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Modi vows to rebuild ruined Wayanad

Two jawans martyred in gunfight with terrorists



Prime Minister Narendra Modi interacts with officials during inspection of the landslide-affected areas, in Wayanad, on Saturday. MoS Suresh Gopi is also seen; the PM (R) interacts with a child survivor at AWS Hospital in Wayanad



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KUMAR CHELLAPPAN ■ KOCHI

In a heart-touching show of solidarity and camaraderie, Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Saturday assured the people and the Government of Kerala that the entire nation and the Union Government stand by the State in its efforts to rebuild the Wayanad areas devastated by the recent landslides and deluge.

Speaking to the people of Kerala after a whirlwind tour and aerial survey of the regions devastated in the monstrous landslides and flashfloods that claimed more than 400 lives and destroyed hundreds of houses, the Prime Minister asked the State Government to prepare a detailed report about the number of houses destroyed in the nature's fury and what the State Government was planning to do for the construction of a new and safe township in place of the area devastated in the natural calamity. He recalled his experience as

a volunteer in the rescue and rehabilitation team during the 1979 Machchu Morbi dam disaster in which more than 2,000 lives were lost. He asked the medical doctors attending to the survivors to counsel them and those who lost their near and dear ones in the tragedy. All that the State Government has to do is to submit a detailed report about the losses suffered by the people, the scale of fatalities and destruction in the region as also a comprehensive plan by the Kerala Government about the proposed resettlement scheme.

Earlier, the Prime Minister made on-the-spot assessment of the destruction and interacted with the soldiers of the Indian Army and the National Disaster Rescue Team who led the rescue operations in Mundakke, Punchirimmattam Churalmala regions which bore the brunt of the nature's fury. He also visited various hospitals in the district where the injured are undergoing treatment, interacted with them and enquired about their wellbeing. "The Prime Minister asked me about my health and assured of all possible help from the Government. His

words were soothing and reassuring," said Arun, a youth who had a miraculous escape from certain death after he was taken out from underneath tonnes of mud, soil and rocks fallen on him during the landslide. Modi was accompanied by Governor Mohammed Arif Khan, Union Minister of State for Tourism Suresh Gopi, Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan and senior IAS and IPS officers of the State. It was clear from the body language of the Prime Minister that he was moved by the stories recounted by the victims who had lost their loved ones, houses and sources of life. Since Friday evening, the Kerala media was agog with reports that the Centre was likely to offer ₹2,000 crore comprehensive rehabilitation package that includes construction of a safe and secure township. A grim-faced Vijayan, who accompanied the Prime Minister throughout the aerial survey and interaction with the victims, did not speak anything other than reminding Modi that the State was waiting for the ₹2,000 crore which the Centre must allocate. The basis of the ₹2,000-crore package demand has been explained neither by the Chief Minister nor the Chief Secretary Venu.

MOHIT KANDHARI ■ JAMMU

At least two Army personnel, who were critically injured during an encounter with terrorists in Jammu and Kashmir's Anantnag district, succumbed to their injuries late Saturday evening. Three other injured soldiers have been rushed to the hospital. The Indian Army is yet to confirm the fatalities. However, agency reports claimed two soldiers succumbed to their injuries while three others also injured in the ongoing operation are undergoing treatment. Security forces launched a cordon and search operation in Ahlan Gagarmandu in the Kokernag area of the south Kashmir district following information about the presence of terrorists there. The gunfight broke out after the terrorists opened fire at the search party personnel, who retaliated, the officials said. The site of encounter was located deep inside the forests, around 10 kms from the nearest motorable road. In the exchange of fire, two Army personnel were injured. "Based on specific intelligence input, a Joint Operation was launched by the Indian Army, @JmuKmrPolice & @crpf_srinagar today in the general area Kokernag,



FILE PHOTO

Anantnag. Contact was established and a firefight ensued," Srinagar-based Chinar Corps of the Indian Army said in a post on X. "Two personnel have been injured and evacuated from the area," it said. Meanwhile, the Jammu and Kashmir Police on Saturday released sketches of four dreaded Pakistani terrorists who were last spotted near dhoks (temporary mud houses) in the upper reaches of Malhar, Bani and Seojdhar forests of Kathua district. The sketches were released almost a month after a group of terrorists ambushed two vehicles of the Indian Army in which five soldiers were killed in action and five others received injuries in the Machhed area of Basohli in Kathua district on July 8. Since then the security forces have launched massive search operations in the area to flush out these terrorists hiding in the area. So far no major success has been achieved in the ongoing operations. On Saturday, the Jammu and Kashmir police also announced a cash reward of ₹20 lakh for credible information about the whereabouts of these terrorists. In a post on X, J-K Police released sketches of four terrorists who were last seen in 'dhoks' of Malhar, Bani and Seojdhar forests in the upper reaches of the district. "...a reward of Rs 5 lakhs (has been announced) on each terrorist for actionable information. Anyone with credible information on terrorists will also be suitably rewarded," Kathua police said in its post.

Bangladesh Chief Justice forced to resign

PTI ■ DHAKA

Bangladesh's Chief Justice Obaidul Hassan on Saturday tendered his resignation, five days after the fall of Sheikh Hasina's regime amid massive street protests and students marching towards the apex court demanding a revamp of the judiciary. The 65-year-old top judge revealed his decision around 1 pm after protesters of the Anti-Discrimination Student Movement gathered at the apex court premises. The students had issued an ultimatum to him and the judges of the Appellate Division to resign by 1 pm. "I feel it is necessary to share a special news with you. Our Chief Justice resigned a few minutes back. His resignation letter has already reached the law ministry," law adviser, equivalent to the Minister of the newly-installed interim Government, Prof Asif



Nazrul said in a Facebook video message. Nazrul added that the resignation letter would be sent to President Mohammad Shahabuddin "without delay for taking necessary measures" and he was expecting the process to be completed very soon. "We have received only the resignation letter of the Chief Justice. There is no update

about (resignation) of others," Nazrul added. Chief Justice Hassan earlier on Saturday said he had decided to step down from his position. "I have made a decision to resign after speaking with Dr Asif Nazrul," he said. Earlier, the full court meeting of the Supreme Court got cancelled as students issued a two-hour ultimatum for the

resignation of the Chief Justice and other justices of the apex Appellate Division of the Supreme Court of unitary Bangladesh. In the face of student protest, Chief Justice Hassan postponed the meeting and later said he would step down. Hasnat Abdullah, a coordinator of the Anti-Discrimination Student Movement, issued the ultimatum at 11 am, asking the Chief Justice and other justices to leave their posts within 1 pm today. Bangladesh Army personnel were deployed at the Supreme Court premises as hundreds of protesting students gathered. Around 1 pm, Army personnel were stationed in the main building, annexe building, and other areas around the Supreme Court. They urged the protesters to maintain peace and called on them to avoid damaging property.



Paris Olympic Bronze medallist Indian Hockey players pose for photos on their arrival at the Indra Gandhi International Airport, in New Delhi, on Saturday PTI

Indian Hockey team gets grand welcome

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Hundreds of fans lined up to garland and cheer for them as members of the Indian men's hockey team, including captain Harmanpreet Singh, touched down in the national Capital on Saturday after winning a second successive Olympic bronze medal in Paris. The Indian team extended its record overall Olympic medal haul in the sport to 13 with a 2-1 victory over Spain in the third place match in Paris. However, not all

members of the winning team made their way back home as a few vital cogs remained in the French capital for the closing ceremony on Sunday. Celebrated goalkeeper PR Sreejesh, who retired at the end of India's campaign, is the joint flag-bearer for the ceremony along with double-medallist Manu Bhaker. He remained in Paris along with Amit Rohidas, Raj Kumar Pal, Abhishek, Sukhjeet Singh and Sanjay. This batch is slated to return after the closing ceremony. The national Capital on Saturday recorded 20.4 mm

No relief from rain mayhem for Delhiites

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

Heavy rain lashed Delhi-NCR for the second consecutive day on Saturday, causing waterlogging and traffic jams. In Dwarka, two people sustained injuries due to the collapse of a wall of a school after a tree fell on it while a two-storey house collapsed in northwest Delhi's Model Town area during heavy afternoon rain. With the help of the local police and other rescue team members, three people were taken out of the rubble and sent to a nearby hospital. Two of them are in critical condition, the official said. Waterlogging was reported in several places in East Delhi, South East Delhi and Central Delhi. The Public Works Department (PWD) said it received 20 complaints of waterlogging during the day, while the Municipal Corporation of Delhi (MCD) received five complaints of similar nature as well as uprooting of trees. The national Capital on Saturday recorded 20.4 mm



rainfall. Palam recorded 30.1 mm rainfall, Lodhi Road 20.6 mm and Ridge 22 mm rainfall on Saturday. Choked drains led to waterlogging which in turn caused traffic bottlenecks, slow-moving traffic, and consequent traffic congestion. Rohtak Road, the highway that connects the city to Haryana, saw heavy jams in the wake of the rain. Kashmir Gate ISBT also witnessed heavy traffic jams.

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80 Medals & 508 Degrees Awarded at PGIMER's 37th Convocation

PNS ■ CHANDIGARH

"PGIMER has stood as a beacon of innovation and care for over six decades, and now you are the torchbearers of its future. Empathy and ethics should be the cornerstones of your professional journey," Chief Justice of India Justice D.Y. Chandrachud, advised young doctors at the PGIMER convocation on Saturday.

At the 37th Convocation of PGIMER, 80 outstanding doctors were honoured with medals for their academic excellence, while 508 graduates received their degrees, marking their successful completion of various medical disciplines. This event underscored PGIMER's unwavering commitment to academic distinction, adding another remarkable chapter to its illustrious legacy.

Chief Justice Chandrachud was the Chief Guest while Prof G.D. Puri, Executive Director of AIIMS Jodhpur, was the Guest of Honour. Prof. Vivek Lal, Director, PGIMER; Prof. R.K. Ratho, Dean (Academics), and Ummed Mathur, Registrar, shared the dais with the dignitaries.

Delivering his Convocation Address to the hall packed to its capacity, the Chief Justice of India urged the young doctors to anchor their medical careers in empathy and ethics. "Empathy and ethics are not mere abstract concepts; they are the bedrock of your medical journey," he stated. He advised, "As you step into the world as healthcare professionals, remember that your technical skills are only part of



Postgraduate Institute of Medical Education and Research, Chandigarh

the equation. It is your compassion, your ability to listen, and your unwavering commitment to ethical practices that will truly define your success and impact on the lives of your patients."

Drawing an insightful parallel to the movie Munna Bhai M.B.B.S., Chief Justice Chandrachud reminded the audience that just as the film highlighted the importance of compassion over mere textbook knowledge, so too should the heart of medicine be rooted in empathy.

"Your patients are more than just cases; they are people who need your kindness as much as your expertise. Let the lessons of empathy be your guide, and you'll find that even the smallest gestures of care can create miracles," he emphasized.

The Chief Justice praised PGIMER for its dedication to medical excellence and compassion. "PGIMER holds a spe-

cial place in my heart. As graduates, you are now part of a legacy of excellence that has shaped the medical landscape of India. PGIMER has been a beacon of innovation and care for over six decades, and you are the torchbearers of its future," he said. Reflecting on the parallels between medicine and law, Justice Chandrachud noted that both professions are guided by principles such as Beneficence, Non-maleficence, Autonomy, and Justice.

He underscored that these fields share a common goal which is to serve humanity with compassion and integrity. "Your journey as medical professionals is not just about healing the body, but it is also about uplifting the spirit and ensuring justice in healthcare," he remarked.

Highlighting the critical importance of equity in healthcare, he pointed out the disparities revealed by the COVID-19 pandemic and

called upon the new graduates to ensure that medical advancements reach everyone, regardless of socio-economic status. "Technology has the power to revolutionize medicine, but it must be guided by compassion and equity. As doctors, you must remain vigilant to ensure that AI and other tools serve all patients fairly, without perpetuating existing biases," the Chief Justice cautioned. In a heartfelt conclusion, Chief Justice Chandrachud quoted Walt Whitman's Leaves of Grass, reminding the audience that compassion is the greatest virtue a medical professional can cultivate. "It is not just about curing diseases but about caring for the person behind the illness, respecting their dignity, and offering comfort in their most vulnerable moments," he said.

Earlier in the ceremony, Prof. Vivek Lal, Director, PGIMER, highlighted the institute's achievements and its global trajectory of excellence. "The foundation laid by our esteemed founding fathers has propelled PGI onto a global trajectory of excellence, with alumni now among the best in the world," he stated.

Enumerating the achievements of the institute, the Director said, "PGI's global recognition, including being voted as the best centre for lung cancer, is a testament to our relentless pursuit of excellence. We are the only Indian institution broadcasting academic sessions to over 350 centres globally, showcasing our pride, humility, and unwavering commitment to education," he said.

CJI Chandrachud emphasizes on strengthening infra in courts to deal with pendency in cases

Chandigarh: Chief Justice of India D Y Chandrachud on Saturday emphasised on strengthening infrastructure in the courts to deal with pendency in cases even as he said different mediums like the Lok Adalats were being adopted to reduce the number of court cases.

He said modern technology like Artificial Intelligence was being used to translate the court verdicts in regional languages for the convenience of people.

The Chief Justice of India (CJI) was speaking to reporters on the sideline of the 37th convocation of the Postgraduate Institute of Medical Education and Research (PGIMER) here. Replying to a question on pendency of cases, CJI Chandrachud said like in hospitals, people have faith in the courts which is also one of the reasons for the increase in number of cases.

"If you see in a hospital, the number of patients go up and similarly in courts, the number (of cases) rises. What is the reason behind it? People have 'aastha' (faith) in hospitals that is why the number of patients increases. People have 'aastha' and trust in courts and that is why number increases," the CJI said.

"For this, we have to increase infrastructure. Like infrastructure in the hospitals has to be increased and similarly, infrastructure in the courts has to be increased," he added. And we also have to adopt new mediums, the CJI stressed as he said that a special Lok Adalat was held last week in which around 1,000 cases were decided in five days. CJI Chandrachud said as

many as 21 benches of the Supreme Court worked and heard around 4,000 cases during the summer vacation this year. Out of 4,000 cases, 1,170 cases were disposed of, he said. "Through different mediums we can reduce the number of cases," the CJI said.

Commenting on another issue, the CJI said it has been observed that the language used in courts is English. To make common people easily understand about their cases, he said with the help of Artificial Intelligence, the court verdicts are being translated in regional languages. "From 1950 till 2024, there are around 37,000 SC verdicts and out of which, 22,000 judgements have been translated into Punjabi. More than 36,000 verdicts have been translated into Hindi. We are translating verdicts in all languages," he said.

The CJI further said live streaming of hearings in the Supreme Court is being undertaken. "Through technology we have taken many initiatives," he said. Replying to a question on shortage of judges, CJI Chandrachud said there are many reasons behind it. There are many states like the Allahabad High court where the strength of judges is 160 and it is not easy to create infrastructure for 160 judges, he said.

He said there is no vacancy in the Supreme Court and 34 judges were working during his tenure. The CJI, however, laid emphasis on filling vacancies in the district judiciary. CJI Chandrachud said it is important for the high courts and the state governments to fill those vacancies in the district judiciary, he stressed. (Agencies)

BRIEFS

Two-day Zero Waste Teej Mahotsav begins with Punjabi folk, Giddha & Bhangra

Chandigarh: Municipal Corporation's Zero Waste Teej Mahotsav celebrations began on Saturday at the Garden of Shrub, Sector 46-C, with Mayor Kuldeep Kumar, inaugurating the two-day colorful Zero Waste Teej Mahotsav. The two-day mela dedicated to the "Har Ghar Tiranga: My Nation, My Pride" theme, featured Punjabi, Haryanvi, Rajasthani folk dances, songs, fusion of Giddha & Bhangra and Teejan de Geet by famous artists from various states. The audience present at the mela could not resist dancing to the foot-tapping beats of "Dhol" and popular Punjabi numbers. The Mayor stressed the necessity to perpetuate cultural values among the masses, especially the younger generation. He also enlightened the gathering about the social, religious and historical significance of the Teej Mahotsav. Municipal Commissioner Anindita Mitra, acknowledged the tireless efforts of the entire team in making this year's celebration memorable while maintaining cleanliness and hygiene. The festival embraced a zero-waste initiative, showcasing the civic body's unwavering commitment to sustainability. The MC team and the SHGs (Self-Help Groups) aimed to raise awareness about waste management, recycling products, composting, and community empowerment. Various services of MCC were showcased, including Fire & Emergency Services, Safaimitra, Swachh Bharat Mission, C&D Waste Recycled Products, Horticulture Waste Products, Home Composting, Prarambh- Arpan products from Floral Waste, NAYA SA, Barton Bhandar, Safai Mitra Equipment Stalls, and Fire Rescue Services.

