

पंजाब नेशनल बैंक **punjab national bank**
...the name you can BANK upon!

(General Services Administration Deptt) Circle Office, Panipat (Haryana)
Tel.No.0180-2620331, E-mail: copngad@pnb.co.in

PREMISES REQUIRED
Punjab National Bank requires preferably suitable ready built and well-constructed hall type building /open plots ready for constructions for its Branch on lease/rental basis as per the details mentioned below:-

| Branch Office | Proposed Location | Districts | Carpet Area (SQFT) |
|-----------------------|--|-----------|---|
| Mission Chowk Sonapat | Mission Chowk, Sonapat (Near by the existing branch premises or maximum 500 to 800 Mtrs, Sonapat | Sonapat | 1400 Sq ft to 1800 Sq ft (Maximum) with ATM |

Branch Office: **Mission Chowk Sonapat**

सार्वजनिक सूचना
सर्वसम्पत्तियों को सूचित किया जाता है कि नगर निगम हिसार के सम्यक्ति रिकॉर्ड में म.नं.56 नया नं. एच.सी.एच. 161 क्लक नं. 15 नया नगर निगम परमाणु प्रोपर्टी आई. डी. नं. 1D21PIH8 का मोहन मण्डरी हिसार अन्तर्गत स्थित सूट नं. 18-सी/06 दि. 12.03.2007 एच.सी.एच. 27 व 28 परमाणु प्रोपर्टी आई. डी. नं. P01700150361 व न्यू प्रोपर्टी आई. डी. नं. 1D86FM07 का मोहन मण्डरी हिसार अन्तर्गत सूट नं. 245 दि. 05.04.2024 नया एक प्लॉट अग्रेसी खेवट नं. 386/326 खनीनी नं. 490 खस्ता नं. 57/8/2/1/2/2-6/8/2/2/2-8, क्लिने 2 बरकला 4 कलाना 14 मरले का 13/63आर केन्द्र 0 कलाना 19 मरले 3 मरले का मोहन मण्डरी हिसार अन्तर्गत सभी सम्पत्ति रवि सिंघल पुत्र मेहराज सिंघल निवासी म. नं. 36/एच.सी.एच. 167/56 एफ.सी. कलेज रोड मोहन मण्डरी हिसार के नाम दर्ज है। रवि सिंघल पुत्र मेहराज सिंघल को मूव 20.07.2024 को जो चूक है तब स्व. रवि सिंघल पुत्र मेहराज सिंघल ने अपने निजन्काल में एक रजिस्टर्ड वसीयत प्रलेख नं. 95 दि. 14.05.2024 को अपने पुत्र अमन सिंघल पुत्र स्व. रवि सिंघल निवासी म. नं. 167/56 एफ.सी. कलेज रोड मोहन मण्डरी हिसार के नाम संयुक्त सब रजिस्ट्रार हिसार के द्वारा रजिस्टर्ड की गई थी। अब अमन सिंघल पुत्र स्व. रवि सिंघल उपरोक्त सभी सम्पत्तियों को रजिस्टर्ड वसीयत नं. 95 दि. 14.05.2024 के आधार पर अपने नाम तब्दील करवा रहे हैं। अतः किसी को उपरोक्त वार को ई एनएच है तो वह नगर निगम, हिसार तथा पटवार खाना, मण्डरी हिसार को 30 दिन के अन्दर सूचना की। अन्तर्गत उपरोक्त वार नगर निगम अन्तर्गत हिसार व पटवार खाना, मण्डरी हिसार की कोई विमति नहीं होगी।
नगर निगम, हिसार
प्रार्थी: अमन सिंघल पुत्र स्व. रवि सिंघल

Form No. 3
(See Regulation-15 (1)(a)) / 16(3)
DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL
CHANDIGARH (DRT 3)
Ground Floor, SCO 33-34-35,
Sector 17-A,
Chandigarh- 160017
Case No.: OA/1015/2021
Summons under sub-section (4) of section 19 of the Act. read with sub-rule (2A) of rule 5 of the Debt Recovery Tribunal (Procedure) Rules, 1993
Exh. No.: 15827
ICICI BANK LTD.
Vs.
GURCHARAN SINGH
To,
(1) Lakhveer Singh
S/o. Joginder Singh, R/o Village Channu, Tehsil Malout, Muktsar, Punjab
SUMMONS
WHEREAS, OA/1015/2021 was listed before Hon'ble Presiding Officer/Registrar on 01/04/2024. WHEREAS this Hon'ble Tribunal is pleased to issue summons/notice on the said Application under section 19(4) of the Act. (OA) filed against you for recovery of debts of Rs. 2260034.21/- (application along with copies of documents etc. annexed). In accordance with sub-section (4) of section 19 of the Act, you, the defendants are directed as under:-
(i) to show cause within thirty days of the service of summons as to why relief prayed for should not be granted;
(ii) to disclose particulars of properties or assets other than properties and assets specified by the applicant under serial number 3A of the original application;
(iii) you are restrained from dealing with or disposing of secured assets or such other assets and properties disclosed under serial number 3A of the original application, pending hearing and disposal of the application for attachment of properties;
(iv) you shall not transfer by way of sale, lease or otherwise, exception in the ordinary course of his business any of the assets over which security interest is created and or other assets and properties specified or disclosed under serial number 3A of the original application without the prior approval of the Tribunal;
(v) you shall be liable to account for the sale proceeds realised by sale of secured assets or other assets and properties in the ordinary course of business and deposit such sale proceeds in the account maintained with the bank or financial institutions holding security interest over such assets. You are also directed to file the written statement with a copy thereof furnished to the applicant and to appear before Registrar on 04/11/2024 at 10:30 A.M. failing which the application shall be heard and decided in your absence. Given under my hand and the seal of this Tribunal on this date: 05/04/2024.
Signature of the Officer Authorised to issue summons

PUBLIC NOTICE
It is informed to General Public That Asha Rani W/o Pawan Kumar is absolute owner of property - House measuring 60 Sq Yards comprised in min jumla Killa no. 19/4/2 Situated in Mouja Sunari Kalan New Vijay Nagar Amrit Colony Rohtak and she is selling this property to Suman W/o Rakesh and who is taking loan from PNBHFL having Branch office at G12A, Sai Square Complex Sheela Bye pass Rohtak. In Chain of title Original Sale deed no. 7149 dated 12-11-2006 Registered at Office of the Sub Registrar Rohtak has been lost. A Police Report has also been got Registered in this respect vide application no. 132370612401351 with Haryana Police. If anybody found above mentioned title Deed be informed to undersigned. If any body has any objection than files replies along with the proof of ownership within 7 days before the undersigned. After lapsation of stipulated period no claim shall be accepted regarding the above said property. Sh. Vipul Kapoor, Advocate Chamber No. 246 Distt. Court Rohtak. Mobile 9896205220 Vipul Kapoor Advocate

PUBLIC NOTICE
Branch Office: ICICI Bank Limited shal Tower Plot No-23, New Rohtak Road Karol Bagh New Delhi-110005

The following borrower(s) has/have defaulted in the repayment of principal and interest towards the Loan facility(ies) availed from ICICI Bank. The Loan(s) has/have been classified as Non-Performing Asset(s) (NPA). A Notice was issued to them under Section 13(2) of the Securitisation and Re-construction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002, at their last known addresses. However, it has not been served and are therefore being notified by way of this Public Notice.

| Sr. No. | Name of the Borrower/Co-Borrower/Guarantor/ (Loan Account Number) & Address | Description of Secured Asset to be enforced | Date of Notice sent/Outstanding as on Date of Notice | NPA Date |
|---------|--|--|--|------------|
| 1. | Ramanand, Anita Devi, Hasan Mushtaba, R/o 163 Masjid Wali Gali, Vikas Nagar Nfl, Haryana, Panipat - 132103 Ac:- LBGHZ00004975305 | Shop No. O-651, 6th Floor, Wing-B, Gaur City, Gaur City Center, situated At Plot No. Gh-01, Sector-4, Greater Noida, District Gautam Budh Nagar, Uttar Pradesh- 201307 | 10/09/2024 Rs. 16,01,248.12/- | 05-05-2024 |

These steps are being taken for substituted service of Notice. The above borrower/s and/or guarantor/s (as applicable) is/are advised to make the outstanding payment within 60 days from the date of publishing this Notice. Else, further steps will be taken as per the provisions of the Securitisation and Re-construction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002.
Date: October 01, 2024
Place: Haryana
Sincerely, Authorised Signatory For ICICI Bank Ltd.

Format C-1
(for candidates to publish in Newspapers, TV)

Declaration about criminal cases
(As per the judgment dated 25th September, 2018, of Hon'ble Supreme Court in WP (Civil) No. 536 of 2011 (Public Interest Foundation & Ors. Vs. Union of India & Anr.)
Name and address of candidate: **HARSH CHHIKARA, H.NO. 2238, SECTOR-23, SONIPAT**
Name of political party: **INDEPENDENT**
Name of Election: **HARYANA ASSEMBLY ELECTION 2024**
Name of Constituency: **32- GOHANA**
I, **HARSH CHHIKARA** (name of candidate), a candidate for the above mentioned election, declare for public information the following details about my criminal antecedents:

| (A) PENDING CRIMINAL CASES | | | | |
|----------------------------|-----------------------------|---|--|--|
| Sr. No. | Name of Court | Case No. and dated | Status of case (s) | Section(s) of Acts concerned and brief description of offence(s) |
| 1. | ACJ (SD) - Cum- SDGM, Hansi | CHI/185/2021 | Pending in the court, Charged not framed | 67/34/500/509/IPC |
| 2. | CJM, Sonipat | CHI/204/2023 | Pending in the court, Charged not framed | 147/149/452/506 IPC |
| 3. | N.A. | FIR No. 09 Dt. 08.04.2024 Cyber Crime PS Rewari | N.A. | N.A. |

| (B) Details about cases of conviction for criminal offences | | | |
|---|---------------------------------------|---|----------------------------|
| Sr. No. | Name of Court & date (s) of order (s) | Description of offence (s) & punishment imposed | Maximum Punishment Imposed |
| | N.A. | N.A. | N.A. |

Disclaimer
The Pioneer does not take responsibility for the contents for the advertisement (Display / Classified) carried in this newspaper. The Paper does not endorse the same. Readers are requested to verify the content on their own.

FORMAT C-1
(for candidate to publish in Newspapers, TV)

Declaration about criminal cases
(As per the judgment dated 25th September, 2018, of Hon'ble Supreme Court in WP (Civil) No. 536 of 2011 (Public Interest Foundation & Ors. Vs. Union of India & Anr.)
Name and address of candidate : **Bhupinder Singh Hooda, VPO-Sanghi, Rothak**
Name of political party : **Indian National Congress**
Name of Election : **Haryana Vidhan Sabha - 2024**
Name of Constituency : **61-Garhi Sampla-Kiloi**
I, **Bhupinder Singh Hooda**, a candidate of the abovementioned election, declare for public information the following details about my criminal antecedents:

