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## Modi reaffirms India's role as Vishwa Bandhu

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NEW DELHI

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Saturday said India has become a food surplus country and is also working to provide solutions for global food and nutritional security. Inaugurating the 32nd International Conference of Agricultural Economists (ICAE) at the National Agricultural Science Centre (NASC) Complex in the national Capital, which is being organised in India after 65 years, Modi said, "now India is a food surplus country," he said, adding that the country is the number one producer of milk, pulses and spices across the world. Also, the country has become the second-largest producer of foodgrains, fruits, vegetables, cotton, sugar and tea.

"There was a time when India's food security was a concern for the world. Now, India is working to provide solutions for global food security and global nutritional security," he said at the conference, attended by about 1,000 delegates from around 70 countries. Therefore, Modi said, India's experience is valuable for discussions on food system transformation and will benefit the global south. The Prime Minister reiterated India's commitment to global welfare as a 'Vishwa Bandhu'.



Prime Minister Narendra Modi speaking at the inauguration of the 32nd International Conference of Agricultural Economists (ICAE) at the National Agricultural Science Centre (NASC) Complex, in New Delhi on Saturday. Photo: PIB

He highlighted various mantras put forward by India on various fora, including 'One Earth, One Family and One Future', 'Mission Life' and 'One Earth One Health'. He underlined India's approach of not viewing the health of humans, plants and animals in silos. "Challenges before sustainable agriculture and food systems can only be

tackled under the holistic approach of One Earth, One Family and One Future," he said. Modi emphasised the importance of the agriculture sector in the Indian economy and highlighted the work done by his government in the last 10 years for the growth of the farm sector in a sustainable manner. "Agriculture is at the centre of India's

economic policies," he said. In Indian agriculture, 90 per cent of farmers own very little land, and these small farmers are the biggest strength of India's food security, Modi said. He pointed out that a similar situation is prevalent in several developing countries in Asia, making India's model applicable. The Prime Minister also said India has provided 1,900 new climate-resilient varieties of crops in the last 10 years. India is promoting chemical-free natural farming, he added. He also said the country is moving towards achieving the 20 per cent ethanol blending target petrol. The conference will highlight India's proactive approach to global agricultural challenges and showcase the nation's advancements in agricultural research and policy. The Prime Minister also acknowledged the seriousness of the nutrition challenge, along with water scarcity and climate change. He presented Anna, Millet, as a solution given the superfood's quality of minimum water and maximum production. Modi expressed India's willingness to share millet basket with the world. In his speech, he also talked about how India is leveraging digital technology in the agriculture sector.

## Ripple effect of Israel, Iran tension in Delhi



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NEW DELHI

Even as tension flares up in West Asia, the Delhi Police has reviewed the security of the Israeli Embassy and Chabad House following alerts from the intelligence agencies in the wake of the killing of a Hamas leader in Tehran. A multi-layered security has already been put in place with several CCTV cameras installed around both the structures. According to a senior officer, more personnel may be deployed, if required. On July 31, Hamas leader Ismail Haniyeh and his bodyguard were killed in an airstrike that hit a residence where Haniyeh was staying in Tehran as a guest. According to sources, senior officers of the Delhi Police force have held a meeting to plan a massive security net around the two Israeli buildings in the national Capital. This came after the Delhi Police debunked rumours of an "explosion" at

the Embassy, calling it a hoax. The police said on X that it was a fake alert before deleting the post. Meanwhile, the Indian Embassy in Israel on Friday issued an advisory for the Indian nationals living in the country to stay vigilant and "adhere to safety protocols". "In view of the prevailing situation in the region, all Indian nationals in Israel are advised to stay vigilant and adhere to the safety protocols as advised by the local authorities. Please exercise caution, avoid unnecessary travel within the country and stay close to safety shelters," the Embassy of India in Israel posted on X. Air India has already cancelled its flight to Tel Aviv in the wake of escalating tensions in West Asia. In the past three years, two low-intensity blasts have taken place near Israeli Embassy in the national Capital. No one was injured in the both attacks. Security around the Israeli Embassy was upped after a war between Israel and Hamas broke out last year. In December last year, a low-intensity blast was heard near the Israeli Embassy in the high-security Lutyens' zone, triggering concern among the Indian security and intelligence agencies and prompting them to carry out an extensive search in the area. During this operation, a letter addressed to the Israeli Ambassador was recovered at the spot. Following the back-to-back assassinations of Haniyeh in Tehran early on Wednesday and top Hezbollah commander Fuad Shukur in Beirut the evening before, international diplomats have scrambled to head off a full-fledged regional war after Iran and its regional proxies vowed to retaliate.



## Fresh trouble in Manipur

PTI ■ IMPHAL

Shots were fired and an abandoned house was torched in Manipur's Jiribam, triggering fresh tensions within a day of the Meitei and Hmar communities reaching an agreement to make efforts to restore normalcy in the district, officials said on Saturday. An abandoned house in Lalpani village was torched by armed men on Friday night, they said. "It is an isolated settlement consisting of a few Meitei houses, and most of those were abandoned after violence broke out in the district. Miscreants, who are yet to be identified, took advantage of security lapses in the area to commit the arson," an official said. The armed men also fired several rounds of shells and gunshots, targeting the village, he said. Security forces were rushed to the area following the incident, he added. Representatives of the Meitei and Hmar communities reached an agreement in a meeting held at a CRPF facility in adjoining Assam's Cachar on Thursday. The meeting was moderated by Jiribam district administration, Assam Rifles and CRPF personnel. Representatives of the Thadou, Paite and Mizo communities of the district were also present in the meeting.

## Narco-terror links cost J&K Govt staffers' job



MOHIT KANDHARI ■ JAMMU

The Jammu and Kashmir Government on Saturday dismissed six employees, including five constables of the Jammu and Kashmir police and one teacher of the Education Department for terror links and involvement in illegal and anti-national activities. According to a statement issued by the Department of Information and Public Relations, J&K Government, the activities of all these employees had come to the notice of law enforcement and intelligence agencies, as they found them deeply involved in activities prejudicial to the interests of the State. So far fourteen employees have been dismissed from their services since June 2024. Four employees, including two

police constables, one school teacher and one lineman of the Jal Shakti Department were dismissed from their services on July 24, and four others were dismissed on June 8. In November 2023, while addressing a gathering in New Delhi, Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha claimed that approximately 55 Government employees and workers have been dismissed for promoting terrorism. This action will continue until such individuals who have facilitated terrorism are dealt with, he said. The Lieutenant Governor invoked Article 311(2)(c) of the Constitution to sack the six employees after a thorough investigation revealed their links with a narco-terror network run by Pakistan's Inter-Services Intelligence (ISI) and terror outfits operating from Pakistani soil.

Sharing details, the spokesman of the DIPR, J&K, in a statement said, one of the dismissed selection grade constables identified as Saif Din son of Quasim Din resident of Shigani Bhallesa District Doda A/P Javid Nagar, Bali Charana Naki Tawi, Jammu, was a notorious drug peddler, a habitual offender and a mastermind for distribution of narco terror funding. He is a deeply motivated and committed drug peddler as well as a Over Ground Worker for the terrorists of a proscribed terrorist organisations like Hizbul Mujahideen. He had established drug channels which are being used by anti-national agencies/ elements to smuggle weapons, and narcotics and to facilitate infiltration of terrorists in J&K, he said. The spokesman said, Farooq Ahmad Sheikh, Head Constable in Police Department son of Ab Aziz Sheikh resident of Ibkote Tangdar, District Kupwara, along with two other employees namely Khalid Hussian Shah and Rahmat Shah (both working as Constables in J&K police) received huge consignment of narcotics from drug smugglers across the LoC from Pakistan occupied J&K.



Officials during a rescue operation for stranded Kedarnath pilgrims, in Rudraprayag district. PTI

## Over 10K stranded pilgrims rescued from Kedarnath

PTI ■ RUDRAPRAYAG

The operation to rescue pilgrims stranded along a rain-ravaged trek route to the Himalayan Kedarnath shrine in Uttarakhand entered its third day on Sunday. More than 10,500 people have been evacuated, some airlifted by air force helicopters. Officials said around 1,300 pilgrims are stranded in Kedarnath, Bhimbali and Gaurikund, and are safe. Personnel of the State Disaster Response Force (SDRF), the National Disaster Response Force (NDRF) and police are engaged in the rescue operation. The Indian Air Force's Chinook and MI17 helicopters airlifted some pilgrims from the area on Friday.

Rudraprayag Superintendent of Police (SP) Vishakhya Ashok Bhadane dismissed rumours of a large number of people missing following a cloudburst near the trek-route. "Almost all reported individuals have reached home," the official said and appealed to the public not to believe rumours. She said, "Many people may not be able to contact their families due to poor network and bad weather." The pilgrim, who died in a landslide near Tharu camp at Lincholi on Friday, was identified as Shubham Sahayap. He was a resident of Saharanpur in Uttar Pradesh, District Disaster Management Officer Nandan Singh Rajwar said.

## Kejriwal Govt took most Cabinet decisions sans discussion: Document

RAJESH KUMAR ■ NEW DELHI

In an unusual practice, the Arvind Kejriwal Government has taken majority of the Cabinet decisions by "circulation" in the past three years. This means no discussion has taken place among the Ministers and officers concerned of the Delhi Government and Cabinet agenda dictated from the top. Even the Chief Secretary and concern Heads of Departments were not kept in the loop during the Cabinet discussion. The document accessed by The Pioneer shows the numbers of decisions taken by the Cabinet through circulation were 15 in 2024 (as on July 31, 2024) and only six were in physical modes. Similarly, the number of decisions taken through circulation in 2022 are 17 out of 21 and in the year 2023 this number rose to 29 circulation and only a meager five are through deliberations and physical mode. The Cabinet decisions taken through circulation in 2024 include Delhi Solar Energy Policy, 2023, Budget Session of Delhi Legislative



Assembly, approval of the Delhi-Ghaziabad-Meerut Corridor of Regional Rapid Transit System (RRTS), proposal for implementation of Business Blasters Scheme (seniors) for GNCTD Universities and it is, proposal for approval of additional project cost due to enhanced compensation of land in Delhi Mass Rapid Transit System (DMRTS) Phase-I & II and its release thereof. "Cabinet meetings (Council of Ministers) are central to governance. In the meetings, deliberation takes place at length and views of every Minister are ascertained along with the presentation by the department. "The Department concerned pilots the proposal through the proper presentation before the Cabinet and thereafter it is deliberated upon and discussed before giving the final decision by the Cabinet," the document said. Notably, the Government approves agenda or proposal through circulation only in an emergency situation.

## Inspiring tales of human valour emerge from heart of Wayanad

KUMAR CHELLAPPAN ■ KOCHI

In the midst of a tragedy of Wayanad's scale, many heart-warming tales of bravery and humanitarian deeds involving high personal risks have come to light as the jumbo efforts to rescue the survivors, if any, of the catastrophic landslides continued on the fifth day. In one instance, while the Indian Air Force played Good Samaritan in saving the lives of two youths from Malappuram district who had reached Soojippara in Wayanad district as part of a rescue team, the fire brigade saved a third youth from the inaccessible rocky terrains in the region on Saturday. The trio had lost their way

on Friday while searching for those trapped in Tuesday's landslides. They spent the whole night atop the rocky hills as they found it difficult to move in the slippery and slushy area. Two of them suffered minor fractures in the fall and they themselves got trapped in the rocky terrain. The police and other State agencies found the going tough and the IAF team was summoned to save the youths. While the helicopter piloted by the IAF crew had to do dangerous manoeuvring to air-lift two of the youths from the treacherous terrain, the third one was saved by the fire brigade using specially made coir.



Representative Image

All the three have been hospitalised as they had suffered minor fractures and exhaustion. In yet another daring rescue operation, officials of the Forest Department saved six members of a family (including four children and their father and mother) who were trapped in a rocky cave atop the Wayanad hills. The family, having lost their dwelling in Tuesday's landslide at Mundakkai, had managed to reach the cave and huddled together amid heavy rain. Officials led by Kalpetta Range Forest Officer K Hashis rescued the tribal family which included four kids aged between one and four. The rescue mission

took four and a half hours one way. "The family is from the Paniya community of Wayanad, and had been stranded in a cave atop a hill overlooking a deep gorge," said Hashis after the family members were brought to a relief camp. Hashis said they had found the mother and a four-year-old child wandering around to find food for her other children and their father who were stranded in the cave. The rescue team of the forest officials has shifted most of the members of the tribal communities in Wayanad to safer places. Hashis said the tribal community survived on forest products and generally avoided interactions with

others. "However, it seems like, due to the landslide and the heavy rain, they were unable to procure any food," he said. The road to be taken to reach the cave where the tribal survivors were trapped was literally a steep slope, very difficult to traverse, especially amidst heavy rainfall. The officers had to tie ropes to trees and rocks to climb, a very risky exercise indeed as they said. He added, "The children were tired, and we fed them with whatever we had carried. Later, after much persuasion, their father agreed to come with us, and we tied the children to our bodies and started our trek back."

# Punjab CM Mann denied political clearance to visit Paris; AAP questions move of Central govt

**PNS ■ CHANDIGARH**

After the Centre denied political clearance to Punjab Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann to visit Paris to support the Indian hockey team at the ongoing Olympic Games, the Aam Aadmi Party took umbrage at the move and slammed the Centre on Saturday.

Meanwhile, Punjab Assembly Speaker Kultar Singh Sandhwan said he has also been denied political clearance for going to the US to participate in a conference of legislative bodies from August 4 to August 7.

Mann, who holds a diplomatic passport, was scheduled to visit Paris from August 3 to August 9 for the Indian hockey team's quarterfinal clash on

August 4, and had sought political clearance for the same. The Centre denied him the permission, saying since Mann is a Z-Plus security protectee, it is not possible to arrange his level of security at a short notice. The Chief Minister's Office was informed of the decision on Friday evening.

Political clearance for travelling abroad for senior leaders is required from the Ministry of External Affairs.

Sandhwan said he has been denied permission to visit Kentucky in the United States to attend the conference. He claimed that the speakers from opposition-ruled states Himachal Pradesh, Karnataka and Kerala have also been denied clearance to travel abroad but the speaker from Meghalaya has been given the

go-ahead.

Mann spoke to Indian men's hockey team captain Harmanpreet Singh on Saturday and congratulated his squad for a historic win over Australia in the ongoing Olympic Games. Speaking to the skipper over the phone, Mann said he wanted to visit Paris to encourage the hockey team, which is scheduled to appear in the quarterfinal clash on August 4, but he could not as he has been denied political clearance.

Aam Aadmi Party's (AAP) Punjab general secretary Harchand Singh Bartsat condemned the denial of permission to Mann to visit France by the BJP-led Centre. "By not allowing Mann to visit Paris, the central government has not only insulted the three crore people of Punjab but also hurt

their sentiments, as most of the players in the Indian hockey team are from Punjab. This is equivalent to putting a stop to the fundamental rights of a constitutionally-elected person," Bartsat said in a statement. The denial of permission to Mann to visit Paris to boost the morale of the hockey team is another example of discrimination against Punjab, he alleged.

Senior AAP leader and spokesperson Neel Garg said that BJP is doing politics in the name of security. Prime Minister Narendra Modi does not want any opposition leader of India to reach international platform. Garg said that Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann wants to go to Paris to encourage hockey players on the ongoing Olympic Games, but the BJP government at the Center

deliberately did not allow him to go citing security reasons. "This is absolutely wrong," he said.

Garg said that last year Arvind Kejriwal was also stopped from going to Singapore in a similar way. AAP leader and Delhi government minister Gopal Rai was also stopped. He said that 10 players in the Indian hockey team for the Olympics are from Punjab. Both the captain and the vice-captain are from Punjab. That is why the Chief Minister of Punjab wants to go there, but the BJP wants to stop Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann at any cost. Garg said that due to this mentality of the BJP and the Modi government, more than seven and a half lakh people have left Indian citizenship in the last 5 years.

# Retd Punjab Police AIG shoots dead son-in-law at Chandigarh district court complex

**PNS ■ CHANDIGARH**

In a gruesome broad daylight crime, an Indian Civil Account Services (ICAS) officer was shot dead by his father-in-law, a retired assistant inspector general of the Punjab Police, at the mediation centre in the district court complex here on Saturday.

The deceased was identified as Harprit Singh. His father-in-law, Malwinder Singh Sidhu, has been arrested.

There was a matrimonial dispute between ICAS Harprit Singh, who was posted as controller of accounts in the Ministry of Agriculture in Delhi, and his wife Amitoj Kaur. Divorce proceedings have been going on since 2023. The firing incident took place at around 2 pm after the two families came to the Chandigarh district court complex in Sector 43 for the fourth mediation proceedings.

Harprit along with his parents was present while the other side was represented by Amitoj's father Malwinder Singh. During the mediation session, Malwinder requested to go to the washroom and asked Harprit to show him the way but he took out his weapon and opened fire at his son-in-law, police said.

The victim was rushed to the PGIMER, Chandigarh where he was declared brought dead, they said, adding that Malwinder was apprehended and the weapon was recovered from him. A case under sections of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita and the Arms Act has been registered in the matter.

Talking to Reporters, Chandigarh SSP Kanwardeep Kaur said the police are investigating from which entrance did the accused entered the court complex carrying a weapon. She said the police will go through the CCTV footage and videos recorded by the eyewitnesses and the statements to determine the exact reasons how the crime was committed.

In November last year, Malwinder Singh was booked on the charge of blackmailing and extorting money from government employees. He was posted as AIG in human rights cell of the Punjab police. Earlier, he was arrested on the charges of criminal force to deter a public servant from discharging his duty and criminal intimidation.



Haryana Chief Minister Nayab Singh Saini and his wife Surman Saini offered prayers at Maa Kamakhiya Temple, Guwahati on Saturday. *Pioneer Photo*

# Home Minister Amit Shah to inaugurate 24x7 Manimajra water supply project today

**PNS ■ CHANDIGARH**

Union Home Minister Amit Shah will inaugurate the 24x7 Manimajra water supply project here on Sunday. Punjab Governor and Union Territory Chandigarh Administrator Gulab Chand Kataria will also be present on this occasion.

Set up at a cost of Rs 75 crore, the project will benefit over one lakh residents in Manimajra including those living in Modern Housing Complex, Shivalik Enclave, Indira Colony and Shastri Nagar. Under the Smart City mission, this project is aimed at avoiding wastage of water by minimising its storage through continuous high-pressure supply.

The other objectives of the project include water resource augmentation through leakage reduction, smart metering, limited dependence on groundwater and monitoring of energy consumption. A total of 22 km water supply pipeline has been laid for this project. Two underground water reservoirs, each having capacity of two million gallons per day, have been set up.

# Punjab Police intensifies security ahead of I-Day

**PNS ■ CHANDIGARH**

To ensure peaceful celebrations of Independence Day 2024, Punjab Police has heightened security across the state and a special operation 'OPS Seal-VII' aimed at checking all the vehicles entering or exiting the border state of Punjab was conducted on Saturday.

The operation aimed at keeping vigil around the movement of drug traffickers/bootleggers and other anti-social elements was conducted in a synchronised manner from 7 am to 1 pm on the directions of Director General of Police (DGP) Punjab Gaurav Yadav.

Special DGP Law and Order Arpit Shukla said that all the SSPs of Border districts were directed to organise joint Naka operations at strategic places of the border districts and mobilise a maximum number of manpower to lay strong 'nakas' at sealing points under the supervision of Gazetted officers/SOs.

He said that well-coordinated strong nakas involving over 1100 Police Personnel were set up under the supervision of Inspectors/DSPs at around 91 entry/exit points of 10 districts, which share boundaries with four border states and UT Chandigarh.

The 10 inter-state border districts include Pathankot, Sri Muktsar Sahib, Fazilka, Ropar, SAS Nagar, Patiala, Sangrur, Mansa, Hoshiarpur and Bathinda.

During the operation, he said that a thorough search of suspected vehicles/persons was conducted while ensuring minimum inconvenience to the general public. Besides checking the vehicles, Police teams have also verified their registration numbers using the VAHAN mobile app, he added.

The Special DGP said that as many as 3668 vehicles entering/exiting the state were checked, of which 139 were challaned and 12 were impounded. The Police have also registered 14 first information reports (FIRs) after arresting 14 persons. The police teams have also rounded up 431 suspicious persons for questioning.