Talwara's Harshit joins Indian Naval Academy in Kerala

Chandigarh: The Punjab Government's Maharaja Ranjit Singh Armed Forces Preparatory Institute (MRSAPFI) achieved yet another success as its Cadet Harshit Chaudhary, resident of Talwara in Hoshiarpur district, recently commenced training at the Indian Naval Academy (INA), Ezhimala in Kerala. Punjab Employment Generation, Skill Development and Training Minister Aman Arora congratulated the cadet and conveyed his best wishes for the upcoming training. This achievement adds another feather in the cap of the institute's prestigious legacy and highlights the dedication and caliber of its cadets. The Institute has seen a total of 238 cadets entering different defence training academies, with 160 successfully commissioned as officers in the Indian Army, Navy, and Air Force. This accomplishment underscores the institute's commitment to nurturing skilled and capable military leaders, he added. Arora informed that 15 cadets have successfully cleared the Services Selection Board (SSB) Interviews and are now anticipating their joining letters to commence training at the National Defence Academy (NDA) to pursue their journey towards becoming commissioned officers in the Indian Armed Forces. Major General Ajay H. Chauhan, the Director of the Institute, said that significant progress is ongoing at the Institute, with an additional 11 cadets scheduled to undergo the SSB interview for the Technical Entry Scheme and other entries in this month.

Governor Punjab and Administrator UT Chandigarh Visits Sector 9 Secretariat

Chandigarh: Gulab Chand Kataria, Governor of Punjab and Administrator of UT Chandigarh, visited the Sector 9, Secretariat on Saturday. The Administrator was welcomed with a Guard of Honour by the Chandigarh Police and was greeted by Rajeev Verma, Adviser to Administrator and Surendera Singh Yadav, DGP, along with other senior officers of the Chandigarh Administration. During the visit, the Administrator received a brief introduction to all the officers and their respective responsibilities. He was also presented with detailed overviews of Chandigarh and the various departments of the Chandigarh Administration. In his address, the Administrator emphasized that both he and all the officers are committed to serving the public impartially and encouraged the officers to remain undeterred by challenges and to feel motivated in solving problems. It is crucial to ensure that work is done in the right direction. All officers urged to conduct regular review meetings within their departments to foster teamwork and enhance departmental efficiency. He also highlighted the importance of regular public interactions to gain a clearer understanding of departmental operations.



Pb Minister raised various issues of Social Security Department with Union Minister Annapurna Devi

Chandigarh: In a discussion with Union Minister Annapurna Devi over video conferencing, Punjab's Social Security, Women and Child Development Minister, Dr. Baljit Kaur underscored the pressing need for increased financial and operational support from the Ministry of Women and Child Development to further strengthen the welfare programs for women and children in the state. Kaur during the interaction, provided an overview of the substantial progress made in key areas, while also highlighting the challenges that require immediate attention and support. She emphasized the inadequacy of the current cost norms under the Supplementary Nutrition Program (SNP) to meet the rising prices of essential ingredients and high-calorie foods and urged the Union Minister to revise these norms to ensure that the nutritional needs of the beneficiaries are adequately met. Additionally, she highlighted the exclusion of children attending private schools from the Poshan Tracker nutrition system, advocating their inclusion to ensure comprehensive nutritional support across all educational institutions. The Minister raised concerns over delays in fund release which is stalling the completion of critical projects, including the construction of Vatsalya Sadan and a working women's hostel in SAS Nagar. She stressed the urgent need for additional funds to meet the growing demand for sponsorships and foster care services.

MoU signed for State-of-the-Art Commercial Complex in Shimla

Shimla: The Town & Country Planning, Housing and Technical Education Minister Rajesh Dharmani presided over a event at New Delhi where the Himachal Pradesh Housing and Urban Development Authority (HIMUDA) signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the School of Planning and Architecture (SPA) for the development of a state-of-the-art commercial complex at Vikas Nagar, Shimla. Minister emphasized that the project was energy-efficient and would achieve a high green building ranking, in line with sustainable development goals set by the State Government. In addition to this, another MoU was signed between the Department of Architecture of Rajiv Gandhi Engineering College, Nagrota (Kangra) and SPA for technical knowledge sharing during the event. Minister said that the collaboration aims to leverage SPA's extensive experience in the fields of architecture and planning to enhance the educational standards of the institution, providing a competitive edge to the students of Himachal Pradesh. He also discussed a specialization course on Hill Architecture as part of this initiative. Director SPA Delhi, Prof. V.K. Paul steered the proceedings of the MoU signing event. He also highlighted the importance of efficient planning and how this MOU would play a significant role in preserving the ecology and environment of Himachal Pradesh.

Punjab Police nabs drug smuggler wanted by German Police in 487 kg cocaine smuggling case

PNS ■ CHANDIGARH

Punjab Police in a joint operation with central agencies has apprehended an international drug smuggler identified as Simranjot Singh Sandhu (30), who is the alleged kingpin of 487kg cocaine smuggling case (2020) in Germany, Director General of Police (DGP) Gaurav Yadav said on Saturday.

The development came after investigations of backward and forward linkages carried out by the Moga Police into the arrest of local drug smugglers identified as Beant Singh and Sukhdeep Singh, who were arrested with 1kg heroin on June 16, 2024.

In their statement, Moga Police had nominated Mandep Singh—presently based in the USA, and Simranjot Singh, who was allegedly searching for purchasers for heroin in Punjab on the directions of the former.

The DGP said that the accused Simranjot Sandhu is a key lynchpin of an international drug cartel and is wanted in Germany for drug offences.

Preliminary investigations have revealed that the arrested accused, with international links, played a major role in smuggling drugs in India and other European countries, he added.

Inspector General of Police (IGP) Headquarters Sukhchain Singh Gill accompanied by DIG Faridkot Range Ashwani Kapur and SSP Moga Ankur Gupta, while sharing more details during a press conference, said that during the follow-up investigations into the 1kg heroin recovery case, Moga Police has arrested accused Simranjot Sandhu, a native of village Gokhuwal in Batala, from village Bhalour in Moga.

He said that the accused Simranjot, who went to Germany in 2002, was working as a taxi driver and during the period from March 2020 and June 2020, the

accused had stored and transported at least 487kg cocaine, 66kg marijuana and 10kg hashish being supplied from Brazil and other South American countries and landed at port of Hamburg Germany.

The accused used to communicate on an encrypted mobile app 'Encrochat' through which drug network was unearthed by the Germany police, he said.

Later, the accused was convicted for 8 years and 6 months under section 29 of the Narcotic Drugs Act by German courts on February 28, 2022, but without completing the sentence he fled away to Dubai in July 2023 and then came to India in September 2023.

The IGP said that for 11 months, accused Simranjot has been staying at various places in India including Amritsar, Chandigarh, Rajasthan, Moga, etc to elude arrest.

Detailed interrogation of the arrested accused is being done to verify his activities in India, he said.

Hry Governor inaugurates ICAI's two-day workshop "Parcham"

Chandigarh: Haryana Governor Bandaru Dattatraya on Saturday addressed the inaugural ceremony of the two-day workshop "Parcham" organised by the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India (ICAI) at the auditorium of Gurugram University and said a Chartered Accountant guides businesses on the right path, thereby enhancing their credibility. He also highlighted the need to eradicate corruption from the country and the state, stating that only then can we achieve progress. The higher our country's tax revenue, the more we can work towards the welfare of our citizens, the Governor added. Addressing CA students, the Governor said that while money has its importance, knowledge is far more valuable, urging them to prioritise the pursuit of knowledge. During the workshop, the Governor said that at the time of India's independence, there were only 1,700 Chartered Accountants in the country, a number that has now grown to over 60 lakh. This indicates the popularity of Chartered Accountancy as a career among the youth. PNS

HP witnesses heavy rains

PNS ■ SHIMLA

Several parts of the hill state of Himachal Pradesh saw heavy rains on Saturday as 135 roads remained closed following landslides and flash floods.

Reports of damages due to heavy rains, landslides and flash floods have poured in Lahaul and Spiti, Chamba and Sirmour districts but no casualty was reported. The Lahaul and Spiti police have issued an advisory for residents and travellers to exercise extreme caution and not to cross Jahalman nallah where the water level is rising rapidly. The regional Met office has also issued an 'orange' alert, warning for heavy to very rainfall at isolated places in five districts of Kangra, Mandi, Shimla, Solan and Sirmour accompanied by thunderstorm and lightning on Saturday and a 'yellow' alert for heavy rain throughout the state till August 16. Heavy rains lashed parts of the state with Nahan in Sirmour recording the highest rainfall of 168.3 mm since Friday evening, followed by 106.4 mm in Sandhole, 93.2 mm in Nagrota Surian, 67 mm in Dhaulakuan, 62.2 mm in Jubbarhatti and 45.6 mm in Kandaghat.

According to the State Emergency Operation Centre, 135 roads including 42 in Sirmour, 37 in Kullu, 29 in Mandi, 17 in Shimla, five in Kangra, four in Kinnaur, one in Lahaul and Spiti district are closed while 24 power and 56 water supply schemes have been disrupted due to the rains. The MeT department also warned of a low to moderate flash flood risk in isolated parts of Chamba, Kangra, Mandi, Sirmour and Shimla districts till Sunday morning. The weather department has cautioned of the possibility of damage to plantations, crops, vulnerable structures and 'kutch' houses due to strong winds and waterlogging.

No free water in Himachal rural areas to people with annual income exceeding Rs 50,000

Shimla: All water consumers in rural areas of Himachal Pradesh will no longer enjoy the facility of free water supply as the domestic consumers with annual income above Rs 50,000 will have to pay Rs 100 per month. Besides, the commercial establishments will be billed according to kilolitre. The State cabinet which took the decision to increase the revenue and curtail the subsidies on Thursday also decided to provide metered water supply to commercial establishments like hotels and home-stays and bill them on commercial rates. "Domestic consumers with annual income above Rs 50,000 will have to pay Rs 100 per month as water bill while the business establishments like hotels would be charged as per kilolitre and the money collected will be utilised in improving the quality of drinking water," said Sukhu. However, certain underprivileged sections including widows, destitute, 'ekal nari' (single woman), handicapped and other weaker sections will continue to get water free of cost. During the past few years, hotels and home-stays have mushroomed in rural areas and these are enjoying free water facilities while the hotels in urban areas are being supplied water and electricity at commercial rates. "The Jan Shakti Department which is operating about 10,000 water supply schemes in the state is suffering revenue loss of about Rs 800 crore due to supply of free water," said an official. PNS

Hry CM inaugurates and lays foundation stone for 87 Projects worth Rs 184 crores

PNS ■ CHANDIGARH

Haryana Chief Minister Nayab Singh Saini on Saturday inaugurated and laid the foundation for 87 projects worth approximately Rs. 184 crores which officials said are set to improve local infrastructure, public services, and community facilities, marking a significant leap forward in regional development.

During a public meeting held in Pataudi, the Chief Minister announced an additional Rs. 10 crores for various development works. He also announced the opening of a Veterinary Polyclinic and Animal Trauma Center in the village of Tajpur Nagar, Gurugram, subject to land availability, with an estimated cost of Rs. 1 crore. Furthermore, he announced the establishment of a Polytechnic College in the village of Majri at a cost of Rs. 3.50 crores, declaring the Pataudi-Farukhnagar zone from a low potential zone to a medium potential zone, and an allocation of Rs. 2.5 crores for improving Public Works Department roads.

Saini also addressed the issue of electricity in the region by announcing the construction of 33-33 KV power houses in the villages of Siwari, Jasat, and Daulatabad at a cost of Rs. 20.50 crores. Additionally, he announced the construction of a new Municipal Corporation building in Manesar, with an estimated cost of Rs. 76 crores.



Discussions will be held with NHI, Government of India, to elevate the Hodal-Nuh, Pataudi-Patauda Road to National Highway status. He announced that all demands included in the memorandum submitted by the MLA, Satya Prakash Jrawta will be fulfilled after checking their feasibility. Addressing the gathering at the public meeting, Saini said our government is making new decisions to simplify their lives and in the past 10 years, our double-engine government has not only transformed India but also worked on transforming Haryana.

Saini while criticizing the opposition said that those who are now demanding the account of works done by our government should note that their government worked on a commission mode, while our double-engine government operates in mission mode. He said that during the Congress era, politics was characterized by casteism, regionalism, and nepotism. Jobs were obtained

through parchi-kharchi. Corruption was prevalent in transfers during their time, whereas now transfers are done online, said Saini. He said that the success of the present state government's tenure is evident from the experiences of various beneficiaries including youth, who have secured government jobs without 'Parchi Kharchi', the poor who now receive free medical treatment, farmers who benefit from direct crop insurance and compensation payments, and the elderly who no longer have to endure lengthy processes to receive their pensions.

Families with an annual income of less than Rs. 1 lakh have been provided with Happy Cards, allowing 23 lakh families and 84 lakh members to free travel upto 1000 kilometres annually on Haryana Roadways buses. He also mentioned that through the Ayushman-Chirayu scheme, families have been provided with treatment facilities up to Rs. 5 lakh. Under this scheme,

1.19 crore Ayushman and Chirayu cards have been issued, benefiting the people. Under this, Rs. 2173 crore have been spent by the government for the treatment of 54,000 people. He added that the Dayalu scheme is helping families, with Rs. 423 crore provided under this scheme.

Saini stated that the government has worked to free women from smoke by providing gas connections and cylinders. Now, our government has decided that 12 gas cylinders will be provided per year at Rs. 500 each. This scheme has been in effect since August 1. It will benefit approximately 49 lakh families. Additionally, due to the lower rainfall this year, the Cabinet has decided to provide farmers with a bonus of Rs. 2,000 per acre to reduce the extra burden on them. He said that our double-engine government is continuously working for the benefit of farmers, and Haryana has now become the first state in the country.



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Stand for Women's Unwavering Safety

- ✓ The number of women in Haryana police increased from 3% to 10%
- ✓ Dedicated helpline 1091 for safety of women
- ✓ 31 New Women Police Stations established in the State
- ✓ Safe and free bus service for girl students from home to institute
- ✓ Durga Shakti Vahini, Durga Shakti App, Durga Shakti Rapid Action Force formed

**Unwavering Women
Safety Continues**

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I, Kiran Grover W/o late Mahabir Grover R/o #42 Sector 20A, Chandigarh declare that my son Manish Grover and his wife Himani Grover are out of my control and I debar/disown from all movable and immovable properties. Anyone dealing with them I will not be responsible.

I, Ram Singh son of Sh. Prem Singh resident of house no. 38/3, Mahajan Wali Gali, Panipat I declare that my son Inder Jeet Singh is beyond my control. Therefore, I evict them from all my movable/immovable properties. In future, the person dealing with them will himself be responsible. There will be no responsibility for me or my family.

I, Sat Pal Mittal s/o Kishore Chand and wife Kunti Gupta R/O #143 Sector 45A Chandigarh hereby disown our son Ankush Mittal, aged 47 yrs (Unmarried) from our all movable/immovable properties. He is out of our control. If anybody deal with him will do so at own risk and responsibility. We and our other family members will not be responsible for his any deeds.

