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Marital rape not a crime, Centre tells Supreme Court

Government says punitive measures in place

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The Government on Thursday filed an affidavit before the Supreme Court opposing petitions that have called for the criminalisation of marital rape in India.

The affidavit filed by the Union Home Ministry said that in a marriage, there is a continuing expectation to have reasonable sexual access from one's spouse. It clarified that such expectations do not entitle a husband to coerce his wife to have sex against her will.

However, it may be excessive and disproportionate to punish a man under anti-rape laws for such an act, the Centre said. The affidavit further highlighted that the parliament has already provided different remedies to protect a married woman's consent within marriage.

In the counter-affidavit filed through advocate AK Sharma, the Union Home Ministry backed the existing Indian rape law that carves out an exception for sexual relations between a husband and wife.



asserted that the issue is more of a social than a legal one, which has a direct bearing on society in general. While so, even if 'marital rape' is to be criminalised, it is not up to the Supreme Court to do so, the Centre argued. "The (issue) cannot be decided without proper consultation with all the stakeholders or taking the views of all the States into consideration ... the act colloquially referred to as 'marital rape' ought to be illegal and criminalised. The Central Government asserts that a woman's consent is not

obliterated by marriage, and its violation should result in penal consequences. However, the consequences of such violations within marriage differ from those outside it," the affidavit stated. It added that a breach of consent should be punished differently, depending on whether such an act occurs within or outside a marriage. These remedies include laws punishing cruelty to married women (as it was under Section 498A under the Indian Penal Code then), laws punishing acts against the

modesty of women, and remedies under the Protection of Women from Domestic Violence Act, 2005. The Bench of Chief Justice of India DY Chandrachud with Justices JB Pardiwala and Manoj Misra is currently seized of the matter. Marital rape is excluded from the ambit of "rape" by way of Exception 2 to Section 375 of the Indian Penal Code (IPC). A similar provision is also present in the newly enacted Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS) which replaced the IPC on July 1 this year. In 2022, the

Delhi High Court delivered a split verdict on whether marital rape should be a criminal offence. The matter then reached the Supreme Court in September that year. "The sexual aspect is but one of many facets of the relationship between husband and wife, on which the bedrock of their marriage rests ... Given the nature of the marital institution in our socio-legal milieu, if the legislature is of the view that, for preservation of the marital institution, the impugned Exception should be retained, it is submitted that it would not be appropriate for this Hon'ble Court to strike down the Exception," the latest affidavit added.

The counter-affidavit was filed in response to a batch of petitions that have called for the criminalisation of marital rape. The Centre criticised the petitioners' approach of treating the institution of marriage as a private institution, terming this view unidimensional. The case of a married woman and her own husband cannot be treated in the exact same manner as other cases, it said.

West Asia war hits Sensex

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ NEW DELHI

An escalation in the West Asia conflict had a massive impact on the Indian market on Thursday. The Sensex tanked 1,769 points to slide to a three-week low on Thursday as a spiralling triggered selling in oil, banking and auto shares, wiping out Rs 9.78 lakh crore investor money in a single day.

The NSE Nifty slumped 546.80 points or 2.12 per cent to 25,250.10 with 48 of its constituents ending lower. Foreign Institutional Investors (FIIs) offloaded equities worth Rs 5,579.35 crore on Tuesday, according to exchange data. Falling for the fourth day, the BSE Sensex tumbled 1,769.19 points or 2.10 per cent to settle at 82,497.10, its lowest closing level since September 11. During the day, it plummeted 1,832.27 points or 2.17 per cent to 82,434.02. As many as 29 Sensex scrips closed in the red while only one stock ended in the green.

From the 30 Sensex firms, Larsen & Toubro, Reliance Industries, Axis Bank, Asian Paints, Tata Motors, Bajaj Finance, Maruti, Bajaj Finserv, Kotak Mahindra Bank, Titan, Adani Ports and HDFC Bank were the major laggards. JSW Steel emerged as the only gainer. A total of 2,881 stocks declined while 1,107 advanced and 88 remained unchanged on the BSE.

Market capitalisation of BSE-listed companies dropped by around Rs 9.78 lakh crore to Rs



Israeli hits Hezbollah in southern Lebanon

BEIRUT: An Israeli airstrike on an apartment in central Beirut killed seven Hezbollah-affiliated civilian first responders. Israel has been pounding areas of the country where the militant group has a strong presence since late September, but has rarely struck in the heart of the capital.

There was no warning before the strike late Wednesday, which hit an apartment in central Beirut not far from the United Nations headquarters, the prime minister's office and

parliament. Hezbollah's civil defence unit said seven of its members were killed. The Lebanese Red Cross, meanwhile, said an Israeli strike wounded four of its paramedics and killed a Lebanese army soldier as they were evacuating wounded people from the south. It said the convoy near the village of Taybeh, which was accompanied by Lebanese troops, was targeted Thursday despite coordinating its movements with UN peacekeepers.

4,65,07,685.08 crore (USD 5.54 trillion). Continuous foreign fund outflows and rising crude oil prices dented investors' sentiment, analysts said. "The domestic market took a sharp downturn following Iran's launch of ballistic missiles at Israel, sparking fears of retaliation and escalation in the war," Vinod

Nair, Head of Research, Geojit Financial Services said. "New SEBI regulations for the F&O segment have raised concerns about reduced trading volumes in the broader market. Lastly, with attractive valuations in China, FIIs have redirected their funds, adding pressure on Indian stocks," Nair added.

Delhi Police summons Elvish Yadav, Bharti

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

Delhi Police has summoned YouTuber Elvish Yadav, comedian Bharti Singh and three others in an alleged app-based scam involving a fraud of Rs 500 crore, an officer said on Thursday.

Police received over 500 complaints alleging that many social media influencers and YouTubers promoted the HIBOX mobile application on their pages and lured people into investing through the app, the officer added. The main accused in the scam, Sivaram (30), a resident of Chennai, has been arrested, police said. As per the complaint, social media influencers and YouTubers including Saurov Joshi, Abhishek Malhan, Purav Jha, Elvish Yadav, Bharti Singh, Harsh Limbachiya, Lakshay Choudhary, Adarsh Singh, Amit, and Dilraj Singh Rawat promoted the application and lured people into investing through the app.

Drug mastermind has Congress link, says BJP



STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

Tushar Goyal, the mastermind behind Delhi's biggest drug bust worth over Rs 5,640 crore allegedly has Congress connections. Sources in Delhi Police's Special Cell said that he admitted to having held office in the Congress's IT Cell.

Later, a war of words broke out between the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) and Congress. The BJP claimed that the kingpin arrested in the case of seizure of drugs worth Rs 5,600 crore is the chairman of the Delhi Youth Congress RTI cell. It asked if the money was brought in for the October 5 Haryana elections while a claim refuted by the opposition party as baseless.

According to sources, Goyal claimed during interrogation that he has been the chairman of the RTI cell of Delhi Pradesh Congress till 2022, Delhi Police sources said. Photos of the accused with many Congress leaders have also surfaced.

Delhi police special cell has arrested Goyal, the main accused following the recovery of more than 500 kg of cocaine and 40 kg of hydroponic marijuana worth over Rs 5,600 crore in a raid conducted in south Delhi on Wednesday.

Later, a war of words erupted between BJP and Congress on this issue. "Drugs worth Rs 5,600 crore have been recovered from Delhi. The main accused in this case is Tushar Goyal, who is the chief of the RTI cell of the Indian Youth Congress," BJP spokesperson and Rajya Sabha MP Sudhanshu Trivedi said addressing a press conference in the national capital on Thursday.

Trivedi sought explanation from the Congress, questioning if the party used drug money in its election campaign and if its association with Goyal extended to business as well. Was there an arrangement between the drug dealers and the Congress that they will be given a free run in Haryana if the party comes to power, he asked, alleging that the neighbouring state of Punjab is already in the grip of drugs.

Revolving door in Haryana, Tanwar back in Congress

DEEPAK KUMAR JHA ■ MAHENDRAGARH (HARYANA)/ NEW DELHI

The high-voltage campaign for a cut throat finish in Haryana for the October 5 Assembly polls came to an end on Thursday evening. The ruling Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) suffered a major blow as its senior leader and former Member of Parliament Ashok Tanwar, who was the party's candidate from Sirsa for the Lok Sabha elections a few months ago, re-joined Congress at a rally of Rahul Gandhi in Mahendragarh district in Haryana on Thursday. Interestingly, shortly before joining the grand old party, the former Sirsa MP, who represented it as a Congress member, was campaigning for the BJP candidate in Safidon Assembly constituency. As Rahul Gandhi finished his speech, an announcement was made from the stage asking the audience to wait for a few minutes. To their surprise Tanwar walked on to the stage and greeted Rahul.



Leader of Opposition in Lok Sabha and Congress leader Rahul Gandhi with former BJP leader Ashok Tanwar as the latter joins Congress during a public meeting ahead of Haryana Assembly elections, in Mahendragarh district. PTI

Tanwar, a former Haryana Congress president, shook hands with Rahul and greeted senior party leader and former Haryana Chief Minister Bhupinder Singh Hooda. Tanwar, who was considered close to Rahul and had left the Congress in 2019 following differences with senior party leader former Hooda and in the belief he had his stint with Trinamool Congress (TMC) as well as Aam Aadmi Party (AAP). Leading the campaign for BJP Prime Minister Narendra Modi said the Congress stands for the "guarantee of corruption, casteism,

communalism and nepotism". The PM exhorted people to vote for the BJP, saying it is important that they elect a government which strengthens India at a time when the entire world is looking at the country with hope and expectations. In his last speech for the campaign in Haryana, Rahul said his party will not let the "hatred" being spread by the BJP on the basis of religion, language, and caste win and appealed to the people of Haryana to oust the ruling party in the Assembly polls. More than two crore voters are eligible to exercise their franchise in Haryana for 90 assembly seats. The key parties in fray are BJP, Congress, AAP, Indian National Lok Da-Bahujan Samaj Party (INLD-BSP) and Jannayak Janta Party-Azad Samaj Party. While BJP focused its election campaign on the works and performance of the "double-engine" government, while it targeted the Congress on reservation, corruption, appeasement and dynastic politics, Congress wooed by announcing seven guarantees, including the promises of a legal guarantee for MSP, a caste survey, and Rs 2,000 per month to women, if voted to power. On the last day of campaigning, Congress's Rahul Gandhi and Bhupinder Singh Hooda, BJP's Yogi Adityanath and Nayab Singh Saini, JJP's Dushyant Chautala and INLD's Abhay Singh Chautala were among the prominent leaders who canvassed for their respective parties. AAP national convener Arvind Kejriwal also campaigned in Haryana for his party.



Delhi's traffic needs divine intervention

Navratri begins, and so does road congestion

BY RAJESH KUMAR

New roads, fancy flyovers, route expansion but the traffic situation in the national Capital remains horrific. Due to the exponential growth of vehicular population, or poor traffic management, commuters are spending more time in their vehicles, including both private and public. Traffic comes to a standstill when a "VIP movement" takes place. Major roads such as those in Lutyens' Zone, Sardar Patel Marg, Dhaura Kuan, RTR, Mathura Road, Tilak Marg, Bahadur Shah Marg, have remained a traffic nightmare for the past three decades. The festive season sees the highest number of traffic jams in the national Capital. The Pioneer begins a campaign on the crisis that unfolds on the city roads with a deep dive into the traffic around the temples in the city on the first day of Navratri, and Durga Puja festivities.

From Mehrauli-Badarpur road to Vikas Marg and Jhandewalan, Najafgarh to Peeragarhi, commuters in Delhi had harrowing experiences during the peak hours on the first day of the Navratri festival in the national Capital. However, according to frequent road users, this traffic stagnation is a routine affair. Wrecked roads, potholes, breakdown of vehicles, high volume of traffic and poor maintenance of major stretches result in massive jams. On Thursday, the first day of the Navratri festivities, heavy traffic exacerbated congestion on all roads leading to prominent

temples including Jhandewalan, Kalkaji, Maa Katyani Devi mandir in the national capital. The situation worsens each year as according to experts, while road size and capacity remains the same, the number of vehicles has grown exponentially. The vehicle movement was also badly affected on Vikas Marg in the carriageway from Karkari Mor towards Preet Vihar and vice-versa, due to ongoing work being carried out by DJB at Old Pankha Road and Old Pankha Road in both the carriageways due to ongoing work being carried out by DJB at Old Pankha Road. Commuters had a harrowing



Photo: Ranjan Dimri

experience on GTK Road on both the carriageways from Jahangirpuri to Azadpur flyover as the entire traffic came to standstill for two-three hours due to heavy

vehicles movement in Azadpur Mandi. According to a traffic police advisory, traffic was affected on Maa Anandmai Marg in the carriageway from ESI

Hospital towards Govind Puri due to breakdown of a bus at Crown Plaza Red Light. Traffic was affected on Ring Road in the carriageway from DND

towards Ashram Chowk due to breakdown of a water tanker on Maharani Bagh Flyover. A loaded truck near Peeragarhi flyover broke down which led to massive jam on the Main Outer Ring Road in the carriageway from Madhuban Chowk towards Peeragarhi. Traffic was also affected on Rohtak Road in the carriageway from Nangloi towards Tikri Border and vice versa due to potholes and water logging. There was a traffic jam on the SSN Marg in the carriageway from Satbari towards Mehrauli due to drain work being carried out by civic agency. Commuters were advised to plan their journey accordingly. "Traffic

remained affected on Dwarka Palam Road in the carriageway from Palam Flyover towards IOC Red light due to breakdown of a bus on Palam flyover. Kindly plan your journey accordingly. Traffic was affected on Mathura Road in the carriageway from Badarpur towards Sarita Vihar due to breakdown of a truck near Aali Village", traffic police advisory stated. According to traffic police, breakdown of vehicles during peak hours on major roads is also an issue that leads to traffic jams. Roads leading to the Jhandewalan temple and Shri Adhya Katyayani Shaktipeeth temple witnessed heavy traffic flow on the first day of Navratri festival.

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BEDAKHLI NOTICE

We, Gurnam Singh S/o Bhagat Singh & Gurmeet Kaur W/o Gurnam Singh R/o Village-Majri Jattan, Tehsil-Kalka, Distt.Panchkula declare that ourdaughter Bharti is out of our control. So, We disown her from our all movable/immovable properties. If anybody deals with her Shall do that on their own risk in future.

I Rajwinder Singh Brar S/o Sohan Singh R/o Bathinda road Kotkapura Distt. Faridkot declared that my son Gurmeet Singh is out of my control and stay away from our family, so I disown him from my moveable immovable properties anybody dealing with him at their own risk.

I Charan Kaur W/O Gurmukh Singh R/O Ward No. 3, Ghanaur Sub Tehsil Rajpura Distt Patiala Declare That My Son Jaswinder Singh And His Wife Meenu Rani Are Out Of My Control. So I Disowned Both Of Them From All My Movable And Immovable Properties. Anybody Dealing With Them On Their Own Risk.

I, Rajwant Kaur widow of Jasbir Singh R/o village Harchowal Tehsil Batala district Gurdaspur disown my son Gurpreet Singh from my movable/immovable property. He is not in control of me and the rest of my family. Anybody dealing with him will do at his/her own risk.

I, Ranjit Kaur W/o Sh. Dalvir Singh R/o 8A, Anand Nagar A, Near Baba Balak Nath Mandir, Dalipgarh, Babyal, Ambala Cantt declare that my Daughter Amandeep Kaur alias simran is out of my Control. So i Disown her from my all Movable Immovable Properties.

I, Shivraj Singh S/o Partap Singh R/o H.No.72, Aadarsh Nagar Panipat, Haryana declare that my Daughter Sikha Choudhary are out of my control. So we disown her from my Moveable and Immovable Properties. If anybody dealing with her own risk Concerned Note. We and my family members will not be responsible for any kind of transaction or legal or illegal work done by her.

I, Savita Rani W/o Jay Shankar R/o Ward No.12, Saraswati Mandir, Pehowa, Kurukshetra My Son Rajat Sharma and His Wife Pushpa Rani Is Out Of My Control. I, Disown Them From All My Moveable And Immovable Properties. If Anybody Deals With Him At Their Own Risk.

We Mohan Lal Sharma S/o Sampurna Dass & Meera Rani Sharma W/o Mohan Lal Sharma R/o 99, Rajindra Park, Mahesh Nagar, Ambala Cantt, Distt. Ambala declare that my Son Mandeep Sharma is out of my Control. So i Disown him from my all Movable Immovable Properties.

PUBLIC NOTICE

I, Renu Devi legally spouse of No. JC-287197Y Rank SUB(RST) Name Gopal Chand permanent resident of Vill- Arthi, PO & Teh- Joginder Nagar, Distt. Mandi, State Himachal Pradesh-175015 declare That I have changed my name from Renu to Renu Devi and DOB from 08.02.1979 to 08.02.1980

I, Anshu Devi legally spouse of No. 3203404A Rank HAV Name Sandeep Kumar permanent resident of Rampur Moti, Distt. Meerut, State Uttar Pradesh-250502 declare That I have changed my name from Anshu Devi to Anshu Chaudhary vide Affidavit dated 03.10.2024

I, Savithri C N legally mother of No. 16123267Y Rank L/Hav Name Belliappa C N Unit 4 Engr Regt. C/o 56 APO Bathinda (Punjab) permanent resident of Konagere Village, Virajpet Talukku, VTC : Hudkiri, Distt. Kodagu, State Karnataka-571249 declare That I have changed my name from Savithri C N to C M Savithri vide Affidavit dated 01.10.2024

I, Service No JC-304031W, Rank - Subedar, Name Mahendra Vikram Singh, s/o Man Singh, Permanent address Vill- Randouali, PO - Ugherpur, Tehsil - Sultanpur, Distt Sultanpur, state - UP, PIN - 228119, presently serving with 322 AD Regt. C/o 56 APO, do hereby affirm and state on oath as follows - Declare that in my army record my wife's (Suman Singh) date of birth is 04 May 1981 which is wrong The correct date of birth of my wife (Suman Singh) which is mentioned in Adhar card is 30 March 1982, which is correct.

I, Service No 1578677W, Rank - Hav(OFC), Name Kamal Jeet ,s/o Ramji Dass, Permanent address Vill- Dakhyora, PO - Dakhyora, Tehsil - Barsar, Distt Hamirpur, State -HP, PIN - 176049, presently serving with 322 AD Regt. C/o 56 APO, do hereby affirm and state on oath as follows - Declare that in my army record my Mother's (Dharmi Devi) date of birth is 01 July 2004 which is wrong . The correct date of birth of my Mother (Dharmi Devi) which is mentioned in Aadhar card is 07 January 1961, which is correct.

I, Roseveeta D/o Jaswinder Singh R/O Guru Teg Bahadur Colony Tanda Ram Sahai Teh-Mukerian (Hoshiarpur) Punjab, declare that in my documents my name wrongly mentioned as Roseveeta. But my correct name is Roseveeta Kaur.

I, Service No 1578677W, Rank - Hav(OFC),Name Kamal Jeet ,s/o Ramji Dass, Permanent address Vill- Dakhyora, PO - Dakhyora, Tehsil - Barsar, Distt Hamirpur, State -HP, PIN - 176049, presently serving with 322 AD Regt. C/o 56 APO, do hereby affirm and state on oath as follows - Declare that in my army record my Father's (Ramji Dass) date of birth is 01 July 1962 which is wrong . The correct date of birth of my Father (Ramji Dass) which is mentioned in Aadhar card is 24 April1961, which is correct.

I Service no 1801334H/ Rank SPR Manjinder Singh S/O S. Mahil Singh Permanent resident of Bahadhar Nagar Tarn Taran pin 143416, that in my army service record the name of my father is written as Mehal Singh but his actual name is Mahil Singh and that date of birth of my father is written as 19/05/1957, but his actual date of birth is 01/01/1969, and my mother date of birth is written as 12/09/1970 but her actual date of birth is 01/01/1970.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, Sulekha Rani W/o Prakash Sikka R/o 32, Chopra Garden, Yamuna Nagar have changed my name from Sulekha Rani to Sulekha Sikka.

I, Pawan Kumar S/o Jagdish R/o Village Dera Rampura, Sector 3, Pipili District Kurukshetra change the name of my minor son from Harshul to Abhinav Chauhan.

I, Nidhi Saini presently posted as Additional Civil Judge (Senior Division) at Nangal District Rupnagar have changed my name from Nidhi Saini to Nidhi Khurana. I may hereafter be called, known and distinguished not by my former name Nidhi Saini but by the name of Nidhi Khurana.

I, Ganauri Pandit Father of Gagan Kumar R/o #191-A, Sector 47-A Chandigarh have changed my name from Ganauri Pandit to Ganauri Pandit vide Affidavit No - IN-CH52486362610265W Distt 03-10-2024 before Notary, Distt. Court at Chandigarh.

I, Deepak Verma alias Deepak S/o Amar Singh, R/o Model Town, Babu Ram Gali, Tehsil-Narwana, District-Jind have changed my name from Deepak Verma alias Deepak to Deepak.

I, Kavita W/o Puneet R/o VPO Kaulapur, Tehsil Thanesar, District Kurukshetra have changed my name from Kavita to Kavita Rani.

I, Shilender Kumar S/o Sh. Bal Krishan R/o 1204, Tanki Wali Road, Sector-9, Karnal (Haryana) I have changed my name from Shilender Kumar to Shailender Kumar.

I, Arun Kumar Ahuja S/o Joginder Nath Ahuja R/o 2347/44C, Chandigarh, have changed the name of my minor daughter from Anisha to Anisha Ahuja.

I, Arun Kumar Ahuja S/o Joginder Nath Ahuja R/o 2347/44C, Chandigarh, have changed the name of my minor daughter from Arushi to Arushi Ahuja.

I, Suraj Rai, S/o Sh. Kuldeep Rai, R/o Village Azjilapur, tehsil and district Panipat, declare that I have changed my name from Suraj Rai to Suraj Kumar. In future I should be known as Suraj Kumar.

I, Nikhil Kumar S/o Ramesh Miglani R/o H.No.1123, NHBC, Sai Baba Chowk, Panipat, declare that I have changed my name from Nikhil Kumar to Nikhil Miglani, for all purpose.

I, Santosh w/o Suraj Parkash r/o Village Baldi, Distt. Karnal (Haryana) have changed my name from Santoh Devi to Santosh. In future I should be known as Santosh.

I, Krishan S/o Ram Bhagat R/o H. No. 831, Double Transform, Azad Nagar, Hisar, Haryana declare that I have changed my name from Krishan to Krishan Kumar for future purpose.

I, Archana Rani W/o Gulshan Kumar R/o H. No. 492-D, Near Gym Khana Club, PLA, Hisar, Haryana declare that in my Driving Licence No. HR2020110111785 dated 07-08-2011 issued by SDO (c) Hisar my name is mentioned as Archana Grover. I want to correct my name from Archana Rani to Archana Grover. The Archana Rani and Archana Grover names of the one and same person.

I Kamaljeet W/O Shyam Lal R/O Vpo Bhusthala, Kurukshetra, Haryana Changed My Name To Kamaljeet Kaur

I, Kiran D/O. Sh Gopal Krishan Age 28 Years, Residing At House No.10163, St No 7, New Subhash Nagar, Basti Jodhewal, Ludhiana, 141007. I Have Changed My Name From Kiran To Kiran Mehra

I, Komal D/O. Sh Gopal Krishan Age 28 Years, Residing At House No.10163, St No 7, New Subhash Nagar, Basti Jodhewal, Ludhiana, 141007. I Have Changed My Name From Komal To Komal Mehra

I Hanish Kumar S/O Shashi Kumar R/O H. No. 657- Main Bank Road Sri Muktsar Sahib Have Changed My Name Hanish Giridhar.

I Prince Garg S/O Late Sh. Rattan Lal Garg R/O Flat No. 1301, Tower No. 5 B,Suncity Parikarma Sector-20 Panchkula Declare That My Passport In My Father Name Written As Rattan Garg,Whereas His Correct Name Is Rattan Lal Garg

I Simranjit Kaur W/O Kirpal Singh R/O Jainagar Po Bhedwal Tehsil Rajpura Distt Patiala Have Changed My Name From Simran Kaur To Simranjit Kaur

I Dinesh Kumar s/o Asha ram, r/o Ward No. 5, Gandhi colony, Tehsil Samalkha, District Panipat. In some documents my name is Dinesh Kumar and Dinesh Kuhar. Now I have keep Dinesh Kuhar. In future known me Dinesh Kuhar in all government and non-government places.

I, Seema Rani W/O Chetan Gupta R/O Bansal Cottage, Street No 1, Central Town, Hoshiarpur, Punjab-146001 have changed my name to Simar Gupta.

I, Jasbir Singh S/O Ajmer Singh R/O 78, Staundi, Karnal, Haryana-132114 have changed name of my minor daughter Yashvi aged 14 years to Yashvi Choudhary.

I, Bala Tewari W/O Bhuwan Chand Mishra R/O # 943 A, Lici Colony, Near Radha Soami Satsang Bhawan, Mundi Kharar, Kharar, Sas Nagar(Mohali), Punjab-140301 have changed my name to Bimla Mishra.

I, Dinesh S/O Ram Avtar Kaushik R/O House No-915, Lyceum Public School, Ward No-03, Po-Mehem, Rohtak, Haryana-124112 have changed my name to Dinesh Kaushik.

I, Sunita Kumari, spouse of Ex-Sgt. Murari Lal Sharma (Service Number 678569-L) R/O H.No.163, Gali No. 1, Near Baba Balak Nath Mandir, Raipur Road, Vishal Nagar, Hisar, Haryana 125001 have changed my name from Sunita Kumari to Sunita Sharma vide Affidavit dated 03-October-2024 at Hisar.

I, Arun Kumar S/o Avtar Krishan R/O VPO Barwala Teh Patti District Tarn Taran have declare that Arun is my Given name and Kumar is my Surname

I Shaveta Mehra D/o Raman Mehra W/o Rohit Mehra Resident of 31, Shah Enclave, FGC Road, Near Varindavan Garden, Amritsar. I have changed my name from Shaveta Mehra to Shweta Mehra.

I, Pooja D/o Gurdial Singh Bhandari R/o H.No.650, Gali Lalan Wali, Katra Ahluwalia, Amritsar have changed my name from Pooja to Pooja Bhandari

I, Kamalesh W/o Shiv Kumar R/o H.No.545, New Model Town Khandwala, Chheharta, Amritsar have changed my name from Kamalesh to Kamlesh

I, Sucha Singh S/o Kartar Singh R/o H.No.E-10/319, Gali Mangal Puri, Ghanupur Road, Khandwala, PO R.S Mills Amritsar have changed my name from Sucha Singh to Sucha Singh Randhawa

I, Ranjit Singh S/o Amar Singh R/o Vill Chhattiwind Lehal, PO Akhalgarh Dhupaing, Amritsar Punjab have changed my name from Ranjit Singh to Ranjeet Singh

I, Surjeet Singh S/o Mukhtiar Singh R/o VPO Makhan Windi, Punjab have changed my name from Surjeet Singh to Surjit Singh

I, Sarbjit Kaur W/o Milkha Singh R/o VPO Pakhoke Patti Lehndi Tehsil and District Tarn Taran have changed my name from Sarbjit Kaur to Sarabjit Kaur

I Sanjeev Nagar S/o Shri Brij Bhushan Nagar R/o 334, HBC Ambala Cantt have changed my Name from Sanjeev Nagar To Sanjeev Kumar.

I Service No. 287631T Rank SGT, Suresh Kumar Gupta Presently Residing at 468, Shyam Nagar, Babyal, Ambala Cantt, Distt. Ambala.have changed DOB of my wife (Kanta) from 05.05.1960 to 10.07.1958.

I Ved Prakash Mishra S/O Late Jagannath Mishra R/O 34B, Sec.A, Vijay Nagar Colony, Near Vindhvasni Mandir, Malak, Nilmatha, Lucknow 226002 declare that my father name is Jagannath Mishra & Jagan Nath Mishra are one and the same person and my mother name is Shrimati Devi & Devi Mishra are of one and same person.

