Rohtak declare that I had disown my son Amit Balhara from my movable and immovable property because he was not listening to me, but now he is listening to me and agrees to everything I say, so now I consider him a partner in my movable and immovable property again and cancel his disown notice.

We Shyam Lal s/o Sant Ram and Hardev Kaur w/o Shyam Lal r/o Gurdwara Ravidas colony Dosarka nearby Tehsil Barara (Ambala) We evict Pooja and grandson Ahaan, wife of their son late Sagar Kumar, from all our movable immovable property. Because both of them are out of our sayingThe transaction with them will be responsible for himself.

ਅਸੀਂ ਰੁਲਵੰਤ ਸਿੰਘ ਅਤੇ ਮੇਰੀ ਪਤਨੀ ਸੁਖਵੰਤ ਕੌਰ ਵਾਸੀ ਮੁਕਾਨ 40 ਵੇਰੇਵਾਲ ਰੋਡ ਸਿੱਧੂ ਐਂਟੀਨਿਊ ਜੰਡਿਆਲਾ ਗੁਰੂ ਤਹਿਸੀਲ ਅਤੇ ਜ਼ਿਲ੍ਹਾ ਅੰਮ੍ਰਿਤਸਰ ਰੁਲਵੀਆ ਬਿਐਨ ਰਾਹੀਂ ਆਪਣੀ ਨੂੰਹ ਸੰਦੀਪ ਕੌਰ ਪਤਨੀ ਸ.ਸਤਨਾਮ ਸਿੰਘ ਪੁੱਤਰ ਰੁਲਵੰਤ ਸਿੰਘ ਪੇਤਰਾ ਏਕਮਜੇਤ ਸਿੰਘਪੇਤਰੀ ਅੰਬਰਜੇਤ ਕੌਰ ਜੋ ਸਾਡੇ ਕਹਿਣੇ ਤੋਂ ਬਾਹਰ ਹਨ ਨੂੰ ਆਪਣੀ ਚਲ-ਅਚਲ ਜ਼ਇਦਾਦ ਤੋਂ ਬੇਖ਼ਲ ਕਰਦੇ ਹਾਂ। ਸਾਡਾ ਉਕਤ ਤਿੰਨਾਂ ਨਾਲ ਕੋਈ ਵਾਅਦਾ ਨਹੀਂ ਹੈ ਉਕਤ ਨਾਲ ਲੈਣ ਦੇਣ ਕਰਨ ਵਾਲੇ ਖ਼ੁਦ ਜ਼ਿੰਮੇਵਾਰ ਹੋਣਗੇ।

ਸੈਂ ਪਰਵਾਨਾ ਪੁਰ੍ਤ ਸਰੀਫ ਨਿਵਾਸੀ ਗਾਂਵ-ਲੀਹਚਕ, ਰਹੱਸੀਲ ਵ ਜ਼ਿਲ੍ਹਾ-ਜੀਵਤ (ਹਰਿਯਾਣਾ) ਬੀਧਾਨਾ ਕਰਤਾ ਹੂੰ ਮੇਰਾ ਪੁਰ੍ਤ ਰੁਪਕਾਸ਼ ਵ ਪੁਰ੍ਤਬਧੁ ਨਰਸਿਸੇ ਮੇਰੇ ਕਹਨੈ-ਸੁਨਨੇ ਜੋ ਬਾਹਰ ਹੈ। ਸੈਂ ਝਨਕੀ ਅਪਨੀ ਚਲ-ਅਚਲ ਸੰਪਤੀ ਸੇ ਬੇਦਖਲ ਕਰਾਹੂੰ। ਝਨਕੇ ਕਿਸੀ ਕਾਸ਼ ਧਾ ਲੇਨਦੇਨ ਕਾ ਮੈਂ ਐਰ ਮੇਰਾ ਪਰਿਵਾਰ ਜ਼ਿੰਮੇਦਾਰ ਨਹੀਂ ਹੋਂਗੇ।

PUBLIC NOTICE

I, Goutam Balhara S/o Sh. Jaipal Singh R/o H.No. 1218/24, Jagdish Colony, Rohtak - 124001 declared that I have change my name from Goutam to Goutam Balhara. In future I will be called as Goutam Balhara.

I, Anita Nain Spouse of Kesha Ram(S. No. 691486-A) Resident of H.NO. 484, Ram nagar, Narwana Tehsil Narwana Distt Jind State Haryana have changed my name from Anita nain to Anita vide affidavit dated 23-05-2025 at Narwana.

It Is For General Information That I, Bhupender Pal S/O Hoshiyar Singh, R/O Kakrala (21), Mahendragarh, Haryana-123027. Declare That Name Of Mine And My Wife Has Been Wrongly Written As Bhupender And Nirmala Yadav In My Minor Son Himanshu, Aged 16 Years In His Cbse Class 10th Educational Documents. The Actual Name Of Mine And My Wife Are Bhupender Respectively, Which May Be Amended Accordingly.

I, Jaiveer S/O Dharamveer Residing At Mahandipur, Sonipat, Haryana-131001 Have Changed The Name Of My Minor Son Alerk Aged 7 Years And He Shall Thereafter Be Known As Tanveer. It Is Certified That I Have Complied With Other Legal Requirements In This Connection.

I Madnjit Singh @ Madanjit Singh Randhawa S/o Shangara Singh R/o House No 2483/79 SAS Nagar Punjab have changed my name from Madanjit Singh Randhawa after completing all legal formalities in this respect.

I Hitherto Known As Kanhai S/O Deo Dhari, Residing At Ward No.33, Near Railway Station Colony, Khanna, Distt. Ludhiana, Punjab-141401, Have Changed My Name And Shall Hereafter Be Known As Kanahi. It Is Certified That I Have Complied with other legal requirements in this connection.

I, Tarun Ahlawat, S/o Satish Kumar resident of village Dhadhlan, Tehsil Beri, District Jhajjar, declare that in the birth certificate of my son, my wife's name wrongly mentioned as Pratibha and my name Tarun and son's name as Veer Ahlawat, whereas correct name of my wife is Pratibha Dalal, and my correct name is "Tarun Ahlawat, and son's correct name is Yashvardhan Ahlawat. for all Future purpose

CHANGE OF NAME

I Nancy D/o Rajinder Goyal R/O Flat No- 808, Orvis Grand, Green Valley Tower, Dhakauli, Distt Mohali Punjab have changed my name to Nancy Bansal.

I Dinesh Kumar S/o Geesaram S/o Guganram R/O 305/9 Panipat have lost my original property document vasika number 1382 dated 15/4/1997.DDR also lodged vide appli.

I, Smt Jasvinder Kaur wife of No. JC-802120Y Ex Nb Sub (Late ) Gurmit Singh, Village Kalamanj Kothi, PO and Tehsil Mukerian, Distt Hoshiarpur (Pb) have changed my name from Jasvinder Kaur to Jaswinder Kaur Vide Affidavit e/Stamp No. IN- PB37692441581421X dated 23 May 2025. Concerned note.

I, Regt No.714880004 Ex. INSPR (TECH) lqbal Singh S/o Bakhtawar Singh R/O V.P.O Bariana Tehsil and Distt. Hoshiarpur Punjab Declare that my wife&#39;s name should be amended from Kulwinder Kaur to Kulvinder Kaur and date of birth is 05-10-1948 to 15-05-1959 in my BSF record. Concerned Note.

I, Sunita W/O Aslam Khan R/O Mami, Bherthal, Distt Yamuna Nagar have changed my name from Sunita to Sunita Begum.

I, Sunil Kumar Thour S/o Ashok Kumar R/o 119, Krishna Nagar, Near Golden Public School, Chandpur, Yamuna Nagar have changed my name from Sunil Kumar Thour to Sunil Kumar.

I, Surinder Kumar S/o Ved Parkash R/O A/9, Ward no. 1, Near Gauri Shankar Mandir, Jagadhri, Distt Yamuna Nagar have changed my name from Surinder Kumar to Surender Kumar.

I, Veena Kumari W/O No. 4004127y, Rank Hav, Vikrant Sharma Of Unit 5 Dogra. R/O Village Akhlaspur P.O. Dhariwal, Tehsil And Distt. Gurdaspur, Punjab. My Name Was Wrongly Written As Veena Sharma Instead Of Veena Kumari In My Husband Army Service Record. Now Am Applying for correction anybody have any objection convey to the concerned authorities within 7 days.

I, Sunita W/o Partap Pal R/O House No. 3638, Sector 69, Mohali declare that in some documents my name is written as Sunita Pal. These both names are mine. Sunita and Sunita Pal is one and the same person.

I, Aruna Tyagi w/o Surender Tyagi r/o #891, Sector-6, Urban Estate, Kamal (Haryana) declare that earlier my name was Aruna. Now I have changed my name Aruna Tyagi. In future I should be known as Aruna Tyagi.

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

I Arvind Kumar Singh S/o Resham Pal Singh R/O Villa no.1166,E- block Omaxe City,Sector-18, Sonipat declare that Yatharth and Yatharth Arvind Kumar both names are of my son's names and Arvind Kumar Singh and Arvind Kumar both are my names and Niharika Singh and Niharika both are my wife's names.

I, Brijesh Kumar S/o Jay Prakash Yadav R/O House No. 176, Street No.3, Near Shiv Mandir, Sai Enclave Jhampur, Mohali. declare that I have changed my name from Brijesh Kumar to Brijesh Kumar Yadav.

I, Rajni W/o Hardeep Singh R/o H. No. 24, Near Tejli Stadium, Raja Ram Colony, Tehsil Jagadhri, Yamuna Nagar have changed my name from Rajni to Raj Kumar.

I, Poonam W/o Sh. Rajender Kumar Resident of House No 16-A, Bhatia Colony, Gate Wali Gali, Assandh Road, Panipat-132103 have declared that I have change my name from Poonam to Poonam Kumari

I, Suman Lata D/o Pawan Kumar R/O Village Fatehgarh Tumbi, Tehsil Bilaspur, Distt Yamuna Nagar declare that in my Secondary Exam Certificate passed under Roll no. 2117620218 in April 2021 from B.S.E.H., Bhiwani, my date of birth is mentioned as 14.05.2004, which is wrong. My correct date of birth is 14.04.2004.

I, Anil Kumar, son of Sh. Tilak Raj Puri, resident of House No. 272, Sector 55, Chandigarh, hereby declare that I have changed my name from Anil Kumar to Anil Kumar Puri.

I, Dropti Devi wife of Sh. Shyam Lal resident of village Sakori, post office Chail, tehsil Kandaghat, District Solan Himachal Pradesh declare that my name Draupadi Devi is wrongly entered in my Aadhaar card. My correct name is Dropti Devi. I want to get the correct name Dropti Devi changed in my Aadhaar card. All concerned please make note.

I Ankit Kumar S/o Mahesh Chand Sharma R/O H. No. 457, Ward No. 23, Near Rishikul School, Arjun Nagar, Kabdi Road, Panipat state that my son's name is recorded as Garvit Shandilya in some documents and Gurmeet in some documents. Both these names are of my son. My son should be known and recognized by both the names Garvit Shandilya and Gurmeet.

I, Onkar Singh S/o Prithvi Singh R/O Mado haldari chhachhrauli, Distt Yamunanagar have changed my name from Onkar Singh to Omkar Singh.

I,Sunny Parsad S/o Prithvi Parsad R/O C2/1173 Mahavir Colony, Jaroda, Jagadhri, Distt Yamunanagar declare that in my driving Licence HR02 20220001037 my name is written as Sunny which is incorrect, While my correct name is Sunny Parsad.

I Tanveer Singh son of Jatinder Singh Bhullar R/o House No 3149, Sector 28-D, Chandigarh, have changed my name from Tanveer Singh Bhullar to Tanveer Singh Bhullar.

I, Shallu W/o Achhe Lal R/o #1886, Basant Vihar, Kalka, Distt.Panchkula (Haryana) have changed my name from Shaloo to Shallu

I, Achhe Lal Kushwaha S/o Ramyash Kushwaha R/o #1886, Basant Vihar, Kalka, Distt.Panchkula (Haryana) have changed my name from Achhe Lal to Achhe Lal Kushwaha.

I, Shallu W/O Achhe Lal R/O #1886, Basant Vihar, Kalka, Distt.Panchkula (Haryana) Have Changed My Name From Shaloo To Shallu

I, Achhe Lal Kushwaha S/O Ramyash Kushwaha R/O #1886, Basant Vihar, Kalka, Distt.Panchkula (Haryana) Have Changed My Name From Achhe Lal To Achhe Lal Kushwaha

I Satish Kumar Midha S/O Chander Parkash Midha R/O 647, Old Housing Board Colony Sector 13, Karnal, Haryana , I have Changed My Name From Satish Kumar Midha To Satish Midha.

I Vishali Wife Of Sh. Varun Sharma, R/O House No. 1130 B Block Eco City 1, Sector 5 New Chandigarh, Distt Sas Nagar Mohali Punjab Have Changed My Name From Vishali To Vishali Sharma.

I Juma Ram S/O Late Sh. Balki Ram R/O House No. 1880, New Indira Colony, Manimajra Chandigarh Inform That Juma Ram And Jumma Ram Is The Name Of One And Same Person. I Also Inform That My Father Is Known By Two Names Balki Ram And Balaki Ram Both Names Are Belongs To My Father.

I Anil Kumar S/o Bihari Lal, House 129, Phase 3-A, Tehsil and District S.A.S Nagar (Mohali) Punjab have changed my minor daughter name from EKAM to BAANI.

I, Meenakshi Devi D/o Sh. Shamsher Singh R/O Village Faridpur, Tehsil Uklana, Distt. Hisar (Haryana) declare that I have changed my name from Meenakshi Devi to Meenakshi Kundu for future purpose.

I Kiran W/o Vijay panwar R/O house no 532, Khatikana paana,Bhiwani HR- 127201. That I have changed the name of my minor daughter from Kiran to kiran panwar.

I Ramesh Chand S/o Gian Chand R/o Khunda, PO. Sariana, Tehsil Mukerian Distt Hoshiarpur Punjab, have changed my name from Ramesh Chand to Harmesh Chand.

I Mankaur W/o Shardha ram R/O House no 97,Dohka Dina Block Badhra,Teh Charkhi Dadri, Haryana-127026. have changed my old name from Mankaur to Meena Devi.

I, Parbindar kaur , wife of Harpal Singh, House No. 146, Village Jodhpur Pakhar, Tehsil Maur , Bathinda, have changed my name to Parwinder Kaur. Please note.

I, Gurdev Singh Manjotra s/o Gopal singh , Resident of H.No.214 Malliana Colony Jandiala guru , Tehsil & District Amritsar have Changed my name from Gurdev Singh Manjotra To Gurdev Singh , All concerned note.

Varun Kumar S/O Joginder Pal Residence of Ram Nagar Colony, Tehsil Mukerian, Distt. Hoshiarpur, Punjab have changed my name from Varun Kumar to Kumar Varun concerned note

I Lajo Devi w/o Late. Sh. Sawan singh H No 1675 New Indra Colony Manimajra Chandigarh . Declare that my Son Sukhjeet Singh and his wife Rekha are out of my control i disowned them from my moveable / immovable properties any body dealing with them at their own risk.

I Sandeep Bahadur S/o Sher Bahadur R/O House no. 2049 Sector 52 Chandigarh, have changed my name from Sandeep Bahadur to Sandeep Gharti.

I Taranjit Bhinder W/o Sh. Sahib Harish R/O House no. 133, Sector 8-A Chandigarh, have changed my name from Taranjit Bhinder to Taranjit Kaur.

I, Manish S/o Sh. Prem Chopra R/o House No.90 Surajpur Tehsil Kalka District Panchkula Haryana, I have changed my name from Manish to Manish Chopra

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

I, No.15161134W, Rank Hav Amarjit Singh S/o Ram Lok Village Raipur PO Jhaj,Tehsil Anandpur Sahib Distt Rupnagar Punjab 140117 declare that in My Army record my Wife name written as Charanjit Kaur mistakenly. Whereas his correct name is Charanjeet Kaur

I, Sukhwinder Bhatia alias Sonia Bhatia W/o Davinder Singh R/o H.No. 56, Baba Deep Singh Enclave, Dana Mandi, Bhagtan Wala, Amritsar, Punjab-143001 have changed my name from Sukhwinder Bhatia alias Sonia Bhatia to Sukhwinder Kaur.

I, Saffronjot Kaur D/o Malkiat Singh R/o 51, Sun Sahib Road, Krishna Nagar, Chheharta, Amritsar, Punjab-143105 have changed my name from Saffronjot Kaur to Kaur is my surname and Saffronjot is my given name.

I, Seerat Daughter of Davinder Singh Saini R/O House no. 3042, Sector 35-D, Chandigarh-160022 have changed my name from Seerat to Seerat Saini.

I, Army No. - 15189538P Nk Amandeep Singh P/O Unit - 217 Med Regt (SP) C/o 56 APO have changed my minor son's name from Aaric to Aaric Singh vide affidavit dated 24.05.2025 before Distt. Session Court, Hisar

I, Sanjay Kumar S/o Krishan Singh R/o H. No. 33, New Vinod Nagar, middle of Gali no. 5 & 6, Mill Gate, Hisar (Haryana) have changed my name from Sanjay to Sanjay Kumar for all purposes in future.

I, RADHIKA DEVI mother of Army No. 13014060A L/Hav AJAY KUMAR YADAV, R/O Tingrai Habi, P.O. Sripurulia, P.S. and District Tinsukia, State: Assam, PIN 786145 have changed my name from RADHIKA DEVI to RADHIKA YADAV & my age recorded as 40 years & DOB: 14 Jun 1966 but my correct DOB 20 Feb 1965 vide affidavit dated 22.05.2025 before Executive Magistrate, Tinsukia.

I, Joyprosad Roy father of Army No 10213499N Hav Sujit Roy, R/O Vill-Purba Gopalpur, P.O-Gopalpur, P.S-Pundibari, Dist-Cooch Behar PIN-736133, have changed my name from Joyprosad Roy to Jayprasad Roy and my age recorded as 50 years but my correct DOB is 27/09/1956 video affidavit dated 02.05.2025 Excutive Magistrate, Sedar Cooch Bihar.

I, Meena W/o Anil Sharma R/O House No. 281, Brahman Mohalla, Village Kultaran, Distt. Kaithal (Haryana) declares that I have changed my name from Meena to Meena Rani. In future, I will be known by the name of Meena Rani.

I, Anil S/o Raj Kumar R/O House No. 281, Brahman Mohalla, Village Kultaran, Distt. Kaithal (Haryana) declares that I have changed my name from Anil to Anil Sharma. In future, I will be known by the name of Anil Sharma.

I, Suman Devi W/o Kuldeep Singh R/O Village Firozpur, Distt. Kaithal (Haryana) declares that I have changed my name from Kuldeep to Kuldeep Singh. In future, I will be known by the name of Kuldeep Singh. All concerned please note.

I, Kamaljit S/O Sardar Harvinder Singh R/O 128/A, Gulabgarh Road, Preet Nagra, Dera Bassi. Distt. Sas Nagar, Punjab. I Have Changed My Minor Son's Name From Eknoor To Eknoor Singh.