I, Vandana Chawla W/O Parveen Chawla, R/O Flat No. 62-A, Metro Town Peer Muchalla, Dhakauli, Zirakpur, Sas Nagar, Mohali-Punjab. Kunal Chawla is My Real Son. He Is Out of My Control. I Disown Him From My All Moveable & Immovable Property. Anybody Deal With Him At Their Own Risk.

We Jai Ram S/o Ram Dhani and Nirmala Devi W/o Jai Ram R/O House No. 2861, Dainik Bhaskar Colony, Sector 25-D, Chandigarh inform that our son Yogesh and his wife Sandhya Gond out of our control. We Disown them from our all movable and Immovable Properties. We have no relationship with them. Anybody deal with them at their own Risk.

I, Suresh Sindhu (Aadhaar No. 5302 7679 3187) son of Shri Ramphal, resident of Village Kheri Sadh (42) Tehsil Sampda District Rohtak, Haryana declare that my son Sumit is out of control of mine and my other family members. So I disown him from my entire moveable and immovable properties. If anybody deals with him should be held responsible for all kinds of act and deeds.

I, Sita Devi W/o Late Machhander Nath R/O Model Town Street No- 4A, Ward No-6, Kurali, Tehsil Kharar/Mohali Punjab my son Prince Verma and his wife Radhika are out of my control. I disown them from my movable immovable properties. Anyone deals with them at their own risk.

I, Hardev Kaur W/O Late Dharan Singh R/O #15. Guru Nanak Colony, Rajpura Tehsil Rajpura Distt Patiala Declare That My Son Swaran Singh And His Wife Navdeep Kaur 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, Arvind Kumar Jha S/o Late Sh. Mohan Lal Jha R/O H.No.2820/B, Sector 42-C, Chandigarh declare that my son named Amit Jha & my Daughter-in-law Soni Kumari W/O Amit Jha both are out of my control.I debarred son named Amit Jha and my Daughter-in-law Soni Kumari W/O Amit Jha from my all movable and immovable property.If any body deal with my son,my daughter-in-law, their children's then I will not be responsible for the same.

PUBLIC NOTICE

I, Sohan Singh s/o Jagna Ram, R/o #16, Dairy complex, Maloya, Chandigarh declare that in my aadhaar card my name has mentioned as Sohna and date of birth mentioned as 01.01.1999. But my correct name is Sohan Singh and correct date of birth is 15.11.1997.

I, Sat Narain S/o Tara Chand R/O H. No. 858, Sector 11, Huda, Panipat declare that Parveen Aggarwal is my real son. In my son's passport my name is Satnarain Aggarwal Kumar while in all other documents my name is Sat Narain both of which are my names. So, it is appropriate to write my name as Sat Narain in my son's passport.

In my services documents my daughter's name wrongly written as Aradhya Sushil Kumar Khandali, which needs to be corrected as Aradhya Sushil Kumar Khandali. I No. 4201034H NK/MC Sushil Kumar Khandali, 21 Kumaon. In my son 4201034H NK/MC Sushil Kumar Khandali 21 Kumaon services documents my name wrongly written as Suvarna Khanadli, which needs to be corrected as Suvarna Shrikant Khanadli. Suvarna Shrikant Khanadli resident of Hebbal, Hukkeri, Karnataka-591221.

I, in my son 4195934N Hav Rajesh Kumar Yadav 21 Kumaon services documents my name wrongly written as Mahendra Singh Yadav, which needs to be corrected as Mahender Singh Yadav. Mahender Singh Yadav resident of Majri Kalan, Alwar Rajasthan-301703.

I, in my son 4195934N Hav Rajesh Kumar Yadav 21 Kumaon services documents my name wrongly written as Vidhya Devi, which needs to be corrected as Vidya Devi. Vidya Devi resident of Majri Kalan, Alwar Rajasthan-301703.

I, Vinita Chauhan W/O Chandrama Chauhan R/O Fafa Thimmaya Quarter No. 99, Jalandhar Cantt Declare That In My Son Puneet Chauhan School Record My Name Is Wrongly Written As Veenita Chauhan. My Correct Name Is Vinita Chauhan.

I, Army no. Jc726361H rank subedar Subhash Chand S/o Tekram R/o village biholi tehsil samalkha dist. Panipat has declared that in my service record my daughter's name was mentioned as Monika which is wrong. My daughter's actual name is Monika Kadyan for all future purposes.

I, Pappi Mishra W/o Rakesh Kumar Mishra R/O Village Ahirauli PO Sardar Nagar Tehsil Chauri Chaura Distt Gorkhpur (UP) PIN-273202 have changed my name from PAPPY MISHRA to PAPPI MISHRA due to wrong name recorded in my husband's Army Service record Vide affidavit No IN-PB44783590384825W dated 10.08.2024.

I, Navinder Kumar Gotra S/o Jagdish Raj Gotra R/o vpo Awankha tehsil Dinanagar, distt Gurdaspur declare that in my passport written my name as Navinder Kumar and father name as Jagdish Raj and mother name as Daya Rani. But my correct name is Navinder Kumar Gotra and father name Jagdish Raj Gotra and mother name Daya Wanti. Concerned note.

I, Gurjit Singh S/O Harwinder Singh, H. No. 2A, New Town. Opp ATS Villas Balaji Nagar Derabassi (SAS Nagar), Mohali, declared that in my son Navjot Saini Certificate of Marks Statement cum Certificate of Secondary School Examination, 2024 (Roll No. 13211425), my name wrongly mentioned Gurjit Saini whereas my correct name is Gurjit Singh.

I, No. 2994408X Ex Naik (TS) Rajesh Kumar son of Raghurib Singh resident of H No. 827/35, Janta Colony, Rohtak, Tehsil & District Rohtak (Haryana) have changed my daughter name in my Army records from DEE-KASHA BHARDWAJ (existing name) to DEEKSHA (PROPOSED new name) as per my daughter Matric Certificate, Aadhaar /PAN Card. In future my daughter shall may be known/written and called as DEEKSHA for all work purposes, Vide Affidavit dated 10 AUG 2024 before NOTARY PUBLIC, ROHTAK

CHANGE OF NAME

I, Soban S/o Yasin R/o Village Daulatpur, Pansara, Tehsil Jagadhri, Distt. Yamuna Nagar -135001 (Haryana) declare that I have changed my name from Soban to Sojan Ali.

I, Ajay Rana son of JC-298608M Sub (OPR) Diljit Singh (Retd) resident of Village Fattawal, PO & Tehsil Mukerian, Distt Hoshiarpur (Pb) changed my name from Ajay Rana to Sanjeev Rana. My correct date of birth is 14.12.1987 Concerned note.

I, Parkash Chand Sharma Father of No. 2467515M Hav Ashok Kumar Sharma (Retd), resident of Village Attagarh PO & Tehsil Mukerian, Distt Hoshiarpur (Pb), have changed my name from Parkash Chand Sharma to Parkash Chand. My correct date of birth is 16.05.1931. Concerned note.

I, Jaswinder Singh Saini S/o Amrik Singh R/o VPO Panjaur Tehsil Garhshankar Distt. Hoshiarpur Punjab have changed my name from Jaswinder Singh Saini to Jasvinder Singh. Concerned note.

I, Amandeep S/O Shri Madan Mohan Sharma R/O House no. 466-M, SF, Ambrosia, Phase 2, Omaxe, New Chandigarh, Mohali, Punjab-140901 have changed my name to Aman Deep Kaushal.

I, Vimla Devi W/O Suresh Kumar R/O Village Dameshi, Tehsil Chhachhrauli, Distt Yamuna Nagar declare that Bimla and Vimla Devi both are my name, one and the same lady, Vimla Devi is my correct name, as per my Aadhar card or other documents.

I, Charanjit Singh S/o Ram Lal R/O 412-L, Sarni Chowk, Model Town, Yamuna Nagar have changed my name from Charanjit Singh Makkar to Charanjit Singh.

I, Rajeev Sharma S/O Shri Niwas Sharma R/O #House No-40, Gali No.1, Indra Nagar Faridabad, Haryana Have Changed Rajeev Kumar To Rajeev Sharma.

I, Rekha W/o Satvinder Singh Bhambra R/o H.No. 810A, Peeran Wali Gali, Bahadurpur, Near Garhi Gate Distt. Hoshiarpur Punjab have changed my name from Rekha Bhambra to Rekha. Concerned note.

I, Sushil Gupta S/o Amar Chand Gupta 91/7, Jalandhar Sudentagar (T), Sundemagar Township, Mandi H.P. 174402. I have changed my name from Sushil Kumar Gupta to Sushil Gupta.

I, Parveen Aggarwal S/o Sh. Sat Narain Aggarwal R/O 858, Sector 11, Huda, Panipat, declare that I have changed my name from Parveen Kumar Aggarwal to Parveen Aggarwal. I will be known by the name of Parveen Aggarwal in future. To be known, note all the related.

I, hitherto known as ANKIT S/O MOHINDER R/O V.P.O Karad, Tehsil Israna, District Panipat, Haryana-132107 have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as ANKIT KUHAR. It is certified that I have complied with other legal requirements in this connection.

I, Neeru w/o Rajesh Arora r/o h.no 76 ram nagar near Doctor kaushal tehsil ceerp panipat I Declare Neeru and Neeru sathi both are my name and in future my name is Neeru.

I, Geetanjali D/o Sh. Beli Ram, R/O House no 2136/1, Pipili Wala Town, Manimajra, Chandigarh have changed my name from Geetanjali to Geetanjali Devi.

I, Neeraj S/o Rajender Singh R/o Karsa Chaur Post office Karsa Chaur, District Karnal Haryana inform that in my 10th class Marksheets my father name spelling is wrongly recorded Rajinder Singh. My father Correct name is Rajender Singh.

I, No.14938029Y L/Hav Pandari Goud Pilli S/o Nara Goud R/O H.No.12-36, Gouds Colony, Khanapur, Pawar Garg Nandan 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-PB 4 3 6 7 2 3 6 8 7 9 2 6 4 W Dt.07.08.2024 Before Notary Public Amritsar.

I, Simarjeet Kaur Gill W/O Sahib Singh R/O Village Kallie Wala, PO Ferozpur District Ferozpur have changed my name from Simarjeet Kaur Gill to Simarjeet Kaur.

I, No.15580672M Hav Sukhwinder Singh R/O Unit 439 (I) Engr Sqn C/o 56 Apo have changed my father's Date of Birth from 26.03.1963 to 01.01.1957.

I, No.15580672M Hav Sukhwinder Singh R/O Unit 439 (I) Engr Sqn C/o 56 Apo have changed my wife's name from Dimple Kaur to Dimple Kaur.

I, No.15582055H Spr Mohd Wahid Unit 270 Engineer Regiment have changed my Sister's Date of Birth from 10.12.2004 to 01.01.2005.

I, No.15582055H Spr Mohd Wahid Unit 270 Engineer Regiment have changed my Sister's name from Aajeeeya to Aafiya.

I, Raju D/o Saroop Singh R/O VPO Kasel District Tarn Taran have changed my name from Raju to Neha Sahota.

I, Ritu Raj Sharma W/o Raj Kumar R/O 25/14, Paradise Lane, Opp. M.K Garden, Mall Road, Amritsar. I have changed my name from Ritu Raj Sharma to Reetu Sharma.

I, Smt Kusum Lata Rana Mother of No.2496268M Hav Beaveen Singh Rana R/O Tehsil Dehra Gram Panchayat Beeham Village Nangal Biham (150) Kangra Himachal Pradesh-177103 have changed my name to Kusam Lata and Date of Birth from 01.07.1964 to 08.05.1963 Vide Affidavit No.IN-PB44995220828764W Dt.10.08.2024 Before Notary Public Amritsar.

I, Inderjeet Katoch S/O Sukhdev Katoch R/O Village Toka, PO Rattewali, Tehsil, District Panchkula, Haryana, have changed my name from Parmila Devi to Parmala Devi.

I, N Poshalaiah Father of Nakka Mahesh R/o VPO Chilvakkodur Teh Gollapalli Distt Jagtial Telangana-505532 have changed my name to Nakka Pochalaiah Vide Affidavit No.IN-P B 4 4 9 5 7 0 2 6 2 8 8 6 8 0 W Dt.10.08.2024 Before Notary Public Amritsar.

I, Poonam Mother of No.14952889X Sep Ashutosh Kushwaha R/O Milti Meetli Baghpatt Uttar Pradesh-250601 now at 15 Mech Inf C/o 56 Apo have changed my name to Punam Devi Vide Affidavit No.IN-PB44538942906475W Dt.09.08.2024 Before Notary Public Amritsar.

I, Ranjit Kaur W/o Harbhej Singh R/O Chak Road, Near Baba Jagar Shah Ji, Padhri Kalan Tarn Taran have changed my son's name from Harmanpreet Singh to Harmanpreet Singh Dhillon.

I, Saini Rajwant Kaur W/o Harkanar Singh R/O House No. 231, Ahluwalia Colony, Jamalpur, Ludhiana declare That Saini Rajwant Kaur and Rajwant Kaur both names are mine and of one & same Person. Concerned note.

I, Manjit Kaur Mother of No 15213106F Rank Hav. (DMT) Harjeet Singh Presently R/o 985 Nasirpur, Surinder Nagar Ambala City have changed my name from Manjeet Kaur to Manjit Kaur in my Son Service records. Vide affidavit dated 05-08-2024 Ambala Court

I, Ambika Sudan W/O Pankaj Sudan R/O 179/C, Near Ambika Devi Mandir, Kumhar Mohalla Ambala City have changed my name from Ambika Mehta to Ambika Sudan .

I, Gurmeet Singh S/O Jaggar Singh R/O Village Sarala Khurd Distt. Patiala I Have Changed My Name From Gurmeet Singh To Gurmit Singh

I, Mahindri Devi W/O No.4427397N Rank Hav- Vijay Kumar of Unit-2 Arunachal Scouts BN C/O 99,APO,Address Village Ismailia Bad, P.O- Ismailia Bad, Tehsil-Pehowa, Distt. Kurukshetra ,State- Haryana, Pin-136129 have changed my name from Mahindri Devi to Mahindri Devi and D.O.B is 12-12-1987. Please all concerned note Please.

I, Gurbakhash Kaur W/O Gurmit Singh R/O Village Sarala Khurd Distt. Patiala I Have Changed My Name From Gurbakhash Kaur To Gurbax Kaur

I, Anjali Devi W/O Narendar Singh R/o House no 183 A, Ansal Town, Karnal, Haryana 132001 have changed my name from Anjali to Anjali Devi for all future purposes.

I, Pardeep Kumar s/o Dalip Singh R/o village Jagsi tehsil gohana dist. Sonipat have changed my name from Pardeep to Pardeep Kumar and my wife's name Sunita to Sunita Devi for all future purposes. Consider the same in School record of my son Rihand.

I, Vishal s/o Rajinder Kumar r/o #276, Village Baldi, Tehsil & Distt. Karnal (Haryana) have changed my name from Vishal Kumar to Vishal. In future I should be known as Vishal.

I, Ambika Sudan W/O Pankaj Sudan R/O 179/C, Near Ambika Devi Mandir, Kumhar Mohalla Ambala City have changed my name from Ambika Mehta to Ambika Sudan .

I, Dilbag Singh S/O Ajit Singh R/O Village Mehampur Khurd, Tehsil Baba Bakala, Distt. Amritsar, Punjab have changed my name from Dilbag Singh to Singh is my surname and Dilbag is my given name.

I, Jasvinder Kaur W/O Bhim Singh R/O Vill & P.O. Umri Teh. Thanesar Distt Kurukshetra have declared that in my some documents my name written Jaswinder both name belongs from one person Jasvinder Kaur & Jaswinder.

I, Sameer S/o Amir Alam R/O House no 18, Street no. 4, Shiv City, PO Behloppur, Distt SAS Nagar (Mohali), Punjab-160014 have changed my name to Sameer Khan.

I, Sandeep S/O Sh. Kashmir Chand Kamboj R/O Village Ram Nagaria, Distt. Sirsa (Haryana). That I have changed my name from Sandeep to Sandeep Kumar , in future my name is to be called as Sandeep Kumar.