(A) Pending Criminal Cases

| SI No. | Name of Court | Case No. and dated | Status of case(s) | Section(s) of Acts concerned and brief description of offence(s) |
|--------|--------------------------------|--|---|---|
| 1. | Special Judge, CBI, Panchkula | PC/03/2018. In case FIR RC CHG 2015 A 0019, dated 15.9.2015 PS ACB, CBI, Chandigarh. It is now fixed for 14.10.2024. | Charges have been framed on 01.12.2020. Case is not proceeding further in the trial court on account of interim order passed by Hon'ble Punjab & Haryana High Court | 120-B read with 420 IPC and 13(2) read with 13(1)(d) of PC Act, 1988. Criminal conspiracy, cheating and dishonestly inducing delivery of property, criminal misconduct by public servant. |
| 2. | Special Judge, CBI, Panchkula | PC/16/2018. In case FIR RC CHG 2017 A 0008, dated 5.4.2017 PS ACB, CBI, Chandigarh. It is now fixed for 14.10.2024. | Charges have been framed on 16.04.2021. Proceedings before trial court have been stayed by Hon'ble Punjab & Haryana High Court | 120-B read with 420 IPC and 13(2) read with 13(1)(d) of PC Act, 1988. Criminal conspiracy, cheating and dishonestly inducing delivery of property, criminal misconduct by public servant. |
| 3. | Special Judge, PMLA, Panchkula | COMA/42/2019. In EC IR/CDZO/02/2016 by Enforcement Directorate, Chandigarh. It is now fixed for 14.10.2024. | Awaiting orders of Hon'ble Punjab & Haryana High Court | Sections 3/4 read with section 70 of The Prevention of Money Laundering Act, 2002 (15 of 2003). Money Laundering. |
| 4. | Special Judge, PMLA, Panchkula | COMA/3/2021. In EC IR/CDZO/01/2016 by Enforcement Directorate, Chandigarh. It is now fixed for 16.11.2024. | Awaiting submission of final report in predicate offence. | Sections 3/4 read with section 70 of The Prevention of Money Laundering Act, 2002 (15 of 2003). Money Laundering. |
| 5. | Nil | FIR No. RCAC 1 2019 A 0002 dated 23.1.2019, PS CBI/AC-1. | Under Investigation | 120-B read with 420 IPC and 13(1)(d) of PC Act, 1988. Criminal conspiracy, cheating and dishonestly inducing delivery of property, criminal misconduct by public servant. |
| 6. | Nil | FIR No. 288, Dated 1.9.2018, PS Kherki Daula, Gurugram, Haryana. | Under Investigation | 420,467,468,471 read with 120-B IPC and 13 of PC Act, 1988. Criminal conspiracy, forgery, cheating and dishonestly inducing delivery of property, criminal misconduct by public servant. |
| 7. | Nil | FIR No. RC AC 1 2016 A 0002, dated 19.5.2016, PS AC-1, CBI, New Delhi. | Under Investigation | 120-B, 201,204,409,420,467, 468,471 and 13 of PC Act, 1988. Criminal conspiracy, disappearance of evidence, destruction of evidence, criminal breach of trust by public servant, cheating and dishonestly inducing delivery of property, forgery of valuable security, will etc., forgery for purpose of cheating, using as genuine a forged document/electronic record, criminal misconduct by public servant. |
| 8. | Nil | EC IR/HIU/03/2019 registered by Enforcement Directorate, Chandigarh. | Under Investigation | The Prevention of Money Laundering Act, 2002 (15 of 2003). Money Laundering. |

(B) Details about cases of conviction for criminal offences. ----- Not Applicable -----

| SI No. | Name of Court & date(s) of order(s) | Description of offence(s) & Punishment Imposed. | Maximum Punishment Imposed. |
|--------|-------------------------------------|---|-----------------------------|
| 1. | Nil | Nil | Nil |

Format C-1
Declaration about criminal cases
As per the judgment dated 25th September, 2018, of Hon'ble Supreme Court in WP (Civil) No. 536 of 2011 (Public Interest Foundation & Ors. Vs. Union of India & Anr.)
Name and address candidate: **Sh. Dilbag Singh S/o Sh. Bisa Singh R/o # 410, Friends Colony, Yamunanagar Name of Political Party: INDIAN NATIONAL LOKDAL**
Name of Election: Vidhan Sabha Haryana
Name of Constituency: Yamuna Nagar -09
Sh. Dilbag Singh (name of candidate), a candidate for the above mentioned election, declare for public information the following details about my criminal antecedents:

A Pending Criminal cases

| Sl. No. | Name of Court | Case No. and dated | Status of Cases (s) | Section(s) of Acts Concerned and brief description of offence(s) |
|---------|---|--------------------------------------|---------------------|---|
| 1. | Not yet produced in the court | FIR No. 21/2024 dt. 19-01-2024 | Under investigation | U/S 21(1) Mines and Minerals Act 1957 U/s 15 & 16 Environment Protection Act 1986 U/s 120-B & 420 IPC |
| 2. | Not yet produced in the court | FIR No. 10/2024 dt. 05-01-2024 | Under investigation | U/s 61(1) The Punjab Excise Act 1914 (Haryana Amendment Bill 2020) |
| 3. | Not yet produced in the court | FIR No. 9/2024 dt. 05-01-2024 | Under investigation | U/S 25 Arms Act 1959 |
| 4. | Not yet produced in the court | ECIR No. GNZO/19/2023 dt. 23-09-2023 | Under investigation | U/S 65 of the PMLA Act 2002 |
| 5. | Court of Sh. Shashwat Kumar Panday Adj - 4, Saharanpur (U.P.) | Session Court Trial No. 436/2024 | Fixed for evidence | U/S 147, 148, 149, 307, 452, 504, 506 IPC |

(B) Details about cases of conviction for criminal offences

| Sl. No. | Name of Court & date(s) of order(s) | Description of office(s) & punishment imposed | Maximum punishment imposed |
|---------|-------------------------------------|---|----------------------------|
| 1. | Nil | Nil | Nil |

(B) Details about cases of conviction for criminal offences. ----- Not Applicable -----

| SI No. | Name of Court & date(s) of order(s) | Description of offence(s) & Punishment Imposed. | Maximum Punishment Imposed. |
|--------|-------------------------------------|---|-----------------------------|
| 1. | Nil | Nil | Nil |



www.dailypioneer.com

facebook.com/dailypioneer | @TheDailyPioneer | instagram.com/dailypioneer/

PAPER WITH PASSION

Cauldron boiling

West Asia is once again on the precipice of a larger conflict, as tensions between Israel, Hezbollah and Iran reach a boiling point

The situation in the West Asia is becoming critical and it would not be surprising if the region is embroiled in a full-fledged war. The assassination of Hezbollah's long-standing leader, Hassan Nasrallah, marks a significant escalation in the ongoing conflict between Israel and the Lebanese militant group. This development could pull not only Iran but also the United States into a broader and potentially devastating confrontation. Hezbollah, reeling from the assassination of its leader and the destruction of much of its command structure, finds itself at a critical juncture. With over a dozen of its top commanders eliminated and its communications infrastructure crippled, the group faces significant operational challenges. However, expecting Hezbollah to capitulate is unrealistic. The group, which has thousands of fighters and a sizable arsenal of long-range, precision-guided missiles capable of hitting major Israeli cities, has vowed revenge. With pressure mounting from within its ranks, there is a strong likelihood that Hezbollah



will attempt to launch a major offensive against Israel, potentially overwhelming Israeli air defences. If such an attack takes place and results in significant civilian casualties, Israel's response is expected to be swift and devastating, targeting Lebanon's infrastructure or even expanding the conflict to Iranian territory. Such a scenario could ignite a much wider conflict that drags the entire region into chaos.

For Iran, the loss of Nasrallah is as much of a blow as it is for Hezbollah. Iran, which has yet to respond to the assassination of Hamas political leader Ismail Haniyeh, is now facing heightened pressure from hardliners to retaliate. Iran's influence extends across the region through a network of militias known as the 'Axis of Resistance,' which includes Hezbollah, the Houthis in Yemen, and various groups in Syria and Iraq. While Tehran will likely use these proxies to increase pressure on Israel, its response is expected to be measured to avoid triggering a full-scale war. Israel's intentions are now clearer than ever. The assassination of Nasrallah signals that Israel has no interest in halting its military campaign, despite international calls for a 21-day ceasefire, including one from its closest ally, the United States. Israel believes it has Hezbollah on the defensive and aims to continue its offensive until the group's missile threat is neutralised. A broader war would have catastrophic consequences, not only for the parties directly involved but for the entire region. Lebanon, already on the brink of economic collapse, could be devastated and any escalation could disrupt global oil supplies, sending shockwaves through the international economy. The coming weeks will be crucial in determining whether this conflict spirals into a wider regional war or if diplomatic efforts can halt the violence before it escalates further. As of now, this volatile region stands on the edge of a conflict with no clear resolution in sight. This is high time for the UN to step in and the West to make efforts for rapprochement else this region is going to burn for sure.

PICTALK



An artist prepares an environment friendly puja pandal ahead of Durga Puja festival, in Kolkata

The deceptive facade of China's military



BHOPINDER SINGH

Despite technological advancements, setbacks like the Zhou-class submarine sinking, reveal a widening gap between China's military claims and actuality

Deception is at the heart of Chinese strategy and operations, especially on matters, the military. Ancient Sinological philosophers like Sun Tzu (The Art of War) had propounded extensively on cheating (likening it to a 'magic weapon') as a vital underpinning of deceptive warfare. The Chinese PLA Navy Submarine Academy has formally distilled four examples of deception in war (under the manual, 'Essentials of Sun Tzu and the Art of War and Submarine Operations'). Firstly 'Show yourself to intimidate the enemy', then 'Show the false to confuse the enemy', thirdly 'Create momentum to harass the enemy' and lastly 'Deceive to obstruct the enemy'. Herein, untruth is a natural necessity as per their established treatise. India would be well versed in how the Chinese would talk about the 1962 Indo-China War but remain conspicuously silent on the reversal of fortunes about the 1967 Nathu La and Cho La border clashes. While an estimated 340 Chinese soldiers had died then (88 on the Indian side) - true to their downplaying style, they only accepted a figure of 32 fatalities. The Chinese are similarly circumspect or lying about the essential outcomes of the China-Vietnam War of 1979. This deliberate fudging of facts was to repeat itself in the 2020 India-China skirmishes on the Line of Actual Control (LAC). While India acknowledged the loss of its Bravehearts in the bloody encounters, the Chinese shied away from acknowledging any of their own - this when the US pegged the Chinese fatalities as 20-35, the Russians estimated Chinese loss of about 45, whereas the Australians insisted at least 41 Chinese killed. Almost a year later, the Chinese sheepishly admitted four fatalities killed in the Galwan clashes, as they gave away gallantry awards. True to their practised instincts, the Chinese always overstated their gains and downplayed their losses to deceive the onlookers (especially their citizenry) to retain 'manufactured' optics of infallibility and invincibility, even when the reality was a lot more



unheroic. This sovereign impulse of fake claims, downplaying failures, and overstating their capabilities has been elevated to a fine art, as is the wont of any authoritarian state reeling from regime insecurities. It routinely manifests in their claims of making advancements in technologies, weaponry and platforms that are ostensibly cutting-edge and even ahead of peers like the United States or Russia. The reality is essentially predicated on reverse-engineering technologies that could be brazenly stolen or surreptitiously acquired - but the claim of 'homegrown' is gleefully posited. A lot of 'fifth generation' fighters, Intercontinental Ballistic Missiles, Hypersonic technologies to Chinese nuclear submarines remain in public news but are essentially untested or unsubstantiated in live combat. While it has a considerable industrial base and budgetary allocation granted to its Defence Industry, like everything else in the Chinese realm, claims remain more impressive than reality. With this murky backdrop, came the recent news of the sinking of the latest Chinese nuclear submarine. The fact that the Zhou-class of attack submarine sank even before going into service, speaks volumes of the gap between purported tech-



AS IF ON THE REBOUND AND TO STITCH A COUNTER-NARRATIVE, CHINA IS BELIEVED TO HAVE FIRED AN INTERCONTINENTAL BALLISTIC MISSILE INTO THE PACIFIC OCEAN, IN A MOVE THAT SEEMS DESIGNED TO DISTRACT AND DEFLECT FROM THE EMBARRASSING NEWS OF ITS SUNK SUBMARINE

nological advancements as opposed to factual efficacy. Incidentally, the US Deputy Secretary of State, Kurt Campbell, had confirmed that the Russians were helping China develop this submarine technology and that it too wasn't necessarily homegrown, as claimed. While this sinking of the submarine is believed to have happened in May earlier, it was never owned up by the Chinese and it took satellite images to unravel the sinking of the first-in-class nuclear-powered Chinese submarine. It is certainly a major setback for China's priority weapons programs that is key to its expansionist and hegemonic aspirations. As if on the rebound and to stitch a counternarrative, China is believed to have fired an Intercontinental Ballistic Missile into the Pacific Ocean, in a move that seems designed to distract and deflect from the embarrassing news of its sunk submarine and to reiterate its prowess and capability. Coming as the testing does after more than four decades over the Pacific Ocean, it is unmistakably a 'signal' move to suggest that the 'Dragon' still retains sharp claws and fangs. Incidentally, the missile is part of the PLA's Rocket Force that was subjected to a sweeping corruption crackdown, purge, and complete overhaul last

year - something that could be inflicted again on the PLA Navy leadership, which was in charge of the sunk submarine. Already the chorus of sub-standard Chinese weaponry has gained decibels from traditional clients like Pakistan or from emerging ones like Bangladesh, who complained about the quality of spares for its navy. Russia's decline on the global stage as a military supplier has not resulted in an automatic transfer of business to the Chinese manufacturers, as earlier thought and the growing perception of 'Made in China' has a lot to do with the reactions. With the US returning to the Pakistani arms market (Islamabad accounts for over 50 per cent of Chinese exports), and the overall pressures of economic slowdown haunting the Chinese economy - Beijing is in a tight spot to invest, innovate, and deliver weaponry that truly delivers what it claims. It is premature to write off Chinese 'Military-Industrial complex' just yet, but the chinks in its armour are getting routinely exposed. While still a 'value player' for the desperate, authoritarian or 'paradise' countries, its claim to cutting-edge technology is suspect. (The writer, a military veteran, is a former Lt Governor of Andaman & Nicobar Islands and Puducherry. The views are personal)

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

PERILS OF MUSI PROJECT

Madam - Congress government's extravagant plan to spend a staggering Rs 1.5 lakh crore on the Musi river beautification project. This expenditure raises serious questions about the government's priorities and its commitment to the welfare of the people of Telangana. As KTR has rightly pointed out, the government's focus on this project while neglecting the Palamuru-Rangareddy project, which is nearing completion, is a clear indication of their misplaced priorities. The Palamuru-Rangareddy project has the potential to transform the lives of countless farmers in the region, yet it seems to be overshadowed by the Musi project, which appears to be more about political gain than public welfare. It is also alarming to note that the estimated cost of the Musi project has tripled from Rs 50,000 crore to Rs 1.5 lakh crore, suggesting a significant financial scandal.

