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Victory for Democracy

Hurrah for the BJP in Haryana Jammu and Kashmir speak up

RAJESH KUMAR ■ NEW DELHI/
HARYANA

Quashing exit polls results that were unanimous in projecting a clean sweep by Congress, Haryana poll results presented a dramatic turnaround as Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) scored a hat trick by winning 48 seats of the 90 members' Legislative Assembly. The party improved its performance by winning seven more seats than it had in the outgoing Assembly.

Congress won 37 seats, Indian National Lok Dal (INLD) won two seats and Independents won three seats. The Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) and Jannayak Janata Party (JJP) have drawn a blank. The half-way mark is 46.

The BJP's astonishing performance will reinvigorate the ruling party cadres, and could deal a debilitating blow to the Congress looking for further ascendancy after its improved show in the Lok Sabha polls.

Among prominent candidates, Chief Minister Nayab Singh Saini, Congress leader Bhupinder Singh Hooda, and his new party colleague Vinesh Phogat won, as did Independent candidate Savitri Jindal. The INLD's Abhay



Haryana Chief Minister Nayab Singh Saini greets supporters after winning the Assembly elections from Ladwa constituency, at Ladwa, in Kurukshetra district, Tuesday

A historic win: PM



PNS ■ NEW DELHI

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Tuesday hailed the BJP's win in the Haryana Assembly polls as a victory of its politics of development and good governance, assuring people that the party will

leave no stone unturned to fulfil people's aspirations. Addressing the party workers at the party headquarters after the results of the Haryana and Jammu and Kashmir Assembly elections, PM Modi said that farmers in Haryana have given Congress a "befitting reply", and showed that they are with the country and with BJP.

"People of Haryana have scripted history by blossoming lotus. They have not only made the BJP win but gave the highest number of votes to the party," he said.

Singh Chautala lost, as did JJP's Dushyant Chautala, Haryana Assembly. Speaker and BJP's Gian Chand Gupta, Haryana Lokhit Party Gopal Kanda.

After the victory, Haryana Chief Minister Nayab Singh Saini credited Prime Minister Narendra Modi with the BJP's hat-trick in the state where he took charge barely six months ago.

"I want to thank 2.8 crore people of Haryana who have reposed faith in the policies of Prime Minister Narendra Modi. This is the victory of Haryana's farmers, the poor, women, and youth. People have voted for PM Modi's work for Haryana. It is a historic victory.

MOHIT KANDHARI ■ JAMMU

Staging a comeback with a 'thumping' majority in his kitty, National Conference (NC) Vice President Omar Abdullah is all set to become the first Chief Minister of the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir.

In the month-long Assembly elections, held for the first time after the Abrogation of Articles 370 and 35-A, 54-year-old Omar led the alliance partners to victory winning a clear majority of 48 seats in the 90-member house.

The NC president Dr Farooq Abdullah said the verdict was proof that the people of Jammu and Kashmir were against the abrogation of Article 370.

Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP), despite winning the highest tally of 29 Assembly seats in its strong bastion of Jammu, is left stranded staring at the prospect of occupying the Opposition benches. Meanwhile, J&K BJP Chief Ravindra Raina lost his seat in the Nowshera Assembly segment. He was defeated by Surinder Choudhary of the Jammu and Kashmir National Conference by a margin of over 7000 votes.



Supporters of Congress and National Conference (NC) celebrate as the Congress-NC alliance leads during the counting of votes of Jammu & Kashmir Assembly elections, in Srinagar, Tuesday

Egg on the face of Exit pollsters

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

All exit polls went wrong once again as the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) is set for a third term in Haryana where counting of votes for Assembly elections 2024 took place on Tuesday, giving the BJP a comfortable lead over its top competitor, the Indian National Congress (INC). This is not the first time exit polls have gone wrong. The Lok Sabha elections 2024, Chhattisgarh assembly

polls in 2023, Results of 2015 Bihar and Delhi Assembly Elections as well as Lok Sabha polls of 2004 and 2014 are examples of how exit polls predictions went wrong. Several exit polls had predicted a Congress victory in Haryana which recorded a voter turnout of 67.90 per cent. However, the BJP claimed it will return to power for a third consecutive term by winning 48 seats. This is a massive victory for the BJP in the state.

The party won 10 out of 11 seats from Jammu district, five from Kathua, four each from Udhampur and Doda, three from Samba, two from Reasi, and one from Rajouri. The party, however, failed to open its account from Kashmir Valley. The party had campaigned aggressively promising a stable government with a 'Hindu' Chief Minister at the helm of affairs.

The BJP's gamble to grant Scheduled Tribe status to Paharis in the region failed to improve its tally. All the candidates who joined the BJP failed to win any seat from the twin frontier districts of Rajouri and Poonch.

NHAH finally responds to nature's calls



The Union Minister of Road Transport and Highways, Shri Nitin Gadkari launching the 'Humsafar Policy' 2024 at The Ashok Hotel, in New Delhi

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ NEW DELHI

The Centre has finally woken up to address a pressing need expressed by commuters who have nowhere to answer nature's call when commuting across the country's national highways and expressways network. The government by bringing in a policy for facilities such as clean toilets, baby care rooms etc.

Union minister Nitin Gadkari on Tuesday launched 'Humsafar Policy' which will see the introduction of facilities, such as clean toilets, baby care rooms, provisions for wheelchairs, EV charging stations, parking spaces, and dormitory services at fuel stations.

The policy will also offer

convenient, safe, and enjoyable experience for highway users, while empowering entrepreneurs, generating jobs, and enhancing livelihoods for service providers, as per the statement.

The Humsafar policy shall allow commuters access to standardised, well maintained and hygienic facilities. Commuters will be able to find details of relevant service providers near their location instantly on the Rajmarg Yatra app. Commuters will be empowered to rate the service provided and the facilities, along with being able to raise issues.

Addressing the launch ceremony, Gadkari said the Humsafar brand will become synonymous with utmost safety and comfort for travellers and drivers along the nation's world-class highway network. He also emphasised on the need to deliver high quality, standardised services across

the national highways. Gadkari said the Modi government remains fully committed to delivering top-notch amenities across our highway network, ensuring a fast and seamless travel experience for all.

These facilities shall provide multiple options of rest and refreshment for the highway commuters during their journey. Some of the facilities being developed at each WSA are fuel stations, food court / restaurants, dhabas, convenience stores, clean and hygienic toilet facilities, drinking water, first aid / medical room including child-care room, dedicated area for promoting local artisans, car bus/truck parking, drone landing facilities / helipad etc.

A senior National Highways Authority of India (NHAH) official said the Central road making agency has planned to introduce Humsafar policy to onboard existing and upcoming service providers along the Highways/Expressways under the purview of MoRT&H to improve services for commuters by standardising the facilities provided. This will complement the Wayside Amenities being developed by NHAH on National Highways. The policy aims to benefit all the three stakeholders namely Service Providers, NHAH/MoRT&H and commuters, added the official.

Kolkata doctors resign en masse



SAUGAR SENGUPTA ■ KOLKATA

With the condition of eight junior doctors sitting on indefinite fast entering the third day on Tuesday — and no offer of talks coming from the side of the State Government — the senior doctors of RG Kar Medical College and Hospital tendered mass resignation warning they would go for bigger struggle should State not respond positively.

To make matter worse the senior doctors of the senior doctors of Calcutta Medical College too threatened to follow in the footsteps of their RGMCH colleagues if the Government did not respond within 24 hours. Earlier in the day, 15 senior doctors also joined their

junior counterparts in a symbolic hunger strike, further demonstrating the growing unrest within the hospital. "About fifty of us senior doctors today tendered mass resignation as a mark of solidarity with our junior colleagues because they are fighting for a just cause," said a senior doctor. The doctors' resignations came on a day when junior doctors of other medical colleges observed a symbolic fast on Tuesday in support of their colleagues in Kolkata.

Eight doctors from different medical colleges of Kolkata have been on an indefinite fast in support of their ten-point demand that includes a centralised referral system, security for all the medical staff inside the hospitals, ending of the threat syndicate and related malpractices that were rampant in most of the Government medical colleges and hospitals, basic amenities like rest rooms and washrooms for doctors, installation of CCTV cameras in all the Government hospitals, real-time monitoring of bed availability, and the establishment of task forces to ensure the proper functioning of essential facilities like CCTV cameras, on-call rooms, and washrooms, etc.

MITHUN: FROM FAME TO GLORY



President Droupadi Murmu presents the Dadasaheb Phalke Award to veteran actor Mithun Chakraborty during the 70th National Film Award ceremony at Vigyan Bhawan, in New Delhi, Tuesday



The multi-crore makeovers that failed

Congestion, water logging at Barapullah flyover, Mathura road, and Pragati Maidan tunnel has only intensified

BY SAUMYA SHUKLA

The multi-crore ambitious projects of Barapullah flyover, Mathura road and Pragati Maidan tunnel, which aimed at solving the traffic woes in the national Capital, and connect satellite cities around Delhi such as Noida, and Ghaziabad has not only failed to take the burden off from the city roads, it has made the situation worse with commuters sitting for hours in the jams on the stretches.

Ironically, the Barapullah Elevated Corridor, which was meant to solve traffic congestion in south Delhi, has now become among the worst stretches for people to cross at peak hours. Hundreds of vehicles are

routinely stranded in massive jams that stretch on for many kilometres on the roads leading to and from the flyover. The flyover is situated between AIIMS Flyover and the Sundial at Sarai Kale Khan over Barapullah Nallah, and is one of the crucial roads linking commuters of Ghaziabad and Noida with South Delhi, and vice versa. Each carriageway of Barapullah Flyover has three lanes.

Several bottlenecks are formed on the flyover leading to vehicles barely crawling in the specific location. Basically, a traffic bottleneck is a localised disruption of vehicular traffic on a street, road, or highway. As opposed to a traffic jam, a bottleneck is a result of a specific



Representative image

physical condition, often the design of the road, badly timed traffic lights, or sharp curves. According to the Delhi Traffic Police department, as per the current traffic flow pattern, the volume of traffic coming from Ghaziabad through NE-03 (Delhi Meerut Expressway) and Noida coming through DND is very high in the morning.

"The traffic coming from Ghaziabad and Noida ascends the Barapullah Flyover near Sundial. Due to heavy volume of traffic coming through in six lanes and discharging only through three lanes of Barapullah Flyover, a bottleneck is created resulting in congestion on Ring Road near Sundial. Similarly, in the evening peak

hours, the traffic coming from AIIMS and Lodhi Road merges near Hazrat Nizamuddin Basti which creates a bottleneck at the said merging point." Additional Commissioner of Police of Traffic Zone 2 Dinesh Gupta to The Pioneer stated. He added that letters have been written to the Public Works Department to increase the width of the carriageways to accommodate more vehicles and reduce the traffic woes. As per the official data accessed exclusively by The Pioneer, a total of 3,252 improper parking e-challans, 7,823 challans, 2,183 tow away challans, and 913 e-rickshaw no entry challans have been issued on the flyover till October 7 this year.

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BEDKHALI NOTICE

I, Hasin S/O Nazir # 1686 kumhar mohalla burail, Chandigarh. Declare that I had disowned my daughter Shabana through a newspaper dated. 20.01.2022. Now she is under my control. So I cancelled his disown and now in future he is having her full right in all my properties.

We Suresh Chand Tyagi S/o Sh. Anoop Singh Tyagi and Anita Tyagi W/o Sh. Suresh Chand Tyagi both R/O H. No. 175, Sector-19, Panchkula, Haryana-134113. declare that our son, Rahul Kumar and his wife Krishna Tyagi and their daughters namely Divanshi Tyagi and Priyanshi Tyagi all are out of our control. So we Disown them from our moveable/immovable properties. Anybody Dealing with them at his/her their own risk.

I, Jile Singh S/o Sh. Asharam R/O Vill. Dodwa, Teh. & Distt. Sonipat has disowned my son Rahul Malik & his wife Shashi from my all movable-immovable property as they are out of my control. In future, if anybody deals with them, he/she will do at their own risk.

I, Dharam Singh S/O Mukunda Ram R/O 1310, Sector 28-B, Chandigarh declare that my daughter Shikha Rani is out of my control. I, disown her from my movable & immovable properties. Anybody dealing with her at their own risk.

I, Ram Chander Upadhyay S/O Ram R/o Upadhyay R/O House No 1431, Sector 30-B Chandigarh Inform That My Daughter Karuna Is Out Of My Control. I Disown Her From My All Moveable And Immoveable Properties. Anybody Deal With Her At Their Own Risk.

I, Shakuntala W/o Sh. Dharamvir R/O House No. 1699, Sector 25-D, Chandigarh inform that my son Deepak and his wife Aarti out of my control. I disown them from my moveable and Immoveable Properties. Anybody deal with them at their own Risk.

I, Mohd. Gulzar S/O Sh. Mehandi Hussan R/O H.No 66 Old indira colony Manimajra declare that my Grand daughter Sneha D/o Salim is out of my control so I disown her from my all moveable/immovable properties any body dealing with her at their own risk.

I, Mihi Lal S/O Sh. Ram Avdh R/O House No. 411 rajiv colony sector -17 Panchkula declare that my daughter son Rahul chourasiya S/o Bhagwandeem Chourasiya is out of my control So, I disown him from my all moveable/immovable properties. Anybody dealing with him at their own risk.

I, Om Parkash S/O Ramsharan R/O #44/12, Near Phase 11, Kamabali Mohali Tehsil & Distt Mohali Declare That My Son Sandeep Kumar And His Wife Manisha Kumari Are Out Of Our Control. So I Disown Both Of Them From All My Movable And Immoveable Properties. Anybody Dealing With Them On Their Own Risk.

I, Madhu Rani W/o Late Sh. Ved Prakash R/O 197B, Pragati Vihar, Behind B.D Flour Mill, Ambala Cantt declare that my son Sonu and his wife Komal are out of my Control. So I Disown them from my all Movable Immoveable Properties.

Our son Vinay Kumar Guglani and his wife are out of our control. We disown them from our movable / immovable property. They shall be responsible for their deeds and anybody deals with them shall do so with his own responsibility. Kewal Krishan (Father), Geeta Rani (Mother) resident Arya Nagar Fazilka (Punjab).

I, Prem Singh S/o Sh. Khushal Singh R/O V.P.O Manko, District Jalandhar, Punjab declare that my son namely Harjinder Singh and my daughter Harjinder Kaur are out of my control so that I disown them both from my movable and immovable properties. Any person who deals with them will do so that his/her own risk and responsibility. Neither me nor my other family members would be responsible for any kind of dealings done by Harjinder Singh and Harjinder Kaur.

में, सुरज प्रकाश पुत्र श्री गोपेश प्रशाद निवासी म.नं. 6, पटेल नगर, बी डी फ्लोर मिल के पीछे, अम्बाला छावनी ब्यान करता हूँ कि मेरा पुत्र कनिष्क वा उसकी पत्नी श्रीमति प्रिया जोकि मेरे कहने-सुनने से बाहर हैं। अतः मैं इनके अपनी चल-अचल सम्पत्ति से बेदखल करता हूँ। इनसे लेन-देन करने वाला स्वयं जिम्मेदार होगा। मेरी व मेरे परिवार की कोई जिम्मेवारी नहीं होगी।

LEGAL NOTICE

I Sumana Devi M/o Army No. 10468023 L Rank Hav Rajan Kumar R/O Village Bhaterrh P.O.Sainthal Teh. Joginder Nagar Distt. Mandi H.P I Have Changed My Name From Sumna Devi to Sumana Devi Vide Affidavit No. 19AA 811774 Dated 16-08-2024

I Vinay Sharma S/o Sh Ramesh Kumar R/O 172-A Housing Board Kalka. Tehsil Kalka Distt Panchkula 133302 Haryana Have Changed My Name Vinay Kumar to Vinay Sharma

I Sumana Devi M/o Army No. 10468023 L Rank Hav Rajan Kumar R/O Village Bhaterrh P.O.Sainthal Teh. Joginder Nagar Distt. Mandi H.P I Have Changed My Name From Sumna Devi to Sumana Devi Vide Affidavit No. 19AA 811774 Dated 16-08-2024

I Gurprit Kaur D/O Army No.4466904m Ex Naik (Ts) Gurmail Singh R/O Vpo Sarabha Teh And Distt. Ludhiana (Punjab) Declare To Change My Name To Gurpreet Kaur. My Correct Date Of Birth Is 10-10-1993.

I, Jeevanlal Is Legally Father Of Devendra Kumar Presently Residing At Vill & PO – Mouda, Tehsil - Kirmapur, Distt – Balaghat, State – MP, PIN – 481226 Have Changed My Name From Jeevanlal To Jivanlal Maneshwar Vide Affidavit Dated 08/10/2024 Before Executive Magistrate Jalandhar, (PB).

I, Laleta Is Legally Mother Of Devendra Kumar Presently Residing At Vill & PO – Mouda, Tehsil - Kirmapur, Distt – Balaghat, State – MP, PIN – 481226 Have Changed My Name From Laleta To Lalita Maneshwar Vide Affidavit Dated 08/10/2024 Before Executive Magistrate Jalandhar, (PB).

I, Pushpa Bhatt Is Legally Mother Of Anoop Bhatt Presently Residing At Village – Genwali, Gawal Danda, Patniyadevi, Tehri Garhwal, State – Uttarakhand, PIN – 249123 Have Changed My Name From Pushpa Bhatt To Puspha Devi Vide Affidavit Dated 08/10/2024 Before Executive Magistrate Jalandhar, (PB).

I, Mahavir Prasad Bhatt Is Legally Father Of Anoop Bhatt Presently Residing At Village – Genwali, Gawal Danda, Patniyadevi, Tehri Garhwal, State – Uttarakhand, PIN – 249123 Have Changed My Name From Mahavir Prasad Bhatt To Mahabeer Prasad Vide Affidavit Dated 08/10/2024 Before Executive Magistrate Jalandhar, (PB).

I, No. 15495427M Rank DFR Mahender Kumar S/O Narayan Dass R/O 62 Cavalry C/O 56APO Tibri Cantt., Tehsil/District Gurdaspur-143530 India declare that in my Army Service Record, date of birth of my father Narayan Dass and mother Meena Devi are wrongly recorded as 01.04.1962 and 01.07.1966. My father's correct DOB is 09.09.1959 and mother's correct DOB is 01.01.1966.

I, Hanamant Patil brother of No. 16134311X Rank L/NK Name Mahesh Patil Unit 4 Engr Regt C/O 56 APO Bathinda cantt (Punjab) permanent resident of Kotabagi, Distt. Belagavi, State Karnataka-591310 have changed my name from Hanamant Patil to Hanamant Durgappa Patil vide affidavit dated 07.10.2024

I, Malar Kоди R legally mother of No. 16122142P Rank NK Name Jayapal R Unit 4 Engr Regt C/O 56 APO Bathinda cantt. (Punjab) permanent resident of 197, T Pudukkottai, Manamadurai, T Pudukkottai, Sivaganga, Distt. Manamadurai State Tamil Nadu-623701 declare That I have changed my name from Malar Kоди R to Malarkodi Ramu and DOB from 02.08.1970 to 05.07.1974 vide Affidavit dated 07.10.2024

I, Ramu K legally father of No. 16122142P Rank NK Name Jayapal R Unit 4 Engr Regt C/O 56 APO Bathinda cantt. (Punjab) permanent resident of 197, T Pudukkottai, Manamadurai, T Pudukkottai, Sivaganga, Distt. Manamadurai State Tamil Nadu-623701 declare That I have changed my name from Ramu K to Ramu Kalimuthan vide Affidavit dated 07.10.2024

I, Charanjeet Kaur mother of Army No 4493827M, Lance Naik, (Late) Sukhwinder Singh (UIDAI No- 314291543020) residence of Vill- Dhigana, PO- Rupana, Teh & Distt- Sri Muktsar Sahib (PB-152032), Declared That in my late son's Army service record, my name is wrongly written as Charanjit Kaur whereas my correct name is Charanjeet Kaur. All concerned please note.

I, Sudesh Khanna S/O Dharampal Khanna. R/O H.No. 394/14, New Sant Nagar Colony, Trimro Road Gurdaspur, Tehsil/Distt Gurdaspur, Punjab (India). Declare That In My Matriculation Certificate My Father Name Is Written As Dharampal. But In My All Documents My Father Name Is Written As Dharampal Khanna.

I No JC 178452K EX Sub Balbir Singh Village Santpur Kothe (Gorsian) PO Alampur Tehsil Dasuya Distt Hoshiarpur Punjab Declare that in my Army's record My Wife Surjit Kaur Date of Birth May be read as 06-10-1954 instead of 06-10-1955 as per her Aadhar card and passport records.

I Jasveer Singh S/O Malook Singh R/O Village Hira Nagar Daroli Tehsil Patran Distt. Patiala Have Changed My Name From Jasveer Singh To Jasvir Singh. And Dob From 01-07-1961 To 08-10-1957.

I Gurbhej Singh S/O Jit Singh Village Palneri, Tehsil Kharar, Distt. S.A.S. Nagar (Mohali) Declare That In The 8th Certificate Of My Son Daljit Singh, The Name Daljit And Father's Name Gurpreet Singh Are Wrongly Recorded, While The Correct Name Of My Son Is Daljit Singh And My Name Is Gurbhej Singh.

I, Manish Kumar S/O Sukhdev Rai Mittal aged about 30 R/O Bathinda as Guardian and on behalf of my minor daughter Inayat Mittal (DOB 09-11-2019) have changed her name from Inayat Mittal to Prachi Mittal. Concerned may note.

