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## BLUE SKY, BRIGHT SUN, GRAP IV REVOKED

RAJESH KUMAR ■ NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court on Thursday relaxed curbs in Delhi-NCR under the Graded Response Action Plan (GRAP) stage III and IV measures imposed in Delhi following the improved Air Quality Index (AQI). The SC advised the CAQM to also consider adding certain measures under GRAP-Stage III. If the AQI crosses 350, GRAP-III should be imposed and if it crosses 400, GRAP-IV must be imposed, the SC said. Following this, the Commission for Air Quality Management (CAQM) revoked restrictions under Stage-III and Stage IV of GRAP in the entire NCR, with immediate effect. The restrictions have been reduced to Stage 2 of the GRAP which involves less stringent curbs such as a ban on the use of coal and firewood in industries and commercial establishments, including eateries. This means people using BS-3 petrol and BS-4 diesel vehicles can ply their on the road in the National Capital region. Under GRAP III and IV, diesel-powered medium and heavy goods vehicles (BS-IV or lower) are prohibited, except for essential services while non-essential light commercial vehicles from outside Delhi were also restricted under GRAP stages 3 and 4. All construction and demolition activities, including public infrastructure projects like highways, flyovers, and pipelines, were also banned. "The Sub-Committee, accordingly, has decided to



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revoke Stage-IV and Stage-III of GRAP in the entire NCR, with immediate effect. GRAP Stages II and I, to however, remain in-force in the entire NCR," CAQM said in a post on X. The ban of BS-3 and BS-4 vehicles was implemented on November 15 when the CAQM decided to escalate GRAP measures to stage III. According to CAQM, the restrictions under stage II and I of GRAP will continue. "Actions under Stage-I & II of the GRAP shall however remain invoked and be implemented, monitored and reviewed by all the agencies concerned in the entire NCR to ensure that the AQI levels do not slip further. All implementing agencies shall keep strict vigil and especially intensify measures under

Stage-I & II of GRAP. Construction & Demolition project sites and industrial units which have been issued specific closure orders on account of violations/ non-compliances of various statutory directions, rules, guidelines etc. under no circumstances shall resume their operations without any specific order to this effect from the Commission." "The Sub-Committee, shall be keeping a close watch on the air quality scenario and review the situation from time to time for further appropriate decision depending upon the Air Quality in Delhi and forecast made by IMI/IITM," it said. The overall Air Quality Index (AQI) recorded in Delhi was 165, categorised as 'moderate', the cleanest air day of

December so far. The improvement began on Wednesday afternoon, with AQI levels falling from 211 in the morning to 178 by the evening. Of the 38 monitoring stations that recorded air quality data, only six stations reported levels in the poor category. It marks a significant improvement as on Tuesday, the AQI was recorded in the "poor" category with a reading of 268, compared to 280 on Monday and 285 on Sunday. For the month of December, the city has not seen such clean air since December 14, 2022, when the AQI was 163. Under GRAP-II, the restriction will continue which include ban on diesel generators across all sectors, including industrial,

commercial, and residential areas, increased mechanical or vacuum sweeping and water sprinkling on identified roads, especially in high-traffic areas and pollution hotspots, use of dust suppressants every alternate day during non-peak hours, along with proper disposal of collected dust, intensified inspections at construction and demolition sites to enforce dust control measures and specific actions to focus on pollution hotspots throughout the city. Earlier, a Bench of Justices Abhay S Oka and Augustine George Masih allowed the authorities to go down from Stage IV of Graded Response Action Plan (GRAP) to Stage II. However, the Court also asked the CAQM to put in place additional measures from Stage III. "We have perused the figures of AQI from Nov 18- Dec 4. Up to Nov 30, it was consistently above 300 and it is only during last four days that the levels came down below 300. It is true that at some stage the court will have to leave to the Commission to decide about GRAP applicability. Considering the data placed before us, we do not think that it will be appropriate at this stage to allow the Commission to go below Stage-II," the SC said. The SC further clarified that when the Air Quality Index (AQI) goes above 350, Stage III will have to be immediately implemented as a precautionary measure. "If AQI crosses 400 on a given day, Stage 4 to be reintroduced," it ordered.



Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Maharashtra Governor CP Radhakrishnan with the newly-sworn Maharashtra Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis and Deputy Chief Ministers Eknath Shinde and Ajit Pawar

## Fadnavis Bhau-kaal returns to Maharashtra

T N RAGHUNATHA ■ MUMBAI

Twelve days after the MahaYuti returned to power in the state in a spectacular manner, Bharatiya Janata Party's (BJP) Devendra Fadnavis was sworn in as the 31st Chief Minister of Maharashtra at a grand ceremony held in the presence of Prime Minister Narendra Modi at the historic Azad Maidan in south Mumbai on Thursday evening. Eknath Shinde of the Shiv Sena (ES) and Ajit Pawar of the Nationalist Congress Party (AP) were sworn into office as the Deputy CMs in the BJP-led MahaYuti government in the state, at a ceremony attended by Union Ministers, CMs of several states, corporate bigwigs, film and sports stars, and leading personalities from different walks of life. Maharashtra

Governor CP Radhakrishnan administered the oath of office and secrecy to CM Devendra Fadnavis, Dy. CMs Shinde and Ajit Pawar at the ceremony. A six-time MLA from Nagpur South-West constituency, 54-year-old Fadnavis has taken over as the CM for a third term. Shinde (60), a five-time MLA from Thane's Kopri-Pachpakadi who has assumed charge as the deputy chief minister, was earlier the chief minister in the MahaYuti Government. In a record of sorts, Ajit Pawar (65), an eight-time MLA from Baramati, has become the Dy. CM for the sixth term. Given that the three constituents of the MahaYuti, BJP, Eknath Shinde-led Shiv Sena and Ajit Pawar-led NCP, have not yet formalised the nitty-gritties of the new government, the oath-taking

ceremony was restricted to the swearing-in of Fadnavis, Shinde and Pawar. Talking to media persons after taking over as the CM, Fadnavis said that he would expand the State Cabinet before the Winter Session of the Maharashtra Legislature scheduled to begin towards the end of this month.

### 11 MLAs MINISTERS TAKE OATH IN JHARKHAND

Six new faces and two women are among 11 MLAs who took oath as ministers in the Hemant Soren government in Jharkhand on Thursday. Of the 11 legislators who were sworn in as ministers, six are from the JMM and four from the Congress. Governor Santosh Kumar Gangwar administered the oath to the ministers at Ashok Udyan of the Raj Bhavan.



## Pricy tomatoes, add sharp bite to veg thali rates

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ NEW DELHI

A vegetarian thali's price increased seven per cent, to Rs 32.7, primarily due to a 35 per cent jump in tomato prices to Rs 53 per kg and 50 per cent increase in potato at Rs 37 per kg. A non-vegetarian thali cost inched up 2 per cent to Rs 61.5 in November due to a three per cent increase in the cost of broilers, which have a 50 per cent weightage in computation. A veg thali comprises roti, vegetables, onion, tomato and potato, along with rice, dal, curd and salad. A non-veg thali has the same elements except for dal, which is replaced by broiler chicken. According to a CRISIL Roti Rice Rate (RRR) report for November, the price of potato increased 50 per cent on-year on a low base to Rs 37 per kg from Rs 25 per kg in November 2023 due to a 20 per cent on-year decline in arrivals amid low yield following late blight infestation in Punjab, Uttar Pradesh and Gujarat. Price of tomato increased 35 per cent on-year to Rs 53 per kg from Rs 40 per kg in November 2023. Additionally, prices of pulses rose 10 per cent, it said, adding that they will decline with fresh arrivals in December, while import duty hike led to a 13 per cent increase in vegetable oil prices. Prices are expected to dip once fresh arrivals begin in December. "Adding to the cost, vegetable oil prices rose 13 per cent on-year due to import duty hike, coupled with the festive and wedding season demand," Crisil stated.

## IndiGo Airlines crashlands as one of the worst ranked: report

RAJESH KUMAR ■ NEW DELHI

India's largest air transporter, IndiGo Airlines, has fared poorly in an annual ranking of international airlines and airports released by AirHelp. As per the reports based on air users feedback, IndiGo has been ranked at 103rd out of 109 airlines, making it one of the worst performers. Sooner the rankings surfaced the airliner faced a heavy backlash on social media with netizens reminiscing about their experiences with many of them cast aspersions on behaviour of crew and ground staff as well questioning the quality of meals served on board. Tata's Air India fares slightly better, standing at 61st with a 4.1/10 score for claim handling. At the top of the list, Brussels Airlines has been named the best airline, followed by Qatar Airways. India's largest domestic carrier, rated 4.80/10. The low rating is attributed to underwhelming customer satisfaction and poor handling of flight disruption claims. The rankings for airlines are based on three criteria, on-time performance, customer opinion, and processing of compensation claims. According to AirHelp, the three criteria contribute to the airline's score in equal measure, or 33.33 per cent each. The analysis covers data from January to October, incorporating on-time performance, customer claims processing, and feedback from passengers across 54 countries on food, comfort, and service. The report analyses key performance indicators



including flight punctuality, customer service responsiveness, and claim resolution efficiency. Researchers collected data on how airlines handle flight disruptions, manage compensation claims, and deliver consistent service across international routes. The analysis considers not just operational efficiency, but also the human experience of air travel, including factors like crew service quality, meal offerings, and passenger comfort. Responding to the ranking, IndiGo criticised the methodology, saying the survey does not disclose the sample size from India, "casting doubt on the survey's credibility." In its statement, IndiGo pointed out that the survey did not disclose the sample size from India or consider the methodology and compensation guidelines followed by the global aviation industry, "casting a doubt on its credibility". The airline emphasised its strong track record, noting that it consistently scores high on punctuality and has the lowest customer complaint ratio among airlines of similar size and operational scale.

## People neither have respect nor fear of the law: Gadkari

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ NEW DELHI

Union Transport Minister Nitin Gadkari on Thursday said despite the Government's continuous efforts to reduce deaths in road accidents, the casualties have been on the rise as people neither have respect nor fear of the law. Responding during Question Hour in the Lok Sabha, Gadkari said he himself has been a victim of a road accident and is sensitive about the issue. The minister said there are four factors which can help reduce road accidents, road engineering, automobile engineering, enforcement of law and education of people. "Biggest problem of the society is neither they have respect for the law, nor they have fear of law. There are problems like people don't stop on red signal, don't wear helmets... 30,000 people die only because they aren't wearing helmets. I have been a victim myself, my leg has been broken at four places in an accident when I was Leader of Opposition in Maharashtra and I am



Union Minister Nitin Gadkari speaks in the Rajya Sabha during the Winter session of Parliament

continuously sensitive about it. "I have no hesitation in accepting this but distressed that despite trying hard there have been 1.68 lakh road accident deaths this year. A large number of these deaths are because there has not been strict implementation of rule of roads... Without cooperation from public representatives, media or society, this is not possible. We have increased fines too but people don't follow rules," he said. Gadkari said a car jumped the traffic signal in front of him on Wednesday.

The Minister urged the Speaker to keep a separate discussion on this issue and asserted that the government is committed to improving the situation. "The problem also is that there are some black spots and the government has already decided to spend 40,000 crores on blackspots. As per mistakes identified in the detailed project report, blackspots are there, and we are very much committed for that," he said. Replying to another question, the minister said four contractors have been held

responsible for deficiencies detected in the construction of the Delhi-Mumbai Expressway and strict action will be taken against them. After taking note of the matter, experts from IIT Kharagpur and Gandhinagar inspected the expressway and found deficiencies in its construction. "We have issued notices to four contractors and will blacklist them. Strict action will be taken. Action will also be taken against concerned officials," the transport minister said during Question Hour in the Lok Sabha. "After noting deficiencies, we had roped in experts from IIT Kharagpur and IIT Gandhinagar. Initial findings of the report show there are deficiencies in the construction," Gadkari said. He said the Delhi-Mumbai Expressway is the country's longest such road and was constructed in the shortest time. "The expressway was constructed at a cost of Rs 1 lakh crore. It has reduced the distance between Delhi and Mumbai by 200 km. The travel time between the two cities has now reduced to 12 hours," he said.

## Chori chori chupke chupke... cable theft delays Metro ops

SAUMYA SHUKLA ■ NEW DELHI

Thousands of Delhi Metro commuters were in for a rough ride on Thursday morning when services on the busy Blue Line came to a standstill, due to the theft of 150 metres of signalling cable between Moti Nagar and Kirti Nagar stations. For nearly six hours, the Blue Line, an arterial route that connects Dwarka to Vaishali and Noida City Centre, witnessed frustration, delays, and overcrowded platforms, throwing off schedules for office-goers and daily passengers alike. As commuters scrambled to adjust, the theft sparked a wave of reactions, including a sharp critique from former Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal, who questioned the city's safety under the Union Home Ministry's watch. "Nothing is safe in the national capital. Amit Shah ji, what is happening in Delhi? The cable of the Delhi Metro has been stolen. Nothing is



safe," he said. At 8 am, the Delhi Metro Rail Corporation (DMRC) informed commuters about the incident and later updated that normal services had resumed from 1.38 pm. The line services key areas such as Rajiv Chowk, Yamuna Bank, Mayur Vihar Phase 1, Noida Sector 16, and Noida Sector 18, where many offices are located. With the delay coinciding with morning office hours, passengers faced inconvenience, particularly those commuting to work in

were restored on the Blue Line at 1.38 pm," DMRC's Principal Executive Director Anuj Dayal said. Initially, a decision had been made to carry out the repair work at night after the end of passenger services. However, considering the convenience of passengers, particularly during the evening peak hours, a quick decision was taken to attempt the restoration during the afternoon non-peak hours, Dayal said. While the repair work was being carried out on the up line (towards Dwarka), train services continued on the down line, ensuring both directions of travel were operational, he explained. Earlier, the DMRC had stated that train services on the Blue Line were regulated from the morning due to what appeared to be a case of theft and damage to the signalling cables by miscreants between Moti Nagar and Kirti Nagar stations.

## Doodh mein kitna paani: Court takes four years to deliver verdict

BISWAJEET BANERJEE ■ LUCKNOW

In a rare development, the Additional Chief Judicial Magistrate-I has delivered judgments in four-decades-old cases of food adulteration involving low-fat content in milk and substandard sugar. The verdicts, pronounced in the last week of November, imposed fines and symbolic imprisonment on the accused, marking the conclusion of cases filed under the Prevention of Food Adulteration Act, 1954 (PFA Act 1954). Moti Lal, a milk vendor from Allunagar Diguriya, was penalised 42 years after being found guilty of selling milk with fat content below the permissible standard. On October 24, 1982, the Food Safety and Drug Administration (FSDA) collected a sample of milk from him, which failed the fat



Representative photo

content test. The court fined him Rs 3,000 and sentenced him to remain in court custody until the court adjourned for the day. Similarly, Ram Lal, a milk vendor from Indiranagar, was found guilty of selling adulterated milk with 30% less fat. His sample was taken by the FSDA on June 22, 1988, at Wireless Square. The court imposed the same

punishment on him as Moti Lal. In a third case, Keshav, the owner of a dairy in Semrapreetpur, Gosainganj, was also convicted for milk adulteration. A sample collected from his dairy revealed 22% less fat than the prescribed standard. He was fined Rs 3,000 and given a similar symbolic sentence. Reacting to the verdict, an FSDA official said, "This judgment, though delayed, reiterates the importance of food safety laws. Adulteration in essential commodities like milk affects the health of countless individuals, especially children." The court also resolved a 21-year-old case involving adulterated sugar. On September 8, 2003, FSDA officials collected a sample from the shop of Suresh Chandra Gupta, a resident of Bakshi Ka Talab (BKT).

# Classifieds

## BEDKHALI NOTICE

**I / We Usha W/o Davinder R/o 309 Mauli Jagran Chandigarh,** declare that we disown our son Rajiv from our moveable/immovable properties anybody dealing with him at their own risk.

**I, Prem Kumar S/o Hari Ram R/o Village-Bilaspur, Distt.Panipat** declare that my son Gourav Kumar is out of my control. So, I disown him from my all moveable/immovable properties. If anybody deals with him shall do their own risk in future.

**I Sunita w/o partap Singh r/o h.no.645/12mata chowk Panipat** present address plot no.43 gali no.12 babal road bharat nagar Panipat declare my son Kulbhushan and his wife priti is out of control so I disowned to my all moveable and immovable property and relationships.

**We, Rajender S/O Sh. Firangi & Mrs Rajbala Sharma W/O Sh Rajender, Both Are R/O H.No. 143, Sector 27 Panchkula, Haryana,** Has Debarred His Son Namely Rahul Sharma S/O Sh. Rajender From Their Moveable & Immoveable Property.

**We, Harbhej Singh, S/o Kashmir Singh & Jaspinder Kaur W/o Harbhej Singh, R/o W.N.7, Vill. Maan, Kathunagral Amritsar, Punjab & Presently H.NO.507, Sec.35-A, Chandigarh,** declared that our son Amandeep Singh Sandhu and his wife Navpreet Kaur and their daughter Rabab Kaur are out of our control, so we disown them from our moveable immovable properties, anybody dealing with them at their own risk.

**I, Diwan Chand S/o Pathana Ram R/o village Kirmach Dera Prem Nagar Tehsil Thanesar District Kurukshetra,** have evicted my son Phool Chand, his wife Anita Devi, his daughter Radhika and his son Aryan from all my moveable- immovable properties, as they are out of my control. Anybody dealing with them at their own risk.

**I, Jagmati W/o Late Sh. Karamveer Singh R/O 916, Janta Colony, Ward 12, Tehsil & District Sonapat,** have evicted my son Neeraj and his illegal wedded wife Shivani, from all my moveable immovable properties, as they are out of my control. Anybody dealing with them at their own risk.

**I, Muntgir Khan S/o Muntiaz R/o House No 2364, Sector 52, Chandigarh** inform that my son Shoabikhan is out of my control. I disown him from my all moveable and Immoveable Properties. Anybody dealing with him at their own Risk.

**I, Mandeep Kaur widow of Balwant Singh son of Jhanda Singh Resident of Ward No. 07, Gaggawal Street, Court Road, Mansa,** declared that my son Hatinder Pal Singh Sidhu alias Gogi is out of my control, so I disown him from my all moveable and immovable property, anybody deals with him at his/her own risk/responsibility.

**I, Kamlesh Rani W/o Late Sh. Prakash Chand R/O H.No-1586 N.H.B.C, Sector- 11 Panipat, Haryana** presently residing at H. No. 1449, Sector-25, Panchkula Haryana declare that my son Govind Gupta and his wife Nisha Rani are out of my control. I disown my Son and his wife from my all moveable and immovable properties. Anybody dealing with them will do so at their own risk. I and my Family shall not be responsible for the same.

**We Narayan Singh S/o Sh. Radhey Shyam & Urmila Devi w/o Sh. Narayan Singh** both resident of House No. 388, Chandimandir, Tanda, Tehsil & Distt. Panchkula declare that our Son Dalip Kumar and his wife Smt. Seema is not in our Control. We disown our Son and his wife from our Movable and immovable Properties. Anybody dealing with them will be solely responsible for his/her legal and illegal Activities. We and any of our family member have nothing to do with him.

**मैं संजय पुत्र श्री मनोहर लाल निवासी वार्ड 14 डंगरा रोड दोहाना तेहसील दोहाना जिला फतेहाबाद बयान करता हूँ कि मेरा पुत्र पंकज मेरे और परिवार के कहने सुनने से बाहर है। मैं उसको अपनी सब अचल संपत्ति से बेदखल करता हूँ। उससे लेनदेन और व्यवहार करने वाला खर्च जिम्मेवार होगा। मेरी और मेरे परिवार के किसी अन्य सदस्य को कोई जिम्मेवारी नहीं होगी।**

## PUBLIC NOTICE

**I, Army No. 15747757M** Name Devanand Rathore, Rank Stigma R/o Satner, Tehsil Athner, District Betul, Madhya Pradesh declare that in my army document my mother's name is wrongly entered as Geeta instead of Parameela Rathor.

**I, Ranjit Kaur W/o Jaswant Singh R/o VPO Ghorewah, District Gurdaspur, Punjab** declared that my Date of Birth written in the Passport No bearing No. S8244483 as 01/01/1976 inadvertently whereas my correct date of birth is 28/01/1971 as per my birth certificate mentioned in the record of Civil Surgeon Gurdaspur 28/01/1971. Which I want to add my correct date of birth in my passport.

**I, No. 3101434K, Assam Rifles** Jagdish Singh S/o Man Singh R/o Vill Kari Dharni, Teh Badhra Distt Charkhi Dadr, declare that my service record is my name Jagdish and address Teh Charkhi Dadr Distt Bhiwani which is wrong. My correct name is Jagdish Singh and current address is Vill Kari Dharni, Teh Badhra Distt Charkhi Dadr, Haryana 127308, which should be corrected in my service record.

**I, Pawan Kumar S/o Dharam Singh R/o Vill Kakroli Hathi, Teh Badhra Distt Charkhi Dadr,** declare that my Son Aman 10th class CBSE Certificate Roll No. 11221499 , Serial No. 1586845 and Reg. No. A124/10732/0039 father name is Pawan which is wrong. My correct name is Pawan Kumar which should be corrected in my son certificate.

**I, No JC502704L Nb/Sub Avtar Singh S/O Sampurnan Singh** Village Chak Kasam Tehsil Dasuya Distt Hoshiarpur Punjab declare that in my Army's record My father Name Written Sampooran Singh Wrongly. Actually My Father Name is Sampurnan Singh as per his Aadhar card record.

