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## NTA takes SC call on NEET result

Citywise results published

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The National Testing Agency (NTA) on Saturday announced the centre and city-wise results for medical entrance exam NEET-UG, which is under the scanner over alleged irregularities. The results, which were initially announced on June 5, have been published in this format following an order of the Supreme Court, which is hearing several petitions about the alleged irregularities in the conduct of the exam, including paper leak. The exam was conducted on May 5 at 4,750 centres in 571 cities, including 14 cities abroad, for more than 24 lakh candidates. The court had ordered that the results be announced while masking the identities of the aspirants, saying it wanted to ascertain whether candidates appearing at allegedly tainted centres secured more marks than those writing the exam elsewhere. Candidates who appeared for the NEET UG 2024 can check their results on the official website of NTA NEET exams.nta.ac.in/NEET/ or neet.ntaonline.in. On July 18, the Supreme Court directed the NTA to announce the NEET UG results by July 20, at 12 noon. The court mandated that the Agency publish the students' marks on its website without



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revealing their identities. A bench comprising Chief Justice of India DY Chandrachud and Justices JB Pardiwala and Manoj Misra instructed that the NEET UG results be published separately by city and centre by today noon. The top court will resume hearing the arguments on Monday on a batch of pleas seeking cancellation, re-test and a court-monitored probe into the allegations of malpractice in the prestigious exam. The bench comprising of Chief Justice of India DY Chandrachud and Justices JB Pardiwala and Manoj Misra ordered for the announcement of the results separately, city and centre-wise by Saturday noon. The court had also stressed that the NEET-UG re-examination can only be done on a concrete footing that sanctity has been lost on a large scale.



Convoy of Chief of the Army Staff General Upendra Dwivedi arrives at the Police headquarters for a meeting, in Jammu, on Saturday

## Army Chief in Jammu to bolster anti-terror ops

MOHIT KANDHARI ■ JAMMU

After more than 50 bravehearts have been martyred in the ongoing counter-terrorism operations in the Jammu region since October 2021, the top brass of the Indian army led by Army Chief General Upendra Dwivedi on Saturday landed in Jammu to fine-tune its counter strategy aimed at flushing out well-entrenched Pakistani terrorists from the Jammu Heights. The crucial security review meeting was convened here at the Police headquarters. Director General Border Security Force, DG CRPF, DGP Jammu and Kashmir police, representatives of the Union Defence and Home Ministry, and top brass of the Intelligence agencies attended the brainstorming session over two hours. The Army Chief also interacted with the top commanders of the Northern Command headquarters to discuss possible strategic responses and measures to

counter the rising threats in the Jammu region. The high-level security review meeting assumes added significance as it comes close on the heels of the recent meeting of the Cabinet Committee on Security chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi in New Delhi on Thursday. The meeting took place amid a sudden surge in terror attacks in the Jammu region. Last month the Prime Minister had separately chaired a review meeting to assess the security situation in J&K. Sensing the gravity of the prevailing security situation and to plug the gaps, the Indian Army has already inducted more than 3,000 troops comprising three infantry battalions in the Jammu region to take on the Pakistani terrorists. In addition around 400-500 elite para commandos have been deployed at various locations to minimise the response time in case of any exigency.

## Airports function normal, full recovery awaited

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

Airport systems in India resumed operations normally from 3 am on Saturday, hours after major disruptions caused inconvenience to passengers. However, the overall system has not yet fully recovered, as confirmed by airport officials. The significant backlog of cancelled and delayed flights and yet-to-be-delivered baggage means full restoration of normalcy may take a couple of days. Additionally, the process of rebooking affected passengers or processing refunds will begin as the systems are back up. The Ministry of Civil Aviation on



Saturday issued a statement saying airline systems across airports have started "working normally" and all issues related to travel adjustments and refund processes were being taken care of. Union Civil Aviation Minister K Rammoan

Naidu said airline systems across airports, have started working normally, and all issues are likely to be resolved by noon on Saturday. The Ministry is constantly monitoring the operations at airports and airlines to ensure travel readjustments and refunds are taken care of, he added. "Since 3 am (Saturday), Airline systems across airports have started working normally. Flight operations are going smoothly now," Naidu said. At Delhi's Indira Gandhi International Airport's Terminal 3, passengers experienced some improvement today, but a few problems persist as the Digi Yatra system, remained non-operational.

## Monsoon health woes

ARCHANA JYOTI ■ NEW DELHI

The monsoon season's fluctuating humidity levels, along with contaminated food, water, and environmental changes, have assured conducive conditions for various pathogens. "This has resulted in a notable increase in stomach infections, fevers, and vector-borne diseases like hepatitis A and E," medical professionals have noted, warning potential serious health risks if overlooked. Furthermore, health experts have highlighted another concern: Individuals who have previously had Covid-19 may experience compromised immunity. This makes them more vulnerable to bacterial and viral infections during this susceptible period. While attributing multiple reasons for the rise in stomach infections and fever cases during this season, Dr Ajaya Kumar, Director, Medical Services at Lucknow-based Apollomedics Hospital said "Covid-19 has left its lingering effect on its survivors by compromising their immune system, leading to 'immunomodulation'. "Because of low immunity caused by the Covid-19, the SARS Cov 2 virus survivors are catching infections more easily." He



cited research in this context. According to a study, patients who have had Covid-19 are more likely to experience digestive symptoms like constipation, diarrhoea, bloating, vomiting, and abdominal pain. The doctors advised not to ignore fever and stomach infections as they may also signal more severe underlying medical conditions. Said Dr Neha Rastogi Panda, infectious diseases expert at Fortis Hospital, Gurugram, "With monsoon season around, we are seeing a surge in stomach infections and fever, mostly due to contaminated food and humidity in the atmosphere."

## UPSC chairman Manoj resigns

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

UPSC chairman Manoj Soni has resigned citing personal reasons before the expiry of his tenure in May 2029, official sources said on Saturday. His resignation is "not in any way connected to controversies and allegations surrounding the Union Public Service Commission (UPSC) after probationary IAS officer Puja Khedkar issue came to the fore," they said. "The UPSC chairman had tendered his resignation citing personal reasons over a fortnight back. It is yet to be accepted," a source said. Eminent educationist Soni, 59, took over as a member of the Commission on June 28, 2017. He took oath as the UPSC chairman on May 16, 2023 and his term was to end on May 15, 2029. Sources said Soni was not keen on becoming the UPSC chairman and had requested to be relieved. However, his request was not accepted then, the sources said.

## RS handbook on Parliamentary etiquette for MPs

DEEPAK KUMAR JHA ■ NEW DELHI

With a series of disruptions marking the Parliament proceedings in recent times leading to acrimonious scenes on floor of both the Houses — Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha, a new set of "Handbook for Members of Rajya Sabha" has been circulated to the members drawing the attention towards Parliamentary customs and

conventions and Parliamentary etiquette. This includes improperly raising of slogans like "Vande Bharat", "Jai Hind" usage of words like "Thanks" and also abstaining from criticising rulings given by the Presiding officer and in this case Chairman of the Rajya Sabha. Sources said similar manual is to be issued for the members of the Lok Sabha which every Parliamentarian will have to abide. The Monsoon Session begins on

July 22 and is slated to conclude on August 12 and July 23 the annual Budget is scheduled to be announced. The manual has advised that MPs should not display "placards" on the floor of the House as this will tantamount to House is "not in order". "The decorum and the seriousness of the proceedings of the House require that there should be no 'thanks', 'thank you', 'Jai Hind', 'Vande Mataram' or any other slogans raised in the House," said a bulletin by RS secretariat. The Opposition protests have been more frequent and aggressive in recent times following which Chairman Jagdeep Dhankhar had engage in verbal duel with senior most MPs as well. The bulletin issued by the Table Office of the Rajya Sabha has mentioned a total of 28 conventions and etiquette that are usually practised in Parliament.

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# Waste Management in Haryana: Two Waste-to-Charcoal Plants to be set up in the State

PNS ■ CHANDIGARH

Taking a major step towards waste management in Haryana, waste-to-charcoal plants, also known as green coal plants, will be established in the state with the support of the central government. This project will be the first of its kind green initiative and will be set up in Faridabad and Gurugram.

An MoU was signed between NTPC Vidyut Vyapar Nigam Limited (NVVNL), a wholly-owned subsidiary of NTPC Limited, and the Municipal Corporations of Gurugram and Faridabad in the presence of Union Minister Manohar Lal, Chief Minister Nayab Singh Saini, and Minister of State for Urban Local Bodies Subhash Sudha.

The MoU was signed by A.Mona Sreenivas, Commissioner, Municipal Corporation Faridabad, Narhari Singh Banger, Commissioner, Municipal Corporation Gurugram, and Renu Narang, CEO of NVVNL.

Speaking on this occasion, Chief Minister Nayab Singh Saini said that it is a very important day for Haryana as an MoU has been signed for setting up plants to produce green charcoal. According to the agreement, NTPC Vidyut Vyapar Nigam Limited (NVVNL), a fully-owned sub-



siary of NTPC Limited, will establish waste-to-charcoal plants in Gurugram and Faridabad under the Atmanirbhar Bharat campaign of the Government of India, he said.

The Chief Minister said that green coal plants will be set up in Bandhwari, Gurugram, and Motuka, Faridabad, at a cost of around Rs. 500 crore each. These plants will convert 1500 tonnes of waste collected daily from Gurugram and Faridabad into charcoal. The Municipal Corporations of Gurugram and Faridabad will provide 20 acres of land each for these plants. NTPC will soon take possession of the land and start setting up the plants, which are expected to be completed in about 30 months. These plants will be based entirely on indigenous technology.

Saini said that the establishment of these plants will

significantly contribute to the making of Gurugram and Faridabad garbage-free. In the future, the cities will be free from waste heaps. He said that the waste-to-green coal plants in Gurugram and Faridabad will not only provide a permanent solution to the waste problem but will also increase energy production. This torrefied charcoal will be used in power generation plants, reducing the use of mineral coal. He stated that this effort will play a crucial role in significantly enhancing urban cleanliness and promoting environmental sustainability in Gurugram and Faridabad, said the Chief Minister.

Earlier, Commissioner and Secretary, Urban Local Bodies Department, Vikas Gupta said that with the increasing urbanization, the generation of waste is also continuously rising, making waste disposal a major challenge in cities. To address this problem, we have initiated

ed this step with NVVNL under the guidance of the Chief Minister. The setting up of these plants in Gurugram and Faridabad will strengthen waste management, he said.

CEO of NVVNL, Renu Narang while providing detailed information about the waste-to-charcoal plants said that currently, NTPC is operating a plant in Varanasi that produces charcoal from 600 tonnes of waste daily. However, the two plants to be established in Haryana will be the largest in India, producing charcoal from 1500 tonnes of waste daily. After their success, this technology will be considered for implementation in other cities, he said.

This initiative aims to implement efficient waste management strategies, including better collection, recycling, and disposal methods. The partnership focuses on exchanging knowledge among stakeholders involved in solid waste management and empowering officials and professionals with expertise and tools to create a clean and healthy urban environment for local residents.

Chief Secretary T.V.S.N Prasad, Principal Secretary to Chief Minister, V Umashankar, Managing Director, Haryana Power Generation Corporation Limited, Mohammed Shayin and other officers were also present on this occasion.

# Major infrastructure upgrade for Baba Balaknath Temple to boost religious tourism: Himachal CM

PNS ■ SHIMLA

Himachal Chief Minister Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu on Saturday said that the State Government has decided to enhance and upgrade the infrastructure of Baba Balaknath Temple at Deotsidh, located in Hamirpur district and has approved the installation of a ropeway to the temple.

He said that this temple was recognized as one of the most sacred and ancient pilgrimage sites and the upgradation of infrastructure would boost religious tourism in the area. To address congestion and ensure the smooth and safe movement of pilgrims, the State Government has approved the ropeway, added the Chief Minister.

He said, "This 0.52-kilometer ropeway is expected to be constructed with an outlay of Rs. 65 crore and would connect the taxi parking area

to the temple. This temple was located at the top of the mountain and currently faces major congestion, particularly during Navratras and other sacred days, when lakhs of devotees visit the temple, often resulting in inconvenience. The ropeway would help mitigate this problem and facilitate visitors."

Sukhu said that the Baba Balak Nath Temple is a significant pilgrimage site and attracts thousands of devotees from across North India. This temple serves not only as a spiritual centre but also as a hub for cultural and natural exploration in Himachal Pradesh. The temple's serene environment combined with religious fervour makes it a unique destination for tourists and pilgrims alike.

"Currently, there is a single road connecting the taxi parking to the temple, but the new ropeway would provide devotees with an alternative and memorable way to reach the temple," he said, adding,

this project is also expected to create employment and self-employment opportunities for local people, thereby bolstering the area's economy.

Sukhu said that the present State Government has accorded top priority to boosting tourism and the economy of the State, as thousands of families were directly or indirectly associated with tourism activities. He said that the State Government has taken significant steps to ramp up infrastructure to make tourists' experiences more memorable.

He further said that besides religious tourism, the State Government was active in focusing on adventure tourism, including water sports activities, given the many reservoirs in the State and encouraging paragliding activities. The State Government has set a target to increase tourist footfalls to five crore per annum in the near future.

# Punjab Police arrests 3 smugglers, drugs recovered

PNS ■ CHANDIGARH

Amritsar Commissionerate Police on Saturday apprehended three drug smugglers including a big fish identified as Gurbax alias Lala of Chheharta and seized 1 Kg Ice (Methamphetamine), 245 Kg Heroin and 520 grams pseudoephedrine—a precursor chemical from their possession, Director General of Police (DGP) Punjab Gaurav Yadav said on Saturday.

"Drug smuggler Gurbax alias Lala has been actively sourcing the precursor chemicals, used to adulterate crude heroin to increase its potent effect, and to manufacture Crystal Methamphetamine (ICE)," he said, while adding that accused Lala used to earn a commission of Rs 50,000 per consignment.

"Punjab Police's persistent fight against drugs, which is resulting in breaking the supply chain of drugs, smugglers are now resorting to local manufacture of synthetic drugs, like ICE, using precursor chemicals to fill the vacuum.

# Farmer shifting from paddy to alternative crop to get Rs. 17.5K per hectare in Punjab

PNS ■ CHANDIGARH

To wean away the state farmers from the water-guzzling paddy crop to arrest the depleting groundwater, Punjab Agriculture and Farmers Welfare department has decided to provide incentive of Rs.17,500 per hectare for encouraging farmers to shift to alternative crops.

In a statement, Punjab Agriculture and Farmers Welfare Minister Gurmeet Singh Khudian said that in this regard an amount of Rs. 289.87 crores has been allocated for FY 2024-25.

Giving breakups of the revamped Crop Diversification Programme (CDP) for replacing paddy, he said that under this program, any farmer can avail the benefits on a maximum five hectares, and the incentive amount will be directly transferred to the bank account of the beneficiary farmer via Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT) in two equal instalments. First instalment will be transferred immediately after verification through Digital Crop Survey and Krishi Mapper app, second

instalment will be transferred immediately after the crop harvest.

Khudian stated that Punjab played crucial role in the green revolution which helped the nation to become independent in food security. Cultivation of paddy in Punjab leads to over-dependence on tubewell irrigation which resulted into depletion of groundwater. Punjab Government has decided to implement the revised CDP in all the Districts of Punjab and preference would be given to critical and over-exploited blocks of the identified districts.

Special Chief Secretary Agriculture and Farmers Welfare KAP Sinha said that GoI has launched a revamped Crop Diversification Programme (CDP)- to encourage farmers to diversify paddy to alternative crops during Kharif season 2024. He said that the Farmer can apply online on the State portal to avail of scheme benefits. For effective and smooth implementation of the program, a state and district level committees will be constituted in the state, he added.

# Punjab Aerial display in Bathinda to commemorate 25th anniversary of Kargil war victory

PNS ■ BATHINDA

An aerial display was conducted here to commemorate the 25th anniversary of India's victory in the Kargil conflict in 1999. The Rajat Jayanti of Kargil Vijay Diwas was observed at Air Force Station Bhisiana with fervour to honour the bravery, valour and sacrifices in the service of the nation by the Indian Armed Forces. The occasion was marked by a wreath laying ceremony at the War Memorial at AF Stn Bhisiana on Air Marshal PK Vohra, senior Air Staff Officer, Western Air Command.

On this occasion, former Chief of the Air Staff, Air Chief Marshal BS Dhanoa (Retd), Alka Ahuja, spouse of late Sqn Ldr Ajay Ahuja, Op Safed Sagar awardees and IAF officers were present. An aerial

display was conducted which included para-drop by the Akash Ganga Skydiving team, flypast in 'Vic' formation by three Rafale and three Jaguar fighter aircraft, Slithering and Small Team Insertion and Extraction (STIE) operations by the Mi-17 V helicopter, and low level aerobatics by Su-30 MKI fighter aircraft.

The event also witnessed a flypast in the "Arrow Head" and "Missing Man" formations flown by MiG-29 aircraft in memory of the brave Air Warriors. The spectators were also mesmerised by the scintillating display by the Air Force Band and Air Warrior Drill Team, a statement said. More than 5,000 spectators, including school children witnessed the aerial display which showcased the brave spirit, precision and dedication of the air warriors.

# Amritpal Singh moves Punjab and Haryana HC challenges his detention under NSA

PNS ■ CHANDIGARH

Khadour Sahib MP Amritpal Singh, who is lodged in a prison in Assam's Dibrugarh district under the National Security Act has moved the Punjab and Haryana High Court seeking directions for quashing of entire proceedings against him under the act, including detention. The petitioner submitted in the high court that his detention is "illegal" and, therefore, it is liable to be set aside. He mentioned that "it serves no

purpose whatsoever except to punish the petitioner for being vocal against the state and the Central governments on major political issues, which is a democratic right of every citizen of this country". The grounds of detention are primarily based on social media posts uploaded by different persons across the world, which have hardly any impact in the state of Punjab and possibly the security of the state of India cannot be so fragile as to be impacted by social media posts," Singh stated in the petition.



Chandigarh: Para cricketer Aamir Hussain Lone met Haryana Governor Bandaru Dattatraya at Raj Bhavan on Saturday and said that his life is a true inspiration for everyone. Despite all the difficulties, Aamir did not lose courage and fulfilled his dream. "I am happy that Sachin Tendulkar and other cricketers have praised Aamir," he added. Aamir Hussain shared with the Governor that he faced many challenges to reach his current position. He recounted that during a childhood accident, he lost both his hands in a saw machine. Since then, his dream was to become a cricketer. After the accident, he momentarily felt that he would not be able to fulfill his dream. However, he did not lose courage and, by facing all the challenges, he has become a successful para cricketer and is now the captain of the Jammu and Kashmir para cricket team.

# ED ARRESTS HARYANA CONGRESS MLA IN ILLEGAL MINING CASE

Gurugram/Ambala: The Enforcement Directorate (ED) arrested Haryana Congress MLA Surender Panwar on Saturday in an illegal mining-linked money-laundering case, official sources said. The 55-year-old legislator was taken into custody in the early hours in Gurugram. He was produced before a special Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA) court in Ambala which sent him to the custody of the Enforcement Directorate till July 29. At the request of Panwar's counsel, the court directed the ED to allow the MLA's lawyer to meet him for half an hour daily and provide him medicines prescribed by doctors. The agency had raided the premises of the Sonepat MLA in January on charges of "large-scale illegal mining" in the Yamunanagar area of the state. It had then arrested former Indian National Lok Dal (INLD) legislator from Yamunanagar, Dilbag Singh, and one of his associates, Kulwinder Singh, in the case. The money-laundering case stems from several FIRs registered by the Haryana Police for probing alleged illegal mining of boulders, gravel and sand that took place in the past in Yamunanagar and nearby districts despite a ban imposed by the National Green Tribunal (NGT). The ED is also probing an alleged fraud in the "e-Ravana" scheme, an online portal that was introduced by the Haryana government in 2020 to simplify the collection of royalties and taxes and prevent tax evasion in mining areas. It is estimated, according to the ED, that the alleged illegal mining generated slush funds of about Rs 400-500 crore over the last few years.

# WON'T BE ABLE TO APPEAR BEFORE SIT AS I'M IN DELHI TO ASSIST MY LAWYERS: MAJITHIA TO SIT

Chandigarh: Senior Shiromani Akali Dal (SAD) leader Bikram Singh Majithia on Saturday informed the SIT probing an NDPS case against him that he would not be able to present himself before the investigating authority as he was present in Delhi to assist his lawyers in the special leave petition filed against him in the Supreme Court by the State government to cancel his regular bail in the NDPS case. A communication in this regard was sent to the SIT by Bikram Majithia's counsel Damambir Singh Sobti, a statement issued here said. The communication said the SIT was aware of the court hearing in the Supreme Court and had deliberately misused its powers to prevent Mr Majithia from seeking remedies available to him as per law. It said the SAD leader had appeared before all SITs formed by the State to probe the case registered under the NDPS Act and that the latest attempt to ensure his presence before the SIT today was aimed at scuttling his right to have access to law. Asserting that no fair investigation could be made by the SIT which was being controlled by the chief minister, the communication said an attempt was also being made to set up a false plea of non cooperation. "The Chairman of the SIT is on record to have said the non cooperation of Mr Majithia will be pleaded". It asserted that the Akali leader was rightfully in Delhi to assist his lawyers and would not be able to present himself before the SIT.

# SELJA WRITES TO RAILWAY MINISTER DEMANDING AN INTERCITY RAILWAY LINE

Chandigarh: Congress General Secretary and MP Sirsa Lok Sabha constituency, Kumari Selja has written a letter to Railway Minister Ashwini Vaishnav demanding the introduction of a new intercity train between Hansi-Maham-Rohtak-New Delhi. She said that this step will save time for the passengers of Sirsa and other districts, enabling them to travel to and from Delhi in a single day.

# AAP gives 5 guarantees of Kejriwal, if government is formed in Hry, then people will get free electricity

PNS ■ PANCHKULA/CHANDIGARH

Ahead of the Assembly elections in Haryana, the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) on Saturday promised free electricity to the people if the party is voted to power in the elections to be held later this year.

In the state-level town hall program at Indradhanush Stadium in Panchkula, wife of AAP national convener and Delhi Chief Minister, Sunita Kejriwal, gave five guarantees of Arvind Kejriwal to the people of Haryana. Along with her, Punjab Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann, Rajya Sabha MP and National Spokesperson Sanjay Singh, National General Secretary (Organization) Dr. Sandeep Pathak, State President Dr. Sushil Gupta, State Senior Vice President Anurag Dhanda and Aam Aadmi Party leaders and workers from every corner of the state were present among others.

