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CBI to probe UPSC aspirants' deaths

RAJESH KUMAR ■ NEW DELHI

The Delhi High Court on Friday transferred the probe into the death of three UPSC aspirants at Rau's IAS Study Circle in Old Rajender Nagar last weekend to the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI). The Court asked the Central Vigilance Commission (CVC) to appoint a senior officer to oversee the probe by the CBI in the criminal case. Meanwhile, civil services aspirants protesting the Rajinder Nagar coaching centre deaths continued their agitation for the sixth day on Friday, with many seen studying at the protest site. "In view of the nature of the incident and to ensure that the public has no doubt with regard to the investigation, this court transfers the probe to the CBI," a division bench comprising Acting Chief Justice Manmohan and Justice Tushar Rao Gedela passed the order given the "seriousness of incident and that it may involve corruption by public servants." The court pulled up the civic body and called the deaths shameful. The Delhi High Court was hearing a public interest litigation (PIL) petition filed



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by an organisation named Kutumb seeking a "high-level" probe into the three deaths. The deaths happened when the basement of the coaching centre got flooded following heavy rainfall in the area. Poor drainage system and "illegal" use of the basement were said to be the core reasons behind the

incident. On Friday, at least four UPSC coaching institutes offered ₹10 lakh each to the families of the victims Shreya Yadav, Tanya Soni and Nevin Dalvin. The court also constituted a committee to revamp and reform the physical, financial and administrative infrastructure of the national Capital.

No systemic breach in NEET-UG papers: SC

RAJESH KUMAR ■ NEW DELHI

Giving its detailed reasons for not cancelling the National Eligibility-cum-Entrance Test undergraduate exam for the year 2024 (NEET UG 2024) over paper leak allegations and other irregularities in the exam, the Supreme Court on Friday said there was no systemic breach, confirming that the leak was confined only to Patna and Hazaribagh. "Therefore no retest would be needed with respect to this year's exam," the top court ruled.

In their 63-page judgment, a Bench of Chief Justice of India (CJI) DY Chandrachud, Justices JB Pardiwala and Manoj Misra said the NTA should avoid "flip flops" which was noticed this year as it does not serve the interest of students. It also expanded the remit of the Centre-appointed panel headed by former Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) chief K Radhakrishnan constituted to review the functioning of the National Testing Agency (NTA), which holds the National Eligibility-cum-Entrance Test (Undergraduate) (NEET-UG), and recommend examination reforms. The top court said since the remit of the panel has been expanded, the committee would submit its report by September 30 on various measures to rectify deficiencies in the examination system. The bench said the Radhakrishnan panel should



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consider framing standard operating procedures for adoption of technological advancements to strengthen the examination system.

The bench of Chief Justice DY Chandrachud, Justices JB Pardiwala and Manoj Misra gave detailed reasons for its July 23 order refusing to cancel the controversy-ridden NEET-UG 2024 examination. "...Sufficient material is not on record at present which indicates there were no systemic leak or systemic malpractice. The material on record does not, at present, substantiate allegation of widespread malpractices which compromised the integrity of the exam. On the contrary, an assessment of the data indicates that there are no deviations which indicate that systemic cheating has taken place," the court said in a detailed order. CJI Chandrachud said the information before the court at this stage does not show that the question paper was disseminated widely using social media or the internet, or that the answers were being communicated to students using sophisticated electronic means which may prove difficult to trace. "The students who were beneficiaries of the leak at Hazaribagh and Patna are easy to be identified. The CBI probe reveals the number of students who are beneficiaries of the malpractice at Hazaribagh and Patna at this stage.

Medical education was open business before NEET, says Nadda

ARCHANA JYOTI ■ NEW DELHI

Amidst the recent NEET paper leak controversy, which has cast a shadow on the quality and management of medical education in India, Union Health Minister JP Nadda defended the examination system, saying the medical education had become an open business before the NEET was introduced and PG seats were sold for ₹8 crore-₹13 crore each.

Addressing concerns during a discussion on a private member resolution by DMK Rajya Sabha member M Mohmed Abdulla, Nadda



emphasised that the introduction of NEET was a necessary reform to combat rampant corruption in medical education. The Minister said corruption was rife in medical education before the NEET was brought in during his first stint as Health Minister.



Probe ordered into deaths at Asha Kiran

SAUMYA SHUKLA ■ NEW DELHI

Amid deaths of mentally challenged inmates reported at Asha Kiran shelter home with more than a dozen dead in July alone, Lieutenant Governor Vinai Kumar Saxena on Friday directed the Chief Secretary to furnish a white paper on the running of all shelters homes by the Delhi Government in three weeks and initiate action against the administrator immediately. On her part, Minister Atishi ordered the Revenue Department to initiate a magisterial enquiry and submit a report within 48 hours. Asha Kiran is a Delhi Government-run facility for the "mentally challenged" and comes under its Social Welfare Department. The department is currently without a head following the resignation of Raj Kumar Anand. Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal, who is currently lodged in Tihar jail, has not assigned the charge of the department to any

minister. According to reports, 28 mentally ill inmates have died this year so far. Out of the total 14 deaths reported in July, 10 happened in the last half of the month including the death of a 14-year-old boy. According to the Medical Care Unit of the shelter home, most of the deceased had complaints of difficulty in breathing and loose motions. The LG ordered a comprehensive enquiry into the state of affairs of all shelter homes being run by the Delhi Government and a report fixing responsibility is presented within one week. Atishi wrote a letter to the Additional Chief Secretary of Revenue Department and stated that these deaths reportedly occurred due to health issues and malnutrition and indicate the lack of availability of requisite facilities to the inmates. National Commission for Women (NCW) chairperson Rekha Sharma blamed the AAP Government for the death.

Building caves in, three killed in Delhi

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

At least three people were reportedly killed on Friday after a portion of a two-storey building collapsed in northwest Delhi's Jahangirpuri area. According to police officials, a call was received from the Jahangirpuri area at around 12:50 pm about a house collapse and five fire tenders were rushed to the site. A police official said, "A few more people might still be trapped underneath the rubble and a rescue operation is underway." A police officer said a 45-year-old Mukesh Kumar was injured in the incident. "He was taken to a hospital where he succumbed to his injuries," the senior police official said. Two more persons, including a woman, were pulled out of the rubble and were declared dead, the officer said. Another officer said the two-storey building housed a garment factory. "There was some repair work going on inside the building when it was collapsed," he added. The Delhi Fire Service (DFS) officials said they received an emergency call at 12:51 pm. The local police and other rescue teams were mobilised to assist the rescue efforts, officials said, adding the rescue operation is underway.

Govt issues draft notification to declare Western Ghats eco-sensitive

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ NEW DELHI

The Centre has issued a draft notification to designate over 56,800 square kilometres of the Western Ghats as Ecologically Sensitive Areas (ESA), including 9,993.7 sq km in Kerala, which encompasses 13 villages in landslide-hit Wayanad. The Government has invited suggestions and objections within 60 days. The notification which proposes banning mining, quarrying, new thermal power projects, and large-scale construction in these areas, while allowing repairs and renovations of existing structures was issued on July 31, a day after a series of landslides claimed over 300 lives in Wayanad district. Existing healthcare facilities and property ownership changes will be unaffected.



The move follows the 2011 recommendations of the Western Ghats Ecology Expert Panel led by Madhav Gadgil. Overall, the notification includes 449 sq km in Gujarat, 17,340 sq km in Maharashtra, 1,461 sq km in Goa, 20,668 sq km in Karnataka, 6,914 sq km in Tamil Nadu, and 9,993.7 sq km in Kerala in the proposed ESA.

Kanwariyas get rousing welcome



A helicopter showers flower petals on 'Kanwariyas', at Pura Mahadev Temple in Baghat

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Rise in misleading ads during Covid reported

ARCHANA JYOTI ■ NEW DELHI

During the Covid-19 pandemic when the entire world was hankering after life saving solutions, a disturbing rise in misleading advertisements in the Ayush sector was noticed with the quacks taking advantage of the public's vulnerability amid the health crisis in India. As per the Government data, in 2020 alone, the first year of

the Covid-19, 5,861 cases of misleading advertisements were identified, including 171 related to Covid. This alarming trend escalated in 2021 with 8,144 cases reported, of which 43 were Covid-related. In the following year i.e. 2022, approximately 7,367 cases were documented, including four related to the Sars-Cov-19 induced infections. In contrast, there were 4,395 cases of misleading



advertisements in 2019 and just 411 in 2018, highlighting the disturbing growth of deceptive practices during a critical period when the entire world was looking for Covid cure. To combat this issue, Pharmacovigilance Centres have been established across the country to monitor and report suspicious ads and ensure the safety of Ayush drugs. "Under the

pharmacovigilance programme, a total of 38,539 misleading advertisements related to Ayush drugs were identified and reported to the State Licensing Authorities (SLAs) for potential action against the offenders in the past five years," said Union Minister of Ayush, Pratap Rao Jadhav. However, these reports are generally mild in nature, said the Minister replying to a query in Rajya Sabha.

Stray dogs bring man beaten and buried by foes back to life

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ AGRA/NEW DELHI

In a shocking and almost surreal incident in Agra, a man in his mid-thirties has narrated a harrowing tale of survival. He said he was attacked, strangled, and buried alive by four men over a land dispute. Defying the odds, his miraculous escape came through an unexpected quarters: A pack of stray dogs, who unearthed him and saved his life. Roop Kishore, in a spine-chilling account, recounted the ordeal he endured on July 18 in Agra's Artoni area. He said he was

allegedly assaulted by four men — Ankit, Gaurav, Karan, and Akash. The attack culminated in the assailants strangling Kishore and burying him alive on their farm, under the assumption that he was dead. In a turn of good luck, Kishore's survival can be attributed to a pack of stray dogs, who, foraging for food, dug up the area where Kishore was buried and began biting his exposed flesh. The sharp pain caused Kishore to regain consciousness. Drawing on a surge of adrenaline and sheer willpower, Kishore



managed to free himself and walked to a nearby village. There, local residents recognised him and promptly rushed him to the hospital, where he is currently receiving medical treatment. Kishore's mother, Roop Ramvati, provided additional details, revealing that the accused had forcibly taken her son from their home before subjecting him to the assault. Their intention to dispose of him in a ditch on their farm seemed foolproof until fate intervened. Neeraj Sharma, the Station House Officer (SHO) of the Sikandra Police Station,

confirmed that an FIR has been lodged against the four accused men. The police are actively searching for them to bring them to justice. In her distress, Ramvati, who filed the case, expressed her anguish and the family's trauma. As the investigation progresses, the community remains gripped by the sheer brutality of the crime and the miraculous survival of Kishore. Deepak Kumar said his brother Kishore, who has a six-month-old daughter, worked in a shoe factory. Kishore's mother said on July 18, there was a dispute between two

groups in the locality and Roop had objected to a man using "abusive language." "Initially, the local police at Sikandra neither sent my son for a medical exam nor registered a case. I had to hire a lawyer and approach police commissioner. The FIR was registered on Thursday, about 13 days after the incident," Ramvati pointed out. Agra Police said an FIR has been registered against four men under sections 109 (attempt to murder), 115 (voluntarily causing hurt) and 351 (criminal intimidation) of BNS on the basis of a complaint.

Punjab Govt announces sweeping police reshuffle, 15 SSPs shuffled

PNS ■ CHANDIGARH

In a major administrative overhaul, Punjab Government on Friday executed a substantial reshuffle within its police department, following the recent Lok Sabha elections. The reshuffle involved the transfer of 28 senior police official, including 24 Indian Police Service (IPS) and four Punjab Police Service (PPS) officers, marking one of the most extensive changes in the state's law enforcement hierarchy in recent memory. The reshuffle impacted the police leadership across 15 districts and includes alterations in the ranks of several range officers.

The reorganization aimed at addressing operational challenges and enhance the efficiency of the police force throughout the State. Key changes include new appointments for the Senior Superintendents of Police (SSPs) in no less than 15 crucial districts — Mohali, Patiala, Bathinda, Fazilka, Mansa,

Moga, Malerkotla, Pathankot, Muktsar, Faridkot, Tarn Taran, Batala, Amritsar Rural, Khanna, and Jalandhar Rural.

The move underscored the Government's intent to revitalize police leadership and address pressing administrative and security concerns.

One of the significant appointments is that of Sandeep Kumar Garg, a 2012-batch IPS officer, who has been designated as the Assistant Inspector General (AIG) of Intelligence in Punjab. Garg's new role will see him overseeing intelligence operations crucial for maintaining state security. Amneet Kondal, who previously served as Khanna SSP, is now the Bathinda district police chief. Kondal's appointment is part of the broader strategy to streamline police operations and address local administrative needs more effectively.

Similarly, Varun Sharma, who was previously serving in provisioning roles, has been appointed as AIG Provisioning and will also oversee the Road

Safety Force. Deepak Parik, formerly the SSP of Bathinda, has been moved to the role of SSP Mohali, replacing Garg. This move is expected to bring fresh perspectives and renewed energy to the Mohali police administration.

The reshuffle also included several notable transfers, such as Bhagirath Singh Meena, who transitions from SSP Muktsar to SSP Mansa; and Pragya Jain, who moves from SSP Fazilka to SSP Faridkot. These appointments are part of the government's broader effort to infuse new leadership into key positions across the state.

Suhail Qasim Mir, who was previously the SSP of Pathankot, has been appointed as the new SSP of Batala, replacing Ashwini Gotyal, who has been reassigned to a new role. Meanwhile, PPS officer Harkamalpreet Singh Khakh will assume the role of SSP Jalandhar Rural, taking over from his predecessor. These changes are intended to address regional security challenges

and enhance local law enforcement capabilities.

Additional significant appointments include Gurpreet Singh Bhullar, a 2004-batch IPS officer who had been awaiting a new posting after his removal as Amritsar Police Commissioner. Bhullar is now appointed as the Inspector General (Provisioning). Rakesh Kaushal, a 2009-batch IPS officer previously stationed as Border Range DIG, will now serve as DIG Crime. Naveen Singla, also a 2009-batch IPS officer, transitions to DIG Jalandhar Range, while Satinder Singh, a 2010-batch IPS officer, will handle the role of DIG Border Range, Amritsar.

Punjab Government's strategic reshuffle reflected its commitment to optimizing the state's law enforcement resources and improving public safety. The reorganization aimed at addressing a variety of operational and administrative challenges faced by the police department, enhancing overall effectiveness and efficiency.

Election of Hry Sikh Gurdwara Management Committee to be held soon, says CM Saini



PNS ■ CHANDIGARH

Stating that if no legal obstacles arise, the elections for the Haryana Sikh Gurdwara Management Committee (HSGMC) will be held soon, Haryana Chief Minister Nayab Singh Saini on Friday urged members of the Sikh community to register as many names as possible in the voter list of the HSGMC. The State Government has abolished the earlier fee of Rs 100 for registering names. A campaign will be launched to create voter IDs, he said.

The Chief Minister assured that Assandh would be made a district, stating that a sub-committee of the cabinet has been formed for this purpose. Assandh will be made a district once the necessary norms are fulfilled.

Addressing members of the Sikh community led by Jagdish Singh Jhinda in Chandigarh, Saini said that the present state government is committed to spread the teachings of Guru Sahibs to the present and coming generations. He urged everyone to follow the path of goodwill, tolerance, brotherhood, and mutual love shown by the Sikh Gurus in their lives, stating that this is the true mantra for human welfare and the real devotion to the Sikh Gurus.

Saini said that during his tenure, the government provided land to Gurdwara Sri Chilla Sahib in Sirsa, where the holy feet of Guru Nanak Dev Ji once touched.

He further shared that Prime Minister Modi has made numerous announcements for the Sikh religion over the past

decade, including observing December 26 as Veer Bal Diwas, to mark the martyrdom of sons of Sri Guru Gobind Singh - Sahibzadas Baba Zorawar Singh Ji and Baba Fateh Singh Ji. On this occasion, members of the Sikh community also presented a memorandum of demands before the Chief Minister.

'A Govt institution to be named after Namdev Maharaj'

In another event on the occasion of Sant Shiromani Namdev Ji's Jayanti, Saini announced to give Rs 21 lakh for the Maham Dharamshala in Rohtak and Rs 31 lakh for Namdev Dharamshalas across various locations in the state. Besides this, a government institution would be named after Namdev Maharaj, he said. Addressing the members of the Namdev community, he praised Sant Shiromani Namdev Ji's lifelong dedication to eradicating social evils and his commitment to the welfare of humanity.

During the event, members of the Namdev community honored the Chief Minister by presenting him with a turban. In response, the Chief Minister remarked that this honor belongs to the entire Namdev community and pledged never to diminish the respect associated with the turban. Saini said that the doors of the Chief Minister's residence are always open to every community and class in the state. He also assured the gathering that more than a dozen demands raised by the Namdev community would be addressed promptly.

Punjab Sports Dept to launch comprehensive athlete directory

MONIKA MALIK ■ CHANDIGARH

To revolutionize the sports management, Punjab Sports Department has decided to create an extensive players' directory. The initiative aimed at streamlining player registrations, documenting achievements, and simplify applications for cash awards. The directory is set to play a pivotal role in various departmental schemes, marking a significant step towards enhancing the sporting landscape in Punjab.