I, No. 14647999K Rank Hav Kamalakanta Dhal R/O Vill: Palatapost Post Bhuinpur PS Dhusuri Distt. Bhadrak State- Odisha Pin-756138 now at unit 138(I) WKSP C/o 56 APO declared that my mother Hemalata Dhal DOB 01-07-1966 is wrongly entered in my service records. But her correct DOB is 01-01-1960 vide affidavit dated 27-09-24 by notary distt Court Bathinda.

I, Jyoti spouse 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 have declared that my name Jyoti and DOB 09-08-1983 is wrongly entered in my husband service records. But my correct name is Jyoti Devi and DOB 01-01-1984 vide affidavit dated 05-10-24 by notary distt. Court Bathinda.

I Chennamma, Mother Of No 161226331 Nk M Srisailam Of 5 Engineer Regiment, C/O 56 Apo. Today Camping At Ferozepur, Have Changed My Name From Chennamma To Muriki Chennamma & Date Of Birth 21 May 1971 To 18 Sep 1975.

I Chennaiah, Father Of No 161226331 Rank Nk Name M Srisailam Of 5 Engineer Regiment, C/O 56 Apo. Today Camping At Ferozepur, Have Changed My Name From Chennaiah To Muriki Chennaiah & Date Of Birth 11 Jul 1966 To 11 Jul 1965.

I, Basappa Mudakappa Koladur Is Father Of Army No. 15331314N Hav Vitthal Koladur Of Unit 5 Engineer Regt. C/O 56 Apo. Today Camping At Ferozepur, Have Changed My Name From Basappa To Basappa Mudakappa Koladur Due To Erroneous Mistake In My Son Service Record. My True And Correct Date Of Birth Is 01.01.1951 As Per My Aadhaar Card, But On My Son's Service Record My Date Of Birth Is Mentioned As 01.07.1958, Which Is Wrong.

I, Bhimabai Mallappa Gundalageri Is Mother Of Army No. 16112155y Hav Laxman Of Unit 5 Engr Regt' C/O 56 Apo, Have Changed My Name From Bhimabai To Bhimabai Mallappa Gundalageri Due To Erroneous Mistake In My Son's Service Record. My True And Correct Date Of Birth Is 01.07.1959, Which Is Wrong.

I, Amritpal Singh Mahay S/O Darshan Singh R/O Vill: Burj Hari Singh (Ludhiana) have changed my name to Amritpal Singh.

I, Gulshan Khurana S/O Sh. Ram Narayan R/O Flat No. 31-C, Skylar Homes, Zirakpur, Distt. SAS Nagar Mohali have changed my name from Gulshan Khurana to Gulshan Lal Khurana.

I, Balwinder Kumar Sharma S/O Late Sh. Chhajju Ram R/O H No. 35, Police Complex, Phase 8, Mohali have changed my name from Balwinder Kumar Sharma to Balwinder Kumar.

I, Amit Kumar Sharma S/O Balwinder Kumar R/O H No. 35, Police Complex, Phase 8, Mohali have changed my name from Amit Kumar Sharma to Amit Kumar.

I, Madhav Aggarwal S/O Sh. Pardeep Kumar Aggarwal R/O House No. 2261, Sector 35C, Chandigarh have changed my name from Madhav to Madhav Aggarwal.

I, Kanchan Gupta W/o Sunil Banga R/O # 3160, Sector -27-D, Chandigarh I have changed my name to Kanchan Banga.

I, Ankush S/O Ashwani Kumar R/O 18, Mahavir Colony, Yamuna Nagar have changed my name from Ankush to Ankush Kumar.

I Satnam Singh Brar S/O Iqbal Singh R/O Gurpreet Avenue, Faridkot Have Changed My Name To Satnam Singh.

I Joginder Singh Bargari S/O Gajjan Singh R/O Village Bargari District Faridkot Have Changed My Name To Joginder Singh.

I Gurjit Kaur Bargari W/O Ajayal Singh R/O Village Bargari District Faridkot Have Changed My Name To Gurjit Kaur.

I Ajayal Singh Bargari S/O Joginder Singh R/O Village Bargari District Faridkot Have Changed My Name To Ajayal Singh.

I Barjinder Kaur Bargari W/O Joginder Singh R/O Village Bargari District Faridkot Have Changed My Name To Barjinder Kaur.

I Jogninder Singh Bargari S/O Gajjan Singh R/O Village Bargari District Faridkot Have Changed My Name To Jogninder Singh.

I, Diksha D/o Vinay Kumar Malhotra R/O H.No. 184 Block-12 Mecos Near Army Law College Sector-68 (SAS Nagar, Mohali) have changed my name from Diksha to Diksha Malhotra.

I, Mandeep Bajwa W/O Harjeshwar Singh Bajwa R/O Bansa Nursing Home, G.T. Road, Khanna (Ludhiana) Have Changed My Name To Mandeep Kaur Bajwa.

I, Jalaj S/O Pankaj Kumar R/O Sri Muktsar Sahib Have Changed My Name From Jalaj To Jalaj Arora.

I Manjeet Kaur Wife Of Balkar Singh R/O Street No 5 Ward No 17, Bharat Nagar Ferozepur City Have Changed My Name From Manjeet Kaur Sidhu To Manjeet Kaur.

I Balkar Singh Son Of Mangal Singh R/O Street No 5 Ward No 17 Bharat Nagar Ferozepur City Have Changed My Name From Balkar Singh Sidhu To Balkar Singh.

I Sheetal Wife Of Rajat Sharma Resident Of 34 White Avenue Maqbool Road Amritsar Gpo Amritsar Have Changed My Name To Sheetal Sharma.

I Smt Raj Kumari W/O Late Kesar Singh R/O House No-717, Peer Khanna Road, Khanna, Tehsil-Khanna Distt-Ludhiana, Punjab - 144101, Have Changed My Name To Surjit Kaur.

I, Saravjit Kaur W/o Baljit Singh R/O H.No. 334/23, Gali No. 3, Sant Pura, Kapurthala have changed my name from Saravjit Kaur to Sarabjit Kaur.

I, Gagan Deep Singh S/O Gurcharan Singh R/O H.No. 1065 G/B Rosewood Estate Dera Bassi (SAS Nagar, Mohali) have changed my name from Gagan Deep to Gagan Deep Singh.

I Shehnaaj Singh S/o Uttam Singh R/O Ruri wala Teh-Patti Distt Tarn Taran Have changed my given name to Shehnaaj and surname to Singh.

I, Jaspreet Kaur Mattu D/o Manjit Singh R/O Vill: Chhajjawal (Ludhiana) have changed my name to Jaspreet Kaur.

I, Amritpal Singh Mahay S/O Darshan Singh R/O Vill: Burj Hari Singh (Ludhiana) have changed my name to Amritpal Singh.

I, Gulshan Khurana S/O Sh. Ram Narayan R/O Flat No. 31-C, Skylar Homes, Zirakpur, Distt. SAS Nagar Mohali have changed my name from Gulshan Khurana to Gulshan Lal Khurana.

I, Balwinder Kumar Sharma S/O Late Sh. Chhajju Ram R/O H No. 35, Police Complex, Phase 8, Mohali have changed my name from Balwinder Kumar Sharma to Balwinder Kumar.

I, Amit Kumar Sharma S/O Balwinder Kumar R/O H No. 35, Police Complex, Phase 8, Mohali have changed my name from Amit Kumar Sharma to Amit Kumar.

I, Madhav Aggarwal S/O Sh. Pardeep Kumar Aggarwal R/O House No. 2261, Sector 35C, Chandigarh have changed my name from Madhav to Madhav Aggarwal.

I, Kanchan Gupta W/o Sunil Banga R/O # 3160, Sector -27-D, Chandigarh I have changed my name to Kanchan Banga.

I, Setarvammy Tirumalasetty Mother of Nagarjuna Tirumalasetty R/O #438, Sector 47-A, Chandigarh have changed my name from Setarvammy Tirumalasetty to Tirumalasetty Sitaravamma vide Affidavit No - IN-CH52564841259987W Dated 08-10-2024 before Notary, Distt. Court at Chandigarh.

I, Chenchaiyah Tirumalasetty Father of Nagarjuna Tirumalasetty R/O #438, Sector 47-A, Chandigarh have changed my name from Chenchaiyah Tirumalasetty to Tirumalasetty Chenchaiyah vide Affidavit No - IN-CH52564717033440W Dated 08-10-2024 before Notary, Distt. Court at Chandigarh.

I, Urmila Gupta w/o Jai Parkash R/o # 981 Indira Colony, Sector 17, Panchkula have changed my name from Urmila Gupta to Urmila Devi.

I Rani W/o Late Samson R/O House No. 2267/1, Near Park, Sector 45-C, Chandigarh inform that my late husband was known by the names as Samson and Samson Dass. Both names are belong with one and same person.

I, Deepa D/O Sh. Mani Ram And W/O Sh. Manoj Kumar R/O House No 1184 A, Sector 46 B Chandigarh, Have Changed My Name From Deepa To Deepa Devi.

I, Shri Krishan S/o Dariyao Singh R/O H.No.1161, Sector 13-17, Huda, Panipat, do hereby solemnly affirm and declare that I have changed my name from Krishan to Shri Krishan. i would be known as Shri Krishan in future for all purposes.

I, Kashmir Ahuja S/o Des Raj Ahuja R/O H.No.863/3, Opp. Prem Mandir, Pachranga Bazar, Tehsil & Distt. Panipat, my name Kash miri and Kashmir Lal and Kashmir Lal Ahuja and Kashmir Ahuja all my same person name. Future i should be known as Kashmir Ahuja.

I, Sarvejit Kaur W/o Narinder Mohan Singh R/O H.No.9, Second Floor, Dada Pota Market, Sukhdev Nagar, Tehsil & Distt. Panipat, I have changed my name from Sarvejit Kaur to Sarvejit Kaur for all purpose.

I, Amith Ahuja S/o Kashmir Ahuja R/O H.No.863/3, Opp. Prem Mandir, Pachranga Bazar, Tehsil & Distt. Panipat, I have changed my name from Amith Kumar to Amith Ahuja for all purpose.

I, Parveen Saini W/o Ram Dayal, Village Aizipur Khurd, PO Naurangpur, District Pathankot, Declare That I Have Changed My Name From Parveen To Parveen Saini, Concerned Note.

I, Shubham Kansal S/o Sh. Mukesh R/O H.No.450, Sector-24, Near Aggarwal Bhawan, Huda, Panipat declare that I have changed my name from Shubham to Shubham Kansal, for all future purposes.

I, Davinder Kumar Gupta S/o Om Prakash Gupta R/O 280 Gandhi Nagar Pathankot, Have Changed My Name From Davinder Kumar Gupta To Davinder Mahajan, Kindly Note.

I, Arun Kumar Ahula S/o Sh. Om Parkash Ahuja R/O H. No 1517P, HUDA, Panipat, have changed my name from Arun Kumar Ahula to Arun Kumar Ahuja for all future purposes.

I, Suman Ahula W/o Sh. Arun Kumar Ahuja R/O H. No 1517P, HUDA, Panipat, have changed my name from Suman Ahula to Suman Ahuja for all future purposes.

I, Rockey Goel S/o Sh. Rajinder Kumar R/O H.No 49B, Virat Nagar, Phase 2, Model Town Panipat, have changed my son's name from Gautam To Gautam Goel for all future purposes.

I, Prabhat Rani W/o Rajinder Kumar, R/O H. No. 234, Threeeey Road, Bhatia Colony, Tharlike Distt. Ludhiana-142021, Punjab declare that I have changed my name from Prabhat Rani Ghai to Prabhat Rani. Concerned note.

I, Champa Devi W/o Anil Kumar # 433, Sector 33A, Chandigarh have changed my name to Champa.

I, Hamant S/o Vishnu Singh # 701/C, Sector 33-B, Chandigarh have changed my name to Hemant Singh Patwal.

I, Vinod Kumar S/o Ram Chander Thakur # Drug De Addition Center, Sector 18-A, Govt Press UT, Chandigarh have changed my name to Vinod Kumar Thakur.

I Gurjit Kaur W/o Arvinder Singh R/O 362 Lane, Near Triple Story, Maharaja Sher Singh Colony, Umarpura, Batala, Distt. Gurdaspur declare that I have Changed my name from Gurjit Kaur to Gurjeet Kaur. Concerned Note.

I, Jagmohan Singh Bedi S/O Harbhajan Singh R/O Paris Avenue, Guru Ki Wadali, Chheharta, Amritsar, Punjab have changed my name from Jagmohan Singh Bedi to Jagmohan Singh, for all future purposes.

I, Iqbal Singh S/o Mohan Singh R/O Village Boparai, P.O New Tanel, Tehsil Baba Bakala, Distt. Amritsar, Punjab have changed my name from Iqbal Singh to Singh is my Surname and Iqbal is my given name.

I, Manjeet Kour wife of Service Number JC-423555F Rank Subedar Name Sukhwinder Singh presently residing at Vill-Nai Basti (Tanda), PO- Sanjwan, Teh & Distt- Samba, State- J & K PIN- 184120 have changed my name from Manjeet Kour to Manjit Kour due to wrong name recorded in my husband's Army service record vide Affidavit IN-PB 68778988700903W dated 08 Oct 2024 before Notary Public Gurdaspur.

I, Pawan Kumar S/o Kuldip Singh Village Rawal P/o Khojpur Tehsil Dinanagar Distt Gurdaspur have changed my name Pawan Kumar to Kumar Pawan.

I, Jarman Singh S/o Sukhdev Singh R/O Vpo Riaili Kalan, Teh Batala, Distt Gurdaspur have changed my name to Singh as My Surname and Jarman as my given Name.

I, Shashi Saluja W/O Gobind Saluja R/O H.No. B 963, Ansal Sushant City, Panipat (Hr) Declare That I Have Change My Name Shashi To Shashi Saluja For All Purposes.

I, Tarsem Aggarwal, son of Shri Sat Narain, resident of House No. 2350, B-12, Geeta Nagri, Ambala City Haryana, declare that my name has changed from Tarsem Kumar Aggarwal to Tarsem Aggarwal. Make all relevant notes.

I Vijay Kumar S/o Subhash Chand R/O 223/2 Adarsh Nagar PWT Manimajra Chandigarh have changed my minor daughter name from Samaira to Samaira Goswami.

It Is For General Information That I Parveen Kaur W/O Baljinder Singh R/O 1249 Boh Road, Near New Kali Mata Mandir, Anand Nagar-B, Boh (27) Ambala, Haryana-133021 Declare That Name Of Mine Has Been Wrongly Written As Praveen In My Minor Son Naman Singh Aged 17 Years In His 10th Educational Documents. The Actual Name Of Mine Is Parveen Kaur Respectively Which May Be Amended Accordingly

I Akshada Ashitosh Kale Is Legally W/O Service No. 17042359F Rank Cfn Name Kale Ashitosh Chhabanarao Presently Residing At Village Astagaon, Ahmadnagar, Maharashtra .414005. Have Changed My Dob From 19.05.2001 To 19.05.2002.

We Happy S/O Late. Shri Laxman Das, Mrs. Kusum Lat, W/O Shri Laxman Das, R/O 1044, Bengali Mohalla, Ambala Cantt Declare That Our Daughter And Grand Daughter Jiya From Our All Movable And Immoveable Properties

I Service No. 18008231A Rank Nk Bablu Kumar R/O Post Musalia, Thana Mohanpur Gaya, Khutaura Gaya, Fatehpur, Bihar 824232. Have Changed My Name From Angel Kumari To Anjel Kumari.

It Is For General Information That I, Sunil S/O Shiv Chander R/O 28c, Shanti Nagar, B.D Flour Mill, Kardhan, Ambala. Haryana-133001 Declare That Name Of Mine Has Been Wronaly Written As Sunil Kumar In My Minor Son Namely Kunal Aged 12 Years In His School Records. The Actual Name Of Mine Is Sunil Which May Be Amended Accordingly.

I Service No. 15147423a Rank Hav (Dmt), Mohan Rao Gorakala Of Unit 138 Med Regt C/O 56 Apo Durgamulla. Have Changed My Wife (Gorakala Sangeeta) Dob 16.07.1987 To 06.07.1987.

I Shreepati Is Legally M/O No. 15346850N Rank Hav, Ramesh Kushwaha Presently Residing At Village Andhya, Kushinagar, Uttar Pradesh 274402. have changed my DOB from 03.06.1953 To 04.05.1961.

I Shreepati Is Legally M/O No. 15346850N Rank Hav, Ramesh Kushwaha Presently Residing At Village Andhya, Kushinagar, Uttar Pradesh 274402. Have Changed My Dob From 06.08.1995 To 06.07.1962.

I, Onkar Singh S/o Jiwan Singh R/O 489/2, Gali Kashmiri Lal Wali, Chhota Hari Pura, Islamabad, Amritsar, Punjab have changed my name from Onkar Singh to Singh is my surname and Onkar is my given name.

I, Jagmohan Singh Bedi S/O Harbhajan Singh R/O Paris Avenue, Guru Ki Wadali, Chheharta, Amritsar, Punjab have changed my name from Jagmohan Singh Bedi to Jagmohan Singh, for all future purposes.

I, Iqbal Singh S/o Mohan Singh R/O Village Boparai, P.O New Tanel, Tehsil Baba Bakala, Distt. Amritsar, Punjab have changed my name from Iqbal Singh to Singh is my Surname and Iqbal is my given name.

I, Kulwant Kaur W/o Iqbal Singh R/O Village Boparai, P.O New Tanel, Tehsil Baba Bakala, Distt. Amritsar, Punjab have changed my name from Kulwant Kaur to Kaur is my surname and Kulwant is my given name.

I, Daman Bhutani S/o Sh. Suraj Parkash R/O House No.8/394, Jeevan Nagar, Karnal have changed my name from Daman to Daman Bhutani.

I, Shruti D/o Sh. Sudhir Singhal R/O 441/31 Circular Road, Shiv Park, Janta Colony Rohtak-124001 declare That I have changed my name from Shruti to Shruti Singhal In future I will be called by the name Shruti Singhal for all purposes.

I, Divyanshu S/O Rajesh Kumar R/O No 70 Near Government School Panauri Jamalpur Post, Karnal District, Haryana-132114 have changed my name to Divyanshu Thardak.

I, Rajesh Kumar S/O Rajkumar R/O No 70 Near Government School Panauri Jamalpur Post, Karnal District, Haryana-132114 have changed name of my minor son Priyanshu aged 14 years to Priyanshu Thardak.

I, Suman Bai W/o Hawa Singh R/O # 117, Bank Colony, Manimajra, Chandigarh have changed my name from Suman Yadav to Suman Bai.

I, Balwan S/O Sh. Arjun R/O H.No:A 86, H.M.T. Pinjore Tehsil Kalka Distt. Panchkula, Haryana, I have changed my name from Balwan to Balwan Singh.

I, Sajjan Son of Narinder Kumar, R/O Village Chak Alla Baksh, PO & Tehsil Mukerian, District Hoshiarpur, Punjab, have changed my name from Sajjan to Sajjan Sharma.

I Anita kumari w/o Sukhdev Raj V.P.O Thakurdwara teh. Indora distt. Kangra declare that my name on all my documents is anita kumari but my name

In a historic victory, BJP returns for a record third straight term in Haryana

Defying all odds and pollsters, BJP rides a pro-incumbency wave

MANOJ KUMAR ■ CHANDIGARH

The Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) won Haryana for a third consecutive time defying an anti-incumbency of 10 years, as well as exit polls that had projected a massive win for the opposition Congress. While BJP won 48 seats the Congress won 37. Three independents and two candidates from INLD were victorious too. The majority figure in the 90-member House is 46. However, the Congress, which has been out of power for 10 years, has been far behind despite winning more seats than the 2019 Assembly elections.

As the counting began at 8 am, the BJP and Congress were engaged in a seesaw battle and at around 9 am, one hour after the counting of votes began, the Congress had surged far ahead of the BJP.

Incumbent CM Saini won the election from the Ladwa Assembly seat by a margin of 16,054 votes. Former CM Bhupinder Singh Hooda successfully defended his Garhi Sampla-Kiloi constituency in Rohtak. The 77-year-old veteran politician secured a substantial lead of 71,465 votes over his closest competitor, Manju Hooda from the BJP.

Mamman Khan, the Congress MLA from Ferozpur Jhirka assembly constituency, who was arrested for inciting Nuh violence recorded the highest winning margin 98,441 votes

over his nearest rival Naseem Ahmed of BJP. In the Uchana Kalan constituency, BJP's Devender Chatar Bhuj Attri defeated Congress' Brijendra Singh by just 32 votes. Dushyant Chautala finished in fifth place, trailing the winner by over 41,000 votes.

Senior State leaders who lost the election are INLD's Abhay Singh Chautala, JJP's Dushyant Chautala, BJP's Gian Chand Gupta, Gopal Kanda (Haryana Lokhit Party), and BJP's O P Dhankar. INLD's Abhay Chautala lost the Ellenabad seat to Congress candidate Bharat Singh Beniwal by a margin of 15,000 votes.

Wrestler-turned-politician Vinesh Phogat won the Julana Assembly constituency by a margin of 6,015 votes. "This was a people's battle, and they've won and I was just the face. I am thankful for all the love and respect that I've received," said Congress candidate Vinesh Phogat.