She said Kejriwal has given five guarantees to the public, the first of which will be free domestic electricity like Delhi and Punjab. There will be provision of electricity 24 hours a day. The second guarantee is that like Delhi and Punjab, we will work on building mohalla clinics in every village and every city. Government hospitals will be



good, everyone will get good and free treatment. The third guarantee will be to make government schools better, where good and free education will be provided. The fourth guarantee will be to give one thousand rupees every month to our mothers & sisters. The fifth guarantee will be to provide employment to every unemployed youth. He said that Arvind Kejriwal brought change in Delhi, change is happening in Punjab. Now it is our responsibility to bring change in Haryana.

In his address, Bhagwant Mann said Arvind Kejriwal and his wife Sunita Kejriwal left their income tax job to serve the public. We do not consider politics as a business, it is not a profession but a passion. "If the leaders of other parties were right then what was the need for us to form a

party? They challenged us to do it, we did it, so now they are saying don't come. The people of Haryana gave every party a chance. But no one turned out to be good. When we went to Jind, Kaithal, Tohana and Sonipat to hold rallies, people used to tell us that if you are doing such good work in Delhi and Punjab, then come to Haryana also. So that our standard of living also becomes higher. BJP people are rhetoricians, but Arvind Kejriwal gives guarantees," he said.

"I am standing in front of you after providing 43 thousand jobs in Punjab in just two and a half years. Aam Aadmi Party did not take bribe of even a single rupee from anyone. When we were giving guarantees of free electricity in Punjab, the opposition used to say that it is not possible, where will the

money come from. But we knew that the money would come from their own pockets. So, as soon as the government was formed in March, we made 600 units of electricity free for two months in July. Today, 90 percent of the houses have zero electricity bill. Earlier electricity was available in the fields for 8 hours, today electricity is available for 12 hours a day for farmers," CM Mann added.

Mann said half of Haryana is connected to Delhi and half is connected to Punjab. "I also have relatives in Haryana. In Punjab, Aam Aadmi Party won 92 seats by defeating big leaders. When people fight, no one survives. The people of Punjab are not even ready to take the names of Akali Dal people. We have also fulfilled those guarantees in Punjab which were not given. We merged the pensions of MLAs because there is no pension for public service," he said.

The Punjab CM said Aam Aadmi Party has so far closed 17 toll plazas and due to this, Punjabis are saving Rs 60 lakh every day. "Seeing the enthusiasm of the people, it seems that now Aam Aadmi Party will rule from Punjab to the border of UP. Like Delhi and Punjab, if the power of Haryana is handed over to the honest party Aam Aadmi Party, thefts will be stopped," he said.

# State-level ceremony held to celebrate Maharaja Daksha Prajapati Jayanti in Hisar

PNS ■ CHANDIGARH

Haryana Chief Minister Nayab Singh Saini while addressing the gathering at the state-level Maharaja Daksha Prajapati Jayanti celebration held on Saturday in Hisar district made several key announcements.

Saini said that the government's endeavour has been to ensure the progress of all sections, uplift everyone, and provide equal rights to all. In this direction, the government has taken several concrete steps to deliver the benefits of development to those who were left behind for various reasons, in line with Pandit Deen Dayal Upadhyaya's Antyodaya philosophy. The government has launched numerous schemes for the welfare and upliftment of the backward classes, he added.

He said that people from the backward classes in Haryana had long demanded an increase in the creamy layer income limit. Recently, the government fulfilled this demand by raising the creamy



layer income limit from Rs. 6 lakh per annum to Rs. 8 lakh in line with the central government's criteria. He added that 8 percent representation has been given to BC-A in Panchayati Raj institutions. Additionally, a Backward Classes Commission has been formed for the welfare and upliftment of the backward classes, Saini said.

The Chief Minister accused the Opposition of ignoring the rights of the backward classes during their tenure. Saini while targeting Congress leaders, accused them of misleading people with false

School in Hisar district and announced a grant of Rs. 53 lakh to the Saini Education Institute. Addressing the gathering on this occasion, he said that the school is named after a great educator, which is historical in itself. Jyotiba Phule ignited the flame of education and inspired people to get educated. He stated that the present state government understands the importance of education and merit, and on this basis, deserving youth are getting government jobs without any bribery. Poor individuals are benefiting from the schemes of the central and state governments. The doors of the government are open 24 hours to serve the people, he said. Saini said that the government has allocated plots to 15,000 people in urban areas. He further shared that many projects have been initiated for development in Hisar district. Flights will soon commence from Maharaja Agrasen Airport in Hisar, benefiting not only Haryana but also Punjab and Rajasthan, said the Chief Minister.



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Farmers have received ₹ 1.12 lakh crores directly in their bank accounts

Payment to farmers within 72 hours of crop sold

Disbursement of ₹33.26 crores under Bhavantar Bharpai Yojana for Vegetables and Fruits

₹5693 crores transferred directly to the accounts of 19.95 lakh farmers under PM Kisan Samman Nidhi

₹12,750 crores disbursed as immediate relief for damaged crops

*Increase in MSP and assured Procurement on MSP will continue...*



# Classifieds

## BEDKHALI NOTICE

**I, Sunil Kumar** S/o Sh. Rammehar R/o H.No. 70, Prakash Nagar, Panipat Presently Residing Village Firozpur Bangar, Tehsil Kharkhoda, Sonipat has disowned my son Sandeep & his wife Manoj Kumari & their children from my all movable-immovable property as they are out of my control. In future, if anybody deals with them, he/she will do at their own risk.

**I, Pataso** Late Sh. Dalip Singh R/o Hanuman Nagar Kami Road, Sonipat declare that my son Sushil and his wife Meena both are out of my control. So I disown them from my all movable immovable property. Anybody deals with them at own risk.

**I, Dharambir** Son Of Ram Kishan 1108/3, Rajiv Colony, Sector 17, Panchkula, Haryana, declared that my son Karan is out of my control, so I disown him from my moveable and immovable property. Anybody dealing with him at their own risk.

**We, Swaran Singh,** S/o Late Sh.Hakam Singh and Sukhwinder Kaur, W/o Swaran Singh, R/o house no. 31 A Jaisinghpura Mauja, Ramgarh Sector-27, Panchkula, declare that our son Jasvinder Singh and his wife Meenakshi both are out of our control. So we disown them from all our Moveable/Immovable Properties. anybody Dealing with Them At Their Own Risk And Responsibility.

**We Baljit Singh,** son of late Mukhtiar Singh and Jaspal Kaur, resident of house number 365, near Water bank Kansal SAS Nagar Mohali Punjab declare that our son Rajveer Singh and his wife, Manpreet Kaur are out of our control and we disown them from all our moveable and immoveable properties if any body deals with them at their own risk.

**I, Deepak Kapoor** S/o Late Shri Mohan Krishan Kapoor R/o H.No. 1423 Sector 4 Panchkula I declare that my son Abhinav Kapoor and his wife Prachi Sethi are completely out of our control. Today 20/07/24 I disinherit my son and his wife from all my movable and immovable properties. If my son and his wife have any dealings with anyone in the past, or in the present or in the future, they themselves will be responsible for their legal and illegal dealings and I and my family will not be held liable for it.

**We Dhamrinder Kumar** S/O Diwan Chand & Nitu W/O Dhamrinder Kumar R/O #412, Sector-2B, St.No. 10, Mata Rani Mohalla, Mandi Gombardgarh Tehsil Amloh Distt Fatehgarh Sahib Declare that My Son Himanshu Taneja Is Out Of My Control. So I Disown Him From All My Movable And Immovable Properties. Anybody Dealing With Him On Their Own Risk.

ਮੇਰੀ ਪਤਨੀ ਕੈਲਾਸ਼ ਕੌਰ ਮੇਰੇ ਕਹਿਣੇ ਤੋਂ ਬਾਹਰ ਹੈ। ਮੈਂ ਉਸਨੂੰ ਆਪਣੀ ਚਲ ਆਸ਼ ਆਦਿ ਦਾ ਵੱਖਰਾ ਕਰਵਾ ਰਿਹਾ ਹਾਂ। ਮੇਰਾ ਅਤੇ ਮੇਰੇ ਪਰਿਵਾਰ ਦਾ ਉਸ ਨਾਲ ਕੋਈ ਸੰਬੰਧ ਨਹੀਂ ਹੈ। ਉਸ ਨਾਲ ਲੈਣ ਦੇਣ ਵਾਲੇ ਖੁਦ ਜਿੰਮੇਵਾਰ ਹੋਣਗੇ। ਦਲੀਲ ਸਿੱਖ ਵਾਸੀ ਪਿੰਡ ਰੰਜਿਤਪੁਰਾ, ਤੀਰਥੀਲ ਅਤੇ ਜ਼ਿਲ੍ਹਾ ਫ਼ਤਿਹਗੜ੍ਹ।

## PUBLIC NOTICE

**I, Parmjit** S/o Sadiq Masih R/O Village Tariza Nagar PO Dhariwal Distt Gurdaspur declare that in my Passport No. L2140057 and my wife Sonia Passport No. L2138861, my name wrongly written as Paramjit. My correct name is Parmjit. Concerned note.

**I, Seerapu Kothalamma** legally mother of No. 16114097Y Rank L/NK Name Seerapu Anji Kumar Unit 4 Engr Regt. C/o 56 APO Bathinda Cantt.(Punjab) permanent resident of Chittivalasa, Cherukupalli, Bhogapuram, Cherukupalle, Gudivada, Vizianagaram, State Andhra Pradesh-531162 have changed my name from Kothalamma to Seerapu Kothalamma and DOB from 01.07.1951 to 11.06.1955

## CHANGE OF NAME

I, hitherto known as Mandeep Kumar S/O Kabal Singh residing at Asafpur, Teh-Mukerian Distt. Hoshiarpur, Punjab-144221 have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as Mandeep Kumar Vashishatt. It is certified that I have complied with other legal requirements in this connection. Mandeep Kumar. Signature (in existing old name)

**I, Rajender Kumar** son of Deshraj Sharma Permanent resident of Village Sail Jatta P.O. Salmarhi, District Udhampur (Jammu & Kashmir), Pin Code - 182101, have Changed my Name From Rajender Kumar to Rajinder Kumar vide Affidavit dated 16-07-2024 at Pathankot.

**I, Komal Chauhan** Is Legal Daughter Of Bher Singh Chauhan Resident Of Village Biya Khera, P.O. Kabra, Tehsil Beawar, Distt. Ajmer (Rajasthan)- 305927, Have Changed My Name From Komal Chauhan To Komal Chauhan Vide Affidavit Dated 16-07-2024 Before Shri Sat Pal, Notary, Pathankot.

**I, Mahavir Singh** Is Legal Son Of Bher Singh Chauhan Resident Of Village Biya Khera, P.O. Kabra, Tehsil Beawar, Distt. Ajmer (Rajasthan)-305927, Have Changed My Name From Mahavir Singh To Mahaveer Singh Vide Affidavit dated 16-07-2024 before Shri Sat Pal, Notary, Pathankot. My Date Of Birth is 03-04-2005 (Third April Two Thousand Five).

**I, Bindu Rani** W/o Gaurav Seth R/o 32-A, Professor Colony, Yamuna Nagar have changed my name from Bindu Rani to Bindu Seth.

**I, Kunal Singh** S/o Jai Pal Singh R/o 753, Shyam Sunder Puri, Jagadhri, Distt Yamuna Nagar declare that Kunal Singh and Kunal both are my name, one and the same person.

**I, Roma Saini** D/o Davinder Saini R/o H.No. B-12/79, Sai Niwas, Mohalla Premgarh, Distt. Hoshiarpur Punjab have changed my name from Roma Saini to Preeti Saini. Concerned note.

**I, Manjit Kaur** W/o Harjinder Singh R/o H.No. B-12/593/1, Harkhowalia Building Jalandhar Road, New Jagatpura Ward No. 30, Distt. Hoshiarpur Punjab have changed my name from Manjit Kaur to Manjeet Kaur. Concerned note.

**I, Sido Devi** daughter of No 2450933L Sep Kishan Chand (Retd.) Village Mehמדpur, PO Hardo Khundpur, Tehsil Mukerian, Distt Hoshiarpur (Pb), have changed my name from Sido Devi to Surinder Kaur. My correct date of birth is 05 Jan 1972. Concerned note.

**I, Meena Mathur** W/o Rajendra Singh R/o 20A, Village Mohammadpur Majri, Post Office Karala North West Delhi. my correct name is Meena and I should be known by this name in future.

**I, Sheetal** D/o Sh. Ravi Kumar R/O H.No. 721/720, Near Bus Stand, Boh, Ambala Cantt do hereby solemnly affirm & declare that I have changed my name from Sheetal Kumari to Sheetal. All Concerned note.

**I, Surbhi Rana** D/o Surinder Kumar W/o Dikshit Rana R/O 1024/1, Gali Kharasian, Katra Bhaghian, Amritsar, Punjab have changed my name from Surbhi Rana to Surbhi Bhogal.

**I, Harjinder Kaur** Aulakh W/o Harjeet Singh R/O 145, Ram Tirath Road, Near Lakehead S.S Public School, New Urban Estate, Amritsar-II, PO Mahal, Distt. Amritsar, Punjab- 143105 have changed my name from Harjinder Kaur Aulakh to Harjinder Kaur.

**I, Gesh Bhardwaj** S/o Ram Parshad Bhardwaj R/o H.No. 800-B, Diamond Avenue, Majitha Road, Amritsar, Punjab- 143001 have changed my name from Gesh Bhardwaj to Gesh Kumar Bhardwaj.

**I, Kuldeep Kaur** W/o Gurmukh Singh R/O VPO Bhatkike, Tehsil Baba Bakala, Distt. Amritsar, Punjab have changed my name from Kuldeep Kaur to Kuldeep Kaur.

**I, Sudhir Bala** Mendiratta W/O Dhan Raj Mendiratta and D/o Sh. Swadesh Kumar Lala & Smt. Padma Rani, R/o #854, Sector-7, Panchkula 134109 Haryana declare that in my Passport No M1714335 my date of birth is mentioned as 02-04-1947. But my correct Date of Birth is 04-04-1949.

**I, Rekha Rani** W/o Naresh Kumar R/o House no 22, Near old Airport Behlana, Chandigarh have changed my name from Rekha Rani to Rekha.

**I, Kanishk Garg** S/o Sh. Parveen Kumar R/o H.No. 484/34 Janta Colony, Near Tara Hotel, Rohtak declare that Kanishk Garg and Kanishk both are same and one person.

**I, Tanya Garg** D/o Sh. Parveen Kumar R/O H.No. 484/34 Janta Colony, Near Tara Hotel, Rohtak declare that Tanya Garg and Tanya Garg both are same and one person.

**I, Vijeta** D/o Jai Pal, residing Village Bir Khairi, P.O. Bargat, Distt Kurukshetra Haryana have changed my name from Vijeta to Vijeta Chaudhary.

**I, Babita W/O** Rinku resident of village Jand Mangholi, Tehsil Rajpura District Patiala have changed my name Babita Rani to Babita.

**I, Sahilpreet Singh** S/o Sukhdev Singh R/O Village Babri Nangal Distt Gurdaspur (Punjab) have changed my name from Sahilpreet Singh to Singh Sahilpreet. In future SINGH is my surname and Sahilpreet is my given name. Concerned note.

**I, Jasbir Singh** S/o Balbir Singh R/O Village Purani Baghrian Post Office Alma Tehsil and District Gurdaspur (Punjab)- 143517 have changed my name from Jasbir Singh to Jasvir Singh. Concerned note.

**I, Dharam Pal** s/o Jhandu Ram R/o #204, Gali No.4, New Prem Colony, Karnal (Haryana) have changed my name from Dharam Pal to Dharampal Kaushik. In future I should be known as Dharampal Kaushik.

**I, Jyoti** W/o Jatinder Kohli R/O Krishna Gali No. 2, Dhariwal (Gurdaspur) have changed my name to Jyoti Kohli. Concerned note.

**I, Jai Parkash** S/o Chaman Lal R/O #0127, Gali No.6, Basant Vihar, Kalka, Sharma Colony, Distt.Panchkula (Haryana) declare that Jai Parkash & Jai Parkash Mittal both are my name.

**I, Deepika Verma** W/o Sunil Kumar R/o H.No.117/118, Jagdish Nagar, Kutani Road, Panipat declare that I have Changed my name from Deepika to Deepika Verma, for all future purposes.

**I, Naveen Kumar** S/o Inder Sain R/o Vill Naloi Tehsil Siwani District Bhiwani declare that I have changed the name of my son Divyansh to Divyansh Mittal. In future for all purposes he should be known and identified as Divyansh Mittal.

**I, Inder sain** S/o Chandu Lal R/O H.No.438 ,Ward no.06, village Naloi(132) Tehsil Siwani District Bhiwani Haryana Pin code 127046 declare that my name is recorded as Inder Singh in the school records of my sons Parveen Kumar and Naveen Kumar. Whereas my name is Inder Sain. I have changed my name from Inder Singh to Inder Sain. In future for all purposes I should be known and identified as Inder Sain.

**I, kumum Rani** w/o Parminder Kumar r/o village Babail distt panipat declare change my name from kumum to kumum rani and in future my name is kumum rani

**I, Mandip Kaur** D/o Kirpal Singh R/O Village Akbar Wala, Tehsil Zira District Ferozepur have changed my name from Mandip Kaur to Mandeep Kaur

**I, No.14930608W** Hav Rahul Kutre S/o Vithal R/o #11/A, Lalwadi Hebbal Khanapur Belgaum Karnataka-591120 now at 15 Mech Inf C/o 56 Apo have changed my name from Vithal Kutre to Vithal Kutre Vide Affidavit No.IN-PB37488038116088W Dt.20.07.2024 Before Notary Public Amritsar

**I, Sumangal** Mother of No.14930608W Hav Rahul Kutre S/o Vithal R/o #11/A, Lalwadi Hebbal Khanapur Belgaum Karnataka-591120 now at 15 Mech Inf C/o 56 Apo have changed my name to Sumangala Kutre and Date of Birth from 22.03.1957 to 01.01.1959 Vide Affidavit No.IN-PB37487647928414W Dt.20.07.2024 Before Notary Public Amritsar

**I, Kunal Behal** S/o Ashok Kumar Behal R/O H.No.7-B, Rani Ka Bagh Amritsar have changed my minor Son's name from Sourish behl to Sourish Behal

**I, Gauravdeep Singh** S/o Kanwarjit Singh R/O 12, R.B.Rattan Chand Road Police Line, Amritsar Have Declare That Singh is my surname and Gauravdeep is my Given name.

**I, Saktar Singh** S/o Gyan Singh R/O Chhiddan Amritsar have changed my name from Saktar Singh to Sakattar Singh.

**I, Gurmit Kaur** W/o Harjit Singh R/O Village Jhalari PO Butala Tehsil Baba Bakala District Amritsar have changed my name from Gurmit Kaur to Gurmeet Kaur.

**I, Kabaljit Kaur** W/o Mohan Singh R/O Village Jhalari PO Butala Tehsil Baba Bakala District Amritsar have changed my name from Kabaljit Kaur to Kanwaljit Kaur.

**I, Sarthak** S/o Girish Sharma R/O House No. OB-214 FF, CHD City, Karnal, Haryana-132001 have changed my name to Sarthak Sharma.

**I, Dharmender Chopra** S/o Mohan Lal R/O VPO Jasso Mazara, SBS Nagar, Punjab-144501 have changed my name to Dharminder Chopra.

**I, Kuldeep Kaur** W/O Gian Singh Sidhu R/O Jhattr Road, Near Cold Store, Teh. Zira, Ferozepur, Punjab-142047 have changed my name to Krishna Devi.

**I, Gurmeet Kaur** W/O Gurmial Singh R/O House Number C-922, Sandhu Patti, Ward Number 3, Barnala, Punjab-148101 have changed my name to Antpal Kaur.

**I, Murti Devi** W/O Sh. Ram Kumar R/O Village Badi Bassi, P.O Banaundhi tehsil Naraingarh Distt Ambala, Haryana have changed my name from Murti Devi to Ram Murti.

**I, Pardeep Singh** S/o Sampuran Singh R/O Village Singanwala Ambala City have Changed my name from Pardeep Singh to Pardeep & Surname is Singh.

**I, Sapna Jaglan** W/o Sh. Amit Chaudhary R/o H. No. 395-R, Model Town, Panipat, have changed my name from Sapna Jaglan to Sapna Khokhar for all future purposes.

**I, Sunita W/O** Sh. Satnarayan R/O Vill Sutana Distt Panipat, i have changed my name from Sunita to Sunita Devi for all future purposes.

**I, Gurpreet Singh** (Aadhaar No. 506816441313) S/o Sh. Ravinder Singh R/O H.No. 1067/20, Gurdev Nagar, Krishna Nagar, Salarapur Road Thanesar, District Kurukshetra have declared that I am changing my name from Gurpreet to Gurpreet Singh in my re-issue passport. All concerned please note.

**I, Surinder Kaur** W/o Harpinder Singh R/o.805 Sharifpura, Street No.5, Near Hotel Axis Inn Bus Stand, Amritsar declare that in my passport my husband name is wrongly mentioed as Harbinder Singh but his correct name is Harpinder Singh

**I, Rohit** S/o Parvesh Kumar R/O.H.No.64, 88 Feet Road, Sandhu Colony, Majitha Road Amritsar pincode-143001 have Changed my name to Rohit Kumar

**I, Jasbir Kaur** W/o Ranjit Singh R/O 15, Pearl Holy City, Gumtala Bye Pass, G.T. Road, Amritsar-143001, Punjab, have changed my name to Jasbir Kaur.

**I, Beenu Shingari** Alias Manju Bhalla W/o Pawan Kumar Shingari R/O H. No. 11-A Krishna Lane Dasodna Singh Road Amritsar Have Changed My Name To Benu Shingari . All Concerned Please Note

**I, Krishma** Alias Rajni W/o Pardeep Kumar R/O H.no 79 Josan Colony Airport Road Amritsar Punjab, Have Changed My Name From Krishma Alias Rajni To Rajni.

**I, Kawaljeet Kaur** W/o Lakhwinder Pal R/OH.No.54, ward No.12, Kainthan Dasuya, Distt Hoshiarpur Punjab-144205 have Changed my name from Kawaljeet Kaur to Kaur Kawaljeet.