He said that during the checking, Patiala Police has got a major achievement with the arrest of a weapon smuggler identified as Tarun, a resident of Shri Ganga Nagar in Rajasthan, when he was on the way to deliver the weapon consignment. Police teams have recovered four .32 bore pistols along with magazines from his possession, he said, while adding that further investigations are on.

# 'Center of Excellence in Mental Health' to soon be operational at Tanda Hospital: CM Sukhu

**PNS ■ SHIMLA**

Himachal government is likely to create adequate infrastructure and strengthen the existing resources in all the Medical colleges of the State, Chief Minister Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu said on Saturday while presiding over the review meeting of Indira Gandhi Medical College and Hospital (IGMC) and Dr Rajendra Prasad Govt. Medical College & Hospital (RPGMCH) Tanda. He also emphasized the need for adequate deployment of specialist doctors and staff in these institutions.

The health institutions be upgraded keeping in mind the future requirements besides modern techniques in health sector and should create the resources accordingly, emphasized the Chief Minister. He also instructed to increase the number of postgraduate seats in medical colleges and to identify and address deficiencies. He said that for qualitative health care, a staff nurse would be deployed for every six patients to ensure quality medical care.

While reviewing the ongoing works and different projects in



Dr. Rajendra Prasad Medical College, Tanda, the Chief Minister said that the waiting time for consultations with doctors would be reduced while the counselling periods needs to be extended. He also directed to increase the number of registration counters to facilitate the patients.

He said that a 'Center of Excellence in Mental Health' was being developed in Tanda with 100 bed capacity which would be operational soon and the B.Sc Nursing classes would also be commenced here.

It was informed in the meeting that in the year 2023, as many as 605,489 patients were treated in Tanda Medical College and hospital which includes 72069 patients by medicine unit, 56124 were attended by Orthopedics and in general surgery 25856 were treated. Sukhu approved the filling of various posts includ-

# PB CM HANDS OVER CHEQUE OF RS 1 CRORE TO FAMILY OF MARTYRED HOME GUARD JAWAN



Chandigarh: Punjab Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann on Saturday gave a cheque worth Rs 1 crore as insurance cover to the family of Home Guard Jawan Jaspal Singh who had laid down his life in line of duty. Handing over the cheque to his family, the Chief Minister, while expressing solidarity with them, said that the state government is committed for their welfare adding that the son of martyr has already been recruited in Police force as constable. He said that Jaspal Singh had died while performing his duty at Sultanpur Lodhi adding that the payment of insurance cover worth Rs 1 crore has been made by the state government through HDFC bank whereas Rs 1 crore financial assistance was already given to family. Mann said that this initiative is in recognition of the immense contribution of this son of soil towards maintaining law and order in the state. Meanwhile, the Chief Minister said that financial assistance to family of Jaspal Singh is in consonance with the commitment of the state government to ensure the well being of the soldiers (from Armed forces, paramilitary and Police) and their families. He hoped that this humble initiative by the state will go a long way in helping the aggrieved family on one hand and securing their future on the other. He reiterated the firm commitment of the state government to recognise the immense contribution of these valiant sons of soil for safeguarding the unity, integrity and sovereignty of the country.

# Three coaching centres' floating building norms sealed in Gurugram

**PNS ■ GURUGRAM**

Following Delhi coaching centre deaths, the Municipal Corporation of Gurugram (MCG) have started a sealing drive against coaching centres that are floating building norms in Gurugram. A direction in this regard was given by the

MCG Commissioner Dr Narhari Singh Bangar on Saturday.

Under the campaign, the enforcement teams of all four zones of the MCG have started sealing drives in their respective areas. Zone-2 of the MCG also sealed 3 coaching centres operating in the basement at Old DLF, Krishna

Colony and Khandsa Road on Saturday.

The Commissioner also directed the Joint Commissioners of the four zones to start a special campaign for coaching centres operating in the basement in the corporation area and take action to seal them if a violation of rules is found.

# There will be over 20,000 polling stations for assembly polls: Haryana CEO

**PNS ■ CHANDIGARH**

Haryana Chief Electoral Officer Pankaj Agarwal on Saturday said there will be a total of 20,629 polling booths for the upcoming assembly elections in the state. The Haryana assembly polls are due later this year.

He further said a preliminary

voter list for the state has been published at all designated locations on August 2, following the Election Commission's voter list revision programme. He requested representatives of political parties to thoroughly review the list and report any errors to the concerned election registration officer by August 16.

Agarwal held a meeting

with representatives of all recognised political parties in the state to discuss the second revision of the voter list. The first-level checking of electronic voting machines is being conducted by engineers from Bharat Electronics Limited in all 22 districts of the state.

Political party representatives can be present during this checking by contacting their district office in charge, he said. Agarwal stated that special dates -- August 3, 4, 10, and 11 -- have been set for the preparation of the revised voter list.

Booth Level Officers (BLOs) will be present at polling stations on these dates to assist people in registering to vote. He has appealed to the representatives of all the political parties present to appoint their booth level agents so that they can contact the BLO on these dates.

Agarwal said that all recognised political parties are entitled to get two copies of the voter lists -- one printed and one soft copy. He requested party representatives to collect the draft voter list from the district election officer or registration officer. The draft voter list for all 90 assembly constituencies has been published, and claims and objections will be resolved by August 26.

The final publication of the voter list will be on August 27. Only those whose names are included in the voter list will be allowed to vote.

# Search operations for 45 missing persons continues in Himachal after cloudburst

**PNS ■ SHIMLA**

The search and rescue operation for about 45 people, who went missing after cloudbursts in Shimla, Kullu and Mandi, resumed on Saturday morning with over 400 rescuers from teams of the Army, NDRF, SDRF, ITBP, CISF, Himachal Pradesh Police and home guards getting involved in the hunt with the help of drones.

On Friday, the death toll rose to eight in the flash floods triggered by a series of cloudbursts in Kullu's Nirmand, Sainj and Malana; Mandi's Pandhar and Shimla's Rampur subdivision on the night of July 31. "A combined rescue operation is underway and efforts are afoot to search for the

missing people. We are using various equipment and sensors to detect victims buried or trapped under the debris," said NDRF Commanding Officer Karam Singh whose team along with others is engaged in searching for the missing people in Samej village on the border of Shimla and Kullu district.

Of the total, over 30 people are missing in Samej village, which falls under Rampur subdivision of Shimla district. Rescuers are attempting to blast a boulder under which a victim was found trapped in Rajban village in Himachal Pradesh's Mandi district where five people remain missing on Saturday. "The possibility of rescuing people alive is diminishing with each passing hour but we just hope that the bod-

ies are recovered soon as delay would lead to decaying of bodies which would make identification difficult," said Pradhan of Gram Sarpara Mohan Lal Kaptiia.

Former chief minister and Leader of Opposition Jai Ram Thakur on Saturday visited the Sainj area in Kullu district and interacted with the affected families. He said that some of the victims are still awaiting the relief fund and asked the administration to provide help at the earliest.

On Friday, Chief Minister Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu, who visited Samej village, announced an immediate relief of Rs 50,000 for the victims and said they would be given Rs 5,000 monthly for rent for the next three months along with gas, food and other essential

items. He also said that 115 houses, 23 cowsheds, 10 shops and three fish farms have perished in this disaster besides motorable, footbridges and vehicles in cloudburst since Wednesday night.

# 114 roads closed in Himachal Pradesh MET predicts heavy rain till August 7

Flash floods and landslides due to cloudbursts and heavy rains have led to the closure of 114 roads in Himachal Pradesh, while the weather department on Saturday warned that heavy showers would continue in the state till August 7.

Of the roads closed for vehicular traffic, 36 are in Mandi, 34 in Kullu, 27 in

Shimla, eight in Lahaul and Spiti, seven in Kangra, and two in Kinnaur district, according to the state emergency operation centre. The Himachal Roads Transport Corporation has suspended its bus services on 82 routes, an official said. Moderate to heavy showers continued to lash parts of the state, with Jogindernagar receiving the highest rainfall of 85 mm since Friday evening, followed by Gohar 80 mm, Shilaroo 76.4 mm, Poanta Sahib 67.2 mm, Palampur 57.2 mm, Dharamshala 56.2 mm and Chopal 52 mm. The local weather office has issued a "yellow" alert for heavy rains till August 7. Rain-related incidents have claimed 77 lives between June 27 and August 1 and caused losses amounting to Rs 655 crore.

# 'SEWADAR' KILLS SGPC STAFFER IN OFFICE IN AMRITSAR

Amritsar: An account clerk of the Shiromani Gurdwara Parbandhak Committee (SGPC) was allegedly killed by a 'sewadar' at the SGPC office, adjoining the Golden Temple complex on Saturday. According to the officials, SGPC 'sewadar' Sukhbir Singh attacked Darbara Singh, an account clerk at the committee, with a sharp-edged weapon following an altercation over some issue. Darbara was taken to a hospital, where he succumbed to his injuries. SGPC secretary Partap Singh said families of Darbara Singh and Sukhbir Singh knew each other.

# PUNJAB AGRI DEPT SEIZES PICKUP TRUCK WITH SPURIOUS PESTICIDES

Chandigarh: Amidst the ongoing drive against spurious fertiliser and pesticide dealers in the state launched on the directions of Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann, Punjab Agriculture and Farmers Welfare Department on Saturday seized a huge stock of unauthorised pesticides from a Pick-up truck coming from Haryana to supply these agriculture inputs to farmers in Bathinda and nearby districts. The development came close on the heels of the the Agriculture department seizing 1200 litres of spurious pesticides manufactured by M/s Woodland Agritech India (HR), Kaithal from Bathinda on July 18. Punjab Agriculture and Farmers Welfare Minister Gurmeet Singh Khudian said that acting on a reliable information regarding influx of spurious pesticides by Haryana based persons to sell them to farmers at lucrative prices, teams of Agriculture Department Bathinda led by Chief Agriculture Bathinda laid a Naka at Block Phul in Bathinda and found huge quantity of unauthorised pesticides loaded in a pickup truck, stopped during the checking. He said that the teams have seized around 4.48 quintals in powder form and 34 litres of different pesticides including 400kg cartap hydrochloride, 20kg root tech, 12 litre paraquat dichloride, 20kg acceptate, 4 litre azoxystrobin+tebuconazole, 18 litre tiger (bio plant protection), 5kg thimethoxam and 3kg emamectin benzoate. The seized stock of unauthorised pesticides belongs to Jaswant Rasayan, Coromandel and Gujrat Pesticides, which are not allowed to sell pesticides in the state of Punjab.

# HIMACHAL GOVT RESOLVES 1,87,565 REVENUE CASES THROUGH SPECIAL LOK ADALATS SINCE OCTOBER 2023: CM

Shimla: Himachal Chief Minister Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu on Saturday said that during the special drive of 'Revenue Lok Adalats' since October 2023 to July 2024, a total of 1,63,268 mutations, 9,417 partitions, 12,453 demarcations and 2,427 revenue correction cases were resolved through Revenue Lok Adalats across the state. An initiative of the State Government to redress the revenue-related grievances of the people for the first time in the country has been showing remarkable results, he said. Alone in the month of July 2024 during special Lok Adalat drives on 30th and 31st, across the state wherein 10746 cases of mutation, 408 partitions and 541 demarcations were disposed of besides ensuring 131 revenue corrections entries. Additionally, 16514 mutations, 554 partitions, 2142 demarcations and 464 revenue correction cases were also disposed of in July 2024, thereby resolving total of 31500 revenue cases. Sukhu said that "The numbers speak for themselves and the overwhelming response to Revenue Lok Adalats has effectively resolved a record number of pending revenue cases in a time-bound manner. It is for the first time that any state government has focused on disposing of pending revenue cases on a mission mode, and tangible results are evident." He further stated that the special drive to organize Revenue Lok Adalats started in October 2023, and now these Adalats are conducted during the last two working days of every month to expedite the pending revenue-related cases.



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**I, Vijay Sharma S/o Sh.** Rajkumar Sharma R/o H.No. 270, Model Town, Near Haryana School, Sonapat, Haryana has disowned my son Bhavesh Sharma from my all movable-immovable property as he is out of my control. In future, if anybody deals with him, he/she will do at their own risk.

**I, Bhriгу Nath, S/o** Chhote Lal village Rajpur Kalka district Panchkula Haryana, declare that my sons - Ashok Kumar and daughter-in-law Rita Kumari, Satish Kumar and daughter-in-law Meenu Devi, Vinod Kumar and daughter-in-law Priyanka Devi are all out of my control, so, I disown all of them from my movable and immovable properties. Anybody dealing with them at their own risk.

**I, Ashok Kumar S/o** Muni Raj and My Wife Rajbala Residence #1714 Sector-21 Panchkula, Haryana, Declare that our son Akshit Kumar and his Wife Samata both are out of our control and has been living Separately So we disown them from our moveable/immovable properties. Anybody Dealing with them at their own risk.

**We, Balkrishan Sobti and** Usha Sobti, R/o H.No-61, Swaraj Enclave, Sec-126, Chajju Majra, Kharar, SAS Nagar Mohali, Declare that our son Ashish Sobti and his wife Suhani Arora is out of our control, so we disown our Son Ashish Sobti and his wife Suhani Arora From all our moveable and immovable properties. The person making the transaction will be responsible for this.

**मैं सतपाल पुत्र** बरकत व मेरी पत्नी पिंकी निवासी डींग रोड बेकसाइड कृष्णा नगर पटानकोट, तहसील व जिला पटानकोट, मेरा पुत्र अशीष, उसकी पत्नी इंदिरा पतिवार सहित मेरे कहने में नहीं है, इसलिए हम उन्हें अपनी चल-अचल जायदाद से बेदखल कर रहे हैं, उनसे लेनदेन करने वाला स्थय जिम्मेदार होगा।

### PUBLIC NOTICE

**ਮੈ ਲਖਵਿੰਦਰ ਚੌਠਰ** ਤੇਜੂ ਰਾਮ ਦਾਸੀ ਪਿੰਡ ਕਲਸਾ ਤਹਿਸੀਲ ਮੁਕੇਰੀਆਂ ਜ਼ਿਲ੍ਹਾ ਗੁਜਰਾਤ ਪੁਲਿਸ ਥਾਂ ਜ਼ਿਲ੍ਹਾ ਨੇ ਅਪਣੇ ਮੁੱਠੇ ਥੇਟੇ ਰਾਜਾ ਦੇ ਵਿਦਿਅਕ ਯੋਗਦਾਨ ਸਦੱਕਾਰਿੱਕੇ ਵਿਚ ਮੇਰਾ ਨਾਮ ਲਖਵਿੰਦਰ ਸਿੰਘ ਗੁਲਤ ਦਰਜ ਹੈ। ਮੇਰਾ ਸਹੀ ਨਾਮ ਲਖਵੀਰ ਹੈ।

**I, No 19001605Y** Rank Hav Name Manpreet Singh, Unit 7 Sikh, Village Nalvi, District Kurukshetra, State Haryana Pin 136135 inform that in my Army Service record my wife name wrongly recorded Simranjeet Kaur and date of birth 11.08.1995. My wife correct name is Simran Gill and correct Date of birth is 12.08.1997.

**I, Abhimanyu Pathania** aged 19 years S/O Sh Neeraj Pathania, R/O village & PO Rajkhasha, Tehsil Indora, District Kangra H.P declare that in my all documents my name is written as Abhimanyu. I want to added my surname as pathania in my birth and education certificate, and also pan card and panchyat record etc. Abhimanyu instead of Abhimanyu Pathania all noted.

**I, Iqbal Kaur** legal mother of JC-512176A N/Sub Ithar Singh presently residing at village Manianwala Tehsil Gidderbaha District Sri Muktsar Sahib, Punjab, India, declare that I have changed the my daughter name (Khushi as per in record) to Khushi Kaur (purposed new name) due to correction purpose (reason for change) that my daughter name Khushi Kaur.

**I, JC-512176A** N/Sub Ithar Singh S/o Manja Resident of village Manianwala Tehsil Gidderbaha District Sri Muktsar Sahib, Punjab, India, declare that I have changed the my daughter name (Khushi as per in record) to Khushi Kaur (purposed new name) due to correction purpose (reason for change) that my daughter name Khushi Kaur.

**I, Ranjit Singh** Alias Sodhi Ram S/O Amarjit R/o vill Bajigar Kullian Po Bhatoya tehsil Dinanagar, dist Gurdaspur declare that I known as two names Ranjit Singh and Sodhi Ram. Both are one and same person.

**I, Mukesh Kumar** S/o Ram Kumar R/o #3304-E Near Ganesh Mandir Rajpura Town Distt Patiala in my child Aarav Nagpal School Record my Name Wrongly entered Mukesh Kumar Nagpal but my correct name is Mukesh Kumar And his mother name wrongly entered Ricky Nagpal But her correct name is Ricky Ahuja.

### CHANGE OF NAME

**I, Sanjeev S/o** Partap Singh R/o H.No. 1312, Rishi Nagar, Near Sarang Road, Sonapat, Haryana have changed my name to Sanjiv for all future purposes.

**I, Sharnpreet Singh** S/o Karamjit Singh R/o Vill. Chak Khelan PO. Bhunga Distt. Hoshiarpur (Pb) India have changed the spellings of my name from Sharnpreet Singh to Sharanpreet Singh. All concerned note please.

**I, Karamjeet Singh S/o** Sewa Singh R/o Vill. Chak Khelan PO. Bhunga Distt. Hoshiarpur (Pb) India have changed the spellings of my name from Karamjeet Singh to Karamjit Singh. All concerned note please.

**I, Payal W/o** Man Mohan Bhatia R/o H. No. 6, Gali no. 10, Azad Nagar, Yamuna Nagar have changed my name from Payal to Payal Bhatia.

**I, Raj Bansal W/o** Vinod Kumar Bansal R/O 441, Sethni Street, Jagadhri, Distt Yamuna Nagar have changed my name from Raj Rani to Raj Bansal. In future I shall be known as Raj Bansal.

**I, Mahabir S/o** Sh. Roshan Lal R/o Village Hathiana, District Karnal have changed my name from Mahabir Singh to Mahabir.

**I, Kusam Devi W/o** Sh. Mahabir R/O Village Hathiana, District Karnal have changed my name from Kusam to Kusam Devi.

**I, Reena Rani Gupta W/o** Sh. Bunesh Gupta R/O House No. 2056-A, Sector 63, Block 19, Chandigarh have changed my name from Reena Rani Gupta to Reena Rani.

**I, Hemant Kumar** Chautani S/o Late Kishori Lal R/o 571, Santapura Road, Opp MLN College, Yamuna Nagar have changed my name from Hemant Kumar Chautani to Hemant Chotani S/o Late Kishori Lal Chotani.

**I, Anmol Gumber S/o** Satpal R/o Flat No.161C/B-6, Silver City Themes, Mubarakpur, Derabassi, SAS Nagar Mohali (Punjab) have changed my name from Anmol to Anmol Gumber.

**I, Satpal S/o** Shri Ram R/O Flat No.161C/B-6, Silver City Themes, Mubarakpur, Derabassi, SAS Nagar Mohali (Punjab) have changed my name from Anmol to Anmol Gumber.

**I, Ishwar Bansal S/o** Sh. Surender Kumar R/O 968/18 Ghani Pura Jhajjar Road Rohtak declare that I have changed my minor daughter name from Harshita to Harshita Bansal In future she will be called by the name of Harshita Bansal for all purposes.

**I, Hardik Matta S/o** Yash Pal R/O D-1,457, Ansal Sushant City, Distt. Panipat, declare that my father name Yash Matta and Yash Pal both are name of same person for all purpose.

**I, Uma Devi W/o** Chain Singh R/o Village Alai Bhoj Koti, PO Badisher, Distt - Panchkula Haryana declare that Uma Devi and Usha Devi both name is mine. Now I will be known as Uma Devi.

**I, Lal Chand** Masown S/O Late Amarnath R/O H.No.3323 Sector 35-D, Chandigarh declare that Lal Chand Masown and Lal Chand is one and same person.

**I, Kartik Sharma** S/O Puneet Sharma R/o H.No-2-B, Krishna Nagar Ambala Cantt have changed my name from Kartik Sharma to Kartek Sharma

**I, Manasvi Sharma** S/O Puneet Sharma R/O H.No-2/B, Krishna Nagar Ambala Cantt have changed my name from Manasvi Sharma to Manassvi.

**I, Rajni Bala W/o** Rajesh Kumar R/O H.No- 148/13 Jagdish Marg Shahabad Tehsil Shahabad Distt Kurukshetra have changed my minor Son Name from Manan to Manan Wadhwa. In future he will be known as Manan Wadhwa.

