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Population Census takes off in 2025

RAJESH KUMAR ■ NEW DELHI

The Narendra Modi-led government is set to begin the long-delayed Population Census in 2025, with a target for completion by 2026. This will be followed by a nationwide delimitation process for Lok Sabha constituencies, expected to be finished by 2028. However, no decision has been taken yet on whether Caste Census will also be carried out along with the general Census.

This development comes amid demands from several Opposition parties for a Caste Census. However, the government has not yet made a decision, and the details of the Census process are yet to be made public. The upcoming Census round is expected to include the usual surveys on religion and social class, along with counts of General, Scheduled Castes, and Scheduled Tribes.

According to sources aware of the details, the Government has not yet taken any decision on the Caste Census. The process of tabulating the country's population will begin in 2025 and is expected to conclude by 2026, following which the process of carving out constituencies for the Lok Sabha through delimitation will begin.

The last Census was conducted in 2011, and the following round was initially planned for 2021 but was postponed due to the second wave of COVID-19. The Census cycle is now set to follow a 10-year pattern, running from 2025 to 2035 and later from 2035 to 2045.

The Office of the Registrar General and Census Commissioner had prepared 31 questions to be asked to the citizens during the Census exercise. These questions include whether the head of the household belongs to Scheduled Caste or Scheduled Tribe and other family members as asked in the previous Census.

"In all probability, the work for the Census and the NPR will begin early next year and the



population data will be announced by 2026. With this, the Census cycle is likely to be changed. So, it will be 2025-2035 and then 2035-2045 and so on in future," said sources adding all these factors will have to be looked into before any decision is taken on delimitation.

The 31 questions to be asked to each family under the Census exercise include the total number of persons normally residing in the household, whether the head of the household is a woman, the number of dwelling rooms exclusively in possession of the household, the number of married couple(s) living in the household among others. The questions also include whether a family has a telephone, internet connection, mobile or smartphone, bicycle, scooter or motorcycle or moped, and whether they own a car, jeep or a van.

The citizens will also be asked what is the main source of drinking water, main source of lighting, access to latrine, type of latrine, waste water outlet, availability of bathing facility, availability of kitchen and LPG/PNG connection, main fuel used for cooking, availability of radio, transistor, television etc.

The Congress, Rashtriya Janata Dal (RJD) and several other parties have been demanding that a Caste Census be undertaken. Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP)'s alliance partners such as Janata Dal United (JDU) in Bihar have also spoken about the same, but have not put any pressure on the Centre. At the central level, the final decision has been left to Prime Minister Narendra Modi and his cabinet.

The BJP's other ally, Telugu Desam Party (TDP), too is of the opinion that the Census must happen, with Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu actively advocating for 'Skill Census' for the benefit of the masses, especially the young population.

India, Spain partnership soars to new heights

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ VADODARA

India on Monday set in motion the manufacture of C295, an ultra modern tactical transport aircraft which can carry troops and logistical supplies from main airfields to forward operating airfields of the country. The aircraft will be made in partnership with Spain, and can also operate on short unprepared airstrips as it is capable of Short Take-off and Landing (STOL). The aircraft can additionally be used for casualty or medical evacuation, performing special missions, disaster response and maritime patrol duties while it can operate from short airstrips just 2,200 feet long and can fly low-level operations for tactical missions flying at a low speed of 110 knots according to parent manufacturer Airbus.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi and his Spanish counterpart Pedro Sanchez inaugurated the Tata Aircraft Complex in Vadodara, India's first private facility to build these military planes, where C295 aircraft will be produced. PM Modi and Spanish PM Pedro Sanchez on Monday inaugurated the Tata Aircraft Complex for manufacturing C295 aircraft in Vadodara. Noting that the partnership between India and Spain is finding a new direction, Modi said the project would not only strengthen the relations between the two nations but also give momentum to the mission of 'Make in India, Make for the World'.

PM Modi conveyed his best wishes to the team of Airbus and Tata, and also paid tributes to the late Ratan Tata. The Airbus C295 is a medium tactical transport aircraft that



Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Spanish PM Pedro Sanchez being briefed about an aircraft as they visit the TATA Aircraft Complex after its inauguration, in Vadodara, Gujarat, Monday, October 28, 2024. Tata Sons Chairperson Natarajan Chandrasekaran is also seen

was designed and initially manufactured by the Spanish aerospace company CASA, which is now a part of the European multinational Airbus Defence and Space division. The C295 can also be used for medical evacuations, disaster response, and maritime patrol duties.

The C295 aircraft factory is a reflection of the new work culture of New India, the PM said, adding India's speed from idea to the execution of any project can be witnessed at the factory, whose foundation stone was laid in October 2022. Emphasising the focus on eliminating unaccounted delays in the planning and execution of projects, PM Modi recalled the setting up of Bombardier train coach manufacturing facility in Vadodara as the Chief Minister of Gujarat. Metro coaches made in that factory are being exported, the

PM said, and expressed confidence that the aircraft made in the facility inaugurated on Monday would also be exported. Quoting the famous Spanish poet, Antonio Machado, PM Modi said, "As we start treading towards the goal, the path towards the goal is created automatically."

A decade ago, the priority and identity of defence manufacturing was about import and none could imagine that defence manufacturing could take place on such a large scale in India, the PM said. "Our government decided to walk on a new path and set new goals for India, whose results are evident today," he said. The transformation of India's defence sector exemplifies how a right plan and partnership can turn possibilities into prosperity, PM Modi said.



Terrorists target Army vehicle, religious place in Akhnoor

MOHIT KANDHARI ■ JAMMU

After the 1984 Operation Bluestar, the Indian Army on Monday deployed an infantry combat vehicle for the second time in Jammu and Kashmir to flush out foreign terrorists from inside a famous religious place in Akhnoor. According to ground reports, after targeting an Army vehicle in the Batal area of Akhnoor early Monday morning, a group of heavily armed foreign terrorists stormed a religious place damaging several structures. The elite commandos of the National Security Guard (NSG) were also inducted in the ongoing anti-terrorist operation to neutralise a group of foreign terrorists holed up in the basement area of a religious place. In retaliatory firing, the religious place suffered huge damage.

The Army had deployed BMP-II, an Infantry combat vehicle in the operations after a gap of almost 11 years. The Army had earlier used tanks to flush out a group of fideyees (members of a suicide squad) after they stormed inside the Samba army camp on September 26, 2013.

Brave Army canine Phantom martyred

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ JAMMU

Valiant Indian Army dog Phantom made the supreme sacrifice on Monday, during an ongoing anti-terrorist operation in the Batal area of Akhnoor. So far one terrorist has been neutralised, while the operation was still going on to flush out the remaining foreign terrorists. White Knight Corps in a post on X acknowledged the supreme sacrifice. "We salute the supreme sacrifice of our true hero-a valiant Indian Army Dog, Phantom", posted White Knight Corps on X, adding "As our troops were closing in on the trapped terrorists, Phantom drew enemy fire, sustaining fatal injuries. His courage, loyalty, and dedication will never be forgotten".



File photo: The Pioneer

Ayodhya celebrates Ramlalla's first Diwali in new temple

BISWAJEET BANERJEE/ KAMLESH SRIVASTAVA ■ AYODHYA

The city of Ayodhya is abuzz with joy, evoking the divine splendour of Treta Yuga, as it prepares to celebrate a historic Diwali - its first since child Ram (Ramlalla) was ceremoniously enshrined in the grand temple after 500 years.

The city, which holds immense significance in Hindu mythology, mirrors the jubilation of the day when Lord Ram returned to Ayodhya after 14 years in exile. Today, the festivities center around the child Ram, and for the next three days, Ayodhya will glow with joy, attracting devotees from across India to witness this unparalleled celebration.

Ayodhya's grand Diwali celebration kicks off with a world record attempt, illuminating Ram Ki Paidi with 25 lakh earthen lamps on Chhoti Deepawali. Accompanying this spectacular display will be a



Photo: The Pioneer

laser show, projection mapping, and a grand fireworks display, transforming the cityscape into a visual feast.

The Deepotsav festivities are further enhanced by the active participation of residents and pilgrims. The streets and landmarks of Ayodhya are adorned with vibrant decorations. The area from Ram Katha Park to Saket College, the Saryu Ghats, and Ram Ki Paidi is a visual treat, and the Ram Mandir itself is being adorned with 50 quintals of fresh flowers. Grand Toran

gates have been constructed at all four entrances of the temple, adding to the festive aura.

A special highlight of the celebrations is the Ram Darbar, set up in Ram Katha Park, where Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath will assume the role of Guru Vashishtha to symbolically coronate Lord Ram. As evening approaches, crowds of devotees and visitors are gathering to admire the city's grand decorations, capturing each stunning view with their cameras.

Special joint session to mark Constitution Day, November 26

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ NEW DELHI

The Centre is likely to hold a special joint sitting of both Houses of Parliament on November 26, to mark the 75th anniversary of adoption of the Constitution. Sources said the Winter Session may start from November 25, and the special joint sitting is likely to be held in the Central Hall of the Samvidhan Sadan (Old Parliament Building), where the Constituent Assembly adopted the Constitution in 1949. The Constitution came into effect on January 26, 1950.

The joint session is expected to feature discussions on the Constitution's role in shaping Indian democracy, with participation from leaders of various political parties reflecting on the principles of justice, liberty, equality and fraternity. President Droupadi Murmu, Prime Minister Narendra Modi and other dignitaries are expected to address the joint session.



Hoax bomb threat calls led to ₹1400 Crore loss

RAJESH KUMAR ■ NEW DELHI

As the number of hoax bomb threat messages to domestic and international flights crossed over 400, leading to financial loss up to Rs 1200 to 1400 crore to Indian carriers so far. As many as 410 domestic and international flights operated by the Indian carriers have received hoax bomb threats in the last 15 days. More than 60 flights of Indian carriers received bomb threats on Monday.

Once a flight is canceled or delayed due to a bomb hoax, a ripple effect of delays and cancellations of other flights occurs adding to financial losses for not the airline but the flying public. The event is not just a safety concern but also means a costly affair for an airline.

"The overall financial damage of the hoax, including costs for unscheduled landing, passenger accommodations, aircraft grounding, and crew replacements, is projected from Rs 25 lakh to Rs 4 crore per incident," said an airline executive, who spoke on condition of anonymity.

The overall costs escalate when additional expenses such as unexpected landing charges, hotel accommodations for over 200 passengers and crew, compensation for missed connections, grounding the aircraft for thorough checks, and arranging a fresh crew are factored in. Meanwhile, the airline also faced financial losses from the disruption of its return flight schedule.

Almost November, but no winter vibes?

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

With clear skies, no rain, and absence of snowfall in Himalayas and easterly winds, north and central India including Delhi has been warmer than usual so far in the month of October. The pleasant 'wintery' nip in the air is missing. The National Capital Region has been recording above-normal temperatures consistently in the second half of October 2024.

According to meteorologists and scientists, October in north and central India are getting warmer and are expected to

get worse in the coming years with fewer Western disturbances, unpredictable rains during the monsoon season, and the larger impacts of climate change and changing weather patterns are to blame.

Earlier, the India Meteorological Department (IMD) had hinted at the possibility of a severe winter in North India, especially in the northwest and central regions, including Delhi-NCR. This forecast was linked to the potential development of La Nina conditions during October and November.



BY SAUMYA SHUKLA

A day before Dhanteras, the rush at local markets across the National Capital is at its peak, and commuters are finding it hard to get through the narrow lanes. The jams on the roads leading to the markets such as the popular Kamla Nagar, situated near Delhi University, are a horror story for those thronging here to buy utensils, jewellery, silver coins, clothes, decorative items, flowers, diyas and accessories for Diwali. Hawkers and vendors with their shops on either side of the road for long stretches and people creating chaos while being on a shopping spree makes it extremely difficult for vehicles to wade through. This market is also situated near residential colonies, where the haphazard parking is also a problem for the local residents.

A shopper said, "Authorities need to resolve parking issues in residential

colonies, encroachment and consequent traffic congestion in markets like Kamla Nagar." Another such market is also in the Govindpuri area where the weekly market, where day to day items are sold at affordable prices, on Wednesday creates a complete breakdown of traffic, making it extremely hard for not just vehicles but pedestrians to move.

Further exacerbating the issue, are the encroachments by vendors who set up their shops on the roadsides, and the consumers who lead to limited space on the road for free flow of traffic on a street which is situated close to Govindpuri metro station and residential apartments.

"I live in Govindpuri extension and every Wednesday, the roads that are already narrow due to encroachments and parking on the roadside become even worse. There are vendors with their shops and the customers are standing on the roads making it very



Ranjana Dimri/The Pioneer

Stranded vehicles, vendor encroachments eat into roadspace

Eleven points where local markets create a mess have been identified

hard to move," an office goer said. Another commuter added that the increased presence of e-rickshaws also adds to the misery. "There are so many in such a small stretch that they jam the entire road on a day when there is barely any space for even a pedestrian to move around," he added, stating that when he comes back from office around 9 pm, it becomes a nightmare to pass through the area.

As per the Delhi Traffic police, 11 such points have been identified in the city where these markets create a chaos with vehicles getting stranded or moving at a snail pace. In the Eastern range, they said in the areas of Mother Dairy, Road No. 57, Pusta Road, and GTB Hospital Red Light these issues are prominent.

"There is a weekly market in Mother Dairy while due to heavy vehicular movement of Jagatpuri stone market on Road No. 57 in Shahdara, the traffic problem arises," a traffic cop said,

adding that traffic congestion is also present due to Gandhi Nagar Cloth market in Pusta road and markets are on that route of GTB hospital red light point.

In the Southern range, on BP Marg (Kotla red light to Andrewj Gunj signal) commercial shops (timber and hardware shops) which are located on both sides of the carriageway. "People come to purchase the items and park their vehicles on the roadside as there is no other option of parking," he added. Presence of local markets in Aurobindo Marg (Adhchini Village) and IGNOU Road (IGNOU cut to Zmore) also created traffic jams in the southern range of the city.

In the Western range of the city, heavy footfall in local markets in areas of Uttam Nagar Terminal to Old Palam Road on Najafgarh Road, Road No.201 in Madhu Vihar to Rajapuri on Sector 3/13 Crossing and Phirni Road Najafgarh.

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BEDKHALI NOTICE

We Mohinder Singh S/o Sh. Badan Singh Rana r/o H.No. 3898 Sector-47-D, Chandigarh and Sushma Kumar w/o Sh. Mohinder Singh declare that our Son Chirag Rana are out of our control. We disown them from our movable-immovable property. Concerned please note.

I, Om Parkash S/o Ganpat R/o H.No. 413/2/9, Housing board colony extension, Sonipat, Haryana has disowned my son Amit & his wife Shikha from my all movable-immovable property as they are out of my control. In future, if anybody deals with them, he/she will do at their own risk.

I, Dilip Chakrabarti S/o Sh. P. B. Chakraborty R/o House No. 3183, Sector 47-D, Chandigarh inform that my son Dhruva Chakrabarti is out of my control. I disown him from my all moveable and Immoveable Properties. Anybody deal with him at their own Risk.

I, Arshad Hussain Shah S/o Sh.Yameen Shah R/o House No 1695-A, Small Flats Dhanas Chandigarh inform that my son Aftab Hussain is out of my control. I disown him from my all moveable and Immoveable Properties. Anybody deal with him will be at their own Risk.

I, Veena Kumari W/o Late Sh. Sunil Kumar R/o House no 274, New Basti Chandimandir, Haryana declare that my son Sahil Kumar is out of my control So, I Disown him from my all movable / Immoveable Properties. Anybody Dealing with him at their own risk.

