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# HEARTBREAK FOR INDIA AT PARIS OLYMPICS

PTI ■ PARIS

In a shocking reversal of fortunes, Vinesh Phogat was disqualified on Wednesday from the Olympics after being found overweight ahead of her women's 50kg final here, leaving her medal-less within hours of coming close to an unparalleled gold.

Vinesh had scripted history by becoming the first Indian woman wrestler to reach the gold medal bout in her category on Tuesday night. Before this morning, she was assured of at least a silver medal but will now be coming back empty-handed due to the disqualification.

The shattered 29-year-old had to be taken to the polyclinic inside the Games village due to severe dehydration earlier in the day.

"She was found overweight by 100gm this morning. The rules do not allow this and she has been disqualified," said an Indian coach.

The Indian Olympic Association requested privacy for the wrestler, who was competing in her third Olympics.

"It is with regret that the Indian contingent shares news of the disqualification of Phogat from the women's Wrestling 50kg class. Despite the best efforts by the team through the night, she weighed in a few

## PM Modi crowns Vinesh Phogat Champion of Champions

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

Prime Minister Narendra Modi reached out to Vinesh Phogat and called her a "champion among champions." He also asked the wrestler to come back stronger. Modi urged the Indian Olympic Association (IOA) to lodge a strong protest with the organisers of the Paris Olympics and spoke with IOA chairperson PT Usha and asked her to explore options to help Phogat's case, sources said. The issue also echoed in the Lok Sabha.

Usha met teary-eyed Phogat at hospital. "Phogat, you are a champion among champions! You are India's pride and an inspiration for each and every Indian. Today's setback hurts.



grams over 50kg this morning," the IOA stated.

"No further comments will be made by the contingent at this time. The Indian team requests you to respect Vinesh's privacy. It would like to focus on the competitions on hand," it added. International rules stipulate that any grappler found overweight at the time of weigh-in ends up at the bottom of the final standings.

She had taken down defending champion Yui Susaki of Japan en route the finals on Tuesday in a remarkable performance

and was to face American Sarah Ann Hildebrandt in the summit bout this evening. Cuban wrestler Yusneylis Guzman Lopez, who lost to Vinesh in the semifinals, replaced the disqualified Indian in the final.

"Vinesh failed second day weigh-in. According to the article 11 of the International Wrestling Rules, Vinesh will be replaced by the wrestler who lost against her in the Semifinal. Therefore Yusneylis Guzman Lopez will compete in the Final," the Paris Games organising committee said in a statement.

"Repechage Yui Susaki vs Oksana Livach (Ukraine) will become Bronze Medal Match," it added

## Reformed Waqf Bill on Lok Sabha table

RAJESH KUMAR ■ NEW DELHI

The Waqf (Amendment) Bill, proposing sweeping changes to the Act of 1995, is likely to be tabled in the Lok Sabha on Thursday. The legislation circulated to members aims to bring about far-reaching changes in the present Act, including ensuring the representation of Muslim women and non-Muslims in such bodies. The proposed legislation "omits Section 40 relating to the powers of governing Waqf Board to decide if a property is waqf property". The legislation is likely to be tabled in Lok Sabha on Thursday.

The Bill proposes to rename the Act as the "Unified Waqf Management, Empowerment, Efficiency and Development Act, 1995" and seeks to ensure the representation of Muslim women and non-Muslims in Waqf boards, as well as the inclusion of "Aghakhani waqf" and "Bohra waqf" in addition to the existing Sunni and Shia Waqf boards. The Bill aims to empower women by securing their rights in welfare from Waqf and includes a clause related to the "welfare, maintenance of widow, divorced woman and orphan in such manner, as may be prescribed by the Central Government."

It also curtails the powers to declare a property as Waqf, stating that no person shall create a Waqf unless they are the lawful owner of the property and competent to transfer or dedicate such property. The Bill addresses the contentious provision related to the creation of "waqf-alal-aulad," clarifying that it shall not result in the denial of inheritance rights of heirs, including women heirs, of the Waqif. The term Waqf will be clearly defined by a person



practising Islam for at least five years and having ownership of such property. According to its statement of objects and reasons, "Based on the recommendations of the High-Level Committee under the chairmanship of Justice (Retired) Rajinder Sachar and the Report of the Joint Parliamentary Committee on Waqf and Central Waqf Council and after having detailed consultation with other stakeholders, comprehensive amendments were made in the Act in the year 2013.

Despite the amendments, it has been observed that the Act still requires further improvement to effectively address issues related to the powers of the State Waqf Boards, registration and survey of waqf properties, removal of encroachments, including the definition of the "waqf" itself," according to a statement of objects and reasons of the Bill.

## Chopper crashes in Nepal, 5 killed

PTI ■ KATHMANDU

Four Chinese tourists and a Nepali pilot were killed on Wednesday when a helicopter crashed in the mountains northwest region of Kathmandu. The crash took place in the border area between Kathmandu and Nuwakot districts.

A Nuwakot district police official said all five persons, including the pilot, on board the helicopter belonging to private airline, Air Dynasty, were killed in the crash.

The 9N-AJD helicopter crashed at the Shivapuri National Park area in Nuwakot district, some 30 km North-West of Kathmandu at around 2 pm local time, he said.

According to the Civil Aviation Authority of Nepal (CAAN), the helicopter was heading towards Rasuwa's Syabrubesi area from Kathmandu with four Chinese passengers.

The chopper took off from Kathmandu's Tribhuvan International Airport at 1.54 pm and lost contact with the tower just three minutes after take off, the CAAN said in a Press release. The chopper was piloted by captain Arun Malla. There were three male and one female Chinese nationals in the chopper.

The dead bodies were taken to Tribhuvan University Teaching Hospital at Maharajgunj in Kathmandu for postmortem, the airline's officials said. The crash comes just two weeks after a Saurya Airlines plane crashed at the Tribhuvan International Airport on July 24.

## Supreme Court notes Constitution is Supreme

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court on Wednesday expunged some "scandalous" and "unwarranted" observations made against the apex court by a single judge bench of the Punjab and Haryana High Court in a contempt case, saying it was "pained" by these remarks.

A five-judge special bench headed by Chief Justice of India DY Chandrachud took suo motu note of the remarks and said these observations of Justice Rajbir Sehrawat of the high court were a "matter of grave concern".

Observing that no court including the High Courts and the Supreme Court is "supreme", the bench, also comprising Justices Sanjiv Khanna, BR Gavai, Surya Kant and Hrishikesh Roy, said such observations were wholly unnecessary for the conduct of the proceedings before the high court and moreover, the Constitution is "supreme". It, however, did not issue a notice and initiate proceedings against the high court judge for his "scandalous" observations at this stage.

"We, accordingly, expunge the observations which have been made by Justice Sehrawat in the order dated July 17, 2024 and expect a greater caution



should be exercised in future while dealing with orders of the Supreme Court and for that matter, the orders passed by a division bench of the high court," the bench said. The top court noted it has been apprised that a division bench presided over by the high court's Chief Justice has taken suo motu notice of his observations and stayed his order.

It said every judge is bound by the discipline which the hierarchical nature of judicial system proposes on judicial functioning. "Judicial discipline in the context of the hierarchical nature of the judicial system is intended to preserve the dignity of all institutions whether district courts, the high courts or the level of the Supreme Court," the bench said.



## Kejriwal present in CM house during Maliwal assault: Delhi Police

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

In its chargesheet against Bibhav Kumar, a close aide of Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal, the Delhi Police has said there could be a larger conspiracy behind the alleged assault on Rajya Sabha MP Swati Maliwal at the CM's residence. The Delhi Police also said Kumar and Kejriwal were "together" at the CM's official residence "for a significant period of time" after alleged offence was committed. Kumar, who is in judicial custody, is accused of assaulting Maliwal on May 13 at the CM's residence. "The complainant, in her subsequent/supplementary statement recorded after the bail hearing qua the accused before the Delhi High Court on July 10, 2024, had stated that the manner in which the entire AAP leaders and workers came in support of the accused (Kumar), against one of their own MP, shows that there is a larger conspiracy behind the attack and had urged the police to probe into it," the final report said.

It said her statement was "relevant for the present investigation in view of the complete U-turn being publicly taken by two responsible persons of the party regarding the same incident in the days following the commission of the crime".

## Away from home, they pray for peace

SAUGAR SENGUPTA ■ KOLKATA

Initially happy at the fall of the "dictatorial" regime of Sheikh Hasina, most Bangladeshis who had come to Kolkata for medical or other reasons are now praying for peace to return. This because they are now a stranded lot as all the trains and bus services between the two countries have been stopped for indefinite period.

"How can we go back home because both Maitryee and Bandhan Express have been suspended and the buses too are not plying... if we have to go we have to make break journey first by crossing the border on foot and then by taking auto-rickshaws, local

buses... and even that is not certain," says Saheb Kamal (name changed) a Bangladesh tourist who had come to India to visit relatives. "I am waiting for peace to return so that I can go back home," he said, adding even flights have been cancelled between the two countries. "We are stranded... we are sure of our families' safety back in Bangladesh... but we are really concerned about our minority friends who have often been so good to us often arranging for our stay in Kolkata... at present I have postponed my journey and will wait for the trains to cool down," said Rafikul Rehman. Rehman come to India for treatment of his mother a heart

and kidney patient. With money drying up steadily he only hopes peace to return fast. "Still I can bank on my Hindu friends' relatives who have assured to host us but what about those who are putting up in hotels," he wonders appealing to powers that be for peace. "Here they are hosting us and there we are killing them... it is shameful," he says. But Ajit Biswas (name changed) for the purpose of security) a member of Bangladeshi minority community is not so confident. He has left his kin back in Dhaka and wants to meet them urgently but there is no way he can go back lest he is killed en route. "I want to return home immediately but I fear for my life... the train and

bus services have stopped and I have to cross over via Gede or Petrapol border and take auto-rickshaws and buses to Jessore or Khulna wherefrom I will be able to get a conveyance for Dhaka... but that is too long a journey fraught with risks as I have come to know that some of my friends have already gone missing... either they are underground or they have been killed. Now I am standing nowhere." Abdul Rehman Bulbul of Satkhira is a staunch bairer of Sheikh Hasina and is immensely happy about her fall but he too feels stranded now. "I was happy but now with the situation going out of control in Bangladesh I too am not sure of reaching my home

safely... I don't know how our minority friends or those from the Awami League are," he says insisting "not all Awami League people are bad but the regime they backed was really, really dictatorial." Fatima Biswas (name changed) is another student from Narayanganj who had come to see her friend in Kolkata too wants to return as "my tourist visa will end in a week's time," but is not sure how to get it extended as "it is extremely difficult to return as protesters have become animals... If being a Muslim I am afraid to return home alone how must the minorities be feeling there... I can only imagine their situation... I have many of them."

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# Punjab CM Mann lashes at IOA officials for Vinesh Phogat's disqualification

MONIKA MALIK ■ CHANDIGARH

Punjab Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann's hotly debated suggestion that Indian wrestler Vinesh Phogat could have avoided disqualification by cutting her hair has ignited a storm in both sports and political circles. Mann's remarks, made during his visit to the Phogat family in Charkhi Dadrri in Haryana on Wednesday, emphasized that a few grams cost India its first potential gold or silver medal by a woman in wrestling at the Paris Olympics.

The mats of Paris were supposed to echo with the triumph of Vinesh Phogat, but instead, her disqualification over a mere 100 grams left the nation grappling with disappointment.

Mann's suggestion that a haircut could have averted this debacle underscored the razor-thin margins that define success and failure in the sport. "Her hair alone may have weighed 200 grams," Mann said while talking with Vinesh's uncle and mentor Mahavir Phogat, pointing to a seemingly minor detail that could have turned the tide.

During his meeting with Vinesh's taau (uncle) and Dronacharya Awardee, Mann's frustration was palpable. He criticized the coaching and physiotherapy teams, who despite their hefty salaries, failed to manage her weight.

Shaking the very foundation of the Indian Olympic Association (IOA), Mann didn't hold back, questioning if the IOA members were simply enjoying a Parisian holiday while their athletes faced crushing setbacks.

"What is 100 grams or 50 grams (overweight)? A mistake has taken place at such a level. What are the physiotherapists and coaches there for? They take salaries in lakhs. What

have they gone to do there? Have they gone there to roam around?" Mann's words cut through the complacency, highlighting a grave oversight at a critical juncture.

The suggestion of cutting hair to meet weight might sound trivial to some, but it underscored the meticulous attention to detail required in elite sports. But for Vinesh, who was on the cusp of making history, every gram mattered.

Beyond the immediate coaching staff, Mann's critique extended to the Indian Olympic Association (IOA) and the Union Government. "It is unfortunate that Indian players have been facing step-motherly treatment in the ongoing Olympics, but the Indian Government is silent over the issue," he stated, lamenting the systemic issues that have long plagued Indian sports.

Mann's visit was not just a gesture of support; it was a clarion call for accountability and action. He contrasted the government's boasts of readiness to host the Olympic Games with the stark reality faced by the athletes. "On one hand, the Centre Government is boasting that India is all set for hosting the Olympic Games; but on the other hand, the interests of the players from the country are not being secured," he declared, highlighting the disconnect between rhetoric and reality.

"The unceremonious ouster of Phogat even though she had drubbed the wrestlers of other countries till semi-finals and was strong probable of Olympics gold, along with red card given to Indian Hockey player despite of no fault, is unwarranted and undesirable. However, it is surprising that the Indian Government and Indian Olympic Association is a mute spectator to it," he said.

Vinesh Phogat's journey

to the Paris Olympics showcased her exceptional skill and determination. Despite her disqualification, she had defeated top wrestlers to reach the semi-finals. Mann's condemnation of the IOA's failure to appeal against her disqualification underscored another layer of administrative inefficiency. "The country stands with Vinesh Phogat, who missed out on a medal due to the Government's failure to appeal against her disqualification," he emphasized, voicing the nation's collective disappointment and support.

Mann praised Vinesh's indomitable spirit and dedication, which saw her defeating three champions in a single day. Yet, due to what Mann described as a "technical issue", her efforts were undone overnight.

The discussion between Mann and Mahavir Phogat illuminated the missed opportunities and the lack of vigilance from the coaching staff. "The coach should have checked her weight in the morning and evening," Mahavir Phogat noted, underscoring the preventable nature of the oversight that cost them dearly.

## LPU announces Rs 25L reward for Phogat

In a display of unwavering support, Jalandhar-based Lovely Professional University (LPU) on Wednesday announced a substantial cash reward of Rs 25 lakh for its student, Vinesh Phogat. The generous prize, initially set aside for silver medalists in the Paris Olympics, will be awarded to Phogat despite her recent disqualification from the Games—a gesture underscoring the University's steadfast commitment to its student-athletes, demonstrating that true recognition goes beyond mere medals.

Phogat, a distinguished

wrestler and LPU student, made history by becoming the first Indian woman to reach the finals of a wrestling event at the Olympics. Her remarkable achievement was marred by a heartbreaking twist — a marginal 100 grams overweight during the final weigh-in led to her disqualification. The news of her disqualification reverberated across the sports community, leaving a void where a potential gold or silver medal could have shone.

Despite this setback, LPU's support for Phogat remains resolute. LPU Founder-Chancellor and Rajya Sabha MP Dr Ashok Kumar Mittal expressed admiration for Phogat's dedication and skill. "For us, Vinesh is still a medal winner. Her relentless effort and exceptional talent throughout her journey deserve recognition. We are proud to honor her with the promised Rs 25 lakh, a reward initially reserved for silver medalists," Mittal said.

LPU's support extends beyond this individual gesture. The university has unveiled a comprehensive cash reward program for its student-athletes participating in the Paris Olympics. Gold medalists will be rewarded with Rs 50 lakh, silver medalists with Rs 25 lakh, and bronze medalists with Rs 10 lakh.

Phogat, currently pursuing an MA in Psychology at LPU, exemplified the university's dedication to fostering talent across diverse fields. The institution's backing is particularly noteworthy given the scale of their support. With 24 students representing India in various sports disciplines, including javelin, wrestling, hockey, athletics, weightlifting, shooting, and boxing, LPU accounts for 21 percent of the overall Indian Olympic team. This makes it the second-largest contingent globally, trailing only behind Stanford University in the USA.

# Hry leaders across party lines rally behind Vinesh after Olympic disqualification

PNS ■ CHANDIGARH

Haryana Chief Minister Nayab Singh Saini and other leaders across party lines and Sports lovers in the State have expressed unwavering support for wrestler Vinesh Phogat after she was disqualified from the 50kg freestyle wrestling final at the 2024 Olympics. They said that she continues to remain a champion for them.

Vinesh had made history on Tuesday by becoming the first Indian woman wrestler to reach the final at an Olympics. However, her dreams were shattered on Wednesday when she was found overweight by 100 grams in the 50-kg wrestling event ahead of her final bout in Paris.

Her 'confirmed' silver medal also stands canceled after her disqualification, which happened over her weight. The last-moment disqualification of Vinesh by a whisker has left the State and the Country, including the political class, shocked and stunned.

Talking to reporters, Chief Minister Saini lauded Vinesh Phogat for taking the nation to new heights with her achievements. "Your loss at the Olympics is disheartening for all of us. We all stand with you at this hour. Bharat ki shaan, hamaari beti Vinesh Phogat," CM Saini said while expressing hope that she will battle all hurdles for raising the nation's glory again.

The former Chief Minister and Leader of Opposition Bhupinder Singh Hooda has described the disqualification of Vinesh as sad and unfortunate.

Talking to reporters in Rohtak, Hooda said that he had never seen this happen to any player standing on the threshold of a gold medal. The entire matter should be investigated and the Government of India should intervene in it in every possible way, he added. Hooda

said that of course any result may come out regarding the medal, but Vinesh has proved that she is a true champion by defeating the world's biggest stalwarts in this Olympics.

Faridabad MP and Union Minister Krishna Pal Gurjar showered praise on the wrestler for her stellar show at the Olympics and said, "Vinesh is not just Haryana's daughter, she is the country's daughter. We all wanted to see her emerge victorious at the Paris Olympics but a technical glitch hampered her from clinching the Olympic medal." "As Prime Minister Narendra Modi said she is a champion and will continue to remain a champion. She has brought laurels to the nation. We all are proud of her," he added.

Rohtak MP Deepender Hooda said that she is a champion and will remain a champion for us. "Nation was expecting a gold medal from Vinesh, this evening. We are baffled and startled over such a setback. In all 3 bouts yesterday, she weighed in as per standards. She must be considered for the silver medal," Hooda said while urging the IOA to make a strong pitch for her case.

Talking to reporters in Chandigarh, Haryana Minister of Industries and Commerce Mool Chand Sharma said, "We are very disappointed and sad. The country was expecting a gold medal from Vinesh. The news came as heartbreak for us. The country stands behind Vinesh Phogat. She did a lot of hard work to reach this stage, the Minister added.

In her statement, Sirsa MP and Senior Congress leader Kumari Selja said: "This is the Olympics. Why did Vinesh's coaching staff not take the matter seriously? The Indian government and Indian Olympic management committee need to answer. How can such things happen at this level?"

Haryana Urban Local Bodies Minister Subhash Sudha voiced his support for Vinesh, acknowledging the disappointment felt by millions of State People and the country. She has a brilliant sporting career, shining with the glory of defeating the world champion. "This misfortune is merely an exception in her trail-blazing career, from which I am sure she will bounce back to be the winner she always is. Our best wishes and support are always with her," he added.

# Hry witnesses decline in crime graph this year; 14.5 pc reduction in rape cases, says DGP

PNS ■ CHANDIGARH

Haryana Director General of Police (DGP) Shatruejt Kapur on Wednesday said that State has witnessed 52.94 per cent decrease in SC/ST Act cases, a 14.50 per cent reduction in rape cases, a 19.51 per cent drop in dowry deaths, a 29.57 per cent decrease in molestation cases, a 22.58 per cent decline in dacoities, a 29.72 per cent reduction in robberies, a 9.96 per cent decrease in snatchings, and a 21.45 per cent drop in extortion and blackmail cases this year compared to the previous year.

In a statement, he said that according to the Crime and Criminal Tracking Network and Systems (CCTNS) report, there has been a significant reduction in crimes under the SC/ST Act, crimes against

women and children, robberies, and murders. Furthermore, there have also been reductions in cases of murder, offenses under the POCSO Act, vehicle thefts, and kidnappings, he added.

Kapur said that an effective action plan has been implemented to curb crime in the State. Eight teams of the Special Task Force (STF) have been formed to keep a strict vigil on criminal activities and break the nexus of criminals in the state. From January 1, 2024, to August 7, 2024, the STF successfully apprehended 121 most wanted criminals, 36 gangsters/gang members, and 264 criminals involved in serious offenses. Similarly, crime units have been established in the districts for crime control, operating under the guidance of senior officials as per the situation.

To maintain law and order,

53 SWAT teams have been prepared. Checkpoints were set up at various locations at night to monitor suspicious and criminal activities, with thorough checks conducted on vehicles. Operations like Operation Akraman are launched periodically to dismantle criminal activities. In 2024, police teams registered 2,743 FIRs and arrested 4,768 criminals under Operation Akraman, involving 7,957 police teams.

Kapur further said that to provide a safe environment for women, 2,153 hotspot areas and 292 hot routes have been identified where incidents of eve-teasing are more likely to occur. Special police duties have been assigned in these areas and routes for swift action against offenders. State Police have also introduced a trip monitoring service to ensure the safety of women traveling alone.

# Himachal CM Sukhu calls for expansion of solar projects in state

PNS ■ SHIMLA

Himachal Chief Minister Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu on Wednesday stressed on enhancing solar power generation in the state and directed officials to expedite and commission the ongoing projects.

In a meeting of senior officers of the Power Department here, the chief minister said that a 32 MW solar power project has been established at Pekhabela in Una district and a 10 MW project and a 5 MW project are under construction in Kutlehar and Gagret assembly constituencies, respectively.

Sukhu said that Himachal Pradesh would be in a position to harness around 50 MW solar energy in the next six

months. Directions were given to the officers to expedite the ongoing solar projects and commission these projects at the earliest besides identifying new sites to set them up.