I, Kamaljit S/O Sardar Harvinder Singh R/O 128/A, Gulabgarh Road, Preet Nagra, Dera Bassi. Distt. Sas Nagar, Punjab. I Was The Proprietor Of Shri Chand Crane Services (Gst No. 03deks2586j1zo). I Have Changed My Firm Name From Shri Chand Crane Services To Udasin Contractors (Gst No. 03deks2586j1zo)

I, Varinder Singh, son of Ajit Singh, resident of village Sekhwan PS Sekhwan , Gurdaspur, hereby declare that my wife's name is incorrectly mentioned as Kamaljit singh in my passport. The correct name of my wife is Kawaljit Kaur.

I, Prince S/o Harpal Masih R/o Village Sanghar (Gurdaspur) have changed my name to Prince Masih. Concerned note.

I,Kalbir Singh S/O Nirmal Singh R/O Village Kahnawan Distt. Gurdaspur have changed my name Kalbir Singh to Kulbir Singh. Please note down my New Name Kulbir Singh.

I, hitherto known as Rajwant Kaur wife of Gurbhej Singh residing at Chawinda Kalan PO Chawinda District Amritsar-143109 Punjab have changed my name and Shall hereafter be known as Raj Kaur

I, hitherto known as Davinder Kumar son of Yash Pal residing at H.No.B-34/1383/1, Street No.2, New Chander Nagar, Bharat Nagar Chowk, District Ludhiana-141001 Punjab have changed my name and Shall hereafter be known as Karan Chawla

I, hitherto known as Paramjit Singh son of Jagir Singh residing at H.No.9/4, Lane No.2, Defence Enclave, Amritsar Punjab-143001 Punjab have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as Paramjit Singh Bhullar

I, Dilbagh Singh S/o Mehar Singh R/O H.No.1, Palah Sahib Road, Friends Avenue, D-Block Amritsar SJS Avenue Amritsar have changed my name from Dilbag Singh to Dilbagh Singh

I, Balbir Singh S/o Sunder Singh R/o VPO. Boparai Teh. Patti, Distt. Tarn Taran have changed my name from Balbeer Singh to Balbir Singh

I, Renu Rani D/o Kala Ram R/O 75, Gali No.1, Krishna Nagar, Amritsar have changed my name from Renu Rani to Renu

I Paramjit Singh Chawla S/O Niranjan Singh Chawla R/O H.No.1938, Circular Road Outside Medical Enclave Amritsar have changed my name from Paramjeet Singh Chawla to Paramjit Singh Chawla, Please Note

I Kulvinder Chawla W/o Paramjit Singh Chawla R/O H.No.1938 Circular Road Outside Medical Enclave Amritsar have changed my name from Kulvinder Chawla to Kulvinder Chawla, Please Note

I, Kulwinder Kaur W/o Nirval Singh R/O Village Musse Kalan Tehsil and District Tarn Taran have changed my name from Kulwinder Kaur to Palwinder Kaur

I, Rajni W/o Manan Mahajan R/o 10, Nagina Avenue, Near Power House Majitha Road, Amritsar have changed my name from Rajni to Rajni Mahajan

I, Harshni Arora D/o Sarabdeep Singh Arora R/O B-89, Daburji Bypass Alaura International City Daburji Road, Amritsar have changed my name from Harshni Arora to Harshni Kaur Arora

I, Satinder Singh Bhatia and Satinder Singh S/o Jaswant Singh Bhatia R/o H.No.235/236 A-Block, Ranjit Avenue, Amritsar have declare that above both names are mine one and same person

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I, hitherto known as Amarjeet Kaur wife of Harwinder Singh residing at H.No.10, Gwala Enclave, Street No.8, Kot Baba Deep Singh, Amritsar-143001 Punjab have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as Amarjeet Kaur Buttar.

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I, hitherto known as Mona Rani wife of Raj Kumar residing at H.No.49, North Block, Imperial City, Loharka Road, Amritsar-143001 Punjab have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as Monica.

I, Sarabjit Singh Toor S/o Amarjit Singh Toor R/o Vill Rehrgan PO Poonian Teh Shahkot Distt Jalandhar have changed my name Sarabjit Singh Toor to Sarbjit Singh

I, Kulwinder Kaur Toor W/o Sarbjit Singh R/o Vill Rehrgan PO Poonian Teh Shahkot Distt Jalandhar have changed my name Kulwinder Kaur Toor to Kulwinder Kaur.

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No. HBH/EM/PLK/2025/1829. Date 22-05-2025

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Estate Manager, Housing Board Haryana, Panchkula

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Rajeev Mangia Advocate. Address: Booth no. 14 Civil Court Tonana Mobile: 7015827577

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# AAP MLA Arrested in Major Corruption Case; Mann Govt Says No Mercy for the Corrupt

MONIKA MALIK ■ CHANDIGARH

Shockwaves rippled across Punjab's political landscape on Friday as the ruling Aam Aadmi Party's (AAP) MLA from Jalandhar Central, Raman Arora, was arrested by the Vigilance Bureau (VB) on corruption charges. The high-profile arrest came mere days after the State Government withdrew Arora's security cover — an action that, in hindsight, signaled impending disciplinary steps.

Arora, a first-time legislator and considered a close confidant in party circles, now joined the growing list of AAP leaders facing corruption charges, raising both political heat and questions of internal accountability.

The arrest followed an early morning raid by the VB at Arora's residence in Ashok Nagar, Jalandhar. By evening, the MLA was formally taken into custody, accused of orchestrating a racket involving bogus notices sent via municipal officials and extorting money to suppress these official warnings.

Multiple bags filled with documents were seized during the operation, exposing what officials are calling a "network of extortion" operated under the guise of civic administration. The case stemmed from the arrest of an Assistant Town Planner (ATP), Sukhdev Vashisht, a municipal official linked to Arora, who allegedly acted on the MLA's instructions to issue fabricated notices.

Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann, maintaining the party's consistent posture of "zero tolerance for corruption", took swift ownership of the action, publicly stating: "No one is above the law — not even our own. The Aam Aadmi Party was born from the anti-corruption movement, and we will never allow betrayal of that cause." AAP's official social media handles echoed this sentiment, posting: "Be it our own or anyone else, the corrupt will face consequences."

The VB's operation began at around 8:45 am, when a team arrived at Arora's home. At the time, the MLA was reportedly heading out but was intercepted near a local temple. Officers escorted him back to his house

where the search commenced. Later, Officers left the premises carrying three bags filled with incriminating documents. The arrest is linked to an earlier case involving a Municipal Corporation officer arrested on bribery charges, with Arora allegedly being the "kingpin" of a "recovery racket" that extorted money by misusing official notices.

Sources confirmed that substantial documentary evidence was recovered, including records of transactions, falsified municipal notices, and other materials linked to the extortion scheme. Later in the day, Arora was formally arrested, and his personal assistant was also detained for questioning. A simultaneous raid at the residence of Arora's relative, Rajiv 'Raju' Madan, did not yield additional evidence.

According to the Vigilance Bureau, the MLA is accused of misusing his influence over the Jalandhar Municipal Corporation to target local residents — particularly small traders and industrialists — by issuing notices related to illegal construction. These notices, allegedly sent at Arora's behest through ATP Vashisht, were later 'settled' in exchange for bribes. As per sources, the racket had been operational for months before Vashisht's recent arrest helped the Bureau unravel Arora's involvement. The VB confirmed that a formal FIR had already been registered in connection with the case.

"The system functioned like a coordinated extortion racket — notices were issued under fabricated pretexts, panic was created, and 'settlement' demands were made. Files would then be closed, often with digital trails erased or manipulated. The investigation uncovered several objectionable documents during the raid, which is expected to further expose the depth of the scam," he added.

Ironically, just four days before the arrest, Arora had been appointed to the Punjab Vidhan Sabha's Committee on Public Undertakings, further highlighting the political disconnect between perception and internal investigation. The MLA's sudden fall from grace was preceded by the quiet withdrawal of his security — previously comprising 12 police personnel — by the State. When confronted about the security withdrawal,

Arora had, at that time, said: "I don't know the reason. I am a loyal and honest member of the party. Whatever the government decides, I respect."

## Opposition Attacks

The opposition wasted no time in capitalizing on the development. Senior BJP leaders including Manoranjan Kalia, KD Bhandari, Jagbir Singh Brar, and Sheetal Angural held a joint press conference demanding that the action not remain symbolic. "The Mann Government must take this case to its logical conclusion. Previous arrests like that of Vijay Singla and Fauja Singh Sarari lost steam after initial hype," Kalia said. The BJP also questioned AAP's seriousness in fighting corruption, citing instances where arrested leaders later attended party functions. Sheetal Angural further revealed that crucial audio evidence had been handed over to the authorities weeks earlier and warned against "political whitewashing".

Senior Congress leader and the Leader of Opposition in Vidhan Sabha Partap Singh Bajwa dubbed it another "optics exercise" by the Mann Government to salvage its image. Accusing AAP of shielding tainted leaders, Bajwa said that no real convictions have followed previous corruption allegations. "This isn't a crusade, it's a political theatre," he remarked, citing cases involving other AAP Ministers and MLAs. He questioned why action wasn't taken earlier if misdeeds were known. Bajwa dismissed AAP's "zero-tolerance" claim as a hollow slogan, saying that Punjab needs accountability, not gimmicks.

Shiromani Akali Dal (SAD) spokesperson Arshdeep Singh Kler said that AAP's so-called "92 jewels" are now being exposed one by one. He questioned whether this action was genuine or just political theatre ahead of the Ludhiana bypoll. "Is this just another scripted drama to divert public attention from the Centre's takeover of BBMB?" he asked.

Kler also demanded clarity on the status of earlier corruption cases involving Dr Vijay Singla, Fauja Singh Sarari, Amit Rattan Kotfatta, Charanjit Channi, and Raja Warring, asking, "What happened to those

investigations?"

## AAP Hails the Move

Meanwhile, AAP insiders emphasized that the arrest proved the party's commitment to probity. "This is what real accountability looks like. No favouritism, no shielding. If our MLA is guilty, he will face the law like anyone else," said party spokesperson Neel Garg.

Sources in the Vigilance Bureau revealed that the case against Arora had been building for nearly a month. Following Vashisht's arrest, the VB had closely scrutinized financial records, call logs, and digital communication between the ATP and the MLA. Vigilance Jalandhar SSP Harpreet Mander, who led Friday's operation, remained tight-lipped but affirmed that the Bureau had gathered "substantial evidence" before proceeding with the arrest.

As investigations continue, Raman Arora remains in custody. The Vigilance Bureau is expected to seek further remand to delve deeper into the financial web linked to the extortion operation. The extent of political fallout — and whether it affects AAP's clean-governance image — will depend not only on the robustness of prosecution but also on the consistency of the government's future actions.

## AAP's Anti-Corruption Image Takes a Hit as More MLAs Face Serious Allegations

Raman Arora's arrest is far from an isolated case — it is merely the latest in a troubling series of corruption allegations against Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) legislators in Punjab, casting a long shadow over the party's lofty promises of clean governance. Since assuming power in March 2022, the Mann-led State Government has repeatedly found itself battling controversies triggered not by opposition forces, but by its own elected representatives. The list of MLAs embroiled in corruption or financial irregularities is steadily growing, and public patience is wearing thin.

Among the most high-profile early casualties was Mansa MLA Vijay Singla, who was dramatically sacked as the Health Minister and arrested in May 2022, within months of coming to power, for allegedly demanding

kickbacks on departmental tenders. While the swift action was initially hailed as a bold stand against corruption, the momentum faded once Singla was released on bail and quietly resumed political activity, with the case lingering unresolved in the courts.

Guru Har Sahai MLA and former Minister Fauja Singh Sarari also stepped down in January 2023 following a viral audio clip that purportedly exposed an extortion plot — but no formal charges were ever filed, and Sarari remains politically active. Then came Bathinda Rural MLA Amit Rattan Kotfatta, arrested in February 2023 after his aide was caught red-handed accepting a bribe to release development funds. Kotfatta, too, secured bail and continues to function as an MLA.

Amargarh MLA Jaswant Singh Gajjanmagra's arrest by the Enforcement Directorate in a Rs 40-crore bank fraud case, and ED raids against Mohali MLA Kulwant Singh in the massive Rs 48,000-crore Pearl Group scam, further complicate the party's claim of probity. While the party has attempted to distance itself from these financial cases by branding them "non-political" or "personal", the public perception of widespread impropriety within AAP's Punjab unit is hard to ignore.

Despite Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann's repeated assertions that "no one is above the law", the ground reality is more ambiguous. Many of the accused continue to wield influence, attend party events, and represent their constituencies, even as investigations drag on without clear outcomes. Critics argued that the government's selective and incomplete enforcement undercuts its own narrative, making the difference between optics and accountability increasingly difficult to discern.

## "No One Will Be Spared, Ours or Theirs": Mann Reaffirms Zero-Tolerance Stand on Corruption

As another Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) legislator finds himself in the dock over corruption charges, Punjab Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann on Friday doubled down on his government's declared war on graft, asserting that there would be "no pick and

choose" in his administration's sweeping crackdown.

Responding to the arrest of Jalandhar (Central) MLA Raman Arora, Mann issued a sharp and unapologetic video message: "For us, corrupt is corrupt — whether ours or theirs. Anyone whose hands are drenched in corruption will not be spared by my government."

Mann, reiterating his administration's zero-tolerance policy, said that no individual, regardless of political stature or affiliation, will be shielded. "Mere affiliation to the ruling party or the opposition does not give license for corruption. The law will take its course — swiftly and sternly," he declared in a video statement.

The Chief Minister emphasized that the fight was not personal but systemic. "This crusade is not against a single person. It is against a corrupt system that has hollowed out governance and looted public resources. Since taking office in 2022, we've been committed to restoring integrity to public life," he said.

Referring to corruption as a "heinous crime against humanity", Mann accused the corrupt of plundering taxpayers' money and betraying public trust. He pointedly warned both politicians and bureaucrats that misuse of power — especially when it comes to blackmailing traders, shopkeepers, or harassing the common citizen — would not be tolerated under any circumstances.

Calling upon citizens to become active participants in the anti-corruption drive, Mann encouraged the people to report instances of bribery, harassment, or extortion. "This is a people's movement. If anyone delays or obstructs your work for corrupt reasons, raise your voice. My government will stand with you and take action," he assured.

By taking tough stands even against members of his own party, Mann seeks to flip the political narrative, positioning AAP as a party that does not shield the guilty, but leads from the front in cleaning up public life. "There is no favouritism in this fight. We owe honest governance to the people of Punjab," he said.

# Punjab Cabinet Amends Property Rules; Reforms Approved for Industry, Police and Governance

PNS ■ CHANDIGARH

To strengthen municipal finances and foster administrative efficiency, Punjab Cabinet on Thursday approved a series of policy decisions, including an amendment to streamline property payment procedures, a boost to industrial innovation, and reforms in police service rules.

At the heart of the Cabinet meeting was the approval of a key amendment to the Punjab Management and Transfer of Municipal Properties Rules, 2021. The amendment reduces the time allotted for the payment of sale price by allottees of urban local body properties to six months. Earlier, allottees had the option of paying in six half-yearly installments, stretching over three years. Now, buyers will be required to deposit the full amount within 180 days of allotment.

"This reform is intended to expedite the realization of revenue by the Urban Local Bodies (ULBs), improve liquidity for munic-

ipal development, and reduce legal disputes arising from payment delays," said a spokesperson from the Chief Minister's Office. The decision is expected to benefit both the state and citizens by enabling quicker infrastructure rollouts and ensuring smoother transactions with fewer litigations, while simultaneously boosting the financial health of ULBs.

## Rs 5-cr for Punjab Innovation Mission

In another forward-looking move, the Cabinet approved an allocation of Rs five crore to the Punjab Innovation Mission, a strategic initiative designed to position the state as a hub for industrial growth and entrepreneurial development. The Mission aims to generate employment, attract investment, and promote a robust innovation ecosystem across Punjab. Officials stated that the Punjab Innovation Mission has already begun playing a vital role in catalyzing economic development. The newly-sanctioned funds will further enhance its ability to facilitate startups, support research, and link industry with academia.

## Service Rules Cleared for Specially Promoted Police Cadre

The Cabinet also cleared a proposal to frame dedicated service rules for 207 personnel in the Punjab Police's specially-promoted cadre, particularly those promoted under the Sports quota. This move is expected to provide clarity on promotion channels and streamline service-related matters for these officers. "By bringing these employees under a structured rule-based system, we are institutionalizing fairness, transparency, and predictability in promotions within the force," said a senior official.

## Obsolete Laws Set for Repeal

Continuing its effort to declutter outdated laws, the Cabinet gave its nod to the Punjab Appropriation Acts (Repeal) Bill, 2025. This legislation, based on the recommendations of a Group of Secretaries, aimed to repeal expired appropriation acts that had authorized department-wise expenditure from the Consolidated Fund of the State. The repeal is largely procedural and has no bearing on actions validly taken under the original acts.

# Health Deptt monitoring Covid-19 situation, no cause for panic: Hry Minister

PNS ■ CHANDIGARH

With Haryana reporting four new Covid-19 cases amid similar reports emerging from other parts of the country, Haryana Health Minister Arti Singh Rao on Friday said the State Health department is closely monitoring the situation to ensure public safety and preparedness. She also said that there was no cause for panic.

Haryana currently has four active Covid-19 cases — two in Gurugram and two in Faridabad, with no international travel history. All four cases (two male and two female patients) are mild in nature and are currently under home quarantine. The Minister said that there has been no requirement for hospitalization, and all patients are under regular medical supervision.

All four individuals were previously vaccinated against Covid-19, which has helped keep symptoms minimal. A person from Gurugram district who was earlier detected with the virus has already recovered.

Rao further said, "There is no need to panic. This variant is mild and manageable, and we are following all advisories issued by the Government of India from time to time. Citizens are advised to remain calm and continue following Covid-appropriate behaviour."

The Health Minister said that to ensure readiness, civil surgeons across the state have been directed to maintain logistics and treatment facilities. The Haryana Government continues to prioritize the health and safety of its citizens, Rao added.

Covid-19 is now considered another type of viral infection in which basic precautions such as hand hygiene, wearing masks in crowded areas and avoiding unnecessary gatherings are encouraged.

# PSCHRC Orders Fresh Inquiry into Youth's Mysterious Death, ASI Summoned for "Procedural Lapses"

PNS ■ CHANDIGARH

The Punjab State and Chandigarh (UT) Human Rights Commission (PSCHRC) has reopened the case of Bramhjiti Singh Bawa's mysterious death, directing a fresh inquiry and issuing a show cause notice to the investigating ASI for serious procedural lapses. PSCHRC chairperson Justice Sant Parkash, while acting on a complaint by the victim's father, observed that the initial investigation was marred by critical omissions, including the failure to collect CCTV footage and reliance on unverified claims, potentially undermining the integrity of a case involving allegations of murder.

The deceased's father, Maninder Singh Bawa, had alleged that his son was murdered by an acquaintance, Mr Tanwar, under suspicious circumstances following a late-night meeting on June 16, 2024. The next morning, Bramhjiti was found dead in his car in a roadside ditch.

