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FAREWELL BHARAT'S RATAN

TN RAGHUNATHA ■ MUMBAI

As the nation mourned the passing away of the legendary industrialist Ratan Naval Tata, hundreds and thousands of Mumbaikars on Thursday bade an emotional goodbye to the former Chairman Emeritus of Tata Sons, as his mortal remains - wrapped in national tri-colours - were taken on a 12 km final journey from the National Centre for the Performing Arts (NCPA) to Worli crematorium for his last rites.



business empire remained a humble man till the last day - plunged the nation into a state of mourning, with people grieving his demise and speaking in glorious terms about his contributions to Indian industry and also nation-building.



Jamshedpur mourns its man of steel

DEEPAK KUMAR JHA ■ JAMSHEDPUR

It was not only the more than one lakh workforce of Tata Group of companies, its subsidiaries and ancillaries which mourned Ratan Tata's passing, but a pall of gloom descended in each and every household of the Steel City of Jamshedpur which Tata was so fond of.



pursuit to make it a point to be part of the famous March 3 Foundation Day (anniversary of JN Tata) celebrations at Jubilee Park near Sakchi Market, Ratan frequented

the lovely city where the Tatas dreamt from making salt to software, tea to trucks and from car to business czar since early 1900s.

the pioneer Tribute

Goodbye, Mr Tata

Ratan Naval Tata, the Rdoyen of Indian industry, inheritor of one of the greatest corporate names in India passed away peacefully on October 9, and was laid to rest on Thursday.

who had lost their lives or loved ones did not lose hope and he paid compensation to all and he was determined that the India rise again to the top, which it has.



"Pets are our family, and their lives matter to every pet parent"

Omar Abdullah elected legislative party leader



National Conference President Farooq Abdullah, Vice President Omar Abdullah and others during the party's Legislature Party Meeting after Jammu and Kashmir Assembly election result, at the headquarters Nawa e Subha in Srinagar, Thursday

MOHIT KANDHARI ■ JAMMU

Jammu and Kashmir National Conference Thursday set into motion the process of government formation by 'unanimously' electing its Vice President Omar Abdullah as leader of the legislative party.

headquarters to elect the leader of the legislature party Dr Farooq Abdullah stated that the pre-poll alliance partners (National Conference, Congress, CPI-M, Panthers Party) will meet on Friday to take the government formation process forward.

the decision that was taken. A meeting of the NC legislature party took place, the legislature party has decided on its leader and I am thankful from the bottom of my heart to the NC legislators that they have reposed their faith in me and given me a chance to stake a claim for government formation."



Rafael Nadal bids adiós

RISHABH MALIK ■ NEW DELHI

Tennis Legend Rafael Nadal announced his retirement at the age of 38 after winning the 22 Grand Slam events in his career, the era where he competed with his big rivals Roger Federer and Novak Djokovic.

having made an effort in every way. But in this life, everything has a beginning and an end, and I think it's the appropriate time to put an end to a career that has been long and much more successful than I could have ever imagined."

Delhi govt spent more than it earned?

RAJESH KUMAR ■ NEW DELHI

For the first time in its fiscal history, Delhi is on the brink of a severe financial crisis in the current fiscal, with its expenditure likely to cross the limit of receipts.



6462.29 crores is anticipated. However, the forecast for 2024-25 presents a potential challenge: while the initial Budget Estimates (BE) show a surplus of Rs 3231.19 crores, the possible inclusion of additional demand could lead to a deficit of Rs 1495.48 crores.

capital into a financial crisis through ten years of economic mismanagement. He pointed out that despite claims of surplus budgets, the city is now facing its first deficit budget for the fiscal year 2024-25.



Where time, and traffic stand still

Nothing posh about the massive jams of South Delhi

BY RAHUL DATTA

Press Enclave Marg connecting Sheikh Sarai at Lal Bahadur Shastri Marg with Sri Aurobindo Marg in South Delhi, has become a traffic nightmare. Flanked by Saket district courts, three shopping malls and two private hospitals besides Khirki and Hauz Rani villages, the nearly four km-long road tests the patience of all be it motorists, two-wheeler drivers or DTC buses.

December 25 to 31 each year, when huge crowds through the shopping malls and extra traffic deployment tries to manage the traffic.



Photo: Ranjan Dimri/Pioneer

traffic, these roads are choked even during the so-called non-peak hours. A survey of the Press Enclave Marg indicates that the road sees a very high volume of peak-hour traffic, mainly due to unauthorised parking and encroachments.

One of the options proposed by PWD is to shift the central verge at the Mandir Marg intersection to allow more carriageway space for movement of vehicles.

# Classifieds

## BEDKHALI NOTICE

**I, Nirmala W/o** Late Sh. Randhir Singh R/o VPO Girawar, Rohtak, Haryana has disowned my son Sandeep Sharma & his wife Sunita from my all movable-immovable property as they are out of our control. In future, if anybody deals with them, he/she will do at their own risk.

**I, Parveen Gupta S/o** Mr. Om Parkash Gupta & Pooja Gupta W/o Mr. Parveen Gupta R/o Chauda Bazar, Banso Gate, Karnal (Haryana), declare that our son Lakshya Gupta and his wife Riddhima are beyond our reach & do whatever you want. Therefore we evict them from our movable and immovable property. In future, I and my family will not have any relation with him and if both of them do any transaction with anyone, they themselves will be responsible. There will be no responsibility for me or my family. Swearer

**We, Vinod Kumar,** S/o Kailash Chander, and Seema Rani, W/o Vinod Kumar, both R/o at House no 15-C, Tricity Homes, Nijjar road, Sector 126, Chajju majra, Shermook School, Kharar, SAS Nagar, Mohali Punjab inform that our son Kubar and his wife Jyoti are out of our control. We Disown them from our all moveable and immovable Properties. Anybody deal with them at their own risk.

**I, Malkit Singh S/O** Lajja Ram & Santosh Rani W/O Malkit Singh R/O Village Damanheri Tehsil Rajpura Distt Patiala Declare That My Daughter Amandeep Kaur Is Out Of My Control . So I Disown Her From All My Moveable And Immovable Properties. Anybody Dealing With Her On Their Own Risk.

**We Balwinder Singh S/o** Sh Bhoop Ram and Veerpal W/o Balwinder Singh R/o H.No 1286, Sector 39B Chandigarh, declared that our daughter Amarjeet Kaur is out of our control, so we disown her from our moveable immovable properties, anybody dealing with her at their own risk.

**We, Harbinder Singh** son of Sh. Jagjit Singh and Gurmit Kaur wife of Sh. Harbinder Singh resident of Kothi No. 573, Phase-I, SAS Nagar Mohali do hereby disown our son Harmeet Singh from our whole moveable and immovable properties. We and our family members will not be responsible for his any type of affair/act. Any act done by him will be solely responsible himself. We and our family members will have no concern with his any kind of act.

**We Mamta Banerjee W/o** Sujit Banerjee and Sujit Banerjee S/o Barindra Nath Banerjee R/o H No 11, Kailash Nagar Road, Near Satsang Ghar, Kailash Enclave, Ludhiana declared that our son Gaurav Dhaliwal and his wife Priti Dhaliwal Are In out of Our Control so we Disown them from our moveable or immovable property. The person dealing with them will be responsible himself. We shall have no liability.

**I, Mahinder Singh S/o** Fakiya Ram Vill,Urnai, Pehowa, Kurukshetra My son Sunil Kumar is out of my control. I, disown both of them from my all moveable and immovable properties. If anybody deals with him at his own risk.

**I, Kishore Kumar S/o** Sh. Narayan Dass House No.2063, Sector-6, Housing Board Colony, Karnal declare that my son Ishaan and his wife Vaishali are out of our control. I disown them from my moveable, immovable property. They will be responsible for their transactions, good-bad, legal & illegal activities.

**मैं श्रीमति सल्लिको पत्नी स्व. सतपाल निवासी सरावाँ, तरसील बिलासपुर, जिला यमुनानगर अपने हल्के से ब्याक करती हूँ कि सतराँ मेरा हकीकी लड़का है, श्रीमति रीटा मेरी पुत्रवधु व याश मेरा हकीकी पोता है, उपरोक्त मेरा पुत्र, पुत्रवधु व पोता तीनों मेरे कहने-सुनने से बाहर हैं, इसलिए मैं इनकी अपनी तमाम चल- अचल संपत्ति से बेदखल करती हूँ. भविष्य में इनसे लेनदेन या संबंध रखने वाला कोई भी व्यक्ति स्वयं जिम्मेवार होगा, मेरी कोई जिम्मेवारी नहीं होगी।**

## PUBLIC NOTICE

**I, Subhash Kataria S/o** Om Parkash resident Madhav Nagri, Near A.V. School, Fazilka (Punjab) declare, In some documents my name written as Subhash Kataria and some documents mentioned as Subhash Chander. Both names are of one and same person. In future I shall be known as Subhash Kataria.

**I, Yogesh Rani W/o** Subhash Kataria resident Madhav Nagri, Near A.V. School, Fazilka (Punjab) declare, In some documents my name written as Yogesh Rani and some documents mentioned as Yogesh Rani Sachdeva. Both names are of one and same person. In future I shall be known as Yogesh Rani.

**I Monka Goel W/O** Guminder Singh R/O House No. 583/1 St No1 Rahon Road, Ram Vihar Colony Basti Jodhewal Ludhiana Declare That Monika Alias Monika Goel Both Names Of One And Same Person. I Known With Both Names

**I Am Ex No-14430322-Y,** Rank-Hav (Macc Nb/Sub), Name-Devin Singh. Residence Of Vill Sahaur, Po-Pathrari Jattan, Tehsil-Rupnagar, District-Rupnagar, State-Punjab-140108, Declared That I Change My Mother Name (Jasbir Kaur To Jasvir Kaur) Date Of Birth 01-07-1954 To 01-01-1959

**I, Ayyappan** legally father of No. 16122103W Rank NK Name Manikandan A Unit 4 Engr Regt. C/o 56 APO Bathinda Cantt. (Punjab) permanent resident of 4-14/123, Chundathazhavaivaedu, Panavilai, Vilavancode, Distt. Kanniyakumari, State Tamil Nadu-629160 declare That I have changed name from Ayyappan to Ayyappan V vide affidavit dated 10.10.2024

**I, Ambika T** legally mother of No. 16122103W Rank NK Name Manikandan A Unit 4 Engr Regt. C/o 56 APO Bathinda Cantt. (Punjab) permanent resident of 4-14/123, Chundathazhavaivaedu, Panavilai, Vilavancode, Distt. Kanniyakumari, State Tamil Nadu-629160 declare That I have changed name from Ambika T to Ambika Ayyappan and DOB 10.11.1967 to 21.09.1967 vide affidavit dated 10.10.2024

**I, Smt. Balbir Kaur W/o** No. 6927228F EX Hav Joginder Singh resident of VPO- Rainail, Tehsil-Dera Baba Nanak & District Gurdaspur (PB)-143605 have changed my name from Balvir Kaur to Balbir Kaur vide E-Stamp No. (Affidavit). IN-PB62671051264303W dated 30/09/2024 produced before Executive Magistrate Dera Baba Nanak (Gurdaspur). Please note all concerned

**I Parminder Pal Singh S/o** Ajit Singh R/O VPO Wadala Granthian Tehsil Batala Distt. Gurdaspur declare that in my passport No. M9564653 my name is wrongly mentioned as Parminder Singh. Please correct it as Parminder Pal Singh.

**IChennamma,** mother of No 16122633L NK M Srisaalam 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, No. 4481113M** Rank Hav. Gurlant Singh R/O VPO Bargari, Tehsil Jaitu, District Faridkot, Punjab, India declare that in my army service record my wife's name mentioned as Soni Kaur but her true and correct name as per her documents is Sony Kaur.

**I, Neelam Devi W/O** JC273298F Sub Vinod Kumar VPO Passi Kandi Tehsil Dasuya Distt Hoshiarpur Punjab Declare that in my Husband Army records My Name Komal Bihal and My Date of birth 26-08-1977 written Wrongly. Actually My Name is Neelam Devi and My Date of Birth is 16-04-1975 as per My Aadhar card and Pan card records.

**I, Army No. 15330887L,** HAV/DVRSPL VEH, Gauhar Jani Shaik of Unit 03 Engr Regt. C/o 56 APO, PIN-914003 Yol Cantt, have changed my mother name from NASIMA to Shaik Nasima & Date of birth 01.07.1964 to 01.01.1972.

**I, Army No. 15330672M** Rank Hav Name Budima Srinivas of Unit 03 Engr Regt. C/o 56 APO, PIN-914003 Yol Cantt, have changed my Father name from KARIMULLA to Shaik Karimulla & Date of birth 01.07.1963 to 06.06.1950.

**I, Army No. 15330887L,** HAV/DVRSPL VEH, Gauhar Jani Shaik of Unit 03 Engr Regt. C/o 56 APO, PIN-914003 Yol Cantt, have changed my Father name from Karimulla to Shaik Karimulla & Date of birth 01.07.1963 to 06.06.1950.

**I, Army No. 15330672M** Rank Hav Name Budima Srinivas of Unit 03 Engr Regt. C/o 56 APO, PIN-914003 Yol Cantt, have changed my Father name from KARIMULLA to Shaik Karimulla & Date of birth 01.07.1963 to 06.06.1950.

## CHANGE OF NAME

**मैं इंदू गोयल** पत्नी श्री नरोत्तम गोयल निवासी मकान नम्बर 238, दूसरी मंजिल, सेक्टर-2 पी-हड्डा रोहताक ब्याक करती हूँ कि मेरे कुछ दस्तावेज में मेरा नाम इंदू रानी पुत्री श्री बजरंग लाल लिखा हुआ है। जबकि मेरा नाम इंदू गोयल है। मेरे पति का नाम नरोत्तम लिखा हुआ है जबकि उनका नाम नरोत्तम गोयल है। मैं अपने सभी दस्तावेज में अपना नाम इंदू गोयल पत्नी नरोत्तम गोयल करवा लिया है। भविष्य में मुझे इंदू गोयल पत्नी नरोत्तम गोयल के नाम से जाना जाए।

**मैं, नरोत्तम गोयल** पुत्र श्री सुभाष चन्द्र निवासी मकान नम्बर 238, दूसरी मंजिल, सेक्टर-2 पी-हड्डा रोहताक ब्याक करता हूँ कि मेरे कुछ दस्तावेज में मेरा नाम इंदू रानी पुत्री श्री बजरंग लाल लिखा हुआ है। जबकि मेरा नाम इंदू गोयल है। मेरे पति का नाम नरोत्तम लिखा हुआ है जबकि उनका नाम आदित्य गोयल है। मेरे पुत्र आदित्य गोयल के दस्तावेज में मेरा नाम नरोत्तम

लिखा हुआ है जबकि मेरा नाम नरोत्तम गोयल है। आदित्य व आदित्य गोयल और नरोत्तम व नरोत्तम गोयल दोनों एक ही व्यक्ति के नाम हैं। भविष्य में आदित्य गोयल पुत्र नरोत्तम गोयल के नाम से जाना जाए।

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**I, Aman Kumar S/O** Hisam Singh R/O Village-Tibbi Majra, Raipur Rani, Panchkula have changed the name of my son from Yuvan to Yuvan Saini.

**I, Savita @Savita Rani W/O** Surender Singh R/O Dharampur Colony, Pinjrore, Tehsil-Kalka, Distt.Panchkula (Haryana) have changed my name from Savita @Savita Rani To Savita Rani.

**I, Manju Devi,** Dependent of Abhishek Chauhan resident #253, Vill-Balahir, PO-Nangli, Distt-Alwar (Rajasthan)-301708 have changed my name from Manju Devi to Manju Kumari vide affidavit dated-17 Sep 2024 before notary public Panchkula (Haryana).

**I, Rohit Kumar S/o** Ashok Kumar R/o # 1778 Main Bazar Manimajra Chandigarh Declare that my father name has been written wrongly in my certificates and documents actual name is Ashok Kharbanda instead of Ashok Kumar.

**I service no.16028064K** RFN Usman khan s/o Umra r/o village Barana distt Panipat declare that in my service records my wife's name is written as Soniya is wrong and her correct name is Sonia and please correct in my service records my wife's real name Sonia.

**I, Rajan S/o** Subhash Chander R/o H. No. 526, P.L.A. Hisar, Haryana declare that I have changed my name from Rajan to Rajan Kumar for future purpose.

**I, Kavita W/o** Sh.Prem Singh R/o House No.408, Kharak Mangoli, gate no.3,old Panchkula, have changed my name from Kavita to Kavita Rana.

**I, Ramanjeet** alias Ruksar w/o Balbir Khan R/o # 1162 Kurnhar Mohalla VPO Burail, Chandigarh have changed my name from Ramanjeet alias Ruksar to Ruksar.

**I, 15348932P** Hav Harbhajan Singh, VPO Bhallri, Tehsil Nangal, Distt Rupnagar (Punjab) declare that in my army record name of my daughter, son, mother mention as Prabjeet Kaur, Jaskkirat Singh, Dabjeet Kaur, but correct name of my daughter Prabhjot Kaur, son name Jaskirat and mother name is Tirtho.

**I, Parmod Mangla, S/o** Kapoor Chand Mangla, R/o #20, MS Enclave Dhakoli, SAS Nagar, Punjab have changed my name to Parmod Kumar.

**I, Jasdeep Kaur** Ramana W/o Avtar Singh R/o Vill Saidkheri, Tehsil Rajpura, Distt Patiala declare that I have changed my name from Jasdeep Kaur to Jasdeep Kaur Ramana.

**I, Pradeep Manchanda S/O** Parmanand R/o H. No. 532, Sector-13, Hisar (Haryana) declare that I have changed my name from Pradeep Manchanda to Pardeep Manchanda for all future purpose.

**I, Charandeep Singh S/O** Jasbir Singh # 619-A, Sector 47-A, Chandigarh have changed the name of my minor daughter from Gurmant Kaur to Gurmnnat Kaur.

**I, Shashi W/o** Rakesh Singh, # 680, Phase-2, Ramdarbar, Chandigarh, have changed my name to Shashi Devi.

**I, Parsant S/O** Rajinder Kumar #1243, Sector 52, Chandigarh have changed my name to Parshant Kumar.

**I, Sunita W/o** Sh.Dinesh R/o House No.328, Dasmesh Enclave, Dhakoli, Zirakpur SAS Nagar have changed my name from Sunita to Guddi.

It is for general information that I, Devinder Kumar S/O Ranjeet Singh R/O Talka, Bodla (352), PO: Bodla, DIST: Kurukshetra, Haryana - 136131, declare that name of mine has been wrongly written as Devinder Saini in my minor son namely Krish, aged 17 Years in his 10th Class educational documents. The actual name of mine is Devinder Kumar which may be amended accordingly.

**I, Surender Kumar,** S/o Jagdish Chand R/o 529, 10 New Colony, Mizrapur, near Kurukshetra University, Kurukshetra, declare that my wife's name is written as Poonam in my passport, which is wrong. Her correct name is Punam Kumari.

**I, Jitender S/o** Nand Lal Batra R/O H.No. 1694, Sector 13, Urban Estate, Karnal, have changed my name from Jatinder to Jitender Kumar Batra.

