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Wayanad landslides leave trail of deaths, destruction

KUMAR CHELLAPPAN ■ KOCHI

Two humongous landslides that struck Mundakkai settlement in Wayanad district in Kerala's northern region in the wee hours of Tuesday claimed 123 lives and destroyed hundreds of houses. Rescue workers said the death toll could be more than what had been found by 6 pm on Tuesday. Torrential rain has been battering the State since Sunday morning, disrupting the normal life.

“Two landslides struck Mundakkai at 2 am and 4 am respectively. The entire population was asleep and there was no possibility of them knowing the impending disaster. This is one of the biggest natural disasters seen by the State,” said the Chief Minister. Vijayan said Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Home Minister Amit Shah had called him and offered all possible help. “But that would not be sufficient as the State alone cannot undertake the rescue and rehabilitation works on its own,” lamented Vijayan. Wayanad district has been categorised as one of the most ecologically sensitive zones in the country by the Madhav Gadgil Committee appointed by the Union Government to study the

ground reality of the ecology of the district. The committee found that deforestation, uncontrolled quarrying and mining in the district have played havoc with the environment, contributing to the frequent landslides. Within hours of the landslides, the Central Government deployed National Disaster Response Force of the Indian Army, Indian Navy and Coast Guard to save the people who were trapped by the flood waters, soil and rocks. In addition to the residents of Mundakkai atop the high ranges, many holiday makers staying in the hundreds of high-end resorts in the region too have been trapped in the landslides. Indian Air Force have deployed two choppers from its Sulur base



Rescue operation underway following landslides triggered by heavy rain at Chooralmala, in Wayanad district, Kerala, on Tuesday PTI

for the rescue mission. According to the Defence PRO, a team of 43 personnel, led by the Second-in-Command from the 122 Infantry Battalion (TA) MADRAS, has been mobilised to aid in the ongoing rescue efforts. The team, comprising a Medical Officer, two Junior Commissioned Officers (JCOs), and 40 soldiers, is equipped to provide critical assistance in the affected area. Besides that, the Army's engineering group has reached Wayanad for rescue operations in the landslide-hit areas, the district administration said. Most of the persons who were drowned or got killed in the landslides were labourers and workers staying in the Laayams of tea and coffee plantations in the

district. According to environmentalists, Tuesday's disaster is yet another proof that the State administration has not learnt anything from past mistakes. Wayanad has no representative in Parliament as Rahul Gandhi, the Leader of Opposition who was elected from the constituency, gave it up immediately after the 2024 Lok Sabha poll to retain Rae Bareilly. Besides the dead bodies, the rescue teams came across mutilated parts of human bodies which were crushed by huge rocks and stones spewed with force by the landslides. At the time of going to the Press, only less than half of the dead bodies have been identified.



Rescue work underway after the Howrah-Mumbai Mail derailed near Badabambo, in Seraikela-Kharsawan district of Jharkhand, early Tuesday. At least two people were killed in the accident, according to officials PTI

Train accident claims 2 lives in Jharkhand

PNS ■ JAMSHEDPUR

Two persons were killed and 20 others injured after at least 18 coaches of the Howrah-Mumbai Mail derailed in Jharkhand's Seraikela-Kharsawan district early on Tuesday. The accident occurred at 3:45 am near Barabambo, around 80 km from Jamshedpur, under the Chakradharpur Division of South Eastern Railway (SER).

The railways have announced an enquiry into the train accident, another SER official said. “Two persons were killed and 20 injured as 18 coaches of the Howrah-Mumbai Mail derailed near Barabambo,” said West Singhbhum Deputy Commissioner Kuldeep Chaudhary. He added that the “Howrah-Mumbai train hit the stationary goods train”. Of these, 16 were passenger coaches, one power car and one pantry car, he added.

Jharkhand Chief Minister Hemant Soren directed officials to expedite relief operations and help the injured people. The railways announced ₹10 lakh ex gratia for kin of each deceased, ₹5 lakh for those with major injuries, ₹1 lakh for those with minor injuries. According to the railway CPRO, rescue and relief operations have been completed. The passengers were sent to their destination by a special train from Chakradharpur at 12.15 pm, an official said.

The SER cancelled a few express and passenger trains owing to the accident. These are the 22861 Howrah-Titlagarh-Kantabanji Express, 08015/18019 Kharagpur-Jhargram-Dhanbad Express, 12021/12022 Howrah-Barbil-Howrah Jan Shatabdi Express, 18109 Tatanagar-Itwar Express and 18030 Shalimar-LTT Express. Congress took a swipe at Railway Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw after the train derailment in Jharkhand, saying since June the “Fail Minister” has “overseen three accidents” that have cumulatively cost 17 lives but there is “no accountability” in Prime Minister Narendra Modi's new India.

Report blames coaching centre for Delhi horror

SAUMYA SHUKLA ■ NEW DELHI

Days after three IAS aspirants died in rain-induced flood in the basement of Rau's coaching centre, an enquiry report by the Delhi Chief Secretary on Tuesday highlighted that the institute had completely blocked the drainage system and, unlike other similarly placed properties, had not constructed a barrier wall to prevent water from entering the building. Meanwhile, students continued to protest for the third consecutive day against the Municipal Corporation of Delhi (MCD) and Rau's management. One of the protesting students said ten IAS aspirants have started an indefinite hunger strike demanding compensation of ₹five crore to the victims' families. In his report to the Delhi Minister Atishi, Naresh Kumar has mentioned that the property users in the area have constructed ramps over the entire width of the plot, thereby blocking the entry of storm water during heavy rain into the existing drainage system for the sake of convenience. “The opening in the shape of the manhole over the drainage system has also been covered with finishing items, thus leaving no scope for cleaning of the drains. They have covered the existing, built up section



Students stage a protest after three civil services aspirants died due to drowning at a coaching centre in Old Rajinder Nagar area, in New Delhi on Tuesday Ranjan Dimri / The Pioneer

of drainage system by putting granites, marbles and kota stones,” it stated. The report said the road from Shankar Road to Pusa Road is in saucer shape with the lowest point in front of the Rau's (IAS) Coaching Institute, where the incident happened. During peak rain, water accumulates in this stretch of 200 feet and whenever vehicles pass through this stretch there is a huge splash of water which aggravates the situation. “The plinth level of this property is also lower in comparison to the

adjoining properties,” it stated. On the day of the incident, the gate of the institute broke down after a SUV car, whose driver has been arrested and sent to 14-day judicial custody, passed through the waterlogged area causing the pressure of water to break down the gate, causing the water to gush into the basement. The report said, “This coaching institute has completely blocked the drainage system and also has not taken additional safeguard to meet such eventualities. The parking access to the institute is directly

exposed to the road and in case of heavy rain water instead of going into the storm water drain enters the parking area.”

This is unlike the other similarly placed properties that have constructed a barrier wall which ensures that in case of heavy waterlogging in the area, the water may not enter into the parking area and basement.

“There was no vigil on the part of security staff as a result water uninterruptedly crossed the parking area and entered into the basement and ultimately taking the precious life of three bright children,” it said. Meanwhile, civil services aspirants and locals continued their protest outside Rau's coaching centre in Old Rajinder Nagar against the MCD and management of Rau's IAS Study Circle.

“We will continue our protest against coaching centres which are not following rules and putting the lives of many students like us in danger,” a protester Ayush said. He said a few police officers were advising students to go home and prepare for their exams. “We are planning to hold a candle march and start a hunger strike until all our demands are met,” he added.

UP Govt passes stricter 'love jihad' law

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ LUCKNOW/NEW DELHI

The Uttar Pradesh Assembly on Tuesday passed the UP Prohibition of Unlawful Conversion of Religion (Amendment) Bill, 2024 that provides for a maximum punishment of life imprisonment, making the law stricter in cases of fraudulent or forced conversion.

Parliamentary Affairs Minister Suresh Khanna introduced the Uttar Pradesh Prohibition of Unlawful Conversion of Religion (Amendment) Bill, 2024 in the House on Monday. The move, however, has drawn severe criticism from the Opposition.

Earlier the maximum punishment provided for those found guilty of marrying a woman by deceiving and changing her religion was 10 years with a fine of ₹50,000. According to the new provisions, if any minor,



Uttar Pradesh Finance Minister Suresh Khanna presents a supplementary Budget in the presence of Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath and other members during the Monsoon Session of State Legislative Assembly at Vidhan Bhawan, in Lucknow, on Tuesday PTI

disabled or mentally challenged person, woman, or SC-ST individual is converted, the culprit will be punished with life imprisonment and a fine of ₹1 lakh. Similarly, mass religious conversion will also be punishable with life imprisonment and a fine of ₹1 lakh. Receiving funding from

foreign or illegal institutions will be punishable with imprisonment of up to 14 years and a fine of ₹10 lakh. If someone, with the intention of causing religious conversion, threatens any person with harm to their life or property, attacks or uses force, promises marriage,

lures, or trafficking a minor, woman, or person, they will be punished with up to 20 years of imprisonment. The punishment will not be less than one year and can be extended up to life imprisonment (until death). Apart from this, a fine will be imposed for the treatment and rehabilitation of the victim.

The Bill also proposes that anyone can register an FIR in conversion cases. Presently, Section 4 of the Act says only a person who has been converted, his/her parents, brother, sister, or any other person who is related to him/her by blood, marriage, or adoption may lodge a first information report about the allegation of such conversion and no one else.

Further, the Bill aims to add a new offence of receiving funds from foreign or illegal organisations for unlawful conversion purposes. Offenders will face jail terms ranging between 5 years and 14 years.

It has been proposed that such cases will not be heard by any court below the Sessions Court and along with this, the bail plea will not be considered without giving an opportunity to the public prosecutor. Also, all the crimes under the amended Act have been made non-bailable.

The UP Government introduced this Bill in the Assembly on Monday, and it was passed on Tuesday. It will now be sent to the Legislative Council. After approval from the Houses, it will be sent to the Governor and then to the President.

The State Government had earlier passed the Prohibition of Religious Conversion Bill, 2021 in the Assembly. This Bill had a provision for punishment ranging from one to 10 years. Through the amendment, the previous bill has been further strengthened in terms of punishment and fines.

FM terms misleading Opp claims of Budget bias

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

The Lok Sabha on Tuesday approved ₹48.21-lakh crore Budget for 2024-25 of the Union Government. The lower House also approved the Budget of the Union Territories of Jammu and Kashmir with a voice vote.

The Union Budget and Budget for J&K was passed by a voice vote by the Lok Sabha. The relevant appropriation Bills were also passed by the House. Replying to the debate, Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman said the fiscal deficit of the Central Government is proposed to be brought down to 4.9 per cent of the GDP during 2024-25 and further to below 4.5 per cent by 2025-26.

In her reply to the marathon debate and discussion on the Budget, Sitharaman termed misleading claims by Opposition leaders that if any State is not named in the Budget speech, then it does not get any budgetary allocation. She asserted that no State was being denied money. She recalled that in the past Budgets by the UPA Government also did not mention names of all States in their Budget speech.

“I have been picking up on Budget speeches since 2004-2005, 2005-2006, 2006-2007, 2007-2008 and so on. The Budget of 2004-2005 did not take the name of 17 States. I would like to ask the members of the UPA Government at that time — did money not go to those 17 States? Did they stop it?” Sitharaman said. She was responding to comments by several Opposition members that the Budget has provided funds only to Bihar and Andhra Pradesh and nothing to other States.

She also said the Government is complying with the fiscal deficit trajectory. It will bring down the deficit to below 4.5 per cent by 2025-26 from the targeted 4.9 per cent for the current fiscal. The deficit was 5.6 per cent in 2023-24. The Budget has provided substantial financial support of ₹17,000 crore to the Union Territory of Jammu & Kashmir this year. It includes ₹12,000 crore towards financing the cost of J&K police.

“That's the burden we want to take on our shoulders,” Sitharaman said. The Finance Minister said that the government is working to realise its goal of building ‘Viksit Bharat’ by the year 2047. Sitharaman stressed that the FY25 Budget has not given lesser allocation to any sector compared to FY24 and no state is being denied any money.

“Unemployment rate, for the age group of 15-59 years has actually come down for J&K, from 6.4 per cent in 2020-21 to 5.7 per cent in 2021-22 to 4.4 per cent in 2022-23,” Sitharaman said. On agriculture the Finance Minister said, “Agriculture had ₹0.30 lakh crore in 2013-14, whereas now it has ₹1.52 lakh crore. It is 8,000 crores more than last year, which is 2023-24. Education and employment had ₹0.85 lakh crore allotted in 2013-14, whereas today it is ₹1.48 lakh crore, 23 per cent more allocation,” she highlighted.

India to be third largest economy within five years, says Modi

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ NEW DELHI

Underlining that India is a beacon of growth and stability in a world facing high inflation and low growth, Prime Minister Narendra Modi said here on Tuesday the country is firmly on the path to becoming the world's third-largest economy within next five years. Making this assertion, he said global investors are eyeing India as an investment destination and exhorted the domestic industry to seize the golden opportunity to be part of the journey of ‘Viksit Bharat’.

Addressing a Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) post-Budget conference on ‘Journey Towards Viksit Bharat’, Modi said wealth creators are the main driving force of the country's growth story at a time when India's policies, commitment, determination, decisions and investments are becoming the basis of global progress. “Today, the whole world is looking at India and you (industry). Policies of the Government and commitment and investment are becoming foundation of global development. Investors across the world are keen to come to India. World leaders are filled with positivity for India. This is the golden chance for the Indian industry and we should not lose

this opportunity,” Modi said. Pointing towards the growing interest in India among global investors, the Prime Minister informed the industry about his call in the recent NITI Aayog meeting to State Chief Ministers for creating investor-friendly charters, bringing clarity in investment policies and creating a conducive atmosphere for investment. With high growth and low inflation, he said, India is a beacon of growth and stability in a world which is facing high inflation and low growth and other geopolitical challenges. India is growing at 8 per cent and the day is not far when the country will become the third-largest



Prime Minister Narendra Modi speaks during CII post-Budget conference in New Delhi PTI

economy globally from the current fifth position, he said. The Prime Minister exuded confidence that this feat of becoming the third-largest economy will be achieved in his ongoing third term. The Modi Government does not lack political will and will take all decisions keeping in mind ‘nation first approach’, he said. “The Commitment of ‘Nation First’ is reflected in the 5 trillion dollar economy goal, saturation approach, emphasis on Zero Effect-Zero Defect and pledge of Aatmnirbhar Bharat or Viksit Bharat,” he said. The domestic industry, he said, should compete with the

Government to make India a developed nation by 2047 and also make it a global player in sunrise sectors. He also recalled various measures announced in the Budget, especially for promoting the MSME sector which creates crores of jobs. The Prime Minister said the government is highly focused on skill development and employment keeping in mind Industry 4.0 standards. India is home to 1.40 lakh startups employing lakhs of youth, and more than 8 crore people have started new business with the help of Mudra Yojana, Startup India and Standup India schemes.

Kataria to take oath today as outgoing Punjab Governor Purohit bids farewell

PNS ■ CHANDIGARH

BJP veteran and Assam's former Governor Gulab Chand Kataria's arrival in the city, to assume the role of Punjab's 30th Governor and Chandigarh's 17th Administrator, has set the stage for a historic transition. Kataria, whose entry into the city was marked by ceremonial grandeur, is poised to take over from Banwari Lal Purohit, whose tenure has been a mix of triumphs and challenges.

Kataria's appointment marks the third time that a leader from Rajasthan has taken up the role of Administrator and Governor in Punjab and Chandigarh.

Kataria made a notable entrance into Chandigarh, arriving with his wife Anita Kataria, at the Shaheed Bhagat Singh International Airport. They were greeted by Punjab Cabinet Ministers Harpal Singh Cheema and Aman Arora, who extended a warm welcome. The atmosphere was charged with excitement as the Governor-designate was escorted to the Punjab Raj Bhawan in a grand procession.

Upon reaching the Raj Bhawan, Kataria was accorded a guard of honour by a contingent of the Punjab Police. This ceremonial tribute not only marked the significance of his new role but also symbolized the respect and anticipation surrounding his appointment. The meticulous arrangements reflected the gravity of



the occasion and the high expectations that accompany the position.

Swearing-In Ceremony

The swearing-in ceremony, scheduled for Wednesday morning, is set to be a significant event in the city's political calendar. Chief Justice of the Punjab and Haryana High Court will administer the oath of office to Kataria, officially marking the beginning of his tenure. Preparations for the ceremony are underway, with the administration ensuring that every detail is attended to, from the setup at the Raj Bhawan to the accommodation of distinguished guests.

The ceremony will be a moment of transition, bringing together a host of dignitaries, including former Governor VP Singh Badnore. Having a long-standing association with Kataria, Badnore will be a special

guest at the event. Their shared history, rooted in Rajasthan's political landscape, will add a personal touch to the proceedings. Both leaders have been colleagues and friends for nearly five decades, and their collaboration in various political capacities add a layer of historical significance to Kataria's appointment.

Kataria's swearing-in ceremony is not just a political event but a social occasion that will see around 200 guests arriving from Rajasthan to witness the proceedings. The UT Administration is working diligently to ensure that all arrangements for the guests are in place, from their accommodation to transportation. Six CTU buses have been earmarked to facilitate the movement of guests, reflecting the scale of the event and the importance of making every visitor feel welcome.

Fond Farewell to Purohit

As Kataria prepares to step into his new role, the city bade a heartfelt farewell to the outgoing Governor Banwari Lal Purohit, whose tenure has been marked by a mix of accomplishments and challenges, and his departure is accompanied by a sense of both reflection and resolution.

In his valedictory address at the Punjab Raj Bhawan, Purohit called upon the people of Punjab to channel their efforts towards making the state prosperous. He emphasized that such progress is vital for India's aspiration to become a global leader, or "Vishva Guru".

Purohit's address also highlighted the pressing issue of drug abuse, urging a collective effort to eradicate this societal menace. He expressed confidence in the resilience and determination of the people of Punjab, asserting that their large-heartedness would be instrumental in overcoming the drug crisis.

Reflecting on his tenure, Purohit expressed his deep appreciation for the support and hospitality extended to him by both the Punjab Government and the Chandigarh Administration. His tenure saw various development initiatives, including efforts to secure a new medical college and an outer ring road for the region. These projects, he noted, are steps towards advancing the region's infrastructure and healthcare system.

Mohali court sentences 17, including Bhola, in 6000-crore Drug trafficking linked money laundering case

PNS ■ CHANDIGARH/MOHALI

In an unprecedented judgment, a Mohali Court on Tuesday handed down the largest conviction order in terms of the number of accused in a single case in Enforcement Directorate (ED) history. The court sentenced 17 individuals, including the kingpin Jagdish Singh Bhola — a dismissed Deputy Superintendent of Police (DSP) — to 10 years of rigorous imprisonment (RI) for their involvement in a Rs 6000 crore drugs trafficking-linked money-laundering case.

Bhola, a former Arjuna awardee wrestler turned high-ranking police officer, was at the center of a vast narcotics smuggling and money-laundering network. Bhola's fall from grace began when investigations under the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA) were launched in 2013. The investigation was triggered by eight First Information Reports (FIRs) filed at various police stations across Punjab during the tenure of the SAD-BJP government.

In this landmark case, judgments have been delivered for four charge sheets, with three still pending.

The special PMLA court not only sentenced Bhola but also fined him Rs 50,000, with an additional year of imprisonment if he fails to pay. With him, Manpreet, Sukhraj, Sukhjeet Sukha, Maninder, Davinder Singh Happy, and Avtar Singh were awarded 10-year RI.

Besides, Bhola's wife Gurpreet Kaur, Avtar's wife

Sandeep Kaur, Jagminder Kaur Aulakh, Gurmeet Kaur, Aramjit Singh, and Bhola's father-in-law Dilip Mann were sentenced to three years each; while Gurpreet Singh, Subhash Bajaj, and Ankur Bajaj received five-year sentences.

Of the total 23 accused, four are deceased, including Bhola's father Balshinder, and two remain proclaimed offenders (POs).

The judgment came days after Bhola's father, Balshinder Singh, passed away on July 24. During Bhola's visit to his village on July 26 for the funeral, he alleged that governments were conspiring against him. Bhola demanded a CBI investigation into the case, stating that if found guilty, he should be sentenced to death, and insisted he would never back down.

