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Prime Minister will clean the air for Delhi this winter

DEEPAK KUMAR JHA ■ NEW DELHI

Concerned over the perennial problem of deadly pollution with the onset of winters in Delhi NCR, the Prime Minister's Office (PMO) on Friday set the degree of engagement of stakeholders, including the NCT Government of Delhi, to combat the air pollution particularly augmented due to stubble burning in neighbouring States. The meeting comes a few days after the Supreme Court came down heavily on the Commission for Air Quality Management (CAQM), for not taking any action on local officers amid a rise in crop burning in north Indian states, which leads to air pollution in Delhi. The SC said not a single committee was formed to tackle the stubble burning issue.

"Every year we see stubble burning. There has been total non-compliance of the CAQM Act. Have committees been constituted? Please show us a single step taken. Which directions have you used under the Act? You are silent spectators. You are doing nothing," the Supreme Court said on September 27, 2024. Principal Secretary to the Prime Minister, Dr. PK



File Photo: The Pioneer

Mishra convened a High Level Task Force meeting for the purpose where he reviewed short term and long measures being undertaken to prevent, and abate, air pollution in Delhi, and simultaneously expressed concern over slow

pace of clearance of landfill sites in the national Capital and delays in implementation of waste to energy plans by the civic bodies. Agriculture stubble burning, a major source of seasonal air pollution in Delhi and

neighbouring states was addressed. Although Delhi has a relatively small paddy area, Mishra called for the complete elimination of stubble burning in the city as a model for surrounding regions. According to a senior official, the meeting focused on assessing the readiness of the Delhi Government and other stakeholders in implementing both immediate and long-term measures to mitigate air pollution in Delhi. The Task Force, comprising senior officials from Central Ministries and the Delhi administration, reviewed current strategies and discussed additional innovative steps to tackle the pollution challenge. Task Force, consisting of representatives from the Delhi Government, Central Ministries including Secretary MoHUA, Secretary MoEFCC, Delhi Police, the Municipal Corporation of Delhi (MCD), the Delhi Development Authority (DDA), the New Delhi Municipal Council (NDMC), and the Commission for Air Quality Management (CAQM), reaffirmed their collective resolve to abate air pollution in Delhi, especially during the ensuing winter season.

Nayab Chief Minister for Haryana



RAJESH KUMAR ■ NEW DELHI/CHANDIGARH

After Bharatiya Janata Party's spectacular performance winning a third consecutive tenure, Haryana's incumbent Chief Minister Nayab Singh Saini is likely to take oath as the Chief Minister of Haryana on Tuesday, in the presence of Prime Minister Narendra Modi. Union ministers, and CMs of BJP-ruled states, are also expected to attend the swearing-in ceremony. According to BJP leaders, Haryana may follow the precedent set by other states like Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan, Chhattisgarh, and Odisha by introducing two Deputy Chief Ministers.

This dual-leadership model is anticipated to balance party seniority, and caste representation within the Cabinet. The senior-most leader, former Home Minister Anil Vij, is tipped to be one of the Deputy CMs, while the other position may go to a Brahmin MLA, potentially offering a more inclusive leadership structure. In another development, Rajya Sabha MP Kartikeya Sharma met Saini in Delhi, as his mother, Shakti Rani Sharma, had secured a win from the Kalka constituency. In another strategic meeting, Rajya Sabha MP Kiran Chaudhary and her

Omar returns to Jammu and Kashmir

MOHIT KANDHARI ■ JAMMU

Leader of the Jammu and Kashmir National Conference Legislative party Omar Abdullah Friday evening staked claim to form the government, the first since the Centre scrapped J&K's special status in 2019. Omar, dressed in a traditional salwar suit, drove to the Raj Bhawan to meet Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha. During the meeting, he formally presented his claim to form the government in Jammu & Kashmir, following the support from Congress. Omar also presented letters of support from the alliance partners and independent candidates.

daughter Shruti Chaudhary, the newly elected MLA from Tosham, met with Union Minister Khattar, indicating a broader coalition-building process within the BJP. A 10-member committee headed by the Panchkula district commissioner has been set up by the state chief secretary to oversee the arrangements for the ceremony. The ceremony was initially scheduled for October 12, but was postponed to accommodate the Prime Minister's schedule. According to sources, the Parade Ground had been chosen as the venue as it was adjoining Indradhanush Auditorium Complex, which had a huge secured parking space for VVIPs.



Mahadev app kingpin arrested

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ NEW DELHI

Sourabh Chandrakar, one of the main promoters of the Mahadev betting app, is expected to be brought to India soon, following his recent formal arrest in Dubai on the basis of an Interpol issued arrest warrant in a money laundering and fraud case, official sources said Friday.

Chandrakar along with another promoter of the app, Ravi Uppal was detained and put under "house arrest" in that country late last year following the Enforcement Directorate (ED) request for issuance of a Redcorner Notice (RN) against them. The RN is issued by Interpol. Sources said Chandrakar is expected to be either extradited or deported to India over the next few days after he was formally placed under arrest in Dubai recently. The ED is in the process of sending relevant documents for his extradition to Dubai authorities following which a competent court there will be approached, they said.

Chandrakar is stated to have left for Dubai in 2019 and before that he used to run a juice shop named "Juice Factory" with his brother in Bhilai town of Durg district in Chhattisgarh. The ED has alleged that its probe in the Mahadev Online Book (MOB) gaming and betting app has shown involvement of various high-ranking politicians and bureaucrats from Chhattisgarh, the state where Chandrakar and Uppal hail from.

Maa Kali decrowned in Bangladesh



PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ NEW DELHI

India has urged Bangladesh to investigate the reported theft of a religious article that was gifted by Prime Minister Narendra Modi to the Jeshoreshwari Kali temple during his visit in 2021.

In a social media post, the Indian High Commission in Dhaka expressed deep concern over the theft and

the authorities to recover the article and take action against the perpetrators of the crime.

"We have seen reports of theft of the crown gifted by PM Modi to Jeshoreshwari Kali Temple (Satkhira) in 2021 during his visit to Bangladesh," it said, adding "We express deep concern and urge Govt of Bangladesh to investigate theft, recover the crown and take action against the perpetrators."

Separately, Indian government sources said New Delhi is

deeply disturbed by the reported incident of theft. The Indian High Commission in Dhaka is in touch with Bangladesh authorities on the issue, they said.

The Bangladesh law enforcement authorities have been urged to investigate the incident, recover the stolen article and bring the guilty to book, sources said.

As per reports, the gold-plated crown of goddess Kali at the temple in Satkhira's Shyamnagar was stolen on Thursday afternoon. The absence of the crown from the deity's head was noticed by the cleaning staff after temple priest Dilip Mukherjee left around two pm.

Prime Minister Modi had visited the Jeshoreshwari Temple on March 27, 2021, as part of his tour to Bangladesh. The visit coincided with the celebrations of Bangladesh's Golden Jubilee of Independence and the birth centenary of its founding leader, Sheikh Mujibur Rahman. The temple is considered among the 52 Shakti Peethas (seats of the Goddess) and is believed to have been constructed in the late 12th Century.

From Ratan to Naval, the Tata legacy moves on



T N RAGHUNATHA ■ MUMBAI

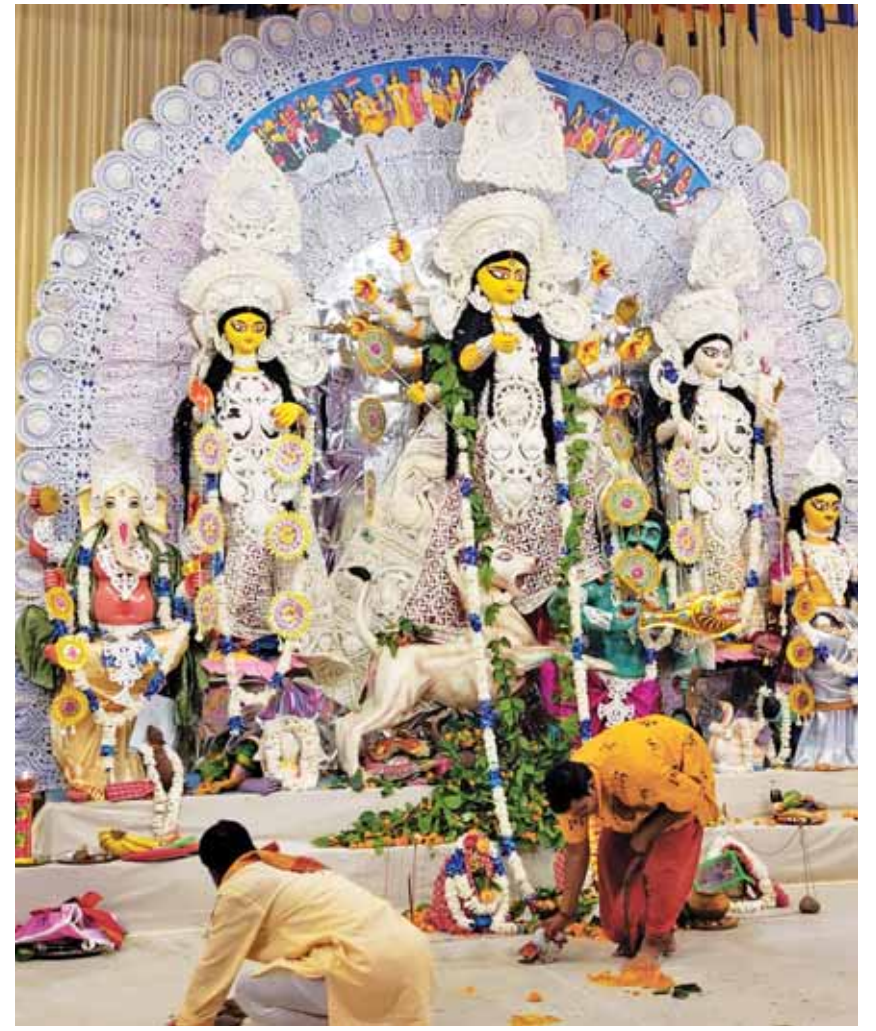
In a succession that came two days after the death of Ratan Naval Tata, his half-brother Noel Naval Tata was on Friday appointed new Chairman of Tata Trusts, the philanthropic arm of Tata Group. A formal announcement about Noel Tata's appointment as the head of the Tata Trusts came after the Trustees of various Trusts that come under the Tata Trusts held a joint meeting, condoled Ratan Tata's demise and noted his yeoman services not only to the Tata Group but also to nation building. "In separate meetings held immediately, thereafter, it was unanimously decided to appoint Mr. Noel Naval Tata as the Chairman of the

various Trusts that constitute the Tata Trusts and also designate him as Chairman, Tata Trusts," Tata Trusts said in a statement issued here in the afternoon.

Sixty-seven-year-old Noel Tata's appointment came into place with immediate effect. After being appointed as the new chairman of the Tata Trusts, India's oldest philanthropic institution, Noel Tata said that he was "deeply honoured and humbled" by the responsibility cast on me by my fellow Trustees and he looked "forward to carrying on the legacy of Ratan N Tata and the founders of the Tata Group".

"I am deeply honoured and humbled by the responsibility that has been cast on me by my fellow Trustees. I look forward to carrying on the legacy of Ratan N Tata and the founders of the Tata Group. Founded more than a century ago, the Tata Trusts are a unique vehicle for undertaking social good. On this solemn occasion, we rededicate ourselves to carrying on our developmental and philanthropic initiatives and continuing to play our part in nation building," Noel Tata said.

VIJAYADASHAMI GREETINGS



Illegal parkings gobble up market roads at peak hours

Commuters leave their vehicles on the roadside, to avoid paying parking fees

BY SANJAY RAI

That there are traffic jams in and round major markets of the national Capital is now old news for the locals. However, not many talk about what causes these jams in those busy commercial areas. It is also interesting to see that the market associations have not objected to these illegal parkings as the shop owners also park all their vehicles on the road side, even before the market opens. And customers prefer to park on the roads outside the shops as the charges are lower in comparison to the official parking. These vehicles park for a short

time but block the oncoming traffic as they enter and leave the illegal parking bays constantly. The attendants stand on the road and stop the traffic flow to facilitate that. The problem is especially severe near big market places where people park their vehicles on the roadside. Regular commuters are left with no choice but to stop-look-and-go every few metres. They say that complaints to the authorities go unanswered. Visitors park their cars and two-wheelers on the roadside and go shopping, and prefer to pay a 'token' parking fee of just Rs 10-20, seldom do they have to pay more even if they park for more than five hours. Usually they



Ranjan Dimri/Pioneer

leave within an hour or so after shopping. It is this frequent 'side-movement' that then clogs the oncoming traffic. For example an underground parking lot has been made by Delhi Municipal Corporation near Subhash Nagar Market, where about 600 vehicles can be parked. But more than 30 percent of the area remains vacant here. The reason behind this is parking charges. An employee working here told The Pioneer that the car parking fee is Rs 20 for every hour. The bike parking fee is Rs 10 per hour while the monthly pass costs Rs 2,000. But people living here or coming to the market always park their cars on the road,

which makes it difficult for pedestrians, and other commuters. This results in the parking lot incurring losses every month. Apart from this, the condition of market areas such as Kamla Market, Rani Bagh Market, Karol Bagh, Lajpat Nagar, Avantika Market, Tilak Nagar, Rajouri Garden, and Uttam Nagar is the same. The Municipal Corporation of Delhi (MCD) has made underground parking on Asaf Ali Road at Delhi Gate, where vehicles gather dust and dirt. The monthly fee here is less compared to other parking lots, however roadside parking is also the norm here too.

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BEDKHALI NOTICE

I, Rajinder Singh S/o Shiv Singh R/o # 763, Sante Majra Colony, Kharar, Mohali hereby declare that I have disown my son Sukhbir Singh from my movable & immovable property through newspaper notice. That being said, I withdraw my disown notice. That from today onwards my said son shall be entitled to his due share in my movable and immovable property.

I, Ravinder Prasad Bhatt S/o Late Jagdish Prasad Bhatt, R/o House No. 3144/1, Sector 47-D, Chandigarh inform that my son Nikhil Bhatt out of my control. I disown him from my all moveable and Immovable Properties. Anybody deal with them at their own Risk.

I, Taj Ali S/o Gulzar House 115/2, Panj Pir, Mansa Devi Road, Manimajra, Chandigarh. My son Mehboob @Rinku, Daughter-in-law Sukhi, Grandson Saifi, Granddaughters Jaismine, Rehana out of my control. I disown them from my moveable and immovable Properties. Anybody deal with them at their own risk.

I, Sudha Kohli W/o Opendar Kumar Kohli, R/o H. No. 834/1, Sector 40-A, Chandigarh declare that my daughter Anu Sahore W/o Ashish Sahore is out of my control after marriage. I disown her from all my moveable & immovable properties including House No. 834/1, Sector 40-A, Chandigarh. Anybody dealing with her will do at his own risk.

I, Santosh Tripathi, W/o Ishdadev Tripathi, R/o Bitna Road, Village Ghatiwala, Post Office Pinjore Tehsil Kalka District Panchkula Haryana, my son Karan Tripathi and his wife Tamanna are out of my and my family's control. I disown them from my all moveable/immovable property. Anybody deals with them at his/her own risk.

I, Sukhwinder Kumari W/o Parshotam R/o #3501, Sector -23-D, Chandigarh declare that my son Munish Kumar is out of my control. I disown him from my all moveable/immovable property. Anybody deal with him at his/her own risk.

I, Rakesh Kumar son of Shri Tahya Ram R/o Village Matoli post office Samela area Hatli tehsil Baldwara district (Himachal Pradesh). I declare that my daughter Sakshi Sharma is out of my control and hence today on 08/10/2024. I disown my daughter Sakshi Sharma from all my movable and immovable properties. Anybody deal with him at his own risk.

I, Anjana Kumari W/o Rakesh Kumar R/o village Matoli post office Samela area Hatli tehsil Baldwara District (Himachal Pradesh). I declare that my daughter Sakshi Sharma is out of my control and hence today on 08/10/2024. I disown my daughter Sakshi Sharma from all my movable and immovable properties. Anybody deal with him at his own risk.

We, Balraj Singh S/o Amrik Singh and Rajinder Kaur W/o Balraj Singh R/O Village Chapra Ram Singh Amritsar have declare that our son Harjit Singh and his wife Jybanpreet Kaur are out of our control. We disinherit them from our all movable and immovable properties any body deal with them in his own risk and responsibility.

We, Virender Sharma S/o Joginder Pal, and Monika Sharma W/o Virender Sharma R/O H.No. 360, Jaswant Nagar Garha, Jalandhar, declare that we disown our son Manik Sharam and his wife Archana Prashar from our moveable and immovable properties anybody dealing with them at their own risk.

I, Sunita W/o Kashmir Singh R/o H.No. 5032, Phase-2, Urban Estate, Patiala declare that my son Yashdeep is out of my control. I, Evict him from all my moveable / immovable properties. Anyone dealing with him shall do so on their own risk, I or my family will not be responsible.

I, Jasveer Kaur wife of Bagh Singh resident of Village Sakhita Kheda, District Sirsa, Haryana, this is to inform the general public that I have sent my son Hardeep Singh Ando being fed up with the misbehavior and unreasonable demands of daughter-in-law Harpreet Kaur by ending all relations with them and giving them all his movable and immovable has been evicted from the property. Any of their activities, transactions or I and any other member of my family have no objection against the police administration There will be no responsibility.

I Sher Kaur W/o Joginder Singh R/o Vill Pilkhani Teh Rajpura Distt Patiala Declare that my son Jamaal Singh is out of my control so I evict him all my Moveable immoveable property anyone dealing with him at their own risk.

ਮੈਂ ਗੁਰਦੇਵ ਸਿੰਘ ਪੁੱਤਰ ਮਹਿੰਦਰ ਸਿੰਘ ਨਿਵਾਸੀ ਦੱਲੇਵਾਲਾ (ਮੇਰਾ) ਸੂਚਿਤ ਕਰਦਾ ਹਾਂ ਕਿ ਮੇਰੀ ਲੜਕੀ ਸਨਦੀਪ ਕੌਰ ਜੋ ਕਿ ਮੇਰੇ ਕੋਟਿਏ ਤੋਂ ਬਾਹਰ ਹੈ। ਇਸ ਲਈ ਮੈਂ ਇਸ ਨੂੰ ਆਪਣੀ ਚੁੱਲ ਅਚੱਲ ਜਾਇਦਾਦ ਤੋਂ ਬੇਦਖਲ ਕਰਦਾ ਹਾਂ ਮੇਰਾ ਅਤੇ ਮੇਰੇ ਪੁਰਵਾਰ ਦਾ ਇਸ ਨਾਲ ਕੋਈ ਸਬੰਧ ਨਹੀਂ ਹੈ। ਇਸ ਨਾਲ ਲੈਣ ਦੋਣ ਕਰਨ ਵਾਲਾ ਖੁੱਦ ਚੁੱਮੇਵਾਰ ਹੋਵੇਗਾ। ਸਬੰਧਤ ਨੋਟ ਕਰਨ।

PUBLIC NOTICE

I Retu Devi W/o Service No. 3198111H Rank HAV Biresbhir Singh R/O Vill Shahkulpur PO Manpur Tehsil Mawana Distt Meerut -250406 (UP) declare that in school record of my son Sarthak, my name wrongly recorded as Ritui Devi. My correct name is Retu Devi.

I, JC, No. 248413L Rank RIS, Chanchal Singh S/O Onkar Singh R/O 62 Cavalry, Tibri Cantt., Tehsil and District Gurdaspur, Punjab, India declare that in school record of my son, his mother name written as Karnjeet Kaur and my son Name written as DilshanPunit Singh which are wrong. Their correct names are Karnjeet Kaur and DilshanPunit Singh Sandhu.

I, Preeti Sharma wife of Rajesh Kumar, mother of Tanmay Sharma aged 15 years r/o # 264/16, Comrade Josh road, Near Akali Dafter Gurudwara, Sector 11, Gobind Colony, Kharar, Mohali, Punjab. That in my son's birth certificate issued by Municipal Corporation Sirhind, my name has been inadvertently entered as Preeti instead of Preeti Sharma. That both Preeti Sharma and Preeti the same person i.e., myself.