**I, Lakhwinder Singh** Ghotra S/O Purn Singh R/O VPO Harigarh Bhorrakh, Harigarh, Kurukshetra Have changed my minor Son Name from Gurnoor Singh to Gurnoor Singh & Surname Ghotra.

**I, Lakhwinder Singh** Ghotra S/O Purn Singh R/O VPO Harigarh Bhorrakh, Bhorrakh (17), Kurukshetra Have changed my minor daughter Name from Sanandeep Kaur to Sanamdeep Kaur & Surname Ghotra.

**I, Vaishali Bhain** Is Legally Wedded Spouse No 16012440H Hav Patil Jignesh Kumar Nagin Bhai Unit Hq 2 Corps Camp (Def & Emp Coy), C/O 56 Apo R/O 4/75, Satkanvi Temple Faliya, Dudhawada, Padra, Vadodara, Gujarat-391450 Have Changed My Name From Vaishali Bhain To Vaishali Ben Vide Affidavit Dated 03-08-2024 Before Ambala Cantt.

**I, Pardeep Bansal** S/o Sh.Raj Pal R/O 117-Urban Estate-2, Hisar have changed my name from Pardeep Bansal to Pardeep Kumar Bansal for future purposes.

**I, Gurjit Kaur W/O** Angrej Singh R/O Madhar Mathra Bhagi Distt. Tarn Taran have changed my name from Gurjit Kaur to Gurjeet Kaur. Concerned note.

**I, Gurnoor Singh** S/o Gurpreet Singh # 58 Akal Ashram Colony, Sector-77, SAS Nagar Mohali have changed my name from Gurnoor Singh to Gurnoor Singh Kataria.

**I, Pardiop S/o** Satish Kumar R/O House No. 244, Khatauli (3), Panchkula, Haryana- 134118, have changed my name to Pardeep Dhiman.

**I, Parmjit Singh** S/o Boota Singh R/o H.No.89/90, Gali No.3, Majitha Road, Amritsar have changed my name from Parmjit Singh to Parmjit Singh

**I, Harjeet Kaur** Sondh W/o Manjit Singh Sondh R/O H.No.122, East Mohan Nagar, Amritsar have changed my name from Harjeet Kaur Sondh to Harjit Kaur Sondh

**I, No 19000855N** Hav Gurjeet Singh Unit 5 SIKH C/O 99 APO R/O Village Shakri, PO Sarhali kalan Tehsil & District Tarn Taran. Deceleat That in my Army record my mother name is wrongly recorded as Mohinder Kaur But correct name is Mahinder Kaur.

**I, in my son** 4204979X L/NK Jitendra Yadav, 21 Kumaon services documents my name wrongly written as Kanhaiya Lal, which needs to be corrected as Kanhaiya Lal Yadav. Kanhaiya Lal Yadav resident of Kadia Mitrasan, Aandalheda, Rajgarh, Madhya Pradesh

**I, Rohini Kumari W/o** Yogesh Kumar Duvedi R/O VPO Bass, Tehsil Nangal (Ropar), have changed my name from Rohni Kumari to Rohini Kamari.

**I, Sunil Kumar** Tangri S/O Krishan Dayal Tangri, H. No. 981A Sector 16, Panchkula, wants to declare that both names Sunil Kumar and Sunil Kumar Tangri belongs to me.

**I, Manjit Kaur** W/o Nishan Singh R/O VPO Dhakansu Kalan, Tehsil Rajpura (Patiala), have changed name given Manjit and Kaur as Surname.

**I, Nishan Singh** S/o Mukhtar Singh R/O VPO Dhakansu Kalan, Tehsil Rajpura (Patiala), have changed name given Nishan and Singh as Surname.

**I, Kailash** widow of JC214195L Ex Nb Sub (Sk) Late Rattan Chand, resident of Village Mallowal, PO Gazikot, Tehsil & District - Gurdaspur (Pb) 143530 have changed my name from Kailash to Kailash Devi and date of birth from 10 Oct 1956 to 25 Aug 1954 being wrongly mentioned in Army Record of my husband.

**I, Paranjit Kaur** W/o Kuldeep Singh R/O Village Kairon, Tehsil Patti, Distt. Tarantaran, declare that in matriculation certificate of my daughter Sukhmandeep Kaur my name is wrongly written as Paramjeet Kaur instead of Paranjit Kaur. Please correct it as Paranjit Kaur.

**I, Banwari Lal** R/o Village Mei Rajanpura Post Mei Tehsil Dataramgh Distt Sikar (Rajasthan)-332703 India have changed my father name from Prabhu Ram Burdak to Prabhu Dayal due to wrong name record in my Army Service record.

**I, Anshul S/O** Rajender Parshad Sharma R/O VPO Ikkas, Teh. & Distt. Jind-126102 Haryana declare that I have changed my name from Anshul to Anshul Sharma for future purpose.

**I, Anu Gill** W/o Anprej Singh R/o old address: LIG-120, Urban Estate, Phase-1, Patiala, PO University, Distt. Patiala Punjab, New Address: MIG 55 Urban Estate, Phase-1, Patiala, PO University. Distt. Patiala Punjab have changed my name from Anureet Kaur to Anu Gill.

**I, Army No. JC671232A** Rank: SUB MAJ Name: Palla Venkata Ramana, Unit: 665 Coy ASC (Tk Tpr) Type C, resident of Village Ramayya Patnam, Post Pedagummulluru, Taluk S Rayavaram Mandalam, Distt Visakhapatnam, State Andhra Pradesh, Pin- 531083 have changed my son's name from Palla Guna Sekhar to Palla Guna Shekar.

**I, Army No. JC671232A** Rank: SUB MAJ Name: Palla Venkata Ramana, Unit: 665 Coy ASC (Tk Tpr) Type C, resident of Village Ramayya Patnam, Post Pedagummulluru, Taluk S Rayavaram Mandalam, Distt Visakhapatnam, State Andhra Pradesh, Pin- 531083 have changed my son's name from Palla Mohana Krishna to Palla Mohan Krishna.

**I, Ranju Kalia** D/o Shri Balraj Kumar W/O Kuldeep Pathak Village Bassowal, Po, Ganguwal Tehsil Shri Anandpur Sahib District Rupnagar declare that I have changed my name from Ranju Kalia to Ranjana Pathak.

**I, Jitender Singh** S/o Sh Jaswant Singh R/O Mardan Heri Tehsil Assandh Distt. Karnal Change My Name Jitender Singh to Jitender as Given Name and Singh as Surname. All Concern Note.

**I, Kiran Sharma** W/o Manish Sharma R/o # 533, gali no. 10, Shivpuri Colony Kansarpur Road, Yamunanagar have changed my name from Kiran Bala to Kiran Sharma.

**I, Kamal Kant Malik** S/O Mahender Kumar Malik R/o # C-7/173, Gandhi Dham, Jagadhri, Distt Yamunanagar States that Kamal Kant Malik & Kamal Malik both are one & same person.

**I Akta** W/o Kamal Kant Malik R/o # C-7/173, Gandhi Dham, Jagadhri, Distt Yamunanagar States that Akta & Akta Malik Alias Ekta & Ekta Malik both are one & same person.

**I, Mandeeep Sharma** W/o Ramesh Kumar R/O Sandhu Colony, Kundian Wala Khooh, Batala Road, Amritsar, Punjab, India have changed my name from Navdeep Sharma to Mandeeep Sharma.

**I, Kismat Rani** w/o Satish Kumar r/o Gali no. 3, New Anaj Mandi Road, Mangal Colony, Karnal (Haryana) have changed my name from Kismat Rani to Kismat Devi. In future, I should be known as Kismat Devi.

**I, Samar Singh** s/o Purn Singh r/o #259, Sector-8, Urban Estate, Karnal (Haryana) have changed my name from Samar Singh to Samar Singh Narwal. In future, I should be known as Samar Singh Narwal.

**I, Suman Sharaya** Wife of 17003043Y Rank NK Name Saurav R/O Vill. Auchandi, PO Bawana, Teh. Narela, Distt. North West Delhi, State Delhi-110039 have changed my name in army record from Suman Sharaya to Suman vide affidavit dated 03-08-2024 before Notary Public Hisar.

**I, Mrs. Ankita Garg** W/o Sh. Mohit Garg R/O House No. 640, Urban Estate No- 11, Hisar (Haryana) declare that I have changed my name from Ankita Jain to Ankita Garg for future purpose.

**I, Pankaj Kumar** S/O Sh Keshri Chand Bhutra R/o 199, Ist Floor, Sector 15-A, Hisar (Haryana) declare that I have changed my name from Pankaj Kumar to Pankaj Bhutra for future purpose.

**I, Chetna Gupta** W/o Deepak Goyal R/o Model Town, Pranchi Road, Pehowa, Kurukshetra Have Changed My Name Chetna Goyal.

**I, Charanjeet Dhawan** S/O Vijay Kumar Dhawan R/O 72/366, Ward No.13, Four Marla Colony, Pehowa, Distt Kurukshetra, Haryana-136128, That Name Of Mine And My Wife Has Been Wrongly Written As Charanjit And Ritlu In My Minor Daughter Rishika Dhawan Aged 16 Years In Her 10th Class Certificate. The Actual Name Of Mine And My Wife Is Charanjeet Dhawan And Ritlu Dhawan.

**I, Sunny S/o** Chandher Bhan R/O Vill:Marauri Teh-Samana (Patiala) have changed my name to Sunny Kumar.

**I, Vandana Harpartap** Singh alias Vandana W/O Harpartap Singh R/O #210, St.No.10 W.No.3, Sarabha Nagar Malout Distt Sri Muktsar Sahib Punjab have known both names one and the same person.

**I, Parwinder Kaur** W/O Service No.3388860p Ex-Hav Nirmal Singh Resident Of Vill - Baira, Po- Miani, Tehsil - Dasuya And Distt- Hoshiarpur, Punjab, That I Declare Changed My Name From Palwinder Kaur To Parwinder Kaur In My Husband Army Record.

**I, Simro W/O** No.6352389x Late- Sep- Krishan Chand Resident Of Vill - Marianwala, Po- Batala, Tehsil - Batala And Distt- Gurdaspur Punjab, That I Declare Changed My Name From Simrop Devi To Simro And Date Of Birth From 26/06/1954 To 15/04/1950 In My Husband Army Record.

**I, Sarbjit Singh** S/O Jaswinder Singh R/O Village - Sihawal, Po- Sahawal, Tehsil/Distt- Gurdaspur, Pin-143531, Punjab, India. Declare That My Given Name As Sarbjit And Surname As Singh.

**I, Neelam** D/O Alyas Mattu. R/O H.No.528/10 Aman Nagar Hardochhani Road Gurdaspur. Tehsil/Distt- Gurdaspur, Punjab. Declare That Have Changed My Son's Name From Harsh Savant To Roomeet Sharreney Masih And Changed My Son's Date Of Birth From 15-08-2009 To 11-08-2009.

**I, Amandeep Kaur** Bhullar W/O Interjeet Singh R/O Vpo. Hans Kalan Distt. Ludhiana Have Changed My Name To Amandeep Kaur.

**I, Amarjit Singh** Sandhu S/O Babu Singh R/O H.No.- 364/35, St.No.2 Atam Nagar Jagraon Distt. Ludhiana Have Changed My Name To Amarjit Singh.

**I, No: Jc 301786h** Rank: Sub (Tir) Name: Krishn Kumar Presently Posted At- Unit: 142 Ad Regt (Sp) Permanent Address - 24, Gahra Khurd, Goharra, Po: Kheria, Dist: Agra, Uttar Pradesh-283102 Declare That I Have Changed My Name From Krishn Kumar To Krishan Kumar. Vide Affidavit No-54aa 510702, Dated-03/08/24

**I, Radha** Basavraj Tirakannavar Am Spouse Of No 15331768F Rank L Hav Name Basavaraj Tirakannavar Present Residing At 164 Br Coy, 16 Engr Br Regt ( P ms) Chandimandir Cantt, Panchkula, Haryana And Changed My Name From Radha To Radha Basavaraj Tirakannavar.

**I, Adesh** Spouse Of No.15149657h Hav Virendra Singh Resident Of Village- Nagla Galua, Post- Basundhara, Tehsil- Etah, District- Etah, State- Up, Pin-207301. I Have Changed My Name From Adesh To Adesh Kumari Vide Affidavit No.In-Pb35136373313221w Dated 13 July 2024 Before Notary Public Pathankot

**I, Shobha** Spouse Of No.15800726w L/NK (Gr) Hanamant Karennavar Resident Of Village- Janamatti, Post- Janamatti, Tehsil- Bilagi, District- Bagakot, State- Karnataka, Pin- 587116, Have Changed My Name From Shobha To Shobha Karennavar Vide Affidavit No.In-Pb41525630661300w Dated 13 July 2024 Before Notary Public Pathankot

**I, Balamani** Mother Of No. Mother Of No.14677886w NK Rajamanickam V Resident Of Village- Pothavur, Post- Enampuliur, Tehsil- Srirangam, District- Tiruchirappalli, State- Tamil Nadu, Pin-639103. Have Changed My Name From Balamani To Balamani Veeramuthu Vide Affidavit No.In-Pb42077117708588 W Dated 02 Aug 2024 Before Notary Public Pathankot

**I, Rambir** S/O Sh. Harphol Singh R/O VPO Siswala, Tehsil & District Hisar, Haryana declare that I have changed my name from Rambir Mehta to Rambir for all future purposes. -Deponent

**I, No.15711261m** Nk Naval Singh Resident Of Village- Sakka Bhatta Majra, Post - Dankaur, Tehsil- Gautam Buddha Nagar; District- Gautam Buddha Nagar; State- Uttar Pradesh, Pin- 203201. I Have Changed My Mother Name From Kiran Devi To Kiran Vide Affidavit No.In-Pb405440812353739w Dated 30 July 2024 Before Notary Public Pathankot

**I, Suresh** S/O Sh. Rupa R/O Vishwakarma Colony Aara Road Jind Teh. & Distt. Jind (Hr.) Declare That My Son Amir (Unmarried) Is Out Of My Control. So, I Disown Him From My Movable And Immovable Properties. Anybody Dealing With Him Will Do So At Their Own Risk. I And My Family Members Are Not Responsible.

### NOTICE

**I Bahadur Singh s/o Shri Gurmukh Singh resident of Village Neholka Tehsil Kharar District SAS Nagar Mohali declare that my son Amrinder Singh Passport No. N7853366 is currently residing in Italy who is not yet married i.e. unmarried.**



**NAME CHANGE**  
I Danish S/o Jamil R/o Ward No. 5, Shubham Garden, Jeevan Vihar Extn., Sonapat, haryana do hereby solemnly affirm and declare that in my 10th Marketheet my mother name mentioned Meena & my father name is Jameel Khan, in my Aadhar Card my father name entered Jamil. My Month's Aadhar card name is RASDA. That's my mother's name RASDA & Meena and my father's name JAMIL & JAMIL KHAN is the same person. That my statement is true and correct.  
**Deponent - Danish**

**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
It is informed to general public that Smt. Prem Lata wife of Shri Subhash Chand son of Lakshman Dass, resident of village Chhad Kalan, Distt. Sangru (Pb.) is owner of a Plot measuring 200 sq. yards i.e. 06 marla 06 sarsak situated at Bhai Colony, Ludhiana which has revenue estate and municipal limit of Jaskhi, Tehsil Tarn Tara, Distt. Fatehabad vide Sale Deed No.784 dated 03.10.2022 duly registered in the office of Sub Registrar, Jaskhi. She has lost her previous Original Sale Deed No. 867 dated 28.11.2018 some-where. If any person have any objection regarding mortgage of said property or have claim any right in above said deed, may lodge/inform him claim to the undersigned with 14 day of the publication of this notice.  
117, F-Block, Siba Mob.No. 98121-19583

**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
I, Anil Modi Aggarwal wife of Ashish Aggarwal S/o Kailash Chand Aggarwal R/o Halwayan Street, near Panchayati Dharamshala, Hansi is owner of A Plot no. 839 measuring 102.22 sq. yards i.e. 3 marla 4 sarsak, situated at Victoria Enclave, Bhabat MC, Zirakpur (Punjab) vide Sale Deed no. 3349 dated 26.05.2023 duly registered in the office of Sub Registrar, Zirakpur. I have lost previous Original Sale Deed no. 10033 dated 21.12.2021 somewhere which is related to this plot. If found please contact no. 81980-20099 and if this deeds found litigation and mortgaged any bank I am fully responsible for this.

### Notice to General Public

It is hereby inform to General Public that Emerit w/o Salammat Ward No-1 Old Dharwal Gurdaspur Punjab- 143519 purchased the property measuring 01 marlas 1/82 share of land measuring 4k-2m, comprised in khexat no-316 khatoni no-420 Rect no-4 Killa no201(4-2) bounded as east ownership of Salammat S/o Jatal West ownership of Satpal noth Graveyard and South Street Situated at revenue estate Dharwal Hb NO-388 The Dharwal Distt Gurdaspur Punjab, through sales deed no. 718 dt. 11-09-2003, and at the time of purchase of said property original sale deed no. 718 dated 11-09-2003 were taken from seller and said original sale deed are missing and not mortgaged with any bank/financial institute, Missing Report vide SR no. 49278/2024 dated 19-07-24 is registered at P.S. Seva Kendra Dharwal, UCO Bank branch office Dharwal intends to mortgage said property, if any person has any objection he/she can make representation to the said bank within seven days from the date of publication of notice  
**Mob-898067686.**

**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
I, Parminder Kaur wife of Shamsher Singh S/o Tara Singh, Resident of GURU Nanak Colony, Tensli Pehowa, District Kurukshetra, Plot situated at New GurU Nanak Colony, Tehsil Pehowa, AREA 8 Marla, 4/35 Part of land admeasuring 3K-10M, Khatni No. 592, Murabba No. 54, Killa No. 21/1/1, dimensions East 64 ft west 64 ft, north 33 ft 6 inch, South 33 ft 6 inch, held by Venus Anand w/o Sidharth via registry No. 36/04 on date 19-01-2024. The chain deed of this plot is 556 dated 10-05-22 has been last somewhere on 05/06/24, whose DDR No. is 132320782400656. Sarva Haryana Gramin Bank intends to create Equitable Mortgage on this property. If any person has any interest in this, please contact Sarva Haryana Gramin Bank Mohali within 7 days of publication of this notice.

### ELECTION PROGRAMME

OFFICE OF THE ASSISTANT REGISTRAR, COOPERATIVE SOCIETIES, KARNAL, The Karnal Central Cooperative Consumer Store Building, Minar Road, Karnal, Telephone No. 0184-228464, E-Mail: arscs@coopsociety.com, Website: www.rashyangan.gov.in

Election Programme of Members Of The Managing Committee Of The Phurak (M-PPCS) Primary Cooperative Credit & Service Society Ltd, Phurak, Tehsil Gharaunda (Karnal) to be held 01-09-2024

S.No.	Programme	Date	Time	Place
1.	Exhibition of list of voters as required under sub Para 2 of rule 35 (APPENDIX A PART-III)	05.08.2024 To 07.08.2024	9.00 AM To 5.00PM	01. O/ARCS Karnal 2. Inspector C.S., Gharaunda. 3. Concerned Branch C.B 4. Common Place of the area of Operation C/S
2.	Filling of objection if any of voters list as per sub Para 3 of rule 35 (APPENDIX A PART-III)	08.08.2024	9.00 AM To 12.00 PM	01/0 ARCS Karnal, Place The Karnal Central Consumer Store Building, Minar Road, Karnal
3.	Hearing of objection voters list as required us 35 (4) (APPENDIX A PART-III)	08.08.2024	2.00 PM To 4.00 PM	-----do-----
4.	Filling of Nomination Papers	20.08.2024	10.00 AM To 2.00 PM	-----do-----
5.	Display of list of received- Nomination papers	20.08.2024	4.00 PM	-----do-----
6.	Scrutiny of nomination papers	21.08.2024	10.00 AM To 2.00 PM	-----do-----
7.	Display of list of valid nomination papers	21.08.2024	4.00 PM	-----do-----
8.	Withdrawal of nomination papers	23.08.2024	10.00 AM To 2.00 PM	-----do-----
9.	Allocation of Symbols	23.08.2024	4.00 PM	-----do-----
10.	Taking of poll if necessary	01.09.2024	8.00 AM To 4.00 PM	In the Office of The Phurak (M-PPCS) Primary Cooperative Credit & Service Society Ltd, Phurak Teh. Gharaunda, Distt. Karnal

Note: (i) It is Compulsory of all voters to bring their Society pass book/other photo ID (ii) Total no of 10 Managing Committee will be Elected Out of them 07 Members of Agriculture And 03 Members of Non-Agriculture will be elected. (iii) Out of 10 Elected Committee Members, at least 2 Women, 1 S.C. Member and if B.C. Voters more than 10% One B.C. Member will be Elected.

