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TOMATO PRICES LEAVE BITTER TASTE ON FESTIVE PLATES

RAJESH KUMAR ■ NEW DELHI

The price of tomato, a crucial kitchen staple, has skyrocketed to ₹100 per kg and in some colonies prices have touched ₹120 a kg. The surge in tomato prices is not the only concern for Delhi and NCR residents, prices of other vegetables including onion and potato have also increased. Onions are being sold at ₹80 per kg while potato prices range between ₹30 to 40 per kg. The retail rate of tomato was ₹50 per kg till the third week of September. This has increased the cost of a home-cooked vegetarian meal by up to 11 per cent in September. The average cost of a vegetarian meal was ₹31.3 in September. While vegetables account for about 37 per

cent of a vegetarian meal cost, pulses, which constitute 9 per cent, also saw a 14 per cent rise in prices last month. There are reports that the retail price of tomatoes, onions and potatoes across the country has almost doubled in a month. The reasons for the increase are said to be adverse weather conditions such as high humidity in producing states such as Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka and Maharashtra, and crop loss due to prolonged monsoon. Traders attributed this to a supply shortage from Karnataka and Maharashtra as the second crop cultivation ended. The rates of tomatoes have also gone up in the major wholesale vegetable markets of Delhi, including Azadpur Mandi,

Ghaziपुर Mandi, and Okhla Sabzi Mandi. According to tomato traders at Azadpur Mandi, presently 30 to 35 trucks arrive daily now, as against 50 to 60 trucks per day. The wholesale market sells the tomatoes at ₹70-80 a kg and traders anticipate that the price might touch 150 a kg in the coming days. The wholesale price of onion was at ₹45 a kg, and Potatoes at ₹30 a kg. It will take at least five to six weeks or more for the supply to normalise. This is the third time since July when retail tomato prices have crossed ₹100 a kg in Delhi and NCR. Similar trends were seen in July and August this year, due to the supply disruption from the producing centres owing to rains.



Notably, the Ministry of Agriculture estimated an increase of tomato production by 4.38 percent to 21.32 million tonnes, driven by last year's price surge. As per Price Monitoring Division

wholesale price of tomatoes surged by 73.24 per cent. In a bid to address rising tomato prices, the National Cooperative Consumers Federation (NCCF) on Monday initiated a market intervention by directly procuring tomatoes from mandis and selling them at a subsidised rate of ₹65 per kilogram at 50 locations of Delhi-NCR. Consumer Affairs Secretary Nidhi Khare initiated the retail sale of tomatoes through mobile vans and NCCF retail shops at Krishi Bhawan. Other vegetables have also seen price increases. Beans are now selling for ₹120 a kg, Capsicum between ₹80 to ₹100 a kg, Bitter Gourd at ₹60 a kg, Bottle Gourd at ₹50 a kg, Cabbage at ₹80 a kg, Drumstick at ₹70 a kg, Cucumber

at ₹60 a kg, Brinjal at ₹60 a kg and elephant foot yam at ₹80 a kg. Coriander Leaves have prices ranging from ₹100 to ₹120 a kg. Rajeev Parmar, a Saket resident, said, "We have to reduce consumption to manage expenses." According to Ministry of Agriculture's estimates, onion production is likely to drop by 19.76 per cent to 24.24 million tonnes due to lower yields in key regions. Other vegetables such as brinjal, elephant foot yam, and capsicum may also see reduced output. Potato production is also set to decline by 5.13 per cent to 57.05 million tonnes. These drops could pose challenges in controlling prices of two essential items, which play a crucial role in food inflation.

RG Kar case not gangrape: CBI chargesheet suggests



A chart shows medical parameters of some junior doctors protesting against the RG Kar Medical College and Hospital rape and murder incident, in Kolkata PTI

SAUGAR SENGUPTA ■ KOLKATA

The RG Kar Medical College and Hospital rape and murder case does not indicate gang-rape, the preliminary charge-sheet filed on Monday by the Central Bureau of Investigation suggests. Though other possibilities are not ruled out as there are still some missing links, "as of now Sanjoy Roy is the prime accused who perpetrated the crime," sources said. In the 45-page charge-sheet Roy has been quoted as telling his interrogators that he first strangled the victim because she was resisting and then raped without realising that she had died. "If that be so then he had raped the victim when she was dead," lawyers at Sealdah Court said. The charge-sheet was filed on the 58th day of the rape and murder taking place inside the

seminar hall of the chest medicine department of the RGKMCH. Roy was arrested a day after the body of the 31-year-old postgraduate trainee doctor was recovered at the place of crime on August 9. The incident had resulted in nationwide protests by the fraternity that are still continuing. Roy, a civic volunteer working with the Kolkata Police, was also subjected to a polygraph test. He reportedly told the investigating officials that he had gone to the fourth floor on the fateful morning where the lady doctor was sleeping during a break. A Bluetooth device found near the victim's body led to the arrest of Roy who was also captured in CCTV footage while he was going to the third floor of the hospital building. Claims made in the CBI charge-sheet notwithstanding, the general view of the doctors of the RGKMCH is that the way the victim was raped and the number of injuries she

sustained could not be the handiwork of a single person. Suspicion got stronger when the hospital authorities upon the orders of the then college Principal Sandip Ghosh started renovation in the area where the crime had taken place. Ghosh has since been arrested along with the officer in-charge of the local Tala Police Station which has jurisdiction over the area on charges of tampering of evidence. Apart from Roy, four persons have been arrested in the RG Kar rape and murder case, on charges of tampering evidence and carrying out a corruption racket inside the Health Department. Meanwhile, the junior doctor's indefinite fast in demand of justice for the victim entered its second day on Monday with the senior doctors too joining them in a symbolic fast. Apart from demanding justice for the victim, the doctors have placed a ten-point demand before the State government that includes centralised referral system for patients so as to save the harassment of shuttling between hospitals in search of beds, total CCTV coverage, adequate security deployment inside hospitals, restrooms and washrooms for the doctors, end of the "threat syndicate" perpetrated by doctors loyal to the ruling party and not least the removal of Principal Health Secretary NS Nigam from his post. Elsewhere a team of doctors from the All India Institute of Medical Sciences on Monday conducted the postmortem of the 11-year-old girl who was on Saturday evening raped and murdered at Mahishmari village in Joynagar block of South 24 Parganas.



Union Minister for Agriculture and Farmers Welfare Shivraj Singh Chouhan during a meeting with farmers PTI

Will implement NRC in Jharkhand: Shivraj

PNS ■ RANCHI/NEW DELHI

Union Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan Centre on Monday said the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) will implement the National Register of Citizens (NRC) in Jharkhand if voted to power. Chouhan who announced NRC for the State accused the Jharkhand Mukti Morcha-led government of "patronising" Bangladeshi infiltrators. He claimed that 'mati' (land), 'beti' (daughter) and 'roti' (bread) in Jharkhand are in danger. "Infiltrators are coming to Jharkhand, marrying daughters here, purchasing land and increasing their influence in local bodies. This is very dangerous and it is ruining Jharkhand," he said. The BJP on Saturday released five key points of its manifesto for the assembly polls in Jharkhand, promising financial assistance of Rs 2,100 to women every month, five lakh jobs to youths, LPG cylinders at Rs 500 to every household and housing for all if the party came to power. Speaking about a proposed meeting with farmers' bodies in Delhi on Monday, he said, "I meet farmers and their organisations every week. I am meeting them today as well. We decide about their welfare after talking to them." Chouhan on Sunday attended the BJP's election committee meeting in Ranchi where strategies for the upcoming assembly polls were discussed.

"The BJP is not concerned about coming to power only. In Jharkhand 'maati', 'beti', 'roti' are in danger because of infiltration. It is our pledge to protect them." Union Agriculture minister said at Ranchi's Birsamunda Airport while leaving for Delhi. Chouhan, who is also election in-charge for Jharkhand, alleged there has been infiltration from foreign land and the Hemant Soren-led government patronising them by making their Aadhaar and voter identity cards. "Infiltrators are coming to Jharkhand, marrying daughters here, purchasing land and increasing their influence in local bodies. This is very dangerous and it is ruining Jharkhand," he said. The National Register of Citizens (NRC) has been created to contain names of all genuine Indian citizens, and at present, only Assam has such a register. The NRC in Assam is a list of Indian citizens living in the state. The citizens' register sets out to identify foreign nationals in the state that borders Bangladesh. The Centre has been planning to exercise NRC to other states as well. Nagaland is already creating a similar database known as the Register of Indigenous Inhabitants. The Centre is also planning to create a National Population Register (NPR), which will contain demographic and biometric details of citizens.

No China-made decorations for Diwali: Ram Janmabhoomi trust

BISWAJEET BANERJEE ■ LUCKNOW

The Shri Ram Janmabhoomi Teerth Kshetra has taken a step toward supporting the "Make in India" initiative by banning the use of Chinese decorative items, including lights, for this year's Diwali celebrations at the Ram Janmabhoomi campus and proposed custom designed outfit for Ram Lalla by fashion designer Manish Malhotra. "The Trust will make all arrangements for the Diwali celebrations, ensuring that no Chinese items, including lights, are used on the campus," announced Champat Rai, general secretary of the Trust. In keeping with this vision, the Diwali festivities at the Ram Mandir will focus on promoting local artisans and traditional crafts. This celebration, the first since the grand opening of the temple on January 22, 2024, will highlight India's rich cultural heritage. The temple will be illuminated with two lakh diyas, handcrafted by local artisans, to honour India's traditional craftsmanship. The Trust has carefully planned the diya placements to preserve the beauty of the temple. A standout feature of this year's celebrations is

the custom-designed outfits for Ram Lalla and his brothers, created by renowned Indian fashion designer Manish Malhotra. Known for his intricate craftsmanship and blend of tradition and modernity, Malhotra's designs will add a special charm to the deity's adornment. "Manish Malhotra is preparing these special outfits for the deities, aligning with the 'Make in India' spirit of the celebrations," said a Trust member. The festivities will also include special offerings and four artis throughout the day. Acharya Satyendra Das, the head priest, will lead the Vedic rituals, while the temple complex will be decorated with locally sourced flowers and traditional decorations, further emphasizing the focus on Indian artisanship. The Uttar Pradesh tourism department is contributing to the celebrations by lighting diyas along the Sarayu River and organising cultural events to recreate the joyous return of Lord Rama to Ayodhya. Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath has also set an ambitious goal of lighting 25 lakh diyas during the Deepotsav, aiming to set a new Guinness World Record.

HEALING TOUCH



Prime Minister Narendra Modi shakes hands with Maldives President Mohamed Muizzu prior to a meeting at Hyderabad House Photo: Ranjan Dimri/The Pioneer



New Rohtak Road is the worst: Chief Minister Atishi

Traffic jams, potholes, broken patches make it dangerous for two wheeler commuters

BY RAJESH KUMAR

New Rohtak Road, one of the most densely populated areas connecting Mundka and Tikri Border is arguably the worst road in the National Capital. It has huge traffic jams round the clock and is also dangerous for two wheeler commuters due to potholes and broken roads. A major arterial road that links north, northwest, west Delhi to Central and New Delhi, heavy traffic and consequent snarls are common here with stoppage sometimes extending over two to three hours.

road is possibly the worst in Delhi today. The population in its surrounding unauthorised colonies has increased and the drainage system needs upgrading," Atishi said, adding "work on the new drain and road will begin within four weeks." In this traffic jams series, we have been highlighting that poor traffic management, and broken roads lead to traffic jams round the clock in the national capital. Be it Wazirabad road to Vikas Marg, Mehrauli Badarpur road to New Rohtak Road and all ISBT's, 1 and surroundings of metro stations, commuters face traffic jams on a daily basis. Real time data from TomTom showed that it took 25 minutes to cover 10 kilometres at 1 pm. Experts say poor planning, broken roads, high volume of traffic and illegal parking are reasons for worst jams, making Delhi one of the busiest cities when it comes to daily commutes.



The Delhi government's Public Works Department (PWD) manages a road network of 1,400 km, with a total lane length of 7,000 km. The inspection identified 6,671 potholes and over 230 km of road requiring re-carpeting and strengthening. "As many as 2,53,000 sq m of road patches have been identified for repair, and 39,500 sq m of patchwork was completed within the last week," the CM added. The Pioneer has been highlighting in its traffic jams series that poor and broken roads lead to traffic jams round the clock in the national capital. Sharing details of pathetic roads, CM Atishi said the party has identified 89 damaged PWD (Public Works Department) roads for strengthening. She said 74 tenders have already been floated for this. The CM added that AAP leaders identified a total of 6,671 potholes during a series of inspections, and 3,454 of the patches have already been filled. This is an indication that

broken roads cause traffic jams. Meanwhile, residents of New Rohtak Road say they are now used to round-the-clock traffic jams. Traffic bound to Central and New Delhi from areas like Punjabi Bagh, Model Town, Pitampura to Punjabi Bagh, Rohini and Najafgarh use this road during morning peak hours. Following this the 'shopping crowd' descends on Karol Bagh and other major markets. In the evening home bound traffic chokes the stretch. After 9.30 pm, trucks are allowed to pass, so there are hardly any quiet moments along this stretch. Using Zebra crossings, staying behind stop lines at red lights, and usage of pavements seem to be alien concepts here. Pedestrians walk on the traffic carriageway, and two wheelers zoom on the pavements. Many commuters say they avoid the stretch even if it means taking a long detour. Residentals enclaves on both sides of the road also generate substantial pedestrian traffic.

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LOST AND FOUND

It is notified for the information that both my original Statement of Marks and Passing Certificate Matriculation year 2018 and Unique Id. 6730424 issued by CICSE Board has been actually lost Name of the candidate Jasjeet Kaur D/o Kawar Naunihal Singh R/o H No. 6, Green City, Opp Evergreen Colony, Jandiala Guru, Amritsar. 6239886499

PUBLIC NOTICE

I Kavita Sharma w/o Goverdhan Gopal R/o Indira Colony Ward No 29 Pathankot declared that my actual / correct name is Kavita Sharma and same is also wrote in all documents but my name is wrongly written Kavita in my husband's passport. Kavita Sharma and Kavita are one and same person.

I, Ravinder S/o Sh. Laltu, R/o House No. 1477-A, Housing Board Complex, Dhanas Chandigarh inform that myself Ravinder and my wife Sangita Ravinder adopted a female child namely Pallavi from her natural Parents Sh. Ramdhan and Radha. Pallavi date of birth is 27.01.2020. If anybody have any objection please contact on above address.

I, Jagwinder Pal Singh S/o Amrik Singh R/o #900, Sector 77 Mohali, Punjab, declares that in my Daughter Ravleen Kaur 10th Certificate, my name has been mentioned as Jagwinderpal Singh and in other documents mentioned as Jagwinder Pal Singh. Both are one and same person.

I, Parminder Jeet Kaur W/o Jagwinder Pal Singh R/o #900, Sector 77 Mohali, Punjab, declares that in my Daughter (Ravleen Kaur) 10th Certificate, my name has been mentioned as Parminderjit Kaur and in other documents mentioned as Parminder Jeet Kaur. Both are one and same person.

We, Dharampal S/o Des Raj and Balbiri W/o Dharampal R/o village Jaipur, Tehsil Shahabad, District Kurukshetra, declare that our elder son Yograj, his wife Manpreet are beyond our control, hence we evict our son, his wife from our movable- immovable properties. Anybody dealing with them at their own risk.

I, Ranbir Singh S/o S. Surjit Singh R/o House No 2276, Sector 20-C, Chandigarh inform that my son Amrit Pal Singh out of my control. I disown him from my all moveable and Immoveable Properties. Anybody deal with him at their own Risk.

I, Om Wati W/o Sh. Jai Narayan R/o House No. 178, New Indira Colony, Manimajra Chandigarh inform that my Grandson Dhruv S/o Suraj and his mother Sheenu W/o Suraj both are out of my control. I disown them from my all moveable and Immoveable Properties. Anybody deal with them at their own Risk.

I, Balbir Singh S/o Maha Singh R/o Ward No. 15, Safidon Distt. Jind have declare that my son Vinay is out of my control. So I disown him from my all moveable/immovable properties. Any body dealing with him at their own risk. I or my family are not responsible for any type of their legal or illegal acts.

We, Bhupender Singh Dalal S/o Sh. Prem Singh and Kamlesh W/o Sh. Bhupender Singh R/o H.No. 27-A/30 Adarsh Nagar, Rohtak declare that our son Ankit Dalal are out of my control. So we disown him from our all moveable/immovable properties. Any body dealing with him at our own risk. We or our family are not responsible for any type of their legal and illegal acts.

I, Mahinder pal father of No. 15226775Y rank L/Hav. (opr) Name Pawan Kumar Unit 173, medium regiment R/o VPO Salwan Teh. Assandh Distt. Karnal-132046 (Haryana) have declared that my son service record wrongly mentioned D.O.B. 01.07.1970 but my actual & correct D.O.B. 01.01.1959. vide affidavit dated 07.10.2024 attested by notary public Assandh.

I, Santosh mother of No. 15226775Y rank L/Hav. (opr) Name Pawan Kumar Unit 173, medium regiment R/o VPO Salwan Teh. Assandh Distt. Karnal-132046 (Haryana) have declared that my son service record wrongly mentioned D.O.B. 01.07.1970 but my actual & correct D.O.B. 01.01.1963. vide affidavit dated 07.10.2024 attested by notary public Assandh.

I, Rajni Devi Widow Daughter of JC No 176630H Ex. Sub.Baldev Raj R/o Village Bhatlan, P.O. Fatehpur Bhatlan, Tehsil Dasuya, Distt.Hoshiarpur, Punjab I have changed my name from Rajni Devi to Rajni Kumari and change my Date of Birth from 02 Oct 1977 to 13 Apr 1978.

I, Hans Raj Son of Isar Das, Resident Of House No.107, Ward No.4, Fatehpur Road, Sanur, District Patiala, To My Nephew Satnam Singh, Who Has Been Living With Me For The Last 4 Years, Who Is Unmarried, From My Movable And Immoveable Property. I Evict With This, The Lender Himself Will Be Responsible.

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I, JC 511417H Sub Jagsir Singh S/o Hakam Singh R/o VPO. Khokhar Kala, Tehsil & Distt. Mansa, Punjab declare that in my service record my son's name is wrongly mentioned as Bikramjit Singh. Whereas his correct name is Vicky.

I, Baljit Kaur W/o Sarbalwinderjit Singh R/o Village Chohan Distt. Hoshiarpur, Punjab declares that in matriculation's Marks Sheet Cum Certificate of my son Navjot Singh Khasaria, his name is entered as Navjot Singh. Whereas his correct name is Navjot Singh Khasaria.

I No.18001747A Rank HAV Sukhwinder Singh S/O Heera Singh R/O Vpo. Kailawala Distt. Moga Declare That In My Army Record My Father Name Is Wrongly Mentioned As Hira Singh But My Father Correct Name Is Heera Singh. Which May Be Amended Accordingly In My Army Record.

I No 4002825H Rank Hav. Name Robin Trivedi Unit-20 Dogra R/O Vpo Baduhi, Tehsil Nurpur Distt.-Kangra Pin-176201 (HP) declare that in my service record my mother's name and DOB is wrongly written as Smt. Ravti Trivedi and 12-08-1956 but her correct name is Smt. Revti Devi and DOB is 22-10-1954 vide Affidavit No. - IN-HP15628939206643W dated 24-05-2024.

I No 4002825H Rank Hav. Name Robin Trivedi Unit-20 Dogra R/O Vpo Baduhi, Tehsil Nurpur Distt.-Kangra Pin-176201 (HP) declare that in my service record my wife name is wrongly written as Smt. Vandana Trivedi but her correct name is Smt. Bandana Trivedi vide Affidavit No. - IN-HP15628461740283W dated 24-05-2024.

I Harmandeep Kaur D/o Balwant Singh Vpo patti Mohar Singh B (Barnala) have changed my name after marriage to Harmandeep Kaur Dhaliwal w/o Gursewakh Singh Dhaliwal vill Chhinival Kalan (Barnala) plz note.

I, Satya wife of Late Sh. Parkash Chand, Mother of No 15102042M, Rank - Ex Nk (TS), Name : Ganesh Kumar resident , Village - Sarna Nehar, Post Office- Mailkpur, Tehsil & District - Pathankot (PB), Pin - 145025, have changed my date of birth from 01/07/1940 (incorrect DOB) to 02/03/1935 (Correct DOB) vide affidavit No IN-PB 68368062384049W dt 07 Oct 2024 sworn before Executive Magistrate, Pathankot. Please Correct it.

I, Shikha Rajput Wife Of Shri Aman Deep Nanawat Resident Of H.No. B-30/268 Gandhi Nagar, Gurdaspur Road, Pathankot Tehsil & District Pathankot, PB Declare That In My Son's Passport My Name Is Wrongly Entered As Shikha Nanawat Instead Of Shikha Rajput.

I, No. 14647999K Rank Hav Kamalakanta Dhal R/o Vill: Palatapur Post-Bhuinpur PSS-Dhusuri Distt. Bhadrak State-Odisha Pin-756138 now at unit 138(I) WKSP c/o 56 APO declare that my father Kirti Chandra Dhal DOB 01-07-1957 is wrongly entered in my service records, but his correct DOB is 01-01-1956 vide affidavit dated 27-09-24 by notary Distt. Court Bathinda.

I, Bonala Siddramulu Father of No. JC-708831A Rank Nb/Sub Bonala Sreedhar R/o Vill & Po. Bhiknoor Distt. Nizamabad State-Telangana-503101 unit 4010 FD Hospital C/o 56 APO declared that my DOB 09-07-1955 is wrongly entered in my son's army service records. But my correct DOB is 01-01-1948 vide affidavit No. QE0015985060 dated 01-10-2024 by notary distt court Bathinda.

I, Kattammal mother of No. 15504172F Rank LD Sasikumar M R/o Post & Vill-Koranthangal Teh-Katpadi Distt Vellore, State-Tamil Nadu Pin-632106 now at unit HQ SQN 14(I) ARMD BDE C/o 56 APO declared that my name Kattammal and DOB 03-04-1967 is wrongly entered in my son's service records. But my correct name is M Kattammal and DOB 03-02-1971 vide affidavit dated 05-10-2024 by notary Distt Court Bathinda.

I, Shanta Devi Mother of No. 2697272L Rank Hav Narayan Singh R/O Kalali Ka Badiya Sirola Nundri Mendrthan, Beawar, Ajmer Rajasthan-305901 unit 22 GDRS C/o 56 APO declared that my name Shanta Devi and DOB 01-07-1960 is wrongly entered in my son's service records. But my correct name is Shanti and DOB 01-07-1952 vide affidavit dated 05-10-2024 by Notary Distt. Court Bathinda.

I, Reenu spouse of No. 15505138N Rank SWR Krashn Kumar R/o Puseni Po-Kursanda Thana-Sadabad Teh-Sadabad Jila-Hatharath, Sadabad (Dehat) Hathras, Sadabad, Uttar Pradesh-281306 now at unit 71 AR C/o 56 APO declared that my name Reenu is wrongly entered in my husband army service records. But my correct name is Rainu Chaudhary vide affidavit dated 05-10-2024 by notary Distt. Court Bathinda.

I, Army No. 1612931F Rank Spr Name Suraj Oraon Of Unit 03 Engr Regt. C/O 56 Apo, Pin-914003 Yol Cantt, Have Changed My Mother Name From Rathnampu To Boginieni Rathamma & Date Of Birth 01.07.1966 To 01.01.1962.

I Army No. 16117182m Rank Nk Name Mislekar Manoj Kumar Of Unit 03 Engr Regt. C/O 56 Apo, Pin-914003, Yol Cantt, Today Camping At Ferozepur, Have Changed My Mother Name From Chandra Bai To Mislekar Chandra Bai & Date Of Birth 01.07.1962 To 01.01.1963.

I, Army No. 16120925p Rank Nk Name Haridev Prasad Sahu Of Unit 03 Engr Regt C/O 56 Apo, Pin-914003 Yol Cantt, Have Changed My Mother Name From Char Bai Sahu To Charbai & Date Of Birth 06.11.1963 To 01.01.1956.

I Army No. 16120925p Rank Nk Name Haridev Prasad Sahu Of Unit 03 Engr Regt C/O 56 Apo, Pin-914003 Yol Cantt, Have Changed My Father Name From Khambhan Sahu To Khambhan & Date Of Birth 04.05.1960 To 01.01.1947.

I, Army No. 16112819F Rank Hav Name Hari Babu Boginieni Of Unit 03 Engr Regt. C/O 56 Apo, Pin-914003 Yol Cantt, Have Changed My Father Name From Venkataiah To Boginieni Pedda Venkataiah & Date Of Birth 01.07.1964 To 01.01.1957.

I, Jc-314781h Rank Nb Sub Name Pugalendi A Of Unit 03 Engr Regt C/O 56 Apo, Pin-914003 Yol Cantt, Have Changed My Wife Name From P Sathiyavani To Sathiyavani S & Date Of Birth 06.05.1990 To 06.06.1990.

I Ishita D/O Of Army No. 2495523, Rank Hav Name Onkar Singh Unit 30 Punjab Is Permanent Residing At Village & Po Kharwar Tehsil Bhoranj, Kharwar (42/70) Hamirpur (Hp) Have Change Name From Eshita To Ishita Through Vide Document No. In-Pb68119340425968w Dated 07-10-2024 Before Notary Public.