From the Thanesar seat, Ashok Kumar Arora from the Congress secured victory with 70,076 votes, gaining a margin of 3,243 votes. His opponent, Subhash Sudha from the BJP polled 66,833 votes. Savitri Jindal, an Independent candidate, won from Hisar. Savitri Jindal is India's wealthiest woman and controls OP Jindal Group. In Ambala Cantonment, BJP candidate and six-time legislator Anil Vij won the election and defeated his nearest rival, Independent candidate Chitra Sarwara. BJP candidate Shruti Choudhry won the election against her cousin and Congress candidate Anirudh Chaudhary from the Tosham seat.

From the Muslim-dominated Nuh, all three seats were retained by the Congress. They

are Aftab Ahmed from Nuh, Mohammad Ilyas from Punahana and Mamman Khan from Ferozpur Jhirka.

After the BJP raced ahead in Haryana, AAP convener Arvind Kejriwal on Tuesday said the "biggest lesson" of the poll results is that one should never be "overconfident" in the elections. "No election should be taken lightly. Each election and each seat is tough," he added.

Senior Congress leader and Sirsa MP Kumari Selja expressed disappointment over the election results. "The results are disappointing. We were hopeful until this morning. All our workers, who have dedicated the last 10 years to the Congress party, are understandably upset. Such a result brings immense disappointment. We need to make a fresh start, reflect on our shortcomings, and identify who is responsible for this outcome," the veteran Congress leader said.

Speaking on infighting in the Congress party, Former CM and Congress leader Bhupinder Singh Hooda said, "Congress is united. You can see the BJP, Anil Vij did not come out of his house, Ram Bilas Sharma's ticket was cut. In a democratic party, 'matbhed' (difference of opinion) can be there but there is no 'manbhed' (difference of thought).

BJP MP Kiran Choudhry said "I had said from the beginning that BJP will form a government with full majority because BJP is an organised party. BJP's policies are beneficial for every section and the public has seen this and on the other side a particular person and his son were visible, only conspiracies were visible there and corruption was rampant, so

the people of Haryana have accepted the fact that now there is no such thing as Congress in Haryana. I have been saying from the beginning that this is now a 'babu beta' party and the public has completely rejected them."

Anil Vij said, "This is the victory of BJP's policies and this is the victory of Prime Minister Narendra Modi who wants to take the country forward and this is the victory of people's trust."

Political Observers opined that by getting an unprecedented third term in a state, BJP has achieved a victory that even the party itself may not have fully anticipated. For once, most pollsters seemed on the same page as they predicted a Congress win in Haryana, a sentiment echoed by some within the BJP itself. However, the BJP not only defied these predictions but also improved on its 2019 tally of 40 seats.

The win marks the first time a party will form a government for three consecutive terms in Haryana. It also signals a significant shift with the appointment of an OBC Chief Minister, Nayab Singh Saini, in a state long known as "Jatland." Saini, representing the 40 per cent OBC electorate, was elevated to the top seat ahead of the elections in March and led the party as its CM face, Observer added.

Dramatic turnaround in celebrations at BJP and Cong offices within hours

The early trends of Haryana results sprang a surprise on two counts - the first being the BJP decimating the "popular perception" of a Congress wave in the Jat-dominated state, and

Highlights

- 1--Congress' celebratory mood at AICC headquarters turned sombre by noon as Haryana election trends shifted towards a shock defeat
- 2--Early trends suggested a big Congress win, with workers celebrating, but by 10 am, BJP started clawing back, dampening the mood
- 3--Congress leaders remained hopeful for a trend change by 1pm, but it didn't materialise. The canteen prepared special dishes, but disappointment loomed as there were few takers
- 4--By 2pm, BJP had crossed the majority mark in Haryana with 47 seats, while Congress lagged behind with 38 seats
- 5--Congress raised concerns with the Election Commission over a delay in updating Haryana election results, alleging "false news" and "malicious narratives"
- 6--In the Uchana Kalan constituency, BJP's Devender Chatar Bhuj Attri defeated Congress' Brijendra Singh by just 32 votes. Dushyant Chautala finished in fifth place, trailing the winner by over 41,000 votes
- 7--Mamman Khan, the Congress MLA from Ferozpur Jhirka assembly constituency, who was arrested for inciting Nuh violence recorded the highest winning margin 98,441 votes over his nearest rival Naseem Ahmed of BJP

the second, a turnaround in celebrations at the Congress and the BJP offices. The respective offices of Congress and BJP witnessed a dramatic shift in celebrations within two hours of counting. Early trends showed the BJP trailing behind the Congress, leading to celebrations and sweets distribution at the latter's headquarters in Delhi. However, as the trends veered towards the BJP, jubiliations also shifted venues. About an hour after the counting began, the BJP started taking the lead over Congress, energising and enthusing its ranks and file. The celebrations which initially started at the Congress office shifted to BJP headquarters. The BJP continues to pip the Congress after a couple of rounds of counting and has consolidated its numbers beyond the halfway mark. The official numbers from the Election Commission also corroborate the figures.

People in Haryana gave mandate to BJP for Modi govt's work, party's 10-year rule in state: Khattar

People have given a mandate to the BJP in Haryana for a third consecutive term on Prime Minister Narendra Modi government's policies, achievements and way of functioning, and rejected the Congress and its "lies", Union minister Manohar Lal Khattar said on Tuesday.

"The Congress was continuously lying and spreading confusion. But people have rejected what the Congress was saying and appreciated the BJP," Khattar told reporters. "People have sent out a message. The Modi government's policies,

achievements and way of functioning were leaving an impact on the people. Responding to this, people have given the mandate to the BJP for a third consecutive term," he added.

People have approved the 10-year tenure of the BJP in Haryana, Khattar said, when asked if the poll results were the people's approval of his nine-year tenure as the Haryana chief minister. "In all, people have put a seal of approval on the BJP's policies, the work of our leaders and our intentions," he added.

Khattar said this is the first time that any party is going to form its government in Haryana for a third term. "It is a record in itself. No other party has ever been able to form its government in Haryana for a third time," he said and gave the credit for this to the people of the state and BJP workers.

On the Congress raising the issue of wrestlers, farmers and soldiers during its poll campaign, Khattar said people have rejected the opposition party's lies. "The Congress cannot do as much for the farmers, soldiers and wrestlers of Haryana as we have done. And it was known to everyone," he said. People of Haryana and the democracy in the state are "extremely mature", Khattar added.

Results came as a surprise, says Hooda

Soon after the results, Bhupinder Singh Hooda, the main face of the Congress in the Assembly elections, said the results surprised the party and that the outcome in Haryana was opposite to the atmosphere in the state.

Replying to a question on the results, Hooda told reporters, "The results have left

us 'achambhit' (stunned) and the BJP must also be 'achambhit'. These results are opposite to what the atmosphere was in the state. What is the role of 'tantar' (in it), we will probe it. We lost many seats with low margins," he further said.

"We received complaints from many places as well. The way the delay took place. Anyhow, the AICC will meet the ECI. There is no doubt that these (results) are 'ascharya chakit' (surprising)," Hooda said.

Earlier in the day, the Congress raised with the Election Commission the issue of an "unexplained slowdown" in updating the results of Haryana elections on the poll watchdog's website and urged it to direct officials to update accurate figures so that "false news and malicious narratives" can be countered immediately.

Dismissing talk of any factionalism in the party, Hooda said the Congress was united in the elections. "In a democratic party, anybody may have differences but there cannot be 'manbhed'," he said. On Congress leader Kumari Selja blaming proper coordination in the party, Hooda asked whose work was for proper coordination. It was the job of everyone, he asserted.

Replying to a question on the Congress raising the issues pertaining to EVMs, he said, "There must be something. We received complaints from candidates." On a query on the consolidation of non-Jat votes in favour of the BJP, he said there was nothing like that. Asked about his next course of action, Hooda said in a democracy "whatever is the people's decision, we will accept it".

Punjab Cabinet: Approves Custom Milling Policy, Rs 281-cr project for Dams Rehabilitation

PNS ■ CHANDIGARH

The Punjab Cabinet, in its first meeting after a recent reshuffle, took several critical decisions on Tuesday with the approval of the Punjab Custom Milling Policy for Kharif 2024-25 at the forefront. The policy, which regulates the conversion of paddy procured by state agencies into custom-milled rice, is set to streamline operations for the upcoming Kharif Marketing Season starting October 2024. The Cabinet also greenlit a Rs 281-crore proposal for the rehabilitation and safety of dams, with Rs 200 crore to be sourced as a loan from the World Bank. Additionally, the introduction of a policy to grant ownership rights to marginalized communities and a reduction in environmental clearance fees further marked the day's decisions.

During the Cabinet meeting, chaired by Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann at his residence in Chandigarh, the Council of Ministers approved the Punjab Custom Milling Policy for Kharif 2024-25. The policy will facilitate the milling of paddy procured by state agencies such as Pungrain, Markfed, and Punsup into custom-milled rice,

which will then be delivered to the central pool.

The procurement of paddy is scheduled to start on October 1, 2024, and will continue until November 30, 2024. The procured paddy will be stored in eligible rice mills across the State, with online portals managing the allocation of paddy to these mills through a streamlined system under the RO scheme. The rice millers will be responsible for milling the stored paddy by March 31, 2025, ensuring timely delivery to meet national food supply requirements.

The policy not only aims to make the paddy milling process more efficient but also reduces bureaucratic delays by linking rice mills directly to the mandis online. This initiative is expected to benefit both rice millers and the State Government by ensuring smoother operations during the marketing season.

Dams Rehabilitation Project with World Bank Assistance

To enhance infrastructure safety, the Cabinet approved Rs 281 crore proposal for the rehabilitation and improvement of dams in the state. Of this amount, Rs 200 crore will be provided as a loan by the World

OTHER DECISIONS

- ◆ Property Rights to Empower Marginalized Communities
- ◆ Environmental Clearance Fee Reduced to boost industrial growth
- ◆ Regularization of Public Land Encroachments
- ◆ Focus on Education and Employment

Bank, while the remaining 30 percent, approximately Rs 84.3 crore, will be funded by the State Government. The project aimed to address long-standing concerns regarding dam safety and maintenance, with a focus on improving flood control measures and ensuring the structural integrity of key dams across Punjab. The Cabinet emphasized the importance of this project, given the role that dams play in managing water resources for agriculture, drinking water, and industrial uses. The initiative will not only prevent potential environmental disasters but also secure water resources vital to the state's agrarian economy.

Wrestler turned politician Vinesh Phogat wins Julana

PNS ■ CHANDIGARH

Congress candidate and wrestler Vinesh Phogat on Tuesday called her maiden electoral win from the Julana assembly seat in Haryana as "victory of struggle" and "victory of truth". Phogat defeated her nearest rival and BJP nominee Yogesh Kumar by a margin of 6,015 votes. Phogat polled 65,080 votes

while BJP's Kumar secured 59,065 votes. Speaking to reporters after the poll outcome, 30-year-old Phogat said, "It is a victory of 'sangharh' (struggle) and victory of truth." I will always keep the trust and love of the people, she further said.

Phogat made a foray into politics after announcing her retirement from wrestling. She and wrestler Bajrang Punia

were at the forefront of the wrestlers' protest against then WFI chief and former BJP MP Brij Bhushan Sharan Singh.

At Paris, she became the first Indian woman wrestler to reach the Olympics final, the stage where she was disqualified after being found overweight by about 100 grams in her 50-kilogramme category weigh-in

AAP fares poorly in Haryana

PNS ■ CHANDIGARH

The Arvind Kejriwal-led Aam Aadmi Party (AAP), fared poorly in the Haryana Assembly polls and failed to open its account. The party was in talks with Congress for a pre poll alliance which could not materialise.

AAP's senior vice president of the state unit Anurag Dhanda was among those who suffered a big defeat. He contested from the Kalayat seat in the Kaithal district and was at the seventh position. No AAP nominee was in the contest in any of the 90 assembly seats, as per the ECI data. The party contested the assembly polls solo after talks with the Congress for stitching an alliance could not fructify.

During his poll campaigns, party national convener Arvind Kejriwal said that he had been released from jail three to four months back, his party would

have formed its government in the state after the polls. "Whatever government is formed in Haryana, it will be formed with the support of the Aam Aadmi Party," he claimed.

In the 2024 Lok Sabha polls, the Kejriwal-led outfit, which was part of the INDIA bloc, contested in alliance with the Congress from the Kurukshetra parliamentary constituency. But its nominee Sushil Gupta, the party's state unit president and its 'best bet', lost to BJP's Naveen Jindal by around 29,000 votes.

The party projected Kejriwal as 'Haryana ka laal' (son of Haryana) and sought votes in his name. The party had announced several 'guarantees', including free and round-the-clock electricity for domestic consumers, transformation of government schools and hospitals, free and good education, setting up of 'mohalla' clinics, and Rs 1,000 to women every month.

PM Modi says Good Governance paid

PNS ■ CHANDIGARH

Prime Minister Narendra Modi hailed the BJP victory in Haryana saying it was due to good-governance that all communities voted for the party. Our guarantee of 'vikas' prevailed over the pack of lies spread by the Congress and people wrote new history electing us for a third term, he told party cadres in Delhi. "Once the people throw out Congress, they do not let it come back. They put 'no entry' boards for Congress... it is a party that always thought power was its birthright," the prime minister said.

Regional Parties JJP and INLD fail to impress

PNS ■ CHANDIGARH

In the BJP juggernaut which rolled out on Tuesday, the Jannayak Janta Party, which had emerged as the kingmaker last assembly polls, was decimated this time round, while the Indian National Lok Dal also failed to create much impact, with prominent leaders of both outfits Dushyant Chautala and Abhay Singh Chautala losing their seats.

While the JJP failed to win any seats, down from 10 segments it won in 2019 in the 90-seat assembly, the INLD won two -- one more than what it had managed in the last state elections.

JJP's Dushyant Chautala saw a crushing defeat in Uchana Kalan, a seat he was seeking a re-election from, and came at the fifth place, behind the BJP and Congress candidates and two independent contestants.

Like Dushyant, his uncle and senior INLD leader Abhay Singh Chautala also failed to retain his seat and lost from Ellenabad to Congress' Bharat Singh Beniwal by a margin of 15,000 votes.

JJP and Chandra Shekhar Azad-led Azad Samaj Party (Kanshi Ram) together fought the Haryana polls while INLD contested in alliance with Bahujan Samaj Party (BSP). JJP has witnessed a slide in its electoral fortune after its alliance

Eight ministers of Saini's Cabinet; Assembly Speaker lose

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Even as the BJP scored a hat-trick of victories, eight out of 10 ministers under the Nayab Singh Saini government faced defeat in the Haryana assembly polls. Assembly Speaker Gian Chand Gupta also lost his Panchkula seat which was won by Congress' Chander Mohan.

Eight ministers lost, including Ranjit Singh Chautala who contested as an independent from Rania after he was denied the party ticket and came third. The seat was bagged by INLD's Arjun Chautala who defeated his nearest rival, Congress' Sarv Mitter, by 4,191 votes. Ranjit Singh Chautala had unsuccessfully contested the Hisar Lok Sabha seat on a BJP ticket.

BJP's Subhash Sudha was defeated by Congress party's Ashok Arora by a margin of 3,243 votes in Thanesar. In

Nuh, BJP's Sanjay Singh was in the third position. The seat was won by Congress party's Aftab Ahmed who defeated INLD's Tahir Hussain by 46,963 votes.

BJP's Assem Goel, who was also a minister in the Saini Cabinet, was defeated in Ambala City. He lost to Congress nominee Nirmal Singh Mohra by a margin of 11,131 votes. BJP's Kamal Gupta also lost in Hisar. Independent candidate Savitri Jindal won the seat defeating her closest rival, Congress party's Ram Niwas Rara.

In the Jagadhri seat, BJP's Kanwar Pal faced defeat at the hands of Congress' Akram Khan who won by a margin of 6,868 votes. BJP's Jai Parkash Dalal was defeated by Congress candidate Rajbir Fartia by a margin of 792 votes in Loharu, BJP's Abhe Singh Yadav was defeated from Nangal Chaudhary seat by Congress' Manju Chaudhary by a margin of 6,930 votes.

Nayab Singh Saini packs a power punch leading BJP's hat-trick in Haryana

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Six months before the Haryana Assembly polls, the BJP top brass felt that Manohar Lal Khattar as chief minister needed to be replaced with OBC leader Nayab Singh Saini to dent anti-incumbency sentiments. The choice surprised many but on Tuesday, Saini proved his mettle as the chief ministerial face of BJP led the party and bucked all predictions to emerge as a giant leader in the state.

The elevation of Saini from Haryana BJP president to chief minister in March came at a time when the party was facing anti-incumbency following Khattar's tenure of nine-and-a-half years and attacks from a buoyant opposition on farmers' issues, unemployment, Agnipath scheme, inflation, and law and order. Barely days after Saini, 54, was brought in by the BJP, the Model Code of Conduct came into effect with the announcement of the Lok Sabha elections and later ahead of the assembly elections, effectively giving him only two months to shift the public perception.

Saini quickly got to work, with his cabinet taking some important decisions. Prominent among these were approving the Haryana Agniveer Policy, 2024, to provide employment and entrepreneurship opportunities to Agniveers after the completion of their service in the armed forces and giving the go-ahead to a proposal to buy 10 more crops at minimum support price, making Haryana the only state to purchase 24 crops at MSP. The BJP also promised to provide cooking gas cylinders at Rs 500 under the 'Har Ghar Grahani Yojana'. The party's poll manifesto made more promises -- monthly financial assistance of Rs 2,100 for women, two lakh government jobs for youths and guaranteed government jobs for Agniveers from Haryana.

The ruling party's poll campaign focused on alleged corruption, favouritism and scams during the Congress rule with Saini crisscrossing the state to tell people about the BJP government's achievements. The BJP also told voters about the Congress' "failure" to fulfil poll



promises in states like Himachal Pradesh, Karnataka and Telangana.

Notwithstanding the exit poll predictions, Saini had claimed the BJP would return to power in Haryana for a third consecutive term. "Aath tareekh (Oct 8) ko janta degi jawab, aur yeh (Congress) kahenge EVM hai kharab (The people will respond on October 8 and the Congress will blame EVMs for its defeat)," Saini had said on October 6. As counting progressed on Tuesday, it became clear by late afternoon that the BJP was headed for a third term.

Saini won Ladwa assembly seat by a margin of 16,054 votes

against his nearest Congress rival Mewa Singh, according to the Election Commission. The BJP had said ahead of the polls that Saini would continue to be the chief minister if the party returned to power, even though senior leader Anil Vij also threw his hat in the ring.

After Khattar resigned as chief minister in March, his Karnal assembly seat was vacated. Saini won the seat in a bypoll held simultaneously with the Lok Sabha elections in May, defeating Congress nominee Tarlochan Singh.

Born in Ambala's Mirzapur Majra village on January 25, 1970, Saini served as minister in the Khattar cabinet between 2014 and 2019. During the past three decades, Saini rose through the ranks in the state BJP. He held positions of district president and general secretary of Haryana BJP Kisan Morcha. He was the state BJP youth wing's Ambala district general secretary in 2002 and became the district president three years later.

He was elected to the Haryana Assembly from

Naraingarh constituency in 2014 and to the Lok Sabha from Kurukshetra seat in 2019. Saini was appointed as the Haryana BJP chief in October 2023 in an effort by the party to strengthen its hold over the OBC community and non-Jats.

Haryana CM Saini thanks people, vows to take state forward under PM Modi's leadership

Saini thanked the people of the state and vowed to take it forward under Prime Minister Narendra Modi's leadership. "I thank the 2.8 crore people of Haryana for putting a stamp on our work. This is because of PM Modi. We are moving forward under his leadership. He spoke to me and gave me his blessings. I had faith that the poor, farmers, and youth of Haryana would bless me," he told reporters after winning from the Ladwa constituency. Saini, who succeeded party colleague Manohar Lal Khattar as chief minister in March, defeated Mewa Ram of the Congress by a margin of 16,054 votes.

Table with lottery results from the Directorate of Punjab State Lotteries. Columns include prize amount, number of tickets, and total prize amount.



CNG Motorcycle Freedom 125 unveiled in Chandigarh. Two wheeler giant Bajaj Auto has introduced Bajaj Freedom - the world's first CNG bike.

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Dera Bassi, Punjab: Thapar Institute of Engineering and Technology (TIET) is proud to announce the appointment of its veteran registrar, Dr. Gurbinder Singh, to the Dera Bassi Campus.

Ambuja Cements launches Health & Nutrition Information Centres in Punjab. Chandigarh: Ambuja Cements has launched Health & Nutrition Information Centres (HNICs) in two villages of Punjab through CSR efforts.

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Under Section 13(2) of the Securitisation And Reconstruction of Financial Assets And Enforcement Of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with Rule 3 (1) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002. The Piramal Capital and Housing Finance Ltd has assigned a pool of Loan (including below mentioned Loans) together with underlying security interest created therefor along with all the rights, title and interest thereon under Section 5 (1) (b) of the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 ("SARFAESI ACT")...

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SMFG India Home Finance Company Ltd. (Formerly Fullerton India Home Finance Co. Ltd.). Corporate Off.: 503 & 504, 5th Floor, G-Block, Inspire BKC, BKC Main Road, Bandra Kurla Complex, Bandra (E), Mumbai - 400051.