The government must provide a transparent explanation for this drastic increase in expenditure and ensure that the funds are used efficiently and for the benefit of the people. Furthermore, the government has failed to provide clear details about the expected benefits of the Musi project, such as the number of acres of farmland that will benefit, the amount of water that will be stored, and the anticipated industrial benefits. Without such information, it is difficult to justify the massive investment being made in this project.

Juloori B Saraswathi | Hyderabad

HEZBOLLAH LEADER ASSASSINATED

Madam - The unstoppable Israel has once again inflicted another severe wound on Iran when Hezbollah chief Hassan Nasrallah was assassinated in airstrikes by the Israeli defence forces at Lebanese capital Beirut. His death gave jolts to his shell shocked sympathisers in Iran, like the death of Hamas political leader Ismail Haniyeh. But at the same time a cause for celebration for the north-

India's dominance in Asia



The Australian think tank 'Lowy Institute' ranked India as the third strongest Asian power in the Asia Power Index. US and China occupied the first and second position

followed by India in the third place. Considering the economic growth, future potential and the diplomatic influence of India on an improvement, India successfully managed to rank better with passing years than the countries like Japan, Australia and Russia. The improvement from the side of India is particularly welcoming because India strives to make continuous improvement in its performance in all respects and also ensure holistic growth of Asia for a better future together.

The journey of India turning into the Asian giant is particularly strategic and India's efforts for industrialisation, infrastructural development, public policy and administration, good governance and holistic development are much appreciated in this regard.

Kirti Wadhawan | Kanpur

CM, which has proven the pervasiveness of dynastic politics and the prioritising of family interests over public welfare. It is easy for a son, daughter, or close relative of a leader to take over the political baton, while others have to spend a significant amount of time in the rough and tumble of politics. Political observers say that there is no harm if a political leader's son or daughter, or close relative, chooses to enter politics, but there is a thin line that separates dynasty politics and a worthy kin's choice to take a plunge. But when we look into the pros and cons of dynastic politics, it highlights the deficiency it could bring to the ideals of democracy, questioning its legitimacy. The trend of dynastic politics will lead to the perpetuation of an elite class that transcends generations and will hamper the smooth inflow of capable, meritorious candidates into politics.

KV Chandra mouli | Mysuru

Send your feedback to: letterstopioneer@gmail.com

The challenges of parenting in the age of technology

While the challenges are real, so too are the solutions - adaptation and patience remain the cornerstones of successful parenting in these digital times



ASHA IYER KUMAR

Conversations these days are rife with the refrain of how challenging life has become and how surfing the turbulent seas is not as easy as it used to be previously. It amuses me that we endorse this view readily despite the conveniences the modern world has introduced to us.

The all-round improvement in quality of life has done nothing much in terms of bringing us the sense of gratification that material accumulation is perceived to bring. Instead, we have only become crazier and more complaining. Among the things that we whine about there is one that stands out - the difficulty of being a parent in these times.

It is not like how it used to be when we were kids, they assert and are at a loss to keep their children under control, be it about the use of gadgets or their demands for new-age comforts or following well-meaning advice. Children these days have a way of growing up that parents can't seem to get a grip over, and parents are at their wit's end. Has parenting become so tough now, tougher than what



it used to be for our parents or theirs?

Before we delve into why it seems more difficult now than ever before, it is important to recognise that parenting has always been tough. Our grandparents may not have had to deal with social media addiction or the anxiety of being on constant alert, but they had their own set of worries - scarcity, lack of information, and fewer opportunities. Yet, they managed, just as we try to manage today. What, then, has changed so significantly that parents now feel a near-constant sense of overwhelm? For one, the digital age has transformed not only how we live but also how we raise children. Social media, YouTube, video games - all these distractions

are not just forms of entertainment; they shape the way children think, act, and even perceive reality. Parents often feel powerless in the face of this digital onslaught, unsure how to manage screen time without seeming authoritarian or disconnected from their children's world.

This struggle is exacerbated by the speed at which technology evolves. By the time parents get a handle on one app or platform, their children have already moved on to the next one.

Then, there's the issue of peer pressure, not just on children but on parents too. The 'Instagram-perfect' life adds a layer of stress to parenting that previous generations didn't face. Parents today are not just competing with themselves to be the best versions of their upbringing - they are competing with a curated version of perfection they see online. The pressure to enrol children in extracurricular activities, make sure they're developing emotional intelligence, cultivate leadership skills, and create future 'success stories' can be crushing. Our grandparents' idea of raising children to be 'good'

has been replaced with a need to raise 'achievers,' and this shift in focus can leave parents feeling like they're running a race with no finish line. Despite these challenges, parenting isn't a lost cause. It is, and always will be, a journey of trial and error. The key is finding balance and knowing that perfection is neither attainable nor necessary. A good place to start is by building a stronger connection with your children. Parents also need to accept that they cannot fight all battles alone.

They must seek help. Many of the challenges we face today are new and unfamiliar, but that doesn't mean they are insurmountable. Just as previous generations found solutions to their problems, so too can we, but it will require adaptation, learning, and, most importantly, patience. After all, our children are not just products of their environment - they are reflections of the love, support, and wisdom we give them, no matter how fast the world around them changes.

(The author is a Dubai-based columnist, writing coach. Views are personal)



FIRST COLUMN

THE SPIRITUAL MEANING OF ZERO

The symbol of zero holds profound meaning, it symbolises eternity



RAJYOGI BRAHMA KUMAR NIKUNJ JI

Zero is the number people often feel, more so than one, isn't it true? Because more zeroes means more prosperity. However from a spiritual perspective, zero is the point from which all other numbers spring forth. Even visually the number zero is symbolic of a seed, womb or egg from which pure potential emerges. Since the zero also visually resembles a circle, it symbolises eternity, evolution, and infinity. Like an atom is to the physical world and a soul to the spiritual world, the zero is symbolic of both worlds.

Pythagoras viewed the sign of the zero as the container for all things and the birthing place of all other values. The discovery of zero changes the way we calculate, compute and communicate. All these tasks affect almost all fields of human activity today. Zero is counted as an even number along with positive and negative integers. It is important in the number-value system because it defines the value and place of a digit in a number as a thousand, hundred, ten or a million. In a way, it is a symbol that defines nothingness.

While zero is valuable in terms of its contributions to the myriad spheres of human life, it has been used to describe mystical concepts in religious and spiritual philosophies. In Hindi zero is called 'shunya' meaning a void, the supreme state of awareness where everything comes to nothingness. Spiritual seekers perceive this state as 'mukti' or nirvana in which the soul is restored to its original state free from all impressions, influences and impurities of the earthly life. Zero looks like an elliptical circle representing infinity the eternal cycle of cre-



ation. Everything returns to zero or nothingness before being created anew. Hence, most spiritual teachers emphasise attaining the zero state i.e. emptying the mind of all worldly thoughts and detaching from the awareness of the physical body to attain liberation and peace. The egg shaped symbol of the Soul or Supreme Almighty as a point of light surrounded by an oval aura also resembles a zero. In its original state, every soul is like a zero & it has no worldly identity or role but like a seed, it has infinite power and qualities merged within, which manifest when the soul enters the field of karma in this world.

The Supreme Almighty is the eternal seed who always exists in the zero state of awareness, detached from everything yet filled with infinite divine qualities and powers that support the whole creation. It is from this supreme state of nothingness that HE creates a perfect new world whenever the creation becomes degraded and old. Like zero, the soul essentially has an even or positive character. Just as the negative of 2 is - 2 which means lacking in 2, the lack of awareness of positive qualities manifests as negative or odd traits in the soul.

The number zero has very special functions in the calculation. Anything added or subtracted to zero remains unchanged. Any number multiplied by zero gives zero while any number divided by zero gives infinity. Interestingly, when we add zeros after a number, its value grows ten times. These specialities can be ascribed to the Almighty Supreme who remains unchanged in the cycle of eternity.

He does not enjoy the fruits of karma and nothing can be added, subtracted, multiplied or divided from his powers. When we multiply our powers by linking ourselves with him, we too become a zero like him filled with all divine virtues. So let us try our best to remain in the Zero state and achieve a higher state of consciousness to live a life that is minus all worries, tension & stress.

(Writer is a spiritual educator & popular columnist; views are personal)

Revive shallow aquifers for urban water woes in India

Indian cities, plagued by over-extraction of deep groundwater must turn to the ancient underground reservoirs writes **S VISHWANATH** and **ISHLEEN KAUR**



In India, groundwater plays a critical role in meeting urban water demands. These aquifers, found at relatively shallow depths, have served as vital sources of water for centuries. At a time when transporting water across long distances was inconceivable, communities turned to shallow aquifers to meet their water needs.

Found at accessible depths, they offered a cost-effective and reliable water supply for the growing populations. The dug wells and step wells, still standing today, are reminders of a time when water scarcity was addressed by harnessing rainwater to recharge shallow aquifers. However, as modern cities grew, the humble dug wells, once a ubiquitous part of the landscape, began to vanish. These wells have now largely been replaced by deep bore wells tapping into groundwater reserves at alarming depths.

India is the world's largest user of groundwater, consuming more than the United States and China combined. Urban areas, in particular, have increasingly relied on groundwater to supplement their needs, leading to a significant depletion of shallow aquifers, and for too long, groundwater management has been side-lined in urban planning. However recent climate challenges—unpredictable rainfall, flash floods, and urban water crisis—have sparked renewed interest in groundwater management. Increasingly, rainwater harvesting and urban waterbody rejuvenation projects are turning toward these natural underground reservoirs as a solution.

Aquifers are now being studied for their potential to store excess rainwater and mitigate flooding. The launch of AMRUT 2.0 in 2021 marked a paradigm shift in water management, with groundwater finally being prioritized at the 'urban' scale. The mission recognised the need for cities to not only rely on groundwater but to actively manage



URBAN AREAS, IN PARTICULAR, HAVE INCREASINGLY RELIED ON GROUNDWATER TO SUPPLEMENT THEIR NEEDS, LEADING TO A SIGNIFICANT DEPLETION OF SHALLOW AQUIFERS, AND FOR TOO LONG, GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT HAS BEEN SIDE-LINED IN URBAN PLANNING

and protect it. Under the mission, the Shallow Aquifer Management (SAM) pilot project was initiated in 2022 in 10 cities. This initiative aimed to raise awareness among city officials and communities about the importance of shallow aquifers and demonstrate effective recharge structures to tackle critical issues like groundwater depletion, contamination and urban flooding. It sought to create an environment where cities could integrate shallow aquifer management into broader water strategies. By emphasising both simple and scientifically sound recharge methods, it aimed to revive approaches that have been overlooked in the pursuit of modern infrastructure. The project has yielded valuable insights for cities on effective shallow aquifer management.