I, Shikhandta Devi W/o Late Sh. Khem Chand Bansal, R/o H.No:-# 2149, Sector:- 52 Chandigarh declares that my Son Deepak Bansal and his wife Vijay Laxmi (Daughter - In-Law) are out of my control, We disown them from all my moveable and immovable property. Anybody dealing with them will do so at their own risk.

I, Om Prakash son of Shri Chhajju Ram resident of village Sohana, district Karnal state that my son Jagbir Singh and his wife Anju are beyond my reach. I evict them from my movable and immovable property. In future, anyone who deals with them will be responsible for it himself. I and my family will not have any responsibility.

I, Ravinder Singh S/o Gyan Singh R/o Neelkanthi Colony, Pipli, Thanesar District Kurukshetra, have disown my son Jaspreet Singh, his wife Ashu Devi, as they are out of my & my wife Sunita Devi's control. Anybody dealing with them at their own risk.

I Bachan Kaur wife of Gurdeep Singh resident of Ward no. 2 Ghanaur Sub Tehsil Ghanaur Tehsil Rajpura District Patiala has evicted his grandson Satnam Singh and his wife Manpreet Kaur from movable and immovable property for being disobedient to and using abusive language. The person who deals with them will be responsible himself. My family will have no responsibility.

मैं, विमला पत्नी, हीरा लाल निवासी 117/5, हेडक रोड, नजदीकी खादी अक्म गाँव नं. 3, शहकत ब्याक करती हूँ कि मैं अपने पुत्र कृष्ण, पुत्रवधु नृगिस उर्फ शीतल को मेरे कर्तव्य-सुनने से बाहर होने पर अपनी चर्च-अर्चल संपत्ति से बेदखल करती हूँ। भविष्य में इनसे लेन-देन करने वाला व्यक्ति स्वयं जिम्मेवार होगा, मेरी व मेरे परिवार को कोई जिम्मेवारी नहीं होगी।

मैं सधराम पुत्र श्री हनुमान निवासी गाँव किरदान सहसिल व जिला फतेहाबाद बनान करता हूँ कि मेरे पुत्र अमित और अरुण मनीषा दोनों मेरे कर्तव्य सुनने से बाहर हैं। मैं उन दोनों से संबंध विच्छेद करते हुए उनको अपनी सत् अर्चल संपत्ति से बेदखल करता हूँ। उनसे लेनदेन और व्यवहार करने वाला स्वयं जिम्मेवार होगा। मेरी और मेरे परिवार के किसी अन्य सदस्य को कोई जिम्मेवारी नहीं होगी।

PUBLIC NOTICE

I, Jiten Chutia is legally father of Biju Chutia Residence of Village-Bakal Bari, Post Office-Hollowdungna,TO-Dhemaji, District-Dhemaji, PS-Dhemaji, Pincode-787057 have changed my DOB 01 July 1959 to 02 February 1965 vide Affidavit No-PB74618755003140W Dated 28/10/ 2024, Before District Court, Gurdaspur (Punjab).

I, Sarabjit Kaur M/o No. 144150099 Hav Gurnam Singh (Retd.) R/o VPO Berei, Tehsil Kahnawan Distt Gurdaspur, State Punjab declare that in the army service record of my son my name is recorded as Sarbjeet Kaur which is incorrect but my correct and exact name is Sarabjit Kaur and DOB is 01 January 1946 as per Aadhar card and Pan Card vide affidavit no IN-PB73157882873107W dated 26/10/2024 before Executive Magistrate Kahnawan (Gurdaspur)

I, Manraj Shah S/o Late Sh. Jai Ram Shah R/o H. No. 65/1 Makhan Majra, U.T. Chandigarh that my date of birth in PF Account No. 100893193061 is wrongly mentioned as 05.11.1985 whereas my correct date of birth is 05.11.1987 and my father name is wrongly mentioned as Ravinder Nath, whereas the correct name is Late Sh. Jay Ram Shah.

I Joginder Kaur Mother Of No. JC511598Y Rank Sub. Joginder Singh R/O VIII. Takhanwadh Distt. Moga Punjab India-142053 Declare That In My Son's Service Record My Name & D.O.B. Is Wrongly Mentioned As Baljinder Kaur And D.O.B. 15-11-1962, But My Actual Name Is Joginder Kaur And Actual D.O.B. Is 01-01-1952. Which May Amended In My Son's Service Record.

I Mohinder Kumar Bandlish S/o Bas Dev Bandlish R/o 15-C, New Lal Bagh Colony, Patiala (Pb.) inform that my Father correct/complete name is Bas Dev Bandlish, in some documents wrongly written without Surname as Bas Dev.

I, Narinderpal Singh S/o Army No 14508562. Sepoy. Late Inderjit Singh (UIDAI No-452769992939) residence of H No- B 0701277, Street No- 03, Jagriti Welfare Society, Bhai Jarnal Singh Nagar, Sri Muktsar Sahib (PB-152026), Declared That in my Late father's Army Service Record, My name is erroneously written as Narender Pal whereas my correct name is Narinderpal Singh and my date of birth is also wrongly recorded as 15 Dec 1990 whereas my correct date of birth is 15 Dec 1991. All concerned please note.

CHANGE OF NAME

It is for general information that I, Sachin S/o Satyavir Singh, R/o H.No. 200, Urban Health Centre, Sector 1-4, P.O. Hisar, District Hisar-125001, declare that name of my father has been wrongly written as Satbir Singh in my educational documents. The actual name of my father is Satyavir Singh respectively which may be amended accordingly. It is certified that I have complied with other legal requirements in this connection.

I, Narsi Lal Jangir Father of Amit Kumar R/o #585, Sector 64, Mohali have changed my name from Narsi Lal Jangir to Narsi Lal vide Affidavit No - IN-CH52809018841223W Dated 25-10-2024 before Notary, Distt. Court at Chandigarh.

I, Sudhir Madaan S/o Gopal Krishan Madaan R/o H.No.1572, Behind Purthi Hospital, New Housing Board Colony, Panipat declare that I have change my name from Gopal Krishan to Gopal Krishan Madaan, for all future purposes.

I, Gopal Krishan Madaan S/o Mulakh Raj R/o H.No.1572, Behind Purthi Hospital, New Housing Board Colony, Panipat declare that I have change my name from Gopal Krishan to Gopal Krishan Madaan, for all future purposes.

I, Radhika Madaan W/o Sudhir Madaan R/o H.No.1572, Behind Purthi Hospital, New Housing Board Colony, Panipat declare that I have change my name from Radhika to Radhika Madaan, for all future purposes.

I, Anita Kumari D/o Ex-army No. JC-179560 Niab Sub Piara Ram R/O Vill. Allahabad P/O Bassi Purani Distt. Tehsil & Distt. Hoshiarpur Punjab have changed my name from Kiran Kumari to Kiran Bala. Concerned note.

I, No. 2492256A Ex Sep Bhupinder Singh S/o Shri Sucha Singh R/o VIII. Himmatpur PO Dhanao Tehsil Dasuya Distt. Hoshiarpur Punjab have changed my date of birth from 18-06-1979 to 10-06-1979.

I, Dinesh Kumar S/o Ashok Sant, R/o H. No. 490, Sector 20-A, Chandigarh have changed my name from Dinesh Kumar to Dinesh Sant.

I, Brite Chutia is legally mother of Biju Chutia Residence of Village-Bakal Bari, Post Office-Hollowdungna,TO-Dhemaji, Tehsil- Dhemaji, PS- Dhemaji, District-Dhemaji State-Assam Pincode-787057 have changed my name from Brite Chutia to Biriti Chutia and DOB 01 July 1964 to 05 January 1967 vide Affidavit No-PB74620127657129W Dated 28/10/ 2024, Before District Court, Gurdaspur (Punjab).

I, Satish Bhardwaj Father of Ajay Bhardwaj R/o #462, Sector 47-A, Chandigarh have changed my name from Satish Bhardwaj to Satish Kumar vide Affidavit No- IN-CH52850678028605W Dated 26-10-2024 before Notary, Distt. Court at Chandigarh.

I, Mamta Bhardwaj S/o Spouse of Ajay Bhardwaj R/o #462, Sector 47-A, Chandigarh have changed my name from Mamta Bhardwaj to Mamta vide Affidavit No- IN-CH52850701564994W Dated 26-10-2024 before Notary, Distt. Court at Chandigarh.

I, Jitender Singh S/o Mahender Singh R/o Village Ashrafpur Matindu, Tehsil Kharkhoda, Sonipat has changed my minor daughter's name from Darshty to Drishti.

I, Prabhjot Singh S/O. Satpal Singh R/O. #3162, Sector 28-D, Chandigarh. I Have Changed My Name From Prabhjot Singh To Prabhjot Singh Sodhi.

I, Intazar Ali S/O. Liyakat Ali R/O. House No. 366/C, Small Flats, Dhanas, Chandighr. In My Some Document My Father Name Is Wrongly Entered As Liyakat Ali But The Correct Name Is Liyakat Ali.

I, Gurmeet Kaur W/o Sh. Paramjit Singh Randhawa R/O No. 3459 Sector 71, SAS Nagar Mohali Punjab have changed my name from Gurmeet Kaur to Gurmeet Randhawa.

I, Suresh Singla S/o Sh. Lachman Dass R/O House no 1295, Sector 15-B, Chandigarh have changed my name from Suresh Singla to Suresh Kumar.

I, Veerinder Kaur D/o Sohan Singh, W/o Jaspal Singh R/O SCF 32, Kabir Park, PO Khalsa College, Amritsar, Punjab-143002 have changed my name from Veerinder Kaur to Kaur is my surname and Veerinder is my given name.

I, Gopal Singh Jaur S/o Mohinder Singh R/o Bhikhiwind Road, Adda Chabhal, Near Police Station, Tarn Taran, Punjab have changed my name from Gopal Singh Jaur to Gopal Singh.

I, Gulshan Kumar s/o Sh. Mangat Ram R/O Village Bikampur, Distt Yamunanagar have changed my name from Gulshan to Gulshan Kumar.

I, Sonia w/o Sh. Birju Kumar R/o # 101-E, Professor Colony, Yamunanagar have changed my name from Pooja to Sonia w/o Sh. Birju Kumar.

I, Narender Kumar S/O Balwan Singh R/O Savitri Nagar Patiala chowk/PC Hansi Road, Jind (Haryana) inform that Narender Kumar and Narender both are the name of one and same person. In my service record my name is Narender Kumar while in my matric class marksheet my name is Narender.

I, Sher Singh Maan S/O Hardyal Singh R/O Friends Colony Ambala City Distt Ambala Haryana I Have Chnaged My Name From Sher Singh Maan To Sher Singh.

I, Sandeep Kumar S/O Jagdish Chander R/O H.No. 1277, Urban Estate, Sector-9 Ambala City have changed my name from Sandeep Kumar to Sandeep Kumar Gandhi.

I, Sandeep Kumar S/o Jagdish Chander R/o H.No-1277, Urban Estate, Sector-9 Ambala City inform that in my passport my father name is wrongly mentioned as Jagdish Lal. But all of my documents have my father correct or actual name is Jagdish Chander.

I, Sukhbir kaur is legally Mother Gurutej of Singh resident of Village churni Distt. karnal. have changed my name from Sukhbir kaur to Sukhwinder Kaur vide affidavit date 28-10-2024. Before District Courts, Karnal.

I, Shalini Ahuja w/o Harish Kumar r/o h. n.306-R, Near Shivaji Stadium, model town Panipat have changed my name Shalini Ahuja to Aishwarya Mehndiratta for all future purposes.

I, Kiran Kumari W/o No. 15161282F Gnr (MACP NK) Naresh Kumar R/O VIII. Depur, Moh. Raipur, PO Ghagwal, Tehsil Mukerian, Distt. Hoshiarpur Punjab have changed my name from Kiran Kumari to Kiran Bala. Concerned note.

I, Pinki W/o Gulab R/o Village Kawi, Tehsil Madlauda, district Panipat have changed my name from Pinki to Meena Rani for all future purposes.

I, Shammii Kumar S/o Gora Lal R/o Tohana road Narwana, Distt.Jind. In my 10th marksheet and other marksheets my name is Shimi and my father's name is Gori Lal. Which is incorrect. Correct name is Shammii Kumar and Gora Lal.

I, Mohan Saini S/o Ved Prakash Saini R/o CIA Staff Gali, Narwana, Distt.Jind (Haryana) have changed my name from Mohan Lal to Mohan Saini.

I, Bachan Singh Alias Bachan Singh Pelia S/O Sujan Singh R/O House Number 14/1, Mithapur Road, Dashmesh Avenue, Jalandhar-II, Jalandhar, Punjab-144022 have changed my name to Bachan Singh Pelia.

I, Vinod Kumar s/o Dev Dutt Chhibber r/o #57, Prem Nagar, Karnal (Haryana) have changed my name from Vinod Kumar Chibber. In future I should be known as Vinod Kumar Chibber.

I, Nawab Singh s/o Baljinder Singh r/o village Ichhanpur, Tehsil Assandh Distt. Karnal have changed my name from Nawab Singh Virk to Nawab Singh. In future I should be known as Nawab Singh.

I, Ashok Paswan Son of Sh. Nirdhan Paswan Resident of village Aahpur, District Madhubani, (Bihar) - 847223, declare that my name is Arotek Paswan entered in the Employees Provident Fund Organization-EPF (EPF Account Number- 101298698958). Whereas in other government documents My name is Ashok Paswan. All concerned please may note.

I, Mino Devi, wife of Shri Jeet Singh, resident of Shiran, Post Office Pawahan, Tehsil Nerwa, District Shimla, H.P., hereby declare that I have changed my name from Meenu Devi (former name) to Mino Devi (new name). Henceforth, I shall be known as Mino Devi for all purposes.

I Ravish Bhardwaj s/o Bhuvneshwar Sharma r/o h.no.749 jyoti nagar near st marry church Ashard road panipat declare change my son name From Tajes to Aatman Bhardwaj and in future my son name is Aatman Bhardwaj.

I Jugal kishor Bhudiraja s/o Nihal chand r/o h.no.588 Block-B Ansal sushant CITY panipat declare change my name in my documents From Jugal kishor Bhudiraja to Jugal kishor Bhudiraja and in future my name is Jugal kishor.

I Ankur Bhudiraja s/o Jugal kishor Bhudiraja r/o h.no.588 Block-B Ansal sushant CITY panipat declare change my father name in my documents From Jugal kishore Bhudiraja to Jugal kishor Bhudiraja and in future my father name is Jugal kishor Bhudiraja.

I, Kavita Goswami (Aadhar No. 4449 2430 9010) W/O Rajesh Kumar R/O Ladhot Road, Behind Kvm College, Shastri Nagar, Rohtak-124001 Declare That I Have Changed My Name Kavita Goswami To Kavita, For All Future Purposes.

I, Munia Choudhary Spouse of Rohatash Kumar Malik R/o C/o Bhaggamma DVM Colony, Ward No 22, Devanahalli, Bangalore - 562110 have changed my name from Munia Choudhary to Munia vide Affidavit No - IN-CH52849135218783W Dated 26-10-2024 before Notary, Distt. Court at Chandigarh.

I, Jasmeen Kaur W/o Sumanjit Singh R/o VPO Pheruman Distt. Amritsar have changed my name to Jasmeen Jaswal

I, Jagdeep Singh Son of Shamsher Singh R/O Vill. Purian Kalan P.O. Bal Purian Tehsil Batala Distt. Gurdaspur Punjab. have declare that Singh is my Surname and Jagdeep is my Given name.