I Ved Prakash Mishra S/O Late Jagannath Mishra R/O 34B, Sec.A, Vijay Nagar Colony, Near Vindhvasni Mandir, Malak, Nilmatha, Lucknow 226002.have changed my Wife Name from Mamta To Mamta Pant.

I Lalita M/o No. 15723436W Rank Nk Name kokanee Nagesh Hirachand Presently Residing at 2 CSR (A), C/o 56 APO, R/o Behind Adivasi Colony,Adarsh Nehru Nagar, Rukmani Nagar,S.O Amravati, Maharashtra.have changed my Name from Lalita To Lalita hirachand Kokane.

I Isharawati Devi M/o No. 153401285 Rank Hav Name Keshav Singh R/O Rampur bhai, Kushinagar, Uttar Pradesh, 274306.have changed my Name from Ishrawati Devi To Isharawati Devi.

I Jayantilata Swain W/o No. JC 858915Y Rank Nb Sub (OFC) Deepak Ranjan Swain of Unit 612(I) Mech Ad Bde C/o 56 APO & R/o Bijipur, PO Kapasichhaka, Distt. Jaipur, Odisha 755007. have changed my Name from Jayantilata Rout To Jayantilata Swain Vide affidavit dated 03.10.2024 before Tehsil Ambala Cantt.

I No. 1800886X Rank L/Hav Sandeep Singh S/O Kuldeep Singh of Unit 67 Engr Br Regt C/o 56 APO, Ambala Cantt.have changed my Son Name from Abhishek Deep Singh To Abhishek Singh Vide affidavit dated 03.10.2024 before Tehsil Ambala Cantt

I Pannu Yaduwanshi F/o No. 15181906K Rank Nk Dileep Kumar Yaduwanshi Presently Residing at Ward no. 8, Ramnagri, Panchayat Bamhownwara, Tehsil Juncardoe, Chhindwara, Madhya Pradesh 480551.have changed my Name from Panoo Lal Yaduwanshi To Pannu Yaduwanshi & DOB from 15.07.1962 To 01.01.1959 Vide Affidavit dated 3.10.24 before tehsil, Ambala cantt.

I, Pritam Singh Alias Faqeer Chand S/o Munshi Ram, R/o VPO Barout, Baraut (81), Tehsil-Ladwa, District Kurukshetra, Haryana, India, changed my name Pritam Singh Alias Faqeer Chand to Pritam Singh.

I, Deepshikha D/o Rakam Singh Sandhu R/o House No. 376-P, Sector 08, Urban Estate, Thanesar, District Kurukshetra, inform that my father is known by two names: Rakam Singh Sandhu and Rakam Singh. Concern please note.

I, Suman Devi W/o Krishan Kumar R/o 546, Ramsha Patti, Village Serdha, Distt. Kaithal (Haryana) declared that I have changed my name from Suman to Suman Devi. All concerned please note.

I, Usha Rani W/o Krishan Kumar R/O Vishwakarma Colony, Balsamand Road, Hisar declare that I have changed my name from Usha Arya and Usha Krishan Kumar Arya to Usha Rani for all future purposes

I, Krishan Kumar S/o Mohan Singh R/O Vishwakarma Colony, Balsamand Road, Hisar declare that I have changed my name from Krishan K Arya and Krishan Kumar Mohar Singh Arya to Krishan Kumar for all future purposes.

I, Bhim Singla S/o Kishan Lal Singla R/O H.No. 2499, Near Jwala Mandir, Sector 9-11, Hisar declare that I have changed my name from Bhim Singla to Bhim Sain Singla for future purpose.

I, Nidhi Vohra W/o Vikas Vohra R/o H.No. 1562, Sec-9 Huda Ambala City, Haryana 134003 have changed my Minor Daughter's Name from Chhavi to Chhavi Vohra.

I, Krishan Kumar S/O Dharam Singh R/O VPO Kaul Distt. kaithal, Haryana have changed the name of my minor son from ishan to Ishan Sagwal.

I Dayavati spouse of Rambir Singh resident of H. No. 44 Preet Vihar Amritsar have Changed my name from Dayavati to Dayawati as per Affidavit dated 26-09-2024.

I, Ramesh Chander Sharma S/o Bal Kishan Sharma R/o #168/19, Vivekanand Nagar, Scheme No. 19, Jind-126102 have declared that my Name Changed From Ramesh Chander Sharma To Ramesh Sharma. In future all purposes.

I, Ruhi Lakhani W/o Naveen Kumar, Residing at H.No. 1A, Ravinder Nagar, Urban Estate, Phase 2, Jalandhar have changed the name of my minor son Krishiv to Krishiv Lakhani. Please note.

I, No.2492843L Ex Hav Macp Nb Sub, Jaswant Singh S/O Sh Partap Singh R/O Village - Waryah, Po- Hayat Nagar Tehsil And Distt- Gurdaspur, State- Punjab, Have Changed My Daughter Name From Sharnjit Kaur To Sharanjit Kaur And Date Of Birth Is 01--04-2004 To 31-12-2003.

I, Ashwani Kumari Roorprai S/o Ram Asra R/o H.No. 5525, Maloya Colony, U.T. Chandigarh have changed my name to Ashwani Kumar.

I, Davinder Singh Sahota son of Naranjan Singh, residing at H.No. 253-A, Street No. 2, Ghuman Nagar, Patiala, have corrected the spelling from Devinder Singh to Davinder Singh and added my full name in my daughter's documents, changing from Devinder Singh to Davinder Singh Sahota.

I Dharm Chand s/o Ram Chand r/o Road No. 3, National Avenue, Dakoha Road, Jalandhar have changed my name from Dharm Chand to Dharm Chand Bangarh.

I Santosh Kumari w/o Dharm Chand Bangarh r/o Road No. 3, National Avenue, Dakoha Road, Jalandhar have changed my name from Santosh Kumari to Santosh Kumari Bangarh.

I, Venkata Bovi is father of Army No. 16120056L, SPR, Lakshmana Bhovi BV of Unit 5 Engr Regt c/o 56 APO, have changed my name from Venkata Bhovi to Venkata Bovi due to erroneous mistake in my son's service record. My true and correct date of birth is 01.01.1953 as per my Aadhaar Card & Pan card, but on my son's service record my date of birth is mentioned is 09.07.1947, which is wrong.

I, Army No. 16122474Y, NK, Siddhik S of Unit 3 Engr Regt. C/o 56 APO, PIN-914003 Yol Cantt, today camping at Ferozepur, have changed my mother name from S Shaila Beevi to Shaila Beevi S & Date of birth 01.05.1968 to 01.01.1969.

I Harinder Singh Pansar R/O Patti Dhalival, Village Sudhar, Teh Railkot, Distt Ludhiana , Punjab have changed my son's name Gautamjeet Singh to Gautamjeet Singh Pansar. All Concerned to note please.

I, Rani And Rani Devi W/o Rishpal R/o Ward No.10, Mukimpura, Pehowa, Kurukshetra And Are Same Name And Both Person.

I Marjina Bibi W/o Sk Haidar Ali Permanent resident of Mirbhand birbhum west Bengal 731303 declare that in my son (Sk Ashif Ali) school record my name wrongly mentioned as Marjina Ali, whereas my correct name is Marjina Bibi.

I, Sunita W/o Sh. Rajender Singh Rathi R/o House no 155, Central Town Near Manav Mangal Smart World school Nagla road, Zirakpur, Distt. mohali Punjab have changed my name from Sunita to Sunita Rathi.

I Sachin Kumar Rathi S/o Rajender Singh Rathi R/o House no 155, Central Town, Nagla Road, Near Manav Mangal smart world school Zirakpur, Distt Mohali Punjab inform that in my all documents my father name wrongly mentioned as Rajinder Singh Rathi. My father correct name is Rajender Singh Rathi. Rajinder Singh Rathi and Rajender Singh Rathi are the name of one and same person.

I, Harsh S/o Rajinder Kumar R/o Ward No. 08, Moh. Baghwala, Shahkot, Distt. Jalandhar-144702 have changed my name from Harsh to Harsh Sharma.

I, Inderjeet S/o Yudhishter Lal R/o H.No. 305, Venus Valley, Gadaipur Industrial Town, Jalandhar have changed the spelling of my name from Inderjeet to Inder Jit.

I, Bimla W/o Inder Jit R/o H.No. 305, Venus Valley, Industrial Town, Jalandhar-144004 have changed my name from Bimla to Vimla Devi.

I, Manmohan Lal S/o Joginder Singh R/o B-38/189, Back Side of Pwd, Sadhu Ram Nagar, Model Town Phagwara, Distt.Kapurthala have changed the name of my minor son from Karanveer to Given name as Karanveer and Surname as Singh.

I, Seema Arora W/o Harish Kumar R/o 85, Gurdev Nagar, PO. Grain Market, Jalandhar have changed my minor daughter name from Samridhi Arora to Samridhi.

I, Balbir Chand S/o Daljit Singh R/o Village Fattowal, Po. Bulhowal, Distt. Hoshiarpur-146113, Punjab have changed my name from Balvir Chand to Balbir Chand.

I, Jaspal S/o Hari Chand R/o Khokjipal, Salala, Jalandhar-144102, Punjab have changed my name from Jaspal to Jaspal Chand.

I Sita Rani W/O Ram Saroo Vohra R/O Ward No 15 Ferozepur Road Friends Enclvae Zira, Tehsil Zira, Distt Ferozepur, Have Changed The Name Of Sita Vohra.

I, Chaand Ghai S/o Ashok Kumar R/o St.No.6, Krishana Nagar, Khanna (Ludhiana) have changed my name to Chand Ghai.

I, Nisha Mittal W/o Armrish Mittal R/o Lalheri Road, Khanna (Ludhiana) have changed my name to Nisha Rani Mittal.

I, Vikram S/o Late Shri Lahore Mal R/o Issa Nagar Mission Road Pathankot, Tehsil & Distt Pathankot have changed my name from Vikram to Vikram Malik.

I Rachhpal Kaur W/o Gurmeet Singh Vpo Bhaduar Tehsil Tapa, District Barnala have changed my name Rachpal Kaur.

I, Taranveer Singh S/o Dilbag Singh R/o Raikot (Ludhiana) have changed my name to Singh Taranveer.

I, Sukhpreet Singh Hans S/o Balbir Singh R/o Meerpur Hans (Ludhiana) have changed my name to Sukhpreet Singh.

I, Jagjit Singh S/o Surjan Singh R/o Vpo. Saiduipur Teh-Sultanpur Lodhi (Kapurthala) have changed my name and now my surname be used as Singh & given name as Jagjit.

I Amandeep Kaur D/O Gurdeep Singh Vill Cheemabath, Tehsil Baba Bakala, Distt Amritsar Have Changed My Name From Amandeep Kaur To Amandeep Is My Given Name And Kaur Is My Surname.

I Maninder Singh S/O Hardev Singh Vill Khanpur, Tehsil Baba Bakala, Distt Amritsar Have Changed My Name From Maninder Singh To Maninder Is My Given Name And Singh Is My Surname.

I, Harshmeet Singh Sangotra S/O Sukhbir Singh R/O #2740 Phase-7 (SAS Nagar, Mohali) have changed my name to Harshmeet Singh.

I Romika Malik W/o Nitin Malik R/o Mohalla Harnampura, Kotkapura (Faridkot) have changed my name to Romika.

I Gurmit Kaur Atwal W/o Baljeet Singh Atwal R/o Jaito Road, Kotkapura (Faridkot) have changed my name to Gurmeet Kaur Atwal.

I Sumit Kumar S/O Babu Ram R/O # 37-38, Shivpuri-6, Near Janta Model School, Yamunanagar Have Changed My Name From Sumit To Sumit Kumar.

I Aditya Dehria S/O Rishpal R/O Village Mansapur, PO Harnaul, Tehsil Jagadhari, Distt Yamunanagar Have Changed My Name From Aadiitya To Aadiitya Dehria.

I Sarpreet Singh Randhawa S/O Jobanjeet Singh R/O Village Tharu Tehsil & District Tarn Taran Have Changed My Name Sarpreet Singh Randhawa To Sarpreet Singh.

I Gagandeep Singh Sadhra S/O Balbir Singh R/O H.No.1142, W.No.16, Near Bibi Da Gurdwara Moga Have Changed My Name To Gagandeep.

I Karanjit Kaur D/O Gurdev Singh Widow Of Gurjant Singh R/O Vpo. Majuke District Barnala Have Changed My Name To Kulwinder Kaur.

I Jashanpreet Singh Chauhan S/O Kulpinder Singh R/O H.No.130, St.No.1, Basti Gobindgarh Moga Have Changed My Name To Jashanpreet Singh.

I Kirpal Singh S/O Bakshish Singh R/O Baba Jiwan Singh Basti Vpo. Dagra (Moga) Have Changed My Name To Kirpal Bhatti.

I Shally Singh S/O Atul Modi R/O H.No.-3609/2, South Model Gram, Ludhiana Have Changed My Name To Shally Modi.

I Onkar S/O Mohan Lal R/O G T Road, Kanshi Nagar, Mehat, Tehsil Phagwara, District Kapurthala Have Changed My Name From Onkar To Onkar Gatt.

I Surinder Kaur W/O Kamaljit Singh R/O Near Ravidas Mandir, Bajwara Kalan, P.O. Bajwara, (Hoshiarpur) Punjab Declare That My Given Name As Surinder And Surname As Kaur.

I Jaswant Kaur W/O Shamsher Singh R/O Vill. Datta P.O. Saiduipur (Hoshiarpur) Declare That My Given Name As Jaswant And My Surname As Kaur.

I Jaswant Kaur W/O Shamsher Singh R/O Vill. Datta P.O. Saiduipur (Hoshiarpur) Declare That My Minor Daughter Harsimrat Kaur Given Name As Harsimrat And Surname As Kaur.

I Jaswant Kaur W/O Shamsher Singh R/O Vill. Datta P.O. Saiduipur (Hoshiarpur) Declare That My Minor Daughter Tanvir Kaur Given Name As Tanvir And Surname As Kaur.

Campaigning ends for Assembly polls in Haryana, voting on Saturday

MANOJ KUMAR ■ CHANDIGARH

The campaigning for the Haryana Assembly elections came to an end on Thursday evening as the State geared up for polling from 7 am to 6 pm on Saturday (October 5). The election will be conducted in a single phase, covering all 90 assembly seats. The votes will be counted on October 8, coinciding with the counting in Jammu and Kashmir.

On this final day of campaigning, political heavyweights of all the parties made their presence felt across the State. Haryana Chief Electoral Officer Pankaj Agarwal said that after 6 pm on Thursday, no political party or candidate will be allowed to hold public meetings or rallies.

Hours before the poll campaign ended at 6 pm, key contesting parties BJP, Congress, AAP, INLD-BSP and JJP-Azad Samaj Party made last-ditch efforts to woo voters by holding rallies and roadshows. On the last day of campaigning, Congress's Rahul Gandhi and Bhupinder Singh Hooda, BJP's Yogi Adityanath and Nayab Singh Saini, JJP's Dushyant Chautala and INLD's Abhay Singh Chautala were among the prominent leaders who canvassed for their respective parties.

There are 1031 candidates in the fray, 101 of them women. Prominent among those in fray include Chief Minister Saini (Ladwa), Leader of Opposition Bhupinder Singh Hooda (Garhi Sampla-Kiloi), INLD's Abhay Singh Chautala (Ellenabad), JJP's Dushyant Chautala (Uchana Kalan), BJP's Anil Viji (Ambala Cantt) and O P Dhanekar (Badli), AAP's Anurag Dhanda (Kalayat) and Congress's Vinesh Phogat (Julana). Among the independent candidates include Savitri Jindal (Hisar), Ranjit Chautala (Rania) and Chitra Sarwara (Ambala Cantt).

The Bharatiya Janata Party

(BJP) focused its election campaign on the works and performance of the "double-engine" government, while it targeted the Congress on reservation, corruption, appeasement and dynastic politics. Issues related to women, youth, farmers and the poor formed the core of the respective poll manifestos of the two main contesting parties.

BJP's campaign was spearheaded by Prime Minister Narendra Modi who addressed four rallies, where he attacked the Congress on several issues and said they kept every matter important for the country entangled, including the Ram temple issue. While highlighting several initiatives the BJP-led government at the Centre and in Haryana took for welfare of various sections including farmers, poor, Dalits and backward sections, Modi appealed to voters to bring back the BJP to power for the state's accelerated growth. He was unsparing in his attack on the Congress, dubbing it as the country's biggest anti-Dalit party, whose sole agenda is appeasement for vote, and asserted nobody can snatch reservation of SC, ST and OBC. Modi said corruption runs in veins of the Congress and alleged it has "turned into a party of 'dalalon' (middlemen) and 'damadon'". He also accused the Congress of becoming a new (naya roop) form of urban Naxal. It does not feel any shame in speaking lies, he said.

Modi also told the election gathering that the Congress wants to bring Article 370 back in Jammu and Kashmir and Congress's Vinesh Phogat (Julana). Modi and other BJP leaders like Amit Shah targeted the Congress, saying when it ruled the state they did not give even one job in Haryana in which "kharchi and parchi" (corruption and favouritism) was not prevalent.

During his campaigning which included a rally in Nuh

that had last year witnessed incidents of violence, Congress leader Rahul Gandhi accused the Modi government of attacking the Constitution and also slammed it over various issues including unemployment, the Agniveer scheme and farmers' welfare. Gandhi also alleged that the government was working for a handful of billionaires in the country.

He said the Constitution protects the poor. "And these RSS people want to undermine the Constitution. It is their target." Gandhi accused the BJP of spreading hatred in the country on the basis of religion, language and caste and asserted that his party will not let the hatred win and asked the people of Haryana to oust the ruling party. At the rallies, he also raised the issues of unemployment and drug menace in Haryana.

Congress chief Mallikarjun Kharge, who also campaigned for a day, alleged that Modi is an expert in "telling lies" and the BJP has failed to fulfil commitments made to voters in the past. Union Home Minister Shah targeted the Congress over corruption, casteism, nepotism and appeasement. He dubbed the party as "anti-poor", "anti-Dalits", "anti-youth" and "anti-farmers".

With Congress attacking the Agnipath scheme, Shah said it has been introduced to ensure a youthful profile of the armed forces, while asserting Haryana and the Centre will give pensionable jobs to every single Agniveer.

Congress leader Priyanka Gandhi Vadra asked the people of Haryana to oust the BJP, saying this is a fight against injustice, untruth and the wicked.

AAP national convener Arvind Kejriwal also campaigned in Haryana for his party. Kejriwal, whose party is contesting on its own after talks for a tie-up with the Congress in Haryana failed to materialize, said the BJP dispensation put

him in jail so as to stop his works and also prove him dishonest. During his speeches, Kejriwal claimed that the next government in Haryana cannot be formed without the support of his party even as he targeted the BJP, claiming that the entire state wants 'badlav' (change) and people will oust the ruling party in the polls.

Wooing voters with promises, the Congress announced seven guarantees, including the promises of a legal guarantee for MSP, a caste survey, and Rs 2,000 per month to women, if voted to power.

On the other hand, the BJP promised a monthly assistance of Rs 2,100 for women, two lakh government jobs for the youth and guaranteed government job for 'Agniveers' hailing from the state.

2.03 crore voters to exercise their franchise on October 5

Haryana Chief Electoral Officer Pankaj Agarwal said that 2.03 crore voters in the State will exercise their franchise in this election. Out of 2.03 crore voters, 1.07 crore are men, 95.77 lakh are women, and 467 are third gender. There are 5.24 lakh young voters aged 18 to 19, and 1.49 lakh voters with disabilities, out of which 93,545 are male, 55,591 are female, and 6 are third gender. He said that there are 2.31 lakh voters above the age of 85 years, comprising 89,940 males and 1.41 lakh females. Additionally, there are 8,821 voters aged over 100. The CEO urged voters to ensure their names are included in the voter list, as only those listed can cast their vote. If a voter's name is on the list but does not possess a voter ID card, they can still cast their vote by presenting one of the 12 alternative identity documents prescribed by the Election Commission of India. However, voting is only permitted if the voter's name is registered.

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Congress govt will be of poor and farmers: Rahul Gandhi

PNS ■ NUH/MAHENDRAGARH

Claiming that a "Congress storm" is on its way in Haryana, Rahul Gandhi on Thursday said his party would form a government which will be one for the poor and farmers.

Addressing a public meeting in Nuh that had witnessed violence last year after a Vishva Hindu Parishad procession was attacked by a mob, leading to the death of six people, including two home guards and a cleric, he said the fight is between 'mohabbat' (love) and 'nafrat' (hatred). The Congress spreads love while the BJP spreads "hatred", Gandhi said on the last day of campaigning.

"The most important thing is brotherhood. Wherever the BJP and RSS people go, they spread hatred. In whichever state they go, somewhere they talk about language, somewhere they talk about religion and somewhere they speak about caste. "Hatred has to be ended. India is not a country of hatred, it is the country of 'mohabbat'... it is the country of 'mohabbat ki dukan', not 'nafrat ka bazaar'," said Gandhi.

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PM Modi urges people to vote BJP to power for a third straight term

PNS ■ CHANDIGARH

Urging the people in Haryana to vote the ruling BJP to power for a third straight term, Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Thursday said the Congress stands for the "guarantee of corruption, casteism, communalism and nepotism". In a message on X on the last day of campaigning in Haryana before the assembly polls on October 5, Modi blasted the Congress for its alleged divisive and negative politics which, he said, the patriotic people of the state will never accept.

"The Congress means a syndicate of fixers and son-in-law," he said in an apparent reference to controversial land deals involving Congress leader Sonia Gandhi's son-in-law Robert Vadra when the party was in power during 2004-14 with Bhupinder Singh Hooda as the chief minister. The main goal of father-son politics is only self-interest, he said, clearly targeting Hooda and his MP son Deepender Singh Hooda. Modi also asserted that Congress leaders are involved in a factional fight. People know that the party can never provide a stable government, he added.

"People of Haryana are also feeling hurt as the entire state is being insulted at the behest of two

families sitting in Delhi and Haryana," Modi claimed.

People are witnessing the failure of Congress governments in states like Himachal Pradesh and Karnataka. Congress policies destroy people and that is why they do not want the party in Haryana at all, he said. Leaders of the Congress, Modi said, have bared their intentions by speaking in favour of ending reservation when Dalits and backward classes are already angry with the party for its inability to prevent caste violence.

People have made up their minds to punish the party once more. The BJP in its 10 years of government in Haryana worked relentlessly to improve people's lives and prioritised the welfare of every section of society, be it farmers, youth, women, villages or cities, he said.

"We have brought Haryana out of the era of scams and riots seen during the Congress governments," he said. One voice that is echoing everywhere in Haryana is 'bharosa dil se, Bhajpa phir se' (BJP once more).

The prime minister exhorted people to vote for the BJP, saying it is very important that they elect a government that strengthens India at a time when the entire world is looking at the country with hope and expectations. The Congress can never strengthen the country, he said.

HP Central University Signs MoU with University of Wolverhampton, England

Shimla: In a development expected to open new avenues for the exchange of research and teaching practices, a memorandum of understanding (MoU) was signed between Himachal Pradesh Central University (HPCU) and the University of Wolverhampton, England, during the Indian Tourism and Hospitality Congress (ITHC) being held in Wolverhampton.

This collaboration aims to enhance academic exchange between the two institutions

thus benefiting the students of both the universities. Leading the HPCU delegation, Vice-Chancellor Sat Prakash Bansal expressed pride in this academic partnership, emphasizing its importance for the entire region of Himachal Pradesh. "This MoU will play a crucial role in developing a deeper understanding of teaching and research, benefiting numerous students, researchers, and faculty members at both universities," Bansal stated.

The Congress, themed

"Transformation in Tourism and Hospitality: Embracing Technology and Sustainability," seeks to address the evolving dynamics within the tourism and hospitality sectors. Bansal highlighted the dual forces of technological innovation and sustainability driving significant changes in these industries. "These transformations are reshaping the landscape of accommodation and services, necessitating a reevaluation of traditional business models and practices," he noted.

Punjab CM urges villagers to elect panchayats unanimously for holistic development

PNS ■ SATALUJ (SANGRUR)

Making a passionate appeal to the people of Punjab, Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann on Thursday urged them to reject candidates using money and muscle power in the upcoming panchayat elections.

Mann, speaking at his native village - Satauj, reiterated his government's commitment to promote a fair, peaceful, and transparent election process. Mann emphasized the importance of panchayat polls as the foundation of the democratic system, particularly at the grassroots level, and called for villagers to unanimously elect their panchayat members for the holistic development of their communities.

He highlighted the Government's incentive pro-

gram where villages, electing panchayats unanimously, would receive a grant of Rs five lakh, along with additional developmental infrastructure such as stadiums, schools, or hospitals. He stressed that the unified election of panchayats would foster communal harmony, strengthen social bonds, and expedite developmental projects in the villages.

Mann reminded the gathering that panchayat elections in the State would be contested without party symbols, a decision taken by the State Government to curb factionalism and groupism in rural areas. "This move ensures that candidates are elected based on merit and their potential to contribute to the overall development of their villages, rather than political affiliations... The Panchayat should represent

the village and not any political party," he said.

The Chief Minister also appealed to the people to act as responsible citizens by rejecting any forms of manipulation, especially through the use of wealth or coercion, during the election process. He expressed his belief that villages which choose their representatives unanimously set a positive example for other communities across the state. "I urge you to elect panchayats with unity, without the interference of money or force, for the benefit of the entire village," Mann stated.

Mann assured that his government is focused on the holistic development of Punjab's rural areas, with a special emphasis on improving the quality of life in villages. He shared his vision of

empowering rural communities through a strengthened panchayati raj system, where educated, honest, and intelligent individuals should be elected to lead local bodies. The Chief Minister assured villagers that there would be no shortage of funds for developmental activities, pledging to transform Satauj into a model village for the state.

"Poverty will not be eradicated through mere speeches," he declared, emphasizing that education is the key to improving the living standards of the rural population. Mann also highlighted his government's efforts to provide employment to the youth, sharing that over 44,000 jobs have already been generated for young people across Punjab.

Mann also assured the

people of Punjab that any central law deemed against the interests of the state would not be implemented. He reaffirmed his government's commitment to safeguarding the rights and welfare of the people, vowing that no effort would be spared in defending Punjab's interests from policies that could adversely affect the state's rural and agricultural communities.

In the end, the Chief Minister once again urged the villagers across the State to take pride in their heritage and collaborate to ensure peaceful and constructive elections. He expressed confidence that the panchayats chosen in this democratic process would act as catalysts for village development, ultimately leading to the prosperity of the entire region.

Farmers' 'rail roko' affects train services across Punjab

PNS ■ CHANDIGARH

Rail traffic across Punjab was severely disrupted on Thursday as farmers held a two-hour 'rail roko' protest to mark the third anniversary of the Lakhimpur Kheri incident. The protest, organized by the Samyukta Kisan Morcha (SKM, non-political) and Kisan Mazdoor Morcha (KMM), saw farmers block rail tracks to demand justice for the victims of the 2021 incident and push for a legal guarantee on the Minimum Support Price (MSP) for crops, among other demands.

The demonstration, which began at 12:30 Pm, halted train services at several key locations, stranding thousands of passengers. The farmers' primary demands include justice for the Lakhimpur Kheri victims, MSP guarantees, loan waivers, and implementation of the Swaminathan Commission's recommendations to improve the livelihoods of farmers.

On October 3, 2021, eight people, including four farmers, were killed during a protest against the controversial farm laws at Lakhimpur Kheri in Uttar Pradesh, after being run over by vehicles linked to a Union Minister's convoy. The

incident has remained a sore point for farmers, who continue to demand legal action against those responsible.

KMM convener Sarwan Singh Pandher, leading the protests near Amritsar, criticized the Central and State Governments for ignoring the plight of farmers. "The Lakhimpur Kheri victims deserve justice, and our demands have been ignored for too long," Pandher said.

In Amritsar, farmers blocked the Amritsar-Delhi rail track near Manawala railway station, forcing the diversion of several trains. Other key locations saw similar disruptions, including Ludhiana, where farmers occupied rail tracks at Sahnewal and Phillaur railway stations, halting the Durg-Udhampur and New Delhi-Lohian Khas express trains.