This initiative has led to the development of 12 unique approaches and designs for recharge structures, tailored to local aquifer conditions. These ranged from the revival of existing wells and step wells in Dhanbad, Hyderabad, and Bangalore to catchment treatment of areas showing high recharge potential in Pune.

Cities such as Gwalior and Rajkot have undertaken detailed mapping of aquifer systems, and groundwater depths, and created an inventory of recharge structures at the city scale, facilitating informed groundwater management decisions. The project has also shown promising results in showcasing the sustainable use of these recharge structures to supplement water needs for local communities.

In Kanteerava Nagar, Bangalore, a dug well retrofitted under the

project is now supplying water to around 500 households with up to one lakh litre of water being pumped every day for non-potable use. Similarly, in Thane's Yeoor Village, tribal communities are benefiting from water sourced from desilted and retrofitted wells. In Dhanbad and Rajkot, where peri-urban areas heavily depend on shallow wells, the initiative has begun to expand beyond its pilot phase.

Rajkot Municipal Corporation has initiated work on constructing more than 100 additional recharge structures city-wide based on the SAM mapping, showing the renewed awareness and commitment to scale up shallow aquifer management. The project has been able to draw the attention of larger voices in the climate resilience and water security space.

Bangalore's Climate Action Plan has now incorporated groundwater management as a vital aspect of making Bangalore climate resilient.

Pune has even established a dedicated groundwater cell in the municipal corporation to ensure that shallow aquifer management remains a priority in the city's future water plans. In FY 2024-2025, the Pune Municipal Corporation has allocated a dedicated budget of INR 1 crore for aquifer recharge structures, showing significant action in this direction. Despite the progress made through the SAM project, much work remains.

Cities need to acknowledge that deep aquifers hold vast reserves of water accumulated over centuries and must be typically reserved for emergencies, such as droughts. In contrast, shallow aquifers hold

immense potential as the first line of defence for daily water needs, making them essential for urban areas. However, as cities grow, the natural processes that recharge these aquifers are being disrupted.

In the current situation, where urban development is increasingly characterised by impermeable surfaces, inhibiting rainwater infiltration and preventing natural recharge, cities need to make conscious interventions towards artificial recharge of shallow aquifers including rejuvenation of lakes, wetlands and river floodplains.

India's groundwater crisis is complex, but the solution may lie beneath our feet. By managing shallow aquifers, cities can foster a more resilient and sustainable future. The SAM project provides a blueprint for this approach, but its lessons must be scaled up and implemented nationwide.

As India faces the dual challenges of urban growth and water scarcity, it is time to embrace the wisdom of our ancestors and integrate it with the science of hydrogeology.

By restoring shallow aquifers and making them a part of an integrated urban water management ecosystem, cities can ensure that this invaluable resource remains a dependable source of water for generations to come. In the words of Kabir: The well is one, and the water is the same. Let us remember that the water we draw today must sustain us tomorrow.

(S. Vishwanath is co-founder Biome Environmental Solutions, Bengaluru and Ishleen Kaur is senior environment specialist, National Institute of Urban Affairs, Delhi; views expressed are their own)

Right-wing and challenge for Indian Muslims: The path to reform and reconciliation

Indian Muslims must embrace internal reforms that align with a modern, secular framework, helping to bridge societal divisions

The rise of right-wing politics in India seems to have solidified its presence, and the deepening of Hindu-Muslim fault lines is likely to persist. While liberal and secular parties may win several State elections, an increase in their numbers in Parliament or State legislatures is unlikely to mend the fragile communal ties. The division between communities has now reached a deeper societal level, presenting a grave challenge for Indian Muslims. To minimise this damage and repair the social fabric, it is essential to promote a counter-narrative grounded in secularism. Indian Muslims must focus on internal reforms that promote secularisation within their own societal framework. While some right-



TARIQ ASHRAF

wing claims about Muslim life may be exaggerated or entirely untrue, certain aspects warrant closer introspection by the community itself. Although the issues have intensified since 2014, their roots can be traced back to much earlier times. As Muslims, it is critical to rework the internal narrative and processes within the community to align with secular

values. The painful legacy of India's partition, drawn along communal lines, has left a heavy burden on the Muslim community. In response, Indian Muslims need to go above and beyond to heal the sentiments and emotions of the majority community. Despite constitutional protections and safeguards, the community needs to focus on changing perceptions at both societal and communal levels. One step toward this change is to reform Muslim personal laws and harmonize them with a modern, progressive social order. Instead of framing personal law reforms as a Hindu-Muslim conflict, Muslims should see these reforms as standalone processes that benefit the community. A close examination of

some outdated practices will reveal that reforms have already taken place in many Muslim-majority countries. The All India Muslim Personal Law Board missed a crucial opportunity to declare triple talaq un-Islamic before the government passed legislation against it. Similarly, the Shah Bano case harmed the Muslim community's interests and fueled the resurgence of right-wing mobilisation. The Muslim Personal Law Board has exacerbated the community's challenges by opposing every proposed reform instead of acting as a forward-thinking, responsible institution. Another significant issue facing Indian Muslims is the lack of leadership from within the intelligentsia. With few exceptions, Muslim leadership has



been monopolised by the clergy, leaving the community without enlightened, visionary, and progressive guidance. The void left by Maulana Abul Kalam Azad has remained largely unfilled. Even leaders like Asaduddin Owaisi, despite their education and goodwill, have failed to adopt a liberal and secular approach in addressing legitimate community concerns. An aggrieved community must commu-

nicate in a conciliatory manner, rather than adopting a confrontational stance. The Muslim leadership's approach to the Hijab controversy clearly illustrates this failure. While Muslim women are entitled to wear the Hijab as a matter of choice and religious freedom, elevating the issue to the extent of students quitting their studies was unwise. It is essential for religion to be separated from public life and confined to the private domain. Although this holds true for all communities, Indian Muslims must make this move more emphatically due to historical reasons. The community needs to create a secular platform to address its concerns. The severe political and socio-economic challenges facing Muslims today

cannot be ignored. One positive step in this direction has been the recent initiative by a group of retired civil servants from Delhi who attempted to engage with leaders from the Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS). However, the initiative failed to gain traction as it was undertaken individually without an organizational framework. To be successful, such efforts must be scaled up to a national-level dialogue with a clear agenda involving eminent citizens from various levels, including state and central governments. It is imperative to address the widespread perception that the Muslim community is resistant to reform, reconciliation, and compromise. Before the Hindu-Muslim fault lines in India reach a danger-

ous level, the country urgently needs a period of cooling off. Many right-wing grievances against Muslims lack substance and truth. In a society governed by constitutional principles and the rule of law, a community cannot be punished for the historical wrongs committed by its ancestors. To address the right-wing narrative effectively, the Muslim community must launch a secular, modern, and progressive narrative based on evidence, rather than countering with equally polarizing rhetoric. It is the only viable option. (The writer has been associated with the Centre for Policy Research, IIM Lucknow, University of Delhi, and Jamia Millia Islamia, New Delhi; Views are personal)

India's consumer durables market to become global powerhouse: CII

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

India's consumer durables market is expected to touch a size of Rs 5 lakh crore by FY30 and will become the fourth largest in the world by 2027, industry body CII said on Monday.

While the country's products are inching towards global reliability, it is imperative to build a robust quality ecosystem and adopt standardisation in the sector and also export Indian standards globally, said B Thiagarajan, Chairman, CII National Committee on Consumer Electronics and Durables. Speaking at the CII Consumer Electronics & Durables Summit 2024, Thiagarajan, who is also the Chairman and Managing Director, Blue Star Ltd, further said the next decade is expected to create multiple opportunities across the value chain in the sector.

"From finished goods as well as development of an indigenous component ecosystem, with the right focus on domestic scale, India's prospects of becoming a global manufacturing powerhouse holds great promise," he asserted.



Thiagarajan said, "India is already the fastest growing major market for consumer durables in the world and is expected to become the fourth largest by 2027 with a projected market size to reach Rs 5 lakh crore by fiscal year 2030."

He acknowledged the government's support to the sector through various initiatives, including the PLI scheme to boost competitiveness and make India a self-reliant and technologically advanced global player.

"The momentum we are witnessing is a clear sign that India is emerging as a key player of the global manufacturing stage and we

are well on track to meet the goal of manufacturing to contribute 25 per cent of the GDP to the country. With over USD500 billion in FDI and the creation of over 8.5 lakh jobs, the progress is undeniable. The air conditioning sector, for instance, is expected to become the largest in the world by 2040," Thiagarajan said.

On the quality front, he said Indian products are inching towards global reliability. "As strengthening the quality ecosystem fosters consumer trust in the products offered, it is imperative to build a robust quality ecosystem and adopt standardisation in the sector and export Indian

standards also globally as envisioned by the Prime Minister and the government of India," he added.

By adopting and promoting Indian standards on a global scale, Thiagarajan said, "We can enhance our reputation in the international markets and ensure that our products meet the expectations of the consumers worldwide." However, he said, "While we have made significant strides, there is still more work to be done to drive growth in sector R&D and innovation is of paramount importance."

He said advancement in technology, particularly, artificial intelligence, has revolutionised the sector, presenting it with new market opportunities and innovative applications.

"To harness the potential of these technologies, it is crucial for the industry to proactively invest in R&D aimed at integrating artificial intelligence into consumer electronics and durables to bring innovation to the sector," Thiagarajan asserted.

"To further boost the sector's competitiveness on the global stage, he said, "We must harness economies of scale and build a strong domestic ecosystem."

Government extends I-T audit report filing date



PTI ■ NEW DELHI

The income tax department has extended the date for filing audit report for 2023-24 by 7 days till October 7.

In a circular, the I-T department said considering the difficulties faced by taxpayers in electronic filing of various audit reports under the Income Tax Act, the deadline is being extended from September 30 to October 7.

Moore Singhi Executive Director Rajat Mohan said technological issues in electronic filing of tax audit reports have pushed the government to extend timelines by 7 more days.

"Load of filings is quite high on the portal in the last few days, throwing the entire ecosystem in a frenzy. Government should either upgrade the system to handle such rush or stagger the timelines for tax filings," Mohan said.

BharatPe, Ashneer Grover settle dispute, end months of legal battle

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Fintech firm BharatPe has reached a settlement with its former co-founder Ashneer Grover, ending months of acrimonious legal and public dispute, the two sides said on Monday.

As part of the settlement agreement, Grover will not be associated with BharatPe in any capacity nor be a part of the shareholding of the company.

Grover will transfer a part of his shareholding to the BharatPe board and the rest will be managed by a family trust, keeping him off the company's capital table. Also, the two sides will not pursue legal cases, BharatPe and Grover said in separate statements. The settlement comes days after the Economic Offences Wing (EOW) of the Delhi Police arrested Deepak Gupta on charges of misappropriation of fintech Unicorn's funds. Gupta is the husband of Madhuri Jain Grover's sister.

"Certain number of shares held by him will be transferred to the Resilient Growth Trust for the benefit of the company and his remaining shares will be managed by his family trust.

"Both parties have decided not to pursue the cases filed," BharatPe said in a statement. It all started in January 2022 when Grover had to go on



leave following allegations of using abusive language against Kotak Mahindra Bank staff and fraudulent practices, which he denied. BharatPe had roped in SAM, Alvarez and Marsal (A&M) and PwC for governance review in February 2022 after sending Grover on leave.

In a report by A&M, it was alleged that Madhuri Jain Grover and her family members, brother Shwetank Jain and brother-in-law Deepak Jagdishram Gupta were involved in financial irregularities at the company. BharatPe sacked its head of controls and Grover's wife Madhuri Jain Grover on February 23, 2022, for alleged financial irregularities ranging from producing fake invoices to billing the company for personal beauty treatment and trips abroad.

These followed allegations of illegitimate payments to bogus human resource consultants linked to Madhuri Jain's brother Shwetank Jain. Also, there were allegations of

inflated transactions, undue payments through pass-through vendors, sham transactions in input-tax credit, illegal payments to travel agencies, forged invoices etc. Grover quit as managing director of the firm on March 1, 2022, after an emergency arbitrator in the Singapore International Arbitration Centre held that there was no ground to stop governance review at the fintech firm. That followed months of bickering by both sides.