I, Princepal Singh S/o Sukhwinder Singh R/O VPO Bhorchhi Rajputan Tehsil Baba Bakala District Amritsar have declare that Princepal is my Given name and Hnsi is my Surname

I, Harpreet Kaur W/o Onkar Singh R/o H.No.1282, Azad Nagar, Sultanwind Road, Amritsar have changed my name from Harpreet Kaur to Harpreet Sandhu

I, Lovejeet Kaur W/o Harpreet Kaur R/o Villaeg Maan PO Kathunagol Tehsil Majitha District Amritsar have changed my name from Lovejeet Kaur to Lovejitt Kaur

I, Guradita Ram Jajoria S/o Jadh Ram R/O Ward No 11 Nehru Basti Mandi Bariwala District Sri Muktsar Sahib have changed my name from Guradita Ram Jajoria to Guradita Ram

I, Subha Lata is mother of No. JC-423381M Sub Pawan Kumar resident of Village Kanwan, PO Parmanand, Tehsil & District Pathankot-143534 now at 15 Mech Inf C/o 56 Apo, have changed my name from Subha Lata to Shubh Lata and date of birth 01 Feb 1945 to 01 Jan 1941 vide affidavit no. IN-PB74956287070315W dated 28-10-2024, before Notary Public, Amritsar

I, Kiran Bala Mehan W/o Ramon Sethi R/O 148 Kamla Devi Avenue F.G.C Road Amritsar have changed my name from Kiran Bala Mehan to Kiran Sethi

I, Jatin Gandhi S/o Joginder Pal R/O 9-A, Sultanwind Doburji Link Road, Near New Entry Gate Pyramid City Amritsar have changed my name from Jatin Gandhi S/o Joginder Pal to Jatin Gandhi S/O Joginder Pal Gandhi.

I, Narender Kumar Son Of Shri Triloki Nath Resident Of Gali No 6 Azad Nagar Yamuna Nagar Tehsil Jagadhri Distt. Yamuna Nagar I Have Change My Name From Narender To Narender Kumar All Concerned Note.

I, Vimala Devi is mother of army No. 16013947W, Rank Hav, Name Arvind Kumar who is serving in Indian Army and Permentaly resident of Village Katherwala, Tehsil Jagdhri, District Yamuna Nagar, State Haryana, presently posted with 4 RAJ RIF C/O 99 APO, Dipatott Cantt Ranchi, (UID No. 778960283668) I declare that I have change my from Bimla Devi to Vimala Devi and My DOB from 1/07/1964 to 1/02/1963 All concerned note.

I Firdoosh Kausher is legally wedded spouse of No. JC-859294X Rank Nb/Sub Jaffar Alam Presently Residing at Ward no. 7, Thana Mufasil Bettiah, Bishabhar West Champaran, Bihar 845459. have changed my Name from Firdoosh Kausher To Firdos Begam & Changed my DOB from 05.08.1985 To 25.10.1989.

I, Darshan Kumar Singla s/o Brij Lal r/o #1353, Sector-13, Urban Estate, Thanesar, Distt. Kurukshetra have changed my name from Darshan Kumar to Darshan Kumar Singla.

I, Satya Narain Sharma S/O Chajju Ram R/o House No. 450, First Floor, Near Community Center, Sector 20, HUDA, Kaithal, Distt. Kaitthal declares that Satya Narain Sharma @ Satyanarayan is the one and same person. All concerned please note.

I, Saroj Bala D/o Ramdhari R/O Village Gonder, Distt. Karnal (Haryana) declares that in my 10th class DMC bearing Roll No. 2108210053 and Registration No. 21-KT-2J-0053 issued from BSEH date of birth is written as 05.05.1980 that is incorrect. My correct date of birth is 05.05.1993. All concerned please note.

I, hitherto known as D S Bansal Son of Kuldip Rai Bansal residing at H.No.108, Rani Ka Bagh, District Amritsar-143001 Punjab have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as Devi Sharan.

I, Murari Lal Son of Rajinder Parswad residing at Village Sirat, PO Mohti Tehsil Indora, District Kangra-176403 Himachal Pradesh have changed the name of my minor Son Suryansh Sharma Aged 16 Years and He Shall hereafter be known as Aayansh Sharma.

I Sumanjeet Singh S/o Surinder Singh R/O Vpo Pheruman Distt. Amritsar have changed my name from Sumanjeet Singh to Given name Sumanjit Surname Singh.

I, Naresh Kumar S/o Dharamvir R/O Village Shikarpur, Teh. & Distt. Hisar, Haryana declare that in my school record my name is mentioned as Naresh Kumar S/O Dharamvir but other documents as Naresh Kumar S/O Dharamvir Singh. In future I shall be known Naresh Kumar S/O Dharamvir for all purpose.

I, Barma Devi W/o Nihal Singh R/o V.P.O. Kirtan, Distt. Hisar declare that I have changed my name from Barma Devi to Birma for all future purpose.

I, Shabnam Sharma W/o Ajay Kaushik R/O H.No. D-10, Near Teacher Club, University Campus Thanesar District Kurukshetra, I have changed my name from Shabnam Sharma to Shabnam.

I, Parveen Kumari W/o Deepak Kumar R/o H.No. 1912, Sector 5, Urban Estate Kurukshetra- 136118, have changed my name from Parveen Kumari to Parveen.

I Charanjeet Paul Singh S/O Harnam Singh R/O Street No. 9, Basant Vihar, Bathinda Have Changed My Name To Charanjit Pal Singh

I, Vijayata D/O Sh. Randhir Singh And Wife Of Sh.Mukesh Kumar R/O H.N. A-39 Sector 35 Suncity Rohtak.I Declare That Have Changed My Name From Vijayata To Vijayata Sangwan For All Future Purposes

I Jagtar Singh S/O Aimer Singh R/O Mallan Tehsil Gidderbaha Distt Sri Muktsar Sahib I Have Change My Name Jagtar Singh To Jagtar Singh Brar.

I Sonam Multani W/O Chirag Yadav R/O # 129 Prabhu Prem Puram Ambala Cantt (Ambala) Haryana India Have Changed My Name To Sonam Multani Yadav

I Tarika W/O Rajinder Singh Dua R/O # 774/21 Panchkula Have Changed My Name To Tarika Dua.

I Gopal Tayagi So Mahesh Chand Tyagi House No 2 Vidya Nagar, Professor Colony Yamunanagar. That I Have Change My Name From Gopal Tayagi To Gopal Tyagi .

I Nitu Tayagi W/O Gopal Tyagi, Ro House No 2, Vidya Nagar, Professor Colony, Yamunanagar. That I Have Change My Name From Nitu Tayagi To Neetu Tyagi

I Reena Devi W/O Mohinder Pal Vill. Naharpur P/O Dhoula Khera Teh-Mukerian, Hoshiarpur Punjab Have Changed My Minor Daughter Name From Kirat To Kirat Kaur.

I Reena Devi W/O Mohinder Pal Vill. Naharpur P/O Dhoula Khera Teh-Mukerian, Hoshiarpur Punjab Have Changed My Minor Son Harman To Harman Singh

I Akashdeep Singh S/O Daya Singh # R/O 2511 Vpo Sonkera Tehsil Niokehri Kamal And Currently Residing At 15533 Senita Ln, Fishers , In 46037 Usa. I Have Changed My Name From Akashdeep To Akashdeep Singh In Future I Will Be Known As Akashdeep Singh. All Concerned NoteD.

I Mohd. Aaftab S/O Tahir Ahmed Resident Of House No. 2311 New Indira Colony Manimajra Chandigarh. Have Changed My Name From Mohd. Aaftab To Raju.

I Surjit Singh S/o Bhupinder Singh R/O 20/21, Tagore Garden, Ambala Cantt.have changed my Name from Surjit Singh To Surjit Singh Bhatia.

I hitherto known as I Sarita W/O Chander Pal R/O 90, Top Khana Parade, Plot no. 65/57, Ambala Cantt, P.O. 65/57, Ambala Cantt, P.O. 65/57, Ambala Cantt, P.O. 65/57, Haryana 133001 have changed my Name and shall hereafter be known as Babli.

I, Sanju Devi W/o Pardeep Kumar, 190 Tribune Colony, Kansal, Mohali, have changed name to Sanjana.

I, Vishal Kumar Saraf S/o Sh. Suresh Saraf R/o H.No. 492, Gali No. 8, Aggarsain Colony, Sirsa, Haryana -125055 have changed my name to Vishal Saraf. Concerned note.

I, Gurdeep Singh S/o Sh. Bahal Singh r/o Saraswati colony, Rania chungli, Sirsa have changed my name to Gurdip Singh. Concerned note.

I, Parmjeet Singh S/o Sh. Gurdip Singh r/o Saraswati colony, Rania chungli, Sirsa have changed my name to Parmajeet Singh. Concerned note.

I, Paramjeet Singh S/o Sh. Gurdip Singh r/o Saraswati colony, Rania chungli, Sirsa declare that my mother's correct name is Balbir Kaur. Wrongly mentioned in my passport as Balvir Kaur.

I, Udeybhyan Malhan S/o Bhop Singh R/o House No. 46-B, New Rishi Nagar, Near Bus Stand, Hisar, Haryana 125001 do hereby declare that I have changed my name from U.B. Malhan, Udaybhyan Malhan and Udeybhyan to Udeybhyan Malhan for all future purpose.

I, Naresh Kumar S/o Dharamvir R/O Village Shikarpur, Teh. & Distt. Hisar, Haryana declare that in my school record my name is mentioned as Naresh Kumar S/O Dharamvir but other documents as Naresh Kumar S/O Dharamvir Singh. In future I shall be known Naresh Kumar S/O Dharamvir for all purpose.

I, Barma Devi W/o Nihal Singh R/o V.P.O. Kirtan, Distt. Hisar declare that I have changed my name from Barma Devi to Birma for all future purpose.

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I Mohd. Aaftab S/O Tahir Ahmed Resident Of House No. 2311 New Indira Colony Manimajra Chandigarh. Have Changed My Name From Mohd. Aaftab To Raju.

I Chanchal Singh Gulati S/O Harbans Singh R/O # 78 Savitri Tower-4, Sector 91, Mohali Declare That Chanchal Singh Gulati And Chanchal Singh Are One And The Same Person. All Concerned Please Note.

I Sandeep Singh S/O Jaswinder Singh R/O Vpo Sheron Nigah Tehsil Baba Bakala Distt Amritsar Rural Punjab I Have Changed My Name From Sandeep Singh To Sandeep Is My Given Name And Singh Is My Surname

I, Harmandeep Singh Son Of Sajjan Singh, Holder Of Indian Passport No. M2450645, Issued At Amritsar On 29 September 2014, Permanent Resident Of Chabhal, Tarn Taran, Punjab And Presently Residing At 91 Prairie Springs Bay,Winnipeg,Manitoba R2

Pb Govt Eyes 'Delhi Model' for Urban Development ahead of MC elections

PNS ■ CHANDIGARH

In a strategic move to enhance urban facilities across Punjab, Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann on Monday convened an impactful meeting in New Delhi with Commissioners from all Municipal Corporations of the state. Joined by Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) supreme and former Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal, Mann underscored the Punjab Government's commitment to adopt the "Delhi Model," renowned for revolutionizing civic amenities in the capital.

The timing of this initiative is pivotal, as municipal elections for key cities — Ludhiana, Jalandhar, Patiala, Amritsar, and Phagwara — are anticipated to be announced shortly, and the AAP-led Punjab Government is actively working to elevate the state's urban infrastructure.

The meeting was part of the knowledge-sharing agreement, established between Punjab and Delhi in 2022, allowing for the exchange of governance strategies between the two AAP-led administrations. Kejriwal, drawing from his experience in overhauling Delhi's municipal services, pro-

vided insights on successful urban initiatives, such as waste management, efficient water distribution, street lighting, and advanced citizen services.

Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann said: "The basic purpose of this meeting is to drive development in the municipal towns of Punjab and ensure that residents benefit from ultra-modern civic amenities similar to those in Delhi. We are leaving no stone unturned to provide these services, and with the expertise of the Delhi Government, we are on track to bring a new benchmark of citizen-centric services to Punjab's cities." With elections approaching, Mann and Kejriwal outlined six priority areas for municipal officials to address — road repair, sanitation, street lighting, water supply, sewerage system improvements, and economic self-sufficiency for local bodies. Mann emphasized the role of artificial intelligence in these efforts, revealing plans to employ AI for tasks such as monitoring road conditions for potholes and dark spots in need of lighting. "Our aim is to identify issues with precision, ensuring repairs and maintenance happen within set timelines for the benefit of city

dwellers," he added.

During the discussion, road repair and sanitation emerged as top concerns. Mann directed the officials to ensure cleaner streets, efficient waste disposal systems, and public safety through enhanced street lighting in crowded marketplaces and residential areas. Kejriwal shared Delhi's approach to these issues, noting that public-private partnerships and community involvement have been instrumental in improving urban amenities in Delhi.

Clean drinking water and efficient sewer systems were highlighted as core objectives, with Punjab officials being advised to streamline water management to ensure reliable, potable water access for every household. Proper sewage disposal remains a priority to prevent health hazards and promote hygiene in densely populated areas. In line with the Delhi model, Punjab's approach will involve sophisticated technological platforms to send real-time alerts to officials, ensuring prompt repairs within three hours for essential services like street lighting.

To fund these upgrades, the Punjab Government is exploring sustainable economic

initiatives to help local bodies generate independent revenue.

"The Delhi model's emphasis on economic resilience will play a vital role in Punjab," said Mann. "By creating self-sustaining municipalities, we aim to build financially stable cities capable of offering top-quality services without relying heavily on state resources," he said.

The renewed focus on urban development comes at a crucial moment, as municipal elections for Ludhiana, Jalandhar, Patiala, Amritsar, and Phagwara are expected soon. Adopting the Delhi model demonstrates the AAP Government's intent to bring substantial improvements ahead of the polls, potentially giving the party an edge by showcasing visible urban enhancements to Punjab's urban voters. Observers have noted that this focus on urban development could be a strategic advantage for the ruling AAP, as improvements in civic facilities have long been a demand from Punjab's urban residents. By adopting a model proven successful in Delhi, the AAP leadership hopes to gain significant traction, particularly in urban areas where civic issues have frequently impacted daily life.

Punjab's paddy procurement gains momentum: 2288 millers lifting crop

MONIKA MALIK ■ CHANDIGARH

The paddy procurement process in Punjab on Monday witnessed an impressive surge in activity with 2,288 millers actively engaged in lifting operations across the state. The accelerated pace followed a significant agreement reached between the Punjab Government and farmer unions, which brought renewed cooperation and addressed some of the long-standing issues that had stymied the process. With over 4.13 lakh metric tonnes (LMT) of paddy lifted on Sunday, October 27, the State Government is optimistic about surpassing five LMT by the end of Monday.

In spite of these strides, farmers continue their presence along highways, voicing demands for accountability regarding past deductions and greater transparency in procurement. Sanyukt Kisan Morcha (Non-Political) leader Sarwan Singh Pandher expressed the farmers' guarded optimism following the agreement. "If the government backtracks from the commitments, farmers reserve the right to resume their protests," Pandher warned in a public video message, detailing the

outcomes of recent discussions.

Pandher informed that the discussions with the Punjab Government centered around three primary areas crucial to the farmers — reimbursement for "unjust" cut, availability of DAP fertilizer for the upcoming season, and Centre's assurance to support.

One of the critical issues farmers raised was the cuts applied by millers to their produce, whether due to grain quality concerns or other arbitrary factors. As per Pandher, the Punjab Government agreed that all such cuts would be examined, and the state would reimburse farmers facing undue deductions.