He said that the power demand was increasing day by day and keeping this in view solar power should also be harnessed alongside hydel power. Solar energy is a clean and renewable source, which reduces carbon emissions and minimizes the reliance on fossil fuels. These solar power projects also need minimal maintenance and have longer life span, said the chief minister. He said that climate change was the biggest challenge and green initiatives can play a pivotal role in mitigating the effects of global warming.

# ala scheme beneficiaries to receive gas cylinders for free

PNS ■ CHANDIGARH

Making several announcements for the benefit of women and daughters of the State, Haryana Chief Minister Nayab Singh Saini on Wednesday said that under the Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana, beneficiary families in the State will now receive gas cylinders for Rs 500. This initiative will benefit approximately 46 lakh families with an annual income of less than Rs 1.80 lakh. Additionally, as part of the Mukhyamantri Dugdh Uphaar Yojana, fortified milk will be provided to schoolgirls aged 14 to 18 for 150 days to combat malnutrition. This program is expected to support around 2.65 lakh adolescent girls, he added.

Addressing the women at a state-level event on Hariyali Teej in Jind, the Chief Minister also announced an increase in the loan amount for self-employment under the Haryana Matrisshakti Udyamita



and prosperity. Saini said that it is a centuries-old tradition for brothers to give a Kothli to their sisters during the Teej festival. Sisters eagerly await their brothers' visits to their homes, expressing joy at their arrival and wishing for their continued prosperity. Today, your brother has come to present Kothli and seek your blessings. The Chief Minister also distributed Kothli to approximately 30,000 women.

He also provided interest-free loans totaling Rs 100 crore during the ceremony to empower women in self-help groups. He outlined a goal of

providing Rs 490 crore in loans to these groups within the financial year. Additionally, the Chief Minister recognized 66 women's self-help groups from the state, highlighting their growing role as a source of pride and strength for Haryana. He also awarded Rs 38.5 lakh to the top three self-help groups in each district, aiming to inspire greater dedication and hard work among other groups.

The Chief Minister said that the Prime Minister Narendra Modi had announced the launch of the Lakhpati Didi Yojana during the Independence Day 2023

celebrations. He praised the remarkable enthusiasm shown by women eager to step out of traditional roles and become Lakhpati Didis. The Haryana government aims to make 2 lakh sisters and daughters Lakhpati Didis through various training programs, with an initial target of 62,000 in the first phase.

He also highlighted that on January 22, 2015, the Prime Minister launched the Beti Bachao-Beti Padhao campaign from Panipat. With these efforts, the sex ratio in Haryana has improved from 871 to 941. As part of the second phase of this campaign, the Chief Minister flagged off a mobile van today. The Chief Minister urged women to take part in the 'Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam' campaign, which was launched by Prime Minister Modi on World Environment Day, June 5. He encouraged everyone to make a pledge on Hariyali Teej to plant at least one sapling.

Referring to the various welfare schemes being implemented by both Central and State Governments for the benefit of women and daughters, Saini said that the present government is fully committed to their upliftment. He said that Prime Minister Modi is deeply concerned about women and daughters and that the double engine government is dedicated to their empowerment. He called on the female population, which has significantly contributed to the nation's development, to support the government's efforts.

During the event, the Chief Minister awarded the Best Self-Help Group (SHG) and honored high-achieving girl students from the 10th and 12th grades. He also distributed cheques to the beneficiaries of Haryana Mahila Vikas Nigam. The Chief Minister highlighted that this Teej festival would serve as a symbol of women's empowerment. Additionally, he released a book titled 'Safalta Ki Kahani' and visited an exhibition organized by the self-help groups.

# Punjab Police's Op EAGLE-V: 86 Arrested, Huge Drug Haul Seized

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In a sweeping and decisive action against the drug trade, the Punjab Police on Wednesday launched Operation 'EAGLE-V' targeting known drug hotspots across the State. The massive state-wide Cordon and Search Operation (CASO) was executed with precision, involving over 500 police teams and covering 512 identified drug sale points, commonly referred to as hotspots.

Under the meticulous supervision of the state Director General of Police (DGP) Gaurav Yadav, the operation unfolded from 10 am to 2 pm, with Range Officers, Commissioners of Police (CPs), and Senior Superintendents of Police (SSPs) overseeing the raids in their respective districts. The high-stakes initiative aimed to clamp down on pervasive drug issue plaguing the state and is part of the Punjab Government's comprehensive Enforcement, De-addiction, and Prevention (EDP) strategy.

Special DGP, Law and Order, Arpit Shukla highlighted the operation's scale and

impact. "Our efforts were meticulously planned and executed. We have cordoned off 512 drug hotspots with the deployment of 518 police teams, totaling over 4,000 personnel. Additionally, 419 strong checkpoints were established around these hotspots to ensure thorough scrutiny," said Shukla.

The operation yielded significant results — 86 individuals were arrested, including four proclaimed offenders (POs). The police teams also recovered substantial quantities of illicit substances and assets, including 270 grams of heroin, 74 kilograms of poppy husk, two kilograms of ganja, and a staggering Rs 15.21 lakh in drug money. Alongside these, the operation also netted 1,868 intoxicant tablets, and a considerable quantity of both illicit and licit liquor and lahan.

The police's rigorous approach extended to the scrutiny of 3,741 suspicious individuals during the operation. Each person was thoroughly frisked and their credentials verified, ensuring no stone was left unturned in the fight against drug-related crime.





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## BEDAKHLI NOTICE

**I, Tarlok Singh** S/O Puran Singh R/O Village Haro Pharala, Po. Raipur, Distt. Jalandhar declare that my son Manjit Singh & his wife Parminder Kaur D/o Balvir Singh & Surjit Kaur R/O Guru Teg Bahadur Nagar, Tibbi, Phagwara, Distt. Kapurthala they are out of my control and also misbehaved with me. I disinherit them from my movable and immovable properties. I and my family shall not be held responsible for any of their acts deeds and things.

**I, Om Parkash** S/O Surinder Pal R/O No. 20, Cool Road, New Colony, Jalandhar, Punjab have debar my son Yogesh unmarried from my whole moveable & immovable properties due to fear of disputes & tension in the family. Broken all family relations.

**I, Sunita** w/d/o Dilbag R/O Baghru Tehsil and District Sonipat (Haryana) hereby declare that my son Anil and his wife Pushpa are out of my control, So I disown both of them from all my Movable And Immovable Properties. Anybody Dealing With Them On Their Own Risk.

**I, Ramesh Kumar** S/O Kharati Ram R/O #90 Village Kumbra Tehsil And Distt Sas Nagar Mohali Declare That My Son Amandeep Kamar And Daughter-In-Law Bimla Rani Are Out Of My Control. So I Disown Both Of Them From All My Movable And Immovable Properties. Anybody Dealing With Them On Their Own Risk.

**I, Sukhdev Singh** S/O Balbir Singh R/O Vpo Abdulapur Tehsil Mukerian Distt Hoshiarpur Declare That My Son Gurpreet Singh Is Our Of My Control. So I Disown Him From All My Movable And Immovable Properties. Anybody Dealing With Him On Their Own Risk.

**I, Malkit Singh** S/O Kartar Singh And Charanjit Kaur W/O Malkit Singh R/O Village Mirzapur Sub Tehsil Ghanaur Tehsil Rajpura Distt Patiala Declare That My Son Amritpal Singh And His Wife Mandeep Kaur And Their Son Harmanjit Singh All Are Out Of Our Control. So We Disown All Of Them From All Our Movable And Immovable Properties. Anybody Dealing With Them On Their Own Risk.

**I, Lajwanti** Wife of Late Sh. Hari Kishan, resident of House NO. 6446, Sector-56, U.T. Chandigarh, do hereby solemnly affirm and declare as, That Deepak is my son and Gurpreet Kaur is my daughter-in-law and they both are out of my control, That I do hereby disown them from my inheritance in respect of my all movable and immovable properties.

**We, Shushil Kumar** Garg S/o Jagdish Chand And Minakshi Garg W/O Shushil Kumar Garg R/O Profesar Colony, Pehowa, Kurukshetra Our Son Aman Kumar Garg and His Wife Samriti Gupta are out of our control. We, disown them from all our moveable and immovable properties. If Anybody deals with Them at Their Own risk.

**I, Chmela Ram** S/o Jati Ram Vill. Bahri Tehsil Thanesar Distt. Kurukshetra My Son Krishan And His Wife Manisha Grandson Gaurav is out of my control. I, disown them from all My moveable and immovable properties. If Anybody deals with him at Their Own risk.

**I, Sukhwinder Singh** S/O Ajit Singh resident of VPO. Kotla Suraj Mal, Tehsil Shahkot, Distt. Jalandhar, declare that my son Sandeep Singh is out of my control and he left the India and went to Hongkong in year 2012. Now I disown him from my all movable and immovable property. He will responsible for his all transactions.

**मैं लोई दास** पूत्र दया राम गांव व डाक घर भरोली कलां तहसील व जिला पठानकोट सूचित करता हूँ कि मेरा बेटा नरेश कुमार मेरे कहने से बाहर है मैं उसे अपनी सत्त अचल संपत्ति से बेदखल करता हूँ जो कोई भी उससे लेन देन करेगा वह खुद जिम्मेदार होगा।

## PUBLIC NOTICE

**I, Kishan Chand** father of Army No. JC483544Y, Nb/ Sub Rajender Kumar R/O Gujriao Ki Dhani, Bawari Gate, Bhiwani declare that my DOB is recorded as 03.02.1949 in my son's Army record. Which is wrong. My correct DOB is 02.01.1947. Which should be corrected in the Army record.

**I, Bimla Devi** W/O Late. Sh. Rammehar Singh R/O Flat No. E -02, Urvasi Apartment, Mehrauli, South Delhi Declare That My Date Of Birth Is Service No. 26592511 As 01.07.1954 In My Husband's Service Record Which Is Wrong. My Correct Date Of Birth In All My Documents Is 01.01.1948. Please Correct In Service Record.

**I, No 4005957F** Ex Nk (TS) Deepak Singh, SM resident of Village Khichian, PO & Tehsil Mukerian, Distt Hoshiarpur (Punjab) declare that in my service record my son name inadvertently recorded as Eklavya. His correct name is Eklavya Manhas. Concerned note.

**I, Raminder Pal** Singh S/O Jatinder Pal Singh. R/O Vill Bhule Chak, Po-Pul Tibri, Gurdaspur Pin:143530, Punjab, India - Declare That My Given Name As Raminder Pal And My Surname As Singh.

**I, Kuldeep Kaur** W/O Raminder Pal Singh R/O Vill Bhule Chak, Po- Pul Tibri, Gurdaspur Pin: 143530, Punjab India. Declare That My Given Name As Kuldeep And My Surname As Kaur.

**I, Rajni Bala** W/O Varinder Kumar R/O Near Axis Bank Dharival Distt Gurdaspur declare that I am also known as Rajni. That Rajni and Rajni Bala both names pertain to one and the same person i.e my self. Concerned note.

**I, Babu Ram** S/O Sh Devi Dass R/O House No. 2260, Sector 52D Chandigarh. That I am holder of driving license and in the said license the spellings of my father's name is inadvertently mentioned as Devi Das, whereas true and correct spellings of my father's name is Devi Dass, as per my Aadhar card.

**I, hitherto known as Pankaj** S/O Rajesh Kumar R/O Vill: Adampur Motian Po. Talwara Tehl- Mukerian Distt. Hoshiarpur (Pb) Pin-144216 have changed my name and shall here father be known as Pankaj Anot.

**I, Amrith Kumar** S/O Late Sh. Narata Ram R/O Ward No. 12. Amlah Road, Near Bansal Soap Factory, Shahid Bhagat Singh Colony, Khanna (Ludhiana) declare that in my old passport No. B 0968219 name of my father has been mentioned wrongly as Narata Ram Banasal but actual name of my father was Narata Ram.

**I, Army No. JC-772139A** Rank Sub name Yogindra Kumar R/O Vill: Kheri Po. Nisurkha Teh & Distt. Bulandshahr State U.P. Pin 245411 (Unit) 39 EME Bn.TPT C/o 56 APO declare that I have changed my daughter name from Miss Tanu to Tanu Kumar.

**I, Army No. JC-772139A** Rank Sub name Yogindra Kumar R/O Vill: Kheri Po. Nisurkha Teh & Distt. Bulandshahr State U.P. Pin 245411 (Unit) 39 EME Bn.TPT C/o 56 APO declare that I have changed my daughter name from Manu to Manu Kumar.

**I Raj Kumar** son of Waryam Chand resident of Mohalla Faizpura Batala Distt. Gurdaspur hereby declare that the names of my two sons have been wrongly captured as Kashev and Madhev in their school records. Through this publication I intend to notify that their names should be read and corrected as Keshav and Madhav in all records.

**I, Baljeet Singh** S/O Paramjit Singh R/O Ward No. 14, Nanak Sahai Colony, Opposite Mohan Plaza DBN Road, Gurdaspur (Punjab) have changed my name from Baljeet Singh to Baljit Singh. Concerned note.

**I, Paramjeet Singh** S/O Kartar Singh R/O VPO Mari Tanda Tehsil Batala Distt Gurdaspur (Punjab) have changed my name from Paramjeet Singh to Paramjit Singh. Concerned note.

It is for general information that I Juihardeep Singh S/O Harwinder Singh R/O No. 1124 W.No. 6 Billan Wali Chapri Khanna (Ludhiana) Punjab-141401 declare that name of my father has been wrongly written as Harwinder Singh Bagga in my 10th class education documents. The actual name of my father is Harwinder Singh, is which may be amended accordingly.

## CHANGE OF NAME

**I, Smt Jugender Kaur** wife of No. 2656858M Gdr (Late) Swarn Dass resident of Village Aral Pind, PO Garhdiwala, Tehsil Dasuya, Distt Hoshiarpur (Pb) have changed my name from Shaweta Raina to Shaweta Rani. Concerned note.

**I, Pinki W/O Rohit Sharma** H No 1333 F F Sector 11 Panchkula Haryana, Adhaar No 652289511739, Dob- 05.09.1987 Have Changed My Name From Pinki To Pinki Sharma. That Pinki And Pinki Sharma Is The Same Person.

**I, Hunny** Son of Shri Ganpat Lal resident of H.No. 705, Pathan Mohalla, Ward No. 9, Sanoli Road Panipat-132103, state that I have changed my name from Hunny to Hunny Ramdev.

**I, Chinto** Wife of Jagnandan Singh R/O Village Bootgarh, Tehsil Bilaspur, Distt. Yamuna Nagar - 135102 (Haryana) have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as Bachint Kaur.

**I, Rajat Gaba** S/O Mahender Gaba R/O 443, East Bhatia Nagar, Yamuna Nagar declares that in my passport no. UB024032 my father name wrongly written as Mahender Gaba. But his actually name is Mahender Gaba as per my aadhar card.

**I, Surjit Kaur** Wife of Mehar Chand R/O Village Panjeto Ka Majra, Mandebari, Jagadhri Workshop, Tehsil Jagadhri, Distt. Yamuna Nagar -135002 (Haryana) have changed my name from Surjit Kaur to Jeeto Devi.

**I, Sushma** W/O Sh. Anil Kumar R/O Village Nagla Rajputan, Tehsil Naraingarh, Distt. Ambala do hereby solemnly affirm & declare that I have changed my name from Sushma Devi Saini to Sushma. All Concerned note.

**I, Uttam Devi** Dependent mother of Sanjit Kumar resident of Village & P.O. Hathidah, District Patna (Bihar), Pin Code-803301 have changed my Name Devi To Uttam Devi To Rama Devi Vide Affidavit dated 05-08-2024 before Mr. Satpal, Notary, Pathankot (Punjab).

**I, Bijender Singh** Dependent father of Jai Kishan Singh Resident Of Village Swai Piani P.O. Kalinga District Bhiwani (Haryana), Pin Code - 127114 have changed my Name From Bijender Singh to Bijender Vide Affidavit dated 01-08-2024 before Mr. Satpal, Notary, Pathankot, (Punjab).

**I, Sat Narayan** S/O Sh. Rameshwar r/o H.No 2636/2, Sector 47-C, Chandigarh have changed my minor son name from Rupan to Rupen Dhull.

**I, Sat Narayan** S/O Sh. Rameshwar r/o H.No 2636/2, Sector 47-C, Chandigarh have changed my minor daughter name from Kavya to Kavya Dhull.

**I, Rajwinder Kaur** Thakur D/o Aji Singh R/O # 2752/B, MIG Super. Sector -70, SAS Nagar (Mohali) Punjab have changed my name to Rajwinder Kaur.

**I, Ritu** D/O Sh. Jagmander Singh R/O House No. 778, Daddu Majra Colony, Sector 38 West, Chandigarh Have Changed My Name To Ritu Birla.

**I, Pankaj Singh** S/O Sh. Birender Singh R/O House No. 899, Small Flats, Dhanas, Chandigarh have changed my minor son's name from Armaan Singh to Dev Singh.

**I, Rishpal** S/O Sh. Siya Ram R/O House No. 238, Bappu Dham Colony, Phase-2, Sector 26, Chandigarh have changed my name from Pappu to Rishpal.

**I, Ruchi** D/O Sh. Ram Kumar Gupta R/O 23/251, Gur Mandi, Sonipat, Haryana-131001 declares that Ruchika Bansal & Ruchi both are my names. In future, I shall be known as Ruchi.

**I, Harshit** S/O Sandip Kumar Saroha R/O 2284, Phase-2, Sector-12, Sonipat, Haryana have changed my name to Harshit Arya for all future purposes.

**I, Sandip** S/O Sh. Rattan Singh R/O 2284, Phase-2, Sector-12, Sonipat, Haryana, have changed my name to Sandip Kumar Saroha for all future purposes.

**I, Manuj** S/O Sh. Ram Kumar Singla R/O H.No. 89-P, Sector - 7, Jind have changed my name from Manuj to Manuj Singla for all future purposes.

**I, Sumer Singh** s/o Preet Singh Kadyan r/o h.no 1347 ward no 5 Diwana road girls primary school Sewah (32) panipat declare change my name from Sumer Singh to Sumer and in future my name is Sumer.

**I vijay Kumari** w/o vishal r/o h.no 1347 ward no 5 Diwana road girls primary school Sewah (32) panipat declare change my name from Vijay to Vijay kumari and in future my name is Vijay kumari.

**I, Amritpal Singh** S/O Sukhdev Singh R/O Dhani Chetanpur, District Fatehabad, declare that in my passport number M1960095 my name is mentioned as Amritpal Singh Dhillon, the surname is written as Dhillon and in my Aadhar card and other ID, my name is written as Amritpal Singh. Both the above names belong to me i.e. the same person.

**I, Pooja Rani** D/o Amrit Mohan Pal Suri R/O House no. 239 D, Canvas Wave Estate, near Nabi, Sector 85, Sohana, SAS Nagar (Mohali), Punjab-140308, have changed my name to Pooja Mahajan W/o Umesh Chander.

**I, Nischey** S/O Deepak Sharma, #1752/A, Sec-43 B, Chandigarh have changed my name to Nischey Singh.

**I, Himanshu Garg** S/O Arvind Kumar, House No. 3056, Sector 28 D, Chandigarh have changed the name of my minor daughter from Aghanya Garg to Aghanniya H Garg.

**I, Sheela** W/O Roshan Lal, # 2608, Sector 19C, Chandigarh have changed my name to Sheela Devi.

**I, Roshan** S/O Didu Ram, # 2608, Sector 19C, Chandigarh have changed my name to Roshan Lal.

**I, Roshani** W/O Kashi Ram, # Arya Samaj Mandir, Sector 19C, Chandigarh have changed my name to Roshni.

**I, Sito Devi** W/O Dharam Pal, #223, Kaimbawla, Chandigarh have changed my name to Sita.

**I, Vikas Kashyap** S/O Brij Mohan, #569/2, MHC, Manimajra, Chandigarh have changed my name to Vikas.

**I, Rinku Kumar** S/O Jagdish Singh, #1422, Sector 20B, Chandigarh have changed my name to Rinku.

**I, No.2863933Rank** RFN, Name Dilbag Singh Man (Retd.) resident of House No.1880, Sector -7, Karnal Distt -Karnal (Haryana)- 132001 have changed my name from Dilbag Singh Man to Dilbag Singh Mann vide Affidavit dated 07.08.2024 sworn in before Notary, Karnal.

**I, Ravleen** D/o Mukhtyar Singh Suri R/O 1070 sector-12, Sonipat (Hr) has changed my name to Ravleen Suri for all future purposes.

**I, Veenu Gupta** W/O Devinder Kumar R/O House No. 525, Second Floor, Sector 10, Panchkula-134109 have changed my name from Veenu Gupta to Veenu Goyal.

**I, Devinder Kumar** S/o Late Sh. Pawan Kumar R/O House No. 525, Second Floor, Sector 10, Panchkula-134109 have changed my name from Devinder Kumar to Devinder Kumar Goyal.

**I Kiran** W/O Sh. Ajay Kumar, R/O House no.948, Sector 7, UE, Karnal have changed my name from Kiran Kumar to Kiran.

**I, Komal Gill** D/o Kuldeep Singh R/O Village Manawala, Tehsil Lopoke, Distt. Amritsar have changed my name from Komal Gill to Komal Preet Kaur.

**I, Danish** S/O Jamil R/O ward no.5, shubham Garden, Jeevan Vihar extn, Sonipat, Haryana do hereby solemnly affirm and declare that in my 10th marksheet my mother name mentioned Meena & my father name is Jameel Khan, in my Aadhar Card my father name entered Jamil. My mother'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.

**I, Kuldeep Kumar** S/O Sh. Ramkishan R/O H.No. 169, Village Sersa, Teh. Rai, Sonipat declares that in my son Jay school's record, my name & my wife's name were wrongly entered as Kuldeep & Anju. But our actual names are Kuldeep Kumar & Anju Bala. Please correct it.

**I, Kuldeep Kumar** S/O Ramkishan R/O House No. 169, Village Sersa, Tehsil Rai, Sonipat declare that my son's name has been written as Jai by mistake in school record whereas my son's correct name is Jay. Please correct it.

**I, Parveen Kumari** W/O Sh. Dalip Singh R/O V. Arnian Wali (43), Sirsa (Haryana). That I have changed my name from Parveen Kumari to Parveen , in future my name is to be called as Parveen.