The Legal Odyssey

The ED's case against Bhola and his associates is one of the most significant in recent memory, both in scope and in the sheer volume of assets involved. Property worth Rs 95 crore has been provisionally attached, reflecting the immense scale of the drug smuggling operation. A former ED deputy director and lead investigator on the case Niranjan Singh expressed satisfaction with the court's decision, highlighting the meticulous and extensive investigation that led to these convictions.

The investigation also uncovered that the accused had amassed property worth crores of rupees without paying any income tax. Their

reported income was disproportionately high, indicating involvement in illicit activities. Consequently, the ED attached their assets, including luxurious bungalows, industrial plots, and other properties spanning from Mohali to various locations. The probe uncovered property worth over Rs 400 crore, amassed through drug trafficking, which has now been attached. The assets, located across various sites, were seized following a thorough investigation. Niranjan Singh noted that no action was taken during the 18-month COVID-19 period.

Case Came to Light 11 Years Ago

The case first came to light in 2013 when Punjab Police arrested Arjuna Award-winning wrestler Rustam-e-Hind and dismissed DSP Jagdish

Singh Bhola. It was revealed that the racket extended from Punjab to international locations, causing a political and sporting uproar in the State. Questions were raised about several local leaders. Investigations uncovered an Rs 6,000 crore drug racket. In 2019, a CBI court sentenced 25 individuals under the NDPS Act in this matter. The Bhola Drugs case is a stark reminder of the pervasive and insidious nature of the drug trade in India. The operation reportedly involved smuggling synthetic drugs worth thousands of crores, with the proceeds being laundered through various channels. The case has exposed the deep-rooted connections between organized crime and corrupt officials, shedding light on the challenges faced by law enforcement agencies in combating such networks.



Chandigarh: Haryana Chief Minister Nayab Singh Saini on Tuesday listened to the public grievances during a Jansamvad programme held at Naraingarh Grain Market. He also announced a grant of Rs. 10 lakh for Each Gram Panchayat and Rs. 10 crore for Naraingarh Municipal Committee for development works.

The Chief Minister listened to complaints from over 200 people and provided necessary directions to officers for their quick resolution. He said that each document submitted by the public would be thoroughly examined, and the status of the complaint resolution process would be communicated via mobile phone. He urged the Sarpanches to promptly report any major demands from their villages, assuring that these would be addressed without delay.

BASEMENTS OF COACHING INSTITUTES CHECKED IN CHANDIGARH

Chandigarh: In the wake of tragic death of three students in the basement of a coaching institute in Delhi, the Enforcement team of Estate Office, Chandigarh inspected various prominent coaching institutes of Sector 34 on Tuesday. The basements of some of these coaching institutes were being utilized as reading room or for other ancillary activities, which are otherwise not permissible for habitable use as per building bylaws. Officials of Estate office directed that such basements should not be used for habitable purposes against the Building bylaws. Such basements were directed to be vacated immediately in presence of officials of Estate Office and notices are being served to all coaching institutions not to use basements for any coaching classes or related activities. Rest of the coaching institutes of the city will also be inspected in to ensure that the safety of students is not compromised, a statement said.

HRY CM APPROVES ENHANCEMENT IN PENSION UNDER SCHEME FOR MATRIBHASHA SATYAGRAHIS OF THE HINDI ANDOLAN-1957

Chandigarh: Haryana Chief Minister Nayab Singh Saini has given approval to increase pension for the Matribhasha Satyagrahis of the Hindi Andolan-1957 from Rs. 15,000 to Rs. 20,000 per month. An official spokesperson stated that Department of Information, Public Relations, Languages, and Culture disburses a monthly pension of Rs. 15,000 to 161 Matribhasha Satyagrahis or their surviving spouses. With the proposed increase to Rs. 20,000 per month, there will be an additional annual expenditure of Rs. 96.60 lakh, raising the total annual budget of around Rs. 3.86 crore.

Hry CM urges teachers to contribute for country's development

PNS ■ CHANDIGARH

Haryana Chief Minister Nayab Singh Saini on Tuesday urged teachers to contribute to the country's development while addressing teachers at the state-level orientation programme for newly-appointed Trained Graduate Teachers (TGTs) held in Panchkula. He also distributed appointment letters among newly recruited TGT teachers and said within the next two days, the waiting list of TGTs, along with the detailed results, will be released with transparency.

He congratulated the newly appointed TGTs and highlighted that in this result the daughters have achieved remarkable positions through their outstanding performance. Saini said these teachers will play a crucial role in shaping future generations to build a developed India. "A teacher must embody the spirit of promoting education, you not only contribute to the growth of others but also elevate your own name and progress," he said.

Taking a dig at previous administrations, the Chief Minister pointed out that before 2014, recruitment lists were often published in newspapers before the results were announced. In contrast, today's

news highlights stories of individuals like the son of a rickshaw driver achieving the rank of HCS in Haryana. This shift, he emphasized, has been brought about by the current government over the past decade. He also highlighted that the present government has ensured transparency in government jobs, emphasizing merit without any corruption or undue influence. Over the last 10 years, the government has provided 141,000 jobs based on merit, without any cost or favoritism. He challenged the opposition to account for their actions during their tenure.

Saini said that the results for 745 posts were announced in January 2024. Since then, thousands of recruitments have been completed for government positions from February to June. In July alone, 7,765 TGTs have been appointed.

Congrats Manu Bhaker for her dual success at the Paris Olympics

As Haryana shooter Manu Bhaker became the first Indian to win two medals in a single Olympics post-Independence the Chief Minister extended his heartfelt congratulations and best wishes to the renowned shooter Bhaker for her dual success. He said the entire nation is proud of Haryana's athletes.

Himachal CM inaugurates 75th State-Level Van Mahotsav

PNS ■ SHIMLA

Himachal Chief Minister Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu on Tuesday inaugurated the 75th State-Level Van Mahotsav by planting an oak sapling at his official residence and said that the Forest Department has set an ambitious target to plant saplings on 9,000 hectares of land across Himachal Pradesh this year.

Sukhu introduced a Standard Operating Procedure (SoP) for the disposal of unwanted dry and salvage trees which permits the cutting of up to two trees at the forest guard level and up to 25 trees at the Divisional Forest Officer (DFO) level. Additionally, powers have been delegated to DFOs and officers of the State Forest Development Corporation to expedite tree removal following the first phase approval of the Forest Conservation Act, particularly for linear projects.

He also launched the beta testing of the e-forest software, a new digital initiative aimed at streamlining departmental operations and enhancing transparency within the Forest Department. He emphasized the importance of increasing the plantation of fruit trees in forest areas from 30 percent to 60 percent, with anticipated positive outcomes within the next ten years. He highlighted that the Forest Department



and Corporation processed 15,000 salvage trees last year, generating substantial revenue from timber sales, which resulted in an increase in the state government's royalty income from Rs. 35 crore to Rs. 70 crore in just one and a half years. In a strategic shift, the State Government has decided to shut down the construction wing of the Forest Department to allow it to concentrate on core forestry activities. In Lahaul-Spiti district, Mahila Mandals have been engaged in plantation activities and forest conservation, generating revenue for these women's groups.

The Chief Minister said a key goal set by the State Government is to transform Himachal Pradesh into a Green Energy State by March 31,

2026, with the Forest Department playing a crucial role in achieving this target.

Underlining the state's green initiatives, he mentioned the establishment of a 32 MW Solar Power Plant at Pekhabela in Una district, with two more solar plants expected to become operational in the next six months. Additionally, the State Government has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Oil India Company for green hydrogen production, which would further propel Himachal Pradesh towards its Green Energy State goal.

During the event, the Chief Minister virtually interacted with Ministers and MLAs participating in Van Mahotsav from various parts of the state.

ational anthem in morning assembly in all schools in Himachal CM Sukhu

PNS ■ SHIMLA

To infuse a spirit of patriotism among students, the Himachal Pradesh government has decided that the national anthem will be recited in the morning assembly sessions in all the schools of the state. Additionally, it was also decided to unfurl the national flags daily in all the High and Senior Secondary Schools compulsorily.

These activities would instil a sense of patriotism among the younger generations fostering a spirit of unity and integrity thereby nurturing them into responsible citizens of the nation, Chief Minister Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu said in a statement issued here.

He said that the state government was also making strides to improve the physical well-being of students as Physical Education and Yoga would become mandatory subjects in the curriculum, ensuring that the students dedicate at least 15 minutes each day to physical exercise in all the schools. He said that training in cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) and First Aid would also be provided to students in collaboration with Health and Ayush departments equipping students with vital life-saving skills.

Two Chandigarh Spinal Rehab para-athletes shine Internationally

PNS ■ CHANDIGARH

Two para-athletes from Chandigarh Spinal Rehab have achieved remarkable success at recent international sporting events, marking a significant milestone in the Centre's mission of empowerment and rehabilitation. As a quadriplegic athlete, Anjali Thakur (25) and her sister Priyanka Thakur have made history by winning the first-ever medal for the Boccia Federation that too a Gold Medal for India at the World Boccia Challenger, 2024 Cairo, Egypt.

A shining star in Para Table Tennis, Vidya Kumari (34) secured a silver medal in the mixed doubles Class 4 category

protests in Mohali against arrest of political vendetta

PNS ■ MOHALI

Am Aadmi Party (AAP) on Tuesday staged a significant protest in Mohali, denouncing the arrest of its national convener Arvind Kejriwal. The party accused the BJP-led Central Government of imprisoning the Delhi Chief Minister without any fault, branding the arrest as "politically motivated". Kejriwal was detained by the Enforcement Directorate (ED) on March 21 in connection with a money laundering case related to the alleged excise

at the International Table Tennis Federation Factor 40 (ITTF) Championship in Pattaya, Thailand, after a hard-fought victory over Singapore. In 2018, a promising young woman from Mandi, Himachal Pradesh, Anjali, with dreams of joining the military, faced a devastating setback. Following a serious accident, she was diagnosed with a C4-C5 level injury, forever altering her life. For four years, Anjali relied on her family for support, her dreams seemingly dashed. However, in 2022, her journey took a turn when she arrived at the Chandigarh Spinal Rehab Centre. Over three months of intensive rehabilitation, Anjali not only found physical healing but also a newfound perspective.

policy scam. Although the Supreme Court granted him interim bail, he remains in jail due to a subsequent arrest by the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) on related charges.

In a vocal state-level protest, senior AAP leaders and ministers rallied in Mohali, raising slogans against the Central Government and demanding Kejriwal's immediate release. The protest highlighted the party's claim that the central agencies were being used as tools for political retribution.

S D e p e l s rebel leaders, 7 hal a in-charges in ma or shake-up

MONIKA MALIK ■ CHANDIGARH

A significant and controversial reshuffle has rocked the Shiromani Akali Dal (SAD) as the party expelled eight senior leaders, who have rebelled against the party, from its ranks on Tuesday. The dramatic and bold move, announced by the party's disciplinary committee, came in response to allegations of anti-party activities that have been simmering since the recent Lok Sabha election results.

SAD's disciplinary committee, led by senior leader Balwinder Singh Bhundur, convened a critical meeting on Tuesday, where the party's internal discord reached a boiling point. The committee's decisive decision to expel former MLA Gurbhag Singh Wadala, former SGPCC president Bibi Jagir Kaur, former MP Prem Singh Chandumajra, former Minister Parminder Singh Dhindsa, former Minister Sikander Singh Maluka, former Minister Jit

Singh Rakhra, Surinder Singh Thekedar, and Charanjit Singh Brar has sent shockwaves through the political landscape of Punjab.

The sweeping action came on the heels of increasing unrest within the party, particularly following the recent Lok Sabha election results. The expelled leaders had been vocal critics of party president Sukhbir Singh Badal and had been accused of engaging in activities that directly contravened party discipline. The decision underscored the party's intolerance for dissent and signaled a stern warning to other potential dissidents.

The party's disciplinary committee, which also included Maheshinder Singh Grewal and Gulzar Singh Ranike (who participated in the meeting telephonically), condemned the expelled leaders for their alleged role in the fostering divisions within the party. Bhundur said that these leaders had "actively colluded with the party's enemies to

create internal strife and weaken the party". He further accused them of a deliberate attempt to tarnish the party's image through "widespread and coordinated efforts".

The committee had previously given these leaders an opportunity to address their grievances within the party framework, specifically during the Working Committee meeting held on June 26. Despite this, the expelled leaders chose to take their dissent to the media, which the party interpreted as a lack of faith in the organizational structure and a deliberate attempt to undermine its stability.

The tension stemmed from the longstanding internal disputes that became particularly evident after the Lok Sabha elections. Despite SAD securing only the Bathinda seat, won by Harsimrat Kaur, the wife of party president Sukhbir Singh Badal, calls for his resignation have intensified since then. The internal discord became public during the

Jalandhar West by-election when the party supported a Bahujan Samaj Party (BSP) candidate, leading to a candidate withdrawal controversy. The dissident group announced their intention to contest under the traditional 'takdi' (scales) symbol, but the party ultimately faced a resounding defeat in the election.

Shake-Up at the Grassroots

In addition to the expulsions, the SAD has also removed seven halqa (constituency) in-charges from their posts. These constituencies include Nakodar, Bholath, Ghanuar, Sanour, Samana, Garhshankar, and Rajpura. The removal of these key figures further illustrates the extent of the party's crackdown on dissent and its resolve to consolidate control over its grassroots operations. Bhundur emphasized that the party's commitment to discipline is non-negotiable, stating, "Such acts of indiscipline cannot be tolerated in any manner whatsoever. The disci-



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We Vijay Kumar S/o Sh. Choudhary Ram and Reena Devi W/o Vijay Kumar both R/O House No. 1691, Block No. 2/5, Village Chhat, District SAS Nagar Mohali Punjab inform that our son Sahil Kumar out of our control. We disown him from our all moveable and Immovable Properties. Anybody deal with him at their own Risk.

I, Om Pal S/o Late Sughan Ram, R/O House No. 3616, Sector 25-D, Chandigarh inform that my son Ravi and his wife Archana out of my control. I disown them from my moveable and Immovable Properties. Anybody deal with them at their own Risk.

I Kewal Singh S/o Malak Singh R/o vill. Daunmajra , tehsil kharihar district Mohali declared that I disown my son Jatinder Singh and daughter in law Laxmi from my inheritance. Anybody deals with them at their own risk.

I, Balbir Singh Mann S/o Banwari Lal R/O H.No. 434/26, Street No. 7, Vishal Nagar, Sonipat has disowned my son Jitender & his wife Pinki & my grandson Lucky 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, Raj Kumar S/o Chander Bhan R/O 46, Near Rama Medical Store, Anil Nagar, Sonipat, Haryana has disowned my son Krish from my all movable-immovable property as he is out of my control. In future, if anybody deals with him, he/she will do at their own risk.

We, Ved Singh S/o Kishan Chand & Anita W/o Ved Singh R/O Village Hasanpur, Tehsil & Distt. Sonipat has disowned our son Harender & his wife Jyoti from our all movable-immovable property as they are out of our control. In future, if anybody deals with them, he/she will do at their own risk.

I, Rajan Sharma S/o Radha Raman, R/O House no. 52, Opposite Gali no. 8, Jujhar Singh Avenue, Near May Flower School, Ajnala Road, Amritsar declare that my son Abhishek Sharma, his wife Ritika, there daughter Mishra are out of my control. I disinherit her from all my moveable, immovable properties. Anyone deals with her will do so at their own risk and responsibility.

I, Jai Parkash S/o Sh . Kishan Chand R/O H.No.E-146, Mugla Mohalla, Subhash Gate, Karnal declare that my son Parveen Kumar Verma and his wife Sheetal Verma are out of my control. I disown them from my moveable and immovable property. They will be responsible for their transactions, good-bad, legal-illegal activities.

I Sube Singh, S/O late Shri Teka Ram, R/O Kailaram, Kalayat, Kailthal (Haryana). Gurmel is my real son who is unmarried and out of touch. I disinherit my son Gurmel from my movable and immovable property.

I Amrik Singh S/O Maingal Singh R/O Village Buttar Sarhi Tehsil Gidderbaha Distt Muktar Sahib Declare My Daughter Husanpreet Kaur Is Out Of My Control. So I Disown Her From All My Movable And Immovable Properties. Anybody Dealing With Her On Their Own Risk.

I, Narmavati wife of Late Shri Prahlad Yadav R/O Village Chainpur, Ajmatgarh, Uttar Pradesh Hall R/O Village Madawala Tehsil Kaika District Panchkula, declare that my son Sher Singh and his wife Suman Devi are completely out of my control, therefore I am today 30/07/24, disown both of them from all my movable and immovable properties. Anybody dealing with them will be responsible and I will have nothing to do with them.

I, Roshni Devi W/o Late Sh. Har Gulal, R/O House No. 96, Rajiv Colony, Sector-17, Panchkula Tehsil & Distt. Panchkula Haryana Declare That my Son Devinder and my Daughter in law Komal are completely out of my Control, hence I Disown both of them from all my movable and immovable Properties. Anybody dealing with them will be own responsible and I will have nothing to do with them.

We Mohammad Gyasuddin S/o Mohammad Alaudin and Vahida Khatun W/o Mohammad Gyasuddin R/o 203 Budhanpur Sector-16 Panchkula declare that our son Mohammad Javed is out of our control, so we disown him from all our movable-immovable properties. Anybody dealing with him does so at their own risk and responsibility.

I Kamla w/o Late Sh. Satbir s/o Jagat Singh R/O Vill. Kalwa Teh. Safidon Distt. Jind declare that my son Jagpal and his wife Parul are out of my control. So I evict them from my all moveable/immovable properties. Any body dealing with them at their own risk.

मैं, नल्लराम पुत्र श्री लालराम निवासी मकान नंबर 876/24 नजदीक जगदीश कालोनी, गीता कालोनी, रोहतक ब्यान करता हूँ कि मेरा पुत्र मोहित मेरे व मेरे परिवार के कहे-सुने से बाहर है। मैं उसे अपनी चल-अचल सम्पति व जायदाद से बेदखल करता हूँ। मेरा व मेरे परिवार का मोहित से कोई वस्ता नहीं है। भविष्य में मोहित अपने लेन- देन व अन्य कार्यों के लिए स्वयं जिम्मेवार होगा।

PUBLIC NOTICE

I Kuldeep Singh S/o Sadhu Singh R/o vpo Bianpur, tehsil Dinanagar distt Gurdaspur declare that in my office record written bymistake my name as Kuldip Singh. But correct name is Kuldeep Singh. Concerned note.

I Sudesh Kumar Saini s/o Raj Kumar P/o Dinanagar Distt. Gurdaspur Pb. Declare that my name is erroneously entered as Sudesh Kumar in birth certificate of my minor son Kunal Saini. My correct name is Sudesh Kumar Saini as per all documents.

I, Hanook Masih S/o Nazeer Masih R/O Village Mangal Sain P/o Gurdas Nangal Distt Gurdaspur declare that in my passport No. B0893470, spelling of my name written as Hnook Masih. That Hanook Masih and Hnook Masih both names pertain to one and the same person ie myself. Also in my old Passport my date of birth is 12.10.1976 but as per my Aadhar card my correct DOB is 07.03.1972. Concerned note.

I Dinesh Sharma s/o Sh Karam Chand R/O Village Mangial, PO Kiri Khurd, Tehsil & District- Pathankot declare that my wife actual and correct name is Rachna Devi accordance to her all documents but in my son Dilshan Sharma school records my wife name written as Rachna Sharma. Rachna Devi and Rachna Sharma are one and same lady and in future my wife name read as Rachna Devi.

I, Amin Chand is legally father of Parveen Soni Residence of VPO Kohala Tehsil- Kangra District Kangra State- Himachal Pradesh Pincode- 176001 have changed my name from Amin Chand Soni to Amin Chand and have changed my DOB 01-07-1959 to 20-09-1957 vide affidavit No IN- PB40922502476005W Dated 30 July 2024 Before District Court, Gurdaspur (Punjab)

I, Vimala Devi is legally mother of Parveen Soni Residence of VPO Kohala Tehsil- Kangra District Kangra State- Himachal Pradesh Pincode- 176001 have changed my name from Amin Chand Soni to Amin Chand and have changed my DOB 01-07-1963 to 15-02-1960 vide affidavit No. IN- PB40923628169640W Dated 30 July 2024 Before District Court, Gurdaspur (Punjab)

I, Lichhmi Devi (Existing name of spouse as per NOK) Widow of Ramesh Kumar (name of husband) resident of (VR- Bhatgaon District sonapat (HP) have changed my name and DOB from Lichhmi Devi & DOB 05-07-1965(Existing name and DOB of spouse as per NOK) to Laxmi Devi & DOB 05-07-1968(proposed/ accepted new name and DOB of spouse) vide affidavit dated 29-07-2024 at sonapat.