DAP (Di-ammonium Phosphate), essential for wheat and other Rabi crops, was another focal point. Many farmers had expressed concerns over its availability as they prepare for the Rabi season. In response, the Government assured that retailers would disclose their DAP stocks, ensuring a smoother supply chain and minimizing the risk of shortages. Given the crucial timing of DAP application, this assurance has brought relief to farmers, who feared a repeat of previous delays in fertilizer distribution.

Pandher also highlighted a statement from the Union Minister Pralhad Joshi, affirming the Centre's support for Punjab's farmers and assuring that each grain would be lifted. "We welcome the Centre's support, but we remain vigilant," Pandher remarked, attributing past issues partly to strained relationships between mill owners and the Central Government. Farmers hope that the Central and state-level cooperation will improve, preventing similar procurement-related issues in future seasons.

Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann has held consultations with key central figures, including Union Home Minister Amit Shah and Union Fertilizer Minister JP Nadda, to advocate for Punjab's farmers and seek support for uninterrupted procurement. The Chief Minister highlighted critical issues impacting farmers, such as challenges faced by arhtiyas (commission agents), which play a pivotal role in the state's agricultural ecosystem. The outcome has been positive, with the state government enacting measures to reduce costs and enhance flexibility for millers. One significant change is the reduction in the Release Order (RO) fee from Rs 50 to Rs 10 per ton for surplus

paddy. Additionally, millers now have the flexibility to procure paddy from any location within their assigned district, a move expected to reduce delays and increase lifting speed. Previously, strict district-wise zoning limited these operations, resulting in logistical hurdles. These modifications are already showing results, as evidenced by the significant lifting figures reported.

Punjab's Food, Civil Supplies, and Consumer Affairs Minister Lal Chand Kataruchak on Monday revealed that nearly 59.79 LMT of paddy had arrived in Punjab's mandis, with 54.98 LMT procured to date. "Punjab is advancing swiftly towards meeting its procurement target," Kataruchak said.

Lifting, too, has gained significant traction, with a record 4.13 LMT of paddy lifted in a single day on October 27, bringing the total lifted to over 23.3 LMT. The government has ensured timely payments, disbursing Rs 7,640.55 crore to farmers, aiming to provide them financial security in time for Diwali celebrations. Kataruchak urged the District Food and Supply Controllers (DFSCs) to press forward, confident that concerted efforts will lead to a successful procurement season.

Pehowa-Yamunanagar road to be made four-lane: CM Saini

PNS ■ CHANDIGARH

Haryana Chief Minister Nayab Singh Saini on Monday said that the road from Pehowa to Yamunanagar will be made four-lane to fulfil the old demand of lakhs of people going to Pehowa, Kurukshetra, Ladwa as well as Haridwar. Along with this, bypasses will be constructed in Kurukshetra and Ladwa, relieving commuters from traffic jams. He was speaking at a programme organised by BJP workers in Kurukshetra.

Saini said the metro and local train network will be expanded in the state so that people can have ease in commuting. Soon, work will be done to speed up many road projects in the state. He said directions have been given to the officers that whatever problems and work of the citi-

zens are there, they should be resolved on a priority basis.

He said that instructions have been given to officers that wherever patch work related to roads or repair of roads is to be done under the Ladwa Assembly constituency, they have to ensure that the work is completed as soon as possible. He said solving the problem of every citizen is the top priority of the government and our doors will remain open 24 hours for them.

Speaking at the four-day state-level Ratnavali Mahotsav at the Kurukshetra University, Saini said that the Ratnavali Mahotsav at Kurukshetra University serves as a remarkable platform to connect the younger generation with the songs, music, art, and culture of the state. He highlighted that Haryana has long been a significant

hub of eternal knowledge, prosperity, and warrior valor, with evidence of its cultural richness tracing back to the Vedic period. Ratnavali Mahotsav plays a crucial role in preserving the culture and traditions rooted in this ancient era. He further said that the festival holds great importance in Haryana's cultural development journey, nurturing the state's heritage and ensuring it is passed on to future generations. Saini said Kurukshetra University is among the leading universities in the country across various domains, including knowledge, science, research, skill development, sports, art, and culture. Few universities in India are actively working to preserve their regional and national culture alongside academic education. The Ratnavali Mahotsav is aimed at safeguarding Haryana's cultural heritage.

Himachal CM inaugurates Trauma Centre at Tanda Medical College

PNS ■ SHIMLA

Himachal Chief Minister Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu on Monday inaugurated Trauma Centre level-II at Dr. Rajendra Prasad Government Medical College, Tanda in Kangra district established at a cost of Rs. 10.27 crore. Speaking on the occasion, he said that Rs. 6 crore have been spent for procurement of machinery and equipment for this Centre, Rs. 1.50 crore for construction works and Rs. 2.77 crore for other allied services.

He said that 95 posts of various categories had been sanctioned for this Trauma Centre



including one post of Neurosurgeon, three posts of Anaesthetists, one post of Orthopedic surgeon, eight posts of Casualty Medical Officers, 40 posts of Staff Nurse, 16 posts of nursing attendants, five posts of OT Technician, four posts of Radiographer, two posts of Lab Technician and 15 posts of multitask workers.

Payments of Rs 8931 crore to farmers for Paddy and Bajra procurement in Hry

PNS ■ CHANDIGARH

Haryana Government on Monday said that the purchase process of Paddy and Bajra crops is progressing smoothly in the state.

For Paddy and Bajra purchase, a payment of Rs.8931 crore has been made directly into the bank accounts of the farmers out of which Rs.8084 crore has been paid to Paddy farmers and Rs.847 crore to Bajra farmers. An official spokesperson of the Food, Civil Supplies and Consumer Affairs Department said that the purchase of Paddy and Bajra in the 'Mandis' is ongoing smoothly during the procurement season. So far 45,50,473 metric tonnes of Paddy has arrived in various 'Mandis'.

Out of the total arrival, 43,02,418 metric tonnes of Paddy has been purchased by the agencies at MSP. Continuous lifting of Paddy from the 'Mandis' is also being ensured. At the same time, so far 43,01,932 metric tonnes of Bajra has arrived in various 'Mandis', out of which 41,77,712 metric tonnes of Bajra has also been purchased at MSP. The spokesperson said that due to the facility of online gate passes this time, farmers are getting a lot of convenience in selling their crops.

SAD's Dhama re-elected SGPC chief for fourth consecutive time

PNS ■ AMRITSAR/CHANDIGARH

Shiromani Akali Dal's Shri Harjinder Singh Dhama was re-elected as the president of the Shiromani Gurdwara Parbandhak Committee (SGPC) for the fourth consecutive term on Monday. Dhama, a long-standing loyalist of SAD and the Badal family, triumphed with 107 votes, while his primary contender, former SGPC president Bibi Jagir Kaur - a SAD rebel - managed only 33 votes.

The Badal family's influence over the SGPC dates back to the 1990s, when the late former Chief Minister Parkash Singh Badal first assumed the role of its president in 1996. Following his leadership, the Badals significantly strengthened their control over SGPC, with several appointments of their close associates within the committee.

However, SAD saw a decline in its political influence in Punjab following the 2017 state assembly elections.

Recently, internal discord has surfaced within SAD, with some leaders calling for the removal of party president Sukhvinder Singh Badal.

The Akal Takht, the highest temporal seat of Sikhs, also declared Sukhvinder a 'tankhaiya' (guilty of religious misconduct). This internal strife led the party to decide against contesting four recent by-elections.

It was widely speculated that these rifts within SAD might impact the SGPC election this time.

However, the results told a different story, with SAD dissenter Bibi Jagir Kaur receiving fewer votes than in 2022. This outcome has provided SAD another opportunity to reassert its influence over SGPC, despite the factionalism within its ranks.

The election was conducted at the Teja Singh Samundri Hall within Amritsar's Golden Temple complex, drawing substantial attention due to recent political friction within the SAD. The voting process, in

which 142 out of 148 eligible SGPC members participated, concluded with Dhama securing his position. His re-election was a clear indication of his sustained influence and his ability to unite members despite SAD's internal discord and the external pressures from other political factions. Dhama's leadership has been pivotal since 2021, and his tenure has largely been devoid of major controversies - a quality that likely played a role in his re-election.

In his victory speech, Dhama criticized the perceived encroachments by external entities such as the BJP, RSS, and AAP into Sikh affairs.

He emphasized the need for safeguarding Sikh institutions and values against what he termed as "ideological infiltrations". Dhama underscored his concern about the weakening Sikh autonomy due to political interference, a sentiment that resonated with many SGPC members wary of non-Sikh influences within religious matters.

In contrast, Bibi Jagir Kaur, who was previously a respected leader within SGPC and SAD, found herself unable to rally enough support. Her platform focused on restoring the independent powers of Sikh religious leaders and reducing external political influence over SGPC decisions. However, her appeal garnered limited traction, receiving fewer votes compared to her previous election attempts.

Following Dhama's re-election, the SGPC announced the appointments of Raghuji Singh Virk as senior vice-president, Baldev Singh Kalyan as junior vice-president, and Sher Singh as general secretary, along with an 11-member executive body.

These positions were filled without opposition, further underscoring Dhama's command over the committee's decision-making processes.

The SGPC, established under the Gurdwara Act of 1925, is responsible for the administration of significant

gurdwaras in Punjab, Haryana, Himachal Pradesh, and Chandigarh. While the committee conducts annual elections, the Chief Gurdwara Election Commission has announced an upcoming general election for the SGPC, expected to be held next year, which will elect members for a full five-year term.

This broader electoral process could bring substantial changes, especially if emerging political influences manage to sway SGPC members or if internal rifts within SAD persist.

As Dhama embarks on his fourth term, his leadership faces both opportunities and challenges. While the SAD's internal dynamics continue to shift, Dhama's re-election suggests that the Badal family's influence remains steadfast within the SGPC.

The upcoming general elections will undoubtedly serve as a litmus test for Dhama and SAD's standing within Punjab's Sikh community. The evolving political landscape around the SGPC raises questions about how the body will navigate the intersection of religious autonomy and political affiliations - a matter that remains of paramount concern to Sikhs across the state and beyond.

Hry CM Saini & UP CM Yogi Adityanath attend Sant Sammelan in Kurukshetra

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Haryana Chief Minister Nayab Singh Saini and his Uttar Pradesh counterpart Yogi Adityanath on Monday participated in the Sant Sammelan by Dera Sidh Baba Garib Nath Math Saraswati Tirth at Pehowa in Kurukshetra.

Addressing the gathering, Saini said that the state government is committed to preserving the rich culture and traditions of Haryana. He expressed pride in the state's cultural heritage and said that under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, a grand temple of Lord Shri Ram has been constructed in Ayodhya, fulfilling the dreams of our ancestors. On this occasion, the Chief Minister also expressed gratitude to the peo-



ple of Haryana for re-electing the BJP government in the recently concluded elections. He said that Haryana celebrates the birth and death anniversaries of saints and revered personalities at the state level under the Sant Mahapurush Vichar Samman

and Prasar Yojana. Saini said that under the Mukhyamantri Tirth Darshan Yojana, senior citizens are given the facility of free travel to religious sites. The sacred land of Lord Krishna, where the teachings of the Gita were imparted, is being developed, with all religious

sites within the 48 kos being restored. He emphasized that the state government has been preserving culture consistently for the past ten years. People worldwide admire Indian culture and values, and India has been a 'Sanatan Nation'. Welcoming UP CM, Saini acknowledged

Yogi Adityanath's efforts to end 'jungle raj' in Uttar Pradesh, making the state safer, especially for women. Meanwhile, the Chief Minister also extended wishes to the people of state for the upcoming festivals, Diwali and Bhai Dooj. Speaking on the occasion, Adityanath emphasised on the need to preserve our culture and heritage and work together to make India a developed nation by 2047. He praised the double-engine government under

Chief Minister Saini's leadership in Haryana for further accelerating the state's development graph. He congratulated the people for forming the BJP government for the third time in Haryana and re-electing Saini as Chief Minister.

Highlighting the positive impact of electing good leaders, which Haryana exemplified by re-electing Saini, Yogi Adityanath said that working selflessly, the BJP government at the centre and in states is working equally for all the welfare of every section of the society. He said that Sanatan Dharma is their greatest faith, enriched by the blessings of saints, and that the upcoming Mahakumbh in Prayagraj from January 13 to February 26 will be a significant spiritual gathering.

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PAPER WITH PASSION

Scammed!

An increasing number of people are falling victim to online scammers who exploit fear to extort money

Digital scams are evolving into a growing menace, targeting people across India and robbing them of their hard-earned money. As more people rely on online platforms for communication and transactions, fraudsters are exploiting the digital landscape to orchestrate sophisticated schemes. A recent warning from Prime Minister Narendra Modi has highlighted the alarming rise of a new scam known as the 'digital arrest.' This scam involves tricking victims into believing they are under legal scrutiny for their misdeeds and asking them to remain isolated. The victims are placed under a 'digital arrest,' by the fraudster posing as a police officer. To get out of this they must cough up the money to drop the fabricated charges. The 'digital arrest' scam preys on fear and confusion. The term 'digital arrest,' sounds like a legitimate legal procedure. Recognising the severity of the issue, Prime Minister Modi issued a national warning to educate citizens about this fraudulent scheme. He clarified that the concept of a 'digital arrest' does not exist under Indian law, and no government agency would ever request personal details via phone or video call. PM Modi also provided a three-step action plan for anyone targeted by digital scammers: Victims should not panic but try to record the interaction if possible, which could help authorities trace the criminals later. No official agency will threaten or make demands online. Any such approach should be treated with suspicion. And lastly, Citizens should immediately report the incident to the national cyber helpline and local police. Several cases of 'digital arrests' have emerged across the country, underlining the scam's rapid spread. Recently, Malayalam film actor Maala



Parvathi fell victim to the scheme when fraudsters, posing as Mumbai police officers, accused her of smuggling drugs to Taiwan. Fortunately, she recognised the ruse before any money was exchanged.

The cases of digital arrest scams are just tip of the iceberg. Everyday millions of people are getting calls from scamsters and losing their money. Digital scams like the 'digital arrest' are effective because they exploit common fears about the legal system. The scammers often impersonate authoritative figures such as police officers, Central Bureau of Investigation officials, or representatives from the central bank, making their threats seem credible. The use of deepfake technology, fake ID cards, and well-crafted backdrops adds to the authenticity of their claims, convincing many to comply out of fear. PM Modi's alert is timely, however the efforts must be made by the enforcement agencies to ramp up cyber security and nab these fraudsters. Cyber security must be given top priority at the highest level as it also concerns national security as well. The Government and law enforcement agencies must put their act together to combat the surge in digital scams. Awareness campaigns, cybercrime helplines, and increased collaboration with technology companies must be employed to take on these scamsters.