I Nandini D/O Of Army No. 2495523f, Rank Hav Name Onkar Singh Unit 30 Punjab Is Permanent Residing At Village & Po Kharwar Tehsil Bhoranj, Kharwar (42/70) Hamirpur (Hp) Have Change Name From Nandni To Nandini Through Vide Document No. In-Pb68118022874517w Dated 07-10-2024 Before Notary Public.

It Is For General Information That I Vikas Kumar S/O Jagdish Kumar R/O Village And Post Office Kalawar, Sub Tehsil Saraswati Nagar, Tehsil Jagadhri District Yamunanagar Haryana-Pin-133105 Declares That In My Son Balwinder Aged 16 Years 10th Class Dmc Bearing Regn. No. H123/40389/0174, My Name Has Been Wrongly Written Vikash Kumar. The Actual Name Of Mine Is Vikas Kumar, Which May Be Amended Accordingly.

CHANGE OF NAME

It is for general information that I, Akshay Prabhakar S/O Vishal R/O H-42, Krishan Vihar, North West Delhi-110086, declare that name of my mother and father has been wrongly written as Pooja Parbhakar and Vishal Prabhakar in My Passport bearing No-T5618696, the actual name of my mother and father are Pooja and Vishal. It is certified that I have complied with all other legal requirements in this connection.

I, Rajwinder Kaur Dhaliwal W/o Satbir Singh, Village Ghuman Khurd Distt Gurdaspur (Punjab) have changed my name from Rajwinder Kaur Dhaliwal to Rajwinder Kaur.

I, Paramjeet Kaur W/o Ravinder Singh R/o Chor Sidhwan Distt Gurdaspur (Pb) have changed my name from Paramjeet Kaur to Paramjit Kaur. Concerned note.

Continuity Pg. No. 04

PUBLIC NOTICE
We Manish Kumar, Sumit Kumar Sons of Kishan Lal and Vaishali D/o Kishan Lal R/o 93, Lehmbur Colony, Deep Nagar, Jalandhar Cantt declared that our father Late Kishan Lal is owner of # 93, Lehmbur Colony, Deep Nagar, Jalandhar Cantt. Our father has expired on 26-02-2017. Now we are only three legal heirs of our late father. If any other person proclaim as legal heirs then he can claim within 7 days.

Public Notice
It is informed to the general public that Shri Salish Kumar Thakral r/o 1293 Phase II Urban Estate Dugri Road, Ludhiana availed the Home Loan facility from the State Bank of India, Millerganj Branch, Ludhiana against the mortgage by deposit of title deed vide vaskia no. 5827 dated 14/07/2000 registered with the Sub Registrar Office, Ludhiana of property situated at Plot no.1293, Phase-2 measuring 100 Square yards, Village-Urban Estate Dugri, Ludhiana. After liquidation of the home loan the original title deeds could not be handed over to the Shri Satish Kumar Thakral as the same are not traceable. A loss of title deed is reported to PS202 (please explain to show that it is police authority) Div No. 6, Ludhiana with Sr No. 505512/2024 dated 21.08.2024. If any person has any objection related to loss of title deeds, he may reach to the undersigned on the Shri Raj Kumar Branch Manager, State bank of India Millerganj (mob no. 9418031864) within 30 days of this publication.

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I, Liyakt Ali S/o Barkat Ali is owner in respect of property i.e., Plot No. 30-A, Plot No. 30-B, Part of bearing Kheawal no. 218 (New Kheawal no. 231), Khattoni no. 302 (S17), Khasra No. 68/172 (7-16) measuring 0K-8M (240 sq. yards), situated at Near College Road, Line Par, Near Shanti Niketan School Mandi Adampur Tehsil Adampur District Huar s per sale deed no. 3096 dated 08.11.2017 and sale deed no. 2913 dated 02.11.2017 and filed Jambandri 2017-18. I have lost sale deed no. 79 dated 08.04.2011, sale deed no. 74 dated 05.04.2011 anywhere in Adampur. I also registered at Adampur. I also declare that I have not taken any type of Loan, CC Limit or OD Limit on the said property. If anybody have objection regarding with this property, please contact Advocate Bhupander Kumar, Ph no 8295949981 # 1591 SECTOR 16-17 HISAR WITHIN 7 DAY OF THIS PUBLICATION.

Indian Bank ZONAL OFFICE: Chandigarh
The Pledges, in specific and the public, in general, are hereby notified that auction of the gold ornaments pledged in the below mentioned accounts is proposed to be conducted on 14.10.2024 at 03:00 PM To 04: 00 PM at respective branches as mentioned below.

Name of the Borrower	Address	O/s Amount and Interest From	Gross Weight (in Grams)	Place	Branch Manager Contact No.	Earnest Money Deposit
Mr. Suresh Chandra Fulara	1), H.No 1765, Deep Complex, Hallomajra, Chandigarh-160002. 2) 46/1 Shanti Nagar, Noor Nagar, Ghaziabad, Uttar Pradesh.	36,230/- Int. from 01.02.2022	12.94 grams	Indian Bank Hallomajra	Mr. Sumesh Sehgal Mob. 9818357257	25%
CHET RAM KASHYAP	Kundan Cottage, Near Sehgal Cottage, Sanjauli Shimla Urban(T), Himachal Pradesh	1,94,789/- Int. from 30.12.2020	51.13 grams	Indian Bank Mashobra	Mr. Ankit Garg Mob. 9418309826	25%
ROSHAN LAL KAUNDAL	Shiv Cottage Cemetery Road, Sanjauli, Shimla.	88,326 Int. from 20.08.2021	28.35 grams	Indian Bank Mashobra	Mr. Ankit Garg Mob. 9418309826	25%

Terms & Conditions of Auction: - Decision regarding acceptance of an offer for purchase of Jewellery through auction would be that of the Bank and the Bank is not bound to accept the highest offer. Bidders are hereby requested to take note of terms and conditions of auction stipulated hereunder in their own interest: 1. (1) The Bank does not guarantee the weight or purity of the jewellery/coins, either of its gold contents or otherwise. (2) The jewel is available for inspection by the intending bidders on 14.10.2024 between 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. (3) The intending purchasers shall make an earnest money deposit of 25% of Reserve Price on or before 14.10.2024 (4) The jewel will be handed over to the highest bidder on payment of the balance amount within 24 hours or on the next working day of the bank during its business hours. (5) If the successful bidder fails to pay the amount, the bank shall forfeit the earnest money and the jewel may be resold within 30 days from that date and shortfall if any in excess of the earnest money shall be recoverable from the bidder who has successfully bid at the earlier auction but did not take delivery of the jewel against the payment. (6) The unsuccessful bidder shall be entitled for the refund of the earnest money immediately after the auction is over. (7) It shall be lawful for the bank to stop the auction at any stage without assigning any reason in which case earnest money shall be refunded to whoever makes the deposit. (8) GST as applicable to be paid by auction buyer

Date: 07.10.2024 Place Chandigarh Branch Manager

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Sr. No.	Name & Address of Borrower(s)	Outstanding Amount	Int. from	Gross Weight (in Grams)	Earnest Money Deposit	Place	Branch Manager & Contact No.
1.	Mr. Sumesh Sharma, Simran Colony, Begowana Bulara, Ludhiana. Punjab-141116.	Rs. 31803/-	13/11/2022	29.56	25%	Indian Bank, B/O Spl CAF, 486, G Block, BRS, Nagar, Ludhiana.	Mr. Dilip Rewadiya M.: 7347035129
2.	Mrs. Indereet Kaur W/o Mr. Karambir Singh, 71, Sukhmiani Enclave, South City, Ludhiana, Punjab-141001	Rs. 161384.785	06/10/2021	54.900	25%	Indian Bank, B/o Kalsi Nagar, 1601 Kalsi Nagar, Near Dada Motors, Dholewal Chowk, Ludhiana.	Mrs. Preeti Mudgal M.: 7347035057
3.	Mr. Hari Ram S/o Mr. Joginder Singh, Village Dholan, Tehsil Jagraon, Ludhiana.	Rs. 35800/-	13/08/2022	19.00	25%	Indian Bank, JAGRAON, Near Jhansi Rani Chowk, Opposite Water Tank, Jagraon, Ludhiana.	Mr. Varun Partap Singh M.: 73470-35055

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Date 07.10.2024 Place Ludhiana Authorized Officer

Punjab Panchayat Polls Descend into Violence: AAP Worker Gunned Down

PNS ■ CHANDIGARH/TARN TARAN

The ongoing panchayat polls in Punjab have taken a grim turn with escalating violence and bloodshed. In a shocking incident, an Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) worker Rajvinder Singh was shot dead in Tarn Taran district on Monday. The fatal attack follows the shooting of an AAP leader in Fazilka just a day earlier, raising concerns over the deteriorating law and order situation in the region during the elections.

Rajvinder Singh, a resident of Talwandi Mour Singh village and a close aide of Punjab Cabinet Minister Laljit Singh Bhullar was travelling with friends when his car was ambushed near Takkarpur village.

Three assailants on a motorcycle intercepted his vehicle and opened fire, killing Rajvinder on the spot while his two companions were critically injured. The injured were rushed to a nearby hospital for treatment, where doctors confirmed that Rajvinder succumbed to multiple bullet wounds. The attackers fled the scene after the incident, leaving behind a wave of panic among locals.

Preliminary police investigations suggest that the attack may be linked to local political rivalries intensified by the panchayat polls. According to the police officials, the victim had attended the unanimous election of a woman sarpanch in a village. As he and his friends were returning from the event, the gunmen struck.

Tarn Taran Senior Superintendent of Police (SSP) Gaurav Tura confirmed that the attackers did not conceal

their identities, leading investigators to believe this was a targeted political assassination.

This latest killing comes hot on the heels of another violent episode in Fazilka, where a local AAP leader narrowly survived a shooting outside the office of the Block Development and Panchayat Officer (BDPO) in Jalalabad on late Saturday night. Punjab police have already booked two Shiromani Akali Dal (SAD) leaders, Vardev Singh Noni Mann and Nardev Singh Bobby Mann, along with 15-20 unidentified individuals, in connection with that attack. The recurring violent episodes are casting a dark shadow over the panchayat elections, turning once peaceful contests into dangerous battlegrounds.

Adding to the complexity, a notorious criminal gang led by Gopi Ghanshyampuriah has claimed responsibility for Rajvinder's murder. In a viral social media post, the gang stated that the killing was in retaliation for past grievances involving Rajvinder's alleged association with individuals who had wronged them. The gang's message warned of further attacks, signaling a growing nexus between political violence and organized crime in the state.

As fear spreads across the Tarn Taran district, Punjab's political landscape grows increasingly volatile. Cabinet Minister Laljit Singh Bhullar, visibly shaken by the murder of his close associate, expressed deep sorrow and demanded swift justice. Bhullar has urged the police to apprehend the culprits without delay, asserting that such acts of violence threaten the very fabric of Punjab's democracy.

AAP Blames Cong,

Akalis for the Murder

Expressing grief over the murder of AAP worker Rajvinder Singh, the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) on Monday pointed fingers at the Congress and SAD for the bloodshed. Senior AAP leaders, including MP Malvinder Singh Kang, Jagat Singh Sanghera, and Neel Garg, before addressing the media, observed two minutes of silence in Rajvinder's memory, and extended condolences to his family, vowing that the party and the Punjab Government will ensure justice.

Kang emphasized that strict action would be taken against the perpetrators, affirming that the government stands firm with Singh's family during this tragic time.

He claimed that the SAD and Congress parties are responsible for disrupting peaceful elections in Punjab, accusing them of using violence and arming Punjab's youth. He noted that the Mann government had deliberately kept elections free from party affiliations to prevent such political hostilities in villages, but rival parties have continued to incite conflict.

Further lambasting Punjab Congress president Amarinder Singh Raja Warring and Akali leader Bikram Singh Majithia, Kang accused them of hypocrisy by shedding crocodile tears while inciting violence. Kang praised the Mann Government for its efforts to maintain peace and conduct free and fair elections, despite attempts by opposition parties to destabilize the democratic process.

As Punjab mourns yet another victim of political violence, AAP has vowed to bring those responsible to justice.

Cong Vows to Challenge AAP's 'Manipulation' of Panchayat Polls; Slams Mann Govt

Punjab Congress has mounted a fierce attack on the AAP government, accusing it of gross manipulation and lawlessness in the ongoing panchayat elections. Punjab Congress chief Amarinder Singh Raja Warring and the Leader of Opposition in Vidhan Sabha Partap Singh Bajwa both voiced strong criticism of Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann's administration for compromising the democratic process and inciting violence.

Warring alleged that AAP was systematically destroying democracy by manipulating the election process. "AAP promised change, but it has only ruined Punjab. Democracy is being sabotaged in the state under CM Mann's leadership," Warring remarked. He accused AAP of delaying the panchayat elections deliberately and using unfair practices to suppress opposition candidates.

He also condemned the growing violence against opposition leaders, citing the recent attack on former MLA Kulbir Singh Zira, allegedly orchestrated by a police officer aligned with AAP.

The Congress chief vowed legal action, stating, "We will not tolerate these malpractices. We will go to court to challenge AAP's misuse of power and ensure justice is served."

He further claimed that police officials aiding AAP in this electoral manipulation will be held accountable. Warring accused AAP of using administrative and police machinery

to reject opposition candidates' nominations and influence reserved village lists.

Echoing Warring's sentiments, Bajwa lashed out at the AAP government for the spiraling violence during the polls. Bajwa highlighted two major incidents — the death of a Congress worker's mother in Amritsar and the murder of an AAP worker in Tarn Taran — blaming both on the breakdown of law and order. "These incidents expose the Mann government's failure to maintain peace," Bajwa said, adding that gangsters, under the patronage of AAP leaders, are intimidating opposition candidates across rural Punjab.

Mincing no words, Bajwa also accused the police and Panchayat Officers (BDPOs) of being complicit with AAP in intimidating opposition candidates. "The police and BDPOs are no longer neutral but are working under AAP's influence," he added, calling the elections a "mockery of democracy."

Both leaders reaffirmed Congress's commitment to restoring fairness in the electoral process, with Warring stating that those involved in tarnishing democracy will be held accountable in court.

SAD Accuses AAP of Vitiating Election Process, Seeks SEC Intervention

Alleging that the ongoing panchayat election process in Punjab had been severely compromised by the ruling AAP, SAD on Monday accused the state government of blocking opposition candidates from filing their nominations. SAD has demanded urgent corrective action from the State Election Commission (SEC) and

warned of approaching the High Court if justice is not served.

A SAD delegation, led by Daljit Singh Cheema and including leaders NK Sharma, Arshdeep Kler, Harjit Bhullar, and SS. Walah, met with State Election Commissioner Raj Kamal Chaudhary to present a memorandum outlining numerous instances of election irregularities. Cheema said that the opposition candidates were systematically denied their right to contest, with hundreds having their nomination papers unjustly rejected.

The party has called for the deployment of senior officers as Observers in all districts, along with comprehensive videography at all polling booths to ensure transparency. SAD also demanded strict action against AAP leaders and government officials allegedly acting as "henchmen" for AAP ministers and legislators.

Highlighting specific cases, Cheema cited Dera Bassi, where 91 nominations for Sarpanch and 204 for Panch were rejected. In Kurli village, the entire opposition withdrew after all their nominations were invalidated. Cheema also referred to the rejection of a SC candidate's papers in Mohali over a non-existent water connection issue.

SAD legal wing head Arshdeep Kler stated that the party's legal cell is addressing complaints and preparing to take the matter to the High Court if the SEC fails to act. The delegation also criticized the SEC for its inaction regarding earlier complaints of intimidation and violence against opposition candidates.

The party urged immediate steps to restore public confidence in the electoral process.

Neither tired nor retired, high command decision on Hry CM will be final: Hooda



PNS ■ CHANDIGARH

Ahead of poll results, senior Congress leader Bhupinder Singh Hooda, a frontrunner for the chief minister's post on Monday traveled to Delhi to meet with party leadership. Hooda reiterated that he is "neither tired nor retired" and said the final decision of the high command on the chief ministerial pick will be acceptable to all.

Talking to reporters in New Delhi, the former Chief Minister said that Congress is going to form the government with a huge majority in the state. He said exit polls have come after the voting, but the public had already made up its mind and we understood the sentiment of the people. "The public's mood was also clear from the results of the Lok Sabha elections, because the vote percentage of Congress increased in all the Lok Sabhas and BJP suffered a setback. The same situation will be seen in the assembly elections as well," he stated.

Responding to the questions, Hooda said BJP did not have any issue in the elections, because it did not do any work while being in power for 10 years. "The Congress was asking for votes by showing the work of its 10-year old tenure. Haryana was number one on every scale of per capita income, per capita investment,

employment, respect for sportspersons and development during the Congress tenure. BJP made it number one in unemployment, crime, drugs, inflation and atrocities," he said.

"From increasing the rates of petrol and diesel, to increasing the cost of farming, BJP has increased the cost of everything manifold. During the Congress tenure, fuel was very cheap and all agricultural equipment including fertilizers, seeds, medicines were tax free, but BJP imposed tax on everything and doubled the VAT," he said.

Hooda also talked about the good governance provided under his leadership from 2005-14 and alleged that law and order had once again collapsed under the BJP rule, as was the case before he took over as CM in 2005. Responding to a question of who would be the party's chief ministerial pick, Hooda said, "The opinion of MLAs will be sought, and then the high command (of the party) will take the final decision. The decision taken will be acceptable to all...The Congress has performed well in all seats." "I again say it, neither am I tired nor retired," the 77-year-old leader said. He claimed that he had been proven right that the contest is between the Congress and the BJP in Haryana and people will not vote for "vote cutters".

Punjab SEC rejects over 15000 nominations in Gram Panchayat Polls

PNS ■ CHANDIGARH

Punjab State Election Commission (SEC) on Monday announced the rejection of a staggering 15,417 nominations during the scrutiny process. This includes 3,683 nominations for sarpanches (village heads) and 11,734 nominations for panches (village council members), as per data released by the SEC official spokesperson.

The rejection of these nominations was carried out by Returning Officers across various districts in Punjab. A detailed district-wise breakdown revealed the extent of the

rejections, highlighting the rigorous scrutiny faced by the candidates. In Amritsar, 247 nominations for sarpanches and 1,387 for panches were rejected. Bathinda saw 68 sarpanch nominations and 248 panch nominations discarded. Barnala experienced 20 sarpanches and 30 panches being rejected, while Fatehgarh Sahib recorded 106 sarpanches and 242 panches facing the same fate.

Faridkot had 70 sarpanch nominations and 209 panches rejected, whereas Fazilka witnessed 52 sarpanches and 138 panches unable to meet the requirements. Gurdaspur reported the highest numbers,

with 1,208 sarpanches and 3,533 panches having their nominations rejected.

Other districts also experienced significant rejections: Hoshiarpur (18 sarpanches and 87 panches), Jalandhar (68 sarpanches and 214 panches), Kapurthala (45 sarpanches and 190 panches), and Ludhiana (134 sarpanches and 537 panches). Mansa had 15 sarpanch nominations and 45 panches rejected, while Malerkotla saw 4 sarpanches and 23 panches facing rejection.

Additionally, Moga reported 115 sarpanch nominations and 376 panches rejected, SAS Nagar had 122 sarpanches and

389 panches rejected, and Sri Muktsar Sahib saw 98 sarpanches and 303 panches disqualified. SBS Nagar recorded 22 sarpanches and 59 panches rejected, while Patiala faced the rejection of 384 sarpanch nominations and 713 panch nominations.

In Pathankot, 19 sarpanch nominations and 65 panches were rejected, while Ropar saw 27 sarpanches and 106 panches facing disqualification. Finally, Sangrur had 48 sarpanches and 109 panches rejected, and Tarn Taran recorded 362 sarpanches and 1,485 panches unable to proceed with their nominations.

The substantial number of rejected nominations raises questions about the electoral process in Punjab as candidates navigate the scrutiny for the pivotal local electio

Funds from Center are Himachal's right, not charity, asserts HP CM

PNS ■ SHIMLA

Himachal Chief Minister Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu on Monday said that the funds allocated by the central government to Himachal Pradesh are the state's rightful entitlement, not an act of charity. He said that Himachal Pradesh is an integral part of the federal structure, where each state has both rights and responsibilities.

"Where does the union government collect its taxes from? It is the states' contributions that form the central revenue. Therefore, states have a legitimate claim on this tax revenue. The union govern-

ment is not distributing charity but returning what is due. The Revenue Deficit Grant is a rightful entitlement of the people of Himachal Pradesh, and we are also entitled to our share in central taxes," he asserted while addressing a press conference. Sukhu was responding to a statement by Union Health Minister J P Nadda that Congress cannot run the Himachal Pradesh government without the Centre's support even for a day. The chief minister said that the Union minister who is also the BJP national president should be aware that "we are in a federal system". Addressing reporters here, Sukhu said that

these statements do not suit the Union Minister. "From where the Centre gets its taxes? ... Centre gets taxes from the state and the funds given to the state is our right and not does," he said. Referring to raids conducted by the Enforcement Directorate in Nadaun- the home constituency of Sukhu, the chief minister said that ever since the Congress won the Assembly by-polls and its tally again rose to 40 members in Vidhan Sabha, the BJP leaders are levelling personal allegations. The Enforcement Directorate (ED) and Income Tax (IT) department sleuths had conducted raids on the establishments and houses of

CM inaugurates new tertiary cancer hospital building at IGMC, Shimla

The Chief Minister also inaugurated the newly constructed five-story tertiary cancer hospital building at Indira Gandhi Medical College (IGMC), Shimla. Built at a cost of Rs. 13.50 crore, the facility aims to significantly enhance cancer treatment capabilities in the state. With the bed capacity increased from 20 to 65, the hospital is poised to provide improved care to cancer patients.

Counting of votes for Haryana Assembly Polls today; BJP, Cong claim of forming next Govt

MANOJ KUMAR ■ CHANDIGARH

The counting of votes for the Haryana Assembly elections will be held on Tuesday starting at 8 am. Chief Electoral Officer Pankaj Agarwal said on Monday. About 67.90 per cent of 2.03 crore voters in the State cast their ballot in the October 5 Assembly election, a slight drop from the 68 per cent voter turnout in the previous election in 2019.

The key parties in the fray are the BJP, the Congress, Aam Aadmi Party (AAP), INLD-BSP and JJP-Azad Samaj Party. However, most seats are likely to see a direct fight between the BJP and the Congress.

The ruling BJP is confident of retaining power for a third term while the Congress, which has been out of power for 10 years, is more than hopeful of making a comeback when results are announced.

The Chief Electoral officer said that all preparations, including security arrangements, have been completed for the counting process. A three-tier security arrangement has been made at counting venues. Agarwal further said that as many as 93 counting centres have been set up for 90 assembly constituencies in 22 districts of the state. Two counting centres each have been set up for the Badshahpur, Gurugram, and Pataudi assembly constituencies, while one counting centre each has been established for the remaining 87 assembly constituencies, where the counting will take place. To monitor the counting

process, 90 counting observers have also been appointed by the Election Commission of India.

Agarwal said that the counting will begin at 8 am on October 8. Postal ballots will be counted first, followed by the counting of Electronic Voting Machines (EVMs) after 30 minutes. Accurate information on each round of counting will be uploaded in a timely manner. On the day of the counting, the strong rooms will be opened in the presence of candidates, their authorized representatives, Returning Officers (ROs) and Assistant Returning Officers (AROs), and ECI observers, with videography conducted. Furthermore, mobile phones will not be allowed inside the counting centres, the CEO added.

Talking to reporters, DGP Shatruej Kapur said that every aspect of the counting process has been carefully studied to ensure a smooth operation. Senior officials from Haryana Police will monitor the situation, and strict action will be taken against any attempts to disrupt law and order. He further said that the comprehensive security arrangements have been made for the counting. A total of 30 companies of Central Armed Police Forces have been deployed at 93 counting centres. The counting centres have been put under a three-tier security cover. Central security forces have been deployed in the innermost security cover. After that, state armed police and district police personnel

will be deployed in the outermost cover. Around 12,000 police personnel are on duty at the counting centres across the state, DGP added.

Both BJP and Congress claim to form the next Government

The election in Haryana was the first major direct contest between the BJP and the Congress following the Lok Sabha polls, and the winner would use the result here to build a narrative in their favour in other states where polls are due over the next few months. Rejecting the exit poll results, Haryana Chief Minister Nayab Singh Saini has claimed his party BJP will form the government for a third time with the full majority on October 8. He said when results are announced on October 8, Congress will blame Electronic Voting Machines.

On the other hand, Congress leader and former Haryana Chief Minister Bhupinder Singh Hooda, a frontrunner for the chief minister's post if his party wins, exuded confidence of a comfortable majority.

On BJP leaders claiming that their party will return to power, Hooda had earlier stated, "What else will BJP say? They will come to know once results are out." The INLD-BSP alliance has also claimed that it will form the next government once results are declared, while JJP leader Dushyant Chautala has exuded confidence that his alliance will get good numbers.

AAP supremo Arvind Kejriwal, whose party contest-

ed Haryana polls on its own, has been claiming that no government in Haryana can be formed without the support of his AAP.

Following exit polls predicting a strong Congress performance in Haryana, senior Congress leader and Sirsa MP Kumari Selja expressed confidence that the party will win more than 60 seats. She attributed this to significant anti-incumbency against the BJP, particularly among weaker sections who felt marginalized. Selja highlighted Rahul Gandhi's Bharat Jodo Yatra as a turning point and noted that the decision on the Chief Minister would be made by the party high command.

In response to exit poll predictions for the Haryana assembly elections, Indian National Lok Dal (INLD) candidate Abhay Singh Chautala dismissed the projections, asserting that exit polls are unreliable and that the actual results on October 8 will surprise many. Chautala referenced past discrepancies between exit polls and election outcomes, citing examples from Madhya Pradesh and Chhattisgarh.