In Hoshiarpur, Bharatiya Kisan Union (Doaba) workers blocked a railroad crossing in Mandiala village, halting a passenger train en route to Jalandhar. Further protests were reported in Jalandhar, where Kisan Mazdoor Hitkari Sabha members blocked the Jalandhar-Jammu rail section, causing delays to a goods train at Mukerian railway station.

Thousands of commuters faced delays as a result of the protest, with many stranded at stations for hours. "We've been waiting for over two hours with no information," a commuter at Ludhiana station said. Some passengers expressed frustration, while others voiced support for the farmers' cause, even if inconvenienced.

The protest officially ended at 2:30 pm, but the effects continued to be felt for the remainder of the day, as officials struggled to restore normal rail services. Several trains remained delayed into the evening, and railway authorities estimated that full service restoration could take additional time.

The rail blockade is part of a broader movement by the SKM and KMM, which has been ongoing since February. Farmers have been protesting at the Shambhu and Khanauri border points between Punjab and Haryana, pressing for their demands, including a legal guarantee of MSP.

Despite the repeal of the farm laws in late 2021, farmers continue to push for more substantial reforms. "Our fight is far from over," said Pandher, adding, "We will continue our protests until our demands are met."

Punjab's Power Woes: Rs 2,600-cr Lost Annually to Power Theft

MONIKA MALIK ■ CHANDIGARH

Punjab's power sector is facing a mounting crisis due to rampant electricity theft, which has escalated to Rs 2,600 crore annually, even though domestic consumers receive free electricity. In the 2023-24 fiscal year, the State Government provided 300 units of free electricity to households — a subsidy valued at over Rs 6,000 crore. Additionally, Rs 1,400 crore was spent on offering Rs 2.50 per unit rebate for consumers with loads up to seven kilowatt (kW).

Notwithstanding these significant efforts to ease the financial burden on domestic users, widespread power theft continues, creating a severe drain on the state's finances and its power sector.

According to internal reports, Punjab State Power Corporation Limited (PSPCL) there are 20 theft-prone divisions are responsible for nearly half of the annual Rs 2,600 crore loss. These notorious divisions are primarily located in the western region, followed by the border and southern zones of the State. Tarn Taran Circle, with four divisions, tops the list of theft-prone areas. Following closely behind are Ferozepur, sub-urban Amritsar, and Sangrur circles — each comprising three theft-prone

divisions. These areas represent the epicenter of Punjab's electricity theft problem, with power pilferage showing no signs of abating.

The financial losses in some of these theft-prone divisions are particularly striking. Bhikhiwind, Patti, and Zira divisions have each recorded losses exceeding Rs 110 crore, while West Amritsar has reported losses amounting to Rs 92 crore. In total, these four divisions alone account for Rs 435 crore of the Rs 2,600 crore lost due to theft. PSEB Engineers' Association spokesperson VK Gupta, expressed concern over the high levels of distribution losses, particularly in rural areas where theft is rampant. Six rural divisions have reported losses exceeding 50 percent, with Bhikhiwind, Patti, Zira, and West Amritsar leading the way in under-billing rates at 73.32 percent, 65.02 percent, 64.9 percent, and 62.96 percent, respectively.

The problem of electricity theft is particularly severe in Punjab's rural areas, which account for nearly Rs 900 crore of the total Rs 2,600 crore lost to theft. In urban centers, the situation is not much better, with areas such as Patti, Ajnala, Bhagta Bhai, and West Amritsar contributing to an additional Rs 400 crore in losses. In some divisions, annual revenue losses range between Rs 56 crore and

Rs 113 crore, underscoring the widespread nature of the issue. The politically-sensitive regions along the state's border are at the heart of the theft problem, with powerful local figures often shielding offenders from strict action.

A significant reason for the persistent theft in these areas is the political climate, especially in the border regions. These regions are politically sensitive, and local leaders often protect consumers involved in illegal power consumption. Engineers working for PSPCL face considerable resistance during anti-theft operations, with protests and disruptions making it difficult to curb the theft.

VK Gupta maintained that this has created a cycle of inefficiency, where political influences prevent meaningful action from being taken against offenders, further exacerbating the financial losses. In response to the rising theft, the Punjab Government has begun taking steps to tackle the problem. In August 2023, 296 First Information Reports (FIRs) were registered at police stations across the State for cases of power theft. While this represents a move in the right direction, experts agreed that much more needs to be done to address the root causes of the problem. Anti-theft drives need to be ramped up significantly, with the full backing of the government to ensure

that engineers are able to operate effectively without facing local resistance.

Recognizing the severity of the situation, the state's Finance Minister Harpal Singh Cheema has called for urgent measures to address the growing menace of electricity theft. At a meeting with the Punjab State Electricity Board (PSEB) Engineers' Association, Cheema highlighted the unsustainable nature of the losses, while noting that the government allocates Rs 6,000 crore annually as a subsidy for domestic consumers, while the theft of Rs 2,600 crore offsets much of this financial aid.

Cheema assured PSPCL engineers that the government is fully committed to support their efforts in curbing theft. "The current level of power theft is unsustainable and must be dealt with immediately," he said.

To combat electricity theft more effectively, the PSEB Engineers' Association has proposed strict punitive measures. One of the key suggestions is to debar consumers caught stealing electricity from receiving any government subsidies. The Association believed that such a measure would serve as a powerful deterrent, discouraging illegal consumption and helping to recover some of the lost revenue. At the same time, PSPCL engineers acknowl-

edged that this will require strong political will to break the cycle of protectionism and corruption that shields offenders from facing consequences.

Subsidy Burden: A Growing Challenge

Punjab's power sector is also burdened by the state's massive subsidy allocation, which exceeds Rs 18,000 crore annually. PSPCL is struggling to manage these subsidies, particularly since Rs 3,600 crore in non-payment is still pending from various government departments. Without stricter enforcement and more aggressive anti-theft measures, PSPCL's financial stability will remain precarious, and the state's energy sector could suffer further losses.

Despite the challenges, PSPCL engineers remain committed to intensifying their efforts to curb electricity theft. With the Government pledging its support, the engineers are hopeful that coordinated action between local authorities, engineers, and law enforcement will lead to a significant reduction in power theft.

Minister Cheema reiterated that tackling electricity theft is a shared responsibility, emphasizing that only through joint efforts can the State secure its energy resources and ensure the sustainability of its power sector.

Ahead of Haryana polls, BJP's Ashok Tanwar returns to Congress

PNS ■ CHANDIGARH

Two days before the Assembly elections, senior BJP leader and former MP Ashok Tanwar joined the Congress at Rahul Gandhi's rally in Mahendragarh district in Haryana on Thursday, a setback for the ruling party just two days before the state goes to polls.

Ironically, hours before joining the Congress, the former Sirsa MP was campaigning for the BJP candidate in Safidon assembly constituency and exhorting voters to bring it back to power for a third time. It is understood that Tanwar was in touch with a senior Congress leader in Delhi and his return to the party materialised just a day ago.

As Gandhi was winding up his speech at the rally in Bhawaria, an announcement was made from the stage asking the audience to wait for a few minutes. Soon after,

Tanwar (48), who had joined the BJP in January this year, walked onto the stage and it was announced that "aaj unki ghar wapas ho gayi ha (today, he has returned to the Congress fold)".

Tanwar, a Dalit leader who was considered close to Gandhi and had left the Congress in 2019 following differences with former Haryana chief minister Bhupinder Singh Hooda, returned to the party hours before the campaigning for the October 5 Haryana Assembly polls came to an end at 6 pm.

"I am joining the Congress exactly five years after I left it. That was the will of God then, today also it is the will of God... Sometimes, there is not much in your hands," he said. At the rally in Bhawaria, Tanwar shook hands with Gandhi and greeted Hooda, who welcomed him into the party fold and patted his back.

Congress leaders K C Venugopal, Bajrang Punia, Rao Dan Singh and political scien-

tist Yogendra Yadav were also present on stage. During the campaigning, the BJP targeted the Congress over its treatment of Tanwar, a former Haryana Congress president, referring to his differences with Hooda and an incident in which he sustained injuries during a scuffle allegedly between his and the former chief minister's supporters in Delhi.

Tanwar joined the AAP in April 2022. He quit the party in January this year, expressing his displeasure over its decision to join hands with the Congress for the Lok Sabha elections. Before joining the AAP, he was with the Trinamool Congress briefly.

After joining the BJP, Tanwar had unsuccessfully contested against Congress leader Kumari Seja, a prominent Dalit face of her party, from Sirsa Lok Sabha constituency in May. The BJP had picked him over its sitting Sirsa MP Sunita Duggal.

PRADHAN MANTRI GRAM SADAK YOJNA

NOTICE INVITING TENDER (NIT)

The Chief Engineer (SZ) HPPWD Shimla on behalf of Governor of Himachal Pradesh invites the item rate bids, in electronic tendering system for construction of roads under Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojna for each of the following works requiring their maintenance for five years from the eligible and approved contractors registered with HPPWD/CPWD/P&T/Railways/Other State Govt./Central Govt. Non registered bidders may submit bid, however, the successful bidder has to register in appropriate class with appropriate authority in HPPWD.

Table with 9 columns: Sr. No., Name of Distt., Package No., Name of work, Estimated Cost (in lacs) Excluding 18%GST, Total cost (in lacs), Period of completion on, Bid Security. Row 1: Shimla, HP-09-354, C/O Balance work of Dhara Kokioli Khantleri road km 0/0 to 7/720 (SH- C/O R/B walls CD works, PCC Drain, PCC parapets, logo Sign Board M/T, KM Stone etc. and five years routine maintenance under pkg.HP09-354)

- 1. Date of release of invitation for bids through e-procurement 03.10.2024
2. Cost of bid from cost of Bid Form Rs.5000 (non-refundable) in shape of Demand draft in favour of Executive Engineer HPPWD Division Rohru.
3. Availability of Bid Document and mode of submission:- The bid document is available online and bid should be submitted online on website www.pmgstenders.gov.in. The bidder would be required to register in the website which is free of cost. For submission of the bids, the bidder is required to have valid digital signature certificate (DSC) from one of the authorised certifying authorities (CA) Aspiring bidder who have not obtained the user ID and password for participating in e-tendering in PMGSY may obtain the same from the website: www.pmgstenders.gov.in.
4. Submission of original documents: The bidders are required to submit (a) original demand draft towards the cost of bid document and (b) original bid security in approved from and (c) original affidavit regarding correctness of information furnished with bid document as per provision of clause 4.4B(a) (ii) ITB with Superintending Engineer 14th circle HPPWD Rohru address and detail of office where to be submitted on a date not later than three working days after the opening of technical qualification part of the bid either by registered post or by hand .
5. Last date/ Time for receipt of bid through e-tendering last date/time for receipt of bids through e-tendering on dated 08.10.2024 up to 6:00PM
6. The site for the work is available.
7. Only online submission of bids is permitted, therefore bids must be submitted online on website www.pmgstenders.gov.in. The technical qualification part of the bids will be opened online at 11:00 A.M. on 09-10-2024 in the office of Superintending Engineer 14th circle HPPWD Rohru by the authorized officers. If the office happens to be closed on the date of opening of the bids as specified, the bids will be opened online on the next working day at the same time.
8. The bidder is not required to quote his rate for routine maintenance. The rates to be paid for routine maintenance are indicated in the bill of quantities. Further, the payment for routine maintenance to the contractor shall be regulated based on its performance of maintenance activities.
9. All the required materials like Cement/Steel/Bitumen/Explosive etc shall be arranged by contractor at his own level.
10. The bids for the work shall remain valid for acceptance for a period not less than ninety days after the deadline date for bid submission.
11. To qualify for a package of contract made up of this for which bids are invited in the same NIT, the bidder must demonstrate having experience and resources sufficient to meet the aggregate of the qualifying criteria for the individual contracts.
12. Other details can be seen in the bidding documents. The Employer shall not be held liable for any delays due to system failure beyond its control. Even though the system will attempt to notify the bidders of any update, the Employer shall not be liable for any information not received by the bidder. It is the bidders' responsibility to verify the website for the latest information according to the tender.

(Pramod Kumar Upreti) Superintending Engineer 14th circle HPPWD Rohru Tel 01781241713, 240921 email-hp-shi2@nic.in For Chief Engineer HPPWD Nigam Vihar Shimla-1712002

This is to inform you that locker holders of our phullanwal branch relating to the following locker accounts have failed to neglect to pay the prescribed locker rent for a long time in spite of our various notices & demands made to them. As per the terms & conditions agreed to by the locker holder, the bank will be at Liberty to break open the said lockers in the event of non payment of rent. Accordingly, it is proposed to break open the said locker on 04/10/2025 by serving the formalities & the locker holder is advised to approach the branch before the due date & settle the dues to avoid action. The charges for break open would be borne by the renters & the bank reserves the right to take legal action for recovery of the same along with the rent arrears / other charges etc.

Locker no., Due From Name & Address. Row 1: G2-47, 01-04-2022, Shivendu Tej, H. No. 49, sarabha Nagar, extn. village Dada, Ludhiana, Punjab near DAV school, Ludhiana, Punjab

The Gagan Cooperative House Building (1st) Society Ltd., Sangam Enclave, Plot no 1, Sector 48-A, Chandigarh. Regd No. 652 Dt. 28.05.2003

PUBLIC NOTICE It is hereby notified for the information of general public & all the concerned that the following member / applicant has applied for transfer of Share / Flat and issue of NOC/ Permission for execution of Family Transfer Deed before the Managing Committee of the Society / Registrar, Cooperative Societies, U.T., Chandigarh, as per notification issued by Finance Department Chandigarh Administration:-

Table with 5 columns: Name of Original Allottee/ Transferee, Name of Transferee, Flat No., Category, Remarks. Row 1: Smt. Satwanti W/o Late Sh. Jai Dev, Sh. Jai Inder S/o Sh. Jai Dev Verma, 80, B, Ground Floor, On account of family transfer basis

If anybody has any objection upon the transfer of Title, Right or interest in above mentioned flat of the Society in favor of the applicant, then, he/ she/ they may submit the objections in writing along with relevant documents to the undersigned within 30 days of the publication of this notice, failing which the ownership of the above said flat shall be transferred in favor of the applicant. No further claim in any manner whatsoever shall be entertained later on. PRESIDENT

(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 : RAJWINDER KAUR R/O HOUSE NO.209, SHAKTI NAGAR, 07, ANNA, FATEHBAB.

Name of political party: AAM AADMI PARTY Name of Election : LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY HARYANA Name of Constituency : 04 AMBA LA CANT. Legislative Council of MLAs RAJWINDER KAUR a candidate for the above mentioned election, declare for public information the following details about my criminal antecedents:

- (A) PENDING CRIMINAL CASES Ambala, Case No. Status case(s) 1338 /2023 Status of Case Charge Section(s) of Acts concerned and brief description of offence(s) 0055 & dated 17/07/2021 & u/s 147, 148, 149, 341, 427, 506, 269, 270 IPC, P.S. Sec 49, Chandigarh.
(B) DETAILS ABOUT CASES OF CONVICTION FOR CRIMINAL OFFENCES Name of Court & date(s) of order(s) Not Applicable Description of offence(s) & Maximum Punishment imposed Not Applicable
*In the case of election to Council of States or election to Legislative Council by MLAs, mention the election concerned in place of name of constituency.

The Amandeep Cooperative House Building (1st) Society Ltd., Sector 49-C, Chandigarh.

PUBLIC NOTICE Notified for the information of general public and all the concerned that the following applicant has applied for transfer of Share/ Flat on account of death before the Managing Committee of the Society as per notification issued by Finance Department, Chandigarh Administration:-

Table with 5 columns: Name of Original Allottee/ Transferee, Name of Transferee, Flat No., Category, Remarks. Row 1: Late Sh. Prem Chand S/o Sh. Dasaundhi Ram, Smt. Veena Khullar W/o Smt. Sh. Prem Chand Khullar, 2278, Cat B, Ground Floor, On accounts of death case/ nomination

If anybody has any objection upon the transfer of Title, Right or interest in above mentioned flat of the Society in favor of the applicant, then, he/she/they may submit the objections in writing along with the relevant documents to the undersigned within 30 days of the publication of this notice, failing which the ownership of the above said flat shall be transferred in favor of the applicant. No further claim in any manner whatsoever shall be entertained later on. (President)

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

Notice under Section 13(2) of the Securitisation and Re-construction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 is being issued by ICICI Bank Ltd. (on the underlying pool assigned to ICICI Bank by Dewan Housing Finance Ltd.) in relation to the enforcement of security concerning a Housing Loan Facility granted pursuant to a Loan agreement entered into between DHFL and the following borrower(s) who has/have defaulted in the repayment of principal and interest towards the Loan Facility(ies) obtained by them from the secured creditor. The Loans have been classified as Non-Performing Assets (NPA), a notice was issued to them at their last known addresses; however, it has returned un-served and hence, they are hereby notified by way of this Public Notice.

Table with 5 columns: Sr. No., Name of the Borrower/Co-Borrower/ Guarantor/ & Address (DHFL Old Loan & ICICI New Loan), Property Address of Secured Asset / Asset to be Enforced, Date of Notice Sent/ Outstanding as on Date of Notice, NPA Date. Row 1: 1. Vir Bhan/ Meena Rani A/C No. QZHS000050002126/ 25200000397 Bhanoa Barahmanh 41, Near Idea Tower Jind Narwana Haryana Jind- 126116, Property Measuring 329 Sq. Yards 0 Kanal 10.87 Marla Being Part of 1/8 Minjuram Rakba 4 Kanal 7 Marla, Comprised in Khazra No. 207/1(1-2), 208/3(1-2), 209/3(0-16), Khewat No. 91/224, Kite 3 Khata No. 91/224, As Per Jamabandi Year 2012-13, Intkal No. 2203, Situated at Village Bhana Bhrman, Tehsil Narwana, District Hissar, Haryana- 126152

The steps are being taken by substituted service of Notice. The above borrower(s) and/or the guarantor(s) of the Loan to stop the title in their own hands to make the payments of the outstanding within the period of 60 days from the date of the publication of this Notice else further steps will be taken by the undersigned in the enforcement of the Securitisation and Re-construction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002. Date: October 04, 2024 Place: Chandigarh

Branch: SSI Ludhiana, Near Veer Palace, Chandigarh Road, Ludhiana - 141010 E-Mail: SSILUD@bankofbaroda.com

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

Whereas, the undersigned being the Authorized officer of the BANK OF BARODA, SSI, Ludhiana, -141010, under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under section 13(2) read with Rules 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002, issued Demand Notices dated mentioned as below calling upon the borrower(s)/Guarantor(s) to repay the amount mentioned in the Notice(s) being as Below within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said Notices. The borrower(s) having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower(s) in particular and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him/her under sub Section (4) of Section (13) of Act read with rule 8 of the Security Interest(Enforcement) Rules, 2002, on these dates as mentioned against below account. The parties concerned in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property (ies) will be subject to the charge of the BANK OF BARODA, SSI, Ludhiana, -141010 for an aggregate amount of as mentioned below * future interest thereon and costs, etc.

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

Table with 5 columns: Name of the Borrower/Guarantor/ Owner of Property, Description of the Mortgage Property/ies, Date of Demand Notice, Date of Possession, Nature of Possession, Amount Outstanding. Row 1: (Borrower/s) - M/s S R International having Partner 1) Mr Samin Mittal S/o Pawan Kumar Mittal and Partner 2) Mr Ramin Mittal S/o Pawan Kumar Mittal, Property measuring 11-07-2024 03.10.2024 2K-4-1/2M (1346 Sq Yds Approx) comprised in Khazra No 18/11/12, 12/2, 19/14/12/2, 17/1/12, 15/2, 16/1, Khata No 100/106 as per jamabandi for the years 2001-2002 as mentioned in the sale deed and khata no 121/124 as per latest jamabandi for the year 2011-2012 situated at Revenue estate of Village Dhandari Khurd, H.B 242, tehsil and Dist Ludhiana Jointly owned by Mr Samin Mittal S/O Pawan Kumar Mittal and Mr Ramin Mittal S/O Pawan Kumar Mittal vide sale deed no 19508 dated 15.02.2006 and bounded as East: Mahajan Packers Factory 180'-0", West: Vacant Plot 180'-0", North: labour Quarters 67'-3", South: Road 67'-3"

DATE: 03.10.2024 PLACE: LUDHIANA Authorised Officer

Corporate Office: ICICI Home Finance Company Limited ICICI HFC Tower, Andheri - Kurla Road, Andheri (East), Mumbai - 400059, India

Notice for sale of immovable assets through Private Treaty The general public is requested to take notice that the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with Rule 8(B)(1) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002. ICICI Home Finance Company Limited (ICICI HFC) conducted several Auctions for the sale of the mortgaged property mentioned below, however, all such e-Auctions failed. Now, an interested buyer has approached ICICI HFC with an offer to purchase the said property for an amount of Rs. 23,50,000/-.

Table with 10 columns: Sr. No., Name of Borrower(s)/ Co-Borrowers/ Guarantors/ Legal Heirs. Loan Account No., Details of the Secured asset(s) with known encumbrances, if any, Amount Outstanding, Reserve Price Earnest Money Deposit, Date and Time of Property Inspection, Date & Time of Auction, One Day Before Auction Date, Sarsaesi Stage. Row 1: 1. Suresh Parjia (Borrower) Shivani Auroha (Co-Borrower) Loan Account No. LHJAL0001288192, Property No. 106 Located and Situated at Village Urmth-47, Tehsil Dasuya, District Hoshiarpur, Rs. 43,85,430/-, Rs. 23,50,000/-, October 11, 2024 11:00 AM to 02:00 PM, October 21, 2024 03:00 PM, before 04:00 PM

The online auction will be conducted on website (URL Link-https://disposalhub.com) of our auction agency M/s NexXen Solutions Private Limited. The Mortgages/ Notices are given a last chance to pay the total dues with further interest by October 25, 2024 before 05:00 PM else the secured asset(s) will be sold as per schedule. The prospective bidder(s) must submit the Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) Demand Draft (DD) (Refer Column E) at ICICI Bank Ltd SCO 132, 133, 134, Sector 9C Madhya Marag Chandigarh- 160017 on or before October 25, 2024 before 05:00 PM. Thereafter, they have to submit their offer through the website mentioned above on or before October 25, 2024 before 05:00 PM along with the scanned image of the Bank acknowledged DD towards proof of payment of EMD. In case of the prospective bidder(s) is/ are unable to submit his/ her/ their offer through the website, then the signed copy of tender documents may be submitted at ICICI Bank Limited, SCO 132 133 134, Sector- 9C, Madhya Marg, Chandigarh- 160017, on or before October 25, 2024 before 05:00 PM. Earnest Money Deposit DD/PO should be from a Nationalised/ Scheduled Bank in favour of 'ICICI Bank Limited' payable at Chandigarh. For any further clarifications in terms of inspection, Terms and Conditions of the E-Auction or submission of tenders, contact ICICI Bank Employee Phone No. 8928935040/8584874809. Please note that the Marketing agencies 1. M/s NexXen Solutions Private Limited 2. Augeo Asset Management Pvt Ltd 3. Hecta Proptech Pvt Ltd have also been engaged for facilitating the sale of this property. The Authorised Officer reserves the right to reject any or all the bids without furnishing any further reasons. For detailed Terms and Conditions of the sale, please visit www.icicibank.com/n4p4s Date: October 04, 2024 Place: Chandigarh & Mohali Authorized Officer ICICI Bank Limited

Authorized Officer, "ICICI Home Finance Company Limited" CIN Number: U65922MH1999PL120106

OFFICE OF THE RECOVERY OFFICER - I/II DEBITS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL CHANDIGARH (DRT 3)

GROUND FLOOR, SCO 35-34-35, SECTOR 17-A, CHANDIGARH-160017

DEMAND NOTICE (THROUGH PUBLICATION) NOTICE UNDER SECTIONS 25 TO 28 OF THE RECOVERY OF DEBITS & BANKRUPTCY ACT, 1993 AND RULE 2 OF SECOND SCHEDULE TO THE INCOME TAX ACT, 1961.

AXIS BANK Versus SH. KULDEEP SINGH

To, (CD 1) SH. KULDEEP SINGH, S/O SH. RACHPAL SANGHA R/O VILLAGE GULAHARH, TEHSIL SAMANA, DISTRICT PATIALA, PUNJAB.

(CD 2) SMT. PALWINDER KAUR, W/O SH. KULDEEP SINGH R/O VILLAGE GULAHARH, TEHSIL SAMANA, DISTRICT PATIALA, PUNJAB.

(CD 3) SH. JASBEER SINGH, S/O SH. BAGH SINGH R/O VILLAGE GULAHARH, TEHSIL SAMANA, DISTRICT PATIALA, PUNJAB.

This is to notify that as per the Recovery Certificate issued in pursuance of orders passed by the Presiding Officer, DEBITS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL CHANDIGARH (DRT 3) in OA/21222018 an amount of Rs. 27,01,425/- (Rupees Twenty Seven Lacs One Thousand Four Hundred Twenty Five And Paise Four Only) along with pendente lite and future interest @ 10.00 % Simple Interest Uryer w.e.f. 18/08/2018 till realization and costs of Rs. 50,000/- (Rupees Fifty Thousands Only) has become due against you (jointly and severally Fully Jointly).

3. Whereas, it has been shown to the satisfaction of Tribunal that it is not possible to serve you in the ordinary way, therefore this notice is given by the publication directing you to put in appearance before this Tribunal on 08/10/2024 at 10.30 A.M.

4. You are hereby ordered to declare on an affidavit the particulars of your assets on or before the next date of appearance before this Tribunal.

5. In addition to the sum aforesaid, you will also be liable to pay: (a) Such interests as is payable for the period commencing immediately after this notice of the certificate / execution proceedings.

(b) Costs and expenses incurred in respect of the service of this notice and warrants and other processes and all other proceedings taken for recovering the amount due. Given under my hand and the seal of the Tribunal, on this date: 28/03/2024.

Recovery Officer DEBITS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL CHANDIGARH (DRT 3)

PUBLIC NOTICE I, Sudhir S/o Satpal is owner in respect of property No. 1353, Khazra no. 1353, Khazra no. 432/1(1-1), measuring 0K-3.3M (100 Sq. Yards), situated at Dadril tehsil Dadril and District Charhki Dadril. I have lost No. 4453 dated 26.11.2024 anywhere in Chandigarh. Dadril, DDR also falling which no claim will be entertain later and ICICI HFC, Leela Bhanawa, Patiala will disburse the loan to prospective customer. Detail of the property is also mentioned.