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PICTALK



Women compete in a boat race at the Dal Lake, in Srinagar

PTI

Why small steps matter in the battle against plastic

Many of us struggle to take even the simplest steps—like avoiding single-use plastic or segregating waste — essential for sustaining our planet

The natural resources of the planet are a treasure directly impacting our environment and climate. We need to withdraw judiciously and invest wisely for sustained growth. We can incorporate daily practices to grow this wealth. We live in a high-rise condominium complex. There was an animated discussion on the community WhatsApp group about a few residents feeding cows immediately outside the main exit. This causes the cattle to assemble when officegoers are in a hurry to exit. It is a potential traffic hazard. One gentleman rightly pointed out that the food dumped in plastic bags was also a health hazard. A few vehement voices of protest were raised. For them, feeding the bovine was an age-old tradition. We need to think differently to address issues of concern. A national campaign for a complete ban on single-use plastic was launched a few years back. Many of our smaller states have been conscious of the need for a long time. I travelled to



Sikkim a few years back. The shopkeeper rummaged through his shelves. He could barely manage a few old newspapers to wrap my provisions. Plastic bags have been banned in the state since 1998. We were also advised to bring empty bottles since packaged mineral water bottles were banned in north Sikkim. Individually we fail to be responsive to the urgent needs. Many residents in our complex still demand plastic bags from the fruit and vegetable vendors and the grocery stores. Despite repeated instructions, many stores refuse to do away with single-use plastic. My wife has been carrying cloth bags for the last 15 years whenever she steps out to buy groceries or vegetables, and even to the malls. Municipal

authorities in several cities have successfully implemented the management of segregated waste at the household level. I stayed in Indore for a couple of days a few years back. I was intrigued by a song following me when I stepped out for the morning walk. I noticed people coming out of homes with garbage bags in their hands. It was the garbage collection vehicle playing the melodious song. The song exhorted residents to segregate waste. The song was also a knock on the door about the van's arrival. I had heard so much about the unique model of Indore towards a cleaner and environment-friendly city. This was the living proof. I was surprised to notice construction and demolition debris stacked in front of the houses under construction or renovation. I was told that the municipal department collected waste from the doorstep and disposed of the same at designated sites. All of this has not happened overnight. Someone took the first step. Others joined, to make it a mass

movement. We have been struggling to implement waste segregation within our society for the past 8 years. The rules mandate it. We still manage to find reasons to justify inaction. Even the neighbours are not doing it, segregation is cumbersome, the timing for waste collection does not fit into the routine, and an individual cannot make a difference, are only a few of the excuses for not doing it. The first step is the most difficult to take. We spent a couple of days recently in Alibaug. My wife is passionate about the cause and does not get disheartened easily. I was surprised when she remarked, "It seems that we might not see a cleaner country in our lifetime!" I would remind her and others about Barack Obama's words, "We are the first generation to feel the impact of climate change and the last generation that can do something about it." (The author is an electrical engineer with the Indian Railways and conducts classes in creative writing; views are personal)



SANJAY CHANDRA

It is indeed disconcerting that every aspect of life in India is impacted by the process of garnering votes in the next election, and the unscrupulous politician never hesitates to use it to create a wedge between people of varied religious pursuits. I say this as I reflect upon the Bahraich clashes, these were indeed communal whether we like to use that term or not! And these are a continuation. Reports of stone pelting on religious processions are now considered routine, except by the real victims, no one cares much about what media reports with adequate caution. It is indeed disappointing to recall that the culture of wasting time and human resources that could better be utilised for deliberations on national concerns and issues is deliberately wasted, for presumed petty political gains. When parliament is disrupted, when the Supreme Court finds time to listen to frivolous repeated petitions from politicians who fight cases on public funds, the national interest ipso facto gets relegated to the background. One could go on citing instances of the decline in the conduct of leaders - exceptions apart - who enter politics just to look after themselves, their family and their clan! They hardly care for the loss of public credibility of the elected representatives amongst people and the public! Not many would even be aware of the resignations of KD Malaviya, TT Krishnamachari and Lal Bahadur Shastri? Over the last seventy-five years people have learnt to comprehend the real intentions of the politicians of different hues, their proclamations notwithstanding, they know who is communal and who is not! This incisive analytical skill emerges from the realisation that India abounds in the presence of diversity, be it of races, climate, language, cultures, flora and fauna, and most prominently and importantly, of religions and faiths. The beauty lies in the presence of harmony, bonhomie and lasting unity that makes this nation unique in multiple ways. It is a robust democracy that was ushered in after independence and has survived a couple of upheavals, uncertainties and even the dreaded Emergency of 1975-



77. What makes India click? It is the eternal strength of the ancient culture that guides the organisation of the personal and social lives of individuals, families and communities through high moral, ethical and philosophical inputs that possess the strength to accept the universal unity of humankind. It prepares people to value caring for others including nature, the learned of the past and present, and remain ever grateful to the family, parents, community and the nation. The culture so strengthened exhorts the individual to remain ever prepared to sacrifice personal good for the community good. The Indic religions accepted, and propagated the philosophy of the 'Search for Truth' - the ultimate human pursuit of the ultimate perfect - by each religion being one of the many available paths to reach the same goal! If one accepts this premise, then there is no scope for any bitterness or any of the induced, lured or enforced religious conversions! Every Indian, irrespective of his religious persuasion, needs to realize that conversions were not part of ancient Indian philosophy and thought, as acceptance of diversity based on equality makes it irrelevant and irrational. Organised efforts to convert people to one's religion were non-existent before the arrival of the Abrahamic religions. The tragedy of the current-day



WHY NOT FOCUS ON THE ESSENTIALS OF DEMOCRACY, POSITIVE AND FORWARD-LOOKING ASPECTS OF THE NATIONAL POLICIES THAT WOULD BETTER THE LIVES OF THE LAST MAN IN THE LINE WHO WAS THE FOCUS OF GANDHI?

political discourse in India is its total concentration on irrelevant negativity and its total targeted focus on votes in elections. Gandhi ji had mentioned in 1922 that 'defects of elections' would weigh heavily on our people once the British left India! The citizens realise it, but politicians do not! Why not focus on the essentials of democracy, positive and forward-looking aspects of the national policies that would better the lives of the last man in the line who was the focus of Gandhi? The right path to be followed is known to all those in power, and also those eagerly awaiting people's mandate to grab the power again! Thus, the fact remains that apart from the memories of invasions communal hatred persistently ignited by the British, India could maintain social cohesion and religious amity. It is also a fact that to disrupt it, sustained attempts by the inept religious leaders to widen the wedge persist. They exploit the chilling scars of partition to augment the perceptions of 'being different' between the two communities. There are external agencies that openly interfere in disrupting the religious fabric of India. India opted for a secular state while Pakistan, created on communal lines, opted to become a theocratic state, mischievously pretending to give equal rights to the followers of other religions. The

partition of Pakistan created the possibility of minorities being treated better in Bangladesh. It has proved a myth after the recent change of government here. Hindus are being subjected to targeted killing and violence. Overall, it seems to be an irretrievable, human ingenuity could always find a way out, and it must do so. I interact with intellectuals who practice Islam and know its basic philosophy. They are convinced that Islam is being wrongly understood not only by persons of other faiths but unfortunately by numerous practitioners of Islam, including the devout religious persons! This they tell me unhesitatingly, is because of the firm foothold of the clergy unwilling to accept that times are changing fast, and dynamism is a compulsory component of human civilisation. May be, universal spread of modern education could help. Educated young persons shall have to shoulder a big responsibility. It is the initial home and family education that sows the seeds of acceptance of diversity in the child's psyche, and that determines his future approach and attitude towards other religions. It is well known that Pakistan is seriously deficient on this count. India too has worked to do on this front. (The writer works in education, social cohesion and religious amity. He is an Atal fellow with the PMML, New Delhi; views are personal)



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Chasing votes at the cost of social harmony

In a nation as diverse as India, the relentless pursuit of electoral gains has overshadowed efforts to foster genuine unity and social cohesion

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

DHARMA NEEDS REFORM

Madam — The Vice President of India has said that inequities have no place in a society ruled by Dharma (October 27). This statement requires a wider range of discussions and even debates. If his statement holds good, then the scene prevailing in the country disproves his statement. As per Puranas, the society in the country since ancient times has been under Sanatana Dharma. Social and economic inequalities were there, perhaps in their worst forms, that the persons from certain castes were not entitled to even enter the areas where the people of upper castes were living. The majority of the people were living under poverty, and dharma recommends providing alms as an integral part of life. The ruling dispensation of this day firmly believes in Sanatana Dharma. But inequities are abnormally present on the social as well as economic front. This negates the statement that links Dharma and inequities. This also means propagating Dharma is just an academic course and has nothing to do with ruling or shaping society. In most of the countries, religious scriptures are quoted but not adhered to. Such discourses seem to be to numb the victims and keep them under fear of being punished for raising voices of dissent. Therefore, if the society has to remain in peace, the social inequalities should be removed without any of their traces left unattended and the policy of the rulers should be shaped to ensure equal distribution of national wealth, unlike the present scene marked by producing one billionaire every five days and leaving 81 crore poor to continue to live in poverty with just 5 kg of free rice a month. Religion is an innate affair, but ruling is a public affair. Let us not confuse ourselves.

A G Rajmohan | Anantapur

HIGH POLLUTION LEVELS IN DELHI

Madam — It is with reference to the news article "BJP Chief hospitalised after taking dip in toxic Yamuna" (October 27). In the months of October and November, Delhi grapples with the stark dual challenge of

Threats disrupt flights



Since October 14, airlines have been receiving threats through social media and other platforms. IndiGo, Air India, Akasa, and Vistara Airlines are still receiving these threats, causing confusion at airports and delayed flights. Due to these rumours, a total of 255 flights have been affected, leading to an estimated loss of 600 crore rupees in the aviation sector. This seems to be the first time such frequent threats have been heard. As

air and water pollution, with the frothing of the Yamuna river becoming a prevalent issue. The river already burdened by high levels of pollution, experiences exacerbated conditions leading to the infamous froth during the post monsoon season and the onset of winter. Every year the festival season of October and November brings unwelcome reminders of how devastatingly polluted the water and air around the city remain. The Yamuna, one of the main sources of water for Delhi, is so overwhelmed by waste that it remains highly unsafe for bathing or irrigation. At the Okhala barrage, the foaming of Yamuna is the result of multiple factors including dying water hyacinths in the barrage that release surfactants and the release of untreated waste water from 18 drains into the river. Adding to the problem, the Hindon canal, carrying industrial pollution from sugar and paper mills in Uttar Pradesh flows into the Yamuna upstream. While the river has some natural cleaning ability, the pollution levels are alarming.

P Victor Selvaraj | Tirunelveli

a result, the number of air marshals at airports has increased. The rise in social media usage has also led to an increase in "social issues" or problems, as those issuing threats are utilising these platforms. The Ministry of Civil Aviation is considering adding individuals identified for issuing bomb threats to a "no-fly" list. But what about the 600 crore loss? There should be a mechanism to recover damages by seizing the assets of those individuals or organisations responsible for such threats. Stringent action is expected against those who deliberately disrupt national transportation. Additionally, platforms like X and Meta play a role in spreading such rumours, so it's time for us to decide how much we should trust social media.

Dattaprasad Shirodkar | Mumbai

CONGRESS ACCOMMODATES SP

Madam — Having lost the Haryana polls to the BJP in the recently held Assembly elections, Congress has announced giving up claims for its share of seats in favour of SP, the lead partner in the INDI alliance in the state. The withdrawal can be termed a tactical move from the alliance point of view, as the Congress hardly has any presence in the state, holding just two seats out of 403 seats in the UP Assembly. The reason advanced for the move that it wants to defeat the BJP to save the constitution and reservation does not hold any water as they have not followed the same strategy in Kerala in choosing to contest against CPI (M), their alliance partner in INDI alliance where as the alliance winning Lok Sabha seat is more important for their declared objective of 'saving the constitution and saving the reservation'. Congress's priority seems to be projecting Priyanka Vadra to the limelight.

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WORKPLACE BULLYING:
THE SILENT EPIDEMIC

It often leads to a toxic work culture that diminishes productivity and erodes employee morale



SAKSHI SETHI

Various studies have quite often revealed that around 30 per cent of employees experience bullying at every step they take at their workplace, while a significant portion of the workforce witnesses it without intervening. Unlike harassment, which is more likely to be reported due to the legal and policy frameworks that exist around it, bullying often lacks formal channels for redress. Workplace bullying is a serious and pervasive issue that affects individuals and organisations across various industries. It has become a silent epidemic where the victim's personal life as well as professional performance are often declined regarding mental health resulting in loss of self-esteem. Not only does the employee suffer but for the organisation too the consequences are equally severe. The stress of enduring repeated harassment results in physical health issues such as headaches, insomnia and a weakened immune system leading to decreased employee engagement and productivity. Now, workplace bullying manifests in numerous ways, from overt actions like public humiliation to covert tactics such as excluding someone from important meetings or withholding critical information. It may also involve power dynamics, where a manager targets a subordinate or senior staff and manipulates their junior colleagues. Unlike occasional conflicts or disagreements, this type of bullying is systematic and persistent, leading to a toxic environment for the targeted individuals. However, the psychological impact of bullying can be profound. Victims often experience stress, anxiety, and depression because of the ongoing harassment. This stress further manifests



in physical symptoms that include headaches, fatigue and even cardiovascular issues, as the body's stress response becomes consistently triggered. In extreme cases, the trauma can even lead to severe mental health conditions, affecting victims' self-esteem and overall sense of well-being. Over time, employees or the victim may develop symptoms of post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) if the harassment is severe or prolonged. The victim may start avoiding their workplace altogether, resulting in absenteeism and some cases, may even resign to escape the toxic atmosphere.

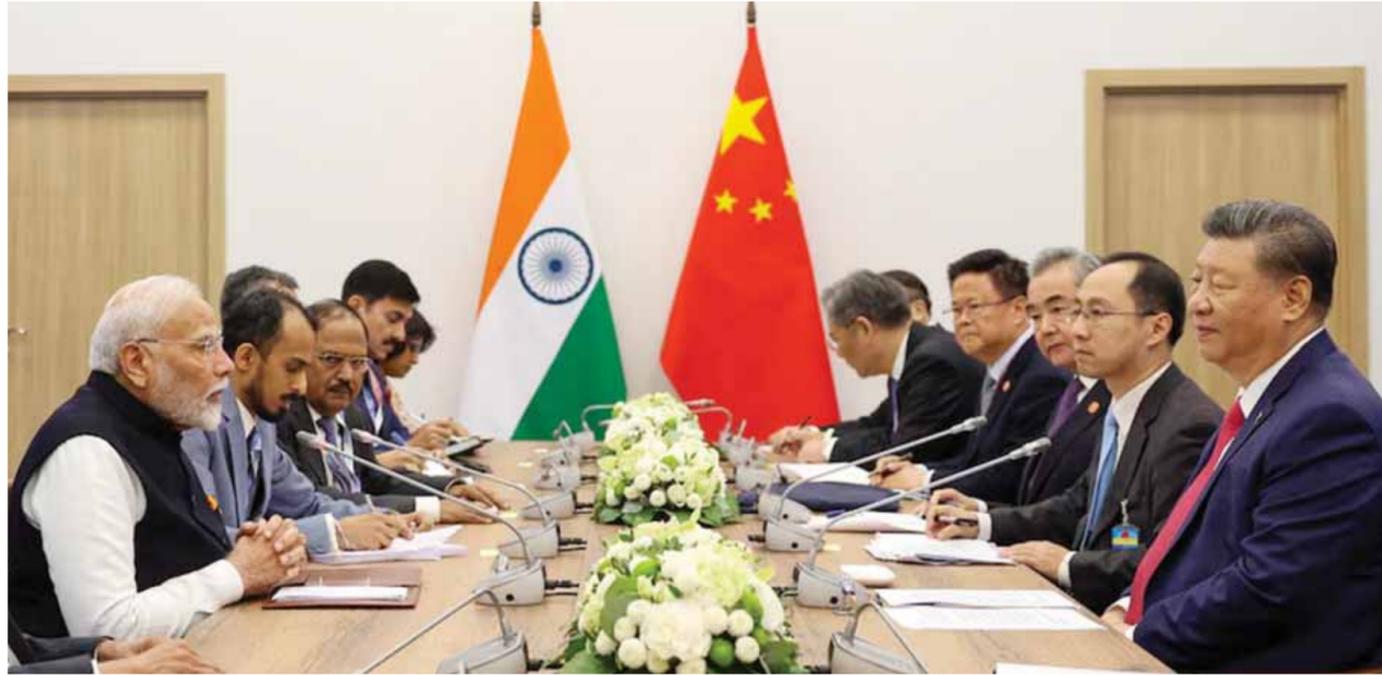
This stigma, combined with the fear of being perceived as weak or incapable, can even prevent them from reaching out for help. The resulting isolation allows bullying to continue unchecked and causes the victims to suffer without the support they need. This isolation further perpetuates the silence surrounding workplace bullying, thereby turning it into a pervasive yet hidden problem. This reduction in productivity doesn't only affect the targeted individual but can also disrupt team cohesion, workflow, and project timelines. This culture of fear can sooner or later result in a breakdown of trust and respect among team members, reducing collaboration and open communication. As more employees become disengaged or demoralised, the organisation's overall culture will suffer, leading to lower employee satisfaction and retention rates. It can't be ignored that workplace bullying is a pervasive issue with wide-reaching effects on individuals, team dynamics and organisational success. Clear anti-bullying policies, coupled with effective reporting mechanisms, can empower employees to come forward without fear of retaliation. Organisations should also invest in regular training to help employees recognise and address bullying behaviours in themselves and others, fostering a workplace culture that discourages mistreatment. Only when an organisation emphasises respect, accountability, and open communication, can the incidence of bullying be reduced thereby leading to a more positive, productive and healthy work environment. Preventing workplace bullying will benefit not only the victims but the organisation too, reinforcing a work culture that values employee well-being and mutual respect.