(T.S. Chhattha) Returning Officer C.U.-Assistant Registrar Cooperative Societies Karnal.

Canara Bank BRANCH OFFICE : ADJACENT AHUJA TYRES OPP. PAHUJA HOSPITAL, PANIPAT - 132103, HARYANA

DEMAND NOTICE UNDER SECTION 13(2) OF THE SECURITIZATION AND RECONSTRUCTION OF FINANCIAL ASSETS AND ENFORCEMENT OF SECURITY INTEREST ACT, 2002

A notice is given that the under mention borrower has defaulted the repayment of principal and payment of interest in respect of following loan accounts obtained from the bank and the account has turned to be Non Performing Assets.

Table with columns: Name of the Branch Borrower/Guarantors, Details of properties/address of secured assets to be enforced, Date of Demand notice, Date of NPA, Outstanding Amount.

The above borrower(s)/guarantors(s) are advised to pay the amount mentioned in notice within 60 days from the date of publication of this notice...

OFFICE OF THE ASSISTANT REGISTRAR, COOPERATIVE SOCIETIES, KARNAL

The Karnal Central Cooperative Consumer Store Building, Minar Road, Karnal Telephone No. 0184-2268464, E.Mail : arcsknl@yahoo.com, website : www.rcsharyana.gov.in

Table with columns: Sr. No., Programme, Date, Time, Place. Lists election program details for various cooperatives.

PUNJAB & SIND BANK ZONAL OFFICE, AMRITSAR

Whereas, the Undersigned being the "Authorised Officer" of Punjab & Sind Bank, under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of the Security Interest Act 2002...

Table with columns: Name of the NPA Account/Branch, Description of the Immovable Properties, Date of the Demand Notice, Date of the Possession, Amount Outstanding.

ICICI Bank PUBLIC NOTICE-TENDER CUM E-AUCTION FOR SALE OF SECURED ASSET

E-Auction Sale Notice for the sale of immovable asset(s) under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002...

Table with columns: Sr. No., Name of Borrower(s)/Co-Borrowers/Guarantors, Details of the Secured asset(s), Amount Outstanding, Reserve Price, Date and Time of Property Inspection, Date and Time of E-Auction.

The online auction will be conducted on the website https://www.bankeuctions.com of our auction agency C 1 India Private Limited...

Canara Bank GOHANA BRANCH Ward No. 11, Civil Road, Gohana, District Sonapat, Haryana, M: 7496919674

DEMAND NOTICE UNDER SECTION 13(2) OF THE SECURITIZATION AND RECONSTRUCTION OF FINANCIAL ASSETS AND ENFORCEMENT OF SECURITY INTEREST ACT, 2002

A notice is hereby given that the following LEGAL HEIR OF THE DECEASED BORROWER Late Sh. Ram Mohan who has defaulted in the repayment of principal and interest of credit facilities obtained from the bank...

Table with columns: Name of the Legal Heir of the deceased guarantor, Details of properties/address of secured assets to be enforced, Date of Demand Notice, Date of NPA, Amount as per demand notice.

The above Borrower/guarantors(s)/ Legal Heir(s) are advised to pay the amount mentioned in notice within 60 days from the date of publication of this notice...

Canara Bank GOHANA BRANCH Ward No. 11, Civil Road, Gohana, District Sonapat, Haryana, M: 7496919674

DEMAND NOTICE UNDER SECTION 13(2) OF THE SECURITIZATION AND RECONSTRUCTION OF FINANCIAL ASSETS AND ENFORCEMENT OF SECURITY INTEREST ACT, 2002

A notice is hereby given that the following Borrower(s) / Guarantor(s) have defaulted in the repayment of principal and interest of credit facilities obtained from the bank...

Table with columns: Name of the Borrower / Guarantor, Details of properties/address of secured assets to be enforced, Date of Demand Notice, Date of NPA, Amount as per demand notice.

The above borrower(s)/guarantors(s) are advised to pay the amount mentioned in notice within 60 days from the date of publication of this notice...

Indian Bank BRANCH OFFICE : SCO 412, VECTOR 20, PANCHKULA

[Rule-8(1)] POSSESSION NOTICE (FOR IMMOVABLE PROPERTY)

Whereas the undersigned being the authorized officer of the Indian Bank under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002...

Table with columns: Name of the Borrower(s)/ Guarantor(s), Details of Charged/ Mortgaged Property, Date and Amount of Possession Notice, Date of Demand Notice.

IDBI BANK PUBLIC NOTICE FOR AUCTION OF GOLD ORNAMENTS Offers are invited for the public of the gold ornaments, pledged in favour of the Bank...

THE MUNDI CO-OPERATIVE HOUSE BUILDING SOCIETY LTD. NOTICE REGARDING ELECTION All Residents of The Mundi Co-Operative House Building Society Ltd. are informed...

PUBLIC NOTICE

I, Sudesh W/o Virender Singh R/o H. No. 786, Ward No. 23, Bhiwani declare that my Sale Deed No. 7072 dated 24.10.2013 in favour of Sudesh W/o Virender and Meenu W/o Narender has been lost on 18.06.2019.

PUBLIC NOTICE

The general public is informed that partnership firm created named M/s Ashan Filling Station is Reg. No. 39 of 2014-2015 dated 26/06/2014 at Hansi Road, Tripartite Mor near KCM School Bhiwani.

Canara Bank GOHANA BRANCH Ward No. 11, Civil Road, Gohana, District Sonapat, Haryana, M: 7496919674

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IDBI BANK PUBLIC NOTICE FOR AUCTION OF GOLD ORNAMENTS Offers are invited for the public of the gold ornaments, pledged in favour of the Bank...

Notice It is informed to public at large that I, Manju W/o Sh. Yashpal R/o H.No.1727, Balaji Chugh, Jattal Road, Panipat owned and possessed one Property measuring area 200 Sq. Yds situated at...

# Next round of India-Asean trade agreement review talks soon

**PTI ■ NEW DELHI**

The next round of talks for the ongoing review meeting of the India-Asean free trade agreement in goods will be held in November, an official statement said on Saturday.

The third round of the negotiations was concluded on August 1 in Jakarta, Indonesia.

Eight sub-committees have been constituted under the India-Asean Free Trade Agreement Joint Committee for undertaking negotiations on different areas related to the review of the pact.

"The next meeting of the AITIGA (Asean-India Trade in Goods Agreement) Joint Committee will be held in India from 19-22 November 2024," the Commerce Ministry said.

The AITIGA was signed in 2009.

In September 2022, both sides tasked the AITIGA Joint Committee to undertake the review to make the agreement more trade-facilitative and mutually beneficial.

During the third round of



negotiations in Jakarta, Indonesia, all eight Sub-Sub-Committees dealing with national treatment and market access, rules of origin, standards, technical regulations, customs procedures and trade facilitation held substantive discussions.

"The review of AITIGA, signed in 2009, will help create further opportunities for businesses on both sides to enhance the level of India-Asean trade," the ministry said.

ASEAN is an important trade partner of India with about 11 per cent share in India's global

# Finance Ministry asks insurers to speedily disburse claim amount to victims of Wayanad landslide

**PTI ■ NEW DELHI**

The finance ministry on Saturday asked public sector insurance companies including Life Insurance Corporation of India (LIC) to speedily disburse the claim amount to landslide victims and their families in Wayanad and other districts of Kerala.

The insurance companies have initiated efforts for reaching out to their policyholders through various channels (local newspapers, social media, company websites, sms, etc) to provide the contact details for assistance in the districts of Wayanad, Palakkad, Kozhikode, Malappuram, and Thrissur, where a significant number of claims are being reported, the finance ministry said in a post on X.

"In view of the unfortunate landslide incident and heavy rains in Kerala, the government has mandated the Public Sector Insurance Companies (PSICs), including LIC, National Insurance Corporation, New India Assurance, Oriental Insurance, and United India Insurance to extend all possible support to the victims



of the calamity so that the insurance claims can be expeditiously processed and paid," it said.

LIC has been asked to speedily disburse the claim amount in respect of the policyholders under the PM Jeevan Jyoti Bima Yojana, it said. The documentation required for processing of claims has been relaxed comprehensively to ensure speedy dispersal of the claim amount, it said. It further said, the General Insurance Council will coordinate with the insurance companies to ensure that claims are processed and paid expeditiously and will host a portal for all insurers to report claim status daily.

The central government and finance ministry remain committed to supporting the victims of this calamity and ensuring they receive the necessary assistance without delay and trouble, it added.

# Atmanirbhar should not degenerate into inefficient import substitution: Ex-RBI chief

**PTI ■ HYDERABAD**

Due to supply disruptions caused by the Russian-Ukrainian war, many countries started thinking about being self-sufficient with respect to 'critical imports' and India needs to ensure that "Atmanirbhar" should not degenerate into inefficient 'import substitution', former RBI Governor C Rangarajan said on Saturday.

Addressing the 14th convocation of the ICFAI Foundation For Higher Education, he said India's development strategy should be multidimensional and growth may be stimulated by raising investment rate, emphasising agriculture, manufacturing and services, absorbing new technologies and promoting a mix of sectors that are employment friendly.

"Any import substitution must look at cost. Expensive, import substitution is not to the advantage of anybody. What we need to do is efficient import



substitution. Atmanirbhar should not degenerate into the old style import substitution. I think that is contrary to what is good for our country," he said.

Jobless growth is certainly a matter of concern. But job creation without growth is equally bad even as the new technologies can not be ignored, the former Chairman of the Prime Minister's Economic Advisory Council said.

"Job creation is going to be the toughest challenge ahead not only in India but the world over," he said.

Based on some assumptions about the future exchange rate of rupee and domestic inflation, India needs to have an average annual real rate of growth of six to seven per cent to achieve over USD 13,000 per capita income by 2024.

According to him, though, India need not belittle what it has achieved, there is an inescapable need to strengthen higher education in terms of quality and effectiveness.

The three dimensions of the reform of higher education are access, equity and quality, Rangarajan opined.

# FICCI CASCADE organises awareness rally about illicit trade, impact on economy

**PTI ■ NEW DELHI**

FICCI Committee Against Smuggling and Counterfeiting Destroying the Economy (CASCADE) on Saturday organised an awareness rally against illicit trade and smuggling of counterfeit products that have a negative impact on India's economy.

According to the 2022 FICCI CASCADE study, there has been a significant rise in the illicit trade market across critical industries such as FMCG-packaged foods, FMCG-household and personal goods, alcoholic beverages and tobacco products.

The rise in size of illicit trade market can be gauged from the fact that in the 2010-2020 period, the FMCG packaged foods segment in particular witnessed an alarming rise of nearly 600 per cent when the market grew from Rs 20,378 crore in 2010 to Rs 1,42,284 crore in 2020, FICCI CASCADE said in a statement.

Flagging off the auto rally for awareness, Praveen Khandelwal, Member of Parliament, said, smuggling has a crippling effect on our economy and many illicit



players use funding from those sources to boost terror funding.

"I also request FICCI to conduct awareness drives of this nature in every state and I will exhort the retailer community to participate wholeheartedly in these initiatives. I will also engage in discussion with the FICCI CASCADE team to see how we can move towards eradicating this menace," he said.

Smuggling activities not only have a debilitating impact on the economy in the form of job losses and revenue leakages, but they also have implications on national safety and security, FICCI CASCADE Chairman Anil Rajput said.

"Sometimes, illicit players use smuggling as a route to enter Indian markets, we should ensure that smuggled goods do not infiltrate our markets," Rajput said.

# Classic Legends to open 200 Jawa-Yezdi showrooms every year

**PTI ■ CHENNAI**

Classic Legends, a subsidiary of Mahindra and Mahindra Ltd, and retailers of Jawa and Yezdi range of motorcycles in India has announced plans to open 200 retail showrooms every year, a top official said on Saturday.

Classic Legends was also gearing up to launch the popular BSA range of motorcycles on August 15, company CEO Ashish Singh Joshi said here, after inaugurating a new outlet 'Swastik Motors' spread across 6,000 sq ft at Mount Poonamallee, dubbed as the largest showroom in the country.

"We have about 450 dealerships currently. We have planned to take it up to 600 by this financial year. If you compare this with anybody else, we still have a long way to go. For the next few years, we will keep on adding 200 odd (showrooms) every year," he told reporters.

On setting up the largest showroom in the city, he said, "we are excited to open the doors to the country's largest Jawa Yezdi dealership in Chennai. Tamil Nadu is a significant market for us, and



this expansion reflects our dedication to giving our patrons the best experience possible from the time they enter our store until they ride out on their brand-new motorcycle. We are optimistic that this facility will help us add many more enthusiasts to the clan."

To a query, he said, "Right now our average age of a customer is between 21 and 32 years old. 80 per cent of our customers or bulk of our customers are in this age group. Our Jawa 42, Jawa 42 Bobber, Jawa 350 are doing very well (in the market). The Adventure is a steady seller. Roadster is a big seller for us," Joshi said the company was working on electric vehicles

and it would be introduced into the domestic market when the charging infrastructure was ready.

Elaborating, he said, "I sell you a motorcycle, which can do 300 kms (as per charging of a battery). But again it will take 5-6 hours to charge the battery. Because the fast charging network is not available. I will put a fast charger in the bike but if it cannot be supported, it will take higher than two hours to charge. You need charging infrastructure, higher voltages (to charge the vehicle battery)."

On the launch of the BSA range of motorcycles, he said, "BSA Company is launching BSA motorcycles in India.

Currently one model will be launched. Like it launched BSA motorcycles across the world. It is expected to launch on August 15," he said.

In 2016, Mahindra and Mahindra Ltd acquired the British two-wheeler major BSA Company for about Rs 28 crore.

Joshi said in the five and half year of operations in the Indian market, two years were impacted due to COVID-19 outbreak and the company was just a three and half year old firm.

"Maybe, we are the youngest in the country or in the world. In 3.5 years, we have put out 8-9 products, 3-4 engine platforms, and so many other product platforms. I do not think there is any other company that works as quickly as we do," he said.

The company on the occasion of new dealer outlet, also showcased the upgraded Yezdi Adventure offered at Rs 2.09 lakh (ex-showroom).

"With the newly launched Yezdi Adventure, we are disrupting the category with the perfect trinity of bold design, advanced features and unbeatable performance," Joshi said.

# Coal India arm NCL contributed ₹15,000 cr to Govt exchequer in FY24: CMD

**PTI ■ NEW DELHI**

Northern Coalfields Ltd (NCL) CMD B Sairam on Saturday said that the company despatched 94 per cent of its total coal to the power sector and contributed Rs 15,000 crore to the central as well as state exchequer in FY24 in the forms of royalty and GST.

Sairam also reaffirmed the company's commitment towards fulfilling the energy security of the nation.

Speaking at the sidelines of Singrauli Industrial Summit 2024 organised by NCL at its headquarters, the CMD of the Coal India arm also outlined the company's contribution to the inclusive development of the Singrauli region.

He also underscored the benefits of adopting an integrated approach based on shared values for the holistic development of Singrauli.

The summit was organised with the objectives of driving economic growth, sustainable industrial growth, diversification, harnessing the full industrial potential, and creating employment opportunities with socio-economic upliftment and regional development.

The summit marked brainstorming discussions



about creating opportunities in various sectors like energy, aluminum, cement, chemicals, and infrastructure. Besides, a panel discussion was held on the long-term development of Singrauli region.

In the summit, an e-book named 'Industrial Landscape of Singrauli Region' was also released.

NCL is eyeing 139 million tonnes (MT) of coal production and dispatch in the current fiscal. In 2023-24 NCL had produced 136.15 MT of coal, despatched 137.63 MT of coal, and spent Rs 4,727 crore as capital expenditure.

NCL is a Singrauli-based flagship subsidiary of Coal India operating out of 10 highly mechanised opencast coal mines located in the Singrauli and Sonbhadra regions of Madhya Pradesh and Uttar Pradesh, respectively.

# Global capability centre industry to become catalyst for creating jobs: Report

**PTI ■ MUMBAI**

With India emerging as the hub of Global Capability Centres, a report on Saturday revealed that 78 per cent professionals expect the GCC sector to become a catalyst for creating jobs, particularly benefiting temporary workforce in the country.

A majority of 78 per cent foresee GCCs as catalysts for creating new job opportunities, particularly benefiting gig workers and the temporary workforce in India, said a report by HR Services and Workforce Solutions provider Genius Consultants.

This optimism about job creation reflects a positive outlook on GCCs' potential to diversify and expand employment avenues in the evolving job market, the survey stated.

The report on GCCs and their potential impact on the Indian industrial market is based on an analysis of inputs from 1,033 professionals.

Almost all the respondents agreed on the pivotal role that GCCs play in advancing the adoption of cutting-edge technologies such as Artificial Intelligence (AI), cloud computing, and Internet of Things (IoT), said the report. This consensus underscores GCCs' significant



contribution to enhancing India's technological landscape and fostering innovation across various sectors, it added.

The report also said that an overwhelming 94 per cent of respondents believed that GCCs will positively influence and enhance India's overall economic output.

This sentiment underscores the perceived role of GCCs in stimulating economic growth through increased investments, technology transfer, and job opportunities, it added.

However, a small fraction (3 per cent) holds a contrasting view. Among those participated in the survey, 84 per cent expressed confidence that the establishment of GCCs by multinational corporations in India will lead to improved job availability and increased opportunities for local professionals.

# SBI profit rises 4 per cent in April-June on higher provisions, lower core income growth

**PTI ■ MUMBAI**

State Bank of India (SBI) on Saturday reported a 4.25 per cent growth in its consolidated net profit in April-June quarter at Rs 19,325 crore, held back by a rise in loan loss provisions and lower growth in core income.

On a standalone basis, the profit growth was much slower at almost flat pace of 0.89 per cent during the quarter at Rs 17,035 crore.

SBI chairman Dinesh Kumar Khara, whose over four years stint at the helm will be ending soon, said the first quarter is generally slow and there were "distractions" which limited the growth. He said the bank is confident of growth picking up in the remainder of the fiscal year, and achieving his aspiration of the largest lender reporting a net profit of Rs 1 lakh crore in FY25.

The core net interest income grew 5.71 per cent to Rs 41,125 crore on the back of a 15 per cent advances growth and the domestic net interest margin narrowing by 0.12 per cent to 3.35 per cent.

The other income declined to Rs 11,162 crore in the latest first quarter from the Rs 12,063 crore recorded in the year-ago period, and the fall was attributed by Khara to the change in regulation that led to the reclassification of investment book.

Khara declined to comment



on the impact of the RBI's draft norms on liquidity coverage ratio, but pointed out that the critical number for the bank stands at 129 per cent whereas it has a comfort level of taking it down till 110 per cent. The deposit growth came at 8 per cent, and Khara said the bank will be able to fund the credit growth target of 15 per cent even if the deposit growth is sustained at the same level. However, he added that the bank would want to increase the deposit growth to 10 per cent.

He, however, made it clear that the bank will not want to compromise on NIMs in the process and hinted that more hikes in deposit rates are not in the offing. It will target to keep the NIMs in the 3.2-3.4 per cent range, the chairman said.

Khara explained that the bank has been able to manage with a lower deposit growth because it had put its accretions in the past into investment book

which is now being deployed for advances.

Corporate loans grew by over 15 per cent during the quarter, while retail -- the mainstay in the last few years -- was slower at less than 14 per cent. Khara said within corporates, it is the mid market segment which grew 20 per cent where the bank sees maximum opportunity.

Large corporates have many alternatives like the bond markets to go to, Khara said, adding that the current corporate loan pipeline stands at Rs 4.62 lakh crore.

On the asset quality front, the bank witnessed fresh slippages of Rs 7,900 crore, with a major Rs 3,000 crore of it coming from personal and home loans.

Khara said a few states' inability to pay employee salaries on time led to slippages of Rs 1,600 crore but was quick to add that the amount has been recovered as the salaries came in.

The gross non-performing assets ratio improved to 2.21 per cent during the quarter as against 2.24 per cent in March. The loan loss provisions jumped 70 per cent to Rs 4,580 crore, which included Rs 2,488 crore for the ageing assets, Khara said, asserting that there is no challenge on the asset quality front and he does not expect the quantum of money being set aside going up under his successor C S Shetty.