The Sports Department has issued a significant letter to the School Education secretary detailing plans to create an extensive directory of athletes. The primary focus of the initiative is to compile a detailed directory of players across Punjab.

A senior official told The directory will serve multiple purposes like player registration, tournament records, their achievements, cash award applications, and also event registration for 'Khedan Watan Punjab Diyan'. The official said that such directory will help in maintaining a central database for registering athletes across the State, where comprehensive records of tournaments they are participating in would be maintained. It will also help in documenting the players' accomplishments and milestones, besides simplifying the application process for cash awards or grants.

In addition, the director will also facilitate easy registration for events during the 'Khedan Watan Punjab Diyan' sports festival. "That is not all! The Department is also planning to initiate player grading through this portal, further enhancing the management and recognition of athletic talent," added the official.

This year's 'Khedan Watan Punjab Diyan 2024' is scheduled to begin on August 29, and it would be for the first time that the newly-developed portal will be utilized for registration purposes. Given the large number of school students expected to register, the Department is taking proactive measures to ensure a smooth and efficient process.

To address any potential issues with the registration process, the

Sports Department, in collaboration with the National Informatics Centre (NIC), will provide training to coaches from the Sports Department as well as District Physical Education Instructors (DPEs) and Physical Training Instructors (PTEs) from the School Education Department. This training aimed at equipping these officials with the necessary skills to assist students in the registration process effectively.

The training sessions are being conducted via video conferencing, starting from August 2 (Friday), followed by session on August 5 and 6. The Sports Department has requested the School Education Department to ensure the participation of their DPEs and PTEs in these training sessions. Furthermore, a detailed list of the trained DPEs and PTEs should be submitted to the Sports Department for record-keeping and further coordination.

The Sports Department's initiative marked a significant step towards enhancing the sports infrastructure in Punjab, which was once numero uno in this field. By creating a centralized directory and leveraging digital tools for registration and record-keeping, the Sports Department aimed at fostering a more organized and supportive environment for the state's players.

During the ongoing Paris Olympics, Punjab has sent a strong contingent of 19 athletes. Among these, 10 will showcase their skills in hockey, while six shooters are set to aim for the medals. Though wrestling has no contenders from Punjab this time, the expectations are high for the shooters, given their stellar performances in previous competitions.

Punjab's shooters, including notable names like Sifat Kaur Samra from Faridkot, Anjum Moudgil from Mohali, Vijayveer Singh Sidhu from Mansa, Arjun Singh Cheema from Fatehgarh, Arjun Babuta from Fazilka, and Rajeshwari Kumari from Patiala, have shown remarkable prowess.

After securing a bronze medal at the Tokyo Olympics and a gold at the Asian Games, the Indian hockey team is now setting its sights on upgrading its medal colour at the Paris Olympics. The squad features a

CM congratulates Indian Hockey team for spectacular win against Australia

Punjab Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann on Friday congratulated the Indian Hockey contingent for a historic win over Australia in the ongoing Paris Olympic Games. "India has drubbed the Australian squad after a gap of 52 years. It is a matter of great pride and satisfaction that India had defeated Australia by 3-2. Captain Harmanpreet Singh has led the team to victory by scoring two goals in this important match," said Mann, envisioning that this historic win will pave the way for restoring the pristine glory of the national game in the country. Mann said that the entire team has made the entire country feel proud by this marvelous victory against Australia. He extended best wishes to the Indian team for the matches ahead and expressed hope that the Indian team will bag a medal for the country.

mix of seasoned stars and promising players, including drag-flicker and captain Harmanpreet Singh from Amritsar and defenders Jarmanpreet Singh, Shamser Singh, Gurjant Singh, and Jugraj Singh. Many of these players have

previously competed in Tokyo Olympics and Asian Games. The team also includes Manpreet Singh, Hardik Singh, Mandeep Singh, and Sukjeet Singh from Jalandhar, as well as Kishan Bahadur Pathak from Kapurthala.

Hry CM promises full support for investors expanding their businesses into Tanzania

PNS ■ CHANDIGARH

Haryana Chief Minister Nayab Singh Saini on Friday extended full support to the investors interested in expanding their businesses into Tanzania and assured that the State Government is committed to facilitating their endeavors by providing assistance through the relevant departments in their areas of interest. The Chief Minister was presiding over a debriefing session with the members of Haryana delegation who recently visited Tanzania, here in Chandigarh.

While urging the industrialists to explore possibilities in setting up their ventures abroad, Saini said that the State Government has established the Department of Foreign Cooperation with a view to make Haryana a global identity and to establish Haryana as a preferred destination for investors.

It may be recalled that a high-level delegation led by the Additional Chief Secretary, Foreign Cooperation Department visited Tanzania



during the 48th Tanzania International Trade Fair 2024 from July 8 to July 15, 2024 along with industrialists, exporters, traders and institutions from various sectors.

During the visit, detailed discussions were held between the Haryana businessman and Tanzania government and companies to discuss opportunities in various sectors like plywood, sugarmill, mining, agriculture, home appliances, electrical and electronic goods, Education, security etc.

Advisor of the Foreign Cooperation Department, Pawan Choudhary, apprised

the Chief Minister that Haryana's exports to Tanzania have increased by approximately 18% between the financial years 2023 and 2024, following the Haryana-Africa Conclave. There is significant potential for business expansion in Tanzania and fruitful efforts are being made to capitalize on these opportunities, he added.

Managing Director of HAFED, Dr J Ganesan, shared that HAFED has established a store in Tanzania and is in the process of finalizing the export of 10,000 tonnes of rice within one quarter. This Government-to-Government business is expected to significantly boost rice exports from Haryana.

The industrialists expressed their gratitude to the Haryana government for its support throughout the visit, acknowledging the positive impact of the state's assistance on their international ventures. They also shared their experiences of the Tanzania visit and submitted a proposal to the Chief Minister for investment in agriculture, home appliances, education, packaging, plywood etc.

Punjab Agri Minister Assesses Cotton Crop Amid Pest Concerns

PNS ■ CHANDIGARH

In a proactive measure to safeguard Punjab's cotton industry, the state Agriculture and Farmers Welfare Minister Gurmeet Singh Khudian on Friday conducted an extensive field tour in Mansa district. Accompanied by senior officials and local representatives, Khudian inspected cotton fields across several villages, including Ramnagar Bhatthal, Jhuni, and Khiali Chehlan Wali.

The Minister reported that recent surveys of 198 locations in Mansa district showed no hotspots of pink bollworm infestation, although three areas exceeded the Economic Threshold Level (ETL) for whitefly damage.

He emphasized the importance of continuous monitoring and pest management, revealing that 128 surveillance teams have been deployed across multiple districts to oversee cotton crop health.

Himachal CM Inspects cloudburst site, announces assistance

Eight dead 45 still missing in cloudbursts in the State

Rescue operations are underway on Friday to trace about 45 people missing following flash floods triggered by cloudbursts in three districts of Himachal Pradesh even as with recovery of three more bodies, the death toll due to the flash floods in Nirmand, Sainj and Malana areas in Kullu, Mandi's Padhar and Shimla's Rampur subdivision has increased to eight.

Chief Minister Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu along with Education Minister Rohit Thakur visited Samej on the border of Shimla and Kullu district to take stock of the situation and

talk to the victims. Over 30 people were missing after a cloudburst near Shrikhand Mahadev route on Wednesday night triggered flash floods in Sarpara, Ganvi and Kurban nallahs. Talking to reporters, Sukhu said 17-18 women and 8-9 children are among those missing. The rescue of people is our first priority.

The chief minister announced an immediate relief of Rs 50,000 for the victims and also said that they would be given Rs 5,000 a month for rent for the next three months along with gas, food and other essential items. He said that arrangements would be made for schooling of children as several primary and secondary schools have been damaged. A relief package would be announced for the disaster-hit



victims after the monsoon season is over, he added.

Five bodies were found in Mandi's Rajban village, one in Nirmand in Kullu, officials said on Friday while mutilated parts of two people were recovered in Rampur. Relatives of the missing persons are camping at

the sites with hope fading with every passing hour.

The Chief Minister assured that financial assistance for rebuilding their houses would be announced shortly. The government is committed to the rehabilitation of the affected families, he said and directed

the district administration to make alternative arrangements to ensure that displaced families do not face any further miseries and difficulties.

He also met with students from Government Senior Secondary School Samej, whose eight classmates are missing following the tragic incident. Students Rakhii and Kartik Thakur both in Class VIII, informed the Chief Minister that their school had been completely damaged and they were in shock. He assured that the school building would be reconstructed in a much better and planned manner so that the children receive a good education in a better environment. The Chief Minister also encouraged them to stay strong and support their families in this hour of

grief.

Vimla Devi, a resident of Samej, recounted the horrific night of the cloudburst, with fear and panic all over in the village. The Chief Minister shared their sufferings and assured that the State Government stand by them in their hour of suffering. "The government stands shoulder to shoulder with the affected persons and will support the families during this challenging time. All the affected families were my family members, and I assure you that a relief package will be announced shortly," said Sukhu. "I stand by you all and can understand well the pain of losing the dear ones I can share your grief but can't bring back your loved ones who went missing since the catastrophic incident.

HEAVY RAINFALL IN HIMACHAL TILL AUGUST 6 MET OFFICE

Shimla: The meteorological office on Friday issued a 'yellow' alert for heavy rain, thunderstorm and lightning in isolated places in ten out districts of Himachal Pradesh till August 6. It also cautioned of the possibility of landslides and flash floods in vulnerable areas and damage to plantations and standing crops and houses due to strong winds, and waterlogging in low-lying areas. Meanwhile, light rains continued in parts of the state. Kasol recorded 33 mm of rain followed by 19 mm in Seobagh, 11 mm in Hamirpur, 10 mm in Manali, 7.2 mm in Nahan, 7 mm each in Nadaun and Bilaspur, 6 mm in Jubbarhatti, 3 mm each in Dharamshala, Solan and Keylong and 2 mm each in Mandi and Chamba. Shimla received light showers. Rain-related incidents have claimed 73 lives since the onset of monsoon on June 27 till August 1 and the state has also suffered losses to the tune of Rs 649 crore, according to the state's Emergency Operation Centre. Kukumseri in Lahaul and Spiti was coldest at night recording a low of 12.5 degree Celsius while Una was hottest during the day recording a high of 36.4 degree Celsius.

CYLINDER BURST IN FEROEZPUR: PUNJAB CHILD'S PANEL DIRECTS ADMN TO BEAR FULL TREATMENT COSTS FOR INJURED CHILDREN

Chandigarh: Punjab State Child Rights Protection Commission has taken a suo motu cognizance of media reports regarding the injuries of five children due to a cylinder burst at Gurudwara Jamani Sahib in Ferozepur district. The Commission has issued a letter to the District Administration, seeking a comprehensive report on the incident by August 6, 2024. Commission chairman Kanwardeep Singh on Friday said that the District Administration has been directed to ensure all necessary medical services are provided to the injured children, and also instructed to bear the entire cost of the treatment for the injured children.

INCLUDE REGIONAL LANGUAGES IN CONSTITUTIONAL APPOINTMENT NOTIFICATIONS: PUNJAB SPEAKER TO PREZ

Chandigarh: Citing the recent appointment of Punjab Governor, where the notification was read out solely in English and Hindi, Punjab Vidhan Sabha Speaker Kuldar Singh Sandhwan on Friday urged the President of India to include regional languages in all official notifications related to constitutional appointments. Sandhwan, in a letter to the President, highlighted, "On July 31, 2024, during the oath ceremony of the Governor of Punjab, the appointment notification issued by your Secretariat was read in English and Hindi. Unfortunately, the notification was not available in Punjabi. This omission has caused disappointment and concern among the people of Punjab." He proposed that all notifications, related to constitutional appointees, should include the regional language alongside English and Hindi.

PUNJAB VB ARRESTS POLICE INSPECTOR FOR ACCEPTING RS 6L BRIBE

Chandigarh: Punjab Vigilance Bureau (VB) on Friday arrested police Inspector Vijay Kumar, who was earlier posted as in-charge CIA Samana, Patiala district, for accepting a bribe of Rs six lakh in conniving with co-accused Raghvir Singh — the assistant sub-inspector (ASI). Spokesperson said the Inspector Vijay Kumar has been arrested in an FIR, dated October 23, 2023, under section 7 of Prevention of Corruption Act registered at VB police station Patiala range. Earlier, ASI Raghvir Singh was arrested in this FIR and after his interrogation Inspector Vijay Kumar was also nominated in this case. The complainant has alleged, in his online complaint, that the accused ASI had demanded illegal gratification of Rs 10 lakh for joining an investigation of a case registered against him in Samana police station and had already taken Rs six lakh as a bribe on April 2, 2023, and asking for the remaining money of Rs four lakh.

HRY SPEAKER RAISES ISSUE OF FLAWS IN VOTER'S LIST WITH STATE CHIEF ELECTORAL OFFICER

Chandigarh: Haryana Assembly Speaker and Panchkula MLA Gian Chand Gupta on Friday met State Chief Electoral Officer Pankaj Aggarwal and demanded to remove the flaws in voter's lists. He also handed over a copy of the letter written to the Chief Election Commissioner of India on July 27 and survey documents showing errors in the voter's list. On the occasion, he also talked in detail about these errors. According to Gupta, the names of persons who died and left the constituency have not been removed. Names of some persons are being found in two different places. He demanded to remove the errors in the voter's list.

JJP APPOINTS DISTRICT IN-CHARGES & DISTRICT PRESIDENTS IN ALL 22 DISTRICTS

Chandigarh: Jannayak Janata Party (JJP) on Friday appointed district in-charges and district presidents in all 22 districts under the organization's reconstruction. JJP National President Ajay Singh Chautala, former Deputy CM Dushyant Chautala, JJP State President Brij Sharma and many other senior leaders discussed and released the list of appointments of 29 district in-charges and district presidents. JJP has appointed Mandeep Boparai in Ambala, Sajjan Balali in Dadri, Pradeep Chaudhary in Faridabad, Ravindra Beniwal in Fatehabad, Sheo Chand Yadav in Gurugram, Gurdev Rambha in Karnal and Kuldeep Jakhwala in Kurukshetra as district presidents. Manish Sharma in Mahendragarh, Devendra Sorot in Palwal, OP Sihag in Panchkula, Ram Niwas Patwari in Panipat, Ashok Verma in Sirsa, Raj Singh Dahiya in Sonapat, Vijay Panch Gurjar in Rewari and Gurdwinder Tejali in Yamunanagar will be JJP district presidents.

DRAFT VOTER LIST PUBLISHED: CITIZENS CAN CHECK THEIR NAMES, SAYS CEO HARYANA

Chandigarh: Haryana Chief Electoral Officer Pankaj Aggarwal on Friday said that the draft voter list has been published on August 2 in preparation for the upcoming general assembly elections. Any citizen or representative of political parties can check the names and other details of the electors in these draft lists. If there are any errors, claims and objections can be filed through Form-8 by August 16, he added. Aggarwal further said that the resolution of claims and objections will be completed through the District Election Officer by August 26. The final voter lists will be published on August 27, 2024. He urged young boys and girls who have completed the age of 18 to register their votes before the Haryana Assembly elections and participate in the democratic process to contribute to the development of the state and country. The Chief Electoral Officer said that the Election Commission of India has streamlined the process for including names in the voter list. Previously, the qualifying date was considered to be January 1, with the process conducted once a year. Now, new votes can be registered four times a year, on January 1, April 1, July 1, and October 1.

HRY TRANSPORT MINISTER ORDERS SUSPENSION OF POWER DEPARTMENT EXECUTIVE ENGINEER

Chandigarh: Haryana Minister of State for Transport, Women and Child Development Assem Goel Naneola on Friday, while taking a strict cognizance of the improper handling of complainants, has directed suspension of the Executive Engineer of the Power Department. Besides this, he also directed to issue show cause notice to another Executive Engineer of the Power Department and the DETC (District Excise and Taxation Officer) of the Excise Department for being absent without permission.

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I, Tanuj Goyal S/O Murali Lal Goyal R/O Arvind Nagar Bathinda Road Kotkapura Distt Faridkot Punjab Declare That I Have Lost My Dmc/Certificate Of 10th, 10+2 (Pseb Mohali) , B.Com 3rd Year Dmc/Degree (Punjab University Patiala) And Mba 3rd Year Dmc/Degree Mba Enrolment No. 51102664 (Int Cdl Gaziabad)

BEDAKHLI NOTICE

I, Amarjit Kaur W/o Late Sh. Surinderjit Singh R/O House no. 1503, Sector 36-D, Chandigarh declared that my daughter Jasleen Singh is out of my control. I disown her from my movable immovable properties. Anyone deals with her at his/ her own risk.

I, Jaswant S/o Ramdiya R/O H.No. 16, Village Karami, Tehsil Thanesar, District Kurukshetra, have evicted my son Soni, his wife Aarti from all my movable, immovable properties, as they are out of my control. Anybody dealing with them at their own risk. I or any other member of my family will not be responsible.

I, Brij Mohan Sharma S/o Sh. Baljit Singh R/O 737, Main Road, Bakhtawarpur, Delhi-110036, have disown my son Deepak, his wife Laxita, from all my movable, immovable properties, as they are out of my control. If anybody dealing with them in future at their own risk.