I, Sundaram permanent resident of 1/39 Thaikdooli Vilai, Marayapuram, Vilavancode, Distt. Kannyakumari, State Tamil Nadu-629162, father of Hav Mahesh Kumar S Unit 10 CSR(A) C/o 56 APO Bathinda Cantt (Punjab) declare that I have changed name from Sundaram to Sundaran A and DOB 01.07.1955 to 17.07.1947 vide affidavit dated 11.10.2024

I Am Ex No-2697252-X, Rank-NK, Name-Gurnam Singh, Residence Of Vill- Daroli Lower, P.O- Daroli Upper, Tehsil- Nangal, District-Rupnagar, State-Punjab-140133, Declared that I Change My Father's Name Chhajja Singh To Chhajj Ram And On Date Of Birth 04-06-1950 To 01-01-1948

I, Lakshay Sharma S/o Sh. Vinod Sharma R/O H.No. 134, Friends Enclave SP Road Sultan Puri, Sultanpuri C Block, North West Delhi, Delhi-110086 declare that my correct name is Lakshay Sharma as per my adhaar card and as Lakshay has been mentioned in my 10th class marksheet/school record. Lakshay Sharma and Lakshay both are same and one person.

I, Prem Lal Prajapati S/o Sukhdev Prajapati, Father of Army No. 14853593W Rank HAV/CLC(SD) name Sunil Kumar Prajapati residing of Village & Post-Mahroi, Tehsil-Bandhavgarh, Distt-Umaria, State-Madhya Pradesh (MP), Pin Code-484661, have changed my date of birth from 18 Feb 1959 to 01 Jan 1955 vide Affidavit No IN-PB70033970344504W dated 11 Oct 2024 sworn before Notary Public Satpal, Pathankot. PI correct it.

I, Shinder Kaur wife of Late Sh Mukand Singh and mother of No 4477403M Ex Sep Balwinder Singh Resident of Village Bhola Wala PO Lalle Tehsil and Distt Ferozepur, Punjab have changed my name from Shinder Kaur to Chhinder Kaur and also changed my date of birth from 18 Mar 1955 to 23 Jul 1961 in my son Army Service Records as per affidavit dated 11 Oct 2024.

I Army no 16118054F Rank NK Name Dudekula Kullai Basha of unit 22 Engr Rest C/o 56 Apo Ferozpur permanent Residence of 1-136, Muslim Street, Kakarawada Village Uyyalawada Mandal Vtc Kakarawada P.o Kakravada Tehsil Uyyalawada District Kurnool State Andhra Pradesh Pin 518145 declare that my son name Dudekula Kullai Yusuf Wrongly Written in my Army Service Record But My Son Correct Name is Dudekula Kullai Mohammad Yusuf.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, Shallu Sood W/O Atul Nayyar R/O House Number - 106, Near Holly Heart School, Jodhamal colony, Teh/Distt Pathankot Have Changed My Name From Shallu Sood To Shallu Nayyar.

I, Vasu Gupta S/o Sarju Gupta R/O H No. 66, Vyt Vihar, Baltana Zirakpur, Distt. Mohali declare that my father name is wrongly mentioned in my Passport as Sarju but correct name is Sarju Gupta.

I, Reena W/o Satish Kumar R/O Indira Colony, Tehsil-Narwana, Distt.Jind in school record of my son (Abhishek) my name is Reena (incorrcet), correct name is Reena Devi.

I, No 4075712-H Ex Nk Pradeep Singh resident of # 718/7, Bapu Dham Colony, Ph-1I, Chandigarh declare that, at the time of joining to Army the name spelling and date of birth of my mother was erroneously incorporated as Sakha Devi and date of birth 01.07.1934 whereas her correct name spelling is Shakra Devi and her correct date of birth is 01.01.1951.

I, Subhash S/o Harichand R/o Dumarkha Kalan, Tehsil-Uchana, Distt-Jind have changed my name from Subhash to Subhash Chand.

I, Satbir Singh S/o Sh. Ranjit Singh R/o Village Shapur, Distt. Hisar (Haryana) declare that in my 10th Marksheet my name is mentioned as Satyavir but other documents as Satbir Singh and old passport as Satyavir Singh. The above three names are mine and one person. I want to change my name from Satyavir Singh to Satbir Singh in my new passport.

I, Kamaljeet Kaur D/o Parduman Singh Natt and Heriminder Kaur Natt, R/o # 3036, Sector 19-D, Chandigarh have changed my name to Kamaljeet Grewal.

I, Jasbir S/o Gurumukh Singh R/O Village Bahampur, PO Sabapur, Tehsil Jagadhri, Distt Yamuna Nagar have changed my name from Jasbir to Jasbir Singh.

I, Anil Kumar S/o Mahinder Singh R/O Village Munda Khera, Post office Udharn Garh, Chhachhrauli, Tehsil Chhachhrauli, Distt. Yamuna Nagar, Haryana- 135003, India, declare that name of my mother has been wrongly written as Santosh Rani in my service records. The actual name of my mother is Ramalo.

I, Suresh Rani W/o Kanwar Pal Tyagi R/O Village Mamidi, PO Aurangabad, Jagadhri, Distt Yamuna Nagar have changed my name from Suresh Tyagi to Suresh Rani. In future I shall be known as Suresh Rani.

I, Poonam Gauri W/o Baldev Raj Gauri R/o # D-2-1113, Chita Mandir road, Shanti Colony, Yamanunagar have changed my name from Poonam Gauri to Poonam.

I, Divya Shukla d/o Ajay Shukla R/O House No. 963/5, Mohan Nagar, Thanesar, Kurukshetra have Changed my name in my Minor Son Hemank Shukla Documents from Divya to Divya Shukla.

I, Bharti Sharma W/o Sudheer Gaur R/O 331, MS Enclave, Dhakoli, near Shiv Mandir Zirakpur SAS Nagar Mohali Punjab 140603 has changed my name to Bharti Gaur.

I, Kewal Krishan S/O Bhola Nath R/O Ward No- 9, DR, Tilak Raj Street, Friends Colony Pathankot Punjab 145001 have changed my name to Kewal Krishan Sanan.

I, Ashok Kumar S/O Haveli Ram Kohli R/O Flat No-704, Tower No-6, Savitry Greens, VIP Road, Zirakpur have changed my name to Ashok Kohli.

I, Malkit Singh S/O Sadhu Singh # 714/3, Mohalla, Dehra Sahib, Manimajra, Sector -13, Chandigarh have changed my name to Malkit Singh.

I, Vijeta Ved W/O Amit Pathak # 2028, Sector 27-C, Chandigarh have changed the name of my minor daughter from Purmina to Purmina Pathak.

I, Deepa W/O Radheshyam # 1363, Phase-2, Ramdarbar, Chandigarh have changed my name to Deepa Aheria.

I, Radhey Sham S/o Vishnu # 1363, Phase-2, Ramdarbar, Chandigarh have changed my name to Radheshyam.

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

I, Darshan S/o Sewa Ram R/O VPO Gurdas Nangal Distt Gurdaspur (Punjab) India have changed my name from Darshan to Darshan Singh .Concerned note.

I, Iqbal Singh S/o Mangal Singh R/O Village Bajje Chak Tehsil & District Gurdaspur, Punjab have changed my name from Iqbal Singh to Singh Iqbal . In future Singh is my surname and Iqbal is my given name.

I, Baljeet Kour W/o Gurvel Singh Resident of Village Singhpura Post office Dhariwal Tehsil & Distt. Gurdaspur have changed my name from Baljeet Kour to Baljit Kaur. Concerned note.

I, Sarakam Appa Rao Father of Santosh Kumar Sarakam R/o #1454, Sector 47-B, Chandigarh have changed my name from Sarakam Appa Rao to Sarakam Apparao vide Affidavit No - IN-CH52625600140051W Dated 11-10-2024 before Notary, Distt. Court at Chandigarh.

I, Reena Rani w/o Deepak Saini r/o House No. 1, Mela Ground Area, 21P, declares that Reena Rani & Reena Saini both names are mine and one woman.

I Rupal Nishad W/o Sh. Mandeep Kumar R/O H.No. 2324/3-A, Gandhi Colony Baldev Nagr Ambala City 134007 have changed my name from Rupal Nishad to Nishad Rupal Ramesh.

I, Kumari Bharti W/O Umesh Chander R/O Dayal Bagh Mahesh Nagar Ambala Cantt Haryana I Have Changed My Name From Kumari Bharti To Bharti.

I, Prabhu Dayal Verma S/o Sh. Chandji Ram R/O H. No. 715, P.L.A, Hisar (Haryana) declare that I have changed my name from Prabhu Dayal to Prabhu Dayal Verma. In future I shall be known as Prabhu Dayal Verma for all purpose.

I, Asha Rani Verma W/o Prabhu Dayal Verma R/O H. No. 715, P.L.A, Hisar (Haryana) declare that I have changed my name from Asha Rani to Asha Rani Verma. In future I shall be known as Asha Rani Verma for all purpose.

I, Harpreet Singh Sandhu S/o Ajit Singh R/O Village Bhakna Khurd, PO Bhakna Kalan, Amritsar, Punjab-143107 have changed my name from Harpreet Singh Sandhu to Harpreet Singh.

I, Nareesh S/o Sh. Hazara Singh R/O Village Bandh, Israna, Distt. Panipat declare that I have changed my name from Nareesh to Nareesh Kumar, for all future purposes.

I, Vinita Chawla W/o Late Surinder Kumar Chawla R/O H.No.398-L Model Town, Panipat declare that I have change my name from Vinita Chawla, Vinita Chawla, Vineeta Chawla to Vinita Chawla, I should be known by the name of Vinita Chawla.

I, Himat Singh S/O Sulkhan Singh R/O Village and Postoffice Nalvi Tehsil Shahabad Markanda, District Kurukshetra, have changed my name from Himat Singh to Himmat Singh.

I, Ravinder Kumar Arora s/o Ram Lal R/O H.No- 301, Sector-14, Urban Estate, Karnal, have changed my name to Ravinder Kumar.

I, Renu Bala w/o Ravinder Kumar R/O H.No- 301, Sector- 14, Urban Estate, Karnal, have changed my name to Renu.

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

I, Kamal Kumar S/o Amrit Lal Chaudhary R/O House No. 33, Professor Colony, Dhand Road, Kaithal-136027, Distt. Kaithal (Haryana) declares that I have changed my name from Kamal Kumar to Kamal Kumar Chaudhary.

I, Aman S/O Nareesh Kumar R/O Village Pabnawa, Sub-Tehsil Dhand, Distt. Kaithal (Haryana) declares that I have changed my name from Aman Dhiman. In future, I will be known by the name of Aman Dhiman. All concerned please note.

I, Hardik s/o Puneet r/o Mahavir Colony, Ladwa, Distt. Kurukshetra have changed my name from Hardik to Hardik Arora. In future I will be known as Hardik Arora.

I, Mukesh Devi w/o Vinod Kumar r/o #166, New L.I.G. Madhuban, Karnal (Haryana) have changed my name from Mukesh to Mukesh Devi. In future I should be known as Mukesh Devi.

I, hitherto known as Satinder Kaur wife of Randhir Singh residing at Vill.Hasanpur Khurd PO Balpurian, Tehsil Batala, Gurdaspur-143505 Punjab have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as Harjinder Kaur.

I, Kulwinderjit Singh S/o Baljit Singh R/O Gali Lehari Wali, Mohalla Nanaksar, Tarn Taran have changed my name from Kulwinderjit Singh to Kulwinderjeet Singh

I, Jagrup Kaur W/o Prabhit Singh R/O VPO Makhana Windi, Amritsar have changed my name from Jagrup Kaur to Jagrup Kaur Dhillion

I, Ravinderjit Kaur W/o Harinder Singh R/O H.No.91, Defence Enclave Near Gumtala Pull Amritsar have declare that Ravinderjit is my Given name and Kaur is my Surname

I, Mala Kushwah is spouse of No. 14944675M NK Ram Singh resident of Village Dhakra, PO Chakar Nagar, District Etawah, Uttar Pradesh-206125 now at 11 Arm'd Regt C/O 56 Apo, have changed my name from Mala Kushwah to Mala Devi and date of birth from 05.07.1990 to 01.01.1992 vide affidavit no.IN-PB70119699411299W dated 11-10-2024, before Notary Public, Amritsar

I, No.4202664P Nk Rinku S/o Sher Singh R/O Sehor, Kanina (14) Mahendragarh, Haryana- 123027 have declare that in my son Vansh Sachoal Record my name wrongly written as Rinku Yadav Instead of Rinku

I, Santosh W/o No.4202664P Nk Rinku R/O Sehor, Kanina (14) Mahendragarh, Haryana-123027 have declaer that in my son School record my name wrongly written as Santosh Yadav Instead of Santosh

I, Johani Lal F/o Service No. 15339477W Rank Hav (WM) Ratti Ram Gurjar R/O Village Bhedadi Gujran, Gurha Ashikpura, Dausa, Rajasthan 303315.have changed my Name from Johari Lal Gurjar To Johari Lal & changed my DOB from 01.07.1960 To 01.01.1952.

I, Dakha Devi M/o Service No. 15339477W Rank Hav (WM) Ratti Ram Gurjar R/ o Village Bhedadi Gujran,Gurha Ashikpura, Dausa, Rajasthan 303315.have changed my Name from Dhakha To Dakha Devi & Changed my DOB from 02.07.1965 To 01.01.1958.

I Smt Sukhwinder Kaur Widowed D/o No. 1167078 Ex Late Nk Bhajan Singh R/O VPO Korwa Khurd, Tehsil Naringarh, Distt. Ambala have changed my Name from Sukhwinder Kaur To Sukhwinder Kaur & Changed my DOB from 16.12.1965 To 01.01.1969.

I, Gurcharan Singh F/o Service No. 18018013P Rank SPR Name Ramandeep Singh R/O Tehsil Dhuri, Patti Chandigarh, Balian, Sangrur, Punjab 148106.have changed my DOB from 01/01/1969 To 15/08/1968.

I Ranjit Kaur M/o Service No. 18018013P Rank SPR Name Ramandeep Singh R/O Tehsil Dhuri, Patti Chandigarh, Balian, Sangrur, Punjab 148106.have changed my Name from Ranjeet Kaur To Ranjit Kaur

I, Gowtham brother of Sankarguru V R/o 1-128, Vinayagar Kovil Street, Athipatti, Kurukulumam - 627754 Tirunelveli (DT), Tamil nadu, have changed my Name from Gowtham to Gowtham V Vide Affidavit dated 28.08.2024 at Athipatti.

I, Bija Singh S/o Lal Singh R/O VPO Kalanaur, Tehsil Jagadhri, Distt Yamuna Nagar declare that Bija Singh and Vijay Singh both are the name of one and same person.

I, Nareesh Kumar S/o Late Sh. Govrdhan R/O Dhabi Khurd, Distt. Fatehabad (Haryana) declare that my father Govrdhan had changed his name from Gordhan to Govrdhan during his lifetime. My late father was known and recognized as Govrdhan during his lifetime.

I, Paramejeet Kaur W/o Kashmir Singh R/O Ward No. 14, Multani Colony Pehowa, District Kurukshetra, have changed my name from Paramejeet Kaur to Paramejjet and surname to Kaur. for all future purposes.

I Kashmir Singh S/o Harmann Singh R/O Ward No. 14, Multani Colony Pehowa, District Kurukshetra, have changed my name from Kashmir Singh to Kashmir and surname to Singh for all future purposes

I, Aashish Kumar S/o Sh.Dharam Singh R/O House No.976, sector 26 Panchkula declare that in my passport my Father's name is mentioned as Dharam Singh Hira.Whereas correct name is Dharam Singh.

I Adarsh s/o Dinesh Kumar Sharma, r/o house no 6, Vishal nagar, Chopra garden, Yamanunagar. That I have change my name from Adarsh to Adarsh Sharma.

I, Mandeep S Sher son of Sh. Shivalay Singh resident of House No. 413, Sector 43/A, Chandigarh, have changed my name from Mandeep S Sher to Mandeep Singh.

I Harmandeep Singh Narain S/O Joga Singh R/O 65 Sector 124 Sunny City EXTN- 1 Kharar Mohali Punjab, have changed my name from Harmandeep Singh Narain to Harmandeep Singh.

I Avnit Kaur Narain W/O Harmandeep Singh R/o 65 Sector 124 Sunny City EXTN- 1 Kharar Mohali Punjab, have changed my name from Avnit Kaur Narain to Avnit Kaur.

I Sanjeet Kumar S/o Sh. Herold Remy R/O H.No 1332 block C Janta Colony Nada SAS Nagar, have changed my minor daughter name from Khushi Cathereni to Khushi.

I Pankaj Kumar s/o Satish Kumar r/o Gidderbaha change my name from Pankaj Bansal Kumar to Pankaj Kumar w.e.f 28th Sept2024. That in some documents my name is Pankaj Bansal and in some other documents name is Pankaj Kumar. That both names are one and the same person

I, Kanika Sharma W/o Sudhir Sharma R/O Flat No. B1004, Mona Greens 1 Apartments, Vip Road, Zirakpur SAS Nagar, Punjab have changed my name from Kanika Sharma to Kanika Tehri.

I Reshma Purushottam Gendrao W/o No. 15786967H Rank Hav (GNR), Gendrao Purushottam Prakash of Unit 612 (I) Mech Ad Bde C/o 56 APO & R/O Post Singh, Tq Digras, Distt. Yavatmla, Maharashtra,445203.have changed my DOB from 26.06.1990 to 26.07.1990.

I, No. 15781012L Rank Nk, Suryawanshi Saban Keval S/o Keval Parashram Suryawanshi of Unit 436 Ad MSL Regt (SP) C/o 56 APO.have changed my Mother Name from Vimalbai To Vimal Keval Suryawanshi.

I, No. 15781012L Rank Nk, Suryawanshi Saban Keval S/o Keval Parashram Suryawanshi of Unit 436 Ad MSL Regt (SP) C/o 56 APO.have changed my Father Name from Keval To Keval Parashram Suryawanshi.

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Nayab Saini likely to take oath as Haryana CM on October 15

PNS ■ CHANDIGARH

Nayab Singh Saini is likely to take oath as the Chief Minister of Haryana in Panchkula on October 15 with Prime Minister Narendra Modi, BJP President JP Nadda, several Union Ministers, Chief Ministers of BJP-ruled States and party's top functionaries likely to attend the ceremony.

The sprawling Parade Ground in Sector 5 will be the venue for the swearing-in ceremony, with thousands of party leaders and workers from across the region expected to participate. Senior administrative and police officials, including ADGP Alok Mittal, visited the venue on Friday to oversee the preparations.

State Chief Secretary TVSN Prasad has constituted a committee under the Panchkula DC to oversee preparations for the function. Parade Ground had been chosen as the venue as it was adjoining the Indradhanush Auditorium Complex, which had a huge secured parking space for VVIPs. Another ground near a mall had also been reserved as the venue.

Meanwhile, Party sources said the ceremony would be preceded by a meeting of the BJP legislature party on October 14,



in which Nayab Singh Saini — CM face of the saffron party in the 2024 Assembly poll — has been expected to be chosen as the leader of the legislature party.

The caretaker CM Saini, under whose leadership the party fought the high-octane electoral battle and overcame a 10-year anti-incumbency. Saini had replaced BJP veteran Manohar Lal Khattar as the Chief Minister in March, just two months before the Lok Sabha elections.

Caretaker Chief Minister Saini won the Ladwa Assembly seat by 16,054 votes, defeating his nearest rival and Congress candidate Mewa Singh. Saini had met Prime Minister Narendra Modi and other senior BJP leaders in New Delhi on Wednesday after scoring a spectacular hat-trick in Haryana by winning 48 seats, 11 more than the Congress. The Congress was the second

largest party with 37 seats, while the Indian National Lok Dal (INLD) got only two seats. Independent candidates got three seats, who extended unconditional support to the BJP, whereas Dushyant Chautala's Jannayak Janata Party (JJP) and Arvind Kejriwal's Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) drew a blank.

