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Docs strike work over rape, murder in WB

ARCHANA JYOTI ■ NEW DELHI

Doctors at various hospitals across India began their indefinite strike from Monday, halting all elective services — scheduled, non-urgent procedures and outpatient services — until a fair investigation into the alleged rape and murder of a Kolkata doctor is concluded and their demands for safe working environment for their fraternity is met.

The trainee medico worked at the State-run RG Kar Medical College and Hospital in Kolkata, and her body was found inside the facility's seminar hall on Friday, sparking outrage within the medical community.

While pause in elective services left many patients visiting the OPDs left them high and dry, emergency care, however, remained operational, to address critical patients needs in the hospitals.

The nationwide indefinite strike is being led by the Federation of Resident Doctors' Associations (FORDA) with the Delhi Medical Association (DMA) also coming out in support of the doctors on strike.

The brutal nature of the crime has intensified calls for justice and has led to the nationwide strike as a mean of expressing solidarity with the victim and demanding systemic changes to ensure the safety of healthcare



Doctors protest against the sexual assault and killing of a postgraduate trainee doctor in Kolkata, in New Delhi, on Monday
Ranjan Dimri/The Pioneer

workers, said Dr Sarvesh Pandey, general secretary of the RDA, RML Hospital. In its letter, FORDA listed five demands including expeditious acceptance of Residents' demands, resignation of all the responsible authorities, which include the principal, MSVP, Dean, HOD of pulmonary medicine, ACP of RG Kar MC&H police outpost, alleging that they could not perform their duty of protecting the dignity and life of a woman who was, in this case, an on-duty doctor, no police brutality, swift justice for the deceased and security protocols for healthcare workers and formation of expert committee.

Dr Aviral Mathur, FORDA president who participated in the protest at a hospital in Delhi, said, "Our cause is that the incident at RG Kar Hospital is the worst that could have happened to any on-duty doctor... rape followed by murder is deeply disturbing. "The services will remain suspended until the acceptance of demands of Kolkata's RG Kar Medical College residents as well as immediate appointment of a Central agency to investigate the case and the establishment of a Central Protection Act." The strike has garnered widespread support across the country.

CURTAIN COMES DOWN



India's flag-bearers shooter Manu Bhaker and men's hockey team goalkeeper PR Srejeesh and others during the closing ceremony of the 2024 Summer Olympics at Stade de France, in Paris, France
PTI



Indian soldiers patrol near the LoC ahead of Independence Day, in Rajouri district, on Monday
PTI

Terror module busted in J&K

MOHIT KANDHARI ■ JAMMU

The Jammu and Kashmir police claimed to have busted an active terror module by arresting at least eight enemy agents responsible for providing food, shelter, and other logistic support to the Pakistani terrorists behind targeted strikes on the security forces across the Jammu region.

The terror module busted by the police is believed to be behind the recent infiltration that has resulted in increased terrorist activities and terrorist movements in the upper reaches of Doda, Udhampur, and Kathua. The police teams carrying out a detailed investigation have also managed to identify the kingpin of the module as Mohd Lateef alias Haji.

The investigations were launched by the police teams after eliminating three Pakistani terrorists in the Gandoh area of Doda district on June 26, 2024.

Mamata hints at handover of case to CBI

SAUGAR SENGUPTA ■ KOLKATA

In yet another climbdown Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee on Monday set a deadline for the police department to crack the RG Kar Medical College doctor rape and murder case but her act of bending back failed to pacify the agitating junior doctors who insisted on sustained cease work till all their demands were met throwing the health service in the entire State completely out of gear.

Mamata earlier met the parents of the victim at their Sodpur residence in the northern suburbs of Kolkata and said she would wait till Sunday for the police to crack the case failing which she would transfer the case to the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI). Emerging from her meeting with the parents of the victim she said, "I am extremely shocked by the incident of a young lady doctor being killed in such a manner ...

this cannot be accepted... I have been told by the parents of the victim that there is an insider angle to the case... if so then I ask the police to hasten the investigation process... I give them time till Sunday to crack the case after which I will hand it over to the CBI." A postgraduate student of the department of chest medicine was in the wee hours of Friday found dead in a semi-nude condition inside the seminar hall of the hospital.

Tihar jail terms Kejriwal's letter to LG abuse of privileges

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

In a strongly worded letter, the Tihar jail has taken exception to Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal's recent letter to Lieutenant Governor Vinai Kumar Saxena seeking permission to allow Cabinet Minister Atishi to hoist the national flag on the occasion of Independence Day, terming his letter to the LG as "an abuse of privileges" granted to him under the Delhi Prison Rules.

The superintendent of Tihar's jail number 2 cited provisions of the Delhi Prisons Rules, 2018, and advised Kejriwal in a letter "to desist from any such impermissible activity" or his privileges would be curtailed. In a communication, Tihar jail official said it is surprising to note that the contents of the letter... were leaked to the media without any authority which amounts to violation of the prison rules.

Meanwhile, Delhi Cabinet Minister Gopal Rai on Monday directed the General Administration Department to make arrangements for the hoisting of the national flag on Independence Day by his Cabinet colleague Atishi.



SC orders Shambhu border partial opening

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court on Monday asked the Punjab Government to persuade the farmers protesting at the Shambhu border since February 13 to remove tractors and trolleys from the road, saying "highways are not parking space". A bench of Justices Surya Kant and Ujjal Bhuyan directed the police chiefs of both Punjab and Haryana to hold a meeting along with the Superintends of Police of adjoining Patiala and Ambala districts within one week for partial reopening of the highway at the inter-State Shambhu border.

"We are not directing but we are definitely impressing upon the State of Punjab to immediately persuade the farmers to remove their tractors and trolleys. Even parking will create problems.

Now, we are seized with the issue and we are keeping it pending till some respectable, amicable and fair and just solution of all the problems are found," the bench told the Punjab Government. Underscoring that farmers or the agricultural community don't face difficulty of any kind, the bench said, "After all, we are also concerned. Both the States are concerned and everybody is concerned about it."

"The DGPs of Punjab and Haryana and SPs of Patiala and Ambala along with Deputy Commissioners of both the districts are to meet within one week and lay down the modalities for partial opening of highway, initially for the purpose of ambulances, senior citizens, women, girl students, essential services and daily commuters of nearby areas," the court said.

'At Home' events lined up for icons this I-Day

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Kind of those killed in the line of duty, Olympic Games participants and winners, competitive examination toppers and a host of other prominent people are part of a list shared by the Home Ministry with State Governments for extending invitation to the 'At Home' function at Raj Bhavans on Independence Day.

Those whose names were mentioned during Prime Minister Narendra Modi's "Mann ki Baat" radio broadcast, "Swachhagrahi" or foot soldiers who have played a key role in cleanliness drives and women sarpanches (village heads) are also part of the list shared by the Union Ministry of Home Affairs to be invited for the function. Every Governor and Lieutenant Governor hosts the respective Chief Minister, Ministers, top civil, police officers, prominent citizens with high tea at their official residence —



Raj Bhavan or Raj Niwas — in the evenings of every Independence Day and Republic Day. The event is called 'At Home'. In a communication to Chief Secretaries of all States, the Home Ministry said the 'At Home' function should be commenced after 6 pm. "This function represents a diverse

set of invitees apart from usual protocol-based invitees, on this occasion, the following indicative categories of guests could be invited," the communication said. They are 'Divyangjans'; achievers in different fields; people who made exemplary contribution to society, including during the Covid pandemic; eco-warriors; people who performed exemplary for environmental conservation; "Swachhagrahi"; references from the state and Union Territories in "Mann ki Baat"; Padma awardees; next of kin of martyrs; participants and winners in Olympic Games; and other important sports events of national and international standards. Exceptional educators, frontline health workers, children bravery awardees, women sarpanches, student toppers, best researchers and innovators may also be invited, the Ministry told the States. "At least 25-50 invites may be

reserved for such achievers. The names of such invitees should be announced in advance to enable the invitees to prepare for the occasion. The majority of the gathering could be under the category of special invitees under different categories," the communication said. The States and Union Territories were told that a system where the invitee list was generated afresh every year should be instituted so that an opportunity was given to a broad set of people.

It could be considered that a person gets an invite just once. The Ministry said special attention might be paid to the band at the Governor or the Lieutenant Governor's house. It should play patriotic songs and not simply songs from movies. A system of competition among school bands should be instituted where the winners get to perform during the reception.

Explore Sikkim's landscape from home soon

ARCHANA JYOTI ■ NEW DELHI

Soon, visitors worldwide will be able to explore the marvels of the famous Dzongri trek in Gyalshing District, Sikkim in India, from their homes through an innovative Virtual Reality (VR) Ecotourism Initiative.

Aiming to promote sustainable tourism in the State which has taken various measures to be eco-friendly, this groundbreaking project from India's first Organic State merges travel delight with cutting-edge technology, offering an

immersive tour of the region's stunning landscapes and breathtaking views. By providing immersive experiences, VR technology provides a unique opportunity to experience natural environments that might otherwise be inaccessible to many travel enthusiasts to explore natural environments in a way that may not be possible due to geographical, financial, or physical limitations.

The Dzongri trek, a popular trekking route that can be completed in about 6-7 days, is a delight for tourists and adventure trekkerst with pristine views.

The VR initiative opens new avenues for experiencing the natural beauty of Sikkim and ensures accessibility to breathtaking locations regardless of adverse weather conditions or natural calamities. Users can virtually trek through the dense forests of the track, encountering zig zag trails in a realistic setting.

An official from the Union Tourism Ministry praised the State's initiative stating the project aims to contribute to the long-term growth and sustainability of the tourism sector in the region.



Family members of the victims mourn after a stampede at Baba Siddhanath temple, in Jehanabad district, Monday morning, Aug. 12, 2024. At least seven people were killed and 16 others suffered injuries in the stampede
PTI

Seven killed in Bihar temple stampede

PNS ■ JEHANABAD (BIHAR)

With the loss of over 100 precious lives in the tragic Hathras stampede still fresh in mind, report comes of shocking deaths of at least seven people, six of them women, in another stampede at Baba Siddheshwar Nath Temple in Bihar's Jehanabad district. Sixteen others were injured in the incident, an official said on Monday.

The deceased, most of them Kanwariyas, have been identified as Pyare Paswan (30), Nisha Devi (30), Punam Devi (30), Nisha Kumari (21), and Sushila Devi (64). The identity of one woman remains unknown, the official added.

Residents prepare to move out over dam collapse fear

KUMAR CHELLAPPAN ■ KOCHI

While people in the districts of Kottayam, Idukki, Ernakulam, Pathanamthitta and Alappuzha are getting ready for the eventuality of the collapse of Mullaperiyar Dam, the Tamil chauvinist outfits like DMK, MDMK, VCK and AIADMK are busy campaigning that the 130-year-old reservoir is safe.

Homemakers like Ganga Gopalakrishnan and Sheela Das in Perumbavoor are ready with suitcases packed with essential clothing and identification papers to move out to safer places. There is a sense of uncertainty and unease across these districts, said Anita Prakash, a municipal councillor. But the Kerala Government is maintaining a stony silence over the warning given by CP Ramaswamy Aiyer, the then Diwan of the

erstwhile Travancore State, which, together with the princely State of Kochi and Malabar, constitute the present-day Kerala.

"The agreement signed between Madras Presidency and the State of Travancore in 1886 is highly discriminatory and detrimental to the interests of Travancore. Travancore was forced to sign on the dotted line by the then Madras Governor conceding the tenancy over Periyar water to the Madras Presidency for a period of 999 years. This was a major fraud committed on a vulnerable Travancore by the British rulers," Ramaswamy Aiyer had told the then viceroy Lord Moutbaton in 1947 itself.

In his notes prepared after meeting the Viceroy, the Diwan pointed out that, while Madras Presidency (the present-day Tamil Nadu) stood to make a cool ₹25 lakh profit per year,



Travancore would get a paltry amount of ₹40,000 per year as compensation. "This is gross injustice," Aiyer wrote in his note. The note has been reproduced ad verbatim by Prof A Sreedhara Menon, a historian of international

repute in his book "Sir CP's Role in Travancore". Professor Menon was a staunch critic of Aiyer because of his intransigent approach to all issues concerning life. His books on history of modern-day India speak a lot

about his reservations about the Diwan. But research led him to information hitherto inaccessible to all and proved the sincerity of Aiyer. A probe by P Sujathan, a chronicler of Kerala's history proves that the 1886 agreement between the two States were signed by K KV Rama Aiyangar, the Tamil Nadu-born Diwan of Travancore and the Resident Collector of Madras Presidency.

"The 999-year-long tenancy itself is a mystery as all such agreements are for a period of 99 years. Aiyangar and other Tamils working for the Travancore Maharajah manipulated the deal in favour of Madras Presidency," Sujathan told *The Pioneer*.

Though by 1941 Ramaswamy Aiyer argued in favour of Kerala and made the umpire appointed to arbitrate on the dispute to nullify Madras

CM Saini Launches Online Portal For Gas Cylinder At Rs 500 For 50 L Antyodaya Families

PNS ■ CHANDIGARH

Haryana Chief Minister Nayab Singh Saini on Monday launched an online portal for 'Har Ghar-Har Grihni Yojana' for providing domestic gas cylinders at Rs 500 to the Antyodaya families. Notably, during the state-level Hariyali Teej programme organized at Jind, the Chief Minister had announced to provide Domestic Gas cylinder at Rs 500. The Chief Minister said that about 50 lakh Antyodaya families will be benefited. Besides this, the scheme is likely to benefit the state's women with Rs 1500 crore annually.

The Chief Minister said, "The goal of our double-engine government is to make the lives of the poor and Antyodaya families easier. As part of this initiative, the portal will provide gas cylinders to about 50 lakh BPL families at Rs 500 each. The State Government will bear the additional cost of more than Rs 500 per cylinder. The subsidy amount will be credited to the consumer's account." Saini said that beneficiaries can register for the scheme once from their homes via the link <https://epds.haryanafood.gov.in>. The beneficiaries can refill up to 12 cylinders in a year. The remaining amount (over Rs. 500) will be credited back to their accounts each month. Information regarding this will be sent to the consumer's mobile phone via SMS.

Flags off Tiranga Yatra

After flagging off the Tiranga Yatra with slogans of 'Bharat Mata Ki Jai' at Kalka Mandi for Shri Kali Mata Temple at Kalka in Panchkula, the Chief Minister said, "The Tricolor is our pride and identity, it is our collective duty to uphold its respect." He urged



Haryana CM Nayab Singh Saini addressing the gathering at the Youth Day celebrations held in Panchkula on Monday. Pioneer Photo

people to participate in the 'Har Ghar Tiranga' campaign launched by Prime Minister Narendra Modi by hoisting the Tricolor at their homes and establishments, contributing to realizing the dream of a new India envisioned by the brave martyrs who sacrificed their lives for the nation. Earlier, the Chief Minister visited the historic Shri Kali Mata Temple in Kalka and the Gurudwara Sahib to seek blessings.

Launches Drone Didi, Contractor Saksham Yuva, & IT Saksham Yuva schemes

The Chief Minister launched Drone Didi, Contractor Saksham Yuva, & IT Saksham Yuva schemes at a state-level programme in Panchkula on International Youth Day. Addressing the gathering, Saini urged the youth to bring about social change with their hard work and dedication towards making India a developed nation, so that the Prime Minister's vision to make India a developed nation can be realized. He said that the greater the participation of youth in democracy, the more the country and state will benefit. Youth should take advantage of schemes to contribute to making India a developed Nation. Saini said that the Nammo Drone Didi Scheme announced by the Prime Minister has been implement-

ed in the state. Under this scheme, 500 women and 5,000 women from self-help groups (SHGs) will be trained by 2025, and a drone will be provided to these SHGs to assist farmers in the agricultural sector. He also announced an 80 percent subsidy or a maximum of Rs 8 lakh for purchasing drones and equipment for SHGs. The cost of this initiative will be approximately Rs 54 crore.

He further said that under the Contractor Saksham Yuva Yojana, 10,000 youths having engineering degrees and diplomas will be given skill training to start their own businesses and become contractors. These youths will need to register on the Haryana Engineering Works Portal, after which they will be provided an interest-free loan of up to Rs. 3 lakh for one year. Thus, such youths will be able to take contracts up to Rs 25 lakh in Panchayati Raj institutions and municipal bodies. Saini announced an increase in the unemployment allowance for youths registered under Saksham Yuva Yojana. From August, 12th pass youths will receive an allowance increased from Rs. 900 to Rs. 1,200, graduates from Rs. 1,500 to Rs. 2,000, and postgraduates from Rs. 3,000 to Rs. 3,500. This announcement will benefit 2,61,000 youths in the state. During the program, the

Chief Minister distributed cheques of Rs 1,11,000 to students from poor families who scored 90 percent marks in 12th grade under the Medhavi Chhatravriti Yojana. Besides this, he also flagged off the Skill Yatra, which aims to raise awareness and alertness about skills among the youth of the state. Saini said that various impactful programs like Make in India and Startup India are being implemented to enhance employment opportunities for youths, develop their skills, and invigorate them with new enthusiasm, thus strengthening the economic status of the country and the state, he said.

He said that along with the Vishwakarma Skill University, modern training programs are being conducted in several technical institutions to equip youths with skills, with over 1 lakh youths trained so far to become self-reliant. The government has made merit-based recruitment on about 1.44 lakh posts and will soon fill an additional 37,000 posts. The Foreign Cooperation Department has been established to help youths secure jobs abroad and protect them from fraud. Thousands of youths studying in colleges have been provided with passports. A new startup policy has been developed, making the state a better centre for startups, said the Chief Minister.

Punjab Cabinet meeting on Aug 14;

Decision Likely on Monsoon Session

MONIKA MALIK ■ CHANDIGARH

Punjab Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann on Monday convened a Cabinet meeting on August 14 (Wednesday) to address several pressing issues, including the much-anticipated convening of the monsoon session of the Punjab Vidhan Sabha.

Ever since the conclusion of the Budget session, there has been growing speculation about the timing of the Monsoon session, and this meeting is likely to set the stage for the formal announcement. Additionally, the Cabinet will discuss other critical matters that could have long-lasting implications for the state.

Other than deciding on the monsoon session, key item on the agenda is the proposed amendments to the Punjab Panchayati Raj Rules, 1994. The State Government is considering changes that would allow candidates to contest Panchayati elections without the backing of political party symbols or support.