**I, Ravinder Kumar** Sharma S/O Devraj Sharma R/O H.No. 290, Sector 2, Urban Estate, Kurukshetra, have changed my name from Ravinder Kumar Sharma to Ravinder Kumar.

**I, Narender Kumar** Saini S/O Sheo Ram R/O Village Dudhla Post Office Damla Tehsil Jagadhri Distt. Yamunanagar, have changed my name from Narender Kumar Saini to Narinder Kumar.

**I, Sahil Uppal S/O** Charanjit R/o # 973, Model Colony, Yamunanagar declares that in my LIC Policy no. 173577445 my name is written as Arsh Uppal which is incorrect. While my correct name is Sahil Uppal.

**I Sonia Rani W/o** Anil Kumar R/O H. No. 1172, Sector 52, Chandigarh declare that in my adhar card my husband name wrongly mention as Anil Kumar but correct name is Anil Kumar Saini.

**I, Aman S/O** Sh. Pardeep Kumar R/O H.No. 334/8, Jamalpura, Near Sardar Dairy, Sonipat, Haryana have changed my name to Aman Malvaniya for all future purposes.

I hitherto known as Neha W/O Vikram Bhardwaj residing at 842, Sector-19, Part-2, Huda, Distt-Kaithal, Haryana-136027 have changed my name and I shall hereafter be known as Neha Sharma. It is certified that I have complied with other legal requirements in this connection.

**I, Dikshu W/o** Sh. Chirag Virmani, Chirag Virmani S/O Sh. Nand Kishore R/o H.No. F-109, Meera Ghati, Karnal (Haryana) have changed my name after marriage from Dikshu Mukhija to Dikshu. In future I should be known as Dikshu.

**I, Karnailo W/O** Gurmeet Singh R/O Vpo Behru Distt Patiala Punjab I Have Changed My Name Karnailo To Karnail Kaur.

**I, Gurwinder Singh S/O** Surjeet Singh R/O Vill Basant Vihar Ambala City Distt Ambala Haryanai Have Changed My Name From Gurwinder Singh To Gurvinder Singh.

**I, Asha** spouse of Army No. 16019607K Hav Sandeep Kumar R/O Village Paharsar, Shidhmukh, Churu (Rajasthan) have changed my minor son's name from Daksh to Daksh Kumar vide affidavit dated 09.10.2024 before Session Court, Distt. Hisar.

**I, Kusum Devi** Mangla, W/o Parmod Kumar Mangla, R/o #20, MS Enclave Dhakoli, SAS Nagar, Punjab have changed my name to Kusam Mangla.

**I, Parmod Mangla, S/o** Kapoor Chand Mangla, R/o #20, MS Enclave Dhakoli, SAS Nagar, Punjab have changed my name to Parmod Kumar.

**I, Jasdeep Kaur** Ramana W/o Avtar Singh R/o Vill Saidkheri, Tehsil Rajpura, Distt Patiala declare that I have changed my name from Jasdeep Kaur to Jasdeep Kaur Ramana.

**I, Pradeep Manchanda S/O** Parmanand R/o H. No. 532, Sector-13, Hisar (Haryana) declare that I have changed my name from Pradeep Manchanda to Pardeep Manchanda for all future purpose.

**I, Anupma W/o** Sh. Pardeep Manchanda R/o H. No. 532, Sector-13, Hisar (Haryana) declare that I have changed my name from Anupma to Anupma Manchanda for all future purpose.

**I, Santha M/O** Rajeesha A P, Presently Residing At Turka Niwas, Sector-B, Defence Colony, Ambala Cantt. Haryana-133001 Have Changed My Name From Santha To Santha Madathil Vide Affidavit No. 18483 Dated 04/10/2024 Before Notary, Ambala Cantt.

**I, Service No. 15778690a** Rank Hav(Occ) Name Patil Shekhar Bhaskar Unit 105 Ad Regt C/O 56 Apo, R/O Vill-Akolner, Distt - Ahmadnagar, State- Maharashtra Have Changed My Mother Name From Malan To Malan Bhaskar Patil Vide Affidavit Dated 10-10-2024 Before Ambala Cantt

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**I, Service No. 15776259h** Rank Bhm (Gnr) Harikrishnan M Of Unit 47 Ad Regt C/O 56 Apo.Have Changed My Wife Name From Jayasree My Wife Name From Jayasree Harikrishnan To Jayasree G.S.

**I Service No. 15698169m** Rank Hav Sanjoy Mondal Unit 2 CgSr C/O 56 Apo & R/O Vill Pilla, P/O Patuli Station Bazar, Distt. Purba Burdwang, West Bengal, Pin 713512.Have Changed My Father (Shantii Ram Mondal) Dob From 01.07.1961 To 01.01.1961.

**I Service No. 15698169m** Rank Hav Sanjoy Mondal Unit 2 CgSr C/O 56 Apo & R/O Vill Pilla, P/O Patuli Station Bazar, Distt. Purba Burdwang, West Bengal, Pin 713512.Have Changed My Mother (Kalpana Mondal) Dob From 01.07.1965 To 01.02.1970.

It Is For General Information That I, Jasbeer Singh R/O Na,Na Balmiki Basti, Boh, (27), Ambala, Haryana-133021 Declare That Name Of Mine Has Been Wrongly Written As Jasbir Singh In My Minor Son Harsh Aged 17 Years In His 10th Class Educational Documents. The Actual Name Of Mine Is Jasbeer Singh Which May Be Amended Accordingly.

It Is For General Information That I, Jasvir Kaur W/O Rajesh Kumar R/O 389b, Arjun Colony, Sector C,Kalarheri (28), Ambala Haryana-133001 Declare That Name Of Mine Has Been Wrongly Written As Jasbir Kaur In My Minor Son Harshit Kashyap Aged 16 Years In His Educational Documents. The Actual Name Of Mine Is Jasvir Kaur Which May Be Amended Accordingly.

It Is For General Information That I, Rohit Kumar S/O Baldev Raj Narula R/O Chanderpuri Colony, Near Drm Office, Ambala Cantt, Ambala,Haryana 133001 Declare That Name Of Mine Has Been Wrongly Written As Parveen Kumar Narula In My Minor Son Manik Narula Aged 15 Years In His Educational Documents. The Actual Name Of Mine Is Rohit Kumar Which May Be Amended Accordingly.

I Hitherto Known As B .S Khurana S/O Manjit Singh R/O 5366/1, Punjabi Mohalla, Nicholson Road, Ambala Cantt , Distt. Ambala, Haryana-133001 Have Changed My Name And Shall Hereafter Be Known As Bhupinder Singh Khurana.

I Hitherto Known As S. Khurana W/O Bhupinder Singh Khurana R/O 5366/1, Punjabi Mohalla, Nicholson Road, Ambala Cantt, Distt. Ambala, Haryana-133001 Have Changed My Name And Shall Hereafter Be Known As Satvinder Khurana.

I Hitherto Known As Kamlesh Rani W/O Satish Kumar R/O 93/601, Dera Himmat Pura, Jansui (308), Jansui, Ambala, Haryana-134003 Have Changed My Name And Shall Hereafter Be Known As Kamlesh Kaur.

It Is For General Information That I, Paramveer Singh Khaira S/O Ranbir Singh R/O 289 Konkpur (273), Ambala, Haryana-133004 Declare That Name Of My Mother Has Been Wrongly Written As Damanjeet Khaira In My 10th & 12th Class Educational Documents. The Actual Name Of My Mother Is Damanjeet Kaur Which May Be Amended Accordingly

I Hitherto Known As Rajwinder Kaur W/O Gurmeet Singh R/O 320/576, Jansui (308), Po-Jansui, Distt-Ambala, Haryana-134003 Have Changed My Name And Shall Hereafter Be Known As Rajinder Kaur.

It Is For General Information That I, Sukhbinder Singh S/O Preetam Singh R/O 175, Ghasit Pur, Ambala, Kuldeep Nagar, Haryana-133004 Declare That Name Of My Minor Son Has Been Wrongly Written As Samarpreet Singh In My Minor Son Samar Preet Singh Aged 17 Years In His 12th Class Educational Documents. The Actual Name Of My Minor Son Is Samar Preet Singh Which May Be Amended Accordingly.

**Pardeep Kumar,** S/o Sh. Sohan Lal, R/o H.No.20, New Dev Nagar, Near Devi Mandhir, District Panipat, declares that I have changed my name from Pardeep Kumar to Pardeep Kumar Gupta, for all future purposes.

**I, Neetika Kapoor W/o** Sh. Pankaj Kapoor, R/O House No. 2068, Sector 27-C, Chandigarh have changed my minor son name from Aarav to Aarav Kapoor.

**I, Umesh Kumar S/O** Ram Sagar, R/o House No 747/2, Sector 26 E, Chandigarh have changed my name from Umesh Kumar to Umesh Singh.

**I, Sayonan Devi** mother of Hardwari Lal, presently residing at Village Dablain, Tehsil Narwana, Distt. Jind, have changed my name from Sayonan Devi to Syonan. My date of birth is 01.01.1940. Both names Sayonan Devi and Syonan pertain to me.

**I, Bhoj Singh S/O** Vijay Fadrick Singh R/O Mohalla Ramdasia Sadhaura Sub Tehsil Sadhaura Distt Yamunanagar inform that in my 10th certificate my father's name wrongly mentioned as Vijay Fardrick Singh. but my father's actual & correct name is Vijay Fadrick Singh.

**I, Kusum Devi, W/o** Sh, Raj Kumar, resident of Mukarbpur, Tehsil Chhachhrauli, District Yamunanagar, I have changed my name from Kusum Devi to Kusum Devi. All concerned note.

**I, Kamla Devi W/o** Sunder Lal R/o 6/32, Tilak Raj Street, Rajan Maholla, Chhachhrauli, Distt. Yamuna Nagar declare that my Name Kamla Devi & Kamlesh Rani is one and the same person.

**I, Geeta Jain W/o** Shri Rajesh Jain R/O House No. 235 Ward No. 7 Mandi Maniram, Gharounda Tehsil, Gharounda District Karnal, have changed my name from Geeta Rani to Geeta Jain for all future purposes.

**I no. 677531-G EX** SERGEANT Dayanand Sharma S/O Ratan Lal R/o village biholi,near Shiv Mandir tahsil samalkha district Panipat I have declared that in my air force records my daughter's name mentioned as Vandana Devi which is wrong. My daughter's actual name is Vandana Sharma for all future purposes.

**I Siddharth Sharma S/o** Sh. Ramesh Chand Sharma R/O H.No 1993 Sec 13-17, Huda, Panipat, I have changed my Son's name from Bhaumik to Bhaumik Sharma for all future Purposes.

**I Kaamakshi D/o** Sh. Siddarth Sharma R/O H.No 1993 Sec 13-17, Huda, Panipat, I have changed my name from Kaamakshi to Kaamakshi Sharma for all future Purposes.

**I Siddharth Sharma S/o** Sh. Ramesh Chand Sharma R/O H.No 1993 Sec 13-17, Huda, Panipat, I have changed my Daughter name from Ojaswini to Ojaswini Sharma for all future Purposes.

It is general information that I Smedha Arora Daughter of Rajneesh Arora Ex Wife of Vishal Garg residing at H.No.451, D Block, Ranjit Avenue, District Amritsar-143001 Punjab declare that I got divorce from my husband vide court decree HMA No. 15198/2012 dated 18.04.2013 Further I have changed the name of my minor Son Arnav aged 13 Years and he shall hereafter be known as Arnav Arora

I, hitherto Known as Jeevan Jyoti Son of Sardari Lal residing at VPO Kalichpur Tehsil and District Gurdaspur-143521 Punjab have changed my name and Shall hereafter be known as Jiwan Jyoti.

I, hitherto Known as Neena Mendritha Wife of Naresb Mehendiritha residing at B-10, Le Palm Apartments, Basant City, Pakhowal Road, District Ludhiana-141001 Punjab have changed my name and Shall hereafter be known as Renu Mehendiritha

**I, Sukhmanpreet Singh S/o** Gurnam Singh Resident of Village Ghonewala, P.O. Ramdas, Tehsil Ajnala District Amritsar have declare that Singh is my surname and Sukhmanpreet is my given name.

**I, Mangal Mohite** Mother of Mohite Jaykumar Sambhaji R/O VPO Lengare, Teh Vita Distt. Sangli (MH)-415309 have changed my name from Mangal Mohite to Mangal Sambhaji Mohite Vide Affidavit No.IN-PB69381674801775W Dt.10.10.2024 before Notary Public Amritsar

**I, Baria Dalpatsinh** Father of Baria Vijay Kumar Dalpsitnh R/O Vill. Jafrabad, PO Govindh Teh Godhra Distt Panchmahal (Goderha) Gujarat-389001 have changed my name from Baria Dalpatsinh to Patel DalpatsinhVirsinh Vide Affidavit No.IN-PB69396602611601W Dt.10.10.2024 before Notary Public Amritsar

**I, Nidhi Arora W/o** Tejinder Singh R/O 1747/6 Katra Dal Singh Near Mata Kaulan Ji Amritsar have changed my name to Nidhi Sethi

**I, Dawinder Singh S/o** Amar Singh R/o Pind Galluwal, Amritsar have changed my name from Dawinder Singh to Dawinder Singh

**I, Baljit Singh S/o** Balbir Singh R/O L-6/1175, Namdev Colony Near Gurdwara Toot Sahib, Sultanwind Road, Amritsar have declare that Baljit is my Given name and Singh is my Surname

**I, Rekha Dhall W/o** Mukesh Kumar, R/o VPO. Mandi Ladh

# New BJP Govt in Haryana led by CM Nayab Saini may have one or two Dy CMs

**MANOJ KUMAR ■ CHANDIGARH**  
Following the BJP's decisive victory in Haryana, discussions are intensifying about the composition of the next State government. In all the Assembly polls that which BJP won since 2023, it has gone with the formula of having one chief minister and two Deputy Chief Ministers to balance caste equations and the aspirations of various regions within a state. This model ensures collective leadership at the state level. Now, all eyes are on the formation of the next government to be led by incumbent Chief Minister Nayab Saini along with one or two deputy Chief Ministers. To balance the caste equations in the State, BJP leadership may appoint deputy CMs belonging to Yadav, Brahmin and Scheduled Caste. Earlier, the BJP had projected Nayab Saini, who replaced Manohar Lal Khattar as the Chief Minister in March and hails from the Other Backward Classes, as the party's CM pick during the campaign. Ahead of the formation of the BJP government for a record third consecutive term in Haryana after winning 48 out of the 90 Assembly seats in the State, incumbent Chief Minister Saini met senior BJP leaders including Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Home Minister Amit Shah, Defence Minister Rajnath Singh, national BJP chief JP Nadda, his mentor Manohar Lal Khattar. Later, Saini had also joined the BJP core committee meeting chaired by Union minister Dharmendra Pradhan and attended by Lok Sabha MP Biplab Deb and Surender Nagar, Khattar, BJP national general secretary Vinod

since independence making Attri a key contender for the ministerial berth. The seat has witnessed the clash of two big political dynasties of Haryana Devi Lal clan and Sir Chotu Ram's family. Attri defeated Brijendra Singh by a narrow margin. Similarly, Bansil Lal's granddaughter Shruti Chaudhary is also seen as a contender for a ministerial post. Being credited with victory on 10 of the 11 seats, Union Minister Rao Inderjit Singh is virtually pitching for a Cabinet berth not just for his daughter but also for other MLAs as a return gift for the region for supporting the BJP. Inderjit, who claims to have made peace with the party's pre-election choice of the CM, says Ahirs now want a major chunk in the State Cabinet. "When everybody had doubts, Ahirwal trusted the BJP for three consecutive terms. People obviously are expecting that at least this time they will have more representation in the Cabinet. We are not just looking at more regional representation, but a more powerful one," said Rao. Senior party leaders reveal that Arti was in line for a prominent Cabinet berth in Haryana and Inderjit was eying elevation in the Modi Cabinet. Arti pulled off a close victory at Ateli by a margin of 3,085 votes. In addition, all nine candidates recommended for the ticket by Rao and supported by him have emerged victorious in Ahirwal. Furthermore, Senior BJP leader and former Haryana Minister Rao Narbir, who secured a resounding victory in the State's largest Assembly segment, Badshahpur, is now in

the running for the Deputy Chief Minister post. Sources have revealed that Narbir, leveraging his new-found proximity to Union Home Minister Shah, has entered the race following his win. After the election, Narbir reportedly met the party's central leadership to discuss the possibility. Talking to reporters, Narbir said, "The victory has been encouraging. I am ready for any role the party assigns me, but I am hopeful the party will reward me for one of the biggest victories in the state. I hope to serve the people in a prominent position." Narbir faced significant internal opposition to secure his ticket, only receiving it after intervention from Amit Shah, who rallied in his support. During the campaign, Shah assured voters that Narbir would become a "big man" if elected. Now, having won with a margin of over 60,000 votes, Narbir is looking to claim what was hinted at during the campaign. BJP sources said that Narbir cannot be overlooked in the Cabinet formation. He has not only won the state's largest segment but did so after being written off. The fact that he stayed loyal to the party despite being denied a ticket in 2019 and then excelled in this election strengthens his case. Having been a strong Cabinet member from 2014 to 2019, he will likely be considered for a major Cabinet role. With leaders already lobbying for Cabinet positions, particularly from the Ahirwal region, Narbir has emerged as a strong contender, though not aligned with the Inderjit Singh camp.

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# Punjab Governor stresses quality education, language inclusivity at NEP Conference

**PNS ■ CHANDIGARH**  
"Higher education institutions must adhere to UGC guidelines to foster quality education and ensure the integrity of our academic system," declared Punjab Governor and Administrator of UT Chandigarh Gulab Chand Kataria on Thursday at the opening of a two-day Vice Chancellors' conference on the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020. The pivotal event, held at Punjab Raj Bhavan, aimed to promote excellence in education while preserving India's cultural heritage. The Governor, in his keynote address, emphasized the need for a balanced educational framework that blends traditional values with modern competencies. "Our education system must honour India's rich cultural heritage while equipping students with contemporary skills," he remarked. He highlighted how this approach fosters well-rounded individuals who are both rooted in cultural values and proficient in today's technological advancements. Kataria praised the progress of Punjab's education system, noting its advancements compared to other states. He underscored the NEP 2020 as a transformative framework for enhancing educational outcomes across the state. "Punjab must continue its leadership in education by integrating talent recognition, language inclusivity, and rigorous teacher selection," he stated. A key element of the Governor's address focused on the implementation of talent-based learning. He urged the institutions to recognize and nurture students' unique



strengths, allowing them to excel in areas where they show potential. "Education must be personalized to support each student's abilities," he said, calling on educators to design tailored learning pathways. Language inclusivity also took center stage in the Governor's remarks. He emphasized the importance of incorporating regional languages into higher education curricula, particularly for students transitioning from regional-language schools to universities. "Integrating regional languages into university syllabi will empower students to succeed without facing language barriers," he noted, advocating for an inclusive and accessible academic environment. The Governor highlighted the importance of maintaining quality in teaching, calling for a stringent teacher selection process that adheres to UGC guidelines. He also stressed the necessity of anti-paper leakage measures to preserve the integrity of the education system. Furthermore, he advocated for greater emphasis on environmental awareness and sports, underscoring their role in developing healthy future

generations. Punjab Education Minister Harjot Singh Bains, also addressed the conference, detailing the state's educational reforms. He highlighted infrastructure improvements, enhanced teacher training, and rising student achievements, all aligned with the NEP's goals. He emphasized the need to focus on research and employment-based education, setting a target of 100 percent student placement. Professor Ved Prakash, former UGC chairman, discussed the internationalization of higher education, stressing the importance of global partnerships and research to elevate Indian institutions on the world stage. Similarly, Prof Ganesan

Kannabiran, Director of NAAC, emphasized transparency and digital innovation in the accreditation process. The conference continued with a round-table discussion featuring VCs and Directors from public and private universities across Punjab. They shared insights on implementing NEP 2020 and highlighted achievements of their respective institutions, fostering collaboration aimed at driving educational excellence in the state. The Governor expressed optimism that these efforts would position Punjab as a leader in India's educational transformation, setting new benchmarks in quality education and inclusive growth.