Eight out of 10 ministers in the outgoing Saini cabinet faced defeat. The two who won were Mahipal Dhanda and Mool Chand Sharma from Panipat Rural and Ballabhgarh seats, respectively.

The party's seven-time lawmaker, Anil Vij, is the senior most in the party. He is among the frontrunners for a Cabinet berth, apart from Dalit lawmakers like six-time MLA Krishan Lal Panwar (Israna) and two-time MLA Krishan Bedi (Narwana), both loyalists of former Chief Minister Khattar.

The women prospective Cabinet Ministers include first-timers Arti Rao (Ateli), daughter of Union Minister Rao Inderjit Singh, and Shruti Chaudhry (Tosham), daughter of Rajya Sabha member Kiran Chaudhry. Arti is an OBC while Shruti represents the Jat community.

Saini was made the CM in March to counter the anti-incumbency wave against Khattar for his nine-and-a-half-

year helm. In his 56 days of governance, Saini claimed to have done so much development that Congress leader Bhupinder Hooda did in 10 years as the Chief Minister. "In 56 days, I have taken 126 historic decisions for Haryana's development," CM Saini said in his election campaigns.

A confidant of Khattar, Saini entered politics almost 30 years ago. He was elected as an MLA from Naraingarh in the 2014 Assembly polls and inducted into the Cabinet in 2016.

Saini was keen to re-enter the poll fray from Karnal, the seat he won in the June bypoll when he replaced Khattar as the Chief Minister. However, the BJP leadership considered Ladwa, which came into existence in 2007, the safest seat for Saini as the party polled 47.14 per cent of the votes in the June parliamentary polls.

On September 15, BJP senior-most leader and five-time legislator Anil Vij asserted that he would stake a claim for the chief minister's post if the party returned to power in the Assembly polls. Rebutting his claims spontaneously, the party's state in-charge, Dharmendra Pradhan, said the party would achieve a hat-trick of wins under Saini's leadership and he's the BJP's chief ministerial face.

Punjab's VCs Conference sparks vision for empowering youth through learning



PNS ■ CHANDIGARH

Punjab Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann on Friday urged the academicians to embrace a proactive role in empowering the common man through quality education during a pivotal conference of Vice-Chancellors at Punjab Raj Bhawan. The event underscored the essential contribution of educational leaders in shaping the future of the state's education system. The Chief Minister's address highlighted a collaborative spirit with the Governor Gulab Chand Kataria, who reciprocated the appreciation — marking a refreshing shift from the previous tensions between Mann and former Governor Banwarilal Purohit.

During the conference, Mann emphasized that the responsibility for producing future achievers rests squarely on the shoulders of the Vice-Chancellors of Punjab's 40 universities. "All of you are achievers in your own right, but now the challenge is to nurture and guide the next generation," he asserted. He praised the Governor's initiative to convene such a conference, recognizing its potential to foster improvements in higher education standards across the State.

Governor Kataria echoed Mann's sentiments, lauding the Chief Minister for his dedication to educational reforms and active involvement in the discussions. He emphasized Punjab's robust educational infrastructure, expressing confidence in the state's ability to lead the nation in education. "Together, we can elevate Punjab's education

system and position it as a national model," he stated, reinforcing the need for enhanced cooperation between academic institutions and the State Government.

Both leaders called for increased investment in education, with the Governor advocating for allocating at least six per cent of the state's GDP to this vital sector. Drawing parallels with the educational advancements seen in countries like China, he highlighted the necessity of tapping into Punjab's vast talent pool to ensure that students possess the skills essential for success in a competitive global environment.

Mann's address also focused on the state's recent achievements in reversing declining student enrollment in its universities — a trend exacerbated by previous regressive policies. He noted that educational institutions now feature world-class infrastructure, with 43 government colleges accredited by NAAC and three receiving an A grade. "Our initiatives are yielding results, and we are witnessing a surge in admissions, reversing the trend of students seeking education abroad," he declared, demonstrating Punjab's renewed commitment to cultivating local talent.

Moreover, the Chief Minister introduced innovative educational programs, such as the Business Blaster scheme, designed to develop future business leaders. He also announced plans to integrate Artificial Intelligence (AI) into various sectors, including agriculture and education, showcasing Punjab's readiness to embrace technological advancements for enhanced learning experiences.

Throughout the conference, both leaders highlighted the importance of holistic development in education, advocating for reforms in the NAAC grading system that would empower students to have a greater say in evaluating their institutions. This change aimed at fostering accountability within the education system while promoting collaboration among universities to facilitate mutual growth.

In a show of unity, Mann and Kataria emphasized the need for continuous dialogue in education, with the Governor proposing that such conferences be held bi-annually. This recurring platform would allow for sharing insights, tracking progress, and adapting strategies to enhance the education sector effectively.

Farmers to launch chakka jam on Sunday over delayed paddy procurement

MONIKA MALIK ■ CHANDIGARH

Farmers, arhtiyas (commission agents), and rice millers in Punjab have come together in a powerful protest against the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) Government's slow paddy procurement process. Frustrated by the state's failure to ensure timely purchases since October 1, these key stakeholders are preparing for a massive 'chakka jam' on Sunday (October 13). From noon to 3 pm, roads across Punjab will be blocked as a part of the coordinated agitation.

The protesters, led by the Sanyukt Kisan Morcha (SKM), on Friday warned that if their demands are not met, this disruption will only be the beginning of larger, more intense demonstrations.

The protest stems from the delayed procurement of paddy, which has left the farmers sitting in mandis (grain markets) for days with unsold produce. Despite the start of the paddy procurement season on October 1, the Government has failed to expedite the process, causing significant distress among farmers who depend on timely payments for their livelihoods.

With no end in sight, the frustration has grown, leading to an unprecedented alliance between farmers, arhtiyas, and rice millers, all of whom are key players in the state's agricultural chain.

Farmer leader Balbir Singh Rajewal, a senior farmer leader and member of SKM, expressed the collective outrage, stating, "This is an agitation to save Punjab and its agrarian economy. The government's attitude will destroy both the farmers and the markets." He went on to explain that the 'chakka jam' is just the first step, and if the government fails to respond to their concerns, the protest will be escalated further.

The demands of the protesters are centered around

resolving key issues that have plagued the procurement process, including creating adequate storage space for the current paddy crop, addressing high out-turn ratio requirements from hybrid paddy varieties, and restoring the commission for arhtiyas to 2.5 percent. Rajewal said that the AAP Government has done little to address these concerns, leaving all stakeholders in a precarious position.

The coordination between farmers, commission agents, and rice millers is a significant development, reminiscent of the unity displayed during the year-long farmers' protest of 2020-21. On Friday, SKM leaders, along with associations of arhtiyas and two rice millers' associations, announced their decision to join forces in protest. They emphasized that the slow pace of procurement has put immense pressure on the entire supply chain, with farmers unable to sell their produce and rice millers struggling to process it without

sufficient storage capacity.

In addition to the Sunday protest, the farmers has warned of further action. If the Government fails to address their demands, the joint group will seek the support of other trade unions and continue the agitation. A strategic meeting is scheduled for October 14, where the next course of action will be decided, potentially leading to an even larger protest.

This is not the first time Punjab's farmers have taken to the streets to express their frustration with government policies. Earlier this month, a 'Rail Roko' protest marked the anniversary of the 2021 Lakhimpur Kheri incident, during which farmers disrupted train services across the State. Their demands then, as now, included a legal guarantee for the Minimum Support Price (MSP) and timely procurement of crops. The current protest is seen as a continuation of these demands, with the added pres-

sure of ensuring a smoother procurement process.

Rice millers and commission agents are equally vocal in their criticism of the government. They have raised concerns about being forced to give higher out-turn ratios for hybrid paddy varieties, a requirement they claim is unfair and unworkable under current conditions. They have also demanded that the government restore the commission for arhtiyas, which has been reduced in recent years.

The protesters are determined to make their voices heard and ensure that the government takes meaningful action. Rajewal stressed the importance of clearing out 128 lakh tons of rice currently stored in warehouses, which is impeding the procurement of this season's crop. "Storage facilities are essential for future crops. If the government does not act now, Punjab's agricultural economy will be pushed to the brink," he warned.

Himachal CM announces 4 percent DA to 3.50 lakh employees and pensioners of the State

PNS ■ SHIMLA

The Himachal Pradesh government will release state employees' salaries and pension, as well as the pending DA calculated at 4 per cent, on October 28, Chief Minister Sukhvinder Sukhu said on Friday.

The government will pay employees their Dearness Allowance pending since January 1, 2023, and also clear their medical reimbursement bills, he said. "Salaries and pensions for October would be given on October 28 because of Diwali," Sukhu said.

He said the salaries were earlier delayed to bring some financial discipline. The Revenue Deficit Grant and tax share from the Centre are



received on September 6 and 10 and paying salary on the first day of every month necessitates borrowing from the market at 7.5 per cent interest, Sukhu had earlier said.

The state's decision to defer salaries help it save about Rs 3 crore every month and Rs 36

crore annually on interest payment, he said. He said that about 1.15 lakh employees have opted for the Old Pension Scheme, while 1,364 have opted for the New Pension Scheme. It has been decided that DA would also be given to these employees who opted for NPS, he said.

Sukhu alleged that freebies amounting to Rs 5,000 crore given by the previous BJP government ruined the financial health of the state. He listed free power up to 125 units, free water in rural areas, a reduction in VAT on diesel and petrol, and the opening of about 900 health education and other government institutions ahead of the last state election as some of the previous dispensation's decision which proved to be bad for the state.

Sukhu said the free power scheme has not been withdrawn and metred water charges in rural areas are being levied on big hotels, homestays and other commercial establishments. "We are here to change the system and will make Himachal Pradesh self-reliant by 2027," he said.

CM Saini inspects Grain Markets, directs officers to ensure smooth paddy procurement

PNS ■ CHANDIGARH

Haryana Chief Minister Nayab Singh Saini, who inspected the grain markets in Kurukshetra on Friday, assured that every single grain produced by farmers would be procured. Besides this, he also assured timely payments of the procurement. He said that the state government is committed to protecting the interests of farmers. All basic facilities have been provided in the markets so that farmers face no difficulties in selling their crops. Additionally, the timely lifting of paddy from the markets will also be ensured, said Saini.

The Chief Minister also inspected the grain markets of Pipli, Ladwa, and Babain in the Kurukshetra district. Additional Chief Secretary, Social Justice and Empowerment Department, G Anupama, Deputy Commissioner Rajesh Jogpal and Superintendent of

Police Varun Singla welcomed the Chief Minister. Former Minister of State, Subhash Sudha, was also present.

Saini also checked the moisture content of the paddy using a moisture metre during his visit and interacted with farmers, Arhtiyas and representatives of Kisan Unions to gather information about the paddy procurement process. He said that the purchase of paddy is proceeding smoothly according to the set parameters. In addition to paddy, the government is also purchasing Bajra.

He also interacted with the Arhtiyas and farmers to understand their issues. Farmers raised concerns about the non-lifting of paddy, non-issuance of RO and other problems. The Chief Minister immediately directed the officers concerned to address these issues and also ensure that farmers should not face any difficulties in the markets. If any local millers are



not purchasing or lifting the paddy, another miller can take over the task, said Saini.

Saini said that farmers are free to sell their crops at any market. He also strictly directed the officers that the farmers should not face any problems in the markets. He said that strict action would be taken against

any officer found negligent in this work.

Two employees suspended for negligence in Paddy Procurement Process

Saini said that farmers and Arhtiyas should not face any difficulties during the paddy procurement process in the 'man-

dis' and as soon as farmers bring their paddy to the mandis, the agencies concerned must ensure its purchase according to the rules. In light of negligence in paddy procurement at Ladwa, the Chief Minister directed the suspension of HAFED Manager/Inspector, Kuldeep and DFSC Department, Inspector, Sandeep Ahlawat. He was on a visit to Pipli, Ladwa, and Babain mandis. During the visit to the mandi, Saini directed the officers to ensure that the paddy procurement process runs smoothly and that its lifting is carried out in a timely manner. He emphasised that farmers should receive payments for their crops within the stipulated time. Also, he directed the officers to provide all basic amenities to farmers and Arhtiyas to avoid any inconvenience in selling their produce in the mandis. He also directed that the authorities concerned must ensure that as soon as a farmer brings their paddy crop

to the mandi, it should be purchased at the MSP.

Congress never rose above corruption and dynastic politics, alleges Saini

Taking a jibe at the Congress party, the Chief Minister said that Congress never rose above corruption and dynastic politics. In the past, they had won power by deceiving people in several states, including Himachal Pradesh, Karnataka, and others. Congress has lost its credibility. Later interacting with the media persons, the Chief Minister congratulated the people and party workers on the formation of the BJP government in Haryana for the third time. He expressed gratitude to the public for their support and announced that, in line with a pre-election promise, the examination results for 25,000 posts would be released soon, even before the oath-taking ceremony.

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HIMACHAL GOVERNOR AND CHIEF MINISTER FELICITATE PEOPLE ON DUSSEHRA

Shimla: Governor Shiv Pratap Shukla and Chief Minister Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu have felicitated the people of the State on the occasion of Dussehra. The Governor said that Dussehra festival symbolizes victory of good over evil and hoped that the festival would be celebrated with great enthusiasm throughout the State. The Chief Minister has also extended felicitations to the people of the State on this occasion. He wished that the Dussehra festival would bring happiness, peace and prosperity in the lives of the people of the State.

KAPURTHALA LEGISLATOR RANA GURJEET SEEKS SUPPORT FOR BASMATI GROWERS OF PUNJAB

Chandigarh: Member of the Punjab legislative assembly from Kapurthala Rana Gurjeet Singh on Thursday demanded support from the Government of India and Punjab government for basmati growers of the state, as the prices of the produce being sold in the state in the current season according to him have fallen by 40% as compared to the prices the crop fetched the last year. "The Punjab government has promised farmers to create a corpus fund to support the crops other than paddy and wheat which are covered under minimum support price (MSP), so when farmers are taking risk the government should come in their support," he said. He suggested that Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA) an entity of the government of India should make arrangements to facilitate basmati growers. According to the MLA, with the efforts of the farmers the area under premium basmati cultivation, has increased by 84,000 hectares to 6.80 lakh hectares. "Due to the ongoing war between Iran and Israel the logistic cost has also gone up and the orders from Middle Eastern countries have been very low," said the MLA.

CHANDIGARH TO HOST TWO OFFICIAL SEASONS OF INDIAN POLO ASSOCIATION

Chandigarh: The Chandigarh Polo Association (CPA) under the aegis of the nationwide polo governing body Indian Polo Association (IPA), will host two official seasons of IPA from December 1 to December 7 and from March 30 to April 5. Several Defence teams and national teams with international exposure will participate in these events at Chandigarh Polo Club at Khudda Ali Lahora. Addressing a press conference on Friday, CPA's President Dilpreet Singh Sidhu said that IPA recognized Chandigarh Polo Club in the year 2024 to make Chandigarh a polo destination. Polo games have been played in India since 1956 in various cities including Bangalore, Chennai, Hyderabad, Mumbai, Delhi, Jaipur, and Jodhpur. Polo tournaments in these cities are recognized by IPA at the national level. Now these events will also give recognition to Chandigarh as a polo destination. Sidhu informed that five defence teams from across the country, including 61 Cavalry, Artillery, ASC, RVS, and Navy Polo, will participate in these events. Other prestigious national teams with international exposure will also compete for the Maharaja Ranjit Singh Arena Polo Trophy during the season. Col. Manoj Dewan, Secretary General informed that Chandigarh Polo Club was established in the year 2020-21 and since then the club and the sport have made remarkable progress in Chandigarh with world-class infrastructure. During the G20 Summit in January 2023, delegates from 35 countries came to Chandigarh and hosted the G20 delegates at the IRB campus to watch a mega exhibition arena polo match organized by the Polo Club.

UT ADMINISTRATOR GREETS PEOPLE ON DUSSEHRA

Chandigarh: Punjab Governor and UT Administrator Gulab Chand Kataria on Friday extended the heartiest greetings on the auspicious occasion of 'Dussehra' to the people of Punjab and Chandigarh. In his message, the governor said, "May this year's Dussehra inspire us to remain steadfast in the pursuit of principles like Lord Rama. Let us collectively confront all adversities and march forward towards the goal of all-round development and well-being of our State and its people. May compassion, love and brotherhood prevail over all the forces of obscurantism and evil that seek to divide us."

ALL CMOS IN HARYANA TO CONSTITUTE MEDICAL BOARDS FOR GROUP C AND D POSITION

Chandigarh: Haryana Health Department on Friday issued a directive to all Chief Medical Officers (CMOs) in the state to constitute medical boards in their respective districts. This initiative is aimed at facilitating the medical examination of successful candidates for various Group C and D positions across different departments, boards and corporations with announcements from the Haryana Staff Selection Commission expected shortly, said a Government spokesperson. In a written communication addressed to all Chief Medical Officers, the Director General of Health Services, Haryana, said that prompt establishment of medical boards will ensure that the medical examinations for the successful candidates are conducted as swiftly as possible.

HARYANA ON HIGH ALERT TO PREVENT FOOT ROT DISEASE

Chandigarh: The Department of Animal Husbandry & Dairying, Haryana on Friday intensified vigilance and is fully prepared to prevent any possible outbreak of Foot Rot disease in the state, which is currently affecting sheep and goats in the neighbouring state of Himachal Pradesh. An official spokesperson said that the Government has issued an advisory providing an update on the situation and the preventive measures being implemented in the state.

PUNJAB RECEIVES RS 3,220-CR FROM CENTRE AS TAX DEVOLUTION

Chandigarh: Central Government on Friday announced the release of Rs 3,220 crore for Punjab as a part of a larger Rs 1.78 lakh crore tax devolution to the states. The disbursement comes in light of the upcoming festive season, aimed at enhancing capital spending and supporting developmental and welfare-related expenditures across the states. The Rs 3,220 crore allocated to Punjab is part of an advance installment, supplementing the regular October installment. The decision reflected the Centre's commitment to maintaining a steady flow of financial resources, enabling states like Punjab to initiate crucial development initiatives, including infrastructure projects and public facilities. Among the states, Uttar Pradesh received the largest share at Rs 31,962 crore, followed by Bihar at Rs 17,921 crore and Madhya Pradesh at Rs 13,987 crore. This financial assistance will empower Punjab to expedite capital projects and enhance public services, fostering economic growth and welfare in the region.

PUNJAB POLICE DISMANTLES FOREIGN-BACKED GANG MODULE

Chandigarh: Punjab Police's Anti Gangster Task Force (AGTF) has dismantled a module operated by foreign-based gangsters Pavitar from the USA and Manjinder from France. The operation, conducted in collaboration with SAS Nagar Police, led to the arrest of key operative Navjot Singh alias Jota, along with three weapon suppliers from Rajasthan. The state Director General of Police (DGP) Gaurav Yadav on Friday announced the arrests, identifying the weapon suppliers as Mohammad Asif, Bhanu Sisodia, and Anil Kumar — all from Balotra district in Rajasthan. The trio has a history of criminal activities, and Navjot Jota himself is notorious with 21 serious criminal cases against him, including attempts to murder, robbery, and violations of the NDPS and Arms Act. The police recovered a substantial consignment from the suspects, including two pistols — one being a sophisticated .32 caliber automatic pistol — along with eight live cartridges. The cache was intended for Navjot Jota, who had reportedly been tasked by his foreign handlers to eliminate a recently bailed rival gangster and a travel agent.

PUNJAB NATIONAL BANK CIRCLE OFFICE, AMRITSAR. NOTICE FOR ARREARS OF RENT OF LOCKERS IN BRANCHES OF PNB CIRCLE OFFICE AMRITSAR. Table with columns: Sr. No., Branch Name, Locker Number, Name of the Locker Holder, Address of the locker holder as per Branch Records.