I, Brij Mohini Bajaj Wife Rajinder Kumar Bajaj Resident Of House No. 318 New Kanshi Nagar Street No. 08 Manjit Place Backside Ferozepur City Declare My Son Tarun Bajaj And My Daughter-In-Law Aaina Arora, Who Are Beyond My Control, Do Their Own Thing. I Evict Them From My Immovable Property. I Have Nothing To Do With Them. There Will Be No Responsibility To Make Related Notes.

I, Rajwinder Kaur W/o Late Kuldeep Singh R/O Ward No.7, Ghanaur Sub Tehsil Ghanaur Tehsil Rajpura Distt Patiala Declare That My Son Lovpreet Singh And His Wife Harpreet Kaur Are Out Of My Control. So I Disown Them From All My Movable And Immovable Properties. Anybody Dealing With Them On Their Own Risk.

I, Major Singh Son Of Balkar Singh Resident Of Village And Post Office Nurpur Sethan Tehsil & District Ferozepur Declares That My Son Rajinder Kumar And My Daughter-In-Law Anmolpreet Are Out Of Our Control. We Disown Them From Our Movable-Immovable Properties. Anybody Deals With Them At His Own Risk. We Will Not Responsible For Their Acts.

I, Darshana Devi W/o Late Om parkash village, Ishakpur Tehsil, Thanesar district, Kurukshetra, my daughter Komal Devi, aged 22 years, is out of my control. I, disown them from all my moveable and immovable properties. If anybody deals with him at their own risk.

I, Parmjit Kaur W/o Lt. Sh. Mangat Singh, R/O # 2539, Sector 40-C, Sd, do hereby declare that my son Chander Singh is out of my control. I disown my son from all my moveable and immovable properties. Any person who deals with him shall do so at his / her / their own risk and responsibility.

I, Jatinder Kumar S/o Gulshan Kumar R/O Ward no.-19, Street No-2, Anant Nagar, Khanna (Ludhiana) Declare That My daughter Neha Thapar W/O Ankush Thapar is out of my control. The Behaviour of my daughter Neha Thapar W/O Ankush Thapar is very bad. I Disown my daughter Neha Thapar, Her Husband Ankush Thapar and their children from my moveable and immovable property. Anybody deals with them shall be fully responsible for that.

PUBLIC NOTICE

I, JC-267887F Sub.(RETD) Subedar Satbir Singh Resident Akalgarh Post Office Budha Khera Lathar Tehsil Julana District Jind Haryana, In my service record my son's name is Virender Singh and date of birth is 15-08-1990, My son's name is Virender Dalal and date of birth is 05-08-1990 is the correct name.

I, Sunita W/o Balbir Masih R/O Vpo Zajidpur Jattan Tehsil Mukerian Distt Hoshiarpur Declare That In My Daughter Mehak School Record My Name Is Wrongly Recorded As Balveer Masih. My Correct Name Is Balbir Masih.

I, Komal D/o Kapil Kumar Gangar R/O #1008 7th Floor Amarya Greens 2 Po. Kharar (SAS Nagar, Mohali) declare that my some documents my father name wrongly entered Kapil Kumar. But my father correct name is Kapil Kumar Gangar. So amended my father name from Kapil Kumar to Kapil Kumar Gangar.

I, Komal D/o Kapil Kumar Gangar R/O #1008 7th Floor Amarya Greens 2 Po. Kharar (SAS Nagar, Mohali) declare that my some documents my mother name wrongly entered Inderjeet. But my mother correct name is Inderjit Gangar. So amended my mother name from Inderjeet to Inderjit Gangar.

I, Kamaljit Kaur Widow of Kuldeep Singh ward no 05 Keharwali Dasuya Distt Hoshiarpur declare that my daughter Jasmeen school 's record My husband Name spelling written Kulpid Singh wrongly. Actually his name is Kuldeep Singh as per aadhar card record.

In my service record my mother's Simro Devi D.O.B is wrongly recorded as 40/89 instead of 1-07-1945. In future she should be known as her actual date of birth. No. 5450943X Honey Nb Sun Rakesh Kumar.

I, Rawel Kaur W/o Milka Singh Vill. Kharak Balra, Tehsil Mukerian, Distt. Hoshiarpur have changed my name from Rawal Kaur to Rawel Kaur & DOB 01.07.1958 to 01.01.1962.

I, Yashodamma mother of Service No. JC-423316M Rank Subedar Ganapati Rao Rokkam residing at H.No.03/78 Village Chowdari Kthruva PO Kurudu Tehsil Kotabommali Distt Srikalakulam (Andhra Pradesh)-532195 have changed my name from Yashodamma to Rokkam Yashodamma and date of birth from 14 March 1930 to 01 January 1939 due to wrong name and DOB recorded in my son's Service record vide Affidavit No. IN-PB41487601226259W Dated 31 July 24 before Notary Public Gurdaspur.

I, Thankamani N K Legally Mother Of No. Jc-314568h Rank Nb/Sub Name Jeeshkumar Nk Unit 4 Engr Regt. C/O 56 Apo Bathinda Cantt. (Punjab) Permanent Resident Of Nadukunnu, Karumba Poyil, Naduvannur P O, Vtc : Naduvannur, Po : Naduvannur, Distt Kozhikode, State Kerala-673614 Declare That I Have Changed My Name From Thanka Mony To Thankamani N K And Dob From 01.07.1960 To 16.02.1962

I, Lakshmi Legally Mother Of No. 161228431 Rank Nk Name Kasi Mayan S Unit 4 Engr Regt. C/O 56 Apo Bathinda Cantt. (Punjab) Permanent Resident Of East Street, Paramanpatti, Vtc : Kuppalthanam, Po : Chinnakkattai, Distt. Madurai, State Tamil Nadu-625527 Declare That I Have Changed My Name From S Lakshmi To Lakshmi And Dob From 03.08.1973 To 28.05.1972

I, Muraledharan Nair Legally Father Of No. 16125870a Rank L/Nk Name Akhil Ms Unit 4 Engr Regt. C/O 56 Apo Bathinda Cantt. (Punjab) Permanent Resident Of Kuttivel Veedu, Vtc : Koduvazhannoor, Po Pullayil, Sub Distt. Chirayinkeezhu, Distt. Thiruvananthapuram, State Kerala-695601 Have Changed My Name From Muraledharan Nair C To Muraledharan Nair And Dob From 02.04.1959 To 01.01.1964

I, Kulvanshpreet Singh S/O Lovejeet Singh, R/O Vill -Gunopur Tehsil/Distt Gurdaspur-143528, Punjab. Declare That Changed My Name Kulvanshpreet Singh Saini Is Wrong. But My Name Kulvanshpreet Singh Is Correct. Vide Affidavit No. IN-PB42165235815443W Dated 02-08-2024 Before Notary Public Gurdaspur Punjab.

I, Ranjit Singh S/O Swaran Singh. Vpo Zafarwal Tehsil/Distt Gurdaspur. Declare That In My Passport No K5394534 My Father's Name Wrongly Written As Swam Singh. My Father's Correct Name Is Swaran Singh According To All Documents.

मैं सोनू (आधार नं.463780614772)पत्नी अश्वनी निवासी गांव खरावड़ जिला रोहताक। रजी. नं. 3352/2019. मेरे पुत्र योगेश्वर ने भवना पुत्री विनोद कुमार पुत्र श्री सुतनारायण निवासी मुकानं नंबर 764/01 हेफड़ रोड नंबर 1 जिला रोहताक। मेरे पुत्र योगेश्वर और भवना के बीच अश्वी दोस्ती है। हम दोनों परिवार ब्राह्मण जाति से संबंध रखते हैं। हम दोनों परिवारों ने मिलकर योगेश्वर व भवना की बिना किसी दान देवज के नियमों के मुताबिक कोर्ट में 22/07/2024 को शादी कराया दी गई है। हमें कोई आपत्ति नहीं है।

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CHANGE OF NAME

I, Raj Kumar Garg S/O Om Parkash R/O #1200, Sector-11, Panchkula (Haryana) have changed my name from Raj Kumar Garg to Raj Kumar.

I, Varinder Singh S/o Dhoom Singh R/O #624, Sector-21, Panchkula, Haryana have want to change my name from Varinder Singh Chauhan to Varinder Singh in my daughter Vedika Chauhan 10th Class educational documents.

I, Armiy No. 6315835-W, Rank: Signy, Name: Malkit Singh Mangat S/O B.S. Mangat R/O Ratta Tibba, P.O. Ratta Tibba, Tehsil & Distt. Fatehabad, Haryana declare that in my service records my wife's name mentioned as Kulpid Kaur & D.O.B. 08.03.1951 but his correct name is Kuldeep Kaur & D.O.B. 10.12.1950.

I, Anil Goel Son of Shri Krishan Lal resident of H.No. 203/4, Bishan Saroop Colony Panipat-132103, State that I have changed my name from Anil Goel Son of Shri Krishan Lal to Anil Kumar Son of Shri Krishan Lal Goel.

I, Nitu Goel W/o Rishi Kumar R/O 956, Lathamra Street, Jaroda, Jagadhri, Yamuna Nagar, Haryana-135003 have changed my name from Nitu Goel to Neetu.

I, Rishi Kumar Goel S/O Tilak Raj R/O 956, Lathamra Street, Jaroda, Yamuna Nagar, Haryana-135003 have changed my name from Rishi Kumar Goel to Rishi Kumar.

I, Nisha W/o Sunil Kumar R/O 26 Ramneek Nagar Mithapur Road Jalandhar City have changed my name to Kirti Daver For all purposes. For I all future purposes.

I, Mackbhir Singh Neelay S/O Lakhbir Singh Neelay R/O H No. 2420, Sector 24-C, Chandigarh have changed my name from Mackbhir Singh Neelay S/O Lakhbir Singh Neelay & Gurpreet Kaur Neelay to Mackbhir Singh S/O Lakhbir Singh & Gurpreet Kaur.

I, Karthikeyan.T s/o Thangavel R/O #854 Vikas Nagar Mougli Jagran Chandigarh have changed my name to Karthikeyan Thangavel

I, Punwasi Father of No 803638W Rank Hav Ramesh Chand Pal R/O Village: Lasmaria, Tehsil-Aurai, District-Sant Ravidas Nagar, Uttar Pradesh Pin- 221306. I have changed my name from Punwasi to Punwasi Pal. Hence the affidavit sworn before notary Shalander Kaur dt 1st August 2024.

I, Narender Kumar s/o Lakhmi Chand r/o # 5487/1, MHC(Sector-13), Manimajra, U.T., Chandigarh have changed my name to Narender Gulati.

I, Sulekha Bibi W/o Alamgir Ansari R/O H.No.88, Sat Kartar Colony, Street No.2, Panipat, declare that I have changed my name from Sulekha Bibi to Ravinder Rath, for all future purposes.

I, Sushil Mehta S/O Late Sh. Nand Lal R/O #864, Sector 12, Panchkula, Haryana. I Have Change My Name From Sushil Mehta To Sushil Kumar Mehta.

I, Sakshi Malhotra W/O Chanakya Batta R/O #929, Sector 117, Tdi City, Airport Road, SAS Nagar, Mohali, Punjab. I Have Changed My Name After Marriage Sakshi Malhotra To Sakshi Batta.

I, Saroj Bala W/o Vinod Kumar R/O #292/14, Anand Nagar, Saini Chaupal, Ward No.14, Sonipat have changed my name from Saroj Bala to Saroj.

I, Ramkishan S/o Tulsi Ram R/O Ward No.13, Adarsh Nagar, Shorgar Dhani, Hisar (Haryana)-125001 have changed my name from Ramkishan to Ram Saran.

I, Jai Kour W/o Ramkishan R/O near Kali Devi Mata Mandir, Sorgar Dhana Milgatte, Hisar (Haryana)-125001 have changed my name from Jai Kour to Jai Kaur.

I, Vechue Ram S/o Shali Gram, # 288, Phase-2, Ram Darbar Colony, Chandigarh have changed my name to Bechu Ram.

I, Shelly Gupta W/o Ramnishi Kumar R/O H.No- 505 Urban Estate, Sector-9 Ambala City have changed my name from Shelly Gupta to Shelly Aggarwal. All concerned please note.

I, Sanjeev S/o Ram Kumar R/O VPO Talakaur Distt Yamunanagar I have changed my Name Sanjeev To Sanjeev Kumar

I, Yashpal Singh S/o Labh Singh R/O VPO Bara Distt Ambala I have changed my Name Yashpal Singh To Yashpal Bahgal.

I, Kuljit Kaur W/o Gurjinder Pal Singh R/O Village Padlu Distt Kurukshetra Have changed my name to Kuljeet Kaur.

I, Sonu Singh Army no 4485996Y S/O Sh. Munni Lal R/O Village Dehar Tehsil Naraingarh Distt Ambala inform that in my Army records my Son name wrongly mentioned as Aarav, but Documents his correct & actual name is Aarav Singh.

I, Balwinder Kaushal S/o Shiv Ram R/O 4619 Darshan Vihar, Sec-68, Mohali SAS Nagar have changed my name to Balwinder Sharma.

I, Ruopa Minhas D/o Balwinder Sharma R/O Village no 196 Pabna Road omaxe city jagadhri, Yamuna nagar Have changed my name to Ruopa Rani

I, Jernail Singh S/o Hamam Singh R/O Vill Kalsani Distt kurukshetra have changed my name to Jernail Singh.

I, Harish S/O Hans Raj Arora R/O House no Bx - 218/ 30, Mohalla Krishna Nagar, Teh/Distt Pathankot Have Changed My Name From Harish To Harish Arora.

I, Hans Raj S/O Uttam Chand R/O House no Bx - 218/ 30, Mohalla Krishna Nagar Bhadroya Road, Teh/Distt Pathankot Have Changed My Name From Hans Raj To Hans Raj Arora.

I, Rohit Devgan S/o Surinder Devgan r/o #6-A, Sector-14, Karnal (Haryana) have changed my minor daughter's name from Nyrika to Nyrika Devgan. In future she should be known as Nyrika Devgan.

I, Khushpal Kaur Garcha W/o Gurminder Singh Garcha R/O Village Phullanwal, Main Pakhowal Road, Basant Avenue, Ludhiana, Punjab-141013 declare that name of mine and my husband is wrongly written as Khushpal Kaur & Gurminder Singh in my minor son Yuvraj Singh aged 16 years in his CBSE Class 10th Educational Documents. Actual name of mine and my husband are Khushpal Kaur Garcha and Gurminder Singh Garcha.

I, Harprit Kaur S/o Sarabjit Singh R/O H.No. C-398, Vill-Hardo Bathwala, Gurdaspur, Punjab-143521 have changed my name to Harpreet Kaur.

I, Sarbjit Singh S/o Baldev Singh R/O H.No. C-398, Vill-Hardo Bathwala, Gurdaspur, Punjab-143521 have changed my name to Sarabjit Singh.

I, Kawaljeet Kaur W/o Sukhrajbir Singh, Village Cheema Khurd, Cheema Kalan, P.O. Cheema Kalan, Distt. Tarn Taran, Punjab 143414 have changed my name from Kawaljit Kaur to Kawaljeet Kaur.

I, Arti Bansal W/o Dikshant Bansal R/O 1368, Sector-6, Karnal, have changed my name from Arti Goel to Arti Bansal.

I, Bhavuk S/o Sanjeev Kumar R/O H.No 1465, Nagla Mohalla Manimajra, Chandigarh have changed my name to Bhavuk Kumar.

I, Nirmla Kulhari, wife of Anil Kumar Mahala, resident of M. Kulhadiyon ki Dhani, District Jhunjhunu (Rajasthan) declare that my name is recorded as Nirmla Mahala in my husband Army records. Whereas my correct name is Nirmla Kulhari. Nirmla Kulhari and Nirmla Mahala are the same woman i.e. my name.

I, Baru Singh S/o Sh. Tej Pal R/O H.No. 614, Sec-B, Defence Colony, Ambala Cantt do hereby solemnly affirm & declare that my daughter's Sital Singh Rana 10th School Certificate of CBSE my name is wrongly mentioned as Baru Singh Rana instead of Baru Singh. My Correct name is Baru Singh. All Concerned note.

I, Vinod Kumar Kwatra S/o Kashmiri Lal R/O H.No. 999/5A Devi Mandir ke pass, Pipli, Kurukshetra, have changed my name from Vinod Kumar Kwatra to Vinod Kumar.

I, Neha Aggarwal W/o Arun Goel R/O Near Railway Phatak Mohalla Purani Mandi Narnaul Mahendergarh Haryana- 123001 declare that name of mine has been wrongly written as Neha Goel in my minor son Harsh Goel aged 17 Years in his 10th class educational documents the actual name of mine is Neha Aggarwal.

I, Bhawna D/o Kamal Kishore W/o Sumit Bhalra R/O 69, Lane No. 8, A-Block, Guru Amar Dass Avenue, Ajnala Road, Amritsar, Punjab have changed my name after marriage from Bhawna to Bhawna Bhalra.

I, Dawinder Singh S/o Daljit Singh R/O H.No. L-5/751, Gali No.3, Shaheed Udhm Singh Nagar, Amritsar, Punjab have changed my name from Dawinder Singh to Davinder Singh.

I, Sinder Kaur W/o Karamjit Singh R/O Village Badiulzaman Distt Gurdaspur have changed my name from Sinder Kaur to Surinder Kaur. Concerned note.