Yours Sincerely Rupinder Singh, Advocate Chamber No 508,4th Floor Yadvindra ComplexDist. Court, Patiala:-9914379170

PUBLIC NOTICE This is to notify all the concerned that, on behalf of my client, ICICI HFC, Ludhiana, Punjab, Patiala, he/she/they give notice to the general public that one customer, Sh. Chandar Dabby/S/o Sh. Om Parkash (Applicant) and Smt. Mamta (Co-applicant) has applied for transfer of Share / Flat and issue of NOC/ Permission for execution of Family Transfer Deed before the Managing Committee of the Society / Registrar, Cooperative Societies, U.T., Chandigarh, as per notification issued by Finance Department Chandigarh Administration:-

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Name of political party: AAM AADMI PARTY Name of Election : LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY HARYANA Name of Constituency : 04 AMBA LA CANT. Legislative Council of MLAs RAJWINDER KAUR a candidate for the above mentioned election, declare for public information the following details about my criminal antecedents:

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PUBLIC NOTICE It is hereby notified for the information of the public that Deepak S/o. Sri Registered Nominee of Late Ushta Nanda W/o Sh. Brij Mohan Nanda (Aadhaar No. 25, Panchkula, Haryana Pin-134116 & Owner of 2423-B, Mundi Complex, Sector 70, Mohali, Membership no 718 & Allotment letter no MC/HB/MHL/2007/100/246 dated 08.11.2007, Share Certificate no 220) as approached the above stated Society for the transfer of his Share / Flat to Punet Jindal (Aadhaar 5547 4152 2050) S/O Sh. Raj Kumar Jindal R/O House No 416, Jawahark Road, Ramji Pardhan Wall Gali, Ward No 15, Mansa, Punjab, Pin no- 151005. Whereas if any Loans agency/ or Bank etc, or any other person have any objection regarding encumbrance litigation, claim, charges, sale, transfer etc, should submit his/her objection in writing within 15 days from the date of publication otherwise Transfer will be made and there shall be no responsibility of the Society. Dated: 03.10.2024 President

Public Notice This is to notify all the concerned that, on behalf of my client, ICICI HFC, Ludhiana, Punjab, Patiala, he/she/they give notice to the general public that one customer, Sh. Chandar Dabby/S/o Sh. Om Parkash (Applicant) and Smt. Mamta (Co-applicant) has applied for transfer of Share / Flat and issue of NOC/ Permission for execution of Family Transfer Deed before the Managing Committee of the Society / Registrar, Cooperative Societies, U.T., Chandigarh, as per notification issued by Finance Department Chandigarh Administration:-

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If anybody has any objection upon the transfer of Title, Right or interest in above mentioned flat of the Society in favor of the applicant, then, he/ she/ they may submit the objections in writing along with relevant documents to the undersigned within 30 days of the publication of this notice, failing which the ownership of the above said flat shall be transferred in favor of the applicant. No further claim in any manner whatsoever shall be entertained later on. PRESIDENT

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The Chandigarh Chief Auditor, Punjab Cooperative Employees Cooperative House Building (First) Society Ltd.(U.T) Sector 50-B, Chandigarh.

Public Notice It is hereby notified for the information of General Public and all the concerned that the following applicant / holder of sale agreement has applied for transfer of Share / Flat and issue of NOC/Permission for execution of Sale Deed before the Managing Committee of the Society, as per notification issued by Finance Department, Chandigarh Administration:-

Table with 5 columns: Sr. Name of Original Allottee/Transferee, Name of Applicant No., Name of Transferee, Flat No., Category, Remarks. Row 1: 1. Smt. Parvinder Kaur D/o Sh. Ajmer Singh W/o Parkash Singh, Sh. Parkash Singh S/o Sh. Surjan Singh, 1016, B, Ground Floor, On Intestate Death Basis

If anybody has any objection upon the transfer of Title, Right or interest in above mentioned flats of the Society in favor of the applicant, then, he/she/they may submit the objections in writing along with relevant documents to the undersigned within 30 days of the publication of this notice, failing which the ownership of the above said flat shall be transferred in favor of the applicant. No further claim in any manner whatsoever shall be entertained later on. -Sd/- President/ Secretary

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

Notice under Section 13(2) of the Securitisation and Re-construction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 is being issued by ICICI Bank Ltd. (on the underlying pool assigned to ICICI Bank by Dewan Housing Finance Ltd.) in relation to the enforcement of security concerning a Housing Loan Facility granted pursuant to a Loan agreement entered into between DHFL and the following borrower(s) who has/have defaulted in the repayment of principal and interest towards the Loan Facility(ies) obtained by them from the secured creditor. The Loans have been classified as Non-Performing Assets (NPA), a notice was issued to them at their last known addresses; however, it has returned un-served and hence, they are hereby notified by way of this Public Notice.

Table with 5 columns: Sr. No., Name of the Borrower/Co-Borrower/ Guarantor/ & Address (DHFL Old Loan & ICICI New Loan), Property Address of Secured Asset / Asset to be Enforced, Date of Notice Sent/ Outstanding as on Date of Notice, NPA Date. Row 1: 1. Vir Bhan/ Meena Rani A/C No. QZHS000050002126/ 25200000397 Bhanoa Barahmanh 41, Near Idea Tower Jind Narwana Haryana Jind- 126116, Property Measuring 329 Sq. Yards 0 Kanal 10.87 Marla Being Part of 1/8 Minjuram Rakba 4 Kanal 7 Marla, Comprised in Khazra No. 207/1(1-2), 208/3(1-2), 209/3(0-16), Khewat No. 91/224, Kite 3 Khata No. 91/224, As Per Jamabandi Year 2012-13, Intkal No. 2203, Situated at Village Bhana Bhrman, Tehsil Narwana, District Hissar, Haryana- 126152

The steps are being taken by substituted service of Notice. The above borrower(s) and/or the guarantor(s) of the Loan to stop the title in their own hands to make the payments of the outstanding within the period of 60 days from the date of the publication of this Notice else further steps will be taken by the undersigned in the enforcement of the Securitisation and Re-construction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002. Date: October 04, 2024 Place: Chandigarh

Branch: SSI Ludhiana, Near Veer Palace, Chandigarh Road, Ludhiana - 141010 E-Mail: SSILUD@bankofbaroda.com

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

Whereas, the undersigned being the Authorized officer of the BANK OF BARODA, SSI, Ludhiana, -141010, under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under section 13(2) read with Rules 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002, issued Demand Notices dated mentioned as below calling upon the borrower(s)/Guarantor(s) to repay the amount mentioned in the Notice(s) being as Below within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said Notices. The borrower(s) having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower(s) in particular and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described

BJP proposes renaming Sealdah station after Dr Shyama Prasad Mukherjee

SAUGAR SENGUPTA ■ KOLKATA

There are credible reports that a section of Bengal BJP has started lobbying for rechristening Sealdah Railway Station as Dr. Shyama Prasad Mukherjee Railway Station in a Deen Dayal Upadhyay Railway Station.

The proposal to change the name of the country's sixth oldest railway station after Mumbai VT, Howrah, Chennai, Kanpur and Vadodara was given by BJP Rajya Sabha MP Samik Bhattacharya before Railway Minister Ashwini Vaishnav during his visit to Kolkata on Wednesday. "But what is in a name?" asked Trinamool Congress' Kunal Ghosh who wondered why the name of only Mukherjee and why not Swami Vivekananda who lived nearby, barely a mile or two away from the Station at Shimla Street should be considered.

"Why the station should not be named after Swami Vivekananda because after returning from his glorious trip to Chicago his ship came to Budge Budge from where he took a train to Sealdah It is from this place where thou-



sands of young people assembled and dragged his cart by hand," Ghosh said. However according to Bhattacharya, "When lakhs of beaten and uprooted refugees from the erstwhile East Pakistan thronged Sealdah Station post Partition it was Dr Mukherjee who stood by them and their cause I will request the honourable Railway Minister to consider renaming Sealdah Station after Dr Shyama Prasad Mukherjee."

Historically speaking: British architect Walter Glanville in 1869 designed the Sealdah Main Railway Station as it stands today pursuing a Victorian-Gothic form. Sealdah which has 20 platforms today had only four in 1862 standing out amidst muddy, marshy and potholed

vicinity. It was a part of the East Bengal Railway and then Assam Bengal Railway set up in 1857 for the sake of establishing connectivity with northern and southern Bengal which then comprised a large province including Bihar, Odisha and portions of the present North East. Incidentally there was a tram terminus located just outside Sealdah Station before the year 1978 from where the concept of horse tram carriage started. Historically speaking Sealdah owes its name to Sealdih or a village infested by jackals. In fact the station itself was built clearing a huge Pipal tree surrounded with bushes, swamps and marshes and heavily colonized by jackals on two sides of the great Maratha Ditch (a canal) that surrounded the city and where today

runs the Upper and Lower Circular Roads more lately called the Acharya Prafulla Chandra (APC) Road and Acharya Jagadish Chandra (AJC) Road. The Maratha Ditch was dug up to prevent Maratha invasions in those days. So historically today's Sealdah Station stands by the Maratha Ditch so to say.

The Maratha Ditch could not however prevent Bengal Nawab Siraj ud Daulah from invading Kolkata in 1756 when he crossed the mighty canal and attacked the British garrison "causing a great loss to the white men's families by bundling about 64 of them including women inside an underground chamber leading to 43 deaths." Others however, put the figure to 146 captured and 123 dead. Sealdah stood witness to the brief but cruel battle between the Nawab and the British who avenged the cruelty post Battle of Plassey by allowing Siraj to be cut into pieces and ferried about the Murshidabad town on a bullock cart. Railway Minister Ashwini Vaishnav said that his ministry was contemplating a Rs 60,000-crore investment schemes in Bengal and was awaiting the cooperation of the State Government.

Indian Army aims to crack terrorists' encrypted communication networks

MOHIT KANDHARI ■ JANMU

The outgoing General Officer Commanding (GOC) of the Srinagar-based 15 Corps, Lieutenant General Rajiv Ghai on Thursday said that the Indian Army is working hard to crack the highly encrypted communication network of the terrorists to dismantle their ecosystem in the region.

Briefing media persons in Srinagar Lt Gen Rajiv Ghai said, "We are aware that terrorists operating in the valley are using ultra communication networks, which have layers of encryption. While presently it is affording them the secrecy that they want I assure you that work is happening in this direction and soon we will be able to crack that encryption and I am hoping that will further dent their ecosystem and networks."

The senior Army officer also claimed that the active number of terrorists in the region has also come down to 80 and no fresh recruitment has taken place in recent months in the valley. "There are around 80 active terrorists in Kashmir. The figure has gone down. Their number will be further down by mid-next year," he said. He estimated that between 25 and 30 foreign terrorists remain



active, and the army is determined to neutralize them soon. "We foiled infiltration attempts by terrorists from across the border. This summer there were fewer attempts of infiltration," he said. He further stated that successful infiltration attempts were not mostly made in Kashmir but at other places. Referring to the frequent attacks in Pir Pranjal range, Rajiv Ghai said that there were chances that the terrorists may attempt to take shelter in Kashmir. "Terrorists keep moving as they cannot survive in one place," he said. Sharing his assessment of the prevailing security scenario Lt Gen Ghai said Kashmir has

seen a good year so far like last year. "We need a few more good years to make peace a permanent feature here. I believe maintaining this peaceful atmosphere is the biggest challenge for the security forces," the GOC 15 Corps said. Lt Gen Ghai said that there hasn't been any active recruitment of terrorists this year. "The numbers were down to a dozen last year and this year it is next to nil," the GOC said. He said as far as the terrorist-initiated incidents in Kashmir, they are between far and few. "Some incidents were reported where soft targets were made by even an untrained person using a pistol," the army officer said. To a query whether any

troop cut was possible at this juncture, the GOC said: "We are in a consolidation phase and no dilution of counter insurgency and counter terrorism grid is recommended. Both the grids need to be maintained. I definitely won't advocate any dilution to these grids at this stage," the GOC said.

Earlier, in his opening remarks, the GOC said that during the past year-and-a-half, numerous attempts counter infiltration steps were taken while simultaneously prosecuting a very robust and successful counter-terrorist campaign within Kashmir. "While doing this, we have been very conscious of our responsibility and nation-building. So we have maintained our connection with the people of Kashmir," the army officer said.

He said that the region is seeing a new beginning as numerous significant events are taking place besides development. "This is because of the efforts put in by (Chinar corps) 15 Corps, police, CAPF, police and numerous other security agencies," the GOC said.

While he praised the improving security situation over the last two years, Lt. Gen. Ghai cautioned that maintaining peace remains the primary challenge, and vigilance must be maintained, particularly in counter-terrorism efforts at the LoC and within the valley.

Vijayan retracts claims on gold smuggling allegations



KUMAR CHELLAPPAN ■ KOCHI

Chief Minister Vijayan on Thursday made a quick volte-face from his earlier stance that Malappuram district topped the table in gold smuggling and hawala cash flow. Addressing the media after the cabinet meeting on Thursday, the chief minister said that he never blamed Malappuram district or the Muslim community for gold smuggling and hawala cash flow to the State.

But this is in stark contrast to his stance during the 21st September press meet when he had said that out of the 147 kg smuggled gold seized in the State during the last three years, Malappuram accounted for 124.47 kg of yellow metal and Rs 87.22 crore of hawala cash out of Rs 122.5 crore seized during the period.

It is widely believed that the chief minister retracted his statement on smuggled gold and hawala cash under pressure from leaders of a minority community who were offended by his disclosures. The chief minister had also said during the media meeting that the money generated out of smuggling and hawala cash transactions were being pumped into the State for anti-national activities.

While Vijayan did not disclose the reasons behind the sudden change in his stance, he gave a clean chit to the Chennai based English newspaper for carrying in its column an apology for publishing a statement attributed to him which he said he had not told the journalist who had interviewed him in New Delhi. The said interview which was carried in the 30th September edition of the paper had featured the chief minister's allegation that large scale gold smuggling and hawala cash was taking place in Malappuram district. "I did not tell this reporter anything on this issue. When I was asked about Anvar and gold smuggling, my reply was that I had made it clear in the press meet held on 21st September itself and do not have much time to elaborate further on the topic," said Vijayan who patted the Chennai newspaper for its decision to run a public apology.

CPI(M) demands 12 seats in MVA alliance



T N RAGHUNATHA ■ MUMBAI

Ahead of the formalisation of the seat-sharing tie-up among the Opposition Maha Vikas Aghadi (MVA) for the Maharashtra Assembly polls, its smaller ally - the Communist Party of India (Marxist) - has staked claim

for 12 seats. Confirming the development, CPI (M)'s Maharashtra State Committee Dr Uday Narkar said on Thursday: "We have attended a couple of meetings of the MVA...We have asked the MVA leadership to allocate us 12 seats." In the 288-member

Maharashtra Assembly, the CPI (M) represents one seat - Dahanu (ST) in Palghar district, from where its party man Vinod Nikole was elected in the 2019 polls.

Apart from Dahanu (ST) seat, the other Assembly constituencies from where the CPI (M) wants to contest are Vikramgad in Palghar district, Shahpur in Thane district, Kalwan, Dindori, Nashik West and Igatpuri in Nashik district, Kinwat in Nanded district, Majalgaon in Beed district, Pathari in Parbhani district, Solapur City Central in Solapur district and Akole in Ahmednagar district.

"For the past several years, we have been very active in the constituencies where we would field our candidates. We are part of the INDIA block at the national level. We expect the MVA to allocate the seats we have asked for," Dr Narkar said. The All India Kisan Sabha

(AKIS) had in the PAST led several farmers' movements in Maharashtra, while several Left unions are active in urban areas.

The three major constituents of the MVA are Congress, NCP (Sharad Pawar) and the Shiv Sena (UBT). The Samajwadi Party, CPI, CPI (M), Peasants and Workers Party (PWP) are the smaller constituents of the MVA.

It is doubtful whether the MVA will allocate 12 seats. If anything, the MVA may consider allocating 3 to 4 seats to the CPI (M), as against 12 seats demanded by the latter. Because, the MVA's three major constituents will have to accommodate its other small allies like the SP, CPI and PWP. On their part, the Congress, NCP (SP) and Shiv Sena (UBT) have so far not yet commented on the demand for 12 seats made by the CPI (M).

SC halts Isha Foundation probe

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court on Thursday stayed the police probe into the alleged illegal confinement of two women at spiritual leader Jaggi Vasudev's Isha Foundation ashram in Coimbatore in Tamil Nadu. Transferring to itself a habeas corpus petition of a man alleging that his two daughters were held captive inside the premises of the Foundation, a bench headed by Chief Justice D Y Chandrachud directed the Tamil Nadu Police to not take any further action in pursuance of the Madras High Court's direction asking it to inquire into the alleged illegal confinement of the women.

"You can't let in the Army or the police into an establishment like this," the bench observed during the hearing. The bench, also comprising Justices JB Pardiwala and Manoj Misra, said the police shall file the status report, as directed by the high court in its September 30 order, before the top court. The top court passed the order after the Isha Foundation approached it challenging Madras High Court's order directing the Coimbatore Police to collect all case details registered against the Foundation and produce them before the court for further consideration. Senior advocate Mukul Rohatgi, appearing for the Foundation, sought a stay of the high court order, and said around 150 police officials have entered

the Foundation's ashram and are probing every corner. The bench, which interacted with the two women in-chambers through video-conferencing, noted they have stated that both of them are residing at the ashram voluntarily and without any coercion. "As regards the presence of police, in pursuance to the order of the High Court, it has been stated by the two individuals that the police left the premises last night, though they were there... In pursuance of the order of the high court," the bench noted.

While taking up the habeas corpus petition, the bench permitted the father of the two women to appear before it through video-conferencing if he wishes to interact with the court in person or through counsel. The court said text of the high court's order indicated that they are presently 42 and 39 years old respectively. The bench noted the two women have stated that they are free to travel outside the ashram, which they had done from time to time and their parents have also visited there to meet them. The court noted it was submitted before it that a similar petition was filed by the mother of the two individual about eight years ago, in which the father had also appeared. Solicitor General Tushar Mehta, who appeared for the Centre, said the high court should have been "very circumspect". Madras High Court had on September 30 passed an interim order on a habeas corpus petition filed by Dr S Kamaraj.

Bengal doctors divided over protest strategies



SAUGAR SENGUPTA ■ KOLKATA

There seems to have developed differences of opinion among the doctors of Bengal agitating in demand of justice for their woman colleague who was on August 9 raped and murdered inside the RG Kar Medical College and Hospital with the seniors opposing the juniors' decision to resume indefinite "cease work" for the second time within a span of ten days following repeated attacks on their colleagues at various medical college hospitals.

According to the senior doctors the protestors who had been getting full support from the general public should not take recourse to actions that could impede people's interest. "About 35,000 patients come to the five medical colleges in Kolkata alone for treatment most of them have supported our cause throughout the movement so we should also take their plight into consideration particularly during the festive season when many private doctors would go on vacation and the poor patients would be left in lurch," said one of the senior doctors while

expressing his views in a general convention of doctors called in RGKMCH on Thursday.

Another senior doctor said that "we have been by the side of these junior doctors and will continue to support their cause but without imposing our views on them we will just like to advise them that this is not right time to resume cease work impeding the interests of thousands of common people who have been by us all these days we cannot alienate the common man from this movement," said another senior paediatrician.

The doctors who had gone on an indefinite cease work post the RGKMCH incident had resumed duty breaking their 42-days' cease work after Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee assured foolproof security inside hospital premises besides conceding to their demand of removing Kolkata Police Commissioner Vineet Goyal and two directors of Health.

"But the Government which had given us assurance on other demands would not fulfill them forcing us to resume our movement," said Dr Aniket one of the leaders.

Another doctor, a cardiologist suggested alternative mode of movement saying, "we can think about partial cease work or regular rallies and even dharnas or even go to the districts setting special medical care camps so as to make people aware about the plights of the doctors."

The junior doctors had not presented their views when reports last came in. However some of them said that they would take the advice of the senior doctors and hold general body meeting of joint platform of junior doctors before taking a final decision.

"It is clear that this Government is trying to create a rift between the common people who have supported us and the doctors but we will not fall in its trap if we withdraw our cease work then it will not be because of the government pressure but because of the needs of the people but still we will continue to agitate until attacks on doctors stop and until the Government takes some concrete steps to ensure safety and security inside the hospitals," said Dr Kinjal Nanda one of the agitating doctors.

Bombay HC orders to expedite inquiry into custodial death

T N RAGHUNATHA ■ MUMBAI

After the BJP-led MahaYuti government set up a Commission of Inquiry into the "encounter killing" of Badlapur children sexual assault case Akshay Shinde, the Bombay High Court on Thursday directed the Magistrate looking into Shinde's death to expedite its inquiry and submit its findings to it at the next hearing on November 18.

Hearing a PIL filed by the father of Shinde on the suspicious circumstances leading to the death of Shinde, a HC bench of Justices Revati Mohite Dere and Prithviraj Chavan asked the Thane Magistrate and the police to collect, preserve and get all the evidence relating to Shinde's death in police custody. Earlier, Advocate General Birendra Saraf told the court that all relevant documents have been forwarded to the magistrate for inquiry. While asking the Magistrate to start the inquiry proceedings quickly and submit its report quickly after hearing all parties in the case.

"Law requires that when there is a custodial death, the investigation be conducted by the Magistrate. Let the investigation be conducted. We will wait for the report of the magistrate," the HC bench said. "The Magistrate should expedite the inquiry and submit its report to the court by November 18.

Akshay Shinde -- key accused in the sensational Badlapur child sexual assault -- was shot dead at a point blank range while he was being taken from Badlapur to Thane in a van for investigation in another case. It may be recalled that two nursery girls - aged four and



six years -- were sexually abused allegedly by sweeper Shinde when they in the washroom of the kindergarten school run by Adarsh Vidya Prasarak Sanstha (AVPS) on August 13 for using the toilet there. A Special Investigation Team (SIT) of the Thane police that investigated the case has filed a charge-sheet in the case before the special Protection of Children from Sexual Offences (POCSO) Act court in Kalyan.

The incident caused a major public uproar in the state and always as other parts of the state. The Opposition MVA - comprising Congress, Uddhav Thackeray-headed Shiv Sena (UBT) and Sharad Pawar-led NCP (SP) - had demanded a judicial probe into the suspicious circumstances leading to the accused Shinde's death in a police van.

Directing the prosecution to collect strong forensic evidence in the case, the HC asked the prosecution if the police had collected forensic evidence from the body of the deceased. "Every firearm has a peculiar pattern and the residue it leaves is also differ-

ent. The residue left on the deceased's head where he was shot, his hands when he opened fire from the police's pistol needs to be collected, preserved and analysed forensically," the HC bench said. "Dead body is the most silent and honest witness... There is a need to collect and preserve all evidence. Bullets were fired from two different firearms in the incident. Empty shells found were of two different arms. The firing pin of every gun is different. This can be a conclusive proof which firing arm will have which firing pin," the HC bench said.

"We want to see a report showing this conclusively," the HC bench said, while wanting to know from the police State CID police who are investigating the case if the bullet had pierced through the accused. Advocate General Saraf replied in the affirmative. Expressing its displeasure over the failure to recover a bottle of water that was given to the accused when he asked for water in the vehicle. "The police's case is that the handcuffs of the accused were removed after he asked for

water after which he forcibly snatched the pistol of one of the police officers and opened fire. "It (bottle) is an important piece of evidence," the bench said.

Seeking the medical report of the police officer who sustained injury in the firing opened by the deceased accused, the HC bench said: "The police officer who sustained gunshot injury... Has he been examined properly? Was there any residue or blackening at the spot? We need to see that. Was there an entry and exit wound on the thigh of the police officer who got hurt?"

At a hearing held on September 25, a HC bench of Justice Revati Mohite Dere and Prithviraj Chavan had questioned the version put out by the police Shinde was shot by the police in self defence. Justice Chavan said "it is hard to believe" that a man of slight build as Akshay Shinde could be overpowered by the four policemen when he turned violent and pulled the slide back on a 9 mm pistol for firing which "requires strength".



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The caste contest

Haryana elections will be a tight contest. The BJP-JJP alliance breakup and Congress rebels have added uncertainty to it

As Haryana heads to the polls on October 5, 2024, the political landscape is marked by intense competition and shifting alliances. This election holds importance as the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP), which had formed a government in 2019 with the support of Dushyant Chautala's Jannayak Janata Party (JJP), is now contesting alone. The breakup of the BJP-JJP alliance has left the BJP in a precarious position, governing as a minority until the upcoming elections. The ruling party, which is contesting without its former ally, the JJP, is focusing on its development agenda, highlighting its work on infrastructure, education and women's safety. However, the party faces challenges, especially in rural areas, where discontent over issues like agricultural reforms remains strong. The Congress is positioning itself as the main alternative to the BJP. Led by Bhupinder Singh Hooda, the party is banking on strong support in rural areas, especially among Jat voters and hopes to capitalise on dissatisfaction with the BJP government. Dushyant Chautala is attempting to redefine his party's narrative, distancing himself from the BJP's policies and advocating for farmer-friendly reforms.



Another unpredictable player is Aam Aadmi Party which is contesting in Haryana with renewed vigour. AAP is aiming to replicate its success in neighbouring Punjab. The party is focusing on issues such as health-care, education and anti-corruption measures, appealing primarily to urban voters. A strong contender of yesteryears, Indian National Lok Dal (INLD) led by Abhay Singh Chautala has joined hands with Bahujan Samaj Party. But the agrarian sector remains a pivotal issue in Haryana, especially after the farmers' protests against the now-repealed agricultural laws. Farmers' resentment towards the government has not entirely subsided, and the opposition parties, particularly Congress and JJP, are using this to mobilise rural voters. Besides, Haryana has one of the highest unemployment rates in India. Both the BJP and Congress have promised to address the issue, with the BJP touting its industrial initiatives and the Congress proposing new employment schemes. But all said and done, it is the caste politics which decides who rules the State. The traditional Jat-non-Jat divide continues to shape Haryana's political landscape. The BJP, which has traditionally garnered support from non-Jat communities, faces the challenge of consolidating this base while the JJP and Congress focus on winning over Jat voters. Caste dynamics have always been a significant factor in Haryana's political landscape, deeply influencing voter behaviour and electoral outcomes. Jats, who make up approximately 25-30 per cent of Haryana's population, are the state's most politically influential caste group. The Congress, under Hooda, is attempting to bridge the gap between Jats and non-Jats by emphasising its rural-urban development plans but is plagued by rebels. The outcome of the elections will be favourable to the party which manages the complex caste matrix of the state well.

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A man makes red handprints on a wall as part of a tradition on the first day of the 'Navratri' festival, in Ahmedabad **PTI**

Online gaming industry needs regulation and govt support

A balanced, collaborative approach between the government and the online gaming industry is essential for responsible and sustainable growth

The online gaming industry in India is experiencing rapid growth but is often misinterpreted as being synonymous with gambling. This misconception fuels concerns about problem gambling and social harm, leading to a negative narrative surrounding the sector. In reality, much of the harm stems from illegal offshore betting and gambling platforms, which further exacerbate this misrepresentation. Every industry influences society in various ways, and it is the responsibility of regulatory frameworks to strike a balance—supporting legitimate enterprises while effectively curbing illegal activities. Conflating online gaming with gambling risks undermining an industry that is growing at a Compound Annual Growth Rate (CAGR) of 15.68 per cent on a base of USD 3.49 billion. This sector contributes significantly to job creation and tax revenues in India. With 83 per cent of the world's gamers, India boasts 568 million users and registered over 9.5 billion gaming app downloads in 2023. Real Money Games



alone contributed 60 per cent of their revenues to the Indian exchequer in FY 2023-24. Misunderstanding the online gaming industry as gambling could jeopardize its potential for economic growth and its contributions to national development. Regulators must prioritise cracking down on offshore and illegal businesses and apps that operate in violation of Indian law. Measures such as whitelisting legitimate platforms, and initiating legal actions against those facilitating illegal activities are crucial. Steps like freezing the bank accounts of operators and intermediaries, and working with financial institutions to block transactions tied to illegal gambling, are urgently needed. Practical enforcement challenges cannot be an excuse for inaction, as the

risks are significant. A coordinated effort involving the Ministry of Finance, Information Technology, Home Affairs, and Consumer Affairs is essential, with each department playing a critical role in enforcement and raising public awareness about the legal implications of supporting illegal operations. Without robust enforcement and heightened awareness, illegal gambling platforms will not only make Indian citizens vulnerable to gambling addiction but also siphon their hard-earned money into criminal networks. The profits from illegal gambling often fund organised crime, money laundering, and terrorism, with global examples linking gambling profits to drug trafficking and terrorist financing. This not only destabilises local economies but poses a serious threat to national security. As the government takes strict action against illegal gambling, it must also work closely with the legitimate gaming industry to differentiate between legal online gaming and illegal gambling. Such a partnership would not only help clear the negative perceptions but also sup-

port the industry's growth. This collaboration could further enhance the crackdown on illegal gambling through combined awareness campaigns and enforcement efforts. Finally, the government and the gaming industry must work together to develop a responsible gaming framework. This should include self-exclusion tools, age verification systems, game time monitoring, and partnerships with mental health experts. By promoting responsible gaming, the industry can ensure ethical practices, protect consumers from addiction, and foster a sustainable, well-regulated gaming ecosystem in India. A balanced approach that differentiates legitimate online gaming from illegal gambling, alongside stronger enforcement measures, is vital for the sustainable growth of online gaming industry. With govt and industry collaboration, responsible gaming practices can be promoted, ensuring the sector's positive contributions to economic growth and job creation.