**I, Jyoti wife of Shri Pawan Kumar** resident of Village Mutfarka, PO Sujanjpur Tehsil & District Pathankot, Pin code - 145023, State Punjab (India) declare that I have changed my name from Navjot to Jyoti after my marriage and the same is entered in my Adhaar card No. 871136466306, Voter ID Card and Pan card no. BNPJP0189H

**I, Shila Devi** is legally Mother of No. 16113927X, Hav, Manoj Kumar Singh of Unit 22 Engr Regt C/o 56 APO Ferozepur Residing at Patkhali, Patkhali, Kamaapur, Vijaiapur, Mirzapur State Uttar Pradesh Pin-231303 Declare That my Name Sushila Devi and Date of Birth 01.07.1961 Wrongly Written in my Son Army Service Records but my correct Name is Shila Devi and correct Date of Birth 01.01.1963.

**I Samsher Bahadur Singh** is legally Father of No. 16113927X, Hav, Manoj Kumar Singh of Unit 22 Engr Regt C/o 56 APO Ferozepur Residing at Patkhali, Patkhali, Kamaapur, Vijaiapur, Mirzapur State Uttar Pradesh Pin-231303 Declare That my Name Samasher Bahadur Singh and Date of Birth 01.07.1958 Wrongly Written in my Son Army Service Records but my correct Name is Samsher Bahadur Singh and correct Date of Birth 01.01.1956.

**I, Ningamma** is legally Mother of No. 16112136N, Hav, Ravi Kumar K V of Unit 22 Engr Regt C/o 56 APO Ferozepur Residing at Bellurubhalla, Kanchanahalli, Mandya State Karnataka Pin-571811 Declare That my Date of Birth 01.07.1960 Wrongly Written in my Son Army Service Records but my correct Date of Birth 01.01.1959.

## CHANGE OF NAME

**I Ritu Singla** w/o shri Arvind Kumar r/o of # 356, sector 37-A, Chandigarh declare that I have changed my name from Ritu Singla to Ritu Bansal. Kindly please note.

**I, Suman Devi** is Legally Wife of No 14685954N Rank Hav Mandeep Kumar Residing Of Village - Hansas, Tehsil - Buhana, Distt - Jhunjhunu Rajasthan Have Changed My Name From Suman Devi To Suman Kumari Nehra Vide Affidavit Dated. Before Notary Pathankot.

**I Rajinder Kumar Jindal S/o Rattan Kumar Jindal R/O 189, Harmilap Nagar, Phase-1, Baltana SAS Nagar Mohali Punjab** have changed my name to Rajinder Kumar.

**I, Harpreet Kaur W/o Sh. Navdeep Brar R/O Flat No. 801, Tower-2, Royal Motia City, Zirakpur, Distt S.A.S. Nagar (Pb.)** have changed my name to Harpreet Brar.

**I Shurmila W/o Ajay Kumar R/O H-123, Maxheights Metroview Apartment, Jatheri, Sonipat 131029** have change my name to Sharmila for all purposes.

**I, Seva Kaur W/o Jarnail Singh R/O Village Jia Sahota Kalan, PO Garhiwala, Distt. Hoshiarpur, Punjab** have changed my name from Seva Kaur to Sewa Kaur. Concerned Note.

**I, Mamta Rani W/o Manoj Taneja R/o H.No. 726/2 Kamalpur Distt. Hoshiarpur Punjab** have changed my name from Mamta Rani to Mamta Taneja. Concerned note.

**I, Navjeet Kaur W/o Hardeep Singh R/o VPO Kandhala Jattan Tehsil Dasuya Distt. Hoshiarpur Punjab** declare that my name is Navjeet Kaur. Kaur as my surname and my given name is Navjeet. Concerned note.

**I, Amit Arora S/o Raj Kumar R/O 189 L, Model Town, Yamuna Nagar** have changed my name from Amit Arora to Amit Kumar.

**I, Venu Devi W/o Satish Kumar R/o VPO Kanhari Kalan, Tehsil Saraswati Nagar, Distt Yamuna Nagar** have changed my name from Venu Devi to Veena Devi.

**I, Chanan kanta kumari Harishchandra W/O Chanan Harishchandra Madan Lal R/O # 1696, Gali no. 106, Baldev Nagar, Ambala City** have changed my name from kanta Kumari to Chanan kanta kumari Harishchandra. My date of birth is 06/01/1958 which is true and correct.

**I, Balram Rana S/o Bajender Kumar R/O Village Kanalsi, Post office Mehar Majra, Tehsil Jagadhri, District Yamuna Nagar, Haryana** have changed my name from Balram Rana to Aditya Kumar.

**I Simran Saini D/o Sh. Surender Saini R/O H. No. 287 ward 14, Tehsil Rohtak District Rohtak** declare that my father's name written in my 10th & 12th Marksheet document as Surinder Saini. In my other documents my father's name written as Surender Saini. That my father's name Surender Saini & Surinder Saini both are the names of one person.

**I, Pardeep Kumar Garg S/O Sukhdev Chand R/O H. No. 281, Ward No. 2 Ratia, Tehsil Ratia, Distt. Fatehabad** have changed my name from Pardeep Kumar Garg to Pardeep Kumar for all future purposes. All concerned please note.

**I, Nistha Rani Sharma W/o Amit Sharma R/O # 1234/6, Choti line, Pratap Nagar, Jagadhri, Distt Yamunanagar** have changed my name from KM Nistha Rani Sharma to Nistha Rani Sharma.

**I, Bhar Bai W/o Naik Lajja Ram R/o V.P.O. Sirsi Distt. Karnal, Haryana,** have changed my name from Bhar Bai to Bharpai for all future purposes.

**I, Ravinder Kumar, S/O Sh. Jai Bhagwan, R/o house no. 598, Adarsh Nagar, S.D. Adarsh Public School, Kunjapura Marg, Rural Part 1, Kamal declares** that I have changed my name from Ravinder Kumar to Kumar Ravinder, for all future purposes.

**I, Jai Bhagwan S/o Laxmi Narain R/O 996, Sector-12, Sonipat, Haryana** 131001 have changed my name to Jai Bhagwan Aggarwal for all purposes.

**I, Ramesh Kumar S/o Sh. Kushal Singh R/o # 454, Phase 2, Ram Darbar, Chandigarh.** That I have changed my name from Ramesh Kumar Rana to Ramesh Kumar.

**I, Shweta D/o Sh. Ramesh Kumar R/o # 454, Phase 2, Ram Darbar, Chandigarh.** That I have changed my name from Shweta Rana to Shweta.

**I, Bimla W/o Sh. Ramesh Kumar R/o # 454, Phase 2, Ram Darbar, Chandigarh.** That I have changed my name from Bimla Rana to Bimla.

**I, Lalit S/o Ravinder Wadhwa R/o E71, Ward No 11, School Area, Nilotkheri, District Karnal,** have changed my name from Lalit to Lalit Wadhwa.

**I, Ravindra Kumar S/o Ram Lakhian R/O Saraiya Post Shahgahr Tehsil Gouriganj, District- Amethi,** declare that I have changed my name from Ravinder Kumar to Ravindra Kumar.

**I, Devesh Kumar S/o Sh. Pranav Kumar R/o H. No. 414/77, Motia Heights, Dhakoli, Zirakpur, S.A.S Nagar Mohali,** Name of my daughter is Stuti in school record but her actual name is Stuti Jha.

**I No 2691622W** Honorary Naib Subedar Vijender Malik Village Lakhmirwala, Post office Manoharpur, District Jind, State Haryana, Pin 126102 inform that the Name and DOB of my mother has been wrongly recorded as Foolad Devi and 17 May 1959 in my Army Service Record. The correct Name and DOB of my mother is Phoolpati and date of birth. 01 Jan 1960.

**I, Sarita Makardhwaj Mishra W/o Sandeep Kumar R/O Daangrah Road Ward No-6, Dhanoula, Barnala, Punjab** 148105 have changed my name to Sarita Kumar.

**I, Rajesh son of Mohinder Singh** resident of Village Ghasitpur, P.O. Mukerian, Tehsil Mukerian, District Hoshiarpur, Punjab, PIN: 144211, declared that in my passport no P9248035 my name written as Rajesh Kumar in place of given name column, whereas Rajesh is my given name and Kumar is surname.

**I Arun Rashmi Sharma W/o Vipen Kumar R/O H.no 835/1, Sector 41-A Chandigarh,** have changed my name from Arun Rashmi Sharma to Arun Rashmi. All concern note it

**I Vandana W/o Sh. Kartik Goel R/o Cake Tower, New Model Town Colony, Pinjore Tehsil Kalka Distt. Panchkula,** have changed my name from Vandana to Vandana Sharma.

**I, Inderjit Singh s/o Punnu Ram** resident of flat No. 1006, floor 10, tower 03, Hero Homes, Near Mohali Judicial Complex, Sector 88,P.O Sohana, District SAS Nagar (Mohali), punjab, have changed my name from Inderjeet Singh to Inderjit Singh

**I Joginder Paul S/O Amar Nath R/O Hno BX/ 347, Kanshi Nagar, Ward no - 11, Dalhousie Road, Teh /Distt Pathankot** Have Changed My Name From Joginder Paul To Joginder Singh

**I Sadhna W/O Joginder Pal R/O Hno BX/ 347, Kanshi Nagar, Ward no - 11, Dalhousie Road, Teh /Distt Pathankot** Have Changed My Name From Joginder Paul To Sadhna Sharma

**I Tushar Sharma S/O Joginder Paul R/O Hno BX/ 347, Kanshi Nagar, Ward no - 11, Dalhousie Road, Teh /Distt Pathankot** Have Changed My Name From Tushar Sharma To Tushar.

**I, 15716298x** Signm Chette Bhupal S/O Venkata Subbaiah R/O Wcsr C/O 56 Apo Declared That In My Army Service Documents Name Of My Daughter Erroneously Written As Chette Jagadeeshwari Jayarsi Whereas Her Correct Name Is Chitte Jagadeeshwari Jayarsi.

**I, Ranjeet Singh S/O Juginder Singh R/O Village Domeli Distt. Kapurthala Punjab** have changed my name from Ranjeet Singh to Singh Ranjeet. Singh as my surname. Concerned note.

**I, Balvir S/o Mahinga Ram R/o VPO Ajnoha, Tehsil Garshankar Distt. Hoshiarpur Punjab** have changed my name from Balvir to Balvir Singh. Concerned note.

**I, Smt. Santosh Kaur W/o No. 13837919 Late Hav Mohinder Ram R/O Vill. Fatehpur, PO Bulhawal Tehsil & Distt. Hoshiarpur Punjab** have changed the name of my son from Mukhtiyar Singh to Mukhtiar Singh.

**I, Shivani Sharma W/o Sh. Rajesh Kumar Sharma R/o H.No. 108, Shaheed Bhagat Singh Avenue. Opp. Nand Sweet Shop Near Naloyian Chowk Distt. Hoshiarpur Punjab** have changed my name from Shivani Chandan to Shivani Sharma. Concerned note.

**I, Om Parkash S/o Pritam Dass R/o H. No. 1359, Sector 16 & 17, Hisar (Haryana)** do hereby declare that I have changed my name from Om Parkash to Om Parkash Kukreja for future purpose.

**I Arun kumar s/o Late Sh Chanan Lal, R/o H.no 104, Mirpur Colony Pathankot 145001** Have changed my name from Arun Kumar's to Arun Kumar Gupta.

**I, Sushma W/o Ramesh Chander Anand R/o H. No 9/18 Old Campus CCS HAU Hisar, Teh. Distt. Hisar, Haryana** have changed my name from Sushma To Sushma Anand for all purposes in future.

**I Bhawna** is legally Wedded Spouse of Service No. 10467548H Rank Hav Name Sukhdwinder Singh Presently residing at 161, Duliain, Tehsil Ambala. have changed my Name from Bhawna To Bhawna Rani & changed my DOB from 06.12.1982 To 06.12.1983.

**I Ravi Kumar Seth S/O Arjun Dev Seth R/O 3696, Seth Villa, Swami Ram Tirath Marg, Near Datta Hospital, Ambala Cantt.** have changed my Name from Ravi Kumar Seth To Ravi Seth.

**I, Deepak Rani W/O Gurbakhsh Ram R/O Vill- Thathal, PO-Bassi Gulam Hussain, District-Hoshiarpur, Punjab-146021** have changed my name to Deepka Rani.

**I, Ranjodh Singh Khosa S/O Javand Singh R/O Vill- Warian, PO-Makhu Tehsil Zira, Ferozepur, Punjab-142047** have changed my name to Ranjodh Singh.

**I, Yashwant S/O Devender R/O 477/13, Gali No-2, Bank Colony, Bahadurgarh, Jhajjar, Haryana-124507** have changed my name to Yashwant Rathee.

**I, Gurpreet Singh S/o Surat Singh R/o Dera Ratanpura, Village Badsikri Kalan, Tehsil Kalayat, Distt. Kaithal (Haryana)** declares that in the 12th Class DMC of my daughter Sanjogpreet Kaur my name is written as Gurpreet which is wrong. My correct name is Gurpreet Singh. All concerned please note.

**I, Koushilya Davi W/o Om Parkash Sangwan, R/o H. No. 173, Village Kalali (82), Bhiwani-127021, Haryana** declare that I have changed my name from Koshalya Sindhu to Koushilya Davi for all future purpose.

**I, Balwinder Singh Bopari S/O Surjan Singh R/O VPO Sarchur Tehsil Batala District Gurdaspur** have changed my name from Balwinder Singh Bopari to Balwinder Singh

**I, Amrita W/o Nitin Aggarwal R/O H.No.2299/3/28 Gali No 2 Main Bazar Ramanand Bagh Distt Amritsar 143001** have changed my name Amrita to Amrita Aggarwal after Marriage pls all note it.

**I, Masa Singh S/o Rattan Singh R/O VPO Jalalpur Block Majitha Tehsil and District Amritsar** have changed my name from Masa Singh to Massa Singh

**I Harjit Kaur Deol W/o Kuldeep Singh Resident of 1979, Bank wali Gali, Islamabad, Amritsar-I, Amritsar.** I have changed my name from Harjit Kaur Deol to Harjeet Kaur .

**I, Sandeep Soni S/O Janak raj Soni R/O H.No.96 Kamla Devi Avenue Gali Opp Neelkanti Hospital Fatehgarh Churian Road District Amritsar** have change my minor Daughter's name from Navya to Navya Soni

**I, Akashpreet Singh S/o Balwinder Singh R/o Bainska, Patti, Tarn Taran** have declare that Akashpreet is my Given name and Singh is my Surname

**I, No.15572835A** Hav Rama Shankar Singh S/O Ganga Singh R/O Gram V Post Jaitpura Madhi, Jaitpura Marthi Bhind Madhya Pradesh-477335 have changed my son's name from Adarsh Singh to Aadarsh Singh Rajawat Vide Affidavit No.IN-PB85948298752334W Dt.05.12.2024 before Notary Public Amritsar

**I, Renuka Devi** mother of No.15572835A Hav Rama Shankar Singh R/O Gram V Post Jaitpura Madhi, Jaitpura Marthi Bhind Madhya Pradesh-477335 have changed my name from Renuka Devi to Renuka Vide Affidavit No.IN-PB85950289412849W Dt.05.12.2024 before Notary Public Amritsar

**I, Suchitra Mallick** Marjit W/o Tarak Marjit R/O Village Pathal PO Margram P.S Khargram District Murshidabad have declare that my name has been wrongly written in my Husband Service Record as Suchitra Mallick but correct name of mine is Suchitra Mallick Marjit

**I, Kanwaljeet Singh Rai S/o Jagtar Singh R/O Village Budhimal, Budhimal Sri Muktsar Sahib** have changed my name from Kanwaljeet Singh Rai to Kanwaljeet Singh.

**I Gurjeet Singh Bhatti S/o Balbir Singh Vill. Nawa Purba PO SBS College, Ferozepur Pin-152002, Punjab, India** Now R/O 429 POLK ST MANTECA CA 95337, USA have changed my name to Gurjeet singh

**I, Jeyanthi Victor Sagayaraj W/O Victor Sagayaraj R/O House No. 592, Sector-62, District SAS Nagar, (Mohali), Punjab** have changed my name from Jeyanthi Victor Sagayaraj to Radhika Jeyanthi.

**I, Greeshma G R** is legally Wife of Service No. 16122369H Rank: NK Name: Akash S residing at Village Punnala Post Padam, Taluk Pathanapuram, Distt. Kollam (State) Kerala Pin-689694, have changed my name from Greeshma GR to Greeshma G R.

**I, Murapala Padma** is legally Mother of Service No. 16135242Y Rank: SPR Name: Murapala Shiva Kumar residing at Village Gollapputtuga Post Jagdupudi, Taluk Kanchili, Distt. Srikakulam (State) Andhra Pradesh Pin- 532290, have changed my name from Murapala Padmavathi to Murapala Padma.

**I, Chancham Devi** is Legally Mother OF Army No. 14686228L Rank Hav Name: Vikash Kumar Singh Unit 1852 Field Regiment C/o 56 Apo have changed my Date Of Births 20/08/1968 to my correct Date Of Births 20/08/1962

**I, No. JC-774748H** Rank: SUB Mrityunjay Kumar S/o Bijay Prasad Singh Unit: 64 Assault Engr Regt (LRW) C/O 56 APO, R/o Udhadhi. PO Udhadhi, Distt. Bhopalpur, Bihar-813213 declare that in my service record my mother's name is mentioned as Winwashni Devi but her correct name is Bindhawashini Devi.

**I, Harvinder Kaur D/o Gurdial Singh R/O H.No. 26, Amar Bagh, Street No. 3, Bhadson Road, Patiala (Punjab)** have changed my name to Harvinder (Given Name) and Kaur (Surname).

**I, Harvinder Kaur D/o Gurdial Singh R/O H.No. 26, Amar Bagh, Street No. 3, Bhadson Road, Patiala (Punjab)** have changed the name of my Minor Daughter's name from Gumardar Kaur to Gumardar (Given Name) and Kaur (Surname).

**I, Bhojinder Pal Singh** Kharod S/o Jaspal Singh R/O H.No. 523, Ranjit Nagar- A, Bhadson Road Patiala have changed my minor daughter's name from Jasleen Kaur to Jasleen Kaur Kharod.

**I Mangal Singh S/o Tokha Ram R/O Hargobind Colony, Bahadurgarh, Patiala, Punjab,**147021 have changed my name from Mangal Singh to Mangal Singh Walia.

**I Alik Mattu** son of Kishor Chand resident of house number 55 Bharat Nagar Ferozepur city in some documents my father name is Tarsem Mattu, mother name is Monika and in some documents father name is Kishore Chand and mother name is Parveen both names are my mother Father's name is my father's real name is Kishor Chand and mother's name is Parveen.

**I, Kusum Bhanudas Salunke** Mother of Army No. 3206352A, Rank NK, Salunke Sandip Bhanudas, VPO Manjri, Tehsil Gangapur, District Aurangabad, Maharashtra, Pin Code 431109 Have changed my name from Salunke Kusum Bhanudas to Kusum Bhanudas Salunke and Date of Birth from 08-08-1955 to 01-08-1961, vide Affidavit no.IN-PB860345801526297W, Dated 05 December 2024 before Notary Ferozepur.

**I, Fool Kumar S/o Kalu Ram # 1961, Saini Gurudwara, Sector 45B, Burali, Chandigarh** have changed my name to Phool Kumar.

**I, Geeta Kumari W/o Ajay # 644, Hallomajra, Chandigarh** have changed my name to Gita Devi.

**I, Ajay Kumar S/o Bandhan Kumar # 644, Hallomajra, Chandigarh** have changed my name to Ajay.

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MR RAVEL SINGH S/O HARDEEP SINGH R/O PURANA TARAGARH ROAD DINAANAGAR (HEREIN REFERRED AS MORTGAGOR), THE MORTGAGOR HAS REPRESENTED TO THE BANK THAT ORIGINAL TITLE DEEDS OF HISHER PROPERTY SITUATED AT VILLAGE AWANKHA MEASURING 16 MARLA DOCUMENT NO.394 DATED 29-05-2002 ARE LOST AND HAS APPROACHED THE BANK TO TENDER SUCH PROPERTY AS SECURITY, IF ANYONE HAS ANY OBJECTION OR ANY CLAIM OVER SUCH PROPERTY, HE/SHE MAY INFORM THE BANK WITHIN 15 DAYS IN WRITING ALONG WITH PROOF OF HIS OBJECTION/CLAIM, WITHIN THE GIVEN PERIOD.  
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**ESTATE OFFICE, UT, CHANDIGARH PUBLIC NOTICE**  
Before Sh. Naveen, DANICS, Assistant Estate Officer (Exercising the powers of the Estate Officer) U.T., Chandigarh  
Subject: Regarding Transfer of ownership in Respect RESIDENTIAL Site 1044, SECTOR 38-B, Chandigarh to the extent of 50.00% share on the basis of Sale Deed registered at Sr. No. 5081, Book No. 1, Vol. No., Page No., dated 03/01/2014.  
It is notified for the information of general public and all concerned that as per record of this office Sh./Smt. ANIL NANDA is the owner/lessee of RESIDENTIAL Site No. 1044, SECTOR 38-B, Chandigarh to the extent of 30.00 % share. It has been informed by Sh./Smt. ANIL NANDA owner of above said property to the extent of 30.00 % share had executed Sale Deed to the extent of 30.00 % share in favour of MOHIT MAHAJAN, MOHIT MAHAJAN on 03/01/2014 and same has been registered at Sr. No. 5081, Book No. 1, Vol.No., Page No., dated 03/01/2014 in the office of Sub-Registrar, U.T., Chandigarh. Now MOHIT MAHAJAN, MOHIT MAHAJAN has have applied for the transfer of 30.00% share of above said property in his/her favour on the basis of Sale Deed Dated 03/01/2014. Anybody has any objection upon the mutation of the said share in the said property, in favour of the above named applicants, 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 beneficiaryies and no further claim whatsoever shall be entertained at any later stage.  
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**I, Ajay Kumar S/o Bandhan Kumar # 644, Hallomajra, Chandigarh** have changed the name of my minor son from Aryan to Aryan Verma.