# Haryana Chief Sec as Secretary to oversee procurement of add in Mandis



**PNS ■ CHANDIGARH**  
To ensure that all arrangements are in place for smooth and efficient procurement, Haryana Chief Secretary TVSN Prasad on Thursday directed all Administrative Secretaries to personally oversee the ongoing procurement of paddy and millet in the state mandis. He said that the Administrative Secretaries have been asked to visit mandis on Friday to ensure that all arrangements are in place. Presiding over a virtual review meeting with Deputy Commissioners and Divisional Commissioners regarding kharif crops procurement, stubble burning, and the production and sale of firecrackers, Prasad directed the officers to ensure transparency and efficiency in the procurement processes across all mandis in the state. He asked the officers to check the essential facilities such as weighing machines, moisture measuring equipment, transportation, and storage to be fully operational. Furthermore, he directed them to interact with farmers and address any concerns they might have regarding the procurement process. He called on Deputy Commissioners to expedite the lifting of paddy arrived in mandis, as the volume of arrivals is expected to increase in the coming week. Prasad also extended his congratulations to all Deputy Commissioners and other administrative officers for their commendable efforts in ensuring a transparent, fair, and smoothly conducted assembly election process. In light of the ongoing issue of stubble burning and its impact

on air quality, Prasad directed Deputy Commissioners and Divisional Commissioners to take immediate action to monitor and control incidents of stubble burning across the state. He urged them to utilize satellite data and ground reports to actively track fire incidents and work closely with relevant departments such as agriculture and pollution control boards to respond swiftly. He further stressed the need for effective outreach programs to educate farmers on the harmful effects of stubble burning, urging district authorities to promote eco-friendly crop residue management techniques and government subsidies for equipment like super seeders and happy seeders. While strict enforcement measures against violators are necessary, Dr. Prasad emphasized a focus on preventive action through collaboration with the farming community. Ahead of the festival season, Prasad instructed district authorities to enforce a strict ban on the production, sale, and use of firecrackers containing harmful barium salts. In compliance with state and national pollution control measures, only eco-friendly, green firecrackers are to be allowed. Nodal officers should be appointed in each district to monitor the manufacturing, sale, and storage of firecrackers. These officers will work closely with law enforcement agencies to conduct raids on illegal manufacturing units and sales outlets violating the ban. Public awareness campaigns must be launched to inform citizens about the environmental and health benefits of green firecrackers, he added.

# KAP Sinha assumes charge as Punjab's 43rd Chief Secretary

**PNS ■ CHANDIGARH**  
"It is time to pay back the immense love showered by the people of Punjab," said KAP Sinha as he officially took over the role of Punjab's 43rd Chief Secretary at Punjab Civil Secretariat. He replaced Anurag Verma, marking the third appointment of a Chief Secretary in just two and a half years tenure of the Aam Aadmi Party-led State Government. Two years ago, 1989-batch IAS officer VK Janjua was appointed Chief Secretary. Following his retirement, the charge was handed over to Anurag Verma on July 1, 2023. Sinha, an IAS officer from the 1992 batch of the Punjab cadre, also assumed additional responsibilities as the Principal Secretary of Vigilance and General Administration. His appointment comes at a crucial time for the state, with a pressing focus on citizen-centric governance and transparent service delivery. In his inaugural address,

Sinha expressed gratitude for the love and respect he has received throughout his career in Punjab. He emphasized his commitment to tirelessly serve the citizens of Punjab, aiming to facilitate the seamless provision of essential services. "The government is determined to continue delivering services in a transparent and hassle-free manner, prioritizing the overall development of the state," he said, reaffirming his dedication to the welfare schemes initiated by the Punjab Government under Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann. Among those present at the ceremony were senior IAS officers such as Vikas Pratap, Alok Shekhar, DK Tiwari, and several others who shared their experiences of working with Sinha across various departments. They collectively assured him of their unwavering support in achieving the government's objectives for Punjab's prosperity. Before his appointment as Chief Secretary, Sinha served as the Special Chief Secretary-

cum-Financial Commissioner of Revenue. His illustrious career has seen him in various pivotal roles across prestigious departments, including Finance, Taxation, Food and Civil Supplies, Higher Education, Environment and Science and Technology, and General Administration. His diverse experience also includes significant tenures in the Union Government, where he contributed to the Ministries of External Affairs, Industries and Commerce, and Atomic Energy. Notably, he has represented India at various national and international conferences and has served as the Deputy Commissioner of Bathinda and Gurdaspur. The change in leadership comes amid a period of transition for the Punjab Government, which has seen a series of administrative shifts over the past few months. Punjab Government has recently experienced considerable changes in its Cabinet as well, with four Ministers being relieved of their duties about two weeks ago.

# Prioritize Curbing Street Crimes, Eradicating Drugs: Pb DGP to SSPs, CPs

**PNS ■ CHANDIGARH/SANGRUUR**  
Punjab's Director General of Police (DGP) Gaurav Yadav on Thursday issued firm instructions to all field officers across the State, calling for a robust crackdown on street crimes and an unwavering fight against drug trafficking. "Curbing petty crimes like snatching, theft, and burglary, along with eradicating drugs, must be top priorities for the police force," declared DGP Yadav while chairing a high-level meeting of Patiala Range officers in Sangruur on Thursday. He made it clear that police personnel must immediately register FIRs for petty crimes, warning that strict accountability for the concerned officers, whether SSPs, DSPs, or SHOs. DGP Yadav, accompanied by DIG Patiala Range Mandeep Singh Sidhu, held a detailed review of the law and order situation ahead of the upcoming Panchayat elections, directing officers to ensure violence-free and fair polling across the State.

Stressing the importance of maintaining citizen security, he ordered a full-scale deployment of police resources to deal with crimes affecting public safety, including extortion, snatching, and drug-related offenses. To bolster efforts against drug trafficking, DGP Yadav directed the intensification of surveillance through the saturation of Closed Circuit Television (CCTV) cameras in crime hotspots. Control rooms at district and sub-divisional levels will be set up for real-time monitoring. "SSPs must deal with criminals with an iron hand, particularly drug suppliers, by utilizing section 68F of the NDPS Act to freeze their illegally acquired assets," Yadav emphasized. In a bid to involve the public in the anti-drug campaign, the DGP urged police officers to act swiftly on tips received via the newly launched Safe Punjab Anti-Drug Helpline, '979100200', which allows citizens to report drug-related activities anonymously. "This helpline will be a key tool in cutting off the supply of drugs at the

source and bringing offenders to justice," he remarked. As the Panchayat elections approach, DGP Yadav underlined the need for tight security measures and reserved police forces to ensure peaceful polling. He cautioned officers to take decisive action against any attempts to disrupt the election process. "Violence-free elections are non-negotiable, and we must be prepared to handle any potential law and order issues," he asserted. During the meeting, Yadav called for an aggressive approach to crime detection, directing the SSPs to maintain history sheets of habitual offenders, seize properties of drug traffickers, and make full use of modern technology in policing. He also instructed the field officers to personally interrogate suspects involved in serious crimes. Concluding the session, DGP Yadav urged the officers to hold weekly crime review meetings with sub-divisional DSPs and SHOs, emphasizing that proactive crime prevention and swift action are vital to ensuring the safety of Punjab's citizens.

# Punjab Police busts major trans-border drug network in Amritsar

**PNS ■ CHANDIGARH/AMRITSAR**  
In a significant breakthrough in the fight against trans-border narcotics smuggling, Punjab Police has dismantled a drug network in Amritsar, arresting three men, including two brothers and a jail warden. The police recovered 4.5 kg of

heroin and Rs 4.32 lakh in drug money — marking a key victory in the state's ongoing war on drugs. Sharing information, the state Director General of Police (DGP) Gaurav Yadav on Thursday said that the arrested individuals have been identified as Akashdeep Singh alias Akash, and his brother

Satwinderpal Singh alias Satti — both residents of Guru Hargobindpura in Chheharta, Amritsar. The jail warden, Gurmej Singh from Moga, was found to be smuggling heroin into the Central Jail Amritsar, where the drugs were being supplied to incarcerated traffickers. This operation comes just

a day after the arrest of three other drug smugglers in Amritsar, from whom five kg of heroin and Rs 3.95 lakh in drug money were seized. DGP Yadav explained that initial investigations revealed Akashdeep and Satwinderpal were in direct contact with Pakistan-based smugglers using drones to drop drug

consignments across the border. These brothers then passed the narcotics to Gurmej Singh, who smuggled them into the jail. A thorough investigation involving technical intelligence and swift police action led to the arrests, and an FIR has been registered under the NDPS Act. Investigations are ongoing to trace additional links in this

smuggling chain. Amritsar Commissioner of Police (CP) Gurpreet Singh Bhullar, detailing the operation, explained that the Crime Investigation Agency (CIA) Staff-2 received intelligence that a drone-dropped consignment of heroin was hidden at the brothers' residence. Acting swiftly, a police team

# Haryana Rice Millers Association ends strike after assurance from Haryana CM

**PNS ■ CHANDIGARH**  
Following an assurance from Haryana Chief Minister Nayab Singh Saini to resolve all their issues, the Haryana Rice Millers Association on Thursday declared to end their strike and resume lifting paddy in mandis across the state. In a meeting with representatives of the association held in Chandigarh, Saini addressed several demands, noting that maximum demands are related to the Food Corporation of India (FCI) and the Central Government. He assured the representatives that these issues would be taken up with the Central Government to prevent any inconvenience to farmers and traders. In response, the Association thanked the Chief Minister and assured that they would restart the lifting process immediately.

With regard to the request to enhance milling charges, the Chief Minister stated that as milling charges are set by the Government of India, the State Government would request the Central Government regarding the enhancement. In case, milling charges are not enhanced by the Central Government, the State Government may consider granting additional bonus to the millers, he added. He also stated

that the request to restore drriage charges from 0.5 percent to 1 percent would also be taken up. Regarding the out-turn ratio for hybrid paddy, the Chief Minister assured the Association that the matter will be taken up with the Central Government with the recommendation to consider the demand of millers to decrease the out turn ratio. A study has been entrusted to IIT Kharagpur with the representa-

tives of FCI. The study team is likely to visit the rice mills of Haryana in the month of October/November 2024. The Chief Minister assured that adequate arrangements are being made for the storage of 16 lakh metric tons of paddy across various FCI godowns in the state. Currently, 8 lakh metric tons of storage capacity is available, with an additional 8 lakh metric tons expected to be ready by December 2024.

# Marriage, Birth and Death Certificates will soon be available online in Himachal: CM

**PNS ■ SHIMLA**  
Himachal Chief Minister Sukhvir Singh Sukhu on Thursday said that marriage, birth, and death certificates issued by Gram Panchayats across the state will soon be available online. Presiding over a review meeting of the Rural Development and Panchayati Raj Department, he reiterated the government's commitment to deliver essential services to citizens at their doorsteps. The State's economy can only be strengthened through robust rural development and the successful implementation of various schemes is essential for this goal, Sukhu stated. He noted that under the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MNREGA) 344.31 lakh labour days have been achieved in the financial year 2023-24 surpassing the initial target of 275 lakh labour days.

For 2024-25, a target of 300 lakh labour days has been set, of which, 214.51 lakh labour days have already been earned. Sukhu also highlighted the state's progress in making villages Open Defecation Free (ODF) plus models. "In the year 2024-25, a total of 17,582 villages will be transformed into ODF plus models, and 9,203 villages have already achieved this status. An additional 2,347 villages have been verified as ODF plus," he

added. Furthermore, 32 plastic waste management units have been constructed in various development blocks with 26 units already operational. These units will eventually be established in all development blocks. He also focused on the efforts being made under the National Rural Livelihood Mission (NRLM) for women's empowerment. The state has formed 43,161 self-help groups (SHGs) to date providing them

with financial assistance to boost their economic activities, he said. The success of innovative initiatives under the State Rural Livelihood Mission (SRLM) including the opening of 93 'Himera' shops that have collectively sold products worth Rs 1.4 crore during the 2023-24 financial year. Additionally, 80 weekly markets organized by SRLM facilitated sales worth Rs 1.2 crore in the same period. Looking forward, the Chief Minister announced plans to create an online platform for SHGs to market their products, further enhancing their reach and sustainability. He said that the products prepared by 'Himera' were being developed as Premium brands for availability in reputed institutes. These products will soon be displayed in various exhibitions to be organised in Delhi and Chandigarh, he stated.







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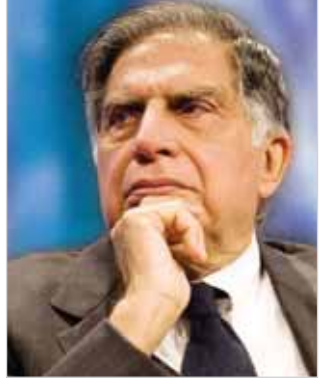
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## India loses its 'Ratan'

Ratan Tata not only redefined Indian business practices but also set new standards for ethical leadership and corporate responsibility

The passing of Ratan Tata, one of India's most influential and revered business leaders, marks the end of an era for Indian industry and philanthropy. A visionary who transformed the Tata Group into a global powerhouse, Ratan Tata not only redefined Indian business practices but also set new standards for ethical leadership and corporate responsibility. His demise has left an indelible void in the Indian business landscape and his contributions will continue to shape India's socio-economic fabric for generations to come. Ratan Tata's leadership of the Tata Group from 1991 to 2012 is widely recognised as a period of extraordinary innovation and growth. He was instrumental in leading the conglomerate's diversification, moving it beyond its traditional industries like steel and textiles into sectors such as information technology, automotive, telecommunications and hospitality. Under his stewardship, Tata Consultancy Services (TCS) became a global leader in IT services. Tata Motors expanded its reach with the acquisitions of British automotive giants Jaguar and Land Rover in 2008. Tata's vision of making India a global player was rooted in a deep sense of nationalism, combined with a keen awareness of global business trends.

Ratan Tata's most cherished moment came when Tata Motors launched the Nano in 2008 despite all odds. Though the Nano did not achieve commercial success, the boldness of the vision highlighted Tata's commitment to solving Indian problems with innovative solutions and realising the aspirations of Indian middle class. Known for his humility and discretion, he always emphasised that businesses should serve society at large. "We have to touch the lives of people in ways



that matter," Tata often said. Nearly two-thirds of Tata Group's profits are directed to social work through Tata Trusts, a remarkable legacy in Indian philanthropy. The Tata Trusts, under his guidance, funded several initiatives in healthcare, education and rural development. Tata maintained a reputation for being soft-spoken and modest, rarely allowing his personal life to take centre stage in the public eye. His leadership during the 2008 Mumbai terror attacks, where the Taj Mahal Palace Hotel was one of the primary targets, showed his resilience. Tata visited the families of affected staff members, providing support and ensuring that the hotel was rebuilt, symbolising the spirit of survival and recovery. Despite numerous achievements, Tata faced failures with grace. His decisions, such as the Nano, received criticism, but he handled setbacks with the dignity that defined him. His resilience and forward-thinking approach is his legacy that would inspire many. Ratan Tata's life was not just about business. His love for architecture, aviation and cars was well known. Despite his status as one of India's richest individuals, he led a simple life, often seen without an entourage, and known for driving himself. With Ratan Tata's passing, India has lost a visionary and a kind hearted leader who would be remembered for his achievements and resilience. Rest in peace!

## PICTALK



People purchase decorative items from a shop ahead of 'Ayudha Pooja' festival, in Bengaluru

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## MSMEs and food processing: A path to economic growth

Revitalising the MSME and food processing sectors in Bihar and Andhra Pradesh, can boost economic growth, raise farmers' incomes and strengthen food security

Both Bihar and Andhra Pradesh have been advocating for special government packages, emphasising the importance of micro, small and medium enterprises (MSME) as a key driver for development. The governments of these states, as well as the central government, recognise the significant potential in the MSME sector, particularly in food processing, and have prioritised it accordingly. Chief Ministers N Chandrababu Naidu and Nitish Kumar share concerns over the stagnation of the MSME sector in recent years, and both are committed to reviving it through various initiatives.

In Andhra Pradesh, Chief Minister Naidu has acknowledged the struggles faced by MSMEs over the past five years, emphasising the need to revitalise the sector. He highlighted the slow progress of MSME parks and raised concerns over pending government incentives, which have hampered the sector's growth. His administration aims to address these challenges by ensuring the release of overdue incentives and enhancing the participation of



farmers in MSME parks. By linking farmers directly to these parks, Naidu envisions a system where agricultural stakeholders can benefit directly from business opportunities. Similarly, Bihar's Chief Minister Nitish Kumar has voiced concerns about MSMEs and infrastructure development in his state. Kumar has aligned with Naidu in recognising the critical role of MSMEs in driving economic growth and ensuring regional prosperity. The coincidence of Bihar's representation in the central government, with ministers like Jitan Ram Manjhi and Chirag Paswan, has further fueled efforts to secure the necessary support for these initiatives. Prime Minister Narendra

Modi has encouraged these ministers to focus on fostering connections between DWCRAs groups and MSMEs to enhance economic opportunities for small enterprises. A significant allocation of Rs 100 crore as a credit guarantee for MSMEs has been announced, underscoring the importance of ensuring financial support for these small businesses. However, meaningful progress in the MSME sector is unlikely unless strong linkages are created between MSMEs and the food processing industry, as these sectors are highly interdependent.

The food processing industry, in particular, has been recognised as a powerful engine for economic growth. India is one of the largest producers of various food items, including milk, fruits, vegetables, millet, tea and fish. This creates a robust foundation for the growth of the food processing sector. India's position as one of the largest and fastest-growing economies in the world is bolstered by the significant role played by the food processing industry in ensuring food security and driving economic expansion.



RAJESH KUMAR SINGH

The Ministry of Food Processing Industries reported that by the end of FY 2022-23, the sector contributed 7.66 per cent of the gross value added (GVA) in manufacturing and 8.45 per cent of the GVA in agriculture. Foreign direct investment (FDI) in the sector has been strong, with Rs 5,290.27 crore in 2021-22 and Rs 2,934.12 crore in 2020-21. However, challenges remain, as processed food exports saw a 17 per cent decline in FY24, dropping from \$13,078.3 million in the previous fiscal to \$10,881.81 million.