**I, Vinit Jain** S/O Sh. Tribhuvan Kumar Jain R/O House No. 1893, Sector-17, Huda, Jagadhri, Distt. Yamuna Nagar (Haryana). That I Have Changed My Name From Vinit Jain To Vinit Kumar Jain.

**I, Sonia Rani** W/O Mandeep Singh R/O H.N.381 Ghosiyan Mohalla Karnal Haryana. I Have Changed My Name From Sonia Kaur To Sonia Rani. In Future I Should Be Known And Known As Sonia Rani.All Concerned Pls Note.

**I Pardeep Singh** Dhillon S/O Gurjant Singh VPO Kharak Singh Wala Distt. Mansa Have Changed My Name To Pardeep Singh.

**I, Shivangi** D/O Sh. Vinit Jain R/O House No. 1893, Sector-17, Huda, Jagadhri, Distt. Yamuna Nagar (Haryana). That I Have Change My Name From Shivangi To Shivangi Jain.

**I, Harsh S/O** Sh. Vinit Jain R/O House No. 1893, Sector-17, Huda, Jagadhri, Distt. Yamuna Nagar (Haryana). That I Have Change My Name From Harsh To Harshvardhan Jain.

**I, Pooja Rani** W/O Sh. Vinit Jain R/O House No. 1893, Sector-17, Huda, Jagadhri, Distt. Yamuna Nagar (Haryana). That I Have Change My Name From Pooja Rani To Pooja Jain.

**I, Tarsem Singh** S/O Bachna Ram, R/O Near Koli Majra, Kauli Majra Distt- SAS Nagar Mohali, Punjab 140501, That I Have To Change My Name Tarsem Kumar To Tarsem Singh For All Purposes, For All Future Purposes.

**I, Pratibha Sharma** W/O Pardeep Kumar R/O H.No. 123 Lakhwinda Enclave Distt Ropar Have Changed My Name From Pratibha Joshi To Pratibha Sharma

**I Sunil Pahuja** S/O Ram Lal Pahuja R/O H.No.309 Sector 8, Near Bank Colony, Karnal Have Changed My Son Name From Saiyamb Pahuja To Sanyamb Pahuja . All Concerned Please Note.

**I, Shashi Bhushan** Bhutani S/O Krishan Kumar R/O Flat No. 301, Nirmla Tower, Peermuchalla, Zirakpur, Sas Nagar Punjab Have Changed My Name From Shashi Bhushan Bhutani To Shashi Bhushan

**I, Reena Kumari** W/O Kulbir Singh R/O H.No- 640 Sector- 9 Panchkula, Have Changed My Name From Reena Kumari To Reena Rani.

**I, Kunal** S/O Raghubir Singh R/O Village Kala Manj, Mukerian, Hoshiarpur, Punjab- 144211 Have Changed My Name To Kunal Thakur For All Future Purposes.

**I Vivek Kumar** S/O Ram Phal R/O H.No- 894 Gali No- 15 Village Haripur Sector- 4 Panchkula, Haryana, Have Changed My Name From Vivek Kumar To Vivek Kashyap.

**I Gurdeep Kaur** Wife Of Sarabjit Singh, Resident Of Village Janaitpur, Tehsil Derabasi, District Mohali, I Have Changed My Name From Gurdeep Kaur To Sukhdeep Kaur

**I, Savita Yadav** Spouse Of No. Jc-387718w Rank Sub Name Vinod Kumar Yadava Resident Of Vill. Malakhanpur, Po Hanumanganj, Distt. Allahabad (Prayagraj)State Uttar Pradesh-221505 Have Changed My Name From Savita Yadava To Savita Yadav

**I Deepti Parashar** D/O Giri Raj Kishore Parashar R/O Flat No. 833, Tower 8, South City Apartments Vip Road, Zirakpur Sas Nagar Punjab Declare That In Now Documents My Minor Daughter's Name Written As Avni Anup Sharma And Avni Sharma. That Above Both Name One And Same Person, Concern Please Note

**I Ashwini Bhaskar** So Parshotam Datt Bhaskar , Ro 9-B 1214-A Sunstar Building Near Pulia , Vishnu Nagar Jagadhri Workshop, Yamunanagar. That I Have Change My Name From Ashwini Bhaskar To Ashwini Kumar Bhaskar .

**I Shiva Kumar** Son Of Jasmer Singh Resident Of Village Khelan Tehsil Dera Bassi District Mohali Have Changed His Son's Name From Chetan To Chetan Kumar.

**I, Davinder** S/O Subhash Chander R/O Back side Oberoi Service Station, Uttam Garden Colony, Manwal Bagh, Pathankot, Punjab - 145001, In My 10th Certificate name is written as Davinder but my other Documents My name is Davinder kumar. So I declare that davinder and davinder Kumar is name of one person.

**I, No.JC-424590W** Rank Nb/Sub Janak Raj S/O Late.Puran Chand R/O Village Gatora, PO. Sujanpur, Tehsil & District Pathankot, State Punjab-145023 Declare That My Army Service Record My Son Name is Wrongly Entered as Vishav Kumar & Date of Birth 02-10-2008, Instead of Vishav Kumar, Kindly So Correct It.

**I, Pankaj** S/O Sh. Sushil R/O H. No. 37, Vinod Nagar, DCM Mill, Hisar, Haryana-125001 declare that I have changed my name from Pankaj to Pankaj Bansal for all purpose. In future I shall be known with my new name Pankaj Bansal.

**I, Seema** D/o Dev Raj W/O Rohit Aggarwal R/O T229/11, Gali Lamba Wali, Toba Bhai Salo Ji, Amritsar, Punjab-143001 have changed my name after marriage from Seema to Seema Aggarwal.

**I, Mohinder Singh** Baghiana S/O Banta Singh R/O Plot Radha Singh VPO Siana Saidan Kurukshetra TO Mohinder (Givenname) & Singh(Surname).

**I, Sumiter Kaur** W/O Mohinder Singh R/O PLOT Radha Singh VPO Siana Saidan Kurukshetra TO Sumitter (Givenname) & Kaur(Surname)

**I, Pooja Rani** W/o Munish Wadhawan R/O 160/10, Bhai Ji Wali Gali, Pehowa, Kurukshetra have changed my Given name Pooja Surname Rani.

**I, Aarti Lamba** W/o Sunil Kumar V.P.O Jhansa Tehsil Pehowa Kurukshetra have Changed my name Aarti.

**I, Madhu,** W/O Shri Naveen, permanent R/O H. No. 1121 Professor Colony, Kaithal, Haryana. I have changed my name from Madhu to Madhu Devi.

**I, No.4486860F** Rank: Hav. Name: Sandeep Singh, Unit: 15 Sikh Li C/o 99 APO, resident of Village Lakho Kharo, Tehsil Rajpura, Dist. Patiala (Punjab) have changed Date of Birth of my daughter Anmolpreet Kaur from 12-04-2010 to 12-10-2009 vide Affidavit No.IN-PB 37116373204500W dated 19-07-2024 before Notary Public, Patiala.

**I, Dilbagh Singh** S/O Satnam Singh R/O H.no. 522, Hari Nagar Panipat have changed my name from Dilbagh to Dilbagh Singh for all future purposes.

**I, Manish** S/o Ramparkash R/O H.no. 139, Sec-7, Gohana, Sonipat have changed my name from Munish to Manish for all future purposes.

**I, Rachna Chawla** w/o Manish R/O H. no. 139, Sec-7, Gohana, Sonipat have changed my name from Rachna to Rachna Chawla for all future purposes.

**I, No. 16112230X** Rank L/HAV Name: Mahantesh Mundalamani, residing at Village Mudener Post Mudener Taluk Kushtagi, Distt. Koppal (State) Karnataka Pin-583278, have changed my name from Mahantesh Mundala Mani to Mahantesh Mundalamani.

**I, Challa Appayya** is legally Father of No.15331811X Rank SPR Name: Ramu Challa, residing at Village Peddadugam Post Rana, Taluk Jalumuru, Distt. Srikakulam (State) Andhra Pradesh Pin- 532474, have changed my name from Appayya to Challa Appayya.

**I, Challa Chinnammi** is legally Mother of No.15331811X Rank SPR Name: Ramu Challa, residing at Village Peddadugam Post Rana, Taluk Jalumuru, Distt. Srikakulam (State) Andhra Pradesh Pin- 532474, have changed my name from Chinnammi to Challa Chinnammi.

**I, Suman Devi** W/o Shyam Lal R/o Village Adhon, Postoffice Dhurala, District Kurukshetra, have changed my name from Suman Devi to Suman Lata

**I, Service No: 4479800** Ex-L/Nk- Satikar Singh S/O Gurnam Singh Resident Of Vpo- Bhoma Tehsil- Batala Distt- Gurdaspur, Punjab, That I Declare Change My Daughter Name From Eknoorpreet To Eknoorpreet Kaur In Army Record.

**I, Army No. TJ-6026L** Ex Sub Surinder Singh resident of Village Majiri (Rajputtan), PO. Narot Jaimal Singh, Tehsil & Distt Pathankot (Punjab) have changed the name of my daughter from Ruppall Katal to Rupali Katal vide affidavit no. IN-PB37055115097137W dated 19-07-2024 before Executive Magistrate Pathankot (Punjab).

**I, Arpit** S/o Sh. Ashok Kumar Arora R/O H. No. 301, Sector 6P, HUDA, Hansi, Distt. Hisar Haryana declared that I have changed my name from Arpit to Arpit Arora for all future purposes.

**I Harmandeep Singh** Madhra S/O Gurdas Singh # 110 D, SBP homes, Sector 126, Mohali declared that I have changed my name from Harmandeep Singh Madhra to Harmandeep Singh . Now onwards all my future communication and documentation I will use my name as Harmandeep Singh. Concerned note.

**I Harsimrat Kaur** Madhra W/O Harmandeep Singh # 110 D, SBP homes, Sector 126, Mohali declared that I have changed my name from Harsimrat Kaur Madhra to Harsimrat Kaur. Now onwards all my future communication and documentation I will use my name as Harsimrat Kaur. Concerned note.

**I, Navdeep Sheokand** S/O Sh. Satya Parkash R/O 3646 Urban Estate D block Jind Tehsil and District Jind Have Changed My Name From Navdeep (Old Name) To Navdeep Sheokand. In future I will be known as Navdeep Sheokand for all Purposes.

**I, Anjupa Lama** Mother of No.5461194M Rank RFN Name Abhishek Tamang resident of Village- Bengdini Barabhita, Dakshin Bagdogra, District-Darjeeling, State- West Bengal Pin-734014, in my son service record my name wrongly recorded as Anju Tamang instead of Anjupa Lama Vide affidavit No.IN-PB371471877373191W dated 19 July 2024 before notary public Pathankot.

**I, Subhdra Devi** Mother of No.13783617Y RFN Puneet Thakur resident of Village-Bhuthi, Post- Bhuthi, Tehsil- Kullu, District- Kullu, State- Himachal Pradesh, Pin-175102, have changed my name from Subhdra Devi to Subhdra Devi Vide affidavit No.IN-PB37491886951340W dated 20 July 2024 before notary public Pathankot

**I, Bijan Krishna Dey** Father of No.770780A Sub/Opr & DVR (Rec) Sukanto Dey resident of Village- Mashra, Post- Tatla, Tehsil- Kalyani, District- Nadia, State- West Bengal, Pin-741222, have changed my name from Bijan Krishna Dey to Bijan Dey Vide affidavit No.IN-PB37490382707746W dated 20 July 2024 before notary public Pathankot

**I, Kalpna** Mother of No.13777544F NK Bikram Kumar resident of House No.457 B, Mohalla Gobind Nagar, Post-Naya Gaon Tehsil- Kharar, District- Sahibzada Ajit Singh Nagar (Mohali) State- Punjab, Pin-160103, have changed my name from Kalpana to Kalpna Vide affidavit No.IN-PB37490851169352W dated 20 July 2024 before notary public Pathankot

**I, Priyanka** Choudhary spouse of No.15728186K Hav Deepak Kumar Choudhary resident of Village- Pindaruch, Post- Pindaruch, Tehsil- Kewti, District- Darbhanga, State- Bihar, Pin-847306, have changed my name from Priyanka Choudhary to Priyanka Kumari Vide affidavit No.IN-PB263335184460667W dated 20 July 2024 before notary public Pathankot

**I, Jagroop Singh** s/o Ajit Singh R

PHYSICAL POSSESSION NOTICE
ICICI Bank
Branch Office: ICICI Bank Ltd., Plot No. 23, Shal Tower, 3rd Floor, New Rohtak Road, Karol Bagh, New Delhi - 110005.

Table with 5 columns: Sr. No., Name of the Borrower(s) / Loan Account Number, Description of Property/ Date of Physical Possession, Date of Demand Notice, Name of Branch.

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

Date: July 20, 2024
Place: Barnala
Sincerely Authorised Signatory For ICICI Bank Ltd.

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

E-Auction Sale Notice for the sale of immovable asset(s) under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8 (6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.

Table with 7 columns: Sr. No., Name of Borrower(s)/Guarantor(s)/Loan Account No., Details of the Secured Asset(s) with known encumbrances, if any, Reserve Price, Date and Time of Property Inspection, Date & Time of E-Auction.

The online auction will be conducted on the website URL Link https://www.bankauctions.com of our auction agency C1 India Pvt Ltd. The Mortgages/ Notices are given a last chance to pay the total dues with further interest by August 31, 2024 before 05:00 PM else the secured asset(s) will be sold as per schedule.

STATE BANK OF INDIA
Retail Assets Central Processing Centre, Near Sagar Willa Hotel, Delhi Road, ROHTAK. Email: rasecc.rohtak@sbi.co.in

SYMBOLIC POSSESSION NOTICE (For Immovable Property) Under SARFAESI Act, 2002 Read with Security Interest (Rule-8(I))

Whereas the undersigned acting under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest [Act.] 2002 (54 of 2002) and in exercise of powers conferred under section 13(12) read with 2[rule 3] of the Security Interest Enforcement Rules 2002, issued demand notice u/s 13(2) in the following account/borrower/Guarantor on the dates mentioned here under below calling upon the Borrower/ Guarantor to repay the amount mentioned in the respective demand notice within 60 days of the date of the notice.

Table with 5 columns: S. No., Name of Borrower / Guarantor & Loan A/c No., Description of the immovable mortgage, Date of Demand Notice, Amount as per demand notice, Date of possession notice.

Date: - 20/07/2024
Place : Rohtak
(Authorized Officer) State Bank of India,

PUNJAB & SIND BANK
TUNDA TALAB BRANCH, AMRITSAR

SYMBOLIC POSSESSION NOTICE (FOR IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES)

Whereas, the Undersigned being the "Authorised Officer" of Punjab & Sind Bank, under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of the Security Interest Act 2002 in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13(2) read with Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002, issued a demand notice on the date mentioned against account calling upon the respective borrowers / guarantors to repay the amount as mentioned against account within 60 days from the date of notice / date of receipt of the said notice.

Table with 5 columns: Name of the NPA Account, Description of the Immovable Properties, Date of the Demand Notice, Date of the Possession, Amount Outstanding.

Date: 21-07-2024
Place : Amritsar
Sd/- Authorised Officer

Canara Bank
MALL ROAD, BATHINDA (1623) BRANCH
Mob No: 8872081623
Email Id: cb1623@canarabank.com

DEMAND NOTICE
NOTICE U/S 13 (2) OF THE SECURITIZATION & RECONSTRUCTION OF FINANCIAL ASSETS & ENFORCEMENT OF SECURITY INTEREST ACT, 2002 HERE AFTER CALLED "ACT".

Table with 5 columns: Name of the Borrower(s)/Guarantor(s), Details of the credit facilities, Date of NPA, Date of Demand Notice, Liability Outstanding.

DATE: 21.07.2024
PLACE: BATHINDA
AUTHORIZED OFFICER, CANARA BANK

सार्वजनिक सूचना
इस पब्लिक नोटिस के माध्यम से, साधारण को सूचित किया जाता है कि निम्नलिखित घर, नन्दलाल निवासी म.न. 846/183 निकट नानक हॉटल, नार्विक नगर, अम्बाला शहर से मुक्त नन्दलाल पुर तलाश ग्राम के कानूनी वारिस को रिपेट जारी करने हेतु एक प्रार्थना पत्र इस कार्यालय में प्राप्त हुआ है।

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PUBLIC NOTICE
I, Lalita Bansal W/o Sanjay Bansal R/O H. No. 500, Ward No. 5, Railway Road, Charkhi Dabri declare that my Sale Deed No. 4527 dated 21.03.2002 in favour of (Krishan) and Sale Deed No. 6065 dated 06.03.2020 in favour of (Vijay Mohan) have been lost on 15.06.2023.

PUBLIC NOTICE
I, Varsha Makkar W/o Sh. Puneet Makkar R/O H.No. 280, Amar Hospital, Subhash Nagar, Hisar declare that my documents and valuable securities (Sale Deed No. 4795, Dated 4-10-2000 and Sale Deed No. 706, Dated 4-5-2001 has lost in Bank Colony, Hisar on 15/7/2024 and not found after searching.

PUBLIC NOTICE
I, Sunita Devi W/o Dharamchand respect of property House tax unit no 3889/15, old House tax unit no 204A/15 measuring 158 Sq Yards situated at Vishwakarma Colony Hansi Tehsil Hansi and District Hisar. I have lost Sale deed no 1072 dated 27.05.2014.

PUBLIC NOTICE
I, Hardik Narang S/o Sanjay Narang in respect of property Residential Plot no. 1300, Block-C, measuring 50.84 Sq. Mtrs., situated at Sushant Lok, Phase-I, in the Revenue Estate of Village Sarhau, Sukhrail, Chakrapur, Sikohra, Karnal, Tehsil Wazirabad and District Gurugram, Haryana.

Public Notice
It is informed to General Public that Smt. Birnla Shag W/o Sh. Subhash Chander has lost her previous Allotment letter no. 3968 dated 24.08.1990, Conveyance deed no. 6593 dated 18.09.2008, Sale deed no. 6594 dated 18.09.2008, Sale deed no. 8938 dated 25.11.2010, Sale deed no. 17653 dated 07.03.2012.

PUBLIC NOTICE
I, Meghraj Sharma S/o Mr. Sant Lal Sharma and Sushil Sharma W/o Mr. Meghraj Sharma R/O Aashutosh 312 Sector 19-1 Huda Kaitahl Haryana that our son Vivek Sharma and our daughter-in-law Reena Sharma do not respect us nor take care of us.

PUBLIC NOTICE
I, Rajesh Jain, Advocate #19, 20, III Floor, R.D. City Centre, Red Cross Market, Railway Road, Hisar (9416044098) declare that my Sale Deed No. 4527 dated 21.03.2002 in favour of (Krishan) and Sale Deed No. 6065 dated 06.03.2020 in favour of (Vijay Mohan) have been lost on 15.06.2023.

सार्वजनिक सूचना
मैं अशोक कुमार पुत्र श्री महाबीर प्रसाद निवासी म.नं. 706, सैक्टर 14, हिसार बयान करता हूँ कि मेरे सभी कागजातों में मेरा नाम अशोक कुमार है जबकि मेरे पासपोर्ट में मेरा नाम अशोक बंसल है। मैं अपना नाम अशोक बंसल से बदलकर अशोक कुमार रख रहा हूँ। भविष्य में सुझे अशोक कुमार के नाम से ही जाना व पहचाना जाए।

LOST & FOUND
I, Shamoo Devi w/o Jagbir R/o Mayur Vihar, Gali No.26, Sonipat declare that my Original Documents Sale Deed no. 6009 dated 12.09.2017 or Intkal No.12930 & Fir No. 132 3907 6240698 has been lost anywhere. Finder pls contact at above address.

सार्वजनिक सूचना
मैं, TARSEM BANSAL पुत्र श्री CHANDER BHAN निवासी मकान नं. 2624, सेक्टर 14, पार्ट-2 हिसार, हरियाणा घोषणा करता हूँ कि मैंने भविष्य को सभी उद्देश्यों के लिए अपना नाम TARSEM KUMAR से बदल कर TARSEM BANSAL रख लिया है।

PUBLIC NOTICE
It is hereby informed that H. No. 723 LIG, in New Housing Board Colony, Sector-13, Karnal stands in the name of Sh. Hari Chand Mastana S/o L. Sh. Ganga Ram as per record of this office.

HIMACHAL PRADESH STATE ELECTRICITY BOARD LIMITED (A State Govt. Undertaking)

NOTICE INVITING TENDER
Online tenders are hereby invited for the following works on through rates basis from the contractors listed in the appropriate class with HPWWD, MES, CPWD HP I&P or HP Housing Board etc. The dates of sale/receipt and opening of tender is as per detail given below.

Table with 6 columns: Sr. No., Tender No., Name of Work, Estimated Amount (In Rs), Completion Period, Earnest Money (2-5% (In Rs)), Price of tender document Rs.500+ GST @18% (Non-refundable) (Rs.).

Save Energy for Benefit of self and Nation

केनरा बैंक Canara Bank
भारत सरकार का उपयुक्त
A Government of India Undertaking

Recovery & Legal Section, Circle Office, 2nd Floor, Sector 34-A, Chandigarh
Ph. No. 0172-2602431, 2663733, E-mail: rlcchd@canarabank.com

For Sr. No. 1 to 3 - Last Date of Receipt of EMD 06.08.2024 upto 5:00 P.M.

For Sr. No. 1 to 3 - Date of E-Auction: 07.08.2024 at 11:30 AM to 12:30 P.M. (with unlimited extension of 5 minutes duration each till the conclusion of the sale)

For Sr. No. 1 to 3 - Date & Time of Inspection: 29.07.2024 & 30.07.2024 between 03:00 PM to 05:00 PM

For Sr. No. 4 - Last Date of Receipt of EMD 27.08.2024 upto 5:00 P.M.

For Sr. No. 4 - Date of E-Auction: 28.08.2024 at 11:30 AM to 12:30 P.M. (with unlimited extension of 5 minutes duration each till the conclusion of the sale)

For Sr. No. 4-Date & Time of Inspection: 19.08.2024 & 20.08.2024 between 03:00 PM to 05:00 PM

SALE NOTICE OF HYPOTHECATED ASSETS THROUGH E-AUCTION (ONLINE AUCTION)

Notice is hereby given to the effect that the movable property described herein, taken possession and same will be sold through e-auction on the following terms & conditions. E-Auction arranged by the Service Provider M/s PSB Alliance Ltd (ebkray) through the website http://ebkray.in/.