# A Life Saved, A Gratitude Shown: Sukhbir Hugs Punjab Cops Who Saved His Life

MONIKA MALIK ■ CHANDIGARH

Sukhbir Singh Badal, Punjab's former deputy chief minister and Shiromani Akali Dal (SAD) leader, on Thursday expressed deep gratitude and admiration for two Punjab Police officers who risked their lives to save him from an assassination attempt at the Golden Temple on Wednesday morning. The heartfelt gesture of thanks came a day after Assistant Sub-Inspectors (ASI) Jasveer Singh and Hira Singh courageously intervened to prevent what could have been a tragedy.

Sukhbir, who was seated in a wheelchair due to a fractured leg, was at the Golden Temple performing 'sewadar' duties — a personal act of penance for his party's actions during its tenure. The peace of the sacred shrine was shattered when Narain Singh Chaura, a former Khalistani terrorist, approached him with a firearm.

As Chaura drew closer to

Sukhbir and aimed the gun at him, two police officers, who had been stationed nearby, noticed the imminent danger. Without a moment's hesitation, ASI Jasveer Singh and ASI Hira Singh sprang into action. The officers immediately rushed to intercept the assailant, quickly diverting his aim and preventing him from firing. The struggle was intense, and though the weapon discharged, the bullet missed Sukhbir by mere inches, hitting the shrine's entrance wall instead.

In an emotional response following the incident, Sukhbir took to social media to publicly thank the officers, acknowledging their bravery. "Risking your own life to save someone else's is the highest form of courage," he said, sharing images of the touching moment when he embraced the two officers. "ASI Jasveer Singh and ASI Hira Singh have been like family to us since the days of Sr Parkash

Singh Ji Badal. My family and I are forever grateful for their loyalty and bravery. They risked their lives without a second thought, and we owe them so much."

The officers, in turn, humbly downplayed their actions, emphasizing that they were simply doing their duty. ASI Jasveer Singh, visibly moved by the gratitude expressed, said: "We're just doing our job. Our first responsibility is to ensure the safety of the people, especially in such sacred places." His colleague, ASI Hira Singh, echoed this sentiment, saying, "It was just instinct. We acted in the moment. I'm glad we could prevent something tragic from happening."

Their selfless act has not only protected a prominent leader but also served as a reminder of the everyday bravery shown by the police officers, often unnoticed and

uncelebrated. The officers' quick thinking and unwavering courage have captured the hearts of many, proving that true heroism lies in ordinary people doing extraordinary things.

## A day after, SAD accuses Punjab Police of collusion

The aftermath of the assassination attempt on Shiromani Akali Dal (SAD) leader Sukhbir Singh Badal has sparked a heated confrontation between the SAD and the Punjab Police, with the former accusing senior officials of collusion and negligence. SAD leader Bikram Singh Majithia on Thursday minced no words to allege that Amritsar SP Harpal Singh met with Narain Singh Chaura, the shooter, just a day before the attack, releasing CCTV footage to support his claim.

Majithia, addressing the media, said that the footage clearly showed SP Harpal Singh interacting with Chaura on December 3 at the Golden

Temple premises. He questioned why Chaura, a known Babbar Khalsa International (BKI) militant with over 20 cases against him, was not apprehended despite being under police observation. "The SP and Chaura hail from the same constituency, Dera Baba Nanak. Their apparent camaraderie raises serious questions about the role of the Punjab Police," Majithia said.

SAD leader further criticized the Amritsar Police Commissioner Gurpreet Singh Bhullar for allegedly diverting attention from the incident by suggesting that it could have been "staged" to generate sympathy for Sukhbir Badal. "This baseless claim is an insult to Punjab's intelligence and an attempt to cover up the police's failure," Majithia said, demanding a transparent investigation.

The shooting incident occurred on December 4 station in Majithia as evidence of a deteriorating security environment.

# CM Saini inaugurates In'l Gita Mahotsav in Kurukshetra



PNS ■ CHANDIGARH

Amid chanting of mantras, the Haryana Chief Minister Nayab Singh Saini on Thursday formally inaugurated the International Gita Mahotsav (IGM)-2024 on the banks of Brahma Sarovar in Kurukshetra. On the occasion, the Chief Minister offered prayers on the holy religious scripture Gita and performed the yajna near Lord Krishna's huge chariot idol located at Purushottampur Bagh amidst chanting of mantras at Brahma Sarovar. Kerala Governor Arif Mohammed Khan, Zanzibar Minister for Information, Youth, Culture and Sports Tabia Maulid Mwita, Gita Manishi Swami Gyananand Ji Maharaj and former Minister of State Subhash Sudha also participated in the Gita Yajna.

Earlier, all the dignitaries inaugurated the pavilion of Tanzania, the partner country for this year's Gita Mahotsav, and explored stalls showcasing the country's food, lifestyle, and attire. Later, they inaugurated

and visited the state-level exhibition organized by the Information, Public Relations, Language, and Culture Department. This exhibition displayed Haryana Government's achievements over the past 10 years through various departmental stalls.

On this occasion, the Chief Minister congratulated the people of the state and extended his best wishes for IGM, stating that the dedicated efforts made by the State Government have transformed Gita Mahotsav into an International Event. He said that the IGM was started on November 28 and will continue until December 15, 2024. During this time, the eternal message of the Shrimad Bhagavad Gita will be shared with humanity.

The Chief Minister said that this year, the United Republic of Tanzania is the partner country, and Odisha is the partner state for the International Gita Mahotsav-2024. He said that live broadcasts of the IGM are being held at the Shree Jagannath Temple, Puri, Odisha; Shri

Banke Bihari Temple, Vrindavan, Uttar Pradesh; Shri Krishna Janmabhoomi Temple in Mathura; Dwarkadhish Temple in Gujarat; Shree Mahakaleswar Temple, Ujjain; and Thikana Mandir Shri Govind Dev Ji in Jaipur. People can see a glimpse of this rich heritage.

Saini said that the International Gita Mahotsav has achieved immense success and popularity over the past eight years, since 2016. Lakhs of people from India and abroad attend the Mahotsav. Last year, approximately 45 to 50 lakh people participated, and a similar turnout is expected this year.

He shared that the key highlights of this IGM-2024 will be the global Gita recitation with 18,000 students, cultural programmes by artists from various states to be organized by the Department of Art and Culture, international Gita seminars, a grand aarti at Brahma Sarovar, Deepotsav, cultural programmes at 182 pilgrimage sites along the 48-kos route, and more.

# Punjab to go fully online for verification services from Jan 1

MONIKA MALIK ■ CHANDIGARH

Starting January 1, 2025, Punjab is set to revolutionize its governance by transitioning all verification services to an online platform. The move aimed at eliminating the offline processes, making services more accessible, efficient, and transparent for citizens. Announcing the initiative on Thursday, the state's Governance Reforms Minister Aman Arora emphasized its potential to redefine convenience in public service delivery.

Arora, speaking at an event in MGSIPA, Punjab, launched six online services as part of a broader project to digitize verification processes. This initiative aimed at saving the citizens from the cumbersome task of visiting government offices repeatedly, ultimately conserving both time and money. "Punjab is now the first state in the country to implement such a comprehensive digital verification system," said the Minister.

The State Government is gearing up to roll out 95 services from various departments, including Revenue, Municipal Corporations, and Electricity. Preparations are in full swing to

ensure the seamless implementation of these online services, which have traditionally been handled offline.

The digitization will encompass critical services such as Resident Certificates, Caste Certificates, Income Certificates, EWS Certificates, and Dogra Certificates. These services often required in-person verification from Sarpanchs, Nambardars, and Municipal Councillors (MCs) — a process that will now be streamlined online.

To enhance accessibility, Punjab will introduce a WhatsApp chatbot service for over 500 operational Sewa Kendras across the state. Citizens can now book appointments for their required services through WhatsApp in Punjabi, eliminating long queues and unnecessary visits. Once an appointment is booked, an online token will be issued, ensuring a hassle-free experience.

Under the new system, applications submitted online will be directly routed to concerned Patwaris, who will forward them to the relevant Sarpanch, Nambardar, or MC for verification. These officials

will receive notifications via WhatsApp and can complete the verification process online.

Previously, citizens faced significant delays and frequent visits to government offices to obtain signatures. This often led to exploitation by intermediaries. The new digital system will eradicate such issues, fostering transparency and efficiency. "Over 8.65 lakh applications have already been processed online by Patwaris in that will now be streamlined online."

To ensure the system's success, extensive training is being provided to Sarpanchs, Nambardars, and MCs at the district level. These stakeholders have been instructed to register on the e-Sewa portal to access their login credentials. Any issues can be addressed through district governance reform branches, Sewa Kendras, or the helpline number 1100.

A live demonstration was presented to familiarize officials with the online system. The presentation highlighted the step-by-step process and its numerous advantages, addressing potential concerns.

The State Government is keen on creating a truly

"Digital Punjab". And with the new system, citizens can apply for services either at Sewa Kendras or by calling the helpline number 1076. Certificates will be delivered directly to their mobile phones via SMS or WhatsApp.

The state's Special Chief Secretary (Governance Reforms) Sarvjit Singh and

Governance Reforms director Girish Dayalan, along with senior officials and local representatives, attended the launch event. Minister Arora emphasized that this initiative marks a significant leap forward in governance, making Punjab a model state for digital innovation and citizen-centric services.

# Himachal CM honours International Medal Winners

PNS ■ SHIMLA

Himachal Chief Minister Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu on Thursday distributed cash prizes amounting to Rs. 14.77 crore to 21 international medal winners at a ceremony organized here. Among the recipients, Paralympian Nishad Kumar from Una district was awarded Rs. 7.80 crore for his outstanding achievements, including a silver medal in the Tokyo Paralympics 2022, a silver medal in the Paris Paralympics 2024, a gold medal in the Para Asian Games China 2023 and a silver medal in the World Games Portugal 2022.

Sukhu presented Rs. 2.50 crore to Ajay Kumar from Mandi district for winning a silver medal in the Para Asian Games China 2023, Rs. 33.32 lakh to Ritu Negi Kabaddi player from Sirmaur district for



Paralympics 2022 for leading the Indian Kabaddi team to victory at the Asian Games China 2023. She had also won a silver medal in the Asian Games Jakarta 2018.

Three other Kabaddi players from Sirmaur, Kumari Pushpa, Kumari Sushma Sharma, and Kumari Nidhi Sharma, were each awarded Rs. 33.32 lakh for being part of the gold medal-winning Indian

Kabaddi team at the Asian Games China 2023. Kabaddi player Kumari Jyoti from Solan district and Vishal Bhardwaj from Una district also received Rs. 33.32 lakh each for their contributions to the same competition.

Sukhu also honoured other prominent personalities from the sports fraternity for their contributions in various games.

# Punjab CM Announces to Develop Hussainiwala Border as State-of-the-Art Tourist Destination

PNS ■ HUSSAINIWALA BORDER (FEROZEPUR)

Punjab Chief Minister Bhagwant Singh Mann on Thursday announced the development of Hussainiwala border as a state of the art tourist destination.

Mann, who attended the retreat ceremony at Hussainiwala border, said that he was overwhelmed to witness this ceremony for the maiden time. He asked the BSF officers to further submit a detailed proposal for giving a facelift to this historical place. "The State Government is committed to the comprehensive development of this sacred place," he said.

The Chief Minister said that this place will be developed on modern lines so that more and more tourists are attracted. "The retreat ceremony is held at three places in Punjab — Wagah, Hussainiwala, and Sulemanki borders. While Wagah attracts huge tourists, the flow of tourists at two other places is less...As this



place has a huge potential of tourist attraction, it will be developed as a hub of tourism," he said.

Mann said that this place is associated with Shaheed Bhagat Singh, Shaheed Rajguru, and Shaheed Sukhdev, and it also houses a Museum where a pistol, which was used by the legendary martyr to kill Sandraus, has been displayed. Patriotism is in the air at this place and more tourists can be attached to this sacred land, he said.

The Chief Minister also


hailed the Indian Armed Forces who perform their duties despite vagaries of weather in various parts of the country. He said that the State Government is making strenuous efforts to perpetuate the legacy of martyrs in Punjab. Due to the State Government's concerted efforts, the Mohali airport has been named after Shaheed Bhagat Singh. Likewise, a 30 feet high statue of Shaheed Bhagat Singh was dedicated at Nishan-e-Inqilab Plaza in Mohali, a day before.




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Department of Information and Public Relations, Punjab

PUBLIC NOTICE
This is to inform that Smt. Manjit Kaur wife of Sh. Kashmir Singh is the owner of the property constructed on plot measuring 53.33 yards situated in Pitam Nagar, Village Taral Pirubanda, District Ludhiana...

नार निम, रोहकत
सर्वसमय को सूचित किया जाता है कि नार निम, रोहकत की वर राइज के समर्थन के तहत नार निम, रोहकत को 100 Ruperas Stamp Paper of my registry which is in the name of Harjit Singh S/o Rattan Singh dated 14/12/2004...

LOST/FOUND
H, Harjit Singh s/o of Rattan Singh, R/o Rajawal, Gurdaspur-143618, hereby inform that one 100 Ruperas Stamp Paper of my registry which is in the name of Harjit Singh S/o Rattan Singh dated 14/12/2004...

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COURT NOTICE
(Complaint- 138 Negotiable Instrument Act)
IN THE COURT OF Ms. JASVEER NARANG Judicial Magistrate - 1st Class Ludhiana M/S GR PAHWA ENTERPRISES Vs. M/S GANPATI ENTERPRISES COMA/8823/2021 CNR No.:PBLD03-015857-2021 Next Date:-06-02-2025

Document Lost
Anju W/o Raj kumar Gupta R/o 3/125,Prabhu Nagar, Mirch Mandi, Sonipat, Haryana 131001 have lost original document of my house with sale deed 5410 Dated 23/08/2023 somewhere. If anybody found please contact at above address.

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CHANDIGARH HOUSING BOARD
8, Jan Marg, Sector 9-D, Chandigarh

PUBLIC NOTICE
Before Secretary, CHB Exercising the Powers of the Estate Officer, UT Chandigarh.
Subject:- Mutation /Transfer of ownership right in respect of Dwelling Unit No. 3219 (Ground Floor) of Category- LIG (F) in Sector 41-D, Chandigarh on the basis of Sale Deed in the name SH.SURINDER KUMAR S/O SH.LICHMAN SINGH...

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Subject:- Mutation /Transfer of ownership right in respect of Dwelling Unit No. 1111 (First Floor) of Category-III in Sector 45-A, Chandigarh on the basis of Sale Deed in the name of SH. SUKHJINDER SINGH THIND S/O SH. DARSHAN SINGH...

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Subject:- Mutation /Transfer of ownership right in respect of Dwelling Unit No. 1111 (First Floor) of Category-III in Sector 45-A, Chandigarh on the basis of Sale Deed in the name of allottee/transferee (i) SMT. RAJKAMAL DHANDA D/O LATE SH. GURDEV SINGH PABLA W/O SH. BALWANT SINGH DHANDA...

आमसभा की सूचना बारे
दी रोहकत केन्द्रिय सहकारी उपभोक्ता भण्डार लि. रोहकत के सभी मासिक सदस्यों को सूचित किया जाता है कि आमसभा को बैठक दिनांक 22.12.2024 समय 11:00 बजे रोहकत को भण्डार के कार्यालय नदीकद सैनी कॉलेज कृपाल नगर रोहकत में होनी निर्धारित है जिसमें निम्नलिखित विषयों पर विचार करके निर्णय लिये जावेंगे।

- 1. पिछली जनरल बाडी मीटिंग दिनांक 18.02.2023 की पुष्टि बारे तथा उक्त महाध्वंशक के परामर्श भण्डार में प्रबंधक मण्डल द्वारा आज तक की गई कार्यवाही निर्णयों की पुष्टि बारे विचार करना।
2. वर्ष 2022-23 व 2023-24 के लाभ-हानि व बैलेंसशीट पर विचार तथा अन्य खर्चों पर विचार करना।
3. भण्डार में सेवानिवृत्त कर्मचारियों की सेवावृद्धि बढ़ाने तथा कर्मचारियों को वर्तमान वेतनमान देने पर विचार करना।
4. भण्डार द्वारा विभागीय अग्र्य महोदय को भण्डार के कार्यकारी महाध्वंशक द्वारा उचित मासिक से पत्र भेजे गए थे। उन पर आज तक कोई कार्यवाही ना किए जाने से जो हानि/भण्डार कार्य में पेशानी उठानी पड़ रही है तथा हानि हो रही है उस बारे विचार करना।
5. भण्डार के प्रबंधक मण्डल के कार्यकाल 13.01.25 को समाप्त हो रहा है। प्रबंधक मण्डल का चुनाव समय पर ना होने के कारण पूर्व के भदित भण्डार के प्रशासक मण्डल का गठन किया जावे। जिसमें प्रशासक मण्डल सदस्य के नाम की शिफारिश बारे विचार।

CHANDIGARH HOUSING BOARD
8, Jan Marg, Sector 9-D, Chandigarh

PUBLIC NOTICE
Before Secretary, CHB Exercising the Powers of the Estate Officer, UT Chandigarh.
Subject:- Mutation /Transfer of ownership right in respect of Dwelling Unit No. 2953-3 (Third Floor) of EWS (One Room Flat) Category in Sector-49, Chandigarh on the basis of Sale Deed in the name of SH.SUDHIR KUMAR SHARMA S/O SH.AMARNATH SHARMA & SH.KARNAIL SINGH SAINI S/O SH.SIRI RAM from the name of allottee/transferee SMT. KAMALJIT KAUR W/O SH.SUKHCHAIN SINGH.

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State Bank of India
RETAIL ASSETS CENTRALISED PROCESSING CENTRE
SHERANWALA GATE MALL ROAD, PATIALA, TELEPHONE NO. 0175-2392128
I Gursewak Singh S/o Amrik Singh give notice to the public that the chain title i.e. Vasika No. 6356 Dated 28-06-2006, plots situated at Raipur Mandian District Patiala has been lost for which DDR No. 015 Dated 02-12-2024 has been lodged at Thana Sadar Patiala On 02-12-2024. I want to mortgage my share of property with State Bank of India RACPA Patiala (Code 61078), Mall Road, Patiala for availing house loan. If anybody has any objection on the said property He/She may contact 0175-2395624/2392128, sbi.61078@sbi.co.in within 15 days of this notice and no dispute will be accepted after this period.

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STATE BANK OF INDIA Retail Assets Central Processing Centre Model Town, Phase-I Bathinda. [Rule-8(1)] Possession Notice (For 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...

Table with 6 columns: Name of the Borrower(s)/ Guarantor(s), Description of the Immovable Property, Date of Demand Notice, Date of Possession Notice, Amount Outstanding as per Demand Notice. Includes entries for Sh. Bechan Kumar Yadav S/o Tej Narayan Resident of MCB-26, 214/1352, Bathinda (Borrower) and Sh. Manoj Kumar S/o Sh. Ram Krishan Resident of No. 11785, Sanghiana Basti, Residential Property measuring 77 Sq Yards or 0 Bigha 1,3/5 Biswa i.e. 1.35/5...

DATE: 06.12.2024 PLACE: BATHINDA AUTHORISED OFFICER

STATE BANK OF INDIA Home Loan Centre, 1st Floor, Shaheed Udham Singh Chowk, Ferozepur DEMAND NOTICE NOTICE U/S 13(2) OF THE SECURITIZATION & RECONSTRUCTION OF FINANCIAL ASSETS & ENFORCEMENT OF SECURITY INTEREST ACT, 2002 HERE AFTER CALLED "ACT" A notice is hereby given that the following Borrower/Guarantor(s) have defaulted in the repayment of Principal and Interest of the Loans facility obtained by them from the Bank and the loans have been classified as Non Performing Assets(NPA).

DATE: 06.12.2024 PLACE: FEROZEPUR AUTHORISED OFFICER

ICICI Bank SYMBOLIC POSSESSION NOTICE Branch Office: ICICI Bank Limited 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.

DATE: December 06, 2024 Place: Panipat & Hissar Sincerely Authorised Signatory For ICICI Bank Ltd.