I, Paramjeet Kaur W/o Sukhdev Singh R/O Village Sohla Distt Gurdaspur have changed my name from Paramjeet Kaur to Paramjit Kaur. Concerned note.

I, Daljit Kaur w/o Manjeet Singh R/O VPO Lukhi Tehsil Thanesar District Kurukshetra Haryana have changed my name from Daljit Kaur to Bachan Kaur.

I, Gur Parshad Khurana S/o Daya Nand Khurana R/O House No. 656, Sector20, HUDA, Kaithal, Distt. Kaithal (Haryana) declares that I have changed my name from Gur Parshad S/O Daya Nand to Gur Parshad Khurana S/O Daya Nand Khurana. In future, I will be known by the name of Gur Parshad Khurana S/O Daya Nand Khurana. All concerned please note.

I, Manjit Kaur W/o Gurwinder Singh Dhillon R/O H.No.103-104, Kot Mit Singh Near Gurdwara Bhai Manjrh Sahib, Kot Mit Singh Amritsar have changed my name from Manjit Kaur to Manjeet Kaur.

I, Gurwinder Dhillon S/o Joginder Singh R/O H.No.103-104, Kot Mit Singh Near Gurdwara Bhai Manjrh Sahib, Kot Mit Singh Amritsar have changed my name from Gurwinder Dhillon to Gurwinder Singh Dhillon

I, Chamkaur Singh S/o Piara Singh R/O Patti Sara Di, Chhattiwind Amritsar have changed my Son's name from Jaideep Singh to Jaideep Singh Randhawa

I, Aruna Trikha W/o Brij Bihari Trikha R/O 64 F.G.C Road Chand Avenue Amritsar-I Amritsar Punjab have changed my name from Aruna Sharma to Aruna Trikha

I, Amanjot Kaur W/o Gurjinder Singh R/O Vill. Shalapur Dona, Mothanwala, Distt. Kapurthala, Punjab-144620, (India) have declared that Kaur is my surname and Amanjot is my given name.

I, Balveer Chand S/o Dina Nath, R/O VPO Bhanam, Tehsil Nangal, Rupnagar, declare that my name Bhagat Ram S/O Dina Nath wrongly entered in the Jarnabandi, whereas my real and correct name is Bhagat Ram alias Balveer Chand. Both names are mine.

I, Sulakshana Dhiman W/O Kartar Chand R/O H.No- 363, Sector-10, Panchkula, Haryana, Have Changed My Name From Sulakshana Dhiman To Sulakshana Devi.

I, Mysewak Singh Sran S/O Sita Singh R/O Mehraj Road, Near Jaure Phul, Rampura Phul, Distt. Bathinda N/AI # 635, Silverstone Ave Winiepu, Manitoba, R321-2V6-Canada Have Name Changed To Maninder Singh Sran With Immediate Effect.

I, Uma Sharma W/O Sh Ram Mohan Sharma Now Resident Of Flat No. A-604, Vikram Vihar, Awho, Sector 27, Panchkula-134116 Declare That I Have Changed My Name From Uma Rani (D/O Sh. Mahesh Chander Sharma) To Uma Sharma.

I, Sukhwinder Singh S/O Gurdarshan Singh R/O Vpo Wander Jatana (Faridkot) Have Changed My Name To Sukhwinder Singh Brar.

I, Kulwinder Kaur W/O Gurpreet Singh Janjua R/O Guru Teg Bahadur Nagar, Kotkapura (Faridkot) Have Changed My Name To Kulwinder Kaur Janjua.

I, Sunil Kumar Gawareia Son Of Krishan Kumar , Resident Of H No- 2135 P, Sector-28, Panchkula, Haryana Have Changed His Daughter Name From Divsha To Davisha.

I, Murti Devi (Nickname) W/O Mr. Jagdish (Ex-Havaldar Service Id No. 3169641P) R/O House No. 134, Ward No. 12 Gohana Road, Hanuman Colony, Rohtak -124001 Have Changed My Name From Murti Devi (Nickname) To Ramrati (Real Name) W/O Mr. Jagdish (Ex-Havaldar Service Id No. 3169641P).

I, Ranjan Bala D/O Sh.Ram Krishan W/O Sh. Anil Kumar Arora R/O #3066, Sec-71 SAS Nagar Mohali Have Changed My Name To Ranjan Bala Arora

I, Murari Lal S/O Late Sh. Krishan Lal Sachdeva R/O House No. 412, Sector 46-A, Chandigarh Have Changed My Name From Murari Lal To Murari Lal Sachdeva

I, Rashpal Singh S/O Joginder Singh Vill. Hayatpur, P.O Nurpur Bedi, Teh. Anandpur Sahib, Distt. Rupnagar Have Changed My Name To Rachpal Singh.

I, Kapil Kumar S/O Bahadur Singh R/O H No. #146, Old Hbc Sector 19 Panchkula Have Changed My Name From Kapil Dhiman To Kapil Kumar

I, Kedar Nath S/O Sheshmani Pandey R/O H.No- 229, Mauni Jagran Complex, Near Temple, Manimajra, Chandigarh, Have Changed My Name From Kedat Nath To Kedat Nath Pandey.

I, Komal W/o Sandeep Arora R/O H.No.350A, Adarsh Nagar, Doctor Safri Wali Gali, Islamabad, Amritsar have changed my name from Komal to Komal Arora

I, hitherto known as Inderjit Kaur Alias Palwinder Kaur wife of Kulwinder Singh residing at VPO Singh. My Correct name is Baru Singh. All Concerned note.

I, hitherto known as Shinder Pal Singh son of Bahadur Singh residing at VPO Rayya, Tehsil Baba Bakala, Amritsar-143112 Punjab have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as Surinder Singh.

I, Sandeep Kumar Arora S/O Gurdas Mal R/O H.No.350A, Adarsh Nagar, Doctor Safri Wali Gali, Islamabad, Amritsar have changed my name from Sandeep Kumar Arora to Sandeep Arora

I, Amandeep Walia W/o Satnam Singh Wallia R/O H.No.34-A, Jodhnagar, Sultanwind Road, Amritsar have changed my name from Amandeep Walia to Amandeep Kaur Wallia

I, Gursharn Kaur W/o Surinder Singh R/O H.No.41-A, New Garden Colony, Amritsar have changed my name from Gursharn Kaur to Gursharn Kaur

I, Daljit Singh Dhanju S/O Arjun Singh R/O Vill.Nabipur PO Fatehgarh Shukarchak Amritsar have changed my name to Daljit Singh

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I, Manjit Kaur W/o Gurwinder Singh Dhillon R/O H.No.103-104, Kot Mit Singh Near Gurdwara Bhai Manjrh Sahib, Kot Mit Singh Amritsar have changed my name from Manjit Kaur to Manjeet Kaur.

I, Gurwinder Dhillon S/o Joginder Singh R/O H.No.103-104, Kot Mit Singh Near Gurdwara Bhai Manjrh Sahib, Kot Mit Singh Amritsar have changed my name from Gurwinder Dhillon to Gurwinder Singh Dhillon

I, Chamkaur Singh S/o Piara Singh R/O Patti Sara Di, Chhattiwind Amritsar have changed my Son's name from Jaideep Singh to Jaideep Singh Randhawa

I, Aruna Trikha W/o Brij Bihari Trikha R/O 64 F.G.C Road Chand Avenue Amritsar-I Amritsar Punjab have changed my name from Aruna Sharma to Aruna Trikha

I, Amanjot Kaur W/o Gurjinder Singh R/O Vill. Shalapur Dona, Mothanwala, Distt. Kapurthala, Punjab-144620, (India) have declared that Kaur is my surname and Amanjot is my given name.

I, Bhavanam Swarupa W/o Vigneswara Reddy B Rank Hav, 15323685F is serving in Unit: 415 (I) Engr Sqn C/O 56 Apo R/O H. No. 4-7, Bhavanamvaripalem, Chandole, Bapatla, Andhra Pradesh, 522311, India have declared that my name and date of birth in his Army Service Record is wrongly mentioned as B. Swaroopa and 01-01-1998 instead of Bhavanam Swarupa and date of birth as 01-01-1995.

I, Jasbir Singh S/o Surmukh Singh R/O H.No. 221, St. No. 1, Near Punjabi University, Vidya Nagar, Patiala (Punjab) have changed my name from Jasvir Singh to Jasbir Singh.

I, Amanvir Kaur W/o Bhupinder Singh Shergill R/O H.No. 1622/3, Saheed Kulddeep Singh Marg, Ragho Majra, Patiala (Punjab) have changed my name from Amanveer Kaur to Amanvir Kaur.

I, Bhupinder Singh Shergill S/O Late Jaideep Singh R/O H.No. 1622/3, Saheed Kulddeep Singh Marg, Ragho Majra, Patiala (Punjab) declare that in my Passport No. M9848959, my father's name is recorded as Jaidev Singh Shergill but his correct name is Jaidev Singh.

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I, O K Ajithakumari is legally Mother of Service No. 16130202N Rank: N(K)L Name: Jishnu O K residing at Village Vellur Post Annur, Taluk Taliparamba, Distt. Kannur (State) Kerala Pin- 670307 have changed my name from Ajitha OK to O K Ajithakumari.

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PAPER WITH PASSION

SC removes creamy layer

The Supreme Court's decision to approve sub-categorisation of SC/STs for reservations will pave the way for greater inclusivity

In a landmark judgment, the Supreme Court has declared that sub-classification within Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes is permissible. Justice Pankaj Mithal emphasised that reservations should benefit only the first generation within a category and called for periodic reviews to ensure subsequent generations have reached parity with the general category. This ruling overruled the EV Chinniah case, where the Court had previously held that all castes formed a single homogeneous group that could not be subdivided. This decision has significant implications for the socio-economic upliftment and political representation of these historically marginalised communities. The judgement addresses the issue of the creamy layer within a caste. It is argued that the caste quotas are often usurped by the creamy layer within a caste as some people within a caste are uplifted and have education, means and resources to prevail upon the rest of their ilk. India's Constitution, through Articles 341 and 342, recognises certain communities as marginalised. The government is permitted to make special provisions for the upliftment of these communities which have been historically deprived. These measures include reservations in educational institutions, government jobs, and legislative bodies. Over the years, concerns have been raised regarding the unequal distribution of these benefits. Some sub-castes or sub-tribes within the broader SC/ST categories have been perceived as cornering a disproportionate share of the benefits, leaving others behind. This has led to calls for sub-classification.

The petitioners had argued that such sub-classification would undermine the unity of these communities and contradict the principles of equality and non-discrimination enshrined in the Constitution. However, the Supreme Court, in its judgment, emphasised that the primary objective of reservation policies is to ensure social and economic justice. By sub-classifying a caste, the government can design more nuanced policies that ensure benefits are equitably distributed among all sub-groups within the SC/ST categories. The decision can also lead to better political representation for sub-groups within SCs and STs. It opens the door for more inclusive policies that reflect the diverse needs and aspirations of these communities. However, the Supreme Court's decision may need additional provisions to address several gaps. The concept of the "creamy layer" or privileged group, particularly regarding the second generation, is not clearly defined and is open to interpretation. This lack of clear definition of "creamy layer" makes it subjective and may lead to varying interpretations which may again be challenged in the court. The Supreme Court has left it to the states to define the "creamy layer" for exclusion. It remains to be seen how this decision will be implemented and interpreted by different governments. While the Court has set the stage for a more inclusive and equitable distribution of affirmative action benefits to SC/ST, it may take time to reach the execution stage.

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Devotees stand in queue to offer prayers on the occasion of Shivratri, in New Delhi

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The rise and impact of political memes in the digital age

The recent surge of memes following President Biden's withdrawal from the race underscores their increasing use for expressing public sentiments

In her book "Memes in Digital Culture," Communications Professor Limor Shifman highlights the significance of political memes, noting that they play a crucial role in shaping discussions about societal norms and the future. The recent surge in memes following U.S. President Joe Biden's decision not to run for the upcoming presidential elections illustrates the increasing use of this medium for expressing public sentiments, including likes, dislikes, and frustrations. The concept of memes dates back to the late 20th century, introduced by Richard Dawkins in his 1976 book "The Selfish Gene." Dawkins described memes as cultural units that spread and evolve similarly to genes. The formal introduction of "Internet Memes" occurred in 1994, thanks to Mike Godwin. These early memes, like the "Nazi comparison memes," circulated rapidly online and laid the foundation for the meme culture we know today. The creation and spread of internet memes began in



the 1990s and early 2000s on forums and imageboards like 4chan and Reddit. These platforms were among the first to host meme-like content, such as humorous images with captions and inside jokes. As the internet and social media expanded, so did the reach and diversity of memes, evolving to include various formats like GIFs, videos, and TikToks. Meme-making has become a popular form of self-expression, communication, and connection online. Some even view it as an art form, with certain memes becoming part of mainstream culture. As the U.S. presidential elections approach, the relevance of political memes becomes increasingly significant. The digital age has revolutionized political communication, shifting it from traditional media to the dynamic realm of social media. This transformation, fueled by internet accessibility and information democratization, has empowered individuals to engage in political dialogue more freely. It is crucial to understand both the profound implications and challenges of this new landscape. Humor, especially through memes, has emerged as a potent tool in this era. Memes distill complex ideas into easily shareable and often humorous content, making them a staple of online political communication. They serve as entertainment and vehicles for critique and satire, simplifying intricate issues and making them more accessible to a broader audience. For example, AI-generated images of Donald Trump at a concert or wordplays like "Joever" and "Kamencing" illustrate how humor is used to navigate serious political situations. The impact of this shift on political campaigns is profound. Today's political actors understand the power of social media in

shaping narratives. The rapid spread and viral potential of online content make social media a crucial battleground for political communication. In this arena, the perceptual environment created by social media often outweighs the significance of the political events themselves. A viral meme about U.S. Vice President Kamala Harris involving a coconut, once used derogatorily, now helps promote her case. Her remark during a widely watched speech, "You exist in the context of all in which you live and what came before you," encapsulates the essence of present-day social media and meme culture. Elections have always been fertile ground for PR stunts, and meme sharing. While there is little evidence to suggest that memes directly impact electoral behavior, they undeniably contribute to digital discourse. Depending on their virality, memes can become part of everyday conversations and even enter mainstream media. (The author is a poetess, journalist and a writer; views are personal)

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ARPITA CHOWDHURY

The US Vice President Kamala Harris ended the week by declaring, "I am Kamala Harris and I am running for President." This historic moment, ending the suspense after President Biden withdrew from the Presidential contest and endorsed her as the candidate, marks a new chapter in American politics. It is now official. Many influential Democrats, including former Presidents Barack Obama and Bill Clinton, Speaker Nancy Pelosi, fund giver George Clooney, have thrown their weight behind her candidacy. She now has the Party firmly behind her in her fight, instilling confidence in her potential to lead. It's worth noting that in its 248-year history, the US has never elected a female President. Even Hillary Clinton, who ran for President in 2008 and 2016, was unsuccessful. Kamala made history four years ago when she became the first woman Vice President. Will she make history again by running for President? Can she win? She has to do two things. First, she needs to get the Democratic Party's nomination, and then she needs to win. Time is short, with only four months left before the election on November 5. Indian-origin Kamala Harris has several strengths and a few weaknesses. Her current position as Vice President and her qualifications to assume the role of President in an emergency are her essential advantages. Four years ago, Kamala hoped Biden would finish one term and say goodbye to the White House. However, Biden stuck to his decision and insisted on running for a second term. But he surprised everyone by recently withdrawing and endorsing his Vice President. One significant advantage was that she could break the glass ceiling by becoming the first woman president. She must work hard to appeal to Black, Asian, and female voters and gain support from other minority groups and undecided and

younger voters. This could help her chances against Trump in swing states. Secondly, another significant factor in Kamala Harris's favour is her strong connection to Biden's legacy, which is not entirely negative. This association could play a pivotal role in her candidacy. She could bring together moderate and conservative members of her Party and act as a unifying force. To defeat Trump, her Party must unite and support her. Thirdly, Obama was the first Black President, and John F. Kennedy was the first Catholic President. They could be her role models, inspiring hope in the hearts of many. Fourthly, and importantly, Kamala is 59 years old, which works in her favour compared to Trump, who is 78. Her age is not a drawback, but a substantial age difference could bring about change. She can attract undecided voters by highlighting her achievements to gain their support. Fifthly, she can have Biden's war chest of about \$100 million. She has raised \$200 million in the first week of her candidacy and signed up 17000 volunteers.