Table with 6 columns: Sl. No., Branch Name / Name & Address of the Borrower(s) / Guarantor(s), Description of Assets, Total Dues, Reserve Price (In Rs.), Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) (In Rs.), Details of A/c No. (IFSC Code, Possession Type).

(1) M/s Royal Touch Handloom, Village Akaigarh, P.O. Naushara Nal Banda, Pathankot - 145025 (2) Sh. Alok Gupta S/o Sh. Ved Prakash Gupta, Village Akaigarh, P.O. Naushara Nal Banda, Pathankot - 145025 (3) Sh. Alok Gupta S/o Sh. Ved Prakash Gupta, LIC Lane, Behind Sood Gas Godown, Jodha Mal Colony, Dhangru Road, Pathankot - 145001 (4) Sh. Ved Prakash Gupta S/o Jagdish Ram, LIC Lane, Behind Sood Gas Godown, Jodha Mal Colony, Dhangru Road, Pathankot - 145001 (5) Smt. Anita Gupta W/o Sh. Alok Gupta, LIC Lane, Behind Sood Gas Godown, Jodha Mal Colony, Dhangru Road, Pathankot - 145001.

(1) M/s RN Industries, Prop. - Sh. Rakesh Kumar C/o Shop No. 1, Phase 2, New Nalagarh, District Solan (Himachal Pradesh) - 174101.

There are NIL encumbrances to the knowledge of bank in the above mentioned property. For detailed terms and conditions of the sale please refer the link "E-Auction" provided in M/s PSB Alliance Ltd (ebkray), Helpdesk Number - 829122020, E-mail: support.ebkray@psballiance.com "Online Electronic Bidding" through the website http://ebkray.in/

Date: 20.07.2024
Place: Chandigarh
AUTHORIZED OFFICER

ELECTION NOTICE
It is for the information of all members of The Chandigarh Brooke Bond Empl. Cooperative House Building (Ist) Society Ltd., Chandigarh that election for the managing committee of the society will be held on 07.08.2024 in Park of The Chandigarh Brooke Bond Empl. Cooperative H/B (1st) Society Sector 49-C, U.T. Chandigarh as under:

ELECTION NOTICE
It is for the information of all members of The M&I Staff Cooperative House Building (Ist) Society Ltd., Chandigarh that election for the managing committee of the society will be held on 02.08.2024 at Park of The M&I Cooperative H/B (1st) Society Sector 49-D U.T. Chandigarh as under:

In, The Court of Sri Vikram Anand, Sub-Judge-VI, Ranchi Misc. Case No. 7/2019 M/s Smart Home Construction Pvt. Ltd. Plaintiff Versus Jagdish Chandra Mehta & Others Defendants

Notice to: 1. Jagdish Chandra Mehta S/o Late Mehta Kishan Lal, resident of 17 Shashtri Colony, Yamuna Nagar, Haryana.

2. Chandra Kant Mehta a Mehta Chandra Kant 3. Mehta Kishan Lal both sons of Late Mehta Kishan Lal, both resident of Radhey Shyam Garage Lane. Old Commissioner's Compound, P.S. Kotwali, District Ranchi.

Under the instruction from my client namely Smt. Vishnu W/o Sh. Naresh Kumar, issuing the following publication as the property vide Property measuring 00 Bigha 01 Bigha 03 Biswas, (67.5 Sq. Yards), bearing Khawat/Khatoni no. 10/11 bearing Khawata no. 1030/6, Kria 01, land measuring 06 Bigha 04 Bigha 08 Biswas to extent 23/2480 i.e. 00 Bigha 01 Bigha 03 Biswas, situated at Village Kuradi, Bahadwa No. 394, Tehsil Kalka and Distt Panchkula that the parent/chain/link title deed vide Sale Deed dated 25.05.2011 bearing Vaska no. 798 executed by Sh. Himmat Singh S/o Sh. Parag Singh in respect of land measuring 00 Bigha 01 Bigha 03 Biswas, in favour of Smt. Shoba Rani W/o Sh. Balam Gang, Sale Deed dated 22.04.2021 bearing Vaska no. 412 executed by Sh. Bhagwan Singh S/o Sh. Lachman Singh and Sh. Anupama Singh W/o Sh. Bhagwan in respect of land measuring 00 Bigha 01 Bigha 03 Biswas, in favour of Smt. Sanjay Bal W/o Sh. Darshan Kumar and Sale Deed dated 21.03.2012 bearing Vaska no. 5032 executed by Smt. Shoba Rani W/o Sh. Balam Gang in respect of land measuring 00 Bigha 01 Bigha 03 Biswas, in favour of Sh. Bhagwan Singh S/o Sh. Lachman Singh and Sh. Anupama Singh W/o Sh. Bhagwan were lost/misplaced from Kalka, if any person found the above said title deed, may return the same by way of Registered post, to address given below or inform undersigned by telephone. In case any persons/Financial Institution having any claim/interest in respect thereof by way of sale, exchange, gift, mortgage or any objection, please bring the same in writing to the undersigned in the below mentioned address within 7 days from the date of Publication, with relevant documents in support of their claim/objection. If I have not received any objection within the stipulated days, beyond that no claim is entertained or binding on my client. Place: Panchkula Detail address of Advocate effecting: #2831, Sector 15, Panchkula Publication with contact number: Ashish Goyal, 9872333331. Date: 20/07/2024

AMARDEEP SINGH BAINS Sub-Divisional Magistrate, Baba Bakala Dated, this day of 16-07-2024

COURT NOTICE (U/o 5 Rule 20 CPC) IN THE COURT OF Ms. Jaspreet Kaur SIMRAN Civil Judge (Junior Division), Dasuya

Vs. Gurdial Singh Gill

CNR No.: JBH0A0-000862-2021 Next Date: 20-08-2024 PUBLICATION ISSUED TO:- S. Harjit Singh S/o Karam Singh R/o Village Bagh Khurd, Tehsil Dasuya Distt. Hoshiarpur

In above titled case, the defendant (s) / respondent (s) could not be served. It is ordered that defendant (s) / respondent (s) should appear in person or through counsel on 20-08-2024 at 10:00 a.m.

For details logon to https://highcourthd.gov.in/?trs=district\_notice & district=Hoshiarpur

Civil Judge (Junior Division), Dasuya Dated, this day of 17-07-2024

Ashish Goyal & Associates, #2831, Sector-15, Panchkula, M. No. 9872333331

PUBLIC NOTICE

Whereas, License No. 101 of 2022 dated 25.07.2022 (hereinafter referred to as "Said Licence") has been granted by the Director, Town & Country Planning, Haryana ("DTPC") to Mysore Infrastructure Pvt. Ltd & Others in collaboration with M/s Bahadurgarh Township Pvt. Ltd. for setting up of an Affordable Plotted Colony under DDJAY over an area measuring 9.11875 Acres Village Partapgarh Sector 41, Kurukshetra, Haryana.

And whereas Mysore Infrastructure Pvt. Ltd & Others in collaboration with M/s Bahadurgarh Township Pvt. Ltd. has applied for Transfer of License and Change of Developer in favour of M/s Nischay Housing Pvt. Ltd. against License No. 101 of 2022 dated 25.07.2022 granted to Mysore Infrastructure Pvt. Ltd & Others in collaboration with M/s Bahadurgarh Township Pvt. Ltd.

And whereas vide office Memo No LC-4542/JE(SB)/2024/21927 dated 17.07.2024, the Director Town & Country Planning, Haryana has accorded in-principle approval for Transfer of License and Change of Developer in favour of M/s Nischay Housing Pvt. Ltd. in Licence no. 101 of 2022 dated 25.07.2022.

And whereas, office of DTPC, Haryana, Chandigarh has directed for seeking of objections/suggestions are hereby invited against the proposed Transfer of License and Change of Developer. Any objection on the said Transfer of License and Change of Developer, may be filed in the office of the Senior Town Planner, Panchkula and/or in the office of the undersigned at Flat No. 1004, 10<sup>th</sup> Floor, Mercantile House, 15, K.G. Marg, New Delhi-110001 within 30 (thirty) days of publication of this Public Notice, failing which it shall be assumed that there are no objections to the proposed Transfer of License and Change of Developer.

Authorized Signatory M/s Nischay Housing Pvt. Ltd. Flat No. 1004, 10<sup>th</sup> Floor, Mercantile House, 15, K.G. Marg, New Delhi-110001 E.Mail: nischayhousing@gmail.com

NOTICE FORM NO. URC-2

Advertisement giving notice about registration under Part I of Chapter XXI of the Act Pursuant to Section 374 (b) of the Companies Act, 2013 and Rule 4(1) of the Companies (Authorised to Register) Rules, 2014.

1. Notice is hereby given that in pursuance of sub-section (2) of Section 366 of the Companies Act, 2013, an application is proposed to be made after fifteen days hereof but before the expiry of thirty days hereof after to the Registrar at Central Registration Centre (CRC), Indian Institute of Corporate Affairs (IIFA), Plot No. 6, 7, 8, Sector 5, IMT Manesar, District Gurgaon (Haryana), Pin Code-122050 that SHIVAYA Poultry Feeds, a partnership firm may be registered under Part I of Chapter XXI of the Companies Act, 2013, as a company limited by shares, name and style of SHIVAYA FEEDS PRIVATE LIMITED

2. The Principal Objects of the Company are as follow: a. To convert SHIVAYA Poultry Feeds, a partnership firm, having its place of business at 18/1, Near Jattal Chowk, Binjhli, Distt.-Panipat, Haryana-132106 into the Part I Company under the Companies Act, 2013, as going concern along with all the assets and liabilities of that firm. Subsequent to the incorporation of the Company, the aforementioned partnership firm shall cease to exist.

b. To manufacture poultry feeds, prepared animal feeds and other animal feeds. c. A copy of the draft memorandum and articles of association of the proposed company may be inspected at the office at 18/1, Near Jattal Chowk, Binjhli, Distt.-Panipat, Haryana-132106.

4. Notice is hereby given that any person objecting to this application may communicate their objection in writing to the Registrar at Central Registration Centre (CRC), Indian Institute of Corporate Affairs (IIFA), Plot No. 6, 7, 8, Sector 5, IMT Manesar, District Gurgaon (Haryana), Pin Code-122050, within twenty one days from the date of publication of this notice, with a copy to the Company at its registered office.

Date-19-July-2024 Sd- Neeraj Ahlawat Sd- Naveen Kumar Dhounchak

# CrowdStrike failure highlights fragility of globally connected technology

AP ■ WASHINGTON

Airlines, banks, hospitals and other risk-averse organizations around the world chose cybersecurity company CrowdStrike to protect their computer systems from hackers and data breaches.

But all it took was one faulty CrowdStrike software update to cause global disruptions Friday that grounded flights, knocked banks and media outlets offline, and disrupted hospitals, retailers and other services.

"This is a function of the very homogenous technology that goes into the backbone of all of our IT infrastructure," said Gregory Falco, an assistant professor of engineering at Cornell University. "What really causes this mess is that we rely on very few companies, and everybody uses the same folks, so everyone goes down at the same time."

The trouble with the update issued by CrowdStrike and affecting computers running Microsoft's Windows operating system was not a hacking incident or cyberattack, according to CrowdStrike, which apologized and said a fix was on the way.

But it wasn't an easy fix. It required

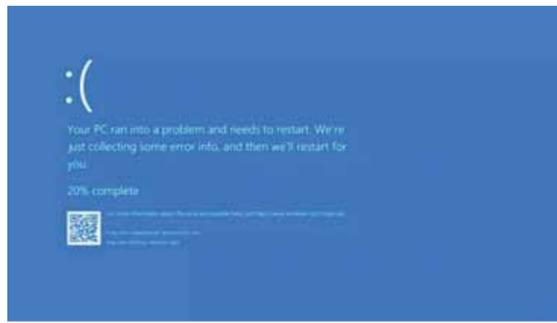
"boots on the ground" to remediate, said Gartner analyst Eric Grenier.

"The fix is working, it's just a very manual process and there's no magic key to unlock it," Grenier said. "I think that is probably what companies are struggling with the most here."

While not everyone is a client of CrowdStrike and its platform known as Falcon, it is one of the leading cybersecurity providers, particularly in transportation, healthcare, banking and other sectors that have a lot at stake in keeping their computer systems working.

"They're usually risk-averse organizations that don't want something that's crazy innovative, but that can work and also cover their butts when something goes wrong. That's what CrowdStrike is," Falco said. "And they're looking around at their colleagues in other sectors and saying, 'Oh, you know, this company also uses that, so I'm gonna need them, too.'" Worrying about the fragility of a globally connected technology ecosystem is nothing new. It's what drove fears in the 1990s of a technical glitch that could cause chaos at the turn of the millennium.

"This is basically what we were all



worried about with Y2K, except it's actually happened this time," wrote Australian cybersecurity consultant Troy Hunt on the social platform X. Across the world Friday, affected computers were showing the "blue screen of death" — a sign that something went wrong with Microsoft's Windows operating system.

But what's different now is "that these companies are even more entrenched," Falco said. "We like to think that we have a lot of players available. But at the end of the day, the biggest companies use all the same stuff."

Founded in 2011 and publicly traded since 2019, CrowdStrike describes itself in its annual report to financial regulators as having "reinvented cybersecurity for the cloud era and transformed the way cybersecurity is delivered and experienced by customers." It emphasizes its use of artificial intelligence in helping to keep pace with adversaries. It reported having 29,000 subscribing customers at the start of the year.

The Austin, Texas-based firm is one of the more visible cybersecurity companies in the world and spends heavily on marketing, including

Super Bowl ads. At cybersecurity conferences, it's known for large booths displaying massive action-figure statues representing different state-sponsored hacking groups that CrowdStrike technology promises to defend against.

CrowdStrike CEO George Kurtz is among the most highly compensated in the world, recording more than USD 230 million in total compensation in the last three years. Kurtz is also a driver for a CrowdStrike-sponsored car racing team.

After his initial statement about the problem was criticized for lack of contrition, Kurtz apologized in a later social media post Friday and on NBC's "Today Show."

"We understand the gravity of the situation and are deeply sorry for the inconvenience and disruption," he said on X.

Richard Stiennon, a cybersecurity industry analyst, said this was a historic mistake by CrowdStrike.

"This is easily the worst faux pas, technical faux pas or glitch of any security software provider ever," said Stiennon, who has tracked the cybersecurity industry for 24 years.

While the problem is an easy technical fix, he said, its impact could be

long-lasting for some organizations because of the hands-on work needed to fix each affected computer. "It's really, really difficult to touch millions of machines. And people are on vacation right now, so, you know, the CEO will be coming back from his trip to the Bahamas in a couple of weeks and he won't be able to use his computers," Stiennon said he did not think the outage revealed a bigger problem with the cybersecurity industry or CrowdStrike as a company. "The markets are going to forgive them, the customers are going to forgive them, and this will blow over," he said.

Forrester analyst Allie Mellen credited CrowdStrike for clearly telling its customers what they need to do to fix the problem. But to restore trust, she said there will need to be a deeper look at what occurred and what changes can be made to prevent it from happening again.

"A lot of this is likely to come down to the testing and software development process and the work that they've put into testing these kinds of updates before deployment," Mellen said. "But until we see the complete retrospective, we won't know for sure what the failure was."

# Houthi strike another ship in Gulf of Aden

PTI ■ SINGAPORE

A Singapore-flagged vessel was damaged in an attack allegedly by Houthi militants south-east of Yemen on Friday, the Maritime and Port Authority of Singapore (MPA) said in a statement.

The MPA said it was informed that container vessel the LOBIVIA was hit by "unidentified projectiles" while transiting the Gulf of Aden, resulting in a fire onboard that was subsequently extinguished by the crew.

There are no Singaporeans among the crew, Channel News Asia reported, citing the authority and adding that all crew are accounted for and safe. Despite being hit, the vessel was able to set sail and arrived at Somalia's Berbera Port. Damage assessment and repairs, if needed, will be carried out, it said.

MPA said it is in contact with the vessel manager to provide any assistance that might be needed. The Republic of Singapore Navy (RSN) has also alerted its security partners in the Gulf of Aden region to provide help, it added.

In a televised speech, Houthi military spokesperson Yahya Sarea said the group had launched ballistic missiles and drones towards the LOBIVIA. According to the United Kingdom Maritime Trade Operations, the LOBIVIA was hit about 83 nautical miles southeast of the port city of Aden, Yemen, on two separate occasions by two missiles.

"The ship was transiting northeast along the Gulf of Aden when a merchant vessel in the vicinity observed 'light and blast' where the ship was located," Channel News Asia had British security firm Ambrey as saying.

Ambrey said the ship appeared to perform evasive manoeuvres immediately and switched off its automatic identification system approximately an hour later.

Since November, Houthi militants in Yemen have launched drone and missile strikes in shipping lanes in the Red Sea and Gulf of Aden. The group has said its actions are in solidarity with Palestinians affected by Israel's war in Gaza.

# Despite curfew, deaths mount in Bangladesh student protests

AP ■ DHAKA

Police imposed a strict curfew across Bangladesh and military forces patrolled parts of the capital Saturday to quell further violence after days of clashes over the allocation of government jobs left several people dead and hundreds injured.

The curfew follows what was likely the deadliest day yet in the weeks of protests despite a ban on public gatherings. Reports vary on the number of people killed Friday, with Somoy TV reporting 43. An Associated Press reporter saw 23 bodies at Dhaka Medical College and Hospital, but it was not immediately clear whether they all died on Friday.

Another 22 people died Thursday as protesting students attempted to impose a "complete shutdown" of the country. Several people were also killed Tuesday and Wednesday.

The protests, which began weeks ago but escalated sharply when violence erupted Tuesday, repre-

sent the biggest challenge to Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina since she won a fourth consecutive term in office after elections in January that were boycotted by the main opposition groups. Police and protesters clashed in the streets and at university campuses in Dhaka and other cities across the south Asian country. Authorities moved to block online communications by banning mobile and internet services. Some television news channels also went off the air, and the websites of most Bangladesh newspapers were not loading or were being updated. Authorities could not be reached immediately to confirm figures for the overall deaths, but the Daily Prothom Alo newspaper reported 103 people were killed since Tuesday. The United States Embassy in Dhaka said Friday that reports indicated "hundreds to possibly thousands" were injured across Bangladesh. It said the situation was "extremely volatile."

Local media also reported that

some 800 inmates fled from a prison in Narsingdi, a district north of capital Dhaka, after protesters stormed the jail facility and set it on fire Friday. Meanwhile, one key government website, including that of Bangladesh's central bank and the prime minister's office, appeared to have been defaced by hackers.

The curfew began at midnight and is set to relax from noon to 2 pm to allow people to buy essentials before being put back in place until 10 a.m. Sunday. A "shoot-at-sight" order was also in place, giving security forces the authority to fire on mobs in extreme cases, said lawmaker Obaidul Quader, the general secretary of the ruling Awami League party.

The chaos highlights cracks in Bangladesh's governance and economy and the frustration of youths who lack good jobs upon graduation.

The protesters are demanding an end to a quota system that reserves up to 30% of govern-

ment jobs for relatives of veterans who fought in Bangladesh's war of independence in 1971 against Pakistan. They argue the system is discriminatory and benefits supporters of Hasina, whose Awami League party led the independence movement, and they want it replaced with a merit-based system. Hasina has defended the quota system, saying that veterans deserve the highest respect for their contributions to the war, regardless of their political affiliation.

Representatives from the both sides met late Friday to find a resolution. At least three student leaders were part of the meeting in which they demanded a reform in the quota system, an opening of student dormitories across the country and the stepping down of university officials for failing to prevent violence on the campuses.

Law Minister Anisul Huq said the government was open to discussing the student leaders' demands.



A Turkish parachuter prepares for a landing as fly over the military parade with a Turkish flag and portrait of the Kemal Ataturk, the founder of modern Turkey, during a military parade, in the Turkish occupied area of the divided capital Nicosia (Cyprus) on Saturday. The tinny howl of air raid sirens echoed across ethnically divided Cyprus at the crack of dawn on Saturday, marking 50 years from the day that changed the island nation's history. It's heard every year as the Greek Cypriot controlled south laments the date Turkish troops invaded in the wake of a coup by supporters of union with Greece. AP/PTI

# Biden vows to fight on; to get back on campaign trail next week

PTI ■ WASHINGTON

US President Joe Biden has said that he would continue his campaign for reelection and take on rival Donald Trump, as he deals with the fallout from his COVID-19 diagnosis and growing calls from Democrats for him to quit the race. Biden, who tested COVID-19 positive a few days ago, is in isolation at his Delaware residence, where he is expected to spend the rest of the week.

"Donald Trump's dark vision for the future is not who we are as Americans. Together, as a party and as a country, we can and will defeat him at the ballot box," Biden, 81, said in a statement issued by his campaign on Friday, a day after Trump, 78, formally accepted his party's presidential nomination at the Republican National Convention in Milwaukee.

"I look forward to getting back on the campaign trail next week to continue exposing the threat of Donald Trump's Project 2025 agenda while making the case



for my own record and the vision that I have for America: one where we save our democracy, protect our rights and freedoms and create opportunity for everyone," he said.

The president also criticised Trump's Thursday night keynote speech at the Republican National Convention. "For over 90 minutes, he focused on his own grievances, with no plan to unite us and no plan to make life better for working people," said the president referring to Trump's speech.

"He avoided mentioning his Project 2025 agenda, but still proudly flaunted the worst of MAGA (Make America Great Again) extremism," Biden said. Americans know exactly where

he wants to take this country, Biden said.

The Biden-Harris campaign alleged that despite promising a call for unity and toned-down rhetoric, Trump's speech was a 90-minute reel of his greatest hits: focused entirely on himself, lashing out at his enemies, and laying out his grievances, and railing up his base with inflammatory extremism.

"Trump is still the same twice-impeached, 34-time convicted felon consumed by revenge and hellbent on seeking retribution in a second term. He did not turn a new leaf; he did not usher in a new era of civility; and he certainly did not change course," the campaign said.

Biden has been sidelined since Wednesday when he was diagnosed with COVID-19 moments before delivering remarks in Las Vegas. He abruptly cut his trip short and flew to his beach home.

Democrats remain split on whether Biden can beat Trump in November and on Friday at least 10 Democrats joined the chorus calling on Biden to resign.

# Trump pledges to end war during call with Zelenskyy

PTI ■ WASHINGTON

Donald Trump has pledged to end Ukraine's war with Russia after its President Volodymyr Zelenskyy reached out to the former US president to congratulate him on his Republican presidential nomination.