DIRECTORATE OF PUNJAB STATE LOTTERIES DRAW TIME: 06:00 PM ONWARDS RESULT OF PUNJAB STATE DEAR 10 PLATINUM THURSDAY WEEKLY LOTTERY MRP Rs 10/- Per Ticket 1st Prize Amount Rs.50,00,000/-, Common to all series (On last 4 digits) (Seller Prize Amount Rs.10,000/-, Total Prize Amount Rs.10,500/- each) 7312 2nd Prize Amount (10)Rs.2000/-, Common to all series (On last 4 digits) (Seller Prize Amount Rs.200/-, Total Prize Amount Rs.2,200/- each) 9233 3rd Prize Amount (100)Rs.500/-, Common to all series (On last 4 digits) (Seller Prize Amount Rs.50/-, Total Prize Amount Rs.5,500/- each) 0950 2253 3003 7618 7229 7859 7873 7947 8125 8504 4th Prize Amount (100)Rs.200/-, Common to all series (On last 4 digits) (Seller Prize Amount Rs.20/-, Total Prize Amount Rs.2,200/- each) 0534 1295 2283 3239 3978 4195 4478 5278 6034 7542 5th Prize Amount (2000)Rs.100/-, Common to all series (On last 4 digits) (Seller Prize Amount Rs.10/-, Total Prize Amount Rs.110/- each) 0013 0076 0101 0125 0142 0171 0248 0295 0344 0449 0452 0515 0539 0551 0657 0662 0686 0709 0810 0844 0872 0899 0918 0921 1032 1140 1152 1264 1307 1310 1460 1484 1666 1667 1684 1692 1807 1811 1931 1964 2006 2016 2026 2046 2056 2126 2146 2226 2246 2371 2423 2431 2461 2536 2560 2649 2652 2666 2672 2686 2786 2823 2825 2840 2911 2942 3076 3102 3105 3164 3182 3237 3240 3336 3361 3391 3412 3500 3592 3618 3704 3736 3864 3935 3959 3993 3996 4032 4173 4297 4435 4501 4530 4567 4575 4593 4609 4613 4640 4674 4729 4749 4791 4831 4869 4993 5091 5094 5153 5153 5273 5283 5320 5416 5431 5448 5465 5509 5772 6505 5933 6008 6060 6121 6130 6200 6202 6274 6341 6344 6440 6515 6530 6548 6556 6572 6601 6668 6702 6732 6762 6801 6809 6864 6954 6974 7010 7042 7077 7200 7260 7265 7266 7293 7372 7382 7395 7449 7462 7521 7590 7765 7837 7846 7905 7922 8100 8105 8181 8218 8368 8377 8389 8394 8408 8423 8432 8522 8638 8640 8668 8847 8849 8874 9104 9225 9226 9367 9479 9505 9564 9588 9679 9690 9774 9934 Issued by DIRECTORATE OF PUNJAB STATE LOTTERIES Kindly check the final result with Official Gazette Notification

Missing Deed Notice This Notice is issued as per instruction given by HDFC Bank Ltd. one customer Sh. Anil Kumar Garg and Sh. Sunil Kumar Garg sons of Sh. Janardhan Saroop has applied Loan from HDFC BANK LTD. on property situated in village Mullana Sub Tehsil Mullana Tehsil Bahraich Distt. Ambala, Haryana No. 159, Khewat/ Khatali No. 236/270, Kharsa No. 44/13/2/2/2 (4-B) measuring 13 Marlas 7 sarais owned vide Sale Deed No. 1457 dated 06/03/2023 and 1362 dated 28/12/2023 and Sale deed No. 526 dated 19/06/2023 that as per Owners in old chain Title of property Original Sale deed No. 76 dated 19/04/2012 executed and registered by Sh. Jaswant Singh S/o Sh. Daulat Singh in favor of Smt. Jasvinder Kaur w/o Sh. Kulvinder Singh and Sale deed No. 1115 dated 03/01/2008 executed and registered by Smt. Neelam Rani w/o Sh. Satish in favor of Sh. Bakar Singh S/o Sh. Chandan Singh is lost and not Found. Hence if any concern Bank/ person having any claim/object on above lost deed he/she may kindly raised your objection in writing within 14 days to: Adv. Parminder Singh, House No. 362, Line No. 8-D, Sector-C, Defence Colony, Ludhiana Cantt. 133001, Mob. 9898644404

Public Notice I, Chinder Kaur alias Shinder Kaur W/o Gurmeet Singh R/o Sahni Farm, Kirmach, Kirmach (6), Kurukshetra (Haryana)-136119 Mobile 99929 78571 Declare that, my Sale Deed No 14626 Dated 19.10.2011 and Sale Deed No 6142 Dated 10.09.2012 is lost somewhere in Village Kirmach on Date 29.10.2024 at 12:11 AM. A DDR No 13232030401614 is lodged in Police Station Kurukshetra University. If anyone has found it, Kindly contact us at the following address or mobile number.

Public Notice This is to inform and to seek objections, if any, from general public that Kotak Mahindra Bank Ltd., through its branch office situated at Chandigarh is advancing loan advancing from HDFC Bank Ltd. 15 Marlas 7 sarais owned vide Sale Deed No. 1457 dated 06/03/2023 and 1362 dated 28/12/2023 and Sale deed No. 526 dated 19/06/2023 that as per Owners in old chain Title of property Original Sale deed No. 76 dated 19/04/2012 executed and registered by Sh. Jaswant Singh S/o Sh. Daulat Singh in favor of Smt. Jasvinder Kaur w/o Sh. Kulvinder Singh and Sale deed No. 1115 dated 03/01/2008 executed and registered by Smt. Neelam Rani w/o Sh. Satish in favor of Sh. Bakar Singh S/o Sh. Chandan Singh is lost and not Found. Hence if any concern Bank/ person having any claim/object on above lost deed he/she may kindly raised your objection in writing within 14 days to: Adv. Parminder Singh, House No. 362, Line No. 8-D, Sector-C, Defence Colony, Ludhiana Cantt. 133001, Mob. 9898644404

HARYANA SHEHRI VIKAS PRADHIKARAN PUBLIC NOTICE Online applications, in prescribed application form, are invited from the land owners whose lands were acquired in the past to develop the Sectors in Estates under Panchkula Zone, i.e., Kaithal Mandi Township, Pundri. The oustees are requested to apply along with application money Rs. 50,000/- for the concerned Sector. The claims of oustees will be decided in terms of policy dated 11.08.2016 and 08.05.2018. For detailed terms and conditions, terms of payment, policy guidelines and Sector wise & category wise details of the plots are available on the HSPV website i.e. (www.hsphry.org.in). The scheme will start w.e.f. 03.12.2024 and close on 03.01.2025 at 5:00PM. For any other details, interested persons may contact Estate Officer, HSPV, Kaithal (01746-357201). Note:- It is hereby clarified that land owners who applied for allotment of plots under oustees category in the advertisement issued by the HSPV previously shall have to apply afresh.

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## Korean crisis

President Yoon Suk Yeol briefly declared martial law, a move that ignited domestic outrage and international condemnation

A brief martial law was imposed in South Korea, a country known to have a stable democracy and prosperity to vie for. The South Korean President Yoon Suk Yeol took this extreme step to preserve his position amid falling popularity. He faces the toughest challenge of his presidency after a controversial decision to impose martial law backfired spectacularly, plunging the nation into a deep political crisis. The fallout has sparked widespread protests, calls for his resignation, and even moves toward impeachment. Yoon declared martial law, citing national security concerns and the need to eliminate "anti-state elements." However, many viewed the measure as a desperate attempt to consolidate power amid mounting political and personal scandals. The backlash was immediate and severe, with lawmakers rushing to overturn the decree and protesters gathering en masse in the streets of Seoul. Within hours, Yoon revoked the order, but the reversal failed to quell public anger.



The damage was done.

Yoon's presidency, which began with a narrow 2022 election victory, has been riddled with controversy. His platform, focused on gender neutrality and hawkish stances on North Korea, initially appealed to younger male voters. However, a series of missteps and scandals—ranging from allegations of corruption involving First Lady Kim Keon Hee to tensions with the opposition-controlled National Assembly—have steadily eroded his approval ratings. The Democratic Party's landslide win in April's parliamentary elections further isolated Yoon politically.

With an emboldened opposition, efforts to impeach key government officials linked to Yoon's administration gained momentum, leaving the president with limited room to maneuver. The martial law declaration was a last-ditch effort by a president grappling with dwindling support and mounting resistance within his own party. Indeed the move was a miscalculation, a desperate attempt which backfired miserably with significant political fallout. The incident has intensified efforts by the opposition to impeach Yoon, with some members of his party now openly calling for his resignation. Protesters have taken to the streets in unprecedented numbers, with labour unions threatening nationwide strikes unless Yoon steps down. The crisis has raised alarm among South Korea's allies, including the United States and Japan have expressed serious concerns. Their worst fear of course is that North Korea may exploit the internal chaos to escalate tensions with the South, further destabilising the region. For South Korea, this moment represents a critical test of its democratic resilience. The swift revocation of martial law suggests that institutional checks and balances remain robust. However, the path forward will require careful navigation to prevent further polarisation and ensure stability in one of Asia's most vibrant democracies.

### PICTALK



Flamingos at the Pulicat Lake with backwaters brimming to the full, near Sriharikota

## G20 Rio summit: A new voice for the Global South



SUDHIR HINDWAN

The summit addressed pressing global challenges such as economic disparities, environmental degradation, food security and poverty alleviation

The nineteenth Summit of the G 20 held recently in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil holds a lot of significance in raising the voice of the Global South. In addition to the 19 member states, this summit also had two more members which included the African and the European Unions. Amid uncertainty on account of West Asian crises and the ongoing Russian-Ukraine conflict the summit focused on two pertinent issues: the increasing economic disparities and the degradation of the environment besides, the question of food security and poverty alleviation have also become paramount topics of the agenda for a stable and peaceful world order.

In the wake of the economic crisis of 1997, the G-20 Group was formed in 1999 with the basic purpose of uplifting the economies from economic doom and since then economic aggrandizement has been the central point of discussions in all the G-20 summits. The Group of 20 includes an amalgamation of the most powerful as well as the developing countries of the global order like: the United States, France, China, India, Japan, Germany, Russia, the UK, Brazil, Canada, Italy, Indonesia, Japan, Mexico, Saudi Arabia, South Africa, South Korea, Turkey, Argentina, Australia. Adding Spain as a permanent guest of the G20 and the recent inclusion of the African Union and the European Union has extended its scope and area of influence.

The latest meeting of G 20 is important from the point of view that now countries of the south started giving a major push to their innate aims and the latest in the series is the idea of green industrial planning and strategies. The increasing demand for bringing about a few reforms in the major international monetary and governing institutions such as the World Bank, IMF the WTO and the Security Council of the UNO indicates the changing dimensions of the Group as now there seems to be a shift towards a more transparent and inclusive world system beside the Cultural Contiguity and exchanges about



energy resources are some new take away of the G 20 meetings. On the other hand, the member countries have increasingly realised the need for sustainable development along with increasing concern for deadly spikes of increasing temperature across the globe. The fullest utilisation of modern technology in the economy such as the digital economy remains another important topic that can play a magnificent role in upgrading the old pattern to save valuable time. The rich experience of India in promoting brotherhood and uplifting standards particularly from developing countries to undoubtedly a developed nation is a lot to learn from. India's remarkable progress in the IT industry has opened new doors for Indian companies, which are now aggressively expanding into overseas markets.

The country's compliance and regulatory authorities have ensured that foreign investments are secure and economic transactions are monitored thoroughly. Despite the challenges posed by a tough global economic climate, India's G20 Presidency during 2023 had already provided it with an opportunity to position itself as a key player in global manufacturing and a reliable partner in various sectors. The cooperation among G20

DESPIKE THE CHALLENGES POSED BY A TOUGH GLOBAL ECONOMIC CLIMATE, INDIA'S G20 PRESIDENCY DURING 2023 HAD ALREADY PROVIDED IT WITH AN OPPORTUNITY TO POSITION ITSELF AS A KEY PLAYER IN GLOBAL MANUFACTURING AND A RELIABLE PARTNER IN VARIOUS SECTORS

nations has also fostered the development of new strategies to meet the needs of vulnerable countries, fostering a more inclusive global society. This cooperation could promote a positive shift in international relations, promoting greater harmony and collaboration. India's impressive progress is largely attributed to its incredibly foresighted leadership, immense talent and superb foresight. The setting up of the International Solar Alliance, the Green Hydrogen Innovation Centre, One Sun One World One Grid, and the Global Biofuel Alliance along with the waste-to-energy efforts of India speaks volumes of its being the front leader among G 20 Countries. Prime Minister Modi has very well highlighted the remarkable efforts and achievements of India in his speech. He is undoubtedly the most respected and popular leader of World Politics who has made India the leading voice of the Global South. Gradually the scope of G 20 partnership has expanded to include critical areas such as disaster management, digital infrastructure, and climate change, making it a multifaceted initiative with both security and development dimensions as these are also some issues that are raising concerns about the international community.

However, the G-20 countries are also navigating through social and political pressures and their success will depend on how these countries maintain growth momentum amid numerous challenges. By addressing these challenges on account of socio, cultural economic and political pangs, the G 20 can further solidify its position as a global economic powerhouse, capable of driving growth not only among member countries but also able to create an inclusive world order. By fostering diplomatic engagement and conflict resolution mechanisms, the G 20 group members may also promote stability while ensuring economic prosperity for all member nations. The group's shared strategic vision is vital in shaping a multi-layered, multilateral strategy for dealing with not only economic but also security challenges in an increasingly interconnected world. The G 20 can also become a platform for fostering development in fields such as education, science, biotechnology, and strategic planning, further strengthening the bonds between its members and slowing the entire world community and India is playing front runner's role with the ablest leadership at the helm. (The writer is a professor and expert on strategic affairs; views are personal)

### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

#### INDIA MUST ACT NOW

Madam — Apropos of the editorial 'No love lost' and the headlines 'Bangladesh challenges India,' the trajectory of diplomatic relations between India and Bangladesh is steeply going down from unfriendliness to the bottom of hostility in the long-term perspective. Bangladesh is moving menacingly fast to Pakistan's fate with a point of no return. Atrocities on Hindu minorities have been echoed across continents and the phenomenon is similar to Pakistan and Afghanistan. Hindus in India are in deep anguish and seek diplomatic and trade and commerce cessation with Bangladesh. The extremist political and religious culture of Bangladesh will not allow cordiality of diplomatic relations with India even at the cost of their own peril as Pakistan did. Afghanistan has already done it. Pakistan, Afghanistan, the Maldives, and now Bangladesh, all neighbours of our country, are in long-lasting turmoil on religious militancy, extremism, and atrocities on minorities, as well as economic bankruptcy.

These countries are killing their own minorities of Hindus and other religions and even their own minorities within the Islamic fold. Bangladesh is now a liability for India, and we can't risk our 4156 km border with Bangladesh with insecurity, violence, and infiltration. We can't afford to allow five states-Assam, Tripura, Mizoram, Meghalaya, and Tripura-to be inflamed in communal violence and anarchy. Bangladesh is devastated by its extremists and their supporters and sponsors in the government. Truly, the mayhem on Hindus can't be perpetrated without government support. It is the most opportune time to stop and cease all civil & food supplies, electricity, tourism, and rail-air-road links with Bangladesh. Even Bangladesh-bound air traffic on our skies should be banned. As Pakistan is fighting for its existential survival, so will Bangladesh, sooner than later. The Modi government must contemplate tough action against Bangladesh, as it will send a strong message to countries like Pakistan

#### Assassination bid on Badal



The attack on SAD chief Sukhbir Singh Badal at the Golden Temple complex is the surprising incident. Sukhbir Singh, who is fulfilling his religious punishment given by Akal Takt, has been targeted by the lone wolf attacker, Narain Singh Chaura. The open fire

incident within the Harmandir Saheb Golden Temple Complex is a sheer breach of security and raised concerns over the safety of the Gurudwar complex. Although Sukhbir Singh is safe now, thanks to the Z-plus protection, the police in plain clothes rescued him from the intended act of the assassination. Amidst the bullet-firing attack, it is regrettable that security failure happened, although the alertness of the police personnel halted any misdeed, and every worshipper is safe, including Sukhbir Singh. But somewhere the security breach at the golden temple complex yet remains a question. Meanwhile the investigation is initiated, and police are probing for the real guilty for this whole act; the government must step in to enhance the security of the golden temple complex so that future such incidences can be avoided.

Kirti Wadhawan | Kanpur

and China. There is no point in soliciting the UN Peacekeeping force in Bangladesh, as the UN failed to stop even the bloodiest wars in West Asia and Ukraine.

Vinod Johri | Delhi

#### WATER AS 'HIGH-RISK FOOD'

Madam — The food regulatory body of India, FSSAI, has categorised packaged drinking water and mineral water as "high-risk food." According to FSSAI, high-risk foods are those that pose a higher risk of food poisoning due to contamination, poor storage, or poor handling. These require closer and regular inspections to safeguard consumers from food poisoning and other health issues. Consumption of drinking water that is not fully purified can lead to cholera, diarrhoea, typhoid, amebiasis, hepatitis, gastroenteritis, and various other health issues.

Also, if the containers used to store water are unsafe, it can lead to chronic health issues. According to the FSSAI, manufacturers of packaged drinking water will have to pass mandatory inspections before getting a license, and packaged drinking water

products will now undergo more stringent safety checks through regular inspections and audits.

M Pradyu | Kannur

#### FRAUDSTERS TARGET SENIOR CITIZENS

Madam — Increasing cybercrime frauds are a nightmare for senior citizens. The senior citizens are not tech-savvy enough to operate a smartphone, which they prefer to use mostly for communicating with their near and dear ones. The fraudsters target the senior citizens who are lonely and carry on their vices, resulting in losing their hard-earned savings. Banks may exercise adequate caution in honouring the transfer requests by delaying a day or two by instituting sufficient checks on the destination account before carrying on the instructions. The telecom authorities also may advise the service providers to institute sufficient firewalls on the spam callers.

Gopalaswamy J | Chennai

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## Sexual and reproductive health can drive economic growth

By prioritising sexual and reproductive health in workplace policies, the private sector can be a powerful catalyst for change and lead the way

India stands poised on the brink of a transformative era, with unprecedented opportunities for economic and social progress. Yet, one critical area remains starkly underdeveloped: women's participation in the workforce. Despite notable strides in various sectors, women's workforce participation in India stagnates at a concerning 20 per cent.

This is not just a social inequity but a pressing economic challenge. The private sector, which is experiencing rapid growth and evolution, holds immense potential to address this imbalance. By integrating sexual and reproductive health (SRH) into workplace policies, India can pave the way for greater gender parity, enhanced productivity, and accelerated economic growth.

#### Women and Workforce-Bridging the Gap

Women constitute nearly half the global population, yet workplaces often fail to accommodate their needs adequately. According to the UNFPA report Advancing Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights in the Private Sector - The Case for



Action and Accountability in the Workplace, businesses must take comprehensive actions to ensure women's well-being in professional environments.

#### SRH as a Catalyst for Women's Empowerment

Sexual and reproductive health (SRH) plays a vital role in empowering women to reach their full economic potential. In India, limited access to essential services like reproductive healthcare, family planning, and childcare continues to hinder women's workforce participation. These barriers are compounded by societal norms that disproportionately burden women with caregiving responsibilities, making it challenging to balance personal and professional lives. Elevating the Care Economy

The care economy, encompassing both paid and unpaid caregiving roles, is a cornerstone of workforce participation, particularly for women. Many women are compelled to leave the workforce or transition to part-time roles due to caregiving responsibilities. Affordable childcare, eldercare, and flexible work arrangements provided by businesses can significantly alleviate these challenges.

Investing in the care economy is more than corporate social responsibility; it is a sound economic strategy. When women are supported in managing their dual roles, they are more likely to remain in the workforce, contributing to economic growth and workplace inclusivity.

#### Strengthening Social Protections

Robust social protections are fundamental to ensuring women's economic security. Enhancing maternity benefits, broadening health insurance coverage, and providing mental health support can create a workplace culture where women feel valued and supported. Such measures are crucial to fostering gender equality and inclusivity.

#### Fostering Inclusivity

An inclusive workplace requires more than offering flexible hours or equal pay-it demands a cultural shift. Companies must actively combat discrimination and harassment, creating environments where women feel safe and supported. Initiatives like vocational training and entrepreneurship programmes can also help close the gender gap.

#### Creating a Supportive Ecosystem for SRH

Effective SRH initiatives require a supportive ecosystem that promotes awareness and access to resources. This includes regular training, accessible services, open dialogue, and confidential counseling for employees.

#### Ensuring Accountability

To maximise the impact of SRH policies, businesses must establish clear metrics for monitoring and evaluation. Regular progress reports promote transparency and accountability, building trust among employees and stakeholders. (The writer is CEO, UpFront, member of UNFPA's Coalition for Reproductive Justice in Business; views are personal)



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### US-CHINA TRADE WAR HEATS UP

Trump set to amplify Biden's tough stance with tariffs and export controls



KUMARDEEP BANARJEE

The loaded guns are out for the two largest economies of the world, the US and China, even before the original hard hitter Donald Trump takes charge as the new President in January next year. In one of his last "Containing China" measures outgoing President Joe Biden has imposed additional export controls on high-end chips, chip-making equipment to China, which can be used as components or in the manufacturing of weapons as well. The new restrictions also directly target some of the largest chipmakers in China, thus throwing in as many road blocks as possible in the dragon's aggressive weaponisation programme. Not to be cowered China imposed retaliatory controls on the export of critical minerals such as Gallium, Antimony etc, which are essential components of the chips.

Even as these measures were being announced, President-elect Donald Trump has been threatening the 9 member BRICS nations with severe 100 per cent tariffs, in case, they choose to create an alternate global currency to the dollar. Mr Trump has already threatened Canada, Mexico and the EU with the tariffs scalpel unless they come back to him with offers that are hard to ignore. Trump's third favourite word is tariffs, which he uses as leverage to negotiate trade deals with allies and enemies.