This initiative aimed at depoliticizing the electoral process at the village level, ensuring that elections are more about community development than political rivalry. The government also plans to extend this non-partisan approach to upcoming District Council and Panchayat Samiti elections, aligning them with the elections of Panch and Sarpanch, where candidates do not run on party lines.

These amendments to the Punjab Panchayati Raj Rules, 1994, will be a focal point of the meeting, with the Cabinet likely to debate the merits and implications of this significant shift in election policy.

The proposal to amend these rules comes after a high-level meeting held recently, where the issue of political divisions in village elections was

extensively discussed. Legal experts were consulted, and there was a consensus that removing party symbols from Panchayat elections could help reduce conflicts among villagers, decrease political interference, and promote more effective and inclusive development.

The last Panchayat elections, held in 2018, were marked by significant political involvement, which led to various disputes and hindered progress in many villages. If these amendments are approved, it could represent a major step toward creating a more peaceful and productive environment in Punjab's rural areas.

Another important issue on the agenda is the discussion surrounding the eco-sensitive zone around Chandigarh's Sukhna Lake. This matter has gained considerable attention and has reached the Supreme Court, with a hearing scheduled for September.

The eco-sensitive zone is vital for environmental protection, and the Punjab Government is expected to develop a strategy during the meeting to present its stance in court effectively.

The outcome of this discussion could have significant ramifications for environmental policy and land use around the lake, a crucial resource for the region.

The Cabinet is also set to address ongoing grievances of veterinary doctors in Punjab. During the previous Congress government, veterinary doctors faced salary cuts, which have led to prolonged protests and unrest within the community. The current administration has recognized the need to resolve these issues and is expected to propose measures to alleviate the situation, potentially including the restoration of salaries or other compensatory actions.

Punjab Police Nabs Another Suspect in VHP Leader Vikas Bagga's Murder

PNS ■ CHANDIGARH/LUDHIANA

In a significant breakthrough, Punjab Police's Counter Intelligence (CI) Ludhiana, in collaboration with Ludhiana Commissionerate Police, has arrested Mukul Mishra - a suspect wanted in the murder case of Vishva Hindu Parishad (VHP) leader Vikas Bagga. The case, under investigation by the National Investigation Agency (NIA), marked a crucial step in the ongoing drive to secure Punjab as directed by the Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann. Vikas Bagga, a shopkeeper and VHP Nangal Mandal leader, was shot dead by two masked assailants at his shop on railway road in Nangal on April 13. The attackers fled on a black scooter, sparking a months-long investigation. The assailants-one wearing a helmet and the other having face covered with muffler-came on a black scooter.

The arrest came four months after the earlier apprehension of the two shooters - Mandeep Kumar alias Mangi and Surinder Kumar alias Rikka - along with the recovery of two .32 bore Pistols and scooter used in the crime. Punjab DGP Gaurav Yadav credited the arrest to "excellent teamwork and scientific investigation, including tracking financial trails and intelligence inputs". He said that CI Ludhiana shared inputs with the Ludhiana Commissionerate Police and jointly launched an operation spread across Punjab and Jammu and Kashmir which led to Mishra's arrest. Mukul Mishra, a resident of Gonda district in Uttar Pradesh, is believed to have facilitated the payment.

ECI reviews preparations for upcoming Hry Assembly Poll with DCs, Police officers



PNS ■ CHANDIGARH

To review the poll preparedness for Assembly Elections in the State, an Election Commission of India (ECI) delegation led by Chief Election Commissioner Rajiv Kumar reached Chandigarh on Monday for a two-day visit to Haryana. Election commissioners Gyanesh Kumar and Sukhbir Singh Sandhu were part of the ECI delegation.

On the first day, the ECI delegation met with representatives of national and state political parties. Following this, the Chief Election Commissioner presided over a review meeting with Divisional Commissioners, Range IGS, District Election Officers, and Superintendents of Police to discuss election preparations in detail. The ECI delegation also met with the Chief Secretary TVSN Prasad, Director General of Police Shatruej Kapur and Administrative

Secretaries. Earlier, Haryana Chief Electoral Officer Pankaj Agarwal welcomed the ECI delegation on its arrival. Agarwal also briefed the Commission on poll preparations along with the State Police Nodal Officer.

According to a Haryana Election official, the ECI delegation will review election preparations in a meeting with representatives of political parties, district election officers and senior officers. On Tuesday, the poll panel team will issue guidelines to enforcement agencies to enhance monitoring and vigilance across the state. The commission will hold meetings with the chief secretary, director general of police, other administrative secretaries and senior police officers to review other arrangements, officials said. The elections to the Haryana Assembly are due later this year.

BRIEFS

MC Chandigarh organizes 'Tiranga Yatra'

Chandigarh: A "Tiranga Yatra" with approximately 1000 members of city level Self Help Groups and officials of Municipal Corporation Chandigarh took place in the beautiful city on Monday. The "Tiranga" rally led by MC Commissioner Anindita Mitra, was observed to foster Nationalism and love for the country. The initiative was marked as a part of the Government's 'Har Ghar Tiranga' campaign. The event started at the central plaza, sector 17 and other markets of city. The participants marched towards the sector 22 market and the rally terminated with a return march to the MC office building, sector 17.



BJP Congress govts did nothing for people of Haryana: Pb CM Mann

Sonapat: Punjab Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann on Monday asked the people of Haryana to vote for the AAP in the coming assembly polls as he accused the BJP and the Congress of "filling their own pockets" during their respective regimes and doing "nothing" for the people of the state. The Haryana Assembly polls are due later this year and the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) has announced that it will contest all the 90 seats in the state. The AAP has contested several polls in Haryana, but it has yet to taste electoral success.

Himachal Urban Dev minister calls for mesh of electric cables in Shimla to be fixed

Shimla: Taking a stern view of a mesh of wires on electricity poles in many areas under the Shimla Municipal Corporation, Public Works and Urban Development Minister Vikramaditya Singh on Monday instructed electricity board officials to fix it immediately and submit a report on it within a week. Singh, who reviewed various developmental projects under construction in Shimla city in a meeting with officials of the civic body and the urban development department, said that the mesh of wires is affecting the beauty of the town and poses a danger to the lives of the citizens. The Himachal Pradesh minister sought detailed information about various developmental projects being implemented under the Smart City project in areas under the municipal corporation and instructed the officials to complete pending works within a time frame. The minister asked all councilors to identify suitable places for construction of parking lots in their wards and send proposals to the department. He also instructed that construction of parking lots, bridges, and lifts in the town be completed and the damaged retaining wall near the Ridge Shimla be repaired without delay.

Kapurthala MLA raises concern over National highway projects in Punjab

Kapurthala: Raising concern over a communication from Union Road Transport and Highways Minister Nitin Gadkari issuing a warning to Punjab government to cancel/terminate eight highway projects, MLA Kapurthala Rana Gurjeet Singh said that it is a serious matter and the Punjab government should deal it with utmost urgency and diligence. He appealed to Gadkari and Punjab Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann to treat the matter with compassion and bring it to a conclusive end to the benefit of farmers and the state of Punjab. "It is not a law and order problem, the real issue is that the farmers were not paid adequate compensation for the agricultural land acquired for the highway projects and the inadequacy has led to unrest", said Rana Gurjeet. He asked the state government to resolve the matter by resolving the issue of low compensation to farmers. Eight national highways with a total length of 293 kilometers with a total cost of Rs 14288 crore are under construction in the state.

Hry will be first State in Country to implement NEP: Governor Dattatraya

Chandigarh: Haryana Governor Bandaru Dattatraya on Monday said that the New Education Policy (NEP) will prove to be a game-changer for the Indian education system. The scope of the NEP 2020 is vast and flexible, aiming to provide world-class quality and employment-oriented education to the youth within a set time frame. He expressed confidence that Haryana will have the honour of being the first state in the country to fully implement the NEP. Addressing Vice-Chancellors and Registrars of State Universities on the first day of a two-day review meeting at Raj Bhawan in Chandigarh, the Governor said that education is an investment that secures the future of society and individuals. The meeting discussed serious matters such as the swift implementation of the NEP across the state, ensuring transparent and merit-based recruitment against regular positions in universities, and the adoption of two villages by each university under the 'Unnat Bharat Abhiyan', the Governor added.

Punjab Governor orders fast-tracking of key infrastructure projects in review meeting

PNS ■ CHANDIGARH

Punjab Governor and UT-Chandigarh Administrator Gulab Chand Kataria on Monday convened a high-level review meeting focusing on the progress of critical central infrastructure projects in the state. Kataria issued a firm directive to all involved agencies to ensure the timely completion of central projects across Punjab and Chandigarh.

The meeting brought together senior officials from the National Highway Authority of India (NHAI), Railways, Airport Authority of India (AAI), and Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL) to discuss the status and challenges of ongoing projects.

Emphasizing the importance of these initiatives, he stressed that any obstacles encountered during implementation should be immediately reported in writing. "If there is any problem or issue in the implementation of any project, it should be informed immediately in writing so that such issues can be resolved on a priority basis with the help of the Central and State Governments," said Kataria, highlighting his commitment to removing any roadblocks that could delay progress. The Governor's instructions were clear: any delay in these crucial projects would not be tolerated, and proactive measures should be taken to address issues before they escalate. He also announced that review meetings would be held every three months to monitor the progress of these projects. Additionally, he requested regular written updates from the concerned departments to ensure continuous oversight. The meeting also addressed specific infrastructural concerns that have significant implications for the region. One such issue was the heavy traffic congestion in Chandigarh, which has long plagued the city. In response, officials from the NHAI presented their plans to alleviate this problem through the construction of National Highways connecting Panchkula to Shimla and Majri to Baddi.

Punjab Govt's Decision to Upgrade 8 Colleges to Autonomy Sparks Controversy

MONIKA MALIK ■ CHANDIGARH

Punjab Government's recent decision to upgrade eight government colleges to "autonomous" status, with the support of the University Grants Commission (UGC), has ignited a wave of criticism from various quarters. The move, aimed at enhancing the operational independence of these institutions, has been met with strong opposition from educators, students, and political figures alike.

Punjab Government has identified eight government colleges for the significant upgrade — Government College for Girls, Ludhiana; SCD Government College, Ludhiana; Government Mohindra College, Patiala; Government College for Girls, Patiala; SR Government College for Women, Amritsar; and colleges in Mohali, Malerkotla, and Hoshiarpur. As per government officials, under the new status, these colleges will gain the autonomy to review and redesign their curricula and set

their own fee structures without needing approval from their affiliating universities.

Govt's Rationale and Process

According to senior government officials, the upgrade is intended to empower colleges to adapt more flexibly to educational demands and improve institutional management. Proposals for this status have been directed to the office of the Director of Senior Secondary Education and are set to be forwarded to the UGC for final approval under the "Conferment of Autonomous Status upon Colleges and Measures for Maintenance of Standards" Regulations, 2023. The state government maintained that the autonomous colleges will continue to receive their existing financial support from the state. The officials argued that autonomy will enable these institutions to enhance their academic offerings and operational efficiency.

Opposition and Concerns

However, the decision has faced sharp criticism by educationists, including members

of the Punjab Students Union (PSU) and various faculty associations. Teachers and activists expressed concerns that these colleges, which already struggle with insufficient staff and resources, may not meet UGC standards for autonomy. Critics argued that granting autonomy could lead to increased tuition fees, potentially putting higher education out of reach for many underprivileged students. The state government is also accused of using the autonomy clause as a "pretext for privatization", as by allowing these colleges to set their own fee structures, the Government is shifting the financial burden onto students and their families. The Progressive Federation for the Blind (PFB), and other educational organizations also condemned the move. PFB general secretary Anil Gupta argued that this step towards autonomy could lead to de facto privatization, disproportionately affecting disadvantaged students.

Political Fallout

The opposition has seized on the issue, with Congress leaders and student groups criticizing the Aam Aadmi

Party (AAP) Government. Punjab Congress president Amarinder Singh Warring has denounced the decision as a "dangerous step towards privatization". He argued that the move undermined the purpose of government colleges, which is to provide affordable education. "This decision will make higher education more expensive and less accessible, particularly for poorer students. The AAP government's actions betray its promises of equitable education," Warring asserted.

Government's Rebuttal

In response to these criticisms, government officials have maintained that the decision is in line with enhancing educational quality and institutional independence. They have assured that financial support will continue and highlighted ongoing efforts to recruit additional teaching staff. The government remained firm in its stance, emphasizing that the move will ultimately benefit students by allowing colleges greater flexibility in academic and administrative matters.



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It is for the information that my original qualifying examination certificate of main secondary examination of 10th class of the year 2021, and unique Id is 7293473 issued by icse is actually lost. Name of the candidate Adh seghal, full address #141 Hira Mahal Colony, Near Shiv Mandir, Nabha-147201 Tel. 7888849711

BEDAKHLI NOTICE

I, Pooran Lal Arya s/o Gusai Ram R/o 502, Village Raipur Rani, distt Panchkula declare that my daughter Raveena Arya is out of my control. I debar her from all my movable/immovable property. Any person dealing with her is at his/her own risk.

We, Kanwar Pal S/o Gian Singh and Kushma Devi W/o Kanwar Pal R/o H.No. 1891, Phase-2, Ramdarbar, Chandigarh declare that our son Karan is out of our control. We disown him from our movable & immovable properties. Anybody dealing with him at their own risk.

I, Jamshed S/o Eliyas R/o H.N.579 Idagah colony Tehsil and District Sonapat (Haryana) hereby declare that my son Mustkim and his wife Amreen are out of my control. So I disown both of them from my movable / immovable properties. if anybody deals with them at their risk.

I, Gautam Rishi S/O Rattan Chand R/O Gali No-2, Shankar Colony, Tehsil & District Pathankot, My Son Anil Kumar & His Wife Poonam Kumari & His Son Aadvik Thakur Is Not In My Control, So I Disinherit Them From My Moveable/Immoveable Property, Anybody Deals With Him Shall Be Responsible Himself.

We, Mahabir Singh S/o Duli Chand R/O Dayawanti W/O Mahabir Singh Vill.Salimpur Mahdud Sub Tehsil Dhand Distt.Kaithal Our Son Pardeep Kumar and His Wife Babita is Out of My Control. I, Disown Them From All My Moveable And Immoveable Properties. Anybody Deal With Him At Their Own Risk.

We, Dharmveer Kashyap S/O Ram Kala and Nirmla Devi, W/O Dharmveer Kashyap, village Shahpur tehsil Pehowa district, Kurukshetra, our son Lovedeep Kashyap and our daughter-in-law Lavika is Out of My Control. I, Disown Them From All My Moveable And Immoveable Properties. Anybody Deal With Him At Their Own Risk. This No Right My Properties.

I, Santosh Sharma w/o Lt Chandler Sharma, R/o # 105 T/2, Sec -20 A, Chd do hereby declare that my son name Rohit Sharma And His Wife Shikha are out of control and I have severed all types of relationship with them. I hereby disown my son and daughter-in-law from all my moveable and immovable properties. Any person who deals with them shall do so at his / her / their own risk and responsibility.

मैं धर्मर सिंह पुत्र श्री सुरिन्दर सिंह निवासी म.न. 66 गांव खेतौली तहसील अम्बाला छावनी जिला अम्बाला से सूचित करता हूँ कि मेरे पिता श्री सुरिन्दर सिंह के किसी प्रकार के लेन देन व अन्य कार्य के लिए मैं मेरे परिवार जिम्मेवार नहीं हूँ।

PUBLIC NOTICE

I, Sudershan Kumari W/o Late, Ram Bhaj Chugh # 176/177, Saini Vihar, Phase-1, Baltana-Zirakpur (Mohali) Pb. Declare that My Husband died. My Husband both name Ram Bhaj Chugh And Ram bhaj is Same Person, But his Correct name is Ram Bhaj Chugh.

I, Pawan Kumar S/O Kewal Krishan, R/O Village Ramnagar, Tehsil/Distt Gurdaspur, Punjab. Declare That My Son Name Shivam Sharma. My Son Date Of Birth 15-06-2006 Is Wrong. But My Son Date Of Birth 12-06-2006 Is Correct.

I, Manjit S/O Baldev Raj. R/O Vpo Sahawal, Tehsil Dinanagar, Distt Gurdaspur, Pin Code-143531 State - Punjab. Declare That My Given Name As Manjit And My Surname As Badgal.

I, Army No 14834208-M Rank SEP/MT Name MOBIL SAY resident of Mekan No -133, Ward No - 08, Bhandari Para, Gaon Jujagoo, Jujagoo, Post - Kurdeg, Distt - Jashpur, State - Chhattisgarh, PIN - 496224, have changed my name from MOBIL SAY (Old Name) to MOHBIL SAY (New Name) vide Affidavit dt 12 Aug 2024 sworn before Notary Public Sat Pal, Pathankot.

I, Sonia Devi w/o Ashok kumar, Vill. Raj parura, PO. Sama station. Tehsil and District Pathankot declare that in school record of my son name wrongly written as Pranav instead of pranav singh and mother's name is written as Sonia instead of Sonia Devi.

I, JC 732471 N Subedar Lachhman S/O Sh. Kashti Nath, R/O H.No. 81, Anand Colony, Rajpura Distt.Patiala Punjab declare that in my Army record my mother Savitri Devi 's date of birth wrongly written 2/10/1951 but her actual date of birth is 15/4/1951 vide affidavit No. PB 44630783322714 W /dated 9/8/2024 before Notary Public Rajpura.

I, Sonika Rani, daughter of Sh. Joginder Singh, W/o Sh. Pawan Kumar R/o Village Saneta Tehsil and district SAS Nagar Mohali. Working as Sr. Scale stenographer in Punjab Civil Secretariat, Chandigarh. I declare that in the documents of my son Rahul Kumar, my surname Rani is missing May I be known only as Sonika Rani.