Grover in a post on X said, "I have reached a decisive settlement with BharatPe. I repose my faith in the management and board, who are doing great work in taking BharatPe forward in the right direction. I continue to remain aligned with the company's growth and success. I will no longer be associated with BharatPe in any capacity, nor be part of the capital table."

Grover, who had previously accused the BharatPe board of mismanagement, ended the post with "Peace!"

Coal will remain part of India's energy mix for decades: Experts

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

As the UK officially shut down its last remaining coal power plant on Monday, policy experts said coal will continue to be a part of India's energy mix for the next few decades, given that it is still a developing country with significant energy needs.

The UK on Monday closed its last coal power plant, becoming the first G7 nation to do so amid calls for a global coal-free energy system by 2040.

The world's first coal power plant opened in London in 1882, and until 2012, coal accounted for 39 per cent of the UK's electricity generation. Global energy think tank Ember said the closure of the UK's last coal plant means that more than a third of OECD countries are now coal-free, with three-quarters expected to eliminate coal power by 2030, in line with global climate goals aimed at limiting warming to 1.5 degrees Celsius.

The International Energy Agency's (IEA) "Net Zero by 2050" report recommends that developed countries phase out unabated coal by 2030, while developing countries should aim to do so by 2040 to remain on track for global net-zero emissions by 2050.

The term "unabated" in this context refers to electricity production that does not use technologies designed to capture and reduce greenhouse gas emissions. These developments occur as developed countries push their counterparts in the developing world to accelerate the phase-down of unabated coal power.

India, the world's second-largest consumer of coal for



electricity generation after China, saw the share of coal-fired power generation rise to 75 per cent in 2023-24 from 71 per cent in 2019-20.

According to the IEA, while coal consumption fell in Europe and the US in 2023, it rose by 8 per cent in India and 5 per cent in China.

That said, India's coal usage for power generation began several decades later than that of developed nations. While the UK's first coal power plant opened in 1882, India established its first major thermal power plant, the Hussain Sagar Thermal Power Station in Hyderabad, in 1920. Policy experts say India is focusing on a long-term energy transition, where coal will continue to be part of the energy mix for the next few decades.

Sunil Dahiya, an independent analyst, said that while coal will not disappear in the near future, India must reduce harmful emissions from the sector by deploying advanced air pollution control technologies and improving efficiency to curb carbon emissions.

According to climate activist Harjeet Singh, India has made remarkable progress in renewable energy, but the intermittent nature of these sources and the lack of scalable battery storage mean that coal still underpins its power supply and industries like steel and cement.

"Yet, the cost of coal goes far beyond emissions -- it destroys ecosystems, displaces communities, and deepens environmental injustice. India must urgently shift away from coal, and the international community must provide the financial and technological support needed for a just transition -- for both people and the planet," he said.

Montek Singh Ahluwalia, former deputy chairman of the erstwhile Planning Commission, said in a webinar organized by the think tank Centre for Social and Economic Progress last week that India can't cut down coal immediately and it is hypocritical in the West to focus solely on coal while ignoring oil and natural gas.

"However, if we are going to achieve net-zero emissions by 2070, we must recognise that we need to phase out thermal power. We should indicate to the world that India's emissions will increase for a while, then peak, and eventually decline. Right now, there's a lot of misunderstanding in the West about India's willingness to reduce emissions, which is not true," he said.

Sunita Narain, the director general of the Centre for Science and Environment, echoed this sentiment, saying that India is currently dependent on coal, as it remains the cheapest form of energy available.

UP Government to start paddy procurement from October 1

PTI ■ LUCKNOW

The Uttar Pradesh government will commence paddy procurement across the state starting October 1 and payments to farmers will be processed within 48 hours of the sale.

The process will roll out in phases, beginning in western Uttar Pradesh and extending to the eastern districts later in the month, according to an official statement issued here on Monday.

Procurement will start on October 1 in the districts of Hardoi, Lakhimpur Kheri and Sitapur. It will be followed by procurement in Lucknow, Rae Bareilly and Unnao from November 1, among others, the statement added.

"Paddy procurement will continue until January 31, covering various districts including Meerut, Saharanpur, Moradabad, Bareilly, Agra, Aligarh and Jhansi," it stated.

The minimum support price (MSP) for paddy has been set



at Rs 2,300 per quintal, while the price for grade A paddy stood at Rs 2,320 per quintal. Additionally, farmers will receive a reimbursement of Rs

20 per quintal for unloading, sieving and cleaning their produce, it added.

To facilitate this extensive procurement process, the Food and Civil Supplies Department has established around 4,000 purchase centers statewide.

Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath has directed that payments to farmers be processed within 48 hours of the sale, ensuring timely financial support, according to the statement.

"The Yogi government has

directed that payments to farmers be processed within 48 hours," it added.

Registration for the paddy purchase scheme commenced on September 1, with approximately 32,000 farmers already registered within the first month. The Agriculture Department estimates that the paddy cultivation area for the Kharif marketing year 2024-25 is 61.24 lakh hectares, with an anticipated production of 265.54 lakh metric tonnes and an average yield projected at 43.36 quintals per hectare.

Centre's fiscal deficit touches 27 per cent of full-year target in first five months



PTI ■ NEW DELHI

The Centre's fiscal deficit at the end of the first five months of the current fiscal touched 27 per cent of the full-year target, government data showed on Monday.

In absolute terms, the fiscal deficit gap between expenditure and revenue was at Rs 4,35,176 crore as of August-end, according to data released by the Controller General of Accounts (CGA).

The deficit stood at 36 per cent of the Budget Estimates (BE) in the corresponding period of 2023-24.

In the Union Budget, the government projected to bring down the fiscal deficit to 4.9 per cent of the gross domestic product (GDP) in the current 2024-25 financial year. The deficit was 5.6 per cent of the GDP in 2023-24.

In absolute terms, the government aims to contain the fiscal deficit at Rs 16,13,312 crore

during the current fiscal.

Unveiling the revenue-expenditure data of the Union government for the first five months of 2024-25, CGA said the net tax revenue was Rs 8.7 lakh crore or 33.8 per cent of the BE for the current fiscal.

The net tax revenue collection was 34.5 per cent at July-end 2023.

The central government's total expenditure in the four months through August stood at Rs 16.5 lakh crore or 34.3 per cent of BE. The expenditure was 37.1 per cent of the BE in the year-ago period.

Of the total expenditure, Rs 13,51,367 crore was in the revenue account and Rs 3,00,987 crore was in the capital account.

Out of the total revenue expenditure, Rs 4,00,160 crore was towards interest payments. Fiscal deficit is the difference between the total expenditure and revenue of the government. It is an indication of the total borrowing that is needed by the government.

Solex Energy announces investment for Vision 2030



PNS ■ NEW DELHI

Solex Energy Limited on Monday announced an investment exceeding Rs 8,000 crore as part of its Vision 2030 strategy. The initiative reflects Solex's commitment to advancing solar technology and scaling operations, positioning the company as a fully integrated solar player.

Solex is exploring the development of a new cell manufacturing facility with an initial capacity of 2 GW, designed to scale up to 5 GW. Its module manufacturing capacity will also be increased from 1.5 GW to 15 GW. Solex aims to expand its workforce to over 25,000 to support this growth.

Chetan Shah, Chairman & Managing Director of Solex Energy Limited, said, "Vision 2030 represents a key milestone in our journey to becoming a fully integrated solar

company. With the introduction of N-Type TOPCon Technology featuring Rectangular Cells, Solex Energy is raising the bar for efficiency and reliability."

A major component of Vision 2030 is the launch of the Tapi-R series. This revolutionary solar module incorporates N-Type TOPCon Technology and a rectangular cell design, setting a new standard for solar energy generation in India. The series, named after the Tapi River, a symbol of vitality in the region where Solex is headquartered, and the "R" for its rectangular cell design, significantly enhances power efficiency and reliability. In addition to technological advancements, Solex Energy Limited is committed to supporting India's national goal of achieving 500 GW of non-fossil fuel-based installed electricity capacity by 2030.

CRED reduces losses by 41 per cent

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Credit card bill payments app CRED on Monday reported 66 per cent year-on-year increase in revenue to Rs 2,473 crore in FY24, on the back of growth in monetised members and a drop in user acquisition costs.

Operating losses were reduced by 41 per cent from Rs 1,024 crore in FY23 to Rs 609 crore in FY24, a company statement said.

"This came on the back of some very exciting sort of pieces of execution that we always had as a thesis, but it's always good to see that play out in action. The number of members that we monetised



grew 58 per cent year-on-year. Our CAC (customer acquisition costs) came down significantly by 40 per cent," CRED founder Kunal Shah said during a press briefing.

Total Payment Value (TPV) for the platform surged 55 per cent to Rs 6.87 lakh crore, while monthly transacting users (MTU) rose by 34 per cent. "Members used CRED for a

wide range of payments beyond credit card bills, with strong adoption of P2P UPI payments. They also expanded adoption of CRED Pay across online merchants, boosting transaction volumes by 254 per cent during the year," the statement said.

Organic growth contributed to a high-quality user base and dropped customer acquisition costs by 40 per cent, Shah said,

adding that 70 per cent of its customer acquisition now comes through organic or referral channels.

The unicorn fintech launched its in-app vehicle management feature-CRED Garage-in September last year.

"We managed to cross close to 4.2 million vehicles in the last financial year and now touching close 6.5 million vehicles on the platform. And it kind of demonstrates the power of the platform coming together where we are squarely focused on an audience segment," Shah said.

In July 2024, it introduced CRED Money, a tool that enables users to track, analyze, and reflect on their financial

behaviour. The entrepreneur also hinted at new products in the pipeline.

"When you think from a capital investment and capital allocation perspective, there's a lot of exciting things coming up on the road map. A significant amount of our capital utilization is towards research and development costs, for example, things on products, investments on products that are in the works, and will come out pretty soon," he said.

Responding to whether CRED plans to go public, Shah said the company's still in its growth phase and doesn't intend to list anytime soon.

Tata Power inks pact with Rajasthan Government for investment in green energy

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Tata Power on Monday said it has inked an initial pact with the Rajasthan government for investment of Rs 1.2 lakh crore, including Rs 75,000 crore in green energy, in the state's power sector.

The 10-year plan aims to support Rajasthan's transformation into a power surplus state, providing 24/7 clean, affordable, and reliable power supply. Investments will be made in renewable energy projects and manufacturing, nuclear power, rooftop

installations, and EV charging, a company statement said.

The MoU was signed during the 'Rising Rajasthan' Investor Meet in New Delhi on Monday. An amount of Rs 20,000 crore will be invested in the state transmission and distribution area to modernize the grid infrastructure, reduce energy losses, and improve power quality across the state.

Besides, Rs 10,000 crore will be invested for transmission systems exploring opportunities to develop nuclear power plant. Nearly Rs 75,000 crore will be for renewable energy projects.

An investment of Rs 1,000 crore has been earmarked for setting up 1 lakh EV charging points across Rajasthan.

Rooftop solar power for 10 lakh households will support the PM Surya Ghar Yojana. The MoU will have a transformative socio-economic impact, creating over 28,000 direct jobs in the state. Tata Power already has a significant footprint in Rajasthan, with a robust portfolio of energy projects. The company has commissioned 1 GW of solar projects and 185 MW of wind projects in the state.