THE RACE FOR PRESIDENT BETWEEN KAMALA HARRIS AND DONALD TRUMP IS CURRENTLY TIED, ACCORDING TO A RECENT POLL BY THE WALL STREET JOURNAL. THIS TIE IS SIGNIFICANT. THE POLL SHOWS INCREASED SUPPORT FOR HARRIS AMONG NON-WHITE VOTERS

Still, she must instil confidence in other fundraisers for the enormous poll expenditure. Kamala Harris has strong ties to Silicon Valley since the beginning of her political career. She is tapping into this support for her battle against Donald Trump. Above all, she must choose the right candidate for her running mate. The right combination should enhance the chances against the Trump-Vance team. Kamala also pledged to do "everything in my power to unite the Democratic Party and our nation, to defeat Donald Trump and his extreme Project 2025 agenda." Harris's mission is urgent and crucial. She must gain the support of those who are uncertain or critical to achieve her goal. The race for President between Kamala Harris and Donald Trump is currently tied, according to a recent poll by the Wall Street Journal. This tie is significant. The poll shows increased support for Harris among non-white voters and a substantial rise in enthusiasm for the campaign among Democrats. Harris faces challenges such as her past

unsuccessful bid for the 2020 nomination, her approval ratings, and the need to secure significant funding for her campaign. According to a recent NBC News poll, Trump was ahead of Biden by 45% to 43%, and Trump also led Harris by the same two-point margin of 47% to 45%. But slowly, this is changing. The time is short, as the campaign has just 100 days left. Before the November election, the vice president's team should strategise how to defeat Trump. Trump's team may criticise Harris as inexperienced and risky. She should be ready to face racism from the Trump campaign and run as a Democratic nominee who is a Black and South Asian American woman. This election is a critical decision that will shape America's future. Biden's exit has energised the Democratic. It is up to Kamla to seize the moment to surge forward. Can she step in and be the natural leader in America? Her capacity to lead the next few weeks will show whether she can. (The writer is a popular columnist, views are personal)



KALYANI SHANKAR

Kamala emerges as front runner for US Presidency

As the first woman Vice President, Harris is now poised to break another glass ceiling by becoming the first female President of the United States



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

WAYANAD TRAGEDY: FIXING THE BLAME

Madam — Apropos to "CM refutes Shah's alert claim on Wayanad tragedy" published on 1st August, here is my response. One can do very little when mountain ranges receive unexpected & torrential rain like this, as the forecast was for 64-204 mm rain but Wayanad received 372 mm rain on that fateful night. But such events turning into human tragedies can certainly be minimised and prevented. What is really tragic is the fact that a warning given by the state disaster management authority four years ago was not heeded where 4000 families were asked to leave landslide prone areas including Mundakkai. As recently as on 23rd July Centre also warned Kerala about excessive rainfall or landslides but nothing was taken seriously. In recent past severe deluge leading to flooding caused serious damage in almost each district of the state and Kerala saw statewide floods in 2018 and 2019 but nothing seems to have been done on disaster prevention in hilly areas. Nature has warned us time and again to keep our house in order and maintain an ecological balance, but sadly we are hell bent on playing havoc with nature. Bal Govind | Noida

HALWA POLITICS

Madam — This refers to the editorial, 'Halwa politics' (1-8-24). Parliament is a place where meaningful discussions and debates take place to decide the livelihood and the course of the country. Those who are privileged to be a member of the house are supposed to be committed to the national priorities and display their utmost respect to the house, decency and focused attention on the development of the country rather than focusing on personal agenda. The ruling dispensation is supposed to give due respect to all the members and all the parties in the house as they are also elected representatives of the people. The leader of the opposition talks

World breast feeding week



The World Breastfeeding Week, observed in the first week of August annually and supported by WHO, UNICEF, and various Ministries of Health and civil society partners, carries the theme "Closing the gap: Breastfeeding support for all" for 2024. The campaign aims to

celebrate the diverse experiences of breastfeeding mothers throughout their journeys while highlighting the crucial role families, societies, communities, and health workers play in supporting them. Despite the natural act of breastfeeding, mothers often face societal stigma, particularly when nursing in public. This stigma affects not only men but also women who may stare or pass judgment when mothers nurse in public, discouraging them from feeding their babies when needed. This cultural barrier needs to be dismantled to empower mothers to breastfeed confidently and freely, without the necessity of designated feeding rooms. Breastfeeding is a source of pride and a vital aspect of maternal and child health. Ensuring mothers can breastfeed without shame or hindrance in any setting is essential for promoting the well-being of infants and supporting maternal health. Jayanthi Subramaniam | Chennai

about the necessity of carrying out Caste Census. The member from the treasury bench instead of spelling out the opinion of the government and the convincing statistics or supportive logic. The ex-minister's expressions, unfortunately, lace decency and take the etiquette of the Parliament to its lowest ebb. The leader of his party should have corrected him if not admonished. There can be no civilized person who can encourage, appreciate or support such uncomplimentary expressions. Such expressions display the lack of convincing reasons to oppose the demand of the opposition party. It is known to all that every party has its caste base and in every stage of its functioning caste plays its predominant role. If the reservation system should be a meaningful one a the latest numerical, economic and social status of all the castes. All political parties should train those peoples' representatives in their parties on the dos and donts in the house. AG Rajmohan | Anantapur

PRIORITISE ROAD SAFETY

Madam — Because it saves lives, road safety is vital. In 2022, there were 4.23 lakh injuries and 1.71 lakh fatalities from traffic accidents in India. Road accidents can be avoided by taking real safety precautions, such as proper road design, speed restriction, and sufficient visibility. How can we increase road safety is becoming a subject for concern. Enforcing current standards—for example, local authorities needing qualified personnel and appropriate equipment—is one method to improve road security. Transport operators who don't adhere to safety regulations should face harsh fines. Proper data collection is another strategy to increase road safety. The Ministry of Road Transport and Highways should better gather and disseminate information on vehicle registrations, safety certificates, and accident reports. Neha Tomar | Ujjain

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FIRST COLUMN FINDING TRUE SHELTER

The divine presence of God offers the ultimate refuge and gives true solace



AJIT KUMAR BISHNOI

I would like to draw attention to where our thoughts normally go to, what we consider is our shelter and what it should ideally be. Where do our minds routinely take us to? The body has to be the first, because of the mind-body connection. We all know that our minds affect our bodies, and our bodies do likewise. For example, there is a fever. The mind will naturally go to it and think about dealing with it. Similarly, if one is feeling depressed, bodily changes will take place like becoming fearful. (The Bhagavad-Geeta 2.1) The next target is sense enjoyment; our senses are forever seeking their sense of objects. Mind is their leader. (15.7) Our so-called intelligence is no friend; it will justify whatever the uncontrolled mind cooks up.

Emotions are not far behind. All of us have some pronounced weakness, be it lust, greed, anger, hate, etc. If not controlled our actions will be controlled by them. And there will be consequences. The ego cannot be left behind for long. I am superior and I will prove it, though no one is big or ever can be; only God is big. The rest of us can excel in something but remain small eternally. One can become very rich, powerful, famous, etc. but will be helpless in other matters. The connected topic is what we consider our shelter to be. Is a home our shelter? In physical terms it is. A famous golfer was asked by a reporter after a famous win achieved after a great deal of physical exertion, "What will you like to do now the most?" He replied, "I will like to sleep long in my own bed in my home." Some world leaders carry their own beds with them when they travel. Their shelter is their beds. But are beds, homes, etc. our real shelters? The wife of a world leader replied, "I get very depressed sometimes." Shelter is mainly a mental issue.

Shelter of a home does not prevent mental illness. Many genuine 'san-nyasis' (saintly persons) don't have a fixed home; they keep on travelling. Yes, this is not for the majority, but the idea is proper shelter. God is the real shelter. A small soul needs a very strong shelter, a very big shelter, which only God can be. Loneliness is becoming a major issue worldwide, especially in Western countries. In the USA, twenty-nine per



cent of households have single occupancy. Upwards of 40% of marriages end in divorce. And 25% plus people have some kind of mental problem. Why is it so? Because the real shelter is being ignored.

We are seeking shelter in material objects like money, power, fame, etc. When we take shelter from God, He teaches us the quality of love. We begin to accept people as they are because all of us have faults; only God is perfect. Seeking perfection in a human being is a lost cause. And we can easily get God's company, as I have done. Just hang a large photo of God near your bed, and look at Him. Then, many changes will begin to happen. God is attractive beyond imagination. Unfortunately, we don't exercise this option. Did you know that God's name Krishna means one who attracts? Soon there will be attachment, because 'atmabala' (inner strength) will flow into you. This strength is the mother of all strengths, i.e. intellectual, mental, physical and even to tolerate.

As this is a spiritual practice, one will make spiritual progress. Slowly, we will begin to consider God as our own, which He is; God is waiting for us. If this practice is so great, what 'naman' (namaskar) can do? Lord Krishna has asked us to do just that in verse #18.65, "Offer obeisance to Me." Our worst enemy in taking shelter from God - the ego will get gradually controlled. We will develop the quality of humility, which will also help in our dealings with others. God will bless us as we remain in His company. We can also pray to Him anytime because in a way God considers it appropriate. Grant of our specific prayers is a tough ask but over a period of time, we will get there. So where should we direct our attention? Whose shelter should we seek?

(The writer is a spiritual teacher; views are personal)

Venezuela elections: Plagued by disorder and discontent

Following Nicolás Maduro's victory over right-wing candidate Edmundo González, there is confusion and chaos in the country fanned by Western media



NILANTHA ILANGAMUWA

In Venezuela, last Sunday was more than just a day of elections; it was the 70th birth anniversary of Hugo Chávez, the transformative leader who revolutionised Venezuela's social fabric. Chávez, who died prematurely from pelvic cancer at the age of 58, left an enduring legacy that continues to shape the nation's history. Unsurprisingly, the Western media is once again engaging in its usual tactic of misleading the public regarding Venezuelan elections to serve its interests. When a leader elected through a free and fair process but who rejects the Western model is demonised as undemocratic, while a leader who aligns with Western ideals is hailed as democratic despite questionable means of coming to power, it reveals a clear bias.

This pattern was evident in the aftermath of Venezuela's recent elections, where protests, statue removals, and airport blockades dominated the news because the outcome did not align with Western expectations. Following Nicolás Maduro's victory over the right-wing candidate Edmundo González, the opposition—who had promised to accept the results only if they won—immediately denounced the election as fraudulent without presenting credible evidence. Their claims centre around alleged discrepancies between paper ballots and electronic results, which they use to suggest tampering. Venezuela's voting system aims to prevent fraud with electronic voting, ID and fingerprint verification, and paper receipts for cross-checking. Election observers from 95 countries reported a calm process, while opposition claims of having three-quarters of the paper ballots remain unsubstantiated.

Media reports, including an Edison Research exit poll showing González leading by over 30%, are questioned due to their ties to U.S. state media and the fact that exit polling is illegal in Venezuela. The opposition and U.S. Secretary of State Antony Blinken quickly declared the election illegitimate, reflecting a pattern of U.S. interference, such as the 2019 recognition of Juan Guaidó over Maduro and past support for coups against Venezuelan leaders. The U.S. has consistently sought to control Venezuela's vast oil reserves, the largest in the world. Chávez's 1990 election disrupted the elite and foreign corporations' exploitation of these resources, redirecting oil revenue to the Venezuelan people. U.S.-backed coups in 2002 and 2019 aimed to reclaim control over Venezuela's oil. John Bolton, Trump's national security advisor, openly expressed desires for U.S. companies to dominate Venezuela's energy sector, revealing economic motives behind political actions. Chávez's anti-imperialist stance and Maduro's continuation of these policies challenged U.S. dominance in Latin America.

Venezuela's support for global South nations and opposition to U.S. wars in Afghanistan and Iraq inspired regional progressive movements. The U.S., under the guise of humanitarian concern, enforces sanctions causing severe poverty and scarcity in Venezuela, driving migration and economic collapse. These sanctions have decimated Venezuela's oil sector and government income, exacerbating the very crises the U.S. claims to address.

The U.S. strategy of manufactured poverty and social crises is a well-worn tactic to justify regime change. The United States' obsession with overthrowing Venezuela's



government stems from multiple factors, with oil being a significant one. Venezuela holds the largest oil reserves in the world, and many U.S. companies have long desired access to these resources. Despite the U.S. being a major oil producer, the nationalisation of Venezuelan oil under Hugo Chávez and the subsequent exclusion of U.S. oil corporations have driven American interests in destabilising the Venezuelan government. This nationalisation was seen as a direct challenge to U.S. economic interests and a disruption of the global oil market that the U.S. seeks to dominate. Beyond oil, Venezuela's push for a multipolar world presents a direct challenge to U.S. hegemony.

Since the Bolivarian revolution led by Hugo Chávez, Venezuela has sought to forge alliances with countries such as China, Russia, and Iran. Additionally, Venezuela has been instrumental in the creation of regional organisations like CELAC (Community of Latin American and Caribbean States) and ALBA (Bolivarian Alliance for the Peoples of Our America). These efforts are aimed at reducing dependency on the U.S. economy. This ideological shift threatens the traditional power structures maintained by U.S. influence in the Western Hemisphere. In response to these obstacles, the U.S. has imposed severe sanctions and blockades on Venezuela, much like its long-standing policies against Cuba.

These measures are designed to suffocate Venezuela's economy, incite political unrest, and ultimately force a change in government. The deepening of Venezuela's relationships with major powers such as China and Russia further threatens U.S. geopolitical interests. These partnerships offer Venezuela economic and military support, making it increasingly resilient against U.S. attempts at destabilisation. The U.S. perceives these multipolar alliances as a direct affront to its global dominance and has consequently intensified its efforts to undermine the Venezuelan government. It is in this context that the U.S. government is backing yet another coup attempt in

Venezuela, after their "disappointed elections" result.

Over the past two decades, Washington has sponsored several coup attempts, often violent, to overthrow Venezuela's government, including targeting former revolutionary president Hugo Chávez and his successor, Nicolás Maduro. In 2002, the U.S. backed a military coup that briefly overthrew Chávez, Venezuela's democratically elected president. Despite mainstream acknowledgement from sources like The Guardian that the Bush administration supported this coup, it lasted only two days as the Venezuelan people reinstated Chávez, who continued his Bolivarian revolution.

Following the presidential elections on 28 July, where Maduro was re-elected, the U.S. and its Latin American allies refused to recognise the results. Instead, violent extremists, supported by powerful figures like billionaire Elon Musk, have been burning down public institutions, government buildings, and hospitals, and destroying buses while looting offices to overthrow Maduro.

This aligns with Musk's history of supporting U.S.-backed coups in Latin America, as seen in his 2019 backing of the Bolivian coup to access lithium reserves for electric vehicles. Independent analysts have reported that the unproven claims of electoral fraud in Venezuela originate from Edison Research, a New Jersey-based firm with reported close ties to the U.S. government and the CIA. This firm works with U.S. government propaganda outlets like Voice of America and Radio Free Europe, which were established by the CIA. Despite these baseless allegations, independent international electoral observers, including the National Lawyers Guild and human rights activists, have confirmed the transparency and fairness of Venezuela's electoral process. They condemned the U.S.-backed opposition's refusal to accept the results, which undermines Venezuela's democracy. Donald Trump, during his presidency, admitted the U.S. aimed to take

over Venezuela and its oil. His administration recognised right-wing opposition figure Juan Guaidó as the supposed president of Venezuela, despite his lack of electoral participation. The Trump administration's coup attempt in 2019 failed, as Guaidó never gained power. The Biden administration continues to back far-right extremists like María Corina Machado, who allegedly collaborates with oligarchs and calls for military intervention to overthrow Maduro. Historically, U.S.-backed coup attempts in Venezuela have been violent. After Chávez died in 2013 and Maduro's election, far-right extremists launched another coup attempt in 2014, burning government buildings and attacking supporters of the government. Leaders of these coup attempts, like Leopoldo López and María Corina Machado, have close ties to the U.S. government.

Despite engaging in violent coup attempts, these opponents walk free in Venezuela, which starkly contrasts with the U.S.'s portrayal of the country as a dictatorship. U.S. sanctions have severely worsened Venezuela's economic crisis. Ironically, these sanctions have led to a U.S. energy crisis, as sanctions on Iran and Russia have made affordable energy scarce for Europe. Despite the high cost and insufficiency of U.S. liquefied natural gas, Venezuelan oil remains blocked from European markets due to the sanctions. In June 2022, the U.S. pivoted its strategy by permitting the transport of Venezuelan oil to Europe to compensate for the void left by reduced Russian supplies. This strategic recalibration paved the way for the Barbados Agreement in October 2023, which initiated a gradual easing of sanctions. The elections held on 28 July were a direct result of this process. However, the U.S. encountered significant challenges in realising its typical political objectives through overt manipulation, while it continued to exert its influence through covert channels.

(The writer is a journalist and author. Views are personal)



OVER THE PAST TWO DECADES, WASHINGTON HAS SPONSORED SEVERAL COUP ATTEMPTS, OFTEN VIOLENT, TO OVERTHROW VENEZUELA'S GOVERNMENT, INCLUDING TARGETING FORMER REVOLUTIONARY PRESIDENT HUGO CHÁVEZ AND HIS SUCCESSOR, NICOLÁS MADURO

Operation Safedsagar: The Indian Air Force's triumph in the Kargil war

This operation highlighted the bravery, ingenuity, and strategic importance of the IAF, cementing its legacy in modern warfare

The Kargil War of 1999 marked a significant milestone for the Indian Air Force (IAF), which participated in large-scale combat for the first time since the Indo-Pakistan War of 1971. In April 1999, around 1500 Pakistani soldiers infiltrated Indian territory in Kargil, Jammu, and Kashmir to sever the connection between Kashmir and Ladakh.



DEEPAK KUMAR PANDEY

The air operations in the Kargil region by IAF were named 'Operation Safedsagar'. In the 1990s, covert intruders from Pakistan stationed at high-altitude peaks made it difficult for the Indian army and IAF to carry out military operations in the challenging mountainous terrain of J&K since it was impossible to pinpoint their exact locations.