The two leaders spoke on Friday over the phone.

"President Zelenskyy of Ukraine and I had a very good and phone call earlier today. He congratulated me on a very successful Republican National Convention and becoming the Republican nominee for President of the United States," Trump said in a post on Truth Social, a social media post.

The call gains significance as this is his first conversation with a foreign leader after officially becoming the Republican Party's presidential nominee. It also reflects the growing realisation among the international community of his electoral

chances in the November 5 elections.

"I appreciate President Zelenskyy for reaching out because I, as your next President of the United States, will bring peace to the world and end the war that has cost so many lives and devastated countless innocent families. Both sides will be able to come together and negotiate a deal that ends the violence and paves a path forward to prosperity," Trump wrote.

Trump said during the call Zelenskyy condemned the heinous assassination attempt on him last Saturday and remarked about the American people coming together in the spirit of Unity during these times.

In his post on X, Zelenskyy said that he spoke with Trump to congratulate him on the Republican nomination and condemn the shocking assassination attempt in Pennsylvania.

# Nepal PM Oli likely to win vote of confidence today

PTI ■ KATHMANDU

Nepal's newly appointed Prime Minister K P Sharma Oli is expected to win a vote of confidence in Parliament on Sunday, nearly a week after he was sworn in to lead another coalition government in the Himalayan nation facing frequent power struggles.

The 72-year-old veteran Communist leader was sworn in on Monday as the Himalayan nation's prime minister for the fourth time. He was administered the oath of office and secrecy along with 21 other members of the Cabinet.

According to Nepal's Constitution, Oli needs to secure a vote of confidence from Parliament within 30 days of appointment, which he is likely to secure easily.

The minimum number to form a government in the 275-strong House of Representatives is just 138. The Chairman of the CPN-

UML, Nepal's largest communist party was appointed as prime minister on Sunday by President Ram Chandra Paudel to lead the coalition government with the Nepali Congress (NC), the largest party in Parliament, apart from other smaller parties.

Nepali Congress and Communist Party of Nepal-United Marxist Leninist (CPN-UML) have a combined strength of 167, and two other ruling parties, Janata Samajwadi Party and Lokatantrik Samajwadi Party, have seven and four seats, respectively.

With this, the ruling alliance has a strength of 178 in the 275-member HoR. Apart from the ruling alliance, Oli is also likely to get votes from the Rastriya Prajatantra Party (RPP), Janata Samajwadi Party Nepal (JSP), Nagarik Unmukti Party (NUP) and Janamat Party.

The RPP has 14 seats, JSP Nepal has five, NUP has four, and Janamat has six seats. Therefore, the alliance is like-

ly to secure more than 200 votes in the floor test, according to sources close to CPN-UML.

Oli succeeds Pushpa Kamal Dahal 'Prachanda', who lost the vote of confidence in the HoR last week, leading to the formation of the new government.

The three Opposition parties — Prachanda's Communist Party of Nepal-Maoist Centre (CPN-MC), Rastriya Swatantra Party (RSP), and Communist Party of Nepal-United Socialist (CPN-US) — held a joint meeting on Friday and decided not to support Oli in the vote of confidence.

The CPN-UML Chairman now leads the new coalition government that faces the daunting challenge of providing political stability in the Himalayan nation.

Nepal has faced frequent political turmoil as the country has seen 14 governments in the past 16 years after the introduction of the Republican system.

# Iran closer to developing a nuclear bomb: US

AP ■ ASPEN

Iran is talking more about getting a nuclear bomb and has made strides in developing a key aspect of a weapon since about April, when Israel and its allies overpowered a barrage of Iranian airstrikes targeting Israel, two top Biden administration officials said Friday.

Secretary of State Antony Blinken and national security adviser Jake Sullivan, speaking at separate panels during a security forum in Colorado, said the United States was watching closely for any signs that Iran had made a decision to pursue actual weaponization of its nuclear program.

However, Sullivan said, "I have

not seen a decision by Iran to move" in a way that signals it has decided to actually develop a nuclear bomb right now.

"If they start moving down that road, they'll find a real problem with the United States," Sullivan said at the Aspen Security Forum, which draws US policymakers, journalists and others. Iran resumed progress on its nuclear program after the Trump administration ended US cooperation with a 2015 deal that gave Iran relief from sanctions in return for allowing tougher oversight of the program.

Iran says its nuclear program is for civilian purposes. The US and others in the international community believe Iranian

Supreme Leader Ali Khamenei long has held off from giving any final go-ahead for Iranian scientists to develop a nuclear weapon.

But Iran's poor performance with conventional weapons on April 13, when it launched its first-ever direct attack on Israel as part of a dayslong exchange of strikes, has had observers watching for any increased Iranian interest in pushing forward with a nuclear weapon.

At the time, Iran said it, the United States and other allies shot down 99% of about 300 missiles and drones launched by Iran following an alleged Israeli strike that killed two Iranian generals.

"What we've seen in the past

weeks and months is Iran is actually moving forward" on developing fissile material, Blinken said Friday. Fissile material could be used to fuel a bomb.

He blamed the decision by the Trump administration to pull out of the nuclear agreement. "Trump called the deal 'defective at its core' when he ended US participation in 2019."

"Instead of being at least a year away from having breakout capacity to produce fissile material for a nuclear weapon, they're probably one or two weeks away from doing that," Blinken said, adding that "where we are now is not a good place."

"Now, they haven't produced a weapon itself, but ... you put

those things together, fissile material, an explosive device, and you have a nuclear weapon," he said.

The United States was watching "very, very carefully" for any sign that Iran was working on the weapon side of producing a bomb, he said. The US is also working on the diplomatic side to contain any further effort, Blinken said.

Meanwhile, Sullivan said, the US has noted "an uptick of public commentary from Iranian officials musing about that possibility" since the April attacks and counterattacks between Iran and Israel and its allies. "That was new. That was something that got our attention," he said.

# 13 Palestinians killed in central Gaza strikes

AP ■ DEIR-AL-BALAH

At least 13 people were killed in three Israeli airstrikes that hit refugee camps in central Gaza overnight into Saturday, according to Palestinians health officials, as cease-fire talks in Cairo appear to make progress.

Among the dead in Nuseirat Refugee Camp and Bureij Refugee Camp were three children and one woman, according to Palestinian ambulance teams that transported the bodies to the nearby Al-Aqsa Martyrs hospital. The 13 corpses were counted by AP journalists at the hospital. The latest casualties follow

a rare moment of hope in war ravaged Gaza, after a medical teams recovered a live baby from a heavily pregnant Palestinian mother killed in an airstrike that hit her home in Nuseirat late Thursday evening.

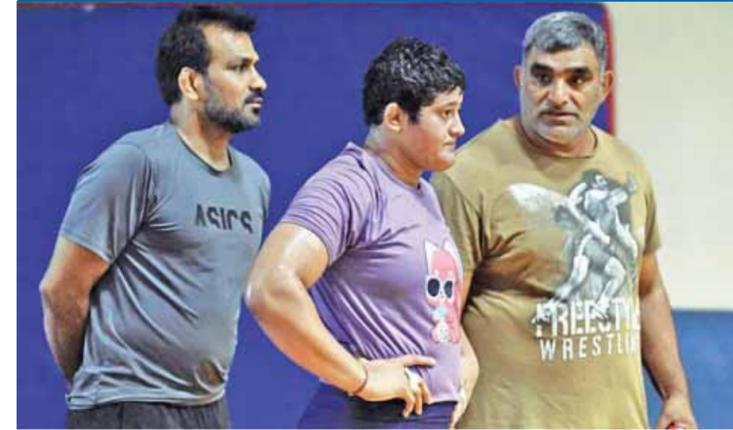
Heavily pregnant Ola al-Kurd, 25, was killed along with six others in the blast, but was quickly rushed by emergency workers to Al-Awda Hospital in northern Gaza in the hope of saving the unborn child. Hours later, doctors told The Associated Press that a baby boy had been delivered. The still-unnamed newborn is stable but has suffered from a shortage of oxygen and

has been placed in an incubator, said Dr. Khalil Dajran.

**PARADIP PORT AUTHORITY MARINE DEPARTMENT**  
 No. MD/ACCT/SW/R-08/2024/797 Date: 12.07.2024  
**E-TENDER CALL NOTICE (E-TCN)**  
 Name of the Work: Hiring of 01 no. Mooring Launch along with operational crew for daily one shift operation for a period of 07 (Seven) years. Total Estimated cost (including Hire Charges and Fuel Cost): Rs.12,11,88,139/- excluding GST. Estimated cost put to tender for hire charges only : Rs.5,16,20,976/- Excluding GST. Last date & time of Submission of tender through on-line bidding is 17:00 Hours on 05.08.2024. Date & time for opening of Technical Bid is 15:30 hours on 06.08/08/2024. For further details, please log on to the website: <https://procure.gov.in/eprocure/app/>.  
 Sd/- Deputy Commissioner, Paradip Port Authority  
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# STORY OF INDIA'S FIRST OLYMPIC QUALIFIER IN HEAVY WEIGHT CLASS OF 76KG

## REETIKA'S FITNESS REGIME



PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Going through the painful and energy-sucking process of weight-cutting is a nightmare for wrestlers but Reetika Hooda did not have to worry about it. Wrestlers usually have to go without food, sometimes even without water, to ensure that the weight scale does not tilt against them. But Reetika's team ensures that she takes additional small meals to gain strength, and chicken was added to the meal plan, defying the family tradition. She goes through all these because the 22-year-old wrestler from Rohtak used to compete in 72kg but last year she jumped weight class to see if she can succeed in the Olympic weight-class of 76kg. She not only succeeded, but pushed out established wrestlers like Kiran Bishnoi, whom she idolises, to qualify for the Paris Olympics after crowning herself as the U23 World Champion. Her natural body weight is around 74-75 kg. So, it was never a great struggle to bring it to 72, not even now. Her body type is such that weight drops quickly. But the real struggle is to take the weight to 78kg. "I just munch, train, munch, train and repeat. Of course, it's healthy protein intake. I have a different struggle," she said with a hearty laugh just before a training session. "I have 3 meals in my schedule and I have to eat in between as well. Before sleeping also, I

take something. My nutritionist Mitali decides what I need to eat and mother ensures that I have that. "I had to start eating chicken for protein intake. It was difficult to develop a taste for that. My mother tried a lot of combinations and now I have settled for a semi-gravy type chicken. No one eats chicken in my family," she added. Her mother Neelam is aware of the requirement and learnt a few chicken recipes from YouTube. "We don't eat chicken at home. So, I had no clue how to prepare it. I was told that she had to be given home-made food. So, I took help from YouTube to learn. I don't like washing it (chicken), I get a strange feeling. But I do it for my daughter," said Neelam, a school level basketball player. As she prepares for the Paris Olympics, Reetika reveals that qualifying for 2024 Games was not even the target, and actually, they have exceeded their own expectations. "I was considered a probable for 2028 Games. Last year's U23 world title motivated me to do well at senior level." **THE JOURNEY: SWITCH FROM HANDBALL:** Reetika is a strong believer in destiny. She says she can do what is in her hands -- working hard -- rest everything will fall in place if it had to. Her career underlines that belief. She did not even pick wrestling as her preferred sport. She used to play handball and even made it to the state team for the junior Nationals but as fate would have it, her father suggested

that she pick an individual sport instead of a team game. The journey began in 2015. "My father took me to Chhotu Ram Akhada. I was asked to perform a certain attack by my coach Mandeep and he was happy the way I did it, so they took me in. Now wrestling is everything. I eat, sleep, dream about wrestling. I can't think of anything else," said Reetika. Neelam said it was Reetika's father Jagbir who wanted her daughter to pick an individual game. "She was picked to play Nationals as goalie of the state handball team. She came home and broke the story about her selection. Her father asked if she really wants to pursue sport seriously and when Reetika nodded, he said you should play an individual game. "He asked Reetika her preferred sport and she mentioned Judo and kabaddi but her father suggested to take up wrestling and she agreed. On 15 August 2015, she was enrolled in Akhada," recalled Neelam. Talk about the Paris Olympics, Reetika gets philosophical. "I can only put in hard yards, which I am doing. If you are meant to achieve something it will fall in your lap. I did not even think of winning the Under 23 world championship. "I didn't even know that I was up against a world champion (Kennedy Blades from USA) in the final. But it was meant for me so I got it. "I have idolised Kiran di (Bishnoi) since taking up this sport and see now I beat her in

the Olympic trials. "I also beat Divya Kakran in the National Games. These wins boosted my confidence and I began to believe that destiny is pushing me in a certain direction and I will play along," Reetika says a tough draw and big names do not demotivate or scare her.

"I actually enjoy competing against the big wrestlers. There will be 16 wrestlers in Paris. I have studied each and every wrestlers' game style through UWW videos and YouTube. "When the draw is made, I will know who are the four in my group but I am ready for anyone," she signed off.

## We will pick a coach who can bring results, won't go by big names: AIFF president Chaubey



PTI ■ NEW DELHI

The All India Football Federation (AIFF) president Kalyan Chaubey said the new head coach of the national team will be picked based on the ability to bring in right results, and a high-profile candidate will not be selected blindly. The AIFF Executive Committee is due to meet soon to decide the successor of Igor Stimac, who resigned as head coach after India lost nine matches and drew two in his last 12 games in charge. "I believe the result matters a lot. We will be looking at someone who can develop Indian football. And whoever gets appointed as chief coach, we want him to add a lot of potential to the national team's performance," Chaubey told PTI videos in an interview. The incoming head coach will have some important assignments such as a tri-nation tournament in October that also involves hosts Vietnam and Lebanon. Chaubey hoped the new coach can bring in some desired results from these events. "We are looking to utilise all the FIFA windows which we have in the month of September, October, November and March next year," he said. These tournaments, Chaubey said, will give Indian players more international exposure.

"No matter whether we play against a lower-ranked team or higher-ranked team, the aim is to win. It will also create more match time for players. Yes, these matches will also give more international exposure to the players," he added. Chaubey said there was an overwhelming response to the advertised position of the head coach of the Indian men's football team. "We have received a total of 291 applications and we have shortlisted 17 names from them. There are Indian and foreign names. We will have a detailed discussion about them in the Executive Committee meeting," he noted. Chaubey said former Indian captain IM Vijayan, who is now the head of the technical committee, will also be consulted. "We are in touch with the technical committee. As Vijayan is overseas now, he will be consulted through a virtual meeting," he said. Chaubey said players like Liaanzuala Chhangte have the potential to step in for former skipper Sunil Chhetri, who recently retired from international football. Chhangte was adjudged the Best Men's Player during the AIFF awards on Friday. "Who is after Sunil Chhetri? This question comes to everybody's mind. I think Chhangte, who has won the player of the year award this

year, has a lot of potential. He can definitely make a long career. Such awards will inspire a player to put in an even bigger effort," he said.

### STORES E-PROCUREMENT

**E-procurement Tender Notice No. S/66/07/24-25 Dated: 18-07-2024.** E-tenders are invited by the undersigned for the following works.  
**Tender No. KT245229A**  
**Closing/Opening date: 08-08-2024**  
**Brief Description:** PVC insulated Armored Unscreened, under ground Railway Signaling cable 12 core 1.5 sq mm copper to Spec. no. IRS-S-63/2014 (Rev.4.0) with latest. **Consignee:- SSE/SIG/ Kishanganj, NFR. Qty: 20 KM.**  
**Note:** For full details of tender notice and tender documents, tenderer may log on to the website ([www.ireps.gov.in](http://www.ireps.gov.in)). Prospective bidder who intend to participate in above tender are required to log on themselves with the above website and submit their offer electronically, if they are already registered with IREPS. In Case they are not registered with IREPS, they are advised to obtain class-III Digital Signature Certificate from the certifying agencies under Govt. of India IT Act 2000 and participate in the above tenders.



### E-AUCTION FOR PARKING CONTRACT AT ALIPURDUAR DIVISION

E-Auction for awarding license of parking contract at various stations over Alipurduar division. **Rate Unit:** Annual Licensing Fee. **Trips/Days:** 1095.

Seq No.	Lot No./Category	Description
AA/1	PARKING-APDJ-APDJ-TW-21-23-2 (Parking - Two Wheeler)	Parking Lot for Two Wheelers at location in front of MFC office at Alipurduar Junction.
AA/2	PARKING-APDJ-NOQ-TW-6-23-1 (Parking - Two Wheeler)	Parking Lot for Two Wheelers at circulating area of New Alipurduar Railway Station.
AB/1	PARKING-APDJ-BXT-MX-15-23-1 (Parking - Mixed)	Operation of parking stand for two, three, four and above four wheelers at Bamnhat (BXT) railway station.
AB/2	PARKING-APDJ-APDJ-MX-22-23-4 (Parking - Mixed)	Operation of Parking Stand for Three Wheelers, Four Wheelers and above four wheeler at Alipurduar Junction
AB/3	PARKING-APDJ-DLO-MX-18-23-2 (Parking - Mixed)	Operation of parking lot for two, three, four and above four wheeler at circulating area of Dalgao railway station.
AB/4	PARKING-APDJ-COB-MX-16-23-2 (Parking - Mixed)	Operation of parking stand for two, three, four and above four wheelers at Coochbehar railway station.
AB/5	PARKING-APDJ-FKM-MX-30-23-1 (Parking - Mixed)	Parking Lot for Two Wheelers, three wheeler, Four Wheelers and above five wheelers at circulating area of Fakiragram Railway Station.
AB/6	PARKING-APDJ-BNQ-MX-4-23-1 (Parking - Mixed)	Operation of parking stand for two, three, four and above four wheelers at banarhat railway station of Alipurduar division.
AB/7	PARKING-APDJ-CBD-MX-36-23-1 (Parking - Mixed)	Parking Lot for Two Wheelers, Three Wheelers and Four Wheelers at Changrabandha Railway station.
AB/8	PARKING-APDJ-DHH-MX-24-24-1 (Parking - Mixed)	Operation of parking stand for two, three, four and above four wheelers at Dinhat (DHH) railway station.
AB/9	PARKING-APDJ-BNV-MX-38-23-1 (Parking - Mixed)	Operation of parking stand for two, three, four and above four wheelers at Binnaguri railway station.
AB/10	PARKING-APDJ-KAMG-MX-12-23-1 (Parking - Mixed)	Parking lot for two wheelers, three wheeler, four wheelers and above four wheeler at Kamakhya Railyway station.

**Auction Start Date & Time:** 10.00 hrs. of 03-08-2024. **Auction Close Date & Time:** 12.20 hrs. of 03-08-2024. Prospective bidders are requested to visit E-Auction Leasing Module on IREPS website [www.ireps.gov.in](http://www.ireps.gov.in)



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1	88912693	LOAN AGAINST PROPERTY	1. SURENDER SINGH 2. SHAMA DEVI	10.07.2024	3,94,312.43/-

**PROPERTY ADDRESS :** ALL THAT PIECE AND PARCEL OF HOUSE, BEARING MUNICIPAL PERMANENT PROPERTY ID NO. 327C1129U22 (AS PER MUNICIPAL NOTICE CUM BILL), MEASURING 26 SQ. YARDS, SITUATED AT NEW ABADI CAMP, YAMUNA NAGAR, TEHSIL: JAGADHRI, DISTRICT: YAMUNA NAGAR, HARYANA, PIN-135001, WITHIN MUNICIPAL CORPORATION YAMUNA NAGAR-JAGADHRI, OWNED VIDE REGD. SALE DEED NO. 2368 DATED02-08-1995, MEASURED AND BOUNDED AS UNDER: EAST: GALI 5 FT WIDE - 16'-5" WEST: HOUSE OF RAJKUMAR - 16'-5", NORTH: GALI - 14'-2", SOUTH: HOUSE OF GOVIND RAM - 14'-2"

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### POSSESSION NOTICE

Whereas, the undersigned being the Authorised Officer of AAVAS FINANCIERS LIMITED (Formerly known as "AU HOUSING FINANCE LIMITED") under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred upon me under section 13(12) read with Rule 9 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002, issued a Demand Notice calling upon the borrowers mentioned herein below to repay the amount mentioned in the respective notice within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice. The borrowers having failed to repay the amount, undersigned has taken possession of the properties described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on me under Section 13(4) of the said Act read with Rule 9 of the said rules on the dates mentioned as below.

The borrower and Guarantor in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the properties and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of the AAVAS FINANCIERS LIMITED (Formerly known as "AU HOUSING FINANCE LIMITED") for an amount mentioned as below and further interest thereon.