Classifieds

CHANGE OF NAME

I, Hemanshi Thakur

Daughter of Durga Singh R/o Village Sumi PO Mandorhath Tehsil Sunni District Shimla State Himchal Pradesh-171301 have changed my name from Hemanshi Thakur to Himanshi Thakur Vide Affidavit No.IN-HP21544420291159W Dt.07.08.2024 Before Executive Magistrate Shimla

I Dalbir Kaur

Alias Biro W/o Lakhwinder Singh R/o Village Roriwala, Heir District Amritsar have changed my name from Dalbir Kaur alias Biro to Dalbir Kaur

I Nirmala Devi

W/o Tilak Raj D/o Harbaj alias Hari Ram R/o Jandiola Guru Distt Amritsar have changed my name from Nirmala Devi to Nirmala Bhatia After Marriage

I, N Mangamma

Mother of No.14938030N Hav Shanmukha Rao Nuka R/o 1-48, Peddaveedhi Pedda Sariyapalli Vtc Themburu District Srikalayan State Andhra Pradesh-532201 now at 15 Meh Inf C/o 56 Apo have changed my name to Nuka Mangamma and Date of Birth from 14.03.1965 to 01.01.1967 Vide Affidavit No.IN-PB 62333940154050W Dt.30.09.2024 Before Notary Public Amritsar

I, Parvati

Spouse of No.14936398X Hav Manish Singh R/o Fatepur Unnao, Uttar Pradesh-229504 now at 15 Mech Inf C/o 56 Apo have changed my name to Parvati Singh Vide Affidavit No.IN-PB62333203455564W Dt.30.09.2024 Before Notary Public Amritsar

I, Manjit Kaur

Bal W/o Hardev Singh R/o Harpura District Gurdaspur have changed my name from Manjit Kaur Bal to Manjit Kaur

I, Hardev Singh

Bal S/o Makhan Singh R/o Harpura Dhandoi Batala District Gurdaspur have changed my name from Hardev Singh Bal to Hardev Singh

I, hitherto known as Raman

Kumar Galhotra son of Walaity Ram residing at H.No.85 Street No.12, Near Green Park, Guruharsahi, Tehsil Jalalabad, Ferozpur-152022 Punjab have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as Raman Kujmar.

I, hitherto known as Suman

Lata Galhotra wife of Raman Kumar residing at H.No.85 Street No.12, Near Green Park, Guruharsahi, Tehsil Jalalabad, Ferozpur-152022 Punjab have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as Suman Lata.

I, Manjit Kaur

W/o Kulwinder Singh R/o VPO Durbuzi G.T Road, Amritsar have changed my name from Manjit Kaur to Majeet Kaur

I, Hardev Singh

Son of Prem Nath R/o VPO Udhoke Kalan Tehsil Baba Bakala Distt. Amritsar Punjab have declared that Singh is my Surname and Hardev is my Given name.

I, Sarbjeet Singh

S/o Sukhbir Singh R/o H.No.157/158, Urban Estate, Ram Tirath Road, Mahal Sub Urban, Amritsar have changed my name from Sarbjeet Singh to Sarbjit Singh

I, Shinde Sunita

is spouse of No. 15502108L LD Shinde Dattaraj Jagannath resident of Near Paraculation Tank, Anap Wadi, Sogaona, Tal-Rahuri, Ahmadnagar, Maharashtra-413711 now at 23 (I) Armd Bde HQ Sqn C/o 56 APO, have changed my name from Shinde Sunita to Shinde Sunita Dattaraj vide affidavit no. IN-PB62450077141717W dated 30-09-2024, before Notary Public, Amritsar

I, Karanbeer Singh

Chhabra S/o Gurdeep Singh R/o H.No.77-A, Sant Avenue, G.T Road, Amritsar have changed my name from Karanbeer Singh Chhabra to Karanbir Singh Chhabra

I, Seerat Preet Kaur

D/o Jaswant Singh R/o H.No.14/H/MC/869 Gali No.5C Gopal Nagar Majitha Road Amritsar have changed my name to Seeratpreet Kaur

I, Bikramjeet Singh

S/o Tejinder Singh R/o Plot No.2, Opp Kali Mata Mandir, Shakti Nagar, Amritsar have changed my name from Bikramjeet Singh to Bikram Jit Singh

I, Inderjit Singh

S/o Paramjit Singh R/o VPO Cheema Khuddi Teh Batala District Gurdaspur have changed my name from Inderjit Singh to Inderjit Singh Sandhu

I, Paramjeet Singh

S/o Gurdev Singh R/o PO Bharath Tehsil Batala, Nangal Jhaur District Gurdaspur have changed my name from Paramjeet Singh to Paramjit Singh

I, Gurpreet Singh

S/o Baldev Singh R/o H.No.57, New Urban Estate, P.O. Chheharta, Ram Tirath Road Amritsar have declared that Gurpreet is my given name and Singh is my Surname

I, Mirabai Ajay

Thore W/o No.15580511K Nk Thore Ajay B, Unit 439 (I) Engr Sqn C/o 56 Apo have changed my name from Meera Thore to Mirabai Ajay Thore Vide Affidavit Dt.30.09.2024 Before Notary Public Amritsar

I, Sabana Khatoun

W/o No.15581944N Hav Hijbir Rahman Unit 439 (I) Engr Sqn C/o 56 APO Amritsar have changed my name from Sabana to Sabana Khatoun Vide Affidavit Dt.28.09.2024 Before Notary Public Amritsar

I, Sharda Manik

Sultane W/o No.JC 356581N Nb Sub Sultane Manik Eknatha Unit 270, Engr Regt C/o 56 Apo have changed my name from Sharda to Sharda Manik Sultane Vide Affidavit Dt.28.09.2024 Before Notary Public Amritsar

I, Navjot Singh

S/o Rashpal Singh R/o VPO Bachwinder Teh Ajnala Distt Amritsar Rural have declared that Navjot is my given name and Singh is my surname.

I, Karmal Singh

S/o Hawa Singh Malik V.P.O. Umra, Hansi, Hisar (Haryana) declare that I have changed my name from Karmal Singh to Karmal Singh Malik in future, call to me Karmal Singh Malik.

I, Eshika Kumari

d/o Sulender Singh r/o Village Katlaheer, Tehsil & Distt. Karnal, Haryana have changed my name from Eshika Kumari to Minakshi.

I, Jasbir Singh

Son of Gurmukh Singh Resident of Village Rattangarh Tehsil Ratia District Fatehabad Haryana declared that I have changed my Name From Jasvir Singh to Jasbir Singh. All Concerned Please Note.

I, Sawinder Kaur

W/o No.675336303 late Const. Balkar Singh R/o.Vill Jhanoiti, Tehsil. Ajnala Distt Amritsar Punjab declare that as per PPO No.240557601044 my name is Surennder Kaur and Date of birth 1-7-1947 but my correct name and Dob is Sawinder Kaur and Dob is 1-1-1951

I, Hitherto Known As Sohan

Lal Ternach S/O Brij Lal Ternach Residing At New Anandpur Road Green Field Lane 2 Shastrri Nagar Pathankot District Pathankot Punjab Have Changed My Name And Shall Hereafter Be Known As Sohan Lal Sharma.

I, Harinder Paul Singh

S/o Ajaib Singh R/o.Vill. Jakhwaili, P.O. Mulepur, Fatehgarh Sahib, have changed my minor daughter's name from Manseerat to Manseerat Kaur.

I, Vaishnavi Shivdas

Sonune W/o Sonune Shivdas Bhagwan resident of VPO - Dudha, Distt - Buldhana, State - Madharashtra - 443106 declare that in school records of my son mine name is recorded as Sonune Vaishnavi Shivdas which is incorrect. My correct name is Vaishnavi Shivdas Sonune.

I, Ram Bharse Sharma

S/o Late Jagdish Lal R/o #229, Badheri, Sector 41-D, Chandigarh, have changed my name from Ram Bhrose to Ram Bharse Sharma. Concerned Note.

I, Gopal Krishan

Chuttani S/o Hari Chand R/o Ward No. 06, Purani Sabji Mandi, Kaithal, Tehsil & Distt. Kaithal (Haryana) declared that I have changed my name from Gopal Krishan Chuttani to Gopal Krishan. In future, I will be known by the name of Gopal Krishan. All concerned please note.

I, Dinesh Singh

S/o Chandor Bos R/o VPO Teontha, Tehsil Pundri, Distt. Kaithal (Haryana) declares that I am known by two names Dinesh Singh and Dinesh Kumar. My both names are correct and used for the same one person. All concerned please note.

I, Vandana Maurya

W/o Ranjeet Maurya present address H.No.866, Randhawana Niwas, Baba Attar Singh Nagar, Jalandhar Cantt, Jalandhar Punjab- 144005 permanent address Raipur Pulwari, Amethi, Uttar Pradesh-227405, declared that in my son Rishabh Maurya and my daughter Ritika Maurya school record my name mentioned as Vandana, whereas my correct name is Vandana Maurya.

I, No.15482729-A

Rank: DFR Name: Kunvar Ram Pal Singh R/o 44, Prithivipur, Ambekdar Nagar, Uttar Pradesh, Unit: HQ SQN 98 ARMD BDE, Pin- 908098 C/o 56 APO, have changed my son's name from Himanshu to Himanshu Singh.

I, Daljit Kaur

legally wedded spouse of Naib Singh presently residing at VPO- Gandhuan, Tehsil- Sunam, Distt- Sangrur, State- Punjab, PIN -148030 have changed my name from Daljit Kaur to Daljeet Kaur vide Affidavit dated 30 Sep 2024 before Executive Magistrate Jalandhar, (PB).

I, Patel Sitaben

Ganeshbhai is legally Mother of Patel Rameshbhai Ganeshbhai presently residing at VPO - Golvi, Distt- Banakantha, State- Gujarat, -385330 have changed my name from Patel Sitaben Ganeshbhai to Patel Sitaben Ganeshbhai vide Affidavit No IN-PB6215895679036W Dated 30-09-2024 before Notary Public Executive Magistrate Jalandhar, (PB).

I, Pinki Bharati

spouse of No 15782951A Rank HAV (STEWARD) Name Raj Kumar resident of Village and Post Office Bank, Tehsil - Jamalpur Distt - Munger, State - Bihar, PIN - 811202, have changed my name from Pinki Bharati to Pinki Bharti vide Affidavit No IN-PB6215895679036W Dated 30-09-2024 before Executive Magistrate Pathankot (Punjab).

I, Pankunwer Devi

Am Mother Of Army No-18024847X Rank- Spr Name-Prashant Banshakar Presently Posted At Unit: 57 Engr Regt C/O 56 Apo Permanent Address: Gram: Bharoli, Post: Bharoli, Bharoli, Datia, Bharoli, Madhya Pradesh-475675 Declare That I Have Changed My Name From Pankunwer Devi To Panaku Banshkar. Vide Affidavit No-54aa 645360, Dated: 30/09/24

I, Salo Debi

Choudhary Am Mother Of Army No: 18008870F Rank: Nk Name: Kanhai Choudhary Presently Posted At Unit: 57 Engr Regt C/O 56 Apo, Permanent Address: Nabanagar, Balibhara (C), North Twenty Four Parganas, West Bengal-743136 Declare That I Have Changed My Name From Salo Debi Choudhary To Salodebi Choudhary. Vide Affidavit No-54aa 645343, Dated: 30/09/24

I, Rajbeer Singh

Raghav Am Father Of Army No: 18000485H Rank-L/Hav Name- Bajrang Singh Raghav Presently Posted At Unit: 57 Engr Regt C/O 56 Apo Permanent Address: Khohar, Khohar, Alwar, Rajasthan-301709 Declare That In My Son Service Record My Name Wrongly Mentioned As Rajbeer Singh Raghav But My Correct Name Is Rajbeer Singh Rajput. Vide Affidavit No-54aa 645336, Dated: 30/09/24

I, Kavita Sati

Maindoli Am Legally Wedded Spouse Of Army No:18010703K Rank: Nk Name- Moti Yuvraj Kashinath Presently resident of Village - Pathurdi, Tehsil - Karmala, Distt - Solapur, State - Maharashtra, have changed my name from Sagor to Mote Sagor Yuvraj vide Affidavit No IN-PB62957523755006W Dated 30-09-2024 before Notary Public Pathankot (Punjab).

I, Sagor son of No.

15776625F Rank Hav (Opr) Name Mote Yuvraj Kashinath presently resident of Village - Pathurdi, Tehsil - Karmala, Distt - Solapur, State - Maharashtra, have changed my name from Sagor to Mote Sagor Yuvraj vide Affidavit No IN-PB62957523755006W Dated 30-09-2024 before Notary Public Pathankot (Punjab).

I, Lilaben Patel

legally wedded spouse of Patel Rameshbhai Ganeshbhai presently residing at VPO - Golvi, Distt- Banakantha, State- Gujarat, -385330 have changed my name from Lilaben Patel to Lilaben Rameshbhai Patel vide Affidavit dated 30 Sep 2024 before Executive Magistrate Jalandhar, (PB).

I, hitherto known as Mamta

W/o Anil Kumar, R/o 848/1, Durga Garden, Jagadhri, Tehsil Jagadhri, Distt. Yamuna Nagar, 135003 (Haryana), INDIA have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as Mamtesh Kumari.