I, No. 1480713A Ex Hav Dalbir S/O Partap Singh R/O Village Kishangarh, Teh. Maham Distt. Rohtak declare that In my army records my wife's name is Dhanpatti Devi and her DOB is 01-07-1969 are wrongly mentioned in my record of Bengal Engineer group Rookeer. But my wife's correct & actual name is Dhanpatti and correct DOB is 01-04-1966 (as per her Aadhar & Pan Card and 10th class Marksheet)

I, Kaliammal R legally mother of No. 16117008A Rank HAV Name Rajarajan R Unit 4 Engr Regt. C/O 56 Apo Bathinda Cantt. (Punjab) permanent resident # 136, South Street, Kuppayanpaty, Adanakottai, Distt. Pudukkottai State Tamil Nadu-622203 declare That I have changed my name from Kaliammal to Kaliammal R and DOB from 01.07.1967 to 13.12.1965

I, service no. 3203841A, Hav Subhass S/O Satbir Singh R/o Vill Nathuwas Teh & Distt Bhiwani declare that in my service record my mother name is Prem Devi and DOB is 15.01.1968 and my father Satbir Singh DOB is 15.07.1964. Which is wrong. My mother correct name is Prem Wati & DOB is 15.01.1960. Similarly, my father Satbir Singh correct DOB is 15.01.1964. Which should be corrected in my service record.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, Monika, W/o Sumit Gulati, R/O House No 16, Guru Gobind Singh Nagar, Dhakoli Zirakpur, Punjab 140603 have changed my name to Monika Gulati.

I, Manoj Kumar S/o Ved Kumar Dhawan R/O 617/22, Street No. 5, Kailash Colony, Near New Bus Stand, Rohtak, Haryana 124001 have changed my name to Manoj Kumar Dhawan for all purposes.

I, Sanjeev Kumar s/o Om Parkash r/o Village Chand Samand, Distt. Karnal have changed my name from Sanjeev Sharma to Sanjeev Kumar.

I, Vishesh S/O Sh. Raghurib Singh R/O Model Town Narwana, Distt.Jind (Haryana)have changed my name from Vishesh to Vishesh Singh.

I hitherto known as Rinky Garg D/o Naresh Garg, R/O H.No. 769, Sector -11/12, HUDA, Panipat (Haryana), India have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as Riya Garg.

I, Neeru Sethi w/o Rajesh Arora r/o h.no 76 ram nagar near Doctor kaushal tehsil camp panipat I Declare change my name from Neeru sethi to Neeru and in future my name is Neeru.

I, Namisha Bansal D/o Sandeep Bansal R/O 449-R, Near Red Rose Public School, Model Town, Yamuna Nagar have changed my name from Namisha Bansal to Nimisha Bansal.

I, Gagandeep s/o Dharm Paul Sharma r/o #559 VPO Kahnulwan district Gurdaspur declare that in school record the names of my minor daughters are entered as Geetanshi and Tejal which should be corrected as Geetanshi Sharma and Teja Sharma.

I, Manjeet Kaur w/o Khushal Chand r/o Village Sambhali, Sub Tehsil Nissing, Distt. Karnal (Haryana) have changed my name from Ranjeet Kaur to Manjeet Kaur. In future I should be known as Manjeet Kaur.

I, Gagan Sahani S/o Anil Sahani R/o # 488A, Gali No-8, Agrasen Colony Sirsa have changed my name from Gagan Shani to Gagan Sahani.

I, Tanya Arora w/o Rahul Chawla r/o H.no 717 sec-24 near Aggarwal Bhawan panipat declare change my name from Tanya Chawla to Tanya Arora and in future my name is Tanya Arora.

I, Harkawal Kaur W/o Jaspreet Singh Lamba R/O 271, Professor Colony, Yamuna Nagar have changed my name from Harkawal Kaur Lamba to Harkawal Kaur.

I, Arvind s/o Sh. Udhm Singh R/O Village & Post Office Chamroni, Tehsil Radaur Distt. Yamunanagar, Haryana State that Arvind & Harinder Singh both are one & same person.

I, Sanjeev Singal S/o Parmod Singal R/o # 34, Bharat Colony, Lal Dwara, Yamunanagar have Changed my name from Sanjeev Singhal to Sanjeev Singal.

I, Shipra Singal W/o Sanjeev Singal R/o # 34, Bharat Colony, Lal Dwara, Yamunanagar have Changed my name from Shipra Singhal to Shipra Singal.

I, Roacki S/o Raj Kumar R/o # 1320 New Indira colony Manimajra Chandigarh have changed my name to Rocky.

I, Harbhajan Singh S/o Gurmial Singh R/O Village Kurati, Tehsil and District: S.A.S. Nagar, have changed my name to Bhajan Singh.

I, Gurmeet Kang W/O Sh. Sanjeev Kumar Setia R/O. #194, Second Floor, Block No. 13, Mohali Employees Cooperative Societies, Sector 68, Mohali. I Have Changed My Name From Gurmeet Kang To Gurmeet Kang.

I, Sanjeev Kumar Setia S/O Sh. Ramesh Chander Setia R/O. #194, Second Floor, Block No. 13, Mohali Employees Cooperative Societies, Sector 68, Mohali. I Have Changed My Name From Sanjeev Setia To Sanjeev Kumar Setia.

I, Mahesh Gupta S/o Sh. Ram Gopal, House No 62, Sector 28-A, Chandigarh have changed my name from Mahesh Gupta to Mahesh Kumar.

I, Amritpal Singh Saini S/o Paramjit Singh R/O House No 3127, Sector 27-D, Chandigarh have changed my name from Amritpal Singh Saini to Amritpal Singh.

I, Paramjit Singh Saini S/o Bachan Singh, House No. 3127, Sector 27-D, Chandigarh have changed my name from Paramjit Singh Saini to Paramjit Singh.

I, Mokkala Leela Priya Spouse of K Lakshmikanta R/O #32, Sector 31-A, Chandigarh have changed my name from Mokkala Leela Priya to Mokkala Leelapriya vide Affidavit No - IN-CH51457937373223W Dated 08-08-2024 before Notary, Distt. Court at Chandigarh.

I, Priyanka Goyal W/o Sh. Pardeep Goyal R/O Janta Bhawan Road, Near Allahabad Bank, Anaj Mandi, Gate No. 4, Sirsa (Haryana). That I have changed my name from Priyanka to Priyanka Goyal , in future my name is to be called as Priyanka Goyal.

I, Deepak Juneja S/o Sh. Ved Parkash Juneja R/O H.no. 20, Gali.no. 02,R,K Puram, Behind Navgy School Panipat declare that Deepak Juneja & Deepak Kumar both are same and one person.

I, Kavita Chhokar W/o Rajeev Chhokar R/O H.No. 2670, Block-G, Omaxe City, Sector-17, Snipat declares that Kavita & Kavita Chhokar are the names of one & same person.

I, Shakuntala Sheoran W/o Sh. Tasbir Singh Sheoran R/O H.No. 3124, C Block, Urban Estate, Sector -11, Jind, have changed my name from Shakuntala Sheoran to Shakuntla.

I, Sujani Devi Sheoran W/o Sh. Hoshiar Singh Sheoran R/O H.No. 455, Sector-8, Jind, have changed my name from Sujani Devi Sheoran to Sujani Devi.

I, Varinder Jeet Singh S/o Harbans Lal R/O Village Mahian Wala Kalan, Mahianwala Purana, Ferozepur, Punjab-142047, do hereby solemnly affirm and declare that I am known by two names Surinder Kaur and Sinder Kaur.

I, Shyam Sunder S/o Govind Ram R/o H.No. 234/1, Masla House, Jhansa Road, Thanesar District Kurukshetra, have changed the name of my minor son from Ishan Chaudhary to Ishan Singh.

I, Brij Nath S/o Ram Udar R/O D-8/164, Gali No.6, Inder Puri Kot Khalsa Amritsar have changed my name from Brij Nath to Ram Banaras

I, No.15205197F Hav Dhanunjaya Rao Konchada S/O K Rama Rao R/o 1-42, Peddaveedhi Doda Ramachandrapuram Srikakulam Andhra Pradesh-532218 have changed my son's name from Konchada Mohitha to Konchada Mohith Vide Affidavit No.IN-PB45205796218890W Dt.12.08.2024 Before Notary Public Amritsar

I, Sarbjit Singh S/o Des Raj R/O Village Chuhar Chak, Naushetra Majia Singh, Gurdaspur, Punjab-143518 have changed my name to Singh Sarbjit.

I, Neetu Kumari W/o Vijay Kumar R/O Village Sanaura, District Jalandhar, Punjab-144201 have changed my name to Neeto.

I, Rajinder Kaur W/o Maninder Singh R/o 18, Gali No. 1, Tej Nagar, Sultanpur Road, Amritsar, Punjab- 143001 have changed my name from Rajinder Kaur to Harjinder Kaur.

I, Vijay Garg S/o Ajudhya Parsard, R/o #153, Tribune Mitter Vihar, Sector 29, Panchkula, Haryana, have changed my name from Vijay Garg to Vijay Kumar. Concerned Note.

I, MP Soumya, Spouse Of Rahul Varma U R Resident Of Toofani Enclave 207/3, Air Force Station, Ambala Cantt, Dist. Ambala Have Changed My Name From Mp Soumya To Soumya.M.P Vide Affidavit Dated 10-08-2024 Before Ambala.

I Army No. 17007392a Rank Cfn Rabikanark Ghosh S/O Biswajit Ghosh R/O Girls College Para, Uttar Chakabhabani, Mahato Boding, Balurghat, South Dinajpur, West Bengal 733101 And Unit address 976 Ad Regt Wksp Pin 906976 C/O 56 Apo.Have Changed My Mother Name From Etu Ghosh To Itu Ghosh.

I Guddi Devi Is The Legally M/O Service No. 170356649w Rank Nk Name Sandeep Kumar R/O Village Kila Zafar Garh, Post Office Kila Zafar Garh, Tehsil Julana, Distt. Jind & Unit Address 77 Armd Wksp Have Changed My Name From Guddi Devi To Guddi.

I D Rama Swamy Father Of Pradeep Kumar D Resident Of 27-9-62, Navabhupeta, Dasananneta, Vizianagaram, Andhra Pradesh - 535002 Have Changed My Name From D Rama Swamy To Duvvu Ramaswami Vide Affidavit Dated 12/08/2024 Before Ambala

I D Ramanamma Mother Of Pradeep Kumar D Resident Of 27-9-62, Navabhupeta, Dasananneta, Vizianagaram, Andhra Pradesh - 535002 Have Changed My Name From D Ramanamma To Duvvu Ramanamma Vide Affidavit Dated 12/08/2024 Before Ambala

I, Kuldeep Kaur Multani I hitherto known as Sukhjinder Singh S/O Chanam Singh, residing at V. Raja Bela, PO Chak Sharif, Distt. Gurdaspur-143528, Punjab, India have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as

I, Gurjeet Singh Multani S/O Pritam Singh R/O House No. 22, Arjun Nagar, Near Industrial Area, Ambala Cantt State That I Have Changed My Name From Gurjeet Singh Multani To Gurjeet Singh.

I, Pritam Singh Multani, S/O Shri Khajan Singh, R/O House No. 22, Arjun Nagar, Near Industrial Area, Ambala Cantt, State That I Have Changed My Name From Pritam Singh Multani To Pritam Singh.

I, Raman Singh alise Raman S/o Raj Singh R/o Village Teontha, Tehsil Pundri, Distt. Kaithal (Haryana) declares that I am known with two names Raman Singh and Raman. My both names are correct and used for the same one person that is me. All concerned please note.

I, Sonu Rani alise Sonu W/o Raman Singh R/o Village Teontha, Tehsil Pundri, Distt. Kaithal (Haryana) declares that I am known with two names Sonu Rani and Sonu. My both names are correct and used for the same one person that is me. All concerned please note.

I, Raghvir Kaur W/o Champal Singh, R/O Flat No.17, 5th Floor, The Punjab State High Court Lawyers Cooperative H/B Society, Sector-76, S.A.S. Nagar, Punjab have changed my name to Raghvir Kaur.

I, Babita Rani W/o Baljeet Singh R/O Village Jandheri, District Kurukshetra, have changed my name from Babita Rani to Babita Sharma.

I, Ravi Dhingra S/o Manohar Lal Dhingra R/O H.No. 45, Ward No. 4, Anchala Chowk, Thanesar District Kurukshetra, have changed my name from Ravi Dhingra S/o Manohar Lal Dhingra to Ravi Kumar S/o Sh. Manohar Lal.

I, Surinder Kaur W/o Gurmej Singh R/o Village Kanipala Tehsil Thanesar District Kurukshetra, declare that I am known by two names Surinder Kaur and Sinder Kaur.

I, Shyam Sunder S/o Govind Ram R/o H.No. 234/1, Masla House, Jhansa Road, Thanesar District Kurukshetra, have changed the name of my minor son from Ishan Chaudhary to Ishan Singh.

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I, Simarjeet Kaur Gill W/o Sahib Singh R/O Village Kalle Waha, PO Sulhani District Ferozepur have changed my name from Simarjeet Kaur Gill to Simarjeet Kaur

I, Shama W/o Shammi Gill R/O H.No.T-285 Gali No.1, Mahna Singh Road, Near Govt Girls School Amritsar have changed my name from Shama to Shama Gill

I, Ravinder Paul S/o Joginder Singh R/O B-251, B-Block Near Arjun Dev Park, Ranjit Avenue Amritsar have changed my name from Ravinder Paul to Ravinder Kumar

I, Ravinder Kumar S/o Joginder Singh R/O B-251, B-Block Near Arjun Dev Park, Ranjit Avenue, Amritsar have declare that my Father was known by two name Joginder Singh and Joginder Kumar one and Same person

I Kuldeep Singh Son of Malkeet Singh R/O VPO. Pheruman Tehsil Baba Bakala Distt. Amritsar Punjab. have declare that Singh is my Surname and Kuldeep is my Given name

I, Harjot Singh S/o Major Singh R/O Village Narli, PO Khaira District Tam Taran have changed my name Harjot is my Given name and Singh is my Surname

I, Anand Kishore Handa S/O Daulat Ram Handa R/O 426, Medical Enclave, Amritsar have changed my name from Anand Kishore Handa to Anand Handa

I, Sukhpal S/O Sarup Singh Sidhu R/O Hno 149 Near Water Works Vpo Bhagu Distt Sri Muktsar Sahib Have Changed My Name From Sukhpal To Sukhpal Singh Sidhu

I, Krishana Rani W/o Darshan Singh R/O Post Office Jiwan Arain, Billimar District Ferozepur have changed my name from Krishana Rani to Krishana Rani

I, Ranjit Singh Mattu S/O Dillbagh Singh R/O VPO Devi Dass Pura Tehsil and District Amritsar have changed my name from Ranjit Singh Mattu to Ranjit Singh

I, Gurbir Singh S/o Gurnam Singh Vill Neshta PS Gharinda Amritsar 143108 have changed my name from Gurbir Singh to Gurveer Sandhu

I hitherto known as Sukhjinder Singh S/O Chanam Singh, residing at V. Raja Bela, PO Chak Sharif, Distt. Gurdaspur-143528, Punjab, India have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as

Sukhwinder Singh.

I, Shiwani Gandhi D/o Muri Manohar Gandhi W/o Rajesh Makkar R/o H. No. 1877, Sector 29, Noida, PO Noida, Distt. Gautam Buddha Nagar, Uttar Pradesh-201301 declare that I have changed my name from Shiwani Gandhi to Shivani Makkar. In future I will be known as Shivani Makkar for all purpose.

I, Rimpay W/o Harjeet Singh, # 29 Kajheri, Chandigarh have changed my name to Rimpay Devi.

I, Surinder Kaur W/o Kuldeep, # 10, Kishangarh, Chandigarh have changed my name to Usha Devi.

I, Surjeet Kaur wife of No. 3961544K Hav Late Ami Chand, Village Mahiudeenpur Gazi, PO Sangto Katrala, Tehsil Mukerian, Distt Hoshiarpur (Pb) have changed my name from Surjeet Kaur to Surjit Kaur. My correct date of birth is 09.07.1955. Concerned note.

I, JC-3385552W Ex Sub Balbir Singh S/o Shri Laxman Singh R/O VPO Bassi Purani Tehsil & Distt. Hoshiarpur Punjab have changed the name of my father from Lashman Singh to Laxman Singh.

I, No. 2486028P Ex Nk Gurdeep Singh S/o Shri Karnal Singh R/o Vill. Mehna PO Bassi Kalan Tehsil & Distt. Hoshiarpur Punjab have changed the date of birth of my father Shri Karnal Singh from 01-07-1949 to 16-10-1945.

I, Sunit Kumar S/o Om Parkash Mahasvari R/O H. No. 92, Sector-13, Hisar, Haryana declare that I have changed the name of minor son from Ryan to Ryan Maheshwari for future purpose.

I, Shareef Khan S/o Dharan Pal R/O VPO Panihar Chak, Distt. Hisar, Haryana declare that I have changed my name from Shareef Khan to Sharif for future purpose.

I, Parul Mehta W/o Sahil Kamra R/O H. No. 45, Nehru Nagar, Tehsil Camp, Panipat, Haryana declare that I have changed my name from Parul Mehta to Parul Kamra for future purpose.

I, Patel Nikul Kumar Madhavi Residence of Village-Abharampura Post Office-Tatosan, District-Mahasana State-Gujarat have changed my son name from Sharthak to Sarthak vide affidavit No-IN-PB45529315659116W Dated 12 August 2024 before District Court, Gurdaspur (Punjab).

I, Lajji Jose D/o P. S. Jose resident St. Francis Convent School, Ghanie Ke Bangar, District Gurdaspur - 143513 have changed the name from Sr.Shobhitha to Lajji Jose (D.O.B 23/03/1975). All concerned noted.

I, Sharnjeet Kaur W/o Balwinder Singh R/O Near SBI Bank, Puli Tibri Chawa, P.O. Tibri, District Gurdaspur Punjab have changed my name from Sharnjeet Kaur to Sharanjeet Kaur. Concerned note.

I, Bindra Rani D/o Tara Singh, House No. 632, Sector 20-A, Chandigarh have changed my name from Bindra Rani to Bindra.

I, Sohan S/o Mahveer Parshad R/O Daya Nand Nagar Love Tailor Nangali Bhata Fatehgarh Churion Road, Amritsar declare that I have Changed My Name from Sohan Lal.