To address these challenges and promote growth, the government has implemented several initiatives, including the Pradhan Mantri Kisan Sampada Yojana (PMKSY), Production Linked Incentive Scheme for Food Processing Industries (PLISFPI), and Pradhan Mantri Formalisation of Micro Food Processing Enterprises (PMFME). By increasing processing levels and creating employment, these programs also aim to raise farmers' incomes.

(The writer is a senior journalist; views are personal)



RAJESH KUMAR SINGH

## RATAN TATA IS NO MORE

Madam — A true gem can only be distinguished by its value and brightness. However, if a gem is hidden within a person, its value and sparkle are not visible to recognise it. Ratan Tata, India's famous industrialist, was another such figure whose contributions will be remembered for centuries to come. Everyone knows about his outstanding social efforts and affection for pets. Ratan Tata had a heart that beat for dogs till his last breath. Ratan Tata was nothing short of a deity to the stray dogs roaming the streets, which others looked down on or ignored. The doors of his Taj Hotel were always open to dogs. Ratan Tata asked for aid by posting a photo of a dog on his Instagram account on June 26, 2024.

He posted a lengthy post requesting a blood transfusion for the seven-month-old dog. After that, several people brought their dogs to give blood transfusions. Ratan Tata founded the Small Animal Hospital Mumbai (SAHM), the first of its kind in the country, equipped with state-of-the-art facilities for 24/7 care, inspired by his struggle to find advanced treatment for his dog abroad. He encouraged people to adopt stray dogs rather than buying pets, promoting animal welfare.

Amrapali Roy | Jamshedpur

## KASHMIR REJECTS BJP

Madam — This is in response to the report titled 'Victory for Democracy'. It is strange why one and only the 'reverberations' of the Haryana mandate would travel 'far and wide', but not that handed out by the Jammu and Kashmir electorate! Despite so zealous chest-thumping revolving around the "peace" in Kashmir Valley following the "historic" saga of 5th August 2019, the BJP simply gets thwarted in the region. However, the result is far from surprising, as no self-respecting Kashmiri Muslim will ever vote for a party swearing in the name of Hindutva in this

## Why technology can't ease people's suffering

While advancements in technology have improved lives in many areas, the failure to mitigate the destruction caused by recurring floods exposes a glaring disconnect



VINAYSHIL GAUTAM

The rains were here. They were here for a long time—if one goes by the weeks and months, the news channels were reporting their havoc from one end of the country to the other. From streets in Surat to fields in Biral of Darbhanga, water was found everywhere. From the hills of Himachal to the banks of Kavery, water was found in all the wrong places. Physical devastation and human tragedy were writ large. Rains are not new, and equally clearly, technology is progressing by leaps and bounds.

One wonders when 'the train shall meet'. One would have thought that repeated experiences, such as what Kosi has caused in north Bihar, would have changed the contours of its effects. It would not be the same in terms of embankments breaking in the same style, and it would not be the same manner of misery caused by the devastation of fragile huts and repeated breaking of embankments over and over again. Surely the country that boasts the landing on the moon and explorations of the planet can better respond to the devastations of nature.

There is a missing link somewhere which is so close to all that it's not even visible to the affected people. In some other countries, people are talking and doing as it were. They are changing the course of rivers and planning habitation in a manner that makes life less vulnerable and the potential for tragedy more manageable. To get back to the example of Bihar, whether it be the neighbourhood of the Budhi Gandak River or Kosi, habitations have been built to keep them away from the reach of floods. However, the devastations have their ways of surprising. Consider the recent claim of the UGC Chairman in the printed world about the citations of Indian research in international forums. Consider the pronouncement of the political elite on the scientific breakthroughs of leading centres of science and



technology in the world of research.

All of them are legitimate claims duly annotated and evidence tested. The question remains how much of this technology has altered the quality of life of the people? It is not all a dreary story. Technology has changed the lives of several crores of people, especially in matters which have to do with the supply of clean water. This is as true as the story of the fury of floods.

However, somewhere the coexistence of such opposite experiences remains an enigma and difficult to explain. Science and technology cannot be bereft of responsibilities to society at large. Equally clear is the fact that death and destruction experiences would serve as the bottom line of the outcomes of devastation.

Somehow a bottom connection between technological progress and its tangible effects needs to be established. Somewhere the definition of progress and growth



THEY ARE CHANGING THE COURSE OF RIVERS AND PLANNING HABITATION IN A MANNER THAT MAKES LIFE LESS VULNERABLE AND THE POTENTIAL FOR TRAGEDY MORE MANAGEABLE

has to cover elimination of the same stories of destruction and death in the same regions over and over again. So long as the devastation of Kosi remains an annual affair with the same results most of the time, there is something in the developmental agenda that needs to be addressed. It is not an easy question to answer, especially after decades of application of the prescriptions whether it be a Planning Commission or the Niti Ayog. These questions need to be flagged and repeated till answers are found. In a country filled with bright people like India, there must be actionable solutions to mitigate human misery. Perhaps the part answer would lie in empowering local people with skills, resources, and more to handle local problems. Higher levels of administration, like the district at the state level, have to deal with issues of connectivity, coordination, mobilisation of resources, and using the skills of the people with commitment in

that part of the country to work for the welfare of the local context and the local circumstances. Far too much have rewards been focused on recognition gained abroad and talking of the big and the grand.

While there may be nothing wrong with that recognition and solutions to local problems should be picked up by the decision making system, the influential clientele, and the political elite. A culture has to be built to identify the local problems and use means of technology and resources to handle them at a local level. Interventions of this variety should recognise the same approval and celebration as an invitation from abroad or for that matter making of the great in a foreign institution. Somewhere a paradigm change would help the mitigation of local problems. It can be done and needs to be done.

(The writer is an internationally acclaimed management consultant; The views expressed are personal)

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## Press freedom is sacrosanct



The Supreme Court's recent ruling affirming the right of journalists to criticise the government without retaliatory action comes as a breather for the media's honest warriors—journalists—who do not want to join the bandwagon in sucking up to those in power. However, doubts remain as to how far this momentous judgement will

hold water. The "one man show" that we have witnessed over the past decade offers very little hope that the SC's verdict will be honoured (remember how the SC's dictate that bail, not jail ought to be the rule is being flouted almost to the point of being ignored).

If the PM has a grudge against a "colonial mindset," ordinary Indians have a lot to complain about a "post-colonial mindset," as displayed by not only the present dispensation but the Congress before it. Even before Modi took over in the year 2014, the media was not as independent as expected in a nation that is supposedly rooted in democratic principles. Modi has only picked up from where the Congress left, as far as freedom of the press is concerned.

Avinash Godbole | Dewas

## EXIT POLLS FAIL

Madam — It is not for the first time that the exit polls have proven wrong and detailed methodologies for the recent election surveys were not used. In the 2024 Lok Sabha polls, exit polls overestimated the BJP-led NDA performance, projecting over 400 seats when the alliance actually secured 293. A large number of pollsters in India now failed to accurately predict election outcomes in Haryana and J and K. In Haryana, most agencies had forecast fewer than 30 seats for the BJP, but official results showed the party winning 48 out of 90 seats. Pollsters had predicted 10-year anti-incumbency but proved altogether wrong. Voters in J and K kept parties guessing till the very end. For all the speculative intrigue ahead of J and K's much awaited election, J and K (NC 42, BJP 29, Cong 6) spoke as one—no-hung verdict. Pollsters got it wrong.

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SOLVE YOUR PROBLEMS

We must focus on solving our own problems objectively without going into cyclic thinking



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This is very wise to do. Because we must be the prime movers for this. But we are in denial or wish to make a good impression on others. Mostly, we don't. We go into cyclic thinking; and get obsessed with our problems. This is not solving our problems. On the contrary, we are making them worse. Surprisingly, we have solutions to the problems of others, societies, nations, etc. Some of them may be good because we are likely to be objective about them. This is great except that we are not being asked. Then, there are other limitations. When it is our problem, we see mostly the dark side and do not think about how solving it will benefit us.

Regarding issues of others, we are also not seeing the nature of the person. We assume that they will be perfect without any faults like being ignorant, egoist, etc. Their circumstances may be very different from ours. In short, it is a complete waste of time to think of the problems of others. I have realised this, and now I try to focus on my problems; I have plenty. Out of them, I have chosen the six most important ones. As in my habit, I seek solutions from the Bhagavad-Geeta – the book of eternal wisdom. I will begin with the most pressing, which is being fearful. What has Lord Krishna instructed about this fundamental matter? (Verse # 2.40) In simple language, it means that one should take shelter from God to reduce fears.

I have done this and my fearful tendencies have reduced appreciably. Whenever I become fearful, I pray for guidance and help from



my Lord. Believe it; He guides and helps. My next serious problem is getting sexual thoughts and feelings. Lord Krishna has given its solution too. (3.43) I have realised that I cannot reason my way out of it. For example, I use lots of internet for useful information. What does pop out in between? I am getting good practice to press the Back – button. For the younger lot, the Lord has a solution too. He has allowed 'kama' (passion) in beings according to 'dharma' (religious principles). The third problem I seriously face is not being sincere about taking shelter from God. The tapasya (austerity) required defeats me.

The reason of course is the nature of my body. The mind, the senses and the intelligence all are material, and the tapasya required is spiritual. What is the solution? Pray for help and keep praying. That itself is a spiritual act. You will succeed as I am getting better. The fourth problem, which is a serious challenge for me is my 'ahankar' (ego). With success comes Shankar, i.e. I am superior. What is the solution according to the Geeta? What did Lord Krishna tell Arjuna, "If you don't heed my instructions due to your ahankar, you will perish." (18.58) I try to remind myself whenever I get too puffed up; that I don't wish to perish. The fifth giver of trouble to me is my weakness to gain attention, fame, etc.

I have realised that whatever I have achieved is due to the 'kripa' (mercy) of my Lord. By myself, I am close to zero as a small soul. What did Lord Krishna tell Arjuna? (11.33) I give credit for my successes to my Lord. The last one is interpersonal relationships. I have tried to reform my near and dear ones and surely failed miserably. They will improve when they desire to. It is working especially with my grandchildren. So, I am trying to improve my behaviour. This fits with my original requirement of solving my problems. (The writer is a spiritual teacher; views are personal)

Celebrating unity and reconciliation through art



RAJDEEP PATHAK

In a world fraught with divisions, art transcends barriers, builds bridges. "Weaving Life to Weave Peace," underscores this profound connection



In a world often marked by discord and division, art emerges as a powerful medium that transcends barriers and speaks to our shared humanity. It serves as a universal language that unites people in their collective longing for peace, healing, and reconciliation. Against this backdrop, Gandhi Smriti and Darshan Samiti, in collaboration with the Embassy of Colombia in India, recently hosted a poignant exhibition titled "Weaving Life to Weave Peace," an initiative of 'Tejidos Chakana'. This significant event, held shortly after the celebrations of October 2nd – Gandhi Jayanti, and the International Day of Nonviolence – underscores the deep connection between art and the pursuit of harmony in our world. The exhibition vividly highlights the transformative power of creativity as it honours the countless lives lost to conflict in Colombia – and the world per se – a nation that has weathered its share of internal strife and lost countless innocent citizens.

The Colombian artisans, Mateo Perea Bernal and Nancy Gomez presented an extraordinary array of stunning creations crafted with fine stone beads. Each meticulously designed portrait serves as a heartfelt homage to politicians, journalists, humourists, social thinkers, and others whose lives were tragically cut short by violence. Another defining moment of the exhibition was the unveiling of a remarkable portrait of Mahatma Gandhi, crafted out of an astounding, over 1.4 million stone beads by Ambassador H.E. Mr. Victor Echeverri of Colombia in India, with flags of both the Nations imprinted through the beads.

This unique piece stands as a testament to the ideals of peace and reconciliation that Mahatma Gandhi tirelessly championed throughout his life. In a touching gesture, it was generously donated to the Gandhi Smriti, serving as a fitting tribute to the legacy of a leader who devoted himself to the principles of nonviolence, till the last breath of his life. 'Tejidos Chakana' is a transformative Colombian initiative rooted in ancestral traditions, using the art of weaving to promote peace and reconciliation. Founded by artisans, it honours indigenous techniques and local materials, preserving traditional



THE ARTISANS OF 'TEJIDOS CHAKANA' ARE NOT JUST CREATING OBJECTS OF BEAUTY; THEY ARE WEAVING THE VERY FABRIC OF A PEACEFUL AND UNITED FUTURE FOR THEIR NATION

craftsmanship while providing a platform for artisans to express their stories of struggle and resilience. Each handcrafted piece reflects the creativity and strength of a nation recovering from conflict, weaving narratives of hope and unity for a brighter future. At the heart of 'Tejidos Chakana' is the belief that art can bridge divides and foster understanding. The initiative engages diverse communities through workshops and collaborative projects, empowering individuals to reclaim their voices and share their experiences. This cultural exchange promotes dialogue, enabling people to confront their past and imagine peaceful coexistence. Moreover, through vibrant exhibitions, 'Tejidos Chakana' celebrates the artistry and resilience of Colombian artisans, underscoring their vital role in the larger narrative of peace-building. The initiative is a testament to the power of creativity in healing communities and fostering social impact.

By promoting dialogue and cultural exchange, the aim is to foster an environment where healing can occur, allowing people to confront their past while envisioning a peaceful coexistence. The story of 'Tejidos Chakana' resonates deeply with Mahatma Gandhi's beliefs, particularly his emphasis on the use of hands, creativity, and self-reliance as essential elements of individual and societal transformation. Gandhi often spoke of the profound connection between manual labour and the soul, advocating for the dignity and significance of work that involves the hands.

He would say, "If I were a poet, I would write poetry on the possibilities of my five fingers". In his vision of education, known as 'Nai Talim' or "Basic Education," Mahatma Gandhi stressed the importance of learning through

productive activity, where creativity and craftsmanship were not merely tools for economic independence but essential means for cultivating inner peace, self-reliance, and a deeper connection with one's community. Much like 'Tejidos Chakana,' Mahatma Gandhi viewed the act of creating with one's hands as a form of empowerment, healing, and self-expression. For him, the spinning wheel, or 'charkha,' became a symbol of India's struggle for independence – more than just a tool for producing cloth, it represented self-sufficiency, unity, and the rejection of exploitative systems. By encouraging Indians to spin their yarn and weave their cloth, Gandhi ji promoted the idea that true freedom came from within, not only political or economic autonomy but also spiritual and cultural self-reliance. In both the Gandhian framework and the 'Tejidos Chakana' initiative, the act of weaving transcends its material purpose to become a metaphor for life itself. Just as threads are intricately woven to form a piece of fabric, so too are communities brought together by shared experiences, challenges, and hopes. Mahatma Gandhi believed that individual self-reliance was a precursor to true collective harmony – only when people could stand on their own feet would they be able to contribute meaningfully to the welfare of society.

Similarly, the artisans of 'Tejidos Chakana' are not just creating objects of beauty; they are weaving the very fabric of a peaceful and united future for their nation. Echoing Gandhi's ideas of community empowerment and education, as not merely a process of acquiring academic knowledge, but as a holistic development of the individual within a community setting, where the aim is to foster dialogue and cultural exchange, 'Tejidos Chakana' nurtures an environment of collective

learning, where people confront their past traumas and work together towards reconciliation and in the process healing. This reflects Gandhi's belief in the power of community and the idea that true education is incomplete without the cultivation of moral and social values. Moreover, "Weaving Life to Weave Peace" also aligns with Gandhi's vision of nonviolence, or 'ahimsa,' as an active force for peace-building. Mahatma Gandhi believed that nonviolence was not just the absence of physical conflict but the presence of love, compassion, and understanding. In conclusion, it can be said without exaggeration that such powerful initiatives invite the world to witness the power of art as a catalyst for change, encouraging humankind to appreciate the beauty that arises from the collective journeys toward reconciliation and understanding. Moreover, through the lens of art, "Weaving Life to Weave Peace" commemorates the past and inspires hope for a future without conflicts, thereby promoting collective responsibility in weaving a tapestry of peace for generations to come.

As we engage with these artistic expressions, we are reminded that every bead, every creation, and every story contribute to a larger narrative of healing and unity in our world. In celebrating these artistic expressions, we honour the timeless message that true peace begins with the work we do ourselves – both in our hearts and with our hands.

This is evident as Ambassador Victor points out that if one bead breaks, the entire frame collapses, signifying the unifying strength of community and peace-building. They are what can be called, "Peace Beads". (The writer is Programme Executive, Gandhi Smriti and Darshan Samiti; views are personal)

India's nutrition paradox: Tackling hidden hunger amid food sufficiency

The Global Hunger Index 2023 ranks India 111th out of 125 countries, highlighting that malnutrition, stunting and micronutrient deficiencies remain widespread

While India is not a country of widespread starvation, it does face significant challenges related to undernutrition and hidden hunger, particularly in rural areas. India has achieved self-sufficiency in food production and implemented programs to improve food access, such as the National Food Security Act and the National Nutrition Mission. However, issues like micronutrient deficiencies and income disparities exacerbate food insecurity in certain regions.

**India's Nutrition Paradox:** The Global Hunger Index (GHI) 2023 ranks India 111th out of 125 countries, highlighting significant challenges with undernutrition, particularly among children. Though India



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produces enough food to meet caloric needs, ensuring nutritional adequacy remains a challenge. The National Family Health Survey (NFHS-5, 2019-2021) shows that while caloric intake is generally adequate, undernutrition persists—35.5 per cent of children under five are stunted, and 19.3 per cent suffer from wasting. Micronutrient deficiencies, such as anaemia due to iron deficiency among women and

vitamin deficiencies among children, further contribute to hidden hunger. Economic disparities and social inequities, including gender inequality and limited healthcare access, play significant roles in perpetuating undernutrition.

Poorer segments of the population often lack access to a diverse, nutritious diet and rely heavily on staples like rice and wheat, with inadequate consumption of fruits, vegetables, and proteins.

**Community-Led Nutrition Hubs:** A Promising Solution Community-led nutrition hubs provide a grassroots approach to addressing food insecurity. Unlike top-down methods, these hubs leverage local knowledge and leadership to create sustainable, con-

text-specific solutions. They focus on balanced, nutritious diets rather than just caloric intake, helping to build community resilience against undernutrition.

**Promoting Dietary Diversity:** Nutrition hubs encourage the consumption of diverse foods, including fruits, vegetables, legumes, and animal products, essential for a balanced diet. By promoting dietary diversity, these hubs address micronutrient deficiencies and hidden hunger.

**Supporting Vulnerable Groups:** These hubs effectively reach vulnerable populations like children, pregnant women, and the elderly. They provide tailored nutritional support, fortified foods, supplements, and education on specific nutritional needs.



**Leveraging Local Agriculture:** Nutrition hubs support local food production and sustainable agricultural practices, increasing access to fresh, nutritious foods. This approach reduces dependence on external food supplies, which can be affected by price fluctuations and supply chain disruptions, particularly amid climate change.

**Impact of Community-Led**

**Nutrition Hubs:** Data from various studies highlight the effectiveness of community-led initiatives in improving nutritional outcomes and resilience. For example, a 2022 report by the Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO) noted a 20 per cent reduction in stunting rates among children under five in regions of Uttar Pradesh following the introduction of nutrition hubs.

The Global Nutrition Report 2023 showed that such hubs have improved micronutrient intake, with a 30 per cent increase in iron-rich food consumption among women in Maharashtra, significantly reducing anaemia. The Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) also found that communities practising

sustainable agriculture supported by nutrition hubs had a 20 per cent increase in crop yields during droughts compared to traditional methods.