Similarly, BJP candidate Anil Vij downplayed the importance of the exit polls, claiming that ground realities differ and suggesting a decline in public support for Congress in certain areas.

The ruling BJP has been saying that its return to office will be powered by its record on good governance, transparent administration, equitable development, jobs on

merit, welfare initiatives for all sections including farmers, poor and the weak. However, the Congress and other opposition parties have dubbed the BJP government a failure, and targeted it on issues related to farmers, unemployment, Agniveer, inflation, law and order, and others.

Furthermore, the prominent among those in the fray are Chief Minister Saini (Ladwa), Leader of Opposition Hooda (Garhi Sampla-Kiloi), INLD's Abhay Chautala (Ellenabad), JJP's Dushyant Chautala (Uchana Kalan), BJP's Anil Vij (Ambala Cantt), Capt Abhimanyu (Narnaund), O P Dhankar (Badli), AAP's Anurag Dhandha (Kalayat) and Congress' Vinesh Phogat (Julana).

From Tosham seat, former MP Shruti Choudhry of BJP and Anirudh Chaudhary, both cousins, are contesting. From Dabwali, Devi Lal's grandson Aditya Devi Lal, an INLD candidate, is taking on JJP's Digvijay Singh Chautala, great-grandson of the former deputy prime minister. The BJP has fielded former chief minister late Bhajan Lal's grandson Bhavya Bishnoi from the Adampur segment of Hisar while its nominee from Ateli in Mahendragarh is Arti Rao, whose father Rao Inderjit Singh is a Union minister. Among the Independents are Savitri Jindal (Hisar), Ranjit Chautala (Rania) and Chitra Sarwara (Ambala Cantt). Taking on Dushyant from Uchana is Congress' Brijendra Singh, son of former Union minister Birender Singh.

Punjab To Commence Rice Procurement Today: CM Mann Meets With Arhtiyas To Resolve Strike Issues

PNS ■ CHANDIGARH

Punjab is set to begin its rice procurement process on Tuesday (October 8) following a crucial meeting between the Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann and representatives of the arhtiya community (commission agents). The agreement comes after the arhtiyas had threatened to lock all mandis (grain markets), demanding a resolution to various grievances, including the restoration of their commission rates.

The meeting, which took place at noon and lasted for two hours, included key officials and agricultural stakeholders, showcasing the Punjab Government's commitment to addressing the concerns of arhtiyas. The Chief Minister assured the representatives that their demands would be taken seriously and addressed at both the state and central levels. "However, most of their demands are concerned with the Union Government, which is giving a cold shoulder towards it," he added.

The Punjab Arhtiya Association, led by Ravinder Singh Cheema, voiced concerns over the government's approach, claiming that it was attempting to fragment the protest by engaging only a subset of arhtiyas. Nonetheless, following the meeting with a delegation of the arhtiyas led by the president of Federation of Aarhtiya Association of Punjab Vijay Kalra, the Association decided to suspend their strike, expressing confidence that their issues would be resolved.

A key point of discussion was the arhtiyas' commission, which has been significantly



reduced from 2.5 percent to Rs 46 per quintal in recent years, causing financial strain amidst rising inflation. The Chief Minister acknowledged this concern, vowing to advocate for the restoration of fair commission rates and highlighting that the Centre currently holds back Rs 192 crore in arhtiya fees. He committed to taking up these issues with the Union Government, stressing that the State Government would fight for the rights of arhtiyas and farmers alike.

Another pressing matter was the pending Rs 50 crore in Employees' Provident Fund (EPF) contributions owed to the arhtiyas. The Chief Minister assured that this would also be addressed, with plans to legally challenge the Food Corporation of India (FCI) if necessary. "We are prepared to take legal action to secure justice for the arhtiyas," Mann stated.

Mann said that arhtiyas are unpaid CA of farmers who have all the records of farmers including his yield and financial transactions as well.

The discussions also touched upon the welfare of labourers working in the mandis. The Chief Minister con-

firmed that their daily wages would be reviewed and increased promptly to reflect the current economic conditions. Agriculture Minister Gurmeet Singh Khudian described the meeting as productive and expressed optimism for a collaborative approach moving forward.

In alignment with the state's goal of facilitating a seamless procurement process, Chief Minister Mann reiterated his commitment to personally oversee procurement operations in the mandis. He highlighted that Punjab anticipates procuring approximately 185 lakh metric tonnes of paddy this season, covering around 32 lakh hectares of land. The government has already released a Credit Control Limit (CCL) of Rs 41,378 crore for the Kharif Marketing Season (KMS) 2024-25, ensuring sufficient funds are available for procurement.

The Minimum Support Price (MSP) for Grade 'A' paddy has been set at Rs 2,320 per quintal by the Government of India. Mann assured farmers that the state procurement agencies, including Pungrain, Markfed, Punsup, PSWC, and the FCI, would adhere to these pricing guidelines, ensuring that farmers receive fair compensation for their harvest.

The Chief Minister emphasized that extensive preparations have been made for a smooth procurement process, with a robust system in place for immediate payments to farmers directly into their bank accounts. This is part of the government's broader strategy to avoid any inconvenience for farmers as they bring their harvest to the mandis.

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CHANGE OF NAME

I, Gurmeet Kaur W/o Darshan Singh R/O Village Jaitpur PO Bamial Distt Pathankot (Punjab) have changed my name from Gurmeet Kaur to Gurmit Kaur. Concerned note.

I, Anil Kumar S/o Sagli Ram # 2145 Sector 44 C Chandigarh have Changed my name to Anil Bhamkota.

I, Mahinder Kumar S/o Blaki Ram R/O Village Mamli, Tehsil Jagadhri, Distt Yamuna Nagar declare have changed my name from Mahinder Kumar to Mahender Kumar.

I, Dulari Rani W/O Kushal Pal Singh R/O Near Shiv Mandir, Chapper Mansurpur, Yamuna Nagar Have Changed My Name From Dulari Devi To Dulari Rani.

I, Zanat D/o Sh. Suresh Kumar R/O 3429, Sector 15D, Chandigarh declare that Zanat and Zanat Sood is one and same person. But correct name is Zanat Sood.

I, Surinder Singh Maan S/o late. Sh. Sher Singh Maan R/O 1267, Sector-7, Karnal (Haryana) I declare that in the Birth Certificate (No. 390 dated 01.02.2002) of my son Digvijay Singh Maan, my name is Surinder Maan and my son the name of Digvijay Singh has been entered by mistake, Whereas my name is Surinder Singh Maan and my son's name is Digvijay Singh Maan, which should be amended.

I, Surinder Singh Maan S/o late. Sh. Sher Singh Maan R/O 1267, Sector-7, Karnal (Haryana) declare that in the 10th class marksheet of my minor son Yadvender Singh Maan, his name has been entered as Yadvender Singh Mann by mistake, whereas my son's name of Yadvender Singh Maan should be amended.

I, Surinder Singh Maan S/o late. Sh. Sher Singh Maan R/O 1267, Sector-7, Karnal (Haryana), declare that in the Birth Certificate (No. 7314 dated 25.09.2007) of my son Yadvender Singh Maan, my name has been entered as Surinder Maan by mistake. It has been done whereas my name is Surinder Singh Maan which should be amended.

I, Savita Mother of Bijender R/O #130, Sector 47-A, Chandigarh have changed my name from Savita to Bhabli vide Affidavit No - IN-CH52541274163126W Dated 07-10-2024 before Notary, Distt. Court at Chandigarh.

I, Kalu Ram Yadav Father of Sunil Yadav R/O #45, Punjab Modern Complex, Baltana, Zirakpur have changed my name from Kalu Ram Yadav to Kalu Ram vide Affidavit No - IN-CH52541207085064W Dated 07-10-2024 before Notary, Distt. Court at Chandigarh.

I, No. GS191764Y, Rank : MT/DVR, Name Dhobale Shital Ajit Unit 1535RMP109RCC residing At : Kognoli, Teh Chikodi, Dist. Belagavi State: Karnataka Pin 591229 have changed my daughter name from Sharvari Shital Dhobale to Sharvary Shital Dhobale date of birth 08.11.2011 vide affidavit No - IN-CH51686712287404W Dated 21.08.2024 before Notary, Distt. Court at Chandigarh.

I, Sunil Kadyan S/o Sh. Ved Singh R/O House No. 1341, Rudine Pana, Ward No. 6, Village Dewah, Tehsil and Distt. Panipat declares that I have changed my name from Sunil Kumar to Sunil Kadyan, for all future purposes.

I, Dilbagh Singh S/o Kashmir Singh R/O Village Kalsani Postoffice Nagla, Tehsil Shahabad Markanda, District Kurukshetra have changed my name from Dilbagh Singh to Dilbag Singh.

I, Baljeet Singh Jakhar S/o Zile Singh Jakhar R/O 160, Sector 3, Urban Estate Thanesar District Kurukshetra, have changed the name of my minor daughter from Zenisha to Zenisha Jakhar.

I, Mamta Soni W/O. Sh. Munish Soni R/O. # 1762, Sector-45, Buraill, Chandigarh. I Have Changed My Name From Mamta To Mamta Soni.

I, Geeta Rani W/O Nirmal R/O Shahabad Kurukshetra Haryana I Have Changed My Name From Geeta Rani To Geeta.

I, Rajinder Nagpal S/O Chuni Lal R/O H.No- 626 Sector-8, Ambala City 134003 Have Changed My Name From Rajinder Nagpal To Rajinder Kumar.

I, Nirmal Singh S/O Malkiat Ram R/O Shahabad Kurukshetra Haryana I Have Changed My Name From Nirmal Singh To Nirmal.

I, Sunpreet Kaur W/O Brahmpreet Singh Nagpal R/O H.No-216 Gurdwara Road, Durga Nagar, Ambala City have Changed My Name From Sunpreet Kaur Khurana To Sunpreet Kaur.

I, Jaspal Singh S/O Bhagat Singh R/O 194-B Prem Nagar Ambala City Changed My Name To Jaspal Singh Sethi

I, Sukhwinder Singh S/O Amir Singh R/O 80/149 G. Manav Vihar Ambala City Changed My Name To Sukhwinder Singh Walia.

I, Neelam Rani Zood W/o Praveen Kumar R/O H.No. 152 Sector 30 Urban Estate Thanesar, District Kurukshetra, have changed my name from Neelam Rani Zood to Neelam Rani.

I, Vikar Alam S/O Mohd Hanif R/O House No. 122 A, Second Floor, Dashmesh Enclave, Dhakoli, Dhakauli, Post office Dhakauli, District SAS Nagar (Mohali), Punjab-140603 have changed the name of my minor son Mohd Amaan , aged 15 Years and he shall hereafter be known as Mohd Amaan UI Haq.

I, Laxmi is w/o of service No 14929467A Rank Hav Name Chandragouda Patil r/o Village - Pattihal KB ,Post office - Pattihal KB, Tehsil Bailhongal Distt Belagavi, State - Karnataka, PIN- 591104 have changed my name from Laxmi to Laxmi C Patil due to mistakenly entered in Army record vide affidavit No IN-PB6834237010265W Dated 07.10.24

I, Rajni w/o Surinder Resident of village Suchania post office Naushera Majja Singh Teh / Distt. Gurdaspur Have Changed My Minor Son's name from Rahul to Rahul Sahota . Concerned Note.

I, Niru Shukla is legally mother of Anil Kumar Shukla Residence of 133 Hanumanpur, Gali No. 3, Sarojini Nagar, Lucknow, State-Uttar Pradesh , Pincode- 226008 have changed my Name from Neeru Shukla to Niru Shukla and have changed 12/08/1968 to 01-01-1970 vide affidavit no IN-PB68382893903951W Dated 07-10-2024 before District Court, Gurdaspur (Punjab)

I, Bubby Singh R/O Ranjit Singh R/O Village-Attari, Rupnagar, Punjab-140114 have changed my name to Sumitra Rani.

I, Krishan F/o Service No. 180222849K Rank Nk Name Vikram Singh R/o Kashyap Choupal Serhada, Kailthal, Haryana 136043.have changed my Name from Krishan Kumar To Krishan.

I, Laabo Devi M/o Service No. 180222849K Rank Nk Name Vikram Singh R/o Kashyap Choupal Serhada, Kailthal, Haryana 136043.have changed my Name from Labho Devi To Laabo Devi.

I, Soambati Devi is legally wedded spouse of No.JC-303366F Rank Sub(OPR) Name Braj Raj Yadav, presently residing at 132/25 AAD Regt C/o 56 APO have changed my name from Soambati Devi to Sombati Tomar vide affidavit dated 07-10-2024 before Hon'ble court Ambala

I, Ashu Kumar S/O Mohan Lal resident of House No. 659, Ram Krishan Colony, Ekta Vihar Road, Ambala Cantt have changed my name from Ashu To Ashu Kumar.

I, Ritu Rani wife of Shri Ashu Kumar resident of House No. 659, Ram Krishan Colony, Ekta Vihar Road, Ambala Cantt have changed my name from Ritu To Ritu Rani.

I, Service No. 14863699W Rank Sep Paban Kumar S/O Pramod Kumar of Unit 189 Pet PL ASC C/o 56 APO, Ambala Cantt, R/O Vill Gondli Tandi, PO Bajto Tehsil & Distt. Girdih, Jharkhand 815316.Have changed my Father (Pramod Kumar) DOB from 03.11.1972 To 03.11.1972.

I, Harbans Singh S /o Mohinder Singh R/O Village Khorwa khurd (52), Distt. Ambala.have changed my Name from Harbans Singh Dour to Harbans Singh.

I, Bhupinder Kaur W/o Harbans Singh R/O Village Khorwa khurd (52), Distt. Ambala.have changed my Name from Bhupinder Kaur Dour To Bhupinder Kaur.

I, Pramod Yadav S/o Late Tara Chand 724/A, Village Daria, Chandigarh have changed my name to Pramod.

I, Baljeet Singh S/O Amar Singh R/O Village Saran Sub Tehsil Saraswati Nagar, Tehsil Jagadhri Distt Yamunanagar Declare That I Have Changed My Name From Baljeet Singh To Baljit Singh.

I, Shrushti D/O Siddu Hunashyal R/O H.No.283, Wallia's Sector 15 A Chandigarh, Have Changed My Name From Shrushti To Shrushti Siddu Hunashyal.

I, Rajesh S/O Late Karam Chand R/O House No. 602, Street No. 10, Village Haripur Sector 4, Panchukla I Have Changed My Daughter's Name From Lakshita To Lakshita Wadhra.

I, Jeeta Begam W/O Gulzar Khan R/O St No.2, Seona Chowk Vihar Nagar Patiala Declare That Karamjeet, Karamjeet Kaur And Jeeta Begam Names Of One And Same Person I.E My Names. I I Known With All Three Names.

I, Mohinder Kadyan S/O Sh. Lal Singh R/O#- 1, Lal Farm House, G.T. Road, Near Namaste Chowk Opposite Parkaj Filling Station, Karnal, Haryana Do Hereby Solemnly Affirm And Declare That I Have Changed My Name Mohinder Singh Kadan To Mohinder Kadyan.

I, Manju Devi W/O Sh. Hoshiyar Singh R/O VIII. Barah Khurd Distt. Jind Declare That I Have Changed My Name From Manju To Manju Devi. In Future Know Me As Manju Devi For All Purposes.

I, Prithi Singh S/O Mansa Ram, R/O Village Gumti, Tehsil Shahabad, Distit Kurukshetra Have Changed My Name Prithi Singh To Pirthi Singh.

I, Piara Singh S/O Jagraj Singh R/O Doda, Tehsil Gidderbaha, Distt. Sri Muktsar Sahib, I Have Changed My Name Piara Singh Brar To Piara Singh.

I, Tannu Jain D/O Randhir R/O Mahmudpur, Teh- Gohana, Distt- Sonipat Have Changed My Name From Tannu To Tannu Jain For All Future Purposes.

I Hitherto known As Ashraf Kallianpur S/O Anand Umesh Kallianpur, S/O Nagar No. 647, Sector 78, SAS Nagar, Punjab, Have Changed My Name And Shall Hereafter Be Known As Ashwin Anand Kallianpur.

I, Shilpa Khanna Chopra W/O Rajan Chopra R/O H.No 16 SBS Colony Opposite Pmn College Rajpura Distt. Patiala Punjab 140401, Have Changed My Name From Shilpa Khanna Chopra To Shilpa Chopra.

I, Hitherto Known As Amritpreet Singh S/O Rupinder Singh R/O Ward No. 05 House No. 12 Guru Nanak Nagar Bhogpur District Jalandhar, Punjab 144201, Have Changed My Name As Singh Amritpreet And Now My Given Name Is Amritpreet And My Surname Is Singh. It Is Certified That I Have Complied With Other Legal Requirements In This Connection.

I, Sakshi Jindal W/o Sumit Garg R/O H. No 908 Sector 17, HUDA, Panipat, have changed my name from Sakshi Jindal to Sakshi Garg for all future purposes.

No 15338096H Hav Santosh Kumar Bhatt of 64 aslt engr regt declare that in my army record my wife name wrongly recorded as ' Uma Joshi and his correct name is Uma Bhatt.

I, Sajjan Singh S/O Pritam Singh R/O Village Bhatehri Teh Rajpura District Patiala Changed My Name From Sajjan Singh To Sajjan Singh.

I, Anubha D/o Sh Praveen Sharma R/O House No. 369/2, Bari Mohalla, Patram Gate, Bhiwani declare that I have changed my name from Anubha to Anubha Sharma for all future purposes.

I, hitherto known as Poonam Wife of Vizey Kumar residing at H.No.02, Street No.3, Kundan Nagar, Ferozepur City District Ferozepur-1252002 Punjab have changed my name and Shall hereafter be known as Mamta.

I, hitherto known as Ranju Bala Wife of Deepak Kumar residing at Gali Jaswant Rai, Dhariwal Distt Gurdaspur-143519 Punjab have changed my name and Shall hereafter be known as Ranju Sood

I, Amarjit W/O Mukhtar Singh R/O H.No.3732, Sheikh Fateh Gate, Jandiiala Guru Amritsar have changed my name from Amarjit Kaur To Amarjeet Kaur

I, Rajeev Pasricha S/o Hira Lal R/O 1022/C, Gali Bhagta Wali, Namak Mandi Amritsar have changed my name from Rajeev Pasricha to Rajiv Pasricha

I, Satnam Singh S/O Iqbal Singh R/O Village Dehriwal Tehsil Baba Bakala Post Office Tarsikka District Amritsar Punjab-143116 have declare that Satnam is my Given name and Singh is my Surname

I, Harbhajan Singh Sandhu S/O Trilok Singh R/O H.No.65, Baba Deep Singh Nagar, Chheharta, Amritsar have changed my name from Harbhajan Singh Sandhu to Harbhajan Singh

I, Rozy Narula, Rosy Narula and Rozy W/o Deepak Kumar R/O H.No. HL-95, Aman Avenue Colony, O/s Gate Hakima, Amritsar have certified that above both names are mine one and same person.

I, Savita W/o Sanjeev Kumar Saggur R/O H.No.111 Urban Estate Old Near Radha Swami Satsang Ghar Ram Tirath Road Amritsar have changed my name to Saveeta

I, Gurjit Kaur D/O Pritam Singh R/O Hno 22 Gali No 5 Shaheed Udham Singh Nagar Amritsar have changed my name from Gurjit Kaur to Gurjeet Kaur

I, Krishna Kumar Son of No.14932494P Hav Ram Chandra Yadav R/O Hasanpur, Bhihkapur, Jaunpur, Uttar Pradesh-222202 now at 15 Mech Inf C/o 56 APO have changed my name to Krishan Kumar to Krishna Kumar Vide Affidavit No.IN-PB68064015863278W Dt.07.10.2024 Before Notary Public Amritsar

I, Shaweta Yadav Daughter of No.14930234L Hav Rajju Singh R/O Vll. Iradatpur Chatrujihpur PO Kumbhipur Teh Khaga Distt. Fatehpur Singh State Uttar Pradesh-212655 now at 15 Mech Inf C/o 56 APO have changed my name from Shaweta Yadav to Shweta Yadav and Date of Birth from 14.04.2007 to 14.04.2006 Vide Affidavit No.IN-PB680640391984232W Dt.07.10.2024 Before Notary Public Amritsar

I, Shwetama Yadav Daughter of No.14930234L Hav Rajju Singh R/O Vll. Iradatpur Chatrujihpur PO Kumbhipur Teh Khaga Distt. Fatehpur Singh State Uttar Pradesh-212655 now at 15 Mech Inf C/o 56 APO have changed my name from Shwetama Yadav to Shweta Yadav and Date of Birth from 14.04.2007 to 14.04.2006 Vide Affidavit No.IN-PB680640391984232W Dt.07.10.2024 Before Notary Public Amritsar

I, Jugraj Singh S/O Sukhwant Singh R/O Village Hetampura PO Preet Nagar, W/O Krishan Kumar R/O Village Gogharia, Tehsil Narwana, Distt. Jind (Haryana) declared that we are changing our names from Krishan to Krishan Kumar and Sudesh to Sudesh Kumari in the registration form of our daughter Vaishali & it will be our responsibility to make the correct certificate of her date of birth.

I, Maninder Arora W/o Ajinder Singh R/O H.No.M-3/933, Lakshmi Avenue, Dana Mandi Road, O/s Gate Bhagtanwala, Amritsar have changed my name from Maninder Arora to Maninder Kaur

I, Ajinder Singh Arora S/O Dalip Singh Arora R/O H.No.M-3/933, Lakshmi Avenue, Dana Mandi Road, O/s Gate Bhagtanwala, Amritsar have changed my name from Ajinder Singh Arora to Ajinder Singh

I, Nishan Singh S/O Arjan Singh R/O Tam Taran Road, Bala Chak, Chabha, Tam Taran have changed my Daughter's name from Jasminee Kaur to Navdeep Kaur

I, Ramesh is father of No. 14930575W Hav Mulani Nasir Ramesh resident of 180, Jakhapur, Sangli, Maharashtra-416405 now at 15 Mech Inf C/O 56 APO, have changed my name from Ramesh to Ramesh Buvva Mulani and Date of Birth from 03.04.1955 to 01.06.1952 Vide Affidavit no. IN-PB68392090358231W, Dated 07-10-2024. Before Distt. Court, Amritsar.

I, Ravinder Kaur D/o Dabir Singh R/O Village Mughso Soh, Pakharpura, Kathunaganj, Amritsar Have Changed My Name Ravinder Kaur To Ravinder Kaur

I, Parveen Verma W/O Amarjit Verma R/O H.No.3503, Street No.2, Dashmesh Nagar, Kot Khalsa Amritsar have Changed my name from Parveen Lata to Parveen Verma.

I, Reva wife of Gulzar Masih resident of H.No. 510, Gali No. 2, Hargobind Avenue, Majitha Road, Amritsar, Punjab, have changed my name from Reva to Rewa.

I, No 4480027P Rank Hav Gurcharan Singh, 1st Sikh, LI C/o 56 APO, Resident Ward No.1, Vill Bandlehri, Tehsil Nangal (Rupnagar) Punjab, have changed minor son name from Rajveer Singh to Rajveer Singh Daroch vide Affidavit No. INPB68159743271049W (7-0ct-2024)

I, Sukhwinder Singh S/O Harpal Singh.VPO Majari, Tehsil Shri Naina Devi, Distt Bilaspur (HP) have changed minor daughter name from Muskan Muskan Kaur.

I, Mohammd Israr S/O Sh. Mahbub, R/o #114/A, Bapu Dham Colony, Phase-3, Sector - 26, Chandigarh. That I have changed my name from Mohammad Israr to Mohd Israr.

I, Suriya Prakash Sharma S/o Sh. D K Sharma, R/o #Flat No. F-301, 3rd Floor, Orchid Green, Sector-115, Khnui Majra, Tehsil - Khara, Distt. SAS Nagar, Punjab. That I have changed my name from Suriya Prakash Sharma to Surya Prakash Sharma.

I, Skeena W/o Abdul Qadir R/O Vill Albelpura Tehsil Malerkotla Distt Malerkotla, have changed my name to Skeena Begum.

I, Ranbir Singh Dosaanj S/O Jarnail Singh VPO Kharkan Tehsil Guhla Kailthal, have changed my name to Ranbir Singh.

I, Ajay S/O Sunder Singh R/O Maduwalla Tehsil Tohana (Fatehabad), have changed my name to Ajay Nunia.

I, Lovepreet S/o Balwant Singh R/O Saniata Tehsil Tohana (Fatehabad) have changed my name to Lovepreet Singh. That Lovepreet is my name and Singh is my Surname.

I, Balwant Singh S/o Gaje Singh Nain R/O New Gupta Colony Tohana (Fatehabad), have changed my name to Balwant Singh Nain.

I, Sumitara Devi W/o Balwant Singh Nain R/O New Gupta Colony Tohana (Fatehabad), have changed my name to Sumitara.

I, Kawarveer Singh S/O Satnam Singh R/O H.N. 377/17, Teacher Colony, Tohana Tehsil Tohana (Fatehabad), have change my name to Kanwarveer Singh.

I, Mela Singh Dolt S/o Pirthi Singh Dolt R/O Khanoura Tehsil Tohana (Fatehabad), have changed my name to Mela Singh.

I, Gurjeet Kaur Dolt W/o Mela Singh R/O Khanoura Tehsil Tohana (Fatehabad), have changed my name to Gurjeet Kaur.