Khara said the RBI's increase in risk weights on assets led to a calibration on the personal loans front, but stressed that there is no adverse impact on the quality of the book and the GNPA's continue to be under 1 per cent.

The bank has formed a dedicated 500-member team of relationships managers to improve the current account deposits by engaging with private sector clients, including family offices and trusts as well, Khara said.

"We were known as a corporate lender for a long time, now we have oriented ourselves to be a corporate banker," he added.

It has also revamped the wealth management business by putting together a 2,000-member team of specialist relationship managers, he said, stressing that the benefits it will accrue will ensure that the cost to income ratio does not get impacted.

# SRM donates ₹1 cr to CM's Distress Relief Fund for Wayanad

**Kattankulathur:** SRM Institute of Science and Technology (SRMIST), Kattankulathur, has played a significant role by contributing an aid of Rs.1 Crore towards the rehabilitation efforts at Wayanad, Kerala.

The Chancellor of SRMIST, Dr TR Paarivendhar, has personally donated ₹1,00,00,000 (rupees one crore only) to the Chief Minister's Distress Relief Fund.



# Annual convocation held

**New Delhi:** Vellore Institute of Technology (VIT), Vellore 39th Vellore Institute of Technology (VIT), Vellore, held its 39th annual convocation on August 2, 2024. Prof Anil D Sahasrabudhe, Chairman of the National Educational Technology Forum (NETF), National Board of Accreditation (NBA), Executive Committee-National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC) was the Chief Guest.





## Heartbreak for shooter Manu

PTI ■ CHATEAURoux (FRANCE)

The sensational Manu Bhaker's dream of a grand treble went up in smoke after she lost the tie-shoot for bronze medal to Hungarian Veronika Major by the narrowest of margins in the women's 25m sports pistol event at the Olympic Games here on Saturday.

In a high-quality final, Bhaker gave it her all and was placed No.1 among eight shooters for a brief period, but she could not maintain her consistency and eventually finished fourth. Nonetheless, the 22-year-old will return home with her twin bronze-medal feat in women's 10m air pistol and mixed team 10m air pistol partnering Sarabjot Singh.

The affable Indian shot 28 in the final to be tied at third place along with Veronika after the eighth series of five shots. She missed two of the five shots to aggregate three points, while Veronika drilled in four bullets into the target to clinch the third spot, leaving Bhaker to pack up the kit and leave her firing station.

Expectations were really high from Bhaker to bring home a hat-trick of medals given her awe-inspiring form. She stood up to the challenge even after slipping to sixth position early in the final. Bhaker conceded at the end of the contest that she was nervous, and no matter how hard she tried to remain calm, she couldn't. "I got like really nervous about it, but again, I was trying my best to keep calm and to just try to do my best. But that was not enough," Bhaker said after the event.

The first series was a disaster in



which Bhaker missed three out of five targets, but gradually she cut down on the errors and bounced back in the second and third series, shooting two consecutive 'fours' to take her points tally to 10 going into the elimination round. The elimination round was topsy-turvy to say the least. Bhaker's chances waxed and waned until she took the top spot for a brief period in the seventh series (fourth elimination round).

However, South Korea's Jin Yang wrested back the top spot immediately even as Bhaker slipped to tied third with a rank bad three misses in the eighth round, which saw her slump from second spot to joint third with Veronika on 28 points.

The shoot-off was nerve-jangling for both the markswomen and Bhaker had three clear shots out of five on target, while Veronika had

four. The ace shooter said that she will take a lot of positives from the fourth-place finish and come back stronger in the Los Angeles Games in 2028.

"It (Olympics) turned out to be very good for me, but well, there's always a next time so I'm already looking forward to the next one (in LA)," she said. "I'm glad that I got two medals, but right now, I'm not very... Well, fourth place is not a very good place," said Bhaker with tears in her eyes.

Her finish just outside the medal bracket once again brought back memories of fourth-place finishes of Indian shooters in the quadrennial showpiece. She joined the likes of Joydeep Karmakar (men's 50m rifle prone, 2012 London), Abhinav Bindra (men's 10m air rifle, 2016 Rio) and Arjun Babuta (10m air rifle, 2024 Paris Olympics), among others.

left the big stage empty-handed. However, there was no hype around her this time, following disappointments in London, Rio and Tokyo editions. The fourth place finish by Ankita Bhakat and Dhiraj Bommadevara in the mixed team event was India's best performance in archery in Paris.

Leading 4-2, Deepika aced a 10 to start the fourth set but fell into the red zone with a seven after the Korean shot a 10 and a nine. Nam did not make any mistake on her final shot, making a 10 to force a decider. In the fifth set, the Korean began with a 10 and Deepika followed with a nine. Nam managed a 9 and 10 on the following shots but Deepika got only two 9s to lose the quarterfinal 4-6.

Even in the second set, which she lost, Deepika had fluffed the second shot, managing a poor 6.

"It is disappointing. I don't know how and why I keep losing at the Olympic Games. Maybe the atmosphere gets to me. It's the weight of own expectations," Deepika said after her defeat, admitting it was her best chance to do well. "Those were bad two shots and I feel like I have gifted her the match."

Coach Purmina Mahato explained that after taking the anchor position, the archers need to release early to stand a better chance of scoring well. "Ideally, you should have your shot within 5-7 seconds of taking anchor position. If you hold, all kinds of thoughts start coming to your mind. She held that shot long (6 in second set) and the second time (7 in

fourth set) she released it early due to pressure," said Mahato. The coach said India needs a consistent supply of archers but does not think that it's time for Deepika to quit.

"She must continue. People do well, win medals in this sport, even when they age." Meanwhile, the 18-year-old Bhajan did well to stretch her Indonesian rival to a shoot-off but fluffed the first shot by managing an eight when she needed a 10 to secure her passage into the last eight. "Certainly I was lacking in something, that's why I lost. I will work on that when I go back home," Bhajan said after her 1/8 elimination round match. Asked if she felt the nerves going into the shoot-off, she said, "Wo toh poore match mein hi rehta hai (nervousness remains throughout)," she said

with a chuckle.

"I was not thinking of shooting a 10, I was just focussed on following the process," she said.

"I have learnt a lot from this campaign," she added but could not explain what, and again let out a smile. After disappointing results in other team events, the mixed team of Ankita Bhakat and Dhiraj Bommadevara was on Friday in line to win a bronze but finished fourth. Coach Mahato said she had told the archers not to think about the results and just stay focussed on shooting.

"We told them, do not think about win or loss, just shoot. It's 90 percent mind game. You have to be mentally strong. "Bhajan fought well but missed that last shot. We were actually assured that she will do well."

PTI ■ PARIS

Deepika Kumari placed herself in an advantageous position against Korea's Suhyeon Nam by winning two of the first three sets but shot a horrible 7 with the second arrow of the fourth set to throw away a great opportunity as India's archery campaign folded at the Paris Olympics here Saturday. Deepika had begun the day well with a 6-4 win over Germany's Michelle Kroppen but lost by the same margin to Nam, who had won the women's team gold on Friday. Teenager Bhajan Kaur was eliminated earlier in the day after losing her pre-quarterfinal match to Indonesia's Diananda Choirunisa in a shoot-off. Competing in her fourth Olympics, Deepika yet again

## Denied spot in Paris by Dutch Olympic committee, Weber leads Portland Classic

AP ■ PORTLAND

Denied a spot in Paris because the Dutch Olympic committee didn't think she was good enough to contend, Dewi Weber shot a 10-under 62 to take the second-round lead in the Portland Classic.

Weber qualified for the Olympics under International Golf Federation standards, but was left out because of the country's separate standards for all sports to meet a realistic chance of a top-eight finish. "We're two rounds in, so we'll see how this all unfolds and if I can really make a statement," Weber said. "Of course it's in the back of my mind because it's the week before the Olympics. It was something that I was looking forward to ... "It sucks, but all we can do is like try to prove why those standards were so silly, and I

really hope to do that on Sunday."

Playing only her second LPGA Tour event of the year, Weber had nine birdies in an 11-hole stretch in her afternoon round at Columbia Edgewater, making seven birdies in a row on Nos. 5-11. She closed with a birdie on the par-4 18th for a two-shot lead over first-round leader Polly Mack and past champion Andrea Lee.

"Very easy, very relaxing, not really putting my pressure on myself," Weber said. "Just like roll that ball as well as I can and see what happens." The 28-year-old former Miami player also had seven straight birdies Thursday in an opening 66. She the final eight holes Thursday and the first 13 Friday in 16 under - and was 16 under overall for 36 holes in pursuit of her first LPGA Tour title. "I did a really good job both



days of just going shot for shot, which I know is such a cliché but I've never been able to really do that," said Weber, who has four top-seven finishes in 11 starts this year on the Epson Tour.

Mack followed her opening 63 with a 67 in the afternoon. The 25-year-old German also is winless on the LPGA Tour. She eagled the par-5 seventh, and

and dropped back with a bogey on the par-4 15th. "You obviously want to do well after that round, but it's still not the easiest golf course," Macks said. "It's still a golf course. It's still 18 holes to get through it. I think I did pretty well." Lee shot 63 in the morning, running off six straight birdies of her own in a back-nine burst. The 25-year-old

American won the 2022 event for her lone LPGA Tour title.

"I love Portland, Columbia Edgewater," Lee said. "It's always great to come back here. I always find the course conditions to be perfect. It's a great golf course. Obviously, a lot of the low scores out here, but I feel really comfortable." Jenny Shin (65) and Grace Kim (65) were 13 under, with Alexa Pano (64) and Emma Talley (67) another stroke back.

Lauren Coughlin, the CPKC Women's Open winner Sunday in Calgary, Alberta, for her first LPGA Tour title, was 9 under after a 69.

With the Olympics next week, no one from the top 30 in the world ranking is in the field. The lone Olympian in the field is Aditi Ashok of India. She was 7 under after a 67.

Defending champion Chanette Wannasaen shot a 70 to get to 6 under.

## Lakshya aims to dial up 'Sen-mode' against Super Dane Axelsen in semis

PTI ■ PARIS

India's Lakshya Sen will need to play out of his skin to keep his maiden gold medal hopes alive when he takes on the reigning Olympic champion Viktor Axelsen in the men's singles semifinals at the Paris Games here on Sunday. Making his Olympics debut, Sen created history on Friday after becoming the first Indian individual male shuttler to reach the last four of the showpiece with a 19-21 21-15 21-12 win over Chinese Taipei's Chou Tien Chen in an intense quarterfinal match.

The Indian will have yet another uphill task at hand when he takes on Axelsen, the baby-faced badminton giant, who has terrorised his opponents in the last few years. The 30-year-old from Odense, Denmark, has won the Tokyo gold and Rio bronze, two world championship titles in 2017 and 2022, a Thomas Cup triumph in 2016 and multiple BWF world tour and Superseries titles to experience a dominating run as world No. 1 from December 2021 to June 2024. Sen, a 2021 World championships

medallist, has lost seven times to the super Dane, who faced defeat just once against the Indian at the 2022 German Open.

The 22-year-old, however, has shown little to no respect for the past records against his higher-ranked opponents so far as he plotted the downfall of world number 4 Jonatan Christie in the group stage and Chou, ranked 11, in the quarters.

Axelsen has looked a tad subdued this season with just one title at the Malaysia Masters. The Dane also suffered an ankle injury in early June during the Singapore Open and was forced to withdraw from the Indonesia Open. Sen, on the other hand, hasn't looked fitter in his career. He has been rock solid in his defence as he covered the court well and played at a high pace. His ability to produce winners at will has held him in good stead.

The 1.94m-tall Dane has an all-rounded game and is known to rain down brutal smashes from a great height. Axelsen, who received a bye in the pre-quarterfinals, had just

one real challenge in the quarterfinals but he got past former world champion Loh Kean Yew of Singapore without much ado.

In their eight meetings, only two matches have gone to three games, including the contest in Muelheim an der Ruhr. After seeing off the speedy and consistent Chou in a gruelling three-gamer on Friday, Sen will be now backing himself to prevail if it goes the distance against the Dane. Axelsen had robbed him of All England glory two years back when he beat him in the final. Then there were those twin losses in the 2021 BWF World Tour Finals and Sen will be itching to return the favour at the world's biggest stage. A semifinalist gets two chances to return with a medal.

A win will keep Sen on course for Indian badminton's maiden Olympic gold, while a loss will give him a shot at the bronze medal in the play-offs.

"There's lot more work to do. Now, the real test starts," Sen had said after his quarterfinals. For Sen, who wears "Sky is the limit" tattoo on his neck, only the gold can quench his hunger.

## Siniakova and Machac win gold but keep relationship status top secret

AP ■ PARIS

Katerina Siniakova and Tomas Machac hugged and kissed each other when they won the 2024 Olympics mixed doubles tennis gold medal for the Czech Republic on Friday night, then laughed about keeping their relationship status "top secret."

Siniakova and Machac defeated Wang Xinyu and Zhang Zhizhen 6-2, 5-7, 10-8 in a match tiebreaker in the final. The first seven came alongside Krejickova. Since they stopped playing together, Siniakova teamed with Coco Gauff to win the French Open title this June - at Roland Garros, the same site being used for tennis during these Olympics - and with Taylor Townsend to win Wimbledon in July. "I showed myself that I can play well with anyone," Siniakova said, "and I should be more proud of myself."

"That's our personal life, so you don't need to know that," Siniakova said with a chuckle. "We like when you are confused." Machac chimed in to add: "This is top secret."

Siniakova now owns the only two Summer Games tennis titles for her country. She teamed with Barbora Krejickova to win the women's doubles gold at the Tokyo Games three years ago. Siniakova is a doubles specialist who has won a total of nine Grand Slam trophies. The first seven came alongside Krejickova. Since they stopped playing together, Siniakova teamed with Coco Gauff to win the French Open title this June - at Roland Garros, the same site being used for tennis during these Olympics - and with Taylor Townsend to win Wimbledon in July. "I showed myself that I can play well with anyone," Siniakova said, "and I should be more proud of myself."



The mixed doubles bronze went to Gabriela Dabrowski and Felix Auger-Aliassime of Canada, who beat Demi Schuurs and Wesley Koolhof of the Netherlands 6-3, 7-6 (2).

Machac's two best results in men's doubles at Slam events came with Zhang as his partner this year. They are good pals and reached the Australian Open semi-

finals in January, then the quarterfinals at the French Open. "Friendship's totally broken," Zhang joked. "He destroyed my Olympic Games."

He and Wang leave Paris with a silver medal. Another player from China, Zheng Qinwen, will play in the women's singles gold medal match on Saturday against Donna Vekic of Croatia. Chinese tennis "is getting better," Zhang said.

As for what advice the more-experienced and more-successful Siniakova offered Machac ahead of Friday's final, he offered a kidding response, saying she told him: "Ace on the line and winner on the line." Siniakova made clear that her view actually is: "With a team, you are two, so it's really helpful when you communicate and you help each other."

Sounds like perfect words of wisdom for a doubles pair.

## Canadian teen McIntosh bringing home impressive haul of medals

AP ■ NANTERRE

Summer McIntosh is really Shaded for a golden birthday.

The Canadian swim star turns 18 on Aug. 18, and she has already learned so much about the world - including just how heavy an Olympic medal is. "The first night when I put the silver on my neck I was actually in shock how heavy it was," she said, "because no other medal has been that heavy before." McIntosh is getting a feel for those weighty medallions now

- and has already collected quite a haul for the suitcase going home. A silver in the 400-meter freestyle, and golds in the 400 individual medley and 200 butterfly.

Oh, and you bet she's planning on adding another in the 200 IM on Saturday night. Even if she was second fastest out of the semifinals Friday night, finishing in 2 minutes, 8.30 seconds, behind American Alex Walsh's 2:07.45. It's those races when she's not in her tip-top form "I think I learn the most from," she said.

McIntosh added she had only

completed in the 200 IM previously in international competition at a Commonwealth Games. McIntosh won the 200 butterfly Thursday night to add a second gold to her total after her 400 IM victory Monday.

When McIntosh won the 0.3 fly in an Olympic-record 2:03.03, her mother and 1984 swimming Olympian Jill Horstead jumped for joy and pumped her fist from the stands. This one meant so much to McIntosh because it used to be her mom's signature



race. "So sharing that moment with her was pretty cool," McIntosh said. "I know she's just so proud of me along with the rest of my family?"

Still, there's no time for much nostalgia. Not yet anyway. She insists her routine is pretty basic when it comes to taking care of herself between races. No word puzzles or reading to clear her mind. A little bit of music is more her style.

"It's a lot more simple than probably people think behind the scenes," she said. "All I'm doing is eating and sleeping

other than when I'm not swimming, so just keep it simple and try to rest my brain as much as I do my body. That's kind of what works best for me to prepare for my following races."

Canadian teammate Kylie Masse, who won a bronze in the 200 backstroke Friday, is in awe of not only McIntosh's remarkable poise on the world stage but also the ability to quickly switch gears from one event to the next.

"It's incredible. For the number of events she swims, it's really impressive," Masse

said. "For me, I had a full day off in between of just training, but to be able to not come here, race, go through the whole process, but for her she's had quite a number of back-to-backs and a 200 at night and a 200 in the morning. It can be really taxing on your body and your mind. So it's really important to turn off, like she said."

McIntosh might not have the screaming French fans willing her on for every pull and kick like beloved Léon Marchand, yet she still feels plenty of love from Maple Leaf-waving fans

throughout La Defense Arena. "Being able to represent Canada, it's such an honor," she said.

McIntosh might leave Paris with a medal in every individual event she swims and the Maple Leaf draped around her.

"It's pretty surreal, I'm not reflecting on it too much right now," she said. "Yeah, while it's been a pretty amazing Olympics for me, but yeah I'm not done yet. I'll have lots of time to celebrate after, but right now I'm just keeping it simple."

India look to find a way past Lankan spinners, slow pitch in second ODI

PTI ■ COLOMBO

Measures to battle a sluggish pitch and an assortment of Sri Lankan slow bowlers will feature high on India's strategy list for the second ODI to be played here on Sunday. Chasing a manageable 231, India were comfortably placed at 130 for three in the first ODI on Friday before losing their way against Lankan spinners, who showed enough pluck to earn a tie. Once they survived the Rohit Sharma onslaught upfront, Lanka executed their plans well against the Indian batters, who are not the cleverest performers on rank turners, while not many are though. The home side employed their army of twerkers against Virat Kohli, KL Rahul and Shreyas Iyer, the meat of Indian top and middle-order, with a telling amount of success. The troika was not uncomfortable but was unable to break free either against some well-directed moves of the Lankans, who were precise in their calculations. Kohli was tied up by Dunith Wellalage, the left-arm spinner, and leg-spinner Wanindu Hasaranga as the 29 balls that the Indian batter faced out of a total of 32 were



by the spinners. Hasaranga eventually nicked him off, while seeing the comfort of Shreyas against spinners, Lankan skipper Charith Asalanka pressed pacer Asitha Fernando into service. Fernando repaid the faith in him with the wicket of Shreyas with a peach, also the only Indian wicket to have fallen to a quick. Rahul, another excellent player of spin, too was snaffled by Hasaranga. But stuttering in one match offers too small a footprint to go after some of the

accomplished names, but the Indians will be eager to bat long and rotate strike, which is the key to nullifying spinners on such decks. Sri Lankans Pathum Nissanka and Wellalage showed that en route to their fifties despite a flurry of wickets at the other end, while dealing with Kuldeep Yadav, Axar Patel and Washington Sundar effectively. The four Indian spinners, including Shubman Gill, leaked 126 in 30 overs for four wickets, while their Lankan counterparts' figures stood at 167 in 37.5 overs for nine

wickets. So, the Indians will want to minimise the damage without compromising on their run-making ways. Bowling coach Sairaj Bahutule said as much. "We did bat well in patches, and we could have had some partnerships that would have taken us (home) with less wickets going. We tried our best to get into partnerships," said Bahutule after the first match. One option India can mull is to bring in either Rishabh Pant or Rianan Parag as both are extremely good at countering spinners and can upset their rhythm playing some of those

unorthodox shots. Wellalage did that to perfection while scooping and reverse sweeping Washington Sundar and Axar. Additionally, Parag comes in with the bundle offer of being an off-spinner and leg-spinner at the same time. But it remains to be seen whether the Indian team management will make a change after just one match, which has not been their trait for a while now. From Sri Lanka's perspective, they will enter the second match of the three-match series with a better frame of mind after shackling a much superior and vastly experienced opponent. However, they will keep an eye on the fitness of Hasaranga, who was seen clutching his hamstring towards the end of

his spell in the opening one-day.