**I, Kiranjit Guram** W/O Manmohan Singh Guram R/O #1-A, Ground Floor, Sirhind Road by pass, Arjun Enclave Patiala Govt. Printing Press. Punjab, have changed my name from Kiranjit Guram to Kiranjit Kaur Guram.

**I, Smt. Parmajit Kaur** W/O No. 4463409 Ex Nk Nirmal Singh R/O Vill. Khanor PO Jallowal Tehsil & Distt. Hoshiarpur Punjab have changed my name from Parmajit Kaur to Parmjeet Kaur.

**I, Smt. Parwati** W/O No. 13823161W Late Sep Sucha Ram R/O VPO Barian Kalan Tehsil Garhshankar, Distt. Hoshiarpur Punjab have changed my date of birth from 01-07-1945 to 01-01-1948.

**I, Smt. Kulwant Kaur** W/O No. 1256644M Late NK Karnail Singh R/O H.No. 354, St. No. 4, Dagan Road, W.No. 9, Dashmesh Nagar Tehsil & Distt. Hoshiarpur Punjab have changed my date of birth from 26-11-1953 to 08-07-1959.

**I, Ritu** w/o Amit Kumar r/o h.no D.S.74 type 4 thermal colony panipat declare change my name from Ritu Bajaj to Ritu and in future my name is Ritu.

**I, Mohan Lal** S/O Sh. Chhinka Ram R/O H.No-387 Gali No 3 ward no 17, Shiv Nagar, Fatehabad, Haryana 125050 have changed my name from Mohan Lal to Mohan Lal Narang.

**I, Dharam Singh** S/O Rounki Ram R/O Village Raiwali Tehsil Naraingarh Distt Ambala have changed my name from Dharam Singh to Dharam Pal. I used my name in future as Dharam Pal.

**I, Vandana Kumari** Chauhan D/o Hari Chand Chauhan R/O #18, Rajinder Nagar, Near Shyamnagar Gurudwara, Ambala Cantt., Babyal, Ambala, Haryana have changed my name to Vandana Chauhan

**I, Rakesh Pahwa** S/O Jagdish Lal R/O Hno. 260, Sethi Enclave, Baldev Nagar, Ambala City I Have Changed My Name Rakesh Kumar

**I, Rita Pahwa** W/O Rakesh Kumar R/O Hno. 260, Sethi Enclave, Baldev Nagar, Ambala City I Have Changed My Name Reeta Rani

**I, Promila** W/O Shiv Kumar R/O Manakpur (229) Yamunanagar, Haryana 135003 have changed my name from Promila Devi to Promila. All concerned please note.

**I, Ram Mehar,** s/o Sada Ram, r/o village Atta, near ITI district Panipat, declare that I have change my name Ram Mehar Gahalyan to Ram mehar. for all purposes.

**I, Aayush** s/o Pankaj residence of house no. 20D narayan singh park. panipat have changed my name to Aayush Dua s/o Pankaj Dua for all future purposes.

**I, Sukhwinder Singh,** Adhar No. 963090932357, S/O Amrik Singh, R/O Village Dharampura, Tehsil Siwan, District Kaithal, Informs That, I Have Changed My Name From Sukhwinder To Sukhwinder Singh. Concerned Please Note.

**I, Sudesh Rani** w/o Parikshit r/o #1642-A, Sector-6, Karnal have changed my name from Sudesh Rani to Sudesh. In future I will be known as Sudesh.

**I, Jaswinder Kaur** W/O Tarlochan Singh R/O Near Chungi No.4 Bassi Road, H.No.311 Ward No.10, Sirhind, Fatehgarh Sahib, Punjab-144046 have changed my name to Baljit Kaur.

**I, Abhishek** S/O Binder Masih R/O V.P.O : Harchowal, Teh. Batala, Distt. Gurdaspur have changed my name from Abhishek to Abhishek Masih. Concerned Note.

**I, Savitri Yadaw** is w/o service No 14929481M, Rank Hav Name Yadaw Sudhakar r/o Village Katageri, Post Office Katageri, Tehsil Athani, District - Belgaum, State - Karnataka, PIN - 591304, have changed my name from Savitri Yadaw to Savitri Sudhakar Yadaw due to mistakenly entered in Army record vide affidavit No PB2551163703606W dated 14 Jun 2024.

**I, Vinod Soni** S/O Rajinder Pal R/O Vill. & P.O.Sunder Chak Teh. & Distt. Pathankot (PB)-145025 Declare that in my Aadhar Card My Father name mention is Rajinder Pal and my Matriculation certificate my Father name mention is Rajinder Paul. Rajinder Pal and Rajinder Paul Both name are Pertain to One, Single and same Person.i.e My Father. All Concerned authorities Note.

**I, Raksha Devi** W/o Ram Vallabh Sharma R/o H. No. -J-12, Jindall Hospital Campus, Model Town, Hisar, Haryana-125001 hereby declare that I have changed my name from Raksha Devi to Chandermani Sharma for future purpose.

**I, Vandana Siwach** W/O Vinay Siwach R/O H. No. 259, Defence Colony, Opp. Gate No. 4, H.A.U. Distt. Hisar Haryana declare that I have changed my name from Vandana Siwach to Vandana Chaudhary for future purpose.

**I, 14938029Y** L/Hav Pandari Goud Pilli S/O Nara Goud R/O H.No.12-36, Gouds Colony, Khanapur, Pawar Garden Function Hall, Khanapur, Nizamabad, Telangana-503003 now at 15 Mech Inf C/o 56 APO have changed my name to Pilli Soujanya Vide Affidavit No.IN-PB437563689691W Dt.07.08.2024 Before Notary Public Amritsar

**I, 14938029Y** L/Hav Pandari Goud Pilli S/O Nara Goud R/O H.No.12-36, Gouds Colony, Khanapur, Pawar Garden Function Hall, Khanapur, Nizamabad, Telangana-503003 now at 15 Mech Inf C/o 56 APO have changed my son's name from Master Pilli Pranush Goud to Pilli Pranush Goud Vide Affidavit No.IN-PB437892366792646W Dt.07.08.2024

**I, 15481363F** Dfr Satyavir Singh S/O Bachchoo Singh R/O Nagla Jai Ram Akola PO Akola Dist Agra Uttar Pradesh-283102 have changed my Daughter's name from Beenu to Beenu Kumari Vide Affidavit No.IN-PB4378920587902W Dt.07.08.2024 Before Notary Public Amritsar

**I, Munna Singh** S/O Sh. Raj Narayan Singh resident of HNo.: 244/12, Sugar Mill Colony, Yamuna Nagar, Tehsil Jagadhri, Distt. Yamuna Nagar I have change my name from Munna Kumar to Munna Singh All concerned note.

**I, Shiwani Saini** w/o Sh. Chetan Saini , Resident Village - Ambwala, Tehsil - Bilaspur, District - Yamunanagar have changed my name from Shiwani Saini to Shiwani Saini . All concerned Please note.

**I, Rampal** S/O Bharat Singh R/O H.No.67, Block 0, near Pond Kalkha, tehsil maudlaa, Panipat declare that I have changed my name from Ram Pal to Rampal. In future I should be known as Rampal.

**I, Sheela** W/O Sh. Ram Mehar, R/O 321-D, Huda, Sector-7, Panipat, Distt Panipat, Haryana Have Changed My Name From Sheela To Sheela Devi.

**I, Amit Singh** S/O Sh. Suresh Pal Singh R/O H.No. 801 Choka Colony, Near Khalsa Water Tank, Village Kansal, Naya Gaon, Mohali (Punjab) Declare That My Wife Mrs. Aneesha Panwar Passport (T4465100) My Name Wrongly Written Amit Singh. My Correct Name Amit Kumar Singh. Kindly Note.

**I, Sanjeev Thakur** S/O Anup Singh Thakur # 3034/1, Sector 41-D, Chandigarh, state that in my daughter Anmol Thakur school documents, my name is mistakenly written as Sanjeev and my wife's name as Rekha, whereas my correct name is Sanjeev Thakur and my wife's correct name is Rekha Thakur. In the future, we should be referred to by these correct names.

**I, Seema** D/o Bakshish Singh # 3155, sector 56, Chandigarh, have changed my name from Seema to Simran Kaur and DOB 17/11/1989 to 17/11/1993.

**I, Parminder Kaur** W/O Ajaypal Singh R/O H.No.41-B, Street No.18, Friends Avenue, Plah Sahib Gurdwara Airport Road, Amritsar have changed my name from Parminder Kaur to Parvinder Kaur

**I, Naunihal Singh** S/O Sukhwant Singh R/O Gurdwara Harbanspura, Kasel PO Kasail District Tarn Taran have changed my name from Naunihal Singh to Nonihal Singh

**I, Charnjeet Sharma** S/O Charn Dass R/O H.No.15, Hargobind Avenue, Gali No.2, Opp Power Colony, Majitha Road, Amritsar have changed my name from Charnjeet Sharma to Chiranjiv Kumar

**I, Anu Mannon** W/O Amandeep Kumar R/O 19-A, Navi Abadi Sewa Nagar, Putlighar, Amritsar have changed my name from Anu Mannon to Annu Mannan

**I, Tanu Aggarwal** W/o Varun Gupta R/O 385/5-4, Chowk Lachhmansar Amritsar have changed my name from Tanu Aggarwal to Prachi Gupta After Marriage

**I, Kawaljeet Kaur** wife of Gurwinder Singh resident of Bhagwanpura Tehsil Patli District Tarn Taran have changed my name to Kawaljit Kaur

**I, Jaswinder Singh** Bhatia S/O Gurwinder Singh R/O H.No.93 Baba Deep Singh Colony Inside Chatwinda Gate Amritsar have changed my name from Jaswinder Singh Bhatia to Jaswinder Singh

**I, Sanjiv Kumar** Bansal S/O Amritpal R/O Near Grain Market Ward No 5 Bariwala District Muktsar have changed my name from Sanjiv Kumar Bansal to Sanjeev Kumar

**I, Sarabjit Kaur** W/o Resham Singh R/O VPO Kohali Tehsil Ajnala District Amritsar have changed my name from Sarabjit Kaur to Sarbjit Kaur

It is general information that I Aashima Attri Daughter of Ashwani Kumar Sharma Ex Wife of Naveen Attri Residing at H.No.676, Benjamin Road, Naulakha, Garden Colony, District Ludhiana-141008 Punjab Declare that I got Divorced From My Husband Vide Court Decree No. Hma No.725 Dt 18-10-2018 Further I have changed my name to Aarti Sharma

**I, Smt Soujanya** Spouse of No.14938029Y L/Hav Pandari Goud Pilli R/O H.No.12-36, Gouds Colony, Khanapur, Pawar Garden Function Hall, Khanapur, Nizamabad, Telangana-503003 now at 15 Mech Inf C/o 56 APO have changed my name to Pilli Soujanya Vide Affidavit No.IN-PB437563689691W Dt.07.08.2024 Before Notary Public Amritsar

**I, 14938029Y** L/Hav Pandari Goud Pilli S/O Nara Goud R/O H.No.12-36, Gouds Colony, Khanapur, Pawar Garden Function Hall, Khanapur, Nizamabad, Telangana-503003 now at 15 Mech Inf C/o 56 APO have changed my son's name from Master Pilli Pranush Goud to Pilli Pranush Goud Vide Affidavit No.IN-PB437892366792646W Dt.07.08.2024

**I, 15481363F** Dfr Satyavir Singh S/O Bachchoo Singh R/O Nagla Jai Ram Akola PO Akola Dist Agra Uttar Pradesh-283102 have changed my Daughter's name from Beenu to Beenu Kumari Vide Affidavit No.IN-PB4378920587902W Dt.07.08.2024 Before Notary Public Amritsar

**I, Munna Singh** S/O Sh. Raj Narayan Singh resident of HNo.: 244/12, Sugar Mill Colony, Yamuna Nagar, Tehsil Jagadhri, Distt. Yamuna Nagar I have change my name from Munna Kumar to Munna Singh All concerned note.

**I, Shiwani Saini** w/o Sh. Chetan Saini , Resident Village - Ambwala, Tehsil - Bilaspur, District - Yamunanagar have changed my name from Shiwani Saini to Shiwani Saini . All concerned Please note.

**I, Rampal** S/O Bharat Singh R/O H.No.67, Block 0, near Pond Kalkha, tehsil maudlaa, Panipat declare that I have changed my name from Ram Pal to Rampal. In future I should be known as Rampal.

**I, Sheela** W/O Sh. Ram Mehar, R/O 321-D, Huda, Sector-7, Panipat, Distt Panipat, Haryana Have Changed My









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PAPER WITH PASSION

## Finance Minister yields

Facing a backlash over changes to the property transaction taxation, the FM has given some concessions to homeowners

**B**owing to the popular pressure and critiques from MPs within the NDA coalition, the Central Government has relented to grant some relief for property transactions. Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman announced in the budget that the tax on long-term capital gains was reduced from 20% with indexation benefits to 12.5% but without indexation benefits. However, following significant opposition, an amendment is being made to The Finance Bill, 2024. For the transfer of a long-term capital asset such as land or a building acquired before July 23, 2024, the taxpayer can now choose to calculate their tax either at 12.5% without indexation under the new scheme or at 20% with indexation under the old scheme and pay whichever amount is lower. Indexation adjusts purchase price for inflation, reducing tax liability on gains from investments like debt funds. The government eliminated indexation benefits on long-term capital gains, increasing taxable gains. It prevents inflation from eroding returns on long-term investments.



This adjustment marks a significant reversal from the government's firm stance on the issue after the Budget.

The ministry officials had argued that the new tax rate structure, with a lower tax rate minus the indexation benefits, would benefit people in almost all cases. However, the industry experts had different opinions. Industry bodies had sought to rethink the proposal, observing that the removal of indexation benefits amounted to a retrospective tax change for those who had bought properties earlier. They pointed out that this would particularly hurt those who

had invested in assets that had delivered lesser appreciation in value over the years. It was widely feared that the removal of indexation benefits on long-term capital gains would slow down property transactions in the Mumbai real estate market, and the real estate engine of the country and could have cascading effects throughout the country. Besides, several MPs also urged the Government to reconsider the proposal. During the debate on the Finance Bill in the Lok Sabha, TDP MP Lavu Sri Krishna Devarayalu echoed the concerns of other MPs, emphasising that this issue involves taxpayers' hard-earned money and impacts middle-class people the most. He noted that the middle class views real estate as a safe investment and and so should be protected. Indeed he had a point, as the middle-class is facing the pinch of price rise and rising unemployment. If their small investments and savings are wiped off they would have nothing to fall back upon. Providing taxpayers with the option to choose between the two tax regimes would address some of their concerns. Thankfully the finance minister yielded to allow for the second option. This would indeed give some relief to small and middle-class homeowners, providing a more balanced approach to long-term capital gains taxation in the real estate sector.

### PICTALK



Fishermen cast their nets in the Arabian sea, at the Kochi coast

# The evolution of Rahul Gandhi



KALYANI SHANKAR

It may be premature to assess Rahul Gandhi's effectiveness as the new Leader of the Opposition, but his initial performance is promising

**I**t might be too soon to judge how well Rahul Gandhi is doing as the new Leader of the Opposition. The current budget session ends in just a few days, so we'll need more time to understand his leadership fully. But he has begun well.

After winning in the Lok Sabha polls, Rahul has been confident and strong both inside and outside the house, which is appropriate for an opposition leader. Nobel laureate Amartya Sen recently discussed Rahul's evolution since their days at Cambridge University. Sen underlined that Rahul has significantly matured over the years and underscored that his true test lies in how he steers the Opposition in Parliament.

Rahul stepped into the shoes of the Leader of the Opposition, a quarter of a century after his political debut in 2004. The Lok Sabha had been without a Leader of the Opposition for a decade, as no opposition party had the requisite number of members to stake the claim in the last two Lok Sabhas. During the recent budget session, the first after Rahul became the LOP, he took a vital leadership role in his party and the Opposition. Since becoming the Leader of the Opposition, Rahul Gandhi has taken on more responsibilities.

He now leads and represents the Opposition's viewpoint on various subjects. This is a new role for him. He organised protests, delivered powerful speeches against the Modi government, and worked closely with allies to coordinate their efforts on the floor. He also focused on critical issues for the people and made himself more accessible. In the recent budget session, Rahul Gandhi, as the Leader of the Opposition, took on an important leadership role within his party and the Opposition. He has organised protests, delivered powerful speeches against the Modi government, and worked closely with allies. Additionally, he has focused on critical issues for the people and made himself more accessible. Rahul Gandhi's backroom office has a



team of about twelve key members.

This team, led by General Secretary K.C. Venugopal and including Sam Pitroda, Sunil Kanugolu, K. Biju, B. Srivatsa, Manickam Tagore, Alankar Sawai, and Kaushal Vidarthi, plays a vital role in managing Gandhi's political activities and election strategies, including logistics and social media. Rahul's growth and evolution in the political arena have transformed him into a more confident leader, marking a significant departure from his previous image as a reluctant politician.

This change has been compelling to witness in his political journey. Rahul finds it easier to take on a more assertive role now, with a substantial number of opposition members in the 18th Lok Sabha. Furthermore, the success of united allies in the 2024 polls has made them realise the power of unity.

When Rahul spoke as the Leader of the Opposition for the first time, he said, "While the government has political power, the Opposition also represents the voice of the Indian people. This time, the Opposition represents significantly more of the Indian people's voice than it



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did last time." Rahul Gandhi's criticisms of Prime Minister Narendra Modi have caused strong reactions from the ruling party. During Rahul's maiden speech as LOP, PM Modi spoke up for the first time in 10 years.

Modi accused Rahul of saying that the entire Hindu society is 'violent'. The Prime Minister stated, "Democracy and the Constitution have taught me to take the Leader of the Opposition seriously." Modi's responses to Gandhi's criticisms show an acknowledgement of the changed situation and the resulting tension in the Parliament. Rahul Gandhi has been speaking out against the Modi government's decision to arrest AAP chief Arvind Kejriwal and JMM chief Hemant Soren. He opposes the BJP's attempts to silence opposing viewpoints.

This has caused increased tensions in Parliament for the ruling party. During his Lok Sabha campaign, Rahul Gandhi strategically showed a small red pocket edition of the Constitution at public meetings. This move effectively highlighted what he called the perceived threat to the Constitution from the BJP.

His use of the Constitution helped him gain support from reservation beneficiaries.

Despite being an M.P. for the past two decades, Rahul was not considered a good Parliamentarian. He asked only 99 questions, participated in 26 debates, and wasn't always present at critical times. Since 2014, he has been noticeably absent during budget sessions, only appearing occasionally. He also frequently went abroad, leaving the party in a crisis. Rahul is doing well as the Leader of the Opposition (LOP).

His success will depend on his political planning. He missed some opportunities in the past, like becoming a minister in Manmohan Singh's cabinet or strengthening the party as the Congress President.

However, his current role shows his potential. He must use this opportunity to face future political challenges confidently. Rahul's belief in the power of the LOP to raise its voice in Parliament gives hope and optimism to the party.

(The writer is a popular columnist; views expressed are personal)

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### PRESIDENT'S STATE VISIT

Madam — President Droupadi Murmu embarked on a six-day state visit to three nations: Fiji, New Zealand, and Timor-Leste a couple of days ago. I wonder why the President has undertaken this visit? How will engaging with these nations benefit India? Fiji and Timor Leste are almost unheard of countries in India. What is the government's agenda really? As both Fiji and New Zealand are approximately 11,000 kms and Timor Leste is about 6,500 kms away, it goes without saying that a to and fro visit to these countries would cost our nation a humongous sum. Besides, the President who would be travelling by a state aeroplane (read, like a private airliner) would leave a heavy carbon footprint. Will a RTI query in respect of the purpose and cost of the tri-nation jaunt be answered, if at all?

Avinash Godbole | Dewas

### BLINDING HEADLIGHTS CAUSE ACCIDENTS

Madam — Blinding headlights are one of the important causes of road accidents in India. A driver can be blinded by the opposite vehicles as well as the rear ones. On an average, glaring headlights are direct or contributory causes of 75 percent of vehicular collisions in India. Of course high beam lights are useful in low visibility when there are little or no street lights. However, rules say high beams can be employed by the drivers only if there are no oncoming vehicles but not many drivers are sticklers for rules. Rear vehicles can distract the front drivers' vision by using bright lights within 60 metres.

It has become a fashion for several youngsters, especially in small towns and cities with none to keep a hawk's eye on them, to use ornamental illumination like flashy headlights. Flickers, Light emitting diodes (LED), and its variants, are freely used by irresponsible drivers. Section 177 of the Motor Vehicles Act (MVA) has explicitly detailed the proper and improper use of headlights. Many drivers, especially the non-professional ones, are oblivious to the correct usage of headlights and

### Justice delayed is justice denied



This is with reference to your editorial "Justice Delayed". The Chief Justice of India's deep concern over the excessive delay in disposing of cases, as noted in the

editorial is a concern shared by all. The staggering fact that 44 million cases are pending and could take 300 years to resolve at the current pace should prompt the ruling government to seek a tangible solution. Currently, filing a case itself feels like a punishment for both parties involved. Even after winning a case, the appeals process undertaken by the losing party makes the entire affair extremely frustrating. There is a pressing need to increase the capacity of courts at all levels to handle and dispose of cases in a timely manner. However, it is unfortunate that even the existing courts are forced to operate with severe manpower shortages. Simply changing the Acts and their names is not the change people desire; what is urgently needed is systemic and infrastructural improvement.

A G Rajmohan | Anantapur

this can mainly be blamed on poor quality of driving schools and doling out licences without proper application of mind.