I, Kanchan W/o Rishi Kapoor

Verma R/o House No S-627 Jalan Nagar Tehsil & District Bhiwani have changed my name from Kanchan (केचन) to Kanchan Verma (केचन वर्मा) for all future purpose.

I, Rajan Kumar

S/o Subhash Chander R/O Hno- 526 Pla Hisar Haryana declared in my school certificate name is Rajan and in aadhar card name is Rajan Kumar. Both the name are same person.

I, Kajal Girotra

w/o Gourav Girotra R/O Hno-526 Pla Hisar Haryana declared in my school certificate name is Kajal and in aadhar card name is Kajal Girotra. Both the name are same person.

I, Arvind S/O Sh. Dutt

Sharma R/O House No. 1380, Saharanpur Road, Gulati Gali, Old Hamida, Yamuna Nagar, Tehsil Jagadhri, Distt. Yamuna Nagar (Haryana). That I Have Changed My Name From Arvind To Arvind Shama.

I, Dinash Gupta

S/O Jai Narayan Gupta R/O #1829, Mia Road, Rajpura Tehsil Rajpura Distt Patiala Have Changed My Name To Dinesh Gupta.

I, Usha Rani,

w/o Sh. Satbir, r/o village Siwah, district Panipat, declare that my name in the Aadhar card is Usha Rani. Earlier my name was written in the Aadhaar card as Simranjit Kaur, now I have changed my name to Usha Rani in future purposes.

I, hitherto known as Gurmit

Singh s/o Piara Singh resident of VPO. Begowal, Distt. Kapurthala-144621, Punjab have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as Gurmeet Singh.

I, Raj Bala Devi

(Existing Name) Wife Of No. 58610f Ex Po Azad Singh Son Of Hawa Singh Resident Of H.No. 108/09, Ladhot Road, Rishi Nagar, Rohtak, District Rohtak (Haryana) Have Changed My Name In My Husband's Defence Records/Discharge Book From Raj Bala Devi (Existing Name) To Rajbala (Proposed New Name) My Correct /Actual Dob Is 01.01.1961 As Per My Aadhar /Pan Card. In Future I Shall May Be Known/Written And Called As Rajbala (Dob : 01.01.1961) For All Work Purposes, Vide Affidavit Dated Sept. 2024 Before 1st Class Magistrate Rohtak

I, Ranbir Singh

S/o Gurdyl Singh Village Sarsa, Tehsil Pehowa Distt Kurukshetra, Haryana Have Changed My Name From Ranbir Singh to Ranbir Malik.

I, Maam Chand

S/o Bant Singh Vill.Roshanpur Patti Jhngunia, Patiala have Changed My Name Mam Chand.

I, Mimia Devi

W/o Mam Chand Vill.Roshanpur Patti Jhngunia, Patiala have Changed My Name Bimlia Devi

I, Nirmal Saini

S/o Amar Singh R/O Nai Basti Village Nalvi Distt Kurukshetra have changed my name to Nirmal Singh

I, Kulvinder W/o Anil Kumar

Vill Bakhi, Pehowa, Kurukshetra have changed my name Kulvinder Kaur

I, Ramandeep

W/o Karamjeet Singh Vill.Bodhni, Pehowa, Kurukshetra have changed my given name Ramandeep Surname Kaur

I, Harjeet Kaur

W/o Jaswant Singh. Village - Daawal, Po-Purana Shalla, Tehsil /Distt- Gurdaspur. Declare That In My Passport My Name Spelling Wrongly Written As Harjit Kaur My Correct Name Spelling Is Harjeet Kaur.

I, No 122846W

Rank EX HAV/GD Name Dilbag Singh resident of Govind Vihar Colony, Village - Chhatwal, P.O. Jandwal, Tehsil & Distt Pathankot (Punjab) declare that Date of birth of my wife Kanta Devi is wrongly recorded as 06-05-1961 in my Service records. The correct date of birth of my wife is 01-01-1967 instead of 06-05-1961 vide Affidavit no IN-PB62341471534055W Dated 30 Sep 2024 before Executive Magistrate Pathankot (Punjab).

I, No 15790249K

Rank L/Nk Name Chaudhari Ashish Ganpatrao resident of Village - Kawalewada , Tehsil - Tirora, Distt - Gondia, State - Maharashtra, have changed name of my son from Aksh to Aksh Ashish Chaudhari vide Affidavit No IN-PB62836370301200W Dated 30-09-2024 before Executive Magistrate Pathankot (Punjab).

I, Pinki Bharati

spouse of No 15782951A Rank HAV (STEWARD) Name Raj Kumar resident of Village and Post Office Bank, Tehsil - Jamalpur Distt - Munger, State - Bihar, PIN - 811202, have changed my name from Pinki Bharati to Pinki Bharti vide Affidavit No IN-PB6215895679036W Dated 30-09-2024 before Executive Magistrate Pathankot (Punjab).

I, Rajbeer Singh

Raghav Am Father Of Army No: 18000485H Rank-L/Hav Name- Bajrang Singh Raghav Presently Posted At Unit: 57 Engr Regt C/O 56 Apo Permanent Address: Khohar, Khohar, Alwar, Rajasthan-301709 Declare That In My Son Service Record My Name Wrongly Mentioned As Rajbeer Singh Raghav But My Correct Name Is Rajbeer Singh Rajput. Vide Affidavit No-54aa 645336, Dated: 30/09/24

I, Kavita Sati

Maindoli Am Legally Wedded Spouse Of Army No:18010703K Rank: Nk Name- Moti Yuvraj Kashinath Presently resident of Village - Pathurdi, Tehsil - Karmala, Distt - Solapur, State - Maharashtra, have changed my name from Sagor to Mote Sagor Yuvraj vide Affidavit No IN-PB62957523755006W Dated 30-09-2024 before Notary Public Pathankot (Punjab).

I, Megha daughter of No.

15776625F Rank Hav (Opr) Name Mote Yuvraj Kashinath presently resident of Village - Pathurdi, Tehsil - Karmala, Distt - Solapur, State - Maharashtra, have changed my name from Megha to Megha Yuvraj Mote vide Affidavit No 83AA 285160 Dated 11-09-2024 before Executive Magistrate Karmala (Maharashtra).

I, Risikesh son of No.

15776625F Rank hav (Opr) Name Mote Yuvraj Kashinath presently resident of Village - Pathurdi, Tehsil - Karmala, Distt - Solapur, State - Maharashtra, have changed my name from Risikesh to Rishikesh Yuvraj Mote vide Affidavit No 83AA 285162 Dated 11-09-2024 before Executive Magistrate Karmala (Maharashtra).

I, hitherto known as Kulwinder Kaur

W/o Lakhbir Singh R/O VPO. Mirzapur, Distt. Kapurthala, Punjab-144624 have changed my name as Paramjit Kaur.

I, Amrit D/o Keemti Lal

R/o Village Safipur, Shaffipur, Po. Gakhian, Distt. Jalandhar, Punjab have changed my name from Amrit to Amrit Kumari.

I, Harish S/o Rajwinder

Kumar R/o Village Kahanpur, Po. Raipur, Distt. Jalandhar, Punjab have changed my name from Harish to Harish Sondhi (Surname as Sondhi)

I, Neha Sambyal

W/o Rahul Blowria R/O H.No. 107, Arjun Nagar, Lamba Pind Road, Jalandhar, Punjab have changed my name from Neha Sambyal to Neha Sambyal Blowria, after marriage.

I, Manjinder Kaur

W/o Rashpal Singh R/o Village Billi Braich, PO. Daulatpur Dhadde, Tehsil Shahkot, Distt. Jalandhar have changed my minor daughter name from Gurdipinder Kaur to Kaur Gurdipinder.

I, hitherto known as Gurmit

Singh s/o Piara Singh resident of VPO. Begowal, Distt. Kapurthala-144621, Punjab have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as Gurmeet Singh.

I, Raj Bala Devi

(Existing Name) Wife Of No. 58610f Ex Po Azad Singh Son Of Hawa Singh Resident Of H.No. 108/09, Ladhot Road, Rishi Nagar, Rohtak, District Rohtak (Haryana) Have Changed My Name In My Husband's Defence Records/Discharge Book From Raj Bala Devi (Existing Name) To Rajbala (Proposed New Name) My Correct /Actual Dob Is 01.01.1961 As Per My Aadhar /Pan Card. In Future I Shall May Be Known/Written And Called As Rajbala (Dob : 01.01.1961) For All Work Purposes, Vide Affidavit Dated Sept. 2024 Before 1st Class Magistrate Rohtak

I, Madan Lal

S/O Lachman Dass H/No 116 W/No 08 Arjuna colony Dasuya Distt Hoshiarpur Have Changed My Name Madan Lal To Madan Lal Rana.

I, Neelam Singh

Gill S/O Bikkar Singh, R/O Vpo. Jhorran, Tehsil Raikot, Distt. Ludhiana Have Changed My Name To Neelam Singh.

I, Harish Chadha

S/o Om Parkash R/O H.No. 36 Badal Colony Zirakpur (SAS Nagar, Mohali) have changed my name from Harish Kumar to Harish Chadha.

I, Sukhwinder Singh

Sidher S/O Ajaib Singh, R/O Vpo Bhadour, District Barnala, have changed my name Sukhwinder Singh.

I, Surjeet Kaur

W/o Pavitrr Singh R/o Jhakarwala (Faridkot) have changed my name to Sukhjeet Kaur

I, Simarjit Kaur

W/o Jagsir Singh R/o Rauwala (Faridkot) have changed my name to Simarjeet Kaur

I, Paramjit Kaur

W/o Malkheet Singh R/o Bishnandi (Faridkot) have changed my name to Parmjit Kaur.

I, Deepak Singh

Grewal S/o Sukhwinder Singh R/o Vill: Dad (Ludhiana) have changed my name to Deepak Singh.

I, Sukhwinder Kaur

Grewal W/o Deepak Singh R/o Vill: Dad (Ludhiana) have changed my name to Sukhwinder Kaur.

I, Deepak Singh

S/o Sukhwinder Singh R/o Vill: Dad (Ludhiana) have changed my minor daughter name from Hasheen Kaur Grewal to Hasheen Kaur.

I, Kusum Lata

Am Legally Wedded Spouse Of Army No:180104427 Rank: Nk Name- Pramod Kumar Presently Posted At Unit: 57 Engr Regt C/O 56 Apo Permanent Address: 0, Vill-Banasi Talli, Post/Tehsil-Kunjkhali, Banasi, Distt:Pauri, Garhwal, Uttarakhand-246169 Declare That I Have Changed My Name From Kusum Lata To Kusumlata. Vide Affidavit No-54aa 645338, Dated: 30/09/24

I, Amarjeet Kaur

USHA SLAMS EC MEMBERS FOR NOT FELICITATING OLYMPIC MEDALLISTS

PTI ■ NEW DELHI
Indian Olympic Association (IOA) President PT Usha on Monday said it is "deeply concerning" that the Executive Committee members failed to honour Olympic medallists and accused the Finance Committee of blocking funds intended to support Indian athletes' preparation for the Paris Games.
India secured six medals, including two historic bronze by young shooter Manu Bhaker, but Usha said the "EC does not want to celebrate their success" and it makes her "very sad."
"These athletes have made the nation proud, and it is the responsibility of the IOA to celebrate their achievements with the respect they deserve. It is deeply concerning that, even after returning home in mid-August, the EC has failed to discuss or take any steps towards organizing a formal felicitation ceremony," she said in a statement.
She revealed that a proposal for a

preparatory grant of Rs 2 lakh for each Olympic-bound athlete and Rs 1 lakh for each coach had been blocked by the Finance Committee, notably by IOA Treasurer Sahdev Yadav.
"I strongly believe that this grant would have given our athletes and their coaches the support they needed in the crucial period leading up to the Olympic Games.
"The refusal to disburse these funds reflects a lack of understanding of the needs of athletes and shows a complete disregard for their preparation and well-being," she stated.
Highlighting the contrast with previous leadership, Usha pointed out that a successful felicitation ceremony was organised for the seven medallists from the Tokyo 2021 Olympics, even amid the COVID-19 pandemic.
"If my predecessors could celebrate the achievements of our athletes during a global pandemic, what is stopping the current EC members from doing the same? These medallists have worked tirelessly to



bring honour to our nation, and they deserve to be acknowledged." Usha questioned the commitment of some EC members, particularly those who are former athletes.
"As someone who has represented India on the world stage, I understand the importance of recognising the hard work, sacrifices, and victories of our athletes. It is disheartening to see that others in positions of power, especially those who have also worn the national colours, are failing to uphold this duty."
The IOA had planned to award each individual medallist between Rs 50 lakh and Rs 1 crore, with coaches receiving Rs 15 lakh to Rs 25 lakh as part of the official felicitation.
"By not following through on these plans, the IOA is letting down the athletes who have made our country proud. I urge the Executive Committee to take immediate action and ensure that our athletes receive the honours and recognition they deserve."
She reaffirmed her commitment to stand by the athletes, saying: "Our

athletes are the heart and soul of Indian sport. I will not rest until they are given the due respect, support, and acknowledgment they have earned."
On Saturday, 12 members of the Executive Council had sent a letter to senior International Olympic Committee (IOC) official Jerome Poivey, accusing Usha of running the organization in an "autocratic" manner after she rejected their demand to remove Raghuram Iyer as IOA CEO during a contentious meeting.
Usha called the accusations "malicious and false," asserting that they aimed to undermine her leadership and the efforts to improve Indian sports. On Sunday, she criticized the dissenting council members for prioritizing personal power and financial gain over the welfare of the sport.
In a press release, Usha on Sunday alleged that several of these EC members have questionable track records, including accusations of sexual harassment against them.