**TEAMS (FROM): India:** Rohit Sharma (C), Shubman Gill (VC), Virat Kohli, KL Rahul (WK), Rishabh Pant (WK), Shreyas Iyer, Shivam Dube, Kuldeep Yadav, Mohd. Siraj, Washington Sundar, Arshdeep Singh, Rianan Parag, Axar Patel, Khaleel Ahmed, Harshit Rana. **Sri Lanka:** Charith Asalanka (c), Pathum Nissanka, Avishka Fernando, Kusal Mendis, Sadeera Samarawickrama, Kamindu Mendis, Janith Liyanage, Nishan Madushka, Wanindu Hasaranga, Dunith Wellalage, Chamika Karunaratne, Maheesh Theekshana, Akila Dananjaya, Dilshan Madushanka, Matheesha Pathirana, Asitha Fernando.

Indian top-order batters will be given ample opportunities to bowl: Bowling coach Bahutule

PTI ■ COLOMBO

Bowling coach Sairaj Bahutule indicated that India will continue to give bowling opportunities to their top-order batters as it can work as a "surprise element" to the opposition. Shubman Gill was given a chance to roll his arm against Sri Lanka in the first ODI, which ended in a tie here on Friday, and Bahutule said it will be the way forward even though the opener gave away 14 runs in his lone over. "I think our batters are good bowlers as well, to be honest. You know their primary skill is batting, so at times, they don't focus much on their bowling. But they have the skills," said Bahutule in the post-match press meet. In contrast, Lankan skipper and their premier batter Charith Asalanka bowled 8.5 overs and walked away with returns of three for 30, including the wickets of Shivam Dube and Arshdeep Singh in two successive balls, helping his side to snatch a tie. Bahutule used the example of Suryakumar Yadav and Rinku Singh bowling in the T20s against Sri Lanka to validate his point. "You might have seen in the T20s...Rinku and Surya contributed with the ball. So, an opportunity was given to Shubman here. It's



going to be an all-rounder's game in the coming days. "So, if one or two (batsmen) from the top-order can bowl it will definitely help the team, of course, depending on pitch conditions and situations. "Also, it will be a surprise element to the opposition, if a batter can bowl. So, moving ahead there will be ample opportunities for batters to bowl," he explained. Bahutule said the visitors could have tried to forge better partnerships after starting from the blocks in a blazing fashion. "To have a tie in ODI is always exciting. Yeah, we should have got that one run and finished off the match. Nevertheless, I thought we bowled really well. "We did bat well in patches, and we could have had few partnerships that would have taken us (home) with less wickets going," he said. Bahutule admitted that the Lankan spinners used the

nature of the pitch to the hilt. "I think the nature of the pitch and the way they bowled...Hasaranga and Asalanka executed their skills very well. "We tried our best to get into the partnerships, and Shivam (Dube) also batted well and contributed. But yes, we could have put in that one extra effort of scoring that single run." The former India leg-spinner said the team should have capitalised on the start given by skipper Rohit Sharma, who made a rollicking 58 off 47 balls. It helped India reach 75 in 12.4 overs before the rot set in. "The start given by Rohit was fantastic, and at one stage it looked like we wouldn't lose too many wickets. It (the way Rohit batted) was important when the ball was hard and coming onto the bat. I think it was his first ODI innings after the (50-over) World Cup.

"It didn't look like there was a break. He takes on the responsibility, sets the tone against any opposition, any pace attack. He is very positive in his intent." Bahutule rued the fact that Sri Lanka managed to add a few extra runs after being reduced to 142 for six. "They had a partnership after we got them down to 160 for six, maybe we could have got them for 15-20 runs less. But overall, I think the bowlers did well. Arshdeep and Siraj began well and Shivam bowled well on a wicket which was slightly helpful to the spinners. "I think spinners - Washi, Axar and Kuldeep - contributed well. To restrict them to 230 was, I think, a good effort," he added.

Bumrah can make ball obey his command: Ravi Shastri



Barbados, conceding just four runs in the 16th over before getting rid of the dangerous power-hitter Marco Jansen to take the fight out of the rivals in the chase of 176. "He (Bumrah) just showed the world what it takes...And you know, it's not often in your career when you have a ball in your hand and you say, 'do this and the ball does that,'" Shastri said in the ICC Review. "I think the India-Pakistan (match) because India were made to fight there and realise what the right combination should be going forward in the tournament. That and then the momentum of the game by getting rid of the dangerous Mohammad Rizwan to send Pakistan into a free fall when they were chugging along nicely at 80/3. Bumrah then bowled a game-changing spell against the Proteas in the final at

Mohammad Rizwan. Extremely crucial, because that could have tilted the balance of the game. And it happened on the first ball of a new spell," he added. Shastri said his other favourite moment was Bumrah sending back Jansen. "Brought back into the attack and then getting it to reverse and sneak through bat and pad (of Marco Jansen). I thought that was a very, very important wicket at that time," Shastri recalled. Jansen was the sixth Protea wicket to fall in the 18th over with the South Africans requiring 21 runs for victory off 15 balls. Before that all-rounder Hardik Pandya removed Heinrich Klaasen in the 17th over, caught by wicketkeeper Rishabh Pant. "Hardik (Pandya) had done the main damage by taking Klaasen (in the previous over) but I thought back-to-back, that over and that wicket was extremely important." Bumrah was adjudged 'Player of the Tournament' for his 15 wickets at an average of 8.26 and Shastri compared the 30-year-old to former greats like the late Shane Warne, Wasim Akram and Waqar Younis.

PTI ■ MUMBAI

Former India head coach Ravi Shastri stopped just short of calling pacer Jasprit Bumrah a magician with the ball and said his standout moments in the T20 World Cup in the Americas were India managing to thwart Pakistan's charge in the group stage and Rohit Sharma's side pulling the rabbit out of the hat in the final against South Africa. India managed to defend a paltry 119 in their Group A clash against the arch-rivals, winning the contest by six runs with Bumrah changing the momentum of the game by getting rid of the dangerous Mohammad Rizwan to send Pakistan into a free fall when they were chugging along nicely at 80/3. Bumrah then bowled a game-changing spell against the Proteas in the final at

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Himachal Pradesh Public Works Department. Notice Inviting Tender. Sealed percentage rate tender form No688 are hereby inviting by the Executive Engineer Jubbal Division HP PWD Jubbal for following works on behalf of the Governor of Himachal Pradesh from the eligible contractor enlisted in HP PWD so as to reach in the office of undersigned as per time schedule given below:- 1. Date of receipt of application for tender forms 19-08-2024 upto 01:00 AM 2. Date of issue/Sale of tender forms 19-08-2024 upto 01:30 PM 3. Date of receipt of tender 20-08-2024 upto 02:00 PM 4. Date of opening of Tender 20-08-2024 upto 03:30 PM. Table with columns: Job No, Name of Work, Estimated Cost (Rs.), Earnest Money (Rs.), Cost of Tender Form (Rs.), Time Allowed, Class. 15 items listed. Certificate: It is certified that the tenders of above works are emergency/emergent nature in the public interest. Terms & Condition: The tender documents shall be issued to contractors/firms who fulfill the following terms & conditions: 1. The valid enrollment/registration of contractor in appropriate class. 2. Permanent Account Number (PAN). 3. GST Number and EPF No. 4. Earnest money in the shape of national saving certificate/term deposit/Time deposit account in the post office in H.P. FDR from any nationalized bank duly pledged in favour of the Executive Engineer HP PWD Jubbal Division. 5. The earnest money and cost of tender for the above works should be submitted with the application for the purchase of the tender forms. The application received without earnest money & cost of tender forms shall summarily be rejected. 6. Ambiguous/telegraphic/conditional tender, tender by fax/e-mail, shall not be entertained/considered and will be summarily be rejected. 7. Executive Engineer reserves the right to reject or cancel any or all the tenders without assigning any reasons. 8. Tender forms shall not be issued to those contractors/forms whose previous performance is not found satisfactory and who have not executed/completed the previous awarded works within the stipulated period of completion. Executive Engineer, Jubbal Division, HPPWD, Jubbal. RO NO. 1253/2024-2025 Dt. 03-08-2024

USP. Aakash Educational Services Limited (AESL) launches ANTHE 2024. Shimla: Marking 15 glorious years of its flagship scholarship examination ANTHE, Aakash Educational Services Limited (AESL), the national leader in test preparatory services, proudly announces the launch of the latest edition of the highly anticipated Aakash National Talent Hunt Exam (ANTHE) 2024. The popular and most-sought after exam offers students from Class VII-XII the chance to earn up to 100% scholarships along with significant cash awards, helping them achieve their dreams of a successful career in medicine or engineering. This year, an exciting addition includes a 5-day all-expenses-paid trip to the Kennedy Space Center in Florida, USA, for five outstanding students. The John F. Kennedy Space Centre, located in Florida, is one of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration's (NASA) ten field centres in the United States. ANTHE scholarship recipients will benefit from Aakash's extensive coaching programs, which prepare students for exams such as NEET, JEE, State CETs and scholarships like NTSE and Olympiads. Blood donation camp organized by Indian Bank. Chandigarh: Indian Bank is going to celebrate its 118th Foundation Day on 15th August 2024. In which the bank is organizing various types of programs across the country under Corporate Social Responsibility. In this sequence, on Saturday, dated 03.08.2024, Indian Bank Zonal Office Chandigarh organized a blood donation camp in collaboration with PGIMER Chandigarh at Bank Square Sector 17B, Chandigarh. The program was inaugurated by Field General Manager of Indian Bank, Shri Sandeep Kumar Ghoshal, Chandigarh Zonal Manager, Shri Sankar Raju V., Deputy General Manager Shri Rajendra Kumar, Assistant General Manager Ms. Kajal Singh, Assistant General Manager Shri Shivneet Sharma. In which Regional General Manager Shri Sandeep Kumar Ghoshal told that donating blood improves heart health, reduces the risk of heart diseases and stroke. He told that donating blood controls the excess amount of iron which is good for the health of the heart. Move To Market Drive By Punjab And Sind Bank Zonal Office Amritsar. Amritsar: Punjab & Sind Bank, Zonal Office, Amritsar organized move to market drive on 02.08.2024 in Hall Bazaar & nearby area and covered around 200 shops/showrooms for expanding its customer base and increasing awareness of its diverse range of banking products and services. It served as a direct outreach platform, bringing the bank's offerings closer to the community. Customers from all walks of life were attended during the move to market drive. To grace the occasion Sh.Gopal Krishan, General Manager, Head Office, New Delhi came to attend the drive and he was accompanied by S.Kuldip Singh, Zonal Manager, Amritsar Zone along with bank officials from zonal office and different branches. Sh.Gopal Krishan & S.Kuldip Singh interacted with different potential customers, discussed their concerns and experience with the Bank if any. Prospective customers were also made aware about different banking products available to cater their needs/ requirements and also made them aware about attractive ROI in term deposit products. An Education Loan camp was organized in thapar university, Patiala. Patiala: During 31st July 2024 and 3rd August 2024 by Punjab National Bank, Patiala. The education Loan camp was held during the new admissions session of Engineering aspirants for Batch 2024. Punjab National Bank, Patiala Teams provided information to students about education Loan Scheme and also helped in students in getting their savings accounts opened for purpose of financial inclusion. Officers of PNB also provided awareness about various government schemes/ initiatives set by government of India for well-being of Indian Citizens. In addition to this PNB is providing collateral free education loan to students of thapar university with 100% waiver of documentation Charges and processing fee. On the occasion of this education loan camp various authorities of PNB Zonal office Ludhiana and PNB Circle office Patiala were also present.



YOU LEARN TO COOK SO THAT YOU DON'T HAVE TO BE A SLAVE TO RECIPES. YOU GET WHAT'S IN SEASON AND YOU KNOW WHAT TO DO WITH IT  
— JULIA CHILD

# LIVING IT UP IN JAIPUR

Jaipur, a bustling hub of commerce and culture in North India, is famed for its grand palaces, majestic forts, and exquisite crafts. Known globally for its intricate artwork and stunning jewellery, the Pink City exudes charm with its vibrant colours and rich artistic heritage. Alongside its historical grandeur, contemporary spaces reflecting local elegance have emerged as the city continues to evolve and thrive

BY AKANKSHA DEAN

JAIPUR, is a delightful place to visit with its colourful palaces, historic forts, lively markets showcasing local crafts, and diverse food options. It's a city that offers something for everyone. The pink city is also home to luxurious hotels and unique restaurants. Stroll along streets lined with palaces, temples, and the occasional cow. Indulge in royal culinary delights, explore exquisite jewellery shops, and discover a weekend of tranquillity amidst the bustling vibrancy.

## TRADITION MEETS CONTEMPORARY

Nestled near Amber fort off Delhi-Jaipur highway, The Leela Palace Jaipur sits with the backdrop of Aravalli hills amidst 8 acres of gardens. This hotel aims to impress guests with luxury while maintaining a cosy atmosphere. Royal opulence can be felt in the wood panels, windows, and artwork, yet there's a touch of modernity. The design reflects local artistry, from ancient Thikri mirror engraving to Shekhawati canvases on the walls. Traditional meets contemporary in a blend of comfort and grandeur at this splendid hotel. Stepping into the Leela Palace Jaipur feels like entering a world of extravagance and refinement

deeply rooted in history. This stunning hotel offers a range of accommodation options, including rooms, suites, and villas - all meticulously designed to provide a lavish experience. The Royal Plunge Pool villa is a highlight of my stay, radiating a sense of lightness and luxury. The spacious layout, complete with cosy armchairs, indulgent day beds, and a private pool, makes me feel like royalty. The attention to detail was exquisite, from the walk-in wardrobe to the marble-trimmed bathroom with a tub, not to mention the plush robes and organic toiletries provided. And for those seeking the epitome of luxury, the Maharaja suite exceeds all expectations with its grand living spaces, luxurious bathrooms, and stunning Palace views. One of the standout aspects of my experience at Leela Palace Jaipur is the warm and welcoming presence of Sharad Puri, the General Manager. His humble approach and dedication to ensuring guests feel at home set the tone for the genuinely gracious service throughout the hotel. The meticulous butler service, provided by a dedicated team of footmen in true Leela Palace style, adds an extra touch of luxury to my stay. In terms of relaxation amenities, the expansive spa and well-equipped



gym are truly remarkable. One can also enjoy exploring the local area with running maps provided by the hotel, along with the option to use bikes for leisurely rides or even embark on a customized cycling safari itinerary. Situated close to the capital, the hotel offers a perfect base to explore Jaipur in all its splendour, with historical sites, vibrant bazaars filled with textiles and handicrafts, and renowned silver and gemstone markets just a stone's throw away. My stay is a seamless blend of opulence, comfort, and exceptional service, making it a truly unforgettable experience.

## INDIA'S ONLY CANDLE LIT RESTAURANT AND MORE

From its impressive design and stylish interiors to the refined culinary offerings and carefully curated immersive experiences, Leela Palace Jaipur epitomizes authentic Indian luxury. As my eyes wander through the architectural marvels of the Sheesh Mahal, I find myself at Mohan Mahal, the Indian specialty restaurant glowing softly with candlelight. The ambience is crafted with 350,000 pieces of Thikri mirror, meticulously assembled by artisans over three years, creating an aura of refined elegance. Being India's only candle-



lit restaurant, it is truly a delight for the senses. The royal cuisine from Rajasthan and Awadh served at Mohan Mahal is a blend of simplicity and artistry, with standout dishes like the Seekh kebab dressed with barley. Breakfast is equally splendid, presented on beautiful tableware and featuring a selection of à la carte favourites. In the afternoons, I enjoy a delightful tea service at the Jharokha bar, where expertly crafted cocktails are served till late. I am particularly impressed by the Martini concocted by the talented mixologist, who



shares stories of mixing drinks for royalty. For a more intimate dining experience, Hawa Mahal offers a private rooftop setting where both the views and flavours are rich with captivating charm. Truly The hotel creates memorable moments that capture the essence of Indian indulgence, blending traditional rituals with modern hospitality seamlessly. ALL VEGETARIAN Burrowed discreetly within the vibrant Johri Bazaar, known for its jeweller's market, the intimate Johri Restaurant seamlessly blends into

the bustling surroundings. Tucked away on a tranquil lane just off the main colonnaded street, which played a pivotal role in securing the city's spot on the UNESCO World Heritage list, this hidden gem welcomes all guests. Attached to a charming five-suite boutique hotel, The Johri, the restaurant offers a unique dining experience that harmoniously intertwines with the heritage and allure of the historic marketplace. Savouring Jaipur's iconic zero-sized peas here is a revelation. Despite its fame that stretches as far as Dubai and Japan,

these peas had somehow escaped my taste buds back in Delhi. The petite yet incredibly sweet and flavourful green peas are beautifully served alongside corn and spinach on a generous plate. Chef Somu Kumar has expertly crafted a menu that celebrates local and regional flavours with organic, seasonal, and vegetarian ingredients. Signature dishes like paan patta chaat and Dal Johri add a timeless charm to this culinary experience. Indulge in expertly crafted dishes that stay true to their origins, whether presented in a classic style or with a modern twist. The Jackfruit Nihari and truffle cheese kulcha stuffed with mushroom and local cheeses offer a burst of flavours in every bite. Accompanied by Missi roti and palak kofta in cashew gravy, the menu caters to diverse palates. Dietary preferences are accommodated, with gluten-free and Jain-friendly options like sangri ki shammii kebab and mirchi ka halwa.