Name of the Borrower	Date & Amount of Demand Notice	Description of Property	Date & Type of Possession
BALVINDER SINGH, HARMEET KAUR, MANJEET KAUR (A/c No.) LNYMN08821-220213533 & LNYMN08821-220213952	13 May 24 Rs. 992723/- Rs. 627038/- 7 May 24	Property No.11 - U.I.D. No. 576100051, bearing Property Code N00M1540R051A, situated at abadi deh of Village Khan Ahmedpur, Tehsil Barara, District Ambala, HARYANA Admeasuring 337.808 Sq. Mtrs And Property No.-2 Plot/House, bearing U.I.D. No. 576100131, bearing Property Code S00M1000R131A, situated at abadi deh of Village Khan Ahmedpur, Tehsil Barara, District Ambala HARYANA Admeasuring 189.343 Sq. Mtrs	Symbolic Possession Taken on 19 Jul 24
RAM SINGH, VIDHA DEVI (A/c No.) LNBHI02917-180071979	13 May 24 Rs. 353704/- 7 May 24	PLOT SITUATED AT MUSTIL NO. 46, KILLA NO. 20 (8-0) 21/1 (2-9) SITUATED AT RAM SINGHPURA, REWARI, HARYANA Admeasuring 2 MARLA (62 SQ. YARDS).	Symbolic Possession Taken on 19 Jul 24
PAWAN KUMAR, POONAM (A/c No.) LNYMN03718-190101351	13 May 24 Rs. 1484356/- 7 May 24	MUNICIPAL PERMANENT PROPERTY ID NO.-357C39J233, SITUATED AT MOJIA PANSARA, NOW KNOWN AS SHAMBHU NAGAR, YAMUNA NAGAR, TEH. JAGADHRI, DIST. YAMUNA NAGAR Admeasuring 113.00 SQ. YD.	Symbolic Possession Taken on 19 Jul 24
KRISHNA DEVI, GURMEET GURMEET, BHAG SINGH Now Deceased Through His Legal Heirs KRISHNA DEVI, Rajesh, Gurmeet (A/c No.) LNKNL01222-230257550	13 May 24 Rs. 1046924/- 7 May 24	Property situated at Village Basidan Roran, Tehsil Karnal and District Karnal (With in Lal Dora Area) through Vide Transfer Deed bearing vakif no. 9447/1 Dated 17.01.2019 regd. in the office of Sub-Registrar Karnal. Admeasuring 203.66 Sq.yard	Symbolic Possession Taken on 19 Jul 24
Mrs. KOMAL, Mr. SANTOK (A/c No.) LNYMN02221-220206556	29 Apr 24 Rs. 1206306/- 29 Apr 24	Municipal Permanent Property ID No. 310C217U84, situated at Sant Nagar, Chhoti Line (Johad mohalla), Yamuna Nagar, Tehsil Jagadhri, District Yamuna Nagar, Haryana 132001 Admeasuring 69.37 sq.yards	Symbolic Possession Taken on 19 Jul 24
MOHAN LAL, SHIV PARSAD, RAJ RANI (A/c No.) LNKRR03322-230235022	13 May 24 Rs. 911156/- 7 May 24	Property 5/759 share out of 37 k - 19 m cprised in Khevat no. 48/47, Khatoni no. 107 to 109, total Kittas-7 (Whole Khevat) situated at Vill. Karah ( KARAH SAHIB ), Teh. Pehowa, Distt. Kurukshetra. Admeasuring 146 SQYDS AS PER TECHNICAL, 150 SQYDS AS PER LEGAL	Symbolic Possession Taken on 20 Jul 24
KRISHNA BAI, PARAMJEET KAUR, SHARWAN KUMAR (A/c No.) LINTN03622-230281837	13 May 24 Rs. 2402326/- 7 May 24	PROPERTY NO.01-Khevat no 840, Khasra no 272/6(1/7-0) situated at Ratta within MC area Ramnagar colony tehsil Ratta District Fatehabad. & PROPERTY NO.02- KHEVAT NO.939, KHTONI NO. 1184, KHASRA NO. 276/16(17-0) situated at tehsil Ratta District Fatehabad, HARYANA Admeasuring PROPERTY NO.01- 5 MARLA & PROPERTY NO.02- 121 SQ. YARDS.	Symbolic Possession Taken on 20 Jul 24

**Place :** Jaipur **Date:** 21-07-2024 **Authorised Officer Aavas Financiers Limited**

**BRANCH : SAM LUDHIANA, 165-INDUSTRIAL AREA A, CHEEMA CHOWK LUDHIANA, PH. NO. 0161-2935587**

**DATE, TIME & PLACE OF SALE ON 08.08.2024 (THROUGH E AUCTION MODE), 01:00 PM TO 05:00 PM**  
**LAST DATE AND TIME FOR SUBMISSION OF EMD : FROM 20.07.2024 to 07.08.2024 10:00 AM TO 07:00 PM**

### NOTICE OF INTENDED SALE

**NOTICE OF INTENDED SALE UNDER RULE 6(2) & 8(6) OF THE SECURITY INTEREST (ENFORCEMENT RULES) 2002 UNDER THE SECURITISATION AND RECONSTRUCTION OF FINANCIAL ASSETS AND ENFORCEMENT OF SECURITY INTEREST ACT 2002**

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower (s) and Guarantor (s) that the below described immovable property(ies) mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the Symbolic/physical possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of Indian Bank, SAM Branch, Ludhiana Secured Creditor, will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is" and "Whatever there is" by E-Auction mode. The Successful bidder shall have to deposit 25% (twenty five percent) of the bid amount, including EMD amount (10%) deposited, latest by the next working day and the remaining amount shall be paid within 15 days from the date of auction in the form of Banker's Cheque/ Demand Draft/ Account Transfer and/or any other acceptable mode of money transfer. The Nodal Bank Account No. / IFSC Code etc. for online money transfer is as under. **Nodal Bank account No. and A/c Name :** 50477835593, in the name of Authorised Officer SAM Branch, Ludhiana, IFSC Code : IDIB000S818.

SR. NO.	NAME OF BORROWER	AMOUNT OUTSTANDING	DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPERTY (IES)	ENCUMBRANCES ON PROPERTY	RESERVE PRICE	EMD AMOUNT	BID INCREMENTAL AMOUNT	DATE & TIME OF E-AUCTION	PROPERTY ID NO.
1.	M/s Narang Wires Pvt. Ltd., Address 1 : 4 5 6 3 / 1 Shimlapuri, Near Quality Chowk, Ludhiana-141003. Sh. Gurparker Singh Narang S/o Sh. Ajit Singh, R/o House No-16, MC No. B-XXVIII/1307, Street No. 9, Shaheed Karnail Singh Nagar, Phase-III, Ludhiana-141013. Smt. Paramjit Kaur W/o Sh. Gurparker Singh Narang, R/o House No. 16, MC No. B-XXVIII/1307, Street No. 9, Shaheed Karnail Singh Nagar, Phase-III, Ludhiana-141013. Sh. Harparker Singh S/o Sh. Gurparker Singh Narang, R/o House No. 16, MC No. B-XXVIII/1307, Street No. 9, Shaheed Karnail Singh Nagar, Phase-III, Ludhiana-141013. Smt. Ashpreet Kaur W/o Sh. Charanjot Singh, R/o House No. 891, Street No. 9, Himmat Nagar Dugri, Basant Avenue. Ludhiana-141013. Estate of late Sh. Harvinder Pal Singh S/o Sh. Ajit Singh (Through Legal Heirs), R/o House No. 4642, Street No. 11, Near Daba Road, Ludhiana-141003. (i) Mr. Bhavjot Singh -Address- R/o House No. 4642, Street No. 11, Near Daba Road, Ludhiana-141003. (ii) Miss Harvipan Preet Kaur- Address- R/o House No. 4642, Street No. 11, Near Daba Road, Ludhiana-141003. Estate of late Smt. Ardampreet Kaur W/o Sh. Harvinder Pal Singh (Through Kown Legal Heirs) R/o House No. 4642, Street No. 11, Near Daba Road, Ludhiana-141003. (i) Mr. Bhavjot Singh- Address- R/o House No. 4642, Street No. 11, Near Daba Road, Ludhiana-141003. (ii) Miss Harvipan Preet Kaur- Address- R/o House No. 4642, Street No. 11, Near Daba Road, Ludhiana-141003.	Rs. 8,80,20,348/- (Rupees Eight Crore Eighty Lac Twenty Thousand Three Hundred Forty Eight only) as on 01.08.2021 along with interest, costs, other charges and exp. thereon.	a. Property measuring 375 Sq. Yds being 1/2 share of total house property measuring 750 Sq. Yards comprised in Khasra No. 775, 3613/776,3610/17,777 Khata No. 1431/1966, 1429/1964, 1425/ 1960, 1444/1978 as per jamabandi for the year 1990-91 situated at Mouja Gill No. 2, Hadbast No. 263 locality known as Shimlapuri, Tehsil & District Ludhiana bounded as East : Harbhajan Kaur etc. admeasuring 120'6", West : Street 16'6" wide admeasuring 120'6", North : Swaran Singh admeasuring 56'0", South : Bahadur Singh admeasuring 56'0" as per sale deed no. 7191 dated 17/6/96 in the name of Shri. Harvinder Pal Singh. b. Property measuring 375 Sq. Yards being 1/2 share of total land 750 Sq. yards bounded as East : Smt. Harbhajan Kaur & others admeasuring 120'6", West : Street 16'6" wide admeasuring 120'6", North : Swarn Singh admeasuring 56'0" South : Bahadur Singh admeasuring 56'0" out of Khasra No. 775,3613/776,3610/17, 777 Khata No.1431/1966, 1429/1964, 1425/1960, 1444/1978 as per jamabandi for the year 1990-91, Gill No. 2, Hadbast No. 263 situated at abadi Shimlapuri, Tehsil & District Ludhiana as per sale deed no. 7190 dated 17/6/96 in the name of Shri. Gurparker Singh. c. Property measuring 247-1/2 Sq. Yards being 1/2 share of total property measuring 495 Sq. Yards bearing Property No. B-21-4563/1 Shimlapuri, bounded as East : Street wide 16-1/2' admeasuring 27'0", West : Harvinder Pal Singh admeasuring 27'0", North : Paramjit Kaur admeasuring 165'0", South : Previous seller admeasuring 165'0" out of Khasra No. 3611/776 Khata No. 1487/2021 jamabandi 2000-2001 Village - Gill No. 1, Hadbast No. 263 Tehsil & District Ludhiana abadi Shimlapuri, Ludhiana as per sale deed no. 22314 dated 10/01/2007 in the name of Harvinder Pal Singh. d. Property bearing No. B-21-4563/1 measuring 495 Sq. Yards comprised in Khasra No. 3611/776 Khata No. 1430/1965 as per jamabandi 1990-91 situated at mouja Gill No. 1, Hadbast No. 263 locality known as Shimlapuri, Ludhiana bounded as North : Baldev Singh admeasuring 165', South : Hardeep Singh admeasuring 165', East : Street 16'6" wide measuring 27', West : Ajab Singh admeasuring 27' as per Sale Deed No. 8471 dated 25.06.1993 in the name of Smt. Paramjit Kaur. e. Property bearing No. B-21-4563/1 Shimlapuri measuring 247-1/2 Sq. Yards bounded as North : Ranjit Kaur admeasuring 165', South : Neighbour admeasuring 165', East : Street 16-1/2' wide admeasuring 27', West : Ajab Singh admeasuring 27' out of Khasra No. 3611/776 Khata No. 1430/1965 as per jamabandi for the year 1990-1991, Gill No. 1, Hadbast No. 263 Tehsil & District Ludhiana abadi Shimlapuri as per sale deed no 8469 dated 25.06.1993 in the name of Smt. Ardmanpreet Kaur.	Not Known to Bank	RS. 300.00 Lacs	Rs. 30.00 Lacs	Rs. 1,00,000/-	08.08.2024 from 01.00 PM to 5.00 PM	IDIBL13000129950

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# INDIA EYE UAE SCALP, WOMEN'S ASIA CUP SEMIFINAL BERTH

PTI ■ DAMBULLA (SRI LANKA)

Dominant India will be eager to perfect their tactics further while warding off United Arab Emirates which also can push them firmly towards the semifinals of the women's Asia Cup here on Sunday. Defending champions India's supremacy was evident in their facile seven-wicket victory over arch-rivals Pakistan on Saturday, and the UAE will require a giant-sized miracle to stop Harmanpreet Kaur's side. India currently have two points and a Net Run Rate of +2.29, and a win over the Emirates will take them to four points, which will also have a positive reflection on their NRR. It would not be an exaggeration to say that India will look more inwards in their match against the UAE, than fretting over the rivals. There were excellent spells from Deepti Sharma, Renuka Singh and Pooja Vastrakar, who though was slightly on the expensive side, against Pakistan, and their effort would have pleased the management to no limit. They will hope that left-arm spinner Radha Yadav, who returned to the India fold during the home series against South Africa recently, too can join the wicket-takers' list on Sunday. "It was a good spell and there was some assistance from the weather as well. Of course, I could execute all the plans that I have been working on at



nets," said Renuka in the post-match press meet. To top it, the Indian batters were ruthless in hunting down a non-challenging target with 35 balls to spare. Openers Shafali Verma and Smriti Mandhana gave the team a flying start adding 85 runs in just 9.3 overs and the loss of three wickets from that position was a minor aberration. Hence, India would hope that there would be a matching effort from the middle-order batters in the upcoming matches, starting with the

UAE. The Asia Cup also presents India with a wonderful opportunity to prepare for the T20 World Cup to be held in Bangladesh later this year. Renuka said India are treating this event as a preparatory ground for the ICC showpiece. "The Asia Cup is important for us because after this we don't have many matches (ahead of T20 WC) and we will have to rely on practice. "So, this is a learning experience for us, and the conditions (in Bangladesh) could be similar. So, this is a

good chance for us to get ready for the World Cup," she said. That said, India would do well not to lose focus on the present assignment and the UAE have the ability to give some tight moments as they showed against Nepal on Friday despite a six-wicket defeat. In the day's second match, Pakistan will look to bounce back with a win when they face a tricky Nepal.

Richa Ghosh (wk), Uma Chetry (wk), Pooja Vastrakar, Deepti Sharma, Arundhati Reddy, Renuka Singh, D Hemalatha, Asha Sobhana, Radha Yadav, Shreyanka Patil, Sajana Sajeevan. UAE: Esha Rohit Oza (C), Kavisha Kumari Egodage, Rithika Rajith, Samaira Dharmidharka, Lavanya Keny, Emily Thomas, Heena Harish Hotchandani, Mehak Thakur, Indhuja Nandakumar, Rinitha Rajith, Khushi Mohan Sharma, Rishitha Rajith, Suraksha Kotte, Theertha Satish, Vaishnav Mahesh.

**TEAMS (FROM):**  
**INDIA:** Harmanpreet Kaur (C), Smriti Mandhana, Shafali Verma, Jemimah Rodrigues,



## Abhishek Nayar, Doeschate likely to join India in SL as assistant coaches

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Abhishek Nayar and Ryan Doeschate are set to join the support staff of newly-appointed head coach Gautam Gambhir during India's white ball tour to Sri Lanka, starting from July 27. Nayar, who has played three ODIs for India, and Doeschate, who was a hard-hitting all-rounder for Netherlands, have worked closely with Gambhir at the Kolkata Knight Riders and are likely to come in as assistant coaches, the PTI has learned. Nayar comes with a high reputation as a sharp cricket mind and a lifestyle/motivational coach who have worked with the likes of Dinesh Karthik and

Rinku Singh. Doeschate is currently working with LA Knight Riders in the ongoing Major League Cricket (MLC) and Gambhir has openly expressed his admiration for the team-first attitude of the Dutchman. While there was no clear view on the appointment of the bowling coach, it seems that T Dilip, who was part of Rahul Dravid's regime, will continue in the role of the fielding coach. Gambhir had suggested to the BCCI the names of former India seamers R Vinay Kumar and L Balaji and former South African pacer Morne Morkel for the role of bowling coach. The PTI had reported on July 10 that Morkel could get the role ahead of Vinay and Balaji.

While Vinay and Balaji have associated with Gambhir at the KKR, Morkel worked alongside him at the Lucknow Super Giants. If indeed Morkel gets the nod, he could be the first foreign bowling coach after Australian Joe Dawes, who did the duty under Duncan Fletcher until the tour of England in 2014. Morkel was also the bowling coach of Pakistan until the 50-over World Cup in India. The Indian team is scheduled to travel to Colombo from Mumbai in a chartered flight on July 22. Nayar and Dilip could also be travelling with the team while it's not yet clear when Doeschate would link up with the side.



## ICC keep watch on security situation in Bangladesh, venue of women's T20 WC

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

The International Cricket Council (ICC) said it has been keeping a watch on the security situation in Bangladesh, the venue of the women's T20 World Cup later this October. The Bangladesh Police imposed curfew and military forces patrolled Dhaka on Saturday after violence escalated in the capital and elsewhere over protests by students, demanding reforms of the quota system for government jobs. "We have independent security monitoring across the world. So, yes, we are keeping a watch on it (the situation in Bangladesh)," an ICC Board member told PTI on conditions of anonymity. Australia are the most successful team in the women's T20 World Cup winning the tourna-

ment a record six times in 2010, 2012, 2014, 2018, 2020 and 2023. England and the West Indies won the event once each, while India under Harmanpreet Kaur will look to grab their maiden title. India are currently playing in the Women's Asia Cup in Dambulla, Sri Lanka, and pacer Renuka Singh had said the team was using the tournament as a preparation for the ICC showpiece. "The Asia Cup is important for us because after this we don't have many matches (ahead of T20 WC) and we will have to rely on practice. "So, this is a learning experience for us, and the conditions (in Bangladesh) could be similar. So, this is a good chance for us to get ready for the World Cup," she said.

## Indian archery, rowing teams first to check in at Paris Games Village

PTI ■ PARIS

India's chef-de-mission for Paris Olympics, Gagan Narang on Saturday informed that archery and rowing contingents are first from the country to check in at the Games village and said the athletes are eager to begin their campaign at the sporting extravaganza. While archery and rowing contingents checked in at Paris Games village on Friday, the Indian men's hockey team will arrive on Saturday from the Netherlands, where it was undergoing its final preparation. "I arrived in Paris on Thursday night and have taken stock of the arrangements inside the Games Village for the Indian contingent. Archery and rowing were the first Indian teams to arrive on Friday and have comfortably checked-in. The athletes are slowly settling in and are exploring the Village," said Narang, the 2012 London Olympics bronze medalist shooter. He further stated the mood among the athletes is that of excitement and anticipation. "The mood is certainly upbeat. We have the Indian men's hockey team arriving on Saturday. Surely, I am



reminded of my hey days at the Olympics as an athlete. "While there is a lot of excitement, athletes will also want to get some game time in the competition arenas. We want to make sure the athletes' have everything they need ahead of the start of their respective events," added Narang, a four-time Olympian. The decorated Indian shooter, who is also the recipient of the prestigious Khel Ratna and the Padma Shri awards, expressed his gratitude to the Indian Olympic Association (IOA) for appointing him as the chef-de-mission for the Paris Games. "It is a matter of great honour for me to travel with the Indian contingent as the Chef-de-

Mission for Paris Olympics. I express my heartfelt gratitude for considering me for the role, and giving me a chance to once again serve my country on the sports' biggest stage," Narang said. "As an athlete myself, I fully understand the requirements of elite athletes at the world's greatest sporting extravaganza. I will work strenuously to motivate and inspire the Indian contingent, while also safeguarding their priorities to perform their optimum. "I am delighted to have the opportunity to play the role of the primary liaison between our athletes, the organising committee, and other relevant stakeholders during the

Games and will ensure a smooth and efficient process," he said. India will be represented by 117 athletes across 20 disciplines at the Paris Olympics. "It is a matter of great pride for me to see the growing number of medal contenders in the Indian contingent. Each and every athlete in our contingent is capable of not only being on-par against the best athletes of the world but can also surpass them and bring laurels to the nation," Narang said. "Having a strong contingent puts India on the hot seat as we gear up for Paris." The Paris Games will be held from July 26 to August 11.



## Mayank, Devdutt, Vyshak among retained players ahead of KSCA T20 auction

PTI ■ BENGALURU

Some of the top state cricketers such as Mayank Agarwal, Devdutt Padikkal and Vyshak Vijaykumar have been retained by the teams ahead of the Maharaja Trophy KSCA T20 auction later this month. The third edition of the tournament will be held from August 15 to September 1 at the M Chinnaswamy Stadium here. Defending champions Hubli Tigers, runners-up Mysore Warriors, Gulbarga Mystics, Bengaluru Blasters, Mangaluru Dragons and Shivamogga Lions retained four players each from their previous season's squad. The Hubli outfit retained the services of skipper Manish Pandey, wicketkeeper Shrijith KL and young all-rounder Manvanth Kumar and ace medium pacer Vidwath Kaverappa. Mysore Warriors, the last year's

runners up, chose to stay with captain Karun Nair, CA Karthik, SU Karthik and the hard-hitting all-rounder Manoj Bhandage. The Mystics have retained Devdutt Paddikal even though he missed the previous season's campaign due to an injury. Vyshak Vijaykumar has also been retained by the Gulbarga side along with Smaran Ravi and Aneesh KV. The Shivamogga Lions retained Abhinav Manohar, the most expensive player in last year's auction with a price tag of Rs 15 lakh. Nihal Ullal, Shivraj and pacer Vasuki Koushik have also been retained by the Lions. The Mangaluru Dragons handed retention to Nikin Jose, Rohan Patil, Siddharth KV and Paras Gurbax Arya. The Bengaluru Blasters' retentions include Agarwal, Suraj Ahuja, Shubhang Hegde and Mohsin Khan.

# Katie excited about swimming after all these years

AP ■ INDIANAPOLIS

For Katie Ledecky, there is seemingly no such thing as burnout. Sure, there are times when it all gets a bit monotonous, staring at that black line at the bottom of the pool, turning lap after interminable lap with nothing on the line. Yet, a dozen years after she burst on the scene with a surprising gold medal at the London Olympics, Ledecky keeps finding ways to enjoy swimming as much as ever. The times may not be quite as fast. But the ultimate payoff is staying on top year after year, Olympics after Olympics, even as other swimmers struggle to deal with the mental and physical demands of a grueling sport that only provides once-every-four-years gratification. Ledecky is one of the most consistent swimmers in history. "I pride myself on that consistency," the 27-year-old Ledecky said. "I challenge myself to stay consistent. Yeah, I mean sometimes it can be tough feeling like you're not having a breakthrough. But to be really consistent is something I'm really

happy with. I've learned to just really enjoy each day of training and take in every moment and just appreciate the fact that I've been able to have this long of a career, stay injury free, stay pretty healthy, be able to do this for this many years." Perhaps the greatest freestyle swimmer history, Ledecky heads to her fourth Olympics in a familiar role. A gold-medal favourite. The focus of so much attention. The template for sustained excellence. "Such a big influence," said fellow American swimmer Erin Gemmill, who has looked up to Ledecky much of her life and will be joining her as an Olympic teammate. "I don't think I would really be here if it weren't for her." Gemmill's father used to coach Ledecky. Young Erin once dressed up as Ledecky for Halloween. They've spent so much time together at the pool, Gemmill has had a unique perspective on Ledecky's tedious brilliance. "It's really special to be able to be that close to someone who is so inspirational, getting to see the day-to-day work that they put in," Gemmill said. "It makes it seem more achievable,



in a way, being so close. It makes them seem a lot more human." Ledecky isn't as dominant as she once was, but she'll definitely be the swimmer to beat in the two longest freestyle events, covering 800 and 1,500 metres. She already

has six individual gold medals, the most of any female swimmer in Olympic history. "Every athlete, as they get older, has to learn new ways to set goals, learn new ways to evaluate the results," Ledecky said.

In many ways, she's still driven by her very first Summer Games, where she burst on the scene at 15 with a gold medal in the 800 freestyle. She provides further perspective on that experience in her new book, "Just Add Water,

My Swimming Life." "I wanted to get back to that level, prove that I wasn't just a one-hit wonder," Ledecky said. "At the same time, I reminded myself that anything more than that is just like icing on the cake, the cherry on top, because, I just never thought I'd make it to that one Olympics." All these years later, after all those trips to the top of the medal podium, she feels much the same way. "That's the perspective that I've been able to maintain and that keeps me focused and keeps me enjoying the sport so much, enjoying the teammates and the people that are around me," Ledecky said. She's an old soul, for sure. Even in her teens, Ledecky had young swimmers looking up to her. "I was definitely an annoying child," Gemmill said, grinning. "But I think she was just so welcoming to a little 7-year-old fan. When I think about it, she was only a sophomore in high school at the time. I think if someone had acted like that towards me when I was a sophomore in high school, I would have been really weirded out. But she was kind and welcoming with all of it."