केनरा बैंक Canara Bank. BRANCH OFFICE:- #204, BAKSHI NAGAR, BEHIND DILBAGH MANDI, JAMMU, JAMMU & KASHMIR - 180001. ANNEXURE VI AUCTION SALE NOTICE. Table with columns: Sr. No., Name & Address of the Borrower, Loan Number, Loan Amount, Liability, Date of Loan, Reserve Price.

PUBLIC NOTICE. This is for general public that Sh. Mukesh Kumar S/o Banwari Lal, R/O H. No. 1687, Sector 22-B, Chandigarh seeking loan from Shriram, Housing Finance Ltd and Allotment Letter No. 2/RP-1430 dt. 09.05.1952 issued by The Estate Office Chandigarh in favour of Mr. Hansraj, Conveyance Deed dt. 10.05.1955 executed between Governor of Punjab and Mr. Hans Raj, Sale Deed dt. 15.07.1963 Regd. No. 130 dt. 17.07.1963 registered in the o/s Registrar, Chandigarh executed in favour of Mr. Hans Raj through GPA Mr. Shiv Nath Vohra and Mr. Brij Lal Talwar & Mrs. Raj Laxmi, Transfer Letter No. 16468/RP-1430 dt. 23.09.1964 issued by The Estate Office Chandigarh in favour of Mr. Brij Lal Talwar & Mrs. Raj Laxmi, Will No. 5160/3 dt. 11.03.1998 registered in the o/s Registrar, Chandigarh executed by Mrs. Raj Laxmi, Death Certificate No. 2070 dt. 24.03.2003 issued by Chandigarh Administration of Mrs. Raj Laxmi (date of death 21.03.2003) Sale Deed (50% share) Regd. No. 4823 dt. 28.02.2003 registered in the o/s Registrar, Chandigarh executed by Mr. S.K. Gupta in favour of Mrs. Kishu Gupta, Transfer Deed (50% share) Regd. No. 1404 Dt. 20.06.2014 registered in the o/s Registrar, Chandigarh executed by Mr. Banwari Lal in favour of Mr. Anil Kumar, Transfer Letter (50% share) No. 222519/RP-1430 dt. 13.10.2017 issued by The Estate Office Chandigarh in favour of Mr. Anil Kumar, Transfer Deed (50% share) Regd. No. 4626 Dt. 15.11.2017 registered in the o/s Registrar, Chandigarh executed by Mr. Anil Kumar in favour of Mr. Mukesh Kumar is lost and not traceable despite best efforts and DDR bear App. No. L.A.R. No. 2024/032045, 2024/032047, 2024/032053, 2024/032062 dated 11.10.2024. If any person found the same, or in case any person having any claim, right title or interest in the above said property/sale deed in any manner shall bring the same to the notice of undersigned in writing with supporting documents/evidence within 07 days from the date of this notice, failing which such claim if any shall be considered to be waived off/abandoned.

BEFORE SH. NAVEEN, DANICS, ASSISTANT ESTATE OFFICER, U.T., CHANDIGARH. PUBLIC NOTICE. Subject: Transfer of Ownership in respect of RESIDENTIAL Site No. 2205, SECTOR 44-C Chandigarh (LRP 2025) to the extent of 100.00% share on the basis of Registered Will of Late KRISHAN KUMAR. ICI CI BANK LIMITED VS M/S SATISH TRADING CO MEHTA TO (1) M/S. SATISH TRADING CO. THROUGH ITS PROPRIETOR, SHOP NO. 198 B NEW GRAIN MARKET RAJPUJRA DISTRICT PATIALA, PUNJAB-140401 (2) PINKI MEHTA W/O. SATISH KUMAR, PROPRIETOR M/S SATISH TRADING CO, R/O H. NO. MOHALLA, RAJPUJRA, DISTRICT PATIALA, PUNJAB-140401 (3) SATISH KUMAR S/O. SH NAND LAL, H. NO. 3096-A CHISHLA WALA MOHALLA, RAJPUJRA DISTRICT PATIALA, PUNJAB-140401

PUNJAB & SIND BANK Branch: Civil lines, Amritsar. SYMBOLIC POSSESSION NOTICE (FOR IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES). Whereas, the Undersigned being the "Authorised Officer" of Punjab & Sind Bank, under the Securitization & Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of the Security Interest Act 2002 in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13(2) and 13(12) read with Rule 8 & 9 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002, issued a demand notice on the date mentioned against account calling upon the respective borrowers / guarantors to repay the amount as mentioned against account within 60 days from the date of notice / date of receipt of the said notice.

THE HARYANA STATE COOPERATIVE SUPPLY AND MARKETING FEDERATION LIMITED HARYANA (INDIA). District Office: Gobindpura Road, Yamuna Nagar (Haryana) Tel:- (01732) - 260888, 237838 E-Mail:- dmhfydn@hrynic.in. NOTICE FOR INVITING SHORT TERM TENDER FOR REFILLING OF FIRE EXTINGUISHER. Name of Work: Refilling of Fire Extinguisher. Estimated Cost: Rs. 2,00,000/- EMD: Rs. 30,000/- Start date and time of E-tenders: - 11.10.2024 at 10:00 AM Last date and time of E-tenders: - 16.10.2024 at 10:00 PM

PUBLIC NOTICE. It is notified for the information of general public and all concerned that Original Sale Deed No- 12209 dated 29.10.2014 registered in the Office of Sub-Registrar, Rohtak, which was executed by Smt. Asha Devi W/o Naveen Kumar in favour of Smt. Poonam W/o Surender R/o Village-Balyana, District-Rohtak (r/o property/plot no-51 Min measuring 95 Sq Yards situated at Ekta Colony, comprised in Rect and Killa No-24/14, 17, Mouja Kanheli Rohtak has been lost.

PUBLIC NOTICE. I, CHENNAIMMA, MOTHER OF NO. 16122633L NK M SRISAILAM OF 5 ENGINEER REGIMENT, C/O 56 APO, TODAY CAMPING AT FEROZEPUR, HAVE CHANGED MY NAME FROM CHENNAIMMA TO MURIKI CHENNAIMMA & DATE OF BIRTH 21 MAY 1971 TO 18 SEP 1975. Public Notice. Urocare Sardar Singh Urology Centre And Stone Clinic Patiala Chowk, Kathal Road, Jind-126102 (Haryana)

Indian Bank. DATE, TIME & PLACE OF SALE ON 29.10.2024 (THROUGH E AUCTION MODE), 10:00 PM TO 05:00 PM. LAST DATE FOR SUBMISSION OF EMD(ONLINE): FROM 12.10.2024 TO 28.10.2024 10:00 AM TO 07:00 PM.

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BRANCH: SAM LUDHIANA 165-INDUSTRIAL AREA - A, CHEEMA CHOWK, LUDHIANA - Ph: 0161-2935587.

Signature of the Officer Authorised to issue summons.

NOTICE OF INTENDED SALE UNDER RULE 6(2) & 8(6) OF THE SECURITY INTEREST (ENFORCEMENT RULES) 2002 UNDER THE SECURITIZATION AND RECONSTRUCTION OF FINANCIAL ASSETS AND ENFORCEMENT OF SECURITY INTEREST ACT 2002. Table with columns: Sr. No., NAME OF BORROWER, Amount Outstanding, DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE MOVABLE PROPERTY (IES), Encumbrances on Property, Reserve Price in Lacs, EMD Amount in Lacs, BID Increment Amount, DATE & TIME OF E-AUCTION, Property ID No. Includes QR codes for E-Auction Website, Sale Notice Document, Images of Property, Video of Property, and Property Location.

QR CODE FOR LOT NO. 2,3,4. Bidders are advised to visit the website (https://www.ebkay.in) of our e auction service provider PSB Alliance Pvt. Ltd to participate in online bid.

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THE FAZILKA COOPERATIVE SUGAR MILLS LTD. VILLAGE BODIWALA PITHA PO: KHUKHERA-152121 TEH. & DISTT. FAZILKA Phone:-01638-296709, E-mail: csmafzilk@gmail.com. ONLINE E-TENDER & OFF-LINE TENDER NOTICE. On line e-tenders are invited for 1. Sale of Press Mud, 2. Purchase of Bagasse and Transportation. Last date for submission of e-tender is 05.11.2024 upto 10:00 AM. Opening & negotiation of e-tender will be held on the same day 2.00 PM. E-tender details are available on the Punjab Govt. website https://eproc.punjab.gov.in

केनरा बैंक Canara Bank. BRANCH OFFICE:- NEAR CAMPA COLA FACTORY, GANGIAL, JAMMU, JAMMU & KASHMIR - 180010. ANNEXURE VI AUCTION SALE NOTICE. The under mentioned persons are hereby informed that they have failed to pay off the liability in the loan accounts. Notices sent to them by Registered Post have been returned / undelivered/no response, to the Bank. They are therefore requested to pay off the liability and other charges and redeem the pledged securities on or before 29.10.2024 with mandatory minimum EMD Deposit of Rs. 25,000/- failing which the said securities will be sold by the Bank in public auction at the cost of the borrower at the Bank's through online mode through M/s Eprocurement technologies Limited (Auction Tiger) B-705, Wall Street-II, Opp. Orient Club, Nr. Gujarat College, Ellisbridge, Ahmedabad 380006, Gujarat; Shyam Panickar (9374519724); Roman Surani (6351896640), 079-35022124/3741; Site:- https://egold.auctiontiger.net; Email ID: egold@auctiontiger.net at 11:30 A.M. to 12:30 P.M. on 30.10.2024 or at any other convenient date thereafter without further notice, at the absolute discretion of the Bank.

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India acts East

PM Modi visits Laos for the 21st India-ASEAN Summit; says the 21st century belongs to India and ASEAN

Prime Minister Narendra Modi's visit to Laos for the 21st India-ASEAN Summit reestablishes India's diplomatic engagement with Southeast Asian nations. With a focus on enhancing connectivity and resilience, Modi announced a comprehensive 10-point action plan aimed at fortifying the India-ASEAN partnership. This initiative not only underscores the importance of regional collaboration in a time of global uncertainty but also highlights the potential for growth within the 21st-century landscape, which PM Modi asserts 'belongs to India and ASEAN.' PM Modi emphasised the critical need for friendship and cooperation among India and ASEAN countries, especially as tensions rise globally, with conflicts affecting various regions. He reiterated that India-ASEAN friendship, coordination dialogue and cooperation are essential at a time when several parts of the world are facing conflicts and tensions. The summit also coincides with the review of a decade of India's Act East Policy, which has significantly contributed to the doubling of India-ASEAN trade to over USD 130 billion in the past ten years.



The Prime Minister's vision for deeper ties with ASEAN encompasses several key areas. One of the important initiatives is the enhancement of connectivity, marked by the establishment of direct flight connections with seven ASEAN nations. This move aims to facilitate easier travel and trade, further integrating the economies of the region. In the realm of technology, PM Modi announced the launch of fintech connectivity with Singapore, setting a precedent for future collaborations across the ASEAN region. This initiative promotes technological advancement and financial inclusion, essential for emerging economies. Cultural ties are also a focal point, with efforts to restore shared heritage in Laos, Cambodia, Vietnam, Myanmar and Indonesia reflecting India's commitment to preserving regional history and identity. Moreover, Modi stressed the urgency of completing the ASEAN-India Free Trade Agreement (AITIGA) review to unlock greater economic potential for both parties. He highlighted the significance of educational exchanges. Over 300 students from ASEAN countries have benefitted from scholarships at Nalanda University, fostering deeper educational ties. As regional tensions persist, especially concerning maritime disputes in the South China Sea and the ongoing crisis in Myanmar, PM Modi's Indo-Pacific Oceans Initiative underscores the need for collaborative efforts in ensuring regional stability and security. This approach, along with a commitment to humanitarian cooperation, highlights India's readiness to support ASEAN nations in times of natural disasters. India's vision is firmly anchored in a people-centric approach, indicating a commitment to sustainable development that addresses the needs and aspirations of citizens across both regions. Indeed India and ASEAN nations have much in common; they share heritage and values which date back to centuries. It is time to revive them.

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An artist paints effigies of the demon king Ravana on the Dussehra, in Prayagraj

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A new era of global opportunities awaits India in higher education

With initiatives like 'Study in India' and the recognition of qualifications of other countries, India is positioning itself as a growing hub for international education

India offers tremendous opportunities in various sectors, the education is no different. Internationalisation of this sector was envisaged in the National Education Policy 2020 (NEP), and the Government of India has taken effective steps over the last 4 years towards achieving this goal. Initiatives such as Study in India, Foreign Higher Educational Institutions (FHEIs) setting up campuses in India, collaborations between Indian institutions and FHEIs, and mutual recognition of qualifications between governments are already seeing positive results. Enabling FHEIs to set up their campuses in India was allowed through Gujarat International Finance Tec-City (GIFT City) regulations as well as by the University Grants Commission (UGC). These regulations aim to attract top-ranked global universities and institutions to India and offer Indian students a chance to avail global certifications at comparatively affordable costs in their home country. We have already seen Deakin University operationalise its



campus in July this year and the University of Wollongong preparing for their launch, both at GIFT City. The University of Southampton (UK), ranked 80th in the 2025 QS World Rankings, became the first university to receive a Letter of Intent (LoI) from the Indian Government to establish its campus in India. We are also seeing Indian institutions set up campuses overseas as part of the internationalisation initiative. IIT Delhi has set up its first international campus in Zanzibar. The UGC Institutions of Eminence (IoE) guidelines enable IoEs to set up their campuses overseas and BITS Pilani and Manipal Academy took advantage of the window to do their forays outside India. While there is a lot of inter-

est from other private universities to set up campuses overseas, promulgating an enabling framework through regulations by the government would catalyze this interest further. In May 2022, the government revamped the collaboration guidelines to allow for joint degree, dual degree and twinning programmes between Indian institutions and FHEIs. We have already seen a lot of traction in this space, with Manipal Institute of Technology tying up with Deakin, the University of Australia, and Shoolini University offering dual degrees with the University of Melbourne being some recent examples. Studying in India is another initiative towards the internationalisation of the Indian education system. It is a flagship programme of the Government of India in line with PM Modi's vision. The website portal acts as a single window system for admission and visa applications for foreign students wanting to pursue higher education in India, with more than 60,000 students already registering through this portal. The

bation of internationalisation of education is also being taken forward through the signing of the Memorandum of Understanding (MOUs) and the Mutual Recognition of Qualification (MRQ) Agreement between India and other countries, which aims to facilitate student and faculty exchanges. There are around 50 plus active MoUs (including France, and Germany) with a few under negotiation. MRQs have been signed with a few countries as well and some are under negotiation. A fabulous start to an era of transformation of the Indian education landscape! Is there a need to do more? A more targeted approach, probably through a campaign run with Indian consulates in overseas countries, could further the cause of internationalisation. FHEIs are now rethinking their strategy. Possibly an opportunity for India to tap - open an FHEI campus in India and offer itself as an alternate education hub in the region. (The writer is Partner, Deloitte India, inputs by Guncha Prakash, Assistant Manager, Deloitte India; views are personal)



SAHIL GUPTA

The Right to Information (RTI) Act, implemented on October 12, 2005, marked a monumental step toward government transparency and accountability in India. Over the years, the Act has been instrumental in exposing corruption and various scams, empowering citizens to demand information from public authorities. However, while the Act has undeniably brought about significant reform, certain amendments to the RTI rules—not the Act itself—are necessary to prevent misuse, streamline the process, and reduce the burden on the courts.

Addressing Misuse and Unnecessary Litigation

One of the key challenges facing the RTI framework today is the misuse of the system by individuals and groups, often leading to unnecessary appeals and challenges in courts. The Central Information Commission (CIC), tasked with handling RTI appeals, is often burdened by frivolous cases that clog the system and delay the resolution of genuine complaints. Amendments to the RTI rules, particularly in the area of public-private partnerships (PPPs), sports bodies, and cooperatives, could alleviate some of this pressure.

By declaring PPPs, sports bodies, and cooperatives as public authorities under the RTI Act, a significant amount of time and resources could be saved. These entities often handle substantial public funds, and their exclusion from RTI coverage has raised questions about transparency. Including them under the Act would not only enhance accountability but also reduce the number of cases that reach Information Commissions and courts, streamlining the entire RTI process.

Bringing Government Allotments Under RTI

A critical area that requires attention is the issue of government land and accommodation allotments. Many government-owned properties are allotted at subsidised rates, often raising concerns about favouritism or corruption. To address this, all such allotments should be brought

under the purview of the RTI Act. Moreover, future allotments should be made conditional upon compliance with the Act, ensuring that beneficiaries are transparent about the process and accountable to the public. This move would further reduce the burden on Information Commissions, as it would discourage non-compliant beneficiaries from evading public scrutiny. It would also provide citizens with a tool to question and monitor how public resources are being allocated, contributing to more transparent governance.

Streamlining High Offices' RTI Applications

High offices such as those of the President, Prime Minister, and Chief Ministers often receive RTI applications that may not be directly related to their functions. To improve efficiency, these offices should only address RTI applications that pertain specifically to their roles. Any other applications should be returned to the applicant, along with advice on which department or authority they should approach instead. This measure would reduce the workload on these high offices while ensuring that citizens receive the information they seek from the correct sources.

Bringing Private Sector Banks Under RTI

The financial sector has long been an area where greater transparency is needed, particularly in light of recent scan-

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Strengthening RTI Act with practical reforms

As the Right to Information (RTI) Act completes 19 years, it is time to amend the rules and expand its scope to ensure it continues to serve its purpose effectively



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dals and issues of financial mismanagement. While public sector banks are already subject to RTI, the private sector remains outside the Act's purview. This is a matter of concern, given the extensive use of public funds by private banks and the critical role they play in the economy. To address this gap, private sector banks should be brought under the RTI Act. This would allow citizens to seek information about their financial practices, thereby increasing accountability in the sector.

Standardising RTI Fees and Preventing Misuse

Another issue that plagues the current RTI framework is the inconsistency in application fees across states. RTI fees should be standardised nationwide at Rs 50, which would cover the cost of 20 photocopied pages. Furthermore, no fees should be charged for appeals. These changes would simplify the process for citizens and eliminate confusion regarding varying charges in different states. However, there is also a need to address the misuse of free RTI applications by certain vested interests. For instance, contractors have been known to exploit Below Poverty Line (BPL) workers by having them file RTI requests on their behalf, thus avoiding fees. To prevent this, the free provision for BPL applicants should be limited to 20 pages. Any additional pages should incur a nominal charge, ensur-

ing that the system is not abused while still providing free access to information for genuinely disadvantaged individuals.

Enhancing Accessibility and Digital Integration

To further streamline the RTI process, post offices across the country should accept post-free RTI applications. This would make it easier for citizens, particularly those in rural areas, to file applications without worrying about postage costs. In addition, a mandatory requirement for ID proof, as seen in states like Punjab and Haryana, should be implemented nationwide. This would prevent misuse of the RTI system and ensure that applications are being filed by genuine individuals seeking information. The introduction of online RTI portals has been a positive step in recent years, but there is still room for improvement. All states should adopt the National Informatics Centre (NIC)-designed RTI websites, which allow for greater standardisation and ease of use. These portals should feature auto-emailed responses and alerts, keeping applicants informed of the status of their requests. Moreover, outdated state-specific RTI laws, such as the Delhi RTI Act, should be repealed in favor of the national RTI Act to ensure uniformity across the country. (The writer is a RTI activist; views are personal)

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

INDIAN WORKERS ARE OVERBURDENED

Madam — "Work more, take less" is the mantra of the Indian employers of all sectors who are hell-bent on extracting more and more work from their employees while the emolument is not parallel to the labour at all. Consequently, stress tends to percolate through the workplace as shown by two work-related deaths of young employees in private companies. An International Labour Organisation (ILO) report that Indians work 46.7 hours per week, much higher than their American, Japanese, South African and Chinese counterparts, speaks volumes about the workload taken by an average Indian worker.