I, Navya Goel D/O Sh. Abhay Goel R/O H.No.384-L, Model Town, Panipat, Haryana Declare That Have Changed My Name From Navya Aggarwal To Navya Goel.For All Purposes.

I, Nitu Rani W/O: Satish Kumar, R/O 466/6, Ward No.8 Sudhir Nagar Tehsil Cantt, Panipat, Haryana, Declare That I Have Change My Name Nitu To Nitu Rani For All Purposes In Future.

I, Kusum W/o Sanjay Nasa R/o H NO 412/19 Green Road, Shakti Nagar, Rohtak - 124001 (Haryana) declare that I have changed my name from Kusum to Reeta for all future purposes.

I, Riya D/O Bhupender r/o #426/2, Masita House, Thanesar, Distt. Kurukshetra have changed my name from Riya to Riya Mehta.

I, Anita Arora w/o Sunil Kumar r/o #387/9, Khajoor wali Gali, Shahabad Markanda, Distt Kurukshetra have changed my name from Raj Kumari (Old Name) to Rajkumari (New Name) Vide Affidavit Dated 07 October 2024 before at Notary Ferozepur.

I, Raj Kumari is Mother of Ashish Kumar Residing of VPO. Narwal, Teh. Narwal, Distt. Kanpur Nagar, (UP) 209401 have changed my Name from Raj Kumari (Old Name) to Rajkumari (New Name) Vide Affidavit Dated 07 October 2024 before at Notary Ferozepur.

I, Lakshay Kumar S/O Surinder Kumar, R/O Dr Ambedkar Chowk, Hadiabad, Po Satnampura, Phagwara, Distt. Kapurthala, Punjab Have Changed My Name From Lakshay To Lakshay (Name) Kumar (Surname). All Concerned Please Note.

I, Mukesh Kumar Kalia S/O Kuldeep Kumar, R/O H No 58a, Street No 10, Central Town, Distt. Jalandhar, Punjab have Changed My Name From Mukesh Kalia To Mukesh Kumar Kalia. All Concerned Please Note.

I, Vicky S/O Satpal R/O H.No. 38 Kala Sangha Road, Ishwar Nagar, Jalandhar, Punjab have changed my name from Vicky to Vicky Kumar.

I, hitherto known as Amarjit S/o Parkash Ram R/o 125, Bhanoki, Kapurthala, Bhanoki, Punjab-144402 have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as Amarjit Singh Bains.

I, Harjit Kaur W/o Parminder Singh R/o H.No. 969, Ekta Nagar, Phase-2, Rama Mandi, Jalandhar, Punjab have changed my minor son name from Yashnoor to Yashnoor Singh Randhawa.

I, Om Parkash Mehto S/O Sukhdev Mehto R/O Main Palahi Road, Near Guru Ravidas Mission Hospital, Phagwara, District Kapurthala Have Changed My Name As Om Kumar.

I, Amit Kumar Chhabra & Amit Chhabra S/O Janak Raj Chhabra R/O W.No.16 Hargobind Nagar Moga Am Known By Above Both Names.

I, Sukhjeet Kaur W/o Mukhtyar Singh R/o Village Thobrian, PO Mirzapur, Tehsil Ellenabad, District Sirsa declare that my name is Sukhjeet and my Surname is Kaur.

I, Mukhtyar Singh S/o Satnam Singh R/o Village Thobrian, PO Mirzapur, Tehsil Ellenabad, District Sirsa declare that my name is Mukhtyar and my Surname is Singh.

I, Satnam Singh S/o Balwinder Singh Village Dau Majra Distt. Kurukshetra have changed my Name Satnam Surname Singh.

I, Dimple Chawla (D/o Roshan Lal Sethi)W/o Sh. Rakesh Chawla R/o H.No. 624, 11/3, Grewal Colony, Begu Road, Sirsa (Haryana). That I have changed my name from Dimple Sethi to Dimple Chawla , in future my name is to be called as Dimple Chawla.

I, Sarbjit Singh S/o Gurbakhs Singh resident of H.NO.3368, Gali No.4, Azad Road, Azad Nagar, Chheharta, Amritsar have changed my name from Sarbjit Singh to Sarabjeet Singh.

I, Gurbax Singh S/o Ujagar Singh resident of H.NO.3368, Gali No.4, Azad Road, Azad Nagar, Chheharta, Amritsar have changed my name from Gurbax Singh to Gurbakhs Singh.

I, No. 15504870K Rank: LD Indal Yadav Unit: HQ SQN 43 Armd Bde C/o 56 APO Pin 908043, Resident of Beerkhett, Post Rambag Badagaon, Aalapur, Jahangirganj, Ambedkar Nagar, Uttar Pradesh, 224147 declare that in my service record my father's name is mentioned as Shri Ram Yadava but his correct name is Sri Ram Yadav.

I, Keerti D/o Sh. Ravi Kumar is legally wedded spouse of Ashwini Kumar presently residing at House No. S/46, Air Force Station, Sirsa (Haryana) 125055 have changed my name from Keerti to Keerti Gupta Vide affidavit No. 20113 dated 07.10.2024 before Sirsa Court.

I, Ashok Kumar S/O Sh. Om Mohar Singh R/O 106, Gali No. 3, Near Indan Gas Kothi, GTM Colony, Hisar Road, Sirsa (Haryana). That I have changed my name from Ashok Bansal to Ashok Kumar, in future my name is to be called as Ashok Kumar.

I, JC-314781H Rank NB SUB Name Pugalendi A of Unit 03 Engr Regt. C/o 56 APO, PIN-914003 Yol Cantt, have changed my mother name from Shanchariya Oraon to Shanchariya Urao at Notary Ferozepur.

I, Army No. 16129331F Rank Spr Name Suraj Oraon of Unit 03 Engr Regt. C/o 56 APO, PIN-914003 Yol Cantt, have changed my mother name from Shanchariya Oraon to Shanchariya Urao at Notary Ferozepur.

I, Army No. 16117182M Rank NK Name Mislekar Manoj Kumar of Unit 03 Engr Regt. C/o 56 APO, PIN-914003, Yol Cantt, have changed my name from Manoj Kumar to Manoj Kumar at Notary Ferozepur.

I, No. 14931986F, HAV, Ram Karan Unit of 23 Mech Inf (Reece & SP) (WS) BN, C/O 56 APO Ferozepur Cantt, Residing of Vpo. Ghatampur, Distt. Kanpur Nagar, (UP) 209206, have changed my daughter name from Shmya (old name) to Saumya (New Name) Vide Affidavit Dated 07 October 2024 before at Notary Ferozepur.

I, Army No. 1619331F Rank Spr Name Suraj Oraon of Unit 03 Engr Regt. C/o 56 APO, PIN-914003, Yol Cantt, have changed my mother name from Shanchariya Oraon to Shanchariya Urao at Notary Ferozepur.

I, Raj Kumari is Mother of Ashish Kumar Residing of VPO. Narwal, Teh. Narwal, Distt. Kanpur Nagar, (UP) 209401 have changed my Name from Raj Kumari (Old Name) to Rajkumari (New Name) Vide Affidavit Dated 07 October 2024 before at Notary Ferozepur.

I, Jaspreet Kaur alias Preeti Dhalla W/o Jagdev Singh Dhalla R/O Rasal Patti, Jaitu (Faridkot) have changed my name to Jaspreet Kaur Dhalla.

I, Lakhveer Singh S/o Joginder Singh R/O Kotha Sampurn Singh Wale, Jaitu (Faridkot) have changed my name to Lakhveer Singh Brar.

I, Jasveer Kaur W/o Lakhveer Singh Brar R/O Kotha Sampurn Singh Wale, Jaitu (Faridkot) have changed my name to Jasveer Kaur Brar.

I, Husanpreet Singh S/o Jaswinder Singh R/O Madhak (Faridkot) have changed my name to Husanpreet Singh Gill.

I, Lalita Saini W/o Mohinder Singh Saini R/O Village Lambram Po Lambram Kangri Distt. Hoshiarpur declare that my correct name is Lalita Devi.

I, Parmajit Kaur Kardey W/O Pritam Singh R/O Village Kotbhai, Teh. Gidderbaha, Distt. Sri Muktsar Sahib Have Changed My Name To Parmanjeet Kaur.

I, No. 7079641 Ex Hav. Pritam Chand S/O Indar Ram R/O W.No. 11 Nangal Road Gahshankar (Hoshiarpur) Pb, India-144527, have changed my daughter name from Seema to Seema Rani.

I, Sarbjeet Kaur W/o Sawraj Singh R/O Village Pir Sohana, Tehsil Kharar (SAS Nagar) have changed my name to Sarabjit Kaur.

I, Navdeep Singh S/o Mukhtyar Singh R/o VPO Bhamaddi, Tehsil Khanna (Ludhiana) declare that my name be read as given name Navdeep and surname Singh.

I, Parwinder Singh S/O Ravinder Singh R/O Village Rattanpalon, Tehsil Amloh (Fate

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NAME CHANGE I, Anu Dhaka D/o Manoj Kumar R/o H. No. 65-2/31, Azod Nagar, Rohtak I have change my name from Anu to Anu Dhaka. In future I will be known as Anu Dhaka

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SCHEDULE - DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY All that part and parcel of Commercial property measuring 1176 Sq mts pertaining to Plot No.74-C, HPSIDC Industrial area, Baddi, District Solan, Himachal Pradesh as per Allotment Letter 1174 dated 28/02/2017 and Coverage Deed No. 1758/2017 dated 09/03/2017

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LOST & FOUND I, Sandeep Kumar S/o Isthar Singh R/o #1268, Sector-7, Jhajjar (Haryana) declare that I have lost my original registration no.-4003, Area -H.L., City Bahadurgarh in favour of my mother, Sunita U/s Ishwar R/o Village-Gughedi, Distt.Rohtak. Lost on 23-08-2023. Which Police Complaint No.132570202400366. If anybody found please send above address.

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Key Dates: 1 Start date and time of bid submission 10.10.2024 (04:30 PM) 2 End date and time of bid submission 17.10.2024 (03:30 PM) 3 Date and time of opening of techno comm. bid 18.10.2024 (11:30 AM)

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THE CHANDIGARH TENANTS CO-OP HOUSE BUILDING 1ST SOCIETY LTD., PLOT NO.-6, SECTOR 49-D, SAI ENCLAVE, CHANDIGARH

PUBLIC NOTICE It is hereby notified for the information of the general public that Smt. Kaushalya Rani W/o Sh. Sham Lal Batish, the transferee of Flat No. 3419, 2nd Floor, Category-A, The Chandigarh Tenants Co-operative House Building Society 1st Ltd., Plot No. 6, Sector 49-D, Sai Enclave, Chandigarh, expired on 20.09.2024. Now Sh. Anish Batish, S/o Sh. Sham Lal Batish, residing at Flat No. 3419, Sai Enclave, Sector 49-D, Chandigarh, has applied for the transfer of ownership of the above-said flat in his name based on a registered will dated 09-09-2019, duly registered in the office of the Sub-Registrar, Chandigarh, in which Smt. Kaushalya Rani had bequeathed the said property in his favor. It is for the information of General Public and all concerned that if any person having objection against the transfer of above mentioned flat, He/She may submit the objection(s) in writing along with relevant documents in support thereof to the undersigned within 30 days of the publication of this Notice, failing which the above said flat will be transferred in favour of his name. No further claim in any manner whatsoever will be entertained thereafter.

PUBLIC NOTICE Reg. Plot No. 402, Phase-I, HSIIDC, Industrial Estate Barhi, Distt. Sonapat, measuring 1800 sq. meters was re-allotted by the Corporation to Smt. Kalpana Goei W/o Sh. Sunder Kumar Goei vide re-allotment letter No. HSIIDC/8-17-54 dated 25.04.2017 for setting up an industrial project of Manufacturing of Zep & allied products (Garments Accessories). Subsequently, in request of the allottee, the Corporation granted the provisional transfer permission in favour of Smt. Kalpana Goei W/o Sh. Sunder Kumar Goei and Sh. Sunder Kumar Goei S/o Sh. Sawa Ram Goei, D-74, Lord Krishna Nagar, Sector 33, Chandigarh. The allotment was made, subject to compliance of the terms & conditions of the provisional transfer permission letter No. PT/LE/AB/PTL/2024/092761/155-158 dated 30.08.2024. The allottee/transferor has not complied with the terms and conditions of the provisional transfer permission letter and the same has not been handed over to him in connection of this plot. Now the Corporation is in process of considering the request for transfer of plot and issuance of re-allotment letter in the name of the allottee without submission of original R/L. Through this public notice, it is hereby informed that any person having reservation objection w.r.t. above mentioned transfer in favour of Smt. Kalpana Goei W/o Sh. Sunder Kumar Goei and Sh. Sunder Kumar Goei S/o Sh. Sawa Ram Goei may file his/her objection in writing before this office along with an affidavit within a period of 30 days from the date of publication of this notice. If no objection is received within the aforesaid period, it will be presumed that nobody has any objection to transfer of the said plot and the Corporation shall go ahead with the transfer of plot in the name of Smt. Kalpana Goei W/o Sh. Sunder Kumar Goei and Sh. Sunder Kumar Goei S/o Sh. Sawa Ram Goei. The re-allotment letter dated 25.04.2017 shall be treated as null & void after expiry of the above notice period.

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PUBLIC NOTICE I, Sumeet Kumar Daga S/o Krishna Gopal R/o 46-A, Mall Road Behind Dalimya Hospital Amritsar, declare that a Original sale deed belonging to Sale Deed Dated: 26.03.2001 executed by Dr.Darshan Singh Bedi S/o. Kalyan Singh Bedi, Surinder Kaur Bedi W/o. S. Darshan Singh Bedi through duly appointed general attorney Sh. Parveen Kumar S/o. Sh. Babu Ram to S. Balbir Singh Kataria S/o. S. Surjan Singh Kataria duly registered vide Vaska no. 14589, Bahi no. 1, Jld no. 1133, Page no. 86/87 and Original Sale Deed Dt: 26.03.2001 executed by Darshan Singh Bedi S/o. S. Kalyan Singh Bedi, Smt. Surinder Kaur Bedi W/o. S. Darshan Singh Bedi through duly appointed general attorney Sh. Parveen Kumar S/o. Sh. Babu Ram to S. Balbir Singh Kataria S/o. S. Surjan Singh Kataria duly registered vide Vaska no. 14587, Bahi no. 1, Jld no. 1133, Page no. 86/83 and Original Sale Deed Dated: 26.03.2001 executed by Darshan Singh Bedi S/o. S. Kalyan Singh Bedi, Smt. Surinder Kaur Bedi W/o. S. Darshan Singh Bedi through duly appointed general attorney Sh. Parveen Kumar S/o. Sh. Babu Ram to S. Balbir Singh Kataria S/o. S. Surjan Singh Kataria duly registered vide Vaska no. 14588, Bahi no. 1, Jld no. 1133, Page no. 84/85 has been lost on 17-10-2023 at Amritsar. If the missing documents are found contact this no.895421420.

WHEREAS, OA/1521/2023 was listed before Hon'ble Presiding Officer/Registrar on 03/09/2024. WHEREAS this Hon'ble Tribunal is pleased to issue summons/ notice on the said Application under section 19(4) of the Act (OA) filed against you for recovery of debts of Rs. 3709972/- (application along with copies of documents etc. annexed). In accordance with sub-section (4) of section 19 of the Act, you, the defendants are directed as under:- (i) to show cause within thirty days of the service of summons as to why relief prayed for should not be granted; (ii) to disclose particulars of properties or assets other than properties or assets specified by the applicant under serial number 3A of the original application; (iii) you are restrained from dealing with or disposing of secured assets or such other assets and properties disclosed under serial number 3A of the original application, pending hearing and disposal of the application for attachment of properties; (iv) you shall not transfer by way of sale, lease or otherwise, except in the ordinary course of his business any of the assets over which security interest is created and/ or other assets and properties specified or disclosed under serial number 3A of the original application, pending approval of the Tribunal; (v) you shall be liable to account for the sale proceeds realised by way of secured assets or other assets and properties in the ordinary course of business and deposit such sale proceeds in the account maintained with the bank or financial institutions holding security interest over such assets. You are also directed to file the written statement with a copy thereof furnished to the applicant and to appear before Registrar on 29/10/2024 at 10:30 A.M. failing which the application shall be heard and decided in your absence. Given under my hand and the seal of this Tribunal on this date: 04/09/2024. Signature of the Officer Authorised to issue summons

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e-Procurement Notice INVITATION FOR BIDS (IFB) The Executive Engineer Outer Seraj Division HPPWD Nirmand Distt Kullu H.P on behalf of Governor of H.P invites the online bids on item rate, in electronic tendering system, from the eligible class of contractors registered with HPPWD for the work as detailed in the table.

Table with 5 columns: Sr. No., Name of Work, Estimated Cost, Starting Date of downloading Bid, Earnest money, Deadline for submission of Bid

The bidders are advised to note other details of tenders from the departmental website www.hppwd.gov.in. Executive Engineer Outer Seraj Division H.P PWD, Nirmand RO NO. 2541/2024-2025 Dated: 07-10-2024 on behalf of Governor of Himachal Pradesh



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PAPER WITH PASSION

Strategic balancing act

Maldivian President Mohamed Muizzu assures India that he would never jeopardise India's security interests

The first state visit of Maldivian President Mohamed Muizzu to India marks a milestone in the evolving diplomatic relationship between the two neighbouring countries. President Muizzu's visit, represents not only a continuation of the historically strong India-Maldives ties but also signals a renewed commitment to fostering regional stability and cooperation. To put it in perspective, China has made inroads into Maldives much to the consternation of India. Chinese presence in its backyard is a clear security threat. But now things are looking better. President Muizzu has emphasised that while the Maldives follows a 'Maldives First' policy, it remains committed to ensuring that its actions would never undermine India's security interests. The Maldives occupies a key strategic position in the Indian Ocean, making its foreign policy decisions crucial to India's security and regional aspirations. India has long viewed the Maldives as an important ally in maintaining stability in the Indo-Pacific region. This visit, following a period of political transition in the Maldives, underscores the importance of maintaining a strong bilateral relationship, especially amid concerns over the growing influence of China in the region.



President Muizzu has reaffirmed that its engagements would never compromise India's security which indeed is music to Indian ears. This statement comes at a time when concerns have arisen regarding the Maldives' expanding ties with China, especially in defence and trade. President Muizzu sought to allay these fears, stressing that the relationship with India, built on 'mutual respect and shared interests,' remains a priority. One of the key aspects of the India-Maldives relationship

has always been defence cooperation. Earlier President Muizzu's decision to expel Indian military personnel was seen as a clear sign of Maldives acting on Chinese advice. Though on his part he explained that this move, though sensitive, was aligned with the will of the Maldivian people and aimed at ensuring the sovereignty of the Maldives. But that is diplomacy for you. Historically, defence and economic cooperation has long been a cornerstone of India-Maldives relations. But things changed after President Muizzu took over last year in November. President Muizzu has expressed satisfaction with the progress of key Indian initiatives, including the Greater Male Connectivity Project, which is expected to significantly boost the country's infrastructure and local economy. India has also restructured a line of credit arrangement to facilitate smoother execution of developmental projects, which President Muizzu acknowledged as a positive step. The visit is expected to further strengthen economic ties between the two countries, with discussions centered on boosting trade, tourism and investment. Perhaps shift in Maldives' stance comes with the realisation of perils of aligning with China as many countries like Sri Lanka have paid a heavy price for their dependence on Chinese investments and grants.

PICTALK



An artisan gives finishing touches to effigies of Ravana and Meghanad ahead of the Dussehra festival, in Nagpur

Mitigating heatwaves and floods in rural India

Only by engaging in comprehensive dialogue can India hope to counter the growing threats of climate change and protect its rural population

India is currently facing the severe consequences of climate change. At the very onset of summer, a severe heatwave gripped vast regions of the country. More recently, heavy rainfall and floods have disrupted numerous lives and livelihoods in many states. Owing to a lack of infrastructure and resources, communities in rural areas are the worst impacted. In the face of this crisis, the power of dialogue emerges not just as a tool but as a necessity to formulate effective policies and mitigate the impact of climate change on vulnerable populations.



Impact on Rural Communities
The recent heatwave in India was relentless, with temperatures soaring well above 40 degrees Celsius in many regions. This is now succeeded by an onslaught of floods in various regions, especially in Assam. Rural communities, often more exposed and less equipped to cope with extreme weather events, bear the brunt of these conditions. Agriculture, the backbone of rural livelihoods, suffers as crops wither under scorching tempera-

ture or are submerged during floods, leading to reduced yields and income losses. Many states have implemented State Climate Change Programmes (SCCCs) and Heat Action Plans (HAPs) to deal with the situation. Effective as many of these initiatives are the severity of the problem leaves scope for much more to be done.

Dialogic Approach for Climate Crisis
From its various applications across problem-solving, community mobilization, building policy narratives, and engaging with diverse stakeholders, a dialogic approach may be integral to addressing the challenges posed by heat waves, particularly in rural India. First, by engaging stakeholders—from policymakers and scientists to community leaders and affected populations—dialogue facilitates a comprehensive understanding of the issues at hand and fosters consensus on actionable solutions. It encourages the exchange of knowledge, expertise, and local insights necessary to tailor policies that are responsive to the needs of vulnerable communities. Next, putting dialogic methods into place can also help uncover local solutions and adaptation strategies that can

be built into nationwide policy. Farmers, for instance, possess invaluable traditional knowledge and practices that can complement scientific interventions. Through dialogue, these insights can be integrated into agricultural policies aimed at promoting climate-resilient farming practices, improving water management, and enhancing crop diversity to withstand extreme weather events. Finally, dialogue can enhance community mobilization and self-governance, which can lead to community-driven initiatives to counter the current crisis—from community heat shelters, and water management practices, to creating awareness of related health risks such as heat strokes and increase in vector and water-borne diseases.

From Discussion to Collaborative Action
Dialogue-driven policies ensure that interventions are inclusive, transparent, and accountable, thereby fostering trust and cooperation among stakeholders.

(The writer is CEO of Kshetra Foundation; views are personal)



KRISHNA UDAYASANKAR

BRICS: Dealing with emerging challenges

As geopolitical tensions escalate and new security challenges emerge, the upcoming 16th BRICS Summit in Kazan promises to be a critical turning point

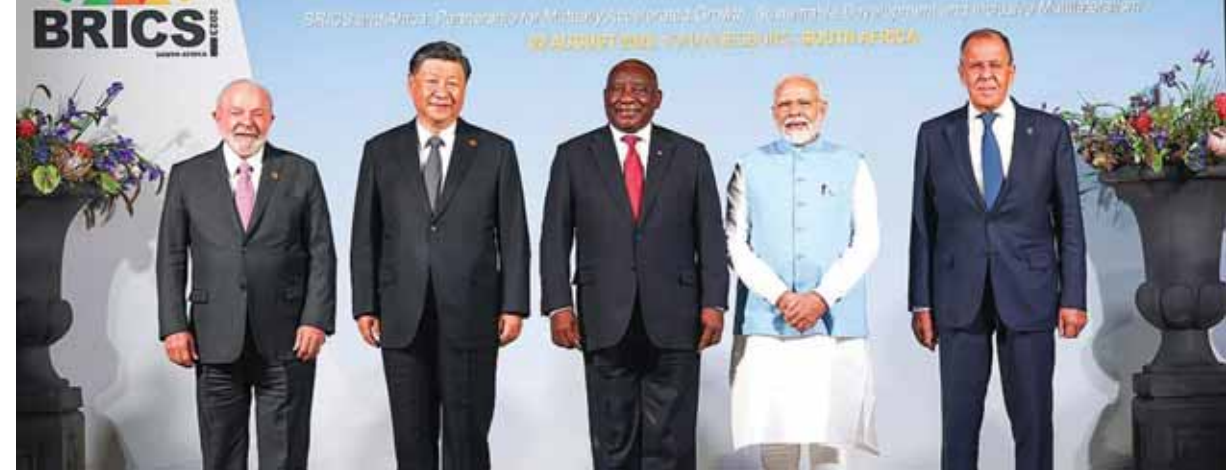


SUDHIR HINDWAN

The 16th BRICS Summit, set to take place from October 22-24, 2024, in Kazan under Russia's chairmanship, comes at a critical juncture for global affairs. The summit will address pressing issues like the geopolitical tensions caused by escalating regional conflicts worldwide, the need for effective governance in emerging societies, and the evolving challenges of environmental degradation.

With these multifaceted threats becoming more severe, there is a growing urgency for BRICS nations—Brazil, Russia, India, China and South Africa, along with newly inducted members Egypt, Iran, the UAE, Saudi Arabia and Ethiopia—to modernise and diversify their security and economic frameworks. A recent BRICS National Security Advisors' (NSA) conclave in St Petersburg underscored the urgency of these challenges. India's National Security Advisor highlighted the critical role of Information and Communication Technology (ICT) in tackling modern security concerns, particularly the evolving threat of transnational terrorism.

ICT will likely remain a focal point during the Kazan summit as BRICS nations look to leverage advanced technology to mitigate security risks and ensure more effective regional and global cooperation. Russia has expressed its intention to prioritise five key areas of partnership at the summit: politics, security, the economy, finance and cultural and humanitarian ties. In light of the rising number of security threats confronting the BRICS nations, this broad-ranging focus is timely. The inclusion of the five new BRICS members adds to the group's strategic importance. Their cooperation will be vital in addressing the sudden and unpredictable threats that arise from both state and non-state actors. This includes real-time sharing of geospatial data, which will be instrumental in improving border security and countering transnational terrorism. The Kazan summit will likely focus on enhancing cooperation in areas such as



economic development, public health, border security, and geospatial information sharing. These discussions could lead to tangible outcomes in the form of new initiatives for infrastructure development, increased bilateral trade, and innovative technological solutions.