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ARJUN SINHA

BJP strives hard to imbibe 'integral humanism'

As the BJP marks Deendayal Upadhyaya's 108th birth anniversary, it faces the challenge of aligning his "Integral Humanism" ideals with modern governance



K S TOMAR

On the occasion of the 108th birth anniversary of Deendayal Upadhyaya, a founding figure of the Bharatiya Jana Sangh and the proponent of "Integral Humanism," the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) finds itself reflecting on how closely it has adhered to his visionary ideals. Upadhyaya's philosophy focused on a holistic approach to human well-being, emphasising decentralisation, indigenous culture, self-reliance, and ethical governance. Though the BJP has embraced these principles rhetorically, transforming them into practical realities remains a formidable challenge.

Economic Ideals vs Modern Policies: Deendayal Upadhyaya's vision of economic self-reliance and decentralisation stands in contrast to India's current globalised and capital-driven economic policies, particularly those introduced since the liberalisation reforms of the 1990s. Under Prime Minister Narendra Modi, the BJP has focused on economic growth through increased foreign direct investment (FDI), free-market reforms, and privatisation. Critics argue that this approach clashes with Upadhyaya's idea of a self-reliant economy, which emphasises supporting rural and local industries, creating jobs at the grassroots level, and minimising dependence on foreign capital.

Balancing Indigenous Culture and Globalisation: Deendayal Upadhyaya advocated for the preservation and promotion of India's indigenous culture, even as the nation embraced modern advancements. Striking this balance has been a delicate task for the BJP. On one hand, the party emphasises cultural pride, nationalism, and traditional values, promoting initiatives like Ayurveda and yoga on the global stage. On the other hand, India's integration into the global economy, alongside the rise of modern lifestyle trends and technology, risks diluting the deeper cultural roots Upadhyaya sought to preserve. The BJP has been critiqued for veering toward an exclusionary



cultural nationalism, which may diverge from Upadhyaya's more inclusive vision.

Ethical Governance vs Corruption: A key tenet of Upadhyaya's philosophy was the need for ethical governance, marked by integrity, honesty, and service to the people. While BJP leaders, including Modi, have presented themselves as champions of clean governance, the party has faced allegations of corruption, crony capitalism, and favouritism toward large corporations. Such accusations, particularly regarding land acquisition policies and privatisation, have cast doubt on the party's commitment to Upadhyaya's ethical standards.

Inclusive Society vs Polarisation: Upadhyaya's vision of an inclusive society focused on addressing the needs of all communities, ensuring harmony across social and religious divides. However, the BJP has often been criticised for promoting divisive politics, particularly along religious lines. Reconciling Hindutva-driven politics with the ideals of inclusion and social harmony remains a central challenge for the BJP as it seeks to bridge the gap between rhetoric and reality.

Antyodaya - Uplifting the Last Person: One of



UNDER PRIME MINISTER NARENDRA MODI, THE BJP HAS FOCUSED ON ECONOMIC GROWTH THROUGH INCREASED FOREIGN DIRECT INVESTMENT (FDI), FREE-MARKET REFORMS, AND PRIVATISATION. THIS APPROACH CLASHES WITH UPADHYAYA'S IDEA OF A SELF-RELIANT ECONOMY

Upadhyaya's most important principles, Antyodaya, focus on uplifting the most marginalised in society. The BJP has made significant strides in this area through its welfare schemes such as the PM Ujjwala Yojana (providing LPG to rural households), the PM Awas Yojana (affordable housing), and the Swachh Bharat Abhiyan (improving sanitation). The BJP has adopted this principle through various campaigns, such as the global celebration of Yoga Day, the promotion of Indian languages, and the reassertion of India's historical achievements.

Political Decentralisation: A core aspect of Upadhyaya's philosophy was decentralising power, ensuring governance was closer to the people. The BJP's emphasis on cooperative federalism and policies such as GST and the creation of NITI Aayog are steps in this direction. Moreover, the Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT) system and the Jan Dhan Yojana have empowered citizens by reducing middlemen and ensuring that subsidies and welfare benefits reach the people directly. Self-Reliance through Atmanirbhar Bharat; The Atmanirbhar Bharat (Self-Reliant India) initiative, launched during the COVID-19 pandemic, resonates with Upadhyaya's emphasis on self-

reliance. The promotion of local manufacturing, domestic industries, and efforts to reduce dependence on foreign goods align with his philosophy. The "Make in India" initiative, a key aspect of this vision, has made strides in boosting domestic production and job creation. However, the globalised nature of modern economics makes it challenging to fully realize a self-reliant economy.

Striving toward Upadhyaya's Vision: As the ruling party, the BJP's journey in adopting and implementing Deendayal Upadhyaya's ideals has been a mixture of successes and challenges. While considerable progress has been made in promoting nationalism, self-reliance, and Antyodaya, the party faces significant hurdles in achieving true economic decentralisation, upholding ethical governance, and fostering social harmony. The complexities of modern governance, global economic integration, and political strategies often pull the BJP away from Upadhyaya's pure vision. However, the ideals of Integral Humanism remain a guiding light, challenging the party to strike a balance between philosophical ideals and contemporary realities in their pursuit of a better India.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

DECLINE OF GANDHIAN IDEALS

Madam — Since the Mahatma was an epitome of confidence and possessed an international mindset, he didn't treat the hymns of the Scottish gem "Abide with me" as threat enough to get blown off his feet! Rather, he allowed the window of his mind to let in the breeze of all possible cultures around the globe, including the evergreen Henry Francis Lyte classic. It is indeed a matter of utmost disgrace to notice the closure of minds in the country of Mahatma Gandhi—the epitome of liberal values and humanitarian thoughts with an all-embracing mindset.

Not to forget Gandhi's cardinal call: "Recall the face of the weakest man whom you may have seen and ask yourself if the step you contemplate is going to be of any use to him. Will he gain anything from it? Will it restore him to control over his own life and destiny? Will it lead to 'swaraj' for the hungry and spiritually starving millions?" Do the faces of any weak man get recalled today amidst the zealous trumpet of India being 'Viswaguru' (fast marching towards the status of "world's third largest economy") being beaten like a maniac! When none other than the Gandhians find themselves cornered and marginalised in the very state and den of Mahatma Gandhi itself (Sabarmati Ashram, Gujarat), rest assured about the fate of his values, ethics and humanitarian thoughts in the rest of the country!

Kajal Chatterjee | Kolkata

FLOODS HITS BIHAR

Madam — The rain in Nepal is wreaking havoc in Bihar. While 170 people have died in Nepal due to continuous heavy rains, floods and landslides, the terrible form of flooding is being seen in Bihar. In view of the flood, all 56 gates of Birpur Vairaj of the Kosi River and all 36 gates of Balmiki Nagar Vairaj of the Gandak River have been opened. This is not a disaster. It is a tragedy that

India's triumph in Kanpur



Team India creates Test history on October 1. Kudos to Team India for defeating Bangladesh by 7 wickets on the fifth day of Kanpur Test and winning the Test series by

2-0. Team India has set a record of never losing to Bangladesh so far and has created a record on home ground by achieving a thrilling victory in the 18th series. With this extremely brilliant and powerful performance of Team India, India has reached the top position in the ICC World Test Championship table (WTC).

Yashasvi Jaiswal scored his second half-century with great skill and scored 51 runs to win the title of 'Player of the Match'. Bangladesh's so-called opening batsman Shadman Islam and former captain Mushfiqur Rahim were forced to kneel in front of Indian bowlers. India's next match with Bangladesh will be in the 3 T20 match series from October 6. It is hoped that Team India will be successful in maintaining its magical status.

Yugal Kishore Sharma | Faridabad

is repeated every year. Bihar floods are writing the story of new misery and devastation every year; it is a serious humanitarian crisis. But no permanent solution has been found so far. How long will people continue to bear this pain? People are losing their homes, land, and loved ones. How many more lives will be lost, and how many more dreams will be shattered? However, Bihar CM Nitish Kumar said that full attention is being paid to the flood at every level. All kinds of relief and rescue operations are being arranged. To stop this, the government should make immediate arrangements on a war footing. For which a permanent solution is needed so that this disaster is not faced in the future.

Anshu Bharti | Begusarai

KARNATAKA LAND SCANDAL

Madam — Karnataka Chief Minister Siddaramaiah's wife, BM Parvathi, said she would return the 14 plots she received in exchange for her undeveloped land.

However, the return policy, seen as Siddaramaiah flipping, might actually be counter-productive. The Muda case pertains to allegations that compensatory sites were allotted to BM Parvathi in an unmarked area in Mysuru that had a higher property value as compared to the location of her land that had been "acquired" by the authority. Siddaramaiah, BM Parvathi, Mallikarjuna Swamy, and one Devaraju were named in an FIR registered by the Mysuru-based Lokayukta police on September 27. This came after the Enforcement Directorate (ED) initiated a probe against her, Siddaramaiah, and her brother, Mallikarjuna Swamy, in what has now become popular as the Muda scam. Parvathi, the wife of Karnataka Chief Minister Siddaramaiah, has returned 14 plots of land to Muda. Thus, Siddaramaiah shot himself in the foot for gaining more wealth using power politics.

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REBALANCING THE GLOBAL ORDER

The escalating missile strikes between Israel and Iran threaten regional stability in West Asia



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The escalating situation in India's extended neighbourhood is threatening internal security for the region. The recent elimination of several top Hezbollah commanders, especially the killing of its top leader Hassan Nasrallah, by Israel, and Iranian missiles raining on Israeli territory is likely to widen the crisis in West Asia. PM Modi realised the sensitivity of the situation and immediately made a phone call to their Israeli counterpart Benjamin Netanyahu. Indian PM's message to Israel was "the crucial need for preventing regional escalation and the safe release of all hostages, terrorism has no place in any form and manifestation and India stands ready to support early restoration of peace and stability." Last month on the sidelines of the Summit of Future in New York, the PM met the President of Palestine Mahmoud Abbas. A press statement released after the meeting read "The Prime Minister reiterated India's time-tested principled position on the Israel-Palestine issue, and called for ceasefire, release of hostages and return to the path of dialogue and diplomacy. He stressed that only a two State solution will deliver enduring peace and stability in the region. Recalling that India was one of the first countries to recognise Palestine, he conveyed India's continued support to Palestine membership of the UN." Even as the Indian PM was holding bilateral with several global leaders in the US, the newly appointed head of the interim government of Bangladesh Muhammad Yunus was getting a much-needed pat on his back from Western leaders. Yunus during his US trip met the US President Joe Biden, former President Bill Clinton, US Secretary of State, Canadian PM, President of the European Union, heads of the World



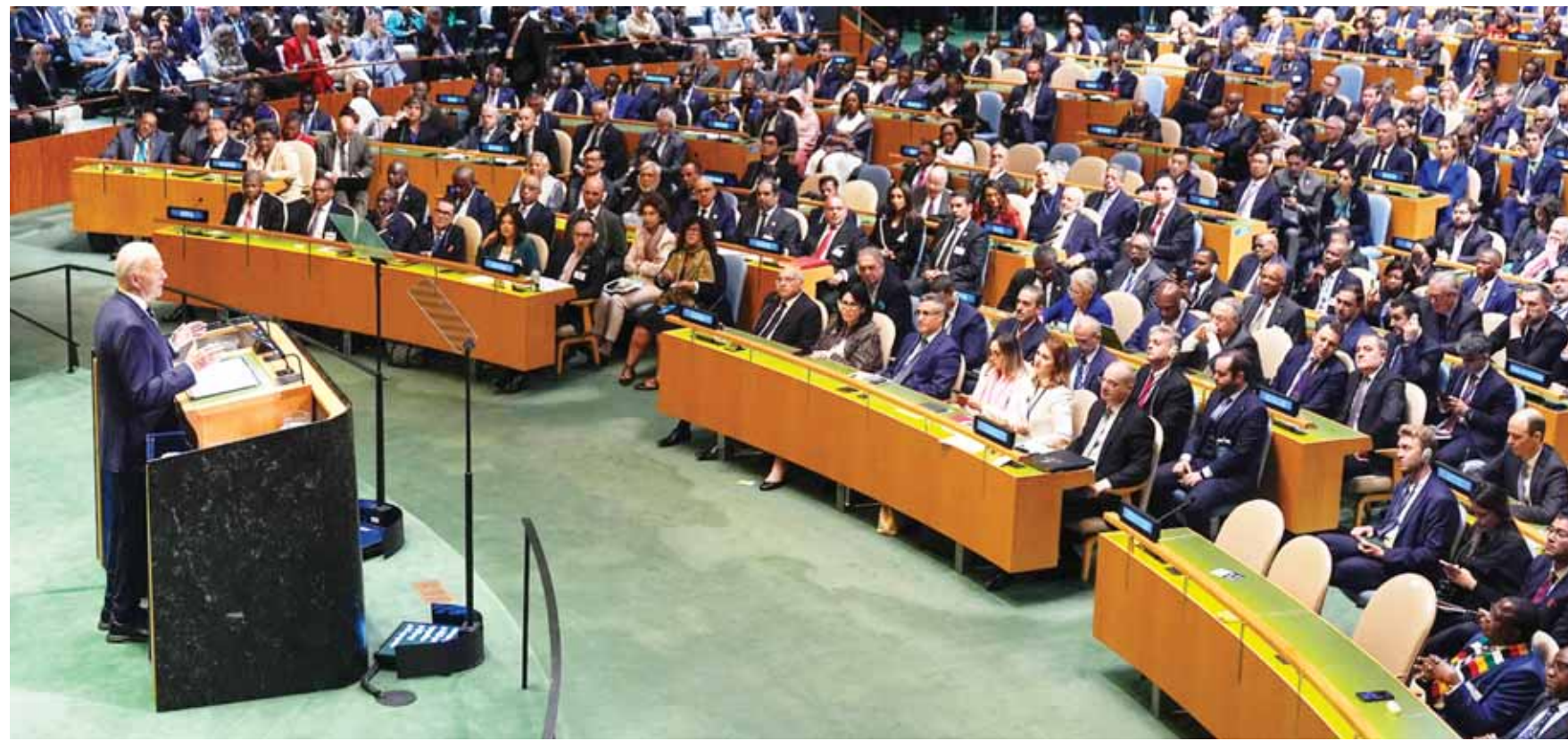
Bank and ADB. He topped it up by having an unusually warm meeting with Pakistan's PM, where he expressed the desire to deepen their bilateral ties and revive the regional body SAARC. For India, these ties could potentially lead Pakistan and China to use this newfound bonhomie with Bangladesh to push its subversive agenda against India. Almost on cue External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar in his remarks at the Asia Society Policy Institute in New York spoke on rebalancing the global order. He said "Rebalancing a global order which started with 51 founding members of the United Nations, which has quadrupled in the last eight decades, where you not only have more independent countries in the world, but the economic, political and even demographic weight of individual members of the global order has shifted, shifted to a point where many of us believe that today we are actually at an inflection." The minister carefully brought multipolarity and plurilateralism in same address while trying to define the evolving global order. He said "Today, we are looking really at a global landscape which is much more regional, which is, as I said, much more characterised by countries who have their strong interests and which have the ability to pursue that interest. And so a lot of what we see in terms of the world is really how does the politics of convergence of the world is really how does the politics of convergence play out. And a third word which would occur to me is 'plurilateralism'. It's a very ugly word, but it in a sense describes a world beyond bilateral relations but which are short of multilateral. That where countries form combinations based on these convergences and overlaps that I've talked about. And you have really this phenomenon of groups of countries coming together for often a limited agenda, sometimes in an agreed theatre to pursue their interests." The recent global events and India's measured stance on several of these reflect what the EAM spoke about in New York, and a rebalance is underway. (The writer is a policy analyst; views are personal)

How global powers exploit democratic ideals



V K BAHUGUNA

From the overthrow of governments to the double standards in addressing terrorism, democracy has been reduced to a fashionable tool of manipulation by global superpowers



One of the remarkable characteristics of the modern era is reflected in the progress of democracy, and the rise of nation-states. The modern era in the real sense started after the end of the Second World War with the establishment of the United Nations (UN) on October 25, 1945 at the end of the San Francisco conference which was attended by 50 countries and the UN Charter was adopted. The United Nations is the global diplomatic and political platform for ensuring international peace, progress and security. The democratic form of governance, freedom, equality and dignity of humanity is the cornerstone of the modern era. In this regard, world leaders like Mahatma Gandhi and Martin Luther King played a very vital role in ending colonial rule in Asia, Africa and other such countries. Since then world leaders swear by the power of the masses in democracy and the rule of the elected leaders. The UN Security Council assumes the role of overseeing the peace and security of the world, especially the five Veto yielding countries China, Britain, France, Russia and the United States yield enormous clout in the Security Council. However, the Veto power in practice and particularly is used by these powers for thwarting any issue if one of them does not like it due to their geo-political interests and international alliance. More than 80 years after the establishment of the UN, the world is still in the grip of intense conflicts and the noble objectives of the UN for ensuring world peace and security are lost in the realpolitik of big powers which smacks of hypocrisy and inherent bias. There are several examples of the derailing of the true democratic edifice of the world's governments, especially in third-world countries by the United States and Western powers. A recent example is dethroning of Sheikh Hasina Wazed's government in Bangladesh a classical example of hypocrisy by America and its allies. Similarly, in dealing with terrorism the white race has double standards. I can kill



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my terrorist anywhere in the world like America did to Osama Bin Laden and Khalistani terrorists and protagonists are provided with a platform to bash up India recently when the American President and Bill Clinton former President hosted and hailed Muhammad Yunus as a savour of democracy and human rights a few weeks ago with the promise of full support. Mr Yunus heads the puppet interim Government of Bangladesh as Chief Advisor. The world is asking America the lone super power is it permissible to oust a government by engineering well-orchestrated violent agitation. When the Indian Prime Minister was in the USA last month the Khalistani leaders were hosted by the white house. Every such thing is done in the name of democracy. If this is allowed at the international level then any government can be ousted by the frustrated opposition in league with foreign powers. Is it, not neo-colonialism being practised under the nose of the United Nations itself? Though the Hasina government might have committed some blunders after all, it was an elected government and the world should not support such illegal seizure of power by students origin well-planned violent agitations. United States, China and the Western block have been supporting such regimes routinely in African countries and Pakistan and Bangladesh for the past several decades. The anger against such hypocrisy of world leaders is growing and if the modern era has to survive the third world war which in any case is undergoing a different pattern in Europe and the West Asia, the people have to junk this system of the United Nations which is becoming a talking machine, a burden on its resources and sub-serving the

geo-political undemocratic stance of powerful countries making a mockery of the lofty UN Charter. The democracy Western leaders in UN practice can aptly be termed as 'Fashionable Democracy'. This fashionable democracy is a tool to perpetuate and support all kind of undemocratic regimes that comes to power in the name of democracy, human rights and liberty. These lofty goals are being pooh-poohed by the powerful countries. There are talks about deep states interfering in the affairs of the countries to upset the ruling regimes that do not fall in line. In this regard, the non-state actors play a significant role though the national governments may not be promoting it directly but in the name of democracy, many outsiders do influence the government. The Indo-US relations built steadily after the end of the cold war during the last 25 years are a shining example of two democratic governments ensuring a global alliance of strategic importance to thwart the attempts of Chinese ambitions to browbeat other countries in the Asia-Pacific region. But the Cold War psychology of the white house is still promoting countries inimical to democratic values in the Indian sub-continent especially Pakistan which is ruled by the Army with a proxy government. This may derail the India-USA strategic relationship. Even Sheikh Hasina opined that her government was toppled after she refused to part with San Martin Island to the United States. China instead of supporting India, with which it has cultural affinity as well as trade interests, supports and aids Pakistan and has been fomenting trouble in the North-East and Ladakh for a long time with its expansionist vision and is a poten-

tial threat to world peace. Thus, it is a clear indication that the geopolitics of the world needs a serious rethink. If one analysis the sequence of events over the past 80 years or so the main reason for such behaviour of powerful countries is due to the patently undemocratic nature of assigning the Veto power to winners of the Second World War. As for democracy, I would appropriately call it fashionable democracy to fool the people around the world in the name of democracy and liberty and this disease is also spreading in most of the countries all over the world including India where democracy has given way to Dynastic Democracy. The state of present day democracies was aptly forecasted by Socrates the ancient Greek Philosopher who said more than 2000 years ago that 'Democracies would elect Demagogues'. India is a glaring example of such leaders in states who pander to this and skilfully use democracies to perpetuate their family interests in power games and practising vote bank politics. The Father of Athenian democracy was Cleisthenes who lived from 570 BC to 508 BC and who as Chief Magistrate successfully imposed democracy in the Athens assembly against the nobles hence is appropriately called as Father of World Democracy must be weeping in his grave seeing how democracy is being run by the world leaders and thus people of the modern era in the 21st Century. Is it, not food for thought for all of us who believe in true democracy because there is no alternative to true democracy like the ancient Indian panchayat system? At least India should reform from within and then lead the rest of the world. (The writer is a former civil servant; views are personal)

One Nation, One Ration: Revolutionising food security with 24/7 grain ATMs

These grain ATMs are a major step in India's fight against hunger. Biometric authentication and Aadhaar-linked portability ensures streamlined distribution

Since June 1, 2020, under the Modi administration, the 'One Nation, One Ration Card' system has been implemented across India, marking the beginning of a revolutionary scheme. Its purpose is to provide food grains to the poor, particularly those who migrate from one state to another, through a single ration card.



RAJESH KUMAR SINGH

Previously, ration cards were issued by the government to provide food grains and other rations to the poor at subsidised rates. However, when workers moved to another state, they often lost access to these benefits, particularly in more developed states like Gujarat. With this new system, that issue is resolved, adding another significant chapter to this revolutionary initiative.

Union Minister of State for Consumer Affairs, Food, and Public Distribution, Nimuben Bambhaniya, recently inaugurated Gujarat's first grain ATM in Bhavnagar, facilitating 24/7 ration distribution under the Central Government's Public Distribution System (PDS). The grain ATM, called Annapoorti, was installed in the Karchaliapara area of Bhavnagar city to free the poor from India's outdated, bureaucratic ration distribution system. According to Minister Bambhaniya, the grain ATM represents a global success story. She expressed pride in the Annapoorti scheme, a globally awarded solution developed in India, which is set to be operational in multiple states. Based on a year-long pilot program, the Annapoorti technology, developed by WFP India, is an important step toward improving food security and ensuring that people receive their rations efficiently and accurately. The new system allows people to obtain their ration from any PDS shop, reducing dependence on shop owners and minimising corruption.

After the 'One Nation, One Ration Card' system, the biggest beneficiaries of grain ATMs will be migrant laborers and disadvantaged communities who live outside their home states for extended periods or are unable to reach grain shops. For instance, if someone from Bihar or Uttar Pradesh trav-

els to Delhi or Mumbai for work, they will be able to easily access ration from PDS shops or ATMs in those cities. The 2011 census reported that about 4.1 crore people had migrated to other states for work. The Aadhaar numbers of family members on over 85 per cent of the country's ration cards are registered, enabling them to use the ATM system. India runs one of the world's largest food-based safety nets, providing subsidised grains to around 813 million people every month through a network of over 500,000 fair price shops (FPS). This initiative is key to the partnership with the United Nations World Food Programme to enhance food



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security. ATMs will be installed across the state, offering 24/7 access to food grains under the National Food Security Act. The Annapurna Yojana allows anyone with a valid PDS ration card, regardless of their state or union territory, to access their entitlements. The ATM can deliver up to 50 kg of grain in just five minutes, reducing waiting time by 70 percent. Once biometric authentication with an Aadhaar card is complete, users will have continuous access to their entire ration. The modular design of the ATM allows for easy assembly based on the available space. Additionally, Annapoorti is energy-efficient and can be connected to solar panels for automa-

tic refilling. The grain ATM is designed to distribute wheat and rice and includes a tank with a capacity to hold 2,500 kg of grains, according to an official release. Officials explained that individuals covered under the National Food Security Act can visit the grain ATM at any time, punch in their ration card, authenticate their identity using the fingerprint scanner, and collect their monthly ration. However, there is speculation that the grain ATM in Bhavnagar could also be used to attract migrant voters in the upcoming assembly elections. (The writer is a senior journalist; views expressed are personal)

Boat capsizes in Congo, killing at least 50 people: Witnesses

AP ■ GOMA
A boat carrying scores of passengers capsized on Lake Kivu in eastern Congo on Thursday, killing at least 50 people, witnesses told The Associated Press.
It was not immediately clear exactly how many people were on board or how many perished but witnesses said they saw rescue services recover at least 50 bodies from the water. They said 10 people survived and were taken to the local hospital.
The boat, overloaded with passengers, sank while trying to dock just metres (yards) away from the port of Kituku, the witnesses said. It was going from Minova in South Kivu province to Goma, in North Kivu province.
Local authorities said that the rescue efforts continued and the death toll remained unknown for the moment. In February, the majority of the 50 passengers aboard a wooden boat were presumed dead after

the vessel capsized on Lake Kivu. "This boat was carrying about a hundred people when it had the capacity for about thirty passengers," the governor of the province of South Kivu Jean-Jacques Purusi told a local radio station following the accident.
It was the latest deadly boat accident in the central African country, where overcrowding on vessels is often to blame. Maritime regulations also are often not followed.
Congolese officials have often warned against overcrowding and vowed to punish those violating safety measures for water transportation. But in remote areas where most passengers come from, many are unable to afford public transport for the few available roads.
In June, an overloaded boat sank near the capital of Kinshasa and 80 passengers lost their lives. In January, 22 people died on Lake Mai-Ndombe and in April 2023, six were killed and 64 went miss-

ing on Lake Kivu.
Witnesses said the boat that capsized on Thursday was visibly overcrowded.
"I was at the port of Kituku when I saw the boat arriving from Minova, full of passengers," Francine Munyi told the AP. "It started to lose its balance and sank into the lake. Some people threw themselves into the water."
"Many died, and few were saved," she added. "I couldn't help them because I don't know how to swim."
The victims' families and Goma residents gathered at the port of Kituku, accusing authorities of negligence in the face of growing insecurity in the region.
Since the fighting between the armed forces and the M23 rebels made the road between the cities of Goma and Minova impassable, forcing the closure of the passage to trucks transporting food, many traders have resorted to maritime transport on Lake Kivu. It's an

alternative considered safer than road traffic, which is threatened by insecurity. But according to Elia Asumani, a shipping agent who works on this line, the situation has become dangerous: "We are afraid," he told the AP. "This shipwreck was predictable." Bienfait Sematumba, 27, said he lost four family members.
"They are all dead. I am alone now," he said, sobbing. "If the authorities had ended the war, this shipwreck would never have happened."
The survivors, about 10 of them, were taken to Kyeshero hospital for treatment. One of them, Neema Chimanga, said she was still in shock.
"We saw the boat start to fill with water halfway," she recounted to the AP. "The door of the boat opened, and we tried to close it. But the water was already coming in, and the boat tilted." "I threw myself into the water and started swimming," she said. "I don't know how I got out of the water."

Ukraine's NATO chief visits Ukraine in his first trip since taking office

AP ■ KYIV
New NATO Secretary-General Mark Rutte visited Ukraine on Thursday in his first official trip since taking office and pledging the alliance's continued support for Kyiv in its war with Russia.
Rutte met with Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy in Kyiv as air raid sirens twice went off in the Ukrainian capital.
The new head of NATO vowed when he took office on Tuesday to help shore up Western support for Ukraine, which has been fighting Russia's full-scale invasion since February 2022 and has for most of this year been on the defensive due to a relentless Russian army push in the country's eastern regions.
Rutte expressed confidence that he can work with whomever is elected president of the United States, the alliance's most powerful member, in November. That could be a key moment for Ukraine's effort to ensure continuing Western support.