Ganpat Bhat | Akola

### TURMOIL IN BANGLADESH

Madam — Sheikh Hasina's resignation as Prime Minister of Bangladesh is a result of socio-political upheaval of her own making. Every nation is an enterprise owned and run by its people who elect a government to run it as also simultaneously place an Opposition as the auditor. So long as the auditor is facilitated by the government to put up dissenting notes and is willing to correction, the shareholders let the checks and balances play out. When the government fails to give credence to the opposition, a plethora of public fora and institutions come in to press an alternative narrative. Should the government resort to suppressing them too, the people step in as suo- moto auditor. The likes of social media then expound dissent and if this too goes unheeded, people act as regulators leveraging electoral

platforms to tone down aberrations in governance by impinging on electoral standing of the ruling dispensation. Should a government seek to neutralise the process of such franchise itself, as has been in many nations across the globe, people take to roads to convey the message. An extremely recalcitrant government could then compel people to set up tribunals and don the robes of judge and jury. Bangladesh has apparently slipped into this unhappy final phase. It's military may yet be sagacious enough to restore law and order and enable the nation to reclaim governance and eschew going the Myanmar way. There is a lesson for every progressive democratic nation. Stifling the elected opposition and relentless and heavy handed suppression of dissent perse in hubris of power, is bound to heavily set back economic progress while the socio political fabric stands frayed beyond repair.

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## Renewable energy: Paving the way for a sustainable future

By 2030, India plans to achieve 500 GW of installed capacity from non-fossil fuels, marking a significant shift towards sustainability and energy security



GAURAV PRABHURASHI

**I**ndia's growth story over the past two decades has been marked by vibrant economic progress, largely driven by service exports and rising domestic consumption. As of 2024, the economy appears robust, poised to replicate its service sector success by transforming into a global manufacturing hub to leverage its demographic dividend.

A robust manufacturing sector necessitates significant resources, with power being a crucial component. Despite this, India's per capita electricity consumption remains low compared to global averages. As the country embarks on its manufacturing-focused era, electricity demand is expected to rise significantly. To meet this demand while adhering to climate commitments, India plans to add new electricity generating capacity primarily from non-fossil fuel sources. The goal is to achieve 500 GW of installed non-fossil fuel capacity by 2030.

By May 31, 2024, India's non-fossil fuel-based power generation capacity stood at 201.7 GW, with renewable energy, including small hydro pro-



jects, contributing 146.6 GW. To meet growing demands, a significant increase in renewable energy capacity is anticipated, supported by the renewable energy procurement roadmap from the Ministry of New and Renewable Energy (MNRE), which targets 50 GW of bids annually from FY 2023-24 to FY 2027-28.

Regulatory policies for the renewable energy sector are governed by both central and state governments, as electricity is part of the concurrent list. Key aspects of central government policy include promoting domestic manufacturing of solar modules and electrolyzers, safeguarding domestic manufacturing, and domestic content requirements, and implementing policies to encourage specific types of electricity genera-

tion like rooftop solar and offshore wind.

India's renewable energy policy framework adopts a holistic approach, addressing multiple factors. For example, the Ladakh region, with excellent irradiation levels, lacks sufficient infrastructure to integrate its power into the grid. To tackle this, the government announced the green energy corridor. Furthermore, the government identified states with offshore wind potential and introduced a viability gap funding scheme with an outlay of Rs 7,453 crores for installing 1 GW of offshore wind projects. Regulatory policies also aim to enhance self-sufficiency in the energy. The Production Linked Incentive (PLI) scheme, with an outlay of Rs. 24,000 crores, targets achieving gigawatt-scale manufacturing capacity of high-efficiency solar PV modules. Additionally, the Strategic Interventions for Green Hydrogen Transition (SIGHT) Program, with an outlay of Rs. 17,490 crores under the National Green Hydrogen Mission, supports domestic manufacturing of electrolyzers and green hydro-

gen production. These investments are expected to generate numerous direct and indirect jobs while ensuring energy security.

The government has also introduced schemes to promote distributed solar generation at the household level in both rural and urban areas. The PM-KUSUM scheme aims to reduce the agricultural sector's reliance on diesel and boost farmers' incomes by providing central government subsidies of up to 50% for installing standalone solar pumps and solarizing existing grid-connected agricultural pumps. Farmers can also install grid-connected solar plants on barren land and sell electricity to local distribution companies (DISCOMs). In the interim budget for FY 2024-25, the government announced the PM Surya Ghar Muft Bijli Yojna, which offers subsidies covering up to 40% of solar panel installation costs. This scheme aims to equip 10 million homes with solar panels, saving INR 75,000 crores in electricity costs.

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## FIRST COLUMN

### SPIRITUAL PRACTICES CAN CHANGE YOUR LIFE

Praying, Chanting, meditation and other such practices can transform your life



AJIT KUMAR BISHNOI

We are forever doing material acts like eating, sleeping, 'vihar' (entertainment) and, yes, work. Some of us may be doing some spiritual practices as well. Why is there such a mismatch? Because most people do not realize how beneficial spiritual practices are for a human being. Read on and you will agree. I have chosen ten common spiritual practices for this article. They are simple to do and almost everyone can benefit by doing them. Beginning with praying, what is so difficult to do it? Someone is not well in a family, and a family member prays for his or her quick recovery. Even small children pray for their mother when she is unwell. What happens then? God hears them, as He has eyes and ears everywhere. (The Bhagavad-Geeta 13.13) What is God's response? He has to consider several factors like what does the person prayed for deserves, what effect it will have on other family members, who is praying, etc. There will be a response, which will be appropriate taking into consideration everything. Let us remember that God knows 'The Big Picture', which includes the past, present and future also. Whatever God may decide, the act of praying sincerely curbs ego, which helps one to become humble – a necessary quality to be able to deal properly with others. Praying is also a good start for taking shelter from God – the topmost spiritual activity. Chanting of God's names and mantras is quite common across all religions. Many studies have been done to see the effects of chanting on the brain. They have found that chanting stimulates positive changes in the brain. Mantras with the sound 'Ohm'



are especially useful. God's names bring similar benefits. When we take God's name, He must respond. Didn't Lord Krishna respond to calls of Draupadi – "Krishna, Krishna, Krishna"? How the Lord respond to us depends again upon what we deserve and what will be good for us. 'Darshan' – seeing God's 'murti' in Deity form or a photo of one of God's incarnations like Krishna, Rama, etc. is very useful. This is my favourite spiritual act. I have hung a large photo of Lord Krishna on the right side of my bed. All I do is to sit or lie comfortably and look at the Lord's attractive face. Lord Krishna has allowed gaining spiritual knowledge to be pleasing in doing. (9.2) What better company than of God there can be? My Lord has become my own. And He rewards me in many ways. 'Atmabala' (inner strength) flows into me. This strength – the mother of all strengths has made me stronger mentally. I am also able to tolerate the inevitable miseries of this world better. Meditation is getting quite popular worldwide.

People are beginning to see the enormous benefits of this spiritual practice. Lord Krishna has recommended it strongly. In verse # 6.35, the Lord says, "Mind can be brought under control by practice." In verse # 12.8, He tells us where our mind should be fixed, i.e. in Him only. (12.8) In verse #18.65, the Lord asks us to develop His consciousness. Then, what will happen? We will be in God, i.e. become part of Him. (9.29) Could anything be better than that? Hearing about God is another great activity. Lord Krishna goes to the extent of indicating that those devoted to hearing from others will also benefit greatly. (13.25) There are many, who are conversant with spiritual truths. Satsang is a meeting of persons, who are conversant with spiritual truths. "And preachers of supreme knowledge (spiritual benefits) amongst My devotees please Me the most." (18.69) This is the highest devotion towards God. Remembering God and thanking Him whenever some good happens to us are immensely beneficial; they make us deserving of more such rewards. Why don't we do such activities? Because we are almost entirely focused on material acts. We can all do spiritual acts – the givers of great benefits both spiritual and material.

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

# Negligence and tragedy: The price of complacency



RAJDEEP PATHAK

The death of three IAS aspirant highlights severe systemic negligence by coaching center management, property owners, and municipal authorities



In reflecting on the powerful speech delivered by Mark Antony following the assassination of Julius Caesar, one cannot help but recall his stirring words: "Friends, Romans, countrymen, I come to bury Caesar, not to praise him." Antony's oration skillfully ignited the Roman populace, who were initially ambivalent towards Caesar's murder. Through his use of rhetorical questions and ironic praise for Brutus and the other conspirators, Antony incited the crowd to question the motives behind the assassination. <

By revealing Caesar's will, which generously bequeathed wealth and public parks to the citizens, Antony further endeared Caesar to the people and painted the conspirators as traitors. The crowd, now convinced of Caesar's benevolence and the conspirators' treachery, erupted into chaos, leading to a violent riot. This turmoil precipitated a civil war, ultimately overthrowing the existing order and paving the way for the rise of the 'Second Triumvirate' (all sought revenge for the murder of Julius Caesar) and the end of the Roman Republic.

A tragic incident in the Capital City of India echoes this (Shakespearean) historical upheaval, where the death of three students (IAS aspirants) has incited public (students') outrage. On Saturday, July 27, 2024 evening, a supposed drainage burst led to flooding in the basement of Rau's IAS Study Circle in Old Rajinder Nagar used as a library where approximately 35 students were present when rainwater began to inundate the basement, creating a panic-stricken atmosphere. Despite attempts to evacuate, three students were trapped and subsequently died.

This disaster has cut short the dreams of the parents of three students. Unlike Bholu Baba – who philosophically dramatized death as an inevitable part of life following the Hatras stampede tragedy – the negligence displayed by the coaching centre owners in this instance cannot be so easily dismissed. The failure to ensure proper evacuation facilities has underscored the mismanagement of the institution.

Although the Municipal Corporation of Delhi (MCD) has stormed into action, they

cannot fully absolve themselves of responsibility. More than anything else, the basement, intended for parking and storage, was illegally repurposed as a library. As the news became the talk of the town, sentiments of anger and frustration poured amidst huge grief and loss. The incident in Old Rajinder Nagar underscores a pervasive pattern of systemic negligence among various stakeholders, including coaching centre management, property owners, and municipal authorities. The illegal conversion of the basement into a library, without proper safety measures reveals a severe disregard for student safety. Compounded by chronic infrastructure deficiencies such as inadequate drainage systems, this negligence is exacerbated by municipal authorities' failures.

Regulatory lapses, such as issuing No-Objection Certificates (NOCs) without thorough verification and compliance checks, further point towards significant enforcement shortcomings.

The Municipal Corporation of Delhi's (MCD) delayed actions in sealing other illegally repurposed basements reflect a reactive rather than proactive enforcement strategy. Additionally, the coaching centre's lack of an effective emergency plan, including proper drills and protocols, significantly contributed to the chaos and heightened the tragedy, demonstrating a critical need for better emergency preparedness, stricter regulations and oversight to prevent such tragedies in the future.

Accounts from traumatized students reveal harrowing experiences. Whether it is Aishwarya Rai, a 30-year-old UPSC aspirant from Kanpur, Nakul Tiwari, or Shreya, the very fact that they have been rescued from the terrifying moment of being drowned to death will linger

in their psyche for years to come. The question arises: why does it take such disasters for the administration to take action?

The arrest, bulldozing of illegal constructions and other preventive and punitive measures often come only after tragedy strikes. Videos now emerging tell tales of utter mismanagement and illegal use of properties, breaking all norms. Why are the students only now flagging these issues? Another question is why their seniors, who have perhaps lived and studied in these conditions and are either IAS aspirants or have cleared their examinations, did not raise such issues of negligence in the past. Moreover, if a few of them have become Civil Servants from these coaching centres, why didn't they, over the years, bring this to the notice of the local administration? Another crucial issue is that the commercialization of education, driven by the high demand for competitive exam preparation, should not compromise safety standards, which in this case has resulted in unsafe and overcrowded conditions.

The commercialization of education, characterized by the increasing influence of profit-driven motives, brings both benefits and drawbacks to student welfare. On the positive side, it often leads to improved infrastructure, better resources, and innovative teaching methods that enhance the learning experience. Private institutions do attempt to provide advanced facilities and extracurricular activities, fostering a more dynamic and engaging educational environment. This recent incident must become an eye-opener. It critically highlights the need for enhanced regulatory oversight and stricter enforcement

of building codes and safety regulations, emphasizing regular inspections and audits to ensure compli-

ance. Investment in infrastructure, particularly drainage systems, is crucial to mitigate flooding risks, especially in flood-prone areas like Old Rajinder Nagar.

Additionally, educational institutions, particularly coaching centres, should be mandated to develop and regularly practice emergency evacuation plans, as safety drills can significantly improve preparedness and reduce panic during emergencies. Increased public awareness about safety regulations and accountability mechanisms is necessary, encouraging students and residents to report violations and demand action from authorities. Moreover, the process for obtaining necessary permits and NOCs should be transparent and stringent, with severe penalties for deviations from approved plans.

Public awareness and advocacy are crucial. Educating students and residents about safety standards and rights is another key factor. Further, creating platforms for community engagement and empowering residents with safety mechanisms is crucial.

More than anything else, authorities should respond promptly to such reports and take corrective action. While this is a sad moment for all of us to have lost young budding talents of our country in this manner, it is time we foster a culture of accountability, in our endeavour to safeguard the dreams and lives of countless students who come to Delhi in pursuit of their aspirations. The path forward requires a collective effort from authorities, institutions, and the public to prioritize human safety over commercial interests and ensure that such a tragedy never recurs.

(The writer is programme executive, Gandhi Smriti and Darshan Samiti; views are personal)



REGULATORY LAPSES, SUCH AS ISSUING NO-OBJECTION CERTIFICATES WITHOUT THOROUGH VERIFICATION AND COMPLIANCE CHECKS, FURTHER POINT TOWARDS SIGNIFICANT ENFORCEMENT SHORTCOMINGS

# Indian cardiologist sparks global debate on mind-based medical protocols

In a groundbreaking challenge to conventional medical practices, Prof B M Hegde has called for a paradigm shift in the treatment of serious ailments

The world of medicine is all set to see an intense debate on the medical protocol to be employed in curing serious ailments thanks to an Indian doctor.

An internationally reputed cardiologist Prof B M Hegde who is based in Mangalore in Karnataka has challenged the existing diagnostic system in the field of physical ailments practiced across the world and has called for a shift to mind-based cure protocol.

Dr Hegde says that if one wants to live a life free of ailments like cancer and other serious medical issues, all one needs to do is to love all and hate none. "The more you hate people and abuse/criticize them, the



KUMAR CHELLAPPAN

medical constitution in your body gets deteriorated," he told The Pioneer. "Although there has been a lot of thinking going on in medical circles about the role of the mind in psychological disorders, much needs to be done in the field of physical ailments.

Recent data on the important role played by the human mind in the causation of major physical ill-

nesses like heart attacks and cancer have rekindled our interest in the intricacies of the working of the human mind vis a vis the human body. In the 17th century itself, William Harvey had clearly indicated that in all bodily afflictions there is a mental basis.

As there is no big money involved in this kind of research unlike the gold rush in the field of epidemiology and interventions, the field did not until very recently attract good researchers," writes Prof Hegde, who is also the chief editor of the "Journal of Science of Healing Outcomes", a super peer-reviewed scientific publication. Interestingly, Prof Hegde, a former visiting

professor of cardiology at the University of London, always had strong reservations about the treatment protocol for cardio vascular diseases and cancer. In the editorial of the July 2024 issue of the JSHO, he quoted from the Journal of American Medical Association which has published a large study on the connection between life stresses and their role in the causation of coronary artery diseases.

He said the JAMA study focused on the immediate and long-term effects of various emotional stressors that are a part of life in the modern rat race of the monetary economy. Prof Hegde with more than five decades of medical research and prac-



tice to his credit has found that hostility, anger, frustration and bereavement come up on top among the negative emotions.

"Love, compassion, social support and job satisfaction have control over one's situation, negative emotions acutely raised the blood

pressure as also the heart rate and the breathing rate," said the octogenarian professor who has been honoured with Padma Bhushan and Padma Vibhushan by the President of India for the scintillating works he has done over the decades. According to Prof Hegde's experience, chronic stress does take its toll leading to killer diseases. "Emotions play a major role in one getting afflicted with such ailments. Scientists, business barons, professionals and politicians should bear this in mind.

When the competition becomes too intense, chances of one losing control shoot up and there can be no coming back to normalcy," he said.

Dr Hegde pointed out the debates in Parliament and election campaigns to drive home the point that one should be elegant and cool-headed during the battle for power. "Even military officers behave in a disciplined manner while they are engaged in fighting the enemies.

This is what we should learn to stay cool and free of ailments," he said. For the uninitiated, Prof Hegde is the author of many books and has written the preface for medical books published by medical scientists. His seminal work "What Doctors Don't Get to Study in Medical School" is widely read in the world of medicine and many doctors rate it as the Holy Bible of

Modern Medicine. If we stay away from unhealthy competition for wealth and power, we can keep serious ailments like heart disease and cancer miles away from us.

The only losers would be pharma companies that charge a fortune for a course of medicine. The JSHO has the whose-who of the world of medicine and science working as its editorial staff and board. This includes Prof Joanna Floros, and Evan Pugh Professor of Paediatrics and Obstetrics, Penn State University Hershey, USA, who is the co-editor in chief.

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# Professor's journey to becoming Bangladesh head

PTI ■ DHAKA

Life has come full circle for Nobel laureate Professor Mohammad Yunus, who faced persecution during Sheikh Hasina's regime for embezzlement, is now all set to head of the interim government in Bangladesh after she resigned and fled the country. President Mohammed Shahabuddin dissolved Parliament on Tuesday and appointed the 84-year-old economist as the head of an interim government. His decision was prompted by a demand by the Anti-Discrimination Student Movement to make him the non-partisan head of the caretaker government. Yunus, globally recognised as 'The Father of Microfinance', is expected to return to Bangladesh from Paris on Thursday to take charge.

Yunus, who started as a Professor at national and international Universities, earned the 2006 Nobel Peace Prize for women's empowerment through poverty alleviation, and received multiple national and international awards over the years. But back home, he faced harsh scrutiny by the Hasina government for more than a

decade due to obscure reasons while authorities initiated a series of investigations against him after she came to power in 2008. Bangladesh authorities launched a review of the statutory Grameen Bank's activities in 2011 and fired Yunus as its founding managing director on charges of violating the government retirement regulation. Many people believe Hasina became enraged when Yunus announced that he would form a political party in 2007 when the country was run by a military-backed government and Hasina was in prison. Yunus, however, did not follow through on the plan but at that time he criticised Bangladeshi politicians alleging they were only interested in money.

Meanwhile, over the years, he was charged under dozens of cases. In January, Yunus was sentenced to six months in jail by a court on charges of labour law violation. On June 10 this year, a Dhaka court prosecuted Yunus and 13 others - currently out on bail - for embezzling as it rejected a plea for the dismissal of charges by the accused. The prosecution accused Yunus and the others of embezzling Taka 250 million (about USD 2 million) from the workers

welfare fund of Grameen Telecom, which owns a 34.2 per cent stake in Bangladesh's largest mobile phone operator, Grameenphone, a subsidiary of Norway's telecom giant Telenor.

"She destroyed the legacy of her father Bangabandhu Mujibur Rahman. Bangladesh is liberated... We are a free country now," Yunus told an Indian portal from Paris after news broke out of Hasina fleeing the country amid civil unrest.

Yunus was in Paris for a minor medical procedure, as reported by local media, when the President agreed to make him the head of the interim government. Notwithstanding the Hasina government's stand, Yunus continued to receive international accolades as was evident by the speech by Susanna B Afan, president of the Ramon Magsaysay Award Foundation, on June 27 this year at Manila. Yunus, the then 44-year-old Yunus was awarded the Ramon Magsaysay Award for Community Leadership for "his pioneering efforts in enabling rural men and women to become economically self-sufficient through sound group-managed credit."



Stating that the work by Yunus, globally recognised as 'The Father of Microfinance' has not just inspired similar projects in Philippines, Indonesia and Pakistan but their respective founders too received the Ramon Magsaysay Award. The 2006 Nobel Peace Prize was awarded for his work in poverty alleviation and the empowerment of poor women through Grameen Bank where Yunus has "successfully melded capitalism with social responsibility" through the microcredit institution. Born in pre-Independence India in 1940 in Chittagong, Yunus first studied at Dhaka University in Bangladesh, which was then East Pakistan; went as a Fulbright

scholar to study economics at Vanderbilt University in the US and obtained PhD in economics in 1969. The very next year, he became an assistant professor of economics at Middle Tennessee State University in the US but returned to Bangladesh to head the economics department at Chittagong University. The bio published at the time when Yunus was awarded the Nobel lists his international achievements inking from 1993 to 1995 as a member of the International Advisory Group for the Fourth World Conference on Women, a post to which he was appointed by the UN secretary general. He has also served on the Global Commission of Women's Health, the Advisory Council for Sustainable Economic Development and the UN Expert Group on Women and Finance, it adds. Apart from multiple national awards, Professor Yunus is the recipient of numerous international awards for his ideas and endeavours from countries including Sri Lanka, USA, Jordan, Sweden, Japan, The Netherlands, and South Korea. Published on January 1, 1991, his auto-

biography, 'Banker to the Poor: Microfinancing and the Battle Against World Poverty', has been translated into at least a dozen languages including French, Italian, Spanish, Japanese, Gujarati, Chinese and Arabic. His sphere of influence was evident when in January, more than 241 global leaders, including over 125 Nobel Laureates and former US President Barack Obama, had expressed their concerns via an open letter to Hasina over Yunus' "continuous judicial harassment and potential jailing." With the regime change, it remains to be seen what will be the fate of over 150 other cases, including the major corruption charges that Yunus faces. Earlier, those could have seen him jailed for years if found guilty while the economist has denied all the wrongdoing. When one clicks on Yunus' own website, the very first quote of the Nobel laureate that greets you is, "If you imagine, Some day it will happen. If you don't imagine, It will never happen." For a person who had dreamed of a poverty-free Bangladesh, Yunus perhaps never had imagined that one day he would be heading his country.