(The writer is an educator; views are personal)

India-China border pact:
A cautious step forward

PARUL CHANDRA

India's path to restoring normalcy with China is fraught with challenges, including a significant trust deficit and complex border disputes



Now that India and China have reached an agreement on disengagement and patrolling in Depsang and Demchok in a step towards resolving the over four-year-long military confrontation in eastern Ladakh, can New Delhi sit back with a quiet sense of achievement? More importantly, can China be trusted to do what it has promised during bilateral meetings, including the recent one between Prime Minister Narendra Modi and President Xi Jinping on the margins of the recent BRICS summit? The answer is a firm 'No'. For, even though the two Asian giants have seemingly buried the hatchet for now with the new pact being endorsed by their top leaders at Kazan in Russia on October 22, the yawning trust deficit that now marks bilateral ties is unlikely to be bridged any time soon. To be sure, there is not going to be a repeat of the bonhomie witnessed during the Modi-Xi informal summit meetings in Wuhan and Mamallapuram in 2018 and 2019, respectively. When the two leaders met in Kazan, there was expectedly none of the warmth seen during the informal summits. The thaw may have happened, but a long road lies ahead for bilateral ties to warm up. Instead, what Beijing has to deal with now is a hard-nosed New Delhi that's wised up to China's perfidious territorial aggression. India has done well in standing up to Chinese belligerence in eastern Ladakh and in conveying to Beijing that it cannot be business as usual in the face of its brazen flouting of all bilateral border accords. The ongoing eastern Ladakh military confrontation, part of the larger boundary dispute along the 3,488 km long Line of Actual Control (LAC), is nowhere near de-escalation to the pre-April 2020 situation. While the phased disengagement at



WHAT HAS BEEN EQUALLY WORRYING FOR NEW DELHI IS CHINA'S TERRITORIAL AGGRESSION WITH NEIGHBOURING BHUTAN TOO. IT HAS SOUGHT TO BULLY THE TINY HIMALAYAN KINGDOMS AND APPROPRIATE ITS TERRITORY

Depsang and Demchok is a welcome development, New Delhi should not let its guard down. It can do so only at its peril, given Chinese machinations along the LAC and its "salami-slicing" tactics to grab disputed territories. In any case, disengagement is just the first step with de-escalation and finally de-induction of troops being part of India's roadmap for the restoration of status quo ante. It's also laid out the red line for Beijing - the need for "peace and tranquility on the border". What has been equally worrying for New Delhi is China's territorial aggression with neighbouring Bhutan too. It has sought to bully the tiny Himalayan kingdoms and appropriate its territory. With such moves posing a strategic threat to India, the Indian Army stepped in to block Chinese troops from building a road in the Doklam plateau area near the Sikkim-Bhutan-Tibet trijunction in 2017. The rival troops had disengaged after a 73-day face-off, but China has permanently deployed troops in north Doklam since then. What the Chinese PLA sought to do in eastern Ladakh with multiple incursions in the summer of 2020 too was part of its salami-slicing tactics. Bilateral ties went into a deep freeze soon after the bloody clashes in Galwan on June 15, 2020, which left 20 Indian soldiers and an unspecified number of Chinese personnel dead. With the slight easing of tensions now, India will need to tread cautiously. Normalcy in ties seems a long way off but even some measure of stability in the relationship between the two Asian rivals will be a positive development.

For India, this is especially important as it also has a nuclear-armed hostile neighbour in Pakistan on its western borders. A two-front military challenge can bog India down in the region, hobbling its aspiration to be a global powerhouse. The China-Pakistan collusive axis queers the pitch for India. With frosty ties with Pakistan, New Delhi must begin mending ties with Beijing. Towards this end, Modi and Xi have agreed to resume the meetings of the Special Representatives (SRs) of the two countries "to oversee the management of peace and tranquility in border areas and to explore a fair, reasonable and mutually acceptable solution to the boundary question". The SRs mechanism was set up in 2003, with 22 rounds of talks being held till now. It has not been met since 2019. However, given the complexity of the boundary question and Beijing's own feet dragging on a resolution, the SR mechanism at best serves as a means for the two sides to remain in dialogue. As New Delhi and Beijing work to bring down tensions, the boundary question will continue to bedevil ties. India's level of mistrust of China will remain high given that it has failed to adhere to previous agreements to maintain peace and tranquility on the border. Beijing, on its part, will remain watchful and wary of India's deepening ties with the US as well as other Quad members. Its active role in the Indo-Pacific construct and Quad - both seen as a counter to China's growing hegemony - has Beijing worried. That said, India knows it has no

option but to deal with China, owing to its geographical proximity as well as Beijing's economic-industrial clout. The bilateral economic and trade relations are heavily tilted in China's favour. India imported \$101.7 billion worth of goods from China in 2023-24, way more than from any other country. On the other hand, India's exports to China were worth only \$16.7 billion, a mammoth trade deficit for New Delhi. India depends heavily on imports from China in many sectors, like industrial machinery, telecom, electronics, electrical equipment, chemicals, pharmaceuticals, iron, steel and the like. In certain sectors, like pharmaceuticals, Indian manufacturers will find it difficult to operate without imports from China. Despite many steps and policy decisions taken by the Indian government to move towards greater balance in trade, more so after the current border problem erupted, the imbalance has only further accentuated. In this, economics is trumping politics or national sentiment. On the military front, India should not slacken in dealing with China with a firm hand, as it has done since the Galwan clashes. It should also redouble efforts to push for a resolution of the different issues, including the border question. With the festering territorial dispute having long-term strategic implications for India, it needs to strike the right balance between rebuilding trust and proceeding with caution.

(The writer is a senior journalist who writes on strategic affairs; views are personal)

Embracing Ayurveda: Bridging tradition with modernity on Ayurveda Day

Rooted in the principles of balance and harmony, Ayurveda guides individuals to achieve holistic wellness

World Ayurveda Day, celebrated each year on the auspicious occasion of Bhagwan Dhanvantari Jayanti, offers a profound opportunity to honour Bharat's rich heritage of health and well-being. This year, on October 29, 2024, we come together to recognise Ayurveda—not just as an ancient healing practice but as a living tradition that continues to inspire and transform lives worldwide. Rooted in the principles of balance and harmony, Ayurveda guides individuals to achieve holistic wellness by understanding their unique mind-body constitution and aligning with nature's rhythms. Its timeless knowledge promotes preventive care, natural treatments, and a lifestyle that sup-



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ports physical, mental, and spiritual health. Ayurveda's reach has grown from ancient India to touch people across the globe, embodying Bharat's gift of wellness to the world. As we celebrate Ayurveda Day, let us commit to embracing and preserving this invaluable heritage. Ayurveda, the revered "science of life," represents one of the oldest and most comprehensive systems of

holistic medicine. Originating in ancient India, Ayurveda focuses on achieving balance within the body, mind, and spirit. In recent years, Ayurveda has gained remarkable global recognition, a testament to PM Modi's visionary approach to integrating AYUSH practices, including Ayurveda, with modern healthcare. His leadership, underscored by the establishment of the Ministry of AYUSH as an independent entity in 2014, set the stage for Ayurveda's transformation into a mainstream, globally respected healthcare approach. The government has since pioneered several initiatives to promote and expand Ayurveda's reach. Through partnerships with research institutions, academic centres,

and healthcare organisations worldwide, India has emphasised evidence-based studies, technological advancements, and policy support to bring Ayurveda to a broader audience. Moreover, the government's efforts to encourage innovative collaborations and cross-cultural exchanges have fostered an international appreciation of Ayurveda's preventive and holistic benefits. As we witness Ayurveda's evolution on a global scale, its emphasis on wellness, natural healing, and preventive care resonates more than ever, addressing modern health challenges and reasserting Bharat's invaluable contribution to the world of medicine and wellness. Ayurveda, often regarded as the "science of life," is deeply rooted in



ancient Indian philosophy, drawing from the foundational ideas of Sanatan philosophical schools around the 2nd century BCE. Its development was heavily influenced by the Vaisheshika school, known for its focus on natural principles and the categorisation of elements, and the Nyaya school, which emphasised logic, reasoning, and structured analysis. These schools laid a framework that allowed Ayurveda to

develop a systematic approach to health, emphasising diagnosis, observation, and inference based on natural laws. Furthermore, Ayurveda's conceptual foundation aligns with Samkhya philosophy, a school that delves into the nature of existence, consciousness, and the duality of mind and matter. Samkhya's insights into the interaction between Purusha (consciousness) and Prakriti (matter) provided Ayurveda with a comprehensive understanding of the body-mind connection, integral to its approach to health and wellness. Together, these philosophical influences cultivated Ayurveda's holistic view of human life, wherein health is perceived as an intricate balance between mind, body, and environment.

This synthesis not only strengthened Ayurveda's theories of doshas (biological energies) but also fostered an awareness of how lifestyle, diet, and mental states directly impact physical well-being. Thus, Ayurveda emerged as an interdisciplinary science, rooted in empirical observation yet deeply philosophical, ultimately offering a framework of healing that remains both relevant and insightful in understanding modern health. Prime Minister Narendra Modi has been a pivotal force in promoting the integration of Ayurveda with contemporary health sciences, fostering a healthcare model that values both preventive and holistic approaches. His vision underscores a sustainable healthcare framework where traditional

systems of medicine, such as Ayurveda, play an essential role in enhancing the quality of life. This approach aligns with his broader agenda of sustainable health solutions for all, recognising Ayurveda's unique preventive and curative strengths rooted in millennia-old wisdom. Central to this vision are initiatives like the National AYUSH Mission and the establishment of Ayush Health and Wellness Centres (AHWCs), now known as Ayush Arogya Mandirs. These initiatives aim to reshape India's healthcare landscape, making AYUSH a socially viable, affordable, and complementary alternative to allopathic medicine.

(The writer is Minister of State for Health and Family Welfare of India; views are personal)

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S.P.H.E College of Nursing, Chandigarh - Ludhiana Highway, Gharuan, Mohali (Pb). Applications are invited for Direct Counseling cum admission in M.Sc. (N) and Post Basic B.Sc. (N) on 30.10.2024...

ICICI Bank Public Notice regarding the enforcement of securities interest. The following borrower(s) has/have defaulted in the repayment of principal and interest towards the Loan facility(ies) availed from ICICI Bank...

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Table with 5 columns: Sr. No., Name of the Borrower/Co-Borrower/Guarantor/ (Loan Account Number) & Address, Description of Secured Asset to be enforced, Date of Notice sent/ Outstanding as on Date of Notice, NPA Date. Contains multiple entries for various borrowers and their secured assets.

Sincerely, Authorised Signatory For ICICI Bank Ltd.

US voters concerned about post-election violence, efforts to overturn results: AP-NORC poll

AP ■ WASHINGTON

American voters are approaching the presidential election with deep unease about what could follow, including the potential for political violence, attempts to overturn the election results and its broader implications for democracy, according to a new poll.

transfer of power. About 4 in 10 registered voters say they are "extremely" or "very" concerned about violent attempts to overturn the results after the November election. A similar share is worried about legal efforts to do so. And about 1 in 3 voters say they are "extremely" or "very" concerned about attempts by local or state election officials to stop the results from being finalised.

Republican National Committee, which he reshaped, have filed lawsuits around the country that are a potential prelude to post-election legal challenges should he lose. "I thought after January 6 of 2021, the GOP would have the sense to reject him as a candidate," Aostara Kaye, of Downey, California, said of Trump. "And since they didn't, I think it just emboldened him to think he can do anything, and they will still stick with him."

Nearly 9 in 10 voters said the loser of the presidential election is obligated to concede once every state has finished counting its votes and legal challenges are resolved, including about 8 in 10 Republicans. But only about one-third of voters expect Trump to accept the results and concede if he loses. Democrats and Republicans have widely divergent views on the matter: About two-thirds of Republican voters think Trump would concede, compared to only about 1 in 10 Democrats.

divided on who would weaken democracy: Members of both parties have broad concerns about how American democracy might fare depending on the outcome of the November election. Overall, about half of voters believe Trump would weaken democracy in the US "a lot" or "somewhat" if he wins, while about 4 in 10 said the same of Harris.

weaken democracy at least "somewhat" if elected. Kaye, a retired health care system worker, called Trump an "existential threat to the Constitution". One prospect she said frightens her is that if Trump wins, he likely will not have the guardrails in his new administration that were in place in the last one.

"Why should we pay taxes if we're just sending it away?" That lack of concern also includes the border, she said, adding that a Harris win would be "the end to the Border Patrol".

information that they're given", leading to another such attack. Giovanna Elizabeth Minardi of Yucaipa, California, said other issues are more important in this year's election. She said her chief concern is the economy and feels that high prices, especially in her home state, are chasing off businesses and creating a dependency on government. It's a dependency Harris wants to continue, said Minardi, a children and family services advocate.

Trump's event features crude, racist insults

AP ■ NEW YORK

Donald Trump hosted a rally featuring crude and racist insults at New York's Madison Square Garden, turning what his campaign had dubbed as the event where he would deliver his closing message into an illustration of what turns off his critics.

ised by Harris' campaign as it competes with Trump to win over Puerto Rican communities in Pennsylvania and other swing states. Puerto Rican music superstar Bad Bunny backed Harris shortly after Hinchcliffe's appearance. The normally pugnaic Trump campaign took the rare step of distancing itself from Hinchcliffe. "This joke does not reflect the views of President Trump or the campaign," senior adviser Danielle Alvarez said in a statement.

as calling her "lazy," long a racist trope used against Black people. The event was a surreal spectacle that included former professional wrestler Hulk Hogan, TV psychologist Dr. Phil McGraw, former Fox News host Tucker Carlson, politicians including House Speaker Mike Johnson and Reps. Byron Donalds and Elise Stefanik, and an artist who painted a picture of Trump hugging the Empire State Building. And that was all before Trump was to take the stage, running more than two hours late.

Public Notice
This is to inform the general public that Mrs. Tamanna is the owner of plot area measuring 24 sq. yds. out of Khara No.894, new No.115, situated in old Lal Dora Abad of village Alipur, Tehsil Alipur, Distt. North Delhi-110068 through Sale Deed dated 22.02.2023 as doc. No.557 executed by Mr. Ashutosh Goyal and Mr. Prateek Goyal in favour of Mrs. Tamanna.