I, Shivani legally daughter of No. JC-771478N Rank SUB Name Birpal Singh Unit 138(I) Wksp EME Sig Gp C/o 56 APO Bathinda Cantt.(Punjab) permanent resident Vill. Samlehra, PO- Bagwara, Teh-Bamsan (Tauni Devi) Bagwara (44/2), Bagwara, Distt. Hamirpur State Himachal Pradesh-177021 have changed my name from Shivani Chandel to Shivani

I, Smt. Kelawati W/O No. 13929273 Ex Naik/NA Prem Singh R/o VPO Bilihana Teh. Sampla, Distt. Rohtak (Haryana) declare that my name Kelawati Devi and my DOB 17 years at the time of marriage (Date of marriage : 13 June 1968) are wrongly mentioned in my husband Army record. But my correct & actual name is Kelawati and my correct DOB is 10.02.1953. vide affidavit dated 30.07.2024 before Notary Public Rohtak.

I, Avtar Singh S/O Ratha Singh R/O Village Chhanga Rai Hithar, Tehsil Guru Har Sahai, Distt. Ferozepur Declare That My Son Parmveer Singh have passed his Matric Examination in 2023-24 under ICSE Board (Candidate ID- 8092086) from Little Flower Convent School, Guru Har Sahai. On his Matric Certificate his Date of Birth Mentioned as 14-01-2008 but actually his correct Date of Birth is 14-12-2008 according his Birth Certificate. Concerned note it

I, Sudhir S/O Munshi Ram Sharma, R/O Ward No-23 Gali No. 3 Bajwa Colony Bathwala Road Green Avenue Gurdaspur, Tehsil/Distt Gurdaspur, Pin Code 143521 Punjab (India). Declare That I Want To Be Called By Name Sudhir Instead Of Sudhir Sharma As Per My Id Documents Including Aadhar Card, Voter Card.

I, Balbir S/o Jasmer Singh R/O Vill. Dinalpur, Teh. Saha, Distt. Amritsar I declare that I have changed my name Balbir to Balbir Singh.

I Punam Mehta W/O Sushil Mehta, R/O #864, Sector 12 Panchkula, Haryana. In My Passport My Husband Name is Punam Mehta. But The Correct Name Of My Husband Is Sushil Kumar Mehta.

I, Rahul D/o Prem Pal R/O House No. 1033, Bhaskar Colony, Sector 25-D, Chandigarh have changed my name from Rahul to Ruhl and also changed my address from Y Block Mangolpuri Delhi to R/O House No. 1033, Bhaskar Colony, Sector 25-D, Chandigarh.

I, Amanjot Kaur D/o No. 2472216X Ex Naik (TS) Malkiat Singh Resident of Lakha Tehsil Jagraon, Distt. Ludhiana, Punjab State that in army record of my father my name is written as Amanjit Kaur. i have changed my name from Amanjit Kaur to Amanjot Kaur vide affidavit Dated 30 July 2024 before Notary Public Jagraon.

I, am Parmjeet Kaur W/o Jagtar Singh R/o Vpo. Jalaladiwal Teh-Raikot Distt. Ludhiana have declared that Parmjeet Kaur and Paramjit Kaur both names of me please.

I, Charan Singh S/o Salag Ram R/O Vill: Bodal Kotli Po. Nangal Khunga Teh-Dasuya (Hoshiarpur) Punjab, declare that my sonAmrik Singh Passport No. Y3860623 which mentioned my name wrongly written as Charn Singh. But my correct name is Charan Singh. according to my Aadhar Card etc.

I, Vikram Bali S/o Late Sh. Prakash Chand R/O # 16, Rajiv Garden, Bank Colony, Yamunanagar declares that in my Aadhar card my Father name is written as Sh. Prakash Chand which is incorrect. While my Father correct name is Late Sh. Prakash Bali. Sh. Prakash Chand and Sh. Prakash Bali both are one & Same person.

I, Jarnail Singh S/o Sh. Gurbachan Singh R/O # 1557, Kesar Nagar, Jagadhri, Yamunanagar states that in my Son Gurmest Singh 10th certificate my name is written as Jernal Singh which is incorrect, while my correct name is Jarnail Singh.

I, Naresh Devi alias Nuresh Rani alias Naveeh W/o Shushil Kumar R/O Near Nanaksar Gurdurwara Ishwar Nagar Devighar Road Patiala have declare that all names are mine & same person.

I, Manisha W/o Gourav Wallia, House No. 1858/18, Gali No. 7, Ashok Nagar, Karnal, Haryana have changed my name Manisha to Manisha Wallia.

I, Anil Saini S/o Sh. Brij Lal R/O #172, Sector 52, Chandigarh have changed my name from Anil Saini to Anil Kumar Saini.

I, Jasbir Singh F/O No.15157597N, Rank Hav (TA), Gurjeet Singh, Presently Residing At Village Bahadur Lahri, P.O Sujanpur, Tehsil & District Pathankot (Punjab)-145023, Have Changed My Name From Jasveer Singh To Jasbir Singh And DOB From 01-07-1960 To 12-04-1955, Kindly So Correct It. Vide Affidavit No. IN-PB4078509904356W, Dated 27-7-2024.

I, Barun Kohal s/o Balbir Singh village Kahanpur tehsil and district Pathankot, declare that my mother's name in Aadhar card, pan card is Santosh Kumari whereas in my 10th certificate my mother's name is Santosh Rani. Santosh Kumari and Santosh Rani both are my mother's names.

I, Parvinder Kaur W/o Tejinder Singh R/o Baghaur, Ludhiana, Punjab-141401 have changed my name to Parminder Kaur.

I, Rajwinder S/o Ram Ratan R/O Domeli, Kapurthala, Punjab-144407 have changed my name to Rajwinder Jakhu.

I, Lovpreet Singh Sidhu S/o Veerpal Singh R/O Vill Mahian Wala Khurd, PO Mehar Singh Wala, Teh. Zira, Distt. Ferozepur, Punjab-142047 have changed my name to Lovpreet Singh.

I, Hitesh S/o Hariom R/o Bhainsru Kalan(30), Rohtak, Haryana-124501 have changed my name to Hitesh Kaushik.

I, Khushboo Aggarwal D/o Bhojraj Aggarwal & W/o Rachit Jain R/O 651, PLA Hisar have changed my name from Khushboo Aggarwal to Khushboo Jain for future purchase.

I, Zakir Hussain S/o Nazir Hussain, Near Masjid Village Dudhla, P.O. Damla, Tehsil Jagadhri, Distt. Yamuna Nagar I have declared that my passport No.J0841608 father both name Nazir Hussain and Nazir Hasan is one and same person. All concerned note.

I, Suresh Kumar Gupta S/O Sh. Jagannath R/O H.No- 527 Urban Estate Sec-8 Ambala City Have Changed My Name From Suresh Kumar To Suresh Kumar Gupta

I, Neelam Mehra W/O Saurabh Gupta R/O H.No. 365 Sector 8 Urban Estate Ambala City, Haryana, 134003, I Have Changed The Name Of My Minor Son From Moksh Gupta To Moksh Mehra.

I, Neeraj Puri S/O Sohan Lal R/O Hno. 8, Aath Marla Distt. Panipat I Have Changed My Name Neeraj Puri To Neeraj Kumar.

I, Smt. Suman W/O No. 264757H Ex Sgt Raj Kumar Agnihotri R/O Narayan Niwas, Gali No. 1, New Colony, Una Road, Bajwara Tehsil & Distt. Hoshiarpur Punjab have changed my name from Suman to Suman Kumari Agnihotri and my date of birth from 28 years to 14-02-1954.

I, Smt. Dalwinder Kaur W/O No. 3988298N Ex Hav Balbir Singh R/O Kandhali Narangpur Tehsil Dasuya Distt. Hoshiarpur Punjab have changed my name from Dalwinder Kaur to Dalwinder Kaur Dhatt and my date of birth from 03-04-1970 to 11-05-1965.

I, Jasmel Singh W/o Chota Singh R/O 302, Patti Bakhta, Bhunder, Bathinda, Punjab - 151103, have changed my name from Jasmel Singh to Jasmel kaur for all future purposes

I, Arti Devi w/o Shri Vishnu R/O h.no. 40/5 Village Kajheri, Chandigarh have changed my minor daughter's name from Baishwini to Vashnavi.

I, Bhanu Uday S/o Vinod Kumar R/O 1769, Sector 17, Huda, Jagadhri, Distt Yamuna Nagar have changed my name from Bhanu Uday Singh to Bhanu Uday.

I, Robin Singh S/o Dharamveer Singh R/O Village Jindran, Tehsil & Distt Rohtak have changed my name from Robin Singh Hooda to Robin Singh.

I, Shakuntia Chauhan W/o Vinod Kumar R/O 1769, Sector 17, Huda, Jagadhri, Distt Yamuna Nagar have changed my name from Shakunt Chauhan to Shakuntia Chauhan.

I, Shakuntia Chauhan D/o Kanwar Hakum Singh W/o Vinod Kumar R/O 1769, Sector 17, Huda, Jagadhri, Distt Yamuna Nagar have changed my name from Shakuntia Rana to Shakuntia Chauhan.

I, Gurukirat Singh S/o Gurdeep Singh R/O H.No. 1607, Sector -5, Urban Estate, Kurukshetra, have changed my name from Jaswinder to Jaswinder Kaur.

I, Nirander Pal Singh S/o Surjit Singh R/O Hundal Farm, VPO Lukhi, District Kurukshetra, have changed my name from Nirander Pal Singh to Nirander Pal Singh.

I, Chirag S/O Ved Parkash R/O House No. 114, Mohalla Kalan, Tehsil & District Sonipat - 131001, have changed my name from Chirag to Chirag Sapra.

I, Nirander Pal Singh S/o Surjit Singh R/O Hundal Farm, VPO Lukhi, District Kurukshetra, have changed my name from Nirander Pal Singh to Nirander Pal Singh.

I, Ravinder Kumar Panchal S/o Ram Kumar Panchal R/O H.No. 68, Manoli 35, Sonipat, Haryana have changed my name to Ravinder Kumar for all future purposes.

I, Nishant S/O Raj Choudhry R/O H.No. 4, Gali No. 3, Guru Ram Dass Nagar, Kot Khalsa, Amritsar, Punjab have changed my name from Nishant to Nishanbir Singh.

I, Harwinder S/o Gurmit Ram R/O Vill-Sotran, PO-Banga, Nawanshahr, SBS Nagar, Punjab-144505 have changed my name to Harwinder Singh.

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I, hitherto known as Aadhya Bernami D/o Vijay Kumar Vermani R/O H.No. 28, Shivaji, Park, Jalandhar, Punjab-144001, India have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as Adhya Vermani.

I, hitherto known as Kawaljit Kaur Wife of Joga Singh residing at VPO Riadi Khurd, Tehsil Batala, District Gurdaspur-143507 Punjab have changed my name and Shall hereafter be known as Kanwaljit Kaur

I, hitherto known as Rutuja Chandrakant Kendre Wife of Chandrakant Kendre residing at PO Malihpparga Tq Jalokt, Latnr-413532 Maharashtra have changed my name and Shall hereafter be known as Jijabai Chandrakant Kendre.

I, hitherto known as Randhawa Bikramjit Anup Singh Son of Anup Singh Randhawa residing at H.No.E-503, Mayfair Apartments Near Brothers Dhaba, Chandwala, Chheharta, District Amritsar-143105 Punjab have changed my name and Shall hereafter be known as Bikramjit Singh Randhawa.

I, hitherto known as Reshma Chopra Daughter of Sanjeev Chopra Wife of Karan Madaan residing at H.No.352, Akash Avenue, Near Bajwa Hospital, Fatehgarh Churian Road, District Amritsar-143001 Punjab have changed my name and Shall hereafter be known as Reshma Madaan.

I, hitherto known as Gurcharm Singh Alias Gurcharan Singh Son of Inder Singh residing at H.No.25, Gali No.1, Corp. No.14/278, Guru Gobind Singh Nagar, Phase-1, Majitha Road, District Amritsar-143001 Punjab have changed my name and Shall hereafter be known as Gurcharan Singh.

I, Amrinder Singh S/o Balwinder Singh R/O VPO Buttar Siviyan, Tehsil Baba Bakala, Distt. Amritsar, Punjab, have changed my name from Amrinder Singh to Amrinder is given name and Singh is surname.

I, Rimsha Karulpia Nee Rimsha D/O Ashwani Kumar R/O H.No. 381, Abadi Sant Nagar Verka, Amritsar have changed my name to Rimsha Karulpia

I, Manjit Singh S/o Lachman Singh R/O H.No.409, Gali No.4, Guru Ram Dass Nagar, Kot Khalsa, Amritsar have declare that my fathe was known by two name's Lachman Singh and Lachhman Singh one and Same person.

I, Vanita Sharma W/o Raj Kumar R/O H.No.21, Lane No.7, Phase-2, New Green Field, Majitha Road, Amritsar have changed my name Vanita is my Given name and Sharma is my Surname

I, Kuldeep Kaur W/o Dalbir Singh R/O VPO Pheruman, Tehsil Baba Bakala, Amritsar have changed my name from Kuldeep Kaur to Kuldip kaur

I, Brij Bihar Trikha S/O Tilak Raj Trikha R/O 64 F.G.C Road Chand Avenue Amritsar -I Amritsar Punjab have changed my name from Brij Bihari to Brij Bihari Trikha

I, Aruna Trikha W/o Brij Bihari Trikha R/O 64 F.G.C Road Chand Avenue Amritsar -I Amritsar Punjab have changed my name from Aruna to Aruna Trikha

I, Ranju Bala W/O Yash Pal Setia R/O Ward No 19, Street No.2B, Kailash Nagar Fazlika have changed my name from Ranju Bala to Ranju Setia

I, Asha Rani W/o Sat Pal Setia R/O 2A-221 Civil Lines Phase-2 District Fazlika have changed my name from Asha Rani to Asha Setia

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In my husband No. JC-543377A Nb/Sub Ummad Singh, 21 Kumaon services documents my name wrongly written as Bhawna Mehra, which needs to be corrected as Bhawna Mehra. Bhawna Mehra resident of Pipal Pokhra No. 1, Near Gandhi Ashram, Fatehpur, Haldwani, Nainital, Uttarakhand-263139

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I, Jatinder Bir Singh S/O Sukhdev Singh R/O Shant Nagar, H.No.366 VPO-Rayya, Teh Baba Bakala Amritsar Rural have Declare That Singh is my surname and Jatinder Bir is my Given name.

I, Vinod Thakur s/o Prem Chand, Village upper Bath, Post office Dhalara Distt mandi declare that in the record of birth Certificate of my Son Rajveer Thakur both our names are recorded as Vinod Kumar and Damini-Which is wrong. While the correct names in the Aadhar card is Vinod Thakur and Damini Thakur. Please note the respective names.

I, A.Raja S/o Rajmani R/O House No. 3187, Sector 38 D, U.T., Chandigarh-36, have changed my name from A.Raja to R.Raja.

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I, Pawan Kumar Mehta S/O Bihari Lal Mehta R/O.H.No.F-11/411, Paris Town, Gali No.6, Amritsar have name from Pawan Mehta to Pawan Kumar Mehta

I, Parbhjeet Kaur W/o Harbhajan Singh R/O. Village Ranike, PO Ranghar, Amritsar Punjab have Changed my name from Parbhjeet Kaur to Prabhjeet Kaur.

I Sunil Kumar S/o Yashpal Singh R/O House No. 5055 Modern Housing Complex Namajra Chandigarh 160101 have changed my name to Sunil Kumar Saini.

I, Gauri D/o Sh. Harish Chawla R/O H. No. 214, Sector 16-17, Hisar (Haryana) declare that I have changed my name from Gauri to Gaurisha Chawla for all future purpose.

I, Saroj Rani W/o Ashok Kumar Luthra R/O H. No. 169, Opp. Char Dham Park, 8 Marla Colony, Patel Nagar Hisar declare that my name is Saroj Rani in my documents, in HUDA plot documents my name is Saroj Luthra. Saroj Rani and Saroj Luthra both are my names i.e. same person.

I, Sunita Rani W/o Santosh Kumar R/O Sonti Saunta, Ambala Have Changed My Name Sunita Devi .

I, Ajit Singh And Surjeet S/O Mam Chand Vill.Bakhi, Pehowa, Kurukshetra Both Are Same Name And Person.

I, Vinay Kumar Jain S/o Sh. Sagar Mal Sethia R/O H. No. 155-A/10, Delhi Gate Bazar, Daldawadi Gali, Hansi, Distt. Hisar (Haryana) declare that I have changed my name from Vinay Kumar Jain to Vinay Sethia for all future purpose.

I Seema W/o Jagtar Singh, R/O Village Deeg, Tehsil Shahabad, Distt Kurukshetra Have Changed My Name Seema To Seema Rani

I, No. 2698270m, Rank: Gdr, Name: Satish Kumar (Retd), R/O Vpo- Padha, Teh- Ballah, Distt-Karnal (Haryana)- 132036 Have Changed Name Of My Son From Subham To Shubham Vide Affidavit Dated 29 Jul 24 Sworn In Before Notary, Karnal.

I Bhavesh Luthra S/O Davinder Kumar R/O H.No. 1414-C, Rajpura, Distt Patiala Have Changed My Minor Daughter's Name From Myra To Myra Luthra

I Manpreet Singh S/O Chamkaur Singh R/O Vill. Haraj, Sri Muktsar Sahib, Do Hereby Solemnly Affirm And Declare That I Have Changed My Minor Daughter Kushpreet Kaur's Name To Khushpreet Kaur. All Concerned May Kindly Note.

I, Ashish Kakran S/O Sh. Suresh R/O H.No. 871/34, Vijay Nagar, Distt. Rohtak (Haryana) Declare That I Want Entered My Surname In



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Taking on the dragon

S Jaishankar admits strained relations with China but rules out third-party mediation

In what can be construed as a candid admission by External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar, he has categorically stated that relations between India and China are not on an even keel. His recent statement underscores the ongoing diplomatic tension between India and China. Even earlier he had said that China is a bigger economy, implying that we should think twice before acting against China. The Minister's assessment of the current state of the India-China relationship highlights the challenges that persist despite various diplomatic efforts and high-level engagements. One of the key aspects of Jaishankar's statement was his firm rejection of third-party mediation in resolving the disputes with China. The Foreign Minister emphasised that India prefers to handle its issues with China bilaterally, without external intervention. This stance aligns with India's long-standing policy of managing its international relations directly. Jaishankar's comments reflect India's approach to maintaining sovereignty and autonomy in its foreign policy.



By ruling out third-party mediation, India is signalling its intention to address its differences with China through direct dialogue and negotiation. This position underscores India's commitment to resolving disputes through established diplomatic channels while rejecting external influence that might complicate or hinder the process.

Prime Minister Modi had personally taken a keen interest in resolving the issue but to no avail. Chinese Premier Xi was invited and given a grand welcome but that did not break ice and the tension on borders continued. In the complex web of geopolitics, India has drifted closer to the US which wants to use India to

contain Chinese influence, naturally much to the consternation of China. The Chinese unease is reflected in its actions on the border which had remained peaceful from 1962 to 2017 when the Doklam incident happened. India-China relations are complex and multifaceted, influenced by historical, political, economic, and strategic factors. The two countries share a long border. The most notable conflict occurred in 1962 when the Sino-Indian War broke out over border disputes in the Aksai Chin region. Ironically trade relations between the two countries have grown despite border disputes. China is one of India's largest trading partners. However, recent years have seen border skirmishes and strategic rivalries. In recent years, the relationship has been marked by both cooperation and contention. The Doklam skirmish in 2017 was a prominent example of border tensions. The confrontation occurred in the Doklam plateau, an area disputed between China and Bhutan. Additionally, the 2020 clashes in the Galwan Valley further highlighted ongoing tensions. Despite these challenges, India and China have continued to engage diplomatically and economically. Both nations must recognise the importance of managing their differences while pursuing mutual benefits, given their significant roles in the global economy and regional geopolitics.