Highlighting serious deficiencies in the original investigation, the Commission noted that the Assistant Sub-Inspector (ASI) at Police Station Mullanpur Garibass failed to retrieve and examine CCTV footage from the Mullanpur-Shimla Toll Plaza, which could have helped reconstruct the critical timeline. Moreover, the ASI's report cited intoxication as a contributing factor in the death — a claim unsubstantiated by any forensic or medical report.

The Commission found that witness accounts were inconsistent and unsupport-

ed by technical evidence, while mechanical inspection reports revealed no indication of a vehicle collision, contradicting earlier assumptions. Most damning, however, was the omission of verifiable electronic evidence — such as call data records and surveillance footage — that the complainant claimed could implicate Mr Tanwar.

In its April 30, 2025 inquiry report, submitted by the Commission's Additional Inspector General (AIG), investigators established that Bramhjiti and Tanwar had met at Omex Market around 10:30-11:00 pm. They departed separately around 1 am. Bramhjiti's vehicle was later discovered crashed, and he was declared dead at the scene.

Calling the initial police proceedings under Section 174 CrPC "inadequate for the gravity of the case", Justice Sant Parkash emphasized that the possibility of foul play could not be ruled out without a thorough, evidence-driven investigation.

The Commission has now recommended that the SAS Nagar senior Superintendent of Police (SSP) appoint a Gazetted Officer to reinvestigate the case, particularly focusing on the overlooked CCTV footage and discrepancies in Tanwar's version of events. The Commission has also issued a show cause notice to the ASI, demanding his personal appearance before the panel on July 3, 2025 — the next date of hearing — to explain his investigative failures and justify why departmental action should not be initiated against him.

BRIEFS

Governor Felicitates players of Gully Cricket Tournament



**Chandigarh:** The Prize Distribution Ceremony of the Gully Cricket Tournament, jointly organized by the UT Cricket Association (UTCA) and Chandigarh Police, was held at the Punjab Raj Bhawan on Friday. Governor of Punjab and UT Administrator, Gulab Chand Kataria, presided over the ceremony and felicitated the winners and outstanding players in the presence of UTCA President Sanjay Tandon, SSP Kanwardeep Kaur, Education & Sports Secretary Purna Puri, SSP City Geetanjali Khandelwal, and others. Team No. 187 was crowned champion in the boys' category, while Team No. 1 secured the title in the girls' category. In his address, Kataria praised the UTCA and Chandigarh Police for not only promoting grassroots talent but also playing a crucial role in eradicating social evils. Citing players' statistics from the tournament, he expressed confidence in the tremendous potential of young athletes and emphasized the need to guide them in the right direction.

**Jagdish Jhinda elected head of Haryana SGMC**

**KURUKSHETRA:** Jagdish Singh Jhinda was unanimously elected as the president of the Haryana Sikh Gurudwara Management Committee (HSGMC) in a meeting held in Kurukshetra on Friday. The decision was taken by 49 members, which included 40 elected and nine co-opted. On this occasion, the body's executive was also formed. Jhinda will be the head of the committee four months after the elections to the HSGMC were held in January.

**Special buses to be operated in Hry for UPSC examinees**

**Chandigarh:** The Union Public Service Commission (UPSC) is conducting its Preliminary Examination across the country on May 25. To help students appearing for this exam, the Haryana State Transport Department has decided to run special buses from all districts of the state to the exam centres in Gurugram and Faridabad. Buses will be operated from all districts depending on the demand and number of passengers, and will run one day before the exam and on the day of the exam.

**Complete work of Int'l Horticulture Market by June 2026: Minister**

**Chandigarh:** Haryana Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare Minister Shyam Singh Rana on Friday directed the officials to complete the development works in the International Horticulture Market, Ganaur (Sonapat) by June 30, 2026 so that the market can be started. Rana was reviewing the development works going on in the International Horticulture Market. On this occasion, the Agriculture Minister told the officials that this market will prove to be especially beneficial for the farmers of Haryana, as fruits and vegetables can be sold in the international market.

**Haryana Minister urges farmers to use treated water for irrigation, inspects STP channel**

**GURUGRAM:** Haryana Environment and Forest Minister Rao Narbir Singh on Friday urged farmers in the Farrukhnagar and Pataudi regions here to support the government's efforts in water conservation by using treated sewage water for agriculture and horticulture. The minister made the appeal after inspecting the sewage treatment plant (STP) channel between Gurugram and Jhajjar. A plan is underway to supply treated water from STPs to around 30 villages in the region for irrigation purposes, he said, adding that he will personally engage with the farmers next with to encourage participation in the initiative.

# Himachal CM pleads for increase in allocation of funds from Centre

PNS ■ SHIMLA / NEW DELHI

Himachal Pradesh Chief Minister Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu on Friday pleaded with Chairman of the Finance Commission Arvind Panagariya for increasing the allocation of funds to the state, saying hill states with geographical challenges should get their due.

The officers of the state government made a presentation to the Commission in the presence of the chief minister and submitted an additional memorandum on behalf of the state to press upon Himachal's rights, a statement issued upon he stated.

The chief minister later told reporters that he will press for the state's rights at the meeting of the Niti Aayog under the chairmanship of Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Saturday, where he will also raise the issue of promoting tourism and hydro projects and building a big airport at Dharamshala. He said Himachal Pradesh harnesses 12000 MW of

power, but gets only 12 per cent as free royalty out of the total power generated.

"The state's royalty should be increased as we harness the state's waters," Sukhu said, adding that public-sector units should be allowed to take over power projects in the state and Himachal should get a bigger share. Asked about the state's finances, the chief minister said the state is focusing on fiscal discipline and fiscal prudence by cutting down on wasteful expenses.

He accused the BJP of indulging in financial indiscipline by granting freebies and subsidies just to remain in power, but people rejected their politics of allurements. Sukhu said Himachal is the only state that gives MSP on milk and is promoting natural farming by giving a subsidy to farmers.

Sukhu also said that the Kishau hydroelectric project is of national importance and the financial burden of the project should be borne entirely either by the Centre or by the major beneficiary states such as Delhi, Haryana, Uttar Pradesh and Rajasthan.



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Editor's TAKE

India's stern message to Turkey

In a sharp message, India asks Turkey to press Pakistan to dismantle its cross-border terror infrastructure

In a significant diplomatic signal, India has asked Turkey to “strongly urge” Pakistan to dismantle its decades-long support to cross-border terrorism. This comes amid escalating tensions between New Delhi and Ankara, particularly in the aftermath of Operation Sindoor, India’s recent military response to terror threats emanating from Pakistan.

The statement from the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) was unequivocal. “We expect Turkey to strongly urge Pakistan to end its support to cross-border terrorism and take credible and verifiable actions against the terror ecosystem it has harboured for decades,” MEA spokesperson Randhir Jaiswal said. The latest diplomatic chill traces back to Turkey’s public condemnation of India’s precision strikes against terror camps in Pakistan-occupied Kashmir under Operation Sindoor. While India maintained that the strikes were defensive and targeted infrastructure linked to terrorism, Turkey chose to align itself with Pakistan, issuing statements that echoed Islamabad’s narrative and reportedly offering diplomatic and material support.

Further complicating matters, Turkey supplied drones were reportedly used by Pakistan during recent escalations, raising strategic and security concerns in New Delhi. This alignment has only deepened India’s perception of Ankara’s growing closeness with Islamabad, especially on issues directly affecting India’s sovereignty and internal security. India’s response has been both diplomatic and administrative. India’s expectations from bilateral partnerships include respect for its core security concerns, especially those related to terrorism. This direct message to Turkey now one of the closest ally of Pakistan, comes not only as a warning but also as a recalibration of India’s diplomatic engagement with Turkey, which has in recent years sought a broader role in South Asia’s geopolitics under President Recep Tayyip Erdogan.

Apart from diplomatic initiatives India has also taken some action to show its displeasure with Ankara. India recently revoked the security clearance of Çelebi Aviation Pvt Ltd, a Turkish-origin company that manages ground services at nine Indian airports. India’s firm stance reflects its evolving foreign policy approach, especially toward countries that attempt to take positions on South Asian conflicts without acknowledging India’s security imperatives.

As India asserts itself as a leading voice in the Global South and a major global economy, its message to Turkey may also be aimed at a broader international audience: partnerships cannot be one-sided or blind to terrorism. For now, India’s message is clear, international partnerships must be grounded in mutual respect, and there can be no ambiguity when it comes to terrorism. As regional alliances shift and global fault lines emerge, How Turkey responds to India’s call to action may well define the trajectory of its bilateral relationship with the world’s largest democracy.

The rebel poet who roared against Empire

Through defiant poetry, soul-stirring songs and justice-driven prose, Nazrul emerged as a symbol of resistance and unity. As we mark his 126th birth anniversary, his legacy still echoes – challenging injustice and stirring conscience

In the grand arena of India’s fight for freedom, Kazi Nazrul Islam’s voice roared like a tempest, shattering the stillness of colonial oppression. Known affectionately as the Bidrohi Kobi (the Rebel Poet), Kazi Nazrul’s verses, prose and melodies pulsed with an unyielding spirit of defiance, fervent nationalism, and profound humanism.

He transcended the role of a mere poet. He was a cultural luminary, a visionary who wielded his pen as a sword, igniting revolutionary fervour with every drop of ink. As Pulak Kumar Das of Kalinagar Mahavidyalaya, West Bengal, perfectly encapsulates, “Nazrul strives boldly to decolonise the territory of the Indian subcontinent through the voice in his rebellious poetry.”

Born into a humble Muslim family on May 24, 1899, in Churulua village, Asansol subdivision, Burdwan district of undivided Bengal, Kazi Nazrul Islam was the son of Kazi Fakir Ahmad and Zaheda Khatun. He fearlessly employed his powerful poetry as a tool for decolonisation across the Indian Subcontinent against the British Raj, through his literary works like ‘Jugbani’ (The Message of the Age), ‘Rudra Mangal’ (The Violent God), ‘Anandamoyir Agamone’ (The Advent of Coming of Joy,1922), and his publication ‘Dhumketu’ (The Comet).

Kazi Nazrul Islam’s literary power goes beyond mere words; it awakens the Bengali consciousness in general and societal consciousness per se — through time. His poetry, prose and music combine to form a rich expression of revolutionary thought and deep emotion, weaving together themes of social justice, equality, and nationalism with remarkable skill. His poetry resonates with a visceral intensity, channelling the collective pain and hopes of the oppressed.

His involvement in the Indian Independence movement drew the ire of the British authorities, leading to his imprisonment. But Nazrul’s revolutionary spirit remained unbroken, evidenced by his writing, ‘Rajbandir Jabanbandi’ (Deposition of a Political Prisoner) — is one such masterpiece that documents Nazrul’s experience and perspective. Further, his literary works delved into the lives and struggles of the marginalised masses in the undivided Bengal, championing their emancipation and thereby igniting a fire in millions of Indians, urging them to rise against all forms of socio-political and economic oppression.

One of Nazrul’s poems, Bidrohi (The Rebel), published in 1922, running into almost seventeen stanzas, marked a literary earthquake in Bengali poetry. It was unapologetically fierce, infused with mythic allusions, and defied the passive tone prevalent among poets of the time.



Nazrul did not merely write — he roared with defiance. Through poems like *Bhangar Gaan* (The Song of Destruction) and *fiery* writings in *Dhumketu* (The Comet), he scathingly attacked British colonial rule. His mission was India’s liberation. Pulak Kumar Das, in his June 2024 paper “Kazi Nazrul Islam — The Voice of Protest Against British Rule” (JETIR, Vol. 11, Issue 6), notes Nazrul’s arrest in 1923 for his fearless critiques. As Nazrul declared, “I am a poet, sent by God to speak the unspoken Truth... I have not rebelled against a mere King; I have rebelled against injustice.” Even books like *Jugbani* and *Bisher Banshi* were also banned.



RAJDEEP PATHAK

In the area of song-writing, Kazi Nazrul composed nearly 4,000 songs, now collectively known as Nazrul Geeti. These compositions were (read are) far more than just melodies, they’re powerful expressions of justice and spirituality. Even today, they continue to be performed on various platforms around the world by artists dedicated to this unique musical genre. The rebel poet and writer masterfully fused folk, classical, and Sufi traditions, channelling, both divine yearning and revolutionary fervour. His songs, such as “Amar Shonar Bangla” (My Golden Bengal) and “Dolonchapa,” (swinging or undulating Jasmine), radiated lyrical grace and patriotic

pride. As Abu Rayhan observes in his paper “Kazi Nazrul Islam and His Impact on Bengali Culture and Society,” “Nazrul’s music transcended barriers of class, caste, and creed,” becoming a unifying force in Bengal’s cultural identity. “His songs, imbued with themes of love, longing, patriotism, and spiritual devotion,” Rayhan writes, “resonated deeply with the masses,” weaving a timeless musical legacy that still stirs hearts across generations.

A similar sentiment echoes in Bidrohi Kobi’s essays and articles, where the author-poet critiques the unjust social order with a passionate call for equality. In his powerful piece ‘Samyabadi’ (The Communist), Nazrul envisions a classless society grounded in ‘socialism and human solidarity.’ With compelling rhetoric, he champions the cause of the working class and denounces capitalist exploitation. His prose becomes “a clarion call for revolutionary change,” urging readers to confront injustice and work towards a just future, embodying his lifelong commitment to social justice, dignity, and collective emancipation.

Kazi Nazrul Islam also transcended the conventional boundaries of his Muslim faith to compose a mesmerising collection of devotional songs, particularly those dedicated to Goddess Kali, popularly called ‘Shyama Sangeet,’ that are not merely hymns, but profound expressions of a soul deeply immersed in the divine mother’s fierce yet compassionate embrace.

Rachel Fell McDermott, (Professor of Asian and Middle Eastern Cultures, special-

izing in South Asia, especially India and Bangladesh) observes in her work on “Encountering Kali” that, “Nazrul’s Kali songs are a remarkable example of how a poet from an ostensibly different religious background could not only understand but also profoundly articulate the devotee’s intimate relationship with the Goddess, imbuing his verses with a unique blend of passion, surrender, and a revolutionary spirit that saw in Kali the embodiment of liberation.” This fusion of fervent devotion with an inherent rebellious streak made Nazrul’s Kali songs resonate deeply with a diverse audience, solidifying his unique position in the pantheon of Bengali devotional literature.

These songs, suffused with intense emotion and raw surrender, reflect a unique confluence of bhakti (devotion) and rebellion, where Nazrul sees Kali not only as a divine Mother but also as a symbol of cosmic energy, justice, and transcendence.

The legacy of Kazi Nazrul Islam is multifaceted and enduring, continuing to inspire and influence Bengali culture, literature, music, and social discourse even after 126 years, as we celebrate his 126th birth anniversary on May 24. His designation as the ‘National Poet of Bangladesh’ underscores his monumental importance. As societies grapple with divisiveness and extremism, Nazrul’s call for humanism and interfaith harmony provides a powerful counter-narrative. Let we cleanse our hearts!

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Finding shelter in God amid spiritual confusion

SECOND Opinion

In verses 15.1 to 3 of the Bhagavad Gita, Lord Krishna states that this material world is upside down. Its meaning is, “What appears good doesn’t turn out to be so good, and what appears not so good maybe really good.” A couple of examples will illustrate the message of the Lord. Video games with lots of violence attract children. They love to spend a lot of time in it. What is its effect on them? It contributes to aggressive behaviour and negatively affects their sleep, mental health, attention and academic performance. Contrarily, healthy foods like vegetables, fruits, etc. are not preferred as they should; one loves what is tasty, but does not have much nutritional value like fast foods.

In another verse, Lord Krishna states that spiritual practices are avoided by a common man, while a realised soul shuns lustful activities. (2.69) What do we see? The answer is given by the Lord Himself, “Out of thousands of men hardly anyone strives for perfection.” (7.3) This perfection refers to taking active shelter from God and gaining unimaginable benefits both material and spiritual. I am a real beneficiary. Because I am mortally afraid of my past bad karmaphalas, which can manifest over time. If I remain in the shelter of God, He is sure to extricate me from any bad situation. (18.58) Similarly, I am not at all prepared to be re-

lated helplessly life after life in different places and species. I would rather remain in the shelter of my Lord and be assured of a nice next birth, leading to liberation from this painful birth and death cycle in a few births.

The question to be answered is: “Why it is so rare to become a devotee of God?” The reasons are many. The first one, as stated earlier, is everything is upside down. And with our material knowledge, of which we are so proud, we cannot see. Then, harmful sense objects are proliferating. They are actively being promoted for commercial interests. One has to be very disciplined to avoid them. Believe me, I have to practically isolate myself. Even then, my so-called smartphone tries to trap me. Fortunately, my determination to stay on the right path helps me be guided and protected by my Lord as I am. I cannot imagine staying away from God’s shelter for long.

If harmful sense objects are so dangerous, the three gunas (modes) are not any less. Let me explain. Everything we see has been made up of the three gunas. They are the basic ingredients of the Creation. Even our bodies and natures are made up of them. These gunas are present in our natures in some proportions. For example, a good man will have say 60 per cent goodness, 30 per cent passion and 10 per cent darkness. Contrarily, a bad man will have 60 per cent darkness, 30 per cent passion and 10 per cent goodness. All of us will have some percentage of the three gunas. (18.40) And these three gunas always compete against one another. That is why even a good

person becomes lusty, greedy, angry, hateful or fearful sometimes. One does not realise this fact and gets in trouble helplessly. He or she feels that whatever is being done by him or her is alright when he is being driven by the mode of darkness. Lord Krishna has stated this fact quite clearly, “This material nature of Mine, consisting of the three modes, is divine and very difficult to overcome. Only those, who take shelter in Me, they are able to transcend this maya.” (7.14) The same is true about our minds. Arjuna has voiced his fear of being unable to control the mind. I have the same apprehension. That is the reason I try to stay in the shelter of God; He protects me from my mind. The list of challenges is long.

Whatever has been stated earlier is not all. We get attached to material objects, our bodies, families, etc. It is so natural, and it causes lots of suffering. We don’t realise that everything we possess will be taken away sometime even before death. What has Lord Ramachandra counselled in the Ramacharitamanas, “Get attached with Me, then, your other attachments will be easily controlled.” (Sundarkanda 47.2-3) One will be able to do duties about whatever we are attached to. That is all one can do. Do we own anything in the actual sense? Our bodies? They are taken away without us wanting to. What should we do then? The answer is: Do what great devotees of the past have done. They actively remained in the shelter of God. They had realised that material knowledge gives no protection whatsoever; one needs spiritual intelligence.

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Participants fly giant kites in various shapes including a dragon, lily pad and Jallikattu bull at a kite festival held for the first time in, Mannavanur Lake meadows near Kodaikanal. PTI

Letters to the Editor

Pak must dismantle terror dens

Weeks after Operation Sindoor, India has called on Turkey to “strongly urge” Pakistan to dismantle its decades, old terror infrastructure and end its support for cross-border terrorism.” We expect Turkey to strongly urge Pakistan to end its support to cross-border terrorism,” said Randhir Jaiswal, spokesperson for the Ministry of External Affairs.