I, Navneet Kaur D/o Kanwaljit Singh R/O 142, Sarai Road, Vpo Jandiala Guru, Amritsar Declare That On My Matriculation Examination (Icse) Certificate My Date Of Birth Is Mentioned As 21-7-2001 Whereas My Correct Date Of Birth Is 21-9-2001

I, Rajveer Singh S/o Achyut Raj Sachar R/o.1146, Gali Pehalwana, Ram bagh, Amritsar Have Changed my name from Rajveer Sachar to Rajveer Sachar Satchu

I, Jasbir Singh S/o Late Gulzar Singh R/O. At VPO Kohali Adda, Tehsil Ajnala, Amritsar, I, have Changed my name my father name from Gulzar Singh to Gulzar Singh

I, Vandna Sarean alias radhika mehra w/o rajesh mehra R/O. 659/2 basant avenue amritsar have Changed my name to radhika Mehra.

I Seema Devi W/O Gagan Puri Vpo Nurpurbedi, Teh Anandpur Sahib Distt Ropar Have Changed My Name Seema Devi To Supriya

I Luxmi Devi W/O Sh. Mohan Lal R/O Village Sangohi Distt. Karnal Have Changed My Name From Luxmi Saini To Luxmi Devi. All Concerned Please Noted.

I No8364703 Ex Wo Jagdish Chander Sehgal S/O Partap Chander Sehgal Age About 78 Years Resident Of Hno1704 Sec 13 Karnal Inform General Public At Large That His Wife Name Be Read As Santosh Kumari

I Sub Ram Chander Jc 7049441 S/O Late Nand Lal Dahiyia, R/O 706/21, Kailash Colony Near Bus Stand, Gali No. 05, Rohtak, Haryana, Have Changed My Son Name From Gaurav To Gaurav Dahiyia

I Anil Pal S/O Pati Ram R/O Village Dabkauri, District Panchkula, Haryana, Have Changed My Name From Anil Pal To Anil Kumar.

I Tanishka D/O Rajiv Jatyan R/O H.No- 714, Sector-12 Panchkula, Haryana, Have Changed My Name From Tanishka To Tanishka Singh.

I Navpreet Singh S/O Dilbag Singh Vpo Allowal, Tehsil Khadar Sahib, Distt Tarn Taran Have Changed My Name From Navpreet Singh To Navpreet Is My Given Name And Singh Is My Surname. Concerned Noted.

I, Neelamma Rudrappa Kumber Legally Mother Of No. 16129300F Rank Spr Name Shankar R Kumber Unit 4 Engr Regt. C/O 56 Apo Bathinda Cantt. (Punjab) Permanent Resident Of Near 6 No School, H.No. 1746, Venkatesh Nagar, Bijapur, Vill-Tonshyal, Po-Tonshyal, Tq-Babaleshwara, Distt. Bijapur, State Karnataka-586101 Declare That I Have Changed My Name From Neelamma To Neelamma Rudrappa Kumber

I, Rudrappa Kumber Legally Father Of No. 16129300F Rank Spr Name Shankar R Kumber Unit 4 Engr Regt. C/O 56 Apo Bathinda Cantt. (Punjab) Permanent Resident Of Near 6 No School, H.No. 1746, Venkatesh Nagar, Bijapur, Vill-Tonshyal, Po-Tonshyal, Tq-Babaleshwara, Distt. Bijapur, State Karnataka-586101 Declare That I Have Changed My Name From Rudrappa To Rudrappa Kumber

I, No. 15801676h Rank L/Nk Name Kh Alam Azad Unit 131 Ad Regt C/O 56 Apo, Bathinda Cantt (Punjab) Permanent Resident Of Yairipok Ninghounal, Chingyai Leikai, Vtc: Yambem, Po Yairipok, Distt. Imphal East State Manipur-795149 Have Changed My Minor Daughter Name From Ardilia To Khulakpan Aadila Begum

I, No. 16113729m Rank Hav Name S Ramakrishnababu Borra S/O Yedukondalu B Unit 4 Engr Regt. C/O 56 Apo Bathinda Cantt. (Punjab) Permanent Resident Of 1-59, Surepalli, Old Bus Stand, Bhattiprolu Distt. Guntur, State Andhra Pradesh-522256 Declare That I Have Changed My Name From S Rama Krishna Babu Borra To S Ramakrishnababu Borra

I, No. 15339960k Rank L/Hav Name Rajivgandhi M S/O T Manivel Unit 4 Engr Regt. C/O 56 Apo Bathinda Cantt. (Punjab) Permanent Resident Of Thattansavadi, Ariyalur, State Tamil Nadu-621715 Declare That I Have Changed My Name From Rajiv Gandhi M To Rajivgandhi M

I, Susila P Legally Spouse Of No. 15319952a Rank Hav Name R Ramamoorthy Unit 4 Engr Regt C/O 56 Apo Bathinda Cantt. (Punjab) Permanent Resident Of Vill. Muthalapuram, Post. Poosaripatti, To. Ballagound, Teh. Nilakkotti, Ps Pattivervpatti, Distt. Dindigul State Tamil Nadu-624202 Declare That I Have Changed My Name From P Susila To Susila P

This Is To Inform The General Public That I, J

POSSESSION NOTICE

ICICI Bank Branch Office: Rohit Yadav, ICICI BANK LTD Opposite New Grain Marketg Road Khanna, Patiala, Punjab- 141401. The Authorised Officer of ICICI Bank Limited, under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of the powers conferred under Section 13(12), read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002, had issued Demand Notices upon the Borrower(s)/ Co-Borrower(s)/ Guarantor(s) mentioned below, to repay the amount stated in the Notice within 60 days, from its date of receipt.

Table with 5 columns: Sr. No., Name of the Borrower/ Loan Account Number, Description of Property/ Date of Possession, Date of Demand Notice/Amount in Demand Notice (Rs), Name of Branch. Row 1: Seema Verma LAMGH00041141361, MAGNA YEAR -2019, 27-Mar-2023, Patiala.

The Borrower(s)/ Co-Borrower(s)/ Guarantor(s) is/ are hereby given a 30 day notice period to repay the amount. Otherwise, the mortgaged properties will be sold on the expiry of the 30 day period, from the date of publication of this Notice, as per the provisions under Rules 8 and 9 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.

SYMBOLIC POSSESSION NOTICE

ICICI Bank Branch Office: ICICI Bank Limited, shal Tower, Plot No-23, 3rd Floor, New Rohtak Road, Karol Bagh, New Delhi- 110005. The Authorised ICICI Bank Officer under the Securitisation, Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of the powers conferred under section 13(12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002, issued Demand Notices to the borrower(s) mentioned below, to repay the amount mentioned in the Notice within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said Notice.

Table with 5 columns: Sr. No., Name of the Borrower(s)/Loan Account Number, Description of Property/ Date of Symbolic Possession, Date of Demand Notice/ Amount in Demand Notice (Rs), Name of Branch. Row 1: Surajpal Singh/ Akashdeep Singh/ Ranjit Kaur/ Shangharsh Pal Singh/ LBAMT00006281957/ LBBAT0000611190, Property Plot Measuring 11 Marle, Comprised in Kharsa No. 91/4/3, 12/2, 13, 14, 15/1/1, 16, Situated At Batala West, Umapura, Tehsil Batala, District Gurdaspur, Punjab-143505/ August 07, 2024.

The above-mentioned borrowers(s)/guarantors(s) is/are hereby issued a 30 day Notice to repay the amount, else the mortgaged properties will be sold after 30 days from the date of publishing this Notice, as per the provisions under Rules 8 and 9 of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002.

STATE BANK OF INDIA Jhoke Morhe Dist Ferozpur

[Rule-8(1)] Possession Notice (For Movable/Immovable Property) Whereas the undersigned being the Authorised officer of the State Bank of India, under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (No.3 of 2002) and in exercise of powers conferred under section 13(12) read with rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002, issued a Demand Notice to borrower(s)/ guarantor(s), on the date mentioned hereunder, calling upon the borrower(s) / guarantor(s), to repay the amount mentioned in the respective demand notice, within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

Table with 5 columns: Name of the Borrower(s)/Guarantor(s), Description of the Movable Property, Date of Demand Notice, Date of Possession Notice, Amount Outstanding as per Demand Notice. Row 1: Smt. Baljinder Kaur W/o Sh. Nishan Singh, Combine Harvester Model No. 109.05.2024, 12.08.2024, Rs.21,00,404.95 less amount of Rs.2,10,000/- as on 09.05.2024, plus less amount of recovery made if any plus Intt and other charges/expenses, costs, thereon.

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Table with 5 columns: Sr. No., Name of the Borrower(s)/ Loan Account Number, Description of Property/ Date of Symbolic Possession, Date of Demand Notice/ Amount in Demand Notice (Rs), Name of Branch. Row 1: M/s. M S Ramniwas Hansraj/ Suresh Kumar/ 211105500219, Property Bearing Shop No. 212 Measuring 111.11 Sq. Yrds, Situated at Anaj Mandi Charhki Daddi, District Bhiwani, Haryana/ August 08, 2024.

HIMACHAL PRADESH JAL SHAKTI VIBHAG

NOTICE INVITING TENDER

Sealed item rate tenders are hereby invited by undersigned on behalf of the Governor of H.P. for the following works from experienced and registered contractors with I&PH Department now Jal Shakti Vibhag H.P. so as to reach in the office of the undersigned on or before 17.08.2024 upto 3.00 P.M. and the same will be opened on the same day at 3.30 (P.M) in the presence of intending contractors or their representatives. The tender documents can be had from the office of the undersigned against cash payment (Non refundable). Up to 4 P.M. on 16.08.2024 after applying on prescribed application form available in this office. The date of sales/receipt and opening of tenders shall be considered as next working day, if any holiday is declared of above specified date the earnest money in the shape of National Saving Certificate/TIME deposit account/Saving account in any of post office or Nationalized Bank in H.P. duly pledged in favour of undersigned must accompany with each tender. Conditional tender and the tender without earnest money will summarily be rejected. The undersigned reserves the right to accept or reject the tender without assigning any reasons. The contractors who do not abide by the completion schedule are requested not to quote. The contractor must have cleared the income tax and clearance certificate there of and the photocopies of registration also required to be submitted w/h the application.

Table with 5 columns: Sr. No., Description Item/work, Estimated Cost, Earnest Money, Cost of form, Time. Row 1: R/M of LWSS Tube well Mehli Pujari in G.P. Beolia and LWSS Jarech Beolia in G.P. Beolia Tehsil & Distt. Shimla H.P. (SH - Repair/Rewinding of 25HP submersible bore well pump motor and rewinding 5HP open well motor).

PUBLIC NOTICE

The General Public is hereby informed that Mr. Himasbu Gupta S/o Mr. Parmod Kumar Gupta R/o 636C, Near Killa Gurdwara, Sector 45, Burail, PO Sector 47, DIST - Chandigarh-160047 is the present owner/seller of House No 593, Burail, Sector 45, Chandigarh Under Red Line and Mr. Ram Kumar and Jai Prakash S/o Mr. Jai Kant R/o House No 878, Burail, Sector 45, Chandigarh (RPD-14686) to the extent of 50% share of Late Sh. Lakhbir Singh Mavi in the name of Smt. Surinder Kaur on the basis of Regd. Will, dated 08.06.2021.

It is notified for the information of the general public and it is confirmed that as per record of this office Sh. Lakhbir Singh Mavi is the co-owner of RESIDENTIAL Site No.78, Sector 33-A, Chandigarh to the extent of 50% Share. It has been informed by Smt. Surinder Kaur that Sh. Lakhbir Singh Mavi is deceased on 16/04/2023 and they have also intimated the following legal heirs of the deceased owner/lessee :-

Table with 3 columns: Sr. No., Name of the Legal Heir, Relation with deceased. Row 1: Surinder Kaur, Wife; 2: Barinder Singh, Son; 3: Ravinder Singh, Son.

Now, Smt. Surinder Kaur has applied for the transfer of ownership in respect of RESIDENTIAL Site No.78, SECTOR 33-A, Chandigarh, to the extent of 50% Share held by Late Sh. Lakhbir Singh Mavi in their favour on the basis of Regd. Will, dated 08/06/2021. If any body has any information about any other legal heirs of the deceased other than mentioned above, the same may be intimated to the Estate Officer, U.T., Chandigarh, immediately.

If anybody has any objection upon the mutation of the said share in the said property, in favour of the above named applicants, then he/she/they may furnish the same in writing (supported with affidavit duly attested by Magistrate/Notary) in the office of the undersigned within 30 days from the date of publication of this notice, failing which the said share in the said property will be mutated accordingly in the name of above said beneficiaries and no further claim whatsoever shall be entertained at any later stage.

Naven Danics, HCS Assistant Estate Officer, Exercising the powers of Estate Officer, U.T., Chandigarh.

Lost and Found

I Ruma Rani W/o Sanjeev Kumar R/o Village Holi, Barara Distt Ambala inform that my Kakkar Majara Sale deed no 2369 Dated 03-03-2023 have been lost in Village Holi, Somewhere. I have lodged DDR No 132210162400877 also. If anybody found please contact above address

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HIMACHAL PRADESH STATE ELECTRICITY BOARD LTD. (A State Government Undertaking)

NOTICE INVITING TENDERS (E-Tender Mode only)

Online Tenders (Two Part bid) are invited for the supply/ Execution of following items, on the prescribed forms (Tender Documents.) The date of Sale, submission and opening of techno commercial of tender is as per detail given below. The tender notice can also be downloaded at https://hptenders.gov.in.

Table with 2 columns: Tender No., Name of Work. Row 1: NIT-02 (PRESS)/2024-25, Tender for providing SOP to Municipal committee Bilaspur by providing 11KV CT/PT combined unit out door type along with LT line from proposed 100 KVA, 11/0.4KV substation CLC in (E) section Roura under ESD No. II HPSEBL Bilaspur.

Table with 2 columns: Estimated Amount, Completion Period, Earnest Money, Price of Tender Document (Non-Refundable), Start date of Sale of Tender, Last date of Sale of Tender, Last date of receipt of Tender, Date of opening of Tender. Row 1: ₹73,20,263 only, Three Months, ₹18,260 only, ₹1000+18% GST=1,180/- Only, 16.08.2024 (5:00 PM), 23.08.2024 upto 11:00 (AM), 23.08.2024 upto 11:00 (AM), 23.08.2024 at 03:00 (PM)

Sr. Executive Engineer, Electrical Division, HPSEBL, Bilaspur

कार्यालय ग्राम पंचायत कंडाघाट जिला सोलन (हि.प्र.)

निविदा आमंत्रण सूचना

सर्व साधारण को सूचित किया जाता है कि नगर पंचायत कंडाघाट द्वारा पड़ाव मैदान में बनाई गई लगभग 50 गाड़ियों की पार्किंग की नीलामी खुली बोली द्वारा दिनांक 22 अगस्त 2024 को दोपहर 11:30 बजे नगर पंचायत कंडाघाट के हॉल में रखी गयी है। कार पार्किंग में गाड़ियों को खड़ी करने के लिए शुल्क का ठेका नीलामी द्वारा दिनांक 01.09.2024 से 31.08.2026 तक 2 वर्षों के लिए दिया जाएगा। बोली देने से पूर्व बोलीदाता को मु. 50,000/- रु. की दशानी हुई। (डिमांड ड्राफ्ट) सचिव, नगर पंचायत कंडाघाट, के पक्ष में बनानी होगी, असफल बोली दाताओं की प्रतिभूति राशि वापिस की जाएगी तथा सफल बोलीदाता की प्रतिभूति राशि नगर पंचायत में ठेका अवधि तक बिना ब्याज के जमा रहेगी। बोली की नियम व शर्तों का पूर्ण विवरण नगर पंचायत कार्यालय में किसी भी कार्य दिवस में समय सुबह 10 बजे से शाम 5 बजे तक पता कर सकते हैं।

नगर पंचायत कंडाघाट जिला सोलन (हि.प्र.)

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform that Sh. Sohan Lal S/o Sh. Krishan Chand is the owner of the property constructed on plot measuring 0K-3M situated in Village Bhagpur, Sub Tehsil Koom Kalan Tehsil and District Ludhiana and comprised of Khata No. 35/35 Kharsa No. 22/6/2, 7, 9/1, 13/3, 14/1 as entered in the Jamabandi for the years 2014-2015 of Village Bhagpur Hadast No.192 Sub Tehsil Koom Kalan Tehsil and District Ludhiana. The Original sale deed dated 23.05.2013 bearing vaska No. 192 in favour of Smt. Lakhbir Kaur W/o Sh. Kulwinder Singh has been lost and not traceable. The said property is unencumbered and no mortgage has been created over the said property in favour of any Bank or Institution. Sh. Sohan Lal S/o Sh. Krishan Chand in favour of SMFG India Home Finance Company Limited, Feroze Ghandi Market, Ludhiana. If anybody finds out the sale deed or has any objection to the mortgage then he should hand over the same to the undersigned within 7 days of this publication otherwise it will be deemed that there is no objection to anybody.

Alok Mohindra Advocate, Chamber No. 230, District Court, Ludhiana Mb:- 9814134452 SMFG India Home Finance Company Limited, Feroze Ghandi Market, Ludhiana

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ESTATE OFFICE, U.T., CHANDIGARH PUBLIC NOTICE

BEFORE SH. NAVEEN DANICS HCS, ASSISTANT ESTATE OFFICER, EXERCISING THE POWERS OF THE ESTATE OFFICER, U.T., CHANDIGARH.

Subject: Transfer of ownership in respect of RESIDENTIAL Site No.78, Sector 33-A, Chandigarh (RPD-14686) to the extent of 50% share of Late Sh. Lakhbir Singh Mavi in the name of Smt. Surinder Kaur on the basis of Regd. Will, dated 08.06.2021.