POSESSION NOTICE FOR IMMOVABLE PROPERTY (Appendix IV) Rule 8(11). WHEREAS the undersigned being the Authorized Officer of SMFG India Home Finance Company Ltd. (Formerly Fullerton India Home Finance Co. Ltd.) a Housing Finance Company (Fully registered with National Housing Bank (Fully owned by RBI)...

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

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

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The online auction will be conducted on the website (URL Link- https://disposalhub.com) of our auction agency M/s NexGen Solutions Private Limited. The Mortgages/Notices are given a last chance to pay the total dues with further interest by November 14, 2024 before 05:00 P.M. else the secured asset(s) will be sold as per schedule.

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Table with 5 columns: Name of the Borrower/Guarantor/Owner of Property, Description of the Mortgage Property/ies, Date of Demand Notice, Date of Possession Notice, Nature of Possession Amount Outstanding. Lists possession notices.

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DIRECTORATE OF PUNJAB STATE LOTTERIES. DRAW TIME: 06:00 PM ONWARDS. RESULT OF PUNJAB STATE DEAR 10 DIAMOND TUESDAY WEEKLY LOTTERY.

Table with lottery results from the Directorate of Punjab State Lotteries. Columns include prize amount, number of tickets, and total prize amount.



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PAPER WITH PASSION

One year of Gaza war

With no clear end in sight, the war in Gaza risks becoming a protracted conflict that destabilises the entire West Asia

As the Gaza war enters its second year, the devastation continues to deepen, turning a political and military confrontation into a full-blown humanitarian crisis. The conflict, which began as a violent flare-up between Israel and Palestinian militants, has now drawn in regional players like Lebanon and Iran, making the prospects for peace even more elusive. The war's impact has rippled across borders, leaving countless civilians trapped in a spiral of violence, displacement and suffering. One year into the war, Gaza's population bears the brunt of the ongoing violence. Entire neighbourhoods have been reduced to rubble, essential infrastructure is in ruins, and thousands of lives have been lost. With over two million people crammed into a strip of land roughly 140 square miles, Gaza was already grappling with poverty, unemployment and limited access to basic services. The war has exacerbated these challenges to catastrophic levels. Hospitals are overwhelmed, clean water is scarce and electricity is available for just a few hours a day. The United Nations has described the situation as a humanitarian disaster. Around half of Gaza's population is now displaced, living in overcrowded shelters or temporary camps, with limited access to aid. The ongoing blockade of the strip has further restricted the entry of essential supplies, worsening the plight of ordinary citizens. Children, in particular, are facing the harshest consequences, with many losing access to education and mental health support, which adds another layer to the enduring trauma of the war.



What began as a localised conflict between Israel and Hamas has now escalated into a broader regional confrontation, with Lebanon's Hezbollah and Iran's proxy forces becoming increasingly involved. Hezbollah, the powerful Shia militant group based in Lebanon, has launched attacks on northern Israel, adding a new front to the war. This has drawn in Israeli forces, threatening to destabilise Lebanon, a country already grappling with its own internal crises. Iran's involvement, through its support of Hezbollah and various Palestinian factions, has further complicated the conflict. Tehran's backing of these groups is part of a broader regional strategy, aimed at countering Israeli and the US influence in the West Asia. As Iran's involvement grows, so does the risk of a wider regional war. The US and other global powers have expressed concern over the possibility of an all-out confrontation between Israel and Iran. Diplomatic efforts have been ineffective so far, with talks breaking down repeatedly. The involvement of Hezbollah and Iran signals that the war is no longer confined to Israel and Gaza but is part of a larger geopolitical struggle, further complicating any peace process. In Gaza, the humanitarian situation will continue to deteriorate unless there is an immediate intervention. The conflict has reached a point where military solutions alone cannot resolve the underlying issues. The time is running out, the UN must intervene to avert a crisis that could snowball into a regional catastrophe.

PICTALK



Devotees carry an idol of Goddess Durga to a puja venue, in Nadia

Sports: A catalyst for social change and unity



SANTOSH KUMAR BISWAL

Sports have long transcended mere competition, emerging as a profound social force capable of uniting diverse communities and inspiring meaningful change

Nelson Mandela, a Black nationalist and the first Black president of South Africa, once asserted, "Sport has the power to change the world. It has the power to inspire. It has the power to unite people in a way that little else does. It is more powerful than governments in breaking down racial barriers. It laughs in the face of all types of discrimination." This sentiment underscores the profound influence sports can have on society. Recently, Indian shooter Manu Bhaker, the first female athlete from her country to win an Olympic medal in shooting, echoed this sentiment, emphasising that one does not have to pursue conventional careers like medicine or engineering. She expressed that "sports life is a beautiful life," showcasing how sports can be a fulfilling and empowering path. The release of the Ga-Mashie Boxing Heritage photobook and video in Ghana highlights the socio-cultural dimensions of sports, suggesting that these occurrences should not be viewed in isolation but rather as part of a broader sociological and anthropological landscape. Throughout history, from ancient traditions to contemporary contexts, sports have blurred the lines between sociology and anthropology, influencing everything from local culture to global events.



Breaking Down Barriers Sports possess a unique ability to dismantle barriers related to race, gender and disability. Historically, they have served as a battleground for challenging exclusionary practices and promoting inclusivity. In ancient Greece, for instance, Spartan girls participated in physical training and competed in sports, an early testament to gender equality in athletics. Ghana, renowned for producing world-class boxers, has long viewed the sport as a symbol of hope and resilience. Racial integration in sports has often signified broader societal changes. A landmark moment in American history was Jackie Robinson's breaking of Major League Baseball's colour barrier in 1947. His courage in facing racial hostility while excelling on

the field not only inspired future generations of athletes but also set the stage for the Civil Rights Movement. **Catalyst for Social Change** Beyond unification, sports have historically acted as powerful catalysts for social change. Athletes often leverage their platforms to advocate for justice and equality, using their visibility to challenge societal norms and highlight injustices. The Paralympic Games, which began in 1960, have been instrumental in promoting inclusion and accessibility for athletes with disabilities. Sports icons like Muhammad Ali, Jackie Robinson, and Billie Jean King have used their influence to push for racial and gender equality. Ali's refusal to be drafted into the Vietnam War due to his opposition to racial injustice is one of the most significant acts of protest in sports history. The 1968 Olympics in Mexico City became a global stage for protest when American sprinters Tommie Smith and John Carlos raised their fists in a Black Power salute during the medal ceremony, drawing attention to the struggles of African Americans and other marginalised groups. Moreover, sports diplomacy has been a strategy for nations to ease tensions. A notable example is the 1971 "Ping-Pong Diplomacy" between the United States and China, where a simple table tennis match opened the door to diplomatic relations between



THE 1971 'PING-PONG DIPLOMACY' BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND CHINA IS A PRIME EXAMPLE, WHERE A SIMPLE TABLE TENNIS MATCH OPENED THE DOORS TO DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS BETWEEN TWO SUPERPOWERS

the two superpowers. **Community Development** Sports play a crucial role in community development, especially in underserved areas. Youth sports programmes provide numerous benefits, including improved physical health, enhanced social skills, and academic achievement. For many, these programmes serve as a safe haven, offering structure, mentorship, and opportunities that might otherwise be unavailable. At the community level, sports unite people around common goals. Local teams often foster a sense of pride and identity, bringing communities together to support their athletes. This sense of unity not only strengthens social bonds but also helps reduce crime rates and enhance community cohesion. **Cultural Dimensions of Sports** The sociological and anthropological impact of sports is undeniable. In India, for instance, sports reflect a complex interplay of caste, community, gender, and sexuality. Historical traditions such as 'Mallakhamb', an ancient Indian martial art that blends yoga and exercise, illustrate how sports can embody cultural heritage. Similarly, traditional games like 'Kabaddi' in Odisha and 'Jallikattu' in Tamil Nadu showcase the socio-cultural significance of sports in various regions. Sports events and local traditions can serve as powerful

tools for social change, transforming communities and promoting inclusivity. The 1995 Rugby World Cup in South Africa is a prominent example, where sports helped bridge the divide between black and white South Africans during Mandela's presidency. **A Continuing Legacy** The stories of athletes who have championed justice, the communities transformed by sports initiatives, and the barriers dismantled through athletic achievement illustrate the transformative power of sports. The recent resurgence of movements like Black Lives Matter has reemphasised the social power of sports. Athletes across various leagues have taken stands against racial injustice, using actions like taking a knee during the national anthem to raise awareness. Major sports organisations have embraced these movements, reflecting a growing recognition of the role sports play in advancing social justice. As we look to the future, it is evident that sports will continue to be a powerful force for good, uniting people, inspiring change, and contributing to a better world. The power of sports to foster connection and advocate for justice is more important than ever. *(The writer is associate professor and head, Journalism and Mass Communication, Rama Devi Women's University, Bhubaneswar; views are personal)*

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

IS 'MAKE IN INDIA' JUST A SLOGAN

Madam — This refers to the write-up on Make in India (October 7). Make in India is more a slogan than a solution. This is because the investments made in the production sector come from FDIs, FII or FPIs which are basically known as butterfly capital that tend to fly away anytime for little more benefit offered elsewhere. They are coming in without any conditionality like increasing employment, exports, or tax income. China utilised the system of foreign capital coming into China by imposing conditions like employing the locals, ensuring exports, bringing in new technology, etc. With such conditions, the country could transform itself from Make in China to Made in China and is able to threaten even the most advanced economies. The Indian model is functioning under 'Ease of doing business' where land, power, tax benefits and cheap labour are offered with the least monitoring, control or regulatory system in vogue or muted. The example of Samsung is to explain this. The management is facing a prolonged strike by the workers on basic demands like a hike in wage and the right to form a union of their choice. The government is neither able to convince the management nor compel them to respect the law of the land. All under the fear of losing future investments. Therefore, Make in India is a slogan but not a solution, as even after some decades the country will have no scope under the present system to transform to Make in India.

AG Rajmohan | Anantapur

OBAMA BACKS KAMALA HARRIS

Madam — That former President of the United States (US), Barack Obama, is all set to undertake a 27-day campaign for Democratic Party presidential candidate Kamala Harris should be music to the latter's ears. Obama came to power in 2009 with high expectations, riding on the catchy "yes, we can" slogan, and

Antarctica turning green



Images of some regions of Antarctica's ice landscape turning green definitely ring an alarm bell to the whole globe and give a grim message alerting mankind to watch where we are heading to. This dramatic transformation, with its icy landscape increasingly turning green, reveals that the rate of this change has accelerated by over 30 per cent in recent

years. Scientists and environmentalists say that this "greening" of the Antarctic Peninsula, highlights the urgent consequences of a warming period and the ten-fold rise underscores the significant impact of climate change. A study made between 1986 and 2021 by researchers has revealed that an increase in the vegetation cover across the Antarctic Peninsula has soared from less than one square kilometre to nearly 12 square kilometres within a period of 35 years, which according to the global clock is a short period. Global players, heads and the whole global community must come together and chalk out urgent measures to check this because if this is kept unchecked and ignored it will only end up in disaster resulting in an apocalypse. **M Pradyu | Kannur**

STAMPEDE AT AIR SHOW

Madam — Stampede is an expected incident in mass gatherings. The Air show at Marina Beach was a much-awaited event for the nation to inspire youth to be a part of the armed forces. Events like this must be planned meticulously by the state government to create an enthusiasm amongst the youth to be a part of the armed forces. Unfortunately, the stampede and deaths of five civilians during the show have left a void in the magnificent showcase of Indian Air Force power. Hopefully the venue, climatic condition and safety of the viewers are kept in mind while the state government plans such brilliant airshows. The magnitude of the event was such that the roaring Chennai shore saw the best of the showcase by the air warriors and the applause by the audience was one of immense enthusiasm. **Mythili Vinod | Secunderabad**

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The rich heritage of Indian astrology and its global influences



PARAPPANANGADI U PANIKAR

Indian astrology, deeply rooted in the Vedic traditions, has a history that intertwines spirituality, mathematics and cosmic wisdom

Indian astrology has a long and rich history. It all starts with the Vedas. The Yaga rituals prescribed in the Rigveda demanded accuracy in all respects. The Yagasalai — the tent where the rituals are performed — had to be built with precise measurements. The means and methods to compute these measurements later evolved into Vastu or Indian architecture. The Yaga rituals were to begin at an auspicious time, when planetary positions aligned in a certain order. The methods to compute such auspicious times — Muhurta, in Sanskrit — paved the way to the development of astronomy and astrology in India. Indian astronomy has a long and strong association with scholars from the other ancient civilisations. Suryasiddhanta, one of the ancient Indian treatises on astronomy, begins with the author's prayer to the Sun God asking Him to reveal the secrets of the universe. The Sun God then appears and advises the seeker to go and meet Turamaya in the Romaka country to learn more about cosmological systems and their calculations.



Experts in the field, including Dr Ebenezer Burgess who translated the text to English, opine that Turamaya mentioned in the text is the great astronomer Ptolemy, and Romaka stands for Roman Egypt. Indian predictive astrology too has a strong bond with Greece. One of the very first texts on predictive astrology, which is still widely used by Indian astrologers, is the Yavana-Jataka, or the Greek Horoscopy, authored by Spujiddhvaja Yavaneswara. The word Yavana derives from Ionian, and broadly means Greece. Another text of the same lineage is the Vriddha-Yavana-Jataka, or the Great Greek Horoscopy. The ancient astrological texts often mention the Greek astrologers and astronomers with reverence and respect. Indian astrology made its mark through Varahamihira, who is considered as the fore-

most authority of ancient times. His text, the Horasastra is the most widely used astrological text. Varahamihira was a Maga-Brahmin, Priestly class of Hindus who worshipped Sun. It should be noted that his book on the lives of philosophers, Diogenes Laertius writes that the great Democritus learned from Magi-Priests. This could be the class of Varahamihira. It should be noted that Varahamihira was also a great mathematician and an astronomer who authored detailed treatises on these subjects. Indian kings and the elite class had their own team of astrologers, who advised them on the military strategies. Astrology was one of the chief components of Indian knowledge system and was metaphorically mentioned as the eye of the Veda. Under this branch, many subjects were developed including astronomy and mathematics. Later, when the Mughal invaders tried to attack this knowledge system in the northern part of India, the center of Indian intellectual debates and studies shifted to the south of India. Astrology to Mathematics thrived in south

India. At the south they developed their own system of horary astrology, a detailed method of predicting the future, and named it Ashtamangala Prashna. In the field of Mathematics, the great Madhava of Sangamagrama independently discovered Infinite Series for the Trigonometric Functions, which is known today as the "Madhava-Gregory-Leibniz Series." India and Indian Astrology contributed heavily towards the development of science — specifically in the fields of astronomy, astrology, and mathematics. We always appreciated and respected scholars from civilisations and cultures foreign to us. In the Veda, there is a line "Yatra Viswam Bhavatyeka Needam" which means, here the world becomes a single nest. In the arena of knowledge systems, we lived up to it. The world was a single and simple nest to us. Many birds, scholars and intellectuals, from many trees, many countries, resided in that nest harmoniously. *(The writer is a vedic scholar based in Kerala; views are personal)*



FIRST COLUMN NAVIGATING THE WORLD OF EXTREMES

Yoga meditation, combined with values, is our best hope for navigating these turbulent times



RAJYOGI BRAHMA KUMAR NIKUNJ JI

The world we live in today is full of extremists who seek to exert control over humanity. Unfortunately, a large part of the population is now influenced by factions that adopt agitative approaches to fulfil their social, economic, political, or religious demands. They are termed extremists because they abandon moderation, resorting to over-activism, and in many cases, extreme violence. These groups are willing to go to any lengths to ensure their voices are heard and their demands met by the authorities. They disrupt public peace, and their activities reflect over-assertiveness, rigid attitudes, and a lack of appreciation for the views and interests of other communities or groups. In the process, what often gets sacrificed is any possibility of dialogue or mutual understanding, leading to a cycle of retaliation and resentment.

A closer look at society today reveals that, to some extent, we are all extremists in one way or another. Science and technology are racing toward their extremes. Trade, commerce, and consumerism have adopted a global, expansive form, becoming multinational and mega-scale. The world's largest corporations have achieved levels of influence and control that were once unimaginable. Corporate expansion and monopolistic behaviour continue to push the boundaries of ethics, often leaving smaller businesses struggling to survive.

Environmental pollution has reached disastrous proportions due to unchecked industrial expansion and the selfishness of a few. Entire ecosystems are being pushed to the brink, and climate change is now a pressing global crisis. A small number of individuals and corporations continue to profit at the expense of the planet's future. The increasing use of the internet is contributing to an overwhelming flood of information.



The rapid expansion of cities and transportation networks, have also brought their share of chaos. While these extremes might be seen as signs of development, they come with significant trade-offs, including the erosion of quality of life, mental well-being, and social cohesion. However, amidst all these extremes, the most concerning trend is the rise of anger, jealousy, hatred, violence, greed, and lust. These emotions are spinning out of control, leading to a breakdown in family structures and social harmony. Consumerism, commercialism, and materialism are shaping the very fabric of society, convincing people that their worth is tied to what they own rather than who they are. This pursuit of material success has left many spiritually impoverished, disconnected from their inner selves, and chasing superficial goals that do little to provide lasting fulfillment.

The current trends give us cause for concern, as we witness increasing divisions, social unrest, and the degradation of our environment. The question now becomes: how long can we continue down this path before we reach a breaking point? In such times, when self-control and moderation have all but vanished, and extremism has become the norm, we must learn how to restore our inner calm and balance. Yoga meditation, combined with values, is our best hope for navigating these turbulent times. Meditation can help us return to a state of self-control, calmness, and equilibrium. It purifies the mind and quenches our deep thirst for peace. Through meditation and the cultivation of moral and spiritual values, individuals can learn to be fully engaged in life yet detached from material cravings. They can contribute to the world without succumbing to greed and excess, achieving a balance between material success and spiritual well-being. So, let us make yoga and meditation a daily practice, not just for physical health but to combat the extremism we face within ourselves and in the world around us. Only through this inner journey can we reclaim the purity and peace that seem so elusive in today's fast-paced, hyper-connected world.

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Ten years of Swachh Bharat: The road ahead



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From improved groundwater quality to managing solid and liquid waste, the mission's impact has been substantial, but the journey towards a cleaner India must continue



Swachh Bharat Abhiyan was launched by PM Narendra Modi on the occasion of Gandhi Jayanti in 2014. The mission has completed ten years and during this period 120 million families have been provided access to safe sanitation at their homes. The rural household latrines have transformed the lives of the masses, especially about human health and well-being. It has cut open defecation and UNICEF's report in 2018 indicates that there is a saving of 5.2 per cent of GDP in a year on this count. The other observed benefits are preventing pollution of groundwater, less infant mortality and better attendance for girl children in schools. Though nearly 4000 cities are certified to have maintained hygiene and cleanliness, the challenge for users and managers is to keep it all functional and used continuously.

The golden decade of Indian sanitation is being celebrated this year starting from 17th September 2024 (PM's birthday) to 2nd October 2024, Gandhi Jayanti. Let me examine in this piece as to what are the hits and misses of the mission and also indicate the possible roadmap for the future. Civic agencies and local bodies have done their bit for the success of the mission. The annual ranking of city corporations on this front has made them highly competitive. Cities like Indore, Mysuru and Lucknow and several others have secured high ranks, which has induced other city corporations to do more work for better ranks. The segregation of solid wastes into wet and dry has taken a big leap. The processing of urban wastes which used to be 18 per cent in 2014 has gone up to 80 per cent today. The management of solid waste disposal sites has remained a challenge. The generation of electricity and biofuel from dry wastes has not picked up as yet. However, use of the wet wastes to generate compost and biogas is relatively better performing. More innovation, use of technolo-



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gy and investment can be a game changer. The bigger problem is the management of nearly 220 million tonnes of waste in the landfills around many cities. Mountains of garbage at Ghazipur, Okhala, Bhalswa and Bandhwari in and around the national capital have been engaging the attention of governments, experts and Courts for quite some time, but no workable solution has been found. Liquid wastes are a more serious problem. The civic agencies allowing sewage to flow through open drains have to ensure that all such drains are concealed, lest the sewage mixes with the flood water and can find its way into urban water bodies. Further, the sewer lines carrying household sewage and the soak pits are to be periodically checked and repaired so that no leakage takes place and underground aquifers are not contaminated. A sewage treatment plant (STP) provided at the inlet point of a water body should be functional and no untreated sewage should be allowed to ingress into the water body without treatment. Local bodies and municipalities must ensure that individual houses do not connect their sewer line to stormwater drains, which often happens in thickly populated slums. The water flowing in stormwater drains ends up in the water body directly without going through any treatment. The mixing of sewage in the stormwater drains can be quite harmful and must be prevented at all costs. Bengaluru's city corporation used to generate 1400 Million litres per day (MLD) of sewage in 2005-06 and 2006-07, however, less than 400 MLD used to go through STP. Going through STP does not mean that

the said quantity was treated; often the managers of STP switched off power mischievously to save on cost. At present 1700 MLD sewage is generated, and nearly three-quarters of it goes through STP. The story in other metropolitan cities is similar. STP capacity has to be increased across the country to prevent the contamination of groundwater, which is otherwise the source of many water-borne diseases. Further, there should be stricter vigilance on the management so that these do not malfunction. Plastics and polythene have become the parts of our lives. It has its share of impacting our health and also that of wild animals and livestock. Especially single-use plastics are thrown haphazardly and find their way either into the mountain of garbage or into the water bodies. It is also directly consumed by livestock, wild animals as well as aquatic life, some of which suffocate and die. Imagine fishes feeding on it and our non-vegetarian friends relishing fishes. Microplastics are in all our blood and are a very big health hazard. The introduction of bio-latrines in trains has been quite a revolution. Before 2014 train tracks even abetting the platforms used to be filled with human excreta, a repulsive site that no one likes to look at. This has been overcome through wonderful innovation. However, as the trains pass through the outskirts of big cities, the dumps containing plastics and polythene are seen on either side. It is often very painful to watch. We need to make changes in our behaviour and ensure that the uses are brought to a minimum. We must honour the ban on single-use plastics imposed by the

central government. Education and awareness campaigns must be run this fortnight when we are celebrating the golden decade of Indian sanitation. Burning of debris is often found to be an easy method in the dry season to get rid of weeds and garbage. Punjab and Haryana farmers after harvesting the paddy are in the habit of burning the stubble to prepare the field for growing wheat. Unfortunately, the season of stubble burning coincides with a weather system that has practically no vertical circulation of air and oxides of nitrogen and carbon emitted during burning do not escape into the upper atmosphere resulting in smog all around big cities. This causes difficulties in breathing and is a serious health hazard for the citizens. Most aware citizens have been preventing any burning of weeds and garbage in their neighbourhood. This fortnight provides an opportunity to conduct many education and awareness campaigns. When plastics and polythene are burnt along with garbage and weeds, more obnoxious gases are emitted and it may be very difficult to stay around. All such emissions are greenhouse gases and find a place in the upper atmosphere when the weather pattern is favourable. Among these gases, carbon dioxide is a nonreactive compound and it stays in the atmosphere for hundreds of years. It accelerates the temperature rise. We are already facing adverse consequences in the warming world. We must bring changes in our behaviour. *(The writer is Retired Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Head of Forest Force, Karnataka; views are personal)*

How shared decision-making and digital solutions are transforming healthcare

Digital innovations like the Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission offer hope for improving communication and fostering patient autonomy in healthcare decisions

In the evolving landscape of healthcare, patient satisfaction and engagement as equal partners in their care journey have become pivotal. The quality of the patient experience—how well they feel cared for—greatly influences their perception of healthcare services. Many countries, such as the United Kingdom and Australia, have recognised this and introduced standards that emphasize active patient involvement to improve care outcomes. Shared decision-making (SDM) has gained significant global traction as a means to promote patient autonomy and foster truly patient-centered care.