The remarks come amid escalating diplomatic tensions between India and Turkey, especially after Ankara voiced support for Pakistan during Operation Sindoor. India had earlier revealed that on the night of May 8, shortly after the launch of the operation, Pakistan deployed 300-400 Turkish drones to infiltrate Indian airspace at 36 locations. In a consequential move, India’s Bureau of Civil Aviation Security has revoked the security clearance of Çelebi Aviation Pvt Ltd, a Turkish ground-handling firm operating at nine Indian airports. The diplomatic fallout also reflects a broader regional shift. In the aftermath of the Pahalgam terror attack, Turkey, along with China and Azerbaijan, expressed open solidarity with Pakistan — pointing to a tightening axis in South Asia.

Of these nations, Turkey has become Pakistan’s closest strategic ally, with deepening defense cooperation across air, naval, and cyber domains. Joint ventures between the two include advanced projects involving fighter jets, submarines and drone technology.

BHAGWAN THADAANI | MUMBAI

A Cry for Justice

The recent actions of Israeli forces reflect a harrowing truth — for them, humanity seems to hold no meaning. In Palestine, children are born into a world of bombings, shattered homes, and unending fear. They grow up amid rubble, their childhoods stolen, their schools turned to dust, their parents lost to violence, and their dreams broken before they could begin. How can a child dare to imagine a future when even surviving the present feels uncertain?

Gaza continues to function as an open-air prison. Each new wave of violence deepens the wounds, pushing Palestinians further into hopelessness. The prospect of a peaceful, stable future fades into a distant, unattainable illusion. Meanwhile, the world’s powerful voices preach human rights and justice — but their actions betray their words. Their selective solidarity exposes a painful hypocrisy. In place of justice, Palestinians receive only empty condemnations and the deafening silence of inaction.

The time for empty words is over. The world must act — with decisive, sustained pressure — to end Israel’s aggression and occupation. Peace cannot grow where oppression thrives. The lives of innocent people, especially children, must no longer be sacrificed on the altar of political expediency.

MD SABIR HUSSAIN | ARA

Pre-Monsoon Showers expose preparedness

The arrival of pre-monsoon showers has once again highlighted the unpreparedness of many southern cities in India. Torrential rains have hit coastal regions like Kerala, Tamil Nadu, and Karnataka, throwing life out of gear. Bengaluru, for instance, witnessed a few hours of intense rain that submerged roads and crippled traffic, stalling the city’s rhythm for hours. Similar scenes unfolded in towns across coastal Karnataka, Kerala, Goa and Maharashtra.

Every year, the same blame game ensues — civic bodies, politicians, and corporations pointing fingers while the public suffers. The real culprits, however, remain ignored: poor planning, outdated drainage systems, unchecked plastic waste, and a lack of accountability.

Drains choke within minutes of rainfall, overflowing with silt and garbage that should have been cleared well before the season. While leaders make lofty promises, implementation remains a distant dream. Citizens too must introspect. Indiscriminate waste disposal into sewers worsens the situation.

Unless local authorities invest in planned drainage infrastructure, enforce regular maintenance, and educate the public on waste management, this cycle of chaos will continue. Until then, each downpour will be a dreaded event rather than a welcomed relief.

M PRADYU | KANNUR

BIODIVERSITY ON THE BRINK: A WAKE-UP CALL

The editorial on Biodiversity (23-5-25) should sensitise all the concerned.

Destruction and threat to biodiversity is growing at an alarming rate and the Governments remain so callous.

Experts and organisations committed to preserve biodiversity are cautioning repeatedly and crying foul so loudly over the damage being done to nature and its gifts which are so essential to sustain our life. Avaricious attitude of the capital and reckless posture of the rulers hasten the process of destruction of the very eco system.

Biodiversity is primarily threatened by habitat loss, over exploitation of resources, pollution, climate change and invasive species. Population growth, consumption of resources and technological advancements are the direct human contribution to the damages that are not addressed with the amount of seriousness it requires. Pecuniary benefits are dominating over all the other aspects that are

related to the very existence of the human race. It is said if bees are totally annihilated, in another twenty years the human race will be extinct.

The list of species extinct and in the brim of extinct are increasing without any concern shown from any quarter. Many hotspots of biodiversity are facing threat due to adverse human activities. In India the Himalayas, Western ghats and Andaman islands are a few of the identified hotspots.

All the three areas are becoming more vulnerable due to various contributing factors. Disappearing glaciers in the Himalayas, destruction of forests for various projects in Western ghats and urbanisation projects taken up in the Andaman islands are a few to quote here. It is time to open our eyes and ensure a safe globe for our future generations. Promoting and glorifying God and destructing his most valuable gifts cannot go together.

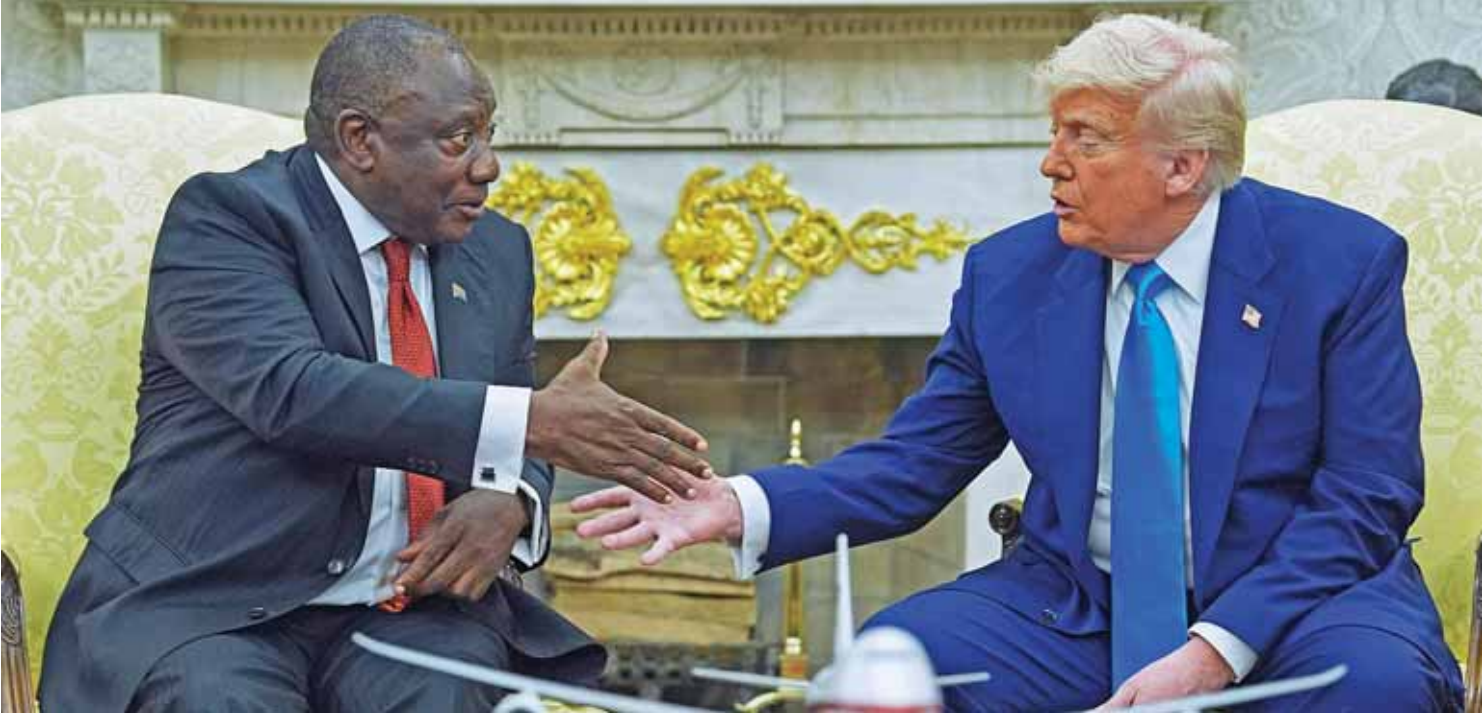
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# Ramaphosa in the US: Diplomatic poise, domestic paradox

South African President Cyril Ramaphosa’s US tour was diplomatically successful, but beneath the polished optics lie stark contradictions: A post-apartheid nation still burdened by deep economic inequality and a liberation movement entangled in neoliberal compromises

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place,” signalling a continued reliance on foreign direct investment (FDI), predominantly controlled by white-owned corporations, particularly Afrikaner-dominated economic entities.

This reality is hardly surprising given South Africa’s historical trajectory. The economic structures of apartheid were deliberately engineered to concentrate wealth and power within a narrow white minority, primarily Afrikaners and English-speaking elites. Post-1994, despite the political turnover, these economic bastions remained largely intact. As Patrick Bond, a political economist, noted, “the struggle against apartheid was fundamentally a struggle against the apartheid state, but the economic apparatus that undergirded it survived largely unscathed.”

Mandela’s magisterial legacy — his embrace of reconciliation and nation-building — undoubtedly a triumph in moral and political terms, has also been subject to trenchant criticism. His famous injunction that “we must build a society in which all South Africans, black and white, will be able to walk tall without any fear in their hearts” embodies a noble ideal.

Yet critics contend that this emphasis on social harmony, while indispensable in the post-conflict milieu, has ossified economic inequalities. It arguably deflected urgent demands for structural redistribution, land reform, and radical economic transforma-

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MANDELA’S MAGISTERIAL LEGACY — HIS EMBRACE OF RECONCILIATION AND NATION-BUILDING — UNDOUBTEDLY A TRIUMPH IN MORAL AND POLITICAL TERMS, HAS ALSO BEEN SUBJECT TO TRENCANT CRITICISM. HIS FAMOUS INJUNCTION THAT “WE MUST BUILD A SOCIETY IN WHICH ALL SOUTH AFRICANS, BLACK AND WHITE, WILL BE ABLE TO WALK TALL WITHOUT ANY FEAR IN THEIR HEARTS” EMBODIES A NOBLE IDEAL

tion that might have addressed the stark disparities entrenched by centuries of colonial and apartheid-era dispossession.

The ANC’s post-apartheid governance reveals a tragic ambivalence, caught between the demands of social justice and the pressures of neoliberal global capitalism.

This tension is evident in the contentious Black Economic Empowerment (BEE) policies, which, despite good intentions, have been criticised for creating a nouveau riche black elite often complicit with the very privilege and corruption the liberation struggle sought to dismantle, while the majority remain trapped in poverty, with unemployment near 30% and widespread informal settlements.

The ANC’s political failures highlight a core post-colonial African dilemma: the gap between liberation as rhetoric and governance as reality. As Steve Biko of the Black Consciousness Movement warned, “The most potent weapon in the hands of the oppressor is the mind of the oppressed,” yet after decades of freedom, we must question whose minds are truly free and what liberation millions of marginalised South Africans experience.

Ramaphosa’s Oval Office discourse highlighted these tensions. When queried about South Africa’s regulatory environment and the willingness of US companies like Tesla and Amazon to invest, he noted the necessity of creating a “conducive environment” for investment — implying a tacit acceptance of existing economic realities.

The example of Tesla’s negotiation with China to

build a gigafactory, circumventing local partnership mandates, was evoked as a model of pragmatic economic diplomacy. Yet, this pragmatism stands in stark contrast with South Africa’s fraught attempts at regulatory reform, particularly in the communications sector, where an “equity equivalent programme” is under consideration — echoing the very legacies of racialised economic control the nation ostensibly seeks to dismantle.

Moreover, the discourse around the so-called “Afrikaner genocide” — a deeply controversial and polarising claim — reflects broader social fractures in post-apartheid South Africa. While violent crime, including attacks on white farmers, is undeniably high, scholars and international observers largely reject framing these events as genocide. Yet this narrative resonates politically in some domestic and international circles, stoking racial fears and complicating nation-building.

Crime affects all communities, but incarceration rates reveal persistent racial and economic inequalities disproportionately impacting Black South Africans. The “white genocide” claim, especially against farmers, collapses under scrutiny: in 2024, eight farmers died amid 26,232 homicides, and no mass land confiscations have occurred since apartheid, exposing societal fracture rather than ethnic cleansing. Allegations of “crimes against whites” expose enduring tensions between diasporic Afrikaners and the post-apartheid state, with such narratives serving as soft power tools that influence global perceptions and complicate South Africa’s political development.

The juxtaposition of South Africa’s efforts at international moral leadership, such as the genocide case against Israel at the ICC, with its unfinished reckoning with inequality and social justice, reveals a profound dissonance.

The post-apartheid state’s self-image as a defender of human rights and international law is undermined by its inability to resolve fundamental domestic contradictions — a disjunction aptly captured by W.E.B. Du Bois’s prescient observation that “the problem of the twentieth century is the problem of the colour line,” a problem that remains obstinately alive and unresolved in South Africa.

The tragic irony is that the very movements that liberated South Africa remain, in many respects, prisoners of their rhetorical legacy — a legacy of hope and liberation that too often masks a reality of governance marked by factionalism, corruption, and unfulfilled promises. Ramaphosa’s skilful diplomacy in Washington, while commendable, is but one chapter in a longer, more fraught story.

The challenge ahead lies not only in maintaining political alliances or courting foreign investment but in confronting the ineradicable legacies of colonialism and apartheid with boldness and honesty.

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## Green revolution rooted in cooperation, consciousness and climate justice



rural streams. Fodder banks, decentralised water recharge systems, and organised carcass processing units can provide dignified employment, biofertilizers, organic leather, and feedstock for CBG plants. Such a cooperative would not only uplift rural livelihoods but create a closed-loop bio-economy — fueling agriculture, improving nutrition, restoring ecology, and generating revenue across multiple layers of rural society. It is not merely a reform — it is a rural renaissance waiting to be unlocked.

And the beauty of this approach lies in its inclusivity. The PACS-to-Apex structure ensures that no region is left behind — not the snowbound villages of Uttarakhand and Himachal Pradesh, not the fragile communities of the Northeast, and certainly not the border settlements of Ladakh or Arunachal.

In these places, traditional economic activities are constrained by geography, but the bioeconomy of cow dung and carbon offers a rare opportunity — one that aligns with the region’s cultural values, ecological needs, and national priorities. When farmers in these areas gain the ability to generate income from climate stewardship, they are not just contributing to GDP — they are also strengthening national security. A prosperous border village is a stable border village. When livelihoods are secure, migration is reduced, local pride is restored, and external threats are diminished. The World Cooperation Economic Framework offers the architecture to take this model to scale. It ensures that financing, training, policy guidance, and market access do not remain siloed. It connects the micro to the macro. It allows the smallest PACS in a tribal hamlet to link with global climate finance and ESG funds. It transforms cow dung — a symbol of rural India’s ignored potential — into a goldmine for clean energy, carbon credits, organic farming, and rural employment. Through this, India isn’t just creating a circular economy — it is building a circular civilisation.

This is more than a Government scheme — it is a spiritual call to action. A call to revive our ancient ethos of living in harmony with nature now rearmad with modern science, blockchain traceability, and global carbon accounting. It is a call to stand tall on the world stage — not as climate victims begging for compensation, but as climate victors offering solutions. This is our surgical strike — not through bullets, but through biogas, not with missiles, but with methane management, not by harming — but by healing the Earth through cooperation.

We are witnessing a new economic independence movement — this time against carbon dependency and global climate injustice. As the world watches, India rises. And it rises not from the skyscrapers, but from its soil, its villages, and its unyielding cooperative spirit. From *Sahkarita se Samridhhi* to *Sahkarita se Samrakshan*, the cooperative model is no longer just about managing credit — it is now India’s frontline defence in the fight for global climate equity and national unity.

Let the world take note “When Bharat’s villages rise, the Earth heals — and the Nation stands stronger”. Let us remember that this journey is not just economic or environmental; it is deeply spiritual. This is the Vedic economics meeting of 21st-century governance. This is Yajna — a collective sacrifice and contribution, where every farmer, every cow, every drop of water, and every seed of cooperation becomes part of a sacred offering to protect the Earth and uplift the Nation.

Let the world understand this clearly, India’s climate action is not born of compulsion, but of conviction rooted in consciousness. And as Bharat’s villages rise once again in the light of Sahkarita, the prayers of our ancestor’s echo in unison, May all be happy, may all be healthy, may all see auspiciousness, and may none suffer.” This is the dharma of cooperation. This is the soul of India rising.

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## How Uttar Pradesh is quietly rewriting the climate story

In a country where urban growth often erases green landscapes and worsens pollution, Uttar Pradesh is carving out a different path — one rooted in sustainability, innovation, and local solutions. The state is quietly transforming its cities through a range of initiatives that seek to restore balance between development and the environment. From forests growing in dense city pockets to roads built with plastic waste and rooftops lined with solar panels, Uttar Pradesh is proving that climate resilience can be built one tree, one street, and one rooftop at a time.

This transformation is not the result of a single grand plan, but rather a series of focused, interconnected efforts. Each addresses a key area — air quality, heat mitigation, carbon capture, or waste management. Together, they reflect a growing realisation: to fight climate change effectively, action must be both local and layered.

One of the standout strategies is the use of the Miyawaki method of afforestation — a technique developed by Japanese botanist Akira Miyawaki that creates dense, fast-growing forests using native species. In Uttar Pradesh, over 310 acres have been converted into such forests. These patches, often planted in highly polluted urban zones, grow rapidly into green oases that regulate microclimates, absorb carbon, reduce noise, and improve biodiversity. A striking example is found near Lucknow’s Kukrail forest reserve, where a once-vacant plot now supports over 60 native species in less than two years. Local residents now use the forest patch for walking, birdwatching, and quiet reflection. Similar projects are thriving in Kanpur, Varanasi, and Meerut, highlighting that even small spaces can have a big ecological impact.

This afforestation push is supported by the Upvan Policy, which focuses on greening larger, often degraded urban lands. Under this initiative, an additional 32 acres of green space have been added across cities. These areas are designed not just as parks but as ecosystems — spaces that can absorb up to 30 times more carbon dioxide than standard tree-planting efforts. While planting trees pulls carbon from the air, the state is also addressing another major challenge: plastic pollution. Under a bold new initiative, Uttar Pradesh is using shredded single-use plastic to build roads. Mixed with bitumen, this plastic-asphalt blend is being used to construct nearly 1,500 kilometers of roads. The project has repurposed around 2,000 tonnes of waste plastic so far, reducing landfill loads and offering a durable, water-resistant road surface. In Ghaziabad, a three-kilometer stretch built using this method has withstood two monsoons with minimal damage. The success of such roads is inspiring other districts to follow suit. Importantly, this strategy also encourages better waste segregation and

gives economic value to plastic waste, creating opportunities for waste collectors and recyclers.

Solar Rooftops: Clean Energy at the Top  
Another pillar of Uttar Pradesh’s green revolution is solar energy. Under the PM Surya Ghar Yojana, the state is promoting solar rooftop installations across urban centers. Cities like Noida, Lucknow, and Gorakhpur are seeing a surge in installations — over one lakh rooftops already host solar panels, with more than 11,500 new systems being added each month.