Eight years ago in Rio de Janeiro, Ledecky turned in one of the greatest performance in swimming history. She took gold in the 200, 400 and 800 freestyle with a pair of world records (the 1,500 was not yet an Olympic event for women, or she undoubtedly would've won that, too). For good measure, she anchored the US to a gold in the 4x200 free relay with a time that was more than a second faster than anyone else in the final. Five years later in Tokyo, the rest of the world began to catch up in the shorter races. For the first time, she was beaten in an individual race when Australia's Ariarne Titmus took gold in the 400. Ledecky didn't even reach the podium in the 200, settling for fifth. Ledecky doesn't plan to swim the 200 free in Paris even though she won that event at the US Olympic trials. She's a definite underdog in the 400 free, where Titmus and Canadian phenom Summer McIntosh would appear to have the upper hand. McIntosh might even give Ledecky a run for the gold in the 800 free - an event Ledecky has won at the last three Olympics - after beating her at a low-level meet this year.

# A TALE OF TWO COUNTRIES INDIA AND CHINA BEYOND BINARIES

There is more to India and China relations that meets the eye and a lot goes behind the curtain in the people's republic of China writes **GYANESHWAR DAYAL**

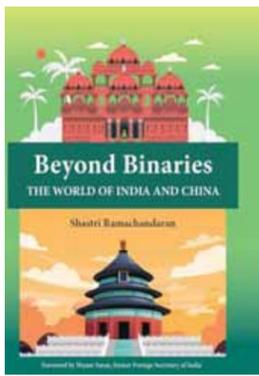
The book "Two Binaries: The World of India and China" by Shastri Ramachandran has generated significant interest. It explores several issues confronting the two countries and their bilateral relations. The author has ostensibly analysed why they behave as they do and what prevents the two countries from coming closer. Shastri Ramachandran is a journalist and well-versed in Chinese culture, having spent considerable time there, which makes him an authority on the subject. Indeed, he knows more about China than many so-called experts here. Although I haven't read the book, I recently participated in a discussion organised by the publishers to promote the book and initiate an informed debate. The discussion was chaired by Professor Madhu Bhalla, with veteran journalist Paranjay Guha Thakurta and Professor Arvind Yelery as other panelists.

The discussion certainly achieved its purpose and initiated a debate on Indo-China relations and our skewed understanding of China as a country beyond TV news and newspaper articles, often superficial in nature. China is always on the minds of most Indians. We have a love-hate relationship with it: we love it when we use its cheap products and buy them to profit in the domestic market. As Paranjay Guha Thakurta pointed out, most businesses would struggle without Chinese imports. Most pharmaceutical companies use raw materials from China, as do many car companies which import Chinese spares.



Indeed, India and China represent 40 percent of humanity and wield enormous power by sheer population size. However, coming together requires overcoming many obstacles. Shastri has the benign notion of making this the Asian century, which is not possible without India and China burying their hatchet. But that is easier said than done. They have historical and geographical factors that keep them apart. Shastri sees Western influence, amplified by our media, as a root cause of strained relations. He praises the Chinese people and believes it is possible to bridge the divide between the two peoples, as we are more than two countries – two

civilizations. However, there is a problem with perception. He sees China as a country painted by the West as evil, and we are expected to accept that view. We do so happily, gulping down Western propaganda as the gospel truth. There is some truth in that. The West has a powerful media with unparalleled reach, capable of making or breaking anyone's image. But that is only part of the truth. Giving China a clean chit is definitely oversimplifying the situation. Let's put it this way: China and the Chinese government are two separate entities often at cross purposes. When you interact with Chinese



people, you encounter individuals who are nice, like people anywhere else. However, when you deal with China as a nation, you deal with its government, which is reactionary and dictatorial. Shastri makes a distinction between Chinese and Arab dictatorships in their construct, but the end result is the same: an oppressive, intolerant, and regressive structure focused on self-preservation. Simply assuming a communist facade does not make one truly communist. Let's face it: Stalin was a dictator, Nicolae Ceaușescu was a dictator, Kim Jong Un is a dictator, and so is Xi Jinping. Having a party like Hitler's doesn't

qualify one to be called a Communist (a much-abused term, but I would think of Lenin as one). A fun fact here: Hitler's party was officially called the National Socialist German Workers' Party! On October 22, 2022, Hu Jintao, former General Secretary of the Chinese Communist Party, was escorted out of the hall at the closing ceremony of the 20th National Congress of the Chinese Communist Party. He was pulled from his seat by two men while Xi maintained a stoic face. Was it a Western construct? When Shastri says, and I quote, "Nancy Pelosi leads a delegation to Dharamshala with business stakes in Taiwan, and the Dalai Lama

receives treatment in the US, making clear what is happening," he trivializes the Tibetan struggle and casts aspersions on the Dalai Lama's credentials. The human rights violations and systemic cleansing in Tibet are beyond the scope of this piece. It is not just about Tibet; the Uyghur province, dominated by Muslims, has seen enough misery. The Uyghur province of China has witnessed a series of human rights violations. It includes mass arbitrary detention, torture, enforced disappearances, mass surveillance, cultural and religious persecution, separation of families, forced labour, sexual violence, and violations of reproductive rights. Many of the cases are well documented. And by the way, there is nothing capitalist about the students' protest in Hong Kong. I wish someone on the panel had spoken about these issues too. Most of them were fixated on Doklam and Galwan and relished Chinese cuisine and the great economic strides China made and how everyone wants to have a piece of the Chinese pie. Interestingly, after taking advantage of Chinese largesse, many African and Asian countries are now waiting their turn to go bankrupt. China's Belt and Road Initiative is turning out to be a noose around hapless economies. China is doing in the 21st century what the West did in the 19th. Do we have a locus standi in criticising China's human rights violations when we have skeletons in our cupboard? Sure, we do. Martin Luther King Jr. said, and I quote, "Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere!"

# INSPIRATIONS BEHIND ZAIRA AND AUTHORSHIP JOURNEY

Professor **VINITA DHONDIYAL BHATNAGAR** shares the personal inspirations behind her novel *ZAIRA* and reflects on her journey from literature scholar to published author

**What inspired you to write *Zaira*? Were there any personal experiences or specific events that sparked the idea for this novel?**

*Zaira* was inspired by many events and incidents. I saw a terrible accident on a flyover near my office. The young man was hurled across the parapet and crashed onto the road below. The blood was trickling from his head like a rivulet. This scene has stayed with me and informs one of the most pivotal moments in the plot. The awareness as a mother and as a college teacher about the vulnerability of our young population also played a part. This is the age of experimentation and exploration, which is fantastic. But they should not fall prey to addictions or to habits that endanger their lives and their futures. This inspired me to write about the cynical, profiteering men who might make a fortune by luring people into consuming drugs.

**Can you share your journey as a writer? What were some of the key moments or turning points that led you to become a published author?**

I have been studying literature since 1985 and have a PhD in literary studies. So I have a long history of reading. It took guts to jump into writing especially because in my mind I kept comparing myself to the literary greats I had studied. I kept writing and kept getting rejected. Part of the problem was that my characters were not gripping enough. My father passed away in 2010 and his last words to me were not to give up. I am going to keep to that. The publishing industry has changed drastically in the last few years. Maybe my time was now. My editor friend, Kaneez, told me of Book Bakers, my literary agent and they helped place my book.

**How do you balance your roles as a professor and a writer? Do you find that your**



**academic work and storytelling complement each other?**

In my fantasies I would have been a full time writer, locked up in a room with my thoughts for company. In reality I am juggling a home, and a job in which I have seventy young people in a classroom and they come from far off places and with distinctive personalities and life stories of their own. I now recognise this as strength. It may give me less time to write but it gives me deeper compassion and understanding. I teach communication skills and my purpose in writing is primarily to communicate rather than impress. My book has been written primarily for the type of people I teach.

**The characters in *Zaira* are richly detailed and complex. Can you share your process for developing characters like *Zaira*, *Rajyawardhan* and *Jai*? Did any of them change significantly from your initial concept?**

Thank you! As you know characterization is what I struggled with the most. So your words are a healing balm to my soul. Frankly, *Zaira* is based on a friend of mine who is like a daughter to me. The story is not hers. The

character is. I asked her at points "What would you wear to this?" or "What would you eat?" "Since I understood her well I could imagine what her responses might be in certain circumstances. Rajyawardhan is based partially on my favorite film star. I saw him on VIP road in Bhopal and I said to myself, "This man will be a legend." I think he is on his way to becoming one. I won't say more or I might be sued! With Jai I was thinking of the migration of the Sindhis to Bairagarh near Bhopal after partition. A character carries the history of his people and I hope some of that is reflected in Jai's story. What changed significantly throughout the course of the writing was the relationship outcome of Jai and *Zaira*'s story. I was so keen to write a romance. Alas!

***Zaira* is filled with unexpected twists and suspenseful moments. How do you approach plotting a story to maintain tension and keep readers engaged?**

My professor Malashri Lal suggested I start storytelling to live audiences. It's a very difficult art. Listeners get restless and children are bound to say "I am bored" when they are bored. That gives my writing urgency. I don't want to bore you. I don't want to waste your precious

time and attention.

**The book touches on serious issues like drug trafficking and personal trauma. What kind of research did you conduct to ensure these aspects were portrayed accurately and sensitively?**

I didn't do specific research on these topics but I have always stayed aware of these issues in society. I listened to ex-drug addicts speak about the fear of slipping back into the habit and of the humiliating lives they had led when they were in the grip of addiction. I knew a fantastic young man who just slipped away. It makes me sad. It makes me angry. We are letting our younger generations down if we don't do enough to protect and inform them. I was in the process of losing my mother as I wrote the book. I didn't know it then at a conscious level. But at a subconscious level, something inside me was preparing to let go. That rawness, that vulnerability and ache found itself on to the pages.

**Fyodor Dostoevsky works often explore deep psychological and moral issues. How has Dostoevsky influenced your writing, particularly in *Zaira*? Are there specific aspects of his work that resonate with you?**

During my MPhil days at Delhi University, I attended a seminar course of Russian Literature. (I must tell you the first four years of my life were spent in Russia. They believed then that the only privileged class should be children and I was treated accordingly.) I think I am obsessed with him because my uncle once dismissed somebody else's writing as "He is no Dostoevsky" Since then he has become my standard of good writing!

**As a storyteller, are there any elements of Fyodor Dostoevsky's work that have influenced your writing, particularly in *Zaira*?**

Ha Ha! I am arrogant enough

to really crave that comparison. Dostoevsky doesn't bother with facts as much as with states of mind. I find it difficult to add irrelevant details just to enhance the literariness of the language or story. He explores the two radically opposing sides of a character or situation. When I read his morally ambiguous characters I feel "This could be me, I could respond like this in this situation." I am hoping readers will feel the same way about my work.

**You've mentioned that no change is possible unless the story touches the hearts of its readers. How do you ensure your stories have this emotional impact?**

Even as a teacher I am aware miracles can happen and mountains can move if you can touch the hearts of your students. I do have a worldview, an urgent sense of how I think things should be. If I wrote them in a pamphlet it would be thrown away. So I weave a story. One of my favourite writers just revealed that he cried through the writing of his book. He knew the reader could feel the emotion because he felt it first. That is my greatest challenge. Years of struggling with literacy issues of theme, character, plot and conflict means I have a head first approach. I have to get in touch with my own heart to write. When we communicate heart to heart, we understand each other better. That's all I am going for.

**What do you hope readers will feel or think about after finishing *Zaira*? Is there a particular message or feeling you want to leave them with?**

I am hoping they will feel energised and empowered. Mistakes happen. So what? Why be afraid of heartbreak and betrayal to an extent where we forget to live? There are possibilities and opportunities all around us. We have a story to live. Let's make it grand!

## BOOK REVIEW

### A GRIPPING TALE OF AMBITION, THRILLER AND SELF-DISCOVERY

*Zaira* is a gripping thriller that blends suspense with societal critique, following a young woman's perilous journey through Bollywood and drug trafficking to uncover the truth behind her idol's death, says **SAKSHI PRIYA**

*ZAIRA* by Prof. Vinita Dhondiyal Bhatnagar is a compelling young adult thriller that masterfully blends suspense with social commentary. Set against the glamorous backdrop of Bollywood and the dangerous world of drug trafficking, the novel follows the journey of *Zaira*, an ambitious college student from Bhopal, as she navigates the complex intersection between her dreams of fame and the traditional expectations of her family.

The book introduces key characters like Jai, who provides stability and support to *Zaira* and Rajyawardhan Singh, Layla's charismatic lover whom *Zaira* admires. Rajyawardhan's presence adds complexity to the story, intertwining with *Zaira*'s ambitions and the dangers she faces. Bhatnagar skillfully portrays *Zaira*'s internal conflict as she navigates her relationship with Jai, initially a source of joy and comfort, which becomes a lens for her own desires and aspirations. Jai plays pivotal roles in shaping *Zaira*'s journey, enriching her character development. Rajyawardhan also influences *Zaira*'s decisions, adding depth to the narrative dynamics.

One of the most striking aspects of the book is its exploration of societal pressures and their impact on individuals, especially women. *Zaira*, initially portrayed as a somewhat naive and idealistic young woman, faces judgment and ridicule from her peers for her choices. The dialogue between Shikma and Deepa, who mock *Zaira* for her slipping grades and newfound relationship, highlights the harsh scrutiny that women often face. This criticism is not merely about academic performance or personal relationships but is deeply rooted in societal expectations and the pressure to conform to traditional roles.

The book grips you from the first page to the last, urging you to finish it in one sitting as you delve into every character and their stories. Author beautifully portrays *Zaira*'s journey, creating a remarkable reading experience. The subplot involving

Rajyawardhan Singh adds suspense and danger, *Zaira*'s involvement in a dangerous drug trafficking investigation and the subsequent threats to her life bring a sense of urgency and tension. Her time in isolation, grappling with fear and turmoil, showcases her inner strength, particularly in her struggle to maintain sanity and self-awareness.

Bhatnagar's writing is engaging and evocative, drawing readers into *Zaira*'s world from the first page. The pacing is well-managed, balancing the thriller elements of the drug trafficking investigation with moments of introspection and character development. The author's ability to weave together personal growth, suspenseful plot

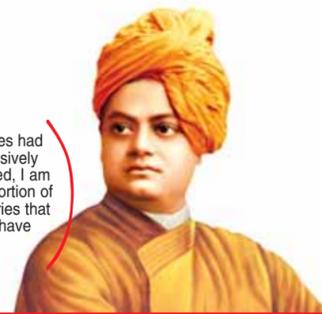
twists and broader societal issues is commendable. The novel's exploration of the complexities of human relationships and emotions adds depth to the narrative. *Zaira*'s evolving relationships with her family members, her romantic entanglements and her changing perception of Layla (whom she initially idolizes) all contribute to a human connection and growth.

*ZAIRA* is more than just a thrilling page-turner; it's a profound exploration of personal growth, societal pressure and the quest for justice. Bhatnagar's nuanced

characters, engaging plot and evocative writing create a story that resonates long after the final page is turned. Once you start reading, you'll be eager to finish it in one go, drawn to explore every character and their stories. The book is highly recommended for readers who enjoy emotionally rich narratives combined with cultural authenticity and suspenseful elements. *ZAIRA* stands out as a remarkable contribution to contemporary Indian literature. It offers a thought-provoking experience that prompts readers to reflect on their own life choices and the societal forces that shape them. Vinita Dhondiyal Bhatnagar has crafted a novel that is both a gripping thriller and a sensitive portrayal of a young woman's journey to self-discovery, making it a must-read for fans of the genre and beyond.



"If faith in ourselves had been more extensively taught and practiced, I am sure a very large portion of the evils and miseries that we have would have vanished"  
— Buddha



# A MODEL FOR INDIA'S SMART CITY ASPIRATIONS

From integrating advanced technologies to fostering community engagement, New Taipei City offers a wealth of lessons that can guide Indian cities towards a smarter and more sustainable future, writes **GYANESHWAR DAYAL**

**N**ew Taipei City, Taiwan's most populous city, has emerged as a leading example of smart city development, integrating advanced technology, sustainable practices, and citizen-centric services. As India embarks on its ambitious Smart Cities Mission, there are valuable lessons to be learned from New Taipei City's approach to urban planning and management.

One of the biggest achievements of New Taipei City is its involvement of citizens in various facets of planning and execution and participation. New Taipei City actively involves its citizens in the planning and decision-making process. "Through public consultations, digital platforms, and community programs, residents are encouraged to participate in shaping the city's future. This collaborative approach has fostered a sense of ownership and responsibility among citizens," says Dr Tih-Ju Chu, deputy mayor of New Taipei City, Government of Taiwan.

As far as the Indian smart city concept is concerned, it has been a bureaucratic exercise where citizens have had hardly any role to play. Engaging citizens in the smart city development process is crucial for ensuring that the initiatives meet the needs and aspirations of the people. Indian cities should leverage digital tools and community engagement strategies to involve residents in planning, implementation, and monitoring of projects. We embarked upon making Varanasi into Kyoto but have reached nowhere. Perhaps the biggest reason for this has been the government's top-down approach where people come last. Local people know their city better than any bureaucrat or politician and their input can go a long way in preserving the cultural heritage of the city and modernising it at the same time.

New Taipei City fosters a culture of innovation and entrepreneurship, providing support for startups and encouraging technological advancements. The city has established innovation hubs, incubators, and co-working spaces

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that nurture talent and drive economic growth. Encouraging innovation and entrepreneurship should be a priority for Indian smart cities too. By creating supportive ecosystems for startups, providing access to funding, and facilitating collaboration between academia, industry, and government, Indian cities can become hubs of innovation and economic development. After all, no city can thrive without a robust locally sustained economy. People must find jobs and reasons to settle in a smart city, else it may end up like several ghost cities of China. Yet another initiative that makes New Taipei City a model is sustainability. "The city mayor places a strong emphasis on sustainability, incorporating green building practices, renewable energy, and

efficient waste management systems. The city has extensive green spaces, promotes the use of public transportation, and encourages eco-friendly practices among residents," says Dr Tih-Ju Chu. Indeed, sustainable urban development should be at the core of India's smart cities initiative. By prioritising green infrastructure, renewable energy projects, and comprehensive waste management systems, Indian cities can reduce their environmental footprint and enhance the quality of life for their residents. New Taipei City has implemented intelligent transportation systems (ITS) to enhance mobility and reduce traffic congestion. These systems include smart traffic signals, real-time traffic monitoring, and integrated public transportation

networks. The city's focus on multimodal transportation options has made commuting more efficient and accessible. Unfortunately, traffic and commuting are one of the biggest challenges. In a city like Bengaluru, India's IT hub, commuting is a nightmare. To address urban mobility challenges, Indian smart cities should invest in ITS, including smart traffic management, real-time public transport information, and infrastructure for non-motorized transport. Developing a comprehensive and efficient transportation network can alleviate congestion and improve the overall commuting experience. One of the cornerstones of New Taipei City's success is its adoption of cutting-edge technology to

streamline governance. The city has implemented an integrated digital platform that connects various departments, enabling real-time data sharing and decision-making. This has resulted in efficient public service delivery, reduced administrative costs, and improved transparency. Indian smart cities can benefit from creating unified digital platforms that foster inter-departmental collaboration, enhance service delivery, and promote transparency. Investing in robust ICT infrastructure and data analytics can drive more informed policy decisions and optimize resource allocation. Situated in a region prone to natural disasters, New Taipei City has prioritised building resilient infrastructure and robust disaster management systems. The city employs advanced monitoring and early warning systems, conducts regular drills, and has developed comprehensive emergency response plans. Implementing early warning systems, conducting regular drills, and involving communities in disaster management plans can significantly reduce the impact of disasters.

Let us face it, India's smart city project faces several significant challenges that hinder its progress. Foremost among these is the bureaucratic approach that often sidelines citizen participation and local insights, resulting in top-down planning that lacks community buy-in. Additionally, there is a persistent lack of robust infrastructure and technological integration, impeding the development of effective digital platforms and smart solutions. Moreover, coordination between various government departments and private stakeholders is often fragmented, leading to inefficiencies and delays. Without addressing these fundamental issues, the ambitious vision of India's smart cities may remain unfulfilled. We must be open to such initiatives outside of India and there would be no harm in trying the best practices from around the world. The lessons from New Taipei City serve as a blueprint for India's smart cities to follow, ensuring that they meet the needs of their residents while addressing the challenges of the 21st century.

# LOBSTER LOVE

PAWAN SONI discovers how Delhi is experiencing a culinary renaissance with new venues offering world class ingredients



**PAWAN SONI**  
Food critic and founder of the Big F Awards



Getting high-quality lobster in Delhi can be quite a challenge. This is why I make it a point to attend most crab and lobster festivals in the city, where the freshness and quality of these exquisite sea creatures are guaranteed. I have enjoyed several memorable meals at Shang Palace, Shangri-La Eros Delhi, and the ongoing 'Clawsome Chobster' meal was no exception. This special menu features dishes made with both chicken and lobster, likely to appeal even to those who don't typically enjoy shellfish. We began with a lobster and mango salad, a perfect summer dish. The sweetness of the lobster meat and fresh mangoes, combined with the coconut sauce, was perfectly complemented by the texture of lettuce and the acidity of lemon. For those who enjoy Chongqing chicken with its bullet chili heat, the lobster version is a must-try. The lobster, with its meat still clinging to the shell, is truly a palate pleaser. After tasting this, I wonder if I'll ever enjoy the chicken version as much. The only chicken dish we tried in starters was the bang bang chicken. Coated with panko/breadcrumbs for the extra crunch for this juicy chicken breast filling, it surely had the bang. Though for the sauce, I missed the mayonnaise in the dip which is normally

mixed with sweet chilly sauce. In the dim sum selection, we tried the kaffir lime lobster dumplings served with oscietra caviar. Though the kaffir lime flavor was somewhat subdued, these beautifully crafted dumplings were delightful. The lobster and chicken siu mai were expertly made with thin skins and juicy fillings. Feeling quite full after the starters, we decided to skip the carbohydrate dishes, which

included fried rice with lobster, chicken, and egg. Another intriguing option was the Chobster, a whole grilled chicken served with lobster rice. This dish, as our server mentioned, requires about 45 minutes to prepare, so we opted for the chili pepper lobster tail instead. During our meal, Mr. Abhishek Sadhoo, General Manager of the hotel, stopped by, and we exchanged pleasantries. When

asked about the sourcing of their lobsters, he proudly shared that they are flown in from Canada. I am eagerly anticipating their new festival offerings, which will feature an abundance of lobster, reflecting their commitment to bringing top-quality seafood to India. Shhh... keep this secret between us. Delhi is experiencing a culinary renaissance, with new venues offering world-class

ingredients. If you love seafood as much as I do, don't miss this special menu, available only until July 21, 2024.  
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## A CULINARY COACH

Introducing Capital Diner, a unique restaurant located in a refurbished railway coach, providing travelers and locals with a nostalgic and immersive dining experience at the New Delhi Railway Station

Nestled within the bustling confines of New Delhi Railway Station lies Capital Diner, an enchanting escape that seamlessly blends the nostalgia of old-world train journeys with the flair of contemporary dining. This innovative restaurant, housed within a meticulously refurbished railway coach, promises an unforgettable culinary experience for travelers and locals alike. Stepping into Capital Diner is equivalent to embarking on a journey through time.