It is documented in other papers, too, that more than sixty percent of the Indian workers are stressed at work, while in general the Asian countries' workforce is more burdened by work. The primary cause for all this can be traced to the burgeoning unemployment in the country and the dearth of the right job for the right person. Employers' proclivity to recruit less to save their coffers has compounded the problem. Egoistic and haughty employers, fretting and fuming over no real reason, have pushed an already overstressed Indian worker to the edge. There is no time to waste: balancing work with rest should engage everyone's attention including that of the government.

Ganapathi Bhat | Akola

INDIA-MALDIVES RELATIONS IMPROVE

Madam—India and its neighbour Maldives recently concluded a bilateral summit and agreed upon numerous deals. This came after a strain of ties between the two nations for almost one year after Mohamed Muizzu became president of the Island nation. India came forward to help the Maldives recover from its economic distress by signing a currency swap deal of around 385 million dollars. The two nations also agreed to enhance strategic and defence cooperation in the future. This visit has

Sports promote social unity



From time immemorial, sports have always been more than just games; they are powerful agents of social change, capable of uniting people, breaking down religion and caste barriers, and driving positive transformations in society. From local community

games to international tournaments, sports have a unique way of bringing people together, fostering a sense of community, and promoting health and well-being. One of the most compelling aspects of sport is its ability to bridge cultural gaps. Whether it's a small-town soccer match or the grandeur of the Olympic Games, sports create a common ground where individuals can connect and share experiences.

This shared passion fosters mutual respect and understanding, promoting peace and camaraderie among different cultures. The impact of sports on society is profound, touching on aspects of culture, economy, and personal development. As we move forward, embracing the positive aspects of sport while addressing its challenges will ensure that it continues to be a powerful force for good in the world.

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THE BJP WINS HARYANA

Madam — Contrary to all expectations and predictions, the BJP was able to retain Haryana for the third time. All pollsters, analysts and exit polls have been proved wrong. Politics is an unforgiving game and the defeat of the Congress has created ripples in opposition unity as the Congress will have lost its bargaining power. The victory for BJP will undoubtedly give them a lot of confidence to face assembly elections in Jharkhand and the all important Maharashtra. It is not in the best interests of Indian democracy to use caste equations to try and win elections. All parties are guilty of the practice of pandering to particular castes for gaining their votes. Time and again, it has been seen that in a one-to-one fight, the Congress is no match for the well-oiled BJP election fighting machinery.

Anthony Henriques | Mumbai

brought positivity amidst reports of the Maldives being closer to China. New Delhi also extended its Rupaya card system to the Maldives, which can also improve people-to-people ties among the two nations.

Good relations between the two countries will lead to peaceful South Asia. The partnership between New Delhi and Male will also counter China's aggressive expansion motives in the region. Traditionally, the Maldives has always been a good friend to India, but in the last one year, administrative and people-to-people ties have become strained between the two nations. Recently, both countries took the initiative to make it better. These steps resulted in this bilateral talk. The deals signed between the two nations will help both countries boost their economies. This will also benefit the region as well. India should also try to change the anti-Indian sentiments in the island nation and push for Indian businesses to expand and invest in a country with a rich tourism industry.

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OVERCOMING ANXIETY: THE RIGHT WAY

Mindfulness, mental resilience and stress-relieving activities are essential to combat anxiety



RAVI VALLURI

Sameer was armed with a degree in management from an estimable institute. Having specialised in the field of marketing management, he was well versed in the 4Ps of marketing. At this juncture of his life, the young trainee fantasised about joining an FMCG company, earning an exorbitant salary and over a period acquiring an opulent property in an up-market area of the town. But there was an element of hesitation in his mind about successfully crossing the final hurdle – the interview. As the mind was not in the present moment and instead fixated on the future it remained anxious and continuously agitated. Thus, it was not in a state of equilibrium, equipoise, or equanimity. Meanwhile, Siddhartha, his school mate majored in architecture and apprenticed at a celebrated architectural firm in the city. Siddhartha however, was not content in designing buildings.

He possessed a febrile mind that ached to pursue a greenfield area called entertainment design. The strapping self-taught himself and acquired ultra-modern and newfangled skill sets. Fortified with the newly acquired knowledge he prepared a portfolio consisting of visionary and ingenious graphics, sketches and paintings. Yet, mentally he was anxious, tense and strained as to what lay in future. It is a normal human tendency to be apprehensive before anxious situations as it is not in the present moment. Several individuals become splenetic and waspish. Invariably there is a churning in the abdomen region and the mind is subsumed with anxiety. Arjuna, in possession of a lethal arsenal, was numbed seeing the mammoth army of the Kauravas. This, even though Lord Krishna was his charioteer! At zero hour, before the showdown at Kurukshetra, he lay down his weaponry. The consummate warrior could not distinguish between righteousness and malevolence. The demons in his mind were



eventually dispelled through the Vishwarupa Darshan of Lord Krishna and the song celestial – The Bhagavad Gita. Psychologists have advanced a two-pronged strategy to combat such inhospitable states, firstly by closely monitoring the piquant state and taking prompt and effective action and second, by avoiding and blunting the situation. Monitoring involves taking several proactive steps which help in the preparation of the mind. Advanced and well-rehearsed preparation before a significant event; this is tapasya and no one can relax on this ground.

The mind should be resolute and robust, to practice incessantly like the celebrated archer Arjuna. In the process, the individual de-clutters the mind and gets rid of the baggage of anxiety and fear. The Inoculation Technique is another effective strategy. An individual insulates the self against the perils of stress through constant exposure to rehearsals and role-playing.

This mentally toughens up the candidate to be prepared for the scrutiny and appraisal with utmost confidence and credence. Further, adopting a positive dispensation is invaluable. In addition, there are blunting tactics and strategies which help to augment the above. It is perspicacious and canny to drown in physical activity. It could be going for long walks, swimming, hitting the gym, taking up a sport or learning yogic techniques to de-stress the mind. These activities release endorphins which assuage the mind. Simultaneously, an individual will appear chiselled and smart. There are other ways to remain happy. For instance, join the Happiness Programme of the Art of Living to learn the unique rhythmic breathing technique of Sudarshan Kriya which calms the body and mind. Learn pranayama and various techniques of meditation to remain in the present moment. Only when a human being is in the present moment is he insulated from anxiety and manages inexpedient and onerous situations?

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‘Fourth transformation’ of Mexico embraces inclusivity



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Claudia Sheinbaum’s leadership promises to reshape the nation’s trajectory away from its violent past, embracing inclusive and human-centred policies

Claudia Sheinbaum’s swearing-in on October 1 as Mexico’s first female President marks a transformative moment not only for gender equality but also within the broader historical trajectory shaped by violence, revolution and the ongoing pursuit of justice. In a nation long burdened by colonial legacies and systemic inequality, her presidency signals a paradigm shift towards more inclusive and human-centred governance. Declaring a “fourth transformation,” Sheinbaum’s leadership reflects the weight of Mexico’s tumultuous history and the lives lost in its struggles. Her rise to power disrupts the deeply entrenched male-dominated political sphere, accentuating the resilience of women fighting for representation in a country plagued by gender-based violence and femicide.

Historically, Mexico has undergone significant transformations marked by bloodshed and resistance. The country’s struggle for independence from Spanish colonial rule in the early 19th century was fuelled by revolutionary fervour and the desire for self-determination. Statesmen like Miguel Hidalgo and José María Morelos emerged as symbols of resistance, galvanising the population against colonial oppression. The violent conflicts that followed laid the groundwork for a nation striving for autonomy, albeit at a considerable human cost. In the late 19th and early 20th centuries, the divide between church and state catalysed further revolutions and conflicts. The Liberal Reform, led by figures such as Benito Juárez, sought to dismantle the power of the Catholic Church and establish a secular state.

This period was marked by violence and civil strife, as conservative factions resisted these changes. The Mexican Revolution of 1910 further exemplified the nation’s tumultuous journey, with leaders like Emiliano Zapata and Pancho Villa rallying for agrarian reform and social justice. The revolution, while transformative, came at a heavy price, resulting in the loss of countless lives and widespread suffering. The bloodshed that characterised these early transformations stands in stark contrast to Sheinbaum’s vision for the fourth transformation, which she advocates as a path of non-violence and reconciliation. She seeks to distance her administration from the militarised approach that has defined previous efforts to combat crime and violence. In her inaugural speech, she emphasised that “we must turn the page on the cycles of violence that have plagued our country.” By framing her presidency as a continuation of a peaceful and humanistic governance model, she aims to redefine Mexico’s political structure.

The economic model embraced by Sheinbaum’s administration marks a significant departure from the neoliberal policies that have dominated Mexico for decades. The neoliberal framework, characterised by deregulation, resource exploitation, privatisation, and an emphasis on unethical free-market principles, has often exacerbated social inequalities and marginalised vulnerable populations. In contrast, Sheinbaum’s “Mexican Humanist” approach seeks to prioritise social welfare, equity, and sustainable development. This shift is not merely a matter of policy but represents a broader socio-political transformation in the way governance is conceived. Sheinbaum advocates for a model that empowers communities and fosters inclusivity, stating, “We must build



IN THE CONTEXT OF CLAUDIA SHEINBAUM’S PRESIDENCY, THE ENDURING LEGACY OF CIA COVERT OPERATIONS AND FOREIGN INTERVENTIONS LOOMS LARGE

a Mexico where no one is left behind.” This vision reflects a recognition that systemic issues require collective solutions and that the voices of marginalised communities must be heard in the decision-making processes that affect their lives.

Yet, while Sheinbaum’s approach has garnered support from many, it also faces criticism and scepticism from those who question the feasibility of her proposed reforms. Critics argue that the structural challenges posed by organised crime and entrenched political corruption may undermine her efforts to implement meaningful change. The harsh realities of violence and inequality persist, and many Mexicans remain wary of promises that may be difficult to fulfil in the face of overwhelming opposition. The historical backdrop of Mexico’s political volatility illuminates the formidable challenges in achieving authentic progress, as the legacies of colonialism, imperialism, and systemic oppression remain deeply ingrained.

The ongoing struggles for justice and equality have come at a profound cost, with the violence woven into Mexico’s history continuing to influence the present and complicate future paths.

The Zapatista movement, which arose in the 1990s in response to neoliberal policies and the marginalisation of Indigenous communities, stands as a powerful testament to the fight for social justice. Led by Subcomandante Marcos, the Zapatistas championed self-determination, autonomy, and the acknowledgement of Indigenous rights, challenging dominant political narratives and inspiring a new generation of activists, including Sheinbaum. Yet, their movement also reveals the challenges inherent in revolutionary politics; while their promise of non-violence

and social justice aligns with Sheinbaum’s vision, navigating the realities of power and governance often demands difficult compromises. The pressing challenge remains: how to dismantle deeply rooted systems of inequality and violence without mirroring the oppressive methods of the past. Sheinbaum’s fourth transformation for Mexico calls for a reevaluation of economic policies and a fundamental shift in political culture, emphasising transparency, accountability, and democratic principles that prioritise the needs of the many.

She stresses the importance of restoring faith in institutions and rebuilding the nation’s social fabric. However, the ongoing issues of alleged corruption and political machinations, exacerbated by her predecessor López Obrador’s concentration of power and undermining of democratic institutions, raise concerns about the sustainability of her reforms. In the context of Claudia Sheinbaum’s presidency, the enduring legacy of CIA covert operations and foreign interventions looms large. Historically, the United States has intervened in Latin America to safeguard its interests, often undermining democratic governance and social justice.

The repercussions of these interventions have fostered a deep-seated distrust and scepticism toward foreign influence in Mexico’s internal affairs. As Sheinbaum endeavours to establish a nation committed to human rights and social justice, she must grapple with the pervasive effects of these historical injustices and the Western media narratives that distort the actual picture of Mexican society. In terms of international relations, Sheinbaum vehemently opposes foreign intervention, particularly regarding the US blockade against Cuba, which harms ordinary cit-

izens rather than the government. She advocates for cooperation rather than militarisation in addressing drug-related violence, emphasising that the drug market is intricately linked to US consumer demand. As she aptly stated, “We must honour our past, learn from our struggles, and build a future that reflects the aspirations of all Mexicans.” Yet, the pursuit of a more just and equitable Mexico demands collective action, engagement from diverse communities, and a steadfast commitment to dismantling systemic barriers, as Sheinbaum seeks to embody the hopes of a nation shaped by resilience and struggle. However, the structural challenges, as Enrique Dussel, an Argentine-Mexican philosopher, explained in his writings, continue to haunt Mexico, posing real threats to the stability of political leadership. He emphasises the need for integrating diverse cultural perspectives and fostering dialogue from the Global South, as seen in his concept of transmodernity. Dussel also highlights the coloniality of power, illustrating how historical injustices persist in contemporary governance, perpetuating inequality. Furthermore, his ethics of the Other calls for recognising the experiences of marginalised individuals as central to any discourse on justice. Additionally, the aporia of borders illustrates the contradictions communities face at national edges, such as the Mexico-US border, where ideals of freedom and security often clash. Addressing these issues demands a nuanced approach that acknowledges the voices of those usually left unheard, which presents a significant challenge for the historic administration of Dr Sheinbaum.

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Half of the world’s GDP at risk due to environmental degradation

The conservation and restoration of depleted forests are essential steps to combat climate change

Climate change has become an important challenge for the whole world. Conservation and restoration of depleted forests can become a necessary step to deal with this challenge.

Regarding this, many companies around the world have pledged to plant over 12 billion trees in the next seven years. The report published by the World Economic Forum on Nature and Biodiversity on January 18, 2024, clarifies that half of the world’s GDP, i.e. about \$44 trillion, is in danger. Which is due to the loss of nature.

To save it, more than 100 companies have pledged to conserve, restore and plant new trees of over 12 billion



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trees in more than 100 countries. This report states that companies around the world are working together through the World Economic Forum’s It.org initiative.

It aims to support the global movement to protect over 12 billion trees by 2030. In January 2024, It.org welcomed this resolution by

five new companies Bharat Heavy Electricals (BHEL), Burberry China, Go To Group, RPG Enterprises and Vale. Member companies of It.org are committed to implementing the goal in line with the Paris Agreement to save trees and reduce carbon emissions. Tree conservation is not only important for environmental sustainability, but it is also a part of our cultural and religious heritage. Trees learn from each other. That research was published on May 28, 2024 in the Current Forestry Reports magazine of Springer Nature, America.

This research is based on the topic that how trees planted in agro-forestry and urban

other and flourish. According to the research, both systems can be seen as natural solutions. Both systems also have similarities in ownership and management responsibilities. For example, most of the agricultural land in the Global North is privately owned, just as a large part of the green cover is seen in cities.

Increasing the density of trees improves air quality. The Indian Institute of Science (IISc), Bangalore conducted a study in 2023 on the role of trees in the urban environment. This study was mainly done in urban areas of Bangalore. It was found that trees in urban areas play an important role in improving air quality as well as controlling



temperature. In this research, it was told that the higher the density of

trees, the greater the increase in air quality and the effect of heat can also be reduced.

This study also found that the mental and physical health of people living in green areas improves. The density of trees prevents soil erosion.

A study conducted by the University of Sydney, Australia, says that dense cover of trees can control the flow of water and help prevent soil erosion. This study also stated that the conservation of trees helps in reducing the effects of climate change. All these studies confirm how important the conservation of trees is for our future. In Indian culture, importance has been given to the conservation of trees since the beginning. According to Matasya Purana, “Dashakoopasama Vaapi, Dashavaapisamo

Hradah. Dashahradasamo Putro, Dashputrasamo Drumah.” That is, one tree is equal to ten sons. Similarly, it is said in Vishnu Purana that the person who plants a tree earns virtue not only in his life but also for the coming generations.

Planting and caring for trees has been described as an important religious and social work in Indian scriptures. At present, planting trees is not only to save lives but also to save the earth. Let us take resolve to conserve nature. Each one of us must take a pledge to plant at least 5 trees, only then this disaster of global warming can be dealt with.

(The writer is an environmentalist; views are personal)

Nobel Peace prize awarded to Japanese organisation for work against N-weapons

AP ■ OSLO

The Nobel Peace Prize was awarded Friday to Nihon Hidankyo, a Japanese organisation of survivors of the US atomic bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki, for its activism against nuclear weapons. Jørgen Watne Frydnes, chair of the Norwegian Nobel Committee, said the award was made as the "taboo against the use of nuclear weapons is under pressure."

mittee "wishes to honour all survivors who, despite physical suffering and painful memories, have chosen to use their costly experience to cultivate hope and engagement for peace." Hidankyo's Hiroshima branch chairperson, Tomoyuki Mimaki, who was standing by at the city hall for the announcement, cheered and teared up when he received the news. "Is it really true? Unbelievable!" Mimaki screamed. Efforts to eradicate nuclear weapons have been honoured before by the Nobel committee. The International Campaign to Abolish Nuclear Weapons won the peace prize in 2017, and in 1995 Joseph Rotblat and the Pugwash Conferences on Science and World Affairs won for "their efforts to diminish the part played by nuclear arms in interna-

tional politics and, in the longer run, to eliminate such arms." This year's prize was awarded against a backdrop of devastating conflicts raging in the Middle East, Ukraine and Sudan. "It is very clear that threats of using nuclear weapons are putting pressure on the important international norm, the taboo of using nuclear weapons," Watne Frydnes said in response to a question on whether the rhetoric from Russia surrounding nuclear weapons in its invasion of Ukraine had influenced this year's decision. "And therefore it is alarming to see how threats of use is also damaging this norm. To uphold an international strong taboo against the use is crucial for all of humanity," he added. EU Commission President Ursula von der Leyen said on X that

"the spectre of Hiroshima and Nagasaki still looms over humanity. This makes the advocacy of Nihon Hidankyo invaluable. This Nobel Peace Prize sends a powerful message. We have the duty to remember. And an even greater duty to protect the next generations from the horrors of nuclear war." Alfred Nobel stated in his will that the peace prize should be awarded for "the most or the best work for fraternity between nations, for the abolition or reduction of standing armies and for the holding and promotion of peace congresses." Last year's prize went to jailed Iranian activist Narges Mohammadi for her advocacy of women's rights and democracy, and against the death penalty. The Nobel committee said it also was a recognition of "the hundreds of thousands of peo-

ple" who demonstrated against "Iran's theocratic regime's policies of discrimination and oppression targeting women." In a year of conflict, there had been some speculation that the Norwegian Nobel Committee that decides on the winner would opt not to award a prize at all. The prize has been withheld 19 times since 1901, including during both world wars. The last time it was not awarded was in 1972. In the Middle East, spiraling levels of violence in the past year have killed tens of thousands of people, including women and children. The war, sparked by a bloody raid into Israel by Hamas-led militants on Oct. 7, 2023, that left about 1,200 people dead, mostly civilians, has spilled into the wider region. In the past week, Israel sent ground troops into Lebanon to pursue

Hezbollah militants firing rockets into Israel, while Iran -- which backs both Hamas and Hezbollah -- fired ballistic missiles into Israel. Israel has yet to respond, but its defense minister vowed this week that its retaliation would be both devastating and surprising. The war in Gaza has killed more than 42,000 people, according to Gaza's Health Ministry, which doesn't differentiate between civilians and combatants in its count but says more than half are women and children. In Lebanon, more than 1,400 people have been killed, with thousands more injured and around 1 million displaced since mid-September, when the Israeli military dramatically expanded its offensive against Hezbollah. The war in Ukraine, sparked by Russia's invasion, is heading toward

its third winter with a massive loss of human life on both sides. The UN has confirmed more than 11,000 Ukrainian civilian dead, but that doesn't take into account as many as 25,000 Ukrainians believed killed during the Russian capture of the city of Mariupol or unreported deaths in occupied regions. The Nobel prizes carry a cash award of 11 million Swedish kronor (USD 1 million). Unlike the other prizes that are selected and announced in Stockholm, founder Alfred Nobel decreed the peace prize be decided and awarded in Oslo by the five-member Norwegian Nobel Committee. The Nobel season ends Monday with the announcement of the winner of the economics prize, formally known as the Bank of Sweden Prize in Economic Sciences in Memory of Alfred Nobel.