Zelenskyy said he discussed with Rutte elements of Ukraine's so-called victory plan, ahead of a NATO meeting at the Ramstein Air Base in Germany next week. The gathering draws together defence leaders from the 50-plus partner nations who regularly meet to coordinate weapons aid for the war. The two also discussed the battlefield situation and the specific needs of Ukrainian military units. Zelenskyy reiterated that Ukraine needs more armaments, including long-range weapons it has long requested.
Asked whether the war in the Middle East will affect the timeline he had envisioned for the victory plan, Zelenskyy noted that the US and Britain say Iran has supplied missiles and drones to Russia for use against Ukraine.
He also appealed for Western countries to scrap restrictions on Ukraine's use of Western-supplied long-range weapons to strike deep inside Russia. "Of course, we want Ukraine to not

be forgotten. But the best way not to forget about Ukraine is to provide the appropriate weapons and the necessary permissions," Zelenskyy said. "And to help shoot down... the same Iranian missiles or drones, just as they are shot down over Israel, to shoot them down in the same way over Ukraine." Rutte reiterated the alliance's unwavering support for Ukraine, insisting that "Ukraine is closer to NATO than ever before".
He said recent steps taken by NATO "build a bridge to NATO membership" for Ukraine, including 40 billion euros (\$44 billion) of funding assistance, bilateral security agreements between allies, and the formation of a new NATO command to coordinate assistance and training. Rutte arrived after a Russian glide bomb struck a five-story apartment block in Kharkiv, Ukraine's second-largest city, injuring at least 12 people, including a 3-year-old girl, local officials said Thursday.

The bomb hit between the third and fourth floors of the building on Wednesday night, igniting a fire, Kharkiv regional Governor Oleh Syniehubov said. Firefighters searched for survivors through smoke and rubble.
The city of Kharkiv, around 30 km (18 miles) from the Russian border, has been a frequent target of aerial attacks throughout the war against Russia that is now deep into its third year. Increasingly common in the war, glide bombs have terrorised civilians and bludgeoned the Ukrainian army's front-line defences. Ukraine has no effective countermeasure for glide bombs, which are launched from Russian aircraft inside Russia. They were a key weapon in Russia's capture of the tactically significant town of Vuhledar on Wednesday, as Russian forces wreak destruction on the eastern Donetsk region and force weary Ukrainian troops to withdraw from obliterated towns and villages.

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Rescue workers clear the rubble inside a building damaged by a Russian airstrike in Kharkiv, Ukraine, Thursday. AP/PTI

region and force weary Ukrainian troops to withdraw from obliterated towns and villages. Ukraine has no effective countermeasure for glide bombs, which are launched from Russian aircraft inside Russia. Ukraine President Volodymyr Zelenskyy said the latest Kharkiv attack highlighted the urgent need for increased support from Ukraine's Western allies.
Zelenskyy recently held talks with officials in the United States in an effort to ensure further Western military support. Russia has had the battlefield initiative since late last year, when a Ukrainian counteroffensive petered out. Ukraine is grappling with a critical manpower problem on the front line and is straining to hold back Russia's grinding assaults.

Though Russia's battlefield gains have been incremental, its steady forward movement is adding up as the Ukrainians are pushed backward and yield ground. Both sides have kept up regular cross-border aerial attacks, usually at night.
Ukraine's air force said Thursday that 78 out of 105 Shahed drones launched by Russia overnight were destroyed on Thursday as 15 regions of the country came under attack. The Russian military, meanwhile, intercepted 113 Ukrainian drones overnight, according to a statement by the Defense Ministry in Moscow.
The drones were destroyed over four Russian regions on the border with Ukraine — Belgorod, Bryansk, Kursk and Voronezh, it said.

Votes against party lines can be counted, rules Pak's top court

PTI ■ ISLAMABAD
Pakistan's Supreme Court ruled Thursday that the votes cast by lawmakers in parliament against their party directions can be counted, in a major relief to the government seeking support for a constitutional amendment to tweak laws related to the judiciary.
The apex court's previous ruling had stated that the votes of parliamentarians who deviated from their party's directives were to be disregarded and not counted. The Supreme Court Bar Association had filed a review petition against the apex court's verdict related to the defection clause under Article 63-A of the Constitution.
Hearing the plea, a five-member bench led by Chief Justice of Pakistan Qazi Faez Isa announced the unanimous verdict and approved the review petition with the top judge saying the detailed verdict would be issued later.
The bench comprising Chief Justice Isa and justices Naeem Akhtar Afghan, Aminuddin Khan, Jamal Khan Mandokhail and Mazhar Alam Khan Miankhal issued the verdict after hearing the petition that the bench had started on Monday.
The court in its May 17, 2022 verdict had said that the votes of the lawmakers would not be counted but after granting of review petition, the vote would be counted but the person going against the party line would lose his seat.
The 2022 verdict was given in response to the presidential case filed by then-President Arif Alvi. It was then a 3-2 split decision, with then-chief justice Umar Ata Bandial, Justice Ijazul Ahsan and Justice Munib Akhtar being the majority verdict authors. The development comes as the government is struggling to get support for its planned constitutional amendment to tweak laws related to the top judiciary.

Imran Khan's party claims over 700 supporters held ahead of protests

Lahore (PTI): Over 700 supporters of the jailed former Pakistan prime minister Imran Khan were arrested from different parts of Punjab province on Thursday, a day before a major showdown in Islamabad by his party for the independence of the judiciary, release of the party founder and against rising inflation.
"Do or die — October 4th is the battle cry! No more waiting, no more silence. This is the final stand at D Chowk (Islamabad), where the brave gather and the weak fall behind.
We are unstoppable, unbreakable, and ready to fight for the soul of this nation. Either we win or we perish trying," Khan's Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) said soon after the arrests started. It said the Punjab police arrested over 700 its workers and leaders in different districts including Bahawalpur, Faisalabad, Mianwali and Jhang following its announcement to hold protests on Friday demanding independence of the judiciary, release of party founder Imran Khan and against rising inflation.
Punjab's provincial government had adopted similar measures to prevent PTI's Jalsa — the power show — at Lahore last month.
Khan, 71, has been in jail since his arrest on August 5, 2023. Facing dozens of cases, he has been convicted in a few of them. His party has been staging protests demanding his release and claiming that the government should adhere to the constitution and the independence of the judiciary.
PTI's central information secretary Sheikh Waqas Akram said the government led by

Pakistan Muslim League-Nawaz (PML-N) had sealed the Red Zone in Islamabad and was taking similar measures in other cities to stop PTI workers from holding protests and public meetings.
"PTI's call for protests has panicked the government which is why it is sealing the cities," he said.
The Punjab police have deployed heavy contingents of police and put in place containers at the entry and exit points of all cities to stop the protesters' movement, he said. "The selected districts were turned into no-go areas for the residents of Punjab and those inside the cities were not allowed to go out."
Punjab's provincial government on Thursday also imposed Section 144 in Lahore banning all kinds of political assemblies, gatherings, rallies and protests.
On Wednesday, despite the restrictions, party workers including women, took to the streets, managed to cross hurdles and survived tear-gas shelling to stage rallies in different cities, the PTI said.
Chief minister Maryam Nawaz, daughter of Khan's arch rival Nawaz Sharif, said political activity is allowed in the province but not terrorism by the PTI. "We will deal with such elements with iron hands," she said. Khan's party held three major political events, including a rally each in Islamabad and Lahore, and a protest in Rawalpindi. The party had called for protests in Mianwali, Bahawalpur and Faisalabad on Wednesday, which would be followed by a power show at D-Chowk in Islamabad on Friday.

Amid reshuffle, B'desh recalls envoy from India

PTI ■ DHAKA
Bangladesh's interim government has recalled five envoys, including its high commissioner in New Delhi, as it carried out a second phase of reshuffle in the diplomatic service alongside the domestic administration, an official said

on Thursday.
The interim government led by Professor Muhammad Yunus as the Chief Adviser has asked Bangladesh's envoys in India, Brussels, Canberra, Lisbon, and the Permanent Mission to the United Nations in New York to return immediately and report to the foreign ministry here as part of the latest reshuffle. "The recalling of the envoys is part of a government decision under which our High Commissioner to India, Mustafizur Rahman, has been asked to return to the foreign ministry in Dhaka," an official said on Thursday, preferring anonymity. Bangladesh High

Commissioner in London Sadia Muna Tasneem was asked to return to Dhaka four days ago.
The foreign service witnessed a major change in late August, weeks after the ouster of the then prime minister Sheikh Hasina's regime on August 5 after a massive student-led

mass upheaval. The upsurge installed the Nobel Laureate's interim administration on August 8. Dhaka, at that time, ordered its ambassadors to the United States, Russia, Germany, Japan, the United Arab Emirates & Saudi Arabia and the High Commissioner to the Maldives to return home.

SALE NOTICE
The under mentioned Assets will be sold through auction on "AS IS WHERE IS BASIS" and "AS IS WHAT IS BASIS" for recovery of dues as per court orders, in the following cases:-

Case Details	Asset Details
ICICI Bank Ltd Vs GULFISHA CS (COMM) 4395/21	Make and Model- MARUTI SWIFT Vehicle No-DL2CAZ4264, Manuf. Yr 2018

Auction Date : 4-November 2024
Venue: Godara Yard, Kheoni No.166/1, Near Atul Kataria Chock, Behind Gyan Devi School, Sec-17, Sukhrali, Gurugram
Contact Person- Rohit Shrivastava (8657476284)/ Vijay Sharma (9372730494)

Terms of Sale
The particulars of the said asset specified herein above have been stated to the best of the information and knowledge of the undersigned, who shall however not be responsible for any error, misstatement or omission in the said particulars. The interested participants are therefore requested, in their own interest, to satisfy himself / themselves with regard to the said asset and other relevant details pertaining to it before submitting the bids.
Successfully approved bidder shall have to deposit sole amount within 5 days from the approval date by the way of pay order/demand draft/RTGS/NEFT.
The intending bidders may visit at ICICI Bank Ltd, Plot No. 23, Shal Tower, New Rohtak Road, Karol Bagh, Delhi for details and inspection of the said hypothecated vehicle

ICICI Bank
Branch Office: ICICI Bank Limited Plot No-23, Shal Tower, 3rd Floor, New Rohtak Road, Karol Bagh, New Delhi-110005
PUBLIC NOTICE:
Builder Cancellation

Public Notice:
This is to bring to your notice that ANKUR TYAGI/ SHWETA TYAGI (borrowers) has availed Home loan facility vide facility agreement number LBNOD00003078610 located at FLAT NO 1123, 11TH FLOOR, FERRARA MAHAGUN MEZZARIA SIENA, PLOT NO GH-01/A SECTOR 75, GAUTAM BUDDHA NAGAR, NOIDA - 201301. The borrower/s has failed to pay the contractual amount to the builder as per the terms and conditions of the agreement.
The Bank had informed the same to the borrower through letter dated June 02, 2021, informing that MAHAGUN INDIA PVT LTD, has cancelled the allotment of the above mentioned property. You are therefore requested to resolve this matter with the builder within 7 days from the date of this publication.
Please take further notice that post cancellation of the allotment of the said property ICICI Bank shall not be bound and/or responsible for any other allotment done by the builder.
Dated: October 04, 2024 For ICICI Bank Limited Place : Delhi/NCR

Case Ref. No. DIAC/566/11-22
In the matter of
M/s Mihurisha Global Marketing Pvt. Ltd. ...Claimant
Versus
M/s Anil Bhutani Products ...Respondent

Notice to Respondent
M/s Anil Bhutani Products having Reg. office at H. No. 415, 1st Floor, Sector-22, Faridabad, Haryana-121005.
Whereas the above noted case is listed before Sole Arbitrator Smt. Kamalakhshi Singh Chauhan, The Delhi International Arbitration Centre (DIAC), Delhi High Court, S-Block, New Delhi on 09.10.2024 at 2p.m. Since despite the service, no one has appeared and represented the Respondent (M/s Anil Bhutani) on date fixed i.e., 23.09.2024. Consequently, the Ld. Arbitrator has directed the Claimant (M/s Mihurisha Global Marketing Pvt. Ltd.) to serve the respondent through publication as a precautionary measure before proceeding Ex-Parte against Respondent.
In pursuance to and compliance with the order dated 23.09.2024, we hereby serve upon you the present notice to appear before the person or through your Authorized Representative before the Ld. Arbitrator, DIAC in captioned matter on 09.10.2024 at 2p.m. Please note, in case no one appears on the said date, time and venue before the Ld. Sole Arbitrator, the matter will be heard and determined Ex-Parte in your absence.
Smt. Kamalakhshi Singh Chauhan (Sole Arbitrator)
The Delhi International Arbitration Centre (DIAC)
Delhi High Court, S-Block, New Delhi
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APPENDIX IV [See rule 8(1)] POSSESSION NOTICE (For immovable property)

Whereas, The undersigned being the Authorized officer of "The Kangra Co-operative Bank Ltd.", Head office at, C-29, Community Centre, Pankha Road, Janak Puri, New Delhi - 110058, having its registered office at 1916, Chuna Mandi, Pahar Ganj, New Delhi-110055, under The Securitisation and Reconstruction of the Financial Assets & Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002, (54 of 2002) and in exercise of powers conferred under section 13(12) read with rule [3] of The Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002, the Bank had issued a demand notice on dated 27-06-2023 calling upon the borrower **Sh. Ganesh Gupta S/o. Sh. Kumar Pal Gupta R/o. RZ-82, Gali No. 1, Main Sagarpur, New Delhi-110046** and calling upon the Mortgagee/sureties namely: **Smt. Sneh Lata, W/o. Sh. Kumar Pal Gupta, R/o. RZ-82, Gali No.1, Main Sagarpur, New Delhi-110046**, to repay the amount mentioned in the notice being Rs.22,32,298/- (Rupees Twenty Two Lakhs Thirty Two Thousand Two Hundred and Ninety Eight Only), together with further interest, penal interest and other charges as applicable to this Loan account from time to time, from the date of the notice till the date of payment, with in 60 days from the date of receipt of the notice.
The above mentioned borrower, mortgagee & surety having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower, mortgagee, surety and the public in general that the Bank has taken **Symbolic Possession** of the property described here in below in exercise of powers conferred under sub-section (4) of section 13 of The Securitisation and Reconstruction of the Financial Assets & Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002, read with rule [8] of The Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002, on this 27th day of September 2024.
The borrower, mortgagee & surety in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the mortgaged property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of "The Kangra Co-operative Bank Ltd.", for an amount of Rs. 22,32,298/- together with further interest, penal interest and other charges as applicable to this Loan account from time to time, from the date of notice till the date of realization together with all the costs incurred by the Bank in realizing the said amount.
The borrower, mortgagee & surety attention is also invited towards provisions of Sub-Section (8) of Section 13 of The Securitisation and Reconstruction of the Financial Assets & Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002, in respect of time available, to redeem the below mentioned mortgaged property/Secured Asset.

DISCRPTION OF THE PROPERTY
The property under consideration is entire built-up property bearing no. RZ-82, with roof rights, area measuring 24 Sq. Yds.
All that part and parcel of the BUILTUP ENTIRE FIRST FLOOR AREA MEASURING 24 SQ. YDS., AND ENTIRE SECOND FLOOR AREA MEASURING 24 SQ. YDS. WITH ALL THE ROOFTERRACE RIGHTS, FORMING PART OF PROPERTY NO. RZ-82, ON PLOT NO. 82, OUT OF KHASRA NO.2124, SITUATED IN REVENUE ESTATE OF VILLAGE DABRI, DELHI STATE DELHI, ABADI KNOWN AS WEST SAGARPUR, NEW DELHI-110046. Falling Under the Registration of Sub-Registrar IX, New Delhi/Delhi.

(HARISH SHARMA)
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Bounded as under:-
EAST : HOUSE OF OTHERS, WEST : HOUSE OF OTHERS, NORTH : NALA ROAD, SOUTH : PART OF PROPERTY NO. RZ-82.

(HARISH SHARMA)
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DELHI.
DATED : 27.09.2024

PUBLIC NOTICE
(In case of chain title deed is lost/misplaced)
NOTICE is hereby given that one Vinay Jugran is the owner of the property situated at Flat No. J-113, "said Flat", on 11th Floor, measuring 133.457 Sq. Mtrs., in Tower J, built on Plot No. GH-07A, "GULSHAN VIVANT" situated at Sector 17, Noida, Distt. Gautam Budh Nagar, U.P. (hereinafter referred to as "said property") vide Transfer Cum Gift Deed dated 24.05.2024 as doc. no. 3474 executed by Sh. Bipul Jugran in favour of Smt. Vandana Bhat in respect of said flat. (3) Sub Lease Deed executed on 25.03.2016 by transfer Deed of aforementioned Flat to Mr. Tuhin Goswami and Mrs. Sanjha Goswami who have agreed to create mortgage in respect of said property in favour of my/our clients IDFC FIRST Bank Limited (the Bank) (Branch Address-2nd Floor, Express building, 9-10 Bandra-I, Mumbai, New Delhi-110002).
According to the said Mortgagee/Borrowers, Original documents namely (1) Allotment Letter dated 07.02.2015 issued by M/s Gulshan Singh & Pvt. Ltd. in favour of Sh. Gaurav Singh & Smt. Vandana Bhat in respect of said flat, (2) Possession Letter dated 29.03.2016 issued by M/s Gulshan Singh & Pvt. Ltd. in favour of Sh. Gaurav Singh & Smt. Vandana Bhat in respect of said flat and same was duly Registered with Sub-Registrar I Noida as Doc. No. 4715 in Book No. 1 Vol. No. 5552 on page 201-226 on date 25.03.2016. (4) Transfer Memorandum dated 01.11.2018 issued by NOIDA in favour of Sh. Bipul Jugran in respect of said property. (hereinafter referred to as "Original Documents") have been lost/misplaced and non-recoverable.
If the aforesaid Original Documents, found by any person, the same shall be handed over at the address mentioned herein below. Further, if any person, body, institution having any claim and/or objection in respect of or against or relating to or touching upon said property or part of the property by way of sale, exchange, lease, lien, mortgage, charge, encumbrance, gift, trust, easement, maintenance, inheritance, testamentary disposition or otherwise or having in their custody any title documents pertaining to the said property shall immediately inform the same to the undersigned at my address within 7 days from the publication of this notice with documentary evidence in support thereof, failing which all the claims of such person shall be considered to have been waived and/or abandoned. Any objections raised after the completion of the 7 days shall not be binding upon the said property or my Client.
Place: Noida, Distt. Gautam Budh Nagar, U.P. 201301.
Sd/- Law Veritas North, Office No. 11, 1st Floor, Building No. A-4/A4, Sector-16, Noida, Uttar Pradesh-201301, Landline: +91203-201683

Singapore court jails Indian-origin ex-minister for 12 months

PTI ■ SINGAPORE
Singapore's Indian-origin former transport Minister S Iswaran has been sentenced to 12 months jail on Thursday by the High Court for obtaining gifts worth about SGD 403,300 over seven years, from two businessmen he considered his friends. The 62-year-old pleaded guilty to four charges relating to receiving gifts and one blocking justice on September 24, the first day of trial proceedings, cutting short what was set to be a protracted trial with 56 prosecution witnesses.
In sentencing, Justice Vincent Hoong said he had considered submissions on sentence from both prosecution and defence but was "ultimately unable to agree with both the positions taken".
In his sentencing remarks, Justice Hoong emphasised that trust and confidence in public institutions are the bedrock of effective governance.
The judge added that the former minister abused the position to accept gifts worth about SGD 403,300 (USD313,200).
He said, "This can all too easily be undermined by a public servant who falls below standards of integrity and accountability."
The judge said it was significant that Iswaran had made public statements rejecting the charges as

false. "In a letter to the Prime Minister, Iswaran said he rejected the charges and was innocent, and believed he would be acquitted. Thus, I have difficulty believing that he was remorseful," The Straits Times quoted the Judge as saying. As Justice Hoong addressed the court, Iswaran looked down and took notes.
The judge added, "The higher the office held by the offender as a public servant, the higher his level of culpability."
He said such individuals set the tone of public servants in conducting themselves with high standards of integrity, and they must avoid any perception that they are susceptible to influence to financial benefits.
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Prosecutors lay out new evidence in Trump election case

AP ■ WASHINGTON

Donald Trump laid the groundwork to try to overturn the 2020 election even before he lost, knowingly pushed false claims of voter fraud and "resorted to crimes" in his failed bid to cling to power, according to a newly unsealed court filing from prosecutors that lays out fresh details from the landmark criminal case against the former president.

The filing from special counsel Jack Smith's team offers the most comprehensive view to date of what prosecutors intend to prove if the case charging Trump with conspiring to overturn the election reaches trial.

Through a months-long congressional investigation and the indictment itself have chronicled in stark detail Trump's efforts to undo the election, the new filing cites previously unknown accounts offered by Trump's closest aides to paint a portrait of an "increasingly desperate" president who while losing his grip on the White House "used deceit to target every stage of the electoral process."

"So what?" the filing quotes Trump as telling an aide after being alerted that his vice-pres-



ident, Mike Pence, was in potential danger after a crowd of violent supporters stormed the US Capitol on January 6, 2021.

"The details don't matter," Trump said, when told by an advisor that a lawyer who was mounting his legal challenges wouldn't be able to prove the false allegations in court, the filing states.

The filing was submitted, initially under seal, following a Supreme Court opinion that conferred broad immunity on former presidents for official acts they take in office, narrowing the scope of the prosecution charging Trump with conspiring to overturn the results of the election he lost to Democrat Joe Biden.

The purpose of the brief is to con-

vince US District Judge Tanya Chutkan that the offences charged in the indictment are private, rather than official, acts and can therefore remain part of the indictment as the case moves forward. Chutkan permitted a redacted version to be made public.

"Although the defendant was the incumbent president during the charged conspiracies, his scheme was fundamentally a private one," Smith's team wrote, adding, "When the defendant lost the 2020 presidential election, he resorted to crimes to try to stay in office."

Trump campaign spokesman Steven Cheung called the brief "falsehood-ridden" and "unconstitutional" and repeated off-stated allegations that Smith and Democrats were "hell-bent on weaponising the Justice Department in an attempt to cling to power."

"The release of the falsehood-ridden, Unconstitutional J6 brief immediately following Tim Walz's disastrous debate performance is another obvious attempt by the Harris-Biden regime to undermine American Democracy and interfere in this election."

The filing includes details of conversations between Trump and Pence, including a private lunch the two had on November 12, 2020, in which Pence "reiterated a face-saving option" for Trump, telling him, "don't concede but recognise the process is over," according to prosecutors.

In another private lunch days later, Pence urged Trump to accept the results of the election and run again in 2024.

"I don't know, 2024 is so far off," Trump told him, according to the filing.

But Trump "disregarded" Pence "in the same way he disregarded dozens of court decisions that he had lost and that his specific fraud allegations were false," prosecutors wrote.

Trump's "steady stream of disinformation" in the weeks after the election culminated in his speech at the Ellipse on the morning of January 6, 2021, in which Trump "used these lies to inflame and motivate the large and angry crowd of his supporters to march to the Capitol and disrupt the certification proceeding," prosecutors wrote.

Kamala Harris surveys Hurricane Helene devastation in Georgia

Augusta (AP): Vice-President Kamala Harris handed out meals, embraced a shaken family and surveyed Hurricane Helene's "extraordinary" path of destruction through Georgia on Wednesday as she left the campaign trail to pledge federal help and personally take in scenes of toppled trees, damaged homes and lives upended.

She visited Augusta, where power lines stretched along the sidewalk and utility poles lay cracked and broken. The vice-president spoke from a lectern erected in front of a house with a fallen tree teetering on its roof, acknowledging those who had died in the disaster while also trying to project a tone of unity and hope for communities now facing long and expensive rebuilds.

Harris and President Joe Biden, who visited the Carolinas on Wednesday, were seeking to demonstrate commitment and competence in helping devastated communities after Republican former president Donald Trump's false claims about their administration's response.

Harris said she wanted to "personally take a look at the devastation, which is extraordinary." She expressed admiration for how "people are coming together. People are helping perfect strangers."

The Democratic presidential nominee said that shows "the vast majority of us have so much more in common than what separates us," an echo of a line she frequently uses on the campaign trail.

Before delivering her remarks, Harris could be seen embracing and huddling with a family of five grappling with the storm's aftermath.

"We are here for the long haul," she said. Harris also toured a Red Cross relief center and received a briefing from local officials, praising those working to "meet the needs of people who must be seen and must be heard."

"I am now listening," she said.

Brittany Smith, an Augusta resident, walked away from the distribution centre with Styrofoam boxes of food and some fruit cups, beaming that she got a photo with the vice-president. She said there's a hole in her roof and she had to send her kids elsewhere to live because it wasn't safe.

Harris' visit, she said, "made it better" despite the hardship. Smith said she was encouraged that Harris travelled to the town instead of just appearing on television.

"She's a person. She's not just a voice." About 200 miles north in the Carolinas, Biden was also surveying the storm's aftermath. With many of the area's roads inaccessible, he flew by helicopter over toppled trees, twisted metal and towering piles of debris in the normally tourist-friendly downtown of Asheville. From the air, Biden saw flooded roads, piles of shredded lumber and displaced sandbags, emergency trucks and downed power lines. In one area, homes were partly underwater, and it was hard to distinguish between lake and land. Visits to disaster zones are a familiar responsibility for Biden, who has frequently been called on to survey damage and comfort victims after tornadoes, wildfires and tropical storms. But this was Harris' first visit to a disaster area as vice-president.

Because of the destruction where Biden was on Wednesday, he was unable to walk around and personally comfort people as Harris did in Georgia.

Biden wore a vest and boots and, before his air tour, he hugged and grabbed the hand of Asheville Mayor Esther Manheimer, who was at the airport in Greenville, South Carolina, to meet him. The mayor, with visible emotion, said they could not close down the area's one operable road for Biden's motorcade. Biden will be back in the region Thursday to visit Florida and Georgia, and Harris plans her own North Carolina trip in coming days — as Helene's aftermath continues to pose a political and humanitarian test for the administration.

Before leaving Washington, Biden made a point of mentioning how an ongoing dockworkers strike could make getting supplies to hard-hit areas more difficult.

"Natural disasters are incredibly consequential. The last thing we need on top of that is a man-made disaster that's going on at the ports," he said. "We're getting pushback already, we're hearing from the folks regionally that they're having trouble getting product that they need because of the port strike." Harris is being especially watched as her bid for the White House enters its closing stretch, and Helene's path included the battleground states of Georgia and North Carolina.

The vice-president last visited scenes of natural disasters as a California senator, including when she went to Puerto Rico after Hurricane Maria in 2017 and when she walked through charred wreckage in Paradise, California, after the camp fire in 2018.

UK hands over Chagos Islands to Mauritius, holds on to military base

PTI ■ LONDON

The UK on Thursday announced a "historic" agreement that will see Britain hand over sovereignty of the remote Chagos Islands in the Indian Ocean to Mauritius while it retains the joint UK-US military base on Diego Garcia. The British Indian Ocean Territory (BIOT) status of the disputed archipelago, made up of around 60 islands, has been in contention for many years and negotiations over its future began under the previous Conservative Party government in 2022. Under the agreement announced this week, the tropical atoll of Diego Garcia — which the West says plays a crucial role in the region's stability and international security — will remain under UK and US jurisdiction for at least the next 99 years. "This government inherited a situation where the longer-term, secure operation of the Diego Garcia military base was under threat, with contested sovereignty and ongoing legal challenges," said UK Foreign Secretary David Lammy. "Today's agreement secures this

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General public is hereby informed that my client Sri M. Anand Prakash Gupta, S/o Late Badri Prasad Gupta, R/O B-175, Paschim Vihar, Delhi-110063, not residing with daughter-in-law (Smt. Shiveta Gupta), grandson (Master Dhanshet Gupta) and my son Sandeep Gupta, have severed all my relations with them due to the bad conduct and bad habits of daughter-in-law (Smt. Shiveta Gupta), grandson (Master Dhanshet Gupta), I have disowned and debarred my said son Sandeep and his family from all my movable and immovable properties. They have no right, title and interest. My any self-acquired properties or ancestral properties or even otherwise.

Anand Prakash Gupta, S/o Late Badri Prasad Gupta.

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They have also DISOWNED from any rights, title, interest which occurs in succession from his parents and other family members shall not be liable/responsible for any kind of act, deeds, transaction of any nature done by the Mohd Saqib with anyone and they shall be personally liable for any kind of deed.