These developments would further strengthen ties between India and BRICS, especially Russia, while fostering a new era of defense cooperation. Given the rise of security challenges across the BRICS countries, particularly concerning border disputes and terrorism, the summit presents an opportunity to improve international coordination on these matters. Satellite data sharing, military intelligence cooperation, and logistical support are expected to be central components of future BRICS security strategies.

For instance, one significant point of discussion could be China's expansionist policies, which have raised concerns about regional stability. Additionally, the ongoing Russia-Ukraine war is another issue that could dominate the agenda, with hopes for a possible resolution. The summit holds great potential for strengthening global cooperation in fighting transnational terrorism. This cooperation could encompass several key areas, including the financing of terrorist activities, enhancing police cooperation, and



THE SUMMIT MAY EXPLORE STRATEGIES FOR ANTICIPATING AND NEUTRALISING THESE THREATS, FOCUSING ON COOPERATION BETWEEN THE SECURITY AND DEFENCE ESTABLISHMENTS OF BRICS MEMBERS

addressing cyber threats. The summit may also discuss tightening security measures at borders and maritime zones, alongside the development of advanced communication networks and security management systems. One of the key challenges in counter-terrorism will be dealing with groups motivated by religious ideologies. The summit may explore strategies for anticipating and neutralising these threats, focusing on cooperation between the security and defense establishments of BRICS members. As nations adopt a more pragmatic and bilateral approach to foreign policy, there is less concern that enhanced BRICS cooperation would adversely affect relations with other major powers, such as the United States. Another area requiring immediate attention is the threat posed by chemical weapons in the hands of terrorists. These weapons, often difficult to detect and transport, pose a significant risk. International collaboration in formulating stricter regulations and preventing the acquisition of such weapons could be vital in managing this growing concern. Furthermore, the BRICS nations could work together to establish a robust mechanism to limit the accessibility of dangerous materials like RDX, Erythritol Tetranitrate (Penta), and advanced weapons such as AK-47s. Efforts to curb drug traffick-

ing are also expected to feature prominently at the summit, particularly in light of the strong nexus between drug cartels and terrorist groups in regions like Pakistan, Afghanistan, and Southeast Asia. Enhanced policing cooperation among BRICS members could lead to more effective crackdowns on these criminal networks. India's leadership approach, as demonstrated by Prime Minister Modi in recent international forums like the UN Summit on September 23, 2024, emphasises a human-centric focus. At the BRICS summit, India is expected to push for policies that address economic, technological, and social gaps, thereby advancing the interests of the Global South. India's growing influence on the global stage is also reflected in its strong relationships with both the United States, the world's largest democracy, and Russia, one of its closest strategic partners. These ties place India in a unique position to play a leading role at the BRICS summit. The meeting in Kazan is likely to provide a framework for enhanced security-related information sharing and greater confidence-building measures among BRICS nations.

(The author is a recipient of the Bharat Gaurav Award and an expert in strategic affairs; views are personal)

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

ESCALATING CONFLICT IN WEST ASIA

Madam — After Iran supreme leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei's penchant claim that the "Zionist nation would not last long" and Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's vow of retaliation, "Whoever attacks, we will attack them," the two countries are closer to a destructive all-out war. West Asia is being pushed into a nuclear firestorm by the challengers in conflict and the proxy groups. Israel is allied with the United States of America and NATO nations, while the Islamic militant groups, Hamas, Hezbollah and Houthis, are proxies of Iran. Hamas' failed missile attack gave Israel an opportunity to bomb Gaza indiscriminately. Since then, Israel Defence Force has killed and injured thousands of innocent Palestinians. The mass annihilation of women and children served as a reminder of the genocide committed against European Jews during World War II. The United States seamlessly provides Israel with strategic support, advanced weaponry and manpower. Their occasional counsel for sanity is for the world to hear and not for Israel to heed. Neither side-Israel, America and other NATO nations, or Iran and the proxy groups is seeking a lasting peace. This war threatens to wreck world peace and economies, with the chance of more countries being sucked into it. India is stuck between two stools.

Haridasan Rajan | Kozhikode

RESERVATION POLICY CRITICISED

Madam— The news report titled 'Removing 50 per cent cap on reservation necessary to protect Constitution: Rahul Gandhi' (October 6) hardly evokes surprise as Rahul Gandhi constantly chants the ridiculous statement "Rights and benefits in proportion to share of population" since several months! What a criminal wastage of time, energy and resource to determine which caste group will receive what quantum of share in job openings, higher education and other rights and benefits in this heterogeneous country—that too through the yardstick of numerical strength only!

IAF celebrates 92nd anniversary



The clear blue skies over Chennai were incandescent with adventurous excitement last Sunday, as the Indian Air Force (IAF) staged a stunning air show at the famous Marina Beach in celebration of its 92nd anniversary. Much to the pride of the city, the event, which was reportedly attended by 15

lakh people, set a new world record, earning a place in the Limca Book of Records for the largest-ever gathering at an air show. Spectators were treated to a breathtaking display of aerial acrobatics. The highlight of the show was the Rafale fighter jets demonstrated their skills in mid-air refuelling, a sight that added an extra layer of wonder to the spectacle. Saddeningly, however, the event saw five people have died and many reportedly suffered from dizziness and fainting due to searing heat. Though the air show displayed its pageantry, and the event was a proud reminder of India's growing self-reliance in defence, it raises an important question over the need for IAF aggressively pushing the occasion to set a new world record by aiming to mobilise a crowd much beyond the manageable level.

Ranganathan Sivakumar | Chennai

FINANCIAL AID FOR FARMERS

Madam — The release of the 18th installment of the PM Kisan Samman Nidhi scheme is a significant achievement, benefiting over nine crore farmers across the country. Both the central and state governments deserve recognition for their collaborative efforts in supporting the agricultural sector. The Central government's direct financial aid to farmers, particularly the inclusion of 31,51,700 beneficiaries from Odisha, highlights a continued commitment to rural development. At the state level, the Odisha government's CM Kisan scheme, complementing the PM Kisan Yojana, is another positive step towards ensuring that small and marginal farmers receive much-needed financial assistance. This dual support, reaching farmers through the Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT) system, is a model for efficient governance.

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Offering our full attention not only strengthens bonds but also gives us clarity and wellbeing



RACHNA LAKHPATRI

It's paradoxical that in a world where distractions never stop and sincere appreciation of attention is as precious as it is a type of most valuable coin. Notifications echo from every direction, screens compete for our attention, and in our quest to be "present," I fear we have lost sight of who we truly are. Amidst the chaos, there exists a profound reality: the act of giving one's attention may indeed be the most precious gift one can bestow. Think about it. When was the last occasion you experienced someone's full focus—no devices, no interruptions, just an authentic, human connection? If that moment is hard to remember, you're not the only one. The fast pace of modern life has taught us to multitask, to balance discussions with brief looks at our devices, and to believe that speed equals efficiency. Yet in this pursuit, we have sacrificed something invaluable: the capacity to truly engage with the moment. When we focus on someone, we absorb more than just their words. We are expressing, "I acknowledge your presence." Your existence is significant. In this manner, attention serves as a quiet endorsement of an individual's value—it transcends superficial exchanges and paves the way for a more profound comprehension, fostering empathy, compassion, and genuine connection. Engagement serves as the foundation of confidence in connections. By focusing our attention on our partners, friends, or family members, we convey a powerful message regarding the significance of their thoughts, feelings and experiences. It's no surprise that the depth of our connections often reflects the level of attention we invest in them—the stronger



our bond with those who truly listen and comprehend us. And personal connections are the final aspect of it. Focus holds immense power in the professional realm. Think about a manager who listens to his team or a leader who takes the time to interact with employees, rather than rushing through meetings.

These individuals foster loyalty, ignite creativity and guide collaborative environments. What is the reason behind this? People naturally feel invigorated when they believe their actions hold significance and are appreciated. Focus fosters involvement, and involvement leads to achievement. Yet, perhaps the most significant impact attention has lies in how we relate to ourselves. In our rush to achieve and accumulate, we often overlook the importance of self-care. Mindfulness—the practice of immersing ourselves in the present moment—reveals that genuine wellbeing is at the heart of our experiences: pursuing goals, dedicating time to others and even engaging with our feelings.

By taking a moment to observe, we can discover a profound clarity and tranquillity that has the potential to transform our lives. In a realm where time is an actual finite commodity, the gesture of dedicating our complete focus is truly transformative. It requires no expense yet holds immense significance.

As we navigate our daily lives, constantly facing new demands on our time and energy, it's important to remember that the most valuable gift we can offer is not material wealth, but rather our full presence. Next time you're engaged in a conversation, set your phone aside. Pay close attention. Offer your focus willingly and without interruption. It might surprise you that by focussing your attention, you receive something far more valuable in return—a profound and significant bond that enhances the lives of both individuals.

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Will the three farm laws be revived?

Were the laws a missed opportunity to address the deep-seated issues faced by millions of India's struggling farmers and consumers?



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Recently, a BJP Member of Parliament talked of resurrecting the three national Farm Laws. Faced with criticism from the opposition parties, a spokesperson of the BJP clarified that 'her statement does not represent the party view'. Modi - The government doesn't intend to bring back these laws.

What were those laws?

Enacted in September 2020, the most far-reaching of these laws was the Farmers' Produce Trade and Commerce (Promotion and Facilitation) Act, 2020. It allowed the Centre to regulate inter-State trade and intra-State trade, providing for freedom of choice to the farmer or trader to conduct trade and commerce while allowing traders to purchase specified farm commodities directly from farmers anywhere in the country, even outside the designated State APMCs (Agricultural Produce Market Committee).

The second law was the Farmers (Empowerment and Protection) Agreement on Price Assurance and Farm Services Act, 2020. It provided a legal framework for farmers to engage with processors, aggregators, large retailers etc in a 'fair' and 'transparent' manner.

The third law was the Essential Commodities (Amendment) Act, 2020. It took off pulses, cereals, edible oil, oil seeds, onions and potatoes from the purview of this archaic law. The enactment of these laws triggered prolonged protests - mostly confined to Punjab, Haryana and Delhi. In January 2021, the Supreme Court stayed their implementation and set up a committee to undertake a thorough review. The report of the committee submitted within the set deadline of three months was never made public. Meanwhile, the farmers continued with their stir. On November 19, 2021, Prime Minister Narendra Modi announced their repeal.

Was there anything wrong with them? But, first, we need to ask as to how the subsisting laws on the marketing of farm produce are treating farmers. The widely reported plight of a farmer from Maharashtra's Solapur says it all. Last year, he got a measly Rs 2.49 from the sale of 512 kg of onions to a trader at Rs 1 per kg on sale at the Solapur market yard, the total sale value was Rs 512; after deducting labour, weighing, transportation and other charges adding to Rs 509.5, the net back was Rs 2.5. Let's be clear, it isn't a profit. To arrive at it, we need to deduct from this the cost of producing 512 kg onions which includes the expenses on seeds, fertilizers, pesticides, irrigation, etc. This would result in a colossal loss. This leads to a mounting debt burden as the farmer is forced to take a loan (often at a high interest rate) to finance the loss. The condition of tens of millions of poor farmers with small land holding sizes of fewer than 2 hectares (they are about 86 per cent of the total number of land-owning farmers) is no different.

Why does the farmer get a low price? This is because she can sell her produce only in the 'designated' mandi under the State APMC Act. In the mandi,



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arthritis - the local term for commission agents (they arrange for auction and delivery of the produce) - and the licensed trader/buyer rule the roost. The duo exploit her to the hilt by giving a low price, rejections, weighing less, delaying payment, etc. Levies such as market fees, anthias commission, rural development cess (RDC) etc further erode her net-back.

The APMC mandis can handle only a fraction of the quantity farmers bring to sell. So, most of them are forced to come to private local markets, where sales are legally barred.

At these markets, they end up selling their produce to traders at throwaway prices. The latter have the blessings of corrupt bureaucrats and politicians (in many cases, they or their kin also masquerade as traders) and hence, won't face any action for violating the law.

True, the state agencies such as The Food Corporation of India (FCI), National Agricultural Cooperative Marketing Federation of India Ltd (NAFED) etc purchase in the mandis specified crops needed for running welfare Schemes such as the distribution of free food under the National Food Security Act (NFSA). They make purchases at the minimum support price (MSP) notified by the Centre. But, their purchases are limited. Except for paddy and wheat where the agencies buy only 30 per cent of farmers' produce, for all other crops their purchase is minuscule. Even so only 6 per cent of farmers - mostly rich with larger land holdings - get the ben-

efit of government procurement. In short, under the existing State APMC laws, most poor farmers have no hope of getting a better price. They are forced to live in abject poverty and run high debt leading to even suicides that have become a national phenomenon.

The millions of consumers too are at the receiving end. They pay high prices for the foodstuff they buy from the market. People getting free food under NFSA 820 million, but that leaves out a mammoth number who buy their needs from the market; even NFSA beneficiaries depend on the market for buying their needs other than wheat/rice. The extra money they pay fills the coffers of the commission agents, traders and middlemen. Retail inflation very often gets out of control primarily because food inflation (it has a share of 40 per cent in the retail basket) remains sticky most of the time. It remains so even when there is a normal monsoon enabling surplus production. This, in turn, has a lot to do with the cartelization of the supply chain by a few middlemen working in collaboration with the political brass in states - abetted by the State APMC laws.

High inflation doesn't let the RBI reduce interest rates and that imposes an additional burden on millions of borrowers whose EMIs remain high; small businesses getting crippled due to the high cost of servicing their loans. Even the government's budget comes under stress due to higher interest payments on its debt. The solution lies in liberating all such stakeholders from the stran-

glehold of the big sharks. The way forward is to give more options to the farmers to sell and more options to consumers to buy. This is precisely what the three laws sought to do. The laws legitimized sales on all non-APMC platforms such as private traders, processors, aggregators, exporters etc without disturbing APMC mandis. These opened up unlimited opportunities for farmers to sell their produce, thereby helping them get higher prices, which could even exceed MSP depending on the demand-supply. They don't have to pay any levies for selling at non-APMC platforms. These enabled the farmers to enter into contracts with enterprises (private companies, cooperatives etc) that would not only give them an assured market at pre-set good prices but also the timely supply of quality inputs viz. fertilizers, seeds, pesticides etc and good agronomic practices for securing higher yield and quality foodstuff. In short, the laws gave a fair deal to millions of poor farmers on one hand and millions of consumers on the other. This would have reined in the unjust enrichment of a few and left more money to the farmers and consumers. Resulting lower inflation would prompt RBI to reduce interest rates helping millions of borrowers at one level and improving the Centre's fiscal health. ALAS! Their withdrawal has restored the status quo. Thanks to the political compulsion of the BJP, it is unable to even talk about those laws; forget resurrection.

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India and UNICEF: Celebrating 75 years of transformative partnership for child welfare

India and UNICEF have worked hand in hand, advancing the health, safety and rights of millions of children across India

For 75 years, India and UNICEF have worked together, advancing the rights and well-being of millions of children. The long-standing trusted and multi-faceted partnership is deeply rooted in shared values and a commitment to children's wellbeing in India and around the world, encompassing child health, safety, protection, equality, rights and wellbeing. An important, but lesser-known aspect of India's partnership with UNICEF is India's role as a key source of procurement of lifesaving supplies around the world. From 2016 to 2023, India supplied to UNICEF, commodities worth \$3 billion, including vaccines, and health supplies essential for



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UNICEF's humanitarian and development response to children's health and nutrition needs, globally. In 2023 alone, India ranked as the third-largest source of essential supplies for UNICEF, with procurements totalling \$483 million. Of this expenditure, approximately 74 per cent was allocated to vaccines, underscoring India's integral role in supporting

global immunisation efforts. India's collaboration with UNICEF in advancing global health was best exemplified during the COVID-19 pandemic. Demonstrating exceptional leadership, resilience, and innovation, India, as the world's largest vaccine producer, played a key role in providing COVID-19 vaccines globally. During 2021 and 2022 in partnership with UNICEF, India supplied 292 million doses of COVID-19 vaccines under the COVAX initiative to 47 countries, all of which were delivered to low and middle-income countries. Efficiently managed supply chains that allow children, adolescents, and mothers access to quality, safe, equi-

table, and affordable health-care and essential services are critical. UNICEF supports the government in establishing and managing these agile, cost-effective, and sustainable end-to-end supply chains. These have also strengthened UNICEF's ability to respond swiftly to emergencies and ensure the sustained availability of essential supplies. During COVID-19, UNICEF supported the government address critical challenges by installing oxygen plants, providing medical equipment, and distributing PPE equipment, strengthening the country's pandemic response. In fact, over the past decades, UNICEF supported the government's efforts



to strengthen immunisation systems by investing in the capacity building of health workers, upgrading and expanding cold chain capacity, and introducing electronic management information systems to track progress.

These efforts have improved the system's resilience, preparing the country for future public health emergencies. Supplies are essential to fulfil children's rights and innovations with sustainable supply chains are important considerations.

By partnering with the private sector, UNICEF promotes product innovation, digital transformation, and sustainable procurement, aligning with national priorities and SDG-12 on responsible consumption. In India, UNICEF works with suppliers to adopt eco-friendly business practices, ensuring essential supplies are sourced ethically, supporting both environmental goals and child welfare. Both India and UNICEF recognise that the well-being of children is inextricably linked to the prosperity of future generations.

India has made significant progress in reducing child mortality, increasing immunisation coverage, achieving high enrolment in primary

education, and improving access to sanitation and clean water. The 75th anniversary of the collaboration between UNICEF and the Government of India this year is a historic milestone that bears evidence of the legacy of progress. India's collaboration with UNICEF has remained steadfast which has accomplished millions of children having been vaccinated, educated, and lifted out of poverty. UNICEF remains committed to supporting India, for every child in the country to have equal access and opportunities that help them realize their dreams and aspirations.

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Pak suicide attack kills two Chinese nationals, suspected militant

PTI ■ KARACHI

Two Chinese nationals were killed and 17 people injured in a suicide attack by a Baloch insurgent group late at night that targeted a convoy of Chinese workers near Pakistan's busiest airport here, authorities said on Monday.

The explosion near the Jinnah International Airport on Sunday night also killed a suspected suicide bomber. The attack is the latest in a string of violence against Chinese workers in Pakistan. It comes less than two weeks before the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation's summit to be held in the national capital.

The banned Baloch Liberation Army (BLA) claimed responsibility for the attack, saying the blast was a suicide attack targeting a convoy of Chinese engineers and investors leaving the Jinnah International Airport.

The attack occurred less than a mile from the airport's main terminal. Authorities briefly suspended all traffic going to the airport.

It targeted a convoy carrying

Chinese staff of an electric power company.

Initial investigations show that a small vehicle was used to carry out the suicide attack when the vehicle carrying the Chinese nationals reached the main signal near the Karachi Airport," Deputy Inspector General of Police Asif Sheikh said.

He said that it appeared the vehicle used by the suicide bomber had explosives and as soon as it hit the target it exploded.

The Chinese embassy confirmed that two of its nationals had died and another was injured, along with "some local casualties".

"Three bodies were brought to the hospital and two of them are Chinese nationals," surgeon Dr Summaiya at the Jinnah Postgraduate Medical College (JPMC) said.

A senior police official at the Counter Terrorism Department said the third body could be that of the suicide bomber.

Another police official said that the explosion was heard far and wide in the city and an oil

tanker which was at the signal had also caught fire and exploded.

"It was the tanker explosion which caused so many injuries and damage to at least a dozen vehicles in the close range," he said.

Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif called the attack a "heinous act" and offered his condolences to the Chinese people. "Pakistan stands committed to safeguarding our Chinese friends," he wrote on X.

Pakistan's Foreign Office (FO) on Monday said last night's terror attack near the Karachi airport would not "go unpunished". "This deplorable act of terrorism is an attack not only on Pakistan but also on the enduring friendship between Pakistan and China. We remain resolute in bringing to justice those responsible for this cowardly attack, including the Majeed Brigade," the FO said in a statement. "Pakistan's security and law enforcement agencies will spare no effort in apprehending the perpetrators and their facilitators. This barbaric act will not go unpunished," the FO said.

It said the Ministry of Foreign Affairs was in close contact with the Chinese embassy for coordination and facilitation. "Pakistan and China are close partners and iron brothers, united by a bond of mutual respect and shared destiny. Pakistan reaffirms its unwavering commitment to the safety and security of Chinese nationals, projects, and institutions in Pakistan, and will continue to work hand in hand with our Chinese brothers to defeat the forces of terror," it said.

Thousands of Chinese personnel are working in Pakistan on several projects under the aegis of the USD 60 billion China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC).

The Chinese embassy on Monday asked its citizens and Chinese enterprises in Pakistan to be vigilant and to "do their best to take safety precautions". It also asked Pakistan to thoroughly investigate the incident and "severely punish the murderer".

In a statement, the Pakistan Airport Authority (PAA) said that airport buildings and assets remained safe in the

incident. Flight schedules at the airport are continuing as normal.

Balochistan, bordering Iran and Afghanistan, is home to a long-running violent insurgency. Baloch insurgent groups have previously carried out several attacks targeting CPEC projects.

The BLA accuses China and Islamabad of exploitation of the resource-rich province, a charge rejected by the authorities. It has fought a long-running insurgency for a separate homeland.

The group in the last two years carried out similar suicide bomb attacks in Karachi targeting foreign nationals.

The BLA in March this year claimed responsibility for an attack on a Pakistani naval air base near China-run Gwadar port. In April 2022, the group killed three Chinese tutors and a Pakistani driver in a suicide bombing near Karachi University's Confucius Institute.

In November 2018, gunmen killed at least four people in an attack on the Chinese consulate in Karachi.



Security officials examine the site of an explosion that caused injuries and destroyed vehicles outside the Karachi airport, Pakistan, early Monday. AP/PTI

Life returns to normal in Pakistan's capital, Imran Khan's party ends protest

PTI ■ ISLAMABAD

Life was returning to normal in the Pakistani capital on Monday after the violent protest by the Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf supporters subsided in the wake of high drama involving the mysterious disappearance of the party leader Ali Amin Gandapur.

Gandapur, the chief minister of the restive Khyber-Pakhtunkhwa province in the northwest, is a mercurial PTI leader and confidante of jailed party founder Imran Khan.

With shoulder-length flowing hair, a thick moustache, a broad chest and considerable height, he boasts a towering personality.

Following Imran Khan's directives, he announced that the party will stage a protest at the famous D-Chowk of Islamabad in the heart of the city on Friday - the same venue where the PTI had organised a sit-in for 126 days in 2014.

Leading a caravan of dozens of vehicles and overcoming road blockades and resistance by police, he finally managed to reach the capital on Saturday afternoon.

After arriving in the national capital, he left his supporters and went to the KP House, the property of his government in Islamabad, for refreshments, but disappeared from there.

After remaining incommunicado for more than 24 hours, he suddenly appeared Sunday evening at the provincial assembly building in Peshawar. He made a fiery speech to the assembly but failed to give exact details about his whereabouts when he was not accessible to his family or party.

As the media frenzy focused on his disappearance, hundreds of protestors whom he had led to Islamabad silently melted away and probably went back to their homes, except those arrested by police.

As the protestors went away, the authorities began to lift the siege of the city, clearing most of the roads and restoring the

suspended mobile services.

By Monday morning, life returned to normal in twin cities of Islamabad and Rawalpindi. Public transportation resumed its regular routes, although the Islamabad Metro Bus service remains partially suspended.

Roads and thoroughfares in Islamabad had reopened. Containers obstructing major arteries in Islamabad and Rawalpindi have been removed. Government offices, private businesses, and schools have reopened.

Civic bodies were busy at several places in Islamabad repairing and renovating sidewalks, roads and bridges ahead of the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation summit to be held here next week.

Meanwhile, Pakistan authorities registered new cases under terrorism laws against Imran Khan and dozens of his supporters for violence and vandalism in Lahore and Rawalpindi.

The Express Tribune newspaper reported that according to the FIR lodged in Lahore, police accused that Khan has been provided with extraordinary privileges inside prison, which allowed him to communicate with his party leaders and incite them to engage in violent actions.

Additionally, several cases have been registered against PTI workers for violating Section 144 by holding protest in the city. The protest was prohibited under the emergency law, which was in effect at the time. Meanwhile, a case was registered at Naseerabad Police Station in Rawalpindi against Khan and 300 party workers under the Anti-Terrorism Act. So far, 16 protesters have been arrested. On Monday, the Punjab government banned Imran Khan from meeting his family members, lawyers and party leaders till October 18, citing "security concerns". Khan has been lodged in Rawalpindi's Adiala Jail in multiple cases since August 2023.

Pak's Punjab govt bans Imran from meeting wife

Lahore (PTI): Pakistan's Punjab government on Monday banned jailed former premier Imran Khan from meeting his family members, lawyers and party leaders till October 18 due to "security concerns", amidst his party staging anti-government protests in several cities.

The Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) founder Khan's Adiala Jail in multiple cases since August 2023.

Interior Minister Mohsin Naqvi has accused PTI of trying to disrupt the upcoming Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) summit scheduled to be held on Oct 15 and 16 in Islamabad and emphasised that the government will ensure that these plans do not succeed.