The nations that have faced the latest threat of high tariffs from Donald Trump have already taken a cautionary approach to negotiating with the tough business person. Canada and Mexico have sounded out that would be more interested in sweetening the deal with the US under Trump, than confronting him on the tariff issues. China knows that Trump would be higher on optics, than his predecessor Joe Biden, on issues where the



US considers them as a direct threat. In one of the recently published editorials in the Chinese government mouthpiece Global Times, the Internet Society of China, the China Association of Automobile Manufacturers, the China Semiconductor Industry Association, and the China Association of Communications Enterprises are quoted to have issued statements terming US chips as unsafe and unreliable.

It further states "The US has used this measure to greatly expand its power, affecting many countries and regions, including Japan, the Netherlands, Israel, Malaysia, Singapore, South Korea, and China's Taiwan region. This will severely disrupt the stability of the global industrial and supply chains and undermine the international economic and trade order." Incoming President Trump is likely to have a harder stance on export controls and, high tariffs for China imports. The incoming administration is likely to focus on high decibels, high optics, and control China measures than what the Joe Biden administration has achieved. It would be worthwhile to note, that some of the restrictive measures against China introduced, during Trump's first presidency, have only been upgraded and made tougher under President Joe Biden.

Therefore at some level, there is bipartisan support for containing China in the US government. India has been watching this space carefully and knows well that it cannot escape the US tariff cannon for too long. It is also well aware that, there is a trade surplus with the US, which means it exports more than imports. Incoming President Trump even though has good relations with Indian PM Modi, is hardly going to miss this infraction. Obviously, the only safe prediction is a degree of unpredictability. Different countries have had their own experiences from the first Administration and would presumably draw from that to approach the second. Naturally, between two major economies, there will always be some give and take. When we look at economic or technology domains, the case for trusted and reliable partnerships have actually increased in recent years. A lot of what lies ahead would be in fashioning terms of engagement that are perceived as mutually beneficial. "A careful recalibration of India's trade relations is on the anvil, not just with the US, but also with its other allies.

(The writer is a policy analyst; views are personal)

# Charting Bharat's role in a multipolar world

Renowned Russian philosopher Aleksandr Gelyevich Dugin advocates for civilisational revival and the decolonisation of the mind



BHABANI SONOWAL



Aleksandr Gelyevich Dugin, the Russian philosopher, presents a compelling vision of a multipolar world that seeks to restore balance and harmony to international relations. His recent visit to India, during which he delivered an insightful speech at the Russian Centre in New Delhi on November 19, highlighted his ideas on the importance of civilisational revival. Listening to Dugin was a profound experience, as he articulated the need for great civilisations such as Bharat (India), Russia, and China to assume their rightful roles in shaping a new global order. Dugin's philosophy is deeply intertwined with the concept of State-Civilisation, which transcends the boundaries of the Nation-State model imposed by the Westphalian system. In this framework, civilisations are not merely political entities but repositories of spiritual, cultural, and historical identity.

For Dugin, Bharat exemplifies this notion as it represents a civilisation rooted in ancient wisdom, from the teachings of the Vedas and Upanishads to its rich traditions of Dharmic philosophy. He argues that this heritage uniquely positions Bharat to lead a process of decolonisation—not just politically, but mentally and spiritually. Decolonisation of the mind, Dugin asserts, is essential for nations seeking to reclaim their civilisational sovereignty. Bharat's re-engagement with its Vedic and Upanishadic traditions is not merely an academic exercise but a means of reconnecting with eternal principles that transcend the temporal constructs of modernity. In his view, traditional spiritual processes should be revived as living, evolving frameworks that can guide contemporary governance and social organisation.

He draws a parallel with Russia's return to Orthodox Christianity, which he sees as a similar act of reclaiming spiritual identity in defiance of Western liberalism. The philosopher emphasises that the post-Cold War unipolar world order, dominated by Western hegemony, has exhausted itself. Dugin critiques the universalisation of liberal values, arguing that they are inherently tied to the Atlanticist worldview and therefore unfit to govern the plurality of human cultures. Liberalism, he contends, prioritises individualism and market ideology at the expense of collective, spiritual, and civilisational values.

As he wrote in The Fourth Political Theory,



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"Modernity is a project that has exhausted itself. The future lies in the revival of traditional societies, metaphysical truths, and spiritual values." For Dugin, multipolarity represents an alternative to this unipolar dominance, offering a framework for civilisations to engage with one another as equals.

This vision is rooted in dialogue rather than conflict, with each civilisation contributing its unique insights and values. Bharat, China, and Russia, he argues, form a natural triad that can anchor this new world order. He views these three civilisations as distinct yet complementary, with Bharat's Vedic traditions, China's Confucianism and Taoism, and Russia's Orthodoxy providing diverse philosophical and spiritual foundations for a balanced global system. Dugin's ideas resonate with contemporary geopolitical realities, as platforms like BRICS demonstrate the potential for collaboration among major civilisational powers.

He sees BRICS not merely as an economic bloc but as a symbolic embodiment of multipolarity—a round table where civilisations can cooperate without succumbing to Western hegemony. Drawing on the Arthurian legend, Dugin suggests that the multipolar world should function as a round table, where all participants, including the West, have an equal seat, provided they relinquish hegemonic ambitions. Bharat's renaming from India, in Dugin's view, exemplifies the philosophical and cultural depth of this multipolar project.

He perceives this act as a profound rejection of the colonial narrative imposed by Western powers. For Dugin, names carry immense metaphysical significance, and "Bharat" embodies a self-affirmed identity that reclaims the spiritual and cultural essence of the civilisation. This aligns with his broader advocacy for civilisations to transcend the artificial constructs of modernity and rediscover their historical and spiritual cores. The philosopher

also stresses the strategic importance of Eurasia in achieving this vision. He argues that the geographic, cultural, and economic ties between Bharat, China, and Russia make them natural allies in reshaping global power structures. By aligning their civilisational and strategic interests, these three powers can mediate international conflicts and create a more equitable world order. As Dugin writes in Foundations of Geopolitics, "Russia's mission is to unite the peoples and nations of Eurasia into a single geopolitical space that rejects Western domination and promotes a multipolar world." Central to Dugin's vision is the rejection of Western universalism.

He critiques the West's attempt to impose its values globally, arguing that this approach erases the distinctiveness of other cultures and leads to alienation. In contrast, the multipolar world Dugin envisions celebrates diversity, recognising the plurality of human experience and thought. Civilisations, he asserts, should engage in dialogue while preserving their unique identities. As he states in "The Great War of Continents," "The salvation of humanity lies in preserving the plurality of cultures and civilisations."

This rejection of universalism extends to Dugin's critique of modernity, which he sees as a destructive force that undermines traditional values. He identifies a global trend toward the revival of traditionalism, noting that civilisations are increasingly turning to their spiritual roots in response to the moral and cultural relativism of liberalism. From Bharat's Vedic revival to Russia's Orthodox resurgence and China's embrace of Confucianism, Dugin sees a worldwide movement toward reclaiming heritage. "The return to tradition," he writes, "is not an act of nostalgia but a necessity for survival in the face of cultural erosion."

Dugin views Bharat as a cornerstone of this traditionalist resurgence. Its

ability to mediate tensions, whether between China and the Islamic world or within the broader multipolar framework, highlights its potential as a stabilising force. Bharat's emphasis on spiritual heritage and cultural unity, he argues, sets an example for other civilisations seeking to harmonise their internal diversity with their external roles. The path to a multipolar world is not without challenges. Dugin acknowledges that the West's resistance to relinquishing its dominance could lead to conflicts, even escalating to dangerous levels. However, he remains optimistic about the long-term prospects of multipolarity, which he sees as a natural evolution of global history. This optimism is grounded in his belief that civilizational revival offers a more stable and equitable alternative to the power struggles of unipolarity.

In Dugin's analysis, the future lies in the hands of civilisations willing to reclaim their spiritual and cultural identities. Bharat's role is pivotal in this transformation. By embracing its Vedic heritage and fostering partnerships with other great civilisations, Bharat can help shape a world that values harmony over domination. As Dugin wrote in The Fourth Political Theory, "The multipolar world is not a competition of powers but a symphony of civilisations, each contributing its melody to the greater harmony."

Dugin's vision challenges conventional paradigms of International Relations, offering a deeply philosophical and civilisational approach to global politics. By placing spirituality and tradition at the core of his analysis, he provides a framework for a world that celebrates diversity while striving for collective progress. Bharat's role in this vision is both profound and indispensable, symbolising the potential for civilisations to lead humanity toward a more balanced and equitable future.

(The writer is an Assistant Professor at Bennett University; views expressed are personal)

# Financial literacy: The key to unlocking India's economic power

By teaching money management skills early, India can cultivate a generation of financially savvy individuals capable of driving economic growth

As we are about to wrap up 2024, it cannot be underestimated how important financial literacy is with changing trends of the economy, where education is pivotal in determining India's arrival as an economic superpower. Even now, with the growing financial awareness, only 27 per cent of Indian adults are financially literate; that number drops to a mere 16.7 per cent for students. Recognising the urgency for the skills of financial management, the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020 revolves around putting in place financial literacy from the early days of schooling in the country's educational system. Teaching children money management skills early in life helps develop financially responsible



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adults who can make sound decisions benefiting both themselves and the economy. In earlier times, financial education was largely informal. The previous generation was focused on accumulating tangible assets like gold and property. However, India's banking and financial system has undergone a vast transformation since the 1990s. With SEBI paving the way for new regulated asset classes for the

common public - mutual funds, stocks, bonds, REITs and multiple other financial products are available for the common public to invest and grow their capital. The establishment of the Securities Exchange Board of India (SEBI), has instilled confidence in financial markets and led to greater participation in investments. As India progresses towards a digital financial ecosystem, the demand for financial literacy has never been so crucial in navigating opportunities.

**Why Financial Literacy Needs to Start Early:** Financial literacy goes beyond just education; it is a life skill and mindset that needs to be cultivated from an early age. All the education policies stress encourage students to be mindful and well-

read towards financial issues so that they can cope with anything ranging from budgeting to retirement savings. Students with such financial sensibilities provided that they have been exposed practically to these concepts, would be able to cope with investment volatility, financial contingencies and planning for a strong future. Building such a ground is vital for citizens to contribute towards building a balanced economy.

**Taking Inspiration across the globe:** Switzerland, Japan, and South Korea have leveraged their core strengths—banking, technology, and manufacturing, respectively—to drive economic growth and establish distinct global identities. These unique specialisations have not only accelerated their eco-



nomical development but also secured their positions as global leaders in their respective domains.

Following their example, India could prioritise financial literacy as a national initiative to enhance its citizens' saving and investing behaviours while increasing economic participation. This focus could yield significant social benefits: reducing poverty, narrowing income

inequality, and improving the quality of life for millions. India's abundant advantages—from its tech-savvy youth to its robust educational infrastructure—position it favourably for global leadership in financial prosperity. However, these strengths alone are insufficient. Without proper financial knowledge, even the most talented individuals may struggle to maximise their potential, ultimately hindering economic growth. By combining financial education with India's technological expertise and expanding educational framework, the nation can nurture future entrepreneurs, investors, and professionals who will not only excel in their careers but also effectively manage and grow their wealth. A multi-pronged approach can

help to establish a financially literate India. The key steps to follow:

**Integrating Personal Finance into Curricula:** Personal finance should be included as part of the school and college syllabus so that a strong foundation towards money management & finance for a lifetime.

**Nationwide Awareness Programs:** Public campaigns on financial literacy will reach areas lacking financially literate communities, effectively democratizing access to that knowledge as well as encouraging wider economic participation.

**Leveraging Technology and Partnerships:** Public-private partnerships can make financial education accessible and attractive. By using technol-

ogy, it is possible to cast interactive sessions and impart practical, real-life skills to a broader audience, regardless of their location.

**A Call to Action for all of us:** It is now time to recognise financial literacy as an indispensable part of our journey towards education and the economic boom of India. Financial literacy, more than a skill, should be regarded as a strategic enabler to achieve personal growth. Through the infusion of financial education across all levels, which range from classrooms to boardrooms, we can unleash a superpower that will help our population bloom and lead us into the 21st century.

(The writer is founder and CEO of StockGro; views are personal)

# No-confidence vote topples Barnier govt in France

AP ■ PARIS

French President Emmanuel Macron will address the nation Thursday, a day after the National Assembly ousted Prime Minister Michel Barnier in a historic no-confidence vote that has left France without a functioning government. Macron is expected to focus on stabilising the political crisis and possibly naming a new prime minister to navigate the fractured parliament.



French Prime Minister Michel Barnier addresses the National Assembly prior to a vote on a no-confidence motion that could bring him down and his cabinet for the first time since 1962 in Paris. AP/PTI

Barnier formally submitted his resignation Thursday morning at the Elysée Palace, fulfilling a constitutional obligation. The no-confidence motion passed by 331 votes in the National Assembly, forcing Barnier to step down after just three months in office — the shortest tenure of any prime minister in modern French history. **Pressure to act swiftly:** Macron faces the critical task of naming a replacement capable of leading a minority government in a parliament where no party holds a majority. Yael Braun-Pivet, president of the National Assembly and a member of Macron's party, urged the president to move quickly. "I recommend he decide rapidly on a new prime minister," Braun-Pivet said Thursday on France Inter radio. "There must

not be any political hesitation. We need a leader who can speak to everyone and work to pass a new budget bill." The process may prove challenging. Macron's administration has yet to confirm any names, though French media have reported a shortlist of centrist candidates who might appeal to both sides of the political spectrum. Macron took more than two months to appoint Barnier after his party's defeat in June's legislative elections, raising concerns about potential delays this time.

**Calls for Macron to step down:** The no-confidence vote has galvanised opposition leaders, with some explicitly calling for Macron's resignation. "I believe that stability requires the departure of the President of the Republic," said Manuel Bompard, leader of the far-left France Unbowed party, on BFM TV Wednesday night. Far-right National Rally leader Marine Le Pen, whose party holds the most seats in the Assembly, did not explicitly call for Macron's resignation but warned that "the pressure on the President of the Republic

will get stronger and stronger." Macron, however, has dismissed such calls and ruled out new legislative elections. The current French constitution does not call for a president to resign after his government was ousted by the National Assembly. "I was elected to serve until 2027, and I will fulfil that mandate," he told reporters earlier this week. The constitution also says that new legislative elections cannot be held until at least July, creating a potential stalemate for policymakers.

**Economic uncertainty:** The political instability has heightened concerns about France's economy, particularly its debt, which could rise to 7 per cent of GDP next year without significant reforms. Analysts say that Barnier's government downfall could push up French interest rates, digging the debt even further. Rating agency Moody's warned late Wednesday that the government's fall "reduces the likelihood of consolidating public finances" and worsens the political gridlock. Macron's speech, scheduled for 8 pm local time, is expected to address these economic challenges while setting a course for the future government.

# Yoon replaces defence minister as S Korea's parliament nears vote on their impeachments

AP ■ SEOUL

South Korea's president Yoon Suk Yeol replaced his defence minister Thursday as opposition parties moved to impeach both men over the stunning yet short-lived imposition of martial law that brought armed troops into Seoul streets. The main opposition Democratic Party and other small opposition parties submitted a joint motion to impeach President Yoon Suk Yeol on Wednesday over his martial law declaration the previous night. Martial law lasted about six hours, as the National Assembly quickly voted to overrule the president, forcing his Cabinet to lift it before daybreak Wednesday. On Thursday, Yoon's office said he decided to replace Defense Minister Kim Yong Hyun with Choi Byung Hyuk, a retired four-star general who is South Korea's ambassador to Saudi Arabia. Vice Defense Minister Kim Seon Ho will be the acting minister until Choi assumes the job after a parliamentary hearing. The hearing is a formality as the president holds the power to appoint ministers outside of the prime minister without the approval of lawmakers. Yoon's office didn't provide any further comments by him.

He hasn't appeared in public since he announced in a televised address that his government was lifting the martial law declaration. The opposition parties earlier submitted a separate motion to impeach Kim, alleging he recommended that Yoon impose martial law. Kim had offered to resign and apologized for causing disruption and concern to the public. Kim said "all troops who performed duties related to martial law were acting on my instructions, and all responsibility lies with me," according to the Defense Ministry. The impeachment motion against Yoon was introduced in parliament early Thursday, meaning it can be put to a vote between Friday and Sunday. It will be scrapped if it isn't voted within 72 hours of its parliamentary introduction, but a new motion can be submitted if the current one is scrapped or voted down, according to National Assembly officials. Jo Seung-lae, spokesperson of the Democratic Party, said it will push for a National Assembly vote on the impeachment motion on Saturday evening, to provide sufficient time for the conservative lawmakers to contemplate their decisions on what he described as an "unconstitutional, illegal rebellion or coup."

On Friday, the Democrats and other opposition lawmakers voted to impeach Choi Jae-hae, chairman of the country's board of audit and inspection, and three top public prosecutors, including Seoul Central District Prosecutors' Office chief Lee Chang-soo. The four will be suspended from their duties until the Constitutional Court rules whether to remove them from office. Members of the Yoon's ruling conservative People Power Party boycotted the votes, leaving the totals overwhelming over the threshold to impeach them. The Democratic Party's continued impeachment attempts of senior government officials and prosecutors have been a major source of conflict with Yoon, who during his martial law announcement accused the opposition of "anti-state activities" and "paralyzing the government." Prospects for Yoon's impeachment isn't clear as Yoon's People Power Party decided Thursday to oppose the motion's passage. Choo Kyung-ho, the floor leader of the PPP, told reporters that his party would hold another meeting to determine how to oppose the motion's passage. Observers say PPP members could simply boycott a floor vote or cast ballots against the motion.

Impeaching him would require support from two-thirds of the National Assembly, or 200 of its 300 members. The opposition parties together have 192 seats and they need additional votes from the PPP. Some experts earlier said the motion will likely be passed through parliament as 18 PPP lawmakers, who belong to an anti-Yoon faction in the party, already voted down Yoon's martial law decree together with opposition lawmakers. But speaking to reporters Thursday, PPP leader Han Dong-hun, head of the anti-Yoon faction, said he would work to ensure that the impeachment motion doesn't pass though he remains critical of Yoon's action, which he described as "unconstitutional." Han said that there is a need to "prevent damage to citizens and supporters caused by unprepared chaos." Experts say rival factions in PPP could unite not to repeat their traumatic experiences following the 2016 impeachment of scandal-ridden conservative President Park Geun-hye, which happened after some lawmakers at her own party voted to impeach her. Park was eventually removed from office and arrested in 2017, and the liberals easily won the presidency in a by-election as conservatives remained in disarray.

# Syrian army withdraws from Hama after insurgents broke through its defences

AP ■ BEIRUT

The Syrian army says it has withdrawn from the central city of Hama after insurgents broke through its defences, in another setback for President Bashar Assad. The announcement Thursday came hours after opposition fighters said they had entered the city and were marching toward the centre. The Syrian army said it redeployed from Hama and took positions outside the city to protect the lives of civilians. The capture of Hama, Syria's fourth largest city, is another blow for Assad days after insurgents captured much of the northern city of Aleppo, the country's largest city. Syrian state media confirmed violent clashes between government forces and opposition gunmen on the eastern edges of Hama city but denied that the

insurgents had breached it. Hama is one of the few cities that remained under full government control during Syria's conflict, which broke out in March 2011 following a popular uprising. Its capture would be a major setback for President Bashar Assad. The offensive is being led by the jihadi group Hayat Tahrir al-Sham as well as an umbrella group of Turkish-backed Syrian militias called the Syrian National Army. Their sudden capture of the northern city of Aleppo, an ancient business hub, was a stunning prize for Assad's opponents and reignited the conflict which had been largely stalemated for the past few years. Aleppo's takeover marked the first opposition attack on the city since 2016, when a brutal Russian air campaign retook it for Assad after rebel forces had initially seized it. Intervention by Russia, Iran and Iranian-allied Hezbollah

and other militant groups has allowed Assad to remain in power. The latest flare-up in Syria's long civil war comes as Assad's main regional and international backers are preoccupied with their own wars. Tens of thousands of people have been displaced by the renewed fighting, which began with the surprise opposition offensive on November 27. The insurgents claimed on their Military Operations Department channel on the Telegram app Thursday that they have entered Hama and are marching toward its centre. "Our forces are taking positions inside the city of Hama," the channel quoted a local commander identified as Maj. Hassan Abdul-Ghani as saying. The Britain-based Syrian Observatory for Human Rights, an opposition war monitor, said gunmen have entered parts of the city, mainly the neighbourhoods

of Sawaq and Zahiriyyeh to the northwest. It added that gunmen are also on the edge of the northwestern neighbourhood of Kazo. "If Hama falls, it means that the beginning of the regime's fall has started," the Observatory's chief, Rami Abdulrahman, told The Associated Press. Hama is a major intersection point in Syria that links that country's centre with the north as well as the east and the west. It is about 200 kilometres north of the capital, Damascus, Assad's seat of power. Hama province also borders the coastal province of Latakia, a main base of popular support for Assad. The city's name is synonymous with the 1982 massacre of Hama, one of the most notorious in the modern Middle East, when security forces under Assad's late father, Hafez Assad, killed thousands to crush a Muslim Brotherhood uprising.