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सामाजिक सूचना

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क्रमांक MCR/21/2024/4629, दिनांक 07/08/2024 कोरी रोहताक अतिरिचारी, नगर निगम, रोहताक

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is for the information of general public that Lalita Devi W/o Mahendra Sarnhi has declared that my previous original sale deed no 10866 dated 03.03.2005 in favour of Suraj Bala W/o Nareish Kumar in respect of the property described herein has been lost at Rohtak. A.D.R. also registered at Rohtak. That I am the current owner of the property and I am obtaining loan from Mollial Cusval Home Finance Limited, that I have not mortgaged it anywhere in the whole of India. Apart from this, if there is any negligence on my part, then civil and criminal liability will arise on me. If anyone finds or has any objection, please contact to Advocate Bhupinder Kumar, Ph No 925549981 + 991 93874, Sector 16-17 HISAR WITHIN 7 DAY OF THIS PUBLICATION with documentary proof. Property House no 80/16, having Property I.D. no. 11WRHCL4, measuring 90 Sq. Yards, situated at Partap Mohalla Rohtak, Tehsil and District Rohtak

मैं ललिता देवी श्री लाल बहाल देवी साहनी ने घोषणा की है कि मेरा पुराना मूल बिक्री कागद नंबर 10866 दिनांक 03.03.2005 के अंतर्गत सुरज बाला देवी के नाम पर रोहताक में एक संपत्ति का बिक्री कागद है जो खो चुका है। मैं वर्तमान में इस संपत्ति का मालिक हूँ और मैं भारतभर में इस संपत्ति को किसी भी प्रकार से हाईपॉथेक नहीं किया है। यदि कोई व्यक्ति इस संपत्ति के बारे में कोई भी जानकारी देता है या इस संपत्ति पर कोई भी दावा करता है, तो मुझे इसकी सूचना देने के लिए 7 दिनों के भीतर मेरे पास या मेरे वकील के पास आना होगा। यदि कोई व्यक्ति इस संपत्ति के बारे में कोई भी आपत्ति दर्शाता है, तो उसे 7 दिनों के भीतर मेरे वकील के पास आना होगा। इस सूचना के अंतर्गत मेरे पास या मेरे वकील के पास आना होगा। यदि कोई व्यक्ति इस सूचना के अंतर्गत मेरे पास या मेरे वकील के पास आता है, तो उसे 7 दिनों के भीतर मेरे वकील के पास आना होगा।

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PUBLIC NOTICE

I, Rekha Gupta W/o Sanjeev Gupta R/o A-301, Opp. Victoria Park, Leela Shanti Heights, Iscon Mega City, Bhavnagar, Gujarat is the Legal Owner of Property situated at New Raj Nagar, Basti Bawa Kheel, Jaalandhar vide Sale Deed no. 4820 Dated 24.11.2005. I have lost Sale Deed No. 4820 Dated 24.11.2005 related to this property. Complaint to Police vide online no SR501782/2024 Dated 10-08-2024 is lodged. If anyone finds above sale deed somewhere or if has any objection in this regard may contact Advocate Vikas Sood at 98140-94356 within 14 days from this publication.

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

[See proviso to Rule 8(6)] Notice for sale of immovable asset(s) E-Auction Sale Notice for the sale of immovable asset(s) under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8 (6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002. This notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower(s) and Guarantor(s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the physical possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of ICICI Bank Limited will be sold on 'As is where is', 'As is what is' and 'Whatever there is' as per the brief particulars given hereunder;

Table with 7 columns: Sr. No., Name of Borrower(s)/Co-Borrowers/Guarantors/ Loan Account No., Details of the Secured Asset(s) with known encumbrances, if any, Amount Outstanding, Reserve Price/Earnest Money Deposit, Date and Time of Property Inspection, Date & Time of E-Auction. Row 1: 1. Jatin Nayak (Borrower), Mukesh Kumar Nayak (Co-Applicant), Jaimala Nayak (Co-Applicant), Adesh Kumar (Co-Applicant), Lan No. LBPFP00004582391, Shop No. 12, First Floor of Part of House No. R-120 and R-121 Ward No. 1, Panipat Haryana. Area: 12 Sq. Yd. & Shop No. 13, First Floor of Part of House No. R-120 and R-121 Ward No. 1, Panipat Haryana. Area: 14 Sq. Yd.

The online auction will be conducted on the website (URL Link-www.banksauctions.com) of our auction agency "C1 India Private Limited". The Mortgages/Notices are given a last chance to pay the total dues with further interest by September 03, 2024 before 5:00 P.M. else the secured asset(s) will be sold as per schedule. The prospective bidder(s) must submit the Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) Demand Draft (DD) (Refer Column E) at ICICI Bank Limited, 3rd Floor Shal Tower, New Rohtak Road, Karol Bagh, Delhi-110005 on or before September 03, 2024 before 5:00 P.M. Thereafter, they have to submit their offer through the website mentioned above on or before September 03, 2024 before 5:00 P.M. along with the scanned image of the Bank acknowledged DD towards proof of payment of EMD. In case the prospective bidder(s) is/ are unable to submit his/ her/ their offer through the website, then the signed copy of tender documents may be submitted at ICICI Bank Limited, 3rd Floor Shal Tower, New Rohtak Road, Karol Bagh, Delhi-110005 on or before September 03, 2024 before 5:00 P.M. Earnest Money Deposit DD/PO should be from a Nationalised/ Scheduled Bank in favour of 'ICICI Bank Limited' payable at Delhi.

For any further clarifications in terms of inspection, Terms and Conditions of the E-Auction or submission of tenders, contact ICICI Bank Employee Phone No. 8657476284/8584874809. Please note that the Marketing agencies i. M/S NexGen Solutions Private Limited 2. Augeo Asset Management Pvt. Ltd. 3. Hector Protech Pvt. Ltd. have also been engaged for facilitating the sale of this property. The Authorised Officer reserves the right to reject any or all the bids without furnishing any further reasons. For detailed Terms and Conditions of the sale, please visit www.icicibank.com/n4p4s Date : August 13, 2024 Place : Panipat

SYMBOLIC POSSESSION NOTICE

ICICI Bank Branch Office: ICICI Bank Ltd., Plot No. 23, Shal Tower, 3rd Floor, New Rohtak Road, Karol Bagh, New Delhi- 110005. The Authorised ICICI Bank Officer under the Securitisation, Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of the powers conferred under section 13(12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002, issued Demand Notices to the borrower(s) mentioned below, to repay the amount mentioned in the Notice within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said Notice.

Having failed to repay the amount, the Notice is issued to the borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has taken symbolic possession of the property described below, by exercising powers conferred on him/her under Section 13(4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the said rules on the below-mentioned dates. The borrower in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the property. Any dealings with the property will be subject to charges of ICICI Bank Limited.

Table with 5 columns: Sr. No., Name of the Borrower(s)/ Loan Account Number, Description of Property/ Date of Symbolic Possession, Date of Demand Notice/ Amount in Demand Notice (Rs), Name of Branch. Row 1: 1. Satyawar/Suman Devi/ TBPNN0000667011/ TBPNN00006667012/ LBPNN00006873759, Khawat No. 495 Min, Kahtoni No. 609 Min, Kharsa No. 557 (1-0) Situated at Village Atwala Sub Tehsil Matlauda Distt. Panipat Haryana- 132113/ August 08, 2024.

The above-mentioned borrowers(s)/guarantors(s) is/are hereby issued a 30 day Notice to repay the amount, else the mortgaged properties will be sold after 30 days from the date of publishing this Notice, as per the provisions under Rules 8 and 9 of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002.

Date: August 13, 2024 Place: Panipat Sincerely Authorised Signatory For ICICI Bank Ltd.

OSBI RETAIL ASSETS CENTRAL PROCESSING CENTRE (05296), CIVIL LINES, FOUNTAIN CHOWK, LUDHIANA

Rule-8 (1) POSSESSION NOTICE (for Movable Property)

Whereas, the undersigned being the Authorized officer of the State Bank of India, RACPC, Civil Lines, Ludhiana, under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under section 13(12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued Demand Notices dated mentioned as below calling upon the borrower(s)/Guarantor(s) to repay the amount mentioned in the Notice(s) being within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said Notice(s).

The borrower(s) and the guarantor(s) having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower(s), the guarantor and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him/her under sub Section (4) of Section (13) of Act read with rule 8 of the Security Interest(Enforcement) Rules 2002 on these dates mentioned against below accounts.

The borrower(s) & the guarantor(s) in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property (ies) will be subject to the charge of the State Bank of India, RACPC, Civil Lines, Ludhiana for an aggregate amount of as mentioned below + future interest thereon and costs, etc.

The borrower & the guarantor's attention is invited to provisions of sub-section (8) of section 13 of the Act in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

Table with 5 columns: Sr. No., Borrower/ Guarantor & Owner of Property, Description of the Mortgage Property/ies, Date of Demand Notice, Date of Possession, Nature of Possession, Amount Outstanding. Row 1: 1. (Borrower/s):- Mrs. Ruchi Bharti W/o Sh. Amit Bhatti, residents of H No. B/11/883A, Street No-2, Near CMC Hospital, Sikandari Road, Ludhiana-141008. Property/Plot no 16.05.2024 08.08.2024 Symbolic Possession Rs. 24,37,645/- (Rupees Twenty four lacs thirty seven thousand six hundred forty five Only) as on 15.05.2024 with Future interest w.e.f. 16.05.2024+costs, charges and other expenses thereon.

deed bearing wasika No 2020-21/106/19496 Dated 17.11.2020 standing in the name of Mrs Ruchi Bharti W/o Sh. Amit Bhatti

2. (Borrower/s):- Mr. Tirath Ram S/O Sh. Kharali Lal, (2) Mrs Veena Rani W/o Sh. Tirath Ram, residents of H. No. 08-6890, Street No-12, New Janta Nagar, Ludhiana-141001. Property/Plot no 16.04.2024 08.08.2024 Symbolic Possession Rs. 12,50,053/- (Rupees Twelve Lacs fifty thousand fifty three Only) as on 10.04.2024 with Future interest w.e.f. 11.04.2024 +costs, charges and other expenses thereon.

West: Jasvir Singh 45', North: Street 15' South: Street 15'. As per sale deed bearing wasika No 3290 dated 28.06.2010 standing in the name of Sh. Tirath Ram & Smt. Veena Rani

DATE: 12.08.2024 PLACE: Ludhiana AUTHORISED OFFICER

DEVINE IMPEX LIMITED CORPORATE OFFICE: C-157, 1st FLOOR, INDUSTRIAL FOCAL POINT, PHASE VII, MOHALI, PUNJAB, 160059 EXTRACT OF UNAUDITED FINANCIAL RESULTS FOR THE QUARTER ENDED 30TH JUNE, 2024

Table with 4 columns: Particulars, Quarter Ended 30-June-2024, Quarter Ended 31-March-2024, Quarter Ended 30-June-2023, Year Ended 31-Mar-2024. Row 1: Total income from operations (net), 25.26, 103.79, 12.56, 176.10.

For and on behalf of the Board of Directors of Devine Impex Limited NEERAJ JAIN, Managing Director



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CELEBRATING WORLD LEFT-HANDERS DAY

This day honours the 13 percent who navigate a world designed for the right-handed



RACHNA LAKHPATRI

The 13th of August is commemorated as World Left-Handers Day, a day dedicated to the 13% of the world's population who make do in a world that wasn't meant for them. To many of us, left-handedness is just a fascinating statistic, something we mention in passing or wonder at during a discussion. However, for those of us who lean left, this is a quiet, everyday rebellion against a world that expects us to fit in when we don't quite belong. From the moment we grip our first crayon, left-handers are thrust into a world where ease can be transformed into hand-to-hand combat.

Scissors bite painfully; pens spill over the paper; spiral notebooks are a tangle of discomfort. It's completely out of tune, like music played in a different key. However, this dissonance does not weaken us, but rather it strengthens us. In a world designed for right-handers, left-handers learn to improvise, create, and, eventually, prosper. This kind of adaptability lends itself to creativity, which is sometimes cited as a virtue among lefties. To us, however, creativity is more than just an artistic talent; it is a survival ability. Being left-handed means seeing the world from a different perspective and approaching difficulties with a different mindset.

Our brains are wired to think beyond the box because, honestly, the box was never meant for us in the first place. It is no surprise that left-handers such as Leonardo da Vinci, Nikola Tesla, and Marie Curie are among history's most recognised thinkers. They did not think differently; they saw differently, creating visions that changed our per-



ception of what is possible. However, it is not only about inventiveness. Being left-handed entails a quiet fortitude, borne of years of adjusting to a world that frequently forgets to include you. Each southpaw has a story to tell: awkward contortions in class, struggles with right-handed instruments, and ink-stained palms. However, these events do not diminish us; rather, they define us. They teach us how to be resourceful, to face challenges with fortitude, and to see beauty in the unexpected. Being rare has a mystical quality about it.

Being left-handed means standing out in a crowd, but more significantly, in life. It represents the fact that normalcy can be overvalued while the difference is powerful.

The left-handed intellect does not only accomplish what most others avoid; it frequently forges a new path where none previously existed. In art, science, sports, or leadership, a left-hander will do things differently, deviate from the norm, and transform the ordinary into remarkable. As we commemorate World Left-Handers Day, let us remember that being left-handed is much more than a biological quirk; it is a way of life, a sign of creativity, perseverance, and inventiveness that stems from a worldview that sees things not as they are, but as they could be.

Left-handers, living in a right-handed society, remind us that magic sometimes happens in the opposite direction. Here's to the lefties—the visionaries who prove that being different is not only acceptable but also remarkable. In celebrating World Left-Handers Day, we honor more than just a minority group—we recognize a testament to human adaptability and creativity. Left-handers remind us that thriving often means forging our own path, embracing differences, and finding strength in what sets us apart.

As we acknowledge the challenges lefties face, we also celebrate the unique perspective they bring to the world. Here's to the left-handers, whose quiet resilience and innovative spirit show us that being different isn't just okay—it's extraordinary.

(The writer is a freelance writer; views are personal)

Can Muhammad Yunus micro manage Bangladesh



NILANTHA LANGAMUWA

As the world watches, the implications of this power shift resonate far beyond Dhaka's borders; the once peaceful country has plunged into anarchy

South Asia's youngest nation has been thrust into a new era following a four-day power vacuum, decisively crossing a point of no return. A new messiah has emerged to rule over 171 million people, arriving from Paris in a full-circle moment. Had Hasina remained in power, he would have been sentenced to life for corruption on the very day Hasina fled the country she had ruled for over 15 years. Nobel laureate Muhammad Yunus has assumed the role of head of the interim government. A 14-member interim government including a Hindu psychiatrist and a Buddhist human rights activist led by Prof. Yunus has taken charge.

Alarming, most of these members are heads of Western-funded NGOs, exposing the true manipulators behind the scenes. It was a nightmare for them to run their NGOs during Hasina's tenure, with many facing harassment, intimidation, and even imprisonment. Now, they have set their yardstick. Nobel laureate Prof. Yunus, who has received the Congressional Gold Medal and the Presidential Medal of Freedom, the highest civilian honours in the United States, illustrates the adage that, as Americans say, there's no such thing as a free lunch. The coming months will reveal how Dhaka's political shifts will reverberate across borders. Nearly 300 people have been killed in the post-Hasina period, with rampant looting, attacks on minorities, and intimidation of state institutions. Images show disturbing violence, including the burning of Hindu temples. The riots go beyond protests against the Awami League, revealing deeper conflicts. Simultaneously, one should not overlook the deep-rooted anti-India sentiments in Bangladesh and its diaspora, exacerbated by the 'India Out' campaign. Unfortunately, Delhi policymakers may have underestimated this sentiment and placed undue trust in Hasina.

It was a bloodbath, and the incidents that unfolded suggest it was a well-planned political scheme, executed promptly to overthrow Hasina—a time-tested leader, though surrounded by controversies. The humiliating destruction of Bangabandhu's statue starkly echoes the fall of Saddam Hussein's statue in Baghdad. Sheikh Mujibur Rahman, known as Bangabandhu, laid the foundation of Bangladesh with his political ideology and dedication during the struggle for independence. Despite overcoming initial challenges, fear has once again taken hold in the country. The chaotic situation exemplifies a state of total anarchy. This is not a revolution; revolutions are meant to improve the lives of people, not to indulge in bloodlust against unarmed citizens with opposing political viewpoints or religious beliefs. However, given the nation's violent history even before its inception, it seems to be passing through yet another despicable period.

Is this merely a student uprising, or is someone manipulating them behind the scenes to exploit the situation? When the political intelligentsia abstains from protests, reducing them to mere emotional outbursts, it fosters an environment ripe for the creation of new, equally monstrous situations. This cycle will inevitably doom us to repeat the same failures. The harrowing video of an unemployed youth wearing a black t-shirt being shot by a policeman only deepened the unrest. Hasina bears blood on her hands; whether direct-



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ly or through those who ordered lethal force against protesters, accountability is imperative. Thanks to India, Hasina narrowly escaped a fate akin to Muammar Gaddafi's. In the January elections, she set a trap with her abuse of power and legislative misogyny, even denying medical treatment to opponents. Her opponents seized on the quota issue as the tipping point. Although she addressed it, she failed to recognise it was merely a façade. Her inability to understand that 15 years is too long for any democracy to be managed alone highlights a grim historical lesson. However, history teaches us a valuable lesson: despite Ferdinand Marcos' ousting, his family's influence persisted, and in 2021, his son made a notable comeback in the Philippines. That's the nature of politics. Consequently, whoever comes to power next will face a challenging situation.

The manipulations behind these shocking events, which unfolded within a month while the Prime Minister was in China, may be revealed in the future, much like how America tried to obscure the genocide in Bangladesh (then East Pakistan) during the early 60s, with Henry Kissinger maintaining a political alliance with General Yahya Khan of Pakistan as a secret route to engage with China. Commenting on the situation, Secretary of State Antony Blinken, reflecting his country's global ambitions, urged the Bangladeshi people to ensure that 'any decisions made by the interim government need to respect democratic principles, uphold the rule of law, and reflect the will of the people.' This statement came shortly after the arrival of F-16 fighter jets in Ukraine, continued arms supplies to Israel, and the brutal killing of

Black woman Sonya Massey by law enforcement in her own home—just a few examples that highlight the contradictions in America's respect for the rule of law and international norms. Ironically, many have started comparing the situation in Bangladesh with Sri Lanka. However, there are significant differences between the unprecedented exit of the Bangladeshi Prime Minister this week and the relinquishment of power by President Gotabaya Rajapaksa in Sri Lanka two years ago. One key factor was India's attitude, which was drastically different in these cases.

Reliable sources with knowledge of the events in Sri Lanka have asserted that India believed Gotabaya Rajapaksa should not resign but should stay in power. This stance resulted in no airlift facilities being provided for a safe exit, forcing the then-President to flee to the Maldives in an over-50-year-old Air Force plane. In contrast, Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina of Bangladesh received swift support from India. Second, Gotabaya Rajapaksa came to power through free and fair elections with a significant majority, whereas Sheikh Hasina was re-elected after a series of repressions against opposition political parties. Her handling of the elections reflected growing public displeasure. Winning over regional powers and maintaining their support certainly made her powerful and influential.