I, Rekha Rani D/o Sh. Dayal Chand R/O Village Karamgarh Distt. Sirsa (Haryana). That I have changed my name from Rekha Rani to Rekha Mehta , in future my name is to be called as Rekha Mehta.

I, Parmila Devi W/o Sa-linder Singh R/O Village Toka, PO Rattewali, Tehsil, District Panchkula, Haryana, have changed my name from Parmila Devi to Parmala Devi.

I, hitherto known as Deputy S/o Maninder Ram R/O Village Nangal Fida, P.O. Salala, Tehsil & District Jalandhar, Punjab have changed my name Deputy to Deputy Mall. Now my given name is Deputy and Surname is Mall. All concerned note. It is certified that I have complied with other legal requirements in this connection.

I, Pardeep Kumar Gupta S/O Sh. Roshan Lal, R/o H.no-569, Sector-11 Panchkula, Haryana, have changed my name from Pardeep Kumar Gupta to Pardeep Kumar.

I, Suresh Kumar S/O Late Sh Bhoj Raj Jindal, R/O H.no-799, Sector- 8 Panchkula, have changed my name from Suresh Kumar to Suresh Jindal.

I, Sharita Devi W/o Sanjay Kumar Kushwaha Army no-15420266N, Rank HAV, Unit CH (WC) Chandimandir Cantt., C/o 56 APO, have changed my name from Sharita Devi to Sarita Kushwaha.

I, Vijay Kumar S/o Jagbir Singh R/O H.No. 1501 Sector-15 sonipat District Sonipat -131101. Have changed my son name Aryan to Aryan Kinha for all future purposes. Plz change my son name Aryan to Aryan Kinha in School record.

I, Mukesh Kumar son of Dharampal resident of village Siwaha, Tehsil and District Jind, declared that my minor Son Abhishek Passport Wrongly mentioned my name Mukesh. But my correct name is Mukesh Kumar in all my documents. That I have changed my name from Mukesh to Mukesh Kumar.

I, Sunita Devi spouse of No 15815194Y Rank Hav Name Vijender Singh residing at Village Udeypur P.O. Durjanpur Tehsil Uchana District Jind State Haryana Pin Code 126152 have change my name from Sunita Devi to Sunita vide affidavit No. 5158 dated 10-08-2024.

I, Sukhjinder Kaur W/o Sh. Gurvinder Singh r/o Village -Baguwalli, Tehsil & Distt. Sirsa have changed my name from Sukhjinder Kaur to Sukhvinder Kaur. Concerned note.

I, Suman W/O Late Gurditta Mal Goyal R/O H.No. 980 Sector 5 Urban Estate Kurukshetra, Have Changed My Name From Suman To Suman Goyal. Concerned Note.

I, Hitherto Known As Sunder Kumar Parrida Alias Surinder Kumar S/O Megh Raj Pasricha R/O House No. 3 / 404, Subhash Colony, Railway Road, Karnal (Rural) (Part)(1), Karnal, Haryana, 132001 Have Changed My Name And Shall Hereafter Be Known As Surinder Kumar.

I, Mandeep Kaur w/o Kulwinder Singh r/o H. No. 40, Theh Siwan Lander Peerjadda district Kaithal Haryana inform that I have changed my name from Maninder Kaur to Mandeep Kaur.

I, Krishan S/o Sh. Ramesh Kumar R/O Ward No. 9, Naranda, Tehsil Narnauda, Distt. Hisar declare that my name in my documents is Krishan but in 10th Certificate Krishan Kumar. My correct name is Krishan.

I, Laxmi W/o Bajrang Das R/O H. No. 338, Housing Board Colony, Sirsa Road, Hisar, Haryana declare that I have changed my name from Laxmi Devi to Laxmi for all future purposes.

I, Seema Kumari W/o Ashok Kumar R/O Village Amboli PO Sahlawas Tehsil Matenhal Distt Jhajjar (Haryana) PIN-124146, India, have changed my name from SHEMA DEVI to SEEMA KUMARI due to wrong name recorded in my husband's Army Service record.

I, Rajesh Kumar Samota R/O Ward No. 11, Vill. Seelpur Post Lorwara Teh Shrimadhapur Distt Sikar (Rajasthan) PIN-332708, India have changed my father name from PRAHLAD CHAND SAMOTA to PRAHALAD due to wrong name recorded in my Army Service record.

I, Rajesh Kumar Samota R/O Ward No. 11, Vill. Seelpur Post Lorwara Teh Shrimadhapur Distt Sikar (Rajasthan) PIN-332708, India have changed my name from SUMAN to SUMAN DEVI due to wrong name recorded in my husband Army Service record.

I, Swatanter Gautam S/O Jai Krishan Sharma # 415, Milk Colony Dhanas Chandigarh have changed my minor son's name from Arnav Gautam to Krishna Gautam.

I, Paramjit Kaur W/O Kuldeep Singh R/O Vpo. Bhekha Distt. Moga Have Changed My Name To Parmjeet Kaur.

I, Gurdev Singh Sidhu S/O Jarnail Singh Sidhu R/O Vpo. Daudhar Garbi Distt. Moga Have Changed My Name To Gurdev Singh.

I, Harshleen Oberoi W/O Arvinder Singh R/O 271 A Near Krishna Mandir Model Town Extension Ludhiana Have Changed My Name To Harshleen Kaur.

I, Kawajit Kaur W/O Charanjit Singh Tiwana R/O H.No.884, Ward No.27, Improvement Trust Colony Kotkapura Road Moga Have Changed My Name To Kamajit Kaur.

I, Manjeet Kaur W/O Karanjit Singh R/O Vpo. Dosaanj Kalan Tehsil Phillaur District Jalandhar 144502 Have Changed My Name From Manjeet Kaur To Manjit Kaur.

I, Ranjit Kaur W/O Punjab Singh R/O Singhpura Mohalla Urmur Hoshiarpur Declare That My Given Name As Ranjit And My Surname As Kaur.

I, Kuldeep Kaur W/O Parkash Singh R/O Vpo. Mandialan District Hoshiarpur Punjab Have Changed My Name To Kuldeep Kaur.

I, Punjab Singh S/O Dalip Singh R/O Singhpura Mohalla Urmur Hoshiarpur Declare That My Given Name As Punjab And My Surname As Singh.

I, Subash Chander S/O Vasandha Ram R/O H.No.555 W.No.20 Gali No.3 Prem Nagar Moga Have Changed My Name To Subhash Chander.

I, Pritpal Singh Toor S/O Nachitar Singh R/O Vill. Randiala Distt. Moga Have Changed My Name To Pritpal Singh.

I, Lakhveer Kaur Johal W/O Harpreet Singh Gill R/O Vpo. Nathoke Distt. Moga Have Changed My Name To Lakhveer Kaur.

I, Sarbjit Singh S/O Joginder Singh R/O Vill. Raiwall Dona P.O. Talwandi Madho Distt. Jalandhar Have Changed My Name To Sarbjit Singh Rai.

I, Sanjeev Kumar Dhall S/O Subhash Chander, R/O H.No. 3115/1, Sector 44-D, Chandigarh, have changed my name to Sanjeev Dhall and Sanjeev Kumar and both are my names.

I, ARUNA KHURI W/O Sanjeev Kumar Dhall, R/O H.No. 3115/1, Sector 44-D, Chandigarh, have changed my name to Aruna and Aruna Kumari and both are my names.

I, GURWINDER SINGH S/o ANGREJ SINGH R/o wan patt ,wan distt tarn taran have changed my name to GURWINDER SINGH

I, Sarabjit Kaur W/o Balwinder Singh R/O H.No. 575, Celebration Enclave, Guruwali, Tarn Taran Road, Amritsar Declare That I have Changed My Name From Sarabjit Kaur To Sarabjeet Kaur Concerned Please Note.

I, Manohar Masih s/o Kashmir Masih Village Bauli Tehsil Ajnala DIST Amritsar have changed my name from Manohar Masih to Masih Manohar In future Masih is my surname and Manohar my given name

I, Manjit Kaur W/o Hardeep Singh R/O.H.No.1429, Gali No.3, Guru Nanak Colony, TarnTaran have Changed my name Manjeet Kaur to Manjit Kaur

I, Ranjit Singh S/o Kulwant Singh R/o, H.No.19, Aulakh Niwas, Ajnala Road, Guru Ramdas Avenue Block A- Sector 5 Gumtala Sab Urban Amritsar Punjab Have Change My Name To Ranjit Singh Aulakh

I, Gurmeet Kaur W/o Kulwant Singh Aulakh R/o, H.No.19, Aulakh Niwas, Ajnala Road, Guru Ramdas Avenue Block A- Sector 5 Gumtala Sab Urban Amritsar Punjab Have Change My Name To Gurmeet Kaur Aulakh

I, Ranjit Singh Aulakh S/o Kulwant Singh R/o H.No.19, Aulakh Niwas, Ajnala Road, Guru Ramdas Avenue Block A- Sector 5 Gumtala Sab Urban Amritsar Punjab Have Change My Daughter Name From Gurnoorpreet Kaur To Gurnoorpreet Kaur Aulakh

I, Bhupinder Pal Singh S/o Jagir Singh R/O 87 , 227 Sarsehri Rampur (Part) (100) Sarsehri Distt. Ambala Haryana that I have changed my minor daughter's name from Harleen Singh Puwar to Harleen Singh . Concerned note.

I, Ruchi W/O Sandeep Nanda R/O H.no 267, Ward no 17, opp bus stand, Near kulwant eletrronics, Pehowa, Kurukshetra, Haryana Changed Name Ruchi Nanda.

I, Ranjeet Kumar S/o Baljit Kumar Vill Hamira Farm , Pehowa, Kurukshetra Have Changed My Name Ranjit Kumar.

I, Rahul S/o Ramkumar Vill Dadhola Panipat Have Changed My Given Name Rahul Surname Rahul .

I, Nikita Devi D/o Bhrat Singh Vpo Harigarh Bhorakh, Pehowa, Kurukshetra Have Changed My Given Name Nikita surname Devi .

I, Sudesh W/o Karmbeer Singh Vill Sarsa Tehsil Pehowa, Kurukshetra Have Changed My Name Sudesh Devi.

I, Karmbir Singh S/o Satpal Singh Vill Sarsa Tehsil Pehowa, Kurukshetra Have Changed My Name Karmbeer Singh

I, Santosh W/o Atom Parkash Vill.Naggal, H.No. 214/137 Ambala have Changed My Name Santosh Rani.

I, Ishwar Daas S/o Prem Chand Vill. Bibipur Khurd, Patiala have changed my Name Ishwar Dass

I, KARISHMA w/o Amit Kumar R/o 77 Shalimar colony , Jain college Road, Ambala City , Ambala Have Changed My Given Name Karishma Surname BHATNAGAR.

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Garment sector facing uncertainty due to Bangladesh crisis: Sitharaman

Normalcy may return soon, says FM

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

The Indian garment and knitted fabric sector is witnessing a bit of uncertainty due to the Bangladesh crisis, Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman said on Saturday, expressing hope that the interim government there will settle things 'sooner rather than later.'

Interacting with the media on the sidelines of customary post Budget address to the central board of Reserve Bank of India, she said efforts are being taken to ensure that borders with the neighbouring country are safe.

With regard to Indian investments, she said, the textile industry particularly from Tamil Nadu has made investments there in good faith and they have done well having gone there.

"The exports from Bangladesh also increased because of the duty and quota



liberal approach that we have towards low-income countries. They (Indian garment industry based in Bangladesh) could even export to India."

Particularly, she said, the garment and knitted fabric sector is seeing a bit of uncertainty because of the crisis in the neighbouring country.

"I hope that the investments are all safe... It's too early for me to see what kind of an impact this situation in

Bangladesh will have on our economy. I hope that the interim government will settle things sooner rather than later so that both the people of Bangladesh and India can get back to normalcy," she said.

Earlier this week, Bangladesh plunged into a political crisis when Sheikh Hasina resigned as the Prime Minister and fled the country. Soon after Parliament was dissolved leading to the creation of an interim

government.

The 84-year-old Nobel laureate Muhammad Yunus on Thursday took oath as the head of an interim government, replacing Sheikh Hasina who abruptly resigned and fled to India leaving the country in turmoil following deadly protests against her government over a controversial quota system in jobs.

On Friday, Bangladesh's interim leader Yunus announced the portfolios of his 16-member council of advisors and named a former top diplomat to head the foreign ministry.

The Nobel laureate's first task is to bring stability to Bangladesh after he responded to a call by student protesters for him to temporarily lead the country following weeks of deadly anti-government demonstrations against the government led by Sheikh Hasina.

Sovereign green bonds trading at IFSC to begin in 2nd half of this fiscal: RBI Guv

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Reserve Bank Governor Shaktikanta Das on Saturday said trading of sovereign green bonds can commence at the International Financial Services Centre in Gujarat during the second half of the current fiscal.

"We are in discussion with the IFSC, it will be operationalised very soon. I think in the second half (of the current financial year), it will be possible," Das said.

In April, the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) had announced that it will issue a framework to enable the trading of sovereign green bonds in GIFT City.

The government has been raising funds through green bonds since 2022-23 and has raised a total of Rs 36,000 crore in the last two years.

So far in the current financial year, the government has raised only Rs 1,697 crore out of the stipulated Rs 12,000 crore scheduled to be raised in the first half ending in September through green bonds as it did not find favourable bids.

Asked about the tepid



response from investors to such bond issuance, Das said, "as the debt manager of the government, we are watchful of what exactly is happening and if something needs to be done we will interact with the government and deal with it."

He further said, one major announcement in this year's budget about developing a climate taxonomy.

"I think that will have a significant long-term impact on mobilisation of funds for the green sector, not only through green bonds but also overall

financing of the green sector," he said.

"We will develop a taxonomy for climate finance for enhancing the availability of capital for climate adaptation and mitigation. This will support achievement of the country's climate commitments and green transition," Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman had said in her Budget speech for 2024-25.

Earlier in the day, Sitharaman addressed the board members in the post-budget 609th RBI's Central Board Meeting held here.

VA Tech WABAG Ltd secures repeat order from CMWSSB

PTI ■ CHENNAI

Water treatment player VA Tech WABAG Ltd has secured a repeat order of Rs 415 crore from the Chennai Metropolitan Water Supply and Sewerage Board, the company said on Saturday.

The order is towards the Operation and Maintenance of 110 million litres per day Sea Water Reverse Osmosis (SWRO) Desalination Plant at Nemmeli in Chennai for a period of 7 years, city-based VA Tech WABAG Ltd said.

VA Tech WABAG had bagged an Operation and Maintenance contract from the Chennai Metropolitan Water Supply and Sewerage Board (CMWSSB) and it was completed in 2021.

In a BSE filing today, the company said, "CMWSSB floated a public tender for the Operation and Maintenance of the plant and WABAG secured this repeat order for Operating and Maintaining the plant for another 7 years."



Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman with RBI Governor Shaktikanta Das during the Central Board of Directors of the Reserve Bank of India in the customary post-Budget meeting, at Reserve Bank of India in New Delhi, on Saturday

Domestic food market expected to grow by over 47% to touch USD 1,274 bn: Report

PTI ■ CHENNAI

The domestic food market is expected to grow by over 47 per cent to reach USD 1,274 billion by 2027, a report released by the Confederation of Indian Industry and supported by Danfoss India said.

India's food processing industry sees innovative startups emerging with cutting-edge technology, the report titled 'Food Processing Sector in India - Potential for Southern States. And released by CII, CII FACE (Confederation of Indian Industry -- Food and Agriculture Centre of Excellence) and Danfoss India, said.

Danfoss India is a leader in heating, ventilation and air-conditioning and is the



subsidiary of Denmark-headquartered engineering major Danfoss.

Some of the key highlights of the report, which was released at the CII-FoodPro 2024 include the potential that southern states hold for food processing industry.

"Tamil Nadu leads India's export of processing fruits, juices and nuts, with a 33 per cent share by quantity and 27 per cent by value, exporting

2,08,370 metric tonnes worth USD 220.81 million in 2023-24," the report said.