Operation Safedsagar marked a revolutionary use of aerial capabilities in a distinct and demanding setting. The IAF's successful use of air power in the Kargil conflict is a source of pride for India. The strategic deployment of air power became essential in the War, as it effectively provided direct air support to ground troops and executed highly precise bombings on enemy targets, thereby exerting a substantial

impact on the final result of the battle. The IAF encountered notable challenges due to its operational areas' geographical and environmental factors. The Kargil region is known for its very intricate topography. Engaging in operations at high altitudes invariably presents formidable obstacles, such as the notable deterioration of both aircraft and weapon efficiency.

The delivery of a weapon to the target is significantly influenced by weather at higher altitudes. The winds are usually powerful and higher than the original equipment manufacturers (OEMs) required 'minima'. Given this, manoeuvring is necessary to complete the essential launch. Despite challenging geographical and meteorological condi-



tions, the operation exemplified exceptional bravery, persistence, and commitment. By July 23, 1999, the Indian forces successfully recaptured the Kargil Heights, a testament to their unwavering commitment and bravery that is sure to inspire.

Innovations for Technical Asymmetry Dividends
The IAF demonstrated exceptional ingenuity and resourcefulness during the Kargil conflict by successfully deploying several unique innovations. The IAF aimed to develop and use several weapon launch strategies. The Indian Air Force effectively used laser-

guided bombs deployed from Mirage-2000 aircraft to significantly impair the adversary's logistical routes, a testament to their innovative tactics. The laser-guided missile pods were modified to carry 1000-kilogram bombs from the World War II era, particularly for storage aboard the Ajeet aircraft. The Mirage-2000 aircraft used these bombs for the first time after making immediate modifications. The IAF reportedly chose weapon-impact zones that may trigger a domino effect leading to avalanches or landslides. To establish firing limits for rockets and weaponry at high heights, a meticulous process is needed to determine specific mountain peaks that closely resemble the height of enemy fortifications.

Performing real-time shooting trials in such conditions enables the acquisition of crucial data to enhance and improve the efficiency of these weapons. Using laser designators installed on MiG-29 aircraft to guide the ammunition released by Mirage-2000 combat fighters was an incredible achievement. By using this innovative methodology, the precision and efficiency of the impacts were significantly improved. The Mirage-2000 aircraft were outfitted with Litening pods that enhanced target detection and facilitated the precise launching of guided missiles. This was the first-ever deployment of cutting-edge targeting technology by the IAF in combat operations. During air operations in the

Kargil War, the capabilities of precision strikes helped the IAF reduce the amount of collateral damage and neutralise hostile positions. The efficient use of air power has averted more casualties considerably reduced the duration of the Indian Army has achieved substantial progress on the battlefield. An in-depth understanding of the Kargil operations is crucial for appreciating India's changing alignment in aerospace power. This battle serves as an exceptional case study for analysing the use of airpower in joint engagements in extremely mountainous regions.

(The writer is Retd Group Captain, IAF, and Senior Fellow, Centre for Air Power Studies; views are personal)

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Imran's party to form alliance against govt

'Pak paid over \$3.6 bn in interest to IMF'

PTI ■ ISLAMABAD

Jailed former Pakistan prime minister Imran Khan has approved the formation of a "grand opposition alliance" by expanding the existing platform, Tehreek Tahafuz-e-Ayine-Pakistan, to act as a powerful anti-government movement, a senior party leader has said. Former National Assembly speaker Asad Qaiser, who addressed reporters alongside the party's secretary-general Omar Ayub Khan outside Rawalpindi's Adiala Jail where the 71-year-old former cricketer-turned-politician is lodged since last August, said that the Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) has decided to expand the opposition alliance in a meeting with Imran Khan on Thursday, Geo News reported. Qaiser announced that the former ruling party would gather all opposition parties to run a powerful anti-government movement. He said that the party's forthcoming power show in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Swabi was aimed at raising a "strong voice" for the release of the PTI founder and other detained leaders. "This country will only be governed in accordance with the law and the Constitution," Qaiser emphasised. During his address, Qaiser also rebuked the incumbent Pakistan Muslim League-Nawaz-led coalition govern-



In this photo released by Pakistan's Prime Minister Office, Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif, centre, and Parliamentarians pray after the absentee funeral prayers for killed Hamas leader Ismail Haniyeh, in Islamabad, on Friday

ment over skyrocketing power bills. He said the bloated electricity bills were "unacceptable" for the inflation-hit masses. The PTI leader also said that they support Jamaat-e-Islami's (JI) sit-in — underway on Rawalpindi's Murree Road since

July 26 — against the massive hike in power bills. However, JI Emir Hafiz Naemur Rehman has said that his party would not become part of the PTI proposed grand alliance as history suggests that the opposition parties use such platforms for self-interest.

"We will have the same stance as the opposition parties on some issues and hold meetings with them, but we will not become part of any alliance," Naemur said on Thursday. Ayub, while addressing the same press conference, appealed to the masses to attend

the public gathering in Swabi on August 5 in large numbers from across the country to show solidarity with the former premier. Responding to criticism against the PTI founder for demanding negotiations with the Pakistan Army, Ayub said that they did

not hold any discussion regarding the dialogue, however, he added that Khan made it clear that the military belongs to the nation and vice versa. He further said that the ruling Pakistan Muslim League-Nawaz (PML-N) and the Pakistan Peoples Party (PPP) were trying to drive a wedge between the military and the nation. Commenting on the cases against the jailed ex-prime minister, the opposition leader said that they were fighting a legal battle for Khan's release. Ayub blamed the National Accountability Bureau (NAB) for stopping the release of former first lady Bushra Bibi despite having no connections with the Tashkhanah corruption case. The PTI secretary general demanded Chief Justice of Pakistan (CJP) Qazi Faez Isa and Islamabad High Court (IHC) Chief Justice Aamer Farooq to recuse themselves from hearing the PTI founder's cases, Geo News reported. The PTI believes he is being arrested in more cases at the behest of the powerful military establishment to make sure that he does not come out of jail. Khan was first arrested by the National Accountability Bureau (NAB) in a 190-million-pound corruption case. He faces over 200 cases and has been in jail since August last year.

PTI ■ ISLAMABAD

Pakistan has paid more than USD 3.6 billion in interest on loans to the International Monetary Fund (IMF) in the last 40 years, the finance ministry of the cash-strapped government has informed Parliament. This was revealed by the government during a meeting of the Senate's Standing Committee on Economic Affairs on Thursday at the Parliament House, where the Ministry of Finance presented details of the loans and repayments made to the Washington-based global lender so far. According to The Express Tribune newspaper, during the briefing by officials from the Ministry of Finance and the State Bank of Pakistan, it was disclosed that Pakistan has paid over USD 3.60 billion in interest to the IMF. The documents presented in the meeting revealed that the interest paid amounts to over Rs 1,000 billion in Pakistani currency. It also emerged that over the past 30 years, the cash-strapped country has borrowed approximately USD 29 billion from the IMF and has repaid more than USD 21.72 billion in the same period. In the last four years alone, Pakistan borrowed over USD

6.26 billion from the IMF and repaid USD 4.52 billion. Additionally, in the last four years, Pakistan has paid over USD 1.10 billion in interest to the IMF. In 2024, Pakistan borrowed USD 1.35 billion in Special Drawing Rights (SDRs) from the IMF and repaid USD 646.69 million in SDRs. SDRs are an international reserve asset created by the IMF. They are used to supplement the official reserves of member countries and can be exchanged among governments for freely usable currencies in times of need. The value of SDRs is based on a basket of major international currencies. The Ministry of Finance officials also informed the committee that Pakistan borrowed USD 19.55 billion SDRs (USD 25.94 billion) from the IMF since 1984 and repaid USD 14.71 (USD 19.51b) billion SDRs, with USD 2.44 (USD 3.23b) billion SDRs paid in interest. The committee chairman Senator Saifullah Abro said that the country was not being destroyed on its own "but we all have a part in its destruction". The committee later sought details of every programme with the IMF, stating that the committee should be informed about what has happened in each programme, according to the paper

Japan asks Denmark to extradite activist

Tokyo (AP): Japan has asked Denmark to extradite anti-whaling activist Paul Watson, who has been in custody in Greenland since his arrest last month under a Japanese warrant, officials said on Friday. Watson, a 73-year-old Canadian American citizen, is a former head of the Sea Shepherd Conservation Society, whose high seas confrontations with whaling vessels have drawn support from celebrities and even featured in the reality television series "Whale Wars." Japan's coast guard sought his arrest over an encounter with a Japanese whaling research ship in 2010 when he was accused of obstructing the crew's official duties by ordering the captain of his ship to throw explosives at the whaling ship. He was sought in an Interpol red notice, and the perpetrator, a New Zealand citizen, was convicted of assault and given a suspended prison term allowing him to leave Japan.

Algeria courts disenfranchised youth

AP ■ ALGIERS

A few years after taking to the streets with hundreds of thousands of other Algerians, Kaci Taher says he now feels so disengaged that he won't even vote in the country's presidential elections next month. The 28-year-old from Kabylia is precisely the kind of voter that President Abdelmadjid Tebboune has targeted as he vies for a second term in office, describing himself as a "candidate of youth" in his campaign announcement last month. Most of the young people who make up more than half of the population in Algeria are so disenfranchised that, like Taher, they may not vote in next month's presidential election. Though he is almost certain to win, a low turnout could put the legitimacy of Tebboune's victory in doubt. "Voting has no meaning in Algeria like in the big democracies," he said. "Where I come from, the results and quotas are fixed in advance in the back room of

the government, so what's the point of taking part in the electoral farce?" Taher said he is politically suffocating and has little confidence in elections securing the type of democratic outcome that people demanded in 2019. In that year, massive street protests throughout the country known as the Hirak led to the ouster of octogenarian President Abdelaziz Bouteflika after two decades leading gas-rich Algeria, Africa's largest nation by area and a key security partner for Western nations. Like many young people in Algeria, Taher struggles with unemployment, boredom and malaise. Voter turnout has long been low in Algeria, particularly among people under 30, who make up 51 per cent of the population, according to the country's National Statistics Bureau. Though little data exists on why people in Algeria abstain from voting, experts say that the aging political elite — which still includes politicians

who were involved in wresting independence from France more than 60 years ago — aren't reaching young people. "There is a big gap between the new generation and the existing political structures — political parties and institutions," said Redouane Boudjema, a professor at the Algiers Institute of Journalism who has researched youth and social movements. "Young people no longer identify with the political elites who occupy the public arena." Hirak activists like Taher were disappointed when authorities called for quick elections amid protests in 2019. The timeline, demonstrators said, offered little opportunity to come to consensus on deep reforms, allowing then-74 year-old Tebboune, seen as close to the military, to win in a low turnout race. Throughout his tenure, journalists have faced prosecution and the economic challenges afflicting many of the country's 45 million people have persist-

ed. The government has juggled competing priorities, trying to combat inflation while maintaining state spending, subsidies and price controls that keep people afloat. Tebboune continues to refer to the Hirak movement in speeches in which he makes overtures to disaffected Algerian youth,

Senior leader of PTI shot dead

Lahore (PTI): A senior leader of jailed former prime minister Imran Khan's Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf party was shot dead in Lahore while he was coming out of a mosque after offering Friday prayers, police said. "Dr Shahid Saddique Khan was coming out of a mosque in Valencia Town in Lahore after offering Friday

prayers when four unidentified men opened fire on him and fled on two motorcycles. He was shifted to a hospital where he succumbed to his wounds," a Lahore police spokesperson told PTI. The spokesperson said that the Lahore police chief has constituted a special team to probe the incident. Khan was

the owner of a private hospital and former information secretary of PTI's Punjab chapter. IGP Punjab Dr Usman Anwar has directed the Lahore police to immediately arrest the perpetrators. The PTI has been at loggerheads with the establishment ever since the May 9, 2023, riots.

Ukraine adds another Turkish corvette to its navy for war against Russia



AP ■ KYIV

Ukraine has taken delivery of a second Turkish-built navy corvette, officials said on Friday, although they did not say specifically how the warships might be used in the war against Russia. Ukraine's first lady, Olena Zelenska, attended the launching ceremony of the Adac-class corvette during a visit to Turkey, the Ukrainian presidency announced on its website. The corvette Ukraine already had is currently undergoing sea trials. Turkish Adac-class ships are typically able to strike planes, other ships and submarines. Ukraine, which has coastlines on the Black Sea and the smaller Sea of Azov, had a small navy at the time of Russia's February 2022 full-scale invasion. But it has developed deadly uncrewed sea drones that have severely limited Moscow's Black Sea naval capability. The Ukrainian presidency said the corvettes would help

protect the country's interests in the Black and Azov seas "but also, in particular, in the Mediterranean Sea and the Atlantic Ocean." The presidency statement did not elaborate. International law forbids the passage of warships through Turkey's busy Bosphorus Strait, which links the Mediterranean and Black seas, during times of war. However, the presidency's statement didn't say where exactly the Turkish shipyard was located, meaning it could be on the northern side of the strait, with a direct route to Ukraine. Ukraine ordered the two Turkish corvettes under an agreement signed in 2020, the presidency said. Ukrainian authorities last month adopted a Maritime Security Strategy that aims to rebuild its naval capability. It is also getting help with that from Western partners. The maritime capability coalition, headed by the United Kingdom and Norway, was established last December.

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Extract of Consolidated Unaudited Financial Results for the quarter ended 30 June 2024 (Rs. in Crores)

Particulars	Quarter ended 30-Jun-24	Quarter ended 31-Mar-24	Quarter ended 30-Jun-23	Year ended 31-Mar-24
	Unaudited	Refer note-3	Unaudited	Audited
Total Income from Operations	0.50	0.28	0.24	3.15
Net Profit / (Loss) for the period (before Tax, Minority Interest and Share of Profit / (Loss) of Associate, Exceptional and/or Extraordinary Items)	(5.28)	(6.70)	(5.50)	(21.61)
Net Profit / (Loss) for the period (before Tax, Minority Interest and Share of Profit / (Loss) of Associate (after Exceptional and/or Extraordinary Items))	(5.28)	(6.70)	(5.50)	(21.61)
Net Profit / (Loss) for the period after Tax, Minority Interest and Share of Profit / (Loss) of Associate (after Exceptional and/or Extraordinary Items)	(5.28)	(6.70)	(5.50)	(21.61)
Total Comprehensive Income for the period [Comprising Profit / (Loss) for the period (after tax) and Other Comprehensive Income (after tax)]	4.34	(7.34)	(0.19)	(12.31)
Equity Share Capital	19.74	19.74	19.74	19.74
Reserves (excluding Revaluation Reserve) as shown in the audited Balance Sheet				(253.50)
Earnings per Share (EPS) before extraordinary items				
- Basic (Amount in Rs.)	(0.53)	(0.67)	(0.55)	(2.15)
- Diluted (Amount in Rs.)	(0.53)	(0.67)	(0.55)	(2.15)
Earnings per Share (EPS) after extraordinary items				
- Basic (Amount in Rs.)	(0.53)	(0.67)	(0.55)	(2.15)
- Diluted (Amount in Rs.)	(0.53)	(0.67)	(0.55)	(2.15)

Notes:
1) The above results have been reviewed by the Audit Committee and subsequently approved at the meeting of the Board of Directors held on 02 August 2024.
2) Key Standalone Financial Information: (Rs. in Crores)

Particulars	Quarter ended 30-Jun-24	Quarter ended 31-Mar-24	Quarter ended 30-Jun-23	Year ended 31-Mar-24
	Unaudited	Refer note-3	Unaudited	Audited
Total Income	0.59	0.37	0.18	3.57
Profit/(Loss) before Tax	(11.22)	(14.36)	(10.32)	(43.37)
Net Profit/(Loss) after Tax	(11.22)	(14.36)	(10.32)	(43.37)

3) Figures for the quarter ended 31 March 2024 represent the balancing figures between the audited figures for the full financial year and published reviewed year to date figures upto third quarter of the respective financial year.
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Particulars	Quarter ended 30-Jun-24	Quarter ended 31-Mar-24	Quarter ended 30-Jun-23	Year ended 31-Mar-24
	Unaudited	Refer note-3	Unaudited	Audited
Total Income from Operations	15.55	14.67	16.30	58.76
Net (Loss)/Profit for the period (before Tax, minority interest and Share of Profit / (Loss) of associates, Exceptional and/or Extraordinary Items)	(2.97)	(18.81)	(0.00)	(25.20)
Net (Loss)/Profit for the period (before Tax, minority interest and Share of Profit / (Loss) of associates (after Exceptional and/or Extraordinary Items))	(2.97)	(18.81)	(0.00)	(25.20)
Net (Loss)/Profit for the period (after Tax, minority interest and Share of Profit / (Loss) of associates (after Exceptional and/or Extraordinary Items))	(3.37)	(18.84)	(0.76)	(27.15)
Total Comprehensive Income for the period [Comprising Profit / (Loss) for the period (after tax) and Other Comprehensive Income (after tax)]	(3.39)	(18.92)	(1.12)	(25.33)
Equity Share Capital	39.67	39.67	39.67	39.67
Reserves (excluding Revaluation Reserve) as shown in the audited Balance Sheet				206.07
Earnings per Share (EPS) of Rs.2 each from continuing operations				
- Basic (Amount in Rs.)	(0.17)	(0.95)	(0.04)	(1.37)
- Diluted (Amount in Rs.)	(0.17)	(0.95)	(0.04)	(1.37)
Earnings per Share (EPS) of Rs.2 each from discontinued operations				
- Basic (Amount in Rs.)	(0.00)	0.02	(0.02)	0.10
- Diluted (Amount in Rs.)	(0.00)	0.02	(0.02)	0.10

Notes:
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2. Key Standalone Financial Information: (Rs. in Crores)

Particulars	Quarter ended 30-Jun-24	Quarter ended 31-Mar-24	Quarter ended 30-Jun-23	Year ended 31-Mar-24
	Unaudited	Refer note-3	Unaudited	Audited
Total Income	13.50	12.43	12.09	48.43
Profit/(Loss) before Tax	(5.17)	(17.88)	(4.50)	(33.00)
Net Profit/(Loss) after Tax	(5.17)	(17.31)	(4.50)	(32.43)

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CHANDIGARH HOUSING BOARD PUBLIC NOTICE It is hereby notified for the General Public that the following person(s) have applied for Permission for the Sale/Purchase of Dwelling Unit in their names under Regulation of the Chandigarh Housing Board (Allotment, Management and Sale of Tenements) Regulations 1979:-

PUBLIC NOTICE Sub- Transfer of MIG H.No. 941, Housing Board Colony, Sector 10, Panchkula, in the name of Sh. Anupam Jain S/o Late Sh. Ram Krishan Jain R/o H.No. 941, Sector-10, Panchkula due to death of Late Sh. Ram Krishan Jain living intestate property and Chand of Registered WILL. It is notified for the information of the general public and all concerned with the MIG H.No. 941, Housing Board Colony, Sector 10, Panchkula, which stands in the name of Late Sh. Ram Krishan Jain S/o Late. Sh. Tek Chand Jain as per record of this office.