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## Indulge in Pure Joy

Step into a world of craft brews and culinary delights at BeeYoung Brewgarden, the latest hotspot in South Delhi's vibrant social scene

Delhi's social scene has a new star. The BeeYoung Brewgarden, nestled in the bustling heart of South Delhi at The Panchshila Rendezvous. This lively venue is set to redefine your nights out, offering an unparalleled blend of craft beer, exquisite cuisine and endless entertainment. Whether you're a local or a visitor looking for a memorable night out, BeeYoung Brewgarden promises to deliver an experience that is both dynamic and delightful. As you step inside, you're transported to a European getaway, with chic barn-style ambience and lush, vibrant décor. The carnival-like atmosphere is inviting, with alfresco seating and stylish indoor spaces perfect for both intimate gatherings and spirited weekend celebrations. It's a setting where every detail contributes to a sense of revelry and relaxation. At the heart of BeeYoung Brewgarden is its commitment to craft brewing excellence. The menu takes you on a culinary journey, artfully pairing finely crafted brews with gourmet dishes designed to delight the senses. Each dish reflects an immersive culinary art approach, where flavour and presentation come together to create unforgettable dining experiences. With a global array of flavours, local and seasonal specialties cater to South Delhi's cosmopolitan crowd. The emphasis on quality ingredients and creative recipes ensures that every visit offers something new and exciting for

even the most discerning palates. Entertainment at the Brewgarden is as diverse as its menu. Enjoy a blend of games and nostalgia with options like Bocce Ball, Cornhole and vintage arcade machines, providing endless hours of competitive fun. The venue hosts live sports screenings, vibrant music performances and sets by an in-house DJ, ensuring a dynamic atmosphere that keeps you engaged throughout the evening. Whether you're in the mood for a lively party or a serene escape, BeeYoung Brewgarden caters to all your social needs. The soul of BeeYoung Brewgarden is its namesake beer, India's first crafted strong beer, known for its smooth, citrusy notes and crisp finish. BeeYoung Beer embodies the youthful spirit of India, with every sip reflecting Kimaya Himalayan Beverages' dedication to quality and innovation. For those looking to immerse themselves in a world of craft brewing, vibrant social scenes and exquisite dining, BeeYoung Brewgarden is the place to be. It's where the art of microbrewing meets community and celebration, promising unforgettable experiences with every visit. Address: The Panchshila Rendezvous, Panchshila Park, Malviya Nagar, New Delhi, 110017 Timings: 11 AM - 12 AM Instagram: @beeyoungbrewgarden Price For Two: INR 2500/- (Approx) For Reservations: +91 9354431386

## Modern Twist on Classic Gastropubs

Embark on a culinary journey with Monkey Bar's latest gastropub sensation, blending contemporary design and inventive dishes for an unparalleled experience

In a city that's no stranger to culinary innovation, the revamped Monkey Bar emerges as a beacon of excitement and fresh perspective. Nestled within the iconic pyramid glass building in Vasant Kunj, this beloved gastropub has returned with a vibrant new look and a promise to elevate the dining experience. Monkey Bar, which first captured attention in 2012, was instrumental in popularising the gastropub concept in India. Now, it's back with a renewed vision, blending its signature charm with contemporary flair. The space has been transformed into an 'Urban Tropical Dreamscape,' reflecting a design ethos that is both inviting and dynamic. The lush greenery and bright, cheerful hues of yellow and sage green infuse the venue with a sense of energy and warmth that's perfect for any time of day. The menu at Monkey Bar is where the true magic happens. It's a celebration of flavours, seamlessly melding the familiar with the innovative. From classic favourites like their renowned burgers to new, exciting dishes such as Methi-spiced Prawns and Jackfruit Tacos, the culinary offerings are designed to surprise and delight. Each dish is crafted with a blend of regional Indian spices and global influences, providing a taste experience that is both unique and accessible. One of the standout features of the revamped Monkey Bar is its new coffee programme. The introduction of three distinct categories, 'The Usual Suspects', 'You Do Your Brews', and 'The Unusual Suspects' offers something for every coffee lover. Whether you're in the mood for a classic Espresso or something more adventurous like the Nitro



Cold Brew, there's a brew to suit every palate. This thoughtful addition enhances the café's appeal, making it a versatile destination for everything from morning pick-me-ups to evening relaxation. The bar menu, crafted by Lead Mixologist Harish Chhimwal, continues Monkey Bar's tradition of inventive cocktails. By incorporating local ingredients and innovative techniques, the drinks menu offers a refreshing take on both classic and contemporary cocktails. The new creations, such as the Manga Mule and Rasam ki Kasam, provide a unique twist on traditional flavours, demonstrating a commitment to both creativity and quality. The revamped Monkey Bar is more than just a place to eat and drink; it's a space designed for enjoyment and connection. With its lively atmosphere, interactive elements like a pool table and Instagram-worthy spots such as the quirky banana sofa, the venue encourages guests to relax,

socialise and make lasting memories. This thoughtful redesign makes it clear that Monkey Bar is committed to providing a comprehensive, engaging experience for its patrons. The new Monkey Bar offers a delightful fusion of tradition and innovation. Its updated menu, inventive drink options and vibrant atmosphere ensure it remains a top choice for those seeking a memorable dining experience. For anyone looking to explore new flavours, enjoy expertly crafted drinks or simply unwind in a dynamic setting, Monkey Bar's latest incarnation promises to be an exceptional destination. Wallet Factor: Meal for two with alcohol: INR 1800 plus taxes | Meal for two without alcohol: INR 3000 plus taxes Open 7 days a Week: Sunday to Saturday - 1pm. to 1am. Address: Monkey Bar, Local shopping complex, 11 Vasant Kunj, Next to mini cooper-110070 Instagram: monkeybarind Facebook: monkeybarind

## Redefining Coffee Culture

Discover a fresh take on coffee with First Coffee, blending innovation and indulgence to cater to the modern coffee lover's palate

Step into a revolution in coffee culture with First Coffee, where each cup is more than just a beverage - it's a celebration of bold flavours and innovative experiences. This fresh, dynamic brand is transforming the coffee scene with a blend of artisanal quality and modern flair, setting a new standard for coffee lovers everywhere. Founded by Sohrab Sitaram, a distinguished name in Delhi's food and beverage world; Shiv Dhawan, a serial entrepreneur with a passion for innovation and Chandini D Purnesh, the visionary behind the Harley Estate, First Coffee brings together expertise and enthusiasm to craft the ultimate coffee experience. Their beans, sourced from the renowned Harley Estate in Chikmagalur, promise an exceptional taste journey, reflecting the lush landscapes and rich heritage of the estate. First Coffee's appeal extends beyond its premium blends. The cafés offer a stylish, minimalist setting that caters to both quick stops and relaxed hangouts. The design ethos emphasises clean lines and a vibrant atmosphere, creating a space that feels both contemporary and inviting. The menu showcases First Coffee's dedication to flavour and creativity. Dive into the 'Untamed Espresso' for a bold start or savour the 'Cold Blooded Brew,' a daring concoction that combines cascara syrup with a robust coffee base. For a whimsical twist, try the 'Jelly Jolt Affogato,' where coffee meets ice cream and jelly in a delightful fusion. Classic offerings like 'The OG Cold Coffee' are given a modern twist, ensuring there's something for every palate. Tea enthusiasts can also rejoice with the unique blends available. The 'Teaminator,' a refreshing mix of hibiscus and watermelon syrup and 'Cascara Thunder' offer bold new takes on traditional favourites. The Boba Nova collection is particularly exciting, featuring the 'Mango Boba Bomb' and 'Lychee Loca Bomb' for those who love a playful and fruity twist. First Coffee stands out as a game-



changer in the coffee industry. The brand's focus on combining artisanal quality with innovative offerings makes it a notable player in the market. The variety of options, from bold espressos to playful boba teas, caters to a wide range of tastes and preferences. Moreover, First Coffee's commitment to sustainability adds a layer of ethical responsibility that enhances its appeal. This brand isn't just offering a cup of coffee; it's creating a vibrant, inclusive coffee culture that resonates with modern consumers. It's exciting to see a brand that balances exceptional quality with social consciousness, setting a high bar for others in the industry. In a world where coffee culture is evolving, First Coffee stands out as a beacon of quality and creativity. With its commitment to exceptional brews and a vibrant coffee experience, it's more than just a place for your daily caffeine fix, it's a destination for those who appreciate the art of coffee. Embrace the revolution and make First Coffee a part of your daily routine. Your taste buds and your coffee cravings will thank you. Instagram: @yourfirstcoffee Price For Two: INR 450/- (only beverages) Locations: DLF Cyber Park, Gurugram; Pacific Mall in Pitampura; Pacific Outlet Mall in Jasola.

"This journey of education and breaking stigma around HIV is something that will have a legacy everlasting"  
— Gareth Thomas



# OVERCOMING HIV STIGMA YOUTH BREAKING BARRIERS

In the face of deep-seated stigma and discrimination, young people living with HIV in Goa, are finding hope and resilience through the Human Touch Foundation. **SHOBHA SHUKLA** explores their personal journeys and examines the collective efforts that are transforming their lives and challenging societal norms

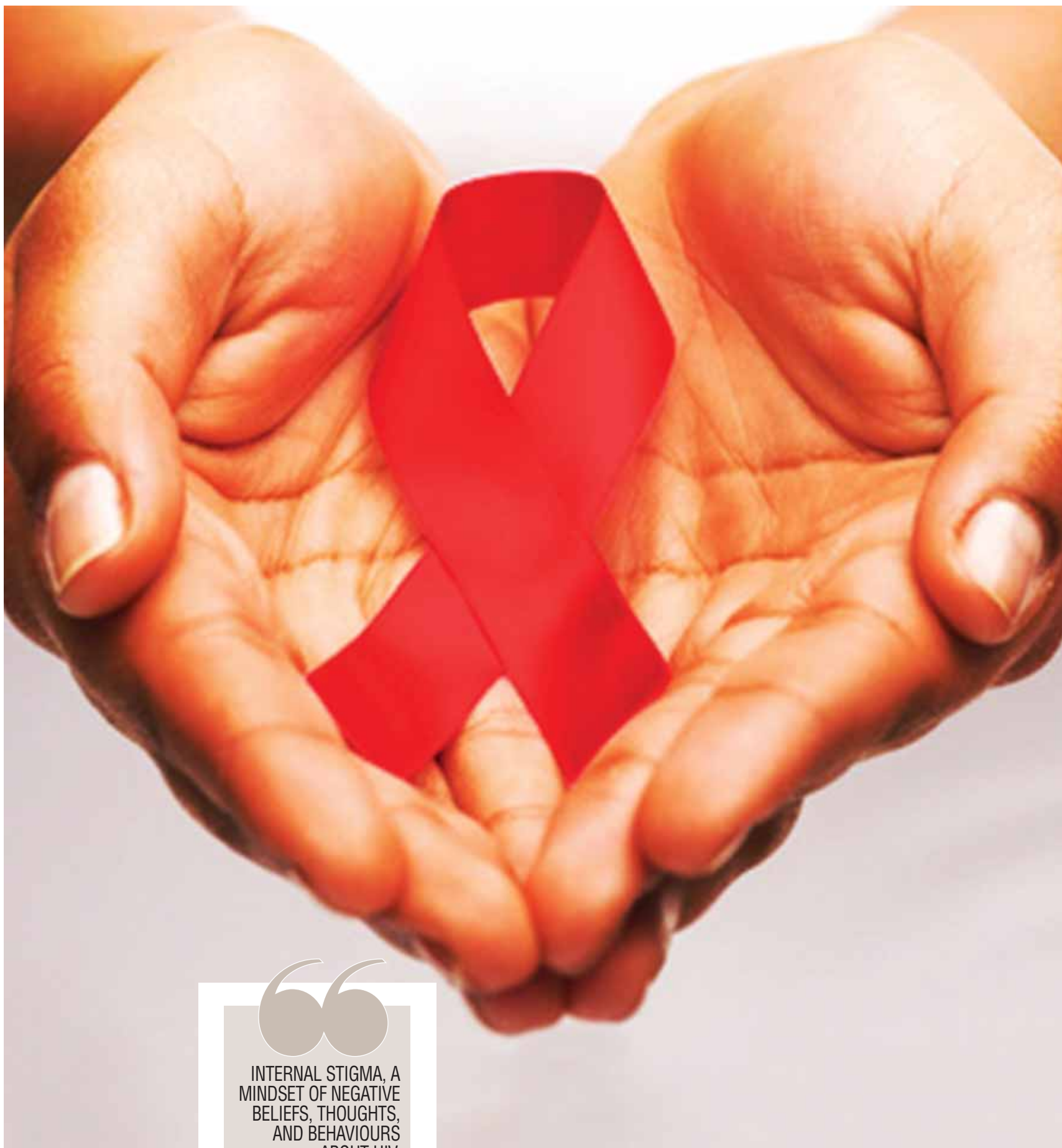


**SHOBHA SHUKLA**

Living with HIV often comes with a heavy burden of internal and external stigma. For many young people, this fear of discrimination can be paralyzing, affecting their ability to live normal lives. HIV-related misconceptions remain a significant barrier for those living with the virus, impacting their mental health, relationships, and opportunities in life. However, through the dedicated support of the Human Touch Foundation, these youths are not only overcoming their fears but also becoming advocates for change in their communities.

## THE WEIGHT OF STIGMA

A young person living with HIV shared, "As a young person living with HIV, I had self-stigmatised myself due to the fear of discrimination... fear of discrimination if I dare disclose my HIV positive status to others... this fear had stopped me from living life like a normal person." This sentiment, echoed by many, underscores the profound impact of internal stigma. Internal stigma, a mindset of negative beliefs, thoughts, and behaviours about HIV, manifests as shame, guilt, feelings of contamination, reduced self-efficacy, self-loathing, low self-esteem, and self-rejection. "Internal stigma happens when we internalise external stigma and judgements and believe that they are true. Internal stigma also happens in the absence of external stigma and discrimination," explained Nadine Ferris France, CEO of Beyond Stigma. A youth shared his trauma, "I and my youth peers have confronted HIV-related stigma and discrimination in schools, workplaces, and societal levels. Sometimes, it is the teachers who were not cooperating or discriminating against them. The fear of disclosure – which means sharing our HIV positive status with family members, friends or others in society – the fear of being discriminated, is faced by many... the fear if we would be thrown out of the house or will our friends unfriend us..." The Human Touch Foundation, based in Goa, India, is dedicated to supporting young people living with HIV. The organization provides a comprehensive range of services including mental health counselling, nutritional support, educational and vocational training, and medical assistance. By fostering a supportive community and empowering youth-led initiatives, the foundation addresses stigma and discrimination at multiple levels. Their efforts ensure that those living with HIV can lead healthier, more fulfilling lives while advocating for broader societal change. A young girl living with HIV



shared how the Human Touch Foundation helped her overcome her fears of stigma and discrimination: "From my childhood I have been touched by Human Touch Foundation which helped me overcome my fears of stigma and discrimination related to disclosure – and helped me in various ways." She added, "As I am living with HIV, I faced a lot of stigma and discrimination from my own family as well as from society. People in the society told the family to not let me come out otherwise I will spread the virus to their children. I even faced it in my relationship with one guy. I knew him for one year and had shared everything with him but still he blamed me that I got infected because I have been sleeping with others." Despite these challenges, she found a supportive community within the Human Touch Foundation, which provides a range of services including nutritional counselling, mental

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health support, and job opportunities.

## PERSONAL TRIUMPHS AND COLLECTIVE SUPPORT

Another young person recounted their journey: "I got to know my HIV status at the age of 13. I was with my relatives because I had lost my parents. That is when I first felt being stigmatised and discriminated against by my own family. For example, I was told not to use the common family nail cutter because if any blood comes out while cutting my nails then it can put others at risk. Or sometimes there were separate utensils for eating food. It used to hurt me." Finding support through the Human Touch Foundation, this individual connected with peers facing similar challenges and received guidance from Peter Borges, the foundation's CEO. "Peter Sir helped me a lot from the very beginning. He helped me with my documents too. We used to

have residential camps back then too, with adolescents living with HIV. I learnt a lot from these camps. Doctors were involved in these camps where we learnt a lot about HIV and how can we overcome problems we face."

## THE POWER OF YOUTH LEADERSHIP

The Human Touch Foundation emphasizes the importance of youth-led initiatives in the HIV response. "Youth are the best equipped to lead the response to HIV," said a young intern at the foundation. Sandhya Chavan, Lead for Adolescent Health and Wellbeing, highlighted the comprehensive support provided: "We at Human Touch Foundation provide a range of youth-led services, such as mental health counselling, psychosocial support, help them avail a range of social protection schemes, nutritional packages, medical help, or treatment adherence support, among others." Masooma Sheikh, a

counselling psychologist at the foundation, stressed the need for proper mental health services in HIV care centres and a holistic approach to support young people living with HIV.

## A BEACON OF HOPE AND RESILIENCE

As the Human Touch Foundation celebrates its 15th anniversary, its impact is evident in the lives it has touched. Peter Borges reflected on the journey: "Human Touch always had something different to offer when it came to support system or ecosystem which surrounded HIV care and support. For example, young people themselves speaking at different conferences including AIDS 2024 is so important. Lately, the realisation has grown over us about the importance of resilience: we must focus more on building the resilience of the young people. Issues like relationships or livelihoods cannot be missed while young counsellors themselves provide

mental health services." The foundation continues to address various needs, including relationships, sexual and reproductive health, substance abuse, TB and HIV co-infection, and child sexual abuse. Their commitment to non-institutional care and resilience-building for families and communities remains steadfast. The Human Touch Foundation has also been instrumental in initiating viral load monitoring in Goa and ensuring the uninterrupted supply of antiretroviral therapy during the COVID-19 pandemic. They offer free vocational training for young people with HIV, helping them build skills and secure employment. Dr. Kashyap Bandodkar, a volunteer with the foundation, emphasized the importance of humane and holistic care: "Usually patients appear as a 'number or statistic' in a report. But experiences (like Human Touch) tell us the life story behind those numbers or statistics. This help us – doctors – provide better care because I believe that humane and holistic care is so key." The Human Touch Foundation's journey and the stories of those it supports underscore the importance of tackling HIV-related stigma and discrimination through empathy, education, and comprehensive support. Their work serves as a beacon of hope and a model for other organizations worldwide. Despite significant advancements in the treatment of HIV, societal stigma continues to pose a major challenge for those living with the virus. The personal stories shared by young people in Goa highlight the persistent fear of discrimination that can prevent individuals from living their lives to the fullest. Internal stigma, which manifests as self-loathing and low self-esteem, often results from the external judgments and prejudices of society. Organizations like the Human Touch Foundation are making remarkable strides in addressing these issues. By providing comprehensive support services, fostering youth-led initiatives, and promoting resilience, the foundation is helping to dismantle the barriers that stigma creates. Their work emphasizes the importance of empathy, understanding, and community in overcoming the challenges faced by people living with HIV. However, the fight against stigma requires collective effort. It is crucial that society as a whole becomes more informed and compassionate towards those affected by HIV. We must reject discriminatory attitudes and instead offer support and acceptance. By doing so, we can create an environment where individuals living with HIV can thrive without fear of prejudice. Only through such a unified approach can we hope to eradicate the stigma associated with HIV and ensure that everyone has the opportunity to live a healthy, fulfilling life. (Shobha Shukla is Managing Editor and Executive Director of Citizen News Service (CNS) and a health and development justice advocate. She is Coordinator of Asia Pacific Regional Media Alliance for Health and Development (APCAT Media) and Global AMR Media Alliance; views are personal)



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# A RECIPE FOR DISASTER IGNORED WARNINGS AND THE PERILS OF UNSUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

Despite advice in 2020 to relocate 4000 families from landslide-prone areas, Kerala proceeded with a mega hydro-electric project nearby. Incessant rains led to devastating landslides, highlighting the urgent need for sustainable development and better disaster management

The flooding and landslides in Kerala since 1991 had reportedly claimed several human lives, till the state witnessed the worst disaster of its kind at Mundakkai, Wayanad in the wee hours of 30th July. In 2020 State Disaster Management Authority advised relocation of 4000 families from landslide-prone areas that included Mundakkai. State did not heed the warning and on the contrary, has proposed a mega hydro-electric project involving an underground tunnel barely two km from the site of the current horror.

Incessant rains of 572 mm in 48 hours have led to two major landslides, one at 2.00 am at Mundakkal followed by another at 4.00 am at Chooralmala towns trapping hundreds of families. The debris further covered Vellarmala GVH school. The landslide also washed away the bridge connecting Chooralmala town with Mundakkai & Attarmala. So far 126 people have been found killed, 196 injured and more than a hundred missing or marooned in swathes of slush, mud and misery triggered by continuous and heavy rainfalls for two days. Dead bodies have also been found at Pothukal village that were carried by flowing water for 20 km in the Chaliyar River. High Tension lines and transformers of the Mekkadi electrical section have also been damaged and resuming power in the area has been a challenge. Landslides washing away the bridge have posed further challenges for relief and rescue operations, though all state and central agencies are putting up their might to remove debris, find survivors, treat the injured and move the people to safer locations and camps. Rescuers are crossing the river in spate with the help of the ropeways but mist, bad weather and unstable terrain are making it more difficult. Army has rushed to set up Bailey Bridge to the site, which has been moved on the road from Chennai.



This deluge affected adjoining areas of Karnataka and left the Kapila River in the Mysuru district in spate, after 80,0000 cusecs of water were let out of the Kabini dam, severely affecting the traffic between Karnataka and Kerala. Kodagu roads were also flooded and many persons stuck were rescued. Landslides also occurred repeatedly on the Shiradi Ghats section of NH 75 connecting Bengaluru and Mangalore holding the traffic for several hours and eventually re-routing them via Kodagu and Sampaji Ghats. A few weeks earlier a landslide had occurred near Ankola, Uttar Kannada district along the newly widened National Highway burying moving vehicles underneath that claimed a dozen human lives, and many others went missing. Next to the Himalayas, the

Western Ghats have the most fragile ecosystem and despite the disasters striking frequently, we have not mended our ways and continued to engage in unsustainable activities in the name of development. The entire Ghats section from Gujarat to Kerala once had luxuriant tree/forest cover that provided the source and the catchment of several east-flowing and west-flowing rivers – a key lifeline for everyone in peninsular India. With the changes in land use patterns, the integrity of the catchment of the rivers is compromised, resulting in many of the streams and rivers becoming seasonal. People who have enjoyed the perennial flow of water in the streams in the past have now been suffering for their basic needs for drinking, agriculture and plantations.