The food processing industry in India sees innovative startups emerging with cutting-edge technology, the report said.

The study carries insights on emerging trends, technologies and export opportunities enabling businesses to make informed decisions and tap into the sector's potential

South India's food processing sector is on the cusp of a revolution, with innovative segments like millets, ready-to-eat and plant-based dairy alternatives unlocking a treasure trove of economic opportunities for farmers. The newly launched report reveals, technology holds the key to supercharging this growth, ensuring the highest standards of safety and quality and propelling India's exports onto the global stage," CII National Council for Cold Chain and Agri Logistics Chairman Ravichandran Purushothaman said.

"At Danfoss India, we are excited to be a part of this transformative journey, driving sustainable food processing solutions that will shape the future of Indian agriculture and food sector," he said in a statement on Saturday.

Banks should focus on their core business, bring innovative products to mobilise deposits: FM

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman on Saturday exhorted banks to focus on their core business and explore new ways to attract deposits, as household savings are increasingly shifting towards alternate investment products.

"Both RBI and the government have been asking banks to focus on their business activity... They should be aggressive in deposit mobilisation and then lend. That is the core activity of banks," she said.

Interacting with the media after her customary post Budget address to the central board of Reserve Bank of India (RBI), she said there is mismatch between credit and deposit

growth presently.

Stressing that banks should give emphasis on collecting deposits, she said, "RBI has given them some liberty in managing the interest rates. Using that liberty, they should make deposits attractive... Bring innovative products and mobilise deposits."

She also urged bankers to shun lazy banking and focus on small savers rather than big or bulk deposits.

"Trickles (small savings) are going to be your bread and butter, money to bank on... That trickle which was the emphasis long back, which kept nothing for the other side (big deposits). Now we've (banks) gone to the other side completely. Now they are chasing bulk deposits to meet their targets," she said.

But the requisite small deposit mobilisation is one of the very critical jobs of a bank, she said, adding "it might be grinding monotony, but that's where your bread and butter lies."

Echoing a similar view, RBI Governor Shaktikanta Das said "we have been witnessing about 300 to 400 basis points gap between deposits and credit growth, deposits are lower."

"So at the moment, our effort is to highlight this point. It is kind of a proactive caution for the banks' management that going forward, this may create structural issues with regard to liquidity management. As it stands today, we don't see a crisis. But it has to be attended to."

Banks should leverage their



vast branch network to mobilise deposits through innovative means and products, he emphasised.

He further said interest rates are deregulated and often banks raise deposit rates to attract funds.

Asked if any policy intervention is required to bolster deposit growth, Das said, "India has deregulated interest rates and if you back on regulating deposit and credit rate, it can be retrograde and distort the

market."

RBI Governor while unveiling the bi-monthly monetary policy earlier in the week, also had expressed concern of deposit-lending mismatch in the banking sector.

He had said that banks were taking greater recourse to short-term non-retail deposits and other instruments of liability to meet the incremental credit demand.

This, he had warned, "may potentially expose the banking system to structural liquidity issues. Banks may, therefore, focus more on mobilisation of household financial savings through innovative products and service offerings and by leveraging fully on their vast branch

network."

Earlier in the day, Sitharaman addressed the central board of RBI on the sidelines of the 609th meeting of the Central Board of Directors of the Reserve Bank of India here.

She interacted with the directors in the Central Board, outlined the vision of the Union Budget 2024-25, its focus areas and the expectations from the financial sector.

The Finance Minister also underlined the priorities for 'Viksit Bharat'.

Sitharaman was accompanied by Minister of State Pankaj Chaudhary, T V Somanathan, Finance Secretary and Secretary, Department of Expenditure; Tuhin Kanta Pandey, Secretary, Department of Investment

and Public Asset Management and other senior officials.

The Board also reviewed the global and domestic economic situation and outlook, including the challenges posed by geopolitical developments and global financial market volatility.

Deputy Governors Michael Debabrata Patra, M Rajeshwar Rao, T Rabi Sankar, Swaminathan J and other Directors of the Central Board - Satish K Marathe, S Gurumurthy, Revathy Iyer, Sachin Chaturvedi, Anand Gopal Mahindra and Pankaj Ramanbhai Patel - attended the meeting.

Ajay Seth, Secretary, Department of Economic Affairs, also attended the meeting.

REC CMD honoured

PNS ■ GURUGRAM

Vivek Kumar Dewangan, IAS, CMD, REC Limited received 'Distinguished Fellow' Award at the 2024 Director's Conclave & 34th IOD Annual Day.

The Institute of Directors organised this event to recognise and honour the leadership and contribution of individuals in the corporate sector.

The 'Distinguished Fellow' Award was presented to Dewangan by the Union Minister of State (I/C) for Law & Justice, and Parliamentary Affairs, Arjun Ram Meghwal, acknowledging his outstanding dedication and innovative approach towards leading REC Limited to new heights of success.

The award recognises Dewangan's visionary leadership towards fostering infrastructure growth and innovation, and promoting all round prosperity.



His contributions have further strengthened India's global position in the energy sector, it said.

Dewangan said, "I am humbled and honoured to receive the award. This accolade is a reflection of our collective ambition at REC to innovate and lead in the energy sector. It is a moment of pride for all of us, as it acknowledges our unwavering commitment to excellence and sustainability. I accept this award with a promise to continue our journey towards empowering a brighter, greener future for our nation."

Diversify ethanol production, Shah urges sugar mills

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Cooperation Minister Amit Shah on Saturday called on sugar mills to explore alternatives to sugarcane for ethanol production, pushing for a multi-dimensional approach to biofuel manufacturing.

Speaking at an event organized by the National Federation of Cooperative Sugar Factories (NFCFSF), Shah said India would achieve its 20 per cent ethanol blending target by 2025-26, ahead of the original 2030 deadline.

The minister highlighted that the government's ethanol blending programme has helped reduce the country's crude oil import bill and address environmental concerns.

"You need to be futuristic and



look at opportunities and expand. Ethanol can be made from multiple sources," Shah said, urging cooperative sugar mills to shed their "orthodox" approach and explore alternative feedstocks such as maize and bamboo.

Shah said about 1,000 crore litres of ethanol is required for blending, and the necessary infrastructure to achieve this target is in place.

He emphasised the need for

sugar mills to modernise and adopt new technologies, citing potential export opportunities once the Global Biofuels Alliance is established.

The minister challenged NFCFSF to expand its operations, suggesting the federation to set up one cooperative sugar mill for every three districts in four states within a year.

Shah also advised NFCFSF to hire professionals to guide loss-making cooperatives and set a target of increasing mills' annual turnover by 25 per cent in two years.

"We have a habit of working inefficiently and seeking help from the government. The government will be willing to help more if you work efficiently.Make a dynamic Federation, not a demand-

driven Federation," he added.

The push for diversification comes as India seeks to reduce its dependence on fossil fuels and promote sustainable energy alternatives.

Shah also gave away the NFCFSF awards for best performing cooperative mills under different categories.

NFCFSF President Harshvardhan Patil said the sector faces several challenges and demanded an increase in the minimum selling price of sugar, the rates of B-Heavy molasses and sugar syrup used for ethanol making, and export of 10-20 lakh tonnes of sugar.

The federation is in the process of preparing a roadmap for the sector for the next ten years and is likely to be ready by September 5.

Amara Raja Group opens battery pack plant, lays foundation stone for cell manufacturing in T'gana

PTI ■ HYDERABAD

The Amara Raja Group on Saturday held a groundbreaking ceremony for their Customer Qualification Plant for cell manufacturing and inaugurated Phase 1 of the battery pack plant with a current capacity of 1.5 GWh in Mahabubnagar district of Telangana.

Amara Raja Advanced Cell Technologies (ARACT), a wholly-owned subsidiary of Amara Raja Energy & Mobility Limited (ARE&M), one of industrial and are automotive battery majors, held the ceremony.

Along with the battery pack plant inauguration and foundation stone laying ceremony of the Customer Qualification Plant (CQP), Amara Raja signed a

Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Piaggio.

The battery maker had earlier signed an MoU with the state government for setting up research and development and a greenfield manufacturing facility for Lithium-Ion battery-making in the state with an ultimate capacity up to 16 GWh and a Battery Pack Assembly unit up to 5 GWh with an investment of Rs 9,500 crore.

"The first phase of it (16 MWh), when we are getting to 8 to 10 GWh, we are planning to do it with our own internal accruals and borrowings. But to go beyond that, we need to raise money through equity," Jayadev Galla, Chairman and MD of ARE&M, told reporters in a press conference.

Chopra, Nadeem look to popularise javelin throw

PTI ■ PARIS

With their "healthy competition" on the field and "strong friendship" off it, javelin superstars Neeraj Chopra and Arshad Nadeem have set out to fulfil their common mission of inspiring youngsters of India and Pakistan and getting them hooked on the sport.

Nadeem won the men's javelin gold in the ongoing Paris Olympics with a stunning 92.97m throw — which was also an Olympic record — while Chopra, who was defending his title, took the silver with a season's best effort of 89.45m.

"It's already grown a lot. We're already seeing more talented javelin throwers in India. The same is happening in Pakistan," Chopra said when asked whether their success will lead to a boom in athletics in both India and Pakistan. "When we went to the Asian Games and Arshad couldn't compete due to a knee injury, his replacement, Yasir Sultan, threw very well. The medal Arshad just won will inspire more kids to follow, which is great," Chopra said on Jio Cinema. He was referring to last year's Asian Games in Hangzhou, China, where he had won a gold.

Asked whether the India-Pakistan rivalry will switch from cricket to javelin, Chopra said, "That'll be possible if we had more competitions like in cricket. We have two major competitions: the Olympics every four years and the World Championships every two years. "If we had more competitions, more



people would watch, like the Diamond League and some others," said the 26-year-old from Khandra village near Panipat.

The 27-year-old Nadeem also spoke about the significance of Pakistan and India winning gold and silver in Paris Olympics.

"I'm really happy. Out of the hundreds of countries participating, Pakistan and India have performed really well. Neeraj won gold at the (2023) World Championships in Budapest, and this is a golden moment for me," he said.

"Our friendship is really strong, and I wish it continues for a long time." Asked how many times he's watched the clip of his Olympic record throw that fetched him the gold, he said, "I've watched it a few times, and I feel I have the capacity to do even better. One day I hope I can showcase this capacity."

Chopra hoped that the competition with Nadeem would continue to grow. "It was a very healthy competition, with Arshad doing a great job and breaking the Olympic record. Big congratulations to him. I wish our

competition continues to be this strong. "We will keep working hard and give javelin support in our countries while motivating kids who may want to take up the sport." On his efforts to breach the elusive 90m mark, Chopra said, "I've wanted to cross that mark since the 2018 Asian Games where I threw 88m. I feel like I'll cross 90m, but there are technical and injury reasons behind why I'm struggling to hit my maximum reach. "I have to work harder for that and keep myself fit."

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REETIKA LOSES QUARTER-FINAL BOUT AGAINST MEDET

PTI ■ PARIS

Indian wrestler Reetika Hooda lost a close quarter-final bout against Aiperi Medet Kyzy of Kyrgyzstan in the women's 76 kg freestyle category at the Paris Olympics here on Saturday. The wrestlers were locked 1-1 after six minutes of top-

quality defensive wrestling but the Kyrgyz won having logged home the last equalising point as per rules.

Both wrestlers played a defensive game and the solitary point each was scored through passivity across the two periods.

Reetika will now wait for Kyzy to enter the final which will

give her a shot at competing in the repechage round.

If she doesn't then India's Paris Games campaign will end with six medals and without a gold.

Earlier, Reetika displayed power and skill in equal measure while outclassing Bernadett Nagy of Hungary 12-2 in the pre-quarterfinals.



Sreejesh a legend of hockey, will inspire next generation of players: Teammates

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Just-retired India goalkeeper JPR Sreejesh is a legend of the game and will inspire the next generation of hockey players in the country, said his teammates on Saturday, after returning from Paris Olympics with a second successive bronze medal.

Olympic champions India clinched a bronze medal in Paris, beating Spain 2-1 in the play-off match. The last of India's Olympic hockey golds came in 1980.

"Sreejesh is the best person, a legend, and India calls him the 'Great Wall', amazing, that is all I can say he played his best hockey, and he has contributed to the country by playing hockey, and the standard he has set as a goalkeeper, it will inspire the next generation," forward Lalit Upadhyay said during a felicitation ceremony here.

"I would like to thank the entire country because of the overwhelming support you have given to hockey, like the last time but even more so now, hockey is still in the hearts of people, they continue to love the sport and continue to support." Lalit was also full of praise for inspirational skipper Harmanpreet Singh, who scored 10 goals to emerge as the highest scorer of the tournament.

"The country has given him (Harmanpreet) a new nickname (Sarpanch). I am glad that the country gave him this nickname, the ones who love hockey, as a great captain,

he has shown his character and to be the top scorer of the Olympics is a big achievement. "He is a legend, there is much more to do now, and our vision is that we move forward and we can change the colour of the medal and achieve our dream."

Lalit recollected the fighting spirit shown by the side against Great Britain in the quarterfinal when they were down to 10 men for more than 40 minutes of the match but eventually came out winners. "I would like to thank the coaching staff and all the players, we played like a cohesive unit and showed the character of the team, we had to give it our all, because in that moment we had no option to back down. That was the match and I cannot say more," he said.

Defender Jarmanpreet Singh wished Sreejesh luck following his retirement from hockey. "I do not need to say anything about Sreejesh, the entire country praises him and has seen him play, they all call him the 'Wall', he is a legend and a great player. I had a lot of fun playing hockey with him, and I wish Sreejesh continues to do good work for hockey," he said. He also praised skipper Harmanpreet's effort in the tournament.

"Harmanpreet is a goal machine of the team and we receive a lot of help from him he is the 'Sarpanch'." Jarmanpreet was happy with his own performance in his maiden Olympics. "I enjoyed myself at this year's Olympics, this was my first Olympics, and my target was to perform well for my team and the country.

Nadia breaks Africa's stranglehold on 10,000-metre podium

AP ■ SAINT-DENIS (FRANCE)

For three straight Olympics, nobody born outside of Africa had even come close to finishing on the podium in the women's 10,000 meters.

Italy's Nadia Battocletti ended that streak Friday night at the Paris Games, claiming silver in an event that had come to be dominated by Kenyans, Ethiopians and runners from those countries representing other nations.

Battocletti first served notice of her potential when she swept the 5,000 and the 10,000 at a home European Championships in June. But, there were no Africans in Rome. During the 5,000 at these Games, when Battocletti finished fourth, the Africans realized how competitive she was.

Battocletti crossed fourth in that race, then was upgraded to bronze when Kenya's Faith Kipyegon was disqualified for trading elbows with Gudaf Tsegay before Kipyegon had her bronze restored on appeal. "After the 5,000, they started greeting me, appreciating me. I received lots of compliments from the Kenyan and Ethiopian girls," Battocletti said. "I imagine they had a little bit of fear... I heard them talking in the last laps about who amongst them was about to sprint."

When Beatrice Chebet of Kenya burst ahead in the final 100 meters of the 25-lap race, Battocletti was the only one who could follow her. Chebet won in 30 minutes, 43.25 seconds to complete a sweep of the 5,000 and 10,000; Battocletti crossed second a mere 0.10 behind, and Ethiopian-born Dutch runner and defending champion Sifan Hassan was third, nearly a full

second back. "In the last 500-600 meters, I kept my eyes wide open and I told myself, 'Don't let them run away,'" Battocletti said. "I tried to be as smart as possible, like a fox." And to think, this was only the fourth time in her career that Battocletti has run a 10,000. She's only 24 and distance runners tend to mature later in their careers.