Jagat Guru Nanak Dev Punjab State Open University, Patiala (Established by the State Legislature Act No.19 of 1979) Tender Notice Sealed tenders/bids are invited by the University for the supply, installation and commissioning of Multimedia Infrastructure of the university.

PUNJAB & SIND BANK ZONAL OFFICE, FARIDKOT, RED CROSS BILAWAN, SADIK CHOWK, FARIDKOT-151203. INTERIOR FURNISHING, ELECTRICAL WORK & DATA CABLING WORK AT PUNJAB & SIND BANK, MODEL BRANCH ABH FEROPZPUR, DISTRICT FIROZPUR, PUNJAB.

NOTICE INVITING QUOTATIONS The sealed quotations are hereby invited from interested manufacturers / firms / contractors for financial year 2024-25 to supply and aggregate, bricks 2nd class, rolling stone, ordinary quarry stone, for steel, steel angle iron, two joints, channel flat, checker plate, M.S. Pipe, pre painted sheet corrugated or plain galvanized, aluminium doors / windows and mesh, glazed tiles, anti-slip water proof vitrified floor tiles, sparitic ceramic tiles, interlock tile/paver, plaster, Kail, Salwood class-I & Class-II, barbed wire, GI wire, GI fencing mesh, state, ACC sheet, steel grill, fire charges of mechanical excavator, fire charges of steel and wooden shuttering, concrete floor tile, G.I. pipe 15 and 20 mm, oil hood distemper, weather exterior paint, enamel paint, wall putty, hume pipes of various diameter, wood primer, red oxide, Indian and European toilet sheets and cisterns, fire charges of road roller, concrete bitumen mixer, tractor, mechanical vibrator and welding set for developmental works, Door & window fitting, Wooden Shutter, Hollow Pipe, Angl, Angel Steel, Tee Angl, agriculture beauty-faction such as grass & flower etc. Display Board, Benches, acrylic sheet for Badminton court, colour, square pipe, ceiling sheets, mouldure, Plastic Chair, Revolving Chair & Table etc.

PUBLIC NOTICE It is for the information of General Public that the Environmental Clearance of our Project namely "Set up a new Manufacturing facility for the manufacturing of Solvents and Chemicals "M/s Hindco Solvo Chem LLP at Village Jeoli, Tehsil Derabassi, Dist. S.A.S Nagar Mohali Punjab", has been granted by Government of India MOEF&CC, New Delhi vide EC Identification No. EC24A0202PB5158124N dated 27.07.2024. Copy of the Environmental Clearance is available on MOEF&CC website https://parivesh.nic.in and with Punjab Pollution Control Board, Patiala and may be seen there, if desired, on any working day.

THE CHANDIGARH SARVHITKARI COOPERATIVE HOUSE BUILDING 1ST SOCIETY LTD. PLOT NO. 1, SECTOR 48-A, CHANDIGARH (Regd. No. 609 dated 09.05.2003)

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ICICI Bank Branch Office: ICICI Bank Ltd., Plot No. 23, Shal Tower, 3rd Floor, New Rohtak Road, Karol Bagh, New Delhi- 110005. The following borrower(s) has/have defaulted in the repayment of principal and interest towards the Loan facility(ies) availed from ICICI Bank. The Loan(s) has/have been classified as Non-Performing Asset(s) (NPA).

PUBLIC NOTICE I, Manjit Kaur W/O Jai Singh, residing at Village Sahnewal Kalan-1, Hadasat No. 227, Sub- Tehsil Sahnewal, Tehsil and District Ludhiana, Punjab- 141001. I, Gurlewak Singh S/O Jai Singh, residing at Village Sahnewal Kalan-1, Hadasat No. 227, Sub- Tehsil Sahnewal, Tehsil and District Ludhiana, Punjab- 141001. I, Arvind Singh J, residing at Village Sahnewal Kalan-1, Hadasat No. 227, Sub- Tehsil Sahnewal, Tehsil and District Ludhiana, Punjab- 141001. I, Manjit Kaur W/O Jai Singh, residing at Village Sahnewal Kalan-1, Hadasat No. 227, Sub- Tehsil Sahnewal, Tehsil and District Ludhiana, Punjab- 141001. I, Gurlewak Singh S/O Jai Singh, residing at Village Sahnewal Kalan-1, Hadasat No. 227, Sub- Tehsil Sahnewal, Tehsil and District Ludhiana, Punjab- 141001. I, Arvind Singh J, residing at Village Sahnewal Kalan-1, Hadasat No. 227, Sub- Tehsil Sahnewal, Tehsil and District Ludhiana, Punjab- 141001.

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THE STORY OF A TIGRESS LEGACY

Explore the journey through the lens of **MANISH KALANI**, a wildlife photographer, as he unveils the legacy of Ranthambore's tigresses, revealing their untold stories and the majesty of their wilderness, says **SAKSHI PRIYA**



Manish Kalani's *Warrior Queens of Ranthambore* is more than just a coffee table book, it's a journey into the heart of Ranthambore National Park and a touching tribute to one of its most iconic residents, Machhli. This book is a celebration of the majestic tigresses who have roamed the park over five generations, captured through Kalani's lens in an eight-year photographic adventure. The book opens with a striking portrait of Machhli, the legendary tigress known as "The Lady of the Lakes." Kalani's photographs capture her in all her glory, her powerful presence, her regal bearing and the deep wisdom in her eyes. Machhli was not just a tigress; she was a symbol of strength and resilience, her story woven into the fabric of Ranthambore's conservation history. Kalani's images of her are infused with a sense of reverence, reflecting the profound impact

she had on the park and its tiger population. Machhli's story is central to the book, but Kalani extends his narrative to include her descendants, creating a rich tapestry of the tiger lineage. The book features photographs of Machhli's daughter, Krishna, her granddaughter, Arrowhead and her great-granddaughter, Riddhi. Each of these tigresses is portrayed with a blend of awe and intimacy. For instance, Arrowhead is shown with her fierce territorial instincts, contrasting with the more complex interactions of Riddhi, who navigates the challenges of her position within the family. Through Kalani's lens, these tigresses come to life as individuals with their own personalities, struggles and triumphs. Kalani's dedication to his craft is evident in every page. His photographs are not just visually stunning; they are imbued with emotion and context. Each image



tells a story whether it's a serene moment of rest or an intense interaction with other wildlife. The book is filled with moments that make you feel as though you are right there in the forest, sharing in the experiences of these magnificent animals. The accompanying narratives provide insights into the lives of the tigresses, offering a deeper



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understanding of their behaviors and relationships. What makes *Warrior Queens of Ranthambore* particularly compelling is its role in conservation. Kalani has dedicated the proceeds from the book to the Regal Roar Trust, a tribute to his commitment to the protection of these incredible creatures. This aspect of the book highlights how storytelling can

be a powerful tool for change, transforming a beautiful collection of photographs into a means of supporting conservation efforts. The book serves not only as a tribute to the tigresses but also as a call to action for their continued protection. Reading *Warrior Queens of Ranthambore* is like taking a personal journey with Kalani into

the heart of Ranthambore. It's more than just a visual experience; it's an emotional one. The book invites you to connect with the tigresses on a deeper level, to feel their struggles and triumphs, and to appreciate the beauty and complexity of their lives. Kalani's passion for wildlife and his respect for the tigers shine through every page, making this book a heartfelt and moving experience. Arguably, *Warrior Queens of Ranthambore* is a masterful blend of art and conservation. Manish Kalani's photographic journey offers a window into the lives of Ranthambore's royal tigresses, capturing their beauty, strength and spirit. The book is not only a must-have for wildlife enthusiasts but also serves as an important reminder of the ongoing efforts needed to protect our natural heritage. Through Kalani's eyes, we are reminded of the enduring spirit of Ranthambore's tigers and the crucial role we all play in ensuring their future.

THE HAUNTING PAST

Mamta Sharma's debut novel masterfully intertwines personal loss with a suspenseful mystery, creating a profound narrative of emotional healing and the quest for answer, says **TEAM VIVA**

Mamta Sharma's *Searching for Sarah* is a compelling narrative that delves into themes of grief, loss and the quest for closure through a gripping mystery. The story begins with Rini, a 34-year-old widow, navigating her life in Mumbai as she deals with the deep-seated sorrow following her husband's untimely death. Her personal journey intertwines with a decades-old mystery that unravels as she embarks on a quest for answers. The novel opens with Rini grappling with the emotional aftermath of her husband's passing. Her life, marked by a pervasive sense of emptiness, is depicted with raw honesty. Rini's struggle to find meaning and solace in her daily existence is palpable as she works as an estate agent, a role that provides her with some distraction from her grief. The routine of her professional life, however,

cannot fully shield her from the emotional turmoil she faces. Her sleep is disturbed by recurring nightmares, adding to the weight of her sorrow. The turning point in Rini's life occurs during a routine work trip when she encounters a bungalow that piques her interest. The bungalow, owned by Mr. and Mrs. D'souza, an elderly Christian couple, holds a dark secret from the past. Their daughter, Sarah, disappeared 34 years ago, leaving the couple in a state of perpetual mourning and relentless searching for answers. The disappearance of Sarah has cast a long shadow over their lives, creating an atmosphere of melancholy and unresolved tension. Rini's curiosity is immediately sparked by the D'souzias' story. The more she learns about Sarah's disappearance, the more she becomes emotionally invested in the case. Sharma effectively uses Rini's growing obsession with

the mystery to drive the narrative forward, intertwining Rini's personal grief with the broader mystery of Sarah's vanishing. This dual focus enriches the story, providing a nuanced exploration of how personal loss can intersect with and amplify the search for external truths. As Rini delves deeper into the case, the novel reveals her complex emotional landscape. The investigation forces Rini to confront her own fears and insecurities, mirroring her internal struggle with her husband's death. Sharma's portrayal of Rini's psychological state is both sensitive and profound, illustrating how personal trauma can influence one's actions and decisions. Rini's interactions with the D'souzias and other characters involved in the case are marked by empathy and determination, showcasing her growth as she navigates the intricacies of the mystery.

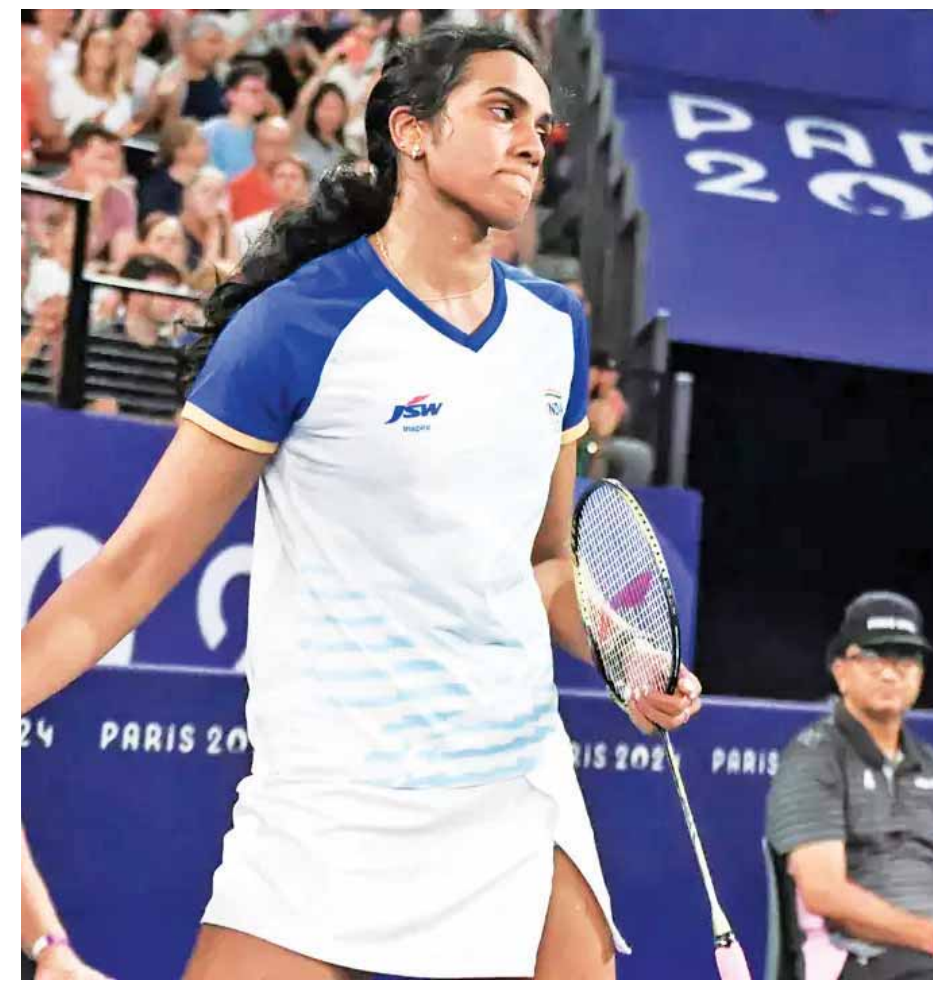


The narrative unfolds with increasing tension as Rini uncovers hidden layers of the case. Sharma crafts a suspenseful plot, filled with unexpected twists and turns, that keeps readers engaged and invested in the outcome. The process of unraveling Sarah's fate is depicted with meticulous detail, reflecting the complexity

of real-life investigations where every clue can lead to multiple possibilities. The author's attention to detail enhances the authenticity of the story, making Rini's journey both credible and captivating. In the "One Year Later" chapter, the novel takes a reflective turn as Rini looks back on the changes that have occurred in her life since her involvement in the case. This chapter provides a poignant conclusion to Rini's emotional arc, highlighting her personal growth and the impact of the investigation on her life. The passage of time allows Rini to evaluate the significance of her journey, offering insights into how the search for answers can lead to personal transformation and healing. In terms of style, Sharma's prose is evocative and often poetic, enhancing the emotional impact of the story. The descriptive passages are not merely visual but also sensory, immersing

readers in the sights, sounds, and feelings of the settings. This sensory richness contributes to the novel's immersive quality, making the reader feel as though they are experiencing Rini's world firsthand. Sharma also employs a meticulous and detailed approach to plot development. The author's careful attention to the investigation into Sarah's disappearance lends credibility to the story and engages readers with its methodical unraveling. The suspenseful elements of the narrative are crafted with precision, maintaining a steady pace that keeps readers invested in the unfolding mystery. Sharma's ability to blend personal grief with a compelling investigative plot showcases her skill in balancing different narrative threads. Sharma's writing throughout *Searching for Sarah* is marked by its emotional depth and character-driven narrative. The author skillfully

balances the elements of mystery and psychological exploration, creating a story that resonates on multiple levels. The interplay between Rini's personal struggles and the mystery of Sarah's disappearance adds layers of complexity to the narrative, making it a rich and engaging read. *Searching for Sarah* is a masterful debut by Mamta Sharma that successfully blends elements of crime fiction with a deep psychological exploration. The novel's exploration of grief, loss and the search for closure is handled with sensitivity and insight, making it a standout addition to the genre. Sharma's ability to weave a captivating mystery with a profound emotional journey ensures that *Searching for Sarah* will resonate with readers long after the final page is turned. Price of the book : Rs.200/- Self Publish and available on Kindle and Amazon



Manu qualifies for 25m sports pistol in second position at Olympics

PTI ■ CHATEAURoux

Indian shooter Manu Bhaker kept herself on track for a hat-trick of Olympic medals, coming up with one of her most memorable performances in her favourite event, the 25m sports pistol, as she booked a place in the final placed second at the Chateauroux shooting range here on Friday.