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process where patients and healthcare professionals work together to make informed decisions about treatment plans. This collaboration spans various aspects, from immediate treatment needs to long-term care plans, such as advance care planning. Healthcare providers play a crucial role in facilitating this process by offering clear information and supporting patient

deliberation, empowering individuals to make decisions based on their preferences, values, and informed consent. Engaging patients in the decision-making process is essential to improving healthcare outcomes and experiences. When patients are confident and well-informed, they are more likely to choose treatments that align with their personal beliefs and preferences. This also increases health literacy, leading to better long-term decisions and greater satisfaction. Active patient participation can result in faster recovery times, reduced anxiety, and improved adherence to treatment plans. Patients who are actively involved in their care tend to have better outcomes, including improved overall well-being and quick-

er recovery from illness or surgery. Moreover, patients who feel respected and valued in the decision-making process tend to develop stronger relationships with their healthcare providers. This trust benefits both the patient and the provider, often leading to better treatment outcomes and reducing the risk of medical litigation. In today's healthcare environment, where patient-centered care is increasingly prioritized, the active participation of patients is key to achieving meaningful and lasting improvements. From a business perspective, higher patient satisfaction can lead to more returning patients, better reviews, and an increase in foot traffic for healthcare providers.

Challenges of Patient Engagement in India: In India, the desire for more patient involvement in healthcare decisions is growing, but significant barriers remain. Many patients report feeling inadequately informed about treatment plans even after consenting to surgery, often seeking external sources of information. A study conducted at a tertiary hospital revealed that although all patients were aware of their diagnosis, less than one-third knew about the risks of their treatment or alternative options. Consequently, many sought answers outside their treating doctor, demonstrating a gap in communication between patients and providers. Patient involvement in treat-

ment decisions is largely limited to high-end healthcare institutions such as tertiary care centers, academic hospitals, or high-cost therapies. Overworked clinical staff in India often lack the time to engage patients meaningfully in the decision-making process. **Leveraging Digital Solutions for Better Patient Care:** Digital technologies offer significant hope for improving patient engagement. These innovations enhance patient deliberation, promote self-responsibility, and strengthen patient-provider interactions. For resource-limited, overburdened healthcare systems like India's, digital solutions can save clinicians' time while boosting patient engagement, making them especially suit-

able for low-resource environments. India's Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission (ABDM) aims to create an interoperable ecosystem that engages all healthcare stakeholders, providing tools to promote patient autonomy and facilitate patient-centered care. The convergence of global discourse, national policies, rising patient demand for participation, and available digital solutions presents an excellent opportunity to mainstream this approach across India. One of the significant ways digital solutions enhance patient engagement is by providing patients with access to comprehensive health records. When patients have control over their health information,

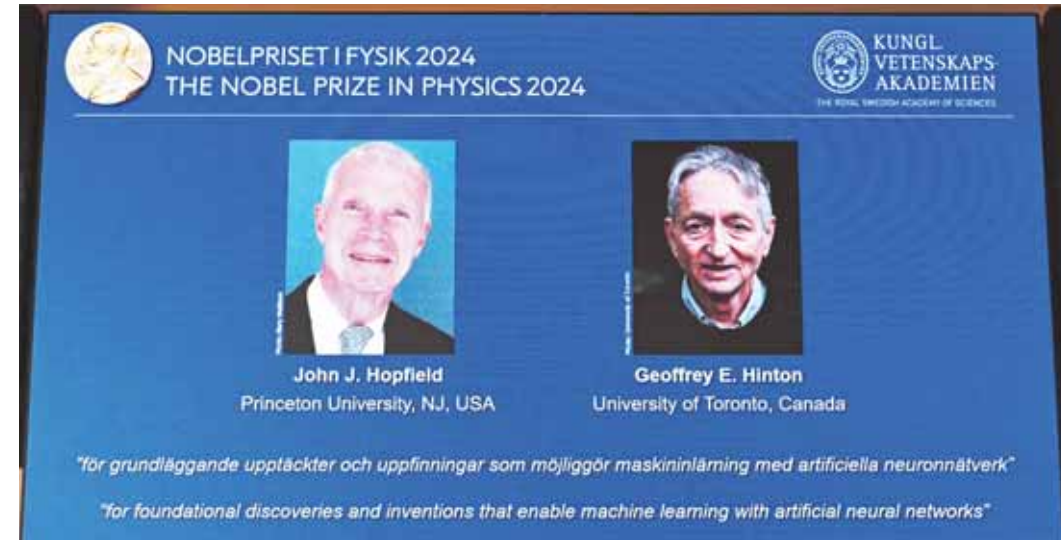
they can make better-informed decisions, improving their involvement in the care process. For clinicians, access to long-term records enables more personalized treatment options. Through the ABDM, patient records are linked by a unique 14-digit Ayushman Bharat Health Account (ABHA), ensuring that all health data—from diagnostics to treatment histories—are stored in one place. This enables providers to help patients make informed decisions based on accurate, comprehensive histories, while patients can participate actively by accessing their records at any time. *(The writer is Founder & Director - Ujala Cygnus Healthcare Services; views are personal)*

Two scientists get Nobel for discoveries that enabled artificial intelligence

AP ■ STOCKHOLM

Two pioneers of artificial intelligence – John Hopfield and Geoffrey Hinton – won the Nobel Prize in physics Tuesday for helping create the building blocks of machine learning that is revolutionising the way we work and live but also creates new threats to humanity, one of the winners said.

Nobel committee at the Royal Swedish Academy of Sciences, said the two laureates “used fundamental concepts from statistical physics to design artificial neural networks that function as associative memories and find patterns in large data sets.” She said that such networks have been used to advance research in physics and “have also become part of our daily lives, for instance in facial recognition and language translation.”



Hinton shares those concerns. He quit a role at Google so he could more freely speak about the dangers of the technology he helped create. On Tuesday, he said he was shocked at the honour. “I’m flabbergasted. I had no idea this would happen,” he said when reached by the Nobel committee

on the phone. Hinton predicted that AI will end up having a “huge influence” on civilization, bringing improvements in productivity and health care. “It would be comparable with the Industrial Revolution,” he said in the open call with reporters and the officials from the Royal Swedish Academy of Sciences. “Instead of exceeding people in physical strength, it’s going to exceed people in intellectual ability. We have no experience of what it’s like to have things smarter than us. And it’s going to be wonderful in many respects,” Hinton said. “But we also have to worry about a number of possible bad consequences, particularly the threat of these things getting out of control.”

their discovery of tiny bits of genetic material that serve as on and off switches inside cells that help control what the cells do and when they do it. If scientists can better understand how they work and how to manipulate them, it could one day lead to powerful treatments for diseases like cancer. The physics prize carries a cash award of 11 million Swedish Kronor (USD 1 million) from a bequest left by the award’s creator, Swedish inventor Alfred Nobel. The laureates are invited to receive their awards at ceremonies on December 10, the anniversary of Nobel’s death. Nobel announcements will continue with the chemistry physics prize on Wednesday and literature on Thursday. The Nobel Peace Prize will be announced Friday and the economics award on October 14.

UK sanctions Russia for use of ‘inhumane’ chemical weapons

PTI ■ LONDON

The UK government has said new sanctions have been imposed against Russian troops involved in the use of “inhumane” chemical weapons on the battlefield in Ukraine, in flagrant disregard for the Chemical Weapons Convention and serious violation of international law.

Russia, Iran are behind ‘staggering’ rise in deadly plots: MI5 chief

AP ■ LONDON

Britain is facing a “staggering rise” in assassination attempts on UK soil by Russia and Iran, as the hostile states recruit criminals to “do their dirty work” for them, the head of the UK’s domestic intelligence agency said Tuesday. MI5 director Ken McCallum said his agents and police have tackled 20 Tehran-backed plots since 2022 and warned that Iran could expand its targets in the UK if Israel attacks in response to Iran’s missile barrage. The spy chief said the widening conflicts in the Middle East raise the risk “of an increase in – or broadening of – Iranian state aggression in the U.K.” In a rare public speech setting out the major threats to the UK from both hostile states

and terror groups, McCallum said there also is a risk that Israel’s conflicts with Iran-backed militant groups — Hamas in Gaza, Hezbollah in Lebanon and the Houthis in Yemen — could trigger terror attacks in the UK. The Middle East crisis has not translated “at scale into terrorist violence” in Britain, he said, but hostile states, individual attackers and a revived Islamic State group combine to create “the most complex and interconnected threat environment we’ve ever seen.” The number of state-threat investigations undertaken by MI5 has risen by 48% in the past year, with Iran, Russia and, China the main perpetrators, McCallum told journalists at the UK’s counterterrorism command center in London.

The UK’s Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office (FCDO) said Kirillov has also been a significant mouthpiece for Kremlin disinformation, spreading lies to mask Russia’s shameful and dangerous behaviour. “The UK will not sit idly by whilst (Russian President) Putin and his mafia state ride roughshod over international law, including the Chemical Weapons Convention. I have made it my personal mission to challenge this malign activity, and I will not back down,” said UK Foreign Secretary David Lammy. “Russia’s cruel and inhumane tactics on the battlefield are abhorrent and I will use the full arsenal of powers at my disposal to combat Russia’s malign activity. Let me be clear: Putin and those who carry out his will have

nowhere left to hide. We will continue to use sanctions to directly target and counter the Kremlin’s attempts to sow fear, division and disorder,” he said. The FCDO said Russian forces have openly admitted to using hazardous chemical weapons on the battlefield, with widespread use of riot control agents and multiple reports of the use of the toxic choking agent chloropicrin – first deployed on the battlefields of the First World War. The UK also accused agents of “Putin’s mafia state” of being responsible for deploying the deadly nerve agent Novichok on the streets of Salisbury in England in 2018, and against Opposition leader Alexei Navalny in 2020. “Our message to Putin and his

regime is clear: you cannot break international law without facing the consequences. We will not allow such blatant violations of the Chemical Weapons Convention and rules-based international order to go unpunished,” said UK Defence Secretary John Healey. “The UK is cracking down on those responsible for these horrific chemical attacks in Ukraine. Our support for Ukraine is ironclad and will continue for as long as it takes,” he said. Two Russian Ministry of Defence laboratories have also been sanctioned by the UK this week for providing support for the development and deployment of inhumane weapons for use on the frontlines. The FCDO reiterated the UK’s commitment

to deliver GBP 3 billion of military aid to Ukraine every year for “as long as they need.” “The UK’s military, financial, diplomatic and political support for Ukraine is iron-clad. We cannot and will not let aggressors like Putin succeed,” it added. The sanctions come as the UK delivered a statement to the Organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons (OPCW) Executive Council laying out the country’s commitment to the Chemical Weapons Convention and the OPCW in the face of those who act to undermine it. The latest set of Russian targets has been designated under the UK’s Chemical Weapons (Sanctions) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019.

Vigils, protests around world mark anniversary of Hamas attack on Israel

AP ■ NEW YORK

Commemorations and protests unfolded across the world on Monday to mark the anniversary of the October 7 Hamas attack on Israel, an assault that sparked a war that has devastated the Hamas-ruled Gaza strip, fuelled bloodshed in other Mideast lands and stirred protests and divisions far away. Those divisions were visible in New York, where a crowd gathered for an evening remembrance ceremony in Central Park even as pro-Palestinian protesters converged on a corner of the park less than a mile away. Hamas militants’ surprise cross-border attack last year killed about 1,200 people. Another 250 were taken hostage; around 100 remain in captivity, with many of them feared dead. The attack, on a major Jewish holiday, shattered Israel’s sense of security and left the world facing the prospect of a major conflict in the Middle East. “The unfathomable horrors I experienced that morning have transformed me, along with every single Israeli and every single Jew,” Natalie Sanandaji, a survivor from a music festival where the attackers killed hundreds, told the audience in Central Park. Israel responded to the attack by waging a war against Hamas in Gaza, where the fighting has killed over 41,000 people and displaced around 1.9 million. The conflict has spread in the region, where Israel also is fighting Hezbollah militants in Lebanon, facing escalating threats from Yemen’s Houthi rebels and contending with a mounting

conflict with Iran, which backs Hamas, Hezbollah and the Houthis. In New York, protesters spread a large Palestinian flag on a street near the New York Stock Exchange early Monday afternoon, while a smaller group of counterprotesters held an Israeli flag. The pro-Palestinian group grew to a blocks-long column as it marched through Manhattan streets, at one point holding a banner that read “war begets war” on the steps of the New York

Jersey high school group viewed an exhibition about the Tribe of Nova music festival in Reim, Israel, where over 360 people were killed. “I feel like that really could have been me there,” said student Ellie Solomon. Many festivalgoers were close to her age, she noted. “It’s important for us to remember them and honour them because they didn’t deserve anything that happened to them,” she added. In an echo of campus protests



Public Library. Associated Press journalists saw several people being taken into police custody at various points in the march. Police said multiple arrests were made; no further information was immediately available. While the protesters paused to conduct a Muslim evening prayer at the southwestern corner of Central Park, the parents of American-Israeli hostage Omer Neutra shared their anguish from the park’s SummerStage venue. At Philadelphia’s Weitzman National Museum of American Jewish History, a New

across the US last spring, activists gathered again at colleges Monday. About 200 pro-Palestinian protesters chanted and held banners and flags at the University of California, Los Angeles, while a few other demonstrators held Israeli flags. In Europe, where countries have sought to tamp down antisemitic and anti-Muslim sentiment, German Chancellor Olaf Scholz said in Hamburg that “we stand beside” Israelis, and he also pointed to the suffering of Palestinians in Gaza. The chancellery in Berlin has adorned with a yellow ribbon commemorating Israeli hostages, and the names of people killed and kidnapped were read out at the Brandenburg Gate. In Italy, Premier Giorgia Meloni visited Rome’s main synagogue and reaffirmed Israel’s right to defend itself, while lamenting the devastation unleashed by Israeli forces in Gaza. French President Emmanuel Macron met in Paris with relatives of hostages and of the dead. French Foreign Minister Jean-Noël Barrot attended a memorial service at the Nova festival site. The Vatican took up a collection for the people of Gaza and published a letter expressing Pope Francis’ solidarity. In the Polish capital of Warsaw, the Jewish community paid tribute to Alex Dancyg, a Polish-born Holocaust educator who was abducted from the Nir Oz kibbutz on October 7. Israel believes he died in captivity. In Australia, thousands of people attended vigils in Sydney and Melbourne, with Prime Minister Anthony Albanese joining the latter event. A day after thousands of pro-Palestinian demonstrators rallied across Australia’s cities, hundreds gathered amid a heavy police presence at Sydney town hall to remember Palestinians killed in the conflict. In Pakistan’s largest city, Karachi, schoolchildren took part in a pro-Palestinian rally organised by the Pakistan Markazi Muslim League party. Japanese officials demanded the immediate release of all hostages and expressed condolences to Israelis who lost relatives.

India gives relief material to Nepal

PTI ■ KATHMANDU

The Indian Embassy here handed over the first consignment of emergency relief materials, including sleeping bags, blankets and tarpaulin sheets, to authorities in flood-struck Nepal, according to an official statement. The 4.2 tonnes of aid supplies handed over on Monday were for families affected by the recent inundation in Nepal, the Indian Embassy said in a press release. Transported to Nepalgunj from India, the consignment was handed over by Second Secretary Narayan Singh on behalf of the Indian government to the Chief District Officer of Banke, Khagendra Prasad Rijal, the press release said. It comprised tarpaulins, sleeping bags, blankets, Chlorine tablets and water bottles.



Russian President Vladimir Putin (left) and Azerbaijani President Ilham Aliyev enter the hall during a meeting of the heads of state of the Commonwealth of Independent States (CIS) at the Kremlin in Moscow, Russia, on Tuesday. AP/PTI

Harris calls Trump ‘irresponsible’ for spreading misinformation about hurricane response

AP ■ WASHINGTON

Vice President Kamala Harris on Monday called former President Donald Trump “incredibly irresponsible” for spreading falsehoods about the federal response to Hurricane Helene’s destruction, offering especially sharp words as a new storm bears down on Florida with just weeks until Election Day. “There’s a lot of mis- and disinformation being pushed out there by the former president about what is available, particularly to the survivors of Helene,” Harris told reporters before boarding Air Force Two to fly to New York. “It’s extraordinarily irresponsible. It’s about him. It’s not about you.”

Helene has killed more than 220 people in six states, and Category 5 Hurricane Milton is on a path toward Florida’s Gulf Coast. Trump has made a series of false claims in the wake of Helene, including saying incorrectly that the federal government is intentionally withholding aid to Republican disaster victims. He also falsely claimed the Federal Emergency Management Agency had run out of money because all of it had gone to programmes for immigrants in the country illegally. Harris said “the reality is that FEMA has so many resources that are available to folks who desperately need them now, and resources that are about

helping people get back on their feet and rebuild and have places to go.” “People are entitled to these resources, and it is critically important that people apply for the help that is there to support,” the vice president added. “All those resources were created for just these types of moments, in an emergency situation, knowing that folks are entitled to have the relief that they so rightly need.” Trump also said during a visit that President Joe Biden was “sleeping” and not responding to calls from Georgia Gov. Brian Kemp. Biden had, in fact, spoken with Kemp and said of Trump, “He’s lying, and the governor told him he was

lying.” Harris also criticised another high-profile Republican, Florida Gov. Ron DeSantis, suggesting he’s “playing political games” and engaging in “political gamesmanship” in Helene’s wake. Harris office says the vice president reached out to DeSantis last week in the storm’s aftermath. DeSantis said Monday that he “didn’t know that she had called” and “they didn’t call me.” “It wasn’t anything anybody in my office did in saying that it was political,” DeSantis said. But Harris, asked about DeSantis, said “people are in desperate need of support right now and playing political games at this moment in these crisis situations ... is utterly irresponsible.”

Abortion ban to stay in Texas as Supreme Court declines Biden’s appeal

AP ■ WASHINGTON

A court order that says hospitals cannot federally be required to provide pregnancy terminations when they violate a Texas abortion ban will stay for now, the Supreme Court said on Monday. The decision is another setback for opponents of Texas’ abortion ban, which for two years has withstood multiple legal challenges, including from women who had serious pregnancy complications and have been turned away by doctors. It left Texas as the only state where the Biden administration is unable to enforce its interpretation of a federal law in an effort to ensure women still have access to emergency abortions when their health or life

is at risk. The justices did not detail their reasoning for keeping in place a lower court order, and there were no publicly noted dissents. Texas had asked the justices to leave the order in place while the Biden administration had asked the justices to throw it out. Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton called the decision “a major victory.” The Biden administration argues that a federal law, called the Emergency Medical Treatment and Labor Act, or EMTALA, requires emergency rooms to provide abortions if a pregnant patient’s health or life is at serious risk, even in states where the procedure is banned. The law only applies to emergency rooms that receive Medicare funding, which most

hospitals do. The Supreme Court decision comes weeks before a presidential election in which Democratic nominee Kamala Harris has put abortion at the centre of her campaign, attacking Republican challenger Donald Trump for appointing judges to the high court who overturned nationwide abortion rights in 2022. “I will never stop fighting for a woman’s right to emergency medical care — and to restore the protections of Roe v. Wade so that women in every state have access to the care they need,” Harris said on social media on Monday evening. Texas’ abortion ban has also been a centrepiece of Democratic US Rep. Colin Allred’s challenge against Republican US Sen. Ted Cruz for his seat. At a campaign event over the weekend in Fort Worth, Texas, hundreds of Allred’s supporters broke out in raucous applause when he vowed to protect a woman’s right to an abortion. “When I’m in the Senate, we’re going to restore Roe v. Wade,” Allred said. At a separate event the same day, in a nearby suburb, Cruz outlined a litany of criticisms against Allred, but didn’t bring up the abortion law. Katie Glenn Daniel, the state policy director of SBA Pro-Life America, applauded the Supreme Court decision and pointed to data showing Texas doctors have been able to provide an average of about five abortions per month to save a patient’s life or health.