Trump says India biggest tariff charger; vows to reciprocate if elected to power

PTI ■ WASHINGTON

Vowing to introduce a reciprocal tax if elected to power, former US president Donald Trump on Thursday alleged that India, among all major countries, imposes the highest tariffs on foreign products. "Perhaps the most important element of my plan to make America extraordinarily wealthy again is reciprocity. It's a word that's very important in my plan because we generally don't charge tariffs. I started that process, it was so great, with the vans and the small trucks, etc. We really don't charge. China will charge us a 200 per cent tariff. Brazil is a big charger. The biggest charger of all is India," Trump said in a major economic policy speech in Detroit. "India is a very big charger. We have a great relationship with India. I did. And especially the leader, Modi. He's a great leader. Great man. Really is a great

man. He's brought it together. He's done a great job. But they probably charge as much," he said. "I mean, I think they probably charge more than, in many ways, China. But they do it with a smile. They do it... Sort of a nicer charge. They said, thank you so much for purchasing from India. Harley Davidson came to the White House a long time ago during my third year or second year. I met with them. They were based in Wisconsin. I said, how's business? Good, good. What are the bad countries? Well, India is very tough. And they gave me some others. Why? Tariffs. I said, what are they? And they said like 150 per cent, some massive amount," Trump told the members of the Detroit Economic Club. "I said so do you sell many motorcycles because you think people want to buy a Harley. No, we sell very few in India, but they want us to go there. They said, if you go there and



build your plant there, we're not going to charge you anything. I mean, you can do whatever you want. I said I don't like that. And I see they went, they built the plant, and now they do their business with India. They probably do it outside of India too. They built a very big plant in many countries, they do that. Then all of a sudden, you hear that they're leaving Milwaukee or they're leaving wherever they may be located," he said. Thursday's remarks by Trump come following his praise for Prime Minister Narendra Modi earlier this week. Trump described Modi as "the nicest human being," saying the Indian leader is "a friend of mine." "Modi, India. He's a

friend of mine. He's great. Before him, they were replacing them every year. It's very unstable. He came over. He's a friend of mine. But on the outside, he looks like he's your father. He's the nicest, but he's a total killer," he said. Trump recalled Modi's visit to Houston in 2019 to attend the 'Howdy Modi' event during his tenure and said: "It was beautiful. It's like 80,000 people going crazy. We were walking around." The Republican candidate said he shared a "very good relationship" with Modi. Recalling that there were a couple of occasions where somebody was threatening India, Trump said: "I told Modi, let me help as I am very good with those people. To which he aggressively responded, 'I will do it. I will do it. And I would do anything necessary. We have defeated them for hundreds of years.' I said 'Whoa, what just happened there,'" he added.

22 killed in airstrikes in central Beirut

AP ■ BEIRUT

Israeli airstrikes on central Beirut on Thursday left two neighborhoods smoldering, killed 22 people and wounded dozens, Lebanon's health ministry said, as well as further escalating Israel's bloody conflict with Iran-backed Hezbollah militants in Lebanon. The air raid on central Beirut -- the deadliest in over a year of war -- apparently targeted two residential buildings in separate neighborhoods simultaneously, according to an AP photographer at the scene. It brought down one eight-story building and wiped out the lower floors of the other. The Israeli military said it was looking into the reported strikes. Israeli airstrikes have been far more common in Beirut's tightly packed southern suburbs, where Hezbollah bases many of its operations. After the strikes, Hezbollah's Al Manar TV reported that an attempt to kill Wafiq Safa, a top

security official with the group, had failed. It said that Safa had not been inside of either of the targeted buildings. Thursday's strikes followed a year of tit-for-tat exchanges between Hezbollah and Israel that boiled over into all-out war in recent weeks, with Israel carrying out waves of heavy airstrikes 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. The attack came the same day Israeli forces fired on United Nations peacekeepers in southern Lebanon and wounded two of them, drawing widespread condemnation and prompting Italy's Defense Ministry to summon Israel's ambassador in protest. Witnesses reported a large number of ambulances and people gathering in the rubble of two Beirut sites that were hit, in the Ras al-Nabaa neighborhood and Burj Abi Haidar

area. The Lebanese Health Ministry said 22 people were killed and 117 others wounded, without elaborating on their identities. Recent Israeli airstrikes in neighborhoods adjoining Beirut, in particular the densely populated southern suburbs, have killed Hezbollah's leader, Hassan Nasrallah, and other senior commanders. Hezbollah began firing rockets into Israel on Oct. 8, 2023, in support of Hamas and the Palestinians, drawing Israeli airstrikes in retaliation. Hezbollah kept up rocket fire into Israel on Thursday, setting off air raid sirens in parts of northern Israel. Several drones heading toward Israel were intercepted, the military said. Iran -- which supports Hamas, Hezbollah and other armed groups across the region -- launched some 180 ballistic missiles at Israel last week in retaliation for the killing of top Hamas and Hezbollah militants.

Zelensky meets Pope, pushes his 'victory plan'

AP ■ VATICAN CITY

Pope Francis met Volodymyr Zelensky at the Vatican on Friday, the latest step on the Ukrainian president's European tour to win support for his proposed "victory plan" aimed at ending the war with Russia. The pope and the Ukrainian leader held private talks for 35 minutes. After their private meeting at the Sala della Biblioteca and the presentation of the Ukrainian delegation, Francis gave Zelensky a bronze plaque depicting a flower and an inscription reading: "Peace is a fragile flower." In turn, Zelensky gifted the pontiff with an oil painting portraying "The massacre of Bucha. The story of Marichka." Bucha, a suburb northwest of Kyiv, was occupied by Russian troops shortly after the full-scale invasion of Ukraine in February 2022 and witnessed some of Russia's worst atrocities against civilians. Later Friday, Zelensky met the Vatican's secretary of state, Pietro Parolin, accompanied by Archbishop Paul Richard

Russia attacks Ukraine's grain-exporting Odesa region

AP ■ KYIV

A nighttime Russian missile strike on Odesa killed at least four people including a 16-year-old girl, regional authorities said Friday, in the latest in a series of attacks this week on the southern Ukrainian region that are likely intended to disrupt the country's grain exports. Four Russian missile and drone attacks on the Odesa region this week have killed 14 people and wounded around 20, according to local officials. The strikes have hit merchant ships and damaged port infrastructure in the region, which is a vital hub for Ukraine's agricultural exports through the Black Sea. An attack on Odesa late Wednesday killed nine people and hit a container ship sailing under the Panamanian flag -- the third attack on a merchant vessel in four days, according to regional Gov. Oleh Kiper. The apparent Russian effort to frustrate Ukraine's exports, which bring vital revenue for a national economy battered by more than two years of war, coincided with a renewed push by Ukraine President Volodymyr Zelensky to ensure continuing military and financial support from his country's Western partners. Russia last year tore up an agreement that allowed Ukraine -- one of the world's biggest suppliers of grain and other food staples, especially to developing nations -- to export produce safely through the Black Sea. Months later, amid successful Ukrainian attacks on Russia's Black Sea fleet which forced its navy to back away from the coast, Ukraine established a shipping corridor that hugs the coast down to Turkey and opens a way to the Mediterranean Sea.

Galagher, secretary for relations with states and international organizations. "The discussions were dedicated to the state of the war and the humanitarian situation in Ukraine, as well as the ways in which it could be brought to an end, leading to just and stable peace in the country," the Vatican said in a statement, adding that "some matters relating to the religious life of the country were also examined." Since the first Russian attack on Kyiv, there have been multiple contacts between Francis and Zelensky, through visits, letters and phone calls. The pope sparked some criticism from Ukrainian leaders in March when he suggested they should have the courage of the "white flag" negotiating an end to the war with Russia, in what was interpreted by many as a call to surrender. Francis has repeatedly and strongly for an end to the war, focusing on prisoner exchanges and on reaching a diplomatic solution to the Ukrainian conflict.

Cardinal Matteo Maria Zuppi was sent as a special envoy on a mission to ease tensions among the parties at war, meeting with political and ecclesiastical leaders around the world. His mission was, in particular, to encourage exchanges of Russian and Ukrainian prisoners and to find a way to facilitate the return of children forcibly deported from Ukraine to Russia. Zelensky is city-hopping across Europe to promote a plan that he said "aims to create the right conditions for a just end to the war" against Russia, unveiling the proposals to European allies after a summit with President Joe Biden with President Joe Biden was derailed by Hurricane Milton. On Thursday, Zelensky met with British Prime Minister Keir Starmer in London, French President Emmanuel Macron in Paris and Italian Premier Giorgia Meloni in Rome. He is expected to travel to Germany later on Friday to hold talks with German Chancellor Olaf Scholz.

UN peacekeepers caught in intensified fighting

AP ■ BEIRUT

The UN peacekeeping mission in Lebanon, known as UNIFIL, said in a statement that its headquarters and positions "have been repeatedly hit" by Israeli forces. It said an Israeli tank "directly" fired on an observation tower at the force's headquarters in the town of Naqoura, Lebanon, and that soldiers had attacked a bunker near where peacekeepers were sheltering, damaging vehicles and a communication system. It said an Israeli drone was seen flying to the bunker's entrance. The two UNIFIL troops wounded in the attacks and hospitalized are Indonesian, Italy's Foreign Minister Antonio Tajani said. The Israeli military acknowledged opening fire at a UN base in southern Lebanon on Thursday and said it had ordered the peacekeepers to "remain in protected spaces." Later Thursday, the UN peacekeeping chief said 300 peacekeepers in frontline positions on southern Lebanon's border have been temporarily moved to larger bases, and plans to move another 200 will depend on security conditions as the conflict escalates. Jean-Pierre Lacroix told an emergency meeting of the UN Security Council that peacekeepers with UNIFIL are staying in their positions, but because of air and ground attacks they cannot conduct patrols.



UNIFIL, which has more than 10,000 peacekeepers from dozens of countries, was created to oversee the withdrawal of Israeli troops from southern Lebanon after Israel's 1978 invasion. The United Nations expanded its mission following the 2006 war between Israel and Hezbollah, allowing peacekeepers to patrol a buffer zone set up along the border. Israel accuses Hezbollah of establishing militant infrastructure along the border in violation of the UN Security Council resolution that ended the 2006 war. The European Union's top diplomat, Josep Borrell, sharply condemned Israeli strikes that hit UNIFIL positions as "an inadmissible act, for which there is no justification."

Hurricane Milton leaves 8 dead, Florida in darkness

AP ■ ST PETERSBURG (FLORIDA)

Rescue teams plucked Florida residents from the flotsam of Hurricane Milton on Thursday after the storm smashed through coastal communities where it tore homes into pieces, filled streets with mud and spawned a barrage of deadly tornadoes. At least eight people were dead. Arriving just two weeks after the misery wrought by Hurricane Helene, the system also knocked out power to more than 3 million customers, flooded barrier islands, tore the roof off a baseball stadium and toppled a construction crane. Among the most dramatic rescues, Hillsborough County officers found a 14-year-old boy floating on a piece of fence and pulled him onto a boat. A Coast Guard helicopter crew rescued a man who was left clinging to an ice chest in the Gulf of Mexico after his fishing boat was stranded in waters roiled by Hurricane Milton. The agency estimated the man had survived winds of 75 to 90 mph (121 to 145 kph) and

waves up to 25 feet (7.6 metres) high during his night on the water. "This man survived in a nightmare scenario for even the most experienced mariner," Coast Guard Lt. Cmdr. Dana Grady said. Despite the destruction, many people expressed relief that Milton wasn't worse. The hurricane spared Tampa a direct hit, and the lethal storm surge that scientists feared never materialised. The storm tracked to the south in the final hours and made landfall late Wednesday as a Category 3 hurricane in Siesta Key, about 70 miles (112 kilometres) south of Tampa. Damage was widespread, and water levels may continue to rise for days, but Gov. Ron DeSantis said it was not "the worst-case scenario." The storm tracked to the south in the final hours and made landfall late Wednesday as a Category 3 hurricane in Siesta Key, about 70 miles (112 kilometres) south of Tampa. Damage was widespread, and water levels may continue to rise for days, but Gov. Ron DeSantis said it was not "the worst-case scenario."

nadoes in the Spanish Lakes Country Club near Fort Pierce, on Florida's Atlantic Coast, where homes were destroyed, authorities said. Police also found a woman dead under a fallen tree branch in Tampa. In Volusia County, authorities said two people, a 79-year-old woman in Ormond Beach and a 54-year-old woman in Port Orange, were also killed when trees fell on homes. Speaking at a White House briefing, Homeland Security Secretary Alejandro Mayorkas said there were reports of as many as 10 fatalities from tornadoes, but he cautioned that the number was tentative. At least 340 people and 49 pets have been rescued in ongoing efforts, DeSantis said Thursday afternoon. South of Tampa, Natasha Shannon and her husband, Terry, felt lucky to be alive after the hurricane peeled the tin roof off their cinder block home in Palmetto. They spent the night in a shelter with their three children and two grandchildren after she pushed them to leave. "I said, Baby, we got to go. Because we're not going to



survive this," she said. They returned to find the roof torn into sheets across the street, shredded insulation hanging from exposed ceiling beams and their belongings soaked. "It ain't much but it was ours," she said. "What little bit we did have is gone." The worst storm surge appeared to be in Sarasota

County, where it was 8 to 10 feet (2.5 to 3 metres) -- lower than in the worst place during Helene. The storm also dumped up to 18 inches (45 centimetres) of rain in some areas. Officials in the hard-hit Florida counties of Hillsborough, Pinellas, Sarasota and Lee urged people to stay home,

warning of downed power lines, trees in roads, blocked bridges and flooding. Among the dozens of tornadoes was a twister that hit the tiny barrier island of Matlacha, just off Fort Myers. The fishing-and-tourism village also endured a surge, with many of the colorful buildings sustaining serious damage. Tom

Reynolds, 90, spent the morning sweeping out 4 feet (1.2 metres) of mud and water and collecting chunks of aluminum siding torn off by a twister that also picked up a car and threw it across the road. Elsewhere on the island, a house was blown into a street, temporarily blocking it. Some structures caught fire. Reynolds said he planned to repair the home he built three decades ago. "What else am I going to do?" he said. In contrast, city workers on Anna Maria Island were grateful not to be wading through floodwaters as they picked up debris Thursday morning, two weeks after Helene battered buildings and blew in piles of sand up to 6 feet (1.8 m) high. Those piles may have helped shield homes from further damage, said Jeremi Roberts of the State Emergency Response Team. "I'm shocked it's not more," city worker Kati Sands said as she cleared the streets of siding and broken lights. "We lost so much with Helene, there wasn't much left." Helene flooded streets and homes in western Florida and left at least 230 people dead

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. Power was knocked out across much of the state. More than 3.4 million homes and businesses were without electricity, according to poweroutage.us, which tracks utility reports. The fabric that serves as the roof of Tropicana Field -- home of the Tampa Bay Rays baseball team in St. Petersburg -- was ripped to shreds by fierce winds. Debris littered the field. About 80,000 people spent the night in shelters, and thousands of others fled after authorities issued mandatory evacuation orders across 15 Florida counties with a total population of about 7.2 million people. In Punta Gorda, a 10-foot (3-metre) surge from the Peace River swept into the historic district, damaging homes and depositing six boats along one riverside street. It was the third surge to hit the neighbourhood in three months.

Harris as prepared to be President as any nominee in past: Obama

PTI ■ WASHINGTON Vice President Kamala Harris is as prepared for this job as any nominee for the president in the past, former president Barack Obama said on Thursday, noting that the November election will be "tight" between her and Republican candidate Donald Trump.

families, and for their kids," he said. "Let's face it. As a country, we've been through a lot these last few years. We had a historic pandemic wreaking havoc on communities and businesses. Disruptions from the pandemic then caused prices to spike, and that put a strain on family budgets. In many ways, it's felt like the aspirations of working people have taken a backseat to the priorities of the rich and the powerful. So, I get why people are looking to shake things up," he said.

nothing more than a means to an end. He wants the middle class to pay the price for another huge tax cut that would mostly help him and his country club buddies. Doesn't care if he costs more women their reproductive freedom, because it won't make a difference in his life," he alleged. "Most of all, Donald Trump wants us to think that this country is hopelessly divided between us and them, between real Americans who support him and the outsiders who don't. Because having people divided and angry, he figures, boosts his chances of being elected. He doesn't care who gets hurt," Obama said.

US worried about China's actions in disputed sea: Blinken

AP ■ VIENTIANE (LAOS) US Secretary of State Antony Blinken told Southeast Asian leaders Friday that the US is concerned about China's "increasingly dangerous and unlawful" activities in the disputed South China Sea during an annual summit meeting, and pledged the US will continue to uphold freedom of navigation in the vital sea trade route.

tions at sea between China and ASEAN members Philippines and Vietnam, which have fueled concerns that China's increasingly assertive actions in the waterways could spiral into a full-scale conflict. China, which claims almost the entire sea, has overlapping claims with ASEAN members Vietnam, the Philippines, Malaysia and Brunei, as well as Taiwan. About a third of global trade transits through the sea, which is also rich in fishing stocks, gas and oil. Beijing has refused to recognize a 2016 international arbitration

ruling by a UN-affiliated court in the Hague that invalidated its expansive claims, and has built up and militarized islands it controls. "We are very concerned about China's increasingly dangerous and unlawful activities in the South China Sea which have injured people, harm vessels from ASEAN nations and contradict commitments to peaceful resolutions of disputes," said Blinken, who is filling in for President Joe Biden, in his opening speech at the US-ASEAN summit. "The United States will continue to

support freedom of navigation, and freedom of overflight in the Indo Pacific." The US has no claims in the South China Sea, but has deployed navy ships and fighter jets to patrol the water in a challenge to China's claims. 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. The US has warned repeated-

ly that it's obligated to defend the Philippines — its oldest treaty ally in Asia — if Filipino forces, ships or aircraft come under armed attack, including in the South China Sea. Philippine President Ferdinand Marcos Jr. complained to summit leaders on Thursday that his country "continues to be subject to harassment and intimidation" by China. He said it was "regrettable that the overall situation in the South China Sea remains tense and unchanged" due to China's actions, which he said violated international law.

Remains of British climber believed found 100 years after Everest ascent

AP ■ LONDON with his co-climber, the legendary George Mallory, near Everest's peak on June 8, 1924. The pair, who were seeking to become the first people to conquer Everest, were last seen around 8000 feet (245 metres) from the summit before they disappeared. Their fate has been debated by climbers and historians alike, with some postulating that they had stood atop of the world before heading down and disappearing. Mallory's body was found in 1999 but there was no evidence that could point to the two having reached Everest's summit at

29,032 feet (8,849 metres). There is still no such evidence, though the apparent discovery of Irvine's remains could narrow the search for a Kodak Vest Pocket camera lent to the climbers by expedition member Howard Somervell. For mountaineers, it's the equivalent of the Holy Grail — whether there is photographic proof on that camera to show that the two did reach the summit before Edmund Hillary and Tenzing Norgay in 1953. The sock and boot were found at a lower altitude than Mallory's remains, on the

Central Rongbuk Glacier below the North Face of Mount Everest. "This was a monumental and emotional moment for us and our entire team on the ground, and we just hope this can finally bring peace of mind to his relatives and the climbing world at large," said climb team member and National Geographic explorer Jimmy Chin. Chin did not say exactly where the remains were found because he wants to discourage trophy hunters. But he's confident that other items — and

maybe even the camera — are nearby. "It certainly reduces the search area," he told National Geographic. The Irvine family has volunteered to compare DNA test results with the remains to confirm his identity. His great-niece and biographer, Julie Summers, said she reacted emotionally when she found out about the discovery. "I have lived with this story since I was a 7-year-old when my father told us about the mystery of Uncle Sandy on Everest," she said.