These solar panels are not only reducing dependence on fossil fuels but are also helping to cool homes, mitigating the urban heat island effect. By insulating rooftops, they reduce the need for air conditioning, indirectly lowering electricity consumption. The state’s target of eight lakh installations by 2027 makes it one of India’s most ambitious decentralised solar programs. Renuka Sharma, a homemaker in Rae Bareilly, is among the many who have benefited. Her power bill has dropped by more than 60%, and she now advocates solar energy to her neighbors.

“It’s just there — on the roof-saving money and helping the environment,” she says. The impact of these green initiatives is already visible. Under the National Clean Air Programme (NCAP), cities like Agra, Jhansi, and Rae Bareilly have reported consistent reductions in particulate matter levels. Agra, once infamous for the smog clouding the Taj Mahal, now sees clearer skies thanks to a combination of road sweeping, dust suppression, and increased green cover. Urban planners emphasise that these results are not due to one policy, but a synergy of efforts: more trees, better waste management, solar energy, and innovative infrastructure all working together. Despite the progress, Uttar Pradesh still faces serious environmental challenges, from seasonal pollution spikes to groundwater depletion and the pressures of fast-paced urbanisation. The state’s per capita green cover remains below the national average, and solar adoption in rural areas is still limited. However, what’s encouraging is the shift in mindset. Environmental stewardship is no longer limited to token tree-planting drives or political speeches. It’s becoming embedded in urban planning and civic development. Climate action is now part of housing schemes and infrastructure planning. As India confronts the reality of a warming planet, its largest states will shape the country’s response. UP, with its scale and diversity, has the potential to lead by example. If it can continue to transform challenges into opportunities for green innovation, the impact could ripple far beyond its borders. The journey is ongoing, but the direction is clear. The seeds of a sustainable future have been planted, and they’re beginning to take root.

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Every PACS has a potential climate command centre. These grassroots institutions, long associated, are now being repositioned as gateways to carbon markets and bio-energy hubs.

Imagine decentralised biogas sprouting in every block, feeding clean energy into the rural economy, generating carbon credits that can be monetised globally, and creating a new stream of income for farmers, especially in rain-fed, tribal, and hilly regions. From the cow shed to the carbon exchange, the entire value chain can now be organised, monitored, and scaled through the cooperative economic framework.

Integral to this transformation is the restructuring of rural resource cycles, especially around fodder management, water governance, and dead cattle economics. Millions of farmers struggle due to erratic fodder availability and mismanaged water resources, which in turn affect livestock productivity and rural resilience. Simultaneously, dead cattle markets, often a source of environmental decay and social tension, remain underutilised economic zones. By creating a multistate cooperative dedicated to integrated livestock resource management, India can formalise and monetise these neglected







# India highlights unified stance against terrorism

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An Indian Parliamentary delegation on Friday highlighted India's unified and determined stance against terrorism, as it met members of Japan's ruling Liberal Democratic Party.

The all-party delegation led by JD(U) MP Sanjay Jha is in Japan to sensitise global leadership about terror emanating from Pakistan, a month after the Pahalgalam attack that left 26 people dead.

"All-Party Delegation from India met Mr Yasuhiro Hanashi, Acting Chairperson of the Research Committee on Counter-terrorism of the Liberal Democratic Party (LDP) and Former Minister of Justice. India's unified and determined stance against terrorism in all its forms was highlighted. Both sides reiterated their zero-tolerance approach to terrorism," the Embassy of India in Japan posted on X.

The delegation also held fruitful interaction with Minoru Kihara, Former Defence Minister of Japan, and Shinako Tsuchiya, Director General of the International Bureau, Liberal Democratic Party (LDP).

"India's strong resolve to fight every form of terrorism was reiterated," it said.

The delegation that Jha is leading is one of the seven multi-party delegations



CPI(M) leader John Brittas during an interaction with the Diplomatic Corps in Tokyo. PTI

to 33 global capitals to reach out to the international community on Pakistan's designs and India's response to terror, especially in view of the April 22 Pahalgalam terror attack that killed 26 people. On Thursday, the delegation met Japan's Foreign Minister Takeshi Iwaya.

The Japanese Foreign Minister reiterated Japan's support to India's fight against terrorism and expressed appreciation for the restraint shown by the Indian side, it added.

The delegation later met Yoshihide Suga, former prime minister of Japan, currently Vice President of the Liberal Democratic

Party and chairman of the Japan-India Association. The MPs also met Takashi Endo, chairman of the House of Representatives Committee on National Security, Japan. The delegation also interacted with leading Japanese think tanks and briefed them on India's zero tolerance policy on terrorism, the Embassy said and added, the participants at the interaction expressed strong support for India's efforts to combat terrorism.

**PARADIP PORT AUTHORITY**  
HARBOR WORKS DIVISION No.1  
e-TENDER CALL NOTICE  
e-TCN No. WF-52/DUPLEX-19/24/161,  
dt.21.05.2025

**Name of the work:** "Improvement to the existing backup space of NQ-II Berth inside Harbourside Area." Put to tender value: Rs.411,79,577.17 plus GST as applicable. Last date & time of submission of tender through online bidding is 12.06.2025 up to 17:15 Hrs. For details, please log on to the Website: <https://eprocure.gov.in/eprocure/app>.

**Sd/- Executive Engineer,**  
**Harbour Works Division No.1,**  
**Paradip Port Authority**  
PPA/PR/2025-2026 dt.22.05.2025

**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
General public is hereby informed that Mrs. Archana Mehta Late S/o. Sh. Arvind Mehta R/o-707, SAGITA VIHAR, NEW DELHI-110076 has applied for transfer of ownership of flat no. WF-52/DUPLEX, & customer ID No. KW2/0007/13-14 Floor, LAKE DRIVE, Sonapat, Haryana in her/his name claiming her/hisself the legal heir of deceased, Wife of Late Sh. Arvind Mehta as per document, dated 28/05/2013 in records of company i.e. TD1 INFACORP (INDIA) Ltd. Having its office Vandana Building, 11, Tolstoy Marg, New Delhi-110001. Any person having any objection for transfer of the said flat in favour of Mrs. Archana Mehta W/o Late. Sh. Arvind Mehta may send at the above noted office of company with supporting documents or through e-mail customer.care@td1infacorp.com within 15 days of the publication of this notice otherwise it shall be assumed that there are no objections to the proposed transfer of the said flat in her/his name. After that company shall not be liable for any claim whatsoever after 15 days.

**TD1 Infacorp India Ltd.**  
Having its office Vandana Building,  
11, Tolstoy Marg, New Delhi-110001,  
Phone No. 911-43711111

**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
General Public is hereby informed that I Eric Sujit Chatterjee S/o late Satyajit Chatterjee am filing application in L&DO for substitution of the Property No. 172/69, Jor Bagh, New Delhi-110003 in the name of Eric Sujit Chatterjee on the grounds of relinquishment deed. If there are any objections/claims from the general public on this application, the same shall be communicated to L&DO with supporting documents through registered post or by visiting L&DO at Nirman Bhawan, New Delhi or through an email at [ldo@nic.in](mailto:ldo@nic.in), within 30 days of publication of this notice.  
Name : Eric Sujit Chatterjee  
Address: 172/69, Jor Bagh,  
New Delhi-110003  
Phone : 98730 05640

**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
General Public is hereby informed that I Divender Singh Chadha S/o late Shri Khem Singh am filing application in L&DO for substitution of the Property No. 22/43-44, West Patel Nagar, New Delhi-110008 in the name of Divender Singh Chadha on the grounds of relinquishment deed. If there are any objections/claims from the general public on this application, the same shall be communicated to L&DO with supporting documents through registered post or by visiting L&DO at Nirman Bhawan, New Delhi or through an email at [ldo@nic.in](mailto:ldo@nic.in), within 30 days of publication of this notice.  
Name : Divender Singh Chadha  
Address: 22/43-44, West Patel Nagar,  
New Delhi-110008  
Phone : 99992 20880

**Guru Nanak Dev University, Amritsar**  
Advertisement No.04/2025  
**Walk-in-Interview**  
Online Applications are invited from eligible candidates for the Posts of Assistant Professors in various teaching Departments of Guru Nanak Dev University, Main Campus Amritsar and its Regional Campuses (on contractual basis) for the session 2025-26. Online registration process will start on 26-05-2025 and close on 12-06-2025.  
For interview schedule and further details visit [www.gndu.ac.in](http://www.gndu.ac.in).  
23-05-2025  
Amritsar  
NA/12/30211/2023/44810 Dated CHD :- 5/23/2025

**NORTHERN RAILWAY**  
(E-Auction Notice)  
Sr.Divisional Commercial Manager/PS, Northern Railway Delhi Division invites bids through e-Auction through IREPS (<http://ireps.gov.in>) for the allotment of under mention contracts at following Railway stations/locations:-

E-Catalogue No	Date & Time of bidding	Railway Stations/Locations/Sites
Parking-18-2025	09.06.2025 at 11.00 Hrs	Parking cum Access Control Right at New Delhi Railway Station (Ajmeri Gate Site) = Total 1 Site

Website particulars where complete details of E-Auction can be seen <https://ireps.gov.in/>  
**All contractors who intend to participate in the e-auctions conducted through E-Auction Leasing module of IREPS should fulfil following mandatory requirements before they can submit their bids:-**  
- Registration on IREPS for E-Auction Leasing Module -Active IREPS User Account for E-Auction Leasing Module  
-Payment of One Time Registration Fee; Current Account in State Bank of India; Integration of SBI Bank Account with IREPS Account, Lien Marking of Funds; Updation of Turnover Details  
- Contractors who do not have IREPS account for any module of IREPS can submit their online request for registration by clicking on New Vendors/Contractors (E-Tender/E-Auction Leasing) link on IREPS Home page.  
**Railway Authority to contact in case of any query**  
**Divisional Railway Manager's Office, Commercial Branch, State Entry Road, New Delhi 110055.**  
**Email:pkg.delhidivision@gmail.com Tel: 011-23743084**  
**No. 23AC/393/E-Auction/Pkg/2025 Dated: 23.05.2025**  
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**1521/2025**

For and on behalf of  
M/s Jaypee Healthcare Limited  
Sd/  
Saroj Kr. Pandey, Advocate  
Office: #909, 9 th Floor,  
07, Prakash Deep, Tolstoy Marg,  
New Delhi: 110001. M. No. 9811432263  
Date: May 21, 2025  
Place: New Delhi

This notice is issued in the interest of transparency and to ensure that no future disputes arise in respect of the aforementioned Property.

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## Bangladesh changes top foreign ministry bureaucrat

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA ■ Dhaka

Bangladesh's interim government of Muhammad Yunus on Thursday made a change to the top-level bureaucracy in the foreign ministry assigning a senior diplomat to temporarily discharge routine duties saying foreign secretary Jashim Uddin relinquished his responsibilities.


"A decision has been made that until further order, M Ruhul Alam Siddique will discharge the routine tasks of foreign secretary against the backdrop of foreign secretary Jashim Uddin's relinquishment of responsibilities," read a foreign ministry office order.

The brief order, signed by a foreign ministry director general, said it would be effective from May 23 and it was issued in public interest. The development came while media reports suggested that the government decided to remove Uddin around two weeks ago for "obscure reasons". The Daily Star newspaper two days ago said a sense of uncertainty prevailed in the foreign ministry over reports that Uddin would be removed

NORTHERN RAILWAY	
NOTICE INVITING TENDER	
Name of Work and its location)	30-Elect-04-T-2025-26-E3 Electrical work in connection with construction of new medicine OPD building at NRCH.
Approx cost of the works in	₹ 16.40 lacs
Address of the Office	Sr. Divl Elect. Engineer/General, New Delhi
Bid Security	Rs. 32800.00
Date & time of submission of tender	17.06.2025, 12.00 Hrs
Opening of tender	17.06.2025, 12.00 Hrs
Website & notice board	<a href="http://www.ireps.gov.in">www.ireps.gov.in</a> & Sr. Divl. Elect. Engineer/General, New Delhi
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1525/2025	

**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
**Intimation of RERA Accounts for RPS Urbania Project**  
This is to inform all stakeholders and the general public that Golden Urban Landmarks LLP has established the following accounts for RPS Urbania Project, as per the requirements of thearyana Real Estate Regulatory Authority (HREERA):  
**Project Name : RPS Urbania**  
**RERA Registration No : HRERA-PKL\_PWL-696-2025**  
**Date : 21/05/2025**  

- Master Collection Account (100%)**  
**Account Number : 140005003591**  
**Bank Name : ICICI BANK**
- RERA Account (70%)**  
**Account Number : 140005003592**  
**Bank Name : ICICI BANK**
- Current Account (30%)**  
**Account Number : 140005003593**  
**Bank Name : ICICI BANK**



All transactions related to the RPS Urbania should be directed to the above-mentioned accounts.  
Project Address: Village Allapur and Patli Khurd, Sector-5, Palwal, Haryana  
**Golden Urban Landmarks LLP**  
Office Address: A-124 S/F, New Friends Colony, Near Arya Samaj Mandir, East of Kailash, New Delhi - 110065 | E-mail: [info@rpsgrouplndia.com](mailto:info@rpsgrouplndia.com)

## THE PIONEER CLASSIFIEDS

**CHANGE OF NAME**  
I, No.13768286L NK Raju Biswakarma, R/o- Vill- Gulma khairjhora, PO- Champasari, Dist- Darjeeling, W.B- 734003, have changed my daughter's name from Rezina Bishwakarma to Rezina Biswakarma, vide affidavit dated 23/05/2025 before Notary Public Delhi.  
PD(2088)C

**CHANGE OF NAME**  
I, Baljeet Kaur W/o JC- 501277N Sub Surinder Singh, R/o - Vill - Dunian Sandhu, PO - Wadala Grathian, Teh- Batala, Dist- Gurdaspur, Punjab- 143506, have changed my name from Baljeet Kaur to Baljit Kaur, vide affidavit No. IN- DL89209086900701X dt: 23/05/2025 before Notary Public Delhi.  
PD(2093)C

**CHANGE OF NAME**  
I, Ghugre Shruti Shivraj W/o No.16020426L Hav Clk (SD) Ghugre Shivraj Ganesh, R/o- VPO- Agar, Teh & Dist- Akola, Maharashtra- 444001, have changed my name from Ghugre Shree Shivraj to Shree Shivraj Ghugare, vide affidavit dated 22/05/2025 before Notary Public Delhi.  
PD(2089)C

**CHANGE OF NAME**  
I, Solnke Kalyani Dnyaneshwar W/o No.14851923L Nk Solnke Dnyaneshwar Kailasrao, R/o- Vill- Ridhora Devi, PO- Takli Kolte, Teh- Phulambri, Dist- Aurangabad, Maharashtra- 431111, have changed my name from Kalyani Manohar Jadhav to Solnke Kalyani Dnyaneshwar, vide affidavit dated 23/05/2025 before Notary Public Delhi.  
PD(2094)C

**CHANGE OF NAME**  
I, Ghugre Shivraj Ganesh, R/o- VPO- Agar, Teh & Dist- Akola, Maharashtra- 444001, have changed my name from Ghugre Shree Shivraj to Shree Shivraj Ghugare, vide affidavit dated 22/05/2025 before Notary Public Delhi.  
PD(2095)C

**CHANGE OF NAME**  
I, No.16020426L Hav Clk (SD) Ghugre Shivraj Ganesh, R/o- VPO- Agar, Teh & Dist- Akola, Maharashtra- 444001, have changed my name from Ghugre Ganesh Ramchandra to Ganesh Ramchandra Ghugare, vide affidavit dated 22/05/2025 before Notary Public Delhi.  
PD(2090)C

**CHANGE OF NAME**  
I, Ghugre Bebitai Ganesh, Mother of- No.16020426L Hav Clk (SD) Ghugre Shivraj Ganesh, R/o- VPO- Agar, Teh & Dist- Akola, Maharashtra- 444001, have changed my name from Ghugre Ganesh Ramchandra to Ganesh Ramchandra Ghugare, vide affidavit dated 22/05/2025 before Notary Public Delhi.  
PD(2091)C

**CHANGE OF NAME**  
I, Ramanpriti Singh S/o JC- 501277N Sub Surinder Singh, R/o- Vill- Dunian Sandhu, PO- Wadala Grathian, Teh- Batala, Dist- Gurdaspur, Punjab- 143506, have changed my name from Ramanpriti Singh to Ramanpreet Singh, vide affidavit No. IN- DL89208333825369X dt: 23/05/2025 before Notary Public Delhi.  
PD(2092)C

**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
General public is hereby informed that Mr. Lokesh Choudhary S/o Mr. Surendra Singh is owner of Residential Vacant Plot of land area measuring 125 Sq. Yards out of Kharsa No. 122, situated in the area of Village Sadapur, Pargana & Tehsil Dabri, District Gautam Budh Nagar, U.P. by virtue of Sale Deed dt. 06.05.2008 regd. Vide Doc. No. 2575 & Vol. No. 1953, at SR Noida, & Sale Deed dated 02.02.1991 regd. Vide Doc. No. 374 & Vol. No. 876, at SR Dabri and the aforesaid property is proposed to be financed and mortgaged with my client i.e. M/s. DMI Housing Finance Pvt. Ltd. If any person(s) has any objection(s) or claim in this property, they should contact the undersigned within 7 days from date of this notice on below address, failing which, it will be assumed that there are no claims or issues in respect of the aforesaid property.  
Raghav Tiwari (Advocate)  
Ch. 830, Patiala House Courts, New Delhi - 110001  
Mob.: +91-8383020294

**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
This is to inform to all concern that Smt. Moturi Kamala Rao W/o Sh. M.R.C. Rao R/o R-695, New Rajinder Nagar, New Delhi-60, who is the original allottee of Residential Plot No. B-64, Sector-30, Noida (U.P.) had sold the said Plot on Special Power of Attorney basis to the following person(s). SPA was executed on in favour of Smt. Sherry Grewal W/o Capt. J.S. Grewal R/o 747, Sector-29, Noida (U.P.), which is registered at Sub Registrar Office Noida Date: 21.06.1989. So it is informed to all concern that the said Plot No. B-64, Sector-30, Noida (U.P.) is going to be transferred in favour of Smt. Kiran Singh Ajan W/o Late Indrajit Singh Ajan R/o A-70, Nizamuddin East, South Delhi-13, If any one has/have any objection he/she may file his/her objection along with the sufficient proof in the Residential Plot Department of the Noida Authority within 30 days from the date of publication of this notice. Smt. Sherry Grewal

**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
This is to inform everyone that this is to the passing of (Late) Mr. Bhavuk Rastogi, the ownership record of Flat No. A2-103 in the Habitat 78 project, Sector 78, Faridabad is now jointly owned by Mrs. Anshu Rastogi and Mr. Shivam Rastogi as per a court order dated 20th June 2024. If anyone has any objections or claims related to this property, please send them in writing to +91 70110 98811 within 30 days from the date of this notice. After that, the transfer will be considered final and no further objections will be entertained.

**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
Be it known to all concern that my Client Mr. Mandeep Singh, S/o Mukhtiar Singh R/o A-106, Asha Park, New Delhi is the absolute owner and in possession of freehold property bearing a piece of Land measuring 153.0 Sq. Yds (23 x 60') pertaining to Kharsa no. 620 of Village Thar, Illaga Delhi NCT of Delhi which is now municipal Numbered as Plot No. A-106, Asha Park, New Delhi - 110018 by virtue of Gift deed dated 3.2.2023.