# Starmer to outline his 'Plan for Change'

AP ■ LONDON

British Prime Minister Keir Starmer is trying to change the narrative on his five-month-old government after plummeting approval ratings, business anxiety over tax hikes and protesting farmers clogging London streets. Conservative opposition leader Kemi Badenoch calls it an "emergency reset" by a floundering administration. But Starmer's office says the "Plan for Change" speech the prime minister will deliver on Thursday is not a relaunch or about-face, but "the next phase" in his government plan, intended to persuade voters that the government is making their lives better. Starmer's centre-left Labour Party was elected in July — ending 14 years of Conservative government — on a promise to get Britain's sluggish economy growing and restore frayed public services such as the state-funded National Health

Service. But it has been criticised, including by Labour supporters, for failing to show people how their lives will improve any time soon. The speech will set out "milestones" for measuring progress on economic growth, clean energy, reforming childcare and education, bolstering the NHS and cutting crime. It includes a pledge of 13,000 more neighbourhood police officers within five years. Starmer's office said he will say that "hard-working Brits ... reasonably want a stable economy, their country to be safe, their borders secure, more cash in their pocket, safer streets in their town, opportunities for their children, secure British energy in their home, and an NHS that is there when they need it." The government hopes to reverse a slew of negative headlines over its economic decisions — taken, it says, because the previous Conservative government left a 22 billion pound

(\$28 billion) "black hole" in the public finances. Spending cuts have included removing from millions of retirees a payment that helps cover winter heating costs — a move that sat awkwardly with revelations that Starmer had accepted clothes and other freebies at a time when millions of people are struggling with the cost of living. The government's first budget in late October included billions in new money for the health system, but also hiked a tax paid by employers, to the alarm of many businesses, and imposed inheritance tax on farmers for the first time in decades. Thousands of farmers thronged the streets around Parliament in November to protest a levy they say will ruin many family farms. The government says three-quarters of farms won't have to pay inheritance tax under the new rules. Starmer also lost a member of his Cabinet last week, when

Transport Secretary Louise Haigh resigned over an old fraud conviction involving a cell phone she'd reportedly stolen. The bad news has sent Starmer's poll ratings plunging deep into negative territory — though the opposition Conservatives are no more popular. Starmer has had more success abroad, where he is trying to reset Britain's relations with its European neighbours following years of acrimony over Brexit. But efforts to move closer to the bloc risk angering incoming President Donald Trump, who is hostile to the EU and has threatened to impose tariffs on European goods. Members of Starmer's government have been strongly critical of Trump in the past, but the Labour government has worked to build ties with the president-elect. Before the US election, Starmer flew to New York for dinner with the then-Republican presidential candidate.

# Taiwan, Guam should work together to defend freedom, says Prez Lai

AP ■ TAIPEI (TAIWAN)

Taiwan and Guam should work together to defend freedom and democracy in the region, Taiwanese President Lai Ching-te said Thursday on a visit to the American territory. Guam was Lai's second US stop during an ongoing tour of the Pacific Islands, following a visit to Hawaii last weekend. China's government claims Taiwan as its territory and says the self-governing island must come under its control at some point in the future. Lai, speaking to Guam's legislature, emphasised the shared values and strategic

importance of Taiwan and Guam in the Indo-Pacific region. "Let us together become the crucial force in defending freedom, democracy in the first island chain," he said, referring to a string of islands off the Asian continent that includes Japan, Taiwan and part of the Philippines. China, which considers Taiwan a renegade province, opposes any official interaction between the island's government and the United States. The US is the main overseas supplier of arms for Taiwan's defence, and has naval and air force bases on Guam. In Beijing, China's Foreign Ministry announced

sanctions on Thursday on 13 American companies and six executives in response to recently announced weapons sales to Taiwan. The executives include the president and vice president of Raytheon's Naval Power strategic business unit. The sanctions include a ban on entering China, including Hong Kong and Macao. Earlier this week, the ministry said it "strongly condemned" US support for Lai's visit to Hawaii and had lodged a complaint with the United States. A resolution from Guam's legislature welcomed Lai and expressed appreciation for Taiwan's "significant contri-

butions to Guam's economy and community," Speaker Therese Terlaje said. Lai called for deeper cooperation with Guam, highlighting aquaculture, hydroponic agriculture, construction projects and alternative energy as potential areas of partnership. Lai arrived in Guam on Wednesday night after visits to the Marshall Islands and Tuvalu. He was scheduled to fly to Palau, the final stop on his trip. The three Pacific Island countries are among 12 governments that recognise Taiwan diplomatically. The rest of the world, including the United States, has official ties with the Chinese government in Beijing.

# Bangladesh's ICT bans Sheikh Hasina's 'hate speeches'

PTI ■ DHAKA

The International Crimes Tribunal (ICT) of Bangladesh on Thursday ordered the authorities to ban the dissemination of all the "hate speeches" of ousted prime minister Sheikh Hasina in the media and on social networking platforms. The order follows Hasina's recent speech, her first public address after fleeing Bangladesh four months back, in which she mounted a stinging attack on the country's interim leader Muhammad Yunus, accusing him of perpetrating "genocide" and failing to protect minorities including Hindus. Bangladesh Sangbad Sangstha (BSS) reported that a two-member tribunal led by Justice Md

Golam Mortuza Mozumder passed the order and directed the authorities to remove all the "hate speeches" of Hasina from social media and take necessary steps to stop their dissemination in future in all types of mass media. Prosecutor Advocate Abdullah Al Noman told the news agency that the tribunal asked secretaries of the ICT Division, Ministry of Information and Broadcasting, and Bangladesh Telecommunication Regulatory Commission (BTRC) to execute the order. The prosecution earlier filed the petition, pleading to remove and restrict all types of hate speech and incitement by the ousted prime minister, which may intimidate the witnesses or vic-

tims or hamper investigation. Earlier, prosecutor Gazi MH Tamim briefed the media in this regard, saying not only in Bangladesh, making hate speech is a criminal offence in every law and every country around the world. "Sheikh Hasina has made speeches, where she was heard saying she got the license to kill 227 people as the same number of cases were filed against her. She was even heard giving threats to the victims and witnesses of the cases against her, through these speeches," Tamim said. In remarks delivered virtually to her supporters at an event in New York, Hasina, presently living in India, also claimed that there were plans to kill her

and her sister Sheikh Rehana just like their father Sheikh Mujibur Rahman was assassinated in 1975. Describing Yunus as "power-hungry", Hasina alleged that the places of worship in Bangladesh are under attack and the current dispensation has totally failed to deal with the situation. Hasina was speaking to supporters of her Awami League party at the event organised on Sunday to mark "Bijoy Dibos" or Victory Day that falls on December 16. Though Hasina made several statements in the last few months, it was her first public address after taking shelter, said an expert closely tracking developments in Bangladesh.

# Bitcoin tops USD 100,000 as big rally sparked by Trump election win rolls on

AP ■ NEW YORK

Bitcoin has topped the USD 100,000 mark as a massive rally in the world's most popular cryptocurrency sparked by the election of Donald Trump rolls on. The milestone comes just hours after the President-elect signalled a lighter regulatory approach to the crypto industry when he said he intends to nominate cryptocurrency advocate Paul Atkins to be the next chair of the Securities and Exchange Commission. Bitcoin has soared to unprecedented heights since Trump won the election November 5. The cryptocurrency has climbed dramatically from USD 69,374 on Election Day and rose as high as USD 103,713 Wednesday, according to CoinDesk. Just two years

ago, bitcoin dropped below USD 17,000 following the collapse of crypto exchange FTX. How long bitcoin will stay above the USD 100,000 mark is uncertain. It fell back to just under USD 102,000 early Thursday. As with everything in the volatile cryptoverse, the future is impossible to predict. And while some are bullish on future gains, other experts continue to warn of investment risks. **Back up. What is cryptocurrency again?** Cryptocurrency has been around for a while now. But, chances are, you've heard about it more and more over the last few years. In basic terms, cryptocurrency is digital money. This kind of currency is designed to work through an online network without a central authority — meaning it's typically not

backed by any government or banking institution — and transactions get recorded with technology called a blockchain. Bitcoin is the largest and oldest cryptocurrency, although other assets like etherium, tether and dogecoin have also gained popularity over the years. Some investors see cryptocurrency as a "digital alternative" to traditional money, but the large majority of daily financial transactions are still conducted using fiat currencies such as the dollar. Also, bitcoin can be very volatile, with its price reliant on larger market conditions. **Why is bitcoin soaring?** A lot of the recent action has to do with the outcome of the US presidential election. Trump, who was once a crypto-sceptic, has pledged to make the US "the crypto capital of the

planet" and create a "strategic reserve" of bitcoin. His campaign accepted donations in cryptocurrency and he courted fans at a bitcoin conference in July. He also launched World Liberty Financial, a new venture with family members to trade cryptocurrencies. Crypto industry players have welcomed Trump's victory, in hopes that he would be able to push through legislative and regulatory changes that they've long lobbied for — which, generally speaking, aim for an increased sense of legitimacy without too much red tape. Trump made a move in that direction Wednesday when he said he intends to nominate Paul Atkins to chair the Securities and Exchange Commission. Atkins was an SEC commissioner during the presidency of George W. Bush.

In the years since leaving the agency, Atkins has made the case against too much market regulation. He joined the Token Alliance, a cryptocurrency advocacy organization, in 2017. Under current chair Gary Gensler, the SEC has cracked down on the crypto industry, penalizing a number of companies for violating securities laws. But he's also faced criticism from industry players in the process, like the chief legal officer of Robinhood, who described Gensler's approach toward crypto as "rigid" and "hostile." Gensler will step down when Trump takes office. One crypto-friendly move the SEC did make under Gensler was the approval in January of spot bitcoin ETFs, or exchange trade funds, which allow investors to have a stake in bitcoin without directly buying it.

The Spot ETFs were the dominant driver of bitcoin's price before the election — but, like much of the crypto's recent momentum, saw record inflows postelection. **What are the risks?** History shows you can lose money in crypto as quickly as you've made it. Long-term price behaviour relies on larger market conditions. Trading continues at all hours, every day. At the start of the COVID-19 pandemic, bitcoin stood at just over USD 5,000. Its price climbed to nearly USD 69,000 by November 2021, during high demand for technology assets, but later crashed during an aggressive series of rate hikes by the Federal Reserve. And the late-2022 collapse of FTX significantly undermined confidence in crypto overall,

with bitcoin falling below USD 17,000. Investors began returning in large numbers as inflation started to cool — and gains skyrocketed on the anticipation and then early success of spot ETFs. But experts still stress caution, especially for small-pocketed investors. And lighter regulation from the coming Trump administration could mean less guardrails. "I would say, keep it simple. And don't take on more risk than you can afford to," said Adam Morgan McCarthy, a research analyst at Kaiko, adding that there isn't a "magic eight ball" to know for certain what comes next. **What about the climate impact?** Assets like bitcoin are produced through a process called "mining," which consumes a lot of energy.

Operations relying on pollutive sources have drawn particular concern over the years. Recent research published by the United Nations University and Earth's Future journal found that the carbon footprint of 2020-2021 bitcoin mining across 76 nations was equivalent to the emissions from burning 84 billion pounds of coal or running 190 natural gas-fired power plants. Coal satisfied the bulk of bitcoin's electricity demands (45 per cent), followed by natural gas (21 per cent) and hydropower (16 per cent). Environmental impacts of bitcoin mining boil largely down to the energy source used. Industry analysts have maintained that clean energy has increased in use in recent years, coinciding with rising calls for climate protections.



US Senate for designating Dec 3 as Chemical Disaster Awareness Day

On the occasion of the 40th anniversary of the Bhopal chemical disaster, three Senators have introduced a resolution to designate December 3 as National Chemical Disaster Awareness Day.

Resolution recognises 40-year efforts of 1984 Bhopal gas tragedy survivors

Applauding the resilience of the Bhopal chemical disaster survivors in battling to overcome ill health, poverty, and marginalization to try to establish a deterrent against future chemical disasters; the resolution calls on the Department of Justice to take timely steps in response to requests by the Indian Government concerning Dow Inc., who purchased the Union Carbide facility where the disaster took place.

Amnesty International says genocide being committed against Palestinians in Gaza, Israel rejects accusation

Amnesty International accused Israel of committing genocide in the Gaza Strip during its war with Hamas, saying it has sought to deliberately destroy Palestinians by mounting deadly attacks, demolishing vital infrastructure and preventing the delivery of food, medicine and other aid.

Israel, which was founded in the aftermath of the Holocaust, has adamantly rejected genocide allegations against it as an antisemitic "blood libel". It is challenging such allegations at the International Court of Justice, and it has rejected the International Criminal Court's accusations that Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and his former defense minister committed war crimes in Gaza.

Amnesty said it analyzed the overall pattern of Israel's conduct in Gaza between Oct. 7, 2023 and early July. It noted that there is no casualty threshold in proving the international crime of genocide, which is defined by the United Nations as acts intended to destroy, in whole or in part, a national, ethnic, racial or religious group.

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14 fresh cases against Imran

Fourteen cases were filed against former premier Imran Khan in Islamabad after the violent protest by his supporters last week, taking the total cases against him in the national capital to 76, according to a report submitted to a Pakistani court.

Opp party leader held as Georgia authorities try to curb protests

Georgian police on Wednesday raided the offices of an opposition party and arrested its leader in an apparent attempt to quell a wave of mass protests triggered by the governing party's decision to suspend negotiations on joining the European Union.

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For detailed terms and conditions, terms of payment, policy guidelines and Sector wise & category wise details of the plots are available on the HSPV website i.e. (www.hsvphry.org.in).

The scheme will start w.e.f. 03.12.2024 and close on 03.01.2025 at 5:00PM.

For any other details, interested persons may contact Estate Officer, HSPV, Kaithal (01746-357201).

Note:- It is hereby clarified that land owners who applied for allotment of plots under oustees category in the advertisement issued by the HSPV previously shall have to apply afresh.

Sd/- Administrator, HSPV, Panchkula

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PD(1022)C

I, Sowmya Gandasi Swamy W/o- No.14862426F NK/MT Hemant Kumar H N, R/O-Vill-Hanumanahalli, PO-Heragu, Teh+Dist- Hassan, Karnataka-573118, have changed my name from Sowmya Gandasi Swamy to Sowmya G S, vide affidavit dated 05/12/2024 before Notary Public Delhi.

PD(1023)C

I, SHEFALI wife of Mr. Manoj Kumar, resident of R-2/170, Near Hint Chowk, Raj Nagar, Ghaziabad, Uttar Pradesh-201002, do hereby declare that I have changed my name from YUKTA RANI to SHEFALI for all purpose in future and my date of birth is 04.02.1981.

PD(1024)C

I, Kiran Bedi wife of Late Amit Bedi R/o D-49/3, Suman Colony Chattarpur Extension Chattarpur New Delhi-110074, hereby declare that my name has been wrongly written in my son's school record and on birth certificate as Khushi Bedi and my actual and correct name is Kiran Bedi that Kiran Bedi and Khushi Bedi are the same and one person.

PD(1025)A

I, Raisuddin S/o Shri Kabiruddin R/o 35/147, Block -35, Trilok Puri Delhi-110091, Declare that My father name is Kabiruddin instead of Kabir Uddin. Hence Kabir Uddin and Kabiruddin both are same and one Person.

PD(1026)C

I, Raisuddin Dob-01-01-1965 S/o Mr. Kabiruddin Old Name)- Rahis Uddin (Dob-06-03-1995) R/o 35/147, Block-35, Trilok Puri Delhi-110091. Hereby declare that Rahis Uddin (Dob-06-03-1965) and Raisuddin (Dob-01-01-1965) both are one and same person.

PD(1027)C

I, MRS. SAPNA SINGH W/O VINOD KUMAR (Applicant) 2. MR. ABHISHEK SINGH S/O VINOD KUMAR (Co-Applciant) Address:- E-228, SECTOR -11, PRATAP VIHAR, GHAZIABAD, U.P. 201009

DEMAND NOTICE

Under Section 13(2) of the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002 (SARFAESI Act) read with Rule 3(1) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 (Rules)

Whereas the undersigned being the Authorised Officer of Can Fin Homes Ltd., under SARFAESI Act and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13(2) read with Rule 3, issued Demand Notice under Section 13(2) of the said Act, calling upon the Borrowers / guarantors listed hereunder (hereinafter referred to as the "said Borrowers"), to repay the amounts mentioned in the Notice, within 60 days from the date of receipt of Notice, as per details given below.

The said Notices have been returned undelivered by the postal authorities / have not been duly acknowledged by the borrowers. Hence the Company by way of abundant caution is effecting this publication of the demand notice (as per the provisions of Rule 3 (1)). The undersigned has, therefore, caused these Notices to be pasted on the premises of the last known addresses of the said Borrowers, as per the said Act.

As security for due repayment of the loan, the following assets have been mortgaged to the Company by the respective parties as detailed below:

Table with 5 columns: Sr. No., Name of Borrowers/Guarantors with address, Date of Demand Notice, Amount claimed as per Demand Notice, and Description of the Secured Asset.

\*Payable with further interest at contractual rates as agreed from the date mentioned above till date of payment.

You are hereby called upon to pay the above said amount with contractual rate of interest thereon within 60days from the date of publication of this notice, failing which the undersigned will be constrained to Initiate action under SARFAESI Act to enforce the aforesaid security. Further, the attention of borrowers / guarantors is invited to provisions of Section 13 (8) of the Act, in respect of time available to them to redeem the secured assets

Date: 05.12.2024 Place: Noida

Sd/- Authorised Officer Can Fin Homes Ltd.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Reg. Built-up Ground Floor without roof rights "said roof" built on portion of Plot No. 33, Area measuring 50 sq.yds. out of total area 111 sq. yds. "said portion" part of Property bearing No. 33, measuring 111 sq. yds., falling in Kharsa No. 232, Situated in the area of Village Navada, Delhi State, Delhi, Colony known as Vign Garden North Block, Uttam Nagar, New Delhi-110059 (Hereinafter referred to as the "said Property").

WORLD LAW ASSOCIATES

Be it known to all that our clients, Mr. Ashish, Mr. Vivek Kumar & Mrs. Beena (hereinafter called the "Purchaser") intend to purchase the said floor from Mrs. Harita Gupta, Attorney of Mrs. Saroj Dixit alias Saroj, (hereinafter called the "Attorney-holder"). In this connection, the Attorney-holder has informed the Purchaser that she is the sole and absolute attorney holder in respect of the said floor vide POA documents viz., GPA, ATS and Will dated 06.07.2023 executed by Mrs. Saroj Dixit alias Saroj in her favour. The Attorney holder has further informed that Ms Saroj Dixit alias Saroj owned the said floor vide Sale Deed dated 06.07.2023 executed by Ms Saroj Dixit alias Saroj in favour of the said Purchaser and the said Deed is registered as Document No. 12241 on 09.07.2021 (SRO-IB Janakpuri). The Attorney holder has also informed the purchaser that the said floor is claim managed by her and there is no charge or dispute or any litigation pending regarding the said floor.

Any person including Bank's, Financial Institutions, relatives having any claim, right, title or interest in the said property whatsoever into or upon the said floor is hereby called upon to make the same known, in writing, with documentary evidence, by Registered AD called by the undersigned at the address mentioned herein below within 07 days of publication of this notice and in the event of no response having been received to the notice, the title of the attorney-holder in respect of the said floor shall be deemed to be clear of any charge or encumbrance of any nature whatsoever and any subsequent claim managed by her and there is no charge or dispute or any litigation pending regarding the said floor.

Shivkant Arora, Advocate M/s Intellige Law Offices A-74, LGF, Defence Colony, New Delhi -110024

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF PHYSICAL PLANTS QUAT, BHUBANESWAR, 'e-Procurement Notice No. 05/2024-25

Table with 2 columns: Name of the work and details. Works include Construction of Farm Road & Bore Well with Irrigation Pipe, Store-Cum-Nursery, Mixture preparation shed, Vermo Compost Unit, Biological waste disposal unit and provision for DG set at College of Forestry, QUAT, Bhubaneswar, (Compost).

Further details can be seen from the e-procurement portal https://tendersodisha.gov.in. N.B. Subsequent corrigendum/addendum if required shall be available in the website as indicated above. Director of Physical Plants QUAT, Bhubaneswar

# A Celebration of culture, humanity, and timeless narratives

Shakila and Other Stories stands as a remarkable anthology that transcends its regional origins to deliver universally resonant narratives, writes **SHALEEN KUMAR SINGH**

*Shakila and Other Stories* is a compelling anthology that showcases Dr. Lakshmana Iyer Rama Swamy's nuanced cultural insights and humanistic vision. Renowned for his contributions to Telugu short fiction, Dr. Swamy adeptly captures the essence of middle-class Telugu life alongside the complexities of industrial labor. The collection, translated into English by T.S. Chandra Mouli, a distinguished scholar in translation studies, brings Swamy's narratives to a global audience while retaining their cultural authenticity.

Swamy's stories are a masterful blend of tradition and modernity, juxtaposing rural values against urban dilemmas to illuminate the evolving Telugu society. As a Tamil Brahmin from Kerala, his life is as fascinating as his storytelling. Multilingual and multicultural, Swamy embodies the intersection of diverse identities, an influence evident in his writing. Fluent in Malayalam, Tamil, Telugu, Hindi, and English, he brings a rich linguistic texture to his work, infusing his characters with authenticity and vitality.