Her development projects offered to India, China, Russia, and Japan highlighted bold decisions in her foreign policy. She effectively balanced both India and China, showcasing her capability more effectively than any other South Asian leader in contemporary political history. However, a com-

mon trait between these two leaders is their stance on China. Despite unprecedented pressure from the West, both leaders continued to work harmoniously with China. For instance, when Mike Pompeo, then Secretary of State and former CIA Director, criticised China during his visit to Colombo, President Rajapaksa directly told him that "the opinion held by America against China in Sri Lanka is factually wrong." Since then, Rajapaksa's politics began to crumble, pointing to the decisions he made and the protests that followed.

Similarly, after successfully concluding a visit to India right after Modi's re-election, Hasina flew to China to initiate more Chinese-funded development projects. By then, her fate at home was already sealed. In this context, Elon Musk's recent comment on Venezuela is apt: 'We will coup whoever we want! Deal with it.' Amidst the social media spectacle dominated by profit-driven motives and emotionally manipulative politics, the unemployed youth who ignited change in Bangladesh may soon face this harsh reality. Western ambitions in unstable countries often focus on destruction and manipulation through proxies rather than genuine improvements in livelihoods. The new interim government may well understand this realpolitik. With Hasina's downfall, the direction of the interim government's foreign policy and its approach towards the Global South, including BRICS, remains uncertain. While it may be premature to fully assess this interim arrangement, the situation poses a significant challenge for India, China, and Asia as a whole.

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

Pushpanjali Medicon 2024: Top doctors share insights on health and wellness

This unique medical conference covered topics ranging from liver health to the often-overlooked connection between sex and wellness

It's not every day that you see India's top medical professionals gathering under one roof to discuss various health conditions and offer advice on leading a healthy life. This rare opportunity drew people of all ages in large numbers to the capital, eager to hear the insights and wisdom of these renowned doctors.



VIVEK SHUKLA

Acute Kidney Injury, Headache Management, the Mystery of Dizziness, Suicide Prevention, Fatty Liver, and issues of reproductive health. The event saw the participation of leading doctors from the capital and various states such as Mumbai, Punjab, Tamil Nadu, Uttar Pradesh, Haryana, and beyond. One of the most anticipated sessions was led by Dr. Shiv

Kumar Sarin, a distinguished clinician and gastroenterologist, who captivated the audience with his talk on maintaining liver health. Dr. Sarin emphasised the liver's critical role as the controller and fulcrum of our metabolic well-being, comparing it to a chartered accountant that keeps a meticulous record of our body's intake and expenditure. He highlighted how any surplus, whether from genetic factors or excessive calorie consumption, can lead to fatty liver disease. This condition forces the pancreas to produce more insulin, which can eventually result in diabetes. Moreover, the excess fat in the liver doesn't just stay there; it circulates through-

out the body, potentially leading to complications such as gallstones. Another notable speaker, Dr. Rajeew Sood, the newly appointed Vice-Chancellor of Baba Farid University of Health Sciences and former Dean of Dr. Ram Manohar Lohia Hospital and PGIMER in Delhi, shared his expertise on managing prostate health. His session provided valuable insights into a topic that is often overlooked but crucial for men's health, particularly as they age. One of the most engaging sessions was on the topic "Sex Has No Expiry Date," delivered by Dr. Deepak Jumani, a Mumbai-based expert in sexual health. Dr. Jumani spoke with remarkable eloquence on a subject



that is rarely discussed openly, especially in such forums. He stressed the undeniable link between sex and overall health, arguing that sexual activity is one of the

most vital biological functions, essential for a fulfilling life. Addressing a packed audience, Dr. Jumani asserted that sexual pleasure is both a personal business

and a fundamental right, emphasizing that all sexual dysfunctions can be managed, allowing individuals of all ages to lead a sexually satisfying life. The success of this unique health conference, where top doctors interacted with both medical professionals and the general public, is indeed a great achievement. The importance of conferences like Pushpanjali Medicon 2024 cannot be overstated. Similar events must be held across the country. Dr. Aggarwal argues that such gatherings are vital for fostering closer ties between doctors, patients, and medical professionals. Healthcare conferences like Pushpanjali Medicon are

more than just formal events; they are epicenters of innovation and collaboration within the medical field. These gatherings offer invaluable networking opportunities with industry peers, critical for both personal and professional growth. They also provide continuing Medical Education (CME) sessions that are essential for staying updated with the latest advancements in healthcare. Beyond the educational value, these conferences are inspiring and refreshing, offering a chance to recharge while gaining new insights and connections. *(The writer is an author and a columnist; views are personal)*

Russians urged to flee Ukraine's cross-border attack

AP ■ KYIV

An official in the Kursk border region of Russia on Monday urged more residents to evacuate due to the "very tense situation" in the area, where Russian forces are still scrambling to respond to a surprise Ukrainian attack after almost a week of fierce fighting. Russia's emergency authorities say more than 76,000 people have fled their homes in areas of Kursk, where Ukrainian troops and armour poured across the border on August 6, reportedly driving as deep as 30 kilometers (19 miles) into Russia and sowing alarm. Ukrainian forces swiftly rolled into the town of Sudzha about 10 kilometers (6 miles) over the border after launching the attack. They reportedly still hold the western part of the town, which is the site of an important natural gas transit station. The Ukrainian operation is taking place under tight secrecy, and its goals — especially whether Kyiv's forces aim to hold territory or are staging a

raid — remain unclear. The stunning maneuver that caught the Kremlin's forces unawares counters Russia's unrelenting effort in recent months to punch through Ukrainian defences at selected points along the front line in eastern Ukraine. Russia has seen previous incursions into its territory during the nearly 2 1/2-year war, but the foray into the Kursk region marked the largest attack on its soil since World War II, embarrassing President Vladimir Putin and constituting a milestone in the hostilities. The advance has delivered a blow to Putin's efforts to pretend that life in Russia has largely remained unaffected by the war. State propaganda has tried to play down the attack, emphasizing the authorities' efforts to help residents of the region and seeking to distract attention from the military's failure to prepare for the attack and quickly repel it. Retired Gen. Andrei Gurulev, a member of the lower house of the Russian parliament, criticised the military for failing to



In this image from a surveillance camera provided by the Ukrainian Presidential Press Office, smoke rises from a cooling tower of the Zaporizhzhia Nuclear Power Station in a Russia-controlled area in the Enerhodar, Zaporizhzhia region of Ukraine. AP/PTI

properly protect the border. He noted that while the military has set up minefields in the border region, it has failed to deploy enough troops to block enemy raids. "Regrettably, the group of forces protecting the border didn't have its own intelligence assets," he said in his messaging app channel. "No one likes

to see the truth in reports, everybody just wants to hear that all is good." Pasi Paroimen, an analyst with the Finland-based Black Bird Group open-source intelligence agency, which monitors the war, said the toughest phase of Ukraine's incursion is likely to begin now as Russian reserves enter the fray.

He said that "if the Ukrainians are going to advance any further from where they are now, it's going to be a tough battle, unlike the opening moments of this offensive". Ukraine's progress on Russian territory "is challenging the operational and strategic assumptions" of the Kremlin's forces, according to the

Institute for the Study of War. It could compel Russia to deploy more military assets to the long border between the two countries, the Washington-based think tank said in an assessment late Sunday. It described the Russian forces responding to the incursion as "hastily assembled and disparate". The International Atomic Energy Agency said a fire near Ukraine's Russian-occupied Zaporizhzhia Nuclear Power Plant had "no impact" on the facility's safety. Radiation levels are unchanged at what is one of the 10 biggest nuclear plants in the world, the UN body said. Russia and Ukraine blamed each other for the blaze at a cooling tower outside the plant's perimeter, and the IAEA chief said late Sunday that the war continues to imperil the Zaporizhzhia facility. "These reckless attacks endanger nuclear safety at the plant and increase the risk of a nuclear accident. They must stop now," Rafael Mariano Grossi said.

Putin: Attempt to stop Moscow's offensive

AP ■ KYIV

Russian President Vladimir Putin said on Monday that the Ukraine army's incursion into the Kursk region, which has caused more than 100,000 civilians to flee, is an attempt by Kyiv to stop Moscow's offensive in eastern Ukraine's Donbas region. Speaking at a meeting with top security and defense officials, Putin said the attack that began last Tuesday appeared to reflect Kyiv's attempt to gain a better negotiating position in possible future talks to end the war. He argued that Ukraine may have hoped to destabilize the domestic situation in Russia, adding that it has failed to achieve the goal, and claimed that the number of volunteers to join the Russian military has increased. He said the Russian military is driving on with its eastern Ukraine offensive. Russia has seen previous incursions into its territory during the nearly 2 1/2-year war, but the foray into the Kursk region

marked the largest attack on its soil since World War II, embarrassing President Vladimir Putin and constituting a milestone in the hostilities. It is also the first time the Ukrainian army has spearheaded an incursion rather than pro-Ukraine Russian fighters. The combat inside Russia rekindled questions about whether Ukraine was using weaponry supplied by NATO members. Some Western countries have balked at allowing Ukraine to use their military aid to hit Russian soil, fearing it would fuel an escalation that might drag Russia and NATO into war. Though it's not clear what weapons Ukraine is using across the border, Russian media widely reported that US Bradley and German Marder armoured infantry vehicles were there. It was not possible to independently verify that claim. Ukraine has already used US weapons to strike inside Russia.

Pentagon moves submarine to Middle East

AP ■ WASHINGTON

US Defense Secretary Lloyd Austin has ordered a guided missile submarine to the Middle East and is telling the USS Abraham Lincoln aircraft carrier strike group to sail more quickly to the area, the Defense Department said Sunday. The moves come as the US and other allies push for Israel and Hamas to achieve a cease-fire agreement that could help calm soaring tensions in the region following the assassination of Hamas political leader Ismail Haniyeh in Tehran and a senior Hezbollah commander in Beirut. Officials have been on the lookout for retaliatory strikes by both Iran and Hezbollah for the killings, and the US has been beefing up its presence in the region. Maj. Gen. Pat Ryder, Pentagon press secretary, said in a statement that Austin spoke with Israeli Defense Minister Yoav Gallant earlier in the day, and reiterated America's commitment "to take every possible step to defend Israel and noted the strengthening of US military force posture and capabilities throughout the Middle

East in light of escalating regional tensions." The Lincoln, which has been in the Asia Pacific, had already been ordered to the region to replace the USS Theodore Roosevelt aircraft carrier strike group, which is scheduled to begin heading home from the Middle East. Last week, Austin said the Lincoln would arrive in the Central Command area by the end of the month. It wasn't clear Sunday what his latest order means, or how much more quickly the Lincoln will steam to the Middle East. The carrier has F-35 fighter jets aboard, along with the F/A-18 fighter aircraft that are also on carriers. Ryder also did not say how quickly the USS Georgia guided missile submarine would get to the region. He said Austin and Gallant also discussed Israel's military operations in Gaza and the importance of mitigating civilian harm. The call comes a day after an Israeli airstrike hit a school-turned-shelter in Gaza early Saturday, killing at least 80 people and wounding nearly 50 others, Palestinian health authorities said, in one of the deadliest attacks of the 10-month Israel-Hamas war.

Israel widens evacuation orders in southern Gaza

AP ■ DEIR AL-BALAH

The Israeli military ordered more evacuations in southern Gaza early Sunday, a day after a deadly airstrike on a school-turned-shelter in the north killed at least 80 Palestinians, according to local health authorities. The airstrike was one of the deadliest attacks in the 10-month war. Hamas appeared to push back against resuming negotiations on Thursday on any new cease-fire proposals. In a statement, it urged mediators United States, Egypt and Qatar to submit a plan to implement what was agreed on last month, based on US President Joe Biden's proposal, "instead of going to more rounds of negotiations or new proposals that provide cover for the occupation's aggression." Israel has repeatedly ordered mass evacuations as its troops return to heavily destroyed areas where they previously battled Palestinian militants. The vast majority of Gaza's population of 2.3 million people have been displaced, often multiple times, in the besieged territory 25 miles (40 kilometres) long by about 7 miles (11 kilometres) wide. The latest evacuation orders

apply to areas of Khan Younis, Gaza's second-largest city, including part of an Israeli-declared humanitarian zone from which the military said rockets had been fired. Israel accuses Hamas and other militants of hiding among civilians and launching attacks from residential areas. The humanitarian zone has steadily shrunk during the war with the various evacuation orders. Hundreds of thousands of people have crammed into squalid tent camps with few public services or sought shelter in schools, though the United Nations says hundreds of those have been directly hit or damaged. Khan Younis suffered widespread destruction during an air and ground offensive earlier this year. Tens of thousands fled again last week after an evacuation order. The new order came in leaflets dropped from the sky. As smoke rose on the horizon, hundreds of families carrying belongings in their arms left homes and shelters, seeking elusive refuge. One child carried a stuffed Hello Kitty doll as others walked through rubble-filled streets. "We don't know where to go," said Amal Abu Yahia, a moth-

er of three, who had returned to Khan Younis in June to shelter in their severely damaged home. It was the fourth displacement for the 42-year-old widow, whose husband was killed when an Israeli airstrike hit their neighbors' house in March. She said they went to Muwasi, a sprawling tent camp along the coast, but couldn't find space. Ramadan Issa, a father of five in his 50s, fled Khan Younis with 17 members of his extended family, joining hundreds of people walking toward central Gaza. "Every time we settle in one place and build tents for women and children, the occupation comes and bombs the area," he said, referring to Israel. "This situation is unbearable." Gaza's Health Ministry, which doesn't distinguish between civilians and combatants, says the Palestinian death toll from the war is approaching 40,000. Aid groups have struggled to address the staggering humanitarian crisis, while international experts have warned of famine. The war began when Hamas-led militants burst through Israel's defenses on October 7 and rampaged through farm-

ing communities and army bases near the border, killing around 1,200 people — mostly civilians — and abducting around 250 people. Of the roughly 110 remaining hostages, Israeli authorities believe around a third are dead. The conflict has threatened to trigger a regional war, as Israel has traded fire with Iran and its militant allies across the region. "I hope that they will think this through and won't get to a point where they will force us to cause significant damage and increase the chances of war breaking out on additional fronts," Israeli Defense Minister Yoav Gallant said Sunday. US Defense Secretary Lloyd Austin spoke to Gallant on Sunday, reiterating America's commitment to defend Israel and noting the strengthening of the US military force posture and capabilities in the region, according to the Defense Department. It noted Austin has ordered a guided missile submarine to the Middle East and is telling the USS Abraham Lincoln aircraft carrier strike group to sail more quickly to the area. The Lincoln was expected in the region by month's end.

Pro-democracy HK activists fail to get relief in 2019 case

AP ■ HONG KONG

Seven of Hong Kong's most prominent pro-democracy activists lost their final bid to overturn their convictions at the city's top court on Monday over their roles in one of the biggest anti-government protests in 2019. Jimmy Lai, founder of the now-defunct Apple Daily newspaper; Martin Lee, the founding chairman of the city's Democratic Party; and five former pro-democracy law-makers were found guilty in 2021 of organising and participating in an unauthorised assembly. Their convictions dealt a blow to the city's flagging pro-democracy movement during a political crackdown on dissidents following the protests. Last year, the activists partially won their appeal at a lower court, with their convictions quashed over the charge of organising an unauthorised assembly. But their convictions over taking part in the assembly were upheld and they continued their legal battle at the city's top court. On Monday, judges at the Court of Final Appeal ruled against their appeal over the remaining convictions.

The convictions were linked to their involvement in a rally in August 2019 that drew an estimated 1.7 million people onto Hong Kong's streets to call for greater police accountability and democracy. The march was relatively peaceful compared to other protests that often morphed into violent clashes between police and protesters that year. Hong Kong, a former British colony, returned to China in 1997. Its mini-constitution, the Basic Law, guarantees its people freedom of assembly. When sentencing the seven activists in 2021, a judge at the District Court ruled that the right to such freedom is not absolute and is subject to restrictions ruled constitutional. She ordered Lai, Lee Cheuk-yan, Leung Kwok-hung and Cyd Ho to be jailed between eight and 18 months. Martin Lee, Margaret Ng and Albert Ho were given suspended jail sentences. When the appellate court partially overturned their convictions in 2023, it quashed part of the sentences for the four who were given jail terms on the record. The decision was made after they already served out their sentences.

Harris gains ground in key states, continues her fundraising spree

PTI ■ WASHINGTON

Democratic presidential candidate Kamala Harris has voiced confidence in winning the November 5 general elections against her Republican rival Donald Trump, as she gained ground nationally and in several key battleground states. US Vice President Harris, who is of both Indian and African origin, continues to be on a fundraising spree, taking her campaign coffers to an unprecedented level. The 59-year-old Democratic leader has also been attracting a record crowd in her rallies. "We will win this election," Harris told a fundraiser in San Francisco on Sunday in which she amassed USD 12 million

more for her presidential bid. The fundraiser was attended by around 700 donors, including several prominent Indian-Americans. In less than a month of her being on top of the Democratic Party ticket, after incumbent President Joe Biden decided to withdraw from the race, Harris has nearly wiped out the national lead of her Republican rival and former president Trump. According to Real Clear Politics, which monitors all the major national and state polls, Harris is now leading Trump by 0.5 percentage points in an average of all the national polls. Harris has also surged ahead in two battleground states, Wisconsin and Michigan,

where Biden was trailing earlier, as per Real Clear Politics. The latest poll by The New York Times said that Harris is leading in three key states - Pennsylvania, Wisconsin and Michigan — by four percentage points. Harris told the donors in San Francisco that she is not taking any chances. Speaking about the enthusiasm behind her campaign, Harris said she's "never been one to really believe in the polls, whether they're up or they are down." Still, "what we know is the stakes are so high. And we can take nothing for granted at this moment," she said. "It's really been a good couple of weeks, but we have a lot of work to do," Harris said.

"The people are ready to use their power," she said. The energy around the country is "undeniable," she added, arguing, "The press and our opponents like to focus on our crowd size, and, yes, the crowds are large." But even better is that attendees are signing up for volunteer shifts in the thousands, she noted. On Saturday, Harris and her running mate, Minnesota Governor Tim Walz, addressed more than 12,000 Nevadans — one of the largest political rallies in modern Nevada political history. The rally marked the final stop on a weeklong tour of battleground states launched after she picked Walz to be her running mate.