**A Whole-of-Society Approach:** Achieving the vision of a "Viksit Bharat" hinges on ensuring food security and building resilience through community-led initiatives. However, these goals require a whole-of-society approach that involves all community members, not just women. Men as Partners: Encouraging men to participate in nutrition hubs, whether through farming, cooking, or community organising, helps distribute responsibility more equitably and promotes gender equity.

**Youth Engagement:** Involving young people in these efforts

ensures the continuation of community-led initiatives and brings fresh ideas and energy to the table.

**Local Govt Support:** Local governments can support and scale these initiatives by providing funding, policy support, and infrastructure, making nutrition hubs integral parts of community development.

**Gender Equity and Shared Responsibility:** While women are often on the frontlines of nutrition and food security, the burden should not fall solely on them. Engaging men, youth, and local governance helps create more equitable and sustainable solutions. (The writer is Director - Centre for Strategic Communications for Public Health at Swasti; views are personal)

# South Korean author Han Kang gets Nobel prize in literature

AP ■ STOCKHOLM

The Nobel Prize in literature was awarded Thursday to South Korean author Han Kang for what the Nobel committee called “her intense poetic prose that confronts historical traumas and exposes the fragility of human life.” Mats Malm, permanent secretary of the Swedish Academy’s Nobel Committee, announced the prize in Stockholm. Han, 53, won the International Booker Prize in 2016 for “The Vegetarian,” an unsettling novel in which a woman’s decision to stop eating meat has devastating consequences. Her novel “Human Acts” was an International Booker Prize finalist in 2018. The literature prize has long faced criticism that it is too



focused on European and North American writers of style-heavy, story-light prose. It has also been male-dominated, with just 17 women among its 119 laureates so far. The last woman to win was Annie Ernaux of France, in 2022. Six days of Nobel announcements opened Monday with

Americans Victor Ambros and Gary Ruvkun winning the medicine prize. Two founding fathers of machine learning — John Hopfield and Geoffrey Hinton — won the physics prize on Tuesday. On Wednesday, three scientists who discovered powerful techniques to decode and even design novel proteins were awarded the Nobel Prize in chemistry. The Nobel Peace Prize will be announced Friday and the economics award on October 14. The 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.

# Hurricane Milton slams Florida, causes deaths and flooding

AP ■ TAMPA (US)

Hurricane Milton plowed into Florida as a Category 3 storm, bringing misery to a coast still ravaged by Helene, pounding cities with winds of over 100 mph (160 kph) after producing a barrage of tornadoes, but sparing Tampa a direct hit. The storm tracked to the south in the final hours and made landfall Wednesday night in Siesta Key near Sarasota, about 70 miles (112 kilometers) south of Tampa. The situation in the Tampa area was still a major emergency as St. Petersburg recorded over 16 inches (41 centimeters) of rain, prompting the National Weather Service

poweroutage.us, which tracks utility reports. Before Milton even made landfall, tornadoes were touching down across the state. The Spanish Lakes Country Club near Fort Pierce, on Florida’s Atlantic Coast, was hit particularly hard, with homes destroyed and some residents killed. “We have lost some life,” St. Lucie County Sheriff Keith Pearson told WPBF News, though he wouldn’t say how many people were killed. About 125 homes were destroyed before the hurricane came ashore, many of them mobile homes in communities for senior citizens, said Kevin Guthrie, the director of the Florida Division of Emergency

Management. About 90 minutes after making landfall, Milton was downgraded to a Category 2 storm. By early Thursday, the hurricane was a Category 1 storm with maximum sustained winds of about 85 mph (135 kph) as it churned about 35 miles (55 kilometers) south of Orlando. Heavy rains were also likely to cause flooding inland along rivers and lakes as Milton traverses the Florida Peninsula as a hurricane, eventually to emerge in the Atlantic Ocean on Thursday. It is expected to impact the heavily populated Orlando area. The storm slammed into a region still reeling two weeks after Hurricane Helene flooded streets and homes in western Florida and left at least 230 people dead



to warn of flash flooding there as well as other parts of western and central Florida. Tropicana Field, the home of the Tampa Bay Rays baseball team in St. Petersburg, appeared badly damaged. The fabric that serves as the domed stadium’s roof was ripped to shreds by the fierce winds. It was not immediately clear if there was damage inside. Multiple cranes were also toppled in the storm, the weather service said. St. Petersburg residents also could no longer get water from their household taps because a water main break led the city to shut down service. The storm knocked out power across a large section of Florida, with more than 3 million homes and businesses without power as of early Thursday, according to

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across the South. In many places along the coast, municipalities raced to collect and dispose of debris before Milton’s winds and storm surge could toss it around and compound any damage. Officials had issued dire warnings to flee or face grim odds of survival. “This is it, folks,” said Cathie Perkins, emergency management director in Pinellas County, which sits on the peninsula that forms Tampa Bay. “Those of you who were punched during Hurricane Helene, this is going to be a knockout. You need to get out, and you need to get out now.” By late afternoon, some officials said the time had passed for such efforts, suggesting that people who stayed behind hunker down instead. By the evening, some counties announced they had suspended emergency services. Jackie Curnick said she wrestled with her decision to stay at home in Sarasota, just north of where the storm made landfall. But with a 2-year-old son and a baby girl due Oct. 29, Curnick and her husband thought it was for the best. Curnick said they started packing Monday to evacuate, but they couldn’t find any available hotel rooms, and the few they came by were too expensive. She said there were too many unanswered questions if they got in the car and left: Where to sleep, if they’d be able to fill up their gas tank, and if they could even find a safe route out of the state. “The thing is it’s so difficult to evacuate in a peninsula,” she said. “In most other states, you can go in any direction to get out. In Florida there are only so many roads that take you north or south.” At a news conference in Tallahassee, Gov. Ron DeSantis described deployment of a wide range of resources, including 9,000 National Guard members from Florida and other states; over 50,000 utility workers from as far as California; and highway patrol cars with sirens to escort gasoline tankers to replenish supplies so people could fill up their tanks before evacuating. “Unfortunately, there will be fatalities. I don’t think there’s any way around that,” DeSantis said. Heavy rain and tornadoes lashed parts of southern Florida starting Wednesday morning, with conditions deteriorating throughout the day.

# China defiant over South China Sea skirmishes in ASEAN talks

AP ■ VIENTIANE (LAOS)

Southeast Asian leaders stepped up pressure on China to respect international law following clashes in the disputed South China Sea during annual summit talks on Thursday, but Chinese Premier Li Qiang was defiant as he blamed “external forces” for interfering in regional affairs. The 10-member Association of Southeast Asian Nations’ meeting with Li followed recent violent confrontations at sea this year between China and ASEAN members Philippines and Vietnam that heightened unease over China’s increasingly assertive actions in the contested waters. Malaysian Prime Minister Anwar Ibrahim, who will take over the rotating ASEAN chair next year, said the bloc has called for an early conclusion to a code of conduct to govern the South China Sea. Talks on the code of conduct have been ongoing for years, hampered by sticky issues including disagreements over whether the pact should be binding. ASEAN reiterated the need to maintain peace and security in the strategic waterway, he said, according to Malaysian national news agency Bernama. But Li said meddling by foreign forces is creating conflicts with-

in the region. “We must realize that our development is also facing some unstable and uncertain factors. In particular, external forces frequently interfere and even try to introduce bloc confrontation and geopolitical conflicts into Asia,” Li said during an ASEAN meeting with China, Japan and South Korea. He called for more dialogue between countries to ensure disputes are resolved amicably. Li didn’t name the foreign forces but China has previously warned the US not to meddle in the region’s territorial disputes. US Secretary of State Antony Blinken, who arrived in Vientiane on Thursday for the meetings, is expected to raise the issue of China’s aggression in the sea, officials said. The US has no claims but it has deployed Navy ships and fighter jets to patrol the waterway and promote freedom of navigation and overflight. ASEAN members Vietnam, the Philippines, Malaysia and Brunei along with Taiwan have overlapping claims with China, which claims sovereignty over virtually all of the South China Sea. Chinese and Philippine vessels have clashed repeatedly this year, and Vietnam said last week that Chinese forces assaulted its fishermen in the

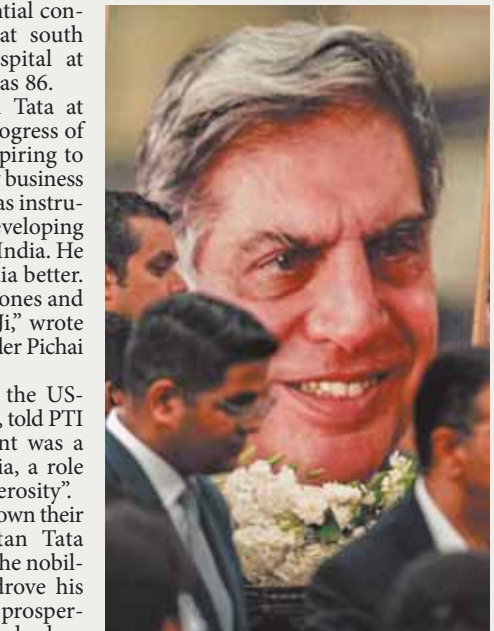
disputed sea. China has also sent patrol vessels to areas that Indonesia and Malaysia claim as exclusive economic zones. Philippines President Ferdinand Marcos Jr made clear to Li during talks Thursday that ASEAN-China cooperation cannot be separated from the sea dispute, according to an ASEAN official who declined to be named due to the sensitivity of the discussion. Li responded by saying the South China Sea is “a shared home” and that China has an obligation to protect its sovereignty, the official said. The Philippines, a longtime US ally, has been critical of other ASEAN countries for not doing more to get China to back away. Aside from regional security issues, China’s Li also emphasized Beijing and ASEAN’s economic ties, saying intensifying trade relations and creating an “ultra large-scale market” are keys to economic prosperity amid rising trade protectionism. ASEAN and China said they expect to conclude negotiations to upgrade their free trade pact next year. Since the two sides signed the pact covering a market of 2 billion people in 2010, ASEAN’s trade with China has leaped from USD 235.5 billion to USD 696.7 bil-

# America mourns death of Ratan Tata, who ‘drove India to prosperity’

PTI ■ WASHINGTON

The US on Wednesday mourned the death of veteran industrialist and philanthropist Ratan Naval Tata, remembering him as someone who drove India to greater prosperity and development. Tata, the former Tata Group chairman who transformed a staid group into India’s largest and most influential conglomerate, breathed his last at south Mumbai’s Breach Candy Hospital at 11.30 pm on Wednesday. He was 86. “My last meeting with Ratan Tata at Google, we talked about the progress of Waymo and his vision was inspiring to hear. He leaves an extraordinary business and philanthropic legacy and was instrumental in mentoring and developing modern business leadership in India. He deeply cared about making India better. Deep condolences to his loved ones and Rest in Peace Shri Ratan Tata Ji,” wrote Google and Alphabet CEO Sunder Pichai on X.

cancer hospitals and his legendary care for the dogs of Tata House,” he said. “It is with profound sadness that the Indiaspora community acknowledges the passing of Ratan Tata, a visionary leader, compassionate philanthropist, and one of India’s most respected business icons,” said MR Rangaswami, the founder of Indiaspora.



“His extraordinary contribution to industry and his deep commitment to social causes have left an indelible mark not only on India but the world at large. Ratan Tata’s legacy will continue to inspire generations. His spirit and contributions will forever remain a guiding light,” he told PTI. Ratan Tata, a Cornell graduate, was a for-

mer Cornell trustee who became the university’s largest international donor, the university said on Wednesday. “Ratan Tata has left an extraordinary legacy in India, across the world and at Cornell, which he cared about deeply,” said interim President Michael I. Kotlikoff. “Ratan’s quiet demeanor and humility belied his international profile. His generosity and concern for others enabled research and scholarship that improved the education and health of millions of people in India and beyond, and extended Cornell’s global impact,” he said. “When Ratan Tata graduated from Cornell with a degree in architecture, it would have been impossible to imagine the global impact his visionary leadership, philanthropy and commitment to humanity would go on to have in advancing education and research across many sectors,” said J. Meejin Yoon, the Dean of Cornell University College of Architecture, Art, and Planning. Ratan Tata served three terms as a Cornell trustee from 2006 to 2022. He was named Cornell’s Entrepreneur of the Year in 2013 and served from 2014 on as a member of AAP’s Advisory Council. Ira Druker, an American philanthropist, said: “Looking back over Ratan’s life and career, I am not only filled with gratitude for all he has given and accomplished but also with a deep respect for his kindness, generosity and eternal optimism that has improved lives in India and around the world.” “Ratan Tata, one of India’s most powerful and admired magnates, who transformed his family’s business conglomerate, the Tata Group, into a multinational corporation with globally recognisable brands, has died at 86,” The New York Times wrote.

# UK minister pays homage to ‘titan’ of business world

PTI ■ LONDON

UK Business and Trade Secretary Jonathan Reynolds paid homage to Ratan Tata as a “titan” of the business world who played a huge role in shaping British industry. Soon after the news of the Tata Group chief’s passing away hit the headlines on Wednesday night, the minister took to social media to offer his tributes to the man credited with much of the Mumbai-headquartered company’s reputation as one of the largest employers in the UK. It was during his tenure as chairman of the Tata Group that the multinational made several high-profile acquisitions in the UK — taking over Anglo-Dutch steel-maker Corus, luxury car brands Jaguar and Land Rover (JLR) and Tetley, the well-known global tea brand. “Sad to hear about the passing of Ratan Tata. He was truly a titan of the business world and someone who played a huge role in shaping British industry,” said Reynolds. “My thoughts and prayers are with his friends, family and everyone in the Tata Group,” he said. The Tata Group’s footprint in the UK includes its ownership of the country’s largest steelworks at Port Talbot in south Wales, currently undergoing a mega green transformation towards electric arc furnace. The steel giant is one of Europe’s leading

steel producers, with steelmaking in the Netherlands and the UK, and manufacturing plants across Europe. The company’s tube products are used across a broad range of industries, including construction, machinery fabrication, energy and automotive. In July last year, the Tata Group is to invest over GBP 4 billion in setting up a new electric vehicle (EV) battery plant, or gigafactory, in Britain which will create thousands of jobs across the supply chain. With Tata Motors owned JLR as the anchor customer of the new gigafactory with an initial output of 40GWh, the venture is one of the largest in Europe. While he had retired a few years ago, Ratan Tata is credited with setting the company on its growth trajectory in the UK and Europe. Beginning with Tata Tea’s acquisition of Tetley in 2000, Tata companies made several significant overseas acquisitions including Corus by Tata Steel, Jaguar and Land Rover by Tata Motors and Brunner Mond by Tata Chemicals. In 2004, Ratan Tata, then Chairman of Tata Sons, summed up the Tata group’s efforts to internationalise its operations thus: “I hope that a hundred years from now we will spread our wings far beyond India, that we become a global group, operating in many countries, an Indian business conglomerate that is at home in the world, carrying the same sense of trust that we do today.”

# High Commissioner leads minute’s silence in memory of Tata

PTI ■ LONDON

Indian High Commissioner to the UK Vikram Doraiswami led a minute’s silence in the memory of Ratan Tata as news of the passing away of the legendary businessman, aged 86, came in from Mumbai. During a pre-scheduled Diwali reception co-hosted by the High Commission of India in London with the India All Party Parliamentary Group (APPG) near the Houses of Parliament in London on Wednesday, Doraiswami paid tribute to the Tata Group chair as a great champion of the India-UK partnership. “On a sombre note, I share the news with great sorrow of the passing of one of India’s most celebrated businessmen Ratan Tata,” said Doraiswami, addressing a cross-party gathering of parliamentarians, entrepreneurs and community leaders. “No man has embodied the India-UK partnership quite as much as Ratan Tata did. This is a man for whom Mumbai/India and London/UK were both home. This is a man who created the sense of an India-UK partnership embodied in everything — from Air India, which is back as Tata airline, to Jaguar Land Rover (JLR) to Taj Hotel to Tata Steel to indeed everything, including industries of the future with his decision to invest in a battery factory in the UK,” he said. Lord Karan Bilimoria, founder of Cobra beer and co-chair of the India APPG, paid tribute to a “fellow Parsi” who worked hard to nurture the bonds between India and Britain.

# Turkiye’s navy starts to evacuate its citizens from Beirut

AP ■ BEIRUT

Over 2,000 Turkish citizens and some foreign started boarding a Turkish military ship late Wednesday that brought in aid and will take them out of a country being hit by Israeli airstrikes targeting Hezbollah. Zehra Cibbin, an ethnic Arab from the southeastern Turkish city of Mardin who lives in Beirut with her Lebanese husband, got off a bus packed with the other evacuees, her two children in tow and luggage in hand. “It’s indescribable. They bombed the street below our house. From that moment on, it was over for me, I said I didn’t want to stay in Beirut anymore,” said Cibbin, 46. Cibbin said they decided to leave Beirut out of fear for their lives, putting no thought into what will happen when they arrive in Turkey. She spoke to The Associated Press before getting in line to board the TCG Bayraktar amphibious landing vessel, which along with the TCG Sancaktepe will take on evacuees. They are part of a six-ship convoy including escorts that set sail from the southern Turkish port of Mersin early Wednesday, transported 300 tons of humanitarian supplies, including food, hygiene kits, kitchenware, tents, beds and blankets.

Besides the Turkish citizens, people from Bulgaria, Romania and Kazakhstan were among those who applied to evacuate on the ships. Officials did not provide numbers. The Associated Press was the only non-government media invited aboard the ships to cover the evacuation operation. “Israel’s aggression has severely impacted Lebanon and our brothers here,” said Turkish Ambassador to Lebanon Ali Baris Ulusoy, standing in front of the Bayraktar. “We are carrying out an operation today with two aims: to provide humanitarian aid to our Lebanese brothers and to ensure the safe return of our citizens who are in a difficult situation,” Ulusoy said. Hundreds lined up before the Bayraktar as Turkish soldiers and sailors checked the evacuees’ passports and their luggage was examined by metal detectors and drug-sniffing dogs before they were allowed to board. Another Turkish citizen waiting with her family was Abir Gokcimen, who said she left her extended family and husband in Beirut and hopes the war that spread to Lebanon will end soon. She hopes to come back to Lebanon as soon as the danger passes. The journey back to Mersin is

expected to take about 10 hours. Turkey’s government plans to organise more sea evacuations if necessary and is contemplating charter flights to repatriate citizens. Hezbollah began firing rockets into northern Israel on October 8, 2023, the day after Hamas’ surprise attack into Israel ignited the war in Gaza. Hezbollah and Hamas are both allied with Iran, and Hezbollah says its attacks are aimed at aiding the Palestinians. Israel has carried out airstrikes in response and the conflict steadily escalated, erupting into a full-fledged war last month. Israel has inflicted a punishing wave of blows against Hezbollah in recent weeks and says it will keep fighting until tens of thousands of displaced Israeli citizens can return to their homes in the north. More than 1,300 people have been killed in Lebanon and over a million displaced since the fighting escalated in mid-September. Earlier on Wednesday, Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan ramped up his rhetoric against Israel during his party’s first meeting of the new legislative year, declaring that Turkey “has more than enough power to thwart expansionist ambitions” of Israel and doubling down on his claims that Israel would target Turkey after Gaza and Lebanon.