In the foreword, Prof. Sushil Kumar Sharma praises Swamy's narrative finesse, which melds traditional storytelling zeal with modern sensibilities. Sharma highlights storytelling as an ancient art form that Swamy rejuvenates by weaving timeless themes with contemporary relevance. Swamy's identity as a polyglot and chemical engineer further enriches his writing. His exposure to varied cultural contexts—Malayali traditions in Assam, Telugu life in Mumbai, and Tamil values in Dubai—adds a unique depth to his narratives. With over 40 short stories, numerous translations, and insightful journalistic work, Swamy has cemented his place in Indian literature. His acclaimed short story *Shakila*, part of the anthology *Hundred Stories* by Hundred Writers, exemplifies his storytelling prowess.

**A TALE OF LOVE, CLASS AND CULTURAL IDENTITY:** The titular story *Shakila* delves into complex themes of love, class and cultural identity through the evolving relationship between a childless mistress and her maid, Shakila. Adopted and raised abroad, Shakila becomes a bridge between her employer's values and her estranged birth family. Her marriage to Kabir, a man from her

own faith, challenges societal norms but also underscores interfaith cohesion. Swamy's narratives, such as *Shakila*, *The Sun and the Moon*, and *A Cry in the Wilderness*, often examine the intersection of industrialisation and globalisation with everyday lives. His characters grapple with conflicts between tradition and modernity, presenting a poignant critique of urbanisation's impact on relationships and the natural world. The juxtaposition of organic life against mechanised industrial settings underscores a recurring theme: "one who works among machines becomes a machine."

**A VOICE FOR CHANGE:** Swamy's writing is marked by realism, emotional depth, and a secular outlook. His stories tackle superstition, advocate reform, and celebrate resilience. His portrayal of women is particularly notable, as they emerge as agents of change, challenging traditional norms and embodying strength. His use of Telugu expressions, preserved in translation by Chandra Mouli, adds authenticity while inviting global readers to engage with the richness of Telugu culture.

**THE TRANSLATOR'S CRAFT:** T.S. Chandra Mouli's translation preserves the essence of Swamy's stories, balancing fidelity to the original text with accessibility for a global audience. By retaining Telugu phrases and providing contextual explanations, Mouli captures the cultural subtleties that make Swamy's work unique.

**A UNIVERSAL APPEAL:** *Shakila and Other Stories* transcends regional boundaries, offering readers a vivid portrayal of the human experience through the lens of Telugu culture. Swamy's characters, caught between tradition and modernity, resonate universally, reflecting the complexities of contemporary society. Chandra Mouli's meticulous translation amplifies this resonance, ensuring that the anthology's themes remain both timeless and relevant.

The collection reaffirms the significance of regional Indian literature in representing the country's socio-cultural landscape. It invites readers into a world deeply rooted in Indian ethos while exploring universal questions of resilience, ethics, and the search for meaning.



**ABOUT THE BOOK**  
Book: *Shakila and Other Stories*  
by L.R. Swamy  
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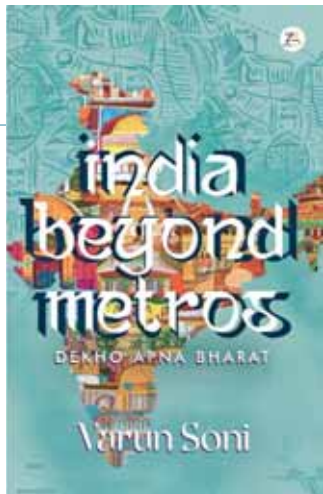
**"India Beyond the Metros: Dekho Apna Bharat"** by Varun Soni explores 50 lesser-known cities, highlighting their cultural, historical and natural attractions, says **SAKSHI PRIYA**



# A JOURNEY BEYOND THE METROS

Varun Soni's *India Beyond the Metros: Dekho Apna Bharat* serves as an insightful travelogue that ventures into the heart of India's lesser-explored Tier 2 and Tier 3 cities. Unlike conventional guides focusing on metropolitan hubs or popular tourist destinations, this book offers a window into the charm and cultural richness of small-town India. Covering approximately 50 cities, each chapter provides a comprehensive travel guide detailing places to visit, accommodation options, transportation and unique shopping experiences.

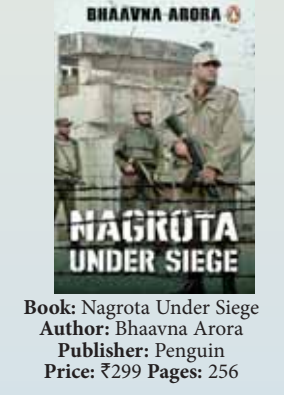
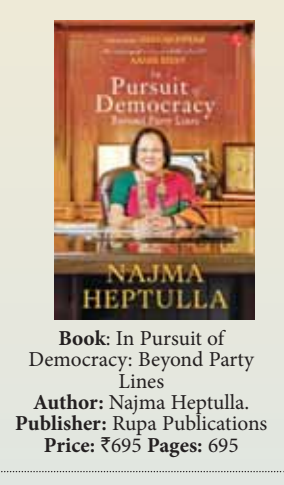
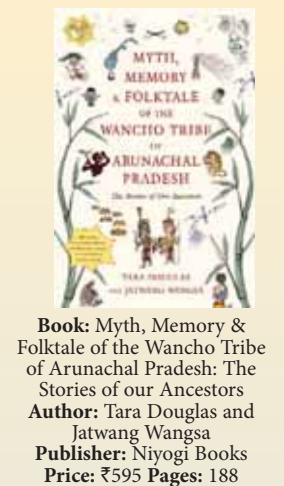
light on the breathtaking North Kerala, the architectural marvel of the Brihadeeswara Temple in Thanjavur and the serenity of the Krishna-Godavari Sangam. Each chapter is thoughtfully crafted to guide readers through the essence of the city, from its historical significance to its natural beauty and cultural heritage. The depiction of Jabalpur, for example, showcases its strategic location on the Narmada River and its rich history as a hub of the Kalachuri and Gond dynasties. Similarly, the chapter on Kollam highlights its enchanting Ashtamudi backwaters and the iconic Jatayu Earth Centre, a masterpiece of art and mythology. Soni's ability to bring these cities to life is commendable. His description of local attractions, such as Hubballi's Chandramouleshwara Temple and Rammal Lake or Jamnagar's Lakhota Palace and Darbargadh Palace, reflects his keen observation and deep appreciation for India's diverse culture. Furthermore, the book also includes practical travel tips, like transportation options and shopping suggestions, making it a useful resource for



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Book: *India beyond metro*  
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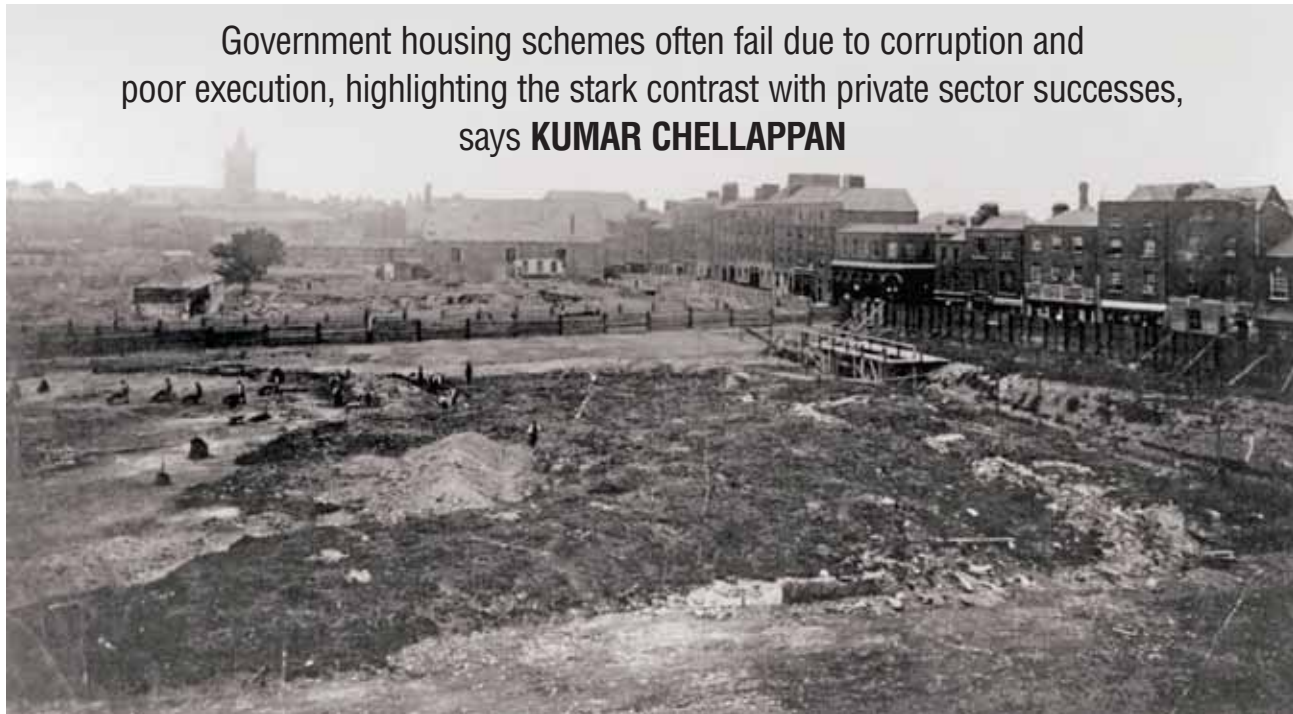
travellers. The book serves as a timely reminder for urban dwellers, often caught up in international travel plans, to turn their gaze inward and rediscover the treasures within their own country. By exploring these smaller cities and towns, Soni argues, one can truly experience the pulse of India's vibrant traditions, natural beauty, and historical depth. However, *India Beyond the Metros* is not just about sightseeing. It subtly urges readers to appreciate the cultural and historical wealth that lies beyond the metropolitan gloss. It also recognises the role of local tourism, noting that nearby residents often form the backbone of these cities' visitor economies. *India Beyond the Metros* is an inspiring and informative read that fills a much-needed gap in Indian travel literature. It is not only an invitation to explore but also a celebration of the untapped potential of India's smaller cities. Ideal for corporate travellers, families or anyone looking to delve deeper into the country's heartland, this book is both a guide and a companion for those ready to embrace the unexplored.

## New Releases



# Revamping India's Housing

Government housing schemes often fail due to corruption and poor execution, highlighting the stark contrast with private sector successes, says **KUMAR CHELLAPPAN**

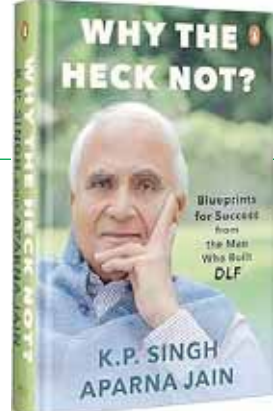


The governments at the Centre and the States are sincere in their efforts to provide shelter to those without roofs over their heads. It must be said that food, clothing, and shelter remain the essential elements that constitute the life of any ordinary person. The administrations have conceived and executed many housing projects such as the Prime Minister's Awaas Yojana and the Indira Gandhi Housing Scheme. In Tamil Nadu, former Chief Minister J Jayalithaa launched a mission to construct houses for the poorest of the poor at heavily subsidised rates. During the tenure of C Achutha Menon as Chief Minister (1969 to 1977), the Kerala Government launched Laksham Veedu (1,00,000 Houses), a housing scheme for the poorer sections of society. Small houses were built under this scheme across the State for the benefit of people below the poverty line. Although the intention was noble, these houses ended up as dens of all vices. Residents of Laksham Veedu colonies were treated as anti-social elements, as many excelled in dubious professions such as theft, dacoity, bootlegging, pimping, and prostitution. The scheme died a natural death, like many other government-sponsored initiatives. Later, the LDF Government led by Pinarayi Vijayan launched Life Mission in 2016 with the aim of providing residential accommodation to those without homes. However, this multi-crore project is reportedly embroiled in corruption, with central agencies investigating the issue. In Tamil Nadu, the Slum Clearance Board has constructed four-storey apartments for the poor along the scenic Marina Beach. However, the quality of construction and the ambience are worse than the slums themselves. Why do government schemes fail so frequently? The answer is not difficult to ascertain. Massive corruption involving public works departments, bureaucrats, contractors, and politicians turns these schemes into milch cows. "To hell with the beneficiaries... we can make as much money as possible from these schemes," seems to be the driving mantra of these anti-nationals.

The Central Public Works Department, responsible for constructing central government buildings, and the State PWDs, entrusted with building roads, offices, and residential accommodations, are classic examples of corruption in high places. One need only look at the buildings, be they office complexes, hospitals or housing projects for the poor. What stands out is the careless manner in which they have been designed and built. Hygiene and sanitation in these buildings are often appalling. Walls double as spittoons, toilets are worse than hell, and cleanliness seems alien to such structures. Contrast this with the apartments and villas built by private developers, and the difference is stark. Major players such as Tata Housing, L&T, DLF, Ashok Leyland, the Godrej Group, Hiranandani, Chettinad Group, Ceebros, Puravankara, and Sobha City (to name a few) create visual treats. Their projects cost a fortune and cater to the affluent, but they stand as a testament to

quality construction and planning. The townships they build, with their panoramic views, starkly contrast the stinking low-income group apartment complexes constructed by CPWD and PWDs. These public works departments have effectively become Public Waste Departments, proving themselves incapable of fulfilling their intended purpose. It is indeed possible to build beautiful and safe houses for the poor. What is needed is a change in the attitude and approach of bureaucrats. The success of private developers in building well-planned townships and apartments stems from thoughtful planning and treating construction as an art. The life and achievements of Kushal Pal Singh (KP Singh), who single-handedly built the DLF empire, illustrate this point. The township at Gurugram (which I have read about and seen on television) is a breathtaking achievement. Thanks to companies like DLF, India has become a global player in

constructing townships, major software parks, and apartment complexes. Is it not possible for doyens like K P Singh to build affordable housing for the poor? Such a vision could materialise by loosening the stranglehold of the government (both Centre and State) on these sectors. For every high-end township that private developers construct, they could be tasked with building housing complexes for low-income groups, complete with well-laid-out landscapes. Given proper incentives and recognition, these companies would likely embrace such missions. It would also be crucial to foster respect for business leaders like Singh, the Godrejs, the Tatas, and others. India cannot afford to view its entrepreneurs, who employ millions, with suspicion. Business and entrepreneurship are forms of art that can drive progress where the government cannot. The memoir *Why The Heck Not*, by K P Singh with Aparna Jain, is an eye-opener. It highlights the often-overlooked role of Indian entrepreneurs in nation-building. Figures like JRD Tata and Dhirubhai Ambani were visionaries who lacked the recognition they deserved within India, even as foreign media sought their insights. Singh's story, from studying aircraft maintenance engineering in Coventry to heading the DLF Group, is nothing short of inspiring. His advice, peppered throughout the book, offers valuable lessons for parents, youth, and policymakers alike. After reading the memoir, one cannot help but wish Singh another 95 years of health, strength, and happiness. His contributions to India's infrastructure and business landscape make him a national treasure. The insights he shares about India's fragile infrastructure and the steps needed to achieve the five trillion-dollar economy are profound. His vision of a better, more inclusive India should inspire policymakers to let a thousand flowers bloom. One blemish on Singh's otherwise remarkable career is his association with a less-than-reputable individual, often referred to as Damaad Shree. With his wisdom and experience, Singh could have avoided such associations and still achieved success.



**ABOUT THE BOOK**  
Book: *Why The Heck Not?*  
by KP Singh and Aparna Jain  
Publisher: Penguin Viking  
Price: ₹799

# India pushes for fast-tracking special safeguard mechanism at WTO

**PTI ■ NEW DELHI**  
India has pitched for fast-tracking negotiations in the WTO on special safeguard mechanism (SSM), which would allow developing countries to temporarily raise tariffs on agricultural imports in response to import surges or price drops, an official said. The country flagged the issues during a meeting of a committee on agriculture issues in Geneva on December 4.

In the meeting, India emphasized on the need to prioritize unresolved mandated issues such as a permanent solution to public stockholding, SSM, and cotton, treating them as standalone issues. "India highlighted the Nairobi Ministerial Decision's mandate to prioritize and fast-track SSM negotiations, calling for modalities that are simple, operational, and equitable," the Geneva-based official said. Regarding Guyana's proposal,



India reiterated that any facilitator-led processes should be consensus-based and respect WTO's (World Trade Organization) multilateral principles, rejecting the non-traditional approach based on convergence. Guyana has presented a new proposal to advance agricultural negotiations ahead of MC14 (ministerial conference). The 14th conference is tentatively scheduled to take place in Cameroon (Africa) in 2026.

Further India has urged members to conduct text-based negotiations on finding permanent solution to public food stockholding. Under text-based negotiations in WTO, an agreement is finalised around draft texts floated by the chair of a particular committee dealing with the subject. The draft is based on discussions amongst the member countries and is fine-tuned till all the nations are in agreement with it.

## Government open to explore alternative financing models for MSMEs: Piyush Goyal

**PTI ■ NEW DELHI**  
Commerce and Industry Minister Piyush Goyal on Thursday urged the industry to share specific issues they are facing in accessing bank credit and suggested that the government is open to exploring alternate financing models for MSMEs. He also said the ministry can earmark particular areas in the proposed industrial townships for the MSMEs (Micro, Small, and Medium Enterprises). Exporters have raised concerns over declining bank credit, particularly to the MSME segment. While exports grew by 15 per cent in the rupee terms between 2021-22 and 2023-24, the outstanding credit in March 2024 dropped by 5 per cent over the same month in

2022, according to exporters. "Give me specific details (as in) what kinds of problems they (MSMEs) face. Is too much collateral being asked? Suppose an ECGC (Export Credit Guarantee Corporation) cover is available, do they (banks) still ask for collateral, what kind of interest they charge when a 90 per cent guarantee is taken by ECGC in the event of any failure of export credit? "If we get that more specific feedback then we will be able to take it up with the bankers. ECGC is looking at factor services also but my own personal view is that being costlier, people will still prefer to go to the bank and take a loan but we are open to the idea of alternate financing models," he said

here at a function. In August, the cabinet approved 12 new project proposals under the National Industrial Corridor Development Programme (NICDP) with an estimated investment of Rs 28,602 crore to set up industrial parks/townships in the country. These industrial areas will be located at Khurpia in Uttarakhand, Rajpura-Patiala in Punjab, Dighi in Maharashtra, Palakkad in Kerala, Agra and Prayagraj in UP, Gaya in Bihar, Zaaheerabad in Telangana, Orvakal and Kopparthy in AP and Jodhpur-Pali in Rajasthan. "I am happy to commit to a particular area earmarked for MSMEs because without MSMEs no large industries will survive.

## Amazon Web Services commits USD 100 million in cloud credits for underserved students

**PTI ■ NEW DELHI**  
Amazon Web Services (AWS) on Thursday said it is committing up to USD 100 million in cloud credits over the next five years to help eligible educational institutions and underserved students worldwide develop and scale digital learning solutions. The programme, a part of AWS Education Equity Initiative, will grant recipients cloud credits, which function similarly to cash, allowing organisations to reduce their expenses when utilising AWS's cloud services. "At AWS, we are committed to levelling the playing field in education, ensuring learners from underrepresented and underserved communities have equal access to transformative learning opportunities. That's why AWS is committing up to USD 100 million in cloud credits over the next five years to help qualifying education organisations around the world build or scale digital learning solutions as part of

the AWS Education Equity Initiative," a company blog said. With these credits, recipients can leverage AWS's comprehensive portfolio of cloud technology and advanced AI services to create innovations such as AI assistants, coding curriculums, connectivity tools, educational platforms, mobile applications, chatbots, and various technology-driven learning experiences, it said. Additionally, they will have access to technical guidance from AWS solution architects, who will offer architectural guidance, best practices for responsible AI implementation, and continuous optimisation support. AWS is already working with more than 50 organisations from across 10 countries, and in the past year, more than 2 million students have received over 17 million hours of science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM), literacy, and career development courses as part of the AWS Education Equity Initiative, the blog read.

## India awarded for social security good practices

**PTI ■ NEW DELHI**  
India has received awards for adopting good practices in providing social security to its workforce at a regional forum of Asia-Pacific held in Saudi Arabia, an official statement said on Thursday. The 'Good Practice Award for Asia and Pacific 2024' was presented by Mohammed Azman, President of ISSA (International Social Security Association), at Regional Social Security Forum in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia, the labour ministry said in a statement. The Employees' Provident Fund Organisation (EPFO) received five certificates of merit for communication channels, E-proceedings: A case on use of information and communication technology in justice delivery, district outreach programme (Nidhi Aapke Nikat), multilingual call centres.