The Original General Power of attorneys and other chain of documents of previous owners in respect of above property has been lost somewhere by my client and is not traceable. An FIR of the same has already been lodged. If any body, person or any interested person if found the same is requested to deliver the same at the above address of my client. If any body, person, Company or interested party having any claim, objection related to the above document, may raise their objection with documentary proof thereof within 7 days from the date of publication of this advertisement at the below mentioned address. After completion of 7 days, no claim whatsoever, will be entertained in this matter.

Place: Delhi. Sunil Bhatnagar, Advocate, Date: 23.05.2025 Shri Kartikeya Associates, Law firm, A-48, Lajpat Nagar, Sahibabad, Ghaziabad, M-9810243568

**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
Re: Entire First Floor without roof rights, "said floor" part of Property bearing No.77, "area measuring 91 sq. mtrs. in Block B6-7, situated at Paschim Vihar, New Delhi; hereinafter referred to as the "said property";  
NOTICE is hereby given to general public that our client, Mr. Sanjay Bansal (hereinafter called the "owner") is the sole and absolute owner of the said floor vide Sale Deed dated 09.02.2023 executed by Mrs. Savitri Rawat alias Savitri Devi. The said owner has further informed that Mrs. Savitri Devi owned the said property vide Gift Deed dated 20.05.2014 executed by Mr. Attar Singh who owned the said property vide Sale Deed dated 22.04.2004 executed by Mrs. Satya Wati Lamba. Mrs. Satya Wati Lamba owned the said property vide Conveyance Deed dated 13.04.2004. The said owner has also informed that the said floor is not mortgaged anywhere and there is no charge or dispute or any litigation pending upon the said floor.  
Any person including Banks, Financial Institutions, relatives having any claim, right, title or any interest of any nature whatsoever into or upon the said floor is hereby called upon to make the same known, in writing, with documentary evidence, by Registered AD Post, to the undersigned at the address mentioned herein below within 07 days of publication of this notice and in the event of no response having been received to the notice, the title of the owner in respect of the said floor shall be deemed to be clear of any charge or encumbrance of any nature whatsoever and any subsequent claim shall not bind our clients/owner, in any manner whatsoever.  
Shivkant Arora, Advocate  
For M/s Intelective Law Offices  
A-74, Lower Ground Floor, Defence Colony, New Delhi-110024

**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
My Son Late Sh. Kumar Anand R/o CB2-0402, 4th Floor in SUPRETECH CAPETOWN, project situated at Sector -74, Noida Gautam Buddha Nagar, Uttar Pradesh-201301, had purchased flat no - 0402, in tower CB2, in SUPRETECH CAPETOWN, project situated at GH-01/A, Sector-74, Noida Gautam Buddha Nagar, Uttar Pradesh-201301. After his death, I requested to M/s Supertech Limited to transfer the said flat to my name alone, if anybody has any objection, he/she may contact M/s Supertech Limited office at Supertech E-Square, Plot No C2, Sector 96, Noida, Uttar Pradesh, India 201303 within 15 days of the Published notice.  
Sudhir Kumar Rai S/o late Sh. Dhanmridhar Rai  
DINAKAR JHA, (Advocate), Ch. No. 45, Sub-Registrar Compound, Sector-33, Noida-201301 (U.P.)

**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
Be it known to all that I, Shyamali Prathar, Allottee/Mutatee of Flat No. M-120, Retired and Retiring Government Employee's Co-operative Group Housing Society Ltd, Rama Krishna Vihar, Plot No. 29, IP Extension, Patparganj, Delhi-110092, have applied for certified true copy of Share Certificate issued by society Original of which have been lost or misplaced and is not traceable inspite of the best efforts. An FIR/Loss Report to this effect has been lodged in Crime Branch vide LR. No 1319194/2024, dated 07.01.2024.  
Any person(s) claiming any rights, interest or having any objection may contact with above named person on phone No. 9654406414, within 15 days from the date of publication of this notice or personally in write to Dy. Director(GH), DDA, Vikas Sadan, New Delhi.

**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
To be known to all that I, Karan Deep Parti, S/o Sukh Dial Parti, Mall Road Back Side Vijay Bank Kapurthala, Punjab- 144601, is the Sole owner of Flat No. 309, Third Floor, Pocket-F, Sarita Vihar New Delhi-110076, of vide DDA file no 127/368/11983/85/8/VIII. The Original Documents i.e. Fath and Final Demand and Allotment Letter And Bank Challan and Others. Have been Lost/Misplaced somewhere and not traceable inspite of my best Efforts. An FIR of this has been lodged in Police Station Crime Branch, Delhi vide LR No:286096/2025 on 23/05/2025.  
Any person(s) claiming any right, interest having any objection or found in possession of original documents, may write/contact with above named person at above address/phone No. 988641420. The person claiming any right, interest, objections with respect to this property can personally inform or write to Dy. Director, LAB(H) or Director (H)-1, D-Block, 3rd Floor, Vikas Sadan, INA, New Delhi-110023.

**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
Our Company M/s Aanchal Plywood & Food Co. Shop No-1, D-8, Rana Pratap Bagh, Delhi,110007 was working with Pan No.- BDUPG2125G & GST No.-07BDUPG2125G12M Business of Trading of hardware items & Plywood, Timber Laminate, Moulding Etc. Now our Company Name is changed to M/s Aanchal Plywood & Timber Co. with same existing PAN No.- BDUPG2125G & GST No.- 07BDUPG2125G12M with Same Business.  
For AANCHAL PLYWOOD AND TIMBER CO. Proprietor

**Baba Farid University of Health Sciences, Faridkot**  
**Admission Notice**  
Baba Farid University of Health Sciences  
Sadiq Road, Faridkot -151203 Ph: 01639-256232, 256236  
**Admission Notice**  
**B.Sc. Allied and Healthcare Courses-2025**  
Online applications are invited alongwith requisite fee from 24-05-2025 to 19-06-2025 for admission to B.Sc. Anesthesia Technology, B.Sc. Intensive Care Unit Techniques, B.Sc. Operation Theatre technology, B.Sc. Medical Radiology & Imaging Technology, B.Sc. Radiotherapy Technology, B.Sc. BSc Optometry, B.Sc. Dialysis Techniques, B.Sc. Orthopedic Assistant & Plaster Techniques, B.Sc. Emergency Responder, B.Sc. Cardiac Technology, Bachelor of Audiology and Speech Language Pathology Courses, session-2025. Prospectus for admission to above mention courses is available on University website.  
**Certificate and diploma Courses-2025**  
Online applications are invited alongwith requisite fee from 24-05-2025 to 19-06-2025 for admission to Certificate and diploma Courses, session-2025. Prospectus for admission to above mention courses is available on University website.  
Note: Any Notification/Corrigendum/Amendment by Govt. of Punjab will be followed. For Prospectus/fcc detail/schedule/online counselling/details & updates visit us at: [www.bfuh.s.ac.in](http://www.bfuh.s.ac.in).  
Sd/-  
REGISTRAR  
nii/12/303/2023/44779 Dated CHD :- 5/23/2025

**Manibhavnam Home Finance India Private Limited**  
**NOTICE UNDER SECTION 13(2) OF THE SECURITIZATION AND RECONSTRUCTION OF FINANCIAL ASSETS AND ENFORCEMENT OF SECURITY INTEREST ACT, 2002**  
The undersigned being the Authorised Officer, under the provision of the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002, of Manibhavnam Home Finance India Private Limited having its Registered Office at 2nd Floor, N-2, South Extension Part-1, New Delhi-110049, (hereinafter referred to as "MBHF"), which has duly been Authorised by the Central Government, vide a notification dated 17.06.2021, to be treated as a Financial Institution, for the purposes of the "The Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002, hereby issues the following notice:-  
**Name of the Borrower (Co-Borrower) :** 1. Prithi Nagar 2. Amit Nagar 3. Vegwadi Devi 4. Saunay Nagar. **Add:-** House No-30 Indira Garden Khora Colony Ghaziabad Dadrh:- 201309  
**Also At :-** Titan Company Limited Shop No-119, 1st Floor, Titan World Metro Mahagan Mall Vaishali, Ghaziabad, Uttar Pradesh 201010  
**Loan A/c Numbers:** HL0000000006540, **Date of 13(2) Notice:** 26.04.2025, **NPA Date:** 09.04.2025, **Date of Demand Notice:** AM: Rs. 20,70,049.39/- on 21.04.2025  
**Schedule-I (Details Of Mortgage Property) :** All That Pieces And Parcel Of Freehold Residential Plot Area Measuring 50 Sq. Yards, i.e. 41.80 Sq. Mtrs. Bearing Kharsa No. 565 Situated At Indira Garden Habadast Village Khoda Pargana Loni, Tehsil And District- Ghaziabad, Uttar Pradesh-20102.  
Further with reasons, we believe that you are evading the service of demand notice, hence this publication of demand notice. You are hereby called upon to pay MANIBHAVNAM HOME FINANCE INDIA PRIVATE LIMITED within a period of 60 days of date of publication of this demand notice the aforesaid amount alongwith further interest, cost, incidental expenses, charges etc., failing which MANIBHAVNAM HOME FINANCE INDIA PRIVATE LIMITED will take necessary action under all or any of the provision of Sec. 13(4) of the said Act against all or any one or more of the secured assets including taking possession of this secured assets of the borrower(s). Further you are prohibited U/S 13(13) of the said Act from transferring either by way of sale/lease or in any other way the aforesaid secured assets. Please note that no further demand notice will be issued.  
**Date :-** GHAZIABAD  
**Place :-** 24.05.2025  
**Authorised officer**  
Manibhavnam Home Finance India Private Limited


**MODI RUBBER LIMITED**  
**CIN: L25199UP1971PLC003392**  
**Registered Office:** Modinagar - 201204; Dist. Ghaziabad, (U.P.)  
**Corporate Office:** 4-7C, DDA Shopping Centre, New Friends Colony, New Delhi-110025; Website: [www.modirubberlimited.com](http://www.modirubberlimited.com),  
Email: [investors@modigroup.net](mailto:investors@modigroup.net); Phone: +91-11-47107398

**NOTICE**  
Pursuant to regulation 29 of SEBI (LODR) 2015, Notice is hereby given that a 309th Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Company is scheduled to be held on Friday on 30th day of May, 2025 at 06.00 PM at Corporate Office: 4-7C, DDA Shopping Centre, 4th Floor, New Friends Colony, New Delhi- 110025 to inter-alia approve the following:  
(1) Audited Standalone and Consolidated Financial Statements alongwith the Auditor Reports thereon of the Company for the year ended on March 31, 2025.  
(2) Review Financial Statements of Subsidiary Companies/Joint Venture Companies for the year ended March 31, 2025.  
**For Modi Rubber Limited**  
Sd/-  
(S K Bajpai)  
**Head - Legal & Co. Secretary**  
**Place : New Delhi**  
**Date : 22.05.2025**

**KOVALAM INVESTMENT AND TRADING CO. LIMITED**  
Regd. Office: Premises: Oswal Woollam Limited G.T. Road, Shepur, Ludhiana-141003 PB  
CIN:L5910PB1981PLC23058, Ph: +91-161-5066605  
Website: [www.ovmamar.com/kovalam](http://www.ovmamar.com/kovalam), Email:[kovalam@ovmamar.com](mailto:kovalam@ovmamar.com)  
**Statement of Audited Financial Results for the Quarter/Year Ended 31/03/2025**  
(Rs in Lakhs, unless otherwise stated)

Sr. No.	Particulars	Quarter Ended				Year Ended	
		31.03.2025 Audited	31.12.2024 Unaudited	31.03.2024 Audited	31.03.2025 Audited	31.03.2024 Audited	31.03.2024 Audited
1	Total Income from operations (net)	-56.44	-13.78	74.47	216.77	361.00	
2	Net profit/(Loss) for the period (before tax)	-63.90	-19.85	72.99	198.04	349.33	
3	Net profit/(Loss) for the period (after tax)	-74.56	-24.72	55.12	164.49	305.15	
4	Total Comprehensive Income/(Loss) for the period (Comprising Profit/(Loss) for the period (after tax) and other Comprehensive Income/(Loss) (after tax))	-2,672.24	-713.56	-638.31	-1,289.50	1,546.84	
5	Equity equity share capital (Face value : Rs.10/- per share)	222.39	222.39	222.39	222.39	222.39	
6	Reserves (excluding revaluation reserve as shown in the per audited balance sheet of previous year)				7,277.51	8,568.41	
7	Earning per share (EPS) (Rs.) Basic and Diluted EPS	-3.35	-1.11	2.48	7.40	13.72	

**Notes:** 1. The above financial results have been audited by the statutory auditors of the Company and reviewed by the Audit Committee and taken on record by the Board of Directors in their respective meeting holds on 23 May 2025. 2. The above Financial Results have been prepared in accordance with the recognition and measurement principles laid down in Indian Accounting Standards 34 (Ind AS-34) prescribed u/s 133 of the Companies Act, 2013 and other accounting principles generally accepted in India and is in compliance with the presentation and disclosure requirements of Regulation 33 of SEBI (Listing Obligation and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015 (as amended), including relevant circulars issued by the SEBI from time to time. 3. The Board of Directors at their meeting held on 6th Feb 2025 has discussed that since both sources of revenue to the Company fall strictly under the definition of "Income" of NBFC. Accordingly the board has decided to club the income in one Segment Only. 4. The financial results have been arrived after considering provision for standard assets as per RBI guidelines. 5. The figures of previous periods have been re-grouped/reclassified/rearranged, wherever necessary, to make them comparable. 6. Impact of IN-AS on the Fair value of unlisted shares is to be given on yearly basis as it is not possible to calculate the fair value on quarterly basis. 7. Figures for the quarter ended 31 March 2025 and 31 March 2024 as reported in these financial results are the balancing figures between audited figures in respect of full financial year and the published year to date figures upto the third quarter of the financial year. Also, the figures upto the end of the third quarter were only reviewed and not subjected to audit.

**For Kovalam Investment & Trading Co. Ltd.**  
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**Date: 23.05.2025**  
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# Goyal meets US commerce secretary to discuss proposed trade pact

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA ■ New Delhi

Commerce and Industry Minister Piyush Goyal on Friday met US Commerce Secretary Howard Lutnick in Washington, their second meeting within a week, to discuss the proposed bilateral trade agreement currently under negotiation between the two countries. On May 20 also, Goyal held a meeting with Lutnick to expedite the talks on the first phase of the trade pact. "Held a constructive meeting with Secretary @HowardLutnick for a mutually beneficial trade agreement. Committed to enhancing opportunities for our businesses and people," Goyal said in a post on X. The meeting assumes significance as both the countries are looking at finalising an interim trade pact by July 9, the day America's 90-day suspension of reciprocal tariffs on Indian goods comes to an end.

The US on April 2, imposed an addi-



tional 26 per cent reciprocal tariff on Indian goods but suspended it for 90 days. However, the 10 per cent baseline tariff imposed by America remains in place. The four-day discussions between the chief negotiators of both the countries have also concluded in Washington on May 22.

In the interim trade deal, New Delhi is pushing for full exemption from the 26 per cent reciprocal tariff on Indian goods. Due to the 90-day suspension of the 26 per cent additional import duty, Indian exporters are at present paying just 10 per cent baseline tariffs, instead of 26 per cent

earlier proposed. At present, the Trump administration requires approval from the US Congress to bring tariffs below the MFN (most favoured nation) rates. But the administration has the authority to remove the reciprocal tariffs imposed on a number of countries, including India.

India may look at certain commitments from the US on the duty concessions for its labour-intensive sector in the first tranche of the proposed bilateral trade agreement (BTA). Both countries have fixed a deadline to conclude the first phase of the pact by fall (September-October) of this year to more than double bilateral trade to \$ 500 billion by 2030 from the current \$ 191 billion.

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.



Union Minister CR Paatil with Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister N Chandrababu Naidu during a meeting, in New Delhi. PTI

## Naidu seeks Centre support for defence manufacturing hub

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA ■ New Delhi

Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister N Chandrababu Naidu on Friday met three Union ministers here and sought the Centre's support for the state's renewable energy initiatives, a defence manufacturing hub proposal and a major water transfer project.

In his meeting with Union New and Renewable Energy Minister Prahlaad Joshi, Naidu requested for the allocation of rooftop solar capacity under the Pradhan Mantri Surya Ghar Muft Bijli Yojana and urged expediting approval of the proposals submitted by state electricity distribution companies (DISCOMs) in January.

"Had a fruitful meeting... With the Centre's support, we will reduce energy costs, empower our people, and lead India's clean energy transition," Naidu, a key ally of the NDA, said in a post on X after meeting Joshi. The chief minister has set a target of installing 20 lakh rooftop solar units by 2025. Under the scheme, SC/ST households will receive free rooftop solar systems, while backward caste households will get ₹10,000 per kWp sub-

sidy for up to 2kWp installations. The state's Clean Energy Policy 2024-29 targets an additional 72.6 GW of renewable energy, including 40 GW of solar power.

In a separate meeting with Defence Minister Rajnath Singh, Naidu presented a strategic vision to position Andhra Pradesh as a national hub for defence manufacturing and aerospace innovation, an official statement said.

The proposals include development of integrated defence facilities, revival of critical manufacturing units, support for indigenous aviation programmes, establishment of testing and training centres, and creation of thematic defence hubs, it said. "We discussed a comprehensive roadmap for Andhra Pradesh to emerge as a cornerstone of India's defence and aerospace future. With proposals ranging from thematic defence hubs and DRDO-linked Centres of Excellence to strategic infrastructure and policy innovations, Andhra Pradesh is fully geared to contribute to Aatmanirbhar Bharat. Grateful for his encouraging response and assurance of full support," the chief minister said in a post on X.

## Adani Group to double investment in Northeast

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA ■ New Delhi

Billionaire Gautam Adani on Friday committed to investing an additional ₹50,000 crore over the next 10 years in green energy, road construction and creating digital infrastructure in the North Eastern states as his conglomerate looks to expand its presence in the east. This investment is on top of ₹50,000 crore that his group had committed to investing in Assam in February.

Speaking at the Rising NorthEast Investors Summit here, the head of ports-to-energy conglomerate said his group's initiative will prioritise local jobs, local entrepreneurship and community engagement.

"Three months ago, in Assam, we pledged an invest-

ment of ₹50,000 crore. Today, once again, humbled and inspired by your leadership, I announce that the Adani Group will invest an additional ₹50,000 crore across the Northeast over the next 10 years," he said in the presence of Prime Minister Narendra Modi. The investments will span green energy, including smart-meters, hydro, pumped storage, power transmission, roads & highways, digital infrastructure, logistics, as well as capacity-building through skilling and vocational training centres.

"But more than infrastructure, we will invest in people. Every initiative will prioritise local jobs, local entrepreneurship, and community engagement. This is what Viksit Bharat 2047 is all about," he said. Adani said over the past decade, in the hills and valleys of the Northeast, a new chapter in India's growth story is

unfolding. "A story rooted in diversity, resilience, and untapped potential," he said. "This region is now a source of our cultural pride, economic promise, and strategic direction." And behind this rise is the vision of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, who recognised no borders, only beginnings, he said. "When you said, 'Act East, Act Fast, Act First, ' you gave the Northeast its wake-up call." This has been reflected in 65 personal visits by the Prime Minister, ₹6.2 lakh crore of investment since 2014, doubling the road network to 16,000 kms and doubling the number of airports to 18.