# Israeli strike on Gaza shelter kills at least 27

**AP ■ DEIR AL-BALAH**

An Israeli strike on a school sheltering the displaced in the Gaza Strip killed at least 27 people on Thursday, Palestinian medical officials said.

The Israeli military said it targeted militants hiding among civilians, without providing evidence.

Israel has continued to strike at what it says are militant targets across the Palestinian enclave even as attention has shifted to its war against Hezbollah in Lebanon and rising tensions with Iran. The military launched a large-scale air and ground operation against Hamas in northern Gaza earlier this week.

In a separate development, a United Nations official said Israeli forces fired on three positions of the UN peacekeeping force in Lebanon, wounding two peacekeepers. The official was not authorised to brief media and spoke on condition of anonymity.

The Al-Aqsa Martyrs Hospital, where the bodies were brought, said the strike in the central town of Deir al-Balah killed 27 people, including a child and seven women. It said several other people were wounded. An Associated Press reporter saw ambulances streaming into the hospital and counted the bodies, many of which arrived in pieces.

"We appeal to the world. We are dying!" one man screamed.

The Israeli military said it carried out a precise strike targeting a militant command and control centre inside the school. Israel has repeatedly attacked schools that were turned into shelters in Gaza, accusing militants of hiding out in them.

Witnesses who spoke on condition of

anonymity for security reasons said the strike occurred while school managers were meeting with representatives of an aid group in a room normally used by Hamas-run police who provide security. They said there were no police in the room at the time.

The Hamas-run government operated a civilian police force numbering in the tens of thousands. They largely vanished from the streets after the start of the war as Israel targeted them with airstrikes, but plainclothes Hamas security personnel still exert control over most areas.

Hamas has continued to launch attacks on Israeli forces and fire occasional rockets into Israel more than a year after its October 7 attack ignited the war.

Hamas-led militants stormed into Israel and rampaged through army bases and farming communities in that attack, killing some 1,200 people, mostly civilians, and abducting around 250 others. They are still holding around 100 captives, a third of whom are believed to be dead.

Israel's offensive has killed over 42,000 Palestinians, according to local health authorities, who do not say how many

were fighters but say women and children make up more than half of the fatalities. The war has destroyed large areas of Gaza and displaced around 90 per cent of its population of 2.3 million people, often multiple times.

The Hezbollah militant group in Lebanon began firing rockets into Israel on October 8, 2023, in support of Hamas and the Palestinians, drawing Israeli airstrikes in retaliation.

The fighting steadily escalated, and eventually boiled over into all-out war in recent weeks, with Israel carrying out waves of heavy strikes across Lebanon and launching a ground invasion. Hezbollah has expanded its rocket fire to more populated areas deeper inside Israel, causing few casualties but disrupting daily life.

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

General public is hereby informed that my client Mr. Vivekanth Shela S/o Sh. Vivek Rana & Smt. Shreya Dhama is residing at F-24/208, Sector-3, Rohini, New Delhi-110085 and his (Vivekanth Rana's) actual date of birth is 18.12.2003, which is correctly mentioned in all re-levant documents of my client.

**AMRENDRA NATH SHUKLA (Advocate)**

Ch.No. 717, Lawaya's Chamber Block, Rohini Court, Delhi

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

The General Public is Informed that Smt. Rajkumari Gupta D/o Late Shri Banarasi Dass is the Owner of Plot No. F-25, Block-F, Kirti Nagar New Delhi 110015. And The Original Sale Deed dated 06/01/1969 in Favour of Permanand Sharma executed by Rehabilitation Housing Corporation Ltd has been lost. If anyone Found these Original Documents and have any objection Regarding these Documents of the Property, Inform me on my given Mob No.-9911004142 Within 7 days.

**Yogesh Kumar (Advocate)**

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

General public is hereby informed that Mrs. Sewa Dabey is the owner of Residential House, area measuring 50 sq. Yards or 4180 sq. Mtrs. out of Khara No. 87, situated in village Shargol Begampur, Pargana and Tehsil- Bahri, District- Gautam Budh Nagar, U.P. by virtue of Sale Deed No. 292/2014. Vide No. 49/1, Sale Deed dated 08/05/2008 Vide Doc. No. 1155 Sale Deed dated 20/11/2019 Vide Doc. No. 387 and original GPA. AT & Will dated 07/04/2007, pertaining to the aforesaid property has been lost and complaint bearing, LK No. 29/96/2024 was registered on 09/10/2024 with Delhi Police. Any person(s) found in possession of aforesaid original documents should immediately contact the undersigned with original property document, within 7 days from date of this notice on below address, failing which, the claim as per aforesaid sale deed shall be treated as null and void in respect of the subject property.

**Raghav V.K. Legal (Advocate)**

Ch. 830, Patiala House Courts, New Delhi-110001 Mob:- +91-8078989828

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

NOTICE is hereby given to the General Public that of Mr. Kehar Singh S/o Sh. Bharat Singh, through Khator(Jambhanti), is the owner of property bearing address Freehold Residential House built on Plot, area 100 sq. yds. of Falling under Khara No. 235, situated at Village-Beha Hazpur, Tehsil-Loni, Distt.-Ghaziabad (U.P.) A registered General Power of Attorney dated on 03.03.1998 was executed by Mr. Kehar Singh in favour of Mr. Prembar Singh Dhama. Further, another registered General Power of Attorney dated 12.04.1999 was issued by Mr. Prembar Singh Dhama in favour of Mr. Rajender Kumar Jain and the property is now being sold by Mr. Umesh Kumar Saxena & Mrs. Anuradha Sangar (lending borrower) and the same property being financed by SMFG India Home Finance Co. Ltd. General Public hereby informed that if anybody has any charge/ interest/Title in the said property or any kind of dispute kindly inform the undersigned in writing on the below mentioned address within 07 days of the present.

**TAPAN RAGHAV (ADVOCATE),**

Ch. No. G-220, Kardarkooda Courts, Delhi-110032.

Email- raghavtk.legal@gmail.com, Phone- 8800995622

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Director, Railway Stores (W), Ministry of Railways, Railway Board, Government of India invites e-tender for Procurement of 17 Nos. End Unloading Kares (EUR) using BRNHS (BG) wagons for transportation of 260m long rail panels from SAIL/Bhilai to RDSO Specification No. WD-06-BRN-2011 of March 2011.

2.0 The interested tenderers are advised to visit the website <http://ireps.gov.in> for details of the tender and submission of their e-bids.

3.0 No manual offers will be accepted against e-tender.

4.0 Tender will be closed at 10:00 hours on 18.11.2024.

5.0 Any corrigendum to this tender will be published on the website <http://ireps.gov.in> only and not in print media.

**Director, Railway Stores (W), Ministry of Railways, Railway Board, New Delhi,** for and on behalf of the President of India.

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\* Only shortlisted candidates will be called for the interview.

\* Experience Certificate (if any) must mention designation of the post, Pay Scale, Period and must be countersigned by the concerned DDE Zone.

\* Blank Application Form to be collected (Free of cost) from school office on all working days between 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM.

\* Application Form duly completed in all respects along with self attested copies of testimonials should reach through Speed Post/Regd. Post to the Chairman/Manager Sukho Khalsa Sr. Sec. School, Jail Road, Janak Puri, New Delhi- 110058 within 21 days from the date of Advertisement. Thereafter no Application will be accepted No application will be received by hand.

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

1. Ashok Kumar, son of Shri Shiv Karan Lal, Resident of Jhuggi No. 144/102, K Block, T.H.U, opposite Mig Flats, Jahangirpur, Delhi-33, has evicted my son Sonu and daughter-in-law Lakshmi from my movable and immovable property for not following my instructions. If any person has any kind of transaction or connection with Sonu and Lakshmi, he will be responsible. Me (Ashok Kumar) will have no responsibility.

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

It is informed to the public at large that Mr. Jeeat Singh who wants to purchase the Freehold SFS Flat No.330, Category-III, on First Floor, situated in Pocket-L, Sarita Vihar, New Delhi-110076 from Mrs. Angela Sawhney owner vide Release Deed with Consideration dated 11.04.2012 (vide Doc.No.5603) executed by Mrs. Nilia Dal and same to be financed & mortgaged by Aditya Birla Housing Finance Ltd. That SMC of Late Mr. Jagdish Mittar is not available. If any person having any type of claim/right/interest over the said property, may inform in writing, at the address mentioned below about his objections, within 7 days from today, failing which it shall be presumed that the said property is free from all type of Encumbrances, liens etc.

**B-93B, Second Floor, Opp. SBI Bank, Sector 2, Noida, U.P.-201301 Contact No: 0120-4293973**

**TSR(P) WORKS IN ALIPURDAR DIVISION**

**E-Tender Notice No. 94/W-2/APJD**

**Dated: 08-10-2024. E-Tender are invited by the undersigned for the following works:**

**Tender No.: 23-AP-II-2024. Name of Property: New Mal Jn. Alipurjard Jn. (S.L.)-TSR(P)-22.00 Tm & Siliguri Jn.-New Mal Jn. (S.L.)-TSR(P)-17.00 Tm. Tender Value: ₹18,11,79,388.85/- Earnest Money : ₹10,55,900/-.** Date & time of Closing of tender at 13:00 hrs. and opening at 15:00 hrs. on 04-11-2024. For details please visit in the website <http://www.ireps.gov.in>.

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Notice is hereby given to the General Public that Mohd. Majid S/o Mr. Vajid is the owner of BUILT-UP PROPERTY BEARING NO. 13, LAND AREA MEASURING 50 SQ. YDS. SITUATED AT THE SITE NO. 978, SITUATED AT VILLAGE BEHA HAZPUR, IN THE ABAD OF RAGHUNATH COLONY, PARGANA, G.A. DISTRICT GHAZIABAD, U.P. by virtue of Gift Deed dated 27.09.2024, regd. as Doc. No. 17412, executed by Mr. Vajid S/o Mr. Fida, and same to be financed by SMFG India Credit Company Limited, General Public hereby informed that if anybody has any charge/interest in the said property or any kind of dispute kindly inform the undersigned in writing on the below mentioned address within 07 days of the present.

**Mrs. Prason Lata & Rahul Raj Pathak, Advocate**  
FF 18, Lotus, Pond Plaza, Vihar Khari, Indraprastha, New Delhi-110014. Tel: 011-2717264, 01244-03100

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Notice is hereby given to the General Public that Mrs. Durga is the owner of PLOT BEARING NO. 60, AREA MEASURING 50 SQ. YDS., FALLING IN KHASRA NO. 978, SITUATED AT THE SITE NO. 978, SITUATED AT COLONY RAN PARK EXTN., VILLAGE HALKAT PURLI, ALAKHABAD, PARGANA, G.A. DISTRICT GHAZIABAD, U.P. by virtue of Sale Deed dated 26.06.2020, regd. as Doc. No. 1380, executed by Mr. Dhinesh Kumar Singh, and in this Sale Deed plot no. was wrongly mentioned as 60 instead of 61, and same to be financed by SMFG India Credit Company Limited, General Public hereby informed that if anybody has any charge/interest in the said property or any kind of dispute kindly inform the undersigned in writing on the below mentioned address within 07 days of the present.

**Mrs. Prason Lata & Rahul Raj Pathak, Advocate**  
FF 18, Lotus, Pond Plaza, Vihar Khari, Indraprastha, New Delhi-110014. Tel: 011-2717264, 01244-03100

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To be known to all that I, Sohni Pal S/o Kharab Lal Resident of H.No. 222, Jatey, Haryana town Shaba Dist. Bagnapur UP Pin 250101, and the allottee of VDA EWS flat No. 22/G, Block-4, Shwaji Marg, Delhi, Vide DDA's File No. E/488(21)2018/DDA 14/S4. My original document vide Demand Letter of above said flat has been misplaced. An Information Report of the said flat has been lodged in Police Station Crime Branch, Delhi vide LR No. 2165533/2024 on 30.09.2024. Any person(s) claiming any right, interest having any objection or found in possession of the said original document may Write/Contact with above named person at above address/phone No. -9834989519 within 7 days from the date of publication of this notice.

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

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**B-93B, Second Floor, Opp. SBI Bank, Sector 2, Noida, U.P.-201301 Contact No: 0120-4293973**

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Re: Property Bearing Plot No. 18, MC No. 245, area measuring 203 sq. yds. ie 169.28 sq. mtrs. situated in Colony named Lakshmi Vihar, Mahiawada, Village-Jarwada Kalan, Pargana and Tehsil- Ghaziabad, U.P. Hereinafter referred to as "said property". Notice is hereby given to the general public including Banks, Financial Institutions, etc. that, as informed by our clientless, Smt. Renu Goel, she is the sole and absolute owner of the said property vide Sale Deed executed by Mr. Ashwani Sharma in respect of the said property. The said Deed is registered as Doc. No. 98/34/2019 (SRO-1 Ghaziabad) in favour of Mr. Ashwani Sharma, dated 21.06.2024 (SRO- Ghaziabad), pages 211-246, on 26.07.2024 (SRO- Ghaziabad). Mr. Ashwani Sharma had purchased the said property from Mr. Mohit Mittal vide Sale Deed registered as Document No. 13629 on 28.12.2023. The seller also informed the purchaser that the said property was earlier owned by Mr. Mahender Kumar Mittal. After his death, the said property devolved on his legal heirs viz. Mrs. Renu Mittal and Mr. Mohit Mittal. Mrs. Renu Mittal executed a Will vide document No. 789 on 03.03.2024 (SRO-1 Ghaziabad) in favour of Mr. Mohit Mittal and Mrs. Renu Mittal and her share devolved on Mr. Mohit Mittal and he became the sole and absolute owner of the said property and sold the said property to Mr. Ashwani Sharma. Now, our clientless intends to mortgage the said property with IDFC FIRST Bank Limited for availing loan facility.

If any person, society, bank, financial institution or other institutions have any objection against the ownership of our clientless on the said property and subsequently rightful mortgage of the said property, may write/contact to our clientless or our clientless, may raise his/her objection(s), in writing, by Registered AD post, to the undersigned, within 15 days, on address mentioned below. Otherwise after expiry of 15 days from the date of publication of this notice, the said property shall be mortgaged by our clientless in favour of IDFC FIRST Bank Ltd. and no objection shall be acceptable against such mortgage.

**SHIVKANT ARORA, ADVOCATE FOR M/S INTELLIGENT LAW OFFICES, A-74, LOWER GROUND FLOOR, DEFENCE COLONY, NEW DELHI-110024**

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**TAPAN RAGHAV (ADVOCATE),**

Ch. No. G-220, Kardarkooda Courts, Delhi-110032.

Email- raghavtk.legal@gmail.com, Phone- 8800995622

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Having failed to repay the amount, the Notice is issued to the borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has taken symbolic possession of the property described below, by exercising powers conferred on him/her under Section 13(4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the said rules on the below-mentioned dates. The borrower in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the property. Any dealings with the property will be subject to charges of ICICI Bank Limited.

Sr. No.	Name of the Borrower(s)/ Loan Account Number	Description of Property/ Date of Symbolic Possession	Date of Demand Notice/ Amount in Demand (₹)	Name of Branch
1.	Abhimanyu Kumar Adesh/ Neeru Adarsh/ LBDEL0001148606	Shop No-SG-10, 11, 23, Melang, The Mall, Ground Floor, Pallavapuram-2, Meerut- 250106/ October 08, 2024	December 31, 2013 Rs. 37,419/-	Delhi/ Meerut/ Mumbai

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 on 30 days from the date of publishing this Notice, as per the provisions under Rules 8 and 9 of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002.

Date: October 11, 2024  
Place: Delhi

Sincerely Authorised Signatory For ICICI Bank Ltd.

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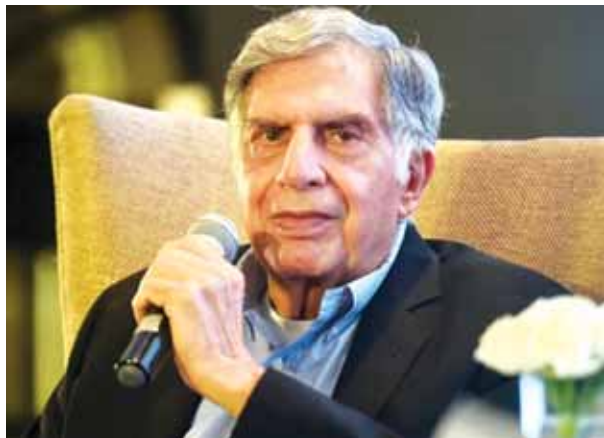
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The undersigned being the Authorised

# Auto industry mourns Ratan Tata's loss, stocks still soar

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Ratan Tata championed innovations that are helping build a better tomorrow, auto industry body SIAM said on Thursday while paying homage to the eminent industrialist who passed away on Wednesday night.



Indian automobile industry is deeply saddened with the passing away of Shri Ratan Tata, a towering figure, who has played a stellar role in bringing the Indian auto industry to the global stage, Society of Indian Automobile Manufacturers (SIAM) President Shailesh Chandra said in a statement.

A great humanist, visionary and leader, he championed innovations that are helping build a better tomorrow, he added. Hero MotoCorp Executive Chairman Pawan Munjal termed Tata as a visionary leader and ethical statesman.

Executive Officer Masakazu Yoshimura said that as a global corporate luminary, Ratan Tata will forever be remembered for his transformative contribution towards modernisation of the Indian business landscape and deep compassion towards the betterment of the society. His profound contribution and revolutionary thinking has inspired the automobile industry in India to think beyond conventional boundaries, he added. "Ratan Tata's legacy will continue to inspire and guide generations, reminding us that true leadership is defined not only by business acumen but by a selfless dedication to serve the betterment of humanity," Yoshimura stated. Tata, the former Tata Group chairman, breathed his last at Mumbai's Breach Candy Hospital at 11.30 pm on Wednesday. He was 86.

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Shares of Tata Group companies on Thursday rose up to 10 per cent, with Tata Chemicals and Tata Teleservices among the major gainers.



Tata Sons Chairman Emeritus Ratan Tata, who played a key role in transforming the group into a global conglomerate, passed away late on Wednesday. He was 86. "Investors can pay tribute to Ratan Tata and the great corporate empire he built by buying stocks like TCS, Tata Motors, Tata Steel, Tata Consumer and Indian Hotels. "Ratan Tata, while pursuing the group's growth, contributed substantially to India's growth and millions of ordinary investors gained from the great man's vision," V K Vijayakumar, Chief Investment Strategist at

bourse. In addition, the scrip of Tata Steel rose 0.91 per cent, Tata Communications (0.84 per cent), Tata Consultancy Services (0.21 per cent), Tata Consumer Products (0.17 per cent), Voltas (0.24 per cent) and Automotive Stampings & Assemblies (0.23 per cent) on the BSE.