Capital Diner offers a unique blend of history, ambiance and exquisite cuisine, making it an ideal spot for travelers and locals alike. Upon entering Capital Diner, guests are transported back in time, as the restaurant's design combines the charm of American diners with the luxury of old-world train journeys. The interior, fashioned from a retired Indian Railways coach, exudes an air of elegance and charm reminiscent of the bygone era of train travel. Rich brown vertical stripe wallpaper, evoking memories of the legendary Orient Express, complements plush mallard shade suede booth seating and tasteful mosaic tiling. Soft beige LED lighting strips cast a gentle, starlit glow, enhancing the ambiance with a touch of luxurious warmth. Beyond its captivating aesthetics, Capital Diner delights diners with a diverse menu that celebrates both traditional Indian flavors and international cuisines. From hearty kadhai paneer paired with freshly baked naan to creamy penne tomato pasta with succulent chicken, every dish is crafted with meticulous attention to detail and premium ingredients. Each bite is a witnessed to the culinary expertise of the restaurant's dedicated chefs, ensuring a gastronomic journey that satisfies even the most discerning palate. "We are delighted to introduce Capital Diner, where the romance of



railway travel meets the sophistication of modern dining," shares Mr. Harish Kumar Arora, Founder of Capital Diner. "Our aim is to create a dining experience that not only tantalizes the taste buds but also evokes cherished memories of train journeys past." Capital Diner stands as a testament to innovation in the culinary landscape of New Delhi, offering more than just a meal but an immersive experience that celebrates the cultural heritage of India's railway history. Whether seeking a quick bite before catching a train or a leisurely dining experience amidst the station's vibrant atmosphere, Capital Diner promises an unparalleled fusion of nostalgia and culinary excellence.

So, next time you find yourself at New Delhi Railway Station, don't just pass through - immerse yourself in the allure of Capital Diner. Indulge in the ambiance, savor the flavours and rediscover the magic of train travel through a dining experience like no other.

### FAST FACTS

Circulating Area, New Delhi Railway Station, Near Ajmeri Gate, Connaught Place, New Delhi. Hours: 11 AM to 11 PM  
Price for Two: INR 600 Instagram: @capital.diner

# EMBRACING VEGANISM IN ZURICH

When considering a trip to Switzerland, famous for its chocolate and cheese, you may question if it suits vegans. Yet, surprisingly, Switzerland is an exciting destination for vegans, offering unexpected delights. In Zurich, there are chances to explore innovative sustainable dining options

BY AKANKSHA DEAN

### REDEFINING GASTRONOMY

Zizi Hatab, a Moroccan immigrant raised in a multicultural setting near the Mediterranean coast of Spain, is redefining gastronomy with plants. Despite starting with a background in Spanish fishing gastronomy, Zizi's journey led her to Barcelona for engineering studies, where she balanced hosting dinners in her student dorm with exploring tapas venues. Transitioning to a corporate engineering role in Switzerland, Zizi's passion for cooking persisted. Without professional culinary experience, she boldly approached top Swiss chef Andreas Caminada, securing an internship at his renowned restaurant, Schloss Schauenstein. Returning to Zurich in 2019 to prepare for the launch of her debut restaurant, KLE, Zizi made a bold decision to offer an exclusively plant-based menu and lifestyle. Despite scepticism from various quarters, Zizi remained steadfast in aligning her values with her culinary vision, believing in the transformative power of a plant-based diet and food's ability to connect people. Through KLE, Zizi aims to inspire a change in consumer habits by offering a culinary experience based on love, innovation in plant-based cuisine, and sustainability. Emphasizing locally sourced ingredients and sustainability, Zizi creates a welcoming atmosphere for both her teams and guests, fostering memorable dining encounters. Her pioneering work in plant-based



fine dining at KLE has garnered recognition both locally and internationally, solidifying her influence in the gastronomic realm. Her second establishment, DAR, swiftly became recognized and was highlighted as a top spot by The 50 Best. Particularly noteworthy is DAR being awarded a distinguished Green Michelin Star in 2022. This accolade marks Zizi as the first Swiss vegan chef to attain such an honour, affirming her status among the global culinary leaders. In the same year, Zizi was honoured as one of the 10 emerging chefs influencing the evolution of gastronomy in the 50 Next prestigious list.



### ELEGANT YET APPROACHABLE FINE DINING AT KLE

Located in the vibrant District 3 of Zurich, KLE's diverse team brings a multicultural flair to Zurich's dining landscape, creating an intimate and welcoming ambiance. An inviting outdoor terrace provides a charming setting for open-air dining when the weather is pleasant. Recently awarded both a green and red Michelin star, KLE stands out as Switzerland's first plant-based restaurant to receive such recognition, a testament to the chef's dedication to culinary excellence. Each dish emphasizes quality ingredients, such as the 'black pearl mushroom' with a

sauce crafted from 25 locally sourced elements like Weggis lemongrass. The house bread, reminiscent of Moroccan buns, served with egg-free aioli made from 'aqua-faba' and Moroccan hummus, along with unique pickled vegetables, showcases the chef's inventive twists on traditional flavours. Sauerklee, a cherished ingredient in various cuisines, highlights KLE's blend of local and global culinary influences, inviting diners to savour a sensory exploration of the chef's culinary heritage.

### DAR & ITS COCKTAIL BAR

My visit was truly eye-opening. DAR, meaning 'to give' in Spanish, fuses Moroccan and Spanish influences to create a remarkable plant-based dining experience. The menu showcases fresh seasonal vegetables, artisanal bread, and delectable desserts, inviting diners to explore global flavours like salted lemon mustard buns and turmeric-infused roasted beets. Opting for the chef's selection treats guests to a well-curated array of snacks, entrees, and sweets that leave a lasting impression. Reserving ahead is essential for a table at DAR, especially for the popular weekend vegan brunch featuring delightful honeycomb-shaped pancakes. Adjacent, the Cocktail Bar offers sustainably crafted vegan drinks that embody the vibrant tastes of Spain and Morocco. This 'slow fast food' concept extends to enjoying homemade vegan burgers while respecting the environment.

DAR's atmosphere celebrates guilt-free pleasures that blend taste, tradition, and ethical dining, offering a truly gratifying experience.

### PINXTOS AND WINE AT COR

Cor on Weststrasse is a hidden treasure in the heart of Zurich, offering a cosy atmosphere where wine and tapas are the stars. Zineb and Bernd Vogel's love for Catalan cuisine is evident in the carefully crafted plant-based tapas and pinxtos. The wine selection, featuring mainly Spanish and French wines, adds elegance to the experience, promising a diverse culinary journey with each bottle. Savouring delights like stuffed peppers and 'pa amb tomaquet' reveals Cor's dedication to organic, local ingredients. What distinguishes Cor is its innovative wine menu, constantly evolving to complement the diverse menu offerings. Whether for an impromptu aperitif or a relaxed dinner, Cor's charming ambiance and delicious offerings make it a top choice in Zurich's dining scene. A visit to Cor promises a delightful blend of flavours, setting, and warmth that truly elevates the dining experience in Zurich.

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**YOUR WEEK AHEAD**

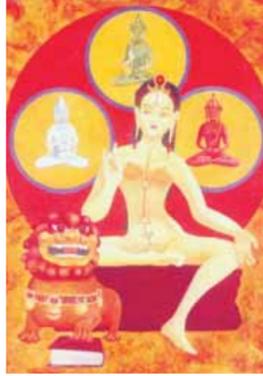
MADHU KOTIYA



**ARIES** March 21-April 19

This week, you possess significant physical and mental strength. Utilize your willpower to overcome challenges. Here are some tips: focus entirely on your goals, seize opportunities, and actively participate to succeed. A journey or trip may be on the horizon. Pay attention to all details before making decisions. Your actions are usually quick, but this week calls for patience and strength. Firm decisions will lead to a more meaningful and stable life. Midweek, domestic issues may require your attention, with discussions around travel, marriage, or property matters. Towards the end of the week, you may receive marriage proposals. Those already in relationships will find their bonds strengthening, with increased intensity bringing you closer. Emotional moments may arise; keep them in check.

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



**LEO** July 23-Aug 22

Now is the time to engage in discussions and seek equilibrium. Refreshing your energies is essential for achieving mental clarity and tranquility. Challenges may surface, such as relationship strains, financial worries, or minor health concerns. You may experience confusion and uncertainty, leading to a feeling of bewilderment. It's important to address emotional, domestic, and health issues with renewed focus, especially in matters such as reconciling estranged relationships or navigating separations. Liberating your mind from entrenched beliefs and barriers is crucial for embracing new opportunities. During unfavorable periods, it's wise to allow time to unfold naturally while preparing for future opportunities to maximize benefits. This approach will help you navigate through difficult phases with resilience and lay a solid foundation for success in more promising times.

**Lucky number** 14 | **Lucky colour** Peach  
**Lucky day** Saturday



**SAGITTARIUS** Nov 22-Dec 21

This week presents a notable period of achievement both at home and in your professional life, as favorable circumstances align to support your endeavors. Any project you undertake is likely to succeed effortlessly. Consider making significant decisions related to family or real estate during this time. You'll find yourself in a position of influence and leadership, recognized for your ability to manage and inspire. Your natural charisma ensures that others are receptive to your ideas. Engagements in meetings, networking, and partnerships are particularly advantageous, leading to positive outcomes. Your ability to leverage the strengths of those around you shines, driven by your insight and magnanimity. As the week concludes, you'll experience a sense of substantial personal and business growth. A thoughtful discussion with elders could be beneficial, enhancing family dynamics.

**Lucky number** 1 | **Lucky colour** Grey  
**Lucky day** Monday



**TAURUS** April 20-May 20

This week begins on a high note with a clear understanding of both personal and professional landscapes, allowing for efficient and effective action. You exhibit strong leadership and a robust self-confidence, positioning yourself as a source of inspiration and a driving force for many. As the week progresses, you'll find yourself at the heart of familial warmth and affection, playing a pivotal role in deepening bonds among loved ones. A long-held wish may see fruition during this time, bringing your efforts into the spotlight and garnering appreciation. However, as the week closes, be prepared for some internal conflicts as cherished beliefs and established methods may need reevaluation. This could pertain to personal habits or professional approaches. Embrace flexibility and consider thoughtful changes to ensure continued progress.

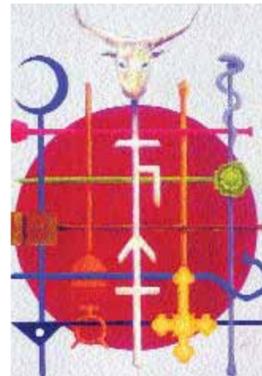
**Lucky number** 7 | **Lucky colour** Pink  
**Lucky day** Sunday



**VIRGO** Aug 23-Sep 22

This week promises a rich sense of emotional fulfillment. You may find yourself reconnecting with loved ones from your past, nurturing bonds that have stood the test of time. Expect a dynamic period ahead, with the possibility of embarking on an international journey related to a fresh professional role. Harness your creative energies this week, as they are peaking and could lead to significant achievements. Midweek brings recognition for your recent efforts, enhancing your sense of accomplishment. You'll notice an expansive outlook positively impacting your decisions. As the week closes, a new employment opportunity may arise, alongside a burst of inspiration to launch a new project. This could set the stage for future success. Overall, the week holds promise for professional growth, fulfilling travel, and joyful connections.

**Lucky number** 11 | **Lucky colour** Blue  
**Lucky day** Wednesday



**CAPRICORN** Dec 22-Jan 19

This week promises a significant shift in your daily routine, possibly affecting either your professional environment or personal life. You may find yourself moving to a favored location or adapting to a new role. As you anticipate these changes, you'll find your thoughts deeply engaged in planning for what lies ahead. By midweek, take a moment to appreciate the abundance life offers, as your well-being and satisfaction contribute to your allure and positive demeanor. Achieving a balance between a joyful home and fulfilling work life reflects your resilience and determination. Your steadfastness in facing challenges has set the stage for you to enjoy the rewards of your efforts. Embrace this period as an opportunity for growth and self-reflection, leading to deeper insights and personal development.

**Lucky number** 4 | **Lucky colour** Brown  
**Lucky day** Saturday



**GEMINI** May 21-June 20

Your persistent efforts are about to pay off, manifesting as tangible successes. You have a profound sense of stability and security, which reflects in your demeanor, professional endeavors, and interpersonal relationships. Your innovative spirit and enthusiasm for your work empower you to master your environment. Those around you, including peers and team members, appreciate your sincerity and commitment to collective well-being. You radiate positivity and skillfully navigate challenges through informed decisions, leaning on historical precedents and strategic negotiation. Professionals in advisory roles excel during this time, harnessing their strength, discipline, and accumulated wisdom. With your dedication, self-assurance, and solid foundation, you are well-positioned to succeed. This is an excellent time to maximize your capabilities and achieve.

**Lucky number** 10 | **Lucky colour** Lemon  
**Lucky day** Monday



**LIBRA** Sep 23-Oct 22

Currently, you're encountering a challenging phase where vital aspects of your existence demand urgent attention and a balanced approach. As the week progresses, you might find yourself feeling disengaged and desiring a break from the hustle, prioritizing personal needs over others. It's important to value your current blessings and concentrate on savoring the here and now. Your progress in various areas might seem stalled, potentially leading to a sense of confusion. Beware of negative influences from those around you, and be proactive to counteract their effects. Be cautious with new romantic or professional offers this week as they could lead to complications. Though times seem tough, it's not the end. Strive for equilibrium and unity in your actions and relationships.

**Lucky number** 6 | **Lucky colour** Orange  
**Lucky day** Tuesday



**AQUARIUS** Jan 20-Feb 18

This week heralds a burst of inspiration and the potential for a spiritual renaissance. Harnessing this dynamic surge creatively could yield significant achievements. However, prudence is advised as your actions will come under scrutiny, potentially leading to complications. It's wise to monitor your actions closely. The outcomes of your recent and past efforts are shaping your future prospects, aligning with the principles of karma. A significant triumph may be on the horizon, rewarding your justified endeavors. Should you encounter any legal challenges, they are likely to resolve favorably. A deep sense of thankfulness for the blessings in your life will pervade, culminating in celebratory gatherings with loved ones towards the week's end. You'll find yourself invigorated and exuberantly connected with those around you.

**Lucky number** 12 | **Lucky colour** Magenta  
**Lucky day** Wednesday



**CANCER** June 21-July 22

This week, there is a notable surge in impulsive behavior and a tendency to rush decisions, which could lead to chaos and loss of control. It's essential to manage your emotions and reflect deeply on your challenges. You might feel compelled to distance yourself from your current environment, possibly through a quickly organized trip. Be prepared for unexpected disagreements that could arise. Now is not the optimum period to initiate new ventures. You will overcome various challenges, whether they are mental, physical, emotional, or spiritual. As the week closes, you'll likely turn towards spiritual growth, finding answers and peace through reflective practices. Engaging in spiritual rituals and acts of kindness will provide you with great comfort and grounding.

**Lucky number** 20 | **Lucky colour** Lavender  
**Lucky day** Thursday



**SCORPIO** Oct 23-Nov 21

This week heralds a period of fruitful outcomes and vibrant energy. You may find yourself yearning for advanced learning opportunities, with prospects from abroad presenting themselves enticingly. Despite the fierce competition, your perseverance and tenacity will see you through successfully. Your professional life might require relocation or travel, but this shift promises to align with your broader ambitions and prove beneficial. Exercise caution in interactions with colleagues to avoid unnecessary disputes. Overall, this week is exceptionally favorable for both your career and personal relationships. Your innate potential and creativity are at a peak—harness these qualities to maximize every opportunity. Additionally, your personal life could see significant growth or a joyful addition. A sense of renewed purpose may invigorate your pursuits, leading you toward exciting and innovative ventures.

**Lucky number** 2 | **Lucky colour** Mint  
**Lucky day** Friday



**PISCES** Feb 19-March 20

This week promises to be enjoyable with a positive start and finish. Expect harmony and joy within the family sphere. Relationships, both romantic and platonic, are likely to thrive alongside comfortable living conditions. Children will experience success, and longstanding matters, particularly those related to family assets, are poised to reach favorable resolutions. However, potential disagreements with colleagues might arise. Facing these challenges with constructive strategies will be key. Your patience and wise handling of differing viewpoints will help navigate any tensions smoothly. As the week concludes, you'll discover effective solutions to your concerns, paving the way for new opportunities. With confidence in your capabilities and a persistent positive outlook, you're set to triumph over the week's challenges. Enjoy the week!

**Lucky number** 9 | **Lucky colour** Teal  
**Lucky day** Sunday

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# Om – The Shabda Brahman

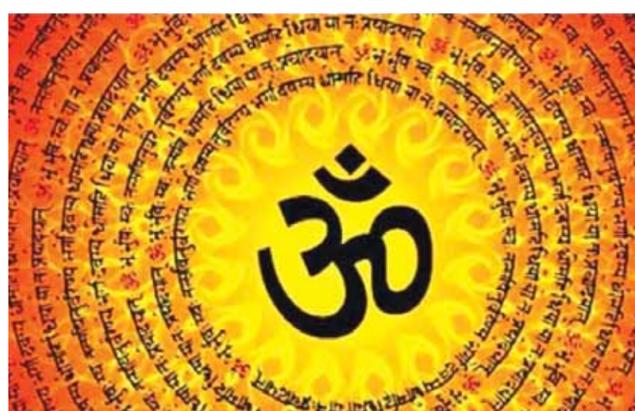
Today is Guru Purnima, dedicated to the torch bearer in one's life - the Guru - in the annular Hindu calendar. Heartfelt salutation to my revered Guru on this solemn occasion. For, he in his own ingenious ways helped me rise over the limitations of mind and emotion, expand my vision, making me worth serving as guiding spirit to many. Also, I greet other Gurus who have been enlightening their disciples. The importance of the word: 'Guru' is hidden in its very construct. Guru is made of two syllables - 'Gu' meaning darkness/ignorance and 'Ru' implies light. Guru, thus, is the one who enlightens to remove darkness/ignorance. Here, it is important to understand the difference between a teacher and a Guru. Teacher is academically aware of a particular subject or discipline, which he carries forward to the students. Guru, on the other hand, who through his intense sadhana, gets over the limitations of mind and emotions, whence he has access to the whole landscape of mind, which knows no limits. He then explores and realises the truths of life - both eternal, which includes even subtle

realities operative at unseen level, and living realities of life. Only such realised masters could intuitively comprehend the soundless sound Om.

Now coming back to the subject matter under discussion since the previous issue, we have seen why the sound note Om is also termed as Shabda-Brahman. Shabda in Sanskrit means word - both written and as heard. The word Brahman here means the primal-source and effective cause of all creations.

The Shabda-Brahman concept is laid down in the Vedas as:  
**Prajapatirvai idam-asit**  
**Tasya Vagdwitiya asit**  
**Vagvai paramam Brahman**

In the beginning was Prajapati which is another name assigned to the source and effective cause of all creations. The word Prajapati is made of two words: Praja and Pati, respectively meaning the subjects and their lord, the two when combined means lord of all creations. The word came second - spoken of as second because it was first potentially in and then emerged as the evident power from Him. The word is that ultimate Brahman.



This finds resonance even in the Biblical scripture, the fourth Gospel: "In the beginning was the Word; and the Word was with God; and the Word was God". The 'Om?' symbol, as we see, is written as the Hindi letter 'ॐ' (Om) towards its main body. On top of it is placed a crescent having a dot within, which is spoken of as Hindi letter 'm?'. The

crescent sign with the dot within symbolises particular action or the stirring at the primal source. The main body - 'ॐ' (Om) reflects what followed thereafter, which eventually culminated in the manifest plural world of name and form. Supposedly following Pranava (causal stress) at the primal source, arose Nada

(sound). The crescent here symbolises the arousal of causal stress. When the causal-stress gathered up and gravitated further, energy streams got released with a bang. Here, the dot within the crescent has two-fold implications. First, it symbolises the dense singular source where from the world process took off. Second, it symbolises centralisation of causal stress and issuance of energy streams there from. The second part, 'A' (U) symbolises the manifest energy as the world experience. A question will naturally arise in curious human mind: "Why and how the scope for causal-stress at the primal-source, believed to be originally in equilibrated state?" The dictionary meaning describes 'stress', as a system of forces applied to a body. Evidently, when two things attract or distract each other, will lead to stress (the resulting force arising thereof). It is therefore possible that mutual attraction/distract amongst energy particles constituting the primal source, hitherto in equilibrated state, would be subject to stress. This phenomenon being the self-activated cause of all

further actions in the world process is termed as causal stress. This, when gathered momentum, and got centralised, found issuance of forces with a roaring 'Hum' sound. Here, a mention about the state of atom, seemingly inactive, becomes imperative to make things clear. At the centre of an atom lies the positively charged nucleus, which apparently remains in an inactive state. Negatively charged electrons circle around the nucleus. The bonding energy between the two provides stability to the atom. If the bonding energy gets any way disturbed, the atom releases enormous energy. Similarly, it is very well possible that stress arising out of mutual attraction amongst the energy particles constituting the primal source would have disturbed the bonding energy, which had earlier held these particles in equilibrated state.

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