## Turkey to join genocide case against Israel in UN court

AP ■ ANKARA

Turkey on Wednesday filed a request with a UN court to join South Africa's genocide lawsuit against Israel, the foreign minister said. Turkey's ambassador to the Netherlands, accompanied by a group of Turkish legislators, submitted a declaration of intervention to the International Court of Justice in The Hague. Turkey, one of the fiercest critics of Israel's actions in Gaza, becomes the latest nation to seek to participate in the case. "No country in the world is above international law," Turkish Foreign Ministry spokesman Onu Keci said in a post on X. "The case at the International Court of Justice is extremely important in terms of ensuring that the crimes committed by Israel do not go unpunished." Turkish President Recep Tayyip

Erdogan has accused Israel of genocide, called for it to be punished in international courts and criticized Western nations for backing Israel. In May, Turkey suspended trade with Israel, citing its assault on Gaza. In contrast to Western nations that have designated Hamas as a terrorist organisation, Erdogan has commended the group, calling it a liberation movement. South Africa brought a case to the International Court of Justice late last year, accusing Israel of violating the genocide convention through its military operations in Gaza. Israel has strongly rejected accusations of genocide and has argued that the war in Gaza is a legitimate defensive action against Hamas militants for their Oct 7 attack in southern Israel that killed around 1,200 people and in which 250 hostages were taken. Nicaragua, Colombia, Libya,

Mexico, Spain and Palestinian officials have sought to join the case. The court's decision on their requests is still pending. If admitted to the case, the countries would be able to make written submissions and speak at public hearings. Preliminary hearings have already been held in the genocide case against Israel, but the court is expected to take years to reach a final decision. Keci, meanwhile, called for the immediate implementations of precautionary measures ordered by the court, including a halt to military offensive and an increase in humanitarian aid to Gaza. Former allies Turkey and Israel have experienced a volatile relationship since Erdogan took power in 2003, marked by periods of severe friction and reconciliation. The war in Gaza disrupted the most recent attempts at normalising ties.

## Tropical Storm Debby swirls over Atlantic, still dumping rain on Carolinas before moving north

AP ■ CHARLESTON (US)

Tropical Storm Debby was swirling over coastal Georgia and Carolinas on Wednesday, its wide bands of rain swelling inland waterways before it slowly marches north. Debby was expected to strengthen a little and turn north toward the South Carolina coastline before its centre makes a second landfall late Wednesday or early Thursday, weather officials said. The meandering storm -- moving forward at just 4 mph (6 kph) Wednesday morning -- has already drenched coastal cities in Georgia and South Carolina with more than a foot (30 centimetres) of rain in places, stirring up tornadoes and submerging streets with waist-high floodwaters. But its core was surrounded by drier air and the worst rainfall was falling hundreds of miles to the north, into eastern North Carolina before spreading into southeast Virginia. Both declared a state of emergency. Forecasters warned 5 inches (13 centimetres) of rain could fall from South Carolina to Vermont through this weekend. The area of most concern Wednesday was in southeastern North Carolina, where Hurricane Matthew caused a historic billion-dollar flood in 2016. Two years later, many of



those records were broken during Hurricane Florence. Both storms killed dozens. The National Weather Service warned up to 9 inches (23 centimetres) of rain could fall west of Wilmington, North Carolina, in areas that already saw heavy rains overnight. Charleston and Savannah, Georgia, were deluged Monday and Tuesday, and Charleston imposed a curfew in its downtown peninsula that lasted 32 hours before it was lifted Wednesday. Dozens of roads were closed because of flooding similar to what the city sees several times a year now because of rising sea levels. Charleston Mayor Williams Cogswell said the closures avoided the need for water rescues and kept 'yahoos' from damag-

ing properties by driving through flooded streets and pushing water over sandbags. In one Savannah neighbourhood, firefighters used boats to evacuate some residents and waded through floodwaters to deliver bottled water and other supplies to those who refused to leave. Michael Jones said water gushed into his home Monday evening, overturning the refrigerator and causing furniture to float. Outside, the water seemed to be everywhere and was too deep to flee safely. So Jones spent a sleepless night on his kitchen table before firefighters going door to door showed up in a boat Tuesday morning. "It was hell all night," Jones said. Debby's centre was about 90 miles (145 kilometres) east of

Savannah on Wednesday morning, according to a bulletin from the National Hurricane Center. It had maximum sustained winds of 45 mph (73 kph). "Tropical cyclones always produce heavy rain, but normally as they're moving, you know, it doesn't accumulate that much in one place," said Richard Pasch, of the hurricane centre. "But when they move very slowly, that's the worst situation." Green Pond in rural Colleton County, South Carolina, reported the most rain so far, just over 14 inches (36 centimetres). A nearby dam had water run over its top but did not crumble, while trees and washouts blocked a number of roads, county Fire-Rescue Assistant Chief David Greene said. Floodwaters remained in Colleton County Wednesday morning where police officers kept watch on barricades blocking roads where stately trees were reflected in the standing water. Tornadoes knocked down trees and damaged a few homes on Kiawah Island and Edisto Island. Crooked Hammock Brewery in North Myrtle Beach, South Carolina, closed early on Tuesday. "Flash flooding is super unpredictable, and we'd rather our staff and guests be home and safe," marketing coordinator

Georgena Dimitriadis said. Far to the north in New York City, heavy storms that meteorologists said were being enhanced by Debby flooded some streets and expressways, stranding motorists. The weather service issued a flood watch until noon Wednesday for the entire city. Emergency officials warned of potential flash flooding, flying drones with loudspeakers in some New York City neighbourhoods to tell people in basement apartments to be ready to flee at a moment's notice. Debby made landfall as a Category 1 hurricane early Monday along the Gulf Coast of Florida. At least six people have died due to the storm, five of them in traffic accidents or from fallen trees. The sixth death involved a 48-year-old man in Gulfport, Florida, whose body was recovered after his anchored sailboat partially sank, WTSP-TV reported. President Joe Biden approved emergency declarations making federal disaster assistance available to Florida, Georgia and the Carolinas. Debby is finally forecast to pick up speed Thursday before weakening inland as the weather moves north over North Carolina and Virginia into the Washington area by Saturday.

## UK police prepares for more clashes

PTI ■ LONDON

Thousands of police personnel, including those with specialist training, are geared up for the so-called 'standing army' of defence against an expected surge of far-right anti-immigration protests on Wednesday, this time targeted at immigration lawyers and their offices. "That should send a very powerful message to anybody involved, either directly or online, that you are likely to be dealt with within a week. Nobody, but nobody, should be involved themselves in this disorder," added Starmer, who pledged that all communities "will be safe". Stephen Parkinson, England's director of public prosecutions, has warned rioters that they could face terrorism charges. "We are willing to look at terrorism offences. I'm aware of at least one instance where that is happening," he told the BBC. In addition to more riot police being on standby, forces are also stepping up neighbourhood policing patrols, teams of detectives are drawing on CCTV, officers' body-worn footage and making use of retrospective facial recognition to identify perpetrators of violence, and intelligence teams are monitoring known influencers and organisers for activity.

inate the response and to get the assurance that I want and need that we do have adequate police in place, that we are able to cope with this disorder," he said. Around 400 arrests have been made, with around 100 charged and appearing before the courts for a sped up "substantive sentencing" process. "That should send a very powerful message to anybody involved, either directly or online, that you are likely to be dealt with within a week. Nobody, but nobody, should be involved themselves in this disorder," added Starmer, who pledged that all communities "will be safe". Stephen Parkinson, England's director of public prosecutions, has warned rioters that they could face terrorism charges. "We are willing to look at terrorism offences. I'm aware of at least one instance where that is happening," he told the BBC. In addition to more riot police being on standby, forces are also stepping up neighbourhood policing patrols, teams of detectives are drawing on CCTV, officers' body-worn footage and making use of retrospective facial recognition to identify perpetrators of violence, and intelligence teams are monitoring known influencers and organisers for activity.

## Act responsibly, UK gov't tells Elon Musk

AP ■ LONDON

The British government has called on Elon Musk to act responsibly after the tech billionaire used his social media platform X to unleash a barrage of posts that officials say risk inflaming the violent unrest gripping the country. Justice Minister Heidi Alexander made the comments Tuesday morning after Musk posted a comment saying that "Civil war is inevitable" in the UK Musk later doubled down, highlighting complaints that the British criminal justice system treats Muslims more leniently than far-right activists and comparing Britain's crack-down on social media users to the Soviet Union. "Use of language such as a civil war is in no way acceptable," Alexander told Times Radio. "We are seeing police officers being seriously injured, buildings set alight, and so I really do think that everyone who has a platform should be exercising their power responsibly." Britain has been shaken by violence for more than a week, as police clashed with crowds spouting anti-immigrant and Islamophobic slogans in cities and towns from Northern Ireland to the south coast of England.

## Khaleda Zia gets renewed passport

PTI ■ DHAKA

Bangladesh's former prime minister Khaleda Zia, who was released from jail after the ouster of her arch-rival Sheikh Hasina, has received a renewed passport, her party said on Wednesday. Zia, 79, was sentenced to 17 years in prison for graft in 2018 under the rule of Hasina, 76, who resigned as prime minister on Monday and fled to India in the face of massive protests against her government. She has received a renewed passport, BNP media cell member Shairul Kabir Khan was quoted as saying by Dhaka Tribune newspaper. The renewal process for her passport was completed on Tuesday. Subsequently, Zia's personal secretary ABM Abdus Sattar received her renewed

machine-readable passport on her behalf later that night, it said. The Bangladesh National Party (BNP) chairperson, currently undergoing treatment for various ailments, was released on executive order from President Mohammed Shahabuddin on Tuesday following the collapse of the Hasina-led Awami League government. Zia had been imprisoned for more than two years. On March 25, 2020, the Hasina government suspended her sentence and granted her conditional release through an executive order. Subsequently, the government extended her sentence suspension and release period every six months, upon application. The rivalry between the two begums -- Hasina and Zia -- has defined politics in Bangladesh for decades.

## Deeply concerned about B'desh violence: US

PTI ■ WASHINGTON

The United States has expressed deep concerns about the continued violence in Bangladesh including attacks on members of religious or political groups, and said it will be vital for the new government to credibly investigate all such instances and provide justice to victims. "We are deeply concerned about continued reports of violence in Bangladesh -- including violence directed at members of religious or political groups. We are equally concerned about reports of violence against police and law enforcement," a State Department spokesperson told PTI on Tuesday. "We repeat our call for de-escalation on all sides and a return to calm. This is not a time for

retribution or revenge," the spokesperson said in response to a question. "As a friend and partner to the Bangladeshi people, the United States will continue to support Bangladesh's democratic aspirations and promote respect for human rights for all," said the spokesperson. Bangladesh is going through an unprecedented crisis with Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina, who was in power for 15 years, resigning and fleeing the country after a protest against a jobs quota scheme snowballed into a massive agitation against her and her government. More than 300 people have died during the past few tumultuous weeks. "We are monitoring the situation in Bangladesh very closely. We have long called for respect of democratic rights in

Bangladesh, and we urge that the interim government formation be democratic and inclusive," White House Press Secretary Karine Jean-Pierre told reporters at her daily news conference. "We commend the army for the restraint they have shown. We encourage all parties to refrain from further violence and restore peace as quickly as possible," she said. "We express our deep concern and sadness about the reports of casualties and injuries over the weekend and past weeks. We share our deepest condolences with those who lost loved ones and those who are suffering," said the press secretary. "It will be vital for the new government to carefully and credibly investigate all attacks and provide accountability and justice for victims," she said.

## China, Saudi, UAE agree to roll over cash-strapped Pak's USD 12 bn debt for one year

PTI ■ ISLAMABAD

China, Saudi Arabia and the UAE have agreed to roll over cash-strapped Pakistan's USD 12 billion debt for one year, as the International Monetary Fund (IMF) is likely to approve its USD 7 billion bailout package later this month. After a meeting of the Senate Standing Committee on Finance on Tuesday, Finance Minister Muhammad Aurangzeb told reporters that there was no delay in the IMF Executive Board meeting, which is going to take place by the end of this month to approve the USD 7 billion Extended Fund Facility, the

Express Tribune reported on Wednesday. The Executive Board is scheduled to meet on August 28 to approve the USD 7 billion package, the report said, quoting government officials. The development marks an end to the uncertainty over the timing of the Executive Board meeting, which was contingent upon the rollover of debts by Pakistan's three traditional creditors, it said. Aurangzeb said the USD 12 billion cash deposits by China, Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates would be rolled over for one year, like last time. Earlier, he had said that the IMF had asked for the rollover for three to five years

before the Executive Board meeting. However, he clarified that the requirement was to secure the rollover for one year but the government was trying to have these rollovers for three to five years. He added that the three bilateral creditors had agreed to roll the loans over on the existing terms and conditions. The IMF announced a staff-level agreement for USD 7 billion last month subject to the approval of the Executive Board and securing financing commitments from the bilateral and multilateral creditors. The finance minister said there was no point in asking for an increase in the interest rates on these loans when the country's

foreign exchange reserves had strengthened compared to a year ago. The IMF, he added, had identified only a USD 3-5 billion financing gap over the three-year programme period, which was quite manageable. "Pakistan has also received an offer from a foreign commercial bank but we are waiting for the IMF Board approval to ask the lender to cut the offered interest rates," said Aurangzeb. The offer had come from a non-Gulf and non-Chinese commercial bank, he added, without disclosing the name.



A finance ministry official said that Standard Chartered Bank had offered a less than USD 400 million loan but it was asking for a double-digit interest rate that the government could not afford to pay. Aurangzeb said the government would wait for the IMF Board approval to get the commercial bank to cut its offered interest rates. The finance minister said two important developments had taken place in the last few days which showed that Pakistan was well on its way to achieving macroeconomic stability. He described the Fitch

rating agency's decision to improve Pakistan's credit rating by one notch and the central bank's decision to cut the interest rates by 1% as "very critical elements for achieving macro-economic stability". When asked as to why Standard and Poor's had not improved Pakistan's CCC+ rating, the minister stated that raising a CCC+ rating to a B negative one would have been a big jump. He hoped that the three rating agencies would improve Pakistan's standing to B negative by the end of this year, a grade where it can venture into the international capital markets to float sovereign bonds at relatively lower rates

than offered at the current CCC+ ratings. The three international credit rating agencies have given below investment grade to Pakistani bonds due to their weak economic position and huge external financing requirements. However, Fitch last week improved the rating by one notch -- from CCC to CCC+ -- which was still below the investment grade. The finance minister said the government was trying to issue the Panda bond in the Chinese markets and had engaged a Chinese financial adviser firm to complete the transaction either by the end of this calendar year or in early 2025. Aurangzeb said the govern-

ment was also contemplating hiring another Chinese financial adviser to secure the energy debt rollover. He said that Pakistan had requested up to a five-year extension in the energy debt but it would take time before any agreement was reached. He said that even the conversion of the Chinese power plants from imported to local coal would take at least two to three years. The finance minister also said that the government had undertaken the privatisation programme and an exercise was ongoing to close ministries or merge them. "It is about time to right-size the federal government," Aurangzeb said.



# US to skip A-bomb memorial service in Nagasaki as Israel not invited

**AP ■ TOKYO**  
US Ambassador to Japan Rahm Emanuel will skip this year's atomic bombing memorial service in Nagasaki because Israel was not invited, the embassy said Wednesday. Emanuel will not attend the event on Friday because it was "politicized" by Nagasaki's decision not to invite Israel, the embassy said. He will instead honor the victims of the Nagasaki atomic bombing at a ceremony at a Buddhist temple in Tokyo, it said. An atomic bomb dropped by the United States on Hiroshima on Aug. 6, 1945, destroyed the city, killing 140,000 people. A second bomb dropped three days later on Nagasaki killed 70,000 more. Japan surrendered on Aug. 15, 1945, ending World War II and the country's nearly half-century of aggression in Asia. Nagasaki Mayor Shiro Suzuki had indicated his reluctance in June to invite Israel, noting the

escalating conflict in the Middle East. He announced last week that Israel was not invited because of concern over "possible unforeseen situations" such as protests, sabotage or attacks on attendants. Nagasaki hoped to honor the atomic bomb victims "in a peaceful and solemn atmosphere," he said. Suzuki said he made the decision based on "various developments in the international community in response to the ongoing situation in the Middle East" that suggested a possible risk that the ceremony would be disturbed. In contrast, Hiroshima invited the Israeli ambassador to Japan to its memorial ceremony on Tuesday among 50,000 attendees who included Emanuel and other envoys, though Palestinian representatives were not invited. Nagasaki officials said they were told that an official of the US Consulate in Fukuoka will represent the United States at Friday's ceremony. Five other

Group of Seven nations — Canada, France, Germany, Italy and the UK — and the European Union are also expected to send lower-ranking envoys to Nagasaki. Envoys from those nations signed a joint letter expressing their shared concern about Israel's exclusion, saying treating the country on the same level as Russia and Belarus — the only other countries not invited — would be misleading. The envoys urged Nagasaki to reverse the decision and invite Israel to preserve the universal message of the city's ceremony. The exclusion of Israel would make their "high-level participation" difficult, they said. British Ambassador to Japan Julia Longbottom, who attended the 79th anniversary of the atomic bombing of Hiroshima on Tuesday, told Japanese media that she planned to skip the Nagasaki ceremony because the city's decision to exclude Israel could send a wrong message.

# Helicopter with 5 people on board crashes in Nepal

**PTI ■ KATHMANDU**  
Four Chinese tourists were among five people killed in Nepal on Wednesday when a helicopter crashed in the mountains northwest region of Kathmandu. Police have recovered five dead bodies from the crash site in Ward No 7 of Shivapuri Rural Municipality, Nuwakot, Myrepublica newspaper reported. Nepal-based Air Dynasty helicopter, 9N-AJD, was en route to Rasuwa from Kathmandu when it crashed. The helicopter departed from Kathmandu at 1:54 PM and was en route to Syaprubensi when it crashed. According to the Civil Aviation Authority of Nepal (CAAN), a Prabhru helicopter (9N-ANL) was dispatched to the crash site immediately after the incident. There were five individuals on board, including four Chinese tourists, the paper said. The helicopter lost contact with the tower just three minutes after takeoff from Tribhuvan International Airport, according to the CAAN. Citing a police official, the paper said that the bodies of two men, one woman and the pilot, identified as Arun Malla, were recovered from the crash site. One body has not been identified yet as it is charred beyond recognition, Myrepublica reported. Superintendent of Police (SP) Shantiraj Koirala, at the District Police Office, Nuwakot, who reached the crash site, confirmed that five bodies had been recovered. This crash comes just weeks after the Saurya Airlines plane crash at the Tribhuvan International Airport on July 24.

# Putin accuses Ukraine of 'large-scale provocation'

**AP ■ KYIV**  
Russian President Vladimir Putin on Wednesday described a Ukrainian incursion into the country's southwestern Kursk region as a "large-scale provocation" as his officials asserted that they were fighting off cross-border raids for a second day. Ukrainian official remained quiet about the scope of the operation. Putin told Cabinet officials he would meet with top defense and security officials to discuss what he called the "indiscriminate shelling of civilian buildings, residential houses, ambulances with different types of weapons." He instructed the Cabinet to coordinate assistance to the Kursk region. The head of the region urged residents to donate blood due to the intense fighting. "In the last 24 hours, our region has been heroically resisting attacks" by Ukrainian fighters, acting Gov. Alexei Smirnov said on Telegram, adding that all emergency services were on high alert. Smirnov also said authorities had evacuated more than 200 people from areas under shelling, while several thousand others left in their own vehicles. If confirmed, the cross-border foray would be among Ukraine's largest since Russia's full-scale invasion in February 2022, and unprecedented for its deployment of Ukrainian military units. Kyiv's aim could be to draw Russian reserves to the area, potentially weakening Moscow's offensive operations in several parts of Ukraine's eastern Donetsk region where Russian forces have increased attacks and are advancing gradually toward operationally significant gains. But it could risk stretching out-manned Ukrainian troops further along the front line, which is more than 1,000 kilometres (620 miles) long. Even if Russia were to commit reserves to stabilize the new front, given its vast manpower and the relatively small number of Ukrainian forces engaged in the operation, it would likely have little long-term impact. However, the operation could boost Ukrainian morale at a time when Kyiv's forces are facing relentless Russian attacks and are expected to face more in coming weeks. Several Ukrainian brigades stationed along the border region said they could not comment. Ukraine's Defense Ministry and General Staff said they would not comment. The Russian forces have swiftly repelled previous cross-border incursions, but not before

they caused damage and embarrassed authorities. The Russian Defense Ministry said Tuesday that up to 300 Ukrainian troops, supported by 11 tanks and more than 20 armoured combat vehicles, had crossed into Russia and suffered heavy losses. It said Wednesday that military and border guard troops "continued to destroy Ukrainian military units in the areas alongside the border in the Kursk region." The ministry said Russian forces backed by artillery and warplanes "didn't allow the enemy to advance deeper into the territory of the Russian Federation." It wasn't possible to verify the Russian claims. Open-source monitors have also not been able to verify the claims. The US-based Institute for the Study of War could not verify whether damaged and abandoned armoured vehicles shown in geolocated video 7 kilometres (4 miles) north of the border west of Lyubimovka in the Kursk region were Ukrainian. The think tank also cast doubt on video shared by Russian military bloggers claiming to show the aftermath of the Ukrainian raids. Most of the damage shown "appears to be the result of routine Ukrainian shelling and does not indicate that there was ground activity in the area," it said in its daily report. Responsibility for previous incursions into Russia's Belgorod and Bryansk regions has been claimed by two murky groups: the Russian Volunteer Corps and the Freedom of Russia Legion, which are made up of Russian citizens and have fought alongside Ukrainian forces. Disinformation and propaganda have played a central role in the war, now in its third year. Some Russian war bloggers who have proved knowledgeable about the war said that Ukrainian soldiers were in Kursk. Rybar, a Telegram channel run by Mikhail Zvinchuk, a retired Russian Defense Ministry press officer, said Ukrainian troops had seized three settlements in the region and continued to fight their way deeper into it. Another pro-Kremlin military blog, Two Majors, claimed that Ukrainian troops had advanced up to 15 kilometres (9 miles) into the region. Neither claim could be independently verified. The Kursk region's border with Ukraine is 245 kilometres (150 miles) long, making it possible for saboteur groups to launch swift incursions and capture some ground before Russia deploys reinforcements.