World Cup winner Antoine Griezmann retires from international soccer after 10 years with France



AP ■ PARIS
World Cup winner Antoine Griezmann took the soccer world by surprise on Monday when he announced the end of his international career with France.
The 33-year-old Atletico Madrid player has played 137 matches with Les Bleus, scoring 44 goals during a successful 10-year tenure.
Griezmann started with France in 2014 in a friendly match against the Netherlands then quickly established himself as a

stalwart of the team coached by Didier Deschamps with his versatile talent and influence as both a goalscorer and an assist provider.
Only two players, Hugo Lloris and Lilian Thuram, have played more international games with France than Griezmann.
"It's with a heart full of memories that I close this chapter of my life," Griezmann said in a message posted on Instagram. "Thank you for this wonderful tricolor adventure and see you soon."
Griezmann is fourth on France's list of all-time scorers behind Olivier Giroud,

Thierry Henry and Kylian Mbappe. He won the 2018 World Cup and the Nations League three years later with his France teammates.
"After 10 incredible years, marked by challenges, successes and unforgettable moments, it is time for me to turn a page and make way for the new generation," he said. "I was lucky enough to experience some incredible moments alongside some exceptional teammates. We have shared victories that will remain forever engraved in our memories."
After a disappointing showing at the European Championship earlier this year, where France lost in the semifinals, Griezmann had lost some of his influence in Deschamps' team. His final appearance in the France kit was in September in a 2-0 win over Belgium in a Nations League match when he came on as a late substitute. Although Griezmann has admitted he struggled at the Euros, he was expected to keep on playing with France until the 2026 World Cup.
In his retirement message, Griezmann thanked Deschamps for his support over the last decade despite the coach's decision to make Mbappe France captain ahead of him last year following Lloris' retirement. Griezmann had previously said Deschamps' snub had been difficult to stomach.
Griezmann didn't say how long he'll continue with his club career.



Young Indian shuttler Raksha Kandasamy wins titles in Croatia and Belgium

PTI ■ MUMBAI
Young Indian badminton player Raksha Kandasamy continued her brilliant run as she clinched back-to-back titles in the Croatian International and Belgium Junior tournaments.
The 16-year-old remained unbeaten throughout the two tournaments as she won each of her five games en route to her title wins.
Raksha defeated England's Leona Lee 21-9, 21-5 in the final of the Croatian International played at Samobor on Sunday. She had earlier defeated Bulgaria's Stefani Stoeva 21-14, 21-23 in the semifinal and Poland's Joanna Rudna 21-11, 21-10 in the quarterfinal.
Earlier, Raksha had crushed the challenge from Tammi van Wouterghem of Belgium 21-5, 21-8 in the quarterfinals of the Belgium Junior event.
Ireland's Siofra Flynn presented a strong fight against Raksha but the Indian prevailed 21-8, 19-21, 25-23 in their last-four clash.
Raksha beat Germany's Gloria Poluektov 21-14, 10-21, 22-20 in the final played in the Belgian city of Herstal.

Delhi Capitals co-owner GMR group takes over Hampshire in county cricket



PTI ■ LONDON
The GMR Group, co-owners of IPL franchise Delhi Capitals, on Monday completed an agreement with Hampshire to buy majority stake in the English county club.
Initially, the GMR Group will hold 53 percent stake in Hampshire, thereby making it the first county team to have an overseas ownership.
In a phased manner through the next 24 months, the Indian conglomerate will acquire 100 percent stake.
"Hampshire Sport & Leisure Holdings Limited, owner of the Utilita Bowl site and Hampshire Cricket, has signed and exchanged definitive agreements with GMR Global Pte Ltd (GGPL), marking the start of a significant strategic partnership," the club said in a statement in its website.
"As part of the agreement, GGPL will initially acquire a majority stake in Hampshire Sport & Leisure Holdings Limited, with the completed acquisition of 100% ownership expected within the next 24 months," the statement added.
Kirankumar Granthi, Corporate Chairman of the GMR Group, said his aim will be to cultivate "value creation" and providing opportunities to budding talents.
"With this acquisition, along with our investments in the US, Dubai, and India, GMR is focused on engaging and connecting with the global youth. We are committed to financial prudence, value creation, and creating opportunities for young talent.
"Our vision is to transform sports into a platform that unites people and cultures, drives global excellence, and nurtures the creation of future world champions," said Granthi.
Currently, GMR holds a 50 percent stake in the Delhi Capitals (IPL and WPL), the Dubai Capitals (ILT20) and the Pretoria Capitals (SA20). Additionally, the GMR group has invested in the Seattle Orcas in the Major League Cricket, USA.
Under the new ownership structure, Hampshire's existing leadership team will remain in place.
Rod Bransgrove will continue as Group Chairman until at least September 30, 2026, and David Mann will retain his role as the Group CEO.
"This is the fulfilment of a dream for me and, I hope, for all Hampshire Cricket supporters. After a thorough selection process, we chose GGPL (the parent company of GMR) as our partners due to their shared values and commitment to our vision.
"Becoming the first English cricket club to join an international cricket group will open exciting new opportunities as we embrace the globalization of this great sport," said Bransgrove.
Richard Gould, ECB Chief Executive Officer, welcomed the acquisition.
"This is an exciting time for Hampshire Cricket. I am pleased to see GGPL's commitment to continuing to develop Hampshire's cricket teams and pathways and enhance facilities at Utilita Bowl, and their respect for the traditions of the game in this country.
"This announcement also demonstrates the global interest in investing in cricket in England and Wales, and underlines the continuing appeal of county cricket," said Gould.

Arteta talks up Enrique's 'unbelievable power' as Arsenal hosts PSG in Champions League game

AP ■ LONDON
Days after professing his "love" and "respect" for Pep Guardiola, Arsenal manager Mikel Arteta has spoken in an equally effusive manner about another influential Spanish coach he will face in the Champions League on Tuesday.
Luis Enrique takes his Paris Saint-Germain team to Emirates Stadium for the most high-profile fixture in the second round of games in the new-look competition.
Arteta and Enrique go way back, having been together at Barcelona in the late 1990s and early 2000s when Arteta was starting out his professional career and Enrique was coming toward the end of his.
Arteta said he "learned a lot of things" from Enrique as a player and now as a coach, saying Monday his compatriot "brings a smile on my face."
"I am a huge admirer of him," Arteta said. "I remember his personality, huge character, huge energy, very supportive of his young players. What I love about him is that wherever he has been, as a player or as a manager, his fingerprints are all over place. You can see it's



his team. You can see PSG is his team. "He has this unbelievable power ... Then there's his approach to life, his profession - it's something to really look at and I learnt a lot of things from him."
Arteta spent much of last week talking about Guardiola and Manchester City amid the fallout from Arsenal's feisty 2-2 draw at the Premier League champions that appears to have ignited a rivalry between the teams.
He has long been viewed as a protégé of Guardiola, yet it seems that Enrique has been an influence, too.
"I love his honesty - he is very straightforward, he looks you in the eyes and tells you what he thinks," Arteta said. "I think

Chennaiyin FC aim for strong show against winless Hyderabad FC

PTI ■ HYDERABAD
Hyderabad FC would look for their first win of the season while Chennaiyin FC seek to move up the standings when the two sides face each other in an Indian Super League match here on Tuesday.
In their previous match, Hyderabad lost 0-2 to Punjab FC, while Chennaiyin succumbed to a 0-1 defeat to debutant Mohammedan Sporting.
Hyderabad have a strong defensive structure that could trouble Chennaiyin. The two teams have clashed against each other on 10 occasions in the ISL and have registered four wins each, while two matches ended in a draw.
Meanwhile, CFC have scored in their previous four away matches. Their previous longest goal-scoring run in away games was 16 contests between January 2020 to February 2023.
Ahead of Tuesday's fixture, Hyderabad head coach Thangboi Singto hoped to draw inspiration from last season when his side triumphed over Chennaiyin.
"I can see that the boys have gelled with each other in the



last few weeks of training. So far, we have played only away games, and our next match will be at home," Singto said on the eve of the game.
"Chennaiyin FC were the only team that we beat last season. Are we going to defeat them again? I wish."
"It won't be easy because of the kind of foreigners that they have brought in, and the Indian players are there; they are much better in terms of physicality and experience. It will be tough, but the only thing we can do is train and keep trying."
Chennaiyin head coach Owen Coyle said while their start has been better than the last

Atletico equalises late against Madrid in derby interrupted after objects thrown on the field

AP ■ MADRID
Angel Correa scored in stoppage time and Atletico Madrid drew 1-1 with Real Madrid in a tense Spanish league derby that was interrupted for more than 15 minutes in the second half after Atletico fans threw objects onto the field.
Correa equalised for Atletico in a breakaway five minutes into added time with a goal that was initially disallowed for offside but was awarded after video review. Eder Militao had given Madrid the lead in the

64th.
The draw left Madrid in second place, three points behind leader Barcelona, which lost 4-2 to Osasuna on Saturday to end its seven-game winning streak. Atletico was third, two points behind Madrid after eight rounds.
"I always think positively," Madrid coach Carlo Ancelotti said.
"We moved closer to the leader and we have been playing well." The derby was interrupted shortly after Madrid's goal at the Metropolitano, with the referee sending the players to



the locker rooms after Atletico fans kept throwing objects onto the field.
Militao had celebrated near the sideline in front of Atletico fans, and Madrid goalkeeper Thibaut Courtois was seen appearing to provoke Atletico fans after Militao scored.
"What the fans did wasn't right but we are not helping when we provoke them," Atletico coach Diego Simeone said.
"I'm not justifying what the fans did, but we need to help as well."
It was Courtois who alerted the referee about the objects -

including lighters - being thrown onto the field near him.
Atletico defender José María Giménez and midfielder Koke Resurrección went to talk to the fans in the section behind Courtois' goal. That section is where usually the more radical Atletico supporters are located.
Atletico coach Diego Simeone also asked several times for the fans to behave.
A message over the stadium loudspeakers said the match was being interrupted for 15 minutes, and that it would be suspended if the problem continued.
The interruption came a day after the Spanish league said it would ask police to act against the promoters of a social media campaign which the league said was aimed at promoting racist acts against Madrid star Vinicius Júnior at the derby.
The social media campaign was based on a hashtag encouraging Atletico fans to wear face masks, apparently to make it more difficult for authorities to identify individuals who participate in racist chants or insults.
Social media videos showed Atletico fans before the match chanting "Vinicius is different." Vinicius occasionally clashed with Atletico players at the Metropolitano.
Atletico's Marcos Llorente was sent off in stoppage time.
OTHER RESULTS: Fourth-place 10-man Athletic Bilbao conceded a stoppage-time equaliser in a 1-1 draw with Sevilla at home, while Giovanni Lo Celso scored an 85th-minute goal in Real Betis' 1-0 home win over Espanyol.
Iago Aspas got an 81st-minute equaliser for Celta Vigo in a 1-1 draw against visiting Girona.