Public Notice
Information is given to general public at large that Mrs. Suchita Kaushik W/o Mr. Pawan Kumar Kaushik who is late purchasing Plot No. 214, 284, Nagar Nigam No. 207, area measuring 68.35 sq. yds., situated at in Mohalla Javadra, Meerut, (U.P.) from Mrs. Rita W/o Mr. Deepak Sharma who was the owner by virtue of Sale Deed registered on dated 04.12.2023 (Doc. No. 31368) in the City of Meerut.

Public Notice
(In case of deceased)
NOTICE is hereby given that one Smt. Goma Sharma was owner of Front Side First Floor, "saiid floor", without roof right, area measuring 60 sq. yds., situated at Khara No. 150, situated in the area of Village Bhandara, Delhi State Delhi, Colony Known as B-Block, Nand Park, Ustam Nagar, New Delhi, India, Sector-16, Noida, Uttar Pradesh-201301. Landline No. +911020-203101683, e-mail: accounts@vnrwth.in

Public Notice
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PUBLIC NOTICE
General public is hereby informed that my clients Sh. Deepak Kumar S/o Sh. Om Parkash and his wife smt. Santosh Kumar, both R/O D-311 First Floor, Vijayee Veer Awas, Sector 18A, Dwarka, New Delhi-110078 have served all their relations with their son Sh. Yash Gankas due to their misadvent, hostile behavior and disobedience. Both of my above-named clients have also disowned and rebared his said son from all their movable and immovable properties.

PUBLIC NOTICE
Re: Residential Plot No. 107/377, total area measuring 50 sq. yds. i.e. 41.80 sq. mtr., Situated at Jawahar Park, Village Pasoda, Pargana Loni, Tehsil & Distt. Ghaziabad (UP). (Hereinafter referred to as the "Said Property").

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NOTICE
Locker Hired by Mr. Amit Jain / Ms. Nishi Jain having address at B-601 Alaknanda Apartments GH H-5 Sec-56 Gurgaon-122002/C-1-3A 1-Flr Ardee City Sec-52 Gurgaon-122001 Haryana India Branch of Kotak Mahindra Bank Ltd. situated at Kotak Mahindra Bank Ltd. SCO-16, Ground Floor, Sector - 14, Gurgaon - 122 001. remains un-operated since past 10 years and the rent is also due for the last 3 years.

PUBLIC NOTICE
It is known to all that the allottee of Group Housing AWH/O Flat No. 459 Type VI, 2nd Floor, Arun Vihar, Sector-28, NOIDA, Gautam Budh Nagar (U.P.) was Lt. Col. Shyam Rattan S/O Late Sh. Ram Rattan R/O C-82, Niti Bagh, New Delhi, has sold through Power of Attorney basis as under:-

PUBLIC NOTICE
Because the Agreement to Sell was not executed/ regd., so with the help of this notice, it is informed that the transfer of the above flat on the basis of Power of Attorney goes in favour of his son SH. PARTH SUNGER S/O SH. RAVINDER SUNGER R/O 459, Sector-28, Noida If anyone has any objection, he/she will submit his/her objection in the O.S.D. (GHP) Section of Noida Authority within 30 days of the publication of this notice.

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Baba Farid University of Health Sciences
Sadiq Road, Faridkot -151203 Ph.01639-256232, 256236
E-TENDER NOTICE
E-tender are invited for the procurements of following items upto 18.11.2024
1) Procurement of BOD Incubator for Microbiology department 2) Fully Automated Chemiluminescence Immunoassay system on Rental Basis 3) Fully automated Clinical Chemistry Analyser on Rental Basis 4) Providing of Housekeeping services 5) SSMA Services of various photocopier machines 6) Purchase of LAN Networking 7) Operation of Canteen/Tuck shops at various locations at Guru Gobind Singh Medical Hospital, Faridkot 8) Providing of Pest control services 9) Rate contract for procurement of Xerox Toner and Copy Cartridges for Xerox make photocopier machine 10) Supply and installation of Skin graft Mesher.

U GRO Capital Limited
4th Floor, Tower 3, Equinox Business Park, LBS Road, Kuria, Mumbai 40070
POSSESSION NOTICE
APPENDIX IV (See rule 8(1)) (For Immovable Property)
Whereas, the undersigned being the Authorized Officer of UGRO Capital Limited, having its registered office at 4th Floor, Tower 3, Equinox Business Park, LBS Road, Kuria, Mumbai 40070 & POONAWALLA HIRCHANDJI LIMITED, having its registered office at 601, 6th Floor, Zero One It Park, Survey No. 79/1, GORPDI, Mundhwa Road, Pingle Wasti, Pune-411036, under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (54 of 2002) and in exercise of the powers conferred under Section 13 (12) read with rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002, issued a demand notice to repay the amount mentioned in the notice together with interest thereon, within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

Borrower Details	Demand Notice	Mortgaged Property	Possession Date
1.Convercis India 2.Ms. Mamta Mongia 3.Mr. Suresh Chand 4.Mr. Karan Mongia	Demand Notice dated 05.08.2024 for an amount of Rs. 1,19,64,109/- as on 05.08.2024	All that piece and parcel of mortgaged property being 1/2 portion (back side) of entire third floor, 1/4th undivided share of Terrace/Roof above the 3rd floor (facing terrace side), area measuring 599 sq. ft. and shop bearing no. private No. 7, area admeasuring 200 Sq. Ft. (opposite Gita Bhawan Mandir) on the 4th Ground Floor of property bearing No. 1/1, admeasuring 1598 Sq. Ft., situated at Mahiya Nagar New Delhi.	26-10-2024

U GRO Capital Limited
4th Floor, Tower 3, Equinox Business Park, LBS Road, Kuria, Mumbai 40070
SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES
E-AUCTION SALE NOTICE OF 15 DAYS FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE ASSET(S) ["SECURED ASSET(S)"] UNDER THE SECURITIZATION AND RECONSTRUCTION OF FINANCIAL ASSETS AND ENFORCEMENT OF SECURITY INTEREST ACT, 2002 READ WITH PROVISION TO RULE 8 AND 9 OF THE SECURITY INTEREST (ENFORCEMENT) RULES, 2002.
Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower(s) and Guarantor(s) that the below described Secured Asset(s) mortgaged / charged to U GRO Capital Limited ("Secured Creditor"), the possession of which has been taken by the authorised officer of Secured Creditor, will be sold on "As is what is" and "As is where is" and "Whatever there is" on the date and time mentioned herein below, for recovery of the dues mentioned herein below and further interest and other expenses thereon till the date of realization of amount, due to Secured Creditor from the Borrower(s) and Guarantor(s) mentioned herein below. The Reserve Price, Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) and last date of EMD deposit is also mentioned herein below.

Details of Borrower(s) / Guarantor(s)	Details of Demand Notice	Details of Auction	
		Reserve Price :	Rs. 2,44,21,500/-
1. Akshat Enterprises 2. Vinod Yadav 3. Pramod Yadav 4. Sunita Yadav 5. Aditya Plastic 6. Shanti Yadav	Date of Notice: 19-10-2023	EMD	Rs. 24,42,150/-
	Outstanding Amount: Rs. 2,39,30,103/- as on 18-10-2023	Last date of EMD Deposit :	16-11-2024
Loan Account Number :HCFDELSCE0001042323		Date of Auction :	18-11-2024
		Time of Auction :	11 AM to 01 PM
		Incremental Value :	Rs. 1,00,000/-

GOVERNMENT OF ASSAM
PUBLIC WORKS ROADS DEPARTMENT
O/O THE CHIEF ENGINEER (EAP)
ARR&TI CAMPUS, FATASIL AMBARI, GUWAHATI-25,
Email-id: as-ce.asbjp@assam.gov.in
RFB No CE/EAP/ARRBP/02/TENDERS/2024/30
REQUEST FOR BIDS (RFB)
E-PROCUREMENT NOTICE - Open Competitive Bidding (Two-Envelope Bidding Process with e-Procurement)

The Government of Assam through Government of India has applied for financing from the World Bank towards the cost of the Assam Resilient Rural Bridges Program (ARRBP) and intends to apply part of the proceeds to the eligible payment under the contract. Bids are invited online from the eligible bidders from India for the 16 (Sixteen) packages in the district of Kokrajhar, Dhubri, South Salmara Mankachar, Kamrup (M), Goalpara and Bapeta for a total amount of Rs. 5725.89 Lakhs (approx). Details may be seen at website <http://www.assamtenders.gov.in> and also at the office of the undersigned during office hours.

At least 40 soldiers are killed in attack on military base, Chad's president says

AP ■ DAKAR (SENEGAL)

Chad's presidency said at least 40 soldiers were killed by unidentified assailants during a Sunday night attack on a military base in the country's west.

Nigeria. In June nine people were killed and more than 40 injured when a fire set off explosions at a military ammunition depot in the capital, N'Djamena. In March, an attack the government blamed on Boko Haram killed seven soldiers, reviving fears of violence in the Lake Chad area after a period of peace following a successful operation launched in 2020 by the Chadian army to destroy the extremist group's bases there. Schools, mosques and

churches reopened and humanitarian organizations returned. Boko Haram, which launched an insurgency more than a decade ago against Western education, seeks to establish Islamic law in Nigeria's north-east. The insurgency has spread to West African neighbors including Cameroon, Niger and Chad.

Prominent HR lawyer, husband held in Pak

PTI ■ ISLAMABAD

Pakistan's prominent human rights lawyer Imaan Zainab Mazari-Hazir and her husband Hadi Ali were arrested on Monday for allegedly creating a security situation by interfering in the official work. Imaan and Ali were arrested after they tried to remove barriers installed by the police on the occasion of a recently concluded test match between England and Pakistan. "Taking legal action, Islamabad police have arrested Imaan Mazari and Hadi Ali as per the law and regulations for creating a security risk by interfering in state duties during an international cricket team's visit," the police said in a post on X. A case has been registered against them, and Imaan

was transferred to the women's police station, police said. Imaan's mother, former human rights minister Shireen Mazari, said that her daughter was arrested in the morning. "Imaan Mazari has been arrested this morning. State fascism in full swing," she said in a post on X. She claimed that the Islamabad police on Friday had "swung a steel barrier deliberately into her, assaulting her," referring to a purported video being shared on X. She also alleged that the police action had "injured" her daughter. It is not the first time that Imaan has been arrested. In August last year, Imaan was arrested by the Islamabad police along with former lawmaker Ali Wazir in a seditious case over a rally made at a speech.

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India and Saudi to discuss ways to boost cooperation



PTI ■ NEW DELHI

The global economic and industry minister Piyush Goyal will discuss ways to increase cooperation with Saudi Arabia in areas like renewable energy, digital infrastructure, and manufacturing during his two-day visit, an official statement said on Monday. The visit to Riyadh will begin on Tuesday. The commerce and industry ministry said Goyal will participate in the Future Investment Initiative (FII) in Riyadh, a crucial platform that brings together global leaders, investors, and innovators. His participation will highlight India's rapid economic growth, its focus on sustainable development, AI, and the immense opportunities in sectors like renewable energy, digital

infrastructure, and advanced manufacturing, it said. On the sidelines of the FII, the minister will engage with prominent global investors. "These interactions aim to strengthen investor confidence, facilitate investment flows, and promote India as a preferred global investment destination," it said. He will also hold bilateral meetings with key Saudi ministers, including the Minister of Commerce, Minister of Industry and Mineral Resources, Minister of Investment, and Minister of Energy, to discuss collaborative efforts in energy transition, digital transformation, and trade facilitation. Further, he will co-chair the second ministerial meeting of the Economy and Investment Committee under the India-

Saudi Strategic Partnership Council, focusing on sectors like agriculture, food security, energy, technology, and infrastructure. India is the second largest trade partner for Saudi Arabia whereas Saudi Arabia is India's fourth largest trading partner. The bilateral trade between the two countries stood at USD 43 billion in 2023-24 as against USD 53 billion in 2022-23. Over 2,700 Indian companies are registered as joint ventures/100 percent owned entities, with investments worth about USD 2 billion in the Kingdom. Major Indian companies and corporate groups such as L&T, TATA, Wipro, TCS, TCIL, Shapoorji & Pallonji have established a strong presence in Saudi Arabia. Saudi direct investments in

India amounted to USD 3.22 billion during April 2000 and June 2024. Major Saudi investment groups include ARAMCO, SABIC, ZAMIL, E-holidays, and Al Batterjee Group. The strengthening of India's financial sector. The soundness of our banking system marked by low levels of NPAs (nonperforming assets) and enhanced provisioning for bad loans reflects the reforms we have undertaken to improve asset quality," she said. She added that by 2047, as India celebrates 100 years of independence, "we will have a chance to define a new era of prosperity, not just for our own citizens, but for the global community as well. India's role in the world is expanding, and we stand ready to engage constructively with the international community, sharing our innovations and contributing to global peace and prosperity," she said, as she cited the example of the COVID-19 pandemic during which India supplied vaccines developed and manufactured by it to nations across the world. "The coming decades will be defined by how effectively India manages its demographic dividend, strengthens its global partnerships, and navigates the complexity of a rapidly changing world," she said.

Transformer steel shortage could impact India's energy ambitions: GTRI

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Shortage of Cold-Rolled Grain-Oriented (CRGO) steel used for making transformers and electric motors could impact India's ambitious power sector expansion plans, think tank GTRI said on Monday. The Global Trade Research Initiative (GTRI) said that India's power sector is facing a 30 per cent shortage of CRGO steel, essential for electric motors and transformers. With domestic production meeting only about 10-12 per cent of demand, India relies heavily on imports, it added. It said the immediate cause of the CRGO steel shortage is import uncertainty caused by the delayed license renewals by the Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) for many foreign suppliers from Japan, South Korea and China. Many of the licenses are set to expire soon, causing shortages and uncertainty in the power sector, it said, adding that foreign suppliers require BIS certification under a Quality Control Order, which ensures quality but restricts options to a few approved grades and vendors. The entire BIS process needs an urgent review by independent auditors, the think tank said. "In the long term, India must prioritise local production, as CRGO is now considered a strategic material, and supply may remain limited. Without action, this shortage could



jeopardise India's ambitious energy goals," GTRI Founder Ajay Srivastava said. CRGO's grain orientation reduces energy loss, making it essential for transformer cores, which are central to India's power distribution network. In FY 2024, India, one of the largest consumers of CRGO steel, required 400,000 tonnes. With only 50,000 tonnes produced domestically, it had to import 239.2 thousand tonnes from countries like China, Japan, Russia and South Korea. After exporting 11.4 thousand tonnes, only 277.8 thousand tonnes were available for local use, leaving a shortfall of 122.2 thousand tonnes, or 30.6 per cent of total demand, it said.

need small amounts of this steel, are hit hardest, as prices have soared due to uncertain supplies," he added. To address the CRGO steel shortage, immediate and long-term measures are essential, he said, adding that the BIS should expedite its approval process for CRGO imports to prevent license expirations and ensure a steady supply. Additionally, BIS should expand the list of approved CRGO grades and suppliers to support smaller manufacturers and MSMEs, who are the most vulnerable to these shortages, he added. "At the government level, support for domestic production is crucial, and allowing zero-duty imports of raw materials for CRGO production, as seen in countries like China, the US and Germany, could boost local output," it said. Building a CRGO plant would require significant investment of around USD 400-USD 600 million for a facility with an annual capacity of 100,000-150,000 tonnes and could take 3-5 years to complete, with potential government incentives supporting this development, it said. The Quality Control Order (QCO) for CRGO steel, implemented by the Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) in 2020, mandates that all CRGO steel imported for use in India must meet specific performance standards under BIS certification, it added. It added that India's CRGO demand is expected to grow by 10-12 per cent annually, driven by the expanding power sector and the goal to integrate 500 GW of renewable energy into the grid by 2030. Srivastava said that the demand will also grow as the Bureau of Energy Efficiency has mandated a star-label upgrade for distribution transformers starting January 1, 2025, pushing the industry to seek higher-grade CRGO steel. "This CRGO shortage could impact energy and manufacturing targets. This shortage also limits India's transformer and motor exports. Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs), who