PICTALK



Clouds hover over the hill town of Shimla

Kolkata's healthcare transformation into world-class medical facilities

Over the past two decades, Kolkata's medical facilities have transformed significantly, reducing the exodus of patients to Chennai and Vellore

The hordes of medical pilgrims filling up berths in Coromandel Express and Madras Mail have thinned substantially over the years, as Kolkata's private healthcare sector scrambles to make up for lost time. Kolkata was not always best served in matters of healthcare, and for patients with serious ailments and often with not-so-serious conditions, Chennai, Vellore or Mumbai were the default destinations. It was also a matter of perception as most Kolkatans believed they would receive superior care in outstation hospitals only.

However, the healthcare landscape in Kolkata has been undergoing a paradigm shift over the past two decades, riding the tailwinds of private sector initiatives, as the bed count continues to soar. The availability of able doctors was never a problem in the city and now that the pool of healthcare experts has increased significantly with a steady reverse traffic of medical practitioners coming back from the NHS in the UK and other advanced countries' health systems to cater to the growing demand



back in their hometown. Over time, the city has gradually regained its confidence in its private hospitals seeing that they aren't short of modern facilities and latest equipment anymore. The faith is beginning to trickle back, ounce by ounce, and the Coromandel isn't as packed with south-bound patients as before. Of course, it hasn't happened overnight, and there is still a long way to go. Kolkata's progress in terms of private sector participation is in sync with the national scenario as analysts say between 2016 and now, the country's healthcare industry has grown at a CAGR of 22% and the Centre's allocation of Rs 90,658.63 crore for the sector in the interim Budget for 2024-25 reflects this uptrend. However, restora-

tion of faith in any service, not the least healthcare delivery, takes a lot of commitment and meticulous planning. After all, like any other customer, a patient has a retail choice and can switch allegiance if expectations are not met.

It is well known that a big and significant milestone in this medical makeover of Kolkata was the unveiling of the Rabindranath Tagore International Institute of Cardiac Sciences in 2000 by Narayana Health Group's Founder, Dr. Devi Shetty. This set the ball rolling and many other world class hospitals started their services in Kolkata. It was the flagship venture of the founder which he started in his favourite city, Kolkata.

The journey began over two decades ago with a single speciality hospital and has grown into a network of four super-speciality hospitals in Kolkata. Now Kolkata can boast of super-speciality tertiary care, these facilities offer over 35 specialities such as Cancer Care, Mother & Child Care, and Orthopaedics. The healthcare sector in India, serving a vast population of

Honouring the legacy of Bal Gangadhar Tilak



RAJDEEP PATHAK

As the nation commemorates Tilak's 168th birth anniversary, we reflect on his profound influence on the independence movement and his contributions as a reformer

In 1921, Mahatma Gandhi's visit to the Nellore district marked a significant moment in India's freedom movement. He inaugurated the Satyagraha Ashram in Pallepadu and delivered significant speeches at the Town Hall and V.R. College. At the Rebala Lakshmi Narasa Reddy Town Hall, he unveiled a portrait of his political mentor, Bal Gangadhar Tilak, emphasizing Tilak's profound patriotism and leadership, which galvanized the freedom movement. Gandhi extolled Tilak's legacy, invoking the ideals of "Swaraj" (self-rule) and characterizing the Non-Cooperation Movement as an act of 'self-purification'. He urged contributions to the 'Tilak Swaraj Fund', established in 1920, to support educational institutions, Khadi promotion, and Swadeshi efforts. It was a successful mobilized mission. July 23, 2024, marked the 168th birth anniversary of Bal Gangadhar Tilak, also revered as "Lokmanya" and "The Lion of Maharashtra".

This is for his dual role, as a freedom fighter and social reformer. His impact has also been underscored by notable figures, such as British journalist Valentine Chirol who termed him "the father of Indian unrest," while, Jawaharlal Nehru hailed him as "the father of the Indian revolution" and Mahatma Gandhi recognized him as "the Maker of Modern India." A distinguished Sanskrit scholar and thinker, Tilak was also a visionary leader. Sri Aurobindo, in his collection of Tilak's writings and speeches, emphasized Tilak's transformative influence on the Indian National Congress, reshaping it from its occidental characteristics to embrace mass participation in the freedom struggle.

In "The Intellectual Biography of Bal Gangadhar Tilak" published in the 'Journal of Research in Humanities and Social Science', Raj Hans Ojha, contends that "The story of Tilak is the story of India's Swaraj, of the Indian National Congress, coming to its adulthood, and of the rise of Indian masses for the first time in quest of 'Home Rule' and 'Independence' Lokmanya Tilak believed that "Swaraj is the foun-



datation and not the height of our future prosperity. We have to build a new nation, develop a new character, live the principles, which we advocate, faith in spiritual values, love of country and tolerance for views from which we differ." Tilak's intellectual contributions were many. His works such as, "The Orion and Research into The Antiquity of The Vedas" (1893) and "The Arctic Home of Vedas" (1901), complemented his political activism. Despite his devotion to independence, he expressed a preference for academia, a path cut short by his untimely death on August 1, 1920, at age 64. His educational contributions are equally noteworthy.

He co-founded institutions like the 'New English School', the 'Deccan Society for Education', and 'Fergusson College', and presented a comprehensive educational blueprint to the Hunter Commission (1882 & 1919). Bal Gangadhar Tilak was a strategist, transcending the roles of an idealist and philosopher, and his multifaceted contributions continue to resonate in India's historical and educational landscape. As a formidable journalist, Tilak was renowned for his fearless and impartial stance in his weekly publication, 'Kesari'. He championed a rigorous



HE WAS AMONG THE FIRST MAINSTREAM POLITICAL LEADERS IN INDIA TO ACKNOWLEDGE THAT "THE NATION THINKS NOT WITH THE BRAIN BUT WITH AN OVERHEATED HEART. IT IS ONLY IN THE THROES OF TUMULT THAT NATIONS ARE BORN"

approach to journalism, asserting that 'Kesari' would boldly address all issues, resisting the prevailing trend of appeasing the British and embodying its namesake's courage. Bal Gangadhar Tilak also leveraged his paper 'Mahratha Advocate for the People, drawing upon Hindu scriptures and the Bhagavad Gita to support his arguments.

His profound contributions as a patriot, scholar, and politician had a significant impact on Mahatma Gandhi, who, in a March 4, 1905, article, lauded Lokmanya's scholarship, particularly his astronomical findings that traced Indian scriptures to over 10,000 years old, recognizing him as a luminary whose intellectual influence extended beyond national borders. Bal Gangadhar Tilak was imprisoned in 1908. He strongly believed that "There are higher powers that rule the destiny of things and it may be the will of providence that the cause I represent may prosper more by my suffering than by my remaining free." Gandhi and Tilak had great mutual respect for one another.

In his reflections in The Indian Opinion, Gandhi praised Tilak for his readiness to endure suffering for the cause of India's freedom. While they were ideologically different in their thoughts and actions, both

Lokmanya Tilak and Mohandas Karamchand Gandhi fought for one cause, which was 'freedom'. Mahatma Gandhi maintained a profound respect for Tilak's contributions and acknowledged his unparalleled influence and the reverence he commanded among the masses. In his tributes and public statements, Gandhi consistently lauded Tilak's selfless service, burning patriotism, and magnetic leadership. Tilak's mantra, "Swaraj is our birthright, and I shall have it", resonated deeply with Mahatma Gandhi, who adapted it to his philosophy of truth and non-violence, and thus, Tilak's assertive nationalism blended with Gandhi's principles of peaceful resistance. Mahadev Desai, recalls Mahatma Gandhi's views on Lokmanya Tilak, which he expressed on 24 July 1934 at Cawnpore (Kanpur today), in one of the meetings. Mahatma Gandhi said: "If Tilak Maharaj taught us that 'swaraj is our birthright', he also taught us that 'selfless service' is the key to win it. Selfless service may have been in existence before Tilak came, but he was who systematized it." Tilak's life was a demonstration of this great ideal of Karma Yoga.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

UNAUTHORISED PG MUSHROOMING

Madam — Paying guest accommodations (PG) for women have made headlines following the brutal murder of a woman in one such facility located in a posh Bengaluru locality. It is crucial to take strict action against unauthorized PGs. The police argue that without a formal complaint, securing PGs is not inherently their responsibility, and this claim is understandable. Nonetheless, increased patrolling in sensitive areas where these accommodations are situated should not be overlooked. Thus, the responsibility for ensuring the safety and security of female residents falls on the PG owners. It is alarming to note that many PGs in India lack security guards. Security personnel should thoroughly frisk strangers seeking entry into PGs. The importance of a biometric fingerprint system for all entrants cannot be overstated. Additionally, providing kitchens that prepare hygienic food is essential to prevent women from frequently venturing out for meals, enhancing their safety. Troublemakers such as hawkers and beggars should be kept at bay. Regular presence and unwavering supervision by the owners at the PGs can significantly boost residents' morale. Overall, a collective commitment is vital.

Ganapathi Bhat | Akola

USE OF TRIBALS IN THE SCHOOL NAMES

Madam — The Madras High Court has strongly criticised the Tamil Nadu government for using the term "Tribal" in the names of government schools. This issue arose with schools in the Kalvarayan Hills being named "Government Tribal Residential School." The court rightly observed that this terminology is inappropriate, especially for a secular government. The use of caste or community names in school titles is astonishing and deemed unacceptable by the court. The court emphasised that labeling a school as a "Tribal School" could stigmatise the children attending it, making them feel their school is inferior to others. This could lead to an inferiority complex among the

Grand spectacle of Paris Olympics



The Paris Olympics 2024 have begun, filling the city with excitement and drawing visitors from around the world to witness this grand sporting event. While the Olympic games promise thrilling spectacles, Paris offers many other activities to enrich your visit. If you're a food enthusiast with a penchant for history, indulge in iconic Parisian bites

that offer a delightful journey through time and taste. Wander through charming streets and savor culinary delights that are integral to Parisian culture. For those seeking unique experiences, venture beyond the usual tourist spots and discover offbeat attractions that provide a different perspective on the city.

Additionally, Paris offers various free activities that allow you to enjoy the city's charm without breaking the bank. From serene parks to historical landmarks, there's no shortage of cost-free ways to immerse yourself in the Parisian ambience. Lastly, don't miss out on the must-see attractions that define Paris. Iconic sites such as the Eiffel Tower, the Louvre, and Notre-Dame Cathedral are timeless treasures that captivate visitors.

Jayanthi Subramaniam | Mumbai

students. Caste and community play a significant role in the political arena as vote banks.

The caste system is deeply entrenched in government policies and programs, leading to reverse discrimination. The principle of "all are equal in law" is often neglected, with reservation in education and employment based on caste. Some states have defied the Supreme Court's directive to limit reservations to 50 percent, extending them to over 75 percent, which adversely affects merit. If some communities feel deprived of fair representation in education and employment, the government may consider pro-rata reservations for all communities as a solution.

KV Seetharamaiah | Bengaluru

THE ROLE OF GOVERNORS

Madam — Since independence, our country has undergone significant changes. While we have adopted many new governance systems, we still retain some from our colonial past. One such legacy is the role of governors acting as representatives of the President in all states, a practice that

continues unchanged. Recently, the Supreme Court agreed to consider separate petitions from opposition-ruled Kerala and West Bengal. These petitions allege that the respective governors refused to assent to bills passed by their assemblies. This is not an isolated incident; similar cases have been brought before the Hon'ble Supreme Court numerous times. West Bengal, for example, claimed in its petition that the Governor had withheld assent to eight bills. I believe the position of governors has never been impartial in this country.

The office has become increasingly politicized; a study found that between 1950 and 2015, only a quarter of governors completed a five-year term, with 37 percent serving less than a year. Defying traditions, governors are typically appointed by the ruling party without consulting the elected state government, leading to strained relations between federal and state governments.

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CURIOUS MINDS ENGINEER CHANGE

Mental re-engineering can infuse life with renewed vigor and purpose



RAVI VALLURI

Often, conventional and commonplace way of thinking only results in clambering the ladder. A person leading a ho-hum existence cannot re-engineer his/her personality. Tale of an old man Aeon's ago, lived an elderly gentleman who in the winter of his life decided to embark on a spiritual journey to transfigure his personality. The pater now embarked on the spiritual sojourn and enrolled in a monastery. Upon completing his tutelage, armed with various nuances of Zen teachings, he left for his small town. He stepped out of the portals of the temple of knowledge and involuntarily slipped into a rivulet. "Oh, the old monk falls in the river!" chortled some young tutees.

He was to dramatically declare that the re-engineering processes and techniques he acquired had enabled him to accommodate water into himself and not the other way around. "We are shaped by our thoughts, we become what we think. When the mind is pure, joy follows like a shadow that never leaves," said Gautama Buddha. The thought process, thinking patterns, building blocks of thought, organised thinking and goal direction are five keys to re-engineer the mind to metamorphose and refashion our lives. An ingenious individual to re-engineer his life has to change the existing pattern. He should begin by identifying the problem. In the swaths of his mind, such a process represents and delineates the problem; as he/she is mindful and discerning, solutions and a set of sub-goals are outlined. The quick-witted individual then selects the balm for the misadventure and executes it with precision.

The human mind is now brim-full of ideas and it is time to evaluate the outcome and once again rethink and redefine problems and arrive at new solutions. It was the time of Sakhyia Muni Gautama Buddha when an animated group of denizens were involved in a rambunctious argument about Divinity and various religions. In sheer exasperation, they arrived at the feet of Lord Buddha. The Compassionate and Enlightened One smiled and ruminated for a while. Lord Buddha then asked his disciples to arrange for an elephant and for four persons to be blindfolded. And so, it happened that the first of the blindfolded persons felt the elephant's leg and exclaimed that God appeared as a pillar. The second person



touched the elephant's tummy and opined that Almighty God was a wall. The third gentleman stroked the elephant's ear and observed that God was a piece of cloth. The fourth man grazed the tail and described that God was a piece of rope. Once again, the group of four was engaged in a raging debate on the form of Almighty God. After the exercise was completed, Buddha asked the assembled disciples and citizens. The four blindfolded individuals felt the same elephant, but provided varying answers, so what could be the correct answer? The episode just proved that no one individual or thought process is complete. One should always be prepared to accept that one might be correct in parts and that other streams of thought could be complementary. Techniques for training the spiritually inclined can re-engineer their lives by undertaking the bouquet of courses imparted by the Art of Living, or pursue Vipassana; attempting to mutate their minds through the practice of yoga, pranayama and meditation. Others have a logical bent of mind and charter a different path.

They need to develop a passion, take up a sport, and read inspirational literature among other things. But it is elemental and foundational to re-engineer the mind and thought processes at regular intervals to live life with gusto.

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Balanced budget reflects Modi's vision of 'Viksit Bharat'



K S TOMAR

PM Modi's "self-reliant India" vision is central to the 2024-25 Union Budget. It boosts domestic production, supports SMEs, and fosters innovation to reduce import dependency

Prime Minister Modi's vision of a "self-reliant India" (Atmanirbhar Bharat) is a recurring theme in the budget. This vision emphasizes self-sufficiency in critical sectors such as agriculture, manufacturing, and technology. The budget outlines measures to boost domestic production, support small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs), and encourage innovation. These initiatives are designed to reduce import dependency and create a robust, self-sustaining economy. At the same time, the budget reflects Modi's understanding of India's interconnectedness with the global economy. The focus on enhancing India's export competitiveness, attracting foreign direct investment (FDI), and participating in global value chains underscores the dual approach of strengthening domestic capabilities while engaging with the global market.

This balanced approach is crucial for India to navigate the challenges and opportunities of an increasingly complex global economic landscape. The Union Budget, a cornerstone of the country's economic planning, may serve as a reflection of the government's strategic priorities and vision for the future. It is being billed as a path-breaking foundation of Reforms for the next 5 years. According to some experts, under the leadership of Prime Minister, Narendra Modi, the budget has been targeted to foster economic growth, address social inequalities, and position India as a key player on the global stage. The latest budget unveiled amidst a backdrop of global economic uncertainty, showcases a balanced approach, combining domestic development with an international outlook.

CHALLENGES BEFORE FM

In light of the 2024-25 Union Budget, the BJP-led central government faces scrutiny over its dealings with opposition-ruled states, which allege discrimination in fund allocation and policy implementation. Experts say that Central Schemes and Fund Allocation; The Budget reveals a 15% increase in allocations for flagship schemes such as the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (PMAY) and Ayushman Bharat. However, opposition states argue that their share of these funds does not reflect their proportionate needs. For instance, Tamil Nadu has claimed that despite a significant allocation under PMAY, delays in fund release and implementation hinder effective utilization. The central government's response involves reiterating the equitable distribution based on various factors, but opposition states view these explanations sceptically. Implementation Issues; Critics point to inefficiencies in scheme implementation as evidence of discrimination. The opposition-ruled states have raised concerns about delays and insufficient execution of these schemes.

The central government needs to ensure that these funds are utilized efficiently and that implementation is monitored closely to address these grievances. Political Dynamics; Allegations of political bias also come into play. Opposition leaders argue that central agencies are used to target political rivals, exacerbating feelings of discrimination. With the BJP's political rivals accusing it of manipulating central resources, the government must navigate these complex political dynamics carefully.

STEPS TO ADDRESS THE CONCERNS



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To mitigate allegations of discrimination, the central government should adopt multiple strategies which include Enhanced Transparency; Provide detailed reports on fund allocations and expenditures to ensure transparency and address concerns of inequitable distribution.

The focus should be on the efficient and timely execution of central schemes, particularly in opposition-ruled states, to demonstrate commitment to equitable development. The Centre must engage in regular discussions with opposition state governments to address grievances and ensure that their concerns are heard and addressed. A Balanced Approach for Sustainable Growth; The Indian Union Budget, under the leadership of Modi, presents a balanced blueprint for growth, combining a focus on domestic development with a strategic international outlook. The emphasis on infrastructure, healthcare, education, and financial inclusion reflects the government's commitment to inclusive growth.

At the same time, the focus on global partnerships, defence manufacturing, and renewable energy highlights India's aspirations to be a key player on the world stage. Domestic Positives: A Focus on Inclusive Development; The budget's primary focus is on inclusive growth, ensuring that the benefits of economic development reach all sections of society. A significant allocation has been made towards infrastructure development, including roads, railways, and digital infrastructure. This not only promises to create jobs but also lays the groundwork for long-term economic resilience. The emphasis on renewable energy and green technology is another forward-looking aspect, aligning with global trends towards sustainability. Healthcare and educa-

tion have not received substantial attention. The substantial increase in funding for public health infrastructure is a must, especially after the lessons learned from the COVID-19 pandemic. Additionally, investments in education, particularly in digital and vocational training, will equip the younger generation with skills for the future job market. This focus on human capital development is critical for sustaining economic growth in the long term. The government's commitment to financial inclusion continues with initiatives to expand the reach of banking and financial services to rural areas. This effort is crucial for integrating rural populations into the formal economy, enhancing their economic opportunities, and reducing regional disparities. Moreover, targeted welfare schemes for farmers, women, and marginalized communities underscore the government's intent to address social inequalities and ensure a more equitable distribution of resources. Extreme evidence of a discriminatory approach exhibited in the union budget estimates for 2024-24 pertains to the allocation of Rs 11,500 crore for flood mitigation to Bihar whereas Himachal as well as Uttarakhand faced unprecedented catastrophe in July/August 2023 which suffered extensive damages to the tune of over Rs 12,000 crore and Rs 4,000 crore respectively but figures have not been mentioned in the budget.