# Namal Rajapaksa announced as candidate for Lanka presidency

**PTI ■ COLOMBO**  
Namal Rajapaksa, the 38-year-old heir to the Rajapaksa dynasty, was on Wednesday named as the SLPP candidate for the presidential election, thus officially ending Rajapaksa family's backing to the incumbent Ranil Wickremesinghe. Sagara Kariyawasam, the general secretary of the Sri Lanka People's Front (SLFP, also known locally by its popular Sinhalese name, Sri Lanka

Podujana Peramuna), announced the younger Rajapaksa's candidacy early on Wednesday morning at a ceremony at the party headquarters. Namal's entry has made the election a four-cornered contest. Besides, President Wickremesinghe, the main opposition leader Sajith Premadasa and the Marxist JVP leader Anura Kumara Dissanayake are already in the fray. The Rajapaksa - Mahinda, Basil and Gotabaya - were

instrumental in Wickremesinghe winning the parliamentary vote in July 2022 to take over Gotabaya's remaining term. It was soon after the unprecedented development of mid-April 2022 when the island nation declared its first-ever sovereign default since gaining independence from Britain in 1948 and almost civil war-like conditions followed as unrest spread amid locals over inflation and other economic stress that had led to Gotabaya's ouster.

# NASA delays next crew launch to buy more time for Boeing's troubled capsule

**AP ■ WASHINGTON**  
NASA is delaying its next astronaut launch to buy more time at the International Space Station for Boeing's troubled new crew capsule. The space agency said Tuesday it's bumping SpaceX's four-person flight from this month to next. It's now targeted for Sept. 24 at the earliest. Officials said that will give them more time to analyze thruster and leak problems that hit Boeing's Starliner capsule after its June liftoff, its first with a crew on board. Tuesday marked the two-month point at the space station for Starliner's test pilots, Butch Wilmore and Suni Williams, who should have

been back by mid-June. NASA is weighing all its options for returning the two veteran astronauts, including a ride home in a SpaceX capsule. "NASA and Boeing continue to evaluate the spacecraft's readiness, and no decisions have been made regarding Starliner's return," NASA said in a statement. Further details were expected at a news conference set for Wednesday. Only two docking ports at the space station can accommodate U.S. astronaut capsules and, right now, both are occupied. So one will need to be vacated before the next SpaceX crew can arrive. Russia has its own parking places for its Soyuz capsules. The latest setback means the four astronauts who flew up with SpaceX in March now also face a longer mission than planned. Over the past several weeks, Boeing has conducted thruster test firings on the ground as well as in space to better understand why five thrusters failed ahead of Starliner's June 6 arrival at the space station. All but one came back online. Helium leaks in the capsule's propulsion system also cropped up. Citing the testing, the company late last week said: "Boeing remains confident in the Starliner spacecraft and its ability to return safely with crew." Boeing and SpaceX topped NASA's list for astronaut taxi



A group of Mexican faithful wearing traditional costumes meet with Pope Francis attends the weekly general audience in the Paul VI hall at the Vatican on Wednesday. AP/PTI

# Tunisian Oppn figure Moussi sentenced to prison

**AP ■ TUNIS**  
A potential presidential candidate in Tunisia has been sentenced to two years in prison, marking another setback to the country's fledgling opposition challenging President Kais Saied as he seeks a new term. Abir Moussi, a 49-year-old lawyer and the head of the right-wing Free Destourian Party, was arrested in October after criticizing the electoral process and presidential decrees guiding it, alleging a lack of transparency. Following a complaint by the North African nation's election authority, she was found guilty of violating a controversial anti-fake news decree outlawing spreading information that slanders or harms others. The law has been widely used to prosecute those who criticize authorities. Moussi's lawyer Nafaa Laribi told The Associated Press on Tuesday that she still intends to run in the Oct. 6 presidential election, and that, unlike other candidates, nothing in Monday's sentence prevents her from running.

Laribi said Moussi's morale remained high, and he planned to appeal. The sentence is the latest in a growing crackdown that observers have said is politically motivated against Saied's critics, regardless of political affiliation. With Moussi and other leading opposition figures in prison, Saied is expected to face little election competition in what was once the Middle East and North Africa's most progressive democracy. Moussi appeals to parts of the population nostalgic for Tunisia's pre-revolutionary era. A strong critic of Islamists such as imprisoned Ennahda leader Rached Ghannouchi, Moussi was an official in longtime President Zine El Abidine Ben Ali's ruling party. Over the years, she became one of the country's most popular and contentious political figures.

# Thai court dissolves progressive Move Forward Party, which won election but failed to take power

**AP ■ BANGKOK**  
A court in Thailand on Wednesday ordered the dissolution of the progressive Move Forward Party, which finished first in last year's general election, saying it violated the constitution by proposing an amendment of a law against defaming the country's royal family. The Constitutional Court said it voted unanimously to dissolve the party because its campaign to amend the law was considered an attempt to overthrow the nation's constitutional monarchy. The Move Forward Party was unable to form a government after topping the polls because members of the Senate, at that time a conservative military-appointed body, declined to endorse its candidate for prime minister. The Election Commission had filed a petition against the Move Forward Party after the Constitutional Court ruled in January that it must stop advocating changes to the law, known as Article 112, which protects the monarchy from criticism with penalties of up to 15 years in jail per offense. The ruling also imposed a 10-year ban on political activity on those who held the party's executive positions while it

campaigned for the proposed amendment. Among them are its charismatic former leader, Pita Limjaroenrat, and current chief Chaitawat Tulathon. It remained unclear what will happen to the rest of its non-executive lawmakers, although Pita said in an interview with The Associated Press that the party will ensure they have a smooth transition into a new house, or a new party. Lawmakers of a dissolved political party can keep their seats in Parliament if they move to a new party within 60 days. Move Forward and its reform agenda shook up Thai politics by winning the most seats in the 2023 elections even though afterward it was blocked from taking power. The latest legal action is one of many that have drawn widespread criticism and are seen as part of a years-long attack on the country's progressive movement by conservative forces trying to keep their grip on power. The party was denied power after the Senate refused to accept its then-leader Pita's nomination as prime minister. Senators, who were given power to veto prime ministerial candidates by the constitution adopted in 2017 under a military government, said they opposed Pita because of his intention to reform the royal

defamation law. Move Forward was later removed from a coalition formed with the now-governing Pheu Thai party and became head of the opposition. In its arguments submitted to the court, Move Forward said the Constitutional Court does not have jurisdiction to rule on the case and the petition filed by the Election Commission did not follow due process because Move Forward was not given an opportunity to defend itself before it was submitted to the court. The court said in its ruling that it has the authority to rule on the case, and that its previous ruling in January was enough of an evidence for the Election Commission to file the case without having to hear more evidence from the party. Human rights organisations have expressed concern about the case. Amy Smith, executive director of the human rights group Fortify Rights, ahead of the ruling called the attempt to disband Move Forward "a direct attack on democratic principles" that "severely undermines Thailand's commitment to human rights". The chairperson of the US Senate Foreign Relations Committee, Sen. Ben Cardin, sent a letter to Thai Foreign Minister Maris Sangiampongsa to express his concern. He said

that dissolving a party that "secured a significant victory" in the 2023 elections would "disenfranchise millions of voters who called for progressive change and democratic reform". Prime Minister Srettha Thavisin has maintained that the Thai justice system is fair and impartial, and that the government cannot interfere with the judicial process. Move Forward's predecessor, the Future Forward party, was dissolved by the Constitutional Court in 2020 on charges of violating election laws on donations to political parties. Thailand's courts, especially the Constitutional Court, are considered a bulwark of the country's royalist establishment, which has used them and nominally independent state agencies such as the Election Commission to issue rulings to cripple or sink political opponents. The dissolution of Future Forward, whose promises of reforms were particularly attractive for younger people disillusioned after years of military rule, further highlighted the struggle between the progressive movement and conservative forces in Thailand. It was one of the triggers for youth-led pro-democracy protests that sprang up across the country in 2020.

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Dy.Chief Engineer/ Headquarter (Procurement Cell-1) GGSSTP, Roopnagar invites E-Tender ID No. 2024\_POWER\_124984\_1 for Procurement of Special purpose Welding Electrodes for the year 2024-25. For detailed NIT & Tender Specification please refer to <https://eproc.punjab.gov.in> from 06.08.24/ 02.00 PM onwards.  
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Dy.Chief Engineer/ Headquarter (Procurement Cell-3) GGSSTP, Roopnagar invites E-Tender ID No. 2024\_POWER\_125048\_1 for Procurement of MSRL tank for Storage of HCL acid in DM Plant Stage-II at GGSSTP, Rupnagar. For detailed NIT & Tender Specification please refer to <https://eproc.punjab.gov.in> from 07.08.2024/ 01.00 PM onwards.  
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I Gurdev Singh Sandhu S/o Shamsher Singh R/o Vill Mishri Wala, PO- Dhindsa Distt- Ferozepur Have Changed My Name to Gurdev Singh.

I, Pooja W/o Deepak Monga (D/o Avtar Chand) R/o Guru Har Sahai, Distt. Ferozepur Have Changed My Name from Pooja to Pooja Rani.

I, Sohait Attri S/O Surinder Kumar. R/O H. No - 548/1 Rulia Ram Colony, Near Atta Chaki, Jail Road Gurdaspur. Po-Gurdaspur Tehsil/District Gurdaspur, Punjab, Pin Code 143521. I Want To Change My Name Sohait To Sohait Attri And My Daughter Name Alayna To Alayna Attri.

I, Kuldeep Singh S/O Bagal Singh R/O Vill Hakimpur, Po- Hakimpur, Tehsil Kalanaur District Gurdaspur, Punjab, India Pin Code 143511. I Want To Change My Name Kuldip Singh To Kuldeep Singh.

I, Manpreet Kaur, W/O Ravinder Singh, Resident Of Village Adhi, Po Dugri, Distt Gurdaspur. That My Mother's Name Has Been Changed Sukhinder Kaur To Sukhwinder Kaur. That They Themselves Are Abroad (Canada). According To My And His Documents His Name Is Sukhwinder Kaur.

I, Dilbag Kaur spouse of JC-271223L Ex Nb Sub Late Gulzar Singh presently residing at H.No 131, Ward No 01, Mohalla Amrodand Wala Bagh Pathankot, PO, Tehsil and Distt Pathankot (Punjab) have changed my name from Dilbag Kaur to Dilbagh Kaur vide Affidavit No. IN-PB43295305045732W Dated 06-08-2024 before Executive Magistrate Pathankot (Punjab).

I Sarbjit Singh S/O Manjit Singh R/O W.No.-24, Bohana Chowk, Foji Markt Wale, Near Feed Factory, Moga Have Changed My Name To Sarbjit Singh.

I Dimpy W/O Vineet Kumar Goyal R/O House No.-279 Ward No.-16 Ara Road Roop Vihar Moga District Moga Punjab Have Changed My Name To Venika Goyal After Marriage.

I Vaneet Kumar S/O Mukand Lal R/O House No.-279 Ward No.-16 Ara Road Roop Vihar Moga District Moga Punjab Have Changed My Name To Venika Goyal After Marriage.

I Manjinder Kaur W/O Balwant Singh R/O Bir Rauke (Moga) Have Changed My Name To Manjinder Kaur Dhalival.

I Balwinder Singh S/O Kartar Singh R/O Village Pabbian Tehsil Jagraon Distt. Ludhiana Have Changed My Name To Avtar Singh Kaler.

I Baupinder Singh S/O Natha Singh R/O Vill. Kiri P.O.Madarpara Tehsil Jagraon Distt. Ludhiana Have Changed My Name To Bhupinder Singh.

I Des Raj S/O Mahinder Pal R/O St.No.-14, Baba Gadhia, Sahibzada Ajit Singh Nagar, Phagwara Have Changed My Minor Son's Name From Manveer To Manveer Mamman.

I Harjit Singh Sahota S/O Mohinder Singh Sahota, R/O Sahota Cottage Street Banker Preet Nagar, Hoshiarpur, 146001, Have Changed My Name From Harjit Singh Sahota To Harjit Singh.

I Saranjit Kumar S/O Karam Chand R/O Vill. Badla Khurd, P.O. Badla, District Hoshiarpur, Punjab, Have Changed My Name To Sharanjit Kumar.

I Anupam W/O Gurdeep Kumar R/O Near Desh Bhagat College, Bhatti Wali Gali, New Fatehgarh Distt. Hoshiarpur Have Changed My Name To Anupam Chawla.

I Prabhjot Kaur W/O Balvir Chand, R/O Vpo. Ahrana Kalan, District Hoshiarpur, Punjab Have Changed Minor Son's Name Jaskarandeep To Jaskarandeep Chand.

I Shubham Kumar And Shubham S/O Darshan Lal R/O Krishna Nagar Moga Am One And The Same Person Of Above Both Names.

I Kuldeep Singh Gill S/O Shamsher Singh R/O Vpo. Takhanwadh Distt. Moga Have Changed My Minor Son's Name Gagandeep Singh To Gagandeep Singh Gill.

I, Sonam Kochar W/o Sonal Chhabra R/o Thakur Mohalla, Gidderbaha (Distt Sri Muktsar Sahib) have changed my name from Sonam Kochar to Sonam Chhabra.

I Yudhvir Singh S/O Bakhtawar Singh R/O Vill Sarai Talwandi Po Allowal Tehsil Khadur Sahib Distt Tarn Taran Punjab. I Have Changed My Name From Yudhvir Singh To Yudhvir Is My Given Name And Singh Is My Surname.

I Narinder Singh Golee S/O Tehal Singh Village Gurdaspur Teh-Mukerian Distt. Hoshiarpur have change my name from Narinder Singh to Narinder Singh Golee.

I, Dhanpati Devi Mother of No.14687133X Hav Jagdeep Sharma resident of Village-Diwara, Post- Didwara, Tehsil-Safidon, District- Jind, State-Haryana, Pin-126112, have changed my name from Dhanpati Devi to Dhan Pati Vide affidavit No.IN-PB43252712429055W dated 06 Aug 2024 before notary public Pathankot

I, Maya Ran Das Mother of No.14679146A NK Tapan Das resident of Village- Dwarika Pur, Post-Dwarika Pur, Tehsil-Bagan Bazar, District- Khowai, State-Tripura, Pin-799203, have changed my name from Maya Ran Das to Maya Rani Das Vide affidavit No.IN-PB432923843476923W dated 07 Aug 2024 before notary public Pathankot

I, Lahna Ram Father of No.14687133X Hav Jagdeep Sharma resident of Village-Diwara, Post- Didwara, Tehsil-Safidon, District- Jind, State-Haryana, Pin-126112, have changed my name from Lahna Ram to Lahana Ram Vide affidavit No.IN-PB43253498066267W dated 31 July 2024 before notary public Pathankot

I, Kirandeep Singh Angroia S/o Gurpiyar Singh R/O Jaitu (Faridkot) have changed my name to Kirandeep Singh.

I, Asha Rani W/o Kewal Singh R/O Vill. Garhi Kanungoon Teh-Balochaur (SBS Nagar) Pb, India, have changed my minor granddaughter name from Puneet to Puneet Kaur.

I, Amritpal S/o Tejinder Singh R/O Ward No-1, Amloh (Fatehgarh Sahib) have changed my name to Amritpal Singh.

I, Jatinder Singh S/o Prem Singh R/O Ward No-1, Amloh (Fatehgarh Sahib) have changed my name to Tejinder Singh.

I, Lakhbir Singh S/o Guljar Singh R/o # 163/12, Ram Nagar Colony, Pabni Road, Jagadhri, Distt Yamunanagar have changed my name from Lakhvir Singh to Lakhbir Singh.

I Kuldeep Singh S/o Amrik Singh R/O VPO Dakaunda Teh Nabha Distt Patiala have changed my name to Kuldeep Singh Kang.

I Baljinder Kaur W/o Kuldeep Singh Kang R/o VPO Dakaunda Teh Nabha Distt Patiala have changed my name to Baljinder Kaur Kang.

I Himat Singh S/o Bakhsish Singh R/O Vpo Shakoor District Ferozepur Have Changed My Name To Himmat Singh Brar.

I Paramjeet Kaur W/o Himmat Singh Brar R/O Vpo Shakoor District Ferozepur Have Changed My Name To Paramjeet Kaur Brar.

I Mandeep Kaur W/o Harjinder Singh Buttar R/O Vpo Assa Buttar District Sri Muktsar Sahib Have Changed My Name To Mandeep Kaur Buttar.

I Pargat Singh S/o Diyal Singh R/O Village Saddu Shah Wala District Ferozepur Have Changed My Name To Gurmeet Singh.

I, Kulvinder Kaur Sran W/O Sahib Singh R/O Street No. 02, Baba Ram Lal Nagar, Ferozepur City Have Changed My Name To Kulwinder Kaur.

I, Balu Kondajji Ghorpade, father of Army no. 14871615M, rank Sep/MT, Ghorpade Gahinainath Balu ,My name is wrongly mention in my son's army service record as Ghorpade Balu Kodaji and DOB 02/06/1967 but my correct name is Balu Kondajji Ghorpade and BOB 01/01/1953.

I, Indubai Balu Ghorpade , mother of Army no. 14871615M, rank Sep/MT, Ghorpade Gahinainath Balu, My name is wrongly mention in my son's army service record as Indubai, but my correct name is Indubai Balu Ghorpade.

I, Maruthi , father of Army no. 14882564K, rank Sep/MT, Sourabh mane ,My name is wrongly mention in my son's army service record as Maruti, but my correct name is Maruthi Sadashiv Mane.

I, Versha Maruti Mane , mother of Army no. 14882564K, rank Sep/MT, Sourabh mane, My name is wrongly mention in my son's army service record as Versha, but my correct name is Versha Maruti Mane.

I, No.2805519N Hav Shankar Toraskar resident of Village- Wakre, Post- Wakre, Tehsil- Karveer, District-Kolhapur, State- Maharashtra, Pin-416204, have changed my Son name from Omkar to Toraskar Ketaki Shankar Vide affidavit No.IN-PB42661864104652W dated 03 Aug 2024 before notary public Pathankot

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COURT NOTICE (U/o 5 Rule 20 CPC) IN THE COURT OF Sh. Jagwinder Singh Civil Judge Junior Division-1, Abohar ARUN KUMAR ETC. Vs. PREM KUMAR ETC. CNR No.-PBFZEO-001392-2022 Next Date:- 27-08-2024 PUBLICATION ISSUED TO: 3 ASHOK KUMAR-S/O BIHARI L/O S/O KALU RAM R/O AZIMGARH TEH. ABOHAR DISTT. FAZILKA (4) SURESH KUMAR S/O SH BHAGWAN DASS S/O SH RAM CHAND R/O VILLAGE AZIMGARH TEHSIL ABOHAR DISTRICT FAZILKA (5) SUBHASH CHANDER S/O SH RAM LUBHAYA S/O SH GANPAT RAM R/O VILLAGE AZIMGARH TEHSIL ABOHAR DISTRICT FAZILKA (7) TEENU D/O SH ROSHAN LAL S/O SHAMI CHAND R/O AZIMGARH TEHSIL ABOHAR DISTRICT FAZILKA THROUGH GENERAL ATTORNEY SMT. RENU W/O ROSHAN LAL S/O SH AMI CHAND R/O AZIMGARH TEHSIL ABOHAR DISTRICT FAZILKA (8) REESHU D/O SH ROSHAN LAL S/O SH AMI CHAND R/O AZIMGARH TEHSIL ABOHAR DISTRICT FAZILKA THROUGH GENERAL ATTORNEY SMT. RENU W/O ROSHAN LAL S/O SH AMI CHAND R/O AZIMGARH TEHSIL ABOHAR DISTRICT FAZILKA In above titled case, the defendant(s)/respondent(s) could not be served. It is ordered that defendant(s)/respondent(s) should appear in person or through counsel on 27-08-2024 at 10:00 a.m. For details logon to https://highcourthd.gov.in/trs-dist-riect\_notice&district=Fazilka Civil Judge Junior Division-1 Abohar Dated, this day of 07-08-2024

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कोऑपरेटिव बैंक FULLY COMPUTERIZED BANK Cooperative Bank H.O.: G.T. ROAD, JALANDHAR

THE JALANDHAR CENTRAL CO-OPERATIVE BANK LTD. SYMBOLIC POSSESSION NOTICE (FOR IMMOVABLE PROPERTY)

Whereas, the undersigned being the Authorized Officer of The Jalandhar Central Cooperative Bank Ltd., under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act & in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13(2) and 13(12) read with rule 8 and 9 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002, issued a Demand Notice on the date mentioned against accounts calling upon the borrowers / guarantors to repay the amount mentioned against account within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said Notice.

The borrowers / guarantors having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrowers / guarantors and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the properties described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him / her under section 13(4) of the said Act read with rule 8 and 9 of the said rules on the date mentioned against account.

The borrowers / guarantors in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the properties and any dealing with the properties will be subject to the charge of the The Jalandhar Central Cooperative Bank Ltd. for an amount of mentioned below and further interest / other charges accrued thereon. The borrower attention is invited to provisions of Sub Section (8) of the Section 13 of Act, in respect of time available to them, to redeem the Secured Assets.

Table with 4 columns: Name of the NPA Account / Branch, Description of the Immovable Properties, Date of the Demand Notice, Date of the Possession, Amount Outstanding. Includes details for S. Avtar Singh S/o S. Ram Singh, 8, Basti Road, District Jalandhar and others.

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I Shallu w/o Raman Kumar R/o Village Rail Majra Tehsil Babachur District Shaheed Bhagat Singh Nagar declare that I have purchased a Plot No. 219 in Sun City-1 Rupnagar from Neelam Gopal w/o Varinder Pal vide Registry Deed No. 549 Dated 27-5-2003 Registered at sub registrar Rupnagar which was in the name of previous owner Neelam Gopal. I have lost the original registry of which DDR (No. 23-dated 06-08-24) has been filed.

Office of District Magistrate, Sahibzada Ajit Singh Nagar PUBLIC NOTICE

Sh. Shamsher Singh Sran (Proprietor) S/o Harpal Singh Sran of the Firm M/s Rose Valley Immigration Consultants SCO No. 148 Basement & Ground Floor, Sector 117, TDI City Mohali, District-Sahibzada Ajit Singh Nagar, Presented an application in this office disclosing that due to their personal reasons, he does not want to continue this work. He want to surrender/cancel the licence no. 651/I.C.dated 21-02-2024.