Battocletti's parents were both runners. Her father, Giuliano, competed for Italy at eight world cross-country championships. Her Moroccan mother, Jawhara Saddougui, specialized in the 800. Battocletti is from the mountainous region of Trentino amid the Dolomites Range, an area better known for snow sports and near some of the venues for the 2026

Milan-Cortina Winter Games. "The event that changed my life was the historic Ciaspolada della Val di Non, a snowshoe race that my father won for the third time in 2007," Battocletti said, thinking back to when she was six years old. "The organizers told me that if I wanted to, I could symbolically run the final stretch with him. That allowed me to cross the first finish line of my life."

Beyond running, Battocletti also studies architecture, building and construction engineering at the University of Trento.

Before the 10,000, Battocletti taped up one of her ankles due to an Achilles tendon issue. But, the tape peeled off as the race wore on and was dragging around her spikes. "At a certain point, I felt like I was skating," she said. "Then at the end, I heard the stadium exploding in celebration."

Tamirat wins men's marathon to end Kenya dominance

AP ■ PARIS

Ethiopian runner Tamirat Tola won the men's marathon at the Paris Olympics to end Kenya's dominance of the race.

Tola finished in an Olympic record time of 2 hours, 6 minutes, 26 seconds, with Belgium's Bashir Abdi finishing 21 seconds behind and Benson Kipruto taking bronze for Kenya, 34 seconds back.

Tola looked back as he neared the line and had time to soak up the applause. Two-time defending champion Eliud Kipchoge struggled throughout with more than eight minutes behind Tola. The last non-Kenyan to win was Ugandan Stephen Kiprotich at the London Games in 2012.

Brazil beats Canada in tense three-set women's beach volleyball

AP ■ PARIS

Not even a tense tête-à-tête in the gold medal game could spoil the vibe at Paris' biggest beach party.

Canada's Brandie Wilkerson and Brazil's Ana Patricia got into a finger-pointing shouting match across the net in the tiebreaking third set of the beach volleyball final of the Paris Olympics on Friday night. The referee tried to keep the peace, but it was the Eiffel Tower Stadium DJ who cooled tempers on the sand by playing John Lennon's "Imagine" over the PA system. The players laughed and clapped. The crowd applauded and sang along. Wilkerson was shown a yellow card.

The top-ranked Brazilians left with the gold medal. "Were competitors and we are fighting for the same thing; There's only one gold medal," Wilkerson said during a post-match news conference in which the two laughed and jokingly put up their fists as if



they were going to brawl it out. "Immediately after the game, it's all love and respect," she said. "We bring out the best in each other, and I'm honored to play against this team." Ana Patricia and Duda rallied from an 11-5 deficit to take the first-to-21, win-by-two first set 26-24, and Canada won the second 21-12. Brazil opened up a 12-7 lead in the first-to-15 tiebreaker when, after a joust at the net, Wilkerson and Ana Patricia began pointing fingers at each other. The second referee, the one at

sand level, moved out to separate the two players, but Wilkerson continued to argue and picked up a yellow card. As the Brazilians got into position to serve for the next point, the DJ began playing "Imagine," the late Beatle's song calling for unity and peace. "What a beautiful opportunity we have to play the finals under the Eiffel Tower against the best in the world," Wilkerson said. "Like, that, in of itself, is a win."

Wilkerson told reporters afterward that it was all a misunderstanding: She was responding to her family, cheering in the crowd behind the Brazilians, and Ana Patricia thought Wilkerson was taunting her.

"We're pretty amped up, partners are coming in, refs are coming in. So it was a bit of a mess," Wilkerson said. "But after the game, and even right when they came to shake our hands, still on the court, there was an immediate hug and just kind of like, Hey, it's all good."

When play resumed, it took Brazil only five more points to finish off Wilkerson and Melissa Humana-Paredes, kicking off a party the sport's spiritual home hadn't seen since hosting the 2016 Rio de Janeiro Games at Copacabana. In Tokyo, the country was shut out at the Summer Games for the first time since beach volleyball was added to the program in 1996.

Three years later, Brazil not only returned to the podium but climbed to its top step.



Boxer Imane wins gold

AP ■ PARIS

Algerian boxer Imane Khelif has won a gold medal Friday at the Paris Olympics, emerging as a champion from a tumultuous run at the Games where she endured intense scrutiny in the ring and online abuse from around the world over misconceptions about her womanhood.

Khelif beat Yang Liu of China 5:0 in the final of the women's welterweight division, wrapping up the best series of fights of her boxing career with a victory at Roland Garros, where crowds chanted her name, waved Algerian flags and roared every time she landed a punch.

After her unanimous win, Khelif jumped into her coaches' arms, one of them putting her on his shoulders and carrying her in a victory lap as she pumped her fists and grabbed an Algerian flag from the crowd.

"For eight years, this has been my dream, and I'm now the Olympic champion and gold medalist," Khelif said through an interpreter. Asked about the scrutiny, she told reporters: "That also gives my success a special taste because of those attacks."

"We are in the Olympics to perform as athletes, and I hope that we will not see any similar attacks in future Olympics,"

she said. Fans have embraced Khelif in Paris even as she faced an extraordinary amount of scrutiny from world leaders, major celebrities and others who have questioned her eligibility or falsely claimed she was a man. It has thrust her into a larger divide over changing attitudes toward gender identity and regulations in sports.

It stems from the Russian-dominated International Boxing Association's decision to disqualify Khelif and fellow two-time Olympian Li Yu-ting of Taiwan from last year's world championships, claiming both failed an eligibility test for women's competition that IBA officials have declined to answer basic questions about.

"I'm fully qualified to take part in this competition," Khelif said Friday. "I'm a woman like any other woman. I was born as a woman, I live as a woman, and I am qualified." The International Olympic Committee took the unprecedented step last year of permanently banning the IBA from the Olympics following years of concerns about its governance, competitive fairness and financial transparency. The IOC has called the arbitrary sex tests that the sport's governing body imposed on the two boxers irretrievably flawed.

Netherlands defends women's hockey title

AP ■ COLOMBES (FRANCE)

The Netherlands defended its title in Olympic women's field hockey, rallying from an early deficit to beat China 2-1 in a shootout in the final at the Paris Games on Friday night. The victory followed the Dutch men's team taking gold a day earlier. The Netherlands became the first country to sweep the field hockey medals at the Games since the women's tournament was added in 1980.

Much like the men, the women did so surrounded by a sea of orange, with Dutch fans filling Yves-du-Manoir Stadium and making for a festive atmosphere. Also like the men, it did not happen easily. The Netherlands fell behind 5:54 in when a defensive lapse in front



allowed Chen Yi to redirect Dan Wen's setup past goalkeeper Anne Veenendaal. After trailing for just six minutes all tournament until the final, the Dutch generated plenty of quality chances through three quarters, including Frederique Malta ringing one penalty corner shot off the left post and missing wide right on another.

Yibbi Jansen tied it with 9:11 left in regulation by scoring on a penalty corner, setting off cheering, flag-waving and jumping in the stands. Pien Sanders, Maria Verschoor and Marijn Veen scored in the shootout to spark what could be an all-night party for the Dutch players and their fans. The second of back-to-back Olympic titles came with former coach Alyson Annan on the other side with China.

Annan, an Australian native who guided the Netherlands to gold in Tokyo in 2021, abruptly stepped down in early 2022 after a Royal Dutch Hockey Association investigation into team culture under her watch following complaints from players.

The Netherlands improved to 21-0 against China over the past decade, with 15 of those wins being by multiple goals. Argentina took home women's field hockey bronze after beating Belgium in a penalty shootout. Argentina medaled for a second consecutive Games, taking silver in Tokyo for losing to the Netherlands in the final. "It's crazy," Argentina goalkeeper Cristina Cosentino said. "We're very happy."

WRESTLER AMAN SEHRAWAT BECOMES INDIA'S YOUNGEST OLYMPIC MEDALLIST

PTI ■ PARIS

Grappler Aman Sehrawat became India's youngest ever Olympic medallist by clinching the 57kg free-style category bronze less than a month after his 21st birthday to complete a memorable Games debut and lift the sagging spirits of the controversy-hit national wrestling contingent here on Friday.

Sehrawat, who turned 21 on July 16, notched up a commanding 13-5 win over Puerto Rico's Darian Cruz in a high-intensity third-place contest.

Before him, the celebrated P V Sindhu held the title of being India's youngest Olympic podium finisher after she claimed a silver in the 2016 Games at the age of 21 years, one month and 14 days.

Sehrawat has not even completed a month since turning 21. His effort helped India win its sixth medal and move closer to the Tokyo Games tally of seven. The country has so far secured one silver and five bronze, including today's medal.

"It's been a long time since I won a medal for my country. I had to do something about it.

I would like to say to the people of India that I will definitely win a gold for you in 2028," the youngster, who was raised by his grandfather after losing his parents as a child, said after his triumph.

"The target was gold but I had to be content with bronze this time. I had to forget the semifinal defeat. I told myself, let it go and focus on next. Sushil pehlwan ji won two medals, I will win in 2028 and then in 2032 also," he added enthusiastically.

The U-23 world champion was the lone Indian male wrestler to qualify for the Paris Games and he did not disappoint. Wrestling has not missed a medal at the Olympics since 2008 and Sehrawat's effort ensured the streak remained unbroken.

Sushil Kumar broke the glass ceiling by winning the bronze in Beijing (2008), and since then Yogeshwar Dutt (2012), Sakshi Malik (2016), Ravi Dahiya and Bajrang Punia (2021) have kept the tradition intact.

Coach Jagmender Singh and Virender Dahiya said they spent a sleepless night to monitor Sehrawat's weight.

"We took special precautions to reduce his weight. We kept checking his weight every

WINS 57KG FREE-STYLE BRONZE IN PARIS



hour. We didn't sleep the whole night," Dahiya said.

LIFTS SPIRITS OF WRESTLING CONTINGENT: A lot was expected from women wrestlers but Antim Panghal (53kg), Anshu Malik (57kg), and Nisha Dahiya (68kg) could not reach the medal rounds in their respective categories.

On the other hand, Vinesh Phogat (50kg) lost despite entering the final as she was disqualified from the gold-medal bout for being 100gm overweight.

The disqualification led to a huge uproar in the country and Vinesh has challenged her ouster in the ad-hoc division of the Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS). The hearing concluded on Friday and a decision is expected by Sunday evening.

Teenager Panghal also landed herself in trouble for sending her sister to the Games Village on her accreditation card. She was deported along with her entourage on Thursday after a first-round loss.

SHOWS OFF AGGRESSIVE MOVES: It was a fast-paced bout with quick moves from the two rival wrestlers.

Once Sehrawat got a measure of his opponent, he did not give much of a chance to the

Puerto Rican.

He built a healthy 6-3 lead by the end of first period with consecutive takedown moves. As is usually the case, Sehrawat, who thrives on a high-endurance game, first tried to wear down his opponent and then went for the kill.

With dominating technical-superiority wins over Vladimir Egorov and Zelimkhan Abakarov, the Indian wrestler stormed into the semifinals without conceding a single point but was no match for Japan's Rei Higuchi in the semifinals.

TOUGH BEGINNING: Having lost his parents at a tender age of 12, the famed Chhatrasal stadium — where his father had enrolled him in 2013 — became Sehrawat's second home.

The stadium that became his shelter was the one gave India four Olympic medallists — Sushil Kumar, Yogeshwar Dutt, Bajrang Punia and Ravi Dahiya.

And Sehrawat ensured that he joined the roll of honour as the youngest among the giants who did it before him.

Reetika Hooda (76kg) will be in action on Saturday, and if she wins a medal, India will match its Tokyo tally.



Upton and boot camp with Mike toughened us mentally before Olympics: Harmanpreet

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

From conceding goals under pressure to becoming mentality monsters, who pulled off clutch moments in the Olympics for a second successive bronze.

The Indian men's hockey team has come a long way and captain Harmanpreet Singh credits mental conditioning coach Paddy Upton and a three-day boot camp with Swiss adventurer Mike Horn for the fortitude that his players displayed during the campaign in Paris.

"Yes, definitely, the mental toughness of this side is totally different. We are a united bunch and we backed each other and motivated each other when chips were down," Harmanpreet told PTI after returning to the country on Saturday.

"From first to last (game), we played as a unit and backed each other in search of the gold medal. Definitely Paddy Upton has a big role to play in this. Even the three-day camp with Mike Horn before the Olympics made our bond more strong. So mentally we were in a good space," he added.

Upton, who has previously also worked with the 2011 World Cup-winning Indian cricket team, came on board in June last year.

It was his idea to have a camp with Horn before the team made its way to Paris. The three-day stay in Switzerland included activities like walking on a glacier with harnesses, cycling, climbing and rappelling down waterfalls.

The exercises were meant to foster team spirit and build a strong bond of trust among players.

Harmanpreet said all of it helped when the team was faced with nervous situations like the quarterfinal against Britain in which it played with 10 men for more than 40 minutes after Amit Rohidas was red-carded for dangerous

play.

The team didn't just manage to hold Britain to 1-1 in regulation time, it went on to win the shootout with star goalkeeper P R Sreejesh coming up with a brilliant performance.

It was a refreshing outcome for a side which had the reputation of being a late conceder.

Harmanpreet and his men managed to completely shed that image with the gritty show in Paris and Sreejesh could take a lot of credit for it thanks to his inspiring and reassuring presence in front of the goal-post.

The 36-year-old Keralaite retired at the end of India's campaign after another memorable performance in the bronze playoff which India won 2-1 against Spain, another high-pressure game.

Harmanpreet, who exchanged his medal with Sreejesh on the podium just as he did in Tokyo, wants the veteran goalkeeper to continue for some more time but said he understands his close friend's desire to go out on a high.

"Sreejesh and I are like brothers, and we have played together for long. Yes, I want him to continue playing for some more years but at the end of the day it's completely his personal decision and we should support it.

"He is a legend and Indian hockey will only benefit when he joins the Indian junior team as coach," he said.

Harmanpreet said they went to Paris with a goal in mind and although that could not happen after their semifinals loss to Germany, a second consecutive bronze is something they can be proud of.

"It is a proud moment for us and India, a back-to-back bronze in hockey is a huge achievement and nothing is bigger than this. We really deserved it as we played really well, we targeted the gold medal and wanted to win the gold medal and bring it home.

Women's Olympic marathon in Paris records a 1st by running last instead of men's race

AP ■ PARIS

There was a time, not that long ago, when those in charge of the Olympics thought it was too dangerous for women to run a marathon.

On Sunday, in a break with tradition that stamps an exclamation point on how much has changed over the last 40 years, the women, not the men, will have the honour of closing out the Olympic track meet with the traditional 26.2-mile run.

Organizers of the Paris Games are using the Sunday women's marathon as another way to highlight the conquering of a long-sought benchmark at the Olympics; these are the first Summer Games to have an equal number of men and women competing.

In another nod to the historical significance of the moment, the marathon route traces the steps of the Women's March on Versailles.

That was a seminal moment during the French Revolution when women in a Paris marketplace organized a march to Versailles to bring their complaints to King Louis XVI over the high price of bread.

Joan Benoit won the 1st Olympic marathon Watching all this with interest will be Joan Benoit Samuelson, who won the first Olympic marathon, which wasn't run until the Los Angeles Games in 1984.

"All these years later, all these centuries later, women are again tracing routes that changed the course of history, and in this case, certainly for the positive," Samuelson said in an interview with The Associated Press.

For years, before Samuelson's history-making marathon, women were restricted to races of 800 meters or less. The 1,500 was added in 1972.

Some of the arguments against women running longer distances included the idea that they couldn't handle the psychological stress of long races, and also that the taxing runs could cause infertility.

In 1966, Roberta Gibb, after being denied entry into a Boston Marathon, hid behind a bush near the start line and ran the course.

Not until 1972 were women officially allowed in Boston, and it was another 12 years before the Olympics joined in.



Carey Pinkowski, the executive race director for the Chicago Marathon, said that when he began working with the race in 1990, around 5% of participants were women. He said that now, 50% of the field for Chicago's race is made up of women.

JOAN BENOIT RAN THE HIGHWAYS OF LA FOR THE FIRST MARATHON GOLD: In 1984, the women's marathon took place on the first Sunday of the Olympic track meet, not the last. The route ran from Santa Monica and went mostly along freeway routes before ending at the LA Coliseum.