Major wildfire rages out of control on fringes of Greek capital

AP ■ ATHENS

A major forest fire was raging out of control on the northern fringes of the Greek capital Monday, triggering numerous evacuation orders for Athens suburbs and outlying areas as strong winds hampered the efforts of hundreds of firefighters and dozens of water-dropping planes. The blaze that began Sunday afternoon was racing through pine forests left tinder-dry by repeated heat waves this summer. June and July of this year were the hottest months ever recorded in Greece, which also recorded its warmest winter ever. Authorities were faced with "an exceptionally dangerous fire, which we have been fighting for more than 20 hours under dramatic circumstances," Climate

Crisis and Civil Protection Minister Vassilis Kikilias said mid-morning Monday. The fire was burning mainly on two separate fronts, with some parts in particularly difficult to reach areas on a mountain northeast of Athens, Kikilias said. The fire department said 685 firefighters, backed by 27 teams specially trained to tackle wildfires and including more than 80 armed forces personnel, were battling the flames. More than 190 vehicles were deployed, while 17 water-dropping planes and 16 helicopters were providing aerial support. A children's hospital, a military hospital, two monasteries and a children's home were evacuated early Monday, while more than two dozen emergency push alerts were sent to cellphones in the area. Several homes were burned, although the

exact number was not immediately clear. More evacuation orders were issued for suburbs of the capital as strong winds continued unabated. Fire Department spokesperson Col. Vassileios Vathrakogiannis said authorities had been faced with more than 40 flareups of the blaze since the early hours of Monday in areas where the flames had somewhat abated. Three Athens hospitals were put on heightened alert to treat any potential injuries. Paramedics and ambulances provided treatment to two firefighters — one for light burns and the other for breathing problems — while 13 civilians were also treated for breathing problems from the thick smoke, Vathrakogiannis said. Greece's coast guard ordered all ferries going to and from the

nearby port of Rafina, which serves mainly the Cycladic islands and Crete, to be diverted to the port of Lavrion due to the fire. Authorities in nearby suburbs opened at least one sports hall and were providing rooms in hotels for evacuees, while yet more suburbs were put on stand-by for potential evacuation. The police department said 380 police officers with 77 vehicles, 36 motorcycles, three buses and four vans were assisting in the evacuations, and by mid-morning had helped move more than 250 people away from the path of the flames. It posted a video on its social media channels showing police officers carrying elderly people in their arms out of houses and to waiting vehicles, against a backdrop of a night sky turned red from the flames and smoke.

Democrats launch first paid ad campaign for the Harris-Walz ticket

AP ■ WASHINGTON

With a solidified presidential ticket stumping across the country and a massive amount of money to spend, the Democratic Party is targeting seven critical battleground states with paid advertising for Vice President Kamala Harris and Minnesota Gov. Tim Walz. The Democratic National Committee announced the Harris-Walz advertising push on Monday, which includes more than 70 billboards across the key battleground states: Arizona, Georgia, Michigan, North Carolina, Nevada,



Pennsylvania and Wisconsin. It's the ticket's first paid advertising blitz since Walz joined the campaign — and the first of many to come in areas that are poised to determine the outcome of the presidential election in November. The billboards will be in sever-

al key urban areas across the battleground states, such as Atlanta, Detroit, Charlotte and Philadelphia, according to the DNC. Many are set up along major interstates and highways, including Interstate 95 and Interstate 10. There is also an advertisement

— both in English and Spanish — in the Las Vegas strip, according to the DNC. "The DNC is blanketing the battlegrounds with a clear message: Vice President Harris and Governor Tim Walz are fighting for working people, and Donald Trump and JD

Vance are only out for themselves," DNC spokesperson Abhi Rahman said in a statement. The Harris-Walz campaign boasts significant fundraising numbers, pulling in USD 310 million in July and entering August with USD 377 million on hand. The Trump campaign in comparison raised more than USD 138 million last month and has USD 327 million to spend. The advertising push comes after Harris and Walz completed their battleground state tour last week, attracting exuberant crowds in places such as Pennsylvania, Wisconsin and

Arizona along the way. Their stop in North Carolina was postponed due to inclement weather from Tropical Storm Debby. Donald Trump's running mate JD Vance shadowed the Democratic pair throughout the week by holding news conferences in many of the same cities Harris and Walz visited. Meanwhile, Trump hosted one rally last week in Montana. The Trump campaign also launched its own barrage of advertisements at the end of July, pushing television ads that focus on Harris' record on immigration and call her a "border czar."

Man held in London for stabbing 2 persons

AP ■ LONDON

A man has been arrested after an 11-year-old girl and a 34-year-old woman were stabbed in central London, London's Metropolitan Police said on Monday. The attack occurred in Leicester Square, a magnet for tourists with its shops, theatres and cinemas. The square and surrounding area have an estimated 2.5 million visitors every week. Police said the two victims were taken to a major trauma

centre. The extent of their injuries was not immediately clear. The stabbing occurred as Britain is on edge after violence for the past week as crowds spouting anti-immigrant and Islamophobic slogans clashed with police. The disturbances have been fuelled by right-wing activists who used social media to spread misinformation about a knife attack that killed three girls during a Taylor Swift-themed dance event. It was not immediately clear whether the stabbing had any link to the unrest.

New B'desh CJ warns of stern action against 'misdeeds' by judiciary

PTI ■ DHAKA

Bangladesh's newly appointed Chief Justice Syed Refaat Ahmed on Monday warned of stern action if anybody from the judiciary was found to be involved in any "misdeeds". Speaking at a reception hosted by the Attorney General's Office and the Supreme Court Bar in the Appellate Division, Ahmed commemorated those killed in the student protests that resulted in the toppling of the government led by Sheikh Hasina last week. "I extend my congratulations to the students and the people of the entire country. I also congratulate those who supported this movement," he said. "The students have sparked a great awakening against inequality. Due to the revolution of the students and the public, I have been entrusted with this responsibility, which I will carry out. At this moment, we are standing on the ruins. We have to start anew while standing on this destruction," he said. The Daily Star newspaper reported the chief justice warned that no irregularity would be tolerated in the judiciary. He added that "stern action would be taken if anybody from the judiciary was

found to be involved in any misdeeds as the policy of oppression that prevailed for so long instead of justice was now over."

"I will work with devotion and honesty. I will do everything to establish justice in the society after the mass upheaval. Our sense of justice has been destroyed over the years," he said.



Bangladesh Chief Justice Syed Refaat Ahmed

Ahmed was sworn in as Bangladesh's new chief justice on Sunday, a day after Obaidul Hassan stepped down as the top judge following an ultimatum by the protesters demanding a revamp of the judiciary. Hassan and five other judges of the apex Appellate Division on Saturday tendered their resignation, five days after the fall of Hasina's regime amid massive street protests. His resignation came as protesters of the Anti-Discrimination Student Movement gathered at the apex court premises.

President Mohammed Shahabuddin administered the oath to the chief justice, an event also attended by Chief Adviser Prof Muhammad Yunus, who was sworn in on Thursday as the head of an interim government following the ouster of Hasina in the protests that left more than 200 persons dead.

Protestors told to surrender arms

PTI ■ DHAKA

Bangladesh interim government's Home Affairs Adviser Brigadier General (retd) M Sakhawat Hussain on Monday asked protesters to surrender by August 19 all illegal and unauthorised firearms, including the rifles looted from law enforcers during the recent violence, according to a media report. Hussain said that if those arms were not returned to nearby police stations, then the authorities would undertake a search and if anyone is found in possession of unauthorised weapons, charges would be lodged against them, The Daily Star newspaper reported.

Hussain was talking to reporters at the Combined Military Hospital here after visiting the paramilitary Bangladesh Ansar members who suffered injuries during the mass protest that led to the ouster of Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina. Hasina resigned and fled to India last week leaving the country in turmoil

following deadly protests against her government over a controversial quota system in jobs.

Hussain said that around 500 people, including students, were killed and several thousand others were injured during the protest.

"A youth was seen in the video taking away a 7.62 mm rifle. That means the rifle was not returned. If you did not hand over (out of fear), hand over the firearms through anyone else," he said. Hussain said they would investigate to identify the youth in civilian clothes who opened fire at Ansar members. However, he toned down yesterday's comments about shutting down media outlets if they publish or broadcast false or misleading news.

"I said it out of anger. It is not my job," he said. "I never support shutting down any media."

Last Thursday, Nobel laureate Muhammad Yunus took oath as the head of an interim government replacing Hasina. A 16-member council of advisers was announced to assist Yunus in running the state's affairs.

Hundreds join 'Save Hindus in Bangladesh' vigil in Houston

PTI ■ HOUSTON

In a powerful yet peaceful display of solidarity, over 300 Indian-Americans and Bangladeshi-origin Hindus gathered at Sugar Land City Hall in Houston to protest the horrific acts committed by Islamist extremists targeting Hindus and other minorities in Bangladesh. The air was thick with emotion as attendees united for a cause on Sunday morning that resonated deeply with their identities and beliefs. Organisers passionately called on the Biden Administration to

Houston Hindu groups, including Maitri in Houston, Vishwa Hindu Parishad of America, HinduAction, HinduPact, Houston Durgabari Society, Global Kashmiri Pandit Diaspora, and many more. Participants raised their placards high, bearing passionate messages demanding an end to the violence and atrocities against Hindus in Bangladesh. The crowd erupted with fervour as slogans like "Stop Hindu Genocide," "Stand Up and Speak Out Now," "Hindu Lives Matter," and "We Won't Run, We Won't Hide, Stop Hindu Genocide" rang out,

HinduPACT. "With the coup in Bangladesh, the 10 million Hindus are sitting on a ticking bomb of genocide," she warned. "Reports from within Bangladesh reveal unimaginable torture, killings, and the burning of Hindu temples, alongside horrifying stories of women subjected to unspeakable abuse," she said. This instability poses a grave danger not only to Hindus but also to the very foundations of democracy in countries like India and the US. It is an inevitable threat to Hindus in Pakistan as well. We need the



take immediate and decisive action to prevent further atrocities and to protect vulnerable minority communities in Bangladesh.

The recent surge in violence against Hindu communities poses an urgent and alarming threat to peace and stability in the region, and the time to act is now. The organisers passionately called for immediate protection and safety for all religious minorities in Bangladesh, urging the US government to refuse to remain a silent bystander as these heinous crimes against humanity unfold.

They encouraged Bangladeshi Hindus to stay vigilant and unite in monitoring the ongoing situation, taking necessary initiatives collectively in any emergency. The vigil, titled "Save Hindus in Bangladesh," was organised by the Global Voice for Bangladesh Minorities, an umbrella organisation representing major

echoing their urgent plea for justice.

Quoting the timeless words of Mahatma Gandhi, "To forgive and accept injustice is cowardice," along with the poignant words of Martin Luther King Jr., the organisers passionately declared, "Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere." Achlesh Amar, one of the speakers representing VHP and HinduAction, addressed the packed crowd and said, "We strongly condemn the assault on the Hindu community for their pluralistic beliefs. We stand united in unwavering solidarity with our brothers and sisters in Bangladesh. We demand immediate action from the Bangladeshi government to bring the perpetrators to justice and ensure the safety and security of all its citizens, regardless of their religious beliefs!"

Amar also shared a heartfelt statement from Deepti Mahajan, co-convenor of

eyes and ears of all Western nations focused on this crisis in Asia, and we demand safety for all minorities in Bangladesh!" A Bangladeshi-origin American woman present at the vigil spoke with palpable emotion, her voice breaking as she shared, "The horrific acts of violence back home are devastating. When we call home and hear about these brutal acts every single day, it tears us apart. So many innocent lives have been lost! Places of worship have been burned or vandalised, and women have been horrifically abused. This must stop now! We cannot stand idly by while our people suffer." The gathering was a powerful reminder that the struggle for justice knows no borders. United by love and compassion, they stood together to demand action, to raise their voices against oppression, and to ensure that the plight of Hindus in Bangladesh does not go unheard.

Businesses in B'desh hit by cash supply drought

PTI ■ DHAKA

Businesses in Bangladesh are facing a liquidity crunch as the central bank has capped the withdrawal of cash from banks at Tk 2 lakh amidst uncertainty in the country following the fall of the Sheikh Hasin-led government, a media report said on Monday. The Bangladesh Bank set a cash withdrawal limit of Tk 2 lakh (Rs 1.42 lakh approximately) per account on Saturday, increasing it from the Tk 1 lakh announced earlier. The central bank decided this due to security concerns as police are yet to return to work fully, following the clashes between police and students during the widespread protests against Hasina's Awami League-led government over a controversial quota system in

jobs. Interim Finance and Planning Adviser Salehuddin Ahmed on Sunday also said that the limit on cash withdrawals was required given the current situation.

Businesses, especially those mainly dealing with cash transactions, said they would be in a tough situation if the cash crisis lingers and restrictions remain next week. The Daily Star newspaper reported. Ahmed, a former governor of Bangladesh Bank has said that the top priority of Bangladesh's interim government is to bring the economy back on track and restore the people's trust in the banks.

Talking to reporters on Saturday for the first time after assuming office, Ahmed said the government's priority is to restore the trust of common

people in the banks while resuming the operations of the central bank.

Business owners said their operations have halted since the second half of July when the widespread protests erupted. Abu Bakar Siddique, an oil wholesaler in one of the largest kitchen markets in Dhaka, Karwan Bazar, said his bank would not allow more than Tk 1 lakh to be withdrawn. "This is a big problem. As a result, the normal pace of business is being disrupted," the report quoted him as saying. He said most business transactions are being conducted through bank-to-bank transfers or real-time gross settlements. Taslim Shahriar, deputy general manager of a major commodity importer and processor, said not all businesspeople

accept cheques. "We have to pay in cash too, but now, transactions are only taking place through bank-to-bank transfers and cheques. The sooner this problem is resolved, the better for us," Shahriar said.

A senior official of another major commodity importer and processor said, "As such, I am unable to pay the full salaries to those who are daily wage earners. I told the workers to wait this week as there is no way I can manage cash now."

Asserting that daily wage earners are facing a very difficult situation, the official said, "It's inhumane for them. If this situation persists for long, it will be very difficult to conduct business."

Riad Mahmud, managing director of National Polymer

Group, said he believes the situation will hamper business if it persists, according to the report.

However, he said it will not substantially hinder activities if it lasts a short time.

Over 230 people were killed in Bangladesh in the incidents of violence that erupted across the country following the fall of the Hasina government last week, taking the death toll to 560 since the anti-quota protests first started in mid-July.

An interim government was formed after the fall of the Hasina-led government. Nobel laureate Prof Muhammad Yunus was sworn in as the head of an interim government last week following the ouster of Hasina.

He announced the portfolios of his 16-member council of advisers on Friday.

Indonesian leaders hold meeting in future capital

AP ■ JAKARTA

Indonesian President Joko Widodo held his first cabinet meeting in the future capital of Nusantara, amid miles of construction sites and doubts about the sustainability of the ambitious mega project. Widodo began working from the city two weeks ago, using an office inside the construction site of the massive new palace in the form of the mythical eagle-shaped Garuda, the symbol of the country. The city is set to hold its first Indonesian Independence Day celebration in less than a week. Appearing with his successor, President-elect Prabowo Subianto, in front of the palace, Widodo insisted that the controversial USD 33 billion construction effort will be worth it. "The Nusantara capital is a canvas that carves the future. Not all countries have the opportunity and the ability to build their capital city starting from zero," Widodo said.



In this photo released by Indonesian Presidential Palace, Indonesian President Joko Widodo (centre) talks with Indonesian Defense Minister and president-elect Prabowo Subianto (left) and Indonesian Vice President Ma'ruf Amin (right) in the new capital city Nusantara in Penajam Paser Utara, East Kalimantan, Indonesia, on Monday. AP/PTI

Subianto vowed that his administration will continue work on the new city after it takes office on October 20. "We will definitely finish it, although the outline plan is dozens of years long, like other capital cities also took a very long time. We should not force it, but I am optimistic that in

five years I think it will function very well," Subianto said. Monday also saw groundbreaking ceremonies for the vice presidential palace, as well as a number of privately funded buildings.

The government expects to pay only 20 per cent of the planned USD 33 billion budget,

relied heavily on private sector investment to build key infrastructure and public facilities. In a bid to lure investment, earlier this month Widodo granted investors in the new capital incentives, including land rights of up to 190 years. Construction of the new city began in mid-2022, after

Widodo announced a plan to relocate the capital from Jakarta. The metropolis suffers from pollution and congestion, is prone to earthquakes, and is rapidly sinking. Officials say it will be a futuristic green city centred around forests and parks that utilises renewable energy sources and smart waste management, spread over an area of about 1000 square miles (2,600 square kilometres). "Cool air, clean air, as we dream of that we want a green capital city, be it its energy, electric vehicles, environment, air and everything," Widodo told reporters.

But the project, which is using land carved out of Borneo's jungle, has been dogged by criticism from environmentalists and Indigenous communities, who say it degrades the environment, further shrinks the habitat of endangered animals such as orangutans, and displaces Indigenous people who rely on the land for their livelihoods.

Former ISI chief Faiz Hameed taken into military custody

PTI ■ ISLAMABAD

In an unprecedented move, the Pakistan Army on Monday announced that it has arrested former ISI chief Lt Gen (retd.) Faiz Hameed and initiated court martial proceedings against him in connection with a housing scheme scandal.

"Complying with the orders of the Supreme Court of Pakistan, a detailed court of inquiry was undertaken by Pakistan Army, to ascertain correctness of complaints in Top City Case made against Lt Gen Faiz Hameed (Retd.)" the Inter-Services Public Relations (ISPR) - the media wing of the army- said in a statement.

"Consequently, appropriate disciplinary action has been initiated against Lt Gen Faiz Hameed (Retd.), under provisions of the Pakistan Army Act," it said. "In addition, multiple instances of violation of the Pakistan

Army Act post-retirement have also been established. The process of Field General Court Martial has been initiated and Lt Gen Faiz Hameed (Retd.) has been taken into military custody," it added. Lt Gen (retd.) Hameed was considered extremely powerful when he headed the spy agency from 2019 to 2021.