Himachal government is in a quandary as 550 lives were lost and rehabilitation of lakhs of hapless people had been undertaken by the state government by making provision of Rs 650 crore hence expected a liberal Special Package from the union finance minister who preferred to just give an assurance about financial assistance to the state but no allocation

of the budget. Inordinate delay in the announcement of a "Special Package" had affected relief and rehabilitation works though the state demanded immediate help of Rs 9,042 crore from the centre in Aug 2023. Chief Minister, Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu regretted the apathy of the centre which gave nothing for one year. The finance minister skipped Punjab also which witnessed devastation owing to heavy rains and floods in 21 out of 23 districts and damages were more than Rs 1,680 crore. About 70 lives were lost and the state government has been demanding financial assistance which has been ignored in this budget. Contrary to it, Bihar has been chosen for special treatment and the finance minister allocated Rs 11,500 crore for flood mitigation which is being interpreted as a Reward for helping BHP to form a government after its reduced strength in Lok Sabha. Experts say that Bihar has been India's most flood-prone state with 76% of the population of north Bihar living under recurring threat of devastating floods for decades hence it deserves a special package but not by ignoring other states that suffer an identical natural disaster every year. As India navigates the challenges of a post-pandemic world, the budget's provisions for economic resilience, social equity, and environmental sustainability provide a solid foundation for future growth. Modi's vision of a self-reliant India resonates throughout the budget, offering a roadmap for the country's economic and strategic aspirations. This holistic approach, balancing domestic priorities with international engagement, positions India well for a sustainable and prosperous future.

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How persistence and empathy can cure tuberculosis

Tuberculosis is a 'curable infectious disease linked to inequities, it is therefore crucial to invest in partnerships that address these disparities with empathy

A year ago 20-year-old Tahira was convinced she was going to die. A fever that refused to go accompanied by a persistent cough, a loss in appetite and extreme weakness had confined her to the bed for months. Her husband, a rickshaw puller, had neither the means nor the time to take her to a doctor. It was only when her brother came to visit her in Kolkata and saw her failing health that he decided to take matters into his own hands. He brought Tahira back with him to her natal house in Seemapuri, Delhi. This decision was to save her life. Around this time, Humana People to People India (HPPPI), a not-for-profit, was reaching out with information and guidance on tuberculosis (TB)



SWAPNA MAJUMDAR

as a part of their Project LEAD (Leveraging Educating, Advocating to Disrupt TB transmission). Working in close coordination with the government's National TB Elimination Programme (NTEP), LEAD focussed on the oft-ignored and overlooked marginalized communities living in low-grade urban slums, the homeless and migratory population in four cities, Delhi, Mumbai, Howrah and Hyderabad.

Persistence Pays When LEAD field officer Shanti met Tahira, she immediately knew what had to be done. First, she was taken for a chest X-ray. When it showed Tahira presumptive for TB, sputum microscopy was conducted which confirmed TB. Once this became clear, the diagnosis was reconfirmed through the WHO-recommended molecular test via the Cartridge-Based Nucleic Acid Amplification Test (CBNAAT) and drug susceptibility test via Line Probe Assay (LPA) provided free at the government GTB Hospital. The drug susceptibility test is done to ensure that the TB bacteria (Bacillus Mycobacterium Tuberculosis), that infects a person is not resistant to the medicines they are treated with.

Realising there was no time to waste, Shanti quickly enabled her registration on Ni-Akshay, the government's NTEP real-time patient management web system, so that her card could be made and her treatment started the same day. As a trained worker, Shanti knew time was of the essence and treatment adherence critical. So, for the next six months, Shanti would become Tahira's shadow. She kept a watchful eye and followed up doggedly with 40 visits to ensure Tahira didn't miss out or falter in sticking to the drug regimen. Her persistence paid off when Tahira tested negative a couple of months ago and is now completely cured. The Techno CATTB being an infectious disease, early detection and



treatment is vital especially as it spreads when persons with the illness expel the bacteria into the air, mostly by coughing. Here is where technology can play a role. Cough Against TB (CAT) an innovative application AI-powered cough-sound-based screening tool to assess the likelihood of pulmonary TB developed by Wadhvani AI, resulted in a 10.8% presumptive rate and a positivity yield of 15.6%.

One of the important outcomes of using CAT was its detection of asymptomatic cases, which otherwise would have been missed. While technology has been an enabling tool, the real success of screening over 600,000 individuals, identifying 3,182 people with TB (PwTB), and supporting 98% of them in Delhi with treatment adherence has been due to the commitment and compassion shown by the women field workers. The project findings at the end of the one-year project indicate that the female field officers proved to be more effective than their male counterparts in TB awareness and screening because of their empathy. A Human Touch How a human touch can make all the difference was seen in Tahira's

case. Shanti's support to Tahira during her challenging treatment journey was not just by counselling but also through food ration supplements every month through her contacts with an NGO. Additionally, she also linked her to NTEP's Ni-Akshay Poshan Yojana, the government scheme to provide Rs 500 per month for PwTB to buy food. Deploying women now cured of TB as activists and field workers have also worked wonders to reach out to those who fall through the cracks. They know what it means to live with TB and the societal stigma that have to face. Their determination to help others in similar situations has boosted early detection and treatment. It is a known fact that those most at risk are people residing in poorly ven-

tilated and overcrowded conditions, suffering from malnutrition and diseases and with limited access to healthcare. Project LEAD has shown that women field officers are more successful in persuading TB screening and treatment adherence among the vulnerable and marginalized because of their understanding and sensitivity. TB researchers Dr Anurag Bhargava, Dr Madhukar Pai and Dr Madhvi Bhargava reiterate that TB is a "curable" infectious disease linked to inequities, it is even more imperative to invest in more partnerships that bridge these inequalities with empathy.

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US boosts alliance with the Philippines with \$500 mn funding

AP ■ MANILA

Washington's top diplomat and defence chief announced USD 500 million in military funding on Tuesday to boost Philippine defences and progress on a proposed military intelligence-sharing pact as both allies renewed their concerns over China's continuing aggressive actions in the region. US Secretary of State Antony Blinken and Defence Secretary Lloyd Austin met with President Ferdinand Marcos Jr, who has fortified Manila's decades-old treaty alliance with Washington as hostilities between Philippine and Chinese forces flared since last year in the disputed South China Sea. Marcos hailed "very open" communication lines between

Washington and Manila, adding that the two countries' treaty alliance and key issues in the South China Sea and the Indo-Pacific region "are continuously examined and reexamined so we are agile in terms of our responses". Marcos has underscored the need for a US military presence for Asian stability and peace. After meeting their Philippine counterparts later, Blinken and Austin announced the USD 500 million military funding to help in an ongoing modernisation of the Philippine military and coast guard and boost security collaboration amid shared concerns over China's assertive actions. "Both of us share concerns and many other countries in the region share concerns, as well, about some of the actions that

the People's Republic of China has taken, escalatory actions in the South China Sea, the East China Sea," including "coercive methods", Blinken said in a joint news conference. He renewed a warning that the US would help defend the Philippines if Filipino forces, ships and aircraft come under attack in the Pacific, including in the South China Sea. The US officials also offered condolences over the dozens of deaths wrought by typhoon-worsened monsoon rains in recent weeks and announced an additional USD 1 million in aid for the victims and to help devastated communities recover. The visit came the week after the Philippines and reached a temporary arrangement to prevent clashes around the Philippine-occupied Second

Thomas Shoal like the violent faceoff between their forces on June 17. Philippine forces transported food and other supplies and a fresh batch of navy personnel Saturday to Manila's territorial outpost at the shoal without a confrontation were reported for the first time since last year. But the Philippines would continue strengthening its territorial defence with the assistance of the US and other friendly military powers and build new security alliances, Philippine Ambassador to the US Jose Manuel Romualdez said. "The non-confrontational resupply and rotation is purely temporary. The People's Republic of China will not stop and we are determined just as well," Romualdez told The

Associated Press. The USD 500 million in US military financing would include funding for reinforcing the Philippine navy's capability. About USD 125 million would be used for construction and other improvements in parts of Philippine military bases to be occupied by US forces under the 2014 Enhanced Defence Cooperation Agreement, Romualdez said. With strong support in Congress, US military funding may double next year "depending on our capacity to absorb it", Romualdez said. Progress in negotiations on a proposed military intelligence-sharing pact, the General Security of Military Information Agreement was announced by Austin, who

said that the accord may be signed later this year. The agreement, similar to ones Washington has forged with other allied countries, would allow the US to provide high-level intelligence, more sophisticated weapons, including missile systems, and access to satellite and drone surveillance systems to the Philippines with an assurance that such intelligence and details about sophisticated weapons would be closely kept secret in a highly secured manner to prevent leaks, two Philippine officials told the AP, speaking on condition of anonymity because of a lack of authority to discuss the issue publicly. Philippine efforts to obtain sophisticated weapons from the US military in the past have been hampered by the lack of

such an intelligence deal. In his meeting with Blinken and Austin, Marcos alluded to the intense political divisions in the US ahead of the presidential elections this year. "I'm a bit surprised considering how interesting your political situation has become back in the States, but I'm glad that you found the time to come and visit with us," Marcos said. Meanwhile, Romualdez said that US support to the Philippines would "absolutely" not change regardless of who becomes America's next president. Numerous countries have expressed concerns about the implications of former President Donald Trump returning to the White House in January after President Joe Biden withdrew and threw his support to Vice President

Kamala Harris. "Both Republicans and Democrats are in full agreement for the Philippines," he said, adding that both sides have given assurances of continued support to Manila. Marcos approved last year an expansion of the US military presence in four more Philippine military camps under the 2014 defense agreement, and the largest war drills between Filipino and US forces have been staged under his administration, drawing opposition and alarm from China, which said that increased deployments of American forces would endanger regional peace and security. The Philippines has responded that it has the right to move to safeguard its territorial interests and national security.

Imran Khan hints willingness to talk with army

PTI ■ ISLAMABAD

Pakistan's beleaguered former prime minister Imran Khan on Tuesday signalled willingness to hold talks with the powerful army after finding himself at a blind alley due to scores of cases slapped on him, his wife and senior party leaders. While talking to journalists inside the Adiala Jail in Rawalpindi on the sidelines of a hearing of a case against him, Khan, 71, expressed his desire for dialogue with the military, clarifying that he never accused the establishment but offered constructive criticism. The cricketer-turned-politician likened the military to a spoiled child in a household, explaining that just as a wayward child is critiqued, the military was criticised and that criticism is the essence of democracy. The Express Tribune reported. This comes as Khan's wife Bushra Bibi was on Tuesday named as a suspect in 11 cases, including the attack on the army headquarters on May 9 last year. The Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) founder also approached an Anti-Terrorism Court and sought bail in 12 cases linked

to last year's May 9 riots. The Pakistan Army, which has ruled the coup-prone country for years, has wielded considerable power in matters of politics, security and foreign policy. Khan, who is currently on judicial remand in all the cases, claims that there is no recovery to be made from him. He argues that the cases are based on malice and are a form of political retaliation against him. The May 9 riots in 2023 were triggered nationwide after Khan was arrested by the National Accountability Bureau (NAB) in a 190-million-pound corruption case. He faces over 200 cases and has been in jail since August last year. Khan has been imprisoned at the high-security Adiala Jail in Rawalpindi for almost a year upon his conviction in multiple cases. His wife Bushra Bibi is also jailed along with him. When questioned about his recent statements suggesting a desire to reconcile with the military despite previously leveling accusations against it, Khan emphasised he never made accusations, only criticisms. He insisted that no one should teach them that the military has never made mistakes.

B'desh to ban fundamentalist Jamaat following unrest

PTI ■ DHAKA

The Bangladesh government on Tuesday decided to ban the Jamaat-e-Islami following the deadly nationwide students' protests over quotas in government jobs, accusing the fundamentalist party of exploiting the movement that left at least 150 people dead. The development to ban the Jamaat-e-Islami from Wednesday comes a day after a meeting of the ruling Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina's Awami League-led 14-party alliance passed a resolution that Jamaat, an ally of former prime minister Khaleda Zia Bangladesh National Party (BNP), must be banned from politics. "God willing... the decision (of banning Jamaat) will be announced tomorrow," Law Minister Anisul Haq told newsmen at his office on Tuesday, adding it would be an "executive order" that will ban the Jamaat-e-Islami, a party founded in 1941 in undivided India under British rule. The students, who waged protests during the anti-quota movement, said they had no link to the violence while evidence was there that Jamaat, its student wing Islami Chhatra Shibir, former prime minister Khaleda Zia's Bangladesh National Party (BNP), and militant party of its students front, Chhatra Dal, carried out the mayhem, the minister claimed.

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina's ruling Awami League's (AL) general secretary Obaidul Quader, meanwhile, said the government would thoroughly examine legal aspects before banning Jamaat-Shibir to block any possible legal loophole, which could be exploited by "this extremist group" to engage in politics in Bangladesh. For the sake of the country, the 14-party alliance has decided to ban Jamaat-Shibir to eliminate anti-national evil forces, Quader said. Quader, also the Road Transport Minister, said that Jamaat and BNP used students as "shields" during the movement while "the government is aware of the sources of their instructions, incitements, and funding." Violence gripped Bangladesh for almost the entire of July when the protests that had started in universities and colleges earlier this month, quickly turned into a widespread agitation against Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina and her government's policies. The government called in the army to quell protests against job quotas after the unrest left at least 150 dead and several thousand people, including policemen, wounded and major government installations damaged. Meanwhile, the ruling Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina's Awami League-led 14-party alliance leaders held a meeting with Hasina in the chair and



Military personnel stand guard in front of a large cutout portrait of Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina during the national mourning day, declared by the Bangladesh government to remember victims of the recent countrywide deadly clashes, in Dhaka, Bangladesh, on Tuesday, July 30. AP/PTI

Mourning for 150 people killed in violence

Dhaka (PTI): Bangladesh on Tuesday observed a national day of mourning for the 150 people killed in the recent anti-government violence, amid calls for the unconditional release of six coordinators of the quota reform movement within 24 hours. It was on Monday that the Bangladesh government, for the first time, officially acknowledged that 150 people were killed across the country during the students' unrest over the quota system. Nationwide mourning was observed today recalling those who were killed during the quota reform movement. On this day, black badges were worn and prayers were organised in all mosques. Besides, special prayers will be offered in all temples, churches and pagodas across the country, media reports said. Violence gripped Bangladesh for days when the protests that had started in universities and colleges, quickly turned into a widespread agitation against Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina and her government's policies. The government called in the army to quell protests against job quotas after the unrest left several thousand people, including policemen, wounded and major government installations damaged.

China reports 7 more deaths from torrential rains; toll rises to 22

Beijing (AP): Torrential rains have left at least seven people dead and three others missing in southeastern China, state media said on Tuesday, raising the death toll from a tropical storm to 22. All the deaths have been in Hunan province. Heavy rains have been falling on eastern Hunan for days as Tropical Storm Gaemi moved inland after making landfall at typhoon strength in neighbouring Fujian province on the Chinese coast. Four deaths and three missing people were reported in four villages in Xizing city, the official Xinhua News Agency said. The rain has damaged hundreds of homes in the city and prompted the evacuation of more than 11,000 people, Xinhua said. The bodies of three other missing people were found in a vil-

lage in a nearby city, state broadcaster CCTV said in an online report. They were victims of a sudden mudslide caused by the rain, according to CCTV. The seven deaths are in an area south of a summertime tourist region where a mudslide killed 15 people and injured six others after barreling into a homestay house Sunday morning. Elsewhere in Hunan, the rains breached dikes on two sections of the Juanshui River on Sunday in Xiangtan county, and more than 3,000 people were evacuated, Xinhua said. One of the breaches had been resealed on Monday afternoon. Tropical Storm Gaemi also brought heavy rain to northeastern China and North Korea, swelling the Yalu River, which divides the two countries.

Pak ex-PM seeks bail in 12 terrorism cases

PTI ■ LAHORE/ISLAMABAD

Jailed former prime minister Jand Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) founder Imran Khan has approached an Anti-Terrorism Court here seeking bail in 12 cases linked to last year's May 9 riots, a media report said on Tuesday. The 71-year-old former cricketer-turned-politician's legal team, led by lawyer Salman Saffar, has filed the petitions, the Express Tribune reported on Tuesday. Khan, who is currently on judicial remand in all the cases, claims that there is no recovery to be made from him. He argues that the cases are based on malice and are a form of political retaliation against him. The petitions request the court to grant post-arrest bail in these cases. Recently, the Lahore High Court (LHC) provided major relief to Khan by declaring his physical remand in several

May 9 cases null and void. LHC division bench comprising Justices Tariq Saleem and Anwarul Haq had passed the order on petitions filed by Khan challenging the ATC's decision to approve his physical remand in the cases related to the May 9 violence. After hearing the arguments of the prosecutor general and Khan's counsel, the LHC set aside the anti-terrorism court's decision to grant his physical remand noting that he will remain in judicial custody in these cases. The May 9 riots in 2023 were triggered nationwide after Khan was arrested by the National Accountability Bureau (NAB) in a 190-million-pound corruption case. He faces over 200 cases and has been in jail since August last year. Khan has been imprisoned at the high-security Adiala Jail in Rawalpindi for almost a year upon his conviction multiple in cases. His wife Bushra Bibi is

also jailed along with him. Though Khan had secured bail on his conviction was set aside, he has not been released. Khan was arrested on August 5 last year after his conviction in the first Toshakhana corruption case filed by the Election Commission of Pakistan. Since then, he has been kept in jail in various cases. The PTI believes he is being arrested in more cases at the behest of the powerful military establishment to make sure that he does not come out of jail. BUSHRA BIBI NAMED AS SUSPECT IN 11 CASES Bushra Bibi, the wife of Imran Khan, has been named as a suspect in 11 cases, including the attack on the army headquarters on May 9 last year, the Rawalpindi district police informed the Islamabad High Court on Tuesday. The Rawalpindi police presented a report in the IHC, pro-

viding details of the cases filed against 49-year-old Bushra, who has been incarcerated in the Adiala Jail of Rawalpindi along with her husband. The court had ordered authorities to provide details of the cases registered against her. During the hearing, the National Accountability Bureau (NAB) prosecutor also submitted a response according to the court's order, revealing that four cases have been registered against her with NAB, including three in Rawalpindi and one in Lahore. Though Rawalpindi and Islamabad police and NAB submitted their responses, the Federal Investigation Agency (FIA) and Balochistan police have not come up with the details of the cases against Bibi. The IHC issued fresh notices to the FIA and Balochistan police to come up with details by Monday and adjourned the case until then.

Gunmen open fire on vehicle carrying UN staff in Pakistan, no casualties

Dera Ismail Khan (AP): Unidentified gunmen opened fire on a bulletproof vehicle carrying local staff working for a UN development agency in Pakistan's volatile northwest bordering Afghanistan on Tuesday, but no one was harmed, police said. The attack on the vehicle of the United Nations Office for Project Services happened in Dera Ismail Khan, a district in the Khyber, said Abdul Salam, who is the district police chief there. He said all the people were traveling in the vehicle are safe. Salam said police have launched a search to trace and arrest those involved in the assault. No one immediately claimed responsibility and the Pakistani Taliban in a statement said they were not behind the

attack. Pakistan has witnessed a surge in militant attacks, mostly in the northwest, in recent years. Authorities have blamed the Pakistani Taliban for such previous attacks on security forces and civilians. The insurgents, known as Tehrik-e-Taliban Pakistan or TTP, are a separate group but are an ally of the Afghan Taliban. The group has been emboldened since the Afghan Taliban seized power in Afghanistan in 2021.