However, Tata Group's retail firm Trent slipped 0.90 per cent to trade at Rs 8,146.35 apiece, Titan fell 0.81 per cent to Rs 3,465.80 and Tata Motors was down 0.40 per cent to Rs 935.35 per scrip. The 30-share BSE Sensex jumped 198.28 points, or 0.24 per cent, to 81,665.38 in the mid-session trade on Thursday. Investors should learn from the growth of the Tata empire that a long-term investment horizon is required to really participate in the wealth creation that happens through the capital market. In a bull market like the present one, there will always be valuation concerns, Vijayakumar added. Tata Consultancy Services (TCS) has cancelled a press conference scheduled on Thursday evening to announce its second quarter performance, company officials said. The press conference was originally scheduled at 1730 hours on Thursday. As originally scheduled, TCS will inform the exchanges about its July-September performance after the board meeting, the officials said. A scheduled call with analysts at 7 pm will be held as per schedule, they said. The last rites of Ratan Tata, who passed away late on Wednesday evening, are scheduled to take place after 4 pm at central Mumbai's Worli on Thursday.

## Amazon focuses on customer experience, not competition in India

PTI ■ NASHVILLE

Amid the rise of quick commerce companies in India, Amazon said it is sharply focused on customers, not competition, and that the Prime proposition of offering users the largest selection at fastest speeds is a "winning" formula that "resonates" in India. The e-commerce giant is upbeat on India's prospects buoyed by the rapid pace of economic growth and digitisation, Amazon Prime Vice President, Jamil Ghani said, adding that the company is investing unprecedented amounts in making its Prime programme "even faster" and that the momentum will continue. India figures prominently as a hotbed of innovation for Amazon in every part of its business, he said. The company will continue to innovate in India for local markets, emerging markets and more and more for global markets. Amazon offers Prime - a

membership programme that promises savings, convenience and entertainment - across 24 countries and over 200 million households and "India figures prominently in that landscape for Amazon". Amazon says its breadth of selection in India covers 'needs' all the way to 'wants' and that it is focused on broadening the selection, with faster speed, more convenience and attractive prices. Asked about the challenges posed by the rise of quick commerce companies in India, Ghani said Amazon obsesses about customers, not competition. "Prime proposition is predicated on the largest selection at the fastest speeds. For instance, we have over a million items available the same day and four million items available, across India, the next day and so the breadth of selection we see in India covers the 'needs' all the way to 'wants'...And is delivered at ever faster



speeds. We're investing unprecedented amounts in making the programme even faster and we're going to continue to do that across the entire country," he told reporters on the sidelines of Amazon's flagship 'Delivering the Future' event here in Nashville. To a question of whether the

company would naturally progress towards quicker timelines in a select portfolio of product categories to take on competition from quick commerce firms, he said, "It's a very natural assumption that we're going to get faster on more selections every single day." "The reality is that not only

are there a lot of alternatives for our members, but our members' expectations keep going up," he said. The company is focused on broadening the selection, on faster speed, more convenience and attractive prices. "That combination that Prime delivers of the largest selection at the fastest speeds is a winning proposition. You see that in the continued growth of the Prime programme in India and also the increase in engagement from those members as well," he said. The marketplace offers many solutions tailored to consumer needs, he said, adding, "that's true around the globe, it's good for customers to have a lot of options." "And what we see with the growth of membership and the growth and engagement (is) that the prime proposition is resonating with our customers in India and we're going to keep on following that formula," Ghani said.

Amazon, he said, will continue inventing in India for the India market, for emerging countries and increasingly across the globe. "I am extremely excited about what is going on in the country in developing economically. There is fascinating and inspiring innovation going on in every sector of the economy, digitalisation of just about everything. We are not just going to continue inventing in India for India we are also inventing for emerging countries broadly, and increasingly for globe from India," he said. Amazon Store continues to get better every day with over a million items available for delivery the same day and four million items across India for delivery the next day, the senior executive said. "We are in the middle of the Great Indian festival and that is going exceptionally well with many members joining to avail the discount available across the entire store," Ghani said.



## UPI transactions surge in first half of 2024

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Indian instant payment system (UPI) transaction volumes recorded a 52 per cent year-on-year surge to 78.97 billion in the first six months of 2024, according to a report. In its India Digital Payments Report for the first half of 2024 (January to June), payment technology service provider Worldline said on Thursday that UPI continues to rule the payment market and is rapidly expanding its reach. "The number of UPI transactions rose significantly from 8.03 billion in January 2023 to 13.9 billion by June 2024. This growth in volume was matched by an increase in transaction value, which climbed from Rs 12.98 trillion in January 2023 to an impressive Rs 20.07 trillion in June 2024. "When comparing H1 2024 to the same period in 2023, UPI transaction volume saw a substantial increase of 52 per cent, rising from 51.9 billion to 78.97 billion," the report said. The value of transactions grew 40 per cent, increasing from Rs 83.16 trillion to Rs 116.63 trillion. In terms of volume and value contribution, PhonePe emerged as the top UPI app, followed by Google Pay and Paytm. However, average ticket size (ATS) of UPI transactions saw a decline of 8 per cent, the report noted. The average ticket size (ATS) of all UPI transactions in H1 2023 was Rs 1,603, while it

dropped to Rs 1,478 in H1 2024, it said. ATS consists of person-to-person (P2P) and person-to-merchant (P2M) transactions. ATS in P2P transactions registered an almost flat year-on-year rise from Rs 2,812 to Rs 2,836. ATS for P2M transactions dropped from Rs 667 to Rs 643, representing a 4 per cent reduction. "This significant rise in UPI transactions, particularly in the person-to-merchant (P2M) segment, further cements its position as the preferred method for micro-transactions, demonstrating long-term sustainability and even movement to larger transactions in the coming years," Worldline India CEO Ramesh Narasimhan said. Grocery stores, restaurants, service stations, clothing stores, government services, pharmacies, and hospitals were the most visited in-store merchant categories in the first half of 2024. According to the research, they collectively accounted for almost 53 per cent of the overall transaction value and 68 per cent of the transaction volume. E-commerce, gaming, utilities, government services, and financial services made up around 81 per cent of the overall transaction volume and 74 per cent of the total transaction value in the online industry. Furthermore, the report revealed that between January 2023 and June 2024, the number of POS (point of sale) terminals increased 17 per cent, rising from 7.65 million to 8.96 million.

## Sensex, Nifty close higher amid buying in heavyweight stocks

PTI ■ MUMBAI

Equity benchmark indices Sensex and Nifty settled higher on Thursday due to gains in banking, power and industrial stocks amid a firm trend in global markets. The 30-share BSE Sensex rose 144.31 points, or 0.18 per cent, to settle at 81,611.41. During the day, it soared 535.74 points, or 0.65 per cent, to hit an intra-day high of 82,002.84. The NSE Nifty increased 16.50 points, or 0.07 per cent, to close at 24,998.45. In the intra-day trade, it rose 152.1 points, or 0.60 per cent, to hit a high of 25,134.05. "The market traded on a range bound trend with a negative



bias ahead of the start of Q2 result. "The Asian market started well but could not hold on to the gains as European markets waded on a negative trend in anticipation of the key US inflation data, global bond yields are rising," Vinod Nair, Head of Research at Geojit Financial Services, said. From the 30 Sensex companies, Kotak Mahindra Bank, JSW Steel, HDFC Bank, Power Grid, IndusInd Bank, Maruti Suzuki India, NTPC,

Axis Bank and Mahindra & Mahindra were among the gainers. Tech Mahindra, Sun Pharmaceuticals, Infosys, Titan, Tata Motors, Larsen & Toubro and Tata Consultancy Services were among the laggards. Domestic broader market momentum was mixed with caution as the initial expectation of Q2FY25 results is subdued due to a subpar momentum in the global and rural demand, Nair added. Shares of Tata Group companies on Thursday rose up to 15 per cent, with Tata Investment Corporation, Tata Chemicals, and Tata Teleservices among the major gainers.

## India plays crucial geopolitical role from American standpoint: USISPF

PTI ■ WASHINGTON

India plays a pivotal role geopolitically from an American perspective and offers US companies the opportunity to de-risk from China in the manufacturing sector, the head of a top India-centric American business and strategic advocacy group has said. The economic growth story of India is tremendous. India is among very few large economies which are growing seven to eight per cent, Mukesh Aghi, the President and CEO of the US-India Strategic and Partnership Forum (USISPF), said on Wednesday. From an American

perspective, India plays a "pivotal role" geopolitically, he said. "India is one economy which is providing market opportunity, especially to US companies that come in and invest and gain market share. It is an economy which is providing de-risking from China itself in the manufacturing area," Aghi told PTI in an interview. "What we are seeing is the Indian economy is not just becoming a market opportunity, it's becoming an opportunity for manufacturing. ..But more important is we are seeing a growth of global capability centres in India," Aghi said. The Indian economy is

expected to gain momentum in 2025, he said. India is exporting roughly almost USD 125 billion of services. Aghi's remarks came ahead of the annual India Leadership Summit of the USISPF on October 14. Several top American business leaders, including CEOs of Fortune 100, are heading to New Delhi to attend the event. The summit will feature thought-provoking sessions and panel discussions to advance and strengthen the India-US partnership. "We have potential investors and also in startups and looking at technology companies.

## INBRIEF

**NFR OPERATING 238 TRIPS OF SPECIAL TRAINS**  
MALIGAON: In anticipation of the increased passenger traffic during the upcoming festive season, Northeast Frontier Railway (NFR) is all set to operate 13 pairs or 26 numbers of special trains. These trains will facilitate smooth travel experience during the forthcoming festive of Durga Puja, Diwali and Chhath Puja.

**EDUCATION COLLEGES ZONAL YOUTH FESTIVAL**  
AMRITSAR: The Education Colleges Zonal Youth festival of Guru Nanak Dev University was inaugurated today in the Dashmesh Auditorium of the University. Students-artists from Education Colleges affiliated to the University are participating in this zone.

**BRITISH HIGH COMMISSIONER VISITS GNDU**  
AMRITSAR: Her Excellency Ms. Lindy Cameron, British High Commissioner to India visited Guru Nanak Dev University. During her visit, Ms. Lindy Cameron met with officials of teaching, research & Innovation of the Guru Nanak Dev University.

**NFR REVISES TIMINGS OF FEW IMPORTANT TRAINS**  
MALIGAON: The Northeast Frontier Railway (NFR) has decided to revise timings of ten (10) trains at few stations commencing its journeys from 12th October, 2024 onwards running across its network. The revisions have been made to enhance passenger convenience and improve punctuality.

## IRFC to achieve Modi's Viksit Bharat goal

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

Indian Railway Finance Corporation (IRFC), a Schedule A Miniratna public sector enterprise under the Ministry of Railways, announced on Thursday the appointment of Manoj Kumar Dubey, a 1993-batch Indian Railway Accounts Service (IRAS) officer, as its Chairman & Managing Director (CMD) and Chief Executive Officer (CEO). Dubey assumed office on Thursday. Dubey, who previously served as Director (Finance) and Chief Financial Officer of Container Corporation of India (CONCOR), expressed his honor at taking on the leadership of IRFC during what he sees as a defining moment for India's growth. "India is on the cusp of significant economic advancements, and leading one of the nation's iconic public sector enterprises is both a privilege and a responsibility. We want to be in the mainstream of the Viksit Bharat 2047 strategy of Prime Minister Narendra Modi,"



Dubey said. "India's rail infrastructure has flourished under the visionary guidance of Prime Minister and the dynamic leadership of Railway Minister Ashwini Vaishnav. The swift launch of Vande Bharat Express, rapid expansion of railway routes, and enhanced capacity and speed of freight trains are clear markers of this success. In a decade, India has constructed 14,985 km of new railway tracks, surpassing the achievements of developed nations like France," added Dubey. To put it in perspective, between 2004 and 2014, the total track length was just 14,000 km; however, in the past decade alone, this figure has more than doubled, now exceeding 31,000 kilometers.

## RBI urges banks to enhance risk assessment

PTI ■ MUMBAI

The Reserve Bank of India on Thursday asked banks, NBFCs, and other entities regulated by it to use information obtained from all relevant internal and external sources for their risk assessment exercise. Reserve Bank's Regulated entities (REs) have to carry out 'Money Laundering and Terrorist Financing Risk Assessment' exercise periodically to identify, assess and take effective measures to mitigate their Money Laundering (ML), Terrorist Financing (TF) and Proliferation Financing (PF) risks for clients, countries or geographic areas, products, services, and transactions or delivery channels. In this regard, the central bank has issued 'The Internal Risk Assessment Guidance for Money Laundering/ Terrorist Financing' for the REs, particularly for the dealing staff and the Anti-Money Laundering (AML)/ Countering Financing of Terrorism (CFT) / Counter



Proliferation Financing (CPF) practitioners of the REs. It specifies key principles for an internal risk assessment (IRA) exercise. "The enterprise-level risk assessment forms the bedrock of RBA (Risk-Based Approach). It enables the REs to understand how and to what extent they are vulnerable to ML/TF/PF risks which help REs in determining the allocation of attention and AML/CFT resources necessary to mitigate that risk," the RBI

department, internal audit function, compliance function, etc," it said. The central bank also emphasised that a siloed approach wherein only the AML team is involved in the IRA exercise should be avoided. It further said REs may endeavor to adopt a data oriented objective approach to avert any kind of bias in the IRA exercise while quality of data inputs would need to be ensured so that the results are meaningful/useful. RBI said that in an ever changing business environment and the increasing level of complexities in the banking and other financial products offered by banks and other regulated entities, there is always a likely exposure to the elevated money laundering, terrorist financing, or proliferation financing risks. The risks are further multiplied as use of emergent technologies and newer methods of payments enter the scene, it added.



# EMBRACING SELF-LOVE

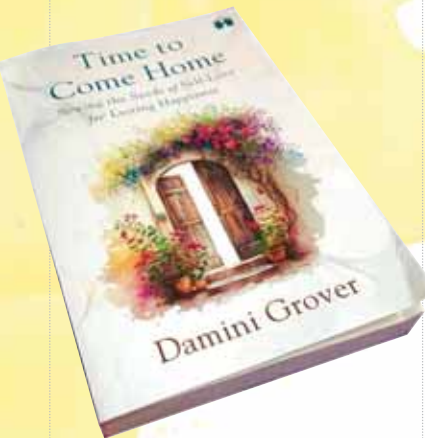
In 'Time to Come Home', Damini Grover invites readers on a transformative journey of self-love, guiding them to rediscover their true selves and embrace their worth says, **SAKSHI PRIYA**

**"YOU CANNOT LOVE YOURSELF WITHOUT ACCEPTING YOUR TRUE FORM." THIS SIMPLE YET PROFOUND CONCEPT INVITES READERS TO EMBRACE WHO THEY TRULY ARE, RATHER THAN CONSTANTLY SEEKING VALIDATION FROM OTHERS OR STRIVING FOR PERFECTION.**

**T**ime to Come Home by Damini Grover is an insightful and transformative guide that invites readers to embark on a personal journey of self-love and growth. From the very first chapter, Grover begins with the question, "What is self-love?" and encourages readers to dive into an activity that helps define its true meaning. This exercise serves as a powerful reminder that the love we show to others - support, encouragement, forgiveness, should be equally extended to ourselves.

One of the key ideas that Grover highlights is that self-love isn't selfish, it's essential for living a balanced and fulfilling life. As she points out, "You cannot love yourself without accepting your true form." This simple yet profound concept invites readers to embrace who they truly are, rather than constantly seeking validation from others or striving for perfection. The book's first chapter makes an impactful start by showing how we often think of love in terms of what we give to others, our time, attention and care. As I read through this list, I realised how rarely we apply the same level of care to ourselves. Grover encourages us to view self-love as nurturing and forgiving ourselves, just as we would those closest to us. This includes celebrating our successes, whether big or small, and giving ourselves the compassion we so often reserve for others. Grover's experience as a psychologist shines through in her practical advice, which is grounded in both personal anecdotes and examples from her professional life. These real-life stories make the book relatable and offer readers concrete ways to overcome common barriers to self-love, such as societal pressures and internalised doubt. She provides practical exercises that help readers incorporate self-love into their daily routines, making this journey toward personal growth more accessible and achievable.

A particularly powerful moment in the book is when the author explains how we often forget to celebrate our own achievements.



**ABOUT THE BOOK**

**Book :** Time To Come Home - Sowing the Seeds of Self-Love for Lasting Happiness  
**by** DAMINI GROVER  
**Publisher :** Hay House  
**Number of Pages:** 280  
**₹**399.00  
**Availability:** Amazon

Whether it's a small personal victory or a significant milestone, Grover reminds us that recognising our own efforts is a vital part of self-love. This isn't about pride, but about valuing ourselves and the work we put into our lives. It struck me how often we fail to give ourselves credit, constantly seeking praise from others, when, in reality, we should be the first to acknowledge our accomplishments.

What sets this book apart is its approachable tone and simplicity. Grover doesn't complicate her message with overwhelming ideas or heavy jargon. Instead, she offers practical guidance, allowing the reader to feel more connected to the process of self-love. Each chapter ends with exercises that encourage reflection and action, guiding readers toward building a stronger, more compassionate relationship with themselves.

One of the standout sections of *Time to Come Home* explores the concept of self-acceptance. Grover touches on how critical it is to stop battling with ourselves and to accept who we are in the present moment. She writes, "It is what it is," which resonates as a gentle yet powerful reminder that acceptance is the foundation for self-love. It's about acknowledging our imperfections without judgment, and choosing to embrace ourselves as we are.

A theme that deeply resonated with me was the emphasis on forgiveness, not just of others, but of ourselves. The author beautifully explains how forgiving ourselves for past mistakes and shortcomings is essential to moving forward. This aspect of self-love, often overlooked, is crucial for personal growth and healing. She also emphasises that loving ourselves includes uplifting ourselves in moments of doubt and difficulty, just as we would for a friend.

*Time to Come Home* is a guide for anyone seeking to rediscover themselves and strengthen their foundation of self-love. Through relatable stories, practical exercises, and a compassionate tone, Damini Grover highlights the vital role self-love plays in our overall well-being. According to Grover, self-love is not a luxury but a necessity. Without it, we may feel disconnected and unfulfilled, constantly seeking validation from others. By embracing self-love, we improve our relationships, make better decisions and lead more authentic lives. This book is a must-read for anyone ready to embark on the journey of returning to themselves and embracing the power of self-love.

**NEW ARRIVALS**

**OCTOBER NEW RELEASES BY ALEPH BOOK COMPANY**

**India: A Linguistic Civilisation**  
By GN DEVY  
(PRICE: ₹599, PAGES: 200)



In *India: A Linguistic Civilisation*, by GN Devy examines the profound linguistic diversity of India and its role in shaping national identity and culture. This insightful book traces the evolution of languages, addressing the challenges of documenting their histories while highlighting the impact of migration, colonialism and cultural practices. Devy emphasises the importance of preserving endangered languages and the rich oral traditions that enrich Indian heritage, making a compelling case for collective responsibility in safeguarding linguistic diversity.

**Become an Achiever Right Now**  
(Price: ₹299, Pages: 144)



In *Become an Achiever Right Now: A Masterclass from the SuperGurus*, a collection of insights from the world's leading self-help gurus, this book uncovers the common traits and strategies shared by great achievers. It explores how taking risks, learning from failures and possessing unique character attributes can propel individuals toward their dreams. With practical advice and inspirational stories, this masterclass equips readers with the tools they need to navigate life's challenges and achieve lasting success.