"Incarcerated PTI founder Imran Khan and his wife Bushra Bibi have been banned from meeting their family, lawyers, and party leaders at Adiala Jail, Rawalpindi, till Oct 18," a Punjab government official said. The government has taken the decision in view of "security concerns", he said.

According to sources, the government has taken the decision in anticipation of the upcoming SCO summit.

The coalition government led by PML-N's Shehbaz Sharif has alleged that PTI is staging protests in Islamabad to sabotage the summit. The Pakistan Army has been called in to provide security for the SCO summit. Earlier, security agencies arrested six Adiala jail staff for aiding the PTI founder.

Meanwhile, a PTI spokesperson said its legal team of Khan will file a petition in court, requesting the lifting of a ban on meetings with Imran Khan and Bushra Bibi. "Justice Sardar Jaz of Islamabad High Court had ordered the authorities not too long ago to arrange meetings via video link, if not possible physically, given the number of cases Imran Khan has to deal with, legal consultation is given and, therefore should be provided," he said.

UK PM names new chief of staff in Downing Street shake-up

PTI ■ LONDON

British Prime Minister Keir Starmer on Monday named a new chief of staff after a high-profile resignation amid a wider shake-up of his top team at 10 Downing Street to mark his Labour Party government's first 100 days in office.

Sue Gray, previously a top civil servant appointed by former prime minister Boris Johnson to investigate the partygate scandal of COVID lockdown law breaching parties within the then Tory government, resigned as Starmer's top aide saying the "intense commentary around my position risked becoming a distraction to the government's vital work of change". She was referring to weeks of media revelations and controversies surrounding her role, including her salary package of GBP 170,000 being GBP 3,000 more than the Prime Minister being leaked to the BBC.

"It is for that reason I have chosen to stand aside, and I look forward to continuing to support the prime minister in my new role," said Gray, who has been demoted to a part-time role as Starmer's envoy for nations and regions.



Morgan McSweeney, the Labour Party's former campaign director who masterminded July's general election landslide for the party, will replace Gray as the new chief of staff. His appointment comes alongside political director Vidhya Alakeson and director of government relations Jill Cuthbertson being promoted to deputy chiefs of staff. Nin Pandit, the director of the Downing Street policy unit until now, has been appointed

principal private secretary to Starmer, while former journalist James Lyons will join to head up a new strategic communications team. "I'm really pleased to be able to bring in such talented and experienced individuals into my team. This shows my absolute determination to deliver the change the country voted for," said Starmer in a statement.

He thanked his outgoing chief for "all the support", both in Opposition and government and her work to prepare Labour for government. "Sue has played a vital role in strengthening our relations with the regions and nations. I am delighted that she will continue to support that work," he added.

According to media reports, junior staff at Downing Street were disgruntled and some had resorted to leaks to the media at a time when Starmer and the Cabinet were battling allegations of accepting "freebies" of clothes and hospitality from wealthy party donors.

"In fewer than 100 days Sir Keir Starmer's Labour government has been thrown into chaos - he has lost his chief of staff who has been at the centre of the scandal the Labour Party has been engulfed by," a

Ukraine strikes Russian oil hub as Zelenskyy says war is in 'very important phase'

AP ■ KYIV

Ukraine's military claimed it struck a major oil terminal Monday in Crimea that provides fuel for Russia's war effort as Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy said the war has entered a key phase.

Both sides are facing the issue of how to sustain their costly war of attrition - a conflict that started with Russia's full-scale invasion of Ukraine in February 2022 and that shows no signs of a resolution.

Ukraine's General Staff said on social media that the oil terminal in Feodosia, on the south coast of the Russia-occupied Crimea Peninsula, has been supplying the Russian army with fuel and that the strike was part of an ongoing effort to "under-

mine the military and economic potential of the Russian Federation". Russian-installed authorities in the city of Feodosia on the coast of the Black Sea reported a fire at the terminal on Monday morning but did not say what might have caused it.

Ukraine has increasingly targeted rear areas that are essential for Russia's onslaught, now deep into its third year. It has developed long-range drones that have hit oil depots and refineries as well as armories.

Ukraine's aim is to impair Russia's ability to support its front-line units, especially in the eastern Donetsk region where the main Russian battlefield effort is stretching weary Ukrainian forces.

Kyiv is still awaiting word from its Western partners on

its repeated requests to use the long-range weapons they provide to hit targets on Russian soil.

Developments on that question could come next weekend at Ramstein Air Base in Germany, when defence leaders from the 50-plus partner nations that coordinate military aid to Ukraine are due to meet.

The conflict has largely been a war of attrition, which requires large amounts of ammunition. Late on Sunday, Zelenskyy said the war is in "a very important phase" as the Ukrainian army works hard to hold the bigger Russian forces at bay in the east while also holding ground in Russia's Kursk border region, which it captured two months ago.

Ukraine needs to "put pressure on Russia in the way

that's necessary for Russia to realise that the war will gain them nothing," Zelenskyy said in a video statement.

"We will continue to apply even greater pressure on Russia - because only through strength can we bring peace closer," he added. Meanwhile, Russia fired six missiles of various types and 74 Shahed drones at Ukraine overnight, Ukraine's air force said. Missile debris fell in three districts of Kyiv, causing minor damage to civilian infrastructure and starting a fire, Mayor Vitalii Klitschko said.

He said nobody was hurt. Three missile fragments fell on a kindergarten, he said without elaborating. Russia's Defence Ministry said it shot down almost two dozen Ukrainian drones overnight.

Myanmar's ex-ruling party's member dies while serving prison sentence

Bangkok (AP): Zaw Myint Maung, a senior member of Myanmar's former ruling party arrested during the 2021 military takeover, died Monday while serving a prison sentence that was considered politically motivated. He was 72.

He was a close colleague of ousted leader Aung San Suu Kyi and spokesperson of her National League for Democracy party. He had been a second vice president and chief minister of the central Mandalay region before the army seized control of the government in 2021, arresting him, Suu Kyi and many top members of her NLD party and government.

Zaw Myint Maung had been jailed at least twice under previous governments for his political activities.

He had had leukemia since 2019. His death was confirmed by Tun Kyi, a party colleague from Mandalay, and another friend, who insisted on anonymity for fear of being punished by the authorities.

In a statement expressing condolences, the National Unity Government, the main shadow opposition group organizing against army rule, lauded Zaw Myint Maung for being "unwaveringly committed to the democratic cause, fighting alongside the people and other democratic forces to dismantle military dictatorship."

The NLD won a landslide victory in Myanmar's 2020 election, but the army seized power Feb. 1, 2021, the day it was supposed to begin a second five-year term in office. The country now is enmeshed in civil war between the military and pro-democracy forces allied with armed ethnic minority groups. Zaw Myint Maung was serving a prison sentence of 29 years after being convicted in closed court in 2021 and 2022 on charges of violating coronavirus restrictions.

World's rivers faced driest year in three decades in 2023: UN weather agency

Geneva (AP): The UN weather agency on Monday said that 2023 was the driest year in more than three decades for the world's rivers, as the record-hot year underpinned a drying up of water flows and contributed to prolonged droughts in some places.

The World Meteorological Organisation in a report also said glaciers that feed rivers in many countries suffered the largest loss of mass in the last five decades, warning that ice melt can threaten long-term water security for millions of people globally.

"Water is the canary in the coalmine of climate change. We receive distress signals in the form of increasingly extreme rainfall, floods and droughts which wreak a heavy toll on lives, ecosystems and economies," said WMO Secretary-General Celeste Saulo, releasing the report on



Monday. She said rising temperatures had in part led the hydrological cycle to become "more erratic and unpredictable" in ways that can produce "either too much or too little water" through both droughts and floods.

The weather agency, citing figures from UN Water, says some 3.6 billion people face inadequate access to water for at least one month a year - and that figure is expected to rise to 5 billion by 2050.

The world faced the hottest year on record in 2023, and the summer of this year was also the hottest summer ever -

raising warning signs for a possible new annual record in 2024. "In the (last) 33 years of data, we had never such a large area around the world which was under such dry conditions," said Stefan Uhlenbrook, director of hydrology, water and cryosphere at WMO. WMO called for improvements in data collection and sharing to help clear up the real picture for water resources and help countries and communities take action in response. The report said the southern United States, Central America and South American countries Argentina, Brazil, Peru and Uruguay faced widespread drought conditions and "the lowest water levels ever observed in Amazon and in Lake Titicaca," on the border between Peru and Bolivia.

WMO said half of the world faced dry-river-flow conditions last year.

Russian court sentences 72-year-old American to nearly seven years in prison

Moscow (AP): A Russian court on Monday sentenced a 72-year-old American in a closed trial to nearly seven years in prison for allegedly fighting as a mercenary in Ukraine. Prosecutors said Stephen Hubbard signed a contract with the Ukrainian military after Russia sent troops into Ukraine in February 2022 and he fought alongside them until being captured two months later. He was sentenced to six years and 10 months in a general-security prison. Prosecutors had called for a sentence of seven years in a maximum-security prison.

Hubbard, from the state of Michigan, is the first American known to have been convicted on charges of fighting as a mercenary in the Ukrainian conflict. The charges carried a poten-

tial sentence of 15 years, but prosecutors asked that his age be taken into account along with his admission of guilt, Russian news reports said.

Arrests of Americans have become increasingly common in Russia in recent years.

Concern has risen that Russia could be targeting US nationals for arrest to use later as bargaining chips in talks to bring back Russians convicted of crimes in the US and Europe.

Also on Monday, a court in the city of Voronezh sentenced American Robert Gilman to seven years and 1 month for allegedly assaulting law enforcement officers while serving a sentence for another assault.

According to Russian news reports, Gilman was arrested

in 2022 for causing a disturbance while intoxicated on a passenger train and then assaulted a police officer while in custody. He is serving a 3 1/2-year sentence on that charge.

Last year, he assaulted a prison inspector during a cell check, then hit an official of the Investigative Committee, resulting in the new sentence, state news agency RIA-Novosti said.

The US and Russia in August completed their largest prisoner swap in post-Soviet history, a deal involving 24 people, many months of negotiations and concessions from other European countries, which released Russians in their custody as part of the exchange. Several US citizens remain behind bars in Russia following the swap.

'Projectiles launched from Gaza set off sirens in Tel Aviv'

AP ■ RE'IM
Israelis were holding vigils and somber ceremonies on Monday to mark a year since the Oct 7, 2023 Hamas attack, the deadliest in the country's history, which sparked the war in Gaza and scarred Israelis indelibly.

up a fight. It launched rockets that set off air raid sirens in Tel Aviv, as well as closer to the Gaza border. In Gaza, which is still buckling under the weight of the ongoing war, no formal commemorative event is planned.

hostage. After briefly playing the same trance music that was blared during the festival, hundreds of family members and friends of the victims stood for a moment of silence. One woman's piercing wail broke the silence as booms echoed from the fighting in Gaza, just a few kilometres away.

whom are said to be dead — gathered near Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's Jerusalem residence and stood during a two-minute siren, replicating a custom from the most solemn dates on the Israeli calendar, Holocaust Remembrance and Memorial Day.

Nobel Prize in medicine honours US duo for discovery of microRNA

AP ■ STOCKHOLM
The Nobel Prize in physiology or medicine was awarded Monday to Americans Victor Ambros and Gary Ruvkun for their discovery of microRNA, tiny pieces of genetic material that alter how genes work at the cellular level and could lead to new ways of treating cancer.

ment explaining the importance of their work. Ambros performed the research that led to his prize at Harvard University. He is currently a professor of natural science at the University of Massachusetts Medical School.

Perlmann said. Ambros and Ruvkun, the assembly explained, were initially interested in genes that control the timing of different genetic developments, ensuring that cell types develop at the right time. To do that, they studied two mutant strains of worms commonly used as research models in science.

forms". MicroRNA have opened up scientists' approaches to treating diseases like cancer by helping to regulate how genes work at the cellular level, according to Dr Claire Fletcher, a lecturer in molecular oncology at Imperial College London.

Tunisia's Kais poised to win after cracking down on opp

AP ■ TUNIS
Tunisia's incumbent president announced late on Sunday that he would wait for official results before declaring victory while acknowledging exit polls showing him winning by a landslide in an election marred by earlier arrests of his opponents.

himself ablaze to protest police humiliation and corruption, President Zine El Abidine Ben Ali abdicated and fled the country. In the years that followed, Tunisia enshrined a new democratic constitution, created a Truth and Dignity Commission to bring justice to citizens tortured under the former regime and saw its leading civil society groups win the Nobel Peace Prize for brokering political compromise.

PUBLIC NOTICE
I Shaheed Ahmed (Author No.: 9198-0907-99448) S/o Mr. Basheer Ahmed R/o F-400-A, Gali No. 15, Jawahar Park, Laxmi Nagar, Delhi-110029, do hereby solemnly affirm and inform that I have discovered my son Mr. Inzar Ahmed, my Daughter-in-law Mrs. Koushar and their children Mr. Ayan Ahmed and Ms. Aitasha Bebi from my all movable and immovable properties due to their misbehavior and non-co-operative behavior towards me and other family members.

PUBLIC NOTICE
Be it known to all that my clients Sh. Avinash Chander Vohra S/o Shri Sital Dass Vohra and Smt. Sudesh Vohra W/o Sh. Avinash Chander Vohra both R/o 4B/13, First Floor, Old Rajender Nagar, New Delhi-110060 have disowned/debarred their son Pankaj Vohra from all their movable & immovable properties and have severed all relations from him due to his misconduct. Any person dealing with him shall be doing at his/her own risk.

"We are going to cleanse the country of all the corrupt and schemers," Saied said at his campaign headquarters. Tunisia's public television broadcast exit polls from Sigma Conseil, an independent firm that has historically published figures not far off official tallies, showing Saied winning more than 89 per cent of the vote over imprisoned businessman Ayachi Zammel and Zouhair Maghzaoui, a leftist who supported Saied before choosing to run against him.

PD(824)C
I, Lucky Baweja S/o Shri Vikas Baweja R/o E-53 Gali No. 13, Raja Puri, Uttam Nagar, New Delhi-110059, hereby declare that my name is mentioned in my old aadhar card as Lucky instead of "Lucky Baweja" that I declare that "Lucky" and "Lucky Baweja" both are the same and one person.

OUTSOURCING JOB OF ACCEA FOR ESCORTING OF AC COACHES
E-Tender Notice No.: EL-GH-965 of 2024-25. Dated: 01-10-2024. E-tenders are invited by the undersigned for the following work: Tender No.: EL-GH-965. Name of work: Outsourcing job of ACCEA for escorting of LHB & SG AC Coaches of primary Maintenance Depot at Guwahati & Kamakhya for a period of 4 years. Advertised Value: ₹21,62,06,838.96; Earnest Money: ₹12,31,000.00. E-tender will be closed at 15:00 hrs. on 23-10-2024. For details please visit: www.ireps.gov.in

PUBLIC NOTICE
NOTICE is hereby given that Sushila Sharma claims to be the owner and in possession of Ground Floor of Prop No. III-F/927, in Vashali Ghaziabad, U.P. (herein after called the said property) by virtue of Sale Deed dated 06.06.2009, Doc. No. 12990 and said Sushila Sharma has agreed to sell said Property to Pammil Singh and said Pammil Singh agreed to create a mortgage in favour of our clients IDFC First Bank Ltd, ITO Branch, any person's having claim against the said Property, or any part thereof, by way of sale, exchange, mortgage (equitable/registered or otherwise), gift, trust, inheritance, lien or otherwise however, are hereby intimated to notify the same in writing to us with supporting documentary evidence at the address mentioned below within 7 days from the date hereof, failing which the claim or claims, if any, of such person or persons will be considered to have been waived and/or abandoned and our client shall proceed with the disbursement of loan and subsequent creation of mortgage in respect thereof.

PD(825)A
I, Maithli Sharan F/o No-15748731k, Sigmnt Atul Pratap R/o Vill/Post- Khilli, Teh- Moth, Distt-Jhansi, State Uttar Pradesh Pin No-284306 have Changed My Name Fm Maithli Sharan to Maithali Sharan and also Changed my date-of-brith Fm -09-06-1970 to 01.01.1969 for all future purpose vide affidavit before Public notary Uttar Pradesh dated 27/08/24

PD(826)C
I, Ram Devi M/o No. 15748731k Sigmnt Atul Pratap R/o Vill/Post- Khilli, Teh- Moth, Distt. Jhansi State- Uttar Pradesh Pin No.-284306 have Changed My date-of-brith FM 01-01-1973 to 01.01.1982 for all future purpose vide affidavit before public notary Uttar Pradesh 27/08/24

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Karnataka Bank Ltd. POSSESSION NOTICE (For Immovable Property)
Whereas, undersigned being the Authorised Officer of KARNATAKA BANK LIMITED, under Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest (Act), 2002 (54 of 2002) and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13(12) read with rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued demand notice dated 06.07.2024 calling upon the borrower/mortgagor/guarantors: (1) M/s JMD Elevators Represented by its Proprietor: a) Mr. Anil Kumar Monga S/o Mr. Krishan Lal Monga, (2) Mr. Anil Kumar Monga S/o Mr. Krishan Lal Monga, Both No (1) & (2) are residing at: 8/127, 1st Floor, Ramesh Nagar, Single Storey, New Delhi-110015, (3) Mrs. Mamta Monga W/o Mr. Anil Kumar Monga residing at: House No.23, Block-5 Single Storey, Ramesh Nagar New Delhi-110015, to repay the amount mentioned in the notice being Rs.11,64,158.79 [Rupees Eleven Lakhs Sixty Four Thousand One Hundred Fifty Eight and Paise Seventy Nine Only] under PSOD Account No. 5547006000013801 along with future interest from 01.07.2024, within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

PD(827)C
I, Rihima Rao, D/o Mr. Prabhansh Rao, R/o H. No-A-129 Gymkhana Colony, Gautam Puri Phase-2, Badarpur New Delhi-110044 hereby declare that Rihima and Rihima Rao is the same and one person. In future I known as Rihima Rao for all future purposes.

PD(828)CA
I, Service No.3188803K Rank Sep Desh Raj S/o Sh. Chanda Singh R/o Village & Po Alampur, TEH Jaisinghpur, Distt Kangra H.P declare that my father's date-of-birth has been wrongly written in my service record as 01 July 1948, the correct date of birth of my father is 11-02-1949 for all future purposes.

HIMALAYA FOOD INTERNATIONAL LIMITED
Regd. Office: 118, 1st Floor, 12 Gagandeep Building, Rajendra Place, New Delhi-110008
Tel. +91 11 45108609, Fax: +91 1704 225178
E-mail id: cs@himalayainternational.com | website: www.himalayafoodcompany.com

EXTRACT OF UN-AUDITED STANDALONE FINANCIAL RESULTS FOR THE QUARTER & HALF YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2024

Table with 5 columns: S. No., Particulars, Quarter Ended (30.09.2024, 30.06.2024, 30.09.2023), Half year ended (30.09.2024, 30.09.2023), Year ended (31.03.2024). Rows include Total Income from Operations, Net Profit for the period (before/after tax), Total Comprehensive Income, Paid-up Equity Share Capital, Earnings Per Share (Basic/Diluted).

Notes:
1. The above unaudited results were reviewed by the Audit Committee and there after approved by the Board of Directors at its meeting held on October 07th, 2024.
2. The above is an extract of the detailed format of Unaudited Financial results for the Quarter/ Half year ended September 30th, 2024 filed with the Stock Exchange under Regulation 33 of the SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015. The full format of the aforesaid Unaudited Financial results for the Quarter/ Half year ended September 30th, 2024 are available on BSE Limited (www.bseindia.com) and the Company website (www.himalayafoodcompany.com).

For and on behalf of the Board
Date: 07.10.2024
Place: Paonta Sahib
Man Mohan Malik
Managing Director
(DIN: 00696077)

DISTRICT CONSUMER DISPUTES REDRESSAL Commission SAS NAGAR
SCO No.- 43, NEAR BASSI THEATRE, PHASE-2 SAS NAGAR (MOHALI)
Consumer Complaint No. 363/2023 Fixed for: 05.11.2024
Op.No.1. Mona Township Pvt.Ltd. through its Managing Director, having its registered Office at 399 Ground Floor, Betra Enclave, Paschim Vihar, New Delhi-110087.
Whereas it has been proved to the satisfaction of this Commission that the Opposite parties above mentioned cannot be served in the ordinary way of the service, Hence this proclamation under Order 5 Rule 20 CPC is hereby issued against them and they should appear personally or through their counsel on 05.11.2024 at 10:30 a.m. failing which ex-parte proceedings shall be taken against them.
Given under my hand and the seal of the Commission on this 30th day of August 2024.
President, District Consumer Commission S.A.S Nagar

CHANGE OF D.O.B
I, Service No.3188803K Rank Sep Desh Raj S/o Sh. Chanda Singh R/o Village & Po Alampur, TEH Jaisinghpur, Distt Kangra H.P declare that my father's date-of-birth has been wrongly written in my service record as 01 July 1948, the correct date of birth of my father is 11-02-1949 for all future purposes.
PD(828)CA

PUBLIC NOTICE
Notice is hereby given to the General Public that Mrs. Asha Rani W/o Mr. Naresh Kumar was the owner of PART OF PROPERTY BEARING NO. 60, AREA MEASURING 54 SQ. YARDS, PART OF MU NO. 5 KILA NO. 35-B, SITUATED IN THE AREA OF VILLAGE KHURRI KHAS, IN THE ABADI OF GOPAL PARK, ILAQA SHAHDARA, DELHI, by virtue of Notarized GPA, AT&S & Regd. Will dated 11.03.1991, executed by Mr. Parmeshwari Dass Gupta, and same to be financed by SMFG India Credit Company Limited, General public hereby informed that if anybody has any charge/interest in the said property or any kind of dispute kindly inform the undersigned in writing on the below mentioned address within 07 days of the present.

BABA FARID UNIVERSITY OF HEALTH SCIENCES, FARIDKOT
ADMISSION NOTICE (Skill Development Courses-2024)
Online applications are invited wef 10.10.24 to 24.10.24 through university website from eligible candidates who are Punjab Residents only for Skill Development courses (seats-30 each) at Skill Development Centre, University Institute of Paramedical Sciences, Faridkot i.e. Certificate Course in Home Health Aide-630 hrs, Certificate Course in General Duty Assistant-630 hrs, Certificate Course in Dental Assistant-510 hrs, Certificate Course in Emergency Medical Technician (Basic)-300 hrs, Certificate Course in Operating Theatre Technician-1 Yr, Certificate Course in Plaster Techniques-1 Yr, Certificate Course in Orthopaedic Techniques-1 Yr, Certificate Course in CT-6 Months, Certificate Course in MRI-6 Months alongwith requisite fee of Rs 1180/- incl. GST (SC -Rs 590/-). For eligibility/duration/details/updates visit university website www.bfuhhs.ac.in

PUBLIC NOTICE
To be known to all that I/W, Mrs. Ramesh Kumar Kalra Alias Ramesh Arora D/o Sh. Jaswant Kaur & W/o Sh. N. K. Arora R/o 43-C, Block-CC, DDA LG Flats, Hari Nagar, South West Delhi, Delhi-110064, We misplace/lost Sub-Registrar endorsement paper of Perpetual Sub-lease Deed of the said property bearing Plot No. C-3, Naraina Residential Scheme, New Delhi-110028. If anybody has any charge/interest in the original documents i.e. DDA Original Lease Deed with Endowment, Allotment Cum Demand Letter, Possession Letter, DDA Original Phys. Possession, ODA, Original Deed for Original Sanction Plan, Occupancy Certificate, A Lost Report to this effect has been lodged in PS Crime Branch, vide LR No.2155240/2024 dated 26/09/2024. Any person claiming any right/interest, having any objection or found in possession of original documents, may write/contact with above mentioned person at above address/phone No.8287505201 within 15 days from the date of publication of this notice and can personally inform in writing to Act. Director (LSB) (R) DDA, Vikas Sadan, INA, New Delhi-110023.

ADMISSION NOTICE (QAI, UK Level 4 Diploma in Caregiving and Midwifery) Course-2024)
Online applications are invited wef 10.10.24 to 24.10.24 through university website from eligible candidates for QAI, (Qualification and Assessments International) UK Level 4 Diploma in Caregiving and Midwifery Course (seats-30) Total 1200 hrs (collaboration with National Skill Development Commission, India) at University College of Nursing, Faridkot alongwith requisite fee of Rs 1180/- incl. GST (SC-Rs 590/-). For eligibility/duration/details/updates visit university website www.bfuhhs.ac.in

Indian Overseas Bank
KUNDLI BRANCH
(ADDRESS : SCO 24, HSIIDC INDUSTRIAL COMPLEX, PHASE-I, KUNDLI DIST- SONIPAT, HARYANA - 131028
PHONE NO: 8733030068 & EMAIL ID : iob2193@iob.in)

DEMAND NOTICE TO BORROWERS / MORTGAGORS / GUARANTORS UNDER SUB-SECTION(2) OF SECTION 13 OF THE SARFAESI ACT, 2002
Place : Kundli
Date : 30/09/2024

Table with 5 columns: SI No., Nature of Facility, Limit, Rates of interest (including overdue interest & rests), Last Interest Debit Date (Mandatory), Total dues* as on 30/09/2024 (in Rs.). Rows include Home Loan (RSUBH Scheme) with a total due of 2032520.16.