Still, complaints of pregnant women in medical distress being turned away from emergency rooms in Texas and elsewhere have spiked as hospitals grapple with whether standard care could violate strict state laws against abortion. Several Texas women have lodged complaints against hospitals for not terminating their failing and dangerous pregnancies because of the state’s ban. In some cases, women lost reproductive organs. In asking the Supreme Court to toss out the lower court decision, the administration pointed to a similar case from Idaho earlier this year in which the justices narrowly allowed emergency abortions to resume while a lawsuit continues. At the time the Idaho case began,

the state had an exception for the life, but not the health, of a woman. Texas said its case is different, however, because the law provides some exceptions if a pregnant patient’s health is at risk. Texas pointed to a state Supreme Court ruling that said doctors do not have to wait until a woman’s life is in immediate danger to provide an abortion legally. Doctors, though, have said the Texas law is dangerously vague, and a medical board has refused to list all the conditions that qualify for an exception. Marc Hearron, an attorney for the Centre for Reproductive Rights, said doctors in Texas got no clarity from the Supreme Court on Monday. “The health care crisis is ongo-

ing,” Hearron said. “Patients are going to continue to suffer.” Mary Ziegler, a law professor at the University of California at Davis who has written extensively about abortion, said there remains much uncertainty for doctors in Texas, who could risk life in prison for performing abortions. “I think we’re going to continue to see physicians turning away patients, even patients who could qualify under the state’s exceptions, because the consequences of guessing wrong are so severe and the laws are not that clear,” Ziegler said. The Texas case started after the Supreme Court overturned Roe v. Wade in 2022, leading to abortion restrictions in many Republican-controlled states. The Biden

administration issued guidance saying hospitals still needed to provide abortions in emergency situations under a health care law that requires most hospitals to treat any patients in medical distress. Texas sued over that guidance, arguing that hospitals cannot be required to provide abortions that would violate its ban. The 5th US Circuit Court of Appeals sided with the state, ruling in January that the administration had overstepped its authority. Health and Human Services Secretary Xavier Becerra said in a post on X, “Reproductive rights are under assault in this country and women’s health and lives remain in danger from the chaos and confusion caused by overturning Roe.”

Bangladesh-India ties should be 'very close' despite regime change: Yunus

PTI ■ DHAKA Bangladesh interim government's Chief Adviser Muhammad Yunus has said that Dhaka-Delhi relations should be "very close" despite the recent regime change in the country, asserting that it is in the interest of both countries.

dents in Bangladesh might have "disheartened" India and "they were not pleased with the changes." He did not mention the incidents. It will be difficult for us to move along without each other. It is only natural that we have close ties and good relations in every sphere," he said.

same time, strengthening SAARC (South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation). Yunus said Delhi must forge good relations with Bangladesh not because "we are forcing them" but because this was "necessary in their own interest" as well.

Lankan minister defends govt of arrival of Chinese military ship

PTI ■ COLOMBO Sri Lanka's newly-appointed Foreign Minister Vijitha Herath on Tuesday defended the government's move to allow a Chinese military training ship to arrive in Colombo, saying the decision falls within the framework of the country's diplomatic engagements and such visits "pose no threat".

exchanges with other countries," said a statement. Herath, also the Cabinet Spokesman, said Sri Lanka maintains balanced diplomatic relations with all countries. He said the government's decision to allow the Chinese military training vessel to visit Sri Lanka falls within the framework of the country's diplomatic engagements.

Lanka. Herath's predecessor Ali Sabry in July said that Sri Lanka was to review the moratorium to decide if to continue with it or lift it. India had repeatedly raised concerns over several Chinese research vessels in the Sri Lankan waters.

between the two navies, crew members of the ship are set to participate in a series of programmes organized by the Sri Lanka Navy, according to an official statement. In addition, crew members of the ship will explore some of the tourist attractions of the country, during their stay in Colombo. Additionally, Sri Lanka Navy personnel will have the opportunity to participate in briefings on the operational functions of the ships as well, the statement added.

The vessel's journey includes visits to multiple countries such as Vietnam, Indonesia, Sri Lanka, and Singapore, as well as a technical stop in Hong Kong.

China attaches 'importance' to President Murmu's greetings

PTI ■ BEIJING China on Tuesday said it attaches "importance" to President Droupadi Murmu's letter to her Chinese counterpart Xi Jinping on the 75th Anniversary of the founding of the People's Republic of China (PRC), asserting that Beijing stands ready to jointly promote the sound and steady development of bilateral ties.

eral ties. In the letter dated September 27 to Xi on the 75th Anniversary of the founding of the PRC, Murmu said, "It is important that we work towards peaceful and stable relations between our two countries."

on the China-India relations. "We express our appreciation" for President Murmu's letter, Mao told a media briefing replying to a question. "We stand ready to enhance communication with India, increase mutual trust and jointly promote the sound and steady development of China-India relations," Mao said.

year-long military standoff at eastern Ladakh, Mao said, "China and India maintain close communication on issues concerning the border areas through diplomatic and military channels, and the two countries have realised disengagement in four areas in the Western sector of the China-India border, including the Galwan Valley".

India border is currently stable on the whole, she said, adding that "at the recent 31st meeting of the Working Mechanism for Consultation and Coordination on China-India Border Affairs (WMCC), the two sides further narrowed down differences, expanded common understandings and agreed to find early resolution to the situation on the border".

Six injured at Little India shophouses following blast

PTI ■ SINGAPORE Six people were injured on Tuesday following a partial collapse of two shophouses at Little India, a popular shopping arcade for Indian tourists, prompting neighbouring hotels to evacuate guests.

minor injuries, declined to go to the hospital. This is the first blast incident damaging property in the usually crowded area of the Little India precincts. An Indian vegetarian restaurant named Paakashala Singapore is located at 84 Syed Alwi Road, while No 85 houses Nirja Mega Mart, which retails food and grocery products.

away from the affected site, evacuated around 60 of its guests, and they were allowed to return to their rooms only at 5 am. It was a similar case for the Arianna Hotel, which is located just next door to 84 Syed Alwi Road.

French govt faces no-trust vote

AP ■ PARIS France's minority government is expected to survive a no-confidence vote on Tuesday in a test for new conservative Prime Minister Michel Barnier, forced to rely on the far right's goodwill to be able to stay in power.

the choice of Barnier as prime minister as they were not given a chance to form a minority government, despite securing the most seats at the National Assembly.

France's minority government is expected to survive a no-confidence vote on Tuesday in a test for new conservative Prime Minister Michel Barnier, forced to rely on the far right's goodwill to be able to stay in power. It comes as Barnier's fragile government faces a major challenge to get a budget for next year approved with no majority at parliament.

Following June-July parliamentary elections, the National Assembly, France's powerful lower house of parliament, is divided into three major blocs: the New Popular Front, Macron's centrist allies and the far-right National Rally party. None of them won an outright majority.

PUNE MUNICIPAL CORPORATION CHIEF ENGINEER DEPARTMENT NOTICE INVITING TENDERS (N.I.T) YEAR 2022-23 Tender Sale Date: 09-10-2024 10:00 AM to Date 04-11-2024 upto 15:00 PM Pre Bid Meeting-22/10/2024, 15:00PM

PUBLICATION FORM NO. 1 DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL 600/1, University Road, Hanuman Setu Mandir, Lucknow (Area of Jurisdiction, Part of Uttar Pradesh)

FORM NO. 5 DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL 600/1, University Road near Hanuman Setu Mandir, Lucknow (Areas of Jurisdiction: Part of Uttar Pradesh)

Application fees Rs. 67,000/- Advocate fees Rs. NIL Publication charges Rs. NIL Miscellaneous expenses Rs. NIL Total Cost Rs. 67,000/-

UPGRADATION OF GOODS YARD FACILITIES AT KATIHAIR DIVISION E-Tender Notice No. KIR/GSU/17 of 2024 Dated: 04-10-2024. E-Tenders are invited by the undersigned for the following works: SN.1. Brief Description of work: Adina: Upgradation of goods yard facilities like CCTV, lighting arrangement, circulating area development and drainage along with other ancillary works.

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TRACK PROTECTION WORKS Tender Notice No. GMW-082024-MLG. Date: 04-10-2024. E-Tender are invited by the undersigned for the following work: Tender No.: GMW-082024-MLG. Name of work: Providing and Erecting Metal W-beam crash barrier safety fencing along the track in connection to stop cattle crossing.

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S&T WORK E-Tender No. SNT-31-LMG-2024-25; Dated: 05-10-2024. E-tenders are invited by the undersigned for the following work: Name of work & Place: Associate S&T work for provision of IP-based Integrated passenger Information system (IPIS) as per RDSO/SPN/TC/108/2019 with digital announcement system in connection with the renovation and re-development work in Agartala station (Phase-1).

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PUBLIC NOTICE This is to inform the general public that Ms. Ruchi Singh, Director, and Mr. Omprakash Singh, former General Manager - Operations, are no longer authorized to represent or act on behalf of Tesuto Labs Pvt. Ltd. in any capacity.

SYMBOLIC POSSESSION NOTICE The Authorised ICICI Bank Officer under the Securitisation, Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of the powers conferred under section 13(12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002, issued Demand Notices to the borrower(s) mentioned below, to repay the amount mentioned in the Notice within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said Notice.

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

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Tamil Nadu Government urges Samsung workers to resume work

PTI ■ CHENNAI

The Tamil Nadu government on Tuesday urged the agitating workers of the Samsung India Electronics factory near here to return to work immediately, considering the welfare of other employees and their families.

Minister for Industries TRB Rajaa, who held talks with the management and workers, separately over the last two days to resolve the issues, wondered if it was fair on the part of the employees to continue their protest just because they were unable to get Centre of Indian Trade Unions-backed Union registered by the labour department.

"We all know that the issue of union recognition is subjudice. We cannot discuss it now. The government is with you, Chief Minister M K Stalin is with you and considering all these factors, they should return to work immediately," Rajaa said while addressing reporters at the Secretariat.



September 9 at Sriperumbudur near here. Rajaa said that the employees have listed nearly 14 demands, which include better amenities at the factory. In response to this, the management promised to address it. Noting that Chief Minister Stalin has always made well being of workers his top priority, Rajaa recalled that whenever companies were invited to set up shop in the state, he was keen to know about the number of jobs that would be created in the state. "... When we have Chief Minister M K Stalin why

should they worry. They (employees) should return to work immediately," he said. As per the instructions of the Chief Minister, Rajaa said he met Samsung India Electronics Ltd officials along with this cabinet colleague T M Anbarasan (MSME) and C V Ganesan (Labour) and held talks with the agitating workers, CITU officials and even those who are currently working at the Sriperumbudur plant. "When we met the employees working at the factory, they expressed apprehension of losing their jobs because of the ongoing strike," he said.

With the extension of the strike, Rajaa said workers may tend to lose their salaries by continuing the agitation and keeping the forthcoming festive season and their families in mind, they should call off the strike and return to work immediately. "Most of the workers are newly married and some have just started their career. Some of them are already paid salaries ranging between Rs 30,000 to Rs 60,000," he said.

Meanwhile, Samsung India Electronics said the company on Monday signed an agreement with the workers committee of the factory in Chennai. "Both parties agreed on collaborative efforts to make the Chennai factory a great place to work. We will engage with workmen directly to address the difficulties faced by them. We will also work with them for the development of the community in Chennai as a responsible company," a company spokesperson said in an update. On the Tamil Nadu government's efforts to end the stir, Samsung said they are thankful to the authorities for their constant support. "We reiterate that we comply with all laws and regulations of the country," the spokesperson added.

SpiceJet to add ten new aircrafts by next month



PTI ■ MUMBAI

Domestic carrier SpiceJet on Tuesday said it will enhance its fleet by another 10 aircraft by next month with the first plane set to be inducted on October 10. Seven of these aircraft will be acquired on lease, while three previously grounded ones are being reintroduced, SpiceJet said in a release. The Gurugram-headquartered airline has only 19 aircraft in operations while as many as 36 planes were on grounded as of October 8 according to the live aircraft fleet tracking website, Planespotters.net. The announcement comes on the back of SpiceJet securing Rs 3,000 crore fresh capital infusion through QIP late last month. The airline will receive an additional Rs 736 crore from

a previous funding round, further bolstering its financial stability and growth trajectory. SpiceJet said it has already signed agreements for the leased aircraft, with the full induction of all seven planes expected by November 15. Two of these leased aircraft have already arrived in India and are scheduled for immediate induction, the airline said, adding that it will also operationalise its grounded planes in phases, with the first three set to re-enter service before the end of November. "This addition (of 10 aircraft) is crucial as we continue to meet the growing demand for air travel while strengthening our operational capabilities," SpiceJet Chairman and Managing Director Ajay Singh said.



Tea exports rise despite price decline

PTI ■ KOLKATA

Tea exports between January and July this year have touched 144.50 million kilograms, up by 23.79 per cent from the year-ago period, Tea Board said. The country had shipped out 116.73 million kilograms in the corresponding period of the 2023 calendar year. Unit price realisation, however, has declined to Rs 256.37 per kilogram during the first seven months of 2024 as against Rs 264.96 per kilogram in the previous corresponding period. Meanwhile, the commerce ministry has approved a scheme for development and

promotion of the tea industry, involving an outlay of Rs 664.09 crore, a Tea Board official said. The amount would be spent during the remaining period of the 15th Finance Commission cycle from the 2023-24 financial year to 2025-26 under the Tea Development and Promotion Scheme. The approval covers major components such as plantation development and quality up gradation, promotion and market support, technological intervention, research and development and welfare and capacity-building measures.

BYD launches new electric MPV eMAX 7 starts at ₹ 26.9 lakh

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

Chinese electric carmaker BYD has launched its latest product, the eMAX 7 in the Indian market. This Multi-Person Vehicle (MPV) that will replace the e6 in India. One of the vehicle's notable changes over the outgoing model is the integration of the 8-in-1 electric powertrain from BYD's highly acclaimed e-platform 3.0 and two seating options of 6 or 7 seats. The vehicle comes in two variants, Superior and Premium, with 6- and 7-seater options for both. While the Superior variant comes with a battery pack of 71.8 kWh, the Premium variant packs a 55.4 kWh battery pack, returning 530 km and 420 km of range according to European testing standards. Prices for the vehicle start at 26.9 lakh and go up to 29.9 lakh.



The largest Chinese New Energy Vehicle (NEV) carmaker, BYD recently sold its 9 millionth vehicle worldwide and is on the cusp of reaching the 10 million mark. Rajeev Chauhan, Head of Electric Passenger Vehicles, BYD India, said, "The launch of the BYD eMAX 7 is testament to our unwavering commitment to innovation and sustainability. This electric MPV is not just a

vehicle; it's a revolution in how progressive families experience travel." Currently, BYD sells only a limited range of products in India, the Atto 3, e6 and Seal alongside this new vehicle and has 27 showrooms across 23 cities in India. Plans by the Chinese carmaker to expand operations in India along with their partner Megha Engineering were halted by the government last year.

Top eight housing markets see annual sales dip in September

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Housing sales declined 5 per cent in the July-September quarter across the top eight cities due to a fall in new supply and sharp appreciation in prices, according to PropTiger. Real estate brokerage platform PropTiger.Com, which is part of Australia's REA group that owns Housing.Com, on Tuesday, released its report 'Real Insight' on India's residential market. A total of 96,544 units were sold in July-September, down 5 per cent from 1,01,221 units sold during the same period in 2023. The number of new residential units launched in the top 8 markets fell 25 per cent to 91,863 units from 1,23,080 units. PropTiger pointed out that a sharp increase in home prices, averaging a nearly 20 per cent increase across the top eight cities, impacted affordability. As per the data, housing sales rose only in Delhi-NCR and declined in the other seven



major cities. Delhi-NCR saw a 29 per cent growth in sales to 10,098 units during July-September from 7,800 units in the year-ago period. However, the sales declined 9 per cent in Ahmedabad to 9,352 units from 10,305 units. Bengaluru witnessed an 11 per cent fall in sales to 11,160 units from 12,588 units. Housing sales in Chennai dropped 8 per cent to 3,560 units from 3,874 units. Hyderabad registered a 19 per

cent decline in sales to 11,564 units from 14,191 units, while Kolkata saw a 22 per cent dip to 2,796 units from 3,607 units. Sales of residential properties in the Mumbai Metropolitan Region dipped 1 per cent to 30,010 units from 30,299 units. In Pune, the housing sales decreased 3 per cent to 18,004 units during July-September this year from 18,557 units in the year-ago period.

Airtel identifies 51 million spam calls through AI

PTI ■ JAIPUR

Bharti Airtel through its AI-powered spam detection solution identified 51 million potential spam calls and 1.6 million spam SMSes in Rajasthan in the last 10 days since its launch, a company official said on Tuesday. The solution alerts customers to malicious links received via SMS. "For this, Airtel has built a centralised database of blacklisted URLs, and every SMS is scanned in real-time by a state-of-the-art AI algorithm to caution users from accidentally clicking on suspicious links," Marut Dilawari, Chief Executive Officer, Rajasthan, Bharti Airtel, said. Further, he added that the system is a first-of-its-kind solution by a telecom service provider. The solution has been auto-activated at no cost for all Airtel customers.

Vikas Wadhawan, CFO of REA India and Business Head of PropTiger.Com said, "The year-on-year decline in both sales and new launches reflects the market's response to rising prices." He further added, "We are observing a healthy moderation in market activity, which is beneficial for end-users as it brings about sustainable growth. Over the last few quarters, prices have increased by 3 per cent to as much as 50 per cent in some prime localities of key markets, affecting immediate buying decisions." However, Wadhawan expects buyers to gradually adjust to the new price realities. "With the festive season kicking off with Navratri, renewed buyer interest and a spike in sales activity are anticipated. The market frenzy has slowed, creating a more stable environment for end-users." Developers, particularly in Hyderabad and Pune, have also recalibrated their supply strategies to align with shifting demand patterns.

Sunsilk campaigns on Kolkata's trams for Durga Puja



PNS ■ KOLKATA

Sunsilk launched a unique campaign in Kolkata, using the city's beloved trams not just as a mode of transportation, but as a celebration of beauty and tradition. From September 27th to October 2nd, the trams have been transformed into vibrant SunsilK showcases as part of the milestone #SunsilkShineTram activation, celebrating SunsilK's Super Shine Hair

Serum during Durga Puja. Kolkata's trams, an intrinsic part of the city's culture might not run for much longer, SunsilK, in a very unique way paid tribute to these historic symbols while highlighting the beauty and strength of women during Durga Puja. Much like the trams that have carried generations, SunsilK carries forward a tradition of care and beauty, blending modern needs with the city's deep-rooted culture.

Airtel-Nokia 'Green 5G' initiative to cut carbon emissions



PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Telco major Bharti Airtel and Finnish telecom and IT company Nokia on Tuesday said their collaboration to launch the 'Green 5G' initiative is aimed at improving energy efficiency on Airtel's mobile network and reduce its carbon emissions by 143,413 metric tons of CO2 annually. The project will focus on enhancing energy efficiency across Airtel's extensive 4G/5G Radio Access Network (RAN) by leveraging technologies like artificial intelligence and machine learning, as well as a suite of advanced software features and innovative solutions, a joint statement said. "The comprehensive solution is expected to enhance energy efficiency during peak and off-peak

hours and is projected to reduce Airtel's carbon emissions by an estimated 143,413 metric tons of CO2 annually," it said. The partnership will focus on 'zero-traffic, zero-watt operation', reducing the radio network's power consumption during periods of no traffic, thereby conserving power and optimising energy management. "Nokia has committed to reaching net zero greenhouse gas emissions globally by 2040. Our innovative technologies will not only enhance the overall performance of communications networks but also significantly help reduce their energy consumption, contributing to the energy efficiency targets of our customers," Tarun Chhabra, Head of Mobile Networks at Nokia,

India, said. Airtel and Nokia have also trialled advanced digital design tools to optimise cell configurations for lower transmitted power. This positively impacts the CO2 footprint and energy bills without compromising the network performance or user experience, the statement said. Bharti Airtel CTO Randeep Sekhon said the partnership will enable a significant reduction in carbon footprint and further Airtel's environmental objectives. As part of its sustainability effort, Airtel has so far deployed solar-powered systems in around 25,000 sites up to now and substantially increased the renewable energy usage at its data centres, sourced 220,541 MWh through green power wheeling agreements.