In this regard if anybody has any objection regarding cancellation of above said licence, he/she can give objection personally in this office till 06-09-2024. If any objection is not received in this office within stipulated period, then the licence of above said firm will be cancelled.

Assistant Commissioner (G), for District Magistrate, Sahibzada Ajit Singh Nagar.

DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL CHANDIGARH (DRT 3) Ground Floor, SCO 33-34-35 Sector-17A, Chandigarh

Case No.: OA/224/2021 WHEREAS (1) of section 19 of the Act, read with sub-rule (2A) of rule 5 of the Debt Recovery Tribunal (Procedure) Rules, 1993. Exh No. 21405 INDUSIN BANK LIMITED vs M/S SAHIB IMPEX SINGH To, (2) Kanwarjit Singh S/o Sohail Singh R/o 175-G, Bahi Randhir Singh Nagar Ferozepur Road Rajguru Nagar, Ludhiana, Punjab-141012. Also At: 86-B Model Town Extension Ludhiana, Punjab-141002. (3) Ajay Pal Singh S/o Harbhajan Singh R/o 175-G Bhai Randhir Singh Nagar Ferozepur Road Rajguru Nagar Ludhiana, Punjab-141012. (4) M/s Still Fashion Pvt. Ltd., A Private Limited Company, Having its Place of Business at 175-G Bhai Randhir Singh Nagar Ferozepur Road Rajguru Nagar, Ludhiana, Punjab-141012. Also at: Street No. 8 Ashok Nagar-A, Jalandhar Bye Pass, Ludhiana, Distt. Ludhiana (Pb) Also at: P-1 Textile Colony Industrial Area-A, Ludhiana- 141003 Punjab through its Directors.

SUMMONS Whereas, OA/224/2021 was listed before Hon'ble Presiding Officer/Registrar on 16.07.2024. WHEREAS this Hon'ble Tribunal is pleased to issue summons/ Notice on the said Application under section 19(4) of the Act, (OA) filed against you for recovery of debts of Rs. 78130735.22 (application along with copies of documents etc. annexed) In accordance with sub-section (4) of section 19 of the Act, you, the defendants are directed as under-

- (i) To show cause within thirty days of the service of summons as to why relief prayed for should not be granted; (ii) To disclose particulars of properties or assets other than properties and assets specified by the applicant under Serial No. 3A of the original application; (iii) You are restrained from dealing with or disposing of secured assets or such other assets and properties disclosed under serial number 3A of the original application, pending hearing and disposal of the application for attachment of properties; (iv) You shall not transfer by way of sale, lease or otherwise, except in the ordinary course of his business any of the assets over which security interest is created and/or other assets and properties specified or disclosed under serial number 3A of the original application without the prior approval of the Tribunal; (v) You shall be liable to account for the sale proceeds realized by sale of secured assets or other assets & properties in the ordinary course of business & deposit such sale proceeds in the account maintained with the bank or financial institutions holding security interest over such assets. You are also directed to file the written statement with a copy thereof furnished to the applicant and to appear before Registrar on 27.11.2024 at 10:30 A.M. failing which the application shall be heard and decided in your absence. Given under my hand and the seal of this Tribunal on this date: 18.07.2024. Signature of the Officer Authorised to issue summons

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PUBLIC NOTICE The General Public is hereby informed that the previous original link Sale Deed No 26 dated 06.04.2015 was lost from Bilaspur bus stand on 20.06.2018, relating to property consisting of or situated at Property measuring 0K-02M being 1/197 share out of land measuring 19K-14M comprising in Khewat No. 324/288, Khatori No. 399, Khaska No. 161/19/2 (2-12), 20(8-0), 21/1(5-11), 21/2(2-9), 22/1(1-2) situated at Village Ranipur, H.B. No. 256, Tehsil Bilaspur, Distt. Yamunanagar as per Jamabandi for the year 2022-23 owned by Sh. Sankit Aggarwal S/o Sh. Sulekh Chand R/O Village Kalthgarh (37), Yamunanagar, Haryana-133204 at present vide Regd. Sale Deed no. 1852 dt. 28.12.2017 and Transfer Deed no. 767 dt. 05.07.2019 duly registered in the office of Sub Registrar, Bilaspur. Details of the lost sale deed are as under:

Table with 5 columns: SR Sale Deed No., Date, Sub-Registrar /Tehsil Office, Vendor, Vendee. Includes details for Bilaspur, Sh. Rajinder Kumar s/o Sh. Ram Sarup, Smt. Kusum Bala w/o Ashok Kumar.

A FIR/DDR bearing No. 132400051801257 dt. 21.07.2018 has been also registered with Police Station (Bilaspur) for loss of the above mentioned Sale Deed. Now Sh. Sankit Aggarwal s/o Sh. Sulekh Chand, the present owner of the property described above who became owner of the property vide Regd. Sale Deed no. 1852 dt. 28.12.2017 and Transfer Deed no. 767 dt. 05.07.2019 both title deeds duly registered in the office of Sub Registrar, Bilaspur intend to extend mortgage (already mortgaged) of the said property with Punjab National Bank, (e-OCB), Ambala Road, Jagadhri.

If any person finds the original Sale Deeds mentioned above in future, the same be handed over to Punjab National Bank, (e-OCB), Ambala Road, Jagadhri. However, any misuse thereof by any person will make him/her liable for criminal action.

Further, any person claiming any right, title or interest over the property or otherwise having any objection can make representation to the undersigned within 7 days of the date of publication of this notice failing which any such right/title/interest shall be deemed to have been waived/abandoned by such person

Chief Manager, Punjab National Bank, MCC Yamunanagar, Arora Complex, Near Lal Dwara, Jagadhri, Yamunanagar 135001 Contact No.98153-76887 \* e-mail- mcc6559@pnb.co.in Date : 07.08.2024

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SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES

E-auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable assets under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with provision to Rule 8(6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower (s) and Guarantor (s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged / charged to the Secured Creditor, the constructive / physical / symbolic possession of which has been taken by the Authorized Officer of the Bank / Secured Creditor will be sold on "As is Where is", "As is What is, and "Whatever There is" on the date mentioned in the table here in below for recovery of its due to the Bank / Secured Creditor from the respective borrower(s) & guarantor (s). The reserve price and the earnest money deposit will be as mentioned in the table below against the respective properties.

SCHEDULE OF THE SECURED ASSETS

Table with 5 columns: Name of Branch Name & Addresses of the Borrower / Guarantors Account, Description of the Immovable Properties (mortgaged / Owner's Name (mortgagors of property)(ies), A) Date of Demand Notice u/s 13(2) If Sarfesi Act 2002 b) Outstanding Amount as on c) Possession Date u/s 13(4) of SARFESI ACT 2002 d) Nature of Possession Symbolic / Physical / Constructive, A. Reserve Price B. EMD (Last date of deposit of EMD C. Bid increase Amount, Date / Time of E-Auction, Detail of the encumbrances known to the Secured Creditors.

1. PNB Branch: Model Town, Sonipat (195200) (1) Smt. Meenakshi W/o Sh. Karambir R/O House No-749/26, Gali No-4, Arya Nagar, Sonapat, Haryana - 131001 (2) Sh. Karambir S/o Sh. Manohar Lal R/O House No-749/26, Gali No-4, Arya Nagar, Sonapat, Haryana-131001

2. PNB Branch Office : Hydrabad Hospital, Panipat (467900) (1) M/s Param Textiles, Prop: Sh. Vikram Kumar S/o Sh. Prem Parkash, House no. 374/8, Near Vidya Sagar School, Kalandar Chowk, Panipat, Haryana-132103

3. PNB Branch Office : New Sabzi Mandi, Panipat (145600) (1) M/s Superior Furnishing (Through Prop. Sh. Sahil Narula) Address:- Khewat No. 97, Khatori No. 126, Ganda Nala Palla, Chandni Bhag, Near Babil Road, Panipat

132103 (2) Sh. Sahil Narula S/o Sh. Surinder Kumar R/O House No 632, Sec-12, HUDA, Panipat 132103 (3) Sh. Surinder Kumar S/o Sh. Mulakhray Narula (Guarantor) r/o House No 632, Sec-12, HUDA, Panipat 132103

4. PNB Branch Office : Samalkha, Panipat (044300) (1) M/s Rahul Wood Works Prop. Sh. Jasbir Singh S/o Sh. Shivnara In Address- Hathwala Road, Behind Saini Market Samalkha, Distt Panipat,

Haryana-132101 (2) Sh. Jasbir Singh S/o Sh. Shivnara In Address- R/o-VPO Khojkipur, Samalkha, Distt- Panipat, Haryana-132101 (3) Smt. Nisha Devi W/o Sh. Jasbir Singh (Guarantor), R/O-VPO Khojkipur, Samalkha Distt- Panipat, Haryana-132101

5. PNB Branch Office : Assandh Road, Panipat (1) Rattan Singh through his legal heirs- Smt. Saroj W/o Late Sh. Rattan Singh H. No. 489-221, Gali No. 1, New Sanjay Colony, Gohana Road, Panipat

Panipat (2) Sh. Anil Kumar S/o Late Sh. Rattan Singh , H. No. 489-221, Gali No. 1, New Sanjay Colony, Gohana Road, Panipat (3) Ms Pinki D/o Late Sh. Rattan Singh, H. No. 489-221, Gali no.1, New Sanjay Colony, Gohana Road, Panipat

TERMS AND CONDITIONS : 1. The Sale shall be subject to the Terms & Conditions prescribed in the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rule 2002 and to the following further conditions. 2. The properties are being sold on " AS IS WHERE IS", AS IS WHAT IS, AND " WHATEVER THERE IS " 3. The particulars of Secured Assets specified in the Schedule / hereinabove have been started to the best of the information of the Authorised Officer, but the Authorised Officer shall not be answerable for any error, misstatement of omission in this proclamation. 4. The sale will be done by the undersigned through e-auction platform provided at the Website https://ebkray.in on date as given above. 5. The publication is also a statutory notice of 30 days to the borrowers / guarantors / mortgagors. 6. Interested bidders may inspect the IP's from 22.08.2024 to 25.08.2024 in consultation with the Dealing officer Mr. Gilbagh Singh, Mobile No. 7015517117. 7. For detailed term and conditions of the sale, please refer https://ebkray.in & www.pnbndia.in 8. All statutory dues / attendant charges / other dues including registration charges, stamp duty, taxes etc. shall have to be borne by the purchaser. 9. The Authorized Officer or the Bank shall not be responsible for any charges, lien, encumbrance, or any other dues to the Government or any else in respect of properties (E-Auctioned) not known to the bank. The intending Bidders is advised to make their own independent inquiries regarding the encumbrances on the property including statutory liabilities, arrears of property tax, electricity dues etc.

Place: Panipat Date: 05.08.2024 Authorised Officer, Punjab National Bank (Secured Creditor)

STATUTORY 15/30 DAYS SALE NOTICE UDNR RULE 8(6) OF SECURITY INTEREST ACT, 2002



# I THINK IT MIGHT BE SABOTAGE: BOXING ICON VIJENDER ON VINESH'S DISQUALIFICATION

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Indian boxing stalwart Vijender Singh has alleged that wrestler Vinesh Phogat's disqualification from the Olympics final might be a case of sabotage as elite athletes like her are well-versed with the techniques of cutting weight before major competitions.

Vijender, who is India's first and only male boxer to have won an Olympic medal, knows a thing or two about maintaining weight before major bouts and he said it is shocking that Vinesh was 100gm over in the weigh-in before an Olympic final.

"I think it might be sabotage. 100gm, you have got to be kidding me. We athletes can shed 5 to 6kg overnight. It is difficult no doubt but we know how to control our hunger, thirst, and exert to the extreme," the middle-weight (75kg) boxer told PTI.

"And when I say sabotage I mean people who are not happy to see India rise as a sporting nation. This girl has been through so much, your heart breaks for her. What more could she have done? Which other test?" he wondered.

Vinesh was the face of a lengthy protest against former Wrestling Federation of India head Brij Bhushan Sharan Singh, who has been accused of sexual harassment and intimidation by women wrestlers. She had endured police detention, nights on the streets and a tumultuous qualification process before



making it here. The highlight of her remarkable performance at the Olympics was the opening win over defending champion Yui Susaki of Japan who came into the competition undefeated in her international career. "I can't believe that Vinesh would make a mistake like this. She has been an elite athlete for so long that she knows, there has to be something more to it. I am worried for her, I hope she is fine. What has happened is not good at all," said Vijender, a trailblazer in Indian boxing. Athletes who compete in contact sports, where fights

are held as per weight categories, have to go through the painful process of staying within their divisions. It involves going hungry for hours, avoiding even liquids and in some desperate situations, stay huddled inside layers of blankets to sweat out the extra weight. "There have been times when I have spat out saliva continuously so that nothing goes inside, you know. One can't imagine this extreme exercise. There are special Sauna suits that we wear, they feel like a furnace and there are times we run wearing them to shed weight," he explained.



It's an extraordinary exercise that takes a physical and mental toll on athletes and in 2018, six-time world champion woman boxer M C Mary Kom, in an interview to PTI, had revealed how she lost 2kg in a matter of four hours. Mary Kom had landed in Poland for a tournament, where she eventually picked up her third gold of that year. But hours before she was to take the ring, she had gone through the strenuous process of shedding weight just to be eligible to fight. "We landed in Poland at round 3-3:30 in the morning and the general weigh-in was at

around 7:30am. I was a couple of kilograms above 48kg, the category I compete in, at that point," she had said. "So, I had roughly four hours to shed that or I would have been disqualified for being over-weight at the time of general weigh-in. But I did skipping for an hour at a stretch and just like that, I was ready. "Thankfully, the flight we travelled in was nearly empty so I could sleep with my legs outstretched, ensuring that I was not stiff on landing there. Otherwise, I don't know how I would have been able to compete," she had revealed.



## Tough challenge awaits Chopra in bid for another piece of history

PTI ■ PARIS

His stunning monster throw of 89.34m in the qualification round made quite a statement but a tough challenge awaits defending champion Neeraj Chopra as he seeks another piece of history in the Paris Olympics men's javelin throw final round here on Thursday.

Just like he did at the same stage in the Tokyo Olympics three years back, Chopra needed just a few seconds to top the qualification round with his opening throw but the similarity ends there.

This time, the quality of the field is better than Tokyo with nine throwers crossing the automatic final round qualification mark of 84m in Paris as against six in Tokyo. Out of the nine, five made it to the final round with their first throws and thus will have a lot in their tanks for the medal round.

The 26-year-old Chopra knows it too well, having been in the global circuit for more than eight years.

"In the final, everyone has a different mindset and different situation. It will be a good competition. Whoever qualifies automatically is the best in preparation," Neeraj told journalists after his 'lightening' appearance on the field.

He was in a hurry to go back to the Games Village and take rest to prepare for his best for the final round, as a lot is at stake on Thursday.

Chopra will have a chance to become only the fifth man in Olympic javelin throw history to defend the title.

Eric Lemming (Sweden; 1908 and 1912), Jonni Myyrä

(Finland; 1920 and 1924), Jan Zelezny (Czech Republic; 1992, 1996 and 2000) and Andreas Thorkildsen (Norway; 2004 and 2008) are the only ones to have defended the men's javelin gold medals in the Olympics.

If he wins gold, and for that matter a medal, he will become the most decorated Indian in Olympics in individual sport. Shuttler PV Sindhu (one silver, one bronze), wrestler Sushil Kumar (one silver, one bronze) and shooter Manu Bhaker (two bronze) have won two Olympic medals each post Independence.

The tremendous effort, which was the second best of his career, also set aside concerns surrounding Chopra's fitness after he revealed that he had been battling an adductor niggle in the build-up to the Games. His personal best continues to be 89.94m achieved back in 2022.

His 89.34m throw may also raise hopes of millions of Indian fans to see Chopra cross the elusive 90m mark on Thursday. His effort was also the second-best qualifying throw at an Olympics after the 89.39m registered by the legendary Jan Zelezny at 2000 Sydney Games.

But there were some ominous signs coming out from the qualification round which Chopra will have to be wary of. The peaking of two-time world champion Anderson Peters (personal best 93.07m) of Grenada as well as immediate hitting of form by Pakistan's Arshad Nadeem may indicate that the final round at Stade de France could be a classic contest.

Peters, of the same age as Chopra, was beaten up and

thrown off a party boat in his native country just a few days after winning a silver medal at the 2022 Birmingham Commonwealth Games. A month before that incident, he had won the World Championships gold in Eugene, USA, after beating Chopra with a monster throw of 90.54m.

The Grenadian, who interestingly finished third when Chopra won gold in 2016 World Junior Championships in Poland, has gone past 90m four times in his career and he is one of the few who have beaten the Indian superstar. His season's best of 88.63m in the qualification round could be a precursor to something bigger. Nadeem, who beat Peters to win the 2022 Commonwealth Games gold with 90.18m, is unpredictable and he has pulled off big throws earlier also. After coming back from an elbow surgery, he claimed silver behind Chopra in the 2023 Budapest World Championships with a throw of 87.82m.

Nadeem has not beaten Chopra in 10 meetings since 2016 but he can spring a surprise.

Czech Republic's experienced thrower Jakub Vadlejch could also be looking to make the records with Chopra as he had ended up with a silver in Tokyo Olympics. He had beaten Chopra for the gold in Doha Diamond League in May.

Conditions on Thursday may also be different from the qualification round. The final is expected to be cooler as it's happening in the evening as against daytime during the qualification round.

# Kellie of Ireland wins second boxing gold and retires

AP ■ PARIS

Kellie Harrington is an unusual boxing champion. She is passionate only about the amateur version of her sport-dominated, and she has long claimed to have no ambitions of being paid to fight.

Minutes after she stepped onto the podium at Court Philippe Chatrier to have her second gold medal hung around her neck Tuesday night, Harrington announced her retirement from boxing. The money to be made from being a two-time Olympic gold medalist in a passionate fight nation like Ireland still isn't enough for Harrington to change her plans after her magical run at the Paris Games.

"I'm done and dusted," Harrington said.



"I'm going to go out a champion. That's the way I want to go out. I don't want to go out and lose a fight and then retire. I'll retire happy."

Harrington is the first Irish woman to win gold medals at two Olympics, and she is just one of four Irish athletes to retain an Olympic title. After winning

three years ago in Tokyo, she clinched her second gold with a remarkable charge through the Paris field, capped by her 4-1 victory over China's Yang Wenlu at Roland Garros.

Harrington pressured Yang more than enough to get the victory despite losing the third round. The champion's most impressive win in Paris likely was in the semifinals, when she spectacularly outboxed Brazilian IBF lightweight champion Beatriz Ferreira, whose physicality and aggression had made her look like a gold-medal favorite.

Harrington isn't the fastest or the most powerful woman in the lightweight division, but she might be the best ever to fight at the weight in the four Olympics with women's boxing.

"It has been four fights with absolutely

fantastic opponents," Harrington said. "Everyone who is here is the best of the best. Everyone deserves respect."

Harrington's final drew thousands of Irish fans to the famed tennis arena where she clinched her gold. They waved flags, chanted her name and generally put on a party while their improbable boxing hero got her final job done.

"To have the support of the nation. It is just amazing," Harrington said. "The people here today lifted me. They made me feel like I wasn't tired and I was exhausted."

Harrington danced in the ring after her victory, clearly thrilled to be fighting in front of her frenzied fans instead of in the mostly empty Ryogoku Kokugikan in Tokyo three years ago.

# Demoralised India need to regroup quickly to win in bronze medal play-off

PTI ■ PARIS

A heart-wrenching defeat in the semifinals, notwithstanding, a demoralised Indian men's hockey team will have to regroup quickly and aim for a second consecutive podium finish at the Olympics when it takes on Spain in the bronze medal play-off here on Thursday.

The Indians played bravely against Germany, putting their defence under pressure from the start and in the process took the lead in the seventh minute through a penalty corner conversion by skipper Harmanpreet Singh.

But the Germans came back strongly in the second quarter and fourth quarters to secure the close win, courtesy some silly defensive lapses from the Indians, especially Jarmanpreet Singh.

The Indians too were guilty of wasting too many scoring chances, including as many as 10 penalty corners, while converting two, one directly and another through variation. The opposition teams seemed to have found out a way to deny one of the world's best drag-flicker Harmanpreet as he managed to be on target just once on Tuesday.

The over-reliance on Harmanpreet and lack of innovative penalty corner variations seemed to be hurting India badly here as they don't have much options in their hands.

But the return of Amit Rohidas, who missed Tuesday's match after being shown the red card against Great Britain in the quarterfinal, should bolster the Indian defence and also give more chances from



penalty corners as he is second best option from set pieces after Harmanpreet. The Indians were looking to break a 44-year-old jinx to reach an Olympic final but it eluded them narrowly.

The last time India made the Olympic hockey final was way back in 1980 Moscow Games, which, in fact, was their last of the eight gold medals at the quadrennial event.

A place in final would have at least assured India a silver medal after 1960 Olympics but that also slipped out of hands. But all is not lost for the Indians as they still have a chance to claim a podium finish if they beat Spain on Thursday in the bronze medal match.

For that, the Indians will have to leave the baggage of the semifinal loss behind and come out with a fresh mind to get the better of Spain. Veteran India goalkeeper PR Sreejesh, who is playing his last international tournament, reminded his teammates that all is not lost.

"It's a heartbreaking loss for us (against Germany). We had the chance to win gold, but now, we have to forget this semifinal

and focus on the bronze medal match," he had said.

"It's a medal match and it's about the country. It's about those 19 players here, all the staff. And I think we all get a last opportunity to play, to get a medal for our country rather than worrying about what happened today (Tuesday). "These 19 players should play like this is our last opportunity as a player to get a medal for our country."

Going by form and world ranking, the Indians are clear favourites to win the tie against Spain but in the end it will all boil down to the mental aspect of the side.

While India lost a close semifinal, Spain were thrashed 0-4 by Netherlands. In world ranking too, Spain are placed eighth while India are currently at the fifth spot. But it would be easier said than done for the Indians as Spain, while not matching India's Olympic achievements, has made significant strides in recent decades.

The Spanish team has secured two European Championship titles and has consistently participated in World Cups since 1971.