How two Syrians in Rome using hummus to aid war refugees and help migrants integrate

Rome (AP): A pair of Syrians have created a community that provides support to migrants and vulnerable people in Rome, by sharing the flavours of a homeland torn by civil war. Founded in 2018 as a "humanitarian catering service", HummusTown was originally aimed at raising funds for families and friends in Syria. It has since grown into a successful small business that has shifted from sending remittances to helping new migrants integrate in Italy, all the while gaining a steady following on Rome's gastronomic scene. As the Syrian war continued to rage, Shaza Saker, a long-time UN employee living in Rome, and Joumana Farho, who was working as her cook, wanted to find a way to help people at home. Farho, 48, brought her "divine" cooking, while Saker,

49, networked. "I told her: Let's start inviting people over for dinner... and whatever we make out of these dinners we'll just send to Syria," Saker said. "My house had become a bit of, you know, a restaurant, a home restaurant. But it was fun. We felt useful." The non-profit that started with 45,000 euros (USD 48,670) raised through crowdfunding now employs 13 full-time and 10 part-time staff at its kitchen kiosk near Rome's train station and a small bistro, with plans to open a restaurant. The expanded group now also organizes cooking classes, cultural events and summer aperitifs, as well as catering for events in the Italian capital. Each month, they donate food to the homeless and last year they raised 40,000 euros for victims of the earthquakes that struck Syria on February 6,

2023 with the loss of thousands of lives. As more refugees arrived in Rome, the two shifted their focus to providing Syrian asylum-seekers with work and a support network, eventually expanding their mission to all vulnerable people, including Italians. They include Mayyada al-Amrani, a Palestinian woman who fled Gaza with her eldest daughter, who is getting treatment for cancer. She spends her days rolling traditional spiced rice into grape leaves, working alongside four other cooks of Syrian and Palestinian origin. While she is able to earn money to help support herself and her daughter in Italy, she worries about her five other children back in Gaza, the youngest not yet 9 months old. "They are surviving," she said. "They struggle and suffer mostly from (lack of) water."

White House says no need to restrict 'open-source' AI

AP ■ WASHINGTON

The White House is coming out in favor of "open-source" artificial intelligence technology, arguing in a report Tuesday that there's no need right now for restrictions on companies making key components of their powerful AI systems widely available. "We recognize the importance of open systems," said Alan Davidson, an assistant secretary of the US Commerce Department, in an interview with The Associated Press. As part of a sweeping executive order on AI last year, President Joe Biden gave the US Commerce Department until July to talk to experts and come back with recommendations on how to manage the potential benefits and risks of so-called

open models. The term "open-source" comes from a decades-old practice of building software in which the code is free or widely accessible for anyone to examine, modify and build upon. However, open-source AI development involves more than just code and computer scientists differ on how to define it depending on which components of the technology are publicly available, and if there are restrictions limiting its use. The report is the US government's first to delve into a tech industry debate between developers such as ChatGPT-maker OpenAI advocating closing off their models' inner workings to guard against misuse, and others, such as Meta Platforms CEO Mark Zuckerberg, who have lobbied for a more open approach they say favors inno-

vation. "A year ago, there was a strong narrative about risk and long-term concerns about AI systems being too powerful," said Davidson, administrator of the National Telecommunications and Information Administration. "We continue to have concerns about AI safety, but this report reflects a more balanced view that shows that there are real benefits in the openness of these technologies." The NTIA's report says "current evidence is not sufficient" to warrant restrictions on AI models with "widely available weights." Weights are numerical values that influence how an AI model performs. But it also says US officials must continue to monitor potential dangers and "take steps to ensure that the government is prepared to act if heightened risks emerge."

'Russia-North Korea defence deal is risky for the world'

Seoul (AP): Australia's foreign minister said on Tuesday the recent defence deal between North Korea and Russia was "destabilising" and "risky for the world," after she visited the tense border village shared by North and South Korea on Tuesday. In June, North Korean leader Kim Jong Un and Russian President Vladimir Putin signed a pact stipulating mutual military assistance if either country is attacked, deepening worries about the expanding ties between the countries. The US and its partners have steadfastly accused North Korea of supplying much-needed conventional arms to Russia for its war in Ukraine in return for military and economic assistance. "I also want to say something about the security pact between North Korea and Russia. And say again, this is destabilising. This is risky for the world and

again we say Russia is behaving in ways which are not conducive to peace but are escalatory," Australian Foreign Minister Penny Wong told reporters.

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Sensex, Nifty rise for 3rd day on gains by Tata Motors, HDFC Bank

PTI ■ MUMBAI

Benchmark equity indices Sensex and Nifty eked out gains in volatile trade to settle at record high levels on Tuesday, extending their gaining streak to the third day on the back of buying in Tata Motors and HDFC Bank.

The 30-share BSE Sensex closed higher by 99.56 points or 0.12 per cent at 81,455.40 - its all-time closing high - with 16 of its components advancing and 14 ending lower. The index opened higher and jumped 459.43 points or 0.56 per cent to hit an intra-day high of 81,815.27. The NSE Nifty edged up 21.20 points or 0.09 per cent to settle at an all-time closing high of 24,857.30. During the day, it surged 135.65 points or 0.54 per cent to 24,971.75. The index hit a low of 24,798.65. "The domestic market ended flat, due to by-profit-booking at higher levels. However, the expectation of dovish comments from the US Fed and BoE in the upcoming policy meetings this week is



supporting the optimism," Vinod Nair, Head of Research, Geojit Financial Services said. Despite heavy volatility, the combined market valuation of all BSE-listed companies hit the USD 5.50-trillion (Rs 460 lakh crore) milestone for the first time. From the Sensex pack, Tata Motors, NTPC, Bajaj Finserv, Power Grid Corp, Titan, Asian Paints, IndusInd Bank, Maruti Suzuki India and Tata Steel were among the biggest gainers. Sun Pharmaceuticals, ITC,

Hindustan Unilever, Bharti Airtel, UltraTech Cement and Reliance Industries were among the laggards. In the broader market, the BSE smallcap gauge jumped 0.88 per cent and the midcap index climbed 0.27 per cent. During the day, both indices hit their all-time high level. Among the indices, Utilities surged 1.97 per cent, Power bounced 1.49 per cent, Consumer durables rallied 1.15 per cent, oil & gas by 0.73 per cent and consumer discretionary by 0.72 per cent.

FMCG, healthcare, IT and Teck were the laggards. CAMS shares closed over 9 per cent higher at Rs 4,692.20 per piece ahead of June quarter results that are scheduled to be released this Friday. On Tuesday, shares of Tata Motors closed higher by 3 per cent on the BSE. During the day, it advanced 4.9 per cent to hit its 52-week high of Rs 1,179.05 apiece. The company's market valuation jumped by Rs 12,843.07 crore to Rs 3,86,408.44 crore. Also, shares of transmission and distribution structure manufacturing company Skipper settled over 9 per cent higher at Rs 403.75 apiece after the company reported a consolidated net profit of Rs 32.42 crore in Q1 FY25. NTPC, Power Grid, Strides Pharma Science and Colgate-Palmolive shares also hit 52-week highs on the bourse. In Asian markets, Seoul, Tokyo, Shanghai and Hong Kong settled in the negative territory. European markets were trading on a mixed note. The US markets closed higher on Monday.

India's gold demand dips 5% to 149.7 tonnes in June quarter on high prices, says WGC

PTI ■ MUMBAI

India's gold demand declined 5 per cent to 149.7 tonnes during the June quarter, due to record high prices, the World Gold Council (WGC) said in a report on Tuesday. The gold demand stood at 158.1 tonnes during the corresponding quarter of the previous calendar year, WGC's 'Q2 2024 Gold Demand Trends' report said. However, in value terms, gold demand increased 17 per cent during the second quarter at Rs 93,850 crore, compared to Rs 82,530 crore in the same period of the previous year. Prices during the April-June quarter soared, with the cost of 24-carat gold crossing Rs 74,000 per 10 grams. The average price of gold during the April-June period in US dollar terms was USD 2,338.2, compared to USD 1,975.9 in the same period of 2023. The average quarterly price in rupee terms was Rs 62,700.5, compared to Rs 52,191.6 in the same period last year (excluding import duty and GST), WGC said. "India's gold demand softened slightly in the second quarter of 2024,



reaching 149.7 tonnes, down 5 per cent year-on-year. This can be attributed to record-high gold prices impacting affordability and causing a slowdown in consumer purchases. However, the overall value of demand remained strong, increasing by 14 per cent, highlighting gold's enduring value for Indian consumers," said Sachin Jain, WGC Regional CEO, India. Further, the report said the total jewellery demand in India declined 17 per cent to 106.5 tonnes during the quarter compared to 128.6 tonnes in the corresponding period of the last year. Total investment demand increased 46 per cent in the second quarter at 43.1 tonnes

in comparison to 29.5 tonnes in the same period of last year, said the report. The WGC report further stated that recycled gold in India during the quarter under review dipped 39 per cent to 23 tonnes, compared to 37.6 tonnes in Q2 2023. Total gold imports in India during the April-June quarter were 196.9 tonnes, which is 8 per cent more compared to 182.3 tonnes in the same period of last year. Jain said jewellery demand felt the pressure of high prices, declining 17 per cent to 107 tonnes due to high local prices, the general election and a severe heatwave. "While festivals like Akshaya Tritiya and Gudi Padwa

provided a temporary boost, record high prices continued to dampen consumer sentiment," he added. However, he said, investment demand surged 46 per cent to 43.1 tonnes, its highest second-quarter level since 2014 driven by expectations of further price appreciation and safe-haven buying. Bucking global trends, India's gold recycling fell 39 per cent to 23 tonnes, as consumers opted to exchange old jewellery for new rather than cashing in. This indicates limited distress selling and highlights gold's enduring role as a store of value in India, he noted. "Looking ahead, the recent 9 per cent reduction in import duty on gold is expected to revive the gold demand in the July quarter ahead of the main festive season that begins from September, which could be further boosted by a healthy monsoon. India's economic outlook too remains positive, with strong GDP forecasts and rural sector recovery are all likely to support demand in the second half of the year. Our forecast for full-year demand is between 700 to 750 tonnes," Jain added.

Indian Bank eyes recovery of ₹7,000 crore this financial year: MD & CEO

PTI ■ CHENNAI

Public sector Indian Bank has targeted to recover about Rs 7,000 crore during the current financial year, a top official said on Tuesday. The bank has also received the approval from the Reserve Bank of India and shareholders to raise Rs 5,000 crore which would be decided at an opportune time, the bank's Managing Director and CEO Shanti Lal Jain said here. The city-headquartered Indian Bank has reported a 41 per cent jump in its net profit to Rs 2,403 crore for the April-June 2024 quarter due to a decline in bad loans. It had earned a net profit of Rs 1,709 crore in the corresponding quarter of last year. "Last time, we recovered about Rs 8,700-Rs 8,800 crore. But what happens is slowly, this number may come down and this time we have planned that we will be making a recovery of around Rs 7,000 crore," Jain told reporters. Elaborating, he said recovery of Rs 7,000 crore for a financial year comes to Rs 1,750 per quarter and the bank in April-June 2024 quarter recovered Rs 1,937 crore. He said the recovery

would be more than the slippages during the current financial year. According to bank officials, the slippage ratio contained to 1.50 per cent in June 2024 as compared to 1.57 per cent in June 2023. On fund raising, Jain said the bank's capital adequacy is 16.47 per cent and with the net profit of Rs 2,403 crore for the April-June 2024 quarter has been added, the capital adequacy ratio is 17.08 per cent. "Point is, the bank is adequately capitalised. Basically, the bank is able to take care of capital needs. We have Board of Directors approval, Shareholders approval to raise Rs 5,000 crore through equity and Rs 2,000 crore through Tier II Bonds and Rs 5,000 crore of infra bonds during this financial year," he said. "That approval is with us and at the opportune time within the financial year we will take a call on this," he said. To a query on how much the bank was looking to recover through ARC, he said last year the bank made about Rs 464 crore and this financial year also it would be around Rs 400 crore of recovery. To another query, he said the bank opened about 77

branches last year and this year they have planned to open 100 branches. Jain said the bank was focused on delivering value-added and suitable solutions with the smart use of technology to customers "Through a combination of cutting-edge technology and personalised service, we aim to simplify banking, making it more accessible, convenient and secure" he said. He said the bank has launched its omni-channel banking application INDSMART — which offers a wide range of services including banking services and e-shopping facilities to customers. This application has several features like integrated bill payment, e-shopping, business planner providing a seamless and enriched experience for customers, he said. Customers would also be able to avail loan facilities or open fixed deposits and savings accounts through the application, he said. Indian Bank made a business of Rs 36,678 crore through digital channels in April-June 2024 quarter. Mobile banking users grew by 33 per cent year over year reaching 1.75 crore customers.

Paytm sees no impact of lowering of UPI incentives on its path to profitability

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Fintech firm One97 Communications, which owns Paytm brand, sees no impact of lower incentives earmarked by the government in the budget for promoting small ticket digital transactions, a top official of the company said. Speaking on the sidelines of launching "Card NFC Soundbox" machine, Paytm CEO Vijay Shekhar Sharma denied any impact of lower allocation of incentives to promote small ticket digital transactions on his guidance over profitability this fiscal year. "We remain committed to doing the same (achieve a profitable quarter in this fiscal) because we already said without UPI incentive," Sharma said. The government has lowered incentive allocation for Rupay and UPI transactions by about 42 per cent in the budget. Sharma during the company's earnings call had given guidance to achieve a profitable quarter during the current fiscal. "My team and we are also committed to making sure that we go back to profitable



quarters very, very soon. We are hoping and working on making sure that we deliver at least one profitable quarter in this financial year as soon as we are able to see a lot more clarity coming our way," Sharma had said. Paytm had reported widening of loss to Rs 840 crore in the quarter ended June 30, 2024. The company had posted a loss of Rs 358.4 crore in the same period a year ago. Consolidated revenue declined 33.48 per cent to Rs 1,639.1 crore during the quarter, from Rs 2,464.2 crore in the same period a year ago. While discussing Paytm's Card NFC Soundbox, which clubs card-based payment along with QR code-based payments, Sharma said the new device covers a very niche segment and is in line with the company's intent to cover every use case in the payment segment.

Check for 'wilful default' in NPA accounts exceeding ₹25 lakh, RBI urges banks

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The RBI on Tuesday issued a Master Direction on the Treatment of Wilful Defaulters and Large Defaulters under which banks and NBFCs will have to examine the 'wilful default' aspect in all non-performing asset accounts with outstanding amounts of Rs 25 lakh and above. A lender will identify and classify a person as a 'wilful defaulter' by following a specified procedure. The evidence of wilful default will be examined by an identification committee, according to the direction. "Wilful defaulter" means a borrower or a guarantor who has committed wilful default, and the outstanding amount is Rs 25 lakh and above. "The lender shall examine the 'wilful default' aspect in all NPA accounts with an outstanding amount of Rs 25 lakh and above...From time to time," it said. If a wilful default is observed in the internal preliminary screening, the lenders will complete the process of classification/declaring the borrower as a wilful defaulter within six months of the account being classified as



NPA. The Master Direction further said the lenders should formulate a non-discriminatory board-approved policy that clearly sets out the criteria based on which the photographs of persons classified and declared as wilful defaulters shall be published. "No additional credit facility shall be granted by any lender to a wilful defaulter or any entity with which a wilful defaulter is associated," it added. The bar on the additional credit facility to a wilful defaulter or any entity with which a wilful defaulter is associated would be effective for one year after the name of the wilful defaulter has been

removed from the List of Wilful Defaulters (LWD) by the lender. The RBI said the primary objective of the directions is to provide for a non-discriminatory and transparent procedure, having regard to the principles of natural justice, for classifying a borrower as a wilful defaulter by the lenders. The directions also aim to put in place a system to disseminate credit information about wilful defaulters for cautioning lenders to ensure that further institutional finance is not made available to them, the Reserve Bank said. These directions will be effective after 90 days.

Sebi returns IPO documents of Vishal Mega Mart, Avanse Financial Services, 2 others

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Sebi has returned the IPO Sdraft documents of four firms, including supermarket major Vishal Mega Mart, education-focused NBFC Avanse Financial Services and private equity major TPG Capital-backed Sai Life Sciences, an update with the regulator showed on Tuesday. Additionally, the offer document of BMW Ventures was returned too. The company's initial public offering (IPO) papers were received by Sebi on July 1. The Securities and Exchange Board of India (Sebi) has returned the offer documents of these four companies for "non-compliance with Regulation 7(1) (a) of Sebi ICDR Regulations, 2018, as on July 24, 2024". According to the Regulation 7(1) (a) of Sebi ICDR Regulations, an issuer making an initial public offer shall ensure that it has made an application to one or more stock exchanges to seek an in-principle approval for listing of its specified securities on such stock exchanges and has chosen one of them as the designated stock exchange. Vishal Mega Mart, on July 12, took the confidential filing route to submit its draft papers with the markets regulator. Avanse Financial Services



filed its draft papers in June to raise Rs 3,500 crore through IPO. The proposed initial share sale comprised a fresh issue of equity shares of up to Rs 1,000 crore and an offer for sale (OFS) of up to Rs 2,500 crore by the selling shareholders, according to the draft red herring prospectus (DRHP). The company, promoted by Olive Vine Investment Ltd, an affiliate of private equity major Warburg Pincus, proposed to use the funds to increase its capital base for future needs. Sai Life Sciences' proposed IPO consisted of a fresh issue of equity shares worth Rs 800 crore and an OFS of 6.15 crore shares by a promoter, investor shareholders and other shareholders, as per the draft papers. Under the OFS, one of the promoter entities — Sai Quest Syn Pvt Ltd — and investor shareholders — TPG Asia VII SP Fte Ltd, HBM Private Equity India — were proposed to partly offload their respective stakes.

Construction firms in India adopting digital tech to optimise internal processes: Study

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Construction companies in India are increasingly adopting digital technologies to assist project delivery, optimise internal processes and overcome the impact of industry challenges such as growing raw material costs and labour costs, a study has said. Indian companies are exploring a range of newer technologies aiding all the facets of the business including data analytics, construction wearables, prefabrication and modular construction (57 per cent), as well as the integration of cloud software and mobile applications to streamline and manage projects efficiently, it said. Autodesk, Inc recently announced the launch of the second edition of its State of Digital Adoption in the Construction Industry 2024 report in collaboration with Deloitte. The report is based on insights from 933 construction firms across six markets including Singapore, Australia, Japan, India, Malaysia and Hong Kong. Businesses were asked about their use of 16 digital technologies, and the number of technologies that were indicated in use counted. The average number of technologies in use was 5.3, with responses covering the whole range from 0 to 16.



Indian companies surpassed their counterparts from markets such as Australia, Japan, and Singapore in terms of investments in newer technologies with 28 per cent of their business expenditure on average being directed towards integrating newer technologies. Further, robotics and automated systems were identified as the technology most planned for by Indian businesses followed by augmented and virtual reality and artificial intelligence (AI) and machine learning (ML). "While challenges like increasing prices of raw materials and growing competition persist in the Indian market, its current strong economic state and steady outlook for the forthcoming years, as reported by the IME, have provided a congenial

atmosphere for businesses to evaluate and adopt newer technologies, and consequently lead the Asia Pacific market in terms of investments in transformational technologies. "Indian businesses have aptly recognized this phase as the ideal time to leverage digital technologies to identify newer growth pockets, usher in efficiencies throughout project lifecycles and give them a competitive edge," said Sumit Oberoi, Senior Industry Strategist, Asia Pacific at Autodesk. "Priority areas for construction businesses to improve digital adoption include starting small, selecting a digital champion, tracking a range of success measures, and asking whether your business is AI ready," he added.

Premier Energies, PN Gadgil Jewellers, 2 others get Sebi's go-ahead to float IPOs

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Four companies, including Premier Energies Ltd and P N Gadgil Jewellers Ltd, have received Sebi's go-ahead to raise funds through Initial Public Offerings (IPOs), an update with the markets regulator showed on Tuesday. The other two firms that obtained the regulator's clearance to float initial share sales are -- Ecos India Mobility and Hospitality Ltd and KRN Heat Exchanger and Refrigeration Ltd. The four companies, which filed their preliminary IPO papers between March and April, obtained Sebi's observation letters during July 22-26. In Sebi's parlance, obtaining the observation letters means it's going ahead to float the public issue. According to the Draft Red Herring Prospectus (DRHP), solar cell company Premier Energies' proposed IPO is a combination of a fresh issue of equity shares worth Rs 1,500 crore and an Offer For Sale (OFS) of up to 2.82 crore shares by a promoter and investors. Under the OFS component, South Asia Growth Fund II Holdings LLC will divest 2.38 crore equity shares, South Asia EBT Trust will divest 1.53 lakh equity shares, and promoter Chiranjeev Singh Saluja will sell 42 lakh equity shares.