Samuelson, then known as Joan Benoit, was the world record holder, but not a favourite because she was coming off knee surgery.

Her main competition was the reigning world champion, Grete Waitz. Benoit started fast, finished strong, ran the distance in two hours, 24 minutes, 52 seconds and secured her mark in history as the first women's Olympic marathon winner.

"I sort of lived by the adage, Run your own race' since that time," Samuelson said. "You can't run anybody else's race in life but your own."

BILES AND LEDECKY SHINED, AND NOW A WOMAN MARATHONER GETS CENTER STAGE: In an Olympics, in which Simone Biles, Sha'Carri Richardson and Katie Ledecky dominated the headlines, and where a toxic debate over gender in women's boxing drove a good portion of the hard news,

women will own the spotlight to close out the track meet, the traditional centrepiece of the Games.

"That means most of the people will be watching as they wait for closing ceremonies," said two-time Olympic 5,000-meter silver medalist Hellen Obiri, the Kenyan standout who is the favourite and is drawing her own new audience as the subject of a documentary titled "The Heart to Race" that's produced by the sportswear company "On."

"It's a great opportunity for millions of people to watch you. That's on your mind. I want to work extra hard to make these people happy."

Obiri and the other 91 women, who entered the race, will find this journey through Parisian history to be far from an easy stroll.

The course is a bruising run, filled with winding inclines that reach grades as steep as 13.5% and is viewed as the most difficult the Olympics has seen. There were times on Saturday when the men, struggling to negotiate the hills, looked like they were jogging.

"It is simply the toughest course that's ever been for a major championship, and we believe that makes it the most interesting of tactical races," said Jon Ridgeon, the former sprinter who is CEO of World Athletics. "I think for the athletes, it makes it more unpredictable. It's going to be a fascinating mindset."

FOR SIFAN HASSAN, THE MARATHON WILL BE HER

THIRD RACE OF THE OLYMPICS: If only the decision-makers from a generation ago — the leaders who thought women were too fragile to run long distances — could see what Sifan Hassan is doing this week.

Not 48 hours after winning the bronze medal in the 10,000 meters for her second distance bronze of the Paris Games, Hassan, the Ethiopian-born runner who competes for the Netherlands, will trade the track at the Stade de France for the brutal marathon course.

She also ran two 5,000-meter races and finished third in the final there. If Hassan can wind her way through this hilly tour of French history, then finally past the Esplanade des Invalides and across the finish line, she will have run more than 62 kilometres over nine days — more than any person, man or woman, at the Paris Games.

If she wins a medal, she will duplicate her feat from the Tokyo Games, when she won three medals in three distance events. That time, she ran the 1,500, not the marathon.

"Endurance on Sunday, that's not a joke," Hassan said.

Afghan refugee breaker disqualified for wearing 'Free Afghan Women' cape at Paris Olympics

AP ■ PARIS

Refugee breaker Manizha Talash, or "b-girl Talash," was disqualified from the first-ever Olympic breaking competition on Friday, after she wore a cape that said "Free Afghan Women" during her pre-qualifier battle against India Sardjoe — known as "b-girl India."

The 21-year-old, originally from Afghanistan and representing the Olympic Refugee, team lost in the pre-qualifier battle against Sardjoe, and would not have advanced even if she hadn't been disqualified.

Political statements and slogans are banned on the field of play and on podiums at the Olympics. World DanceSport Federation, the governing body for breaking at the Olympics, issued a statement afterward

that said she "was disqualified for displaying a political slogan on her attire during the Pre-Qualifier battle." Talash sought asylum in Spain after fleeing Taliban rule in her home country in 2021.

"I'm here because I want to reach my dream. Not because I'm scared," she told The Associated Press before the Olympics from Spain, where she was granted asylum.

The one-off pre-qualifier battle between Talash and Sardjoe was added in May, when Talash was included in the Olympic roster after the b-girl from Afghanistan missed registration for qualifying events. The International Olympic Committee's executive board invited her to participate after learning of her efforts to defy the strict rule of the Taliban in her home country.

PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE OF A PERSON ACCUSED (SEE SECTION- (82 Cr.P.c)

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And were using given mobiles Nos. 995842227, 8368770080, 8368441787, 8446891139 has committed (or is suspected to have committed) the offence in case CT. No. 4465/2021 AND CT. No. 4707/2021 of punishable under section 138 of the Negotiable Instruments Act, complaint registered vide DO No. 79 dt 10.05.2024 at P.S. SAKET, New Delhi-110017 and the warrant has been returned to a warrant of arrest thereupon issued that the said ANUP SINGH @ ANUPAM SINGH@DR. RAHUL SINGH KHANNA cannot be found and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction the said ANUP SINGH ALIAS ANUPAM SINGH@DR. RAHUL SINGH KHANNA S/O GIRIRAJ SINGH@PRITAM SINGH has absconded (or is concealing himself) to avoid the service of the said warrant)

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Sd/-
Ms. Shikha Chahal
Chief Metropolitan Magistrate-03, South, Saket New Delhi-110017

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India batter Mandeep moves to Tripura from Punjab ahead of upcoming domestic season

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Indian batter Mandeep Singh on Saturday announced that he will play for Tripura in the upcoming domestic season, ending his 14-year stint with Punjab.

Mandeep played three T20 Internationals for India in 2016 against Zimbabwe.

"I have had the most amazing journey at PCA from junior level all the way to senior level whilst also

having the best fortune of being the Winning Captain of the Syed Mushtaq Ali Trophy for 2023-2024," Mandeep wrote in Instagram.

"However, after a lot of deliberation, I think it's time for me to open a new chapter in my career. I have decided that now is the right time to go ahead and play cricket for Tripura in the upcoming domestic season," he added in the social media post.

The 32-year-old thanked Punjab association and former cricketers Yuvraj Singh and Harbhajan Singh for the "constant support."

"I want to extend my appreciation to Dilsher Khanna, secretary of Punjab, Yuvraj Singh and Harbhajan Singh, for their constant support throughout the years. I would also like to thank the members of PCA Management and to the staff that have been by my side over the years," he said.

CHARMING COONNOOR

PROMISES A TRANQUIL RETREAT!

Inhaling the scents of fresh blooms, sipping freshly brewed tea, I witnessed sunrise magic from the folds of Nilgiris, sitting in the garden of the charming villa, The Xanadu in Coonnoor. Here I sealed every moment as the celebration of Nature

BY SHARMILA CHAND

Tucked at the edge of a cliff, the villa is my home for three days with a magnificent view of the rolling Nilgiri hills, tea plantations and the plains below. I tell my friend, Aparna Bharathan, the humble owner of this pretty home, that I have 'checked in and breathing out'. She bursts into laughter as that exactly is the tagline she has chosen for her Xanadu chain of premium, fully serviced vacation rental villas.

For me, a trip to Coonnoor is essentially to relish slow travel without ticking off 'must do' list. Hence, a game of Jenga or Monopoly in the plush living room while watching the pitter patter of raindrops, is luxury. There is a whiff of pleasant aroma in the room, I can't resist and peep into the kitchen where Ganga Ram is busy making rasam and lemon rice. He is little more generous in using curry leaves in tadka, and that makes me impatient to have the meal. By now, Ganga has spoilt me thoroughly with several glasses of cutting chai and delicious food.

MAGICAL NIGHT

I wait for the spectacular night view when the sky is full of pretty stars in coherence with the lights of the



plains shimmering below. This is luxury for me. The weather throughout the day plays its own hide and seek, the clouds enveloping the hills in a stroke of misty white and next moment letting the hills magically appear in the famous 'Nilgiri' blue haze.

NILGIRIS ENDOWED WITH UNIQUE BIODIVERSITY

The Nilgiri mountains stretch over the states of Karnataka, Tamil Nadu and Kerala, connecting Western Ghats with the Eastern Ghats. Located at the convergence of both Ghats, lends Nilgiris vibrant flora and fauna. From Evergreen forests

and lowland Savannas to lush Shola grassland, enchanting flora encompasses the region. Various endangered species including Nilgiri Langur thrive here. What I love is the heady fragrance of cypress, eucalyptus and pine. The soft purple haze of my favourite jacaranda trees keeps my eyes longing for more. I can't get over seeing magnificent trees of Pont Setia, the same festive plant with bold red leaves we have in small pots during Christmas time. And then the lush mosanda in white and pink, another favourite of mine that seems to be calling me back soon!

INDIGENOUS COMMUNITY - THE TODAS

It is said that Toda community settled here around 3500 years ago, thus the oldest inhabitants of the region. Known for their pastoral way of life and vegetarian lifestyle, the Todas have a distinct identity. Every aspect of their life, including their artistic skills, are inspired by nature. The traditions they follow further prove how nature is significant in their lifestyle. I was told by locals that during an infant's naming ceremony, the grandfather uncovers the child's face out in the open air for the first time, showing various elements of nature - the rising sun, the birds, the cows, buffaloes etc. I visited one Toda

village and saw women busy at their art work. Their embroidery represents an ancient art form and has been granted a GI patent by The Government.

A CUP THAT CHEERS!

Visiting Nilgiris and not taking a trip to a tea plantation, is unfair. Though you see the sweeping vistas of carpets of tea all around, blooming on the slopes as far as eye can see, but experiencing a walk through the plantation and completing it with tea tasting, is a beautiful outstanding experience. And who can do this better than Sandeep Subramani, a fourth generation tea planter and founder of Tranquilitea which runs a chain of experiential boutique holidays in the Nilgiris and conducts a highly acclaimed gourmet tea tasting experience in their estate in Coonnoor called the 'Cups That Cheer'.

Sandeep takes one and half hour glorious session on tea which is full of stories, facts and secrets. One secret he tells with great pride and a smile - "The Nilgiris has the world's highest tea estates. At around 8000 feet there is simply no other place on earth that grows tea as a plantation crop as high as in the Nilgiris. Darjeeling, the region that makes the other famous Indian tea has its highest tea estates at just over



6000 feet. Let me explain why tea doesn't grow at such heights anywhere else. The weather is generally too cold for tea to grow at these elevations. However, the geographical location of the Nilgiris provides the perfect temperature band through the winter months, for tea to grow even at these heights. Talking about temperature, tea thrives between 13° C and 30° C and we are always within that range. Though night-time temperatures in winter can drop below 13° C, day temperatures are always within the optimum range. This results in a tea that is intensely flavourful and typically floral in nature," he concludes.

INTERESTING ATTRACTIONS TO VISIT

Though I am contented to luxuriate in the comfort of home Xanadu, but for those discerning travelers who might like to have a sightseeing plan, here are few top things to do in Coonnoor.

Dolphin's Nose Point — Located at an altitude of 1,500, it is set amidst the rolling hills, the tip of the peak of the enormous rock resembles the nose of a dolphin hence the name Dolphin's Nose. Gigantic ravines are on both sides of the place offering a view of inspiring Catherine Falls.
Lamb's Rock - enjoy fascinating



views of the valley at this vantage point with jagged rock that drops down several hundred feet to bury itself in the luxuriant jungle below. The place got its name after Captain Lamb who attempted to open a path to this place.

KETTI VALLEY

Embark on the toy train to enjoy this beautiful valley. It is also famous for bird watching and trekking. You can also visit the famous Shiva Lingam temple here.

GOURMET CHEESE

Coonnoor is now also famous for selling gourmet cheese. You can take a tour of cheese farms or simply visit a popular old store Nilgiris Store or 'Baker's Junction' just 100 m from Bedford circle.

SHOPPING

Shopping in Coonnoor is pretty good. From pretty embroidered shawls, apparels, Toda jewellery and handicrafts items to natural oils, fruit jams, homemade chocolates and of course, the huge variety of tea, shopping here is really good.

Spend at least a week, soak in fresh crisp mountain air and come back rejuvenated till you return to the spectacular queen of hills.

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EXPLORING PARADISE

A journey through the pristine beauty of the Andaman and Nicobar Islands

Nestled in the azure waters of the Bay of Bengal, the Andaman and Nicobar Islands are a tropical haven that offers a perfect blend of natural beauty, vibrant marine life, and rich cultural heritage, writes SANTANU GANGULY

Every Indian should visit the Andaman Islands at least once in their lifetime to complete their journey. The Andaman Islands offer an incredible blend of natural beauty, historical significance, wildlife, and adventure sports. The Andaman Islands are well-connected by regular flights from Delhi, Bengaluru, Chennai, and Kolkata, and one can also reach them by ship from Kolkata, Chennai, and Visakhapatnam. However, traveling by flight is recommended to witness breathtaking aerial views that resemble slices of heaven.

The Andaman and Nicobar Islands comprise a total of 836 islands, of which only 31 are inhabited. Visitors are not allowed on all the islands, and even the non-tribal Andamanese people cannot visit the restricted islands.

Only government officials from departments such as the Army, Navy, Air Force, Forest Department, and Police are permitted to access these islands for official purposes. As a general tourist, the only chance to see some of these islands is from the sky before landing or after takeoff at Veer Savarkar Airport in Port Blair, the capital of the union territory. While the Andaman Islands are open to tourists year-round, the best time to visit is from October to May. Monsoon tourism runs from June to October.

There are numerous hotels and guest houses available for online booking, and package tours are also offered to suit various budgets. The local businesses are known for their honesty, adhering to strict rules and regulations throughout the islands. For



example, if the local authority sets the price of coconut water at forty rupees, the rate will be consistent everywhere. In Port Blair, the major attractions include the Cellular Jail, Chatham Saw Mill, Forest Museum, Samudrika Naval Museum,

Anthropological Museum, Fisheries Aquarium, Science Center, and Corbyn's Cove. The historic Cellular Jail will not only enrich your knowledge of history but also evoke a deep emotional connection as you learn about the struggles of lesser-known

freedom fighters and the inhumane torture they endured under British rule. To reach Shaheed Dweep (formerly known as Neil Island) and Swaraj Dweep (formerly known as Havelock Island) from Port Blair, you must travel by small ships,



following a process similar to airport check-in. Plan to stay at least one night on each of these islands to explore them fully. Must-visit beaches on Shaheed Dweep include Bharatpur, Lakshmanpur, and Sitapur, while Elephant and Radhanagar beaches on Swaraj

Dweep are not to be missed. Scuba diving at Shaheed Dweep offers an unforgettable experience.

Other popular attractions include Hudi Tikri, Red, Bird and Bat islands, Amkunj Beach near Rangat; Dhaninallah Mangroves and Karmatang Beach near Mayabunder; limestone caves and mud volcanoes near Diglipur; Craggy Island; Ross & Smith Islands, and various national parks and protected sanctuaries.

The indigenous tribes of the Andaman and Nicobar Islands are divided into two groups: the Onge, Sentinelese, Jarawa, and Andamanese of Negroid descent living in the Andaman Islands, and the Shompen and Nicobarese of Mongoloid descent living in the Nicobar Islands. It is strictly prohibited by law to enter tribal reserves,

meet, or photograph these tribes. Respect their peaceful haven and adhere to the law.

During my visits to the Andaman Islands, I was fortunate enough to encounter the Jarwa people. However, last year, I had an incredible experience while traveling by local public bus from Diglipur to Port Blair. As we entered the Jarwa forest after crossing a river, four Jarwa boys waved at our bus driver for a lift. The bus stopped, and they quickly got on board. One of them sat beside me, admiring my bracelet made of beads, which they seem to have a fascination for. Though I wanted to give it to him, I had to refuse due to the law prohibiting the exchange of items with the tribes. Their innocent laughter, however, was priceless.

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"There are so many roads you can take that will lead you the wrong way, that nobody will hear your name"
— Maria Sharapova



DELHI-DEHRADUN EXPRESSWAY DEVELOPMENT ALONG WITH DAMAGE?