AP ■ PARIS

All the favored teams in the first three men's basketball quarterfinals at the Paris Olympics had problems. Canada lost to France, Serbia erased a 24-point deficit to beat Australia. Germany had to shake off a double-digit deficit before beating Greece.

So, going into the fourth and final game of the night, the U.S. knew what it had to do. "We wanted to come out and make sure we were the aggressor," U.S. Coach Steve Kerr.

They made it look easy, too. Devin Booker led a balanced front with 18 points and the Americans had little trouble with Brazil in the quarterfinals of the Paris Olympics, winning 122-87 on Tuesday.

The U.S. (4-0) moves on to face Serbia (3-1) in Thursday's semifinals, while Germany (4-0) takes on France (3-1) in the other semifinal. Winners of those games will play Saturday

# US rolls into semifinals of basketball tournament, eases past Brazil 122-87

night for the gold medal; Thursday's losers will play Saturday morning for the bronze medal.

"Everybody expects us to win," U.S. Forward Jayson Tatum said. "But you don't take things for granted, right? Canada lost earlier. It's a different game. It's not like playoffs, where it's a series. We've got one game and a lot of (stuff) can happen in one game, especially over here."

If there was one issue, it was this: LeBron James left in the third quarter after catching an elbow around his left eye, struck by Brazil's Georjinho de Paula while going for a rebound. James went down, eventually pressed a towel over the eye and left for the locker room area later in the



third. Kerr said James needed four stitches.

"I'm all right," James said. "Got hit with an inadvertent elbow around the eye." Anthony Edwards scored 17 points, while Joel Embiid, booed again in France, of

course - had 14 points and seven rebounds in 12 first-half minutes for the Americans. Anthony Davis finished with 13 points and eight rebounds for the U.S. James had 12 points and nine assists. Kevin Durant scored 11 points

and passed Lisa Leslie as the U.S. Olympic career scoring leader, men's or women's. Leslie had 488 points in her four Olympic appearances, all of which ended with gold medals. Durant is trying to go 4 for 4 on the gold front as well; he's two wins away from getting that done. "He's incredible. He was born to play ball and he's simply incredible," James said. "I'm happy for him. Congratulations to him. I'm super proud of him. And he's got more to go."

There was a moment where Brazil might have thought it had a chance. It trailed the U.S. By only eight midway through the second quarter. A big deficit had turned into something rather manageable.

# Echikunwoke changes countries and wins a hammer silver for US

AP ■ SAINT-DENIS

This time at the Olympics, hammer thrower Annette Nneka Echikunwoke got to compete. Not only compete, but win a medal - for the United States.

Three years ago, Echikunwoke arrived at the Tokyo Games ready to represent Nigeria, but she wound up needing to leave before even getting to take a throw. Nigeria was among a handful of countries deemed "high risk" by track's anti-doping regulators in the lead-up to those Olympics - forcing its athletes to be subjected to more drug testing.

Echikunwoke was among those from Nigeria who did not meet the requirement and so was not allowed to participate. The 28-year-old was born in

Ohio and originally decided to represent Nigeria because that's where her parents are from. But after the issues in 2021, she switched her Olympic country to the U.S., and on Tuesday night became the first American woman to earn Summer Games medal in the hammer, getting a silver.

Echikunwoke was in the early lead before Canada's Camryn Rogers won the gold on her second-to-last throw. "I think (this medal) could have happened three years ago, but I'm happy it's happening now," Echikunwoke said. "I feel like everything happens for a reason, even if it's bad or good or ugly or whatever the case may be. This is beautiful." She remembers that time in Tokyo so vividly, such as not being able to walk in

the opening ceremony. "Not the best feeling, as you could imagine," said Echikunwoke, who went to the University of Cincinnati. Echikunwoke's application to change what country she would compete for finally came through at the last minute before the U.S. Nationals in 2022, and she earned a spot for the world championships that year.

Now, she's an Olympic medalist for the red-white-and-blue. "It doesn't feel right now," she said. "I can't really put it into words." Echikunwoke led after the third round Tuesday with a throw of 75.48 meters (247 feet, 7 inches). Rogers, though, threw the hammer 76.97 (252-6) on her second-to-last attempt to overtake her. Bronze went to Zhao Jie of China.



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# HISTORY-MAKING BHAKER ARRIVES HOME TO ENTHUSIASTIC RECEPTION

**PTI ■ NEW DELHI**

Star pistol shooter Manu Bhaker landed back in the country on Wednesday after her historic feat of winning two medals in a single edition of the Olympic Games and was welcomed by hundreds of supporters and her family, who braved a steady drizzle to give her a memorable reception here.

The Air India flight (AI 142), which brought Bhaker from Paris to Delhi, landed at the Indira Gandhi International Airport at around 9:20am, delayed by one hour.

Hundreds of people, who waited at the airport long before her arrival despite the morning drizzle in the city, accorded her — and her coach Jaspal Rana — an enthusiastic reception.

The 22-year-old Bhaker won a bronze each in the women's 10m air pistol and 10m air pistol mixed team event — where she had paired with Sarabjot Singh — to script Olympic history for the country.

Before her, only British-Indian athlete Norman Pritchard had achieved the rare landmark for the country with his two silver medals in 200m sprint and 200m hurdles at the 1900 Olympics but this happened in the pre-Independence era.

Before leaving for India, Bhaker had stated that she was looking forward to a grand welcome and she was not disappointed on Wednesday. The youngster was greeted with bouquets, garlands, and celebratory dhol and floral petals were showered on her and Rana as soon as they came out amid significant police presence to manage the crowd.

Among those present were Bhaker's parents — Ram Kishan and Sumedha — and sports enthusiasts and officials from her home state Haryana, Rajasthan and Uttarakhand, the state to which Rana belongs. Rana's father was also there at the airport.

"It is a matter of pride for us that a daughter of India is coming back after creating history by winning two medals in an Olympics. It has never happened before. She is only 22 years old," said former Uttarakhand Sports Minister and Rana's father, Narayan Singh Rana.

"She is coming along with her coach Jaspal Rana. He is my son. He brought glory playing for India in shooting. Jaspal Rana and Abhinav Bindra started it all," he added.

People gathered at the airport long before her arrival and they celebrated her feat with song and dance, holding banners with photos of Bhaker and Rana.

Bhaker will be meeting sports minister Mansukh Mandaviya in the afternoon. She will head back to Paris on Saturday to participate in the closing ceremony on Sunday where she will be one of India's flag-bearers.

# Top surfers converge in Kovalam for final National Surfing Championship

**PTI ■ CHENNAI**

The Covelong Classic, the final National Surfing Championship of the year, is set to kick off at Kovalam near here on Thursday, with over 75 surfers from across the country competing for top honours.

The event will happen across four categories — Men's Open, Women's Open, Junior Boys & U-16, and Junior Girls & U-16. The 2024 season started with the International Surfing Festival Kerala Varkala, followed by the Indian Open of Surfing in Mangalore, and the third stop — Mahabs Point Break Challenge — happening earlier this month in Mahabalipuram.

Covelong Classic will be a three-day surfing carnival organised by the Tamil Nadu Surfing Association under the aegis of the Surfing Federation of India, to be hosted by Surf Turf. The competition has also received significant support from the Tamil Nadu Government and the Ministry of Youth Welfare and Sports Development.

Among the top surfers to participate will be Ajeesh Ali, Srikanth D, Harish M and Ramesh Budihal in the Men's Open categories.

Recently, Ajeesh, Harish and Srikanth were named in the Indian squad for the Asian Surfing Championship happening next week in Maldives.

Additionally, Srikanth D will be looking to defend his title.

In the Women's Open category, Kamali P (ranked first) has already secured the overall championship title, making her performance at the Covelong Classic irrelevant. However, she is anticipated to face stern competition from fellow surfers Sandhya Arun (ranked second), Shrishti Selvam (ranked third), and Sugar Shanti Banarse (ranked fourth).

Kamali and Sugar have also been selected for the Indian squad competing in the Asian



Surfing Championship, representing the Women's Open and Junior U-18 categories, respectively.

Local surfers Tayin Arun and Kishore Kumar will grab eyeballs, thanks to their recent performances and national rankings in the Junior Boys & U-16 category.

Additionally, fellow local surfer Harish P, having gained recognition for his impressive surfing skills, will aim to defend his Covelong Classic championship title with determination.

In the Junior Girls & U-16 category, defending champion Kamali P will look to secure a double victory, as she is a strong contender for both the Women's Open and Junior Girls & U-16 titles at the Covelong Classic.

Meanwhile, Dhamayanthi Sriram (ranked second) and Saanvi Hegde (ranked third) will be putting forth their best efforts to claim the title.

Surfing Federation of India's president, Arun Vasu said, "As the surfing calendar culminates with the year's final national championship, the Covelong Classic, the best surfers are set to compete in the Asian Surfing Championship. I would like to extend my best wishes to all the surfers participating in this prestigious national championship."

Apart from the medals and trophies, victors in each category will receive cash rewards, with the overall competition champion being awarded a Jawa Yezdi motorbike.

# Sprint powerhouse Jamaica has had more injuries than medals and celebrations

**AP ■ SAINT-DENIS**

The midpoint of the Olympic track meet used to be time for Jamaican sprint stars - Usain Bolt, Shelly-Ann Fraser-Pryce and all the rest - to catch their breath, recover from their victory parties, then start gearing up for more.

This year in Paris, there hasn't been much to celebrate, and there's a sense that it could be years, not days, until the good times start rolling again for the Caribbean nation known for sun, sand and sprints.

After Tuesday, which marked the halfway point of the action at the Stade de France, Kishane Thompson's silver in the 100 meters was the only medal the Jamaican team had won on the track.

And in a twist hardly anyone on the island could have ever imagined, Jamaica actually had more medals from field events (three) than from sprinting.

"I know the world is used to Jamaica winning, and Jamaica always celebrating," said Asafa Powell, the Jamaican legend who held or shared the 100-meter world record for nearly three years before Bolt broke it when he surged onto the scene in 2008. "But believe me, it's going to happen again."

It almost happened this time. Thompson's quest to become Jamaica's next Olympic male sprint champ came a scant .005 seconds short.

**THE JAMAICAN SPRINTING WOMEN HAVE DEALT WITH INJURIES:** For the women's program, the problem



has simply been getting a contender to the starting line.

Elaine Thompson-Herah, Shericka Jackson and Fraser-Pryce, all in their 30s, all pulled out of their Olympic sprints with injuries. They made up the entire 100-meter podium in Tokyo in 2021.

The team that won 15 of the 24 Olympic medals in the women's 100 and 200 between 2008 and 2021 will go home with none this year. It will mark the first time since 1976 the country hasn't won a women's medal in either of those events.

"I think people appreciate us more when they see a down period like this," said Powell, who is in town hanging at the PUMA house, which used to be party central for Jamaica at the Olympics.

**STORES E-PROCUREMENT**

Tender Notice No.: S/50/Sr.DMM/KIR/PUB/e-Tender/2024-25/01; Dated: 02-08-2024. E-Tenders are invited by the undersigned for the following works:-

**SN. 1: Tender No. KT245269; Closing/Opening Date: 23-08-2024**

**Brief Description & Qty:** 3-Phase Asynchronous Motor (Resistance ring mechanically interlocked to end plate design rotor, scheme II), Type 6FRA - 6068 for WAG-9 Loco without Active Speed Sensor . Spec: CLW Spec. no. 4TMS.096.081 Alt-3 or latest; Consignee:- SSE/D/MECH./Malda Town. NFR. Qty: 04 Nos.

**NOTE:-** For full details of Tender notice and tender documents, tenderer may log on to the website ([www.ireps.gov.in](http://www.ireps.gov.in)) prospective bidder who intend to participate in above tenders are required to log in themselves with the above website and submit their offer electronically, if they are already registered with IREPS. In case they are not registered with IREPS, they are advised to obtain class-III Digital Signature Certificate from the certifying agencies under Govt. of India IT Act 2000 and participate in the above tenders.

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**STRUCTURAL HEALTH MONITORING OF NOMINATED IMPORTANT BRIDGES & TUNNELS AND PAINTING OF STEEL BRIDGES ON VARIOUS SECTION**

Tender Notice No.: DCBL/07/2024/MLG, Date: 02-08-2024. E-Tender are invited by the undersigned for the following work: **Tender No.:** DCBL042024MLG, **Name of Work :** Structural Health Monitoring (SHM) of nominated important Bridges & Tunnels for damage and real-time assessment of structural condition by supplying, installation, operation and continuous data supply & monitoring via web based portal along with proper alert generation by using different modern structural health monitoring instruments along with maintenance of instruments (AMC) for 5 year time period for Rangya Division of N. F. Railway. **Tender Value:** ₹1,94,73,175.32/-; **Bid Security:** ₹2,47,400/-; **Tender No.:** DCBL052024MLG, **Name of Work :** Structural Health Monitoring (SHM) of nominated important Bridges & Tunnels for damage and real-time assessment of structural condition by supplying, installation, operation and continuous data supply & monitoring via web based portal along with proper alert generation by using different modern structural health monitoring instruments along with maintenance of instruments (AMC) for 5 year time period for Lumding Division of N.F. Railway. **Tender Value:** ₹2,00,39,575.32/-; **Bid Security:** ₹2,50,200/-; **Tender No.:** DCBL102024MLG, **Name of Work :** Painting of 56 nos. and floor painting of 10 nos. steel bridges on various sections having approximate surface area 83740 Sqm under the jurisdiction of SSE/BR/Lumding. **Tender Value:** ₹90,94,780.60/-; **Bid Security:** ₹1,81,900/-; **Tender No.:** DCBL112024MLG, **Name of Work :** Painting of 33 nos. and floor painting of 18 nos. steel bridges on various sections having approximate surface area 138610 Sqm under the jurisdiction of SSE/BR/Pandu. **Tender Value:** ₹1,50,32,779.90/-; **Bid Security:** ₹2,25,200/-; **Tender No.:** DCBL122024MLG, **Name of Work :** (A) Painting of 59 nos. steel bridge girders on the sections New Jalpaiguri-Kumardpur-Malda Town, Eklakhi-Balughat, Kathiar- Tezpur, Rangapuri-Bagdoga-Bengdubi (BPMS), Katihar-Jogbani, Siliguri Jn.-Aluabari Road & Katihar-Kumardpur having approximate surface area 91817 SQM under the jurisdiction of SSE/BR/New Jalpaiguri. (B) Lubrication of bearings of 36 Nos of different steel Bridge girders under the jurisdiction of SSE/BR/Siliguri Jn. and 57 Nos of different steel Bridge girders under the jurisdiction of SSE/BR/New Jalpaiguri. **Tender Value:** ₹1,64,20,405.73/-; **Bid Security:** ₹2,32,100/-; **Tender No.:** DCBL132024MLG, **Name of Work :** Painting of 72 nos. steel bridge girders on the sections New Jalpaiguri-New Alipurduar, Siliguri Jn.-Alipurduar Jn., New Cooch Behar-Golakganj Jn., New Mal Jn.-New Changrabandha-New Cooch Behar, Alipur Duar Jn.-New Cooch Behar-Bamanhat. New Jalpaiguri-Sukna & Raninagar Jalpaiguri Jn.-Haldibari having approximate surface area 202097 SQM under the jurisdiction of SSE/BR/Siliguri Jn. **Tender Value:** ₹2,68,59,202.95/-; **Bid Security:** ₹2,84,300/-; **Tender No.:** DCBL142024MLG, **Name of Work :** Painting of 104 nos. and floor painting of 22 nos. steel bridges on various sections having approximate surface area 134363 Sqm under the jurisdiction of SSE/BR/Rangapara North. **Tender Value:** ₹1,37,10,844.23/-; **Bid Security:** ₹2,18,600/-; **Tender No.:** DCBL172024MLG, **Name of Work :** Painting of 18 nos. and floor painting of 25 nos. steel bridges on various sections having approximate surface area 17717 Sqm under the jurisdiction of SSE/BR/Bongaigaon. **Tender Value:** ₹1,92,67,782.65/-; **Bid Security:** ₹2,46,300/-; **Tender No.:** DCBL152024MLG, **Name of Work :** Repairing of corroded members of Br. No. 91, 92, 93, 727, 21, 100, 124DN & 59DN on the section Guwahat-Lumding of the jurisdiction of SSE/BR/Pandu. **Tender Value:** ₹1,48,10,227.24/-; **Bid Security:** ₹2,24,100/-; The above tenders document can be received upto 27-08-2024 at 15:00 hours. Date & time of opening of tender at 15:05 hrs. on 27-08-2024. For complete information with the tender document of above e-tender will be available in the website <http://www.ireps.gov.in>

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# BBMB Honored with Platinum Award for Excellence in Water Management

**Chandigarh:** Sh. Manoj Tripathi, Chairman of BBMB, extended his heartfelt congratulations to all the employees as BBMB proudly clinched the "Platinum Award" for its exceptional accomplishments in water management. This prestigious recognition was bestowed upon BBMB at the "16th Exceed Green Future Environment, HR & CSR Award & Conference 2024," held in Hyderabad on 2nd August, 2024. Organized by the Sustainable Development Foundation, a unit of "Ek Kaam Deshke Naam," this event stands as a testament to our unwavering commitment to a greener and more sustainable future. The "Platinum Award" was graciously presented to BBMB by Sh. Tummala Nageswara Rao, Hon'ble Minister of Agriculture, Telangana. Er. C.P. Singh, Chief Engineer/Bhakra Dam, and Er. Sukhdeep Singh, Deputy Secretary proudly received the award on behalf of BBMB. Chairman, BBMB emphasized that this honor was achieved due to the steadfastness, expertise, and passion of BBMB employees. He stated that this achievement portrays our collective efforts and the significant strides we are making in the realm of water management.

# Shri Raj Kumar Chaudhary takes over as Chairman & Managing Director, NHPC

Shri Raj Kumar Chaudhary has taken over as Chairman & Managing Director of NHPC Limited, India's premier hydropower company and a Schedule 'A' enterprise of Government of India on 7th August 2024. Shri R.K. Chaudhary was previously holding the post of Director (Technical) in NHPC. Shri Chaudhary is a graduate in Civil Engineering from BIT Sindri and has also done Advance Diploma in Management. He joined NHPC in 1989 as a Probationary Executive (Civil) at Koel Karo HE Project, Jharkhand. In an outstanding career, Shri Chaudhary steadily rose to various positions in NHPC including the post of Director (Technical), NHPC, before being finally appointed as Chairman and Managing Director.



# Jio unveils new models of JioBharat phones with larger screens

**Chandigarh:** Reliance Jio has launched new variants of the JioBharat phone - JioBharat B2 4G phone and the JioBharat J1 4G phone which come with larger screens compared to the first JioBharat V2 phone. As with other variants of JioBharat phone, customers can also avail the affordable monthly recharge plan of Rs 123 with these latest models, according to a press statement. The JioBharat B2 phone, priced at Rs 1399 has a 2.4 inch screen and comes with a 2000 mAh battery. The JioBharat J1 phone which is priced at Rs 1799 and has a 2.8 inch screen has a 2500 mAh battery. Both these phones have provision for a micro SD chip with expandable memory up to 128 GB. These phones have features including UPI integration through JioPay, Live JioTV that provides 455 + channels, JioCinema with its offerings of movies, videos and sports, JioSaavn for unlimited music, besides JioChat. Despite tariff hike, JioBharat phones' recharge plan has stayed unaffected. The JioBharat phone monthly plan costs Rs. 123 for 28 days and Rs. 1234 for a year (336 days) offering customers unlimited calls and 14GB and 168GB data respectively.

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**APPENDIX IV [SEE RULE 8(i)] POSSESSION NOTICE**

Whereas, The undersigned being the Authorized Officer of the AU Small Finance Bank Limited (A Scheduled Commercial Bank) under the "Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest (Act, 2002 (54 of 2002)) and in exercise of powers conferred under section 13(12) read with rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued demand notice on the date as mentioned below calling upon the borrowers to repay the amount mentioned in the said notice within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice as per the details given in below table:

Name of Borrower/Co-Borrower/Mortgagor/Guarantor / Loan A/c No.	13(2) Notice Date & Amount	Description of Mortgaged Property	Date of Possession Taken
(A/c No.) L9001060123387720 GK Goat & Poulary Farm Through It's Proprietor Gaurav (Borrower), Virender Kumar (Co-Borrower), Smt. Sumitra (Co-Borrower), Gaurav (Co-Borrower)	12-Mar-24 Rs. 1185109/- Rs. Eleven Lac Eighty-Five Thousand One Hundred Nine Only 11-Mar-24	All that part and parcel of residential/commercial property Land/ Building/ Structure and fixtures Property Situated At Property No. B-2/26/D, 11, Hatta Bazar, near Noor Luhar, Ward No 07, Dist.- Mahendragarh, Haryana Admeasuring 353.16 Sqyds, East: GALLI, West: GALLI & HOUSE O HIRA LAL, North: PATWAR GHAR, South: GALLI	03-Aug-24
(A/c No.) L9001060132156699 Vishu Mobile (Borrower), Smt. Asha Devi (Co-Borrower), Naveen Sumer Singh (Co-Borrower), Sumer Ramji Lal (Co-Borrower)	12-Apr-24 Rs. 492670/- Rs. Four Lac Ninety-Two Thousand Six Hundred Seventy Only 12-Apr-24	All that part and parcel of residential/commercial property Land/ Building/ Structure and fixtures Property Situated At Khewat No- 192, Khatauni No.-206, Mustail/Killa No- 141/25(7-5), 151/5(2(1-7), Vill Mauja & Tehsil-Kanina, District-Mahendragarh, Haryana Admeasuring 181.5 SqYrd, East: Budha Ram factory, West: Dharamveer Ramchander, North: Rast, South: Vinod	03-Aug-24

The borrower having failed to repay the amount, therefore notice is hereby given to the borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein above mentioned table in exercise of powers conferred on him/her under section 13(4) of the said (Act-2002) read with Rule 8 of the said rule on the date mentioned in the above table. "The borrower's attention is invited to provisions of sub section (8) of section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets." The borrower in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of the AU Small Finance Bank Limited (A Scheduled Commercial Bank) for the amount and interest thereon mentioned in the above table. -sd- Place: HARYANA Date: 07-AUG-2024 Authorized Officer AU Small Finance Bank Limited