## DRI report reveals rise in commercial fraud, FTA misuse worth ₹1,427 Crore in 2023-24

**RAJESH KUMAR ■ NEW DELHI**  
The Directorate of Revenue Intelligence (DRI) report on 'Smuggling in India' 2023-24 highlights a rise in commercial fraud, including misuse of foreign trade agreements (FTA) by individuals/companies. According to the report, the agencies have detected cases of FTA misuse worth Rs 1,427 crore during 2023-24 compared to Rs 481 crore in 2022-2023. Moreover, the DRI booked 109 cases involving 8223.61 kg of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances including 107.31 kg of cocaine, 48.74 kg of heroin, 136 kg of methamphetamine, 236 kg of mephedrone and 7348.68 kg of ganja in 2023-24. The seizures indicate an increasing trend of smuggling of cocaine through air passenger route, from 21 cases in 2022-23 to 47 cases in 2023-24, with majority of seizures effected at airports. According to report, Free Trade Warehousing Zones in the Middle East are emerging as a major transit point from where cigarette- concealed consignments are shipped to India. "Though illicit cigarettes are reportedly manufactured in certain South East Asian countries, it appears that the con-



signments are initially shipped to Dubai from southeast Asia and then re-routed to India," it said. According to the report for the fiscal 2023-24, the DRI initiated 485 import cases, involving illegal benefits totaling Rs 5,907.79 crore. The most common offenses included mis-declaration/mis-classification (201 cases), misuse of end-use and other notifications (52 cases), misuse of Free Trade Agreements (FTA) (51 cases), undervaluation (47 cases), and evasion of anti-dumping duties (38 cases). Misuse of the ASEAN-India FTA (33 cases) and Notification No. 50/2017-Customs (27 cases) were also notable issues. On the export side, 27 cases were booked, involving illegal benefits worth Rs 123.34 crore. The first half of 2024-25 saw cigarette seizures climb by 19

per cent, reaching 3.95 crore sticks, compared to 3.31 crore sticks during the same period in FY24. Illicit foreign currency seizures have also surged. DRI officials seized Rs 13.8 crore in foreign currency during the first half of FY25, surpassing the Rs 12.4 crore confiscated in all of FY24. Additionally, the agency uncovered a Rs 576 crore trade-based money laundering (TBML) racket. The scheme involved importing cheap electrical goods and cosmetics at inflated prices to channel foreign exchange out of the country. According to the report, gold smuggling in India follows a "hub and spoke" model. In this system, contraband is first brought into the country and transported to central hub locations before being distributed to various destinations.

# Classifieds

### CHANGE OF NAME

**I Harpreetpal Singh S/O** Nishan Singh R/O Village Bhadas PO Bholath district Kapurthala declare that in my birth certificate my name is mentioned as Harpreetpal Singh which is correct but in my other documents my name is mentioned as Harpreetpal Singh Baliania which is incorrect. Please note.

**I, Parveen Kumar S/O Sh.** Ramesh Lal R/O H.No. 136/24 3rd Floor Jagdish Colony Rohtak declare that I have changed my name from Parveen Kumar to Parveen Batra in future I will be called by the name Parveen Batra for all purposes.

**I, Divya D/o Sh. Jagdish R/O 567/18 Arya Nagar Rohtak** declare that I have changed my name from Divya Dhingra in future I will be called by the name of Divya Dhingra for all purposes.

**I, Gautam (old name), S/O** Subhash Chander VPO Khairampur Sub-Tehsil Mandi Adampur District Hisar-125052, Haryana, declare that I have changed my name from Gautam to Gotam for future.

**I, Jagdeep Kaur W/O Sh.** Amarpreet Singh R/O VPO - Burj Sidhwan, Tehsil Malout, District Sri Muktsar Sahib, Punjab 152107 have changed my name from Jagdeep Kaur to Jagdeep Kour.

**I, Sukhvinder Singh S/O** Kehar Singh R/O Village Boparai, PO Nawan Tanel, Tehsil Baba Bakala, Distt. Amritsar, Punjab have changed my name from Sukhvinder Singh to Sukhvinder Singh.

**I, Kanwaljeet Kaur W/O** Sukhvinder Singh R/O Village Boparai, PO Nawan Tanel, Tehsil Baba Bakala, Distt. Amritsar, Punjab have changed my name from Kanwaljeet Kaur to Kawaljit Kaur.

**I, Nishan Singh Chauhan S/O** Harbans Singh R/O Uma PO Manakpur, Tehsil Rajpura Distt Patiala, have changed my name to Nishan Singh.

**I, Harbans Singh Chauhan S/O** Sodagar Singh R/O Uma PO Manakpur, Tehsil Rajpura Distt Patiala, have changed my name to Harbans Singh.

**I, Harbans Kaur Chauhan W/O** Harbans Singh R/O Uma PO Manakpur Tehsil Rajpura Distt Patiala, have changed my name to Harbans Kaur.

**I, Vaibhav Raheja S/O** Tikraj R/O Kanti Mohalla Sanatan Mandir Rural Siwan Distt. Kaithal have Change My Name From Vaibhav To Vaibhav Raheja.

**I, Karan S/O** Harjinder Kumar R/O HNo-5/67, Raj Nagar, Basti Bawa Khel, Jalandhar-144021 have changed my name from Karan to Karan Julka. (Surname as Julka).

**I, Anita W/O** Raju R/O B-II-129, Raj Nagar, Basti Bawa Khel, Jalandhar, have changed my name from Anita to Neeta. All concerned noted.

**I, Harit Khangura S/O** Manjeet Singh Vill. Muqimpura, Bhor Saidan, Kurukshetra have Changed my given name Harit Surname Khangurav

**I, Satpal S/O** Ramdhari Vill. Chuhad Majra, Sub Tehsil Dhand Distt. Kaithal have Changed my name Saty Pal

**I, Kuldeep Singh Rao Son** Of Kesar Singh Resident Of H.No. 204/4, Tibba Farm, Pehowa (Haryana). Correct Spelling Of My Father Name Is Kesar Singh Instead Of Keshar Singh.

**I, Gautam Banerji S/O** Bimal Kumar Banerjee R/O H.No 6349, Rajeev Vihar, Manimajra Chandigarh, 160101, have changed my name from Gautam Banerji to Gautam Banerjee, vide affidavit no. 2055 dated 5-12-2024.

**I, Kalawati Devi** Mother of No.17009413K NK Brijesh Kumar Rai resident of Village-Jasho Road, Post- Buxar, Tehsil- Buxar, District- Buxar, State- Bihar, Pin-802101, have changed my name from Kalawati Devi to Kalavati Devi vide affidavit No.IN-PB85909505728862W dated 05 Dec 2024 before notary public Pathankot

**I, Satyendra Raj** Father of No.17009413K NK Brijesh Kumar Rai resident of Village-Jasho Road, Post- Buxar, Tehsil- Buxar, District- Buxar, State- Bihar, Pin-802101, have changed my name from Satyendra Raj to Satendra Ray Vide affidavit No.IN-PB85910098319886W dated 05 Dec 2024 before notary public Pathankot

**I, No.15791601P NK Dipin C** resident of Village-Thrikunnapuzha, Post-Thrikunnapuzha, Tehsil-Karthikapally, District-Alappuzha, State- Kerala, have changed my name from Dipin Chithran to Chithiran Vide affidavit No.IN-PB84730086228270W dated 02 Dec 2024 before notary public Pathankot

**I, No. 15466049W Ex DFR** Satish Kumar S/O Shri Ram Karan resident of H No. 483/35, Janta Colony, Rohtak, Tehsil Rohtak, District Rohtak, (Haryana) declare that in my Army Discharge Book my children name has been wrongly written as Pravin Kumar (DOB : 28.09.1999) Eshika, Nitesh Kumar. The actual / correct name of my children is Pravin (DOB : 28.08.1999) Ishika, Nitesh for all work purposes. Please correct in my Army Records, Satish Kumar and Satish is one and the same person, Suman and Suman Devi is one and the same person Vide Affidavit dated 05 DEC 2024 before 1st class magistrate (Rohtak)

**I, Army No. 3208254Y** Rank L/Nayak Rakesh Kumar S/O Badan Singh R/O Village Jajwan Teh. and Distt. Jind (Hr), declare that My Wife name is wrongly mention in my army service record as Smt. Monika Devi and D.o.B is 01-04-1994 but my Wife correct name is Monika and D.o.B is 12-03-1991.

**I, Versha Sen W/O** Rohit R/O Village Sunderpur Tehsil and Distt. Jind have Changed My Name From Versha Sen To Versha Sain.

**I, Smt Lobzang Laiamo** is Mother of Army No-9927452W Rank-Hav Name-Jegmat Londup Presently Posted at Unit: 5 Ladakh Scouts C/o 56 APO Chandimandir Panchkula Haryana Permanent Address: Shakrat pa, Aranu Gokma, Kobet Nubra, Post: Panamik, District: Leh, UT: Ladakh, PinCode: 194401 Declare that I have changed My Name from Smt Lobzang Laiamo to Lobzang Lamo. Vide Affidavit No-48AA 901265, Dated: 05/12/24

**I, M L Dahriya S/O** Sh. Chunnulal Dahriya R/O House No. 9/12, Sector-9, Mathura Refinery Nagar, Anganpura, Mathura, Uttar Pradesh-281006 have changed my name from M L Dahriya to Mewalal Dahriya. And both the names indeed referred to me.

**I, Army No-9927452W** Rank-Hav Name-Jegmat Londup Presently Posted at Unit: 5 Ladakh Scouts C/o 56 APO Chandimandir Panchkula Haryana Permanent Address: Shakrat pa, Aranu Gokma, Kobet Nubra, Post: Panamik, District: Leh, UT: Ladakh, PinCode: 194401 Declare that I have Correct my Daughter Stanzin kunsal Date of Birth from 02/06/2011 to 02/06/2010. Vide Affidavit No-48AA 901259, Dated: 05/12/24

**I, Raj Kumar S/O** Late Sh. Des Raj R/O House No. 2, Sector-9, Panchkula (Haryana) have changed my name from Raj Kumar to Raj Kumar Singh. Raj Kumar & Raj Kumar Singh is the one and same person.

**I, No.19008784M Jaspreet** Singh R/O Village.Asspur Teh-Rupnagar, (Punjab)have changed Date of Birth of my Father Bhagwant Singh from 1/1/1970 To 12/12/1972 as a correction for my service documents.

**I, No.19008784M Jaspreet** Singh R/O Village.Asspur Teh-Rupnagar, (Punjab)have changed Date of Birth of my Mother Manpreet kaur from 1/1/1972 To 30/4/1972 as a correction for my service documents.

**I, P. Mukundan f/o** Cfn Mukesh P r/o sreeliamayam, Kinanoor road chayoth kasaragod Kerala have changed my name from Mukundan .P to P. Mukundan.

**I, Bijender Pal f/o** Sub Santosh Kumar serving in 4 Guards (1 Rajput) have changed my name from Bijender Singh to Bijender Pal.

**I, Naranjan Dhanota s/o** Harnam Singh r/o VPO. Urapur, Tehsil Nawanshahr, Distt. SBS Nagar-144422, Punjab have changed my name to Niranjan Singh.

I, hitherto Known as Mangal Ram Koshal S/O Sulakhan R/O H.No. 5-A, Sodral Road, New Prem Nagar, Jalandhar-144001, Punjab have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as Mangat Ram.

I, hitherto Known as Rajesh Kumar Koshal S/O Mangal Ram Koshal R/O H.No. 5, Sodral Road, New Prem Nagar, Jalandhar-144001, Punjab have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as Rajesh Koshal.

I, hitherto known as Navdeep S/O Manjit Singh R/O VPO. Nasrala, Tehsil and Distt. Hoshiarpur-146022, Punjab have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as Navdeep Singh.

**I, Parshant S/O** Jeevan Lal Resident Of # 160, Hakapura Hadiabad Phagwara District Kapurthala Punjab India-144401 Have Changed My Name As Parshant Kaul.

**I, Prabhjot S/O** Satnam Singh R/O Village Malikpur Tehsil Phagwara District Kapurthala Have Changed My Name From Prabhjot To Prabhjot Madhar.

**I, Sukhdev Singh** Bhullar S/O Inder Singh R/O Village Jhalbelwali Distt. Sri Muktsar Sahib Have Changed My Name From Sukhdev Singh Bhullar To Sukhdev Singh.

**I, Rachpal Kaur W/O** Manjit Singh R/O H.No.75/1 Gobind Nagar D.C.Road Hoshiarpur Have Changed My Name To Rashpal Kaur.

**I, Bhupinder Singh S/O** Late Pritam Singh Pawar R/O House Number-71, Chandigarh Road Vpo. Ram Colony Camp Distt. Hoshiarpur Have Changed My Name To Bhupinder Singh Pawar.

**I, Hardip Kumar S/O** Gurdev Ram R/O Vill. Surja P.O. Sang Dhesian Tehsil Phillaur District Jalandhar Punjab Declare That My Given Name As Hardip And My Surname As Kumar.

**I, Kulvinder Kaur W/O** Gurmukh Singh R/O New Colony Vpo. Chohal Distt. Hoshiarpur Have Changed My Name To Kulvinder Kaur.

**I, Sukhmandar Singh S/O** Hari Singh R/O Vpo. Dagra (Moga) Have Changed My Name From Sukhmandar Singh To Sukhmander Singh. All Concerned Note.

**I, Balvinder Kaur W/O** Dilbar Singh R/O H.No.-74-A Dhanur Tehsil Samrala Distt. Ludhiana Have Changed My Name To Balvinder Kaur.

**I, Rahul S/O** Sham Lal R/O Vpo. Rurki Muglan Teh-Balachaur (SBS Nagar) have changed my name from Rahul to Rahul Singh.

**I, Subeg Singh** Dhaliwal S/O Kalga Singh R/O Vill: Jhanda Bagga Nawan Teh-Zira (Ferozepur) have changed my name to Subeg Singh.

**I, Manjeet Kaur** Dhaliwal W/O Shubeg Singh R/O Vill: Jhanda Bagga Nawan Teh-Zira (Ferozepur) have changed my name to Manjeet Kaur.

**I, Davinder Kaur W/O** Harpreet Singh Sandhu R/O Awan Road Zira (Ferozepur) Punjab, India, (142047) have changed my name as Davinder Kaur Sandhu.

**I, Jugraj Singh S/O** Sarwan Singh R/O Vpo Khojkipur Teh-Khadour Sahib Distt Tarn Taran I have change my name Jugraj Singh to Singh Jugraj and Singh is my sur name.

**I, Lalita W/O** Sukhraj Singh Dhaliwal R/O Raikot (Ludhiana) have changed my name to Seerat Kaur Dhaliwal.

**I, Sujita Rani** urf Sunita Rani Goyal W/o Jawahar Lal Goyal R/O Malout (Sri Muktsar Sahib) Punjab, have changed my name from Sujita Rani urf Sunita Rani Goyal to Sujita Rani Goyal.

**I, Gargandeep Singh s/o** Lt. Gurcharan Singh, R/o village Tajpur, Tehsil Raikot, Distt. Ludhiana, now residing at 5760 N San Miguel Ave, Fresno (CA) 93723, USA, have changed my name to Gargandeep Singh Jhaji.

**I, Kiran Bala W/O** Naresh Kumar R/O W.No. 4 Malout (Sri Muktsar Sahib) Punjab, have changed my name from Kiran Bala to Kiran.

**I, Gurmeet Kaur** Vararh D/o Swarn Singh, W/o Amar Singh R/O Vpo. Shamkot Tehsil Malout Distt. Sri Muktsar Sahib I have changed name Gurmeet Kaur.

**I, Balkar Singh @** Mitthu Singh S/O Chanan Singh R/O Vill: Bhanara Teh-Zira (Ferozepur) have changed my name to Balkar Singh.

**I, Muninder Singh S/O** Harmel Singh O/Alkara, Distt. Barnala have changed my name to Muninder Singh Rai.

**I, Santokh Singh S/O** Chanan Ram W/No 5 H/No 91 near water Tanki Kasba Mohalla Dasuya Distt Hoshiarpur have changed my name Santokh Kumar To Santokh Singh.

**I, Sukhan Singh** Natt S/O Nachhattar Singh R/O Vill: Rajoana Khurd (Ludhiana) have changed my minor son name from Arshdeep Singh to Arshdeep Singh Natt.

**I, Varinder Singh** Mahe S/O Jaspal Singh R/O Vill. Ramgarh Sivian (Ludhiana) have changed my name Varinder Singh.

**I, Sarabjit Kaur W/O** Sukhwant Singh R/O B-9/1, Staff Colony, Shaheed Bhagat Singh State University, Vill Alle Wala, Moga Road. Ferozepur District Ferozepur have Changed My Name To Sarbjit Kaur.

**I, Karandeep Singh** Warraich Son of Parminder Singh Resident of vpo Chhaba District Amritsar have changed my name to Karandeep Singh.

**I, Kulwant Singh** Sidhu Son of Balkar Singh resident of Street No. 5 Bharat Nagar Ferozepur City Have changed my name to Kulwant Singh.

**I, Pargat Singh** Jossan Son of Jarnail Singh Resident of Village Jamitpur Dheru, Sherkanh Wala District Ferozepur have Changed my name to Pargat Singh.

**I, Manjit Singh** son of Ram Singh Resident of Village Sodhe Wala Tehsil & District Ferozepur have Changed my name to Manjeet Singh.

**I, Tejaswini PA** is legally Wife of No. 16112136N, Hav, Ravi Kumar K V of Unit 22 Engr Regt C/o 56 APO Ferozepur Residing at Bellurhoballi, Kanchanahalli, Mandya State Karnataka Pin-571811 Declare That my Name Tejaswini A Wrongly Written in my Husband Army Service Records but my correct Tejaswini P A.

**I, Girijakumari K** is legally Mother of No. 16121531H, L/Hav, Ragesh R of Unit 22 Engr Regt C/o 56 APO Ferozepur Residing at Ragesh Bhawan, Elampal P.O. Punalur, Peringodu, Vilakkudy, Kolla State Kerala Pin-691322 Declare That my Name Girija Kumari Wrongly Written in my Son Army Service Records but my correct Girijakumari K.

**I, Satinderpal Kaur W/O** Inderjeet Singh Grewal R/O Vpo. Burj Hari Singh (Ludhiana) have changed my name to Satinderpal Kaur Grewal.

**I, Badiya Nath S/O** Yogendra Nath R/O W.No.22, Mohalla Uttam Nagar, Khanna (Ludhiana) have changed my name to Baidya Nath Singh.

**I, Rishi Pal S/O** Luxmi Narayan Sharma R/O #44 St. No.3, Aman Nagar Patiala have changed my name to Rishi Pal Sharma.

**I, Sheetu Pahuja W/O** Lovelesh Pahuja R/O # 594 St. No. 5 Guru Nanak Nagar Patiala have changed my name to Sheetu.

**I, Gurpreet Singh S/O** Gurcharan Singh R/O Vill - Dogranwala, P.O-Hamira, Distt.Kapurthala, Punjab-144802, have changed my name to Singh Gurpreet.

**I, Ashish S/O** Dayal Kumar R/O Attagarh, Mukerian, PO-Mukerian, Dist- Hoshiarpur, Punjab- 144211, have changed my name to Ashish Kumar.

**I, Narajn Kaur** legally Mother of Jasvir Singh presently residing at 37, Azad Nagar, Opp- HMT Resort, Rupnagar, (PB) - 140001 have changed my name from Narajn Kaur to Naranjan Kaur vide Affidavit dated 05/12/2024 before Executive Magistrate Jalandhar, (PB).

**I, Amarjit** legally Father of Davinderpal Singh presently residing at Bijiwal, Tehsil - Batala, Distt - Gurdaspur (PB) - 143511 have changed my name from Amarjit to Amarjit Kumar vide Affidavit dated 05/12/2024 before Executive Magistrate Jalandhar, (PB).

**I, Kailo Kaur** legally Mother of Gurpreet Singh presently residing at Haryangoo Kalan, Distt - Patiala State - Punjab - 147105 have changed my name from Kailo Kaur to Kelo Kaur vide Affidavit dated 05/12/2024 before Executive Magistrate Jalandhar, (PB).

**I, Parmjit Singh** legally Father of Kuljit Singh presently residing at Village - Udho Nangal Khurd, Tehsil - Baba Bakala, Distt - Amritsar (PB) - 143114 have changed my name from Parmjit Singh to Parmjit Singh vide Affidavit dated 05/12/2024 before Executive Magistrate Jalandhar, (PB).

**I, Kashi Bai** legally spouse of Ashok Chhalawadi resident of Gonal PN, PO- Bidarakundi, Tehsil - Muddebihal, Distt - Bijnapur, State - Karnataka have changed my name from Kashi Bai to Kashi Bai Chhalawadi vide Affidavit dated 05/12/2024 before Executive Magistrate Jalandhar, (PB).

**I, Salwinder Kaur** legally Mother of Sarabjit Singh presently residing at Vill - Bhoman, Teh - Batala, Distt - Gurdaspur, (PB) - 143514 have changed my name from Salwinder Kaur to Sarinder Kaur vide Affidavit dated 22 Apr 2024 before Notary Batala, (PB).

**I, Balvantsinh** legally Father of Makwana Pruthviraj Balvantsinh presently residing at 96 263, Patel Vas, Varna, Distt - Ahmedabad, Gujarat - 382265 have changed my name from Balvantsinh to Makwana Balvantsinh Muljibhai vide Affidavit dated 05/12/2024 before Executive Magistrate Jalandhar, (PB).

**I, Makwana** Kantaben legally Mother of Makwana Pruthviraj Balvantsinh presently residing at 96 263, Patel Vas, Varna, Distt - Ahmedabad, Gujarat - 382265 have changed my name from Makwana Kantaben to Makwana Kantaben Balvantsinh vide Affidavit dated 05/12/2024 before Executive Magistrate Jalandhar, (PB).

**I, Jeet Kaur** legally Mother of Heera Singh presently residing at House No. 272, Vill - Kherabad, Gumtala Sub Urban, Distt - Amritsar (PB) - 143008 have changed my name from Jeet Kaur to Ajit Kaur vide Affidavit dated 05/12/2024 before Executive Magistrate Jalandhar, (PB).

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