India's potential to produce 8-10 million tonnes of sustainable aviation fuel by 2040: Report

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

India has the potential to produce 8-10 million tonnes of Sustainable Aviation Fuel (SAF) by 2040, and investments worth USD 70-85 billion will be required to achieve the projected production, according to a report. In the report released on Tuesday, leading consultancy Deloitte India said the 8-10 million tonnes production of SAF would surpass the country's estimated domestic demand of 4.5 million tonnes for a 15 per cent blending mandate in 2040 across all flights. The expected scenario could also position India as a leading SAF exporter serving global markets. "Investments worth Rs 6-7 lakh crore (USD 70-85 billion) would be required to realise the projected SAF production capacity. It will give impetus to the aviation sector's decarbonisation efforts, reducing carbon emissions to 20-25 million tonnes annually," the report said. India is one of the world's fastest-growing civil aviation markets, and efforts are going on to decarbonise the sector. According to the report, the projected capital investment of



Rs 6-7 lakh crore will also help create 1.1-1.4 million jobs across the value chain and reduce crude oil import bills by USD 5-7 billion annually. "Further, SAF production can boost farmers' income by 10-15 per cent by using agricultural residue as feedstock, providing a sustainable alternative to the current practice of burning crop waste," it added. The country's estimated surplus of 230 million tonnes of agricultural residue will be a crucial resource for producing SAF. It will serve as a vital feedstock for ethanol (2G) production, a key component in the Alcohol-to-Jet (ATJ) technology pathway for SAF manufacturing. Ethanol (2G or second generation) is produced from other non-food feedstock apart from molasses. At the same time, the report said, the ATJ route with ethanol (1G) produced from sugar and grain can provide an initial boost until the

technology fully matures. "Municipal Solid Waste (MSW) and Used Cooking Oil (UCO) will contribute to the overall potential. Alternate feedstock such as sweet sorghum, seaweed and industrial waste can give further impetus to SAF potential with technological maturity," it noted. Prashanth Nutula, Partner at Deloitte India, said the drive to produce SAF is quickly becoming a reality globally and in India. With a 2-3 per cent share in the global ATF market, India is favourably positioned in the global aviation fuel market, including SAF. Moreover, India also emerges as a competitive geography due to its proximity to airline hubs in the Middle East and Europe and favourable cost structures. As a result, India is poised to play a pivotal role as global demand for SAF surges, Prashanth Nutula, Partner at Deloitte India, said.

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CHANGE OF NAME

I, Mool Chandra is father of No. 15490654H LD Arvind Kumar resident of VPO Jainpur, Kanpur Dehat, Uttar Pradesh-209311 now at 11 Armd Regt C/O 56 APO, have changed my name from Mool Chandra to Mulu and date of birth from 01.07.1955 to 17.07.1950 vide affidavit no. IN-PB6889711715970W dated 08-10-2024, before Notary Public, Amritsar

I, Davinder Singh Brar S/O Ajit Singh R/o H.No.109/111, 30 Feet Bazar, Rajinder Nagar, Amritsar have changed my name from Davinder Singh Brar to Davinder Singh

I, Mahinder Kaur W/o Jagir Singh R/o Ward No. 14 Multani Colony, Pehowa District Kurukshetra, have changed my name from Mahinder Kaur to Mahinder (Given name) and Kaur (Surname).

I, Rupinder Kaur D/o Jagir Singh R/o Ward No. 14 Multani Colony, Pehowa District Kurukshetra, have changed my name from Rupinder Kaur (Given name) Mathon (Surname) to Rupinder (Given name) and Kaur (Surname).

I, Savita Khambra W/o Suresh Chand R/o H.No. 637-A, Urban Estate, Sector-8 Behind CIA Staff, Kurukshetra, District Kurukshetra, Pin Code- 136118, Haryana India, have changed my name form Savita Khambra to Savita.

I, Suresh Chand Khambra S/o Lal Chand, R/o H.No. 637-A, Urban Estate, Sector-8, Behind CIA Staff, Kurukshetra, District Kurukshetra, Pin Code- 136118, Haryana India, have changed my name form Suresh Chand Khambra to Suresh Chand.

I, Sushama Jain W/o Davinder Kumar Jain R/o Gurdev Nagar, 7B, District Kurukshetra, have changed my name from Sushama Jain to Sushama Jain.

I, Mamta Bhasin W/o Jatinder Bhasin, R/o H.No. 647/13, Kahlan Chand Mandi, Near GT Road, Shahabad Markanda, District Kurukshetra, have changed my name from Mamta Bhasin to Mamta Rani.

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

I, Akashdeep S/o Kashmiri Lal R/o Village Nawana Pind Arayan Tehsil Nakodar, Distt. Jalandhar have changed my name from Akashdeep to Akashdeep Singh.

I, Kanchan Bala W/o Rajinder Chhabra R/o H.No. 79-80 Gulab Devi Road, Amar Nagar, Jalandhar -144008 have changed my name from Kanchan Bala to Kanchan Chhabra.

I, Ishver Devi mother of No 15611604H Hav Dharmendra Singh serving in unit 4 guards (1 Rajput) have changed my name from Ishver Devi to Ishwar Devi.

I, Savitri Devi mother of No 15161849Y Hav Mester Ranvir Azad serving in unit 4 Guards (1 Rajput) have changed my name from Savitri Devi to Masomat Savitri Devi.

I, Ashwani, S/o Omprakash, R/o village Khairadi, tehsil Kalanaur distt. Rohtak, declare that in my Aadhaar card my name is mention Ashwani, whereas in all my other documents, my name is Ashwani Kumar. I have changed my name from Ashwani to Ashwani Kumar. In future, I should be known and recognized only by the name of Ashwani Kumar.

I, Ashwani, S/o Omprakash, R/o village Khairadi, tehsil Kalanaur distt. Rohtak, declare that in my Aadhaar card my name is mention Ashwani, whereas in all my other documents, my name is Ashwani Kumar. I have changed my name from Ashwani to Ashwani Kumar. In future, I should be known and recognized only by the name of Ashwani Kumar.

I, Rama W/o Sawnter Sharma R/o 1765/1, Gali Arayan Wali, Mahan Singh Gate, Amritsar Have Changed My Name From Rama To Raman Sharma.

I, Sawnter Kumar Sharma S/o Badri Nath R/o 1765/1, Gali Arayan Wali, Mahan Singh Gate, Amritsar Have Changed My Name From Sawnter Kumar Sharma To Sawnter Sharma.

We, Pardeep Kumar S/o Hanuman Singh and Suman Bala W/o Pardeep Kumar R/o Village Saharwa, Tehsil & Distt. Hisar (Haryana) declared that we are changing our names from Pardeep to Pardeep Kumar and Suman to Suman Bala in the registration form of our daughter Muskan & it will be our responsibility to make the correct certificate of her date of birth.

I, Rani W/o Rishpal R/o Ward No. 10, Mukimpura, Pehowa, Kurukshetra Have Changed My Name Rani to Rani Devi.

I, Sarjeet Singh S/o Sukhwinder Singh R/o VPO. Murtzapur, Tehsil Pehowa, Kurukshetra, have changed My Given name Sarjeet Surname Singh.

I, Jai Devi W/o Baljinder Singh, Village Naisi, Kurukshetra have changed my Name Jai Devi to Jay Devi.

I, Deepika W/o Pardeep Kumar R/o H.No.3124, Sector 22-D, Chandigarh have changed my name from Deepika to Deepika Aggarwal.

I, Rashpal Singh S/o Jang Ram R/o H.No. 12/21, Jamana Street, Pandusar Mohalla, Teh. Nabha, Distt. Patiala (Punjab) declare that Rashpal Singh (ਰਸ਼ਪਾਲ ਸਿੰਘ/ ਰਸ਼ਪਾਲ ਸਿੰਘ) both names are mine and of one same person.

I, G Pallavi is legally Wife of Service No. 16118021W Rank: HAV Name: Penuthota Naresh residing at Village Nalgonda Post Nalgonda, Taluk Nalgonda, Distt. Nalgonda (State) Telangana Pin - 508001, have changed my name from Penuthota Pallavi to G Pallavi.

I Divanshu Arora, S/O Prem sagar arora, R/O # 1148, sector 43B declare that my original certificate issued by ICSE, passed in the year 1999, index no. T/789/048 has been misplaced.

I, Kondala Kanthamma is Mother of No. 2626248L SEP Tamiri Janaki Rao, Unit of 28 Madras C/O 56 APO Ferozpur Cantt, Residing of Village Bannuvada, Tekkali Mandal, Distt. Srikakulam, State AP. Pin 532201 have changed my surname from Kondala Kanthamma TO Tamiri Kanthamma Vide Affidavit Dated 08 October 2024 before at Notary Ferozpur.

I, Sharada Thapa, Spouse of No. JC 250167K Rank NB RIS Name Prakash Bahadur Thapa Unit 69 ARMD REGIMENT and Residing at Uoditapur Lokvidya, Pith Nagar, (Anand Nagar), Maharajganj, Uttar Pradesh, PIN 273155, have Changed my Name from Sharada to Sharada Thapa Vide Affidavit Dated 08 OCT 2024 before at Notary Ferozpur.

I Patel Samir Kumar Mahendrabhai, residing at B-423, Nishit Park, Nava Odhav, Ahmedabad, Gujarat, India have changed the name of Son from Vedant to Patel Vedant Samir Kumar Vide Affidavit Dated 23 September 2024 before at Notary Ferozpur.

I, Prabhjot Kaur daughter of Army No 1584241F Ex Nk (TS) Gurpreet Singh S/O Joginder Singh Resident of VPO Kassoona Tehsil Zira Distt Ferozpur, Punjab have changed my name from Prabhjot Kaur to Kiranjot Kaur in my Father Army Service Records as per affidavit dated 08 Oct 2024.

I, Army No 1584241F Ex Nk (TS) Gurpreet Singh S/O Joginder Singh Resident of VPO Kassoona Tehsil Zira Distt Ferozpur, Punjab have changed my name from Gurpreet Singh to Kiranjot Kaur in my Army Service Records as per affidavit dated 08 Oct 2024.

I, Army No. 15329906Y HAV Yuvaraj D of Unit 3 Engr Regt. c/o 56 APO, Yoi Cantt, Pin 914003, have changed my daughter name from Ananya Y to Y Ananya.

I, Saraswathi, mother of No 16312140X Rank SPR Name Raja S of 5 Engineer Regiment, C/o 56 APO. Today camping at Ferozpur, have changed my name from Saraswathi to Sarasvathi Vide Affidavit Dated 08 October 2024 before at Notary Ferozpur.

I, Rinku Kumari Spouse of No. 14674068K, Hav. Dhananjay Kumar Singh, of Unit 179 (i) Wksp/FRI (Pinaka) Residing of Village Englishpur Post Katelyan Tehsil Jagdishpur District Bhojpur State Bihar Pin 802152 have changed my name Rinku Kumari to Rinku Devi. Vide Affidavit Dated 08 October 2024 before at Notary Ferozpur.

I, Bandna Mishra Spouse of No. JC776257L, SUB Amit Kumar Mishra of Unit 179 (i) Wksp/FRI (Pinaka) Residing of Village & Post Rishra Tehsil Sirampur District Hoshiy State West Bengal Pin 712248 have changed my name from Bandna Mishra to Bandana Mishra & Date of birth 16/01/1990 to 25/07/1992. Vide Affidavit Dated 08 October 2024 before at Notary Ferozpur.

I, Chandni, Spouse of No. 17008927P, Sep, Ranvijay Kumar Ray of Unit 179 (i) Wksp/FRI (PINAKA) Residing of Village New Karman Tola Post Nawada Ara Tehsil Ara District Bhojpur State Bihar Pin 802316 have changed my name from Chandni to Chandani Devi Vide Affidavit Dated 08 October 2024 before at Notary Ferozpur.

I, Lakshmi Devi W/o No. 13931508, Ex Sep Mohinder Ram R/o Village - Nizampur Majra, Teh. - Kharkhoda, District - Sonapat (Haryana) have changed my name from Lachmi Devi to Lakshmi Devi vide affidavit dated 08 Oct 2024 before Sonapat (Haryana) Court. In future I should be known as only Lakshmi Devi.

I, Mita Rani W/o No. 680393N, Ex Sgt Anand Kataria R/o Ward No. - 5, Shiv Colony Extn. - Sonapat, Teh. & District - Sonapat (Haryana) have changed my name from Mita Saini to Mita Rani vide affidavit dated 08 Oct 2024 before Sonapat (Haryana) Court. In future I should be known as only Mita Rani.

I, Parveen S/o No. 14263132H, Ex Sep Ram Chandra R/o VPO - Kalthura, Teh. - Gohana, District - Sonapat (Haryana) have changed my name from Parveen Kumar to Parveen vide affidavit dated 08 Oct 2024 before Sonapat (Haryana) Court. In future I should be known as only Parveen.

I, Ram Parkash S/o Ram Lubhaya R/o House No. 161, Ward No. 2, Blassian Mohalla, Dasuya, Distt. Hoshiarpur, Punjab, India have changed my name from Ram Parkash to Ram Parkash Vassal.

I, Service No. 15782948A Rank HAV Name Mukesh Kumar Singh R/o Vill. Lathnan, PO Lahthan, Tehsil Piro, Distt. Bhojpur, Bihar, Pin-802220, now at 510 LT Ad Regt. Madhopur, Pathankot, Punjab, declare that the correct name of my son is Himanshu Kumar Singh and is entered in his all documents i.e. Aadhaar Card and Birth Certificate but in my Army/Service record/documents my son name has been entered as Himansu Kumar Singh, which is incorrect. Change my son's name from Himansu Kumar Singh to Himanshu Kumar Singh.

I, No 14439056M Hav Madan Mohan Singh R/o 822, VPO. Lahavti, Distt. Nasik have changed my mother's name from Nirmala Devi to Nirmala devi Gyanbahadur Thapa and date of birth from 01 Jul 1956 to 01-01-1960.

I, No 14439056M Hav Madan Mohan Singh R/o 822, VPO. Lahavti, Distt. Nasik have changed my father's name from Gyan Bahadur Singh to Gyan Bahadur Thapa and date of birth from 01 Jul 1956 to 27 Feb 1946.

I, hitherto known as Lakhwinder Padda S/o Gian Singh R/o VPO. Dyalpur, Teh. Dhilwan, Distt. Kapurthala, Punjab-144803 have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as Lakhvir Singh.

I, Braj Rani Mother of Vinod Kumar, R/o Vill. Kadora, P. Balapur, Tehsil Ater, Distt. Bhind, State MP-477111, have changed my name from Braj Rani to Vijayrani to vide affidavit dated 04/10/2024 before executive magistrate, Jalandhar, (PB). E-stamp Certificate No. IN-PB67646392750735W.

I, Rameshwar Dayal Father of Vinod Kumar R/o Vill. Kadora, P. Balapur, Tehsil Ater, Distt. Bhind, State MP-477111, have changed my name from Rameshwar Dayal to Rameshwar to vide affidavit dated 04/10/2024 before executive magistrate Jalandhar, (PB). E-stamp Certificate No. IN-PB67644415412436V.

I, Rekha Rattan D/o Narinder Pal W/o Amardeep Kumar Gandhi R/o H.No. 419, Lane No. 3, New Satnampura, Distt. Kapurthala have changed my name from Rekha Rattan to Rekha Gandhi, after marriage.

I, Sukhwinder Kaur W/o Ajit Singh R/O VPO. Chhokran, Tehsil Phullaur, Distt. Jalandhar-144029, Punjab have changed my name to Given name as Sukhwinder and Surname as Kaur.

I, Shiuti D/o Sukhwinder Pal R/o VPO. Nadala, Distt. Kapurthala-144624, Punjab have changed my name to Shiuti Sharma (Surname as Sharma)

I Sandeep Kaur W/o Gurpreet Singh Brar R/O Vill. Jandwala P.O. Kabbar Wachha (Ferozpur) Have Changed My Name Sandeep Kaur To Sandeep Kaur Brar.

I Mahinder Singh S/O Sodagar Singh R/O VPO. Jandwala Distt. Ferozpur Have Changed My Name Mahinder Singh To Mohinder Singh.

I Kamaljit S/O Sohan Lal R/O VPO Sheikhpur Nawanshahr District SBS Nagar Have Changed My Name From Kamaljit To Kamaljit Dhandha.

I Chandru B K Alias Chandru Bishwakarma S/O Jura Bahadur R/O Ward No. 10 Shanti Nagar Moga District Moga Am Known By Above Both Names.

I Sukhwinder Kaur W/o Amrajit Singh R/O H.No.70 Kamal Park Sodral Road Jalandhar Have Changed My Name To Sukhwinder Kaur.

I Vishal Monga S/O Narinder Pal R/O H.No.51 Near Ved Satpal Patti Roopa Moga Have Changed My Name To Vishal Kumar.

I Basant Singh S/O Surjit Singh R/O VPO. Bhakha Distt. Moga Have Changed My Name To Jaswant Singh.

I Devinder Kaur Badwal W/O Kiranjit Singh R/O Vill. Bassi Nau P.O. Kakkon District Hoshiarpur Punjab Have Changed My Name From Devinder Kaur Badwal To Davinder Kaur.

I Smt. Surender Kaur W/O No.3382751M EX Nk Amrajit Singh R/O Vill. Adamwal (Moh: Ravidas Nagar) P.O. Adamwal Teh And Distt. Hoshiarpur (Pb) Have Changed My Name From Surender Kaur To Surinder Kaur And My D.O.B From 20-04-1972 To 15-3-1971.

I Smt. Charanjit Kaur W/O No.4441865N Late Nk Malkait Singh R/O VPO. Jandoli Teh. Garhshankar Distt Hoshiarpur (Pb) Have Changed My D.O.B From 23-6-1949 To 01-7-1953.

I, Gurpreet Singh S/o Jagtar Singh R/O VPO. Saifabad, Distt. Kapurthala (144804) Have changed my name from Gurpreet to Singh Gurpreet (Surname as Singh)

I, No 15781457X Rank HAV Name Beerendra Yadav resident of Village - Arawguljar, PO - Pasipur, Distt - Azamgarh, State - Uttar Pradesh, PIN - 276141, have changed name of my daughter from Roshti to Rosni Yadav vide Affidavit No IN-PB6878323126555W Dated 08-10-2024 before Notary Public Pathankot (Punjab).

I, No 15781457X Rank HAV Name Beerendra Yadav resident of Village - Arawguljar, PO - Pasipur, Distt - Azamgarh, State - Uttar Pradesh, PIN - 276141, have changed name of my son from Akash to Akash Yadav vide Affidavit No IN-PB68787971653133W Dated 08-10-2024 before Notary Public Pathankot (Punjab).

I, GS-171088N Rank Carpenter Name Kant Lal Sharma resident of Village - Bandiha, Post Office - Karan (Ranipatti), Distt - Samstipur, State - Bihar, have changed name of my son from Sanjay to Sanjay Kumar Sharma vide Affidavit No IN-PB68511429906596W Dated 08-10-2024 before Executive Magistrate Pathankot (Punjab).

I, Meherjan Bibi Mother Of No. 15339964W, Rank HAV/Dvr Spl Veh. Name S K Nurmahammed R/O Presently Posted At Unit 62 Engr Regt R/o Name: Beg Records Roorkee, Village - Permanent Address- Babuia, P.O.-Sultampur, PS-Chandipur, Dist.-Purba Medinipur, State West Bengal Declare That I Have Changed My Name From Meherjan Bibi To Meherjan Bibi And Also Correct My Date Of Birth From 14.12.1960 To 15.02.1929 As Per My All Other Documents. If Anybody Has Any Objection In This Regard May Contact The Concerned Authorities Within Seven Days From The Date Of Publication Of This Notice.

I, Sessa Bai Am Mother Of Army No-15340722A Rank-Hav Name-Gutte Baliram Paltoba Presently Posted At Unit: 70 Engr Regt C/O 56 APO Permanent Address:- Andhor, Gutte Wadi, Latur, Maharashtra-413523 Declare That I Have Changed My Name From Sessa Bai To Sheshabai Patloba Gutte. Vide Affidavit No-54aa 645498, Dated: 08/10/24

I, Shinderpal Kaur Am Mother Of Army No:18009303L Rank Nk Name- Sukhsagar Singh Presently Posted At Unit: 57 Engr Regt C/O 56 APO Permanent Address:- Kaleramma Patti, Maniana, Po: Maniana, Dist: Sangru, Punjab-148033 Declare That I Have Changed My Name From Shinderpal Kaur To Chinderpal Kaur. Vide Affidavit No-54aa 645494, Dated:08/10/24

I, Rajesh Kumar S/O Madan Lal Bhayana, R/ H.No. 1532, Shashwat Enclave Urban Estate-11, Hisar Haryana, I Want Correct My Name In My Son's Passport From Rajesh Kumar Mamta To Rajesh Kumar For All Future Purposes

I, Bachha Ram S/O Ram Chandar R/O 27-A Samta Vihar P.O. Industrial Area, Ambala Cantt Have Changed My Name From Bachha Ram To Ram, Both Are The Names Of The Same Person And In Future I Will Be Called As Ram Concerned Note.

I Paramjit Singh Bhatt S/O Kulwant Singh R/O 392 Lal Kuti B.I. Bazar Ambala Haryana That I Have Changed My Name From Paramjit Singh Bhatt To Paramjit Singh. Concerned Note.

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, 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 Mother Name From Rathnamma to Boginieni Rathamma & Date Of Birth 01.07.1966 To 01.01.1962.