Western Ghats comprise undulating terrain and diverting lands comprising tree growth for cultivation of tea, coconut, banana, coffee, spices etc is never sustainable. Kerala has lost its natural forests at a very fast pace and individuals, public and private agencies have grown plantations for quick cash. Some areas are also encroached. Proponents of such projects argue that destroying forests and growing bananas, tea, cashew coconut etc provide employment and help in GDP growth. This perception is highly misplaced. Such projects are not evaluated on a long-term basis. There are hardly any methods to work out an economic valuation of forests destroyed in the process. When a heavy downpour occurs for days, it causes landslides, landslips, destroys houses, roads bridges etc. To rebuild the

infrastructure we need to further spend money. The infrastructure destroyed in 2018 and 2019 in the Kerala flood disaster was rebuilt by spending more than 50,000 crores rupees. If the true environmental cost is considered, none of the plantation projects of growing tea etc would be viable. Labourers of tea gardens as well as banana and coconut gardens must be re-skilled and their services can be utilized for manufacturing etc. 2018 floods in Kodagu Karnataka, a district adjoining Wayanad, also played havoc with the life of the people. I have discussed the reasons for flooding and landslides in this region, in my book, "Changing Land Uses – Shrinking Streams and Carbon Sinks". Like Wayanad, Kodagu is again a hilly district covering an area of nearly 4200 sq km. However only 1750 sq km was reserved as forests and

Protected Areas, leaving another 1000 sq km occupied by habitation and agriculture; the remaining 1450 sq km had still quite a luxuriant tree cover until the 1980s. These were wooded areas under the control of the Revenue Department of the state, and the tree felling in such areas was regulated by the Karnataka (Preservation) of Trees Act, where forest officers were empowered to grant/ deny permission for the removal of trees. There is evidence on record to suggest that some officers had connived with the timber merchants and granted permission to remove tens of thousands of trees every year. This has resulted in compromising the ecological security of the region leading to frequent disasters of the type we are experiencing. The only solution that comes to everyone's mind is to stop

destroying the natural forests and making any changes in land use. There is a proposal to tag the Western Ghats as Eco sensitive area, but both governments of Kerala and Karnataka have yet not come on board. Unless they mend their ways the disasters would keep on striking more frequently and would be more destructive. Finally, let the column also deal with the reasons why there are heavy downpours for days in this warming world. The world at present including India is faced with heat waves, wildfires and heavy downpours leading to flooding. The uncontrollable wildfires in Canada, California and other parts of Western world are the consequences of global warming. Leh in India, which is located 3 km above the mean Sea level has the airfield at the highest altitude in the country and has been registering 32 degree Celsius temperature for some days in the last week of July. Due to such unusual temperatures, the air at this altitude gets rarefied and engines cannot develop the thrust required for takeoff. For the first time, all flights to and from Leh have remained suspended for these days.

High downpours are functions of higher rate of evaporation from Sea surfaces. As the Sea surfaces warm, evaporation increases leading to excessive moisture-laden clouds in the atmosphere. Once the conditions are favourable, it leads to heavy downpours. It can have very dangerous consequences in urban centres, as we have recently seen the drowning of three students in the basement of Rau coaching centre, Rajendranagar Delhi. The Civic Agencies must re-model the stormwater drains to take the load of 100 mm of rain per hour. These drains were originally designed for 25 mm of rain per hour. Building bylaws should also change; Basements should have only huge sumps and Parking space for vehicles and nothing else.

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# Unveiling the misogyny in fairytales: A feminist critique

In the enchanting world of fairytales, age-old stories have woven themselves into the fabric of our culture, shaping our perceptions and understanding of the world around us. Yet, beneath the guise of magic and fantasy lies a troubling reality: the portrayal of women through archaic tropes that perpetuate harmful stereotypes writes **SULAGNA MOHANTY**

In the enchanting world of fairytales, age-old stories have woven themselves into the fabric of our culture shaping our perceptions and understanding of the world around us. Yet, hidden beneath the guise of magic and fantasy lies a troubling reality; the portrayal of women through archaic tropes that perpetuate harmful stereotypes. If seen from a feminist lens, tropes like the witch, the evil stepmother and the damsel in distress reflect and reinforce harmful stereotypes about women and limit and distort our understanding of women's experiences.



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withcraft and executed in brutal witch hunts. These women were often healers, midwives or other powerful figures in their communities targeted for their knowledge and independence. The fear of witches and the persecution of women accused of witchcraft spread to colonial countries like India where women were often accused of witchcraft and subjected to violence and even death. Even today, women in some parts of India are killed in the name of witch hunts accentuating the lasting impact of this harmful stereotype. This concept of the witch reflects society's discomfort with powerful women and is a reminder of the importance of challenging stereotypes and celebrating women's autonomy and strength.

Further, the portrayal of the evil stepmother in fairytales not only vilifies women in positions of authority but also perpetuates a harmful narrative of competition and division among women. By pitting a woman against another woman, society creates a "divide and rule" policy where women are encouraged to fight among themselves rather than unite for their common rights and goals. This stereotype undermines the credibility of women in leadership roles by painting them as inherently



dangerous and untrustworthy. It diminishes the achievements of women by suggesting that their success comes at the expense of others developing a culture of suspicion and mistrust among women. Moreover, the depiction of the evil stepmother discourages young girls from aspiring to leadership roles as it reinforces the idea that women in power are to be feared and avoided. Instead of inspiring girls to pursue their ambitions and dreams, this stereotype instills fear and self-doubt, limiting their

potential and opportunities for growth. It is essential to challenge and dismantle these harmful stereotypes to create a more inclusive and empowering society for women. By portraying women in positions of authority as capable, compassionate and supportive, we can inspire future generations of women to aspire to leadership roles and contribute positively to society. The damsel in distress trope exemplified by characters like Cinderella, Rapunzel and Sleeping Beauty portrays women as

helpless victims in need of rescue by a male saviour. This narrative diminishes women's agency by suggesting that they are incapable of taking care of themselves and solving their problems. It also underpins the idea that a woman's ultimate goal in life is to find a man to rescue and protect her. In Cinderella, the titular character is rescued from her life of servitude by Prince Charming who saves her from her oppressive stepfamily and offers her a life of luxury and love. Similarly, Rapunzel is locked

away in a tower by a wicked witch until she is rescued by a prince who climbs up her hair. Sleeping Beauty is cursed to sleep for a hundred years until she is awakened by true love's kiss. These stories send a harmful message to audiences particularly young girls by implying that women are incomplete without a man to rescue them. They fail to acknowledge women's strength and ability to overcome challenges on their own. By perpetuating this trope, these stories emphasize outdated gender

roles and limit the potential of women to be seen as capable and independent individuals.

Hence, it is time to challenge these harmful tropes and create new narratives that empower young girls and women and celebrate their diversity and strength. Instead of portraying women as either wicked witches, evil stepmothers or helpless damsels, fairytales must depict women as complex, multifaceted individuals with agency and autonomy. By telling stories that reflect the diverse experiences and identities of women, we can create a more inclusive and empowering narrative for future generations. One must realise that the witch, evil stepmother and damsel in distress tropes in old fairy tales are not harmless storytelling devices; they are powerful tools that shape our perceptions of women and their place in society. By examining these tropes through a feminist lens, we can begin to challenge and dismantle the stereotypes they perpetuate paving the way for a more inclusive and empowering narrative for women everywhere. It is time to tell new stories to our kids; stories that empower and inspire women to embrace their true selves and rewrite their destinies.

**YOUR WEEK AHEAD**

MADHU KOTIYA



**ARIES** March 21-April 19

The upcoming week promises a flurry of activities that will challenge your resilience and determination. Your engagements will deepen your understanding of your ambitions and desired pathways. You will enjoy familial contentment, and travel will feature prominently in your schedule. The early part of the week may involve demanding, work-related journeys. Adjustments in your professional life, such as relocations or new positions, will bring satisfaction towards the week's close. Midweek, a wave of sentimentality might encourage you to reconnect with loved ones, reminiscing about past experiences. A trip to your place of origin could arise, fulfilling a deep-seated need. Anticipate positive developments—a significant gain or inheritance may be forthcoming, enhancing your financial landscape.

**Lucky number** 10 | **Lucky colour** Orange  
**Lucky day** Wednesday



**LEO** July 23-Aug 22

This week may bring unexpected challenges that disrupt your usual ease. You might find yourself embroiled in disagreements, whether at work or within your home, which could push you towards seeking an escape. However, retreat isn't your only option. Embrace your inherent strength and resilience. Facing these issues head-on with clarity and determination can reveal straightforward resolutions. Your inner wisdom will be a guiding force, enabling you to navigate and overcome these hurdles effectively. Moreover, this period is significant for personal relationships. Embrace your intuitive and emotional insights—they will greatly benefit your romantic pursuits. Expect meaningful connections, heartfelt communications, and possibly romantic gestures or outings. Stay focused on managing your life and pursuing your aspirations confidently.

**Lucky number** 11 | **Lucky colour** Burgundy  
**Lucky day** Friday



**SAGITTARIUS** Nov 22-Dec 21

An enchanting opportunity is on the horizon, bringing unexpected shifts that might initially seem out of your grasp. The influences of these changes are tangible in your life, hinting that while fate often appears unannounced, its signs are perceptible for those attuned to observe subtle cues, making the enigmatic less so. Prompt yet considered decisions are necessary—act decisively but thoughtfully. A new acquaintance could spark a quick-flourishing romance, and an upcoming journey with a significant other may be forthcoming. Harness your communicative prowess and imaginative capabilities to captivate your partner and swiftly tackle a persistent issue. Your adeptness at expressing affection shines brightly. A challenging decision might arise, necessitating a choice between your partner and a new love interest. In such moments, seek guidance from your inner moral compass to lead the way.

**Lucky number** 9 | **Lucky colour** Sky Blue  
**Lucky day** Sunday



**TAURUS** April 20-May 20

This week brings a vibrant connection with loved ones, enhancing your overall joy and visible contentment. The warmth from your home life will radiate in your actions and expressions. Those not currently in a relationship will find themselves surrounded by romantic gestures and potential lifelong partnerships, sparking delight. Midweek promises gatherings that celebrate these bonds, infusing your interactions with renewed vigor and creative inspiration. Additionally, you may find yourself drawn towards more spiritual or introspective pursuits, perhaps discovering new passions. Financially, it's a favorable period for making contributions to causes you value or managing existing financial commitments effectively. You might also find opportunities to support your close ones financially, fostering a sense of community and shared well-being.

**Lucky number** 7 | **Lucky colour** Ocean Blue  
**Lucky day** Sunday



**VIRGO** Aug 23-Sep 22

This week, you find yourself energized and driven, eager to pursue your ambitions with determination. You possess the strength to turn your aspirations into accomplishments, reaching for your highest potential. Relationships, whether friendships or collaborations, are favored during this period. Midweek might bring a longing for comfort and familiarity, stirring deep reflections and enhancing your understanding of others' motives and actions. Your nurturing nature shines, offering support and comfort to those in need. Creatively, you are drawn to expressive outlets that stir the soul, such as music and the arts, where your imagination can flourish. However, take care to balance your enthusiasm with practicality; overly idealistic dreams could lead to challenges if not tempered with a grounded perspective.

**Lucky number** 6 | **Lucky colour** White  
**Lucky day** Sunday



**CAPRICORN** Dec 22-Jan 19

This period marks a pivotal phase of renewal, urging you to clear the canvas of your life for a fresh beginning. Acknowledge that errors are merely stepping stones in the journey of knowledge. Leave your previous challenges behind and embrace the prospects that lie ahead with a clear determination to move forward. At times, you'll encounter scenarios that resist resolution through peaceful means or insightful strategies, and you might feel compelled to adopt a more assertive approach. The resolution or escalation of disputes or disagreements is on the horizon. Embrace your inner resolve and clarity, which will empower you to navigate through these conflicts successfully. As the week concludes, expect an array of unexpected and intriguing experiences. Exercise caution with enticing opportunities, understanding their full implications before committing.

**Lucky number** 8 | **Lucky colour** Fuschia  
**Lucky day** Saturday



**GEMINI** May 21-June 20

This week, your ability to navigate complex decisions will be enhanced, covering a range of personal and professional matters. Have faith and trust in your won inner strength and self-assurance, this will help you facing challenges. Midweek, you might encounter an individual whose characteristics starkly differ from yours, potentially leading to temporary discomfort. This person could be a newcomer in your workplace and might pose challenges to your professional path. However, with your grounded nature and honest approach, you will manage to maintain control of the situation. Your persistence, strategic thinking, and intelligence will help you navigate through these obstacles effectively. You possess a unique ability to maintain equilibrium in various aspects of life, which consistently leaves a positive impression on those around you.

**Lucky number** 4 | **Lucky colour** Musterd  
**Lucky day** Thursday



**LIBRA** Sep 23-Oct 22

This week, you might find yourself captivated by flights of fancy. Recently, you've been deeply immersed in worldly pursuits, possibly to the detriment of your inner balance. Now may be a good time to dismantle any self-created barriers built from such indulgences. Embrace a more grounded approach, especially if you've been resistant to change. This shift aligns with a deeper spiritual beckoning. It's crucial to monitor your aspirations to ensure they remain achievable, as fleeting satisfactions are outweighed by enduring impacts. As the week concludes, anticipate significant shifts or transitions. These changes, whether they involve moving locations or pivotal figures entering or exiting your life, will happen quickly and are essential, albeit not always by choice.

**Lucky number** 1 | **Lucky colour** Magenta  
**Lucky day** Tuesday



**AQUARIUS** Jan 20-Feb 18

This week may test your resilience and patience as various challenges emerge across different aspects of your life. From health issues to complications at work or home, unexpected events could stir mental tension. It's crucial how you handle these situations. You might face skepticism from those around you or encounter unpredictable behavior in public spaces. In such scenarios, adopting a strategy of compromise could be beneficial. Hold your ground and stay calm, even under the most challenging conditions. As the week closes, you might find yourself overwhelmed with regret and anxiety, potentially leading to restless nights. Instead of dwelling on past events, focus on addressing the real issues at hand to prevent further distress.

**Lucky number** 12 | **Lucky colour** Grey  
**Lucky day** Monday



**CANCER** June 21-July 22

This week holds great promise for you as favorable influences surround you. You exhibit creativity, initiative, and a spirit of adventure, allowing you to effectively tackle and complete any task or project at hand. Your approach includes building a solid base and addressing core issues, ensuring durable outcomes and success in your endeavors. Emotional challenges might arise mid-week, but with the support of a partner or through a beneficial partnership, these can be navigated successfully. This period also brings opportunities for forming new connections, whether in your personal or professional life. Those not in a relationship might receive encouraging signs of affection, while those committed can experience deeper intimacy and connection. However, stay alert to the deceptive tactics of untrustworthy individuals. Assertiveness and tact will be key in countering any negative influences.

**Lucky number** 2 | **Lucky colour** Pink  
**Lucky day** Monday



**SCORPIO** Oct 23-Nov 21

This week opens with a sense of joy and gathering, marking significant personal and communal celebrations. Embrace the richness surrounding you, and express gratitude for those who enhance your life. As you encounter new opportunities, whether in your career or personal projects, a proactive and courageous approach is essential. Now is the moment to harness your capabilities and embark on ventures with confidence, fully equipped to see them through. An influx of energy and determination arrives, urging immediate action to capitalize on emerging prospects. Utilize this surge to advance your ambitions. As the week closes, expect interactions with influential individuals, particularly a discerning leader. Honesty will serve you well in these exchanges, even as challenging conversations prompt personal growth and deeper understanding.

**Lucky number** 3 | **Lucky colour** Teal  
**Lucky day** Wednesday



**PISCES** Feb 19-March 20

This week is all about embracing change and pursuing personal growth. If monotony has crept into your routine, it's time to inject some excitement and joy. However, beware of neglecting your responsibilities amidst minor distractions. A lack of discipline, especially in financial matters, could lead to disorder. Balancing your commitments to both family and career is crucial to maintain stability. Consider tightening your budget as this discipline may be beneficial for your well-being too. Adopting a new wellness routine, including a nutritious diet and regular physical activity, is essential. Despite challenges, remember that every ending paves the way for new beginnings. As the week closes, take time to restore yourself, nurturing both your physical and mental health for overall harmony.

**Lucky number** 15 | **Lucky colour** Brown  
**Lucky day** Thursday

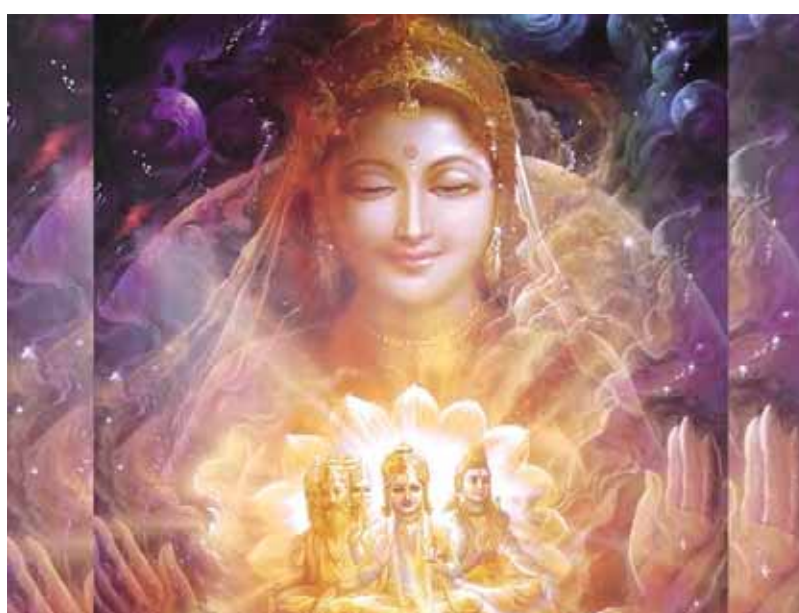
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# Revealing and Veiling dimensions of Shakti trinity

Picking up threads from the previous issue, it's time to look at a few other dimensions of the Shakti -trinity. Inherent in Sata is the 'revealing principle'. We have already discussed that when Tamasa engages with the seeds of creation stirred up by Rajas element, it leads to creation. The creation, however gains stability and thereby form existence with name when aided by Sata element. Once the form existence is in place, the eternal element of Consciousness finds a platform to manifest. The radiance inherent in Consciousness Element brings into light (in cognitive domain), the form-existence designated with a name and form. Tamasa, its counterpart, is marked with 'veiling nature', as it does all the processing in hiding. It is something like a plant bearing seed, which has to necessarily go into hiding in the dark realms of mother earth's womb for a specified period, for it to draw succour from the earth mass. Following which, the seed first sprouts, and then grows into a fruit bearing tree. Evidently, the tree-form remains veiled in the seed; but once manifest, the particular seed

creating it would not be in sight. Similarly, at the primal-source, which is supposedly self-revealed, the fine print of manifest world remains veiled in seed-form. But once the world becomes manifest, the root on which life cycle is premised gets veiled, as it goes out of reckoning in human being's perceptible domain. It is for this very reason that in Indian context, darkness is not perceived as negative. For, it remains just one phase of nature's creation process. So, veiling and unveiling aspects are just two faces of nature's creation cycle. But then a look at the way seed-tree-seed cycle runs, an intriguing question arises in mind, especially in view of the fact that seed goes out of sight once it transforms into a plant. Would it mean that the primal source would also lose its presence once the manifest world comes to light? Looking at the seed-tree cycle analogy, it may appear so. But then, it needs to be appreciated that the manifest ephemeral world has to be rooted somewhere in some inexhaustible eternal reality. Otherwise, it will not be able to draw succour necessary to



continue recycling again and again. But for which, the manifest world would not have sustained so long. Here, it also needs to be appreciated that the Primal-Source is infinite,

inexhaustible and an outflowing eternal reality, beyond the bounds of time, space, and causality. It is only a finite thing that may lose its presence, once transformed into another form.

A look at the emergence and disappearance of tidal waves in the sea may throw further light. When the sea is in fury, tidal waves envelope the sea. The sea goes out of our sight. Once the tidal waves settle down after doing their round for a while, it comes out that only the surface water had temporarily gone into fury. The main sea body was there in its place. Even in tidal wave state, it remains a part of the main sea body itself. So, whereas existence of the tidal wave can be measured in time frame, the main sea body remains beyond its limit. Similarly, the disorder just at the surface level of the primal source is enough to manifest the world we live in. But the primal source would remain very much in place, and therefore, is beyond the limitation of time. Again, when the manifest world finally disintegrates, it gets back to its primal source, the way main sea body takes back the tidal waves into its womb. So, the primal source happens to be an eternal reality beyond the binds of time. The revealing, veiling, and activating aspects of Sata, Tamasa, and Rajasa

have psychological imperatives on human minds as well, in so far as their individual character is concerned. As already discussed above, with body-mind organism getting revealed, the root of life gets veiled. That clouds human perceptible and comprehensible abilities in five different ways. Since these limitations arise as a sequel to the design parameters underlying the making of a being, they are there by birth. We may call them as elemental limitations. Kashmir Shaivism calls this as being under the spell of Maya(delusion). The human limitations are viewed in the backdrop of the primal source believed to be enjoying singular ownership of the whole manifest world and thereby carrying a sense of fullness; being omniscient; being beyond limitation of time and space as wells as laws of causation. *The issue continues.....*

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