Proceeds from the fresh issue of Rs 1,168 crore will be used for investing in subsidiary Premier Energies Global Environment Private Ltd, to partially finance the establishment of a 4GW solar PV TOPCon (tunnel oxide passivated contact) cell and 4GW solar PV TOPCon module manufacturing facility in Hyderabad, and the remainder will be allocated towards general corporate purposes. The Rs 1,100-crore IPO of jewellery retail chain P N Gadgil Jewellers Ltd is a combination of a fresh issue of equity shares worth up to Rs 850 crore and an OFS of equity shares to the tune of Rs 250 crore by a promoter SVG Business Trust, according to the draft prospectus. Of the IPO proceeds of Rs 850 crore, a total of Rs 387 crore will be utilised for the funding of expenditure towards setting up 12 new stores in Maharashtra, Rs

300 crore for payment of a debt, besides a portion will also be used for general corporate purposes. Chauffeur-driven mobility provider Ecos (India) Mobility & Hospitality Ltd's maiden public issue is entirely an OFS of 1.8 crore equity shares by promoters - Rajesh Loomba and Aditya Loomba - with no fresh issue component. At present, promoters and promoter group entities hold a 100 per cent stake in the company. Since it is an OFS, the Delhi-based firm will not receive any proceeds from the IPO and the money will go to the promoters selling shares. KRN Heat Exchanger's initial paper was filed in January 2024 comprising entirely a fresh issue of 1.93 crore equity shares with no OFS component. Later, the company filed updated papers in late March with revised issue size. Going by the draft papers filed in March, the company's proposed IPO comprises a fresh issue of size of 1.6 crore equity shares. Funds will be used for investment in wholly-owned subsidiary KRN HVAC Products for setting up a new manufacturing facility at Neemrana, Alwar, in Rajasthan. All the four companies will be listed on the BSE and NSE.

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CHANGE OF NAME

I Manta D/O No. 4547772k Late-NK- Such Pal Resident Of Vill. - Sangar Po-Dhariwal Tehsil And District Gurdaspur, Punjab That I Declare Changed My Name From Manta To Mamta Rani And Date Of Birth From 20/01/1995 To 26/12/1993 In My Father Army Record.

I Shifali W/o Rajeev Masih R/O Village Dial Bhatti PO Gaggio Mahal Tehsil Ajnala (Amritsar) have changed my name to Shifali Shifali. Concerned note.

I Harpreet Singh Sidhu S/O Gurcharan Singh R/O Vpo. Kaunka Kalan (Ludhiana) Have Changed Minor Son's Name Gurcharan Singh Sidhu To Gurkaran Singh.

I Jaswinder Singh Sangha S/O Manmohan Singh R/O Daroli Bhat Distt. Moga Changed Minor Daughter's Name Parimeen Kaur To Parimeen Kaur Sangha.

I Ravinder Kaur S/O Hamek Singh Barw R/O Vill. Phidda Kalan P.O. Wander Jatana Faridkot Punjab Have Changed My Name To Ravinder Kaur Barw.

I Jagroop Bhullar S/O Jugraj Singh R/O Vill. Phidda Kalan, P.O. Wander Jatana, Faridkot Punjab Have Changed My Name To Hamek Singh Barw.

I Balraj Singh Sahota S/O Pargat Singh Sahota R/O Vpo. Daffar Tehsil Dasuya District Hoshiarpur Have Changed My Name To Balraj Singh.

I Ranjeet Singh S/O Udho Ram R/O Village Malazara P.O. Chagran Distt. Hoshiarpur 146001 Have Changed My Name From Ranjeet Singh To Ranjit Singh.

I Aarshpreet D/O Pardeep Singh R/O Vill. Simbri P.O. Mehtiana District Hoshiarpur Punjab 146001 Have Changed My Name From Aarshpreet To Aarshpreet Jhutti.

I Sarabdeep Kaur D/O Harbansh Singh W/O Kashmir Singh R/O Vpo. Cheema Khundi, Tehsil Batala Gurdaspur, Punjab Have Changed My Name To Saranjit Kaur.

I Reena Devi, W/o Amrit Lal, R/O village Jyotisar, Mundakheda Road, Post Office Jyotisar, Tehsil Thanesar, District Kurukshetra, have changed my name from Reena Devi to Reena Rani. In future, I should be known as Reena Rani.

मैं, जोगिन्दर सिंह पुत्र लक्ष्मण दास निवासी गाँव कुराही जिला करनाल पोस्ट ओफिस दरद का रहने वाला हू। मैंने अपना नाम बदलकर जोगिन्दर पातल रख लिया है। भविष्य के लिए सभी उद्देश्यों के लिए मुझे जोगिन्दर पातल के नाम से ही जाना जाए।

I Gurmeeto W/o Pambu Ram R/O H.No. 27 VPO Siwan Majra Tehsil Barara Ambala that I have changed my name from Gurmeeto to Gurmeet Kaur. Concerned note.

I Amrik S/o Pambu Ram R/O H.No. 27 VPO Siwan Majra Tehsil Barara Ambala that I have changed my name from Amrik to Ram Amrik and surname to Ram. Concerned note

I Mahesh Chandr Kulshrestha S/o Late Mijaji Lal Kulshrestha R/O 65/161 Tophkana Parade Ambala Cantt distt. Ambala that in my in my son Sumit Kumar Kulshrestha Pan Card No. FABPK5223HF my name is wrongly mentioned as Mahesh Chandra Kulshrestha but my actual name is Mahesh Chandr Kulshrestha. Concerned note

I Paramjit W/o Rajendra Kumar R/O Adhoyi Tehsil Barara distt. Ambala that I have changed my name from Paramjit to Paramjit Kaur. Concerned note

I Amar Nath S/o Mitru Mal R/O Mustafabad sub tehsil Saraswati Nagar Tehsil Jagadhri distt. Yamunanagar that I have changed my name from Amar Nath to Amar Nath Gupta. Concerned note

I Hajari Lal S/o Tara Chand Bansal R/O H.No. 20-A Raja Park Ambala Tehsil and distt. Ambala that I have changed my name from Hajari Lal to Hajari Lal Bansal. Concerned note

I Punam Kumari (Existing Name) W/o No. 649428Y Ex Sepoy Sunil S/O Rohtash Singh Resident Of Vpo Kahanaur, Tehsil Kalanaur, District Rohtak (Haryana) Have Changed My Name In My Husband's Army Records From Punam Kumari (Existing Name) To Poonam Devi (Proposed New Name) As Per My Aadhaar/ Pan Card & Matric Certificate. In Future I Shall May Be Known/Written And Called As Poonam Devi For All Work Purposes. Vide Affidavit Dated 30 July 2024 Before 1st Class Magistrate (Kalanaur) Rohtak

I No. 649428Y Ex Sepoy Sunil S/O Rohtash Singh Resident Of Vpo Kahanaur, Tehsil Kalanaur, District Rohtak (Haryana) Have Changed My Name In My Husband's Army Records From Punam Kumari (Existing Name) To Poonam Devi (Proposed New Name) As Per My Children Aadhaar Card & Matric Certificate. In Future My Children Shall May Be Known/Written And Called As Lucky Panwar (Daughter) Manav (Son) For All Work Purposes. Vide Affidavit Dated 30 July 2024 Before 1st Class Magistrate (Kalanaur) Rohtak

I, Asha Rani W/o Sunil Bhatela R/O Gausahala Wali Gali Sri Muktar Sahib have changed my name to Ashu Bhatela.

I, Atma Singh Galle S/O Gurdev Singh R/O Vpo. Kot Sukhia (Faridkot) have changed my name to Atma Singh.

I, Vinitha W/o Hara Kanta Nath R/O H.No. 222 Sec-11-A, (Chandigarh) have changed my name from Vinitha to Binitha Nath.

I, Ramandeep Kaur W/o Sukhjit Singh Dhaliwal R/O Vpo. Kalsian Teh-Raikot (Ludhiana) have changed my name to Ramandeep Kaur Dhaliwal.

I, Surinder Kaur W/o Gurcharan Singh, Village Dhanori, Teh Samana district Patiala, have Changed my name from Sinder Kaur to Surinder Kaur.

I Sukhraj Singh S/o Baldev Singh Dhaliwal Vpo Bhadaur Tehsil Tapa, Distt. Barnala have changed my name Sukhraj Singh Dhaliwal.

I, Army No-15345202Y Rank-Hav Name-Major Singh Presently Serving in Unit: 57 Engr Regt C/o 56 APO Permanent Address: Mohalla-Gurunank Pura, Post-Sunam Tehsil-Sunam Distt-Sangrur, State-Punjab-148028 Declare that I have changed My Daughter's Name from Reet Ravinder Kaur to Reet Ravinder Kaur to Reet Ravinder Kaur. Vide Affidavit No-54AA 510629, Dated:30/07/24

I, Army No-15564305W Rank-Hav Dinesh Yadav Resident of At Kelni, P.O-Gulni, Kushaha, P.S-Shambhuganj, Distt-Banka, State-Bihar, 813211 Declare That In My Father Service Record My Date Of Birth Wrongly Mentioned As 28-12-2002 But My Correct Date Of Birth Is 16/01/2002. Vide Affidavit No-54aa 510627, Dated: 30/07/24

I, Army No-15564305W Rank-Hav Dinesh Yadav Resident of At Kelni, P.O-Gulni, Kushaha, P.S- Shambhuganj, Distt-Banka, State- Bihar,813211 Declare that in my Army record my Son Alok Kumar Date of birth Wrongly Mentioned as 01/01/2008 but my son Correct Date of birth is 01-06-2010,Vide Affidavit No-54AA 510628, Dated-30-07-24.

I, Army No. Jc 677758H, Rank .Nb/sub, P Shivaji, My Daughter's name is wrongly mention in School record as Komal, but correct name is Komal Shivaji Pise.

I, Semol Kaur Mother of No.4481532K Hav Bajir Singh resident of Village- Kotra Lehal, Post- Lehra Gaga, Tehsil- Lehra Gaga, District- Sangrur, State- Punjab, Pin- 148031, have changed my name & DOB from 07 Aug 1965 to 01 Jan 1965 Vide affidavit No.IN-PB41031293309161W dated 30 July 2024 before notary public Pathankot.

I, No.JC-303549X Sub/Maj Pranab Chakrabarty resident of Village- Gangajal Ghati, Post-Gangajal Ghati, Tehsil- Gangajal Ghati, District- Bankura, State- West Bengal, Pin-722133, have changed my name & DOB from 07 Aug 1965 to 01 Jan 1965 Vide affidavit No.IN-PB41031293309161W dated 30 July 2024 before notary public Pathankot.

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I Karaj Singh Bhullar S/O Swaran Singh R/O Vill-Mattar Uttar Po. Ahmad Dhandi Dist Ferozepur have changed my name to Karaj Singh.

I, Alka W/O Vipin Jain R/O House No. 455, Sector-14, UE, Karnal Declare That I Have Changed My Name From Alka To Alka Jain. In Future I Will Be Known As Alka Jain.

I, Vipin Kumar S/O Mahinder Kumar Jain R/O House No. 455, Sector-14, UE, Karnal Declare That I Have Changed My Name From Vipin Kumar To Vipin Jain. In Future I Will Be Known As Vipin Jain.

I Paramjit S/O Manish Singh, R/O Village Sahnipur Urf Tanda, District Patiala Have Changed My Name To Paramjit Singh.

I, Guljaar Kaur W/O Suresh Pal R/O Vill. Gadhauli, P.O. Fatehpur, Tehsil Jagadhri, Distt Yamunanagar Have Changed My Name From Guljari To Guljaar Kaur.

I Harshvardhan S/O Ripujeet Singh Manhas R/O Mohalla Sardara, Bhangala, Hoshiarpur, Hoshiarpur, Punjab - 144306, Have Changed My Name To Harshvardhan Singh Manhas.

I, Archana Mishra spouse of No.15785109N Hav (GNR) Rahul Prasad Mishra resident of Village-Hariharpur, Post- Rimari, Tehsil-Birsinghpur, District- Satna, State-Madhya Pradesh, Pin-485226, have changed my DOB from 20 June 1985 to 23 June 1982 Vide affidavit No.IN-PB40351100163630W dated 29 July 2024 before notary public Pathankot.

I, No.JC-303549X Sub/Maj Pranab Chakrabarty resident of Village- Gangajal Ghati, Post-Gangajal Ghati, Tehsil- Gangajal Ghati, District- Bankura, State- West Bengal, Pin-722133, have changed my Daughter name from Neha Chakrabarty to Neha Chakrabarty Vide affidavit No.IN-PB40359091861128W dated 29 July 2024 before notary public Pathankot.

I, Santana Chakrabarty spouse of No.JC-303549X Sub/Maj Pranab Chakrabarty resident of Village- Gangajal Ghati, Post-Gangajal Ghati, Tehsil- Gangajal Ghati, District- Bankura, State- West Bengal, Pin-722133, have changed my name from Santana Chakrabarty to Santana Chakrabarty Vide affidavit No.IN-PB40357651220531W dated 29 July 2024 before notary public Pathankot.

I, Ramandeep Kaur spouse of No.4482659Y Hav Jaswant Singh resident of Village- Khokhar Khuard, Post- Chhjali, (Wie) Govindgarh Jajjan, Tehsil- Lehraage, District- Sangrur, State- Punjab, Pin-148030, have changed my name from Ramandeep Kaur to Ramandeep Vide affidavit No.IN-PB39838635282325W dated 26 July 2024 before notary public Pathankot.

I, Savetri Devi Mother of No.JC-405586Y Sub Hoshiyar Singh resident of Village- Lambor Bari, Post- Lambor Bari, Tehsil- Rajgarh, District- Chhru, State- Rajasthan, Pin-331023, have changed my name from Savetri Devi to Savtri Devi Vide affidavit No.IN-PB4102805706869W dated 30 July 2024 before notary public Pathankot.

I, Asha Rani W/o Sunil Bhatela R/O Gausahala Wali Gali Sri Muktar Sahib have changed my name to Ashu Bhatela.

I, Atma Singh Galle S/O Gurdev Singh R/O Vpo. Kot Sukhia (Faridkot) have changed my name to Atma Singh.

I Suman Lata D/O Banarsi Dass And W/O Jai Kumar R/O House No- 531, Anand Nagar A, Near Trikona Park, Tripuri, Patiala, Punjab- 147001, Have Changed My Name To Saroj Bala.

I Sandeep Singh S/O Jagtar Singh R/O Hirdapur, Allowal, Patiala, Punjab- 147001, Have Changed My Name To Mandeep Singh.

I, Vrinda W/o Manish Jindal R/O H.No.234, Sector 2-A, Sham Nagar, Mandi Gobindgarh (Fatehgarh Sahib) have changed my name to Vrinda Jindal.

I, Neetu Chopra W/o Sanjay Saldi R/O H.No.1523, St.No.13, Janakpuri, Millerganj (Ludhiana) have changed my name to Neetu Saldi.

I Baljinder Singh S/o Aop. Smt. Kartar Kaur R/O Kotha Sainian, Kotkapura (Faridkot) have changed my name to Baljinder Singh Sandhu.

I, Rajiv Kumar Duggal S/o Ram Chand R/O Bharu Road, Gidderbaha, Distt Sri Muktsar Sahib, have changed my name from Rajiv Kumar Duggal to Rajiv Kumar.

I, Ramna Devi W/O Deep Kumar R/O VPO Saroya Tehsil Balachaur, Distt. SBS Nagar, Punjab, India, have changed my minor son's name Gagandeep To Gagandeep Sharma.

I, Ramna Devi W/O Deep Kumar R/O VPO Saroya Tehsil Balachaur, Distt. SBS Nagar, Punjab, India, have changed my minor daughter's name Ishita to Ishita Sharma.

I Gurdip Singh S/o Surjit Singh R/o Vill.Burj Littan (Ludhiana) have changed my name to Gurdip Singh Litt.

I Karmjit Kaur W/o Gurdip Singh Litt R/O Vill.Burj Littan (Ludhiana) have changed my name to Karmjit Kaur Litt.

I Amandeep Singh Deol S/O Jagtar Singh R/O Vpo. Heran (Ludhiana) have changed my name to Amandeep Singh.

I, Kuldeep Singh S/o Hari Singh R/O Vill: Shehbazpura (Ludhiana) have changed my name to Kuldeep Singh Uppal.

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MANU CLINCHES HISTORIC SECOND OLYMPIC MEDAL

WINS 10M AIR PISTOL MIXED TEAM BRONZE WITH SARABJOT

PTI ■ CHATEAUXROUX (FRANCE)

A calm and composed Manu Bhaker scripted history to become the first Indian athlete in post-independence era to win two Olympic medals in a single edition of the Games as she combined with an equally unruffled Sarabjot Singh to clinch the 10m air pistol mixed team bronze here on Tuesday.

The Indian pair defeated the Korean duo of Lee Wonho and Oh Yeh Jin 16-10 to earn the country its second medal at Chateauxroux's shooting range.

The 22-year-old Bhaker had earlier snared the women's 10m air pistol bronze medal at the same venue on Sunday, wiping off the memories of a horrendous Olympic debut in Tokyo 2020 where her pistol malfunctioned leaving her in tears.

Before her, British-Indian athlete Norman Pritchard had won two silver medals in 200m sprint and 200m hurdles at the 1900 Olympics but that achievement had come in the pre-independence era.

While it is a massive achievement for women's sport in the country, Tuesday's medal is also redemption for Sarabjot, who had failed to make the men's 10m air pistol final, finishing ninth on Saturday with a score of 577.

"I'm feeling really proud and there is a lot of gratitude, thanks for all the blessings" said Bhaker after the match, which the two young Indians played with remarkable poise to make it a one-sided contest.

"Actually we can't control (what the rivals will do), we can do what is in our hand, me and my partner thought let's just try our best and we will keep fighting till the end," added the shooter from Haryana.

In Tokyo, she could not even qualify for this event alongside Saurabh Chaudhary and had finished seventh.

Amal shooter Sarabjot, who passed through a difficult phase trying to come to terms with the disappointment of the



individual competition just three days back, said he was under a lot of pressure to perform.

"I'm feeling good, the game was very tough and there was a lot of pressure, I am very happy," said the 22-year-old Sarabjot, who comes from a farming family.

The Indians started on the wrong foot with Sarabjot's opening shot fetching a

poor 8.6, while Bhaker shot 10.2 for an aggregate of 18.8. The Koreans aggregated 20.5 to take the opening round and open a 2-0 lead.

In mixed team events, the pair that reaches 16 points first wins the medal.

Down 0-2, Bhaker's consistency came to the fore and it rubbed off on Sarabjot as the pair took the next four rounds to take their tally to 8-2.

Such was her level of confidence that Bhaker had just three shots below 10 in the entire contest which lasted 13 rounds.

It was an uphill task for the Koreans who succumbed to pressure and could not match their rivals losing 16-10.

IT'S ALL ABOUT KEEPING IT STEADY: Bhaker said the high-speed and high-precision sport requires a steady mind.

"We don't need to be in a hurry, just relax and breath. Shooting is the kind of sport where it's all about nerves, your heart beats heavily, we can't move, we have to stand at one place," she explained.

"Actually we can't control everything. So, I just looked to get my best out, gave all our energy in all the shots, just didn't give up and kept trying hard in every shot," she said.

Sarabjot said he has been trying hard to forget the disappointment of his individual performance.

"It was in my mind that I should just forget the last shot and focus on new one and give my best now. I can't express what I feel when I see India winning a medal." Bhaker will next be seen in action in the 25m women's pistol qualification on August 2 and has a good chance of making the finals.

She had won gold medals in this event at the 2023 World Championships and the 2022 Hangzhou Asian Games.

The prodigal talent's long list of honours also includes nine World Cup gold medals across events.

Sarabjot is also a World Championship, World Cup and Asian Games gold-medallist.



Manika becomes first Indian TT player to reach pre-quarterfinals

PTI ■ PARIS

Manika Batra made history by becoming the first Indian table tennis player to reach the singles pre-quarterfinals at the Olympic Games with a fluent 4-0 win over world number 18 and home favourite Prithika Pavade here on Monday.

The 29-year-old Manika dominated from start to finish for a 11-9 11-6 11-9 11-7 win over Prithika, who has Indian roots. It turned out to be one of the most memorable matches for an Indian table tennis player in Olympics history.

Manika had reached the round of 32 at the Tokyo Olympics and she bettered that performance on Monday.

"I am happy that I beat a French player in Paris. I defeated a higher-ranked player. I did not think of creating history and making the pre-quarters, there are more rounds, I will take it match by match and give my best as I always do," Manika told PTI after her match.