* With further interest from last interest debit date at contractual rates/rests will become payable from the date mentioned above till date of payment.
The above named guarantors referred under SI. Nos have executed guarantee and thereby guaranteed payment on demand of all moneys and discharge all obligations and liabilities then or at any time thereafter owing or incurred to Indian Overseas Bank by the borrowers for the aggregate credit limits of Rs 19,80,000.00 together with agreed interest, charges etc.
The credit facilities were secured by the assets mentioned below by way of mortgage/ hypothecation/ hire purchase/ lease (as applicable) standing in the name of the borrower Nos. 1, They were also secured by mortgage of properties in the name of borrower / mortgagor mentioned in SI.No. 1. They were also secured by mortgage of properties in the name of mortgagor / guarantor Nos herein above.
The guarantors mentioned under SI. Nos of you have given personal guarantee for the credit facilities as given above. You have acknowledged from time to time the liabilities mentioned herein above through various documents executed by you.

Table with 2 columns: NATURE OF SECURITY, PARITICULARS OF SECURITIES. Row 1: Mortgage, Residential Flat Situated at Entire Third Floor with Roof Rights, Property Bearing No. 61, Block-A, Pocket-00, Sector-2, Rohini, Delhi-110085. Property Area : 31.69 Sq. Meters

** The Bank reserves its right to proceed against the agricultural land security Nos. 6 above through other available legal course of action.
3. Consequent upon defaults committed by the above-named borrowers in payment of the principal debt/ interest as per agreed terms, loan account mentioned above have been classified as Non-Performing Asset on 26/09/2024 (date of classification as NPA) as per Reserve Bank of India guidelines and directives. Despite our reminders for regularization of your account, you have not repaid the overdue loans including interest thereon.
4. Since you the above named borrowers referred under SI. Nos. 1, have failed to meet the liabilities in respect of the credit facilities duly secured by various securities mentioned above and upon classification of your account as a Non-Performing Asset, we hereby recall our advances to SI. Nos. 1, of you and give you notice under sub-section (2) of section 13 of the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002, and call upon you to pay in full and discharge your liabilities to the bank aggregating to Rs 2032520.16, as detailed in para 1 above, with further interest @ contractual rate + Overdue Interest @ 2% compounded with monthly/ half yearly as agreed, from the date mentioned above, within 60 days from the date of receipt of this notice.
5. The above named mortgagor / guarantor Nos have given undertaking for repayment / guarantee for the credit facilities taken by the borrowers and have also mortgaged the properties herein mentioned to secure the above said credit facilities. Since the borrowers have committed defaults in repayment, the mortgagors/guarantors have become liable to pay to us in terms of the guarantee, the amounts due to the Bank as per the loan / credit facilities aggregating to Rs 20,35,250.16, together with further interest @9.55% compounded with monthly/ half yearly as agreed and we hereby invoke the guarantee against the mortgagors / guarantors who have given non-agri securities enforceable under the SARFAESI Act namely of you and call upon you to pay the said amount within sixty days from the date of receipt of this notice. Please be advised that the Guarantors liability is co-extensive with the liability of the borrowers.
6. We further give notice to the borrowers namely 1, and mortgagors / guarantors who have given non-agri securities enforceable under the SARFAESI Act namely that failing payment of the above amount in full with interest and charges etc till the date of payment, we shall be exercising all or any of the rights vested on us, under sub-section (4) of section 13 of the said Act.
7. Please note that in law the borrowers and guarantors are jointly and severally liable to repay the dues with further interest and charges etc.
8. Please note that interest will continue to accrue at the rates and rests as agreed for each credit facility until full repayment.
9. Your attention is also invited to sub-section (13) of section 13 of the said Act in terms of which you are restrained from transferring/alienating/shifting any of the secured assets referred to above by way of sale, lease or otherwise, without obtaining our prior written consent. Please also note that non-compliance / contravention of the provisions contained in the said Act or Rules made thereunder, is an offence which is punishable with imprisonment and/or fine as provided under section 29 of the Act.
10. The guarantors referred under SI. Nos have given personal guarantee to secure the loans of the said borrowers and as such we advise you to prevail upon the borrowers to repay the dues as per our demand since we have the right to initiate action against you simultaneously in accordance with law, for recovery of our dues based on your personal guarantee.
11. We also put all of you on notice that if the account is not regularized/ repaid within the stipulated time and in case of the Bank classifying you as a willful defaulter, as per RBI Guidelines, the Bank reserves its rights to publish your photograph in newspaper(s) with your name, address, details of default, dues etc., in accordance with RBI Guidelines besides initiating all recourses available to the Bank for recovery.
12. We also advise you that this demand notice is without prejudice to and shall not be construed as waiver of any other rights or remedies which we have for recovery of the above said dues as well as our right to make further demands in respect of sums due and payable by you.
13. Further, your attention is invited to provisions of Sub-section (8) of the Section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available to you, to redeem the secured assets.
Yours faithfully,
Authorized Officer

India, Maldives strengthen ties; inaugurate new runway, RuPay card

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

The inauguration of a new runway in the Maldives built under an airport redevelopment project assisted by India and the official launch of the RuPay card in the island nation on Monday are aimed at boosting economic ties and tourism cooperation between the two countries.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Maldivian President Mohamed Muizzu jointly virtually inaugurated the runway at the Hanimadhoo International Airport and also witnessed via weblink a live transaction using a RuPay payment service card in the Maldives.

The launch took place after the two leaders held extensive talks which Muizzu in his press statement said were to "chart a new path for the future".

The Maldivian president accompanied by First Lady Madam Sajidha Mohamed and a Maldivian delegation arrived in India on Sunday evening.

Though the Maldivian president attended PM Modi's swearing-in ceremony in June, it is his first bilateral visit to India.

Prior to the launch of different India-assisted projects in the Maldives, a small official video was played in which details about these projects were shared in the presence



of the two leaders at the Hyderabad House.

"The bonds between India and Maldives stretch back centuries, woven together through rich trade and cultural exchanges," it was narrated in the video.

Over the years, this relationship has evolved, characterised by "mutual respect and unwavering support", underpinned by India's Neighbourhood First policy and SAGAR vision, it said.

India has always been the first responder in the Maldives during times of crisis.

"Under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi and President Mohamed Muizzu, this relationship is to achieve greater heights," it added.

The RuPay card launch today will pave the way for strengthened India-Maldives relations by boosting tourism and economic cooperation, according to the India-Maldives video.

"It will allow Indian tourists to make cashless transactions easily, reducing cost and enhancing convenience, especially in the Maldives tourism sector," it said.

The inauguration of the new runway at Hanimadhoo International Airport marks a "significant milestone in the airport's ongoing expansion project".

Its redevelopment, under an "Indian Line of Credit of USD 132 million", aims to provide complete new infrastructure including runway, ATC tower, ARFF block, hangar, cargo facilities, and passenger terminal building, it added.

Prime Minister Modi in his press statement after the bilateral talks said President Muizzu's visit adds "another chapter to our ties".

DGCA issues advisory on Boeing 737 rudder risks



PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Aviation regulator DGCA on Monday issued an advisory to Indian airlines operating Boeing 737 planes regarding the potential risk of a jammed rudder control system.

The move follows the recent probe report by the US National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB) that highlighted safety concerns involving Boeing 737 aircraft lanes equipped with Collins Aerospace SVO-730 Rudder Rollout Guidance Actuators.

Against the backdrop of the potential risk of a jammed or restricted rudder control system, the Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) has issued safety recommendations to the Indian carriers.

Currently, Air India Express, Akasa Air and SpiceJet

operate Boeing 737 planes. DGCA said all flight crews are to be informed through a circular/advisory regarding the possibility of a jammed or restricted rudder control system.

"Appropriate mitigations must be communicated to help crews identify and handle such a situation," it added.

Further, all operators have been asked to conduct a safety risk assessment for aircraft to evaluate and mitigate the risk associated with the rudder control system.

The regulator also said that all Category III B approach, landing, and rollout operations, including practice or actual autoland, must be discontinued for these planes until further notice. Category III B pertains to operations in low visibility conditions.

Among other measures, airlines have been asked to mandatorily include discussion about potential rudder control system issues as a mandatory topic in recurrent training sessions. It will also be included in the Instrument Rating/Proficiency Checks (IR/PPC) during pre-simulator briefings.

"Operators have been instructed to include specific exercises in Recurrent Training and IR/PPC that simulate scenarios involving a jammed or restricted rudder control system, including rollout procedures. "Appropriate flight crew responses and mitigations should be practised during these exercises," the regulator said in a release.

DGCA also said the interim measures aim to enhance safety and ensure that flight crews are well-prepared to handle potential rudder control issues effectively, transparency and efficiency in services provided to apple growers," the chief minister said.

HPMC has enhanced its processing capacity, with this year's crushing capacity increasing from 21,000 MT to 39,000 MT compared to the previous year. Additionally, the grading and packaging line capacity has been enhanced from 15,900 MT to 33,900 MT.

Automobile sales in India drop 9 per cent amid sluggish demand: FADA

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Automobile retail sales in India declined 9 per cent year-on-year in September amid a massive buildup of passenger vehicle inventory due to sluggish demand, dealer's body FADA said on Monday, urging original equipment manufacturers to take corrective steps.

The overall registrations declined to 17,23,330 units last month from 18,99,192 units in September 2023, as most of the categories including passenger vehicles and two-wheelers witnessed a year-on-year (Y-O-Y) drop.

"Despite the onset of festivals such as Ganesh Chaturthi and Onam, dealers have reported that the performance has been largely stagnant," Federation of Automobile Dealers Associations (FADA) President C S Vigneshwar

said in a statement. Given the critical festive season around the corner, FADA urges OEMs (Original Equipment Manufacturers) to take immediate corrective measures to avoid a financial setback, he said.

This suggests that overall market sentiment during these festive periods has been underwhelming, with a trend leaning towards flat or negative growth, he added.

Passenger vehicle sales declined 19 per cent Y-O-Y to 2,75,681 units last month from 3,39,543 units in the year-ago period.

"Seasonal factors such as Shradh and Pitrapaksha, coupled with heavy rainfall and a sluggish economy, have exacerbated the situation, leaving dealers with historically high inventory levels of 80-85 days' equivalent to 7.9 lakh vehicles worth Rs 79,000 crore,"

Vigneshwar said. FADA also calls on the Reserve Bank of India to issue an advisory to banks, mandating stricter channel funding policies based only on dealer consent and on actual collateral, to prevent dealers from facing additional financial pressure due to unsold stock, he



added. This is the final opportunity for PV OEMs to recalibrate and support market recovery before it's too late, he said.

Two-wheeler retail sales saw a dip of 8 per cent Y-O-Y to 12,04,259 units due to low consumer sentiment, poor inquiries, and reduced walk-ins, FADA said.

Shradh period and heavy rains further impacted demand, resulting in delayed purchases and a subdued market environment, it added.

Commercial vehicle registrations declined 10 per cent year on year last month to 74,324 units.

While there was positive sentiment and marginal growth in regions supported by infrastructure projects, overall demand remained weak due to low government spending, extended monsoon delays and seasonal challenges, the industry body said.

Three-wheeler sales retail sales rose marginally to 1,06,524 units last month as compared with 1,05,827 units in September 2023.

Tractor sales rose 15 per cent year on year to 74,324 units last month. For the April-September period, this fiscal, overall

retail sales across segments witnessed a growth of 7 per cent to 1,19,15,963 units against 1,11,83,734 units in the same period of last fiscal.

Passenger vehicle registrations rose 1 per cent to 18,70,991 units as compared with 18,51,249 units in the year-ago period.

Two-wheeler sales increased 9 per cent year on year to 85,66,531 in the first half of the current fiscal.

Commercial vehicle registrations, however, fell marginally to 4,77,381 units in the period under review from 4,80,488 units in H1 of last fiscal. On near-term sales outlook, FADA said that while dealers and OEMs are betting on robust festive sales, especially in rural markets where positive cash flow and better agricultural conditions are expected to spur demand, the outcome remains uncertain.



India's domestic air passenger traffic to touch 300 million by 2030: Naidu

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

India's domestic air passenger traffic is projected to touch 300 million by 2030 and about USD 11 billion is being spent to develop airports, Civil Aviation Minister K Rammoohan Naidu said on Monday.

The minister also said India and France can work together to develop a robust global SAF (Sustainable Aviation Fuel) supply chain.

He was speaking at the conference organised by the French Aerospace Industries Association (GIFAS) in the national capital.

India is one of the world's fastest-growing civil aviation markets and airlines are expanding their fleets well as networks to meet the rising demand. Naidu said the domestic air passenger traffic is projected to touch 300 million by 2030 while 200 more airports are expected to be developed in the next 20-25 years.

Currently, India has 157 airports, heliports and waterterms. The number of operational airports is expected to reach 200 by the end of 2025.

The potential for partnership between India and France is immense, the minister added.

India to establish 100 food testing labs

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Union Food Processing Minister Chirag Paswan on Monday said the government will build 100 food testing labs and 50 food irradiation centres as part of its efforts to boost processing levels and ensure quality.

The minister asked the industry not to compromise on the quality of products as this will affect not only brands but the country's image as well.

He said the ministry will set up 100 food testing labs to ensure that products meet standard norms set by regulators.

The minister assured the industry that he would try to address any issues and challenges affecting the growth of the food processing



sector. Addressing a Ficci seminar, Paswan emphasised the need to minimise wastage and promote value addition.

The minister also exhorted industry players to make India a global food basket. "Indian food products should become popular globally. Indian food standards should be recognised as global standards," Paswan said.

To boost processing levels, Paswan said as many as 50 food irradiation units will be established.

On the sidelines of the event,

he said the ministry has already invited Expressions of Interest (EoIs) from prospective entrepreneurs to set up multi-product food irradiation units. These units will be set up under Integrated Cold Chain & Value Addition Infrastructure (cold chain scheme), a component of Pradhan Mantri Kisan SAMPADA Yojana (PMKSY) with support from the ministry.

Financial assistance in the form of grants-in-aid/subsidies will be provided to the eligible projects under the demand-driven cold chain scheme.

Paswan said the food industry has been demanding reduction in GST on some items and he has taken up the issue at the right forum.

IT department invites public suggestions for I-T Act review

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

The Income Tax department on Monday invited public inputs for review of the six-decade old I-T Act with regard to simplification of language, litigation reduction, compliance reduction, and obsolete provisions.

Pursuant to the Budget announcement by Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman for a comprehensive review of the Income-tax Act, 1961, the Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT) had set up an internal committee to oversee the review and make the Act

concise, clear, and easy to understand, which will reduce disputes, litigation, and provide greater tax certainty to taxpayers. "The committee invites public inputs and suggestions in four categories: simplification of language, litigation reduction, compliance reduction, and obsolete provisions," the CBDT said.

A webpage on the e-filing portal -- <https://eportal.incometax.gov.in/iec/foreservices/#/prelogin/ita-comprehensive-review> -- has been launched and the public can access the

page by entering their mobile number and validating it via OTP. Suggestions should specify the relevant provision of the Income-tax Act, 1961 or Income-tax Rules, 1962 (mentioning the specific section, sub-section, clause, rule, sub-rule, or form number), as the case may be, to which the suggestion relates under the aforementioned four categories.

The Finance Minister in the 2024-25 Budget presented in July had proposed that the I-T law review will be completed in six months.

Tata Power-DDL wins the prestigious Deming Prize 2024

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

Tata Power Delhi Distribution Limited wins 'Deming Prize 2024' in recognition of its Total Quality Management (TQM) practices. Although, the award ceremony to felicitate the winners will take place in November 2024. The Deming Grand Prize, is one of the longstanding quality awards presented by the Union of Japanese Scientists and Engineers (JUSE). It is awarded to companies that not only achieve the Deming Prize but also consistently maintain and improve their TQM standards for an extended period. Tata Power-DDL has been on the TQM journey for over six years towards

becoming a global benchmark. With this recognition, the company has set the benchmark of being the First Power Distribution Company in the world to achieve this feat. The TQM practices have enabled the transformation of the processes and elevated the business performance to benchmark levels.

Commenting on the win, Mr. Gajanan S. Kale, Chief Executive Officer, Tata Power Delhi Distribution Limited said, "We're deeply honored that Tata Power-DDL has been awarded the Deming Prize. It is a remarkable achievement for us, signifying global recognition of the company's unwavering commitment to excellence in quality management practices."

Zhejiang International Trade Exhibition kicks off in Delhi

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

The 2024 Zhejiang International Trade Exhibition commenced on October 5 at the Pragati Maidan Convention and Exhibition Center in New Delhi. Running until October 7, the event is headlined by the 39th MEDICALL exhibition, widely regarded as the premier medical trade show in India and South Asia. The exhibition has attracted medical manufacturers and providers from countries such as Germany, the United States, Japan, South Korea, and Italy. A key feature of the three-day event is the dedicated

Zhejiang area, comprising 70 booths representing 41 companies from cities like Hangzhou, Wenzhou, Jinhua, Yiwu, Shaoxing, Taizhou, Jiayang, and Huzhou. Exhibits cover a broad range of products including medical devices, consumables, in vitro diagnostics, disinfectants, protective equipment, rehabilitation care, traditional medicine, home healthcare solutions, and cutting-edge innovations in smart healthcare and medical industry services. Prominent Zhejiang-based companies are showcasing their advanced products and technologies, further cementing the reputation of the "Made in Zhejiang".

UGC-recognized beauty, wellness programs launched

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

Medhavi Skills University (MSU), India's largest skills university, has partnered with Orane International, a leading skilling pioneer, to introduce UGC-recognized degree programs in the beauty and wellness sector. The collaboration aims to address the skills gap in the industry by offering specialized B.Voc (Bachelor of Vocation) courses in Cosmetology and Makeup Artistry. This partnership, formalized through an MoU signed on September 24, combines MSU's expertise in industry-

led education with Orane's extensive network of over 120 skill centers across India and abroad. The initiative will provide hands-on training to professionals in the beauty and wellness industry, projected to reach 75 lakh crore by 2030, and which employs a 70% female workforce. Key highlights of the partnership include industry-driven curricula with a 70% practical component, the use of the Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL) framework for experienced professionals, and a focus on empowering women through formal qualifications.

INBRIEF

REC LIMITED DISBURSES LOAN IN H1 FY25

GURGAON: REC Limited, a maharatna CPSE under the Ministry of Power and a leading NBFC, has disbursed loans worth ₹90,955 crore, up 20.10% year-on-year for the half year ended September 30, 2024. The quantum of renewable energy loans grew 92.68% year-on-year to Rs. 11,297 crore.



INDUCTION PROGRAM HELD FOR LL.B CLASSES AT GNDU



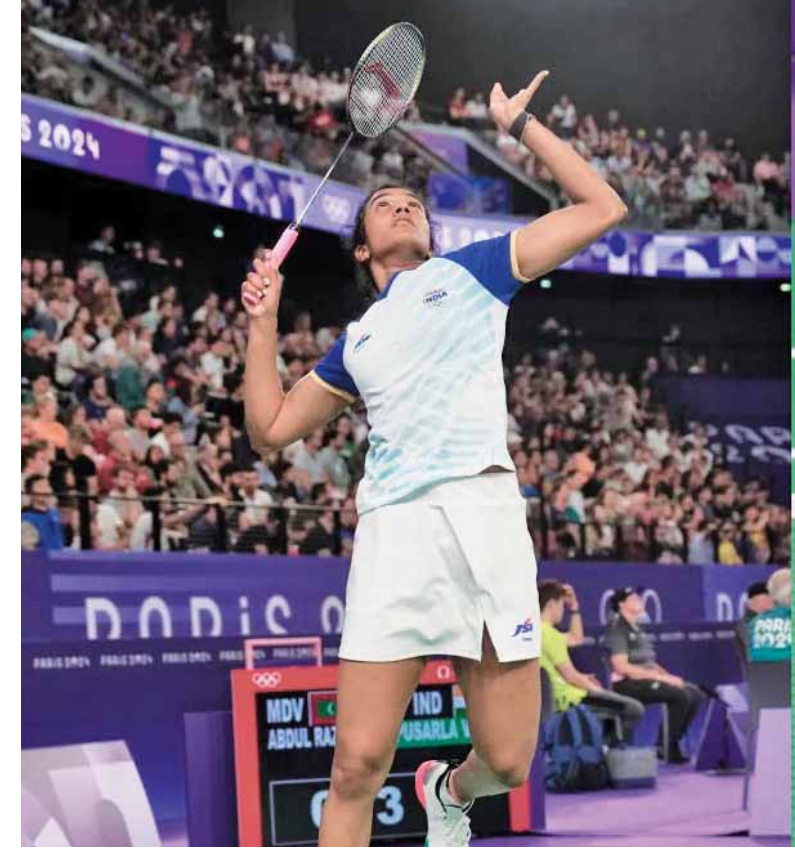
AMRITSAR: Department of laws, GNDU, RC JALANDHAR, organised an induction programme for its new batch of students in LL.B TYC 2024-2027 and BALL.B 2024-2029. The event aimed to welcome and familiarise students with academic environment.

EDUCATION COLLEGES ZONAL YOUTH FESTIVAL

AMRITSAR: The Education Colleges Zonal Youth festival of Guru Nanak Dev University will be held on October 9, 2024 in the Dashmesh Auditorium of the University. Students-artists from Education Colleges affiliated to the University are participating in this zone. As many as 00 student-artists are expected to participate in 35 items of Music, Theatre, Dance, Literary & Fine Arts during this festival. Dr. Amandeep Singh, In-charge Youth Welfare said that on the first day ie October 9 the festival begins with the competitions of Costume Parade, Mimicry, Skit, Geet/Gazal & Folk Song will be organized in the Dashmesh Auditorium.

SINDHU, SEN EYE COMEBACK AFTER PARIS SETBACK

ARCTIC OPEN SUPER 500



PTI ■ VANTAA (FINLAND)
Star shuttlers PV Sindhu and Lakshya Sen will lead the Indian contingent at the Arctic Open Super 500 tournament commencing here on Tuesday, as they eagerly look to reclaim their

momentum on the international stage following a medal-less outing at the Paris Olympics. This tournament marks the first outing for Sindhu and Sen since the Olympic Games, and they are keen to reset their goals. The duo has reassessed

their performances and implemented changes to regain their rhythm. Sindhu has roped in Anup Sridhar and Korean legend Lee Syun II as her new coaches, moving on from her previous coach Indonesia's Agus Dwi Santoso.

Sen, who narrowly missed a medal in Paris, spent time at the Red Bull Arena in Austria for physical assessment. In the opening round, Sindhu, who exited in the round of 16 in Paris, will face familiar rival Canada's Michelle Li, while Sen, who lost in the bronze

medal play-off, will compete against Denmark's Rasmus Gemke. Double Olympic medallist Sindhu is favoured to overcome Li and could face 18-year-old Japanese sensation Tomako Miyazaki, the 2022 junior world champion, in the

next round, an opponent against whom she lost at the Swiss Open earlier this year. For Sen, it's a chance for revenge against Gemke, having lost to him at the India Open in 2023. If he overcomes Gemke, he might face seventh-seeded Chou Tien Chen of Chinese Taipei. Kidambi Srikanth, returning to action at the Macau Open after a four-month injury layoff, will compete in the qualifiers alongside younger compatriots Kiran George and Sathish Kumar Karunakaran. Former world number one Srikanth is set to face George, while Sathish will battle against France's Arnaud Merkle. In women's singles, besides Sindhu, in-form Malvika Bansod and Aakarshi Kashyap are also in contention. Malvika, who reached the quarterfinals at the China Open Super 1000, will open against World No. 24 Sung Shuo Yun of Chinese Taipei, while Aakarshi will be up against Yvonne Li of Germany in the first round. Another promising player, Unnati Hooda, who won the 2022 Odisha Masters, will take on Heli Neiman of Israel in the qualifiers. While there is no Indian representation in men's doubles, Rituparna Panda and Swetaparna Panda will compete in women's doubles, and Sathish will partner with Aadya Variyath in mixed doubles.