20 killed in attack on miners in Pakistan

PTI ■ KARACHI At least 20 miners, including from Afghanistan, were killed and eight others injured on Friday when terrorists attacked a private coal mine with rocket launchers and automatic weapons in Pakistan's restive Balochistan province. SSP Muhammad Baloch said a group of armed men attacked the Junaid Coal company in the Dukki area of the province and then escaped into the mountains. The attack is the latest in a string of violent incidents in Pakistan. It comes ahead of the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation's summit to be held in the national capital. "It was a terror attack and the workers at the mine had no chance as they were just starting to work when they came under fire," Baloch said. There were around 50 workers at the site and some of them escaped unhurt after running into the nearby mountains or remaining hidden deep in the mines, he added. Some of the coal workers belonged to Afghanistan, he said. According to District Chairman Dukki Haji Khair

Ullah Nasir, the attackers used hand grenades and rocket launchers in the attack. He said that there are ten coal mines located in the area. Nasir said that the attackers also set ablaze mining machinery before fleeing the scene. Johar Khan Shadizai, a doctor in Dukki, said: "We have received 20 bodies and six injured so far at the district hospital." No group has claimed responsibility for the attack so far. Police, paramilitary Frontier Corps (FC) and rescue teams rushed to the spot after the attack. Police sources said that the death toll may rise as some injured miners were in critical condition. SHO Dukki Hamanyan Khan said the armed men first gathered the miners in different groups and then sprayed bullets on them. Heavy contingents of police and FC have cordoned off the area and launched a search operation to arrest the culprits. Pakistan has witnessed a worrying surge in terrorist attacks in the ongoing year with fatalities in the first three quarters surpassing the numbers recorded in all of 2023.

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One killed in elevator mishap at gold mine in Colorado

AP ■ DENVER One person was killed and 12 people were rescued after being trapped for about six hours at the bottom of a former Colorado gold mine when an elevator malfunctioned at the tourist site, authorities said. The elevator was descending into the Mollie Kathleen Gold Mine near the town of Cripple Creek when it had a mechanical problem around 500 feet (152 metres) beneath the surface, creating a "severe danger for the participants," Teller County Sheriff Jason Mikesell said. The cause of the visitor's death was not immediately provided. The 12 adults who were trapped about 1,000 feet below ground had access to water and used radios to communicate with authorities, who told them there was an elevator issue, Mikesell said.

CLIX HOUSING FINANCE LIMITED Registered Office: Aggarwal Corporate Tower, Plot No. 23, 5th Floor, Govind Lal Sikka Marg, Rajendra Place, New Delhi-110008 E-AUCTION SALE NOTICE "APPENDIX IV-A" [SEE PROVISIO TO RULE 8(6)] SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES

TO WHOMSOEVER IT MAY CONCERN Our Client HDFC Bank Ltd States That Mr. Satpal Sharma is the Absolute Owners of Property Bearing Address House No. 480, Sector 19, Dwarka, New Delhi-110045 by virtue of Sale Deed Duly Registered On 23/05/2018 Vide Reg No. 5210. That the Original Documents Of The Said Property i.e. Sale Deed Duly Registered On 23/05/2018 Vide Reg No. 5210 is Registered by Our Clients Panel Lawyers Office Namely Advocate Chandra Kishore Jha While in their Custody and is Considered Lost. The Said Property is Absolutely Free From Any Encumbrance Whatsoever. It is Also Stated That in Case The Sale Deed Duly Registered On 23/05/2018 Vide Reg No. 5210 is Found by Our Clients Panel Lawyers Office, Same Shall be Kept in The Safe Custody of Our Client And Returned To The Property Owner. If Any Person Finds The Said Sale Deed Registered on 23/05/2018 Vide Reg No. 5210 Or Has Any Claim or Interest Over The Said Property, He/She is Requested to Forward The Information or their Claims along with the relevant Documents to us Within 15 days of this Public Notice. If we do not receive any Information or Claim from Any Person Within 15 Days, It Will Be Strictly Presumed that This Property is Absolutely Free From Any Claim or Encumbrance and No One has any Claim over This Property. Ravi Chopra, Advocate, Office No.1, First Floor, DDA Market Pockets-1, Mayur Vihar-III, Delhi-110096, Mobile No. 9811020745

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Table with 5 columns: NIT No., Tender Description, Estimated Cost (₹), Cost of EMD (₹), Due Date & Time of Submission, Date & time of opening. Rows include: EMPANELMENT OF VENDORS FOR RATE CONTRACT FOR REPLACEMENT OF OLD CEILING FANS OF BYPL CONSUMERS WITH 5 STAR RATED SUPER ENERGY EFFICIENT BLDC CEILING FANS (26W & 28W), RATE CONTRACT FOR SUPPLY OF THREE PHASE ENERGY METERS IN BYPL, CIVIL WORK REQUIRED FOR ADDITION OF ONE NO. 20 MVA VOLT TRANSFORMER AT SONIA VIHAR GRID OF BYPL, RATE CONTRACT FOR SUPPLY OF POLE MOUNTING SINGLE PHASE & THREE PHASE DISTRIBUTION BOXES WITH ACCESSORIES, CIVIL WORK REQUIRED FOR YARD DEVELOPMENT, SHIFTING OF RECORD ROOMS STORE FROM GROUND FLOOR TO FIRST FLOOR AND OTHER RELATED WORKS AT SHASTRY PARK GRID IN BYPL.

RBI asks banks to ensure easier accessibility for persons with disabilities

PTI ■ MUMBAI

The Reserve Bank of India on Friday asked banks to review their payment systems to ensure easier accessibility to persons with disabilities. All sections of the population, including differently-abled persons, are increasingly adopting digital payment systems, it said in a circular. "To promote effective access, payment system participants (PSPs, that is, banks and authorised non-bank payment system providers) are advised to review their payment systems/devices in terms of accessibility to Persons with Disabilities," it noted.



Based on the review, banks and non-bank payment system providers may carry out the necessary modifications in payment systems and devices like point-of-sale machines, which can be accessed and used by persons with disabilities with ease, the RBI said. The RBI also asked them to refer to the accessibility standards issued by the Ministry of Finance in February. While selecting potential solutions for the purpose, care should be taken to ensure that the modifications or enhancements do not compromise security aspects of the systems, the central bank said. PSPs have been asked to submit to the Reserve Bank, within one month, details of their systems/devices that need to be modified, along with a time-bound plan of action for achieving the same.

Life insurers' new premiums rise 14 per cent to ₹ 35,020 crore

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Life insurers recorded a 14 per cent rise in underwriting new business with a premium collection of Rs 35,020 crore in September. New business premiums stood at Rs 30,716 crore in same month a year ago.

The new business premium collection in the first half of FY25 rose 19 per cent to Rs 1,89,214 crore from Rs 1,58,377 crore in the same period last year, as per the monthly data released by the industry body Life Insurance Council.

Driven by a strong demand for enhanced insurance protection from individual consumers, new policy issuances too increased by 45.49 per cent on a year-on-year basis in the month, resulting in the addition of new 32,17,880 policies vis-à-vis 22,11,680 policies in the



According to data released by the Life Insurance Council, the life insurance industry saw individual single premiums growing 13 per cent to close at Rs 5,142 crore for September while year-to-date growth stood at 14.99 per cent. Meanwhile, Life Insurance Corporation (LIC) collected new premium of Rs 20,369 crore as against Rs 18,126 crore in September 2023, recording a growth of 25 per cent. However, private sector put together grew 12 per cent to Rs 73,664 crore as against Rs 65,734 crore garnered in the same month a year ago. The life insurance industry in India has been making significant strides by expanding access to insurance and making an effort to reach out to areas and segments of the country's population that were previously underserved when it comes to their insurance needs, it said.

Edible oil imports drop 29 per cent in September

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

India's import of edible oils fell 29 per cent annually in September to 10,64,499 tonnes due to lower inward shipments of crude and refined palm oils, according to industry data.

Import of edible oils stood at 14,94,086 tonnes in the same month last year. Solvent Extractors' Association of India (SEA) on Friday released the import data for vegetable oils (both edible and non-edible) for September.

Imports of non-edible oils fell to 22,990 tonnes in September from 57,940 tonnes in the year-ago period. According to the data, import of vegetable oils in September declined 30 per cent to 10,87,489 tonnes

compared to 15,52,026 tonnes a year earlier. In the edible oil category, the SEA data showed that import of crude palm oil declined to 4,32,510 tonnes last month from 7,05,643 tonnes in September last year, while refined palm oil shipments were down to 84,279 tonnes from 1,28,954 tonnes.

Imports of crude sunflower oil also declined to 1,52,803 tonnes from 3,00,732 tonnes. SEA attributed the fall in import to higher inward shipments during July-August, and subdued demand, resulting in stock building at port. Moreover, the association said importers have become cautious because of volatility and firmness in prices. Reduction in import was led by palm oil, which is trading above soyabean oil and sunflower oil prices, SEA said, adding that domestic buyers have reduced their buying. According to SEA data, the overall import of vegetable oils during the first 11 months of the current 2023-24 marketing year ending October declined 6 per cent to 1,47,75,000 tonnes as compared to 1,56,73,102 tonnes in the corresponding period of the previous year. Of the total vegetable oil imports so far in 2023-24 marketing year, the imports of edible oil fell to 1,45,35,955 tonnes from 1,54,68,912 tonnes. Imports of non-edible oils rose to 2,39,045 tonnes from 2,04,190 tonnes. India imports palm oils from Indonesia and Malaysia, and soyabean oils from Brazil and Argentina. More than 50 per cent of India's edible oils demand is met through imports. Recently, the government increased import duties on edible oils to protect farmers interest amid harvest of kharif crops.

PwC India partners with Meta for AI solutions

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

PwC India has announced a collaboration with Meta to expand and scale its open-source AI solutions to enterprises and citizen services on Meta's Llama models.

This collaboration will promote the adoption of the Llama open-source platform and help PwC develop innovative solutions powered by Generative AI (GenAI) on a global scale, the consultancy firm said in a release. In light of the Indian government's announcement to launch the IndiaAI Mission and its investment in building a robust AI ecosystem, the moment is ideal for businesses to harness the potential of GenAI, it added. "With Llama Models, we see a unique opportunity to democratise this technology across industries, and drive innovation while solving real-world challenges. Together, we aspire to create a more digitally enabled future for



our clients and our communities - to create value and drive meaningful change at scale," Sanjeev Krishan, Chairperson of PwC India, said. The collaboration will help PwC India and Meta to democratise GenAI and make it more accessible to businesses by jointly building and deploying enterprise-grade and citizen-service GenAI solutions. It aims to create an ecosystem of GenAI solutions that will be built on Meta's technical expertise and powerful Llama open-source platform along with PwC India's domain expertise. Sandhya Devanathan, Vice President and Head at Meta India, said Gen AI solutions, including Llama, are poised to revolutionise India's businesses and accelerate the country's digital transformation journey. "By harnessing the power of natural language and generation, Llama can unlock new efficiencies, enhance customer experiences, and drive data-driven decision-making. As India strives to become a leading digital economy, Gen AI will be instrumental in empowering businesses to innovate, scale, and compete on a global stage," Devanathan said.

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Demand Notice Under Section 13(2) of Securitisation Act of 2002

As the Loan Account became NPA therefore The Authorised Officer (AO) Under section 13 (2) of Securitisation And Reconstruction of Financial Assets And Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 had issued 60 day demand notice to the borrower as given in the table. According to the Notice if the Borrower does not deposit the Amount within 60 days, the amount will be recovered from Auction of the security as given below. As the demand Notice sent to the borrower/guarantor has not been served, copy of demand notice has also been affixed on the secured assets as given below. Therefore you the borrower is informed to deposit the loan amount along with interest and recovery expenses within 60 days, otherwise under the provisions of section 13 (4) and 14 of the said Act, the AO is free to take possession of the Security as given below.

Name of the Borrower	Demand Notice Date and Amount	Description of Mortgaged property
ASHA RANI, RAMRATTAN (A/C NO.) LNRK000621-220221887 & LNRK09322-230269514	11 Oct 24 Rs. 726010/- & Rs. 413836/- 9 Oct 24	PLOT NO 65 KHEWAT NO. 548/506, KHOTONI NO. 570, RECT NO. 93, KHASRA NO 25/2(0-19)RECT NO. 101, KHASRA NO. 1(8-0) RECT NO. 102, KH. NO. 5/2(4-16)KITTAS-3, (II) MARLA-5 SARSAI BEING 23/2421 SHARE OUT OF LAND MEASURING 13K-9M COMPRISED IN KHEWAT NO. 817/758, KHATONI NO. 857, RECT. NO. 94, KH. NO. 21/2(5-4), 22/2(2(6-9)), RECT NO. 101, KH. NO. 2/3(1-16) KITTAS-3, SITUATED AT PATTI JHAMRA, SHAHADAB, TEH-SHAHADAB, DIST- KURUKSHETRA, HARYANA (INDIA). PIN-136135 ADMEASURING 150 SQ. YARD

Place : Jaipur Date : 12.10.2024 Authorised Officer Aavas Financiers Limited

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APPENDIX IV [SEE RULE 8(I)] POSSESSION NOTICE

Whereas, The undersigned being the Authorised Officer of the AU Small Finance Bank Limited (A Scheduled Commercial Bank) under the "Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (54 of 2002)" and in exercise of powers conferred under section 13(12) read with rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued demand notice on the date as mentioned below calling upon the borrowers to repay the amount mentioned in the said notice within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice as per the details given in below table:

Name of Borrower/Co-Borrower/ Mortgagee/Guarantor / Loan A/C No.	13(2) Notice Date & Amount	Description of Mortgaged Property	Date of Possession Taken
(A/C No.) L9001060730481604 Tanuj Parlour & Cosmetics (Borrower), Smt. Bala Devi (Co-Borrower), Sandeep (Co-Borrower), Darshan (Co-Borrower), Smt. Nadeem (Co-Borrower)	15-May-24 Rs. 754041/- Rs. Seven Lac Fifty-Four Thousand Forty-One Only 13-May-24	All that part and parcel of residential/commercial property Land/ Building/ Structure and fixtures PROPERTY SITUATED AT- Khasra No- 5227/493 (1-8), Khewat No 490/453, Khata No 640, MAUJA- PATTI JATTAN, INDIAN COLONY, TEH & DIST- SONIPAT, HARYANA Admeasuring 60 Square Yard, East: H/O SURESH, West: H/O SANJEEV, North: STREET, South: PLOT OF OTHERS	09-Oct-24
(A/C No.) L9001060123946664 Sangam Furniture House Through IT'S Proprietor Kuldeep Singh (Borrower), Kuldeep Singh (Co-Borrower), Smt. Omni Devi (Co-Borrower)	12-Jul-24 Rs. 2361732/- Rs. Twenty-Three Lac Sixty-One Thousand Seven Hundred Thirty-Two Only 11-Jul-24	All that part and parcel of residential/commercial property Land/ Building/ Structure and fixtures Property Situated At Plot Khasra.No. 16034/6777 Mauja Rohtak Near Renak Pura, Dist- Rohtak, Haryana, Bounded As East - Road, West - House Of Jeet Singh, North - P/O Others, South - Street Admeasuring 226 Sqyds	09-Oct-24

The borrower having failed to repay the amount, therefore notice is hereby given to the borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein above mentioned table in exercise of powers conferred on him/her under section 13(4) of the said (Act-2002) read with Rule 8 of the said rule on the date mentioned in the above table. "The borrower's attention is invited to provisions of sub section (8) of section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets." The borrower in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of the AU Small Finance Bank Limited (A Scheduled Commercial Bank) for the amount and interest thereon mentioned in the above table. -sd-
Place: HARYANA Date: 11 October 2024 Authorised Officer AU Small Finance Bank Limited

JioFinance app launches with diverse services

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Jio Financial Services on Friday announced the launch of a new and improved JioFinance App that offers a range of services, including loans, savings accounts, UPI bill payments, recharges, and digital insurance. A beta version of the JioFinance app was launched on May 30, 2024. Over six million users have experienced Jio Financial Services Ltd's (JFSL) new-age digital platform, and the valuable customer feedback received was instrumental in improving the app's overall user experience. "A wide array of financial



products and services have been added since the Beta launch, including loans on mutual funds, home loans (including Balance Transfer), and loans against property. These loans are available at competitive terms and will offer substantial savings for our customers," JFSL said in a statement. The new app is now available on the Google Play Store, Apple App Store and MyJio, with a wide range of attractive offerings, it said. On the savings front, the digital savings account from

Jio Payments Bank Ltd (JPBL), which can be opened digitally in 5 minutes, offers a secure bank account with biometric authentication and a physical debit card, it said. Over 1.5 million customers manage their routine, recurring expenses using their JPBL account. Additionally, it said, features such as seamless UPI payments, mobile recharge, and ability to pay credit card bills are empowering customers to transact digitally with ease. The JioFinance app also offers customers an aggregate view of their holdings across different bank accounts and across their mutual fund holdings, helping them manage their finances better. Moreover, it said, the JioFinance app brings as many as 24 insurance plans spanning a comprehensive suite of life, health, two-wheeler and motor insurance digitally. JFSL, along with its joint venture partner BlackRock are also working towards bringing world-class and innovative investment solutions.

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APPENDIX- IV-A
[See proviso to rule 8 (6) & 9 (1)]
SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8 (6) & 9 (1) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002
Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower (s), Co-Borrower (s) and Guarantor (s) as per column (iii) that the below described immovable properties as per column (iv) mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of Formerly known as IDFC Bank Ltd, will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is" as described hereunder, for the recovery of amount due to IDFC FIRST Bank Limited (Formerly known as IDFC Bank Ltd) from Borrower (s) and Co-Borrower (s) as per column (i). For detailed terms and conditions of the sale, please refer to the link provided on IDFC FIRST Bank website i.e. www.idfcfirstbank.com.

S. NO	(i) Demand Notice Amount	(ii) Agreementid	(iii) Name of Borrower (s), Co-Borrower (s) and Guarantor (s)	(iv) MORTGAGED PROPERTY ADDRESS	(v) Reserve Price Amount	(vi) EMD Amount	(vii) Date and Time of Auction	(viii) Date and Time EMD of Auction	(ix) Date and Time of Inspection	(x) Authorized Officer Name & Contact Number
1	INR 1932796.96/- Demand Notice dated: 30-Jul-2019	15400775	Bhupinder Kumar & Hemant Dass Banarsai	All That Piece And Parcel Of Property Bearing Of House Property Id No. 385C718U880, Measuring 200 Sq. Yards Khasra No. 96/8, Mouja Munda Majra, Now Known As Azad Nagar, Yamuna Nagar, Tehsil - Jagadhira, Yamunanagar, Haryana - 135001	INR 2535170.00/-	INR 253517.00/-	30-Oct-2024 11.00 AM TO 1.00 PM	29-Oct-2024 10.00 AM TO 5.00 PM	24-Oct-2024 10.00 AM TO 4.00 PM	Name- Anuj Gupta Contact Number-
2	INR 1117106.66/- Demand Notice dated: 20-Apr-2021	25982376	Mr. Mohd Riyaz & Mrs. Tarannum Riyaj	All That Part And Parcel Of Property House Measuring 03 Marlas 05 Sarsai I.E. 104 Sq. Yards, Comprising In Khewat/Khatoni No. 103/131, Khasra No. 12/6/1(2-8), Being 1/96 Share I.E. 05 Sarsai And Khewat/Khatoni No. 41/58, Khasra No. 12/6/2(5-4), 7(6-8), Being 2/232 Share Out Of 11 Kanal 12 Marlas I.E. 03 Marlas, Situated At Mouja Kami Majra, H.B. No.146, Tehsil- Jagadhira, District- Yamuna Nagar, Within Municipal Corporation Yamuna Nagar—Jagadhira, Measured And Bound Under:- North- 2'-4" - House Of Nafis, South- 43' - House Of Rafiq, East- 22" - Passage 15' Wide & West- 22" - Property Of Others	INR 1107270.00/-	INR 110727.00/-	30-Oct-2024 11.00 AM TO 1.00 PM	29-Oct-2024 10.00 AM TO 5.00 PM	24-Oct-2024 10.00 AM TO 4.00 PM	7906155594 Name- Vaasu Bhasin Contact Number- 8006555503

Disclaimer: Please note that the said notice is issued for sale of immovable property only and IDFC FIRST Bank Limited has no right to sale of the movable assets, if any, present at the immovable property. Authorised Officer
Date: 11.10.2024 Place: Haryana IDFC FIRST Bank Limited (Formerly known as IDFC Bank Ltd)

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Recruitment Notice Date: 12.10.2024

Applications are invited for following posts on deputation basis:

#	Name of the Post	No. of Posts	Classification	Scale of Pay
1	Joint Secretary (Technical)	3	Group-A	Level-12
2	Joint Director (Administration)	1	Group-A	Level-12
3	Deputy Director (Finance)	1	Group-A	Level-11
4	Deputy Director (Admn. & Accts.)	3	Group-A	Level-11
5	Deputy Director (Official Language)	1	Group-A	Level-11
6	Deputy Director (Publicity)	1	Group-A	Level-11
7	Deputy Director (Statistics)	1	Group-A	Level-11
8	Assistant Director (Admn. & Accts.)	2	Group-A	Level-10
9	Assistant Director (Statistics)	2	Group-A	Level-10
10	Assistant Director (Publicity)	1	Group-A	Level-10
11	Assistant Engineer	1	Group-B	Level-06

For details, refer CSB website: www.csb.gov.in
Hard copy of the application for the above post should be submitted in the prescribed format along with all relevant documents through Proper Channel to the Member Secretary, Central Silk Board, Bengaluru.
Last date for receipt of applications: 60 days from the date of publication of advertisement in the Employment News.
CBC: 41109/12/0014/2425 Central Silk Board

TCS stock falls two per cent

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Shares of Tata Consultancy Services (TCS) fell 2 per cent on Friday after its September quarter earnings failed to cheer investors. The scrip of the Mumbai-based company slipped 1.93 per cent to close at Rs 4,146 apiece on the NSE. On the BSE, stock of TCS went down by 1.84 per cent to end at Rs 4,150.60 per piece. In terms of volume, 57.59 lakh equity shares were traded on the National Stock Exchange (NSE) and 2.86 lakh shares exchanged hands on the BSE during the day. It emerged as the biggest laggard among the BSE Sensex and NSE Nifty firms. TCS, the country's largest IT services firm, on Thursday reported a 4.99 per cent increase in September quarter net profit at Rs 11,909 crore, held back by a narrowing of profit margin.