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पत्रांक-54/मुनि-2024-25 दिनांक 03.10.2024

सार्वजनिक निविदा सूचना

नगर निगम क्षेत्रान्तर्गत राजपुर रोड पर विभिन्न 7 स्थलों पर निविदा के माध्यम से पार्किंग संचालन हेतु अनुबन्ध की तिथि से कुल 02 वर्ग हेतु निविदा प्रकाशन की तिथि से दिनांक 19.10.2024 की अपराह्न 2.00 बजे तक ई-0 निविदायें आमंत्रित की जाती हैं—

- (1) घन्टघर में मुख्य डाक घर के सामने पटेल पार्क के आगे-80 वाहन पार्किंग व्हीलर
- (2) पंजाब ज्वैलर्स के सामने से होटल पार्क व्यू तक राजपुर रोड तथा गांधी पार्क के आगे राजपुर रोड पर-80 व्हीलर तथा 35 फोर व्हीलर
- (3) जेन्जेन्टॉवर से एचडीएफसी बैंक तक राजपुर रोड-80 फोर व्हीलर
- (4) आनन्दम् स्वीट्स से स्यूटेन्सिल स्टोर तक, राजपुर रोड-40 फोर व्हीलर
- (5) वन विभाग के गेट से वर्ल्ड ट्रेड सेंटर तक राजपुर रोड। वर्ड टॉवर सेंटर की बाउन्ड्री के अन्दर की तरफ सिंचाई विभाग की नहर के ऊपर का क्षेत्र भी सम्मिलित है। 100-फोर व्हीलर व 100 व्हीलर
- (6) स्कॉलर होम गेट से आईएनसीआईटीआईई बैंक तक राजपुर रोड-80 फोर व्हीलर
- (7) पैसेफिक हिल्स के आगे मसूरी डाईवर्जन पर मसूरी रोड पर 50 फोर व्हीलर पार्किंग।

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VACANCY CIRCULAR

The New Delhi Municipal Council proposes to fill up 02 posts of Superintending Engineer (Electric) in the pay level 13 of Rs. 123100 - 215900 under 7th CPC pay matrix on deputation basis. The eligibility criteria and other terms and conditions for the post may be downloaded from NDMC website i.e. https://www.ndmc.gov.in/vacancy_new.aspx.

The last date of receipt of applications completed in all respect is **31.10.2024 (Thursday)**.

Sd/-
Director (Personnel - II)

GOVERNMENT OF ODISHA
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS' EMPOWERMENT
OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER (AGRI.),
SOUTHERN ZONE, BRAHMAPUR, RITE CAMPUS, RANGEILUNDA, GANJAM
No. 1055 /SE (Agril.) Date. 26.09.24
INVITATION FOR BIDS (IFB)
e-procurement notice

Bid identification number / Tender call notice no – SE (A) S/Z-03/2024– 25

The Superintending Engineer (Agril.), Southern Zone, Brahmapur who has been authorized as the procuring officer for the projects of Southern Zone, Brahmapur is directed to invite percentage rate bid on behalf of the Governor of Odisha for the Civil construction works under Southern Zone. The costs of the project is around 133.00 & 56.00 Lakhs (Excluding GST & LC) respectively. Bid document consisting of detailed tender call notice, the schedule of quantities and the set of terms and conditions of the contract and other necessary documents can be downloaded from <https://tendersodisha.gov.in> from **04.10.2024 at 11:00 hours to 18.10.2024 at 17:30 hours**. The bid will be opened on **21.10.2024 at 11:30 hours onwards** in the O/o Superintending Engineer (Agril.), Southern Zone, Brahmapur, RITE Campus, Rangeilunda. All other details regarding term and conditions, corrigendum from time to time if any, DTCN etc. can be seen and downloaded from <https://tendersodisha.gov.in>.

Superintending Engineer (Agril.)
Southern Zone, Brahmapur

OPR-01504/1/0003/2425

कार्यालय नगर पालिक निगम, खण्डवा (म.प्र.)

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क्रमांक/यांत्रिकी प्रकाश/या.प्र./ई-टेंडरिंग/2024/239,240 खण्डवा, दिनांक 01.10.2024

--: द्वितीय ई-निविदा विज्ञापित :-

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1	2024 UAD-373525.1	SUPPLY OF GARBAGE TYPPER 3.5 CUM ON VEHICLE CHASIS BS-VI ON ASHOK LELYLAND MAHINDRATATA OR ANY OTHER EQUIVALENT MAKE FOUR WHEELER WITH RTO INSURANCE & INCLUDING SOUND SYSTEM (28 No.)	168.00 Lakhs	84,000/-	10,000/-	प्रतिष्ठित निर्माता/कंपनी अधिकृत डीलर	01 माह
2	2024 UAD-373538.1	SUPPLY OF GARBAGE TYPPER 2.2 CUM ON VEHICLE CHASIS BS VI ELECTRIC Vehicle (EV) ON ASHOK LELYLAND MAHINDRATATA OR ANY OTHER EQUIVALENT MAKE FOUR WHEELER WITH RTO INSURANCE & INCLUDING SOUND SYSTEM (28 No.)	168.00 Lakhs	84,000/-	10,000/-	प्रतिष्ठित निर्माता/कंपनी अधिकृत डीलर	01 माह

- निविदा ऑनलाईन क्रय एवं प्रस्तुत करने की अंतिम तिथि :- 16.10.2024 (सायं 5.30 बजे तक)
- निविदा खोलने की दिनांक :- 18.10.2024 (सायं 10.30 बजे तक)

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पिन-262523 फोन : कार्यालय : 05965-230044 E-mail: executivechampaawat@gmail.com

पत्रांक - 1176/निविदा/109 दिनांक : 03.10.2024

अल्पकालीन निविदा नोटिस

अध्यक्ष उत्तराखण्ड पेयजल संसाधन विकास एवं निर्माण निगम की ओर से अधोहस्ताक्षरी द्वारा निम्नलिखित कार्य हेतु निर्दिष्ट श्रेणी में उत्तराखण्ड पेयजल निगम / उत्तराखण्ड जल संस्थान में पंजीकृत टेकदारों से मुहुरबन्ध निविदायें दिनांक 18.10.2024 को अपराह्न 1.00 बजे तक आमंत्रित की जाती हैं, जो उसी दिन 2.00 बजे अपराह्न कार्यालय अधिशासी अभियन्ता, निर्माण शाखा, उत्तराखण्ड पेयजल निगम, चम्पावत में उपस्थित निविदा-दाताओं या उनके मनोनीत प्रतिनिधि के समक्ष अधिशासी अभियन्ता द्वारा या अधिकृत प्रतिनिधि के द्वारा खोली जायेगी। निविदा प्रपत्र किसी भी कार्य दिवस में प्रातः 10.00 बजे से सायं 5.00 बजे तक प्राप्त किये जा सकते हैं।

क्र.सं.	कार्य का विवरण	कार्यक्रम का नाम	निविदा प्रपत्र का मूल्य	घरोहर धनराशि	निविदा विक्रय की अंतिम तिथि	कार्य पूर्ण करने की अवधि	पंजीकृत श्रेणी
1	कठनौली (रेट्रो) पेयजल योजना (पुनरीक्षित) के अन्तर्गत श्रोत कार्य, गुरुत्व प्रणाली, जलाशय, वितरण प्रणाली तथा तत्सम्बन्धी कार्य।	जल जीवन मिशन	1500.00+18% GST	30,000.00	17.10.2024	1.5 माह	"डी" एवं उच्चतर
2	कांडा (रेट्रो) पेयजल योजना (पुनरीक्षित) के अन्तर्गत श्रोत कार्य, गुरुत्व प्रणाली, जलाशय, वितरण प्रणाली तथा तत्सम्बन्धी कार्य।	जल जीवन मिशन	2000.00+18% GST	48,000.00	17.10.2024	2 माह	"डी" एवं उच्चतर
3	दकना बडोला (रेट्रो) पेयजल योजना (पुनरीक्षित) के अन्तर्गत श्रोत कार्य, वितरण प्रणाली तथा तत्सम्बन्धी कार्य।	जल जीवन मिशन	500.00+18% GST	10,000.00	17.10.2024	1 माह	"डी" एवं उच्चतर

नोट :- बिना घरोहर धनराशि के कोई भी निविदा निर्गम नहीं की जायेगी तथा निविदा की अन्य शर्तें कार्यालय को नोटिस बोर्ड में देखी जा सकती हैं।

अधिशासी अभियन्ता

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given on behalf of VINAY MODI who is aware owner of Plot No. 28, having area measuring 50 Sq. Yds., out of Kharsa No. 654, situated at Pal Vihar colony at village, Dharoti Khurd, Pargana Loni, Tehsil & District Ghazabad, (U.P.), purchased the same from Manta Sharma vide Sale Deed dated 09.04.2024 bearing document no.6643 and intend to avail/availed mortgage against the financial assistance from Aditya Birla Housing Finance Limited to comply the requirements of BANK/NBFC, we give this public notice that if any Person having any type of claim/right/title/interest/creating mortgage over the said property, may inform in writing, at the address mentioned below, about his objections, within 7 days from today, failing which it shall be presumed that the said property is free from all type of Encumbrances, lien etc. Lucern Legal LLP Plot No.136, (Basement) Uday Park, New Delhi-110049, Contact # 011-40646316

M/s MMR SAHA INFRASTRUCTURE PRIVATE LIMITED has been granted Environmental Clearance (EC) regarding Revision & Extension of Mix land use project at Plot No. E-1, Sector -52, Noida, District - Gautam Buddha Nagar, Uttar Pradesh on 03.09.2024. E C Identification No. : EC24B3813UP5616165N, File No. : 9023-8935. The copy of the environmental clearance along with the conditions to be complied with is available on the website of the SEIAA i.e. <http://www.seiaaup.in>.

New Okhla Industrial Development Authority

Administrative Building, Sector-6, Noida - 201301 (U.P.)
Website : www.noidaauthorityonline.com

E-TENDER NOTICE

E-Tenders are invited from firms/contractors registered with UPLC Lucknow for the following jobs against which bids can be uploaded and same shall be opened/downloaded as per schedule mentioned. The details and conditions of all tenders are available on Noida Authority's official website: www.noidaauthorityonline.com & <http://etender.up.nic.in>. Please ensure to see these websites for any changes/amendments & corrigendum etc.

- 27/S.M.(JAL)-I/E.T./2024-25, Water Chlorination (Two Year Operation, Running and Maintenance of Chlorination Plant at UGR-20/62, 22/62, UGR-63, UGR-119, UGR-151 and UGR Bahlopur), Noida. Cost Rs. 96.05 Lacs
- 24/S.M.(JAL)-I/E.T./2024-25, M/o W/s (Two Year Cleaning of OHT/UGR in Sector-8, 11, 12, 15 and 15A) Noida. Cost Rs. 32.53 Lacs
- 17/S.M.(JAL)-I/E.T./2023-24, D/o Village (Two year Repairing, Raising, P/F Manhole Cover frame and Cleaning of sewer line Manholes in Village-Bahlopur, Chotpur, Nawada, Chhajjars, Hazratpur, Wazidpur), Noida. Cost Rs. 69.49 Lacs
- 32/S.M.(Jal)-I/E.T./2024-25, Strengthening of W/s (Special repair of OHT Sector-70) Noida. Cost Rs. 77.89 Lacs.
- 33/S.M.(Jal)-I/E.T./2024-25, Sewerage and W/s of Sector-136 & 137 (P/L Water line Sector-136 to UGR-90), Noida. Cost Rs. 94.44 Lacs.
- 34/S.M.(Jal)-I/E.T./2024-25, Vill. Dev. (P/L of Water and Sewer Line for Village- Yakubpur), Noida. (Balance Work). Cost Rs. 59.88 Lacs.
- 35/S.M.(Jal)-I/E.T./2024-25, M/o W/s Labour/Operation (Running & Operation of UGRs and TWS for network sector-70 and 73), Noida. (For Two Years). Cost Rs. 52.22 Lacs.
- 37/S.M.(Jal)-I/E.T./2024-25, M/o W/s (S/F of line shaft for TWS in network Sector-70, 71, 72, 73, 107, 90, 136, 137, 138, 139, 140 and 140A), Noida. (For Two Years). Cost Rs. 99.84 Lacs.
- 14/S.M.(Jal)-I/E.T./2024-25, D/o Village (P/F FRC Cover Frame & Cleaning of Sewer line Manhole by Portable Re-cycler Jetting cum Suction Machine De-Siliter equipment in Village-Shahpur, Sultanpur & Raypur), Noida. (AMC for Two Year) Cost. Rs. 88.08 Lacs
- 21/S.M.(Jal)-I/E.T./2024-25, D/o Village (Annual R/o PVC water lines & R/o Sluice Valve, Reflex Valve at different places in Network Village-Nayagaon, Illabans, Nagla Charandas, Kakrala, Sapera Basti & Bhuda), Noida. (For Two Years). Cost Rs. 66.97 Lacs
- 22/S.M.(Jal)-I/E.T./2024-25, D/o Village (Water line repair, repairing Sluice Valve, Reflex Valve, Repairing of Chamber etc. related Work in Village-Chamber etc. work in Village-Barolla & Raypur) Noida. (AMC for Two Years) Cost. Rs. 79.59 Lacs

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- 21/S.M.(JAL)-I/E.T./2024-25, M/o W/s (Two Years Maintenance & R/o V.T Motor and Allied Electrical work in Network Sector-119 and 120, 151 to 154), Noida. Cost Rs. 39.99 Lacs
- 03/S.M.(Jal)-III/E.T./2024-25, D/o Village (P/Laying Sewer/Water line in Village-Jhatta) Noida. Cost Rs. 64.32 Lacs
- 07/S.M.(Jal)-III/E.T./2024-25, M/o W/s (Annual Repairing of PVC Water line in Sector- 83, 84, 85 & Hosiyari Complex) Noida. (For Two Years). Cost. Rs. 69.72 Lacs
- 08/S.M.(Jal)-III/E.T./2024-25, M/o W/s (Annual Repairing of PVC Water line in Sector-46, 47 & 48) Noida. (For. Two Years). Cost. Rs. 54.15 Lacs
- 09/S.M.(Jal)-III/E.T./2024-25, D/o Village (Annual raising, repairing & cleaning of Sewer Manholes in Village-Nagla Charandas, Kakrala, Bhuda, Sapera Basti, Illabans & Nayagaon), Noida. (For Two Years). Cost. Rs. 66.57 Lacs
- 13/S.M.(Jal)-III/E.T./2024-25, M/o Sewerage (Annual Two Years Maintenance of Non clog Submersible at SPS-92) Noida. Cost. Rs. 34.66 Lacs

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Office Sector-5 General Manager (Jal) Noida

CLEAN, GREEN, SAFE & SECURE NOIDA

Samsung workers protest continues to 4th week

PTI ■ CHENNAI

Workers of Samsung India Electronics Ltd on Wednesday observed a token fast near the factory in Chennai on Wednesday, as part of intensifying their ongoing protest which entered the fourth week. Communist Party of India (Marxist) led Centre of Indian Trade Unions (CITU) which is spearheading the protest by the employees said they would be meeting the Director of Factories in a day or two, alleging that the Korean electronics giant has roped in temporary workers to work in the shop floors in view of the strike. About 1,100 employees of Samsung India Electronics Ltd are on strike since September 9 pressing for various demands including wage revision and better work conditions. While several rounds of talks held in the presence of the Labour Department and company



officials failed, another tripartite meeting has been planned for next week, said CITU leaders. "We are observing a token fast today. We want the state government to come forward and resolve the issue fast. Our most important demand is to recognise the Samsung India Workers Union by the labour department at the earliest. "The temporary

labourers are not trained like regular employees and this attitude by the management is not acceptable. We will file a complaint with the Director of Factories in a day or two," said the trade union leaders. Samsung's Chennai unit produces consumer durables at the factory including air-conditioners, refrigerators and television sets. Recently, Union Labour Minister

Mansukh Mandaviya wrote to the Tamil Nadu government urging to resolve the issue amicably. On Tuesday, the CITU members staged a protest in some districts as part of extending their support to the Samsung India workers. They were detained by the police and were released later. Samsung India recently said scores of agitating workers have returned to work soon after it issued a show-cause notice. "The management has already indicated that all the issues can be resolved by discussions and has made various harmonious attempts to resolve differences and for your report to duty," Samsung had said. Due to the strike, Samsung India said the impact on the plant operations was minimal and added that the welfare of the employees is of top priority and would engage with them to address any grievances they may have.

Government launches internship programme for youth

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

The government on Thursday rolled out the internship programme that will provide financial assistance of Rs 60,000 per annum to 1 crore youth over a period of five years. In 2024-25, the total cost of the pilot project will be around Rs 800 crore and will look to provide internship to 1.25 lakh candidates during this fiscal, government sources said on Thursday. Announced in the Union Budget 2024, the Prime Minister's Internship Scheme in Top Companies will also provide insurance coverage to the interns. The scheme will be implemented through an online portal developed by the corporate affairs ministry. Subject to certain conditions, youth aged between 21 and 24 years will be eligible for the scheme, the sources said.



The internship programme will commence on December 2. The other company/ bank/ financial institution can participate in the scheme with the approval of the ministry, which will take into consideration factors like sectors and areas under-represented by the top 500 companies. The interns will be provided a financial assistance of Rs 5,000 per month and out of

the total amount, Rs 4,500 will be disbursed by the government and Rs 500 will be paid by the company from its CSR funds. Also, a one time grant of Rs 6,000 for incidentals will be disbursed by the ministry to each intern, upon joining the place of internship. Expenses associated with the training of interns under the scheme will be borne by the company from its CSR funds. Insurance coverage will be

provided to each individual intern under insurance schemes of the Union government, PM Jeevan Jyoti Bima Yojana and PM Suraksha Bima Yojana. The premium amount in this regard will be offered by the government. As part of the eligibility criteria, sources said, candidates enrolled in online/ distance learning programmes are eligible to apply. Candidates who have passed High School, Higher Secondary School, possess a certificate from an ITI, hold a diploma from a Polytechnic Institute, or are graduates with degrees such as BA, B.Sc, B.Com, BCA, BBA, B.Pharm, etc. Are eligible, sources said. Partner Companies will have a dedicated dashboard on the portal where they can post internship opportunities, detailing location, nature, required qualifications, and any facilities provided.



Kia launches two new MPV

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

Kia India today launched the second-generation of their Kia Carnival Multi-Person Vehicle (MPV) and the EV9 electric MPV for Rs

63.9 lakh and Rs 1.29 crore respectively. The Carnival sold 14,500 units in its first generation and Kia expects the new vehicles to help it climb into the luxury segment in India.

SEBI lowers InvIT trading lot to ₹ 25 lakh



PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Markets regulator Sebi has drastically reduced the trading lot size of privately placed infrastructure investment trusts (InvITs) to Rs 25 lakh in a bid to boost investors' participation and increase liquidity of such investment vehicles. The current trading lot for

secondary market trading for privately placed InvITs is set at Rs 1 crore. Further, if the InvIT invests at least 80 per cent of its asset value in completed and revenue-generating assets, then the trading lot is Rs 2 crore. "Trading lot for the purpose of trading of units on the designated stock exchange shall be Rs 25 lakh," Sebi said

in its notification dated September 26. The move came into effect the same day. The move will help increase the liquidity of privately placed InvIT units by permitting a broader base of investors to participate in the market and boost diversification of investment portfolios. In separate notifications, Sebi

has amended its rules on infrastructure investment trusts (InvITs) and real estate investment trusts (REITs) to reduce compliance burden and facilitate ease of doing business. Under this, Sebi has fixed the timeline for undertaking distributions to unitholders by the REIT and InvIT to five working days from the date of declaration. The move is expected to bring efficiency to the distribution process and will aid in making funds available to investors within a relatively shorter period of time. The markets regulator has allowed REITs and InvITs to call a unitholders' meeting after giving shorter notice (less than 21 days) if consent is granted by writing or in electronic mode. In case of an annual meeting, consent by at least 95 per cent of unit holders will be needed and in case of any other meeting, consent by a majority of unit holders will be required.



Mahindra Thar ROXX sees 1.76 lakh bookings in 60 minutes

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

Mahindra which in September overtook Tata Motors for the third position in India's passenger vehicle market and came extremely close to dethroning Hyundai from second position today claimed that their new Thar

ROXX SUV has bookings of 1,76,218 units in the first 60 minutes. The Mahindra Thar ROXX which is the five door variant of the very popular Thar off-road SUV was launched on August 14 and prices start at Rs 12.99 lakh going up to Rs 22.49 lakh for the fully-loaded AX7L 4x4 model.

Goyal seeks US investments for Indian manufacturing



PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Commerce and Industry Minister Piyush Goyal has held a series of meetings with US business leaders in New York to seek investments in India. He met Chief Operating Officer of BlackRock Robert Goldstein, Chairman and CEO of Systems Technology Group Anup Popat, CEO of Tillman Holdings Sanjiv Ahuja, chief executive officer of C4V Shailesh Upreti, and Janus Henderson Investors CEO Ali Dibadi. During the meetings, Goyal discussed

opportunities for collaboration to position India as a global manufacturing hub and invited the investors to increase their commercial and trade footprints in India, the commerce ministry said. In another meeting, the minister emphasised the government's commitment to improving ease of doing business, infrastructure development, IPR (intellectual property rights) reforms, and prioritising manufacturing sectors through appropriate incentive schemes.

Coal production jumps 32 per cent in FY24-25

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

The coal production from both captive and commercial coal blocks rose by 32 per cent to 79.72 Million Tonne (MT) in the April-September period of the ongoing fiscal. The coal output from both captive and commercial coal blocks was 60.52 MT in the first half of the previous fiscal. The coal dispatch rose by 34 per cent year-over-year, from 65.37 MT in H1 of FY24 to 87.86 MT in H1 of FY25. There has been "a significant rise in coal production and dispatch from both captive and commercial coal blocks during the first half of FY 2024-25, from April 1, 2024, to September 30, 2024, compared to the same period last year," the coal ministry said in a statement. The coal production in September rose by 32 per cent to 13.74 MT from 10.40 MT. Likewise, dispatch in the month of September has



grown by 47 per cent year-over-year, from 9.68 MT in FY24 to 14.27 MT in FY25. The coal ministry said that it applauds the efforts of all stakeholders, including coal companies and industry partners, for their invaluable support. Through collaborative initiatives and focused assistance, the ministry aims to enhance efficiency, sustainability, and output across the coal sector.

BPCL signs pact for green fuel ecosystem at Mumbai port

PTI ■ MUMBAI

State-owned BPCL has inked an initial pact with Mumbai Port Authority and Mumbai Port Sustainability Foundation (MPSF) for setting up a green fuel ecosystem at the port. The MoU is a pivotal step towards driving India's transition to cleaner energy solutions. By focusing on green fuel innovations, this initiative aims to significantly reduce greenhouse gas emissions, contributing to the country's climate change goals, a BPCL statement said. Additionally, the pact outlines an exploration into the conversion of diesel-powered vessels to cleaner fuel alternatives, further enhancing the port's green infrastructure and reducing its carbon footprint, it said. The agreement was formalised during the launch of the Cruise Bharat Mission by Union Minister for Ports, Shipping and Waterways Sarbananda Sonowal at Mumbai Port earlier this week, according to BPCL. As part of the initiative, the two partners will jointly set up



EV charging stations at Mumbai Port, promoting green energy adoption for port users and the general public, Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited (BPCL) said. "This MoU is consistent with BPCL's plans towards a sustainable tomorrow alongside our own aspiration to achieve net zero emissions in Scope 1 and Scope 2 by 2040. Enabling sustainable energy solutions like LNG and EV for the maritime sector is part of our endeavour to demonstrate social responsibility and partnering for our sustainable growth with that of the communities we serve," said G Krishna Kumar, Chairman & Managing Director, BPCL. The agreement also includes provisions for waste management, as BPCL and

MPSF will work on systems for source segregation, storage, and handling of recyclable and non-recyclable solid waste at Mumbai Port, it said, adding this initiative promotes socially responsible practices, ensuring a cleaner and more sustainable operational environment. "Our partnership with MbPA is a testament to BPCL's strategic vision of advancing the sustainable fuels business. By leveraging LNG and green energy infrastructure, we aim to reshape the future of maritime operations. This collaboration reflects our commitment to driving innovation in fuel solutions that not only reduce carbon emissions but also create long-term value for the environment and the industry," said Rahul Tandon, Business Head (I&C), BPCL.

Ashok Leyland, Nidec tie up to develop e-drive motors for commercial vehicles

PTI ■ MUMBAI

Commercial vehicle maker Ashok Leyland on Thursday said it has entered into a partnership with Japanese firm Nidec for developing e-drive motors for commercial vehicles. Under the multi-pronged collaboration, the two partners will work to establish a Centre of Excellence (CoE) for Electric Drive Units (EDUs), which will focus on developing motor technologies and power electronics systems for EVs, along with innovations in gear-shifting mechanisms, Ashok Leyland said in a statement. "This collaboration allows us

to co-develop, innovative e-drive motors specifically designed for the unique demands of India's commercial vehicle market, while significantly advancing our electric mobility capabilities," said Shenu Agarwal, Managing Director and CEO at Ashok Leyland. The collaboration will also involve joint research and development efforts, with both companies contributing to skilling, lab infrastructure, and defining novel motor technologies for the EV portfolio of Ashok Leyland and its subsidiary Switch Mobility, the company said. Ashok Leyland further said it will continue to source motors



from Nidec for its existing EV lineup, while collaborating on research and development for future electric solutions. "Our investment strategy and motor technology are well complemented by Ashok Leyland, who understand the precise and specific demands of the commercial vehicle market," said Michael Briggs, President at Nidec Motion & Energy.

The announcement comes days after the government launched the Prime Minister E-Drive Scheme with an outlay of Rs 10,900 crore for faster adoption of electric vehicles, setting up of charging infrastructure and development of EV manufacturing ecosystem in the country. The scheme has come into effect from October 1.

Tata Power-DDL conducts Extensive Safety Awareness Drive

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

Tata Power Delhi Distribution Limited organised an extensive safety drive for its consumers and field staff to reduce the chances of electricity-related incidents. Under this drive, more than 2.28 Lakh installations including plain cement and concrete (PCC) poles, street lights, stay wires, towers, rail poles, fencing of sub stations, feeder & service pillars, PWD Poles, MCD Poles, ATMs & lights installed in parks were checked for any unsafe situation / hazard and rectifications thereof. Tata Power-DDL is dedicated to supporting Ramllela, Durga Puja, and other festive

events by providing temporary connections within 24 hours. While the discom is committed to offering tatkal connections during the festive season, the safety of people in mass gatherings remains of utmost priority. Tata Power-DDL's operations and maintenance teams would remain on high alert to handle any safety-related issues that may arise during this time. Additionally, consumers are advised to take due precautions with their wiring and avoid any loose connections, as these can lead to accidents. It is also crucial to install an ELCB (Earth Leakage Circuit Breaker)/RCCB to protect both people and equipment from electrical shocks.

INBRIEF

GURU NANAK DEV UNIVERSITY RELEASES SCHEDULE

AMRITSAR: The online examination form submission and fee payments for December 2024 exams of Law FYIP/TYP, B.Ed., B.A.-B.Ed., B.Sc.-B.Ed., B.Com-B.Ed and B.Ed-M.Ed Sem-1 for Regular students through online portal have been scheduled.

GNDU NSS UNIT ORGANISES WORKSHOP ON E-WASTE MANAGEMENT

AMRITSAR: The NSS unit of Guru Nanak Dev University, successfully organized a comprehensive E-waste management drive under the banner of "Swachhata Hi Sewa." The initiative aimed to raise awareness about the pressing issue of electronic waste.

ZONAL YOUTH FESTIVAL OF "GCA ZONE" KICKS OFF

AMRITSAR: The three-day Zonal Youth Festival of "GCA Zone" of Guru Nanak Dev University began here today with great enthusiasm and energy, marked by an impressive inauguration ceremony presided over by S. Charanjit Singh Sohal, IPS SSP Amritsar (Rural). The festival will be concluded on October 5, 2024.