I, Mahananda Am Legally Wedded Spouse Of Army No-15340722A Rank-Hav Name-Gutte Baliram Paltoba Presently Posted At Unit: 70 Engr Regt C/O 56 APO Permanent Address: Andhor, Gutte Wadi, Latur, Maharashtra-413523 Declare That I Have Changed My Name From Mahananda To Mahananda Baliram Gutte. Vide Affidavit No-54aa 645498, Dated: 08/10/24

I, Anand Prasad Singh Am Father Of Army No-18012039N Rank-Nk Name-Abhishek Kumar Presently Posted At Unit: 57 Engr Regt C/O 56 APO Permanent Address: Rampur Bakhra, Jarang Rampur, Vaishali, Jarang Rampur, Bihar-844123 Declare That I Have Changed My Name From Anand Prasad Singh To Anand Kumar. Vide Affidavit No-54aa 645493, Dated: 08/10/24

I, Rabindra Guru Am Father Of Army No-18010346M Rank: Nk Name: Rakesh Rosan Guru Presently Posted At 57 Engr Regt C/O 56 APO Permanent Address 23, Ballygunge Park Road, Ballygunge S.O, Kolkata, West Bengal-700019 Declare That I Have Changed My Name From Rabindra Guru To Rabindra Kumar Guru. Vide Affidavit No-54aa 645434, Dated: 08/10/24

I, Surjeet Singh Am Father Of Army No-18010474K Rank Nk Name: Kulwinder Singh Presently Posted At 57 Engr Regt C/O 56 APO Permanent Address: Rai Patti, Ralla, Mansa, Punjab-148109 Declare That I Have Changed My Name From Surjeet Singh To Surjit Singh. Vide Affidavit No-54aa 645495, Dated:08/10/24

I, Phool Mati Am Mother Of Army No-15345891I Rank: Hav Name: Sanjay Kumar Presently Posted At 57 Engr Regt C/O 56 APO Permanent Address: Vill: Gayasuddinpur, Post: Mahendra Nagar, Teh: Sadar, Dist: Prayagraj, Uttar Pradesh-211011 Declare That I Have Changed My Name From Phool Mati To Phoolmati Devi. Vide Affidavit No-54aa 645492, Dated: 08/10/24

I, Karamjeet Kaur Am Mother Of Army No-18010474K Rank Nk Name: Kulwinder Singh Presently Posted At 57 Engr Regt C/O 56 APO Permanent Address: Rai Patti, Ralla, Mansa, Punjab-148109 Declare That I Have Changed My Name From Karamjeet Kaur To Karamjit Kaur. Vide Affidavit No-54aa 645496, Dated: 08/10/24

I, Anjali Mandal Spouse Of No. Jc-770881N Sub Srikrishna Mandal Resident Of Village-Batikamani, Post- Bhairab Chandrapur, Tehsil- Ranaghat, District- Nadia, State- West Bengal, Pin-741502, Have Changed My Dob From 26 Jan 1979 To 01 Jan 1977 Vide Affidavit No. In-Pb67864795249831W Dated 05 Oct 2024 Before Notary Public Pathankot

I, Kalinda Mother Of No.17018890M Cfn Sanap Mahadeo Ramesh Resident Of Village- Mendgaon, Post- Mendgaon, Tehsil- Deulgaon Raja, District- Buldana, State- Maharashtra, Pin-443201, Have Changed My Name From Kalinda To Kalinda Ramesh Sanap Vide Affidavit No. In-Pb67854435128103W Dated 05 Oct 2024 Before Notary Public Pathankot

I, Nirmla Sharma Mother Of Akhlesh Kumar Sharma Resident Of Village- Bhanawathpur, Post- Umapur, Tehsil- Sadar, District- Mau, State- Up, Changed My Name From Nirmla Sharma To Nirmla Sharma Vide Affidavit No. In-Pb6660879489531Bw Dated 03 Oct 2024 Before Notary Public Pathankot

I, Ashvini M Spouse Of Mr Kumaran B Resident Of Village- Kgf, Post- Oorgaum, Tehsil- Bangarapet, District- Kolar, State- Karnataka, Have Changed My Name From Ashvini M To M Ashvini Vide Affidavit No. In-Pb6614210692762W Dated 03 Oct 2024 Before Notary Public Pathankot

I, Jay Prakash Yadav Resident Of Village- Barah Bangla, Post- Hussainpur, Tehsil- Ghazipur, District- Ghazipur, State- Uttar Pradesh, Pin-233001, Have Changed My Daughter Name From Rasmita Yadav To Rashmita Yadav Vide Affidavit No In-Pb68410785144530W Dated 07 Oct 2024 Before Notary Public Pathankot

I, Israr Parween Mother Of No. 15693365Y Nk Md Tawish Hussain Resident Of Village- Shekhpura, Post- Ghoshi, Tehsil- Jehanabad, District- Jehanabad, State- Bihar, Pin-804406, Have Changed My Name From Israr Parween To Ishtar Perween Vide Affidavit No. In-Pb68107547003229W Dated 07 Oct 2024 Before Notary Public Pathankot

I, Rajesh Kumar S/O Madan Lal Bhayana, R/ H.No. 1532, Shashwat Enclave Urban Estate-11, Hisar Haryana, I Want Correct My Name In My Son's Passport From Rajesh Kumar Mamta To Rajesh Kumar For All Future Purposes

I, Bachha Ram S/O Ram Chandar R/O 27-A Samta Vihar P.O. Industrial Area, Ambala Cantt Have Changed My Name From Bachha Ram To Ram, Both Are The Names Of The Same Person And In Future I Will Be Called As Ram Concerned Note.

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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, 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 Mother Name From Rathnamma to Boginieni Rathamma & Date Of Birth 01.07.1966 To 01.01.1962.

I, Saravjit Kaur W/o Baljit Singh R/o H.No. 334/23, Gali No. 3, Sant Pura, Kapurthala have changed my name from Saravjit Kaur to Sarabjit Kaur.

I, Gagan Deep Singh S/O Gurcharan Singh R/o H.No. 1065 GBP Rosewood Estate Dera Bassi (SAS Nagar, Mohali) have changed my name from Gagan Deep to Gagan Deep Singh.

I, Shehnaj Singh S/O Uttam Singh R/o Ruri wala Teh-Patti Distt Tamr Taran Have Changed my given name to Shehnaj and surname to Singh.

I, Jaspreet Kaur Mattu D/o Manjit Singh R/o Vill: Chhajawal (Ludhiana) have changed my name to Jaspreet Kaur.

I, Amritpal Singh Mahay S/O Darshan Singh R/o Vill: Burj Hari Singh (Ludhiana) have changed my name to Amritpal Singh.

I Gurprit Kaur D/O Army No.4466904M Ex Naik (Ts) Gurmail Singh R/O Vpo Sarabha Teh And Distt. Ludhiana (Punjab) Declare To Change My Name To Gurpreet Kaur. My Correct Date Of Birth Is 10-10-1993.

I, Mandeep Bajwa Wd/O Harjeshwar Singh Bajwa R/O Bajwa Nursing Home, G.T. Road, Khanna (Ludhiana) Have Changed My Name To Mandeep Kaur Bajwa.

I, Jalaj S/O Pankaj Kumar R/O Sri Muktsar Sahib Have Changed My Name From Jalaj To Jalaj Arora.

I Manjeet Kaur Wife Of Balkar Singh R/O Street No 5 Ward No 17, Bharat Nagar Ferozpur City Have Changed My Name From Manjeet Kaur Sidhu To Manjeet Kaur.

I Balkar Singh Son Of Mangal Singh R/O Street No 5 Ward No 17 Bharat Nagar Ferozpur City Have Changed My Name From Balkar Singh Sidhu To Balkar Singh.

I Sheetal Wife Of Rajat Sharma Resident Of 34 White Avenue Maqbool Road Amritsar Gpo Amritsar Have Changed My Name To Sheetal Sharma.

I Smt Raj Kumari W/O Late Kesar Singh R/O House No-717, Peer Khana Road, Khanna, Tehsil-Khanna Distt-Ludhiana, Punjab - 141401, Have Changed My Name To Surjit Kaur.

I, Jeevanlal Is Legally Father Of Devendra Kumar Presently Residing At Vill & PO - Mouda, Tehsil - Kirnapur, Distt - Balaghat, State - MP, PIN - 481226 Have Changed My Name From Jeevanlal To Jivanlal Maneshwar Vide Affidavit Dated 08/10/2024 Before Executive Magistrate Jalandhar, (PB).

I, Laleeta Is Legally Mother Of Devendra Kumar Presently Residing At Vill & PO - Mouda, Tehsil - Kirnapur, Distt - Balaghat, State - MP, PIN - 481226 Have Changed My Name From Laleeta To Lalita Maneshwar Vide Affidavit Dated 08/10/2024 Before Executive Magistrate Jalandhar, (PB).

I, Pushpa Bhatt Is Legally Mother Of Anoop Bhatt Presently Residing At Village - Genwali, Gawali Danda, Patniyadevi, Tehri Garhwal, State - Uttarakhand, PIN - 249123 Have Changed My Name From Pushpa Bhatt To Pushpa Devi Vide Affidavit Dated 08/10/2024 Before Executive Magistrate Jaland

India look to fix batting woes, bolster NRR against Sri Lanka in Women's T20 WC

PTI ■ DUBAI
On a sticky wicket after a mixed start to the campaign, India will look to fix their batting woes to bolster their net run rate when they take on bottom-placed Sri Lanka in their third and penultimate Group A match of the T20 Women's World Cup here on Wednesday. It has not been smooth sailing for the Indians in the showpiece event so far, having lost to New Zealand by 58 runs in their tournament-opener and then scampering home in 18.5 overs against arch-rivals Pakistan while chasing a modest 105. India's main problem in the tournament so far is the performance of their batters, especially the explosive opening combination of Shafali Verma and vice-captain Smriti Mandhana.

While Shafali scored just 2 and 32 in the first two games, Mandhana also fared poorly managing 12 and 7 runs. And it's time the duo fires in unison to ease the pressure on the middle-order. To make matters worse for India, skipper Harmanpreet Kaur, who scored 15 and 29 retired hurt, is doubtful for the match against Sri Lanka after suffering a neck injury while batting against Pakistan. The likes of Jemimah Rodrigues, Deepti Sharma and Richa Ghosh too need to step up with the bat and share the burden of responsibility. While medium pacer Arundhati Reddy sparked against Pakistan with the ball, returning with figures of 3/19, she would look for more support from the likes of fellow pace colleagues Renuka Singh and Pooja Vastrakar, who didn't play the previous game because of an injury.



The Indian team relies heavily on Deepti Sharma in the spin department but she hasn't quite managed to hit her strides in the tournament so far. Young off-spinner Shreyanka

Patil and leg-spinner Asha Shobhana have done a decent job, picking up a few wickets. The Indians will need to lift themselves in all departments of the game as in Australia a strong opponent awaits them

in their last group match. India will not only need to win but record a victory big enough against Sri Lanka to boost their Net Run Rate (NRR) before the do-or-die league game against defending

champions Australia on October 13. Sri Lanka might have lost both their opening matches, but the islanders won't be an easy opponent for India, especially after the win in the Asia Cup final in

August. India opener Shafali admitted that Sri Lanka are no longer only dependent on their skipper Chamari Athapaththu. "There was a time when Chamari was the one scoring most of the runs and taking wickets, but in the Asia Cup, her entire team performed well. They've improved a lot, which is why they won the cup," Shafali has said. "Chamari carries the pressure of being a key player, and it's inspiring to see how she handles it and performs for her country." India pacer Renuka also knows how important it is to dismiss the Sri Lankan skipper cheaply as she can take the game away in a flash with her audacious strokeplay. "Chamari Athapaththu is very interesting. She's the only one from Sri Lanka who takes the team to the other side. I try to get her out as soon as possible

because if she is set, she can take over the match. So I have a plan on how to get her out," Renuka has said. **Teams (From):**
India: Harmanpreet Kaur (c), Smriti Mandhana, Shafali Verma, Deepti Sharma, Jemimah Rodrigues, Richa Ghosh (wk), Yastika Bhatia, Pooja Vastrakar, Arundhati Reddy, Renuka Singh Thakur, Dayalan Hemalatha, Asha Sobhana, Radha Yadav, Shreyanka Patil, Sajana Sajeevan
Sri Lanka: Vishmi Gunaratne, Harshitha Samarawickrama, Hasini Perera, Anushka Sanjeevani (wk), Nilakshika Silva, Chamari Athapaththu (c), Kavisha Dilhari, Ama Kanchara, Inoshi Priyadarshani, Shashini Gimhani, Achini Kulasuriya, Sugandika Kumari, Sachini Nisansala, Udeshika Prabodhani, Inoka Ranaweera.

India's T20 marauders eye another big win; Bangladesh hope for turnaround



PTI ■ NEW DELHI
An India so dominant that Bangladesh is admittedly clueless about how to match the "skills and mentality" of Suryakumar Yadav's men. The script is not expected to deviate much when the two sides clash in the second T20 International here on Wednesday with the home team's young mavericks proving more than a handful for the full-strength visitors. Bangladesh have hardly looked like the plucky opponents that they are hyped to be but India have looked every bit the marauding force that loves to intimidate on home turf. So, even with key players such as Rishabh Pant, Axar Patel, and Jasprit Bumrah rested, India's remarkable depth in white-ball cricket shone through in a comfortable seven-wicket victory in the opening game in Gwalior. One man who made a strong statement of intent in that game on Sunday was Sanju Samson. Confirmed by Suryakumar as an opener for the series, Samson has been in and out of the national set up since his debut in 2015 and his lack of consistency has been a major contributing factor. In the series-opener in Gwalior, the keeper-batter, who usually comes in the middle order, revelled in his new role as opener and played some delightful strokes in his 19-ball 29, showcasing his ability to play freely in the powerplay. However, he couldn't convert his promising start, much like his opening partner Abhishek

Sharma, who showcased sheer power before running himself out. With first choice openers Yashasvi Jaiswal and Shubman Gill rested for this series, both Samson and Sharma would be keen to prove they can go beyond mere cameos. The duo would look to seize this opportunity here and get a big score on Wednesday night in front of, what is likely to be a sellout crowd. The stakes are higher for the 29-year-old Samson, who is aiming to solidify his position as wicketkeeper in the absence of Pant. With the T20 World Cup still two years away, a series of consistent performances as both opener and wicketkeeper could make him a strong contender for future selections in the white-ball formats. The hosts are unlikely to tinker with their playing XI after everything went India's way in the opener. Debutant Mayank Yadav dazzled with his fiery pace, while fellow first-timer Nitish Kumar Reddy made a mark as a seam-bowling all-rounder, a rarity in Indian cricket. Arshdeep Singh capably led the pace attack and mystery spinner Varun Chakaravarty made a striking comeback after staying away from the national team for three years. He will be eyeing the spin all-rounder's spot left vacant by Ravindra Jadeja as will Washington Sundar. On the other hand, the tourists will have to regroup quickly if they want to fashion a turnaround and stay alive in the three-match

series. Bangladesh, who went with more or less than same side they fielded at the World Cup earlier this year, have the advantage of experience but the side has just not been able to crack the T20 format. "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," captain Najmul Hossain Shanto conceded in Gwalior. Batting continues to remain their weak link and it wasn't a surprise to see the side struggle against India's disciplined bowling attack. Senior players like Liton Das and Mahmudullah have to get their act together. The Bangladesh bowlers have the ability to spice up things but against India's formidable lineup, they would need plenty of runs on the board. **Squads:**
India: Suryakumar Yadav (C), Abhishek Sharma, Sanju Samson (wk), Rinku Singh, Hardik Pandya, Riyan Parag, Nitish Kumar Reddy, Tilak Varma, Washington Sundar, Ravi Bishnoi, Varun Chakaravarty, Jitesh Sharma (wk), Arshdeep Singh, Harshit Rana, Mayank Yadav.
Bangladesh: Najmul Hossain Shanto (C), Tanzid Hasan Tamim, Parvez Hossain Emon, Tawhid Hridoy, Mahmud Ullah, Litton Kumar Das, Jaker Ali Anik, Mehidy Hassan Miraz, Shak Mahedi Hasan, Rishad Hossain, Mustafizur Rahman, Taskin Ahmed, Shoriful Islam, Tanzim Hasan Sakib, Rakibul Hasan.

Jaiswal can play in any conditions, needs mental adjustment for Australia tour: Lara

PTI ■ MUMBAI
India opener Yashasvi Jaiswal is equipped to "play in any conditions" but will need to make some mental adjustments for the upcoming tour of Australia, the legendary Brian Lara said here on Tuesday. Jaiswal has established himself as a vital cog in the Test side with 929 runs in only eight matches this year at 66.35, his two centuries and six fifties putting him as the leading run-scorer for India in 2024. "He has got the ability to play in any conditions. I saw him in the Caribbean. Obviously, the pitches in Australia are slightly different, but if you take that sort of strength that you have, you're going to play good cricket in any conditions. "I expect to see him do well," Lara told the media during the launch of the International Masters League. The West Indies great said Jaiswal will need to make some mental adjustments to continue his success Down



Under. "I think the adjustment is upstairs," said Lara, pointing towards his head when asked if the Indian opener will have to make any adjustments. "The adjustment is your ability to back your talent in whatever conditions. I say this with a pinch of salt because conditions in India have changed. "With the IPL you've got international players coming. You are feeding your players a different level of competition, which is great, so I don't think there's much that he has to do

technically," he added. "I just think, mentally, travelling away from home, playing against Australia on their shores is a different beast. But I believe that the Indian team that I've seen going to Australia over the last couple of occasions, are very capable of winning," he said. Lara picked Jaiswal and another southpaw Abhishek Sharma as the "two most exciting Indian batters" right now. "Jaiswal and Abhishek Sharma. First of all, they're left-handers. They're very young. They play

the game in a style, very attacking and very stylish," he said. "Of course the relationship I have had with them over the last couple of years has been very special. It's great to see them go from strength to strength," he added. Lara said having a "good plan" will be crucial for India's success in the Border-Gavaskar Trophy, which will comprise five Tests for the first time. "You have got to have a plan. And your plan has to be something that when it comes to fruition, you get the success," he said. "When you're coming up against Australia, you've got to have a damn good plan, and you've got to be able to soak in pressure because they're going to apply a lot of pressure." "From an Indian scenario, they've got to play good cricket. They've got to believe in themselves and they've got to play each session at a time. They can't think way beyond that," he added. While the former West Indies

captain praised India's aggressive approach to force a result in the rain-hit Kanpur Test against Bangladesh to try and earn World Test Championship points, Lara said such an outcome is not possible every time. "(It was) not just (about) the points. It's a situation where India knows that they have the advantage in terms of being the better playing team against Bangladesh, and they've got to put themselves," he said. "They've got to give themselves the opportunity. I love the way that they went about it in such a short space of time to put Bangladesh under pressure. The performance by India with the bat was always to put Bangladesh under pressure." "Test cricket is about attrition. Not every single day you're going to have 2-3 days washed out. I want to see a lot of games going into the fourth and the fifth day. I want to see batters holding on, battling if they have to battle. Bowlers being as disciplined as possible."

England off to brisk start after Agha century propels Pakistan to 556 in 1st test

AP ■ MULTAN (PAKISTAN)
England chipped at Pakistan's massive 556, three-centuries total by reaching 96-1 at stumps on day two Tuesday of the first test. Pakistan started the day on 328-4 and was spearheaded by Salman Ali Agha's unbeaten 104 and Saud Shakeel's 82. On a pitch which still looks good for batting with little help for fast bowlers or spinners, England raced at nearly five-runs-per-over as Zac Crawley smashed 11 fours in his unbeaten 64. Joe Root was not out on 32. England lost stand-in captain Ollie Pope without scoring in the second over to a stunning one-handed catch by a diving Aamer Jamal at midwicket off Naseem Shah.

England trails Pakistan by 460 runs. Pope had to open the innings after Ben Duckett injured his left thumb while grabbing a sharp chest-high catch of No. 11 Abrar Ahmed in the slips that finally ended England's heat-sapping 5 1/2 sessions on the field at Multan Stadium. Whether Duckett bats was yet to be determined. England's Jack Leach took 3-160 and Shoaib Bashir 1-124 but Pakistan dominated both spinners. Brydon Carse's long wait for his first wicket in his debut test came on Tuesday, which he finished with 2-74. Gus Atkinson (2-99) and Chris Woakes (1-69) toiled without finding any reverse swing on the green square. England did well in the first session and allowed



Pakistan only 69 runs with Carse breaking the resistance of nightwatchman Naseem, who gloved a legside catch after scoring his test-best 33. Naseem denied England a breakthrough for 1 1/2 hours and braved a couple of blows. He got a knock on the back of his helmet when he was struck hard by an Atkinson short ball and also received brief treatment when Carse struck the batter's right thumb off another short ball before round-the-wicket worked for the right arm fast bowler. Leach had Mohammad Rizwan caught at mid-off for a 12-ball duck. Shakeel, who began the day on 35, showed plenty of resistance and raised his half-century with a swept boundary off

Bashir. Shakeel was undone by the off-spinner after lunch and feathered a low catch to Root in the slips. Agha took charge with meticulous drives and sweeps. His third test century followed tons by captain Shan Masood (151) and Abdullah Shafique (102) on day one. Agha gave Pakistan an ideal finish on the benign pitch. In the company of Shaheen Shah Afridi (26), Agha hit 10 boundaries and three sixes in his 119-ball knock to propel Pakistan past 550. England was scratchy late in Pakistan's innings as wicketkeeper Jamie Smith missed an easy stumping of Abrar, and Atkinson couldn't judge a catch over his shoulder before Root folded the innings.