Women's Champions League begins with reinforced Barcelona going for third straight title

AP ■ MADRID
Barcelona will go for its third straight Women's Champions League title with a squad boosted by Poland's star striker Ewa Pajor and with Aitana Bonmati and Alexia Putellas playing on new contracts. The group stage of the European club competition begins Tuesday and the Catalans are trying to become only the second team after Lyon to win three titles in a row or reach five straight titles. Barcelona beat Lyon in last season's final, when Ballon d'Or winners Bonmati and Putellas scored a goal each. Both had their contracts with the club extended ahead of the new season, and now they will have Pajor as a teammate. Pajor, who joined from Wolfsburg, was the competition's top scorer in 2022-23 as the German club reached a final that it lost to Barcelona despite a goal by her. In her nine seasons with Wolfsburg, Pajor won 14 titles and scored 136 goals despite a series of injuries. She was not able to win a Champions League crown even though she played in three finals and was part of a run to another. Barcelona has also added Kika Nazareth from Portuguese club Benfica. The team's first game in the competition this season will be on Wednesday against Group D rival Manchester City in a rematch of the 2020-21 quarterfinals, where the Spaniards triumphed after a 4-2 first-leg win and a 2-1 second-leg defeat in what was Barcelona's only loss that campaign. Barcelona's squad also includes former City players Keira Walsh and Ellie Roebuck. Lyon's firepower takes on Galatasaray, which could prove a busy night on Tuesday for Galatasaray's defense and goalkeeper Gamze Yaman. The Norway striker, who won the first women's Ballon d'Or award, has 64 competition goals, while teammate Eugénie Le Sommer, third on the all-time list, needs two to reach 50. They form the spine of the team along with veteran captain Wendie Renard, the women's Champions League record holder for appearances with 116. Lyon has been in good scoring touch so far, netting 16 goals in its first three French league games, with American midfielder Lindsey Horan getting five and France striker Kadidiatou Diani scoring two. French hopes rest on Lyon after Paris Saint-Germain - a semifinalist last season - was eliminated by Juventus in the qualifying, losing 5-2 on aggregate. Lyon is the competition's record eight-time winner but last won the trophy in 2022. It was runner-up last season to Barcelona. The club hired a new coach in June, with Australian Joseph Montemurro replacing Frenchwoman Sonia Bompastor, who joined Chelsea. The contrast in experience between the sides is noticeable. Galatasaray's team was founded in 2011 and the senior team only started in 2021. As well as European success, Lyon's women's side has won a national record 17 league titles and 10 French Cups. Galatasaray will be making its competition debut after a qualifying run that included triumphs over former quarterfinalist Slavia Praha. It is the first Turkish team to get to the group stage. It won its first national title last season in only its third campaign. Wolfsburg starts against Roma. Two-time champion Wolfsburg begins its Group A campaign on Tuesday at Italian champion Roma, which drew with the German club on its last visit two years ago. Both teams will want to make a good start with Lyon and Galatasaray the other teams in Group A. Wolfsburg warmed up with a 5-0 rout of Leipzig in the Bundesliga on Friday, when Alexandra Popp set up three goals. The 33-year-old Popp announced her international retirement last week, meaning her focus is fully on leading Wolfsburg to more honors. She is just two games away from becoming the second player to reach 100 Champions League appearances, after Wendie Renard. Wolfsburg is unbeaten in five away meetings against Italian sides, but Roma is unbeaten in 14 home games in all competitions. Chelsea without Hayes. Life after Emma Hayes has started well for Chelsea. Hayes left to take over the United States women's team in the offseason and carried on her winning ways by taking gold at the Paris Olympics. After 14 major titles she left big shoes for her replacement Bompastor to fill, but it has been an impressive start for the former Lyon coach. Chelsea opened its Super League campaign with a 1-0 win against Aston Villa and followed that by routing Crystal Palace 7-0. First up for the Blues in Group B is a home game on Tuesday with Real Madrid, which has made a perfect start in the Spanish league, winning five out of five to trail leader Barcelona on goal difference. Bayern's momentum. Arsenal, the 2007 winner, faces a tough opening Group C match on Wednesday at two-time defending German champion Bayern, which has made a seven-game winning start to the season, including a 1-0 victory over Wolfsburg in the German Supercup. A 1-0 win over Cologne on Saturday stretched Bayern's unbeaten run in the Bundesliga to 44 games.

Alaskan Knights beat SG Pipers to remain unbeaten in GCL



PTI ■ LONDON

Former world champion Vishwanathan Anand lost to World No. 2 Hikaru Nakamura after sacrificing a queen for a drawing fortress, only to lose on time. Fritz and Dimitrov finally advance at rain-soaked Shanghai Masters. Shanghai, (AP) Two days after starting, seventh-ranked Taylor Fritz and 10th-ranked Grigor Dimitrov finally got to complete their second-round matches at the Shanghai Masters on Monday. Fritz, the U.S. Open finalist, had led 4-3 in the opening set against Frenchman Terence Atmane when rain suspended play on Saturday at the Qizhong Forest Sports City Arena, and then washed out all matches on the outside courts until Monday. The 26-year-old American needed two tiebreakers to see off the No. 161-ranked Atmane 7-6 (4), 7-6 (5), with only one break of serve for each in the 122-minute match. Fritz will play Japanese qualifier Yosuke Watanuki in the third round. Dimitrov, playing in his 100th Masters event, resumed Monday with a set lead but down a break in the second against Zizou Bergs. The No. 73-ranked Bulgarian converted his advantage to take the second set before Dimitrov responded by breaking Bergs three times - for the loss of one of his own service games, to clinch the match 6-3, 3-6, 6-2. The 33-year-old Bulgarian will play Australian Alexei Popyrin in the third round. Also, U.S. Open semifinalist Frances Tiafoe routed Zhou Yi of China 6-2, 6-4, while Tallon Griekspoor beat the 26th-seeded Jordan Thompson 6-3, 6-2 and Roman Safiullin had a 6-4, 6-2 win over Alexander Bublik of Kazakhstan. Later Monday, No. 16-ranked Ben Shelton plays Roberto Carballes Baena of Spain in a third-round match, with the winner to meet top-ranked Jannik Sinner in the 4th. Wuhan Open. No. 12-ranked Beatriz Haddad-Maia beat Madison Keys of the U.S. 7-6 (7), 6-2 in the opening match of the Wuhan Open. The Brazilian, winner of the Seoul Open last month for her fourth career title, converted five of her eight break point opportunities - to Keys' three from 12 - as she advanced in 128 minutes at the tournament in China. One-time U.S. Open finalist Leylah Fernandez of Canada rallied to beat 12th-seeded Diana Shnaider 6-7 (7), 6-3, 6-3. Rain in Wuhan meant play on the outside courts was suspended. The top eight seeds, including second-ranked Aryna Sabalenka and China Open champion Coco Gauff, received a first-round bye.

Alaskan Knights narrowly defeated Alpine SG Pipers with a 9-7 score to continue their unbeaten run at the Global Chess League here. Alaskan Knights won all their five of encounters after 15 matches, the halfway stage of the tournament. Despite the team's top player, Anish Giri blundering a piece and losing to Magnus Carlsen in just 20 minutes, the Alaskan Knights came out on top garnering 58 game points. Defending champions Triveni Continental Kings climbed to second place after defeating the upGrad Mumba Masters. Continental Kings' icon, Alireza Firouzja, continued his winning streak by defeating France's top-rated player, Maxime Vachier-Lagrave. Though just three game points behind the leaders, Triveni Continental Kings has recorded three wins and two losses, earning nine match points and 55 game points. Meanwhile, the upGrad Mumba Masters sit in the fifth place with only three match points. An epic encounter between Carlsen and Nakamura highlighted the final match of the day between the Alpine SG Pipers and the American Gambits. Both the players traded winning positions in a time scramble, and the duel ultimately ended in a draw. The match came down to the youth board, where Daniel Darda defeated Jonas Bjerre, securing a narrow 9-7 victory for the Alpine SG Pipers, which placed them in third place with nine match points and 43 game points. With one win and one loss in Sunday's matches, the American Gambits hold fourth place with six match points and 33 game points. At the bottom of the standings, the Ganges Grandmasters continue to struggle, having lost their match on Sunday against American Gambits.



Mohun Bagan considered withdrawn from ACL 2: AFC

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Mohun Bagan Super Giant are considered to have withdrawn from the AFC Champions League 2 after the Kolkata side decided against travelling to Iran to face Tractor FC, the continental body AFC said on Monday, pending further decision on the matter. Keeping their players' "safety and security" in mind, Mohun Bagan Super Giant had last month decided against travelling to Iran for the October 2 match owing to the volatile situation that prevailed in the west Asian nation at that time. "In accordance with Article 5.2 of AFC Champions League 2 2024/25 Competition Regulations, the Asian Football Confederation (AFC) confirms that India's Mohun Bagan Super Giant are considered to have withdrawn from the ACL 2 competition

after the club failed to report to Tabriz... Against Tractor FC on October 2, 2024," the AFC said. "Consequently, all matches played by Mohun Bagan SG are cancelled and considered null and void in accordance with Article 5.6 of Competition Regulations. For the avoidance of doubt, no points and goals in the club's matches shall be taken into consideration when determining the final rankings in Group A pursuant to Article 8.3 of the Competition Regulations." Mohun Bagan SG were to play Tractor FC on October 2 in their Group A match of the ACL 2 - the continent's second tier club competition - but their players expressed unwillingness to play in Iran, which had announced a state of mourning following the death of a prominent general of the Revolutionary Guard in an Israeli air strike.

"The matter will now be referred to the relevant AFC Committee(s) as appropriate for their decision(s)," the AFC said in the statement. In their first match of Group A, Mohun Bagan had played out a goalless draw against Tajikistan's FC Ravshan. It was learnt that 35 registered players, including seven foreigners, wrote to the club that they didn't wish to go to Iran at that point in time. "So we tagged their letters and wrote to the AFC, asking them to either reschedule the match or move the game to a neutral venue," a Mohun Bagan source had told PTI. "We have decided to not travel to Iran keeping our players' safety and security in mind, because that is paramount. We have also written to the ministry of external affairs as their advisory states that you can go to Iran or Israel on your own responsibility."

PSG held to 1-1 draw at Nice despite return of Dembélé

AP ■ PARIS

Even with Ousmane Dembélé back in the starting lineup, Paris Saint-Germain had a sleepy first half before being held to a 1-1 draw at Nice to leave Monaco alone at the top of the French league. The defending champion enjoyed much of the possession but was largely unproductive during the first half on Sunday. Luis Enrique's team played better after the interval and PSG finally created chances as Nuno Mendes leveled the scoring following Nice defender Ali Abdi's first-half opener. "We were not really into it during the first half," PSG

forward Bradley Barcola said. "We woke up in the second half, it's a shame we could not take our chances." Lagging three points behind unbeaten Monaco before kickoff, PSG was too timid to draw at Nice for a better result on the Riviera. Marquinhos came close to snatching the three points for PSG soon after Mendes' goal but his header ended its course on the left post. Dembélé started the match after being left out of the squad that lost 2-0 to Arsenal in the Champions League midweek. Luis Enrique, who had blamed Dembélé for a perceived lack of commitment, was criticized after the loss for not selecting

the France star, one of the most creative players in the team following the departure of Kylian Mbappé to Real Madrid. Nice took a deserved lead in the 39th minute when Abdi controlled the ball on the edge of the box and followed up with a left-footed shot that took a slight deflection and went in. Luis Enrique replaced the largely inefficient Randal Kolo Muani with Lee Kang-in, who greatly improved the connection between PSG's midfield and its attack in the second half. Dembélé's effort in the 47th was parried away by Nice goalkeeper Marcin Bulka, who



was however powerless five minutes later when Nuno Mendes equalized with a deflected shot from outside the box. Monaco has a two-point lead

over PSG, with third-place Marseille five points off the pace. **LYON EXTENDS WINNING RUN:** Seven-time French champion Lyon continued its recovery with a fourth straight win in all competitions by beating Nantes 2-0. The match was marred by fan violence and Lyon said the clashes that broke out at Groupama Stadium were "unworthy" of the seven-time French champion. A goal from Nicolas Tagliafico and an own-goal from Nantes defender Nicolas Pallois earned Lyon its third win in seven league matches, giving the club some room to breathe at five points above the

relegation playoff spot. Tagliafico put the hosts in the lead in the 22nd minute from Said Benrahma's cross for his first goal this season. Nantes wasted several occasions to level and was punished after the interval when Pallois accidentally beat his own goalkeeper as he tried to defend a cross from Corentin Tolisso. **REIMS SINKS MONTPELLIER:** Host Reims moved up to fourth place with a 4-2 win over Montpellier. The Champagne side took the lead in the sixth minute with a header from captain Marshall Munetsi. "We all share the same ambition to win the most

matches, and enjoy ourselves" Munetsi said after his team produced a fourth league win. Keito Nakamura exploited a poor clearance to show his dribbling skills and make it 2-0 with an impressive strike. Oumar Diakité and Teddy Teuma scored Reims' other goals while Arnaud Nordin had a brace for Montpellier. The southern team remained in the relegation zone with the worst defensive record in the league, having already conceded 21 goals. In other matches, Brest followed up its 4-0 midweek win over Salzburg in the Champions League with a 2-0 defeat of Le Havre, and Lens drew 2-2 at Strasbourg.

OUR BATTERS DON'T KNOW HOW TO SCORE 180 RUNS, SKIPPER SHANTO

PTI ■ GWALIOR

Bangladesh captain Najmul Hossain Shanto has candidly admitted that his team doesn't know how to consistently post 180 plus totals in a T20 game. Batting has been Bangladesh's weak link for a while, especially their approach in the powerplay. They struggled to 39 for two in six overs on Sunday night before managing a below par 127. India chased that down in just 11.5 overs to go 1-0 up in the series.

"We have the ability, but we have room for improvement in our skills. We have been batting in this way for the last 10 years. Sometimes we do well. We have to make some changes, perhaps where we practice back home."

Shanto feels that tracks in Bangladesh aren't conducive for big scoring games of T20 and that has affected their collective batting performance.

"We play on 140-150 wickets at home. Our batters don't know how to score 180 runs. I won't blame just the wickets, but we have to consider skills and mentality," Shanto said following the crushing loss.

The batters' shot selection was also questioned with the likes of Litton Das falling to ordinary shots.

"I wouldn't say we played badly. We are a better team than this. We haven't done well in this format for a long

time, but I don't believe we are such a bad team," said Shanto. "I don't want to talk about any individual player. I think the batting unit didn't do well today. There will be aggression in the way we approach our scoring, but sometimes we have to select the deliveries correctly. We will think about it, but we can't rush in changing our approach."

Shanto went on to say that their powerplay approach needs to be reviewed with the opening stands having contributed only 69 runs in the last eight innings.

"Powerplay is definitely a worry. The approach we talked about (before the game), it will be successful if we make a good start with the bat.

"We have to keep the wickets in the first six overs, and score runs in those. Otherwise those coming in next, it becomes too challenging for them. We have struggled in the powerplay. Those batting in the power play must take more responsibility," said the southpaw.

Rookier Indian pacer Mayank Yadav made a promising debut on Sunday, generating speeds close to 150kmph in his first competitive game in five months.

He hurried the batters but Shanto said they are used to facing such speed in the nets. "We have some similar fast bowlers in the nets. I don't think we were too worried about (Mayank Yadav). But he



is a good bowler," he added. T20 International against Bangladesh here but the newcomers said skipper Suryakumar Yadav helped them stay calm with his comforting words. Mayank, the 22-year-old pace sensation, made his debut

here on Sunday after recovering from a recurring abdominal strain after playing only four matches in this year's IPL. He impressed in the first match returning with figures of 1/21 from his four overs.

Nitish, 21, also made instant impact by remaining unbeaten on 16 off 15 balls, to help India register a commanding seven-wicket win in the series-opener. "He (Suryakumar) gives you freedom. When I was taking

the run up, he was telling me 'do what you feel, what you feel best'. So that's very important for any fast bowler, specially when you making your debut," Mayank told BCCI.TV.

Nitish added: "He is very calm and cool. He is doing fabulous captaincy, not giving any pressure to us. We were debutants, obviously we will have nervousness and pressure. He gave that license to us. Any youngster would like to get it from the captain." Taking about his debut after the long injury layoff, Mayank became emotional.

"It's a great moment because I am coming from an injury. I was a bit nervous, like I was telling myself don't stress yourself.

"When I got to know I am going to play my first match, making my debut, complete flashback of last four months came in front of my eyes," he said.

The speedster started his international career with a maiden over on Sunday and credited bowling coach Morne Morkel for shaping him.

"It felt good. I was not like thinking that I am going to bowl a maiden over. Just wanted to live in that moment, enjoy that moment," Mayank said.

"It's very comfortable for me, I am with him (Morkel) for the last three years. I know him, he knows me very well. So, it's very easy for me to work with him. He knows which things are better for me."

Nitish too was satisfied with his debut performance, saying it was a dream-come-true moment for him.

"For any cricketer in India it's a big moment. Playing for Indian cricket team is a dream-come-true moment. Obviously, there was nervousness but I enjoyed that. It was a very proud moment for me and my family as well," he said.

"There are senior players and I got a lot of experience as well from the coaching staff. Even in bowling as well getting some keen points. I love this kind of atmosphere in the dressing room."

The second T20 of the three-match series will be played in New Delhi on Wednesday.

I have completely shifted to overspin from sidespin: Varun Chakaravarthy

PTI ■ GWALIOR

Mystery spinner Varun Chakaravarthy says he is reaping the rewards of putting over-spin on the ball instead of side-spin following his successful India comeback.

The 33-year-old, whose India career came to an abrupt halt after an underwhelming debut in the 2021 T20 World Cup, took three wickets against Bangladesh in the series opener.

As the great Nathan Lyon has shown over the years, putting over-spin on the ball generates sharp bounce and turn, which aided Varun on Sunday night. His googly to get rid of Jaker Ali showed the former architect's total control over his craft.

"I used to be a side-spin bowler, but right now, I have completely shifted to being an over-spin bowler," said Varun after playing a part in India's seven-wicket win.

"It's a minute technical aspect of spin bowling, but it took me more than two years. I gradually tested it in TNPL and IPL. While the mental aspect also had to be worked on, the major chunk of effort I put in was on my technical side."

Despite doing well in the IPL and domestic cricket over the past two seasons, Varun did not get a recall to the Indian team and that only made him hungrier. Now that he is back in blues, it feels like a rebirth.

"Whenever there was a squad that was announced, I used to



feel like, 'Why is my name not there?' and I used to keep thinking about that. So that kind of brought the motivation within me that I should not leave this.

"I should go all out and make a comeback, so I started playing a lot of domestic games and giving importance to it. That kind of helped me," said the soft-spoken

cricketer.

A catch was dropped in Varun's first over that eventually went for 15 runs with Bangladesh skipper Najmul Hossain Shanto and Towhid Hridoy going on the offensive against spinner in the powerplay.

However, skipper Suryakumar Yadav trusted Varun to bounce back in the following over and he did that by having Hridoy caught at long-on.

"Yes, in the first over the catch could have gone my way but that's how T20s are played. I felt the reverse-sweep six was a good ball but it still went for a six, so it's all mixed emotions."

He played the series opener of leg-spinner Ravi Bishnoi who too has had done well fairly well in the limited opportunities that he has got after the T20 World Cup, reflecting India's robust bench strength.

Varun acknowledged the fierce competition.

"There is good competition and there is good camaraderie also. And the person who was cheering me was Ravi Bishnoi; he was coming and telling me messages, so I can't ask for more.

"It's actually good to have such competition so that people will keep pushing each other. Someone will be better than others at one point of time and he will definitely get the Cup for India, so that competition is very required," Varun added.

Gulveer Singh finds place in eight member senior squad for Asian Cross Country in Hong Kong

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Asian Games medallist long distance runner Gulveer Singh was on Monday named in the eight-member Indian senior team that will take part in the Asian Cross Country championships to be held on October 20 in Hong Kong.

The 26-year-old Army man had won a bronze medal in the men's 10,000m race in the Hangzhou Asian Games last year. Singh had an excellent run on the track this season. In September, he improved his national 5,000m record to 13:11.82 seconds during a World Athletics Continental Tour event in Japan.

Athletics Federation of India (AFI) selection committee has also named the national senior and junior teams for the South Asian Cross Country Championships to be held on November



24 in Islamabad, Pakistan. The national team that will compete at the Asian Cross Country will also get the

opportunity to compete at the South Asian Cross Country in Pakistan in November.

"The participation of the athletes at the South Asian Cross-Country Championship in Pakistan will be subject to fitness," AFI president Adille Sumariwalla said.

"Any athlete who is unfit will be dropped from the national squad," he added.

TEAM FOR ASIAN CROSS COUNTRY CHAMPIONSHIPS:

Senior Men: Gulveer Singh, Karthik Kumar, Abhishek Pal, Arun Rathod.

Senior Women: Ankita, Seema, Sanjivani Jadhav, Sonika.

Junior Men: Amardeep Pal, Kripashankar Yadav, Vinod Singh, Gaurav Bhaskar Bhosale.

Junior Women: Ekta Dey, Sunita Devi, Shilpa Dhiora, Prachi Ankush Devkar.



PCB chief 'confident' that Champions Trophy would be held in Pakistan

PTI ■ LAHORE

Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB) chairman Mohsin Naqvi on Monday expressed confidence that the upcoming ICC Champions Trophy would be held in the country and all teams, including arch-rivals India, would participate in the tournament.

The 2025 edition of the Champions Trophy is scheduled to start on February 19, and the final is on March 9. Lahore, Karachi, and Rawalpindi have been earmarked as the venues.

India hasn't sent its team to Pakistan since July 2008 due to tense political relations between the two countries.

"The Indian team should come. I don't see them cancel or postpone coming here and we are confident we will host all the teams in the Champions Trophy in Pakistan," Naqvi said.

He also said that Pakistan was prepared to host all the teams including India and preparations were on schedule.

"The stadiums will also be ready to host the matches on schedule and any remaining work would be completed after the tournament," he added.

Naqvi said the stadiums would "definitely" be in a much better shape to host the tournament in February-March.

Asked about Babar Azam's resignation from captaincy and who is going to replace him, the PCB chief said he had told the selection committee to take their time and make a long-term decision. "I have told them to take a decision after careful consideration because the captain's position is important."

Naqvi also said he had inquired from the selection committee including the captain and head coach of the teams whether it was the right time to introduce some fresh blood in the national sides.

"They said they are okay with the current set-up of players so I told them 'fine, it is your call'" he added.

India win team gold in men's 50m pistol event

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The trio of Deepak Dalal (545), Kamaljeet (543) and Raj Chandra (528) won the men's 50m pistol team gold medal on the concluding day of the Junior World Shooting Championship at the Peruvian capital of Lima.

Indian shooting team won the yellow metal with a combined tally of 1616 points beating Azerbaijan by a point. Armenia came third.

In all, India's junior shooters finished the championship on top with a rich haul of 24 medals which included 13 gold, three silver and eight bronze.

Italy finished second with five gold and four silver and bronze medals each while Norway was third with four gold and a total of 10 medals.

On Sunday, Mukesh Nelavalli also won an individual bronze in the event, his sixth medal of the competition, shooting a total of 548 over 60-shots. Azerbaijan's Imran Garayev won the gold with a score of



552.

In the junior women's 50m pistol, Parisha Gupta won an individual silver with a score of 540. She could not get past Hungary's Miriam Jako's effort of 546, which was a junior world record.

Sejal Kamble (529), Ketan (525) and Kanishka Dagar (513) also combined to win India a team silver in the event, finishing behind Azerbaijan. Divanshi, the fifth Indian in fray, shot 523 to finish eighth. In the other event of the final day, Shardul Vihan and Sabeera Harris combined to give India a bronze in the junior mixed team trap competition, played over 75 targets each.

Shardul (71) and Sabeera's (67) shot a total of 138, which was not enough to get past gold winners Czech Republic (141+8) and silver medallist Italy (141+7).

Zuhair Khan and Bhavya Tripathi, the second Indian pair in the event, shot a total of 134 to finish joint sixth. The ISSF bandwagon will now move to New Delhi for the final stop of its 2024 calendar, the prestigious season-ending ISSF World Cup Final Rifle/Pistol/Shotgun.



Bank of Baroda announces Iconic Partnership with Sachin Tendulkar as its GlobalBrand Ambassador

Mumbai: Bank of Baroda, one of India's most trusted banks with a wide international presence, today announced that the Bank has signed cricketing legend Sachin Tendulkar as the Bank's Global Brand Ambassador. The strategic partnership between Sachin Tendulkar and Bank of Baroda is built on a profound alignment of core values like excellence & trust. The partnership comes at an opportune time with Bank of Baroda poised to script the next phase of its transformation journey as it pursues a faster growth trajectory, leveraging Sachin's brand aura. Bank of Baroda is launching its first campaign featuring Sachin called "Play TheMasterstroke". The campaign encourages people to play a masterstroke and score big to realise their financial aspirations by choosing a Bank that is trusted by millions and backed by a legacy of over a century.



Carmel Convent School children hold 'Fund Raiser' for girl child education

Chandigarh: Carmel Convent School, Sector 9, Chandigarh, celebrated the birth anniversary of Mother Veronica, who was a pioneer of women's education in India. The celebration culminated in a fund raising activity organised by Carmelites for 'education of girls'. The celebration was organized by the Mother Veronica Committee and commenced with a heartfelt rendition of soulful hymns in the school's auditorium. A unique prayer service followed, with students dressed as Mother Veronica and angels. The showcase symbolized Mother Veronica's unwavering dedication towards 'empowerment of women through education'. A highlight of the event was the screening of the movie 'Strange Destiny', based on the life of Mother Veronica. The biopic of Mother Veronica beautifully captured her extraordinary journey of faith and courage, defying the societal and institutional norms of her times. Addressing the gathering, Principal Sister Sefali Parmar encouraged students to take inspiration from Mother Veronica's life and be a source of hope and support for those in need.

Standards for Growth: BIS Haryana Branch Hosts Karnal Conclave

Karnal: The Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS), Haryana Branch Office, organized a Stakeholders Conclave to commemorate World Standards Day, focusing on the theme SDG 9: Industry, Innovation, and Infrastructure - "Building Resilient Infrastructure, Promoting Inclusive and Sustainable Industrialization, and Fostering Innovation." The event, held in Karnal, aimed to raise awareness of the critical role that standards play in ensuring safety, efficiency, and innovation, while aligning with global sustainability goals. The event was graced by the Guest of Honour Sh. Ramesh K. Scientist-E/Director and Head of BIS Haryana Branch Office and commenced with a warm welcome address by Sh. Ramesh K, who highlighted the significant initiatives undertaken by BIS in Haryana, emphasizing the enthusiastic activities conducted by the branch and the successful organization of Standards Clubs by teachers.

Bank of India to organize SAMJHAUTA DAY FOR NPA Borrowers

Bank of India is organizing SAMJHAUTA DAY on 17.10.2024 to 19.10.2024 to settle the NPA loan accounts of borrowers under One Time Settlement (OTS) at all its branches/Zones and FGMOs across the country. The SAMJHAUTA DAY is specially designed for the NPA Borrowers who could not repay their loan in time due to distress in business/medical condition of the borrower or any other genuine reason. Our Bank is having special OTS schemes to settle small value accounts and mid-sized accounts through which special and good discounts are offered to the borrowers whose accounts are NPA.