"This is not just policy. It is your hallmark of big thinking. It is the hallmark of your belief system. It is the hallmark of your conviction in Sabka Saath - Sabka Vikas!," he said.

## Transmission sector grappling with supply side constraints

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA ■ New Delhi

India's power transmission sector is grappling with supply side constraints that is causing a significant delay in completion of ongoing projects, industry officials said. The situation is particularly alarming in the case of High Voltage Direct Current (HVDC) equipment, which is critical for long distance evacuation of renewable energy to align with India's renewable energy 2030 goals. This problem, they said, has been accentuated due to the restrictions imposed on suppliers from countries sharing land borders with India from participating in public procurement. Further, under works contracts, including turnkey contracts, contractors are not allowed to sub-contract to any contractor from a country that shares a land border with India.

The Electric Power Transmission Association has written to the Power Ministry seeking a level-playing field in procurement policy to address the disparity in imports of HVDC transmission equipment from neighbouring countries.

While renewable energy developers are exempt from restriction on subcontracting with companies from neighbouring countries, transmission projects under TBCB (tariff based competitive bidding) framework are subject to these restrictions, it said.

The association added that since HVDC projects are vital for the development of renewable energy, transmission projects under the TBCB framework should also be governed by the same procurement regulations as renewable energy projects. Industry officials said only two domestic OEMs (original equipment manufacturers) provide LCC (the conventional line-commutated AC-to-DC converter) technology, while global vendors are fully booked for the next few years.

This restricted market is pushing project costs upward and extending execution timelines. Also, the monopolistic environment has resulted in higher-than-levelised tariffs (up to 17 per cent) with project timelines from the stage of RFP (request for proposal) to commissioning stretching to as long as 6 years.

According to industry officials, while the order is binding on ministries, autonomous bodies, public sector enterprises, and projects under PPP (public-private partnership) model, the restrictions have also been extended to players that are building transmission infrastructure under BOOT (Build-Own-Operate-Transfer) model with 100 per cent private investment and no government support.

**Further, restrictions are being treated differently by two ministries—Power Ministry and New and Renewable Energy Ministry—operating within the power value chain**

"Despite tariff based competitive bidding (TBCB) projects not being PPPs, the transmission service providers cannot procure or subcontract from countries sharing land borders with India, thereby severely limiting supplier choices," said an industry official.

Further, restrictions are being treated differently by two ministries operating within the power value chain. While transmission companies under power ministry face full restrictions, the Ministry of New and Renewable Energy issued a clarification in October 2022 that SEC's procurement of power qualifies as public procurement, but the contracts will not be classified as 'works contracts' and so subcontracting does not apply.

## Reliance to invest ₹75,000 crore in North-East: Mukesh Ambani

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA ■ New Delhi

Oil-to-telecom conglomerate Reliance Industries Ltd will invest ₹75,000 crore in North Eastern states in setting up 350 biogas plants, expanding its telecom services, retail footprint, and clean energy projects, chairman Mukesh Ambani said on Friday.

Speaking at the Rising NorthEast Investors Summit here, Reliance Industries Ltd chairman and managing director said his group will invest in factories for high-quality FMCG products in the region and setting up a 150-bed cancer hospital in Manipur. "Reliance has invested around ₹ 30,000 crore in the region in the past 40 years. In the next five years, we will more than double our investments, with our target at ₹75,000 crore," he said. This will create over 2.5 million direct and indirect employment opportunities as the conglomerate aspires to touch the lives of most of the 45 million population in the North-East. Ambani said he is making six commitments to the Chief Ministers of



Reliance Industries Chairman Mukesh Ambani addresses the Rising Northeast Investors Summit 2025, in New Delhi. PTI

Arunachal Pradesh, Assam, Manipur, Meghalaya, Mizoram, Nagaland, Sikkim and Tripura.

The group's telecom unit Jio has already covered 90 per cent of the population with

over 5 million 5G subscribers. "We will double this number this year," he said. "Jio's priority will be to bring the revolutionary power of Artificial Intelligence to all schools, hospitals, enterprises and homes."

## Hybrid vehicles complementing growth of EVs in India: HSBC report

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA ■ New Delhi

Hybrid vehicles have complemented the growth of electric vehicle sales in India rather than competing with the latter, according to a report by HSBC Global Research. Reiterating that the Indian automotive landscape will remain a multi-powertrain industry over the medium to long term, HSBC Global Research said hybrids, CNGs, and biofuels are practical medium- to long-term solutions, while the country moves towards eventual electrification.

"We think Strong Hybrid Electric Vehicles

(SHEVs) and Battery Electric Vehicles (BEVs) are not cannibalising each other but, rather, are attracting different sets of customers," the report said.

In states where incentives are offered for SHEVs, BEV sales have also seen strong growth, it added. "In FY25, the growth in EV sales was similar to the growth in SHEV sales, despite incentives being offered on SHEVs by Uttar Pradesh, the largest PV-selling state in India. This trend suggests that SHEV adoption is having a positive effect on BEV sales," the report pointed out.

Asserting that the perception that promoting SHEVs will hinder EV adoption is mis-

placed, the report said, "This is not a zero-sum game, but rather an incremental opportunity where incentivising SHEVs contributes to the broader development of the clean mobility ecosystem, benefiting BEVs and advancing overall market growth."

It noted that EV penetration has improved with new model launches over the last six months. Four-wheeler (4W) EV penetration has improved from 1.9 per cent in the first half of FY25 to 2.5 per cent in the fourth quarter of FY25 and 3.2 per cent in the first quarter of QFY26 quarter-to-date period, driven by launch on MG Windsor and M&M BEVs, the report said.

## Rupee snaps 3-day losing streak, gains 70 paise to settle at 85.25 /USD

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA ■ Mumbai

The rupee snapped its three-day losing streak and settled for the day higher by 70 paise at 85.25 (provisional) against the US dollar on Friday, on a sharp fall in the dollar index and surge in domestic equities, amid rise in risk appetite for riskier assets.

Forex traders said, the rupee which had lost 53 paise in the last three trading sessions, settled with significant gains on Friday largely supported by the weakness of the American currency in the overseas

market. However, a slight recovery in crude oil prices and foreign fund outflows capped the appreciation bias in the local unit to some extent. At the interbank foreign exchange market, the rupee witnessed heavy volatility. It opened at 85.95 then touched an intra-day high of 85.11 and a low of 86.10 against the US dollar.

The domestic unit settled for the day at 85.25 (provisional), higher by 70 per cent over its previous close. On Thursday, the rupee depreciated 36 paise to close at 85.95 against the US dollar. "We expect the rupee to trade with a positive bias on

underlying weakness in the US dollar index and improved global risk sentiments. However, selling pressure from foreign investors may cap sharp upside movement," said Anuj Choudhary — Research Analyst at Mirae Asset Sharekhan. Choudhary further noted that traders may take cues from existing home sales data from the US. "\$-INR spot price is expected to trade in a range of 85 to 85.70," he said.

Meanwhile, the dollar index, which gauges the greenback's strength against a basket of six currencies, was trading lower by 0.60 per cent at 99.36,

on rise in risk appetite in global markets and strength in riskier currencies. Easing of US treasury yields also pressurised the greenback. Brent crude, the global oil benchmark, fell 0.22 per cent to \$ 64.30 per barrel in futures trade. In the domestic equity market, the 30-share BSE Sensex advanced 769.09 points, or 0.95 per cent, to close at 81,721.08, while the Nifty rose 243.45 points, or 0.99 per cent, to 24,853.15.

Foreign institutional investors (FIIs) offloaded equities worth ₹5,045.36 crore on a net basis on Thursday, according to exchange data.

## One-third of job seekers consider themselves prepared for interviews: Report

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA ■ Mumbai

A large number of job seekers attend interviews without preparation and fail to unlock their true potential, said a report on Friday. It said only 32 per cent of job seekers consider themselves prepared for interviews, reflecting their limited confidence while facing hiring managers. "Despite the vast opportunities in the Indian job market — with 3.1 lakh jobs posted on Apna in the first quarter of 2025 alone - many candidates still struggle with confidence and lack of effective

interview preparation. "This gap holds back a large number of job seekers from unlocking their true potential and unlocking possibilities," Apna.Co founder and CEO Nimit Parikh said, quoting the report titled 'Interview Readiness Index 2025'. He said, the future lies in AI-powered tools that offer personalised feedback and real-time interview simulations.

The report also underscores that the rising impact of digital tools in boosting interview readiness as job seekers who leveraged online tutorials, mock interviews, or AI-powered platforms reported signifi-

cantly higher confidence levels (38 per cent) compared to just 24 per cent among those who did not use such resources.

As technology continues to transform the job search landscape, digital fluency is rapidly becoming a key driver of interview preparedness and confidence, the report added. "These innovations can bridge the preparation gap, helping candidates build confidence, sharpen their skills, and truly showcase their abilities. Our goal is to empower every Indian to not just prepare better, but to believe in themselves, build confidence, and unlock meaningful career

opportunities by becoming truly interview-ready," Parikh added.

Apna.Co's 'Interview Readiness Index 2025' is based on a survey of over 10,000 respondents across the country. The report has drawn insights from individuals who attended at least one interview in the past year, with 67 per cent experiencing virtual interviews, followed by 61 per cent phone interviews, and 57 per cent in-person rounds. The report further revealed that nearly half (49 per cent) of candidates with over six years of experience feel well-prepared for interviews.

Confidence declines among mid-career professionals, with just 34 per cent of those having 3 to 6 years of experience reporting readiness. The level of confidence dips further to 29 per cent among early career professionals with 1 to 3 years of experience, it stated.

It also revealed sharp contrasts in confidence level among candidates in different cities. Job seekers in tier I cities lead the way, with 45 per cent saying they feel prepared for interviews, compared to 32 per cent in tier II cities and just 26 per cent in tier III towns, the report said.

## Grasim's Q4 profit rises 9.2 per cent to ₹2,973.3 crore

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA ■ New Delhi

Aditya Birla Group's flagship holding firm Grasim Industries Ltd reported a 9.23 per cent rise in its net profit to ₹2,973.26 crore for the March quarter of FY25, and revenue from operations grew 17.33 per cent to ₹44,267.26 crore.

The company has reported a net profit of ₹2,721.81 crore for the March quarter of FY24, and its revenue from operations stood at ₹3,727.13 crore, according to a regulatory filing by the company on Thursday. Grasim reported a decline of 21.85 per cent in its net profit to ₹7,756.33 crore for the financial year ended March 31, 2025, due to investments in the building Materials business. The company has posted a net profit of Rs 9,925.65 crore in FY24.

Grasim's revenue from operations rose 13.36 per cent to Rs 1,48,477.89 crore, reaching an all-time high, according to the company. The total consolidated income of Grasim, which controls companies as UltraTech, Aditya Birla Capital and businesses such as textiles, chemicals and Building Materials, stood at ₹1,49,936.93 crore, marking an increase of 13.4 per cent from ₹1,32,242.58 crore in FY24.

"Specifically, the Building Materials and Financial Services businesses delivered a robust performance. EBITDA for the year stood at Rs 20,023 crore, down by 4 per cent Y-o-Y due to initial investments for building a strong consumer-facing Paints business, Birla Opus," it said. However, profit after tax (PAT) declined due to "higher interest and depreciation charges on account of investments in the Building Materials business," the company said.

During the March quarter, Grasim's revenue from its Cellulosic Fibre business rose 7.68 per cent to ₹4,050.93 crore. "Domestic sales volumes of CSF (Cellulosic Staple Fibre) grew by 4 per cent Y-o-Y, though overall CSF sales volume stood flat," it said.





THEIR PRESENCE ON STAGE DEFIES THEATRICAL CONVENTIONS AND PREJUDICES. BUT WITH REMARKABLE DEPTH AND ARTISTIC

# Invisible Battles at Home

*What happens when war shatters lives and strangers become family? Help, I'll Help! explores hope, pain and unexpected bonds, says SAKSHI PRIYA*

Who truly offers help and who accepts it with grace? This question remained with the audience long after the final scene of *Help, I'll Help!* The play is not simply a story about refugees and hosts, but an exploration of the complexities, unspoken tensions and emotional collisions that arise when strangers are brought under the same roof by circumstances beyond their control. It challenges viewers to reconsider their assumptions about generosity, obligation and the fragile nature of human kindness.

Presented by the Baltazar Theatre of Hungary in collaboration with the Liszt Institute Delhi, *Help, I'll Help!* features a unique ensemble. The Baltazar Theatre is Hungary's only professional theatre company composed entirely of mentally disabled actors. Their presence on stage defies theatrical conventions and prejudices. They do not perform as tokens of inspiration or pity, but with remarkable professionalism, emotional depth and artistic integrity. The performance removes any emphasis on disability, instead highlighting the raw talent and the authenticity of expression that these actors bring to the stage. The narrative centres on two families caught in

the turmoil of war and displacement. A Ukrainian researcher and her blind son escape the horrors of the Russian invasion that has left their home in ruins. The mother's husband remains behind, fighting to defend their country, while she seeks refuge across the border in Hungary. Because they come from the Transcarpathian region and speak Hungarian, they reach out to a Hungarian scientist, a former acquaintance with whom the mother once shared a brief connection.

The scientist, driven by a sense of moral duty and old memories, offers shelter without consulting his wife. This impulsive act disrupts the equilibrium of their home. The wife's reaction is a complex mixture of shock, resentment and helplessness. Their teenage daughter is caught in the middle-torn between sympathy and frustration, loyalty and rebellion. The play carefully captures the emotional and psychological strain that sudden responsibility imposes on individuals and families, especially when the guests are traumatised and the hosts feel unprepared.

The portrayal of these characters avoids caricature or simplification. The refugee mother carries her loss with dignity, her silence often speaks louder than words. The blind son, portrayed with remarkable sensitivity, communicates through music and song alongside the host family's daughter. Their shared moments of singing, accompanied by the music composed by Edina Szirtes and performed live with percussion, become sanctuaries of hope and connection in an otherwise tense atmosphere.

Director Kriszta Kováts creates a space where no character is entirely right or wrong. Instead, the audience witnesses people grappling with eth-

ical dilemmas and conflicting emotions-fear, compassion, resentment, guilt, and love. The subtle yet powerful scenography by Andrea Ruttká reflects the slowly fracturing domestic space. The set transforms from a place of safety into a contested zone, mirroring the internal conflict of the inhabitants.

The strength of *Help, I'll Help!* lies in its refusal to offer easy answers or neat resolutions. The tension on stage is not resolved by grand gestures but through the quiet persistence of everyday struggles.

The play exposes how help, when given without consent or full understanding, can create new wounds. It challenges the audience to consider the cost of goodwill when it is not mutual, and how generosity can sometimes become an imposition rather than a gift. One of the most striking aspects of the play is the way it captures adolescence under strain. The teenage daughter and the blind boy represent the emotional core of the story. Their developing relationship, conveyed largely through song, reveals the power of youthful innocence and resilience. It also suggests that communication and empathy can transcend physical and emotional barriers. These musical moments, far from being mere interludes, are essential to the narrative's emotional texture.

*Help, I'll Help!* invites its viewers to reflect on what it means to be human in situations of crisis and displacement. It does not seek to educate or preach but to hold a mirror to society's complexities. The play questions the neat binaries of victim and saviour and exposes the discomfort often hidden behind acts of charity. This play encourage viewers to engage deeply with themes of empathy, belonging and moral responsibility.

IN A WORLD WHERE REFUGEES AND DISPLACED PERSONS CONTINUE TO BE A PRESSING REALITY, THIS PLAY BRINGS A NECESSARY, HUMANISING PERSPECTIVE. FULL OF COMPLEXITY AND CONTRADICTION.

## UNSEEN STRENGTH

Watching *Help, I'll Help!* was one of those rare moments in theatre when I felt not like a spectator, but a silent participant, caught between the weight of war and the warmth of human connection. It felt like life unfolding in all its messy, unresolved and deeply moving layers. What struck me most was the sincerity. There was no attempt to manipulate emotions or dramatise the refugee crisis into some neatly packaged tragedy. The story gently, allowing each character's pain and dilemma to surface naturally.

PHOTOS: PANKAJ KUMAR

## REDEFINING ARTISTRY

The play stands out as a profoundly humane piece of theatre. It does not rely on melodrama or spectacle but finds its power in the authenticity of the performers and the delicacy of the storytelling. It adds another layer of depth and significance to the work, challenging audiences to confront their own biases about ability and artistry.

## Blooming from Within, Beyond Perfect

BY TEAM VIVA

Can art truly mirror the spirit of resilience and self-discovery? At Kalamkaar Gallery, Ritika Aurora's solo exhibition, **Celebrating Women and Nature through Art** curated by Georgina Maddox, answers with a confident, resounding yes. This show is an intimate exploration of womanhood, inner strength and the quiet power of nature.

Figurative and semi-abstract styles come together across her canvases. Delicate pinks, golds, off-whites and earthy browns speak a language of feminine energy and emotional depth. Winged women, butterflies, blooming florals and shimmering gold mists appear throughout, each a metaphor for growth, freedom and transformation. Her art seems to whisper, embrace who you are, let yourself evolve.

The artist's journey itself is one of transformation. Once a homemaker, Ritika has emerged as a confident voice in contemporary Indian art, guided by intuition and inspired by the Art Nouveau and Abstract movements. Her artistic process, as curator Georgina Maddox notes, is deeply intuitive, starting with free-flowing inks and textures before evolving into rich, layered compositions. Elements like paisley prints, lacework, henna patterns and gold leaf carry cultural memory and personal symbolism.

A particularly moving piece features a fragile paper boat floating on turbulent waters, capturing the show's central themes, resilience, vulnerability and the quiet strength that keeps one afloat. It's both deeply personal and widely relatable, encouraging viewers to reflect on their own emotional journeys. Ritika's work champions the



RITIKA'S SOLO EXHIBITION IS A CONFIDENT AND SOULFUL STATEMENT, FILLED WITH POWER AND EMOTION, MARKING THE ARRIVAL OF A FRESH VOICE IN INDIAN CONTEMPORARY ART.



essence of femininity and the quiet force of nature, that often overlooked in the modern world. Her paintings call on the viewer to admire, to listen and perhaps reconnect with their own sense of purpose. This exhibition is a conversation between the artist and her audience about courage and embracing one's unique journey.

## Soulful Strokes of Silence and Meditation



Meditation-themed exhibition brings together abstract art, inner reflection and emotional depth on every canvas, writes SAKSHI PRIYA



Can silence be seen? Can calm be painted? These questions confront visitors as they step into **Soul on Canvas**, a solo exhibition by artist Shubhangi S Jangde at Triveni Kala Sangam. In a world saturated with sound, speed and sensory overload, this exhibition dares to slow down and offer something far more elusive-inner stillness. Through 12 thoughtful artworks, the artist transforms canvas into a meditative space, prompting the viewer to think, reflect and reconnect.