He was appointed to the coveted post when ISI chief and current Army chief Lt Gen Asim Munir was prematurely removed from the post. It was reported then that then prime minister Imran Khan was not happy with Munir. Later, the army decided to replace Hameed, a move vehemently opposed by Imran Khan and it is believed that it was the beginning of souring of his ties with the powerful military. The Top City case made headlines when on November 8, 2023, Moez Ahmed Khan, the

owner of Top City, filed a petition in the Supreme Court in which he accused Hameed of misusing his authority. He stated in the petition that on May 12, 2017, at the behest of Gen Hameed, ISI officials raided the top city office and his house and seized valuables, including gold, diamonds and money. He also stated that Sardar Najaf, the brother of Hameed, also contacted him to resolve the issue later. The petition also claimed that Gen Hameed later personally met him to resolve the issue. He alleged that the ISI officials extorted Rs 4 crore cash from him. A three-judge bench of the Supreme Court, which included Chief Justice of Pakistan Justice Qazi Faiz Isa, Justice Attar Minullah and Justice Aminuddin, heard the case and decided to send it to the Ministry of Defence for probing the allegation.

Chinese Bharatnatyam dancer makes history; performs 'Arangetram'

PTI ■ BEIJING

Lei Muzi, a 13-year-old school student scripted history when she performed Bharatnatyam "Arangetram" in China, a landmark in the journey of the ancient Indian dance form that is gaining popularity in the neighbouring country. Lei made her solo dance debut here on Sunday in front of the celebrated Bharatnatyam dancer Leela Samson, Indian diplomats and a large audience of Chinese fans. For ardent Chinese fans of Indian classical art and dance forms who devoted their lives to learning and performing them for decades, her debut was a moment of history and a milestone as it was the first-ever "Arangetram" — Bharatnatyam's graduation ceremony — in China. For the performers of the ancient dance from South India, Arangetram, as it is

called in Tamil, is their debut performance on stage in front of teachers and experts besides the audience.

Only after Arangetram are the students allowed to perform on their own or train aspiring dancers.

"This is the first-ever Arangetram by a student fully trained in China and performed in China," said T S Vivekanand, the First Secretary of the Indian Embassy in charge of culture who attended the event.

It was a properly done Arangetram in a very traditional way, he told PTI here.

"Lei's Arangetram is the first time that Chinese students trained by a Chinese teacher have completed in China, which is a landmark in the history of Bharatnatyam inheritance," noted Chinese Bharatnatyam dancer Jin Shan Shan, who trained Lei, said. Shrutri Rawat, the wife of Indian Ambassador Pradeep Rawat,



Shrutri Rawat, wife of Indian Ambassador to China Pradeep Rawat, with Lei Muzi, the Chinese Bharatnatyam dancer who performed her Arangetram in Beijing on Sunday PTI

was the chief guest at Lei's Arangetram.

The event was attended by a large crowd of fans who cheered her over the two-hour-long performance during which she danced to several classical numbers.

Besides Leela Sampson, a team of musicians who were flown in from Chennai sang the classical numbers for Lei to perform. She is due to perform in Chennai later this month.

Lei was trained for over 10 years at the Bharatnatyam school run by Jin, who herself was the first accomplished Bharatnatyam dancer to have held her Arangetram in 1999 in New Delhi. Jin was one of the numerous Chinese students who were trained by eminent Chinese dancer Zhang Jun.

Lei, also known as Dudu, says she fell in love with Bharatnatyam since she joined Jin's school in 2014.

"I completely fell in love with it. I kept dancing till now. For me,

Bharatnatyam is not only a beautiful art and dance form but also the embodiment of Indian culture," she told PTI.

"This fascinates me greatly, as well as the gorgeous and graceful movements during a dance item. Overall, I extremely love Bharatnatyam. For me, it is already a daily activity to do, and I am truly interested in the culture of India," she said. Jin, who is widely known in China and India and has held numerous performances, said she is proud to see one of her students complete her Arangetram.

"Bharatnatyam has brought us close together. For ten years, Lei has come to my home every weekend to attend classes, which not only let me witness her growth but also made us family," she said. "It reminds me of how my guru, Leela Samson, taught me when I did my Arangetram," she said. Sunday's Arangetram is a festival for us, Jin said.

ICC monitoring events in Venezuela

AP ■ THE HAGUE (NETHERLANDS)

International Criminal Court prosecutors said on Monday that they are "actively monitoring" events in Venezuela, where security forces have launched a crackdown on the opposition in the aftermath of the nation's disputed presidential election. Forces loyal to President Nicolás Maduro have rounded up more than 2,000 people for demonstrating against the president or casting doubt on his claims that he won a third term in the July 28 election despite strong evidence he lost the vote by a more than two-to-one margin. In a written statement to reporters, the office of ICC Prosecutor Karim Khan said it is "actively monitoring the present events and has received multiple reports of instances of violence

and other allegations following the presidential election of 28 July in Venezuela."

The statement said that Khan's office has "engaged with the Government of Venezuela at the highest-level to underline the importance of ensuring that the rule of law is adhered to in the present moment and emphasize that all persons must be protected from violations that may constitute Rome Statute crimes". The Rome Statute is the court's founding treaty and outlines the crimes over which it has jurisdiction. Maduro has called on Venezuelans to denounce election doubters via a government-run app originally created to report power outages. He also said the government was refurbishing two gang-dominated prisons to accommodate an expected surge in jailing of opponents.

New Zealand pick 5 spin options for Tests against Afghanistan, Lanka

PTI ■ AUCKLAND

New Zealand on Monday named a strong squad, which includes five spin bowling options, for next month's one-off Test against Afghanistan and the ensuing two-match rubber against Sri Lanka. While the one-off Test against Afghanistan will be played in Greater Noida, India, from September 9-13, the Black Caps will fly to Sri Lanka for the two ICC World Test Championship matches, starting September 18 and 26, respectively.

Veteran pacer Tim Southee will lead the side which includes the likes of Kane Williamson, Devon Conway, Glenn Phillips and Rachin Ravindra, while Tom Latham continues to be the vice-captain. However, head coach Gary Stead hinted that if conditions call for a different balance, the skipper too may have to sit out for a game or two. "Test tours to the sub-continent can ask some really tough questions of pace bowlers due to the nature of the pitches and the heat and humidity," Stead said. "While we're going over with an open mind around conditions, there is an understanding that all our bowling options may be needed across the different Tests. "Tim and I have discussed this, and the need during these overseas tours to balance the work-loads of the pace bowlers, including himself, to



ensure the team is best served," he added. Spin bowling all-rounder Michael Bracewell returned to the squad for the first time in 18 months after an Achilles injury, which was followed by a broken finger in February, had kept him out of action. Bracewell will shoulder the spin duties alongside left-armers Mitchell Santner, Ajaz Patel and part-timers Glenn Phillips and Ravindra. "Michael had to show plenty

of resilience to rehabilitate from his injuries and force his way back into the BLACKCAPS across all three formats," Stead said. "His all-round skills, and ability to take the ball away from the left-hander make him a great asset, especially on what we expect will be turning wickets in India and Sri Lanka," he added. Pacers Will O'Rourke and Ben Sears have been rewarded with maiden overseas Test

call-ups. The 23-year-old O'Rourke claimed 11 wickets in his first two Test outings, including the best match-figures by a New Zealander on Test debut (nine for 93 v South Africa in February) before a groin injury ruled him out of the second Test against Australia. Sears, on the other hand, debuted in the second Test against Australia in March, claiming four for 90 in the second innings.

New Zealand currently occupy the third spot in the ICC WTC points table behind last edition's finalists, Australia and India. "We know how important the points in Sri Lanka will be to our chances of pushing for a final spot in England next year. "We managed one win from the two Test series in challenging conditions in Bangladesh last December and are keen to build on that.

"The whole squad is looking forward to test their skills in the longest form of the game in the sub-continent," he said.

SQUAD:

Tim Southee (captain), Tom Blundell, Michael Bracewell, Devon Conway, Matt Henry, Tom Latham, Daryl Mitchell, Will O'Rourke, Ajaz Patel, Glenn Phillips, Rachin Ravindra, Mitchell Santner, Ben Sears, Kane Williamson, Will Young.

Duleep Trophy first round match shifted to Bengaluru; stars barring Ashwin, Bumrah to play



PTI ■ BENGALURU

With some of the India regulars, except pacer Jasprit Bumrah and senior spinner Ravichandran Ashwin, likely to appear in the first round of the Duleep Trophy, the BCCI has decided to shift one of the opening matches from Anantapur to Bengaluru. Senior batters Virat Kohli and Rohit Sharma also might get an exemption, and the choice of appearing in the tournament is entirely on them. The Duleep Trophy was earlier scheduled to kick-off with two sets of first round matches at Anantapur in Andhra Pradesh from September 5, but now one of those games has been shifted to the M Chinnaswamy Stadium here to reduce the

logistical inconveniences. Anantapur is approximately 230 kms away from Bengaluru and the city is not connected via flight. "The decision has been made to accommodate some of the top players, so that they get a feel of the red-ball cricket ahead of the (Test) series against Bangladesh," a source close to the development told PTI. India are slated to play two Test matches against Bangladesh - from September 19 at Chennai and from September 27 at Kanpur. While it is up to Rohit and Kohli to play in the event, some other prominent players such as Ravindra Jadeja, Axar Patel, KL Rahul, Shubman Gill, Shreyas Iyer, Kuldeep Yadav etc are expected to be available for this tournament fully or

partially. However, Bumrah and Ashwin are unlikely to take part in the tournament at any stage as they are expected to join the India squad directly ahead of the Bangladesh series. The selectors are also deciding on giving a go to Rishabh Pant in the Duleep Trophy, and if it happens then this will be his first red-ball assignment after coming back from that horrific car accident in 2022. Since his return, Pant has been a part of India's white-ball set-up and the wicketkeeper batter also donned the national jersey in the T20 World Cup. Mohammed Shami, who has been recuperating from a surgery, will not feature in the tournament. However, the availability of the top players will also be subject to the dates of the preparatory camp that the team management is mulling to hold in Chennai ahead of the Tests against Bangladesh. But the decision to shift the match also align with the shared vision of the BCCI and the team management that the top players should feature in domestic cricket competitions whenever they are free from national duty. It may be recalled that India's T20I skipper Suryakumar Yadav (Mumbai) and out-of-favour wicketkeeper batsman Ishan Kishan (Jharkhand) have made themselves available to play the Buchi Babu Trophy, starting from August 15.



South Africa and West Indies settle for a draw in rain-hit 1st test

AP ■ PORT OF SPAIN (TRINIDAD)

Both South Africa and West Indies had hopes of winning the rain-hit first test before having to settle for a draw. South Africa set West Indies a target of 298 runs on the fifth and final day at Queen's Park Oval, with Alick Athanaze leading the hosts' chase with 92. West Indies finished on 201-5 in its second innings as each team started to run out of overs to get the required runs or wickets amid light checks in the evening session. South Africa had earlier resumed on 30-0 from five overs in its second innings - an overall lead of 154 - and declared at 173-3 from 29

overs. Tristan Stubbs hit 68 and was bowled by Kumar Roach on the last ball before the declaration, which came in the morning session. Rain had affected every day so far - only 15 overs were bowled on the first day - and lunch was called five minutes early Sunday with West Indies 11-1. The start of the afternoon session was also delayed and, despite Athanaze reaching his half-century, a draw still seemed the likeliest result with West Indies 121-3 at tea. The hosts needed 177 more runs in a maximum of 34 overs remaining. West Indies quickly lost Kavem Hodge, caught behind for 29 in a wicket maiden for left-arm spinner Keshav Maharaj. Jason Holder came out to join

Athanaze at 127-4 and the pair shared a 65-run partnership before Maharaj effectively ended the chase having Athanaze caught for 92 after top-edging to Ryan Rickelton. With no more than 10 overs left and West Indies at 192-5, still 106 runs from victory, the hosts proceeded to score only three runs in the next three overs. The draw was agreed after Holder (31 not out) smashed a six to lift the West Indies to 201-5. Maharaj took 4-88 in 26.2 overs. South Africa scored 357 in its first innings and West Indies 233. The second and final Test starts on Thursday at Providence, Guyana.

High hopes, disappointing show: Indian boxers come a cropper at Paris

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

The Indian boxing contingent, that featured two reigning world champions in Nikhat Zareen and Lovlina Borgohain, entered the Olympics hoping for an unprecedented medal haul, only to crumble under pressure, leaving behind a trail of disappointment in a medal-less campaign. Boxing became a medal hope for India after Vijender Singh's historic bronze at the 2008 Beijing Games. MC Mary Kom added a women's bronze to it in 2012. Although the 2016 Rio Games saw the boxers return without a medal, Borgohain clinched a bronze at the Tokyo Olympics to revitalise the sport. Expectations were high from Paris and observers of the game felt at least one, if not two medals, could be expected from the six boxers who qualified. Two-time world champion Zareen (50kg), Borgohain (75kg), and 2023 world championship bronze-medallist Nishant Dev (71kg) were all

seen as strong podium contenders. **POOR SHOW:** But when it came to actual competition, the Indians never seemed to have the momentum needed to go deep into the tournament. With the exception of Nishant, who was denied a podium finish after a contentious result in his quarterfinal, the rest struggled with Borgohain and Zareen unable to overcome formidable opponents, and Amit Panghal (51kg) failing to match his previous form. Borgohain, Panghal and Nishant needed just two wins to secure medals. Although Borgohain and Zareen were handed challenging draws, with both encountering formidable opponents in their second rounds. However, given that they entered as reigning world champions, the two were expected to overcome such challenges or, at the very least, put up a resilient fight. However, they succumbed rather meekly to their Chinese counterparts. Zareen, who was considered a potential gold medallist, was



markedly off-colour in the second round and later revealed that she had been taking some extreme measures to stay inside the prescribed weight limit, that left her exhausted for actual competition. She opened her campaign with a scrappy win and then lost to Wu Yu in the second round. Borgohain once again fell to old foe Li Qian, who seems to have the Indian's number, having defeated her in three of their four meetings. Among the men, Panghal

looked a pale shadow of his sharp and aggressive self against Zambia's Patrick Chinyemba, who lost in the very next round. Jaismine Lamboria, who came in after dropping down to 57kg weight class from her more comfortable 60kg division, expectedly lost to Tokyo Olympics silver-medallist Nesthy Petecio. Nevertheless, Preeti Pawar (54kg) delivered a commendable performance in her bout against reigning world silver-medallist Yeni Marcela Arias.

GOVERNMENT FUNDING: A total of 17 national camps and 23 foreign exposure trips were conducted in the build-up to the Paris Olympics for nine core TOPS (Target Olympic Podium Scheme) boxers and 20 development pugilists. Sports Ministry spent Rs 60.93 crore on this. Significant funds were also allocated to individual athletes, most notably Rs 91.71 lakh for Zareen, Rs 81.76 lakh for Borgohain, Rs 65.90 lakh for Panghal, and Rs 65.86 lakh for Nishant.



All India Sbi Staff Federation Gets New Leaders Across Country

Chandigarh: Sh. Sanjeev Kumar Bandlish, a Titan of Trade Unions in Banking fraternity retired from the service of SBI on 31 st July 2024 and also from the posts held by him in various prominent capacities at All India State Bank of India Staff Federation (AISBISF), National Confederation of Bank Employees (NCBE), SBI Staff Association (SBISA), Chandigarh and SBISA 8 Circles (Chandigarh, Delhi, Jaipur, Lucknow, Patna, Bhubhneswar, Kolkata and North East). Sh. Arun Bhagoliwal, President, AISBISF also retired from the service and post in Federation.



Shoolini improves NIRF rankings, remains among top 100 universities in the country

Solan: Continuing its successful streak, Himachal Pradesh based Shoolini University has further improved its rankings assessed by the National Institute Ranking Framework (NIRF) under the Union Education Ministry. For the fourth time in a row, the leading private university has retained its position among the top 100 universities in the country. Shoolini University improved its ranking from 73rd among all the universities in the country last year to 70th this year. In the over-all rankings, which include IITs and IIMs among other institutions, the university has been ranked 89th this year as against its placement in the 101-150 category last year.



Special counseling against vacant seats in various courses in University Teaching Departments of CBLU from 13th August

Bhivani: Special counseling for admission against vacant seats in various courses running in Chaudhary Bansilal University will be held on Tuesday, August 13 from 9:00 am to 12:00 noon. This information has been given by the Admission Coordinator Prof. Mayank Kinger. He said that for admission against vacant seats in various courses, students can report on Tuesday, August 13 from 9:00 am to 12:00 noon and participate in the special counselling.



Mahant Rajinder Das Ji, disciple of Mahant Chatur Muni Ji of the ancient Raghunath Temple, Amritsar today appointed Lovepreet Singh as his disciple, who has been named Inder Das from today. He was serving Mahant Rajinder Das Ji for 10 years and being happy with the service of Inder Das Ji, Mahant Rajinder Das Ji made him his disciple. Ram Teerth Dhunna Sahib Trust Garhi Nashin Sant Malkit Nath ji, Chairman Om Prakash Gabbar, Sant Baldev Raj ji, Sant Balwant ji, Sant Mahig Nath ji, Sant Nath ji and other saints and saints were present and Mahant Rajinder Das ji also said that said That after me my disciple Indra Das will be the rightful heir to my throne.

Kake Da Hotel opens outlet in Amritsar

Amritsar: Kake Da Hotel has opened its doors in Amritsar for food aficionados, with its 3rd restaurant in the city. The new restaurant in Amritsar has opened opposite the Guru Nanak Dev University Scheme, near Khalsa College. Kake Da Hotel was founded by the late Amolak Ram Chopra, affectionately known as Kaka at Lahore in 1931. After partition in 1947, it relocated to Delhi's Connaught Place. Today, the restaurant is led by the late Amolak Ram Chopra's son Ashok Kaka Chopra and Ashok's son, Tushar Chopra, representing the second and third generations of the family respectively.

Experts focus on having entrepreneurial skills for any Career

Panchkula: Experts on Monday stressed that having entrepreneurial skills in any career is the key to success in life. They were speaking at the 6th Satluj Career Fest, here at the Satluj Public School in Sector 4. The event was held in both virtual and offline mode. The participants got an opportunity to discover opportunities with over 300+ top universities from around the globe, including the USA, Canada, Europe, UK, Australia, New Zealand, and India. The fest was for students of grades 9th to 12th, which included panel discussions by thought leaders from top industries and the education space, besides counselling sessions. Over 10,000 students took part in hybrid mode from different schools across India, including the tricity.

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