The Delhi-Dehradun Expressway project, nearing completion, is expected to be an example for the world with the longest wildlife corridor in Asia. It will cut the travel time between the two cities to 2.5 hours but apprehensions remain about its impact, writes **PARITOSH KIMOTHI**

Uttarakhand has for long been a popular destination for pilgrims and tourists. While Haridwar is a major pilgrimage centre in the plains, the provisional State capital Dehradun hosts a number of prominent national-level institutions including the Survey of India and Indian Military Academy along with famous educational institutions, apart from being the gateway to the popular hill station of Mussoorie and other tourism activities especially in the mountainous regions of Garhwal in the State. Apart from long weekends and special occasions, the summer months frequently witness a large number of people arriving here especially from Delhi-NCR. Similarly, snowfall in the nearby hills also attracts a number of tourists from neighbouring regions. At present, people travel between Delhi and Dehradun/Haridwar by road, train or by air. The time taken to travel between Doon and the national Capital by road ranges from five to seven hours depending on the time when one travels and the location one is going to. Similarly, it takes about five to six hours by train and though the flight takes 40 minutes to one hour, one may spend more than an additional hour to get to the destination from the airport. This scenario is expected to be changed drastically in the near future with the completion of the Delhi-Dehradun Expressway project of the National Highways Authority of India. The completion of this 212-kilometre six-lane access controlled expressway with a project cost of Rs 14,000 crore, which is in its final stage of construction, will drastically cut down the travel time between Delhi and Dehradun/Haridwar to 2.5 hours. This expressway is also expected to be an example for the world as it also features a 13.8 kilometre elevated road, making it Asia's longest wildlife corridor. The authorities involved in the project state that the

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THE DEHRADUN-BASED WILDLIFE INSTITUTE OF INDIA (WII) SET UP 80 CAMERA TRAPS ON THIS STRETCH AND STUDIED WILDLIFE MOVEMENT HERE FOR THREE MONTHS. THE MOVEMENT OF ABOUT 40 TO 50 DIFFERENT WILDLIFE SPECIES RANGING FROM DEER AND WILD BOAR TO LEOPARDS AND ELEPHANTS WAS ASCERTAINED HERE IN THIS DURATION. AS PART OF THE EXPRESSWAY PROJECT, THE AUTHORITIES WILL ALSO WORK ON AN ECO-RESTORATION PLAN.”



stretch where the elevated road has been built has Rajaji National Park on the one side and the Shivalik Wildlife Reserve on the other. An average of 35,000 vehicles pass daily through this stretch. Widening the existing stretch of the highway between Ganeshpur in the Saharanpur district of Uttar Pradesh and Asharodi in Dehradun would have been cheaper but might have ended causing more environmental damage and exacerbating human-wildlife conflict. Widening the existing highway would have entailed the cutting of about 1.5 lakh trees while about 11,000 trees had to be cut for building the elevated road. The Dehradun-based Wildlife Institute of India (WII) set up 80 camera traps on this stretch and studied wildlife movement here for three months. The movement of about 40 to 50 different wildlife species ranging from deer and wild boar to leopards and elephants was ascertained here in this duration. As part of the expressway project, the authorities will also work on an eco-restoration plan. Further, budget

has been allocated for the WII to place cameras on the 550 pillars to study wildlife movement on this corridor for a period of five years. Similarly, the Forest Research Institute (FRI) in Dehradun will undertake a three-year Sal tree regeneration project in this area to enhance the environment. According to officials involved in the project, the elevated stretch is expected to mitigate human-wildlife conflict and also prove beneficial for the wildlife and environment. At present, the longest such wildlife corridor in India is about eight kilometres long and is located in Pench, connecting Madhya Pradesh with Maharashtra. While this project promises to bring about drastic changes not just in Dehradun and Haridwar but also in Delhi, there are many who have apprehensions about the impacts of this major development. Dehradun-based anthropologist and heritage expert Lokesh Ohri says that the project will certainly have benefits but questioned whether Dehradun and Mussoorie are prepared for what is to come. "The opening of

this expressway will practically turn Dehradun into a part of the NCR like Ghaziabad or Faridabad. The flood of visitors has already converted Rishikesh into a trap for the locals who struggle to move around the city through traffic congestion resulting from the rush of tourists, who in turn also face the problem. The pressure on the forest wealth of this region and real estate will also increase after the expressway becomes functional. Though such projects do benefit all, the focus should also have been on ensuring that the locals benefit more. Apart from this, the authorities here do not seem to have taken any measures to prevent the negative impacts the project will have on Dehradun and Mussoorie," he said.

Human rights lawyer Reenu Paul who had also challenged the Ganeshpur-Asharodi stretch of the project in the Uttarakhand High Court for conservation of the Shivalik ecosystem, opined that damage to the Shivalik range will cause considerable damage to the

environment and climate of the Doon Valley. She points out, "The Shivaliks play a vital role in insulating the Doon Valley against high winds, heat, dust and pollutants from the plains on the south western side of the valley. In the Gazetteers of Dehradun published in 1910, HG Walton had remarked that the climate of Dehradun differs from the plains owing to its elevation, while the wooded range of the Shivalik partly suppress and partly moisten the scorching winds that blow during the hot weather in the plains. Apart from this, the project doesn't appear to be sustainable as the hillocks of the Shivalik are highly eroding. The tributaries of the Ganga river including Mohan Rao, Sukh Rao, Saloni and Chilla Rao have also been disturbed and obstructed, disturbing the hydrology of the area. The wildlife corridor has also been fragmented," she opined. The authorities are confident that the opening of the Delhi-Dehradun expressway will not only enhance public convenience by drastically cutting down the travel time, but also boost economic activities further in the region. Infrastructural development is a major focus of the Union government and is a vital requirement for achieving the desired level of economic progress and public welfare. On the other hand, many in Dehradun remain sceptical about the impacts this project will have. The once green and serene Doon Valley has witnessed a considerable drop in greenery and rise in congestion and pollution in recent years. The city's existing infrastructure struggles to meet the requirements of the locals and visitors as factors like congestion and inadequate parking space have impacted the very character of Doon and life here. Expected to be completed in the next couple of months, the opening of the expressway for traffic is sure to bring about drastic changes. However, only time will tell the real cost of this major development.

As a dedicated disciple of Padma Bhushan Drs. Raja Radha Reddy and Kaushalya Reddy, Adiva Agarwal have beautifully embodied the spirit of Kuchipudi. Her recent performance was a heartfelt expression of her growth and the profound influence of her esteemed gurus, writes **SAKSHI PRIYA**



A DANCE OF DREAMS

EXPLORING THE BEAUTY OF KUCHIPUDI

In the vibrant world of classical dance, few traditions are as richly expressive and historically significant as Kuchipudi. Originating from the Andhra Pradesh region of India, this classical dance form is renowned for its intricate footwork, elaborate gestures and profound storytelling. It embodies a fusion of dance, drama and music, bringing ancient narratives to life with remarkable grace.

Adiva Agarwal's recent Kuchipudi performance, marking her Rangapravesham, was a stunning demonstration of this art form's enduring allure. From the moment she stepped onto the stage, it was clear that her recital was more than just a display of technical skill; it was a heartfelt journey into the essence of Kuchipudi. Under the guidance of her esteemed guru, Padma Bhushan Drs. Raja Radha Reddy and Kaushalya Reddy, Adiva has honed her craft with dedication and precision, resulting in a performance that both honoured tradition and showcased her personal artistry.

The evening commenced with "Ganapati Vandana," a customary invocation to Lord Ganesha, setting a tone of reverence and anticipation. This opening act seamlessly transitioned into "Dashavatara," where Adiva's portrayal of Lord Vishnu's ten avatars was nothing short of mesmerising. Each avatar was brought to life with a delicate balance of intricate footwork and expressive storytelling,



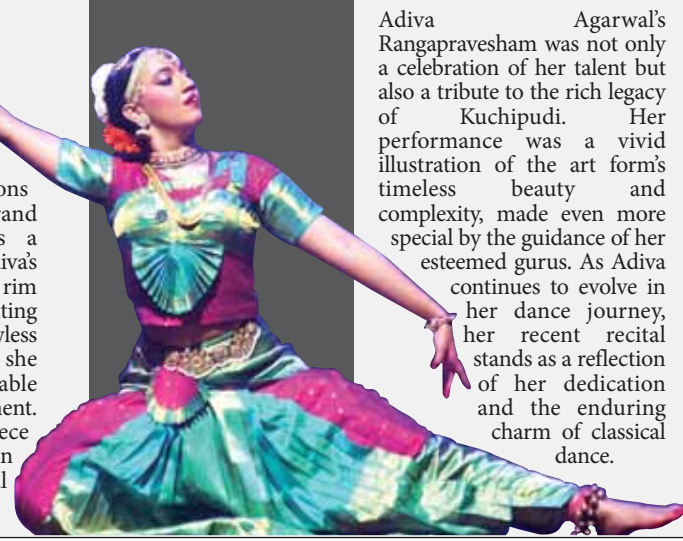
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demonstrating Adiva's deep understanding of the form and its narratives.

The highlight of the performance was the "Tillana," a vibrant piece characterised by its rhythmic complexity and energetic movements. Adiva's ability to navigate the intricate patterns and maintain dynamic engagement with the audience was a showcase of her exceptional skill and stage presence. Her performance was a beautiful embodiment of Kuchipudi's essence, blending technical brilliance with artistic flair.

Adding emotional depth to the evening was "Chhaap Tilak Sab Cheeni," a devotional poem by

Amir Khusro. Adiva's interpretation of this piece was imbued with spiritual reverence, showcasing her ability to convey profound emotions through dance. The grand finale, "Tarangam," was a breathtaking display of Adiva's virtuosity. Dancing on the rim of a brass plate while executing intricate footwork with flawless synchronisation, she demonstrated a remarkable level of skill and commitment. This climactic piece beautifully capped off an evening of exceptional performances.



Adiva Agarwal's Rangapravesham was not only a celebration of her talent but also a tribute to the rich legacy of Kuchipudi. Her performance was a vivid illustration of the art form's timeless beauty and complexity, made even more special by the guidance of her esteemed gurus. As Adiva continues to evolve in her dance journey, her recent recital stands as a reflection of her dedication and the enduring charm of classical dance.

Discovering Absence Through Visual Expression

Antra Srivastava's latest exhibition challenges us to delve into the unseen, revealing the hidden depths of absence in our lives, says **TEAM AGENDA**



The allure of absence is a peculiar paradox; it quietly demands attention, shaping our perceptions and provoking our thoughts. Artist Antra Srivastava's exhibition, *The Inescapable Presence of Absence*, invites viewers on a profound journey of reflection. This solo exhibition captivates audiences with its surreal yet deeply philosophical exploration of what lies beyond the visible.

Antra Srivastava, a Dehradun-based artist, her experiences as an avid traveler deeply influence her work, resulting in paintings that capture the vibrancy and diversity of the world. Through her art, she blends surrealism with poetic expression, drawing inspiration from the vitality of nature and the profound energy that flows through her creative process. She describes herself as both a participant and a witness in this artistic journey, immersing herself in the boundless realm of creative energy.

The theme of *The Inescapable Presence of Absence* delves into the paradox where absence becomes a palpable presence. This theme challenges viewers to rethink their perceptions, urging them to reflect on the significant impact of what is not present. It invites an exploration of the unseen and the unheard, asking profound



questions about the nature of existence. Srivastava's artistic journey is profoundly influenced by ancient Indian scriptures and the wisdom of sages, providing a foundation for her introspective quest. Her collection is a philosophical interpretation of the 18 chapters of the Gita, reflections on Sant Kabir's dohe and saakhees and a portrayal of six elements: air, water, earth, fire, space and consciousness. This unique

perspective allows her to seamlessly blend multiple layers of colours, creating harmony and rhythm, blurring the lines between abstraction and realism and evoking a surreal effect. In the Kabir series, Srivastava resonates with Kabir's ability to express complex ideas with simplicity. She emphasises that life's intricacies are self-created and that true knowledge emerges from inner silence rather than

external teachings. This series, inspired by Kabir's dohe and saakhees, underscores the experiential aspect of wisdom, offering a fresh perspective on life's fundamental truths. Srivastava's art invites a profound connection with the self, urging us to explore the deeper implications of absence alongside presence. Her work is a reflection of our existence, challenging us to look beyond what is visible and consider the unseen forces that shape our lives. The exhibition's title itself, *The Inescapable Presence of Absence* suggests a haunting elegance. It forces us to contemplate the spaces in between, the silence between words and the pauses in conversation that often carry more weight than the spoken. In these gaps, Srivastava finds beauty and complexity, offering her audience a mirror to their inner worlds. This exhibition stands as an attestation to art's power to transcend the ordinary, provoke thought and inspire change. Her exploration of absence is not merely an artistic endeavor; it is a call to acknowledge and embrace the unseen, the unheard and the unmet aspects of our existence. Through her work, Srivastava offers a profound reminder that art is not just a reflection of the world but a gateway to understanding the intricacies of our inner selves. By the time visitors exit,

A CANVAS OF WONDERS

Experience the magic of watercolor through a captivating exhibition that celebrates the beauty of nature, architecture and human expression, says **SAKSHI PRIYA**

At the Visual Arts Gallery, India Habitat Centre, a captivating solo exhibition showcases the evocative power of watercolor art. The exhibition "This Beautiful World," featuring the watercolor works of Dr. Sushma Mahajan and curated by Dr. Alka Pande, offers a captivating glimpse into the world through the eyes of a talented and passionate artist. The collection of 35 watercolor paintings is a vivid celebration of beauty, nature and the intricate details of everyday life.

The exhibition successfully highlights Mahajan's extraordinary skill with watercolors, showcasing her ability to create vibrant and realistic images that evoke emotion and wonder. Her unique perspective as both an artist and a medical professional adds depth to her work, and it is evident that she views the world with a keen sense of appreciation for its many facets.

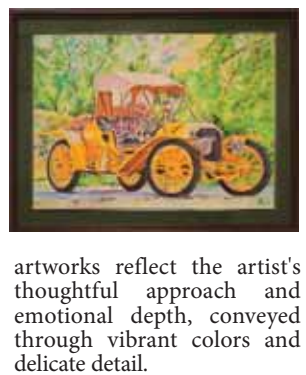
One of the standout pieces is *Spotted Charm*, a painting of a leopard that captures the animal's grace and mystery with stunning accuracy. The richness of the colors and the attention to detail make this piece particularly memorable. Similarly, *Magic of Night Glow* is a beautiful depiction of vintage cars on cobblestone streets, bathed in soft, atmospheric light. This piece resonates with a sense of nostalgia and transports viewers to a timeless scene that feels both familiar and enchanting.

The Sun Chariot is a fascinating work that pays homage to the Nalinga temple art. Artist meticulous rendering of the astronomical sundial, with its eight spokes representing the "prahars" of the day, is both educational and visually captivating. The painting serves as a reminder of the rich cultural heritage and architectural marvels that continue to inspire artists today. Her ability to capture both natural and architectural beauty with precision invites



viewers to appreciate the power of art and the beauty that surrounds us.

In *Anchored in Serenity* the artist depicts a tranquil boat scene that encourages reflection and peace. The painting's serene composition invites viewers to pause and consider the importance of finding calm amid the chaos of modern life. *The Bridge* similarly highlights the significance of connections and relationships, celebrating the beauty of bridges as symbols of unity and continuity. *The Power of Music*, celebrates music as a universal language of the spirit, while *Sunflowers*, presents a spiritual perspective on these bright blooms. These



artworks reflect the artist's thoughtful approach and emotional depth, conveyed through vibrant colors and delicate detail. The curation of the exhibition by Dr. Alka Pande further enhances the experience, providing context and insight into the themes and techniques that define Mahajan's work. Pande's expertise in Indian arts and

aesthetics brings an added layer of understanding, making the exhibition not only visually engaging but also intellectually stimulating. *This Beautiful World* is an exhibition that beautifully captures the essence of the world around us. Mahajan's paintings are a tribute to her talent and dedication and the exhibition as a whole serves as a reminder of the power of art to inspire, uplift and connect us to the world. The blend of nature, culture and emotion in her work offers a refreshing perspective and an opportunity to appreciate the extraordinary beauty that exists in the ordinary moments of life.

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