Centred on the theme of meditation, the exhibition is a deeply personal offering. "Painting without peace of mind cannot give a positive vibe," says Shubhangi and this conviction is evident in every brushstroke. The works are not driven by narrative or representation, but by feeling. The artist does not aim to capture the world outside, but the silence within. Her paintings are not visual noise, they are spaces for mental clarity.

The palette she uses primarily metallic tones, silver and white, is subtle, deliberate and calming. These are not colours chosen for effect but for their meditative quality. They don't overwhelm the senses; instead, they gently guide the viewer inward. The artworks are composed with a sense of quiet order, beginning from a single dot, they symbolise the journey of the self toward focus, peace and eventual transcendence. There is structure, but also space space for imagination,

space for breath. What is particularly striking is that while the theme may be spiritual, the execution is grounded and disciplined. Artist approaches art with a deep sense of responsibility to the canvas, but to the emotion it conveys. Her works are meant to evoke. They speak the language of intention and that intention is harmony. The artist herself is as multifaceted as her canvas. A merit holder in painting,

## HARMONIOUS REFLECTION

What this exhibition does remarkably well is maintain a sense of cohesion without monotony. Every painting feels part of a larger conversation, yet retains its own mood and message. Whether one sees them as visual meditations or expressions of calm, they succeed in drawing viewers into a quieter space.



she has represented India at the national level in painting and photography, and has exhibited her works at prestigious platforms including the Jehangir Art Gallery, India Art Fair and international venues in London and Dubai.

There is also a subtle undercurrent of optimism in her work. While the compositions are minimal, they are not cold. The viewer finds warmth in the textures and openness in the forms. These are not meditations on absence, but on presence on the act of being fully aware, both of one's inner world and the space one occupies. The abstraction is not disorienting; it is guiding.

Artist's work is deeply connected to her own journey as an artist. She writes, paints and blogs not for external validation but as an extension of her emotional and creative process. That belief is felt throughout *Soul on Canvas*. The paintings do indeed speak and they do so gently, insistently, with a voice that is both personal and universal.

In an age where much of contemporary art seeks to shock, provoke or dazzle, this exhibition takes a different path. It neither shouts nor performs. It simply exists-like a breath held in stillness, like a moment of realisation. And in doing so, it offers something rare, an experience that lingers not in the eyes but in the mind.

For those willing to pause, this exhibition offers to look at a space to feel. It is not only about meditation as a subject but about making the very act of viewing a meditative one.



# Will be tough without Rohit, Virat, says Gambhir

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA ■ New Delhi

India head coach Gautam Gambhir has admitted that dealing with the absence of Virat Kohli and Rohit Sharma will be a significant challenge for the team but their Test retirement has also opened the door for others to step up and take responsibility.

Kohli and Rohit bid farewell to Test cricket within a week of each other earlier this month. The announcements came ahead of the marquee five-match series in England next month, the squad for which will be announced on Saturday in Mumbai.

"I think, when you start the game and

when you want to finish, it's a very individual decision. No one has the right. Be it the coach, the selector, be it anyone in this country has any right to tell someone when to retire and when not to retire. So it comes from within," Gautam Gambhir told CNN-News18.

With their exit, India will not only need a new Test captain but will also be without two of their most seasoned players, a leadership and experience void, Gambhir admits, won't be easy to fill.

"And yes, we've got to be without two senior players to really experience players. And sometimes I believe that it's the opportunity for some other people to put their



hand up and say, 'Okay, I am ready for it.'"He drew a parallel with India's Champions Trophy triumph, which came despite the absence of pace spearhead Jasprit Bumrah.

"So yes, it will be tough, but then there'll be people putting their hand up for sure because this question was asked to me before. Champions Trophy as well.

"When Jasprit Bumrah wasn't there and I said exactly the same thing, someone missing out might give another person an opportunity to do something special for the country, hopefully, there'll be other guys waiting for that opportunity," he said.

While Kohli and Rohit have bid adieu

to the Test and T20 format, they will still be available for India in the 50-over game.

Asked if the two can make the team for the 2027 ODI World Cup, Gambhir said "Look, it's still a long way away. We still have a T20 World Cup before that, and that is again a huge tournament that is going to happen in India, which is in February-March," he pointed out.

"So the entire focus at the moment, after England, will be on the T20 World Cup, and November-December 2027 is still two-and-a-half years away. And I've always said one thing - if you keep performing, age is just a number," he added.

## Gill front-runner as India decides on new Test captain

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA ■ Mumbai

India's cricket selectors will set the ball rolling for the team's long transition journey in the longest format when they pick a new Test captain and finalise the squad for what is expected to be a challenging five-match series in England, here on Saturday.

The 25-year-old Shubman Gill is a clear favourite to land the high-profile job as Indian embarks on a new World Test Championship cycle following the retirement of stalwarts Virat Kohli and Rohit Sharma in a span of one week.



By simple logic, Jasprit Bumrah was the vice-captain on the previous tour of Australia and he should be elevated to the leadership role but question marks over his long-term fitness and workload management are likely to go against him on the discussion table.

Rishabh Pant has had a forgettable IPL but he remains a vital part of India's transition phase in the Test format. The selectors are likely to make him vice-captain.

Barring the leadership conundrum, no major shake-up is expected.

Though Rohit and Kohli's exit leaves a massive void, the likes of K L Rahul can provide much-needed experience in the batting department.

Sundar may get the nod ahead of Kuldeep Yadav, who is a proven match-winner across formats. Pant is the leading wicket-keeper batter and the choice for a reserve too his rather straight forward with Dhruv Jurel set to be retained.

Chief selector Ajit Agarkar is expected to address the media after squad announcement and talk about the road ahead for the team undergoing a rebuild-ing process. There is enough experience in the pace department led by Bumrah but will he last the rigours of a five-match series? There are also concerns over Mohammed Shami's fitness.

Can his ageing body recover fast enough in between a long series? Mohammed Siraj is set to be the third pacer in the squad. If the selectors decide to pick five fast bowlers then Prasidh Krishna, Akash Deep and Arshdeep Singh, who is yet to play Test cricket, will also be in the mix.

If the five wise men go for a left-arm pacer, Arshdeep will have competition from Khaleel Ahmed. The squad will be made public a week before India A begin their tour of England. Any last minute replacement to the Test squad is likely to come from that shadow tour comprising two four-day games.

## Three English batters hit centuries against Zimbabwe

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA ■ Nottingham

The top three batters hit centuries as England posted a mammoth score of 498-3 on the first day of a one-off test against Zimbabwe on Thursday.

Openers Ben Duckett and Zak Crawley got their fifth test centuries while No. 3 batter Ollie Pope claimed his eighth ton and ended the day unbeaten on 169. Harry Brook was with him on nine.

The sides met for the first time at test level in 22 years and it was a one-sided start to England's summer of cricket.

Duckett scored 140 and Crawley struck 124. Not to be left out, Joe Root became the fifth batter and first from England to reach 13,000 test runs, joining Sachin Tendulkar (India), Ricky Ponting (Australia), Jacques Kallis (South Africa) and Rahul Dravid (India). But he was out for 34 when, in a rare misjudgment, he top-edged a pull to fine leg to give tall seamer Blessing Muzarabani a



wicket. Last month, Muzarabani claimed 6-72 as Zimbabwe beat Bangladesh to earn its first test victory since 2021. Zimbabwe won the toss and bowled first in overcast conditions, but the home side reached 130-0 at lunch.

Duckett and Crawley's opening stand of 231 came off just 41.3 overs and ended when Duckett holed out to cover off Wes Madhevere. Duckett's knock came off just 134 balls and featured 20 fours and two sixes. Crawley emerged from a poor stretch,

including a dismal average of 8.66 on the tour of New Zealand, to pass 3,000 test runs. Pope blazed six fours off the first 18 balls he faced and reached 50 just after the tea break from 48 deliveries.

Pope was in fine touch and on 61 by the time Crawley reached a patient-looking century off 145 balls. Crawley was out when he swept off spinner Sikandar Raza and fell leg before wicket. Fit-again captain Ben Stokes returned for England after lengthy rehabilitation from a hamstring tear.

England seamer Sam Cook, following several successful seasons in county cricket with Essex and more than 300 wickets, made his test debut at 27 in an inexperienced attack, with Josh Tongue returning after two years for his third test. Zimbabwe brought in batting allrounder Raza, after he was on duty for Lahore Qalandars in the Pakistan Super League. England plays India in a five-test series this summer before trying to win back the Ashes in Australia.

## Eyeing top-two Punjab Kings face ousted Delhi Capitals

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA ■ Jaipur

Riding a wave of success after a decade of pain, a full-strength Punjab Kings will fancy their chances of securing their first top-two finish in 11 years, when they face Delhi Capitals in the Indian Premier League here on Saturday. Apart from the 2014 season when they topped the league table and finished runners-up, PBKS have only made one other playoff appearance in a competition that has been in existence for the past 18 years. Having ended an 11-year drought, PBKS are now relishing the prospect of not just finishing in the top two, but also enter the summit clash and then make a dash for a maiden title.

A squad that is already brimming with confidence was shored up further when

their overseas quartet of Marcus Stoinis, Josh Inglis, Aaron Hardie and Kyle Jamieson joined their extremely talented Indian teammates in the Pink City three days ago. All four will be available for selection as PBKS look to book a top-two finish with a win over their beleaguered opponents who were knocked out of the play-offs reckoning after a big defeat to Mumbai Indians on Wednesday.

These foreign players left the team after the BCCI had to suspend the tournament for a week due to the military conflict between India and Pakistan that led to the abandonment of the match between these two teams midway through the first innings in Dharamsala on May 8.

The match was called off after 10.1 overs of play after a blackout in the picturesque hill town.

The PBKS think tank did well to promptly bring back their overseas contingent after the tournament's resumption, and the squad now resembles a band of men determined to make up for the years of disappointment the franchise faced in the widely watched event. PBKS skipper Shreyas Iyer, who has recently made history by becoming the first captain to lead three franchises to IPL playoffs, has been the key to their success and for the side to go all the way, the stylish batter will need to continue in similar vein in the remaining matches.

Prior to his triumphant campaign with Kolkata Knight Riders last year, Iyer had led Delhi Capitals to the playoffs in 2019 and 2020, including their only IPL final appearance in 2020.

He is also the second highest run scor-

er this season with 435 runs in 12 matches, and he is gunning for more.

Thanks to the performance of players such as Prabhsimran Singh (458 runs), Priyansh Arya (356 runs), Arshdeep Singh (11 wickets) and Yuzvendra Chahal (13 wickets), PBKS have emerged as the most consistent side this season, accumulating 17 points from 12 matches to secure a play-off berth with two games to spare.

As far as Delhi Capitals are concerned, they have had their chances this season but the lack of big runs in the powerplay consistently and the absence of lead pacer Mitchell Starc towards the end has had an adverse impact on their prospects.

They will look to end to end their disappointing campaign on a high note, but up against an in-form opponents like PBKS, it is easier said than done.

## Angelo Mathews to retire from Test next month

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA ■ Colombo

Veteran Sri Lankan all-rounder Angelo Mathews on Friday announced that the first Test against Bangladesh next month will be his last five-day game as he makes way for younger talent in the traditional format with a "grateful heart and unforgettable memories."

The 37-year-old will, however, continue to play white-ball cricket for his country. His final Test appearance will be in Galle from June 17 to 21.

"With a grateful heart and unforgettable memories. It is time for me to say goodbye to the most cherished format of the game, International Test Cricket!...The first Test match against Bangladesh in June will be my last red-ball appearance for my country," he posted on 'X'.

"Whilst I bid adieu to the Test format, as discussed with selectors I will remain available for selection for the white ball format, if and when my country needs me.

"I believe this Test team is a talented side with many future and present greats playing the game. Now seems like the best time to make way for a younger player to take the mantle to shine for our nation," he added.

## Javagal Srinath named match referee for WTC final

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA ■ Dubai

The Indian team may not have reached the World Test Championship final but former pacer Javagal Srinath will ensure the country's presence in the upcoming marquee clash by serving as its match referee with WTC debutant Nitin Menon doing duty as the fourth umpire.

England's Richard Illingworth and Chris Gaffaney of New Zealand will be the on-field umpires in the WTC final at Lord's. Defending champions Australia will take on first-time finalists South Africa for the mace from June 11-15 at the hallowed venue.

Richard Kettleborough, also from England, who has officiated in the finals of several marquee ICC events, including the Men's World Cup and the Champions Trophy has been appointed as the TV umpire, after having played the same role

in the inaugural WTC 2021 final between India and New Zealand. Menon has been named as the fourth umpire for the contest, after having served as the TV umpire for the ICC Men's T20 World Cup final in 2021. Illingworth will be making history in the ultimate Test, having stood as an on-field umpire for all the three WTC finals.

India reached the finals of the first two WTC cycles but both times stumbled at the last hurdle against New Zealand and Australia respectively. ICC chairman Jay Shah commended the experience and merit of the appointed officials and expressed confidence in their performance. "We are pleased to announce an experienced team of match officials for the ICC World Test Championship Final at Lord's, marking the culmination of a highly competitive two-year cycle of Test matches played around the world," Shah said in an ICC release.

## Scheffler opens Colonial with an eagle and trails tour rookie John Pak by 5 shots

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA ■ Fort Worth

Scottie Scheffler and John Pak enjoyed the same start to the Charles Schwab Challenge at Colonial with eagles on their respective first holes. The world No. 1 couldn't keep up with the PGA Tour rookie from there. Four days after winning his third major at the PGA Championship, Scheffler opened his attempt at three consecutive victories with a 2-under 68 Thursday. Pak shot 63 for a three-shot lead over nine players, J.J. Spaun the highest-ranked among them at 27th. Tommy Fleetwood and 2023 British Open champion Brian Harman were among a group of nine players four back of Pak, and Scheffler headlined the 15 players who were five strokes behind.

Defending champion Davis Riley, who is playing the first two rounds with Scheffler, had two double bogeys on the



front nine and shot 3-over 73 on the cozy course made famous by Ben Hogan, the only player to win Colonial in consecutive years (1946-47 and 1952-53). Riley is coming off a runner-up finish to Scheffler at the PGA.

The others at 4 under with Spaun were Patrick Rodgers, Ryo Hisatsune, Matti Schmid, Beau Hossler, Bud Cauley, J.T. Poston and Ben Griffin. Jordan Spieth,

Scheffler's fellow hometown favorite and former Texas Longhorn, shot 69 with birdies on two of his final four holes.

Scheffler opened the second of what he considers his hometown events by holing a putt for eagle from off the green on the par-5 first hole and a 23-footer for birdie on No. 2. The Dallas resident played the final 16 holes in 1 over, missing enough fairways and greens to prevent a run at Pak, who finished several hours earlier.

The first of Scheffler's consecutive wins came three weeks ago at his hometown CJ Cup Byron Nelson, which he led wire-to-wire for an eight-shot victory while tying the tour scoring record of 253.

Scheffler will have to come from behind this time, just as he did in the PGA Championship at Quail Hollow, where he faced the same first-round deficit before surging into the lead in the third round and repelling a Sunday charge from Jon Rahm.

## Barcelona seeks three-peat of Women's Champions League titles in Lisbon final

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA ■ Lisbon

Barcelona is aiming to complete a three-peat of Women's Champions League titles and win its fourth European crown in five years when it faces Arsenal in Lisbon on Saturday. Barcelona is out to reaffirm its status as the dominant force in European women's soccer after it finally beat Lyon and successfully defended its title in last year's final. Its possession-hungry and high-scoring attack is led from the midfield by Ballon d'Or winners Aitana Bonmati and Alexia Putellas and several other members of Spain's World Cup-winning team that beat England in the 2023 final.

Barcelona will be play its sixth Champions League final in seven seasons and a record-equaling fifth in a row at Lisbon's 50,000-capacity Estádio José Alvalade. The Catalan club has the chance to become the only team other than Lyon to lift the European Cup in three consecutive years.

Standing in its way is an Arsenal team that has excelled as a spoiler this campaign and hopes it can pull off another upset and win its second European title. "They're a fantastic team and they've obviously got the recent history to prove it," Arsenal defend-



er Leah Williamson said about Barcelona in the buildup to the final. "We respect them a lot, but it's a final, so everybody turns up and everybody gives their best."

First-year Barcelona coach Pere Romeu has a side that can hit from all angles with multiple scoring options. It leads all the major team statistics in attack: most goals scored with 44 — to Arsenal's 25 — the highest possession, best pass accuracy and most shot attempts.

Barcelona forward Claudia Pina leads the competition in scoring with 10 goals, ahead of Arsenal pair Mariona Caldentey, who joined from the Spanish club last summer, and Alessia Russo with seven each. Bonmati and teammate Patri Guijarro lead the competition with five assists each.

Barcelona added to its winning squad in the offseason by signing Poland striker Ewa Pajor, who went on to lead the Spanish league with 23 goals. Pajor, 28, is seeking her first European title after losing four finals with former club Wolfsburg, including the 2023 final to Barcelona after leading 2-0.

"The final is played in the details and we can prepare the details before the game," Pajor said. "What I have also learned - because I've played in four finals - you have to be there in the first minute until the end." Barcelona has rolled to a sixth consecutive Liga F title and has reached another Copa de la Reina final, but at the same time it has proven beatable.

Barcelona's home unbeaten run in Liga F came to an end after a record 64 games this season, and it lost to Real Madrid for the first time in 19 clasicos since its top rival founded a women's team. It also started the Champions League with a rare group stage loss to Manchester City.

"We lost a couple more games than we are used to and we lost some games that hurt more than others," Barcelona forward Caroline Graham said, adding about the City defeat: "A lot of people thought that our run to be good in the Champions League was a bit over.

## Sudharsan currently focussed on IPL, not on England tour

RESS TRUST OF INDIA ■ Ahmedabad

Gujarat Titans opener Sai Sudharsan is thrilled about his selection for the upcoming India A tour of England but for now his sights are firmly set on guiding the former champions to Qualifier 1 and final of IPL 2025. The 23-year-old, who has the experience of representing Surrey and scoring a century for the English county side, has been named in the India A squad and is also set to become the rookie face in the Test squad.

"Mentally, we will have to be switched on for the IPL first. Once that story is over, then we can probably think about the India 'A' story. But definitely happy for that opportunity, and I think I would have a great time there," Sudharsan told reporters on Thursday.

The Tamil Nadu opener, currently leading the Orange Cap race with 638 runs in 13 matches, has been one of the standout performers of the season.

"Right now, the most important thing is to finish in the top two so that we get an extra opportunity (of playing in Qualifier 2), if at all we need.

"The focus is more on that. Obviously, there are a lot of experiences and learnings in these 13 games (that we have

played). So, we keep on filling the gaps wherever we feel like, and we will be ready for the playoffs." Sudharsan said.

Sudharsan has been a vital cog in Gujarat's top order alongside skipper Shubman Gill and wicketkeeper-batter Jos Buttler, forming one of the most formidable top-three combinations of the season. However, all three fell after getting starts in the game against Lucknow Super Giants, leaving the daunting 236-run chase to the largely untested middle order. "I think the IPL is that kind of league where you can't experiment, even if you qualify early in the tournament.

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