WORLD ANIMAL DAY: OCTOBER 04, 2024

A HOME FOR EVERY HEART

As we observe *World Animal Day 2024*, we embrace the theme, "The World is Their Home Too" This day serves as a powerful reminder that animals share our planet and deserve our care and protection. Let's come together to ensure that every creature feels safe and loved in the world we all inhabit, says **SAKSHI PRIYA**



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On *World Animal Day*, we are reminded of a simple yet profound truth: animals share our world and in many ways, they reflect the best parts of ourselves. As we go about our lives, it's easy to forget the loyalty, grace and beauty that animals bring to this planet. Whether it's the silent strength of a tiger in the wild or the trusting eyes of a stray dog, animals have a way of touching our hearts. As the author *Anthony Douglas Williams* once said, "We have more to learn from animals than animals have to learn from us." Their unconditional love, resilience and ability to live harmoniously with nature offer us lessons in compassion, humility and care.

October 4th, *World Animal Day*, is a time to highlight the pressing issues that animals face across the globe. The theme for this year, "The World is Their Home Too," is a powerful call for all of us to recognise the rights of animals, whether they are roaming freely in the wilderness or wandering the streets as strays. This day is a chance to reflect on how we treat the creatures that share our planet and to realise that they, too, deserve safety, respect and love. From the majestic *Royal Bengal Tiger* to the critically endangered *Indian Rhinoceros*, the wildlife in India is under constant threat.

Habitat destruction, poaching and human-wildlife conflict have left these species teetering on the edge of survival. The tiger, once a symbol of untamed power, now roams in small, fragmented patches of forest. The *Indian Rhinoceros*, whose numbers were once decimated by hunting, faces the constant pressure of habitat loss and illegal poaching for its horn. Similarly, the Asiatic Lion, which now has a population of approximately 600 individuals confined to the Gir Forest, faces an uncertain future in its last remaining natural habitat. This small population survives in a limited area, making them vulnerable to catastrophic events like disease outbreaks or forest fires, which could wipe them out forever. These creatures, emblematic of India's natural heritage, are not merely animals, they are vital parts of ecosystems that sustain life, including our own. Yet, it's not only the rare and exotic species that require our attention. Animals that live closer to us, whether they are stray dogs, cattle, or even birds, also face significant challenges. *Stray dogs*, in particular, bear the brunt of urban neglect. But beyond the dogs, there are countless other animals like cows left to fend for themselves on the streets, often injured or malnourished. Birds, too,

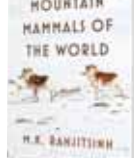
Rather than purchasing pets, adopting from shelters not only saves lives but helps reduce the suffering caused by overpopulation. We must also push for stronger laws against animal cruelty and promote humane population control measures for stray animals, such as spay and neuter programmes. On this day, let's broaden our perspective. Let's not just think about the wild animals in distant forests or the pets in our homes. Let's consider all the creatures that make up our world: the birds, the cattle, the marine life and the strays and how each one plays a vital role in the delicate balance of life on Earth. Every action we take, no matter how small, contributes to creating a better world for them. As we observe *World Animal Day*, let's remember that the answer for stray animals begins with a simple yet profound action: adopt, don't shop. Every stray dog on the street is a potential companion, waiting for a family. By adopting a stray, you give an animal a second chance at life and the warmth of a loving home. This small act not only transforms their lives but also enriches yours with unique love and companionship. Every life saved reflects our compassion for these deserving souls. The world is their home too and together, we can ensure that every animal feels safe, loved, and valued.

BOOKS TO CELEBRATE WORLD ANIMAL DAY

The Gopi Diaries is a charming series for children by *Sudha Murty*, published by *Harper Children's*. The series follows Gopi, a lovable pup. In *Coming Home*, Gopi is adopted by a loving family and quickly learns about his new world. In *Finding Love*, he grows stronger and cheekier, facing new challenges and meeting exciting dog companions. Finally, in *Growing Up*, Gopi matures and welcomes a new friend, Nova, into his life. **Warrior Queens of Ranthambore** by *Manish Kalani*, is a unique coffee table book that captures the journey of five generations of tigresses in Ranthambore National Park. Featuring over 500 photographs taken over eight years, wildlife photographer *Manish Kalani* tells the story of the legendary tigress Machhli and her descendants, highlighting their beauty, strength and emotional bonds. The book emphasises the importance of tiger conservation and serves as a significant addition to wildlife literature in India. **Mountain Mammals of the World** by *M.K. Ranjitsinh*, published by *Penguin Ebury Press*, is a definitive guide that explores the larger mammals inhabiting mountainous regions globally. The book features

detailed profiles of approximately 62 species and 78 subspecies, highlighting their behaviour, ecology and conservation status. This work serves as an essential resource for understanding these majestic animals within their breathtaking mountain habitats.

Wildlife Chronicles by *Adit Jain* (Publisher: Rupa) is a travelogue and guide to India's national parks and wildlife sanctuaries. The book showcases the country's diverse landscapes and wildlife, featuring travel tips, must-see places, and captivating photographs. *Jain's* personal anecdotes aim to inspire interest in conservation while providing practical advice for travellers. **Wildlife India @ 50: Saving the Wild, Securing the Future** by *Manoj Misra* (Publisher: Rupa) commemorates 50 years of the Wildlife Protection Act, 1972. The book chronicles India's wildlife conservation journey, reflecting on successes and missed opportunities through contributions from various experts. With a focus on the impact of colonial hunting practices and the need for wildlife legislation, it highlights the progress made and the challenges ahead in protecting India's biodiversity.

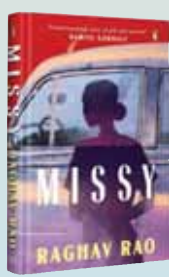


NEW ARRIVALS



First Flood
By KALKI, TRANSLATED BY GOWRI RAMNARAYAN
(PRICE: ₹799, PAGES: 544)
Penguin Random House

In *First Flood*, the first installment of Ponniyin Selvan, *Kalki* delves into the political intrigue of tenth-century Tamil Nadu. As Emperor Sundara Chozha lies unwell in Tanjavur fort, a sinister plot unfolds to dethrone Crown Prince Aditta Karikalan. Entrusted with a critical message, Vallavaraiyan Vandiyatevan faces perilous challenges as he navigates betrayal and ambition. Beautifully translated by Gowri Ramnarayan, this timeless tale of loyalty and intrigue captivates readers with its rich storytelling and complex characters.



Missy
By RAGHAV RAO
(Price: ₹699, Pages: 312) Vintage Books

In *Missy*, *Raghav Rao* follows Savi, a gifted young woman from St. Ursula's Convent in Madras, who dreams of escape. After a night of trauma forces her and her lover, Ananda, to flee to America under new identities, Savi transforms into Missy, a pillar of the South Asian community in Chicago. As she raises her two daughters, Mansi and Shilpa, the arrival of Varun, a charming doctor, threatens to unravel her carefully built life. This extraordinary debut delves into themes of identity, love, and the inescapable nature of the past, showcasing a woman's resilience and courage.

Hindus and the Modern Struggles of Religious Persecution

Anand Ranganathan's book, *Hindus in Hindu Rashtra*, offers a scathing analysis of the plight of Hindus in modern India, drawing parallels to historical persecution and raising crucial questions about religious dynamics in the country.

BY KUMAR CHELLAPPAN

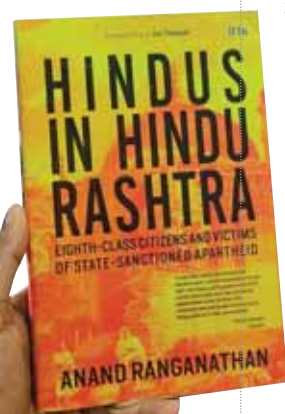
Sufferance is the badge of our tribe," Shylock, the Jewish money lender, says in the Shakespearean play "The Merchant of Venice." Had Shylock been around now, he would certainly have added Hindus too as the victims of hatred and cruelty perpetrated by the Abrahamic religions. History, as well as modern times, substantiate what Shakespeare made Shylock say in this path-breaking play. In October 2023, the dreaded Hamas organisation let loose one of the most barbaric attacks ever reported in history on the innocent Jewish residents of the Gaza Strip, kidnapping more than 300 of them and subjecting them to vicious torture. The Hamas terrorists were celebrating in style as their colleagues recounted how they raped young girls in front of their parents and tore them apart, a la Nirbhaya incident that shook India in 2012. It was only when Israel retaliated (like any other nation would) in a bid to release their brethren from the torturing cells of Hamas, that liberals, secularists and pseudo-intellectuals came out extending their open-hearted support to Hamas. The Israeli Defence Force was portrayed as the aggressor while the Hamas terrorists were seen as angels in the eyes of these paid intellectuals. The history of the Jewish people is packed with stories of persecution faced by them and their struggles for survival. No other community, other than Hindus, has faced the kind of cruelty to which the Jewish were subjected by their tormentors. To lambast Israel and eulogise the Arabs as well as Palestinians became the measure of one's intellectual dexterity. This is what the Hindus in India face now. Though 80 per cent of the Indian population are Hindus, they face the

same kind of torment and cruelty at the hands of the minorities. In the land of the Sanatana Dharma, the aggressors claim ownership of more than 70 per cent of the land. A cleric was heard claiming the other day that Antilia, the 27-storey personal residence of Mukesh Ambani in Bombay and valued at \$4.6 billion, has been constructed on Waqf land. It is for Mukesh Ambani to give clarification to this claim, while the day is not far off when the same people are likely to come forward claiming that Rashtrapati Bhavan as well as 7 Lok Kalyan Marg belong to them. Forget about these things. The Hindus have become eighth-class citizens and victims of State-sanctioned apartheid in their own country, according to Dr *Anand Ranganathan*, scientist, author and political critic who works in the Communist citadel Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU for short). Dr Ranganathan speaks and writes with conviction and articulation. True to his profession as a genetic engineer and biotechnologist, *Dr Ranganathan* has found out the basic reasons behind the plight of the Hindus in the country, and he has made it unambiguously clear with his latest book *Hindus in Hindu Rashtra*, published by BluOne Ink. The book of 128 pages is a power-packed punch from this frail professor, which the rivals would not be able to counter. The author has made his intention clear from the word go. "To those who claim we are now living in a totalitarian Hindu Rashtra, one must ask: What kind of a Hindu Rashtra is this where a billion-strong Hindus have been, through our parliament, courts, education system and our Constitution, reduced to not just second-class but rather, eighth-class citizens? What kind of a Hindu Rashtra is this where Durga Puja and Garba celebrations are stoned with impunity, where a sitting Prime Minister claims minorities have the first right to



ABOUT THE BOOK

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resources?" Even as I write about the book, TV channels scroll news headlines about Ganapati statue immersions in Karnataka and Maharashtra being stoned by a group of people. The Marxist-Mullah-Congress axis held State-wide protest rallies in Kerala to express solidarity with the terrorists and extremists of Hamas and Hezbollah. A TV channel and newspaper owned by Jamaat-e-Islami laments 24x7 that there is no freedom of expression and religion in India since 2014. The channel beams anti-India news round the clock, forcing the viewers to complain to the ministries of home and information and broadcasting about the hidden agenda behind the channel and the newspaper. The Supreme Court comes to the help of the channel by blasting the Centre for its high-handedness. This is the kind of privilege enjoyed by the minority communities in India, only in India. A Hindu cannot be blamed for feeling compelled to convert to Islam, but what prevents most of the Sanatanis from doing so is the severe pain it may cause in the process. *Dr Ranganathan*, I feel, is lenient in his words. He explains through eight chapters the state of abyss the Hindus find themselves in. The powers that be, whether it is the Congress, BJP, or the motley crowd of the Third Front, do not have any answer for the questions posed by him in the opening chapter, "State Control of Hindu Temples". In Kerala, from where I hail, the most coveted post for which politicians who fail to make it to the assembly or parliament vie with each other is for the post of the chairman of the Devaswom Boards (Travancore, Kochi, and Malabar). Even rationalists and atheists in the CPI(M), CPI, and RSP turn believers to occupy the chairmanship and to

swindle the hundis (treasure boxes in which the devotees make offerings to the presiding deities). "The Hindus have no right to question the injustice meted out to them in the form of adding pig fat to laddus, a divine offering to God. If you dare to question the act, the Lordships would come down on you like an avalanche with the claim that 'Secularism is in danger.'" The term secularism has become the most nauseating one in India, as a jurist was heard asking the Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh to keep quiet over the affair with the Tirupati laddu. To those who do not care about the ground realities facing the Hindus, we have to ask, "What happened to the Veda Patasalas and Gurukulas, which were the landmarks along the banks of Krishna, Godavari, Kaveri, Ganga, Yamuna, and Brahmaputra?" It is an unpardonable sin in the Hindu country to ask the questions posed by the likes of *Anand Ranganathan*, R Vaidyanathan, Rajiv Malhotra, Sandeep Balakrishna and of course Arun Shourie. India may be the only country in the world that keeps its citizens from the real history (the XI volumes of the History and Culture of the Indian People edited by that wonderful historian Prof R C Majumdar). It is a "crime" in this country to pinpoint the directives given by the one and only Prophet that the idolaters only are unclean (Surah 9, ayat 5) and the disbelievers are an open enemy to you (Surah 4:101) (Quotes from The Calcutta Quran Petition authored by Sita Ram Goel). If the Hindus fail to take note of the observations by *Anand Ranganathan*, they are doomed to be Pappus and village idiots. In this era of religious hegemony, scholars like *Ranganathan*, *Vaidyanathan*, and *Rajiv Malhotra* are beacons of hope. Please do not miss out on what they speak and write.

INDIA NEED TOP GUNS FIRING IN UNISON AGAINST NEW ZEALAND

PTI ■ DUBAI

A stellar effort by senior stars would be mandatory when India take on New Zealand in their opening Group A match of the women's T20 World Cup here on Friday, aiming for a strong start in their quest to wipe off the memories of past near-misses.

Skipper Harmanpreet Kaur, who in all likelihood, will be appearing in her last T20 World Cup, has been witness to several near misses and disappointing moments from close quarters, including India's capitulation to Australia in the final at Melbourne in 2020.

As a has been in the past, this Indian line-up is rich in talent and, arguably, only Australia have a similarly well-oiled unit.

But the reigning champions have six titles in their cabinet, and India's is still dust-laden.

So, what pegs India back in global events? It seems more a case of mental fragility at clutch moments, and the Women in Blue tried to address that during a preparatory camp at the NCA (National Cricket Academy) with a few counselling sessions.

But such external measures can only be of limited help in big tournaments, as it boils down entirely to flawless execution of strategies on a given day.

In that context, India will not get a

better opponent than New Zealand, which is not a fancied side like its Trans-Tasman neighbour. But the two-time runners-up are as tough as nails.

A victory against them could well be counted as a sign of being in fine shape — tactically and mentally — and that's a pre-requisite for India in a group that also has Australia, Sri Lanka and Pakistan.

To start with, India will require heavy contributions from their top guns — the 35-year-old Harmanpreet, Smriti Mandhana, Jemimah Rodrigues, Shafali Verma and Deepti Sharma.

Among them, Shafali and Mandhana have been in excellent touch, making runs in their last international outing in the Asia Cup in Sri Lanka in July even though India lost to the hosts in the final.

In fact, Mandhana's last five T20I innings include three fifties.

But Harmanpreet and Shafali have been a tad underwhelming and the duo finding range is imperative for India's charge at the top and middle order.

It is critical to India's chances as the pitches in the UAE, going through a harsh heat wave, might not be a treasure trove of runs, particularly deep into the tournament.

However, the expected weariness of the track, in one way, will cater to India's strengths in the bowling department — spin.



They have only three pacers in their squad — Renuka Singh, Pooja Vastrakar and Arundhati Reddy. In all likelihood, India will only play two of them, while depending on a plethora of spinners in their line-up. India have exceptional variety in that department. The attack will be marshalled by off-spinners Deepti and Shreyanka Patil, leg-spinner Asha Shobhana and left-arm spinner Radha Yadav.

But the Kiwis have a good blend of experienced and young players, who can lift them above such obstacles.

Their talismanic skipper Sophie Devine, experienced all-rounder Suzie Bates along with veteran pacers Lea Tahuhu and Leigh Kasperek form the crux of this New Zealand side.

Add the exciting young all-rounder Amelia Kerr to the mix, and they have the wherewithal to spring a surprise or two in this tournament.

But beyond them, the Kiwis are a bit green behind the ears and that could be their Achilles Heel.

TEAMS:

India: Harmanpreet Kaur (c), Smriti Mandhana, Shafali Verma, Deepti Sharma, Jemimah Rodrigues, Richa Ghosh, Yastika Bhatia (subject to fitness), Pooja Vastrakar, Arundhati Reddy, Renuka Singh Thakur, Dayalan Hemalatha, Asha Sobhana, Radha Yadav, Shreyanka Patil (subject to fitness), Sajana Sajeewan

Travelling reserves: Uma Chetry (wk), Tanuja Kanwer, Saima Thakor.

New Zealand: Sophie Devine (c), Suzie Bates, Eden Carson, Izzy Gaze, Maddy Green, Brooke Halliday, Fran Jonas, Leigh Kasperek, Melie Kerr, Jess Kerr, Rosemary Main, Molly Penfold, Georgia Plimmer, Hannah Rowe, Lea Tahuhu.



Khushi seals dramatic bronze, takes India's tally to 15 at ISSF Jr Worlds

PTI ■ LIMA (PERU)

Khushi secured a hard-fought bronze in the women's 50m rifle 3 positions at the ISSF Junior World Championship here, dramatically qualifying for the final before rallying to claim the third spot.

Her medal on Wednesday took India's tally to 15, including 10 gold, one silver, and four bronze medals, keeping the country at the top

of the standings.

The youngster shot 447.3 in the final to finish behind Caroline Lund of Norway who won silver with 458.3. Caroline's compatriot Synnove Berg won gold with 458.4.

However, Khushi's path to the podium was far from easy. She narrowly made it to the medal round, rallying brilliantly in the final standing position to clinch the

seventh spot with a score of 585.

It got so tight that there were four others on the same score. However, Khushi and Italian Anna Schiavon clinched the final two qualifying spots, scoring 29 inner-10 shots, while two Swiss athletes — Alexa Tela and Emely Jaeggi — managed 27.

Khushi finished ahead of Anna on countback.

In the eight-woman final, Khushi was fourth at the end

of the first two positions — Kneeling and Prone.

A strong finish in the Standing position allowed her to pip Norwegian Pernille Nor-Woll after the 40th shot to move up to third.

Synnove and Caroline were having their own battle for top-two throughout the 45-shot final.

Khushi wobbled again on the 41st shot with 9.1 which put her back down to fifth, but a brilliant 10.7 in the 42nd and

10.4 in 43rd ensured the bronze.

In the team competition in junior women's 3P, the trio of Sakshi Padekar, Melvina Joel Gladson and Prachi Gaekwad, finished fifth with a tally of 1757.

Anoushka Thakur also shot 585 in qualification, but 26 hits in the inner-10 ring meant she ended 11th.

Sakshi, Melvina and Prachi finished 24th, 32nd and 41st respectively.

Biggest challenges for India in Women's T20 WC will be Australia, SL: Harbhajan

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

India's World Cup-winning spinner Harbhajan Singh said the Harmanpreet Kaur-led side will face a tough challenge from Australia and Sri Lanka in the ICC Women's T20 World Cup.

The global showpiece gets underway in the UAE from Thursday, and India are placed in Group A alongside Australia, Sri Lanka, Pakistan and New Zealand.

"I think India needs to be very careful when playing against Australia. Looking at this group, India has Australia, New Zealand, Pakistan, and Sri Lanka. But one match that I think will be a little tough is the India-Australia match," Harbhajan told Star Sports.

"Australia is a good team, even though these matches are being played in Dubai, on subcontinent pitches that might not suit them as much as their home conditions. But Australia, no matter where they play, are hard to beat. So,

the biggest challenge for India may be Australia," he said.

Harbhajan's fears were not entirely misplaced as the Australia have beaten India 23 times in 32 T20Is with the 'Women in Blue' winning seven of them.

However, the 44-year-old warned India of another potential hazard on its way - Sri Lanka.

The Islanders had recently trumped India in the Asia Cup final with Chamari Athapaththu and Harshitha Samarawickrama producing match-winning efforts.

"Sri Lanka, too, after their recent series win against India, will be confident when they play against India. So, that will also be a good contest," But Harbhajan had little doubts that India have the skill sets to land their maiden ICC title.

"Team India will be the team to beat in this tournament. They have both experience and youth. Harman (captain Harmanpreet Kaur) is in good

form, Smriti (Mandhana) is in good form, and Deepti (Sharma) is an unbelievable spinner.

"They are a very capable team and have been playing very good cricket. The unit looks solid. If India plays good cricket overall, I believe they will win this tournament," he noted.

The off-spinner, who has 711 international wickets, also advised the Indians to take it one match at a time, without succumbing to the big-moment pressure.

"You have to try to give your best and not take pressure. At this stage, the only thing that matters is to know yourself, and play as a unit. Results will follow.

"Don't think about the big picture; just take small steps with each match and focus on the process. I hope if they follow these things, our team will perform very well," he added.

India open their campaign against New Zealand on Friday.

Weight management is athlete's responsibility: Mary Kom

PTI ■ MUMBAI

No stranger to the physical toll of weight management during a competition, six-time world champion boxer M C Mary Kom Thursday waded into the debate surrounding wrestler Vinesh Phogat's Olympic heartbreak for being 100gm over, saying that to be within the prescribed limit is an individual responsibility.

The 42-year-old mother of four, who is India's only woman boxer with an Olympic medal (a bronze in London, 2012), was in the city to promote Utkarsh Small Finance Bank, which named her as its brand ambassador.

Speaking for the first time on Phogat, who was disqualified on the day of her 50kg finals in the Paris Games for being marginally over the prescribed limit, Mary Kom said weight management is an athlete's responsibility.

"I felt so disappointed in the sense that I have also done the same (weight management) for the last so many years. Weight is important, that is my responsibility. I cannot blame anyone," she said.

"I do not want to say this in her case only. If I do not cut the weight properly then how will I play? I am there to win a medal and that is what I think," she continued.

Mary Kom, in the past, has spoken about her weight cut routines and how difficult the process can be. The Manipuri started out as a pin-weight (46kg) category boxer before settling for the flyweight (51kg) division in her amateur career.

Phogat, who was being seen as gold medal contender in Paris, skipped meals and fluids, worked out an entire night and also cut her hair to be within the requisite category but the effort fell short eventually.

She challenged her disqualification, calling the rules inhumane, but her appeal was rejected by the Court of Arbitration for Sport. The wrestler retired to join politics after the heartbreak and is contesting the Haryana assembly elections on a Congress ticket.

WANT TO DISCUSS INDIAN BOXING WITH SPORTS MINISTER: Mary



Kom was also quizzed about India's boxing campaign in Paris and she was still perplexed by how poor the performance was. She said she wants to have a meeting with the national federation and sports minister Mansukh Mandaviya to understand "what is lacking" and clear her "doubts".

The Indian boxing contingent, which included two reigning world champions in Nikhat Zareen and Lovlina Borgohain, cut a sorry figure in the Games and failed to win even one medal.

"We know what the result was, it was so, so bad. I want to know what is lacking," said the

Manipuri, who became the first Indian woman boxer with an Olympic medal when she bronze in the 2012 London Games.

One of the most successful athletes in the history of Indian sports, Mary Kom felt the boxers got all the logistical support they needed but she does have some "doubts" regarding how their training was managed by the Boxing Federation of India.

"I will meet the boxers too if the situation demands. If the sports minister has the knowledge (about the issues) I want to discuss that also," she said.

Refusing to share her exact concerns, Mary Kom said she would rather discuss them in

the meeting with Mandaviya and BFI brass.

"The federation has provided all the coaches. But I have a few doubts as well. But what is the point in saying them now, the Olympics are done. Now there is no point in saying all that, but I want to discuss it with them in the meeting," said the former Rajya Sabha MP.

"(The) sports minister is doing whatever he can do from his side, infrastructure, facilities or whatever (other) needs are there. But how did the federation handle the training? Was it done systematically or not? What happened exactly, I do not know," she wondered.

"If I do not meet them and not discuss, how will I know about them?"

Lionel Messi, Inter Miami win MLS Supporters Shield with 3-2 win at Crew

AP ■ COLUMBUS (OHIO)

Lionel Messi and Inter Miami have another trophy, along with home-field advantage throughout the Major League Soccer playoffs.

Messi scored twice in the final minutes of the first half, goalie Drake Callender stopped a penalty kick in the 84th minute and Inter Miami beat the defending MLS Cup champion Columbus Crew 3-2 on Wednesday, wrapping up the Supporters Shield given annually to the team with the best regular-season record.

It was Messi's 46th major trophy won for club or country, extending his record for the most by any men's soccer player in history. And it is the second he has won with Inter Miami, this Supporters Shield being added to the Leagues Cup trophy the Herons claimed shortly after Messi joined the club in 2023.

"We knew this was a group that could fight for this," Messi said.

Luis Suarez also scored for Inter Miami, which will open a

best-of-three first-round playoff series in the final weekend of October. If the team wins that series, it would have the right to host every match it plays the rest of the season - an Eastern Conference semifinal (scheduled for Nov. 23 or 24), the East final (Nov. 30 or Dec. 1) and the MLS Cup final on Dec. 7.

"We have a nice opportunity to go down in history... And now we think about what is coming," Messi told Apple TV after the match. "We have a great advantage in that we play all the games at home, which was what we were looking for. I think that we are very, very strong at home."

Also still within reach for Inter Miami: the best MLS regular-season mark ever. Wednesday's win pushed Inter Miami's record to 20-4-8 this season, giving it 68 points. If the club wins its final two matches - Saturday at Toronto and Oct. 19 at home against New England - it would finish with 74 points.

New England has the single-



season points record, finishing with 73 in 2021.

Messi opened the scoring in the 45th minute, taking a long pass from Jordi Alba - his longtime teammate at Barcelona, the club with which Messi won 35 of his trophies - and splitting two defenders before somehow getting the ball past Columbus goalkeeper Patrick Schulte for a 1-0 lead.

And about five minutes into first-half stoppage time, Messi struck again on a free kick from about 30 yards out.

Schulte seemed fooled, and Messi squeezed the ball between the goalie and the near post for a 2-0 lead.

"Dominant," Inter Miami coach Gerardo "Tata" Martino said.

Diego Rossi scored in the first minute of the second half for Columbus to cut the lead in half, but it didn't take long for Inter Miami to restore the two-goal cushion. Almost immediately after play resumed, Schulte was upended by one of his own defenders

and Suarez sent a header into an empty net for a 3-1 edge.

Juan "Cucho" Hernandez's penalty kick in the 61st minute got Columbus within 3-2. But once again, the momentum didn't last for long. Rudy Camacho was sent off for his second yellow card in the 63rd minute, meaning the Crew had to play with 10 men the rest of the way.

Didn't matter. Columbus still created some big chances down the stretch.

A deflected ball in the 76th minute got across the box and onto the right foot of Mohamed Farsi - but his shot was blocked by Callender, who was perfectly positioned to protect the lead.

Then came more drama, when Inter Miami was called for its second handball inside the box — an automatic penalty kick — of the second half. Hernandez picked the left side of the net, but Callender made the save look almost easy.

That save helped finish what Messi started.

It was the fifth two-goal game of the MLS season for Messi,

who now has 17 goals in 17 league matches this season. He's missed 15 of Inter Miami's MLS matches in 2024, either because of commitments to Argentina's national team or the two-month absence that he needed to recover from a badly injured ankle - an injury that happened during his nation's run to the Copa America title in July.

Inter Miami, in MLS play this season, is now 10-1-6 with Messi in the lineup.

"Throughout the year we had many, many injuries, where we couldn't all be together... But the group was getting the most out of every tough game," Messi said.

The Crew and the LA Galaxy entered Wednesday still with a mathematical hope of passing Inter Miami in the race for the Supporters Shield, and Cincinnati was nine points back with nine points still possible.

But now, they're all playing for second.

"Dec. 7 is what we want," Martino said, referring to the date of the MLS Cup final.

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