SHUBHO BIJOYA DASHAMI!

WALKING THROUGH THE HEART OF THE FESTIVAL



In 'Chittaranjan Park', New Delhi, Durga Puja comes alive with families in festive attire, dhol beats echoing, and the aroma of delicious Bengali food, creating a vibrant celebration of community, says SAKSHI PRIYA

As the festive days of Durga Puja come to an end, we celebrate Vijaya Dashami with love and gratitude. Today, we say goodbye to Maa Durga until next year, thanking her for the blessings and protection she has showered upon us. On this special day, may you and your loved ones be blessed with joy, peace, and happiness. Shubho Bijoya Dashami to everyone!

In C.R. Park, located in South East Delhi, Durga Puja isn't just another festival - it's an emotion. Often called the mini Kolkata of Delhi, this bustling neighbourhood truly becomes the heart of the city during these days. Families eagerly wait the whole year for this, preparing for pandal hopping, relishing Bengali delicacies and being part of the vibrant celebrations that make this time so special.

with every new sight. The sound of dhols echoes through the air, and in the evenings, the Sandhya Aarti becomes a beautiful and calming experience for everyone watching. The streets of C.R. Park transform into a magical world, full of lights, music and devotion, and no matter how many pandals you visit, the excitement never dies down.

A FEAST FOR ALL

No Durga Puja is complete without indulging in the food. The food stalls lining the streets and pandals in C.R. Park offer everything from traditional Bengali dishes to popular street food that

everyone loves. You can try the famous Kolkata-style Puchka that bursts with flavour or enjoy classic rolls stuffed with spicy chicken or mutton.

For those who love fish, Bhetki Paturi - fish marinated in mustard and wrapped in banana leaves is a must-try. Fish Kebab and Chicken Shami Kebab are equally popular among non-vegetarians, while vegetarians can indulge in dishes like Hara Bhara Kebab or Channar Paturi (paneer wrapped in banana leaves). And for the main course, Golbari Murgi and Dhakai Mangsho (mutton curry) and Aloo Dum served with soft luchis are pure bliss.

The joy of Durga Puja isn't just in the rituals but also in sharing these meals with family and friends. Sitting down at a table with loved ones, eating delicious food and laughing together under the twinkling lights is a memory that stays in your heart long after the festival is over.

THE STREETS COME ALIVE

The streets of C.R. Park become a celebration in themselves. It's not just about the pandals - it's the whole neighbourhood that transforms. The lanes are filled with people walking from one pandal to another and families taking pictures to capture the beautiful moments. The colourful lights strung across buildings, the sound of Rabindra Sangeet floating through the air and the laughter of people enjoying the festival all come together to create a magical atmosphere. Even if you're not Bengali, it's hard not to get swept up in the energy of Durga Puja in C.R. Park. People from all over Delhi come here to experience the festival and there's a sense of community that goes beyond language and culture. It's a time when everyone comes together to



celebrate the victory of good over evil, the triumph of light over darkness.

THE CULTURAL CELEBRATIONS

One of the most beautiful things about Durga Puja is how it brings people together to celebrate not just the goddess, but also the rich cultural heritage of Bengal. During the festival, the pandals host a variety of performances, from Purulia Chou to traditional Bengali folk music. These performances are not just entertaining, they're a way to connect with our roots and pass on our traditions to the next generation. Whether you're watching a soulful song performance or enjoying a dance recital, there's something about the atmosphere during Durga Puja that makes everything feel a little more special. The connection between the audience and the performers, the shared love for the culture and the joy of being part of something bigger than yourself, it's all part of what makes Durga Puja so meaningful.

THE BLESSINGS OF SANDHYA AARTI

As the sun begins to set, one of the most special moments of Durga Puja takes place, the Sandhya Aarti. The rhythmic beating of the drums, the chanting of mantras and the sight of people gathered in devotion create a moment of pure

peace. It's a time when everyone pauses to



reflect and give thanks to Maa Durga. The aarti fills the air with a sense of calm and the glow of the lamps as they're lit adds to the sacredness of the moment. It's in these quiet moments that you feel the true spirit of Durga Puja, the blessings of

the goddess, the love of family and friends and the joy of being part of something so special.

SAYING GOODBYE ON BIJOYA DASHAMI

As the festival comes to an end, there's a bittersweet feeling in the air. It's time to say goodbye to Maa Durga as she returns to her heavenly home. The day is marked with rituals like Sindur Khela, where married women apply vermilion to each other, symbolising the strength and joy of womanhood.

Then comes the Bijoy Yatra, the immersion procession, where the idols of Maa Durga are carried to the river or pond for their final journey. In C.R. Park, this procession is a deeply emotional experience. People gather to bid farewell, throwing flowers into the water and praying for the goddess's return next year. Though there are tears as we say goodbye, there's also a sense of hope. We know that this isn't a permanent goodbye. Maa Durga will return next year, bringing with her the same joy and blessings. And until then, the memories of this Durga Puja will keep our hearts full.

UNTIL NEXT YEAR...

As we celebrate the last day of Durga Puja and look forward to the coming year, let's carry the love, joy and blessings of the festival with us. The laughter, the shared meals, the excitement of pandal hopping, and the spiritual peace of the Sandhya Aarti - these moments are what make Durga Puja so special. So as we say goodbye to Maa Durga on this Bijoya Dashami, let's remember the joy of this festival and look forward to next year when we will once again gather with our loved ones to celebrate. Until then, may Maa Durga's blessings be with you and your family, bringing peace and happiness to your lives. Shubho Bijoya Dashami, Vijaya Dashami or Dussehra to all!

THE MAGIC OF PANDAL HOPPING

For many, Durga Puja is all about pandal hopping, going from one beautifully decorated pandal to another, admiring the stunning idols of Maa Durga. In C.R. Park, the streets come alive with people of all ages, dressed in their finest traditional clothes. The women in sarees, the men in kurtas and kids running around in excitement, it's a sight that fills your heart with joy. You can start your pandal journey at the Kali Mandir, where the peaceful surroundings set the mood for the rest of the day. Then comes the grand Durgotsab in GK II, which attracts thousands of visitors every year. From stunning decorations to cultural performances, the spirit of Durga Puja is alive and thriving here. Another must-visit spot is the Mela Ground, where families gather to enjoy not just the festivities but also the wide variety of food stalls that line the streets. Children dart between pandals, holding their parents' hands, their faces lighting up



Photos: Pankaj Kumar

SAVOUR THE SPIRIT OF NAVRATRI

Celebrate Navratri with AnnaMaya's special thali, offering a delightful mix of traditional fasting dishes with modern twists, perfect for the festive season, says SHARMILA CHAND

Navratri fasting goes in harmony with Satvik food. Feasting on traditional dishes completes the celebrations with joy and happiness. I head to indulge in an authentic experience. As the specially curated thali is placed before me, I am on an immersive culinary journey in the festive spirit. This year's thali at AnnaMaya is a testament to tradition and innovation, crafted by their renowned Maharaj, Mahendra Jakhar, who has been delighting guests with his unique Navratri offerings for the past nine years. Known for infusing modern twists into traditional fasting dishes, the chef continues to elevate the dining experience, ensuring both authenticity and indulgence during the sacred fasts. "The Navratri Thali has been thoughtfully curated to honour the spirit of devotion and celebration of Durga Puja and Dussehra, offering guests a culinary journey that reflects India's rich heritage. Every dish adheres to Navratri's dietary requirements while providing a vibrant and flavourful dining experience," he says.

He explains, "The highlights of the thali are Falahari Shakarkandi Ki Chaat, a refreshing blend of sweet potatoes with creamy yoghurt, 'Kacche Kele Ki Shammi', a delectable mix of raw banana, paired with potato, cardamom and green chilli, 'Pethe Ki Khati Meethi Sabzi', a tangy and sweet pumpkin preparation with tamarind and ghee, 'Makhana Moonghali Ki Kadhi', fox nuts and peanuts simmered in a lightly spiced yellow curry, and 'Samak Chawal', which is Barnyard millet cooked to perfection." The experience doesn't end with the savoury delights - the chefs have also curated divine Satvik desserts that perfectly conclude the meal, such as 'Makhana Kheer' and 'Badam Gulab Ki Barfi', a rich almond barfi infused with rose petals and milk. Each offering in the thali is crafted using high-quality, farm to table



with refreshing ingredients to ensure both health and indulgence during the sacred fast. To complement the meal, guests can pair their Thali with beverages like Lassi or Chach - perfect for staying hydrated and energised during this auspicious time. Reflecting on the spirit of

Navratri, Maharaj Jakhar concludes, "For me, every year is a new opportunity to explore the rich diversity of India's rituals while honouring the purity and devotion of the festival. This year's thali brings together flavours and ingredients that not only nourish the body but also celebrate the cultural heritage we hold." Go ahead and celebrate the festival of purity and devotion at AnnaMaya, where each dish tells a story of cultural India and is prepared with the utmost care to nourish the body and soul. Priced at INR 2000 plus taxes per person, this Navratri Thali offers a harmonious blend of culture, nutrition, and indulgence. Available on all days from 3rd October to 12th October 2024, the Thali is served during both lunch and dinner.



RECIPE BY MAHARAJ JAKHAR SAMAK CHAWAL PULAO

Preparation and Cook Time: 25-35 minutes
INGREDIENTS
 ● 60 gm barnyard millet (samak chawal)
 ● 20gm carrots
 ● 10gm beans
 ● 10gm cauliflower
 ● 15gm potatoes
 ● 10 gm fresh green peas
 ● 1 tbsp ghee
 ● 1 tbsp sunflower oil
 ● 2 tsp cumin seed

● 1/2 cup yogurt
 ● 3gm green chilies
 ● 1 tsp fresh coriander
 ● 5 gm sendha namak (Himalayan rock salt)
METHOD
 ● Soak the barnyard millet in double the amount of water for 10 minutes.
 ● Peel and cut carrots, beans and potatoes into small diagonal pieces.
 ● Boil water in a pan, add Himalayan salt, and blanch potatoes, carrots, peas, and beans, separately for 2-3 minutes. Once they are boiled, rinse them in cold water.
 ● Heat sunflower oil in a vessel, add cumin seeds, and sauté.
 ● Add water and cook for a minute. Add the vegetables and salt. Cook for some time.
 ● Now add yogurt and cook for 5-10 minutes. Add water and boil it for some time.
 ● Add green chilies and millet.
 ● Gently stir and reduce the heat. Cover and cook for some time.
 ● Once the millet is cooked, finish with the ghee. Serve hot.
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INDIA EYE SERIES SWEEP, WITH RUNS FROM OPENERS

PTI ■ HYDERABAD

Despite its inconsequential nature, India will be eagerly pursuing the twin goals of a series sweep and monitoring the progress of impressive second-line players during the third and final T20 against Bangladesh here on Saturday. India have already bagged the series 2-0 after wins at Gwalior and New Delhi. This Indian bunch under Gautam Gambhir has shown an insatiable hunger for victory, and doubters can glance back at its result-oriented approach during the rain-marred Kanpur Test against the same opposition a few days ago. Hence, they are unlikely to show any laxity here too as a 3-0 sweep will sit nicely along with the 2-0 margin in the preceding Test series. Beyond the obvious, India will also look to add new pieces to their white ball jigsaw puzzle ahead of some important assignments such as the Champions Trophy. So, in a season teeming with showpiece events globally as well as bilaterally, it's critical for the team to have multiple backup options. In that context, it's clear that Gambhir and his colleagues in the backroom have set in motion the process of finding able support cast to frontline



players keeping in mind the long-term goals such as the ICC event next year. Be it pacer Mayank Yadav or spinner Varun Chakravarthy, Gambhir wants to take a closer look at them and assess their readiness for the sterner assays ahead. They haven't been disappointing either in this series. Mayank, who missed a lot of action since IPL 2024 due to an injury, bowled at over 150

clicks while Chakravarthy returned with a three-wicket haul in his first outing in blue in three years at Gwalior. The team management will also keep a close eye on the journey of Nitish Kumar Reddy, highly impressive in the Delhi T20 while smashing a 34-ball 74 and returning with a couple of wickets. Opening woes Among these slivers of positives, the outings of Sanju Samson and Abhishek Sharma

stick out like a sore thumb. Samson has given a chance to open the innings in this series and it's a godsend in T20s, giving the batter a chance to exploit the six power play overs. But the Kerala man has two modest outings to show so far - a 19-ball 29, a missed chance to make a fifty in a small chase of 128, and a 7-ball 10. Samson will have to come up with something special here not to slip away from the

eyesight of management, unless they want to give a go to Jitesh Sharma, the second wicketkeeper batter in the squad. Similarly, the backroom staff would want a substantial outing from Abhishek who too has produced lukewarm 15 and 16 in the last two matches. The failure of openers has put a bit of strain on the middle-order, as the hosts were 41 for three inside the power play segment before the middle-

order bailed them out in the second T20. Apart from that, the team think-tank will decide whether to hand a match to some other worthy names on the bench like leg-spinner Ravi Bishnoi and all-rounder Harshit Rana. As for Bangladesh, the visitors will strive to taste that elusive victory on this tour. For that, they will need a consistent effort, particularly from seniors like captain Najmul Hossain Shanto, Litton Das and Mustafizur Rahman who all have been disappointing till now.

SQUADS:
India: Suryakumar Yadav (C), Abhishek Sharma, Sanju Samson (wk), Rinku Singh, Hardik Pandya, Riyan Parag, Nitish Kumar Reddy, Washington Sundar, Ravi Bishnoi, Varun Chakravarthy, Jitesh Sharma (wk), Arshdeep Singh, Harshit Rana, Mayank Yadav, Tilak Varma.
Bangladesh: Najmul Hossain Shanto (Captain), Tanzid Hasan Tamim, Parvez Hossain Emon, Tawhid Hridoy, Mahmud Ullah, Litton Kumer Das, Jaker Ali Anik, Mehidy Hassan Miraz, Shak Mahedi Hasan, Rishad Hossain, Mustafizur Rahman, Taskin Ahmed, Shoriful Islam, Tanzim Hasan Sakib, Rakibul Hasan.



Latham wants New Zealand to play with freedom in India

PTI ■ CHRISTCHURCH

New Zealand's new Test captain Tom Latham feels the only way to challenge an almost invincible India in their own backyard is by playing fearless cricket. Latham has taken over the captaincy from Tim Southee ahead of the three-match Test series in India beginning on October 16 in Bengaluru. "It's an exciting challenging going over to India and once we can go over there, hopefully play with a bit of freedom, bit of no fear and try and take it to them. If we do that hopefully, it gives ourselves a good chance," said Latham ahead of the team's departure to India on Friday. While India have won their last 18 series at home, New Zealand come to India on the back of four successive series defeats in the World Test Championship, most recently against Sri Lanka. New Zealand have won only two Tests in India with their last one coming back in 1988. "In India we've seen teams that have done well out there in the past have been quite aggressive towards them, especially with the bat they've looked to play a few shots, but also put them under pressure...Rather than sitting and waiting for something to happen. "We'll decide on how we want to play when we get over there, but guys have got plans around how they like to approach things and hopefully we can fine-tune those." Despite the 0-2 defeat in Sri Lanka, left-handed Latham

reckons they got a few things right in the island nation. "We actually did some really good things in Sri Lanka. We fell on the wrong side of the results but there were some good things. The approach we had with the bat, apart from that one innings, I thought we played really well. "So it's about continuing that as much as we can and trying to play a brand of cricket that we are proud of playing," he said. Latham's predecessor Southee has not been at his best with the ball over the 12 months. The emergence of pacer Will O'Rourke means Southee is not a sure starter in the playing eleven. The skipper, however, backed the veteran. "If you look back, think in Bangalore (Southee) took seven wickets last time we toured there," Latham said. "Someone with that amount of experience who's done it for many years there's certainly no reason why he can't get back to where he's been in the past. He's been a fantastic bowler for us for many years, there's a reason why he's so high on the wicket list for New Zealand. "He'll have a similar role that he has always had whether it's as captain or in the past, someone like that who has a wealth of experience, a wealth of knowledge in all conditions and he's done it for many years and has been successful. We'll certainly be tapping into his mind, his ideas, so looking forward to it," he added. The first Test will be played in Bengaluru, second in Pune and third in Mumbai.

Slow start for Shubhankar in French Open golf

PTI ■ PARIS

Indian golfer Shubhankar Sharma's patchy form continued as he carded a topsy-turvy one-over 72 in the opening round of the FedEx Open de France that left him tied 77th in the standings here. Sharma struck four birdies against five bogeys. He was one of the early starters and stumbled to a bogey on the second hole but quickly made amends with

two fine birdies on the fourth and the sixth. On the back nine, he had a good start with a birdie to go to two-under. Then came three bogeys on the trot from 11th to the 13th and he was not able to recover from that, managing a birdie-bogey finish in the last two holes. The cut looks likely at even par or better and Sharma will need a solid round to make the cut, after missing out last



week. Joe Dean, Thorbjorn Olesen and Jesper Svensson shared the first-round lead after carding identical six-under 65s. The trio made the most of soft conditions at Le Golf National after almost 80 millimetres of rain fell on Wednesday, causing the ground staff to work through the night to make the course playable. Englishman Dean, making his first appearance at this venue, posted the early clubhouse

lead after carding four birdies and an eagle. He was then joined at the top of the leaderboard by Olesen, who has fond memories of the Albatross Course as a member of Thomas Bjorn's victorious 2018 Ryder Cup side. The Dane was one-under after playing the back-nine, but then reeled off four consecutive birdies from the first before adding a seventh gain of the day on the par-four seventh hole.

Government of Haryana

Heartiest Greetings to all on the auspicious occasion of Vijaya Dashami

October 12, 2024

"Greetings on the auspicious occasion of Vijaya Dashami."
- Narendra Modi