The 22-year-old, who has already made history by becoming the first Indian athlete to win two bronze medals in one edition of the quadrennial showpiece, can add to her aura if she wins a third medal on Saturday, something which is well within her grasp after her commanding performance in the qualification round.

Manu, who continued to dominate the event and remained among the top three almost throughout the qualification phase of 'precision' and 'rapid' rounds,



aggregated 590 to be placed second behind Hungary's Veronika Major who equalled the Olympic record with a score of 592.

Manu, who has seen a marked improvement in her shooting after patching up with legendary former shooter-turned-coach Jaspal Rana, has won the 10m women's air pistol bronze and 10m air pistol mixed team bronze

pairing Sarabjot Singh. She was in impregnable form in the sports pistol qualification rounds, firing 294 in the gruelling 'precision' round with scores of 97, 98 and 99.

The 'rapid round' brought out the best in her as she shot a perfect 100, followed by two 98s for an aggregate of 296.

India's upcoming shooter and multiple Hangzhou Asian

Games medalist Esha Singh faltered to aggregate 581 (291 in precision and 290 in rapid) to finish 18th among 40 shooters and miss the eight-shooter final by a distance.

Just after winning her second bronze medal here, in 10m air pistol mixed team event, Manu had urged the countrymen not to be "disappointed" if she can't add more medals to the tally.

But going by her imperious form, the Hajar shooter could well be in line to win a gold or silver.

Bhaker's sterling performance here has come after a failed campaign at the Tokyo Games in 2021 where a pistol malfunction stopped her from achieving her Olympic dream. She said that heartbreak made her value the medals here even more.

Manu, the second youngest Indian athlete to win an Olympic medal after shuttler PV Sindhu, had added that she looks up to ace javelin thrower Neeraj Chopra and Sindhu because they have "proved themselves".

India has won all three medals so far in shooting, with Manu bagging two and Swapnil Kusale taking the bronze in 50m rifle three-positions on Thursday.

Legendary India cricketer Rahul Dravid had also termed Manu's performance "incredible" following her second Olympic bronze medal.

"Manu's story is incredible after the disappointment of Tokyo Olympics, to come here and be able to get over that and compete and bronze is a phenomenal achievement," Dravid, the former India coach, had said during a panel discussion at India House in Paris.

I should have controlled mistakes in defence: Sindhu

PTI ■ PARIS

PV Sindhu has no regrets regarding her preparations for the Games as she did everything she could to be in the best shape but admitted defence let her down in the pre-quarterfinal against China's He Bingjiao, here Thursday.

Sindhu ran the Chinese world number 9 close in the first game but unending unforced errors meant that Bing Jiao ran away with the match 21-19 21-14 in 56 minutes. Sindhu even dictated a few points but had no answer to Bing Jiao's superior attack.

"I should have controlled in terms of a little bit of mistakes on my defense is what I felt," Sindhu said, reflecting upon the reason for her defeat.

Sindhu had a training camp in Germany and also joined forces with mentor Prakash Padukone for better preparation.

"Everybody worked hard, so we've done whatever we could. Rest is destiny. I don't regret it," she said.

"I kept fighting still because you never know anything can happen. Both of us were fighting for each point because until the end you can't expect. "It's not easy win or easy

points, you can't think that you have finished the game." Bing Jiao's smashes and soft drops had Sindhu scurrying on both sides of the court. But when Sindhu attacked, the Chinese defended well.

"She has that jump smash. Even my smashes, I think, which were mid-court, they were just going out when she was challenging.

"I should have hit them inside and I should have got those points where I've made those unforced errors.

"She got much more confident in that because when I was hitting, she was defending, but still some points which were really mid-court also, I was hitting just out or just into her hand.

It was neck-and-neck in the first game with Sindhu and her rival locked 19-19. The two-time Olympic medalist said winning the game from that position could have changed things for her.

"It's sad that I couldn't convert it to win, especially in the first game because it was 19 all at some point.

"I think if it would have been the other way, especially when I challenged it. If I would have won the first set, maybe it would have been different. But I think it was... I mean, there

were rallies and it was going on well, but only one can win." Asked if she would try to play in the next Olympics in the USA, Sindhu was non-committal.

"It's still four years away. So for me, right now, I just go back and rest for a bit, maybe just take some break and then come back and let's see what it is because four years is a very, very long time. So let's see," the 29-year-old said.

"It's sad. The result, I couldn't get what I expected, but it's a journey, isn't it?"

"It's been a wonderful journey so far. There were ups and downs, and I came back from an injury, and everything was going on well. You can't expect easy wins or picking the form at the right time. Sometimes it might not be your day. We all really worked hard."

In game two, Sindhu tried to unsettle Bing Jiao with smashes but her opponent was picking up all those low shots as well.

"Her defense was really good today. She was taking everything and I had to be even more patient. Sometimes I was changing and I was getting points. I was dictating and I was getting a few points, but I think it was not enough today."

Hockey: India stun Australia, register first win in 52 years in Olympics

PTI ■ PARIS

Skipper Harmanpreet Singh scored a brace as the India men's hockey team registered a famous 3-2 win over Tokyo Games silver medalist and nemesis Australia in its final Pool B match here on Friday.

Already assured of a quarterfinal berth before Friday's encounter, the Indians played valiantly and dominated the proceedings for major part of the match to stun the Kookaburras, against whom they last won in Olympics in the 1972 Munich edition.

It seemed India had saved their best for their last pool match, as it delivered a power-packed performance, playing attacking hockey from the beginning, and defending well throughout.

Abhishek (12th), skipper Harmanpreet (13th, 33rd) scored for India while Tom Craig (25th) and Blake Govers (55) found the net for Australia.

With this win, India most likely will finish their pool engagements in the second position with nine points, finishing behind table toppers Belgium (12), who are yet to play a match. The pole position will not change even if Belgium loses its match against Argentina.

The goal difference after that match will determine the final placing.

The Indians started on an aggressive note and made two

circle entries in the first two minutes.

Veteran India custodian PR Sreejesh, who is playing his last international tournament, was rock solid in front of the goal, making some vital saves to deny the Kookaburras.

In the 11th minute, Sreejesh made the first save to deny Tom Wickham, which resulted in a penalty corner. But the resultant effort from Jeremy Hayward was off target.

Jarmanpreet Singh then fired a pass to Sukhjeet Singh from the right flank. He just needed to deflect the ball but he could not stop the powerful strike. The strong Australian defence easily foiled his attempt by the time he gathered the ball and was ready to strike.

Australia created two back-to-back opportunities, but the Indian defence was rock solid.

India stunned Australia by taking the lead through Abhishek in the 12th minute. It was Lalit, who received a pass in an empty D, he attempted a shot but that was saved by goalie Andrew Charter.

Abhishek got the ball on rebound, turned, and hammered the it past rival goalkeeper Andrew Charter.

A minute later, India got a penalty corner when the ball touched the foot of Jake Harvie and Harmanpreet beat Charter's defence with fierce grounded flick.

Tim Brand had an opportunity to reduce the deficit early in

the second quarter but he struck the ball wide.

Australia earned their second penalty corner of the match in the 19th minute but Govers' shot was blocked Sreejesh.

Vice-captain Hardik Singh was a livewire in the mid-field, feeding the forwards consistently.

Australia got their third short corner in the 25th minute. It was a poor injection from skipper Aran Zaleski but it turned into a goal as the Australians recovered quickly to pass it to an unmarked Craig at the second post, who deflected the ball in.



Bank of Baroda donated bed sheets

Jalandhar: Bank of Baroda donated bed sheets and doctor uniforms to Civil Hospital Jalandhar on the occasion of its 117th Foundation Day. Recently, on 20 July 2024, Bank of Baroda celebrated its 117th Foundation Day with great pomp and show. In the same sequence, yesterday on 01 August 2024, Bank of Baroda Regional Office donated 100 bed sheets and 50 doctor uniforms to Civil Hospital Jalandhar. Earlier, on the occasion of Foundation Day, the bank had organized a blood donation camp under the supervision of Civil Hospital Jalandhar Blood Donation Cell, Jalandhar and donated 10 fans to the hospital Jalandhar. Regional Head Mr. Dev Raj Bansal said that the bank has always been vigilant in discharging its social responsibility. CMO Ms. Geeta and Chief Manager Bank of Baroda Mr. Sachin Amrit were present on this occasion. The hospital praised this initiative of Bank of Baroda.

Cabinet approves Investment Proposal of SJVN's 669 MW Lower Arun Hydro Electric Project in Nepal

SHIMLA: The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA), chaired by Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi has approved the investment of Rs. 5792.36 crores (Cost to Completion) for 669 MW Lower Arun Hydro Electric Project (LAHEP) at levelized tariff of Rs. 4.99 per unit. The Committee has also agreed Ex-post facto approval for Special Purpose Vehicle SJVN Lower Arun Power Development Company Private Limited (SLPDC), a wholly owned subsidiary of SJVN incorporated in Nepal for implementation of LAHEP. In addition to this, the Committee has also approved the equity investment of Rs. 1737.70 crores in SLPDC. The 669 MW Lower Arun Hydro Electric Project with four units of 167.25 MW each, is located downstream of 900 MW Arun-3 Hydro Electric Project on river Arun in Sankhuwasabha district of the province-1 in Nepal. A tail race development of Arun3 HEP; the project will not have any reservoir or dam and will operate as a Tandem Operation System with Arun-3 HEP. This project is designed to generate 2900 million units of energy annually. SJVN bagged the project through international competitive bidding and the project is being implemented on Build-Own-Operate and Transfer (BOOT) basis with active support from the Ministry of Power, Government of India. The project shall be commissioned within a span of 60 months from the date of investment approval. The generated power shall be evacuated through under-construction 217 km 400 KV Double Circuit Transmission Line up to Sitamarhi, Bihar.



Bank of India Opens New Branch In Hissar

Hissar: Bank of India inaugurated new premises of Hissar Branch at Red Square Market, near BSNL office, Hissar by the hands of Smt. Savitri Jindal (Chairperson of Jindal Group) as a chief guest of the occasion, in the presence of senior officials of the Bank viz. Sh. Anil Kumar Verma, General Manager, FGMO Chandigarh, Sh. P. Navaneetha Krishnan, Zonal Manager, Chandigarh zone and Sh. Amit Kumar, Branch Manager Hissar Branch. Smt. Savitri Jindal (Chairperson of Jindal Group) in her address congratulated the management of Bank of India for this welcome step of shifting the branch to a prominent location. She also encouraged the present customers in the gathering to get benefitted by availing various services for growth of the bank.

General Manager Sh. Verma greeted the gathering by conveying the new location of the branch & its convenience for the customers, having better parking and better approach for customer service. He also deliberated upon the prominent presence of the bank in the State of Haryana besides Nationwide presence across the geographies of India. Categorically, BOI has five branches in the vicinity of Hissar, which are extending all the banking facilities to the residents. In addition to the available branches in Hissar, BOI has also established specific loan processing centers for SME, Retail, and Agriculture loan for quick processing and disposal of all the loans proposals.

OTHER SPORTS

If T20 produces attacking Test players, then I will not mind: Sehwaq

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Virender Sehwaq wouldn't mind if youngsters starting with T20 cricket develop an aggressive streak which helps them grow as Test players who can be crowd-pullers in future.

One of India's greatest Test openers, Sehwaq, who was unveiled as Brand Ambassador of the inaugural Delhi Premier League, said one can't blame youngsters who are attracted to the shortest format which also provides financial viability.

"The manner in which England is playing Test cricket, scoring at five runs an over. In our playing days, Australia used to score at 4 runs per over. I have always believed that if you can attack, then you give your team more chances to win the Test matches," Sehwaq told mediapersons on the sidelines of an event to announce the league.

The inevitable question was whether too many T20 leagues would drive the youngsters away from the red-ball game.

"Look my elder son is 17 and he played three-day cricket for Delhi U16 but there are a lot of boys who might be waiting for that opportunity. When we were 18, there was no IPL. But, now, a youngster might think of playing IPL, and DPL gives you that opportunity.

"So, if anyone develops an aggressive game that can suit Test cricket then why not? After all, we would like people to come and watch Tests," said the Nawab of Najafgarh. But didn't Sehwaq play that aggressive game in Test even before IPL?

"Was it good or bad? I scored a triple ton in 270-odd balls. Today's kid might score 400 if they play that many balls," said Sehwaq, whose son, Aaryavir, will be a part of the DPL T20 draft.

The six teams taking part in the league are Central Delhi Kings, East Delhi Riders, North Delhi Strikers, Purani Delhi 6, South Delhi Superstars and West Delhi Lions.

Rishabh Pant, if he manages to play a couple



of games based on his availability, will be the biggest attraction, and other big names are: Ishant Sharma, Harshit Rana, Navdeep Saini and Ayush Badoni to name a few.

There are four categories and Rs 10 lakh is the salary per player in the marquee A group. The winners' cheque is for Rs 1 crore. DDCA president Rohan Jaitley said the matches which will be aired live on a leading OTT platform will also have DRS with Hawk Eye facility.

Asked about the Anti-Corruption arrangements, Jaitley said: "There will be zero tolerance with regards to corruption. The BCCI's Anti-Corruption Unit will be working and the BCCI guidelines regarding code of conduct will be followed."

As per sources, BCCI will deploy 8 ACU officials and they will be assisted by 8 more provided by the state unit.

Jaitley also said they are trying to arrange an Inter-Delhi red-ball meet which will be held in the window between end of the Ranji Trophy and start of the IPL to keep young cricketers focused on red-ball game.

So, will DPL T20 become the selection criteria for the Syed Mushtaq Ali Trophy (SMAT) team selection?

Jaitley didn't give a definitive answer terming it the prerogative of the Cricket Advisory Committee (CAC).

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Annexure

Government of India
Ministry of Commerce & Industry
Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade

Advertisement for the post of Deputy Salt Commissioner on Transfer on Deputation in the Salt Commissioner's Organization (SCO), an attached office under Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade, Ministry of Commerce & Industry.

Applications for filling up of one post of Deputy Salt Commissioner in the Grade Pay of Rs.7600/- Level-12 as per 7th CPC on Transfer on Deputation (including short term contract) are invited for posting at SCO's Headquarter, Jaipur.

The qualification, experience, the period of deputation can be seen in the detailed advertisement on <https://dpiit.gov.in> and <http://www.saltcomindia.gov.in>.

Application duly filled in and supported by all relevant documents and envelop should be superscripted, "Application for the post of Deputy Salt Commissioner (DSC) on transfer of deputation basis" may be sent through proper channel to :- Under Secretary, Salt Section, Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade, Vanija Bhawan, East Wing, 1st floor, 16-A, Akbar Road, New Delhi - 110011, Email: salt-section@gov.in

The last date for receipt of applications is 60 days from the date of publication of this circular in Employment News.

This is tentative vacancy which may be increased or decreased.

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ENGINEERING WORKS

E-TENDER NOTICE NO. 21 of 2024;
Date: 31-07-2024. E-tenders are invited by the undersigned for the following works: **Tender No.: DCESTMLG-16-2024. Name of work & Location:** Procurement and installations work for replacement of worn out Basketball court no. 2 synthetic flooring. Tender Value: ₹37,09,771.94; Earnest Money: ₹74,200.00. **E-tender will be closed at 13:00 hrs. on 22-08-2024 and will be opened at 13:00 hrs. on 22-08-2024.** For details please visit www.ireps.gov.in.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform public in general that Kotak Mahindra bank Ltd has organized an auction in below mention respect of Vehicles. **VEHICLES FOR SALE**

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BRANCH ADDRESS: FIRST FLOOR, PLOT NO 406 TO 408 /28, ROOPALAY COMPLEX, D PARK, MODEL TOWN, ROHTAK 124001 OR CONTACT: MR. GOVERDHAN JOSHI KOTAK MAHINDRA BANK LTD. CONTACT NO. +91-9671300231 EMAIL: Goverdhan.joshi@kotak.com

SURVEY WITH TOTAL STATION OF THE ENTIRE NEW GUWAHATI YARD TO GUWAHATI YARD AREA

E-Tender Notice No. 20 of 2024
Dated: 31-07-2024. E-Tenders are invited by the undersigned for the following works: **Tender No. GSU-GHY-03-2024. Name of work & Location:** (1) Survey with total station of the entire New Guwahati yard to Guwahati yard area, layout of track in yards, layout of sheds and buildings etc. checking of accuracy during execution of the work and other survey work as required time to time. (2) Architectural and structural design including steel structure design for covered shed (Pt. line, Sick line etc.), staging of overhead water tank, Parcel office, Guwahati 2nd entry buildings, other RCC buildings with Geotechnical investigation as required and instructed, report preparation for foundation design, etc. (3) Preparation of Revised estimate, preparation of NS items, rate collection etc. **Tender Value:** ₹88,66,219.38. **Earnest Money:** ₹1,77,300/-. **Date & Time of closing of tender:** 13:00 hrs. of 22-08-2024 & opening at 13:00 hrs. of 22-08-2024. The complete information with the tender document of above e-tender will be available in website www.ireps.gov.in

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