Manika's ploy to attack Prithika's backhand proved very effective but that was not the strategy she had devised before the match.

"I had planned to play to her forehand as discussed with my coach but I was getting the

points on her backhand, so I did not change the tactics. I did play a few shot on her forehand too, I did not want her to think that I am playing only on her backhand.

"It was a tough match. Staying relaxed helps me both on and off the court. I do breathing exercises that help me during the match. I will give my best whoever I play against in the next round," she said.

Prithika's parents are originally from Puducherry but the family shifted to France in 2003. She was born in a Paris suburb a year later.

The 19-year-old Prithika had competed in the Tokyo Olympics, making a first-round exit but has improved considerably since then as she is currently ranked 18th in the world as against 28th rank of Manika.

Left-handed Prithika came into the Olympics on the back of a splendid run where she made the WTT final for the first time in her career in June but could not find a way to go past Manika, who dished out a commanding show.

The first game was a tight affair with both players going neck and neck. At 8-8, Manika induced a backhand error from her young rival and closed the game with a ferocious forehand drive that

Prithika could not return.

Manika carried the momentum in the second game, taking a 3-1 lead.

Prithika fought back to level the scores, inducing errors from the Indian. However, Manika's attack on Prithika's backhand got her points consistently. In no time, she was leading 9-6. Consecutive backhand errors from Prithika handed Manika the second game.

There was no stopping the seasoned Indian, who got a healthy 3-0 cushion in game three as Prithika struggled with her returns.

A desperate Prithika went all out and got her first point with a thumping forehand winner. With a 5-1 lead in hand, Manika kept attacking the backhand side of the French player, making it 8-4.

Trailing 5-10, Prithika made it a contest by taking four points in a row but Manika needed just one more to close the game. The home favourite netted a backhand drive to concede the game and a 3-0 lead to the Indian.

A ferocious forehand gave Manika a 10-5 lead in the fourth game and five match points. She converted the third when Prithika netted her backhand to win the match in 37 minutes.

Boxing champion Usyk comes to Paris to support Ukrainian athletes

AP ■ PARIS

Heavyweight boxing champion Oleksandr Usyk has come to Paris to support Ukrainian athletes at the Olympics amid war at home.

On Monday, he visited the Ukrainian House in Paris and from there he watched the fencing competition in which Ukrainian Olga Kharlan won the bronze medal in women's individual saber, marking the first medal for Ukraine at the 2024 Olympics.

"My personal wish was, and I probably knew, that Olga is one of those people who would bring a medal for Ukraine," Usyk told the Associated Press minutes after Ukrainian fencer won the medal.

Usyk expressed hope that there would be more medals as the competitions continue. He emphasized that the presence of the Ukrainian team is significant, considering the



daily missile strikes, damaged sports infrastructure, and Russian occupation of regions that were home to many athletes.

"We are at war. But our athletes still came," he said. "They are fighting."

On both of his arms, he has tattoos of the Olympic rings. One of them is labeled "London 2012" where he won the gold medal in the heavyweight category.

"We support all our Olympians

Talent-rich US men's basketball team still figuring out how to get most out of its roster

AP ■ WILLENEUVE-D'ASCQ (FRANCE)

The question was apt, but at the same time a little flabbergasting for Stephen Curry to ponder.

Could he envision a scenario in which Kevin Durant, who shined in the U.S. men's basketball team's Olympic-opening victory over Serbia, might continue to come off the bench?

"We're talking about Kevin Durant as a sixth man," Curry replied. "That tells you how good this team can be."

Highlights were plentiful for the U.S. in the Serbia win. LeBron James awed with his signature one-handed dunks and celebratory flexes. Durant had a nearly perfect shooting night in his first official basketball game in two months because of a calf strain.

And everybody - who played that is - scored.

That's because just as eye-popping was that Jayson Tatum - the newly minted highest-paid player in the NBA - and Tyrese Haliburton, who recently signed franchise record contract himself, didn't see the court.

It illustrates the embarrassment of riches that exists for a team that says it's



still figuring out how best to utilize its talent. "We're still trying to build identity around who we are with this 12-man group," Curry said. "It's important to stay focused on not just getting a win, but how we do it."

Coach Steve Kerr said aside from it being almost impossible to give sufficient minutes to 12 players in a 40-

minute game, the idea of sitting Tatum in particular struck him as just as unorthodox.

"It seems crazy. I thought I was crazy when I looked at everything and determined these are the lineups I wanted to get to. Jayson's first team All-NBA three years in a row. He's one of the best players in the world."

So good that Kerr said on Monday that Tatum will play when the team plays South Sudan on Wednesday.

Complicating Kerr's decision-making going forward is that Durant's contributions off the bench continued a trend that started during the exhibition portion of the leadup to the Olympics, in which the reserves have provided needed jolts for a team prone to slow starts and turnovers. The turnover total was 17 against Serbia.

And that, too, is the result of trying to find the proper rotations on a roster layered with skill.

Curry even acknowledged being nervous before making his Olympic team debut. It showed at times when he was beaten on a couple of back cuts on defense and had another turnover on an inbound pass.

But he also thinks the answer to fixing those issues is not getting in their heads about it.

"It's just a matter of everybody being ready to do what you're asked to do, because every game is going to be a little different," Curry said. "You can pick any five of us 12 and it's a Hall of Fame lineup out there."

Chinese women beat reigning champions United States in volleyball

AP ■ PARIS

The U.S. Women's volleyball team had a bad enough start in its Olympic title defense. It managed to keep it from turning into a disaster.

The Americans lost the first two sets to China on Monday in a pool play format where total points and sets won can become playoff tiebreakers. So China's eventual five-set victory - both teams scored the same number of points - left the reigning champions with a sense of relief.

"I'm really proud of our fight. You know, it's not easy to go from being down 0-2 to fight neck-and-neck in the fifth like that," setter Jordyn Poulter said. "You either win or you learn. So we have a lot of that we can learn from here, a lot that we can improve and get better at, and we don't want to peak too early."

They definitely didn't have to worry about that.

"We obviously didn't have the start that we wanted, but the third, fourth and fifth were really promising," blocker Haleigh Washington said. "Going five with a team like China is incredible, and squeezing out any point we can get in the pool is going to be really important for us. And so I'm just happy the way that we just fought."

The American women will play their second match of the preliminary round on Wednesday against Serbia, and then meet host France on Sunday in the pool play finale.

The top two teams in each of the three pools and the top two third-place teams will advance to the knockout round, with wins, total points and set and point ratio used as tiebreakers.

"It just highlights how thin the margins are and how we have to take care of some of these little plays," coach Karch Kiraly said. "And I want to give our team a huge amount of credit



for fighting back. It is not easy to come back from down 2-0 against a really good China team."

The Americans only lost one match in pool play in Tokyo and did not lose a set in the knockout stage en route to their first-ever gold medal.

With eight holdovers from the 2021 champions, they arrived in Paris as the fifth-ranked team in the world.

But sixth-ranked China won the first two sets handily, 25-20 and 25-19, before the Americans came back to win the third 25-17 and rallied from a 13-10 deficit to tie it 13-13 all on a challenged ball that barely caught the Chinese end line.

For the first time, the crowd was engaged and chanting "U-S-A!" and at 17-14, China took a timeout to regroup. It was 21-20 for the Americans when they ran off the last four points, getting an ace from Washington to set up set point.

On the winner, Washington's dig set up Andrew Drews' spike.

But China again took the lead in the tiebreaker. The Americans staved off two match points before Zhu Ting's spike went off blocker Andrea Drews for the victory.

Japan's Yuto wins second gold medal in men's street skateboarding Paris, Jul 30 (AP) Yuto Horigome was not even thinking about the podium this time. The first men's street skateboarding champion when the sport debuted in the

Olympics in 2021, he was so far back going into his final try that it looked as if he would fall short.

Instead, the 25-year-old from Japan landed the best trick of the competition to pass Americans Jagger Eaton and Nyjah Huston for a repeat title.

Horigome scored a 97.08 on Monday to vault into first and secure back-to-back gold medals. He beat Eaton by just 0.1 points in a thrilling finish in front of a charged-up crowd that was much different than the empty stands in Tokyo three years ago.

"It means everything," Horigome said. "It feels like a dream, a living dream. It's crazy. Tokyo, no one was there, no crowds, so I'm very happy this time (with) all the fans here. It's a special moment."

Eaton and Huston each sat in first place during the final. Eaton was in gold medal position until Horigome finished a trick known as a

nollie 270 to nosebluntside - similar to the one the Arizona native did minutes earlier to get into that spot.

"The roller coaster I was I thought I won, and then I got off the ride," Eaton said. "Yuto, it's all respect. I feel like at that level, between first, second and third, you could've picked anybody to win."

Huston said of Horigome: "I don't think Yuto feels fear or pressure. He definitely doesn't feel pressure."

As for how the 29-year-old longtime X Games star was feeling, it was mixed emotions after a disappointing seventh-place finish in Tokyo. With Snoop Dogg - who has quickly become one of the celebrity faces of this Games - in attendance, Huston nailed his second run with the Snoop and Dr. Dre's "Still D.R.E." playing on speakers around La Concorde Urban Park.

But then came the end, when he and Eaton had one final chance to springboard Horigome and claim gold. Each wiped out in the final two jumps of the day.

"I was close to getting that gold, and I'm truly mad at myself for just not putting that last trick down because I know it's something I can do," Huston said, acknowledging a bit of redemption. "But it's hard to put down those tricks in those moments."

It was even harder because of the elite level of skateboarding going on, even among those who finished lower in the final. Canada's Cornado Russell, who had three tricks scored over 92 but was out of medal condition because of two unsuccessful runs, had some high praise for what this street event represented for the sport.

"It's the future," Russell said. "It's the future of skateboarding. This is one of the best ones. There's many more to come."

US men's soccer team close to reaching knockouts of Olympics for first time since 2000

AP ■ SAINT-ETIENNE (FRANCE)
The United States men's soccer team is closing in on qualification to the knockout phase of the Olympics for the first time since Sydney 2000. Argentina is back in control of its destiny after its first game was marred by violence and chaos - and a shock defeat to Morocco. The group stage of the men's soccer tournament at the Paris Games concludes on Tuesday and with only Spain and Japan guaranteed their place in the quarterfinals tensions are likely to be high as a host of nations battle for a place in the final eight. The U.S. is competing in its first Olympics since Beijing 2008 and the 4-1 win against New Zealand last week has put it in a strong position to advance. "I said, even before coming here, when people ask me what they can expect from us, I said one thing: I promise that this group is going to give everything on the field and where that's going to take us, I don't know. But I know that they're going to give everything," U.S. Coach Marko Mitrovic said.

The Americans face Guinea at Stade Geoffroy-Guichard in Saint-Etienne after the win against New Zealand saw Mitrovic's team bounce back from an opening 3-0 loss to France in Group A. The U.S. is in second place, level with New Zealand on three points, but ahead on goal difference. France, which is top on six points, plays New Zealand in its final match and is expected to secure the win or draw needed to be certain to advance. There is the potential that three teams could be tied on either six or three points, depending on results in the final round of games. That would mean goal difference or other tiebreaker criteria is required to determine which teams advance. **GROUP B:** Argentina plays Ukraine and is on top of Group B on goal difference, with all four teams tied on three points. Argentina beat Iraq 3-1 in its second game after its opening loss, which was marred by violent scenes when Moroccan fans rushed the field and forced a delay of around two hours. Ukraine's late 2-1 win against



Morocco means all four teams won and lost their opening two games and a tiebreaker could be required if there are two draws in the final round of fixtures. "We're not thinking about the next round. First we have to beat Ukraine," said Argentina coach Javier Mascherano. **GROUP C:** Spain (6 points) has qualified after back-to-back wins in Group C but could still have a big say over who joins it in the next round. Spain plays second-placed Egypt (4 points), which needs a draw to guarantee it advances. Third-placed Dominican Republic (1 point) plays already eliminated Uzbekistan (0 points). **GROUP D:** Any one of three teams could join Japan and advance from Group D. Japan (6 points) is into quarterfinals after back-to-back wins and plays last-placed Israel (1 point), which needs a victory to stand any hope of qualifying. Second-placed Paraguay (3 points) plays Mali (1 point). A win for Paraguay would guarantee its place in the quarterfinals.

Ex-NBA player Chase wins beach volleyball debut in Paris

AP ■ PARIS
Chase Budinger has never forgotten how badly he played in his first NBA game. He'll have only good memories from his Olympic debut. The former Arizona and professional basketball player and his partner, Miles Evans, beat host France in straight sets on Monday to coast through their opening match of the Paris beach volleyball tournament. "I really tried to use my basketball experience of playing in front of big crowds to be composed the whole time," Budinger said after a 21-14, 21-11 victory. "But it definitely was not like that inside." Budinger spent seven years in the NBA, mostly as a bench player for the Rockets and Timberwolves, before turning to beach volleyball to fulfill an Olympic dream. His first game, he still remembers, "I played awful."



"On the bus ride over here, I was telling Miles about my first basketball game, of how nervous I was and how the nerves really got to me," Budinger said. "I was 0-for-2 (from 3-point range), had two turnovers and one of my shots I had was an airball. So the nerves affected my game play." At the Eiffel Tower Stadium on Monday the jitters didn't get to him - even against a French team that had won the last three matchups on the

international tour. "It took me six years. It took me a long time to finally achieve this goal and I am here competing at the Olympics," Budinger said. "And there is no better feeling." Budinger and Evans scored the first three points and never trailed in the first set. In the second, France did eke out a 3-1 lead before the Americans won the next three points and finished the match in just 32 minutes. In other notable beach action on Monday, Americans Kristen Nuss and Taryn Klothe beat Tokyo silver medalist Taliqua Clancy of Australia and her new partner, Mariafe Artacho del Solar, in straight sets to improve to 2-0 in Paris. France swept Rio gold medalist Laura Ludwig of Germany and her new partner, Louisa Lippmann. Qatar, the bronze medalist in Tokyo on the men's side, beat top-ranked Sweden 2-1 to improve to 2-0 in pool play.

Carlos says he has been dealing with groin muscle problem since Wimbledon

AP ■ PARIS
Carlos Alcaraz took a medical timeout for what he said is a lingering groin muscle issue in the second set of his 6-1, 7-6 (3) singles victory over Tallon Griekspoor at the Paris Olympics. Alcaraz is scheduled to play doubles for Spain with Rafael Nadal on Tuesday - and the opponents happen to be the Dutch pair of Griekspoor and Wesley Koolhof. "It's a pain that I've been dealing with. I know what I have to do ... To deal with this pain," said Alcaraz, a 21-year-old who won the French Open at Roland Garros, the same site being used for Olympics tennis, last month, and Wimbledon this month. "I will try to recover as soon and as (best) as I can tonight," he said, "to be ready ... 100 percent tomorrow in my doubles." Alcaraz said he watched part of Nadal's 6-1, 6-4 loss to Novak Djokovic in singles earlier Monday, before preparing to face Griekspoor. "When Djokovic is playing at this level, it's really, really difficult to play against him. Really aggressive, no mistakes, moving very, very well," Alcaraz said. "I saw Rafa playing decent, let's say. Not his



best tennis, for sure. But when Djokovic is like this, he's almost unbeatable." That last word is one often used to describe Alcaraz, who was the first teenager to reach No. 1 in the ATP rankings, was the youngest man to win major titles on hard, grass and clay courts, and defeated Djokovic in each of the past two Wimbledon finals. "One of the best players there is," Griekspoor said about Alcaraz. "Someone who likes to play on this court. He made it very difficult for me in the first set." That was clear. But in the second, Griekspoor

what the problem was, but it's not like he fell down or twisted his ankle and couldn't walk anymore. He was still all over the place." Griekspoor said he would prepare for the rematch of sorts by going back and taking a look at the first-round doubles victory for Nadal and Alcaraz to help figure out a game plan. Giant barrels and steady swells for men's third day of surfing competition Teahupo'o (France), Jul 30 (AP) With the ceremonial blow of a conch shell and blare of a judge's horn, the third day of the Paris Olympics surfing competition in Tahiti began on Monday with the men's surfers going head-to-head, some reaching the end of the road in their quest for gold. Stunning waves and steady swells in the morning heats brought a fresh surge of energy to competitors and spectators, after Sunday's lackluster conditions, while conditions rapidly tapered around midday due to a storm, postponing the women's afternoon competition.

Chennaiyin FC announces 22-member squad for Durand Cup

PTI ■ CHENNAI
Chennaiyin FC on Tuesday announced a 22-member squad for the 133rd edition of the Durand Cup being played from July 27 to August 31. Chennaiyin FC are placed in Group D along with ISL side Jamshedpur FC, Indian Army and Assam Rifles with all six games of the stage to be played at the JRD Tata Sports Complex in Jamshedpur. The Marina Machans will face Indian Army in their opening game on Wednesday as the group winners and possibly the second-placed team will advance to the knockouts. "The squad features a blend of senior team members and promising reserves, including notable players such as Vincy Barretto, Bikash Yunnam, Irfan Yadwad, Samik Mitra,



Alexander Romario Jesuraj, and Sachu Siby," the club said in a statement. "This mix of experience and youth is reflected in the roster, which comprises three goalkeepers, eight defenders, nine midfielders, and two forwards, ensuring a well-

balanced team across all positions." Chennaiyin FC, who reached the quarterfinal stage in the 2022 and 2023 iterations of the Durand Cup, will take on Jamshedpur FC on August 4 followed by their last group stage game against Assam Rifles on August 11. "We are going there to win games. We are not going there to take part. As a team, we are going to be together, on the field, off the field. There's going to be unity. We are going to go on the field and fight and give our 100 per cent," said CFC assistant coach Noel Wilson, who joined the club ahead of this season. **CHENNAIYIN FC SQUAD:** Goalkeepers: Mohanraj K, Samik Mitra, Malhar Umesh Mohol Defenders: Niketh N, Bikash Yunnam, Alexander Romario Jesuraj, Rojjak Ali SK, YV Praful Kumar, Aby S, Shanu Stellus, Sachu Siby Midfielders: Ngangom Raman Singh, Ganeshpandi S, Solaimalai R, Jayasurya, Vivek S, Karthik T, Vincy Barretto, Komal Thatal, Lalpekhlu

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17-year-old McIntosh wins gold in 400-metre IM

AP ■ NANTERRE (FRANCE)
Canadian phenom Summer McIntosh claimed the first gold medal of her just-burgeoning career Monday night with a dominating victory in the 400-meter individual medley at the Paris Olympics. The 17-year-old McIntosh collected her first medal of any color on the opening night of swimming, taking a silver in the 400 freestyle behind Ariarne Titmus - and ahead of Katie Ledecky. Now, McIntosh has the most prized color of all. "I try to take every event very individually and just do my work, but starting off for me - getting on the podium - is definitely a great way to start," McIntosh said. "You try to continue to get better and

better." She pushed the pace hard through the first half of the grueling race - the butterfly and backstroke legs - to leave everyone in her wake except American Katie Grimes. McIntosh was under her own world-record pace, but couldn't keep it going. She touched in 4 minutes, 27.71 seconds, more than three seconds off the mark of 4:24.38 she set at the Canadian trials in May. But it was more than enough to blow away the field in the Olympic final. McIntosh seemed to take it all in stride. Maybe it's because she competed at the Tokyo Olympics at age 14, so she sort of feels like a veteran now. "Every single time I get to race on the world stage, I learn more and more about handling mentally and

physically and emotionally and trying not to get too high or too low," McIntosh said. She's got a grueling schedule in Paris which includes two more individual races - the 200 butterfly and 200 IM. There are no plans to celebrate just yet. "I mean, obviously I'm super happy with this gold," McIntosh said. "But now I'm all about the 200 fly on day five." Grimes, who is also swimming the open water event in Paris, held on to claim the silver in 4:33.40. The Americans also grabbed the bronze when Emma Weyant touched in 4:34.93. **ANOTHER TEEN RULES:** David Popovici made the teenagers 2-for-2 on the night when he pulled off a thrilling victory in the men's 200 freestyle.

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The borrowers having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has taken Symbolic Possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him under sub - section (4) of section 13 of Act read with rule 8 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 on this 26th day of JULY 2024.
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