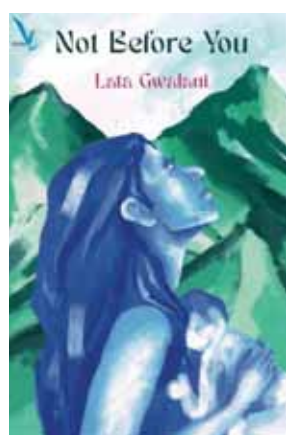
## A Mother's Pain and Family Struggles

Lata Gwalani 'Not Before You' reveals the emotional depth and challenges of a family with a differently-abled child.



BY SANJAY CHANDRA

**N**ot Before You by Lata Gwalani is a layered story that explores different facets of human emotions and accompanying family dynamics. It is the story of a mother's angst as she faces the reality that her first-born son is differently-abled and would not survive long. The story also explores the fragile balance of the family, as the other two members - the father and the second child, a normal daughter, deal with the situation in their own way, which does not include a caregiver role for the child. Jaya works in the media. A chance meeting with Suraj who runs his Yoga Ashram, culminates into romance, and marriage. Their joy soon turns into despair when they realise that the child, Nikhil, is different. The diagnosis after several visits to the doctors shatters them. In time, they have a daughter, Divya, who is normal. Jaya is determined to care for son till the end. Suraj takes refuge by escaping from reality. Divya is traumatised



**ABOUT THE BOOK**

**Book :** Not Before You  
**by** LATA GWALANI  
**Publisher :** Vishwakarma Publication  
**Paperback:** 216 page  
**₹**325

as she does not understand the reason for her mother spending more time with her brother to her exclusion. She also wants her mother to cuddle and care for her the way she sees her caring for Nikhil or the way the mothers of her friends care for their children. She continues to fight her demons even as an adult. She also blames her mother for the missing father. The mother bears it stoically. Years pass. Jaya retires from her professional responsibilities. She realises with dismay that she is not getting any younger. She is not invincible. She is worried about Nikhil if she passes away before her son. She is willing to go to the extremes to ensure that the young man, who has been bedridden since birth, does not suffer if she dies before him. She is a mother who wants her son to die first. She is not certain if the two other people who matter to her, Suraj and Divya, would support her. Almost 8 million children in India live with disabilities.

The first thought that runs through our minds is a silent prayer to the supreme being that our children lead a normal life, and then a sympathy towards the parents. We do not pause and reflect upon the sentiments of the affected parents. Lata shows us the mirror to do just that. It is a sensitive subject beautifully handled by her. There are short references to Yama, the God of death, looking down upon this unique mother and bowing to her wishes to not die before the child. These passages do not interrupt the flow of the story, but could have been avoided. This is a book that teaches us the meaning of empathy. Lata Gwalani has a career spanning three decades in journalism and behavioural training. She is a renowned speaker on Emotional Intelligence and Leadership. Lata uncovers captivating tales in the mundane and has published three works.

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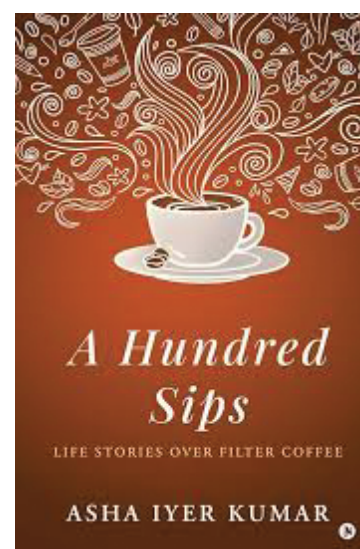


## Finding joy: A hundred sips of life's simple moments

In 'A Hundred Sips: Life Stories over Filter Coffee,' Asha Iyer Kumar invites readers to explore the essence of happiness and the beauty found in life's everyday moments, writes **GYANESHWAR DAYAL**

What is happiness and how can we discover it in the simple moments of daily life? Is there a pattern to the challenges and hardships we face on this journey? In 'A Hundred Sips: Life Stories over Filter Coffee,' Asha Iyer Kumar presents a collection of uplifting stories that explore these questions and more. Rooted in her personal experiences, Kumar's narratives reveal how hope and joy can be found even amid life's struggles and tough decisions.

*A Hundred Sips* is a thought-provoking and beautifully crafted collection of stories that take the reader on a reflective journey through life's everyday moments. Each essay is like a sip from the cup of life, offering warmth, insight, and the subtle flavours of human experience. Kumar's writing is both intimate and relatable, drawing from her personal observations and universal truths. Her book explores themes of love, loss, joy and the simple pleasures that often go unnoticed in our fast-paced world. The strength of her prose lies in its simplicity; she conveys profound ideas in a conversational tone, making it feel like the reader is having a heartfelt discussion with an old friend. Her stories remind us that although life may not always be perfect, there are always glimmers of light, even in the darkest times. With her straightforward yet profound writing, Kumar encourages readers to recognise the happiness and contentment hidden in everyday



moments, celebrating the small pleasures often overlooked. Through this journey, Kumar invites readers to pause and reflect on their own lives, helping them uncover beauty in the ordinary and find the extraordinary within the mundane. Whether you're searching for comfort, inspiration or a fresh perspective, 'A Hundred Sips: Life Stories over Filter Coffee' is a testament to the strength of the human spirit and the joy that can be discovered in the simplest of experiences. Her message is clear: Immerse yourself in these deep stories and let them guide you in savouring life, one sip at a time.

# NITISH KUMAR REDDY CREDITS GAUTAM GAMBHIR FOR ALL-ROUND SHOW IN 2ND T20I

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

India all-rounder Nitish Kumar Reddy said the idea was to take on the Bangladeshi spinners and credited head coach Gautam Gambhir for boosting his confidence after his all-round effort powered the hosts to an 86-run win in the second T20I here.

India, who had lost to Bangladesh the last time these two teams clashed here, landed in trouble with their top order blown away inside the powerplay but Reddy and Rinku Singh joined forces to turn the tables on Bangladesh. The pair put on 108 runs for the fourth wicket from 49 balls to take the game away from Bangladesh, with Reddy clobbering seven sixes and four fours to make 74 from a mere 34 balls.

"The conversation that we were having (was) a smooth conversation, we were not taking any pressure. We did not plan anything about the score. We saw the spinner coming on to bowl, and we thought that this was the main over and we should take him on," he said in a video shared by BCCI.

"To be honest, I should thank Gautam sir for this. He gave a lot of confidence in me. He told me to believe in my bowling." "He said 'when you are bowling, you should think like a bowler and not as a batsman who can bowl'. That is what he kept telling me and that somehow boosted me," he added. Reddy said he was grateful for being adjudged the Player of



the Match. "Playing for India is in itself a proud moment and getting the man of the match (award), I feel so grateful for this and I just want to live in this moment," he said. "Once I got to know that from here you should take on. I just knew that I will take on the bowlers. I was backing myself saying 'you can do this,' added Reddy, who returned 4-0-23-2.

"The conversation between us was like, he was telling me that maybe it is God's plan. We were just believing (in) it and we were just hitting the balls," Reddy said in a video shared by BCCI. Rinku, who scored 53 off 29 balls with five fours and three sixes, said the pair decided to take the attack to the opposition.

"We were enjoying our batting. I just said it is God's plan, just keep hitting and leave it on the one above. Nitesh bhai also batted well," said Rinku. "It was only his second international match and it felt really good watching him," he added. Rinku looked at his record with pride saying he has won each series that he has played

for India and expressed his wish to continue doing that. "This was my third century in T20Is and all three have come in situations where India have lost early wickets have been lost and I got the chance to bat and I made a fifty," he said. "I have won all the series with the Indian team since I started playing, so I would want to

remain with the team and the key keep winning," added Rinku, who also has 'God' plan tattooed on his arm. Rinku said India skipper Suryakumar Yadav urges his players to remain aggressive and play their natural game. "Surya bhai has asked us to be aggressive and play our natural game, just back our shots and show our energy," he said.



## IAMGAME Conclave for the Future of Indian Sports

RISHABH MALIK ■ NEW DELHI

The IAMGAME Conclave took place on Wednesday to put together key leaders, athletes, and industry experts to share their valuable insights on the evolution and global potential of Indian sports.

The conclave addressed the most pressing challenges and opportunities within the Indian sports ecosystem, from infrastructure development and athlete nurturing to the growing influence of technology and the critical role of inclusivity and diversity. The conclave was inaugurated by Mr Sudhanshu Mittal, President of Kho Kho federation. This more than just an event; it is a call to action. By facilitating open dialogue and knowledge sharing, the conclave aims to empower participants to drive positive change in the sports sector. The conclave had prominent speakers such as Harmanpreet Singh, Ronjan Sodhi, Udit Sheth, Jaspal Rana, Nikhat Zareen, Namrata Parekh, Aparna Popat, and Rathindra Basu. Who shared their insights about how they can make the game better for athletes. "The conclave was not just about conversations, but

about fostering collaboration and setting the foundation for action that will shape the future of sports in India," said Karan Chettri, IAMGAME Founder. IAMGAME inspired innovation, tackled inclusivity, and empowered the next generation of athletes by fostering a collaborative environment for meaningful discussions. The insights generated at the event will serve as a roadmap for India's continued progress as a global sports powerhouse. Co-founder Mandeep Malhotra added, "Through IAMGAME, we have built a platform for collaboration and growth, positioning Indian sports for a brighter future." The event concluded on a high note, with a renewed focus on empowering the next generation of athletes, promoting inclusivity, and fostering innovation. The insights and ideas generated at IAMGAME 2024 are expected to serve as a roadmap for India's continued progress as a global sports powerhouse. As the momentum from the conclave carries forward, it is expected to drive meaningful changes within the Indian sports ecosystem, pushing it to new heights.

## Not going in with pre-determined mindset has helped Smriti and me, says Shafali

PTI ■ DUBAI

Indian batter Shafali Verma said she and her opening partner Smriti Mandhana have moved away from the mindset of entering matches with "pre-determined" ideas about targeting any particular type of bowling, which has helped them achieve greater success. The duo put up a 98-run opening stand to lay the foundation of India's emphatic 82-run win over Sri Lanka on Wednesday. In her 38-ball 50, Mandhana attacked the spinners, which is noteworthy since she typically relies on Shafali to handle tweakers. "Yes, we have a very good combination now, as you said. That's because now we don't go being pre-determined. Whoever is connecting well with the bat and ball on that day, we try to give singles and let her play more balls," Shafali said at the post-match press conference. "She's hitting the spinners very



well. So, it's a good thing. And we both just try to give as good a start as we can then it'd be good for the team to build a good inning and hit a good target," she added. Under the pump after the heavy loss to New Zealand and an underwhelming win over Pakistan, India's hammering of Sri Lanka massively boosted their net run rate, elevating them to the second spot in Group A. The Indian women have, however, struggled to hit the maximums at the Dubai Cricket Stadium, where they have played all of their matches till now.

Shafali and Mandhana also copped criticism for their running between the wickets, which improved drastically against Sri Lanka. "We missed a lot of runs in the starting. I know about that. I think we're used to the condition. Maybe because of that, we're running well in between wickets. But we're trying to get the first run fast. Because the ground is very big, 70 meters, if I'm not wrong. "So, we try to take the first run fast. It's very difficult to hit the sixes but we're thinking of taking the first run fast," Shafali said. India next take on group leaders Australia in Sharjah on Sunday. It will be a change of venue for Harmanpreet Kaur and Co. "For Sharjah, we will have three days off, if I am not wrong. So, we will work on the process and we will focus on what we can do to be confident. And hopefully, if we give our 100% individual-ly then of course, we will win."

## Iyer-Kishan on a "mission" as half of season to be held without top 60 players



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Shreyas Iyer would like to sit back on a 'Time Machine' to revive his start-stop international career while Ishan Kishan would aim to clear the popular perception about his allegedly "misplaced priorities," when the 90th edition of Ranji Trophy starts across the country with hundreds of players varied to slog it out for different ambitions and varied goals. The Indian cricket board's powerful rap on the knuckles to the 'IPL happy duo' was a message loud and clear to anyone who would care to listen - to earn mega bucks in IPL auction, learn to give respect to the foundation of country's cricket - India's very own national championship. Iyer wouldn't mind having a 1,321-run reason like he had in the 2015-16 Ranji edition which brought him into national reckoning. He is at the cross-roads where it may not take long

to slip off the selector's radar as his favourite ODI format is slowly losing relevance. Similarly, Kishan, who has fallen off the pecking order among national keepers, has accepted the responsibility to captain Jharkhand which would also be a signal of his intent for Ajit Agarkar and his colleagues. Like every edition, Ranji Trophy will be devoid of star power with none of country's top 17-18 players likely to be available throughout the season due to eight Test matches scheduled between October 16 to January 7. The next 18 will only be available for a single round before they embark on India 'A' tour to Australia while another 15 among the younger crop of top T20 stars also unavailable for a couple of weeks owing to a four-match T20I series in South Africa. If that is not enough, another 15 will be in Muscat for the Emerging Asia Cup tournament, where BCCI wouldn't send its U-23 team like previous years as other Asian nations don't have robust age-group programme. Like every year, the national selectors would be out there to unearth hidden diamonds and give them wings to fly in coming years. The Indian Test team's philosophy has undergone sea-change over the years and it will no longer just be about volume of runs scored and quantum of wickets.

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5 TATA TIAGO cars

### Diya Lighting Ceremony in Inner Market of Sector 35 C, Chandigarh

Part of Mega Shopping Festival Bonanza, Diya Lighting Ceremony Five Tata Tiago cars and other attractive gifts will be given in the lucky draw. Chandigarh: Deputy Mayor Mr. Rajinder Sharma, Chd BJP President Mr. Jitender Malhotra, Chd Beopar Mandal President Charanjit Singh & Chd Beopar Mandal Member Kamaljit Singh Panchhi lighted Diyas during the Mega Shopping Festival Bonanza. 100 days long Mega Shopping Bonanza which started on 3rd October by Market Welfare Association, Sector 35 C (Inner Market) went beyond the usual festival and celebrated Diya Lighting Ceremony on 7th day of Shardiya Navratri with full enthusiasm. The Diya Lighting Ceremony was attended by Deputy Mayor Mr. Rajinder Sharma, Chd BJP President Mr. Jitender Malhotra, Chd Beopar Mandal President Charanjit Singh & Chd Beopar Mandal Member Kamaljit Singh Panchhi and the officials of the Market Association. During this, all the dignitaries took round the Market and went from shop to shop to witness the mood and flavor of Mega Bonanza. The association has kept 5 Tata Tiago cars, 9 Microwaves, 9 LED TVs, 9 Washing Machines, 9 Refrigerators along with many other attractive prizes for customers.

### Jawed Habib opens its first premium salon in Chandigarh

Chandigarh: Jawed Habib, a leader in the Indian beauty and wellness industry, has launched its first outlet in Chandigarh at SCO 98, Sector 40C. The salon is operated by successful franchise partner Jawed Habib Salon Mohali. The new salon will offer a wide range of services such as professional hair, beauty and makeup treatments. With its modern facilities and well-trained team, the outlet is ready to serve customers and ensure a premium beauty experience for all. Jawed Habib Hair & Beauty Limited is a renowned organization in the country with over 900 salons and 50 academies in 125 cities across the country. Promoter and renowned hair expert Jawed Habib is dedicated to making professional hair and beauty care accessible and affordable to all. Known for merging traditional wellness techniques with modern trends and styles, Jawed Habib salons have built a loyal customer base across India. The brand's wide reach and consistent quality make it one of the most trusted names in the industry.

### UCO Bank's new attractive fixed deposit scheme

UCO Bank has launched an attractive term deposit scheme UCO 333 for a limited period. This scheme is applicable on domestic term deposits up to Rs 3 crore. This scheme offers attractive interest rates of 7.30% per annum for general customers and 7.55% per annum for senior citizens. Under this scheme, customers will receive high and attractive interest on their investments. The bank is promoting this scheme for its existing customers as well as new customers. A similar scheme UCO 444 will offer 7.05% interest and 7.55% interest for senior citizens. It is worth mentioning that the interest rates offered under UCO 333 and UCO 444 are among the best offered by public sector banks (PSBs).

## Major Dhyan Chand Stadium gets a facelift to ahead of India-Germany hockey series

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Once it chronicled Mir Ranjan Negi's epic fall from grace, Dhanraj Pillay's artistic stick-work and Sandeep Singh's muscular drag-flicks but in the past decade or so, Major Dhyan Chand National Stadium seemed resigned to the fact that its glory days as epicentre of Indian hockey were a thing of past. The two-match Test series against Germany on October 23 and 24 seems like the revival of Delhi's hockey spirit which has gone dormant in the past 10 years. Odisha government's seminal decision to help Indian hockey find its home in Bhubaneswar and Rourkela was a major factor in the shift of momentum, which can swing once again if the fans show up. Hockey India President Dilip Tirkey is hoping for a good turnout considering the growing popularity of hockey after two consecutive Olympic bronze medals. "Earlier domestic tournaments used to be held in Delhi in a very spectacular manner. I too made my international debut in Delhi through Indira Gandhi Gold Cup 1995. A large number of spectators used to come here and we also want that the glory of hockey to return to Delhi," Tirkey told PTI Bhasha.

"After the Tokyo and Paris Olympics, the popularity of hockey has increased manifold and now the stadium will be waiting for the spectators," said the legendary former defender. The last international match played here was the 2014 Hero World League Final. Inter-departmental hockey of institutions has also been held here occasionally. "I was an official here during the 2010 World Cup and people from all over the country came here to watch the match. It was a different atmosphere," said Ajay Kumar Bansal, former coach of the Indian junior and women's hockey team and ex administrator of the National Stadium. "Hockey was being played in Odisha for the last few years, due to which the graph of the game went up there and on the contrary, due to the absence of hockey in Delhi, it went down. The youth did not see any big hockey tournament here, so automatically their interest decreased," he said. "Apart from this, due to lack of tournaments, the maintenance of the stadium is also affected. I want that from next time, four or five more venues including Delhi, Punjab, Haryana should be included in the Hockey India League." India's World Cup winning for-

mer captain Ajitpal Singh believes that matches with big teams should be played in all the pockets of hockey in India. "An international match is happening in Delhi after many years. Earlier, many 'Test' matches used to be held at the Shivaji Stadium. I think it is important to have matches and tournaments across the country, rather centralising them," the former skipper said. "There are many pockets of hockey in India, like many excellent players have emerged from Punjab, Haryana, UP, Karnataka, Tamil Nadu. Hockey is very popular in Odisha and Jharkhand, but it is important to organise big matches in other states as well," he added. Giving details of the preparations, officials said the cleaning of astro turf on the main pitch and practice pitches was going on with German machines for a week and the process has been completed. Every year Rs 30 lakh is spent on the maintenance of both turfs. They said that the spectator galleries, change rooms, dressing rooms, and the entire complex have been cleaned. They also said that there is no need for an upgrade because this is a world-class stadium in which World Cup and Commonwealth Games have been organised.

**Intimation of change in address of office of Employees' Provident Fund Organisation (EPFO)**

**EPFO has shifted to its new office premises. The office address is as given below:**

**Employees' Provident Fund Organization (Ministry of Labour and Employment) Plate A Ground Floor Office Block-II East Kidwai Nagar New Delhi-110023**

**The authority may be contacted at the above mentioned new address.**

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