Consumers exploring both luxury, sustainable mobility alternatives: Survey

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Consumers are exploring both luxury and sustainable alternatives, setting the stage for a new era in the Indian automotive sector, according to a survey by Grant Thornton Bharat. As per the survey -- "Shifting Gears: Understanding Passenger Vehicle Market Trends", 85 per cent of the respondents were considering premium models and there is an increasing preference for hybrid vehicles over electric vehicles (EVs). The survey gathered insights from over 3,500 respondents across the country. According to the survey, 40 per cent of respondents now prefer hybrid vehicles, compared to only 17 per cent favouring EVs. In contrast, 34 per cent still lean toward petrol vehicles, reflecting the transitional nature of the market, it said. This growing alignment with hybrids suggests that consumers are exploring sustainable options, while waiting for more robust EV infrastructure and incentives, the survey found. Therefore, with hybrid vehicles gaining traction, they are expected to act as a bridge, building consumer familiarity



with alternative technologies and ultimately accelerating future EV adoption, it opined. This trend underscores the need for automakers to focus on both hybrid and electric solutions to meet evolving consumer expectations and prepare for a sustainable automotive future, as per the survey findings. "As market dynamics evolve, automakers must adapt to shifting consumer preferences," Grant Thornton Bharat Partner and Auto & EV Industry Leader Saket Mehra said. Elaborating on further findings, he noted that the festive season, which typically accounts for 30-40 per cent of annual sales, is critical for the Indian automotive industry. However, high inventory levels, weather disruptions, and regional elections have tempered growth this year, he added. The utility vehicle (UV) and

sports utility vehicle (SUV) segments have continued to drive the market, witnessing 13 per cent year-on-year growth and now making up 65 per cent of passenger vehicle (PV) sales, he said. Despite a muted first half of FY25, with overall domestic sales rising by just 0.5 per cent, the sustained demand for SUVs and UVs reflects the growing consumer preference for versatile vehicles, Mehra said. However, inventory levels remain a challenge, with 7.9 lakh units worth Rs 79,000 crore stockpiled as of September 2024, he added. Automakers have an opportunity to meet rising consumer demand through substantial festive discounts, with nearly 90 per cent of respondents expecting such offers, Mehra said. The survey also found that subscription models launched by companies are also gaining traction. Besides, there is an increased demand for safety features in the car models. Growing consumer awareness has shifted the focus to vehicle safety, with advanced safety features becoming a top priority for buyers, overtaking traditional factors like design or performance, it said.

Waaree Energies' shares make remarkable debut

PTI ■ NEW DELHI



Shares of solar panel maker Waaree Energies Ltd on Monday listed with a premium of nearly 70 per cent against the issue price of Rs 1,503. The stock made its market debut at Rs 2,550, reflecting a jump of 69.66 per cent from the issue price on the BSE. It further surged 72.98 per cent to Rs 2,600. At the NSE, the stock listed at Rs 2,500, surging 66.33 per cent. The company's market valuation stood at Rs 67,866.35 crore. The initial public offer of Waaree Energies Ltd garnered 76.34 times subscription on the last day of share sale on Wednesday, helped by strong participation from institutional buyers. The Rs 4,321.44-crore initial share sale had a price band of Rs 1,427 to Rs 1,503 per share. The IPO was a combination

of a fresh issue of equity shares aggregating to Rs 3,600 crore and an Offer-for-Sale (OFS) of 48 lakh equity shares worth Rs 721.44 crore, at the upper end of the price band, by a promoter and existing shareholders. Proceeds from the fresh issue will be used for setting up the 6 GW (gigawatt) of the Ingot Wafer, Solar Cell and Solar PV module manufacturing facility in Odisha. Besides, a portion will be used for general corporate purposes. Waaree Energies, one of the major players in the solar energy industry in India, is focused on PV module manufacturing with an aggregate installed capacity of 12 GW as of June 30, 2023. It operates five manufacturing facilities with one factory each, located at Surat, Tumb, Nandigram and Chikhli in Gujarat, and the IndoSolar Facility, in Noida, Uttar Pradesh.

Air India gets DGCA nod to carry out in-house modifications of aircraft interiors

PNS ■ NEW DELHI



The Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) approved a proposal from Air India to carry out modifications in aircraft interiors in-house as the Tata Group-owned airline works on revamping its fleet and expanding operations. The full-service carrier has a collaboration with Tata Technologies to enhance aircraft interiors in its fleet. In a release on Monday, Air India said the Design Organisation Approval (DOA) from the Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) will enable the airline to independently make design changes in-house and implement modifications to its aircraft interiors more efficiently. "DOA is a transformative step towards enhancing Air India's in-house capabilities, which has been bolstered by decisions to set up its own engineering, maintenance and training facilities. This will enhance operational efficiency and make the airline more self-reliant," it added. An official said the approval will also allow Air India to offer the services to other



Indian airlines in the future. Air India is the first Indian airline to attain this level of authorisation, accelerating its ability to execute restoration tasks for continuous improvement of its fleet, the release said. Air India Chief Executive Officer and Managing Director Campbell Wilson said the approval reaffirms its capabilities to maintain the fleet and commitment to enhancing the customer experience of its aircraft interiors. "By leveraging our global aerospace expertise, we are committed to delivering next-generation aircraft interiors that not only meet the highest standards of functionality and safety but also enhance customer satisfaction," Tata Technologies Chief Executive Officer and Managing Director Warren Harris said. The approval also comes at a time when Air India is retrofitting its legacy planes and has also placed significant orders for new aircraft. According to the release on Monday, the partnership with Tata Technologies will help Air India streamline its operations by integrating innovative digital thread solutions and smart maintenance, repair, and overhaul (MRO) services. "This will improve operational efficiency, reduce downtime, and ensure that Air India's fleet remains fit to fly, further enhancing passenger safety, comfort and operational reliability," the release said. Tata Air India Group has three airlines -- Air India, Air India Express and Vistara, which is a joint venture between Tatas and Singapore Airlines. Air India and Air India Express together have more than 230 planes. Vistara, which has a fleet of 70 planes, is set to be merged with Air India on November 11.

India remains highly dependent on imports of critical minerals: Report

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

India remains highly dependent on imports for minerals critical to accelerating its energy transition, with a full reliance on shipping in lithium, cobalt and nickel, according to a report released Monday. The report, published by the Institute for Energy Economics and Financial Analysis (IEEFA), said that India's demand for critical minerals is expected to more than double by 2030, while domestic mining operations may take over a decade to start producing. It stresses that India needs a carefully crafted import strategy to mitigate potential trade risks while balancing international relationships to secure these essential minerals. IEEFA's report examines five critical minerals (and their compounds) - cobalt, copper, graphite, lithium and nickel - from the perspectives of import dependency, trade dynamics, domestic availability, and global price



fluctuations. The findings show that India remains largely import-dependent for these minerals and their compounds, with 100 per cent import reliance for minerals like lithium, cobalt, and nickel. "India should strive to de-risk its critical minerals sourcing by identifying new international resources and expediting domestic production. A concerted effort to partner with and foster bilateral relations with mineral-rich nations should be a priority for India," said the report's co-author Charith Konda, Energy Specialist, IEEFA. "The country can also explore investment opportunities in resource-rich, friendly nations, such as Australia and Chile, as well as African countries like Ghana and South Africa," he added. The report said India depends heavily on China for synthetic graphite and natural graphite and it should explore cooperation initiatives with countries like Mozambique, Madagascar,



Brazil and Tanzania which are some of the highest graphite producing countries. "As part of the Global South cooperation initiatives, these countries could be favourable partners for India for graphite trading," said the report's co-author Kaira Rakheja, Energy Analyst, IEEFA. India is also highly import-dependent for copper cathodes and nickel sulphates from just two countries - Japan and Belgium. The report suggests India could look at the US, the fifth

largest producer of copper in the world, to diversify its suppliers and enhance supply security. For minerals like lithium oxide and nickel oxide, the dependency is low on one country, but overall imports largely come from Russia and China, both countries with potential trade risks. "Developing domestic lithium refining capacity will help India integrate with the global lithium supply chain," said Rakheja. The report also notes the significant efforts that the

Indian government is making to improve domestic production of critical minerals with the auctions by the Ministry of Mines and the planned Critical Minerals Mission. "The critical minerals mining block auctions can serve as an opportunity for India to focus on building refining and processing capabilities to emerge as a global value-adding hub," said Rakheja. "Government support in the form of viability gap funding and technology development will help promote such auctions and ultimately the domestic production of critical minerals. A stable supply of critical minerals is imperative for India to achieve its renewable energy goals," Konda said. India has committed to achieving 500 gigawatts (GW) of non-fossil fuel-based electricity installed capacity by 2030. Currently, the country's renewable energy installed capacity stands at 201 GW, with solar energy accounting for 91 GW.

This Dhanteras, buy: Hallmark for purity

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

The Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) urged consumers to adopt a more thoughtful approach to gold and silver buying that is backed by the enduring trust of Hallmark. Traditionally, Dhanteras marks the time when families invest in gold, a symbol of good fortune, wealth, and future security. BIS has been instrumental in driving this transformation, encouraging consumers to make informed purchases by promoting the importance of hallmarked gold and silver jewellery. Pramod Kumar Tiwari, Director General, BIS said "We are committed to safeguarding consumers' gold investments during Dhanteras and beyond with BIS HUID based Hallmark. With BIS Hallmark and the easy-to-use BIS CARE App, consumers can be assured of the authenticity of their jewellery purchases."

INBRIEF

DRIBBLING TOWARDS A BRIGHTER FUTURE
PATPARGANJ: BSES' mission extends beyond delivering electricity. Through its CSR initiatives, the company is committed to energizing the future of its communities. In line with this vision, BSES has launched the BSES Basketball Academy, in partnership with Dribble Academy. This initiative aims to inspire, engage, and empower young athletes, both boys and girls, to reach their full potential.

CEREMONY FOR MBBS BATCH 2024 AT SRM MEDICAL COLLEGE
KATTANKULATHUR: We are pleased to share the highlights from the recent welcome ceremony for the MBBS Batch of 2024 at SRM Medical College Hospital and Research Centre (SRM MCH&RC). This event underscored our commitment to delivering world-class medical education and nurturing compassionate, skilled healthcare professionals.

OBSERVATION OF VIGILANCE AWARENESS WEEK AT NFR
MALIGAON: N. F. Railway will be observing the 'Vigilance Awareness Week' from 28th October to 03rd November, 2024, throughout all its Divisions, Workshops and Construction field units. The theme that will lead this awareness week of 2024 will be based on "Culture of Integrity for Nation & Prosperity". The oath will be administered by Shri Chetan Kumar Shrivastava, General Manager, Northeast Frontier Railway and Shri Arun Kumar Chaudhary, General Manager, N. F. Railway (Construction) at the premises of GM's office, Maligaon and GM (CON)'s office,

CHIRAG CHIKKARA CLINCHES GOLD AS INDIA SHINES WITH NINE MEDALS

PTI ■ TIRANA (ALBANIA)
Chirag Chikkara became only the third Indian to become Under-23 world champion as India capped a rich haul of nine medals, including a gold and silver each, at the age group tournament here. Chikkara, competing in the men's freestyle 57kg category, eked out a narrow 4-3 in the closing seconds of the final win over Abdymalik Karachov of Kyrgyzstan. He becomes the second Indian man, after Paris Olympics bronze medallist Aman Sehrawat, to win the gold at the U23 Championships. Sehrawat had achieved the feat in the same category in the 2022 edition of the meet while Reetika Hooda had become the first Indian woman to bag a gold at the tournament when she won in the 76kg category

last year. Ravi Kumar Dahiya had also won a silver in the U23 World Championships in 2018. Chikkara reached the final after a series of dominant performances, defeating Gaokoto Ozawa 6-1 in the quarterfinals, Lunus Iavbatirov 12-2 in the last eight stage and Allan Oralbek 8-0 in the semifinals. India's medal haul in the men's freestyle category also included two bronze medals, placing the nation fourth in the team standings with 82 points, trailing Iran (158), Japan (102), and Azerbaijan (100). India also won two more bronze in men's freestyle taking the country's medal count in the category to four that secured the nation a fourth place in the team rankings. Iran topped the team rankings with 158 points followed by Japan (102), Azerbaijan (100)



and INida (82). Vicky defeated former U20 World Championships silver medalist and European junior champion Ivan Prymachenko of Ukraine with a convincing 7-2 margin to win bronze in the men's 97kg freestyle event. It is the highest weight category at which India have medalled at this tournament. Vicky had defeated Merab Suleimanishvili of Georgia via fall in round of 16, Radu Lefter of Moldova 5-0 in quarterfinal before losing to Mahdi Hajiloeeian Morafah of Iran in semifinals.

Having narrowly missed a final berth the other day, Sujeet Kalkal bounced back from being 0-4 down to beat Mustafa Akhmedov of Tajikistan 13-4 and win bronze in men's 70kg freestyle. Sujeet had beaten Georgi Antoanov Zhizgov 10-0 in round of 32, Tugsjargal Erdenebat 7-4 in pre-quarters, Narek Pohosian 6-1 before losing to eventual gold medallist Magomed Basir Khaniev 4-8 in the final seconds of the semifinal. Abhishek Dhaka had earlier won a bronze as India finished with four medals (one gold and three bronze), bettering their previous year's performance where they had bagged two bronze in the freestyle category. The Indian women's wrestling team also excelled earlier, bringing home one silver and three bronze medals: Anjali claimed silver in the 59kg

category, while Neha Sharma (57kg), Shiksha (65kg), and Monika (68kg) each secured

bronze. Additionally, Vishvajit More earned a bronze in the men's

55kg Greco-Roman category, rounding off India's impressive tally at the championships.

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CHANGE OF NAME

I, Army No.3389146F Rank NK Suraj Bhan R/O VPO Muwana Teh. Safidon Distt. Jind-126112 (Haryana) I have declared that my Son name Changed From Arvind To Arvind Kumar. In future all purposes.

I JC-384401W Subedar Om Parkash S/O Late Swaroop Singh R/O Pichopa Khurd Pichopa Khurd, Tehsil Badhra, Distt - Charkhi Dadri Declares that as per my service Records my mother's name mentioned as Smt Chhanno Devi & DOB is 01-07-1947 which is incorrect. Correct Name is Smt Dano Devi & DOB is 01-01-1937.

I Jaspal Singh S/O Sikander Ram R/O Gandhi Nagar Pehowa Gaucharand Ward No.2 Have Changed My Name From Jaspal To Jaspal Singh

I Sonia Rani W/O Jaspal Singh R/O Gandhi Nagar Pehowa Gaucharand Ward No.2 Have Changed My Name From Sonia To Sonia Rani.

I Kulwinder Kaur W/O Avtar Singh R/O Vill. Patli P.O. Machhi Bugra (Ferozepur) Have Changed My Name Kulwinder Kaur To Kulwinder Kaur Sran.

I Avtar Singh S/O Iqbal Singh R/O Vill. Patli P.O. Machhi Bugra (Ferozepur) Have Changed My Name Avtar Singh To Avtar Singh Sran.

I Baljit Kaur W/O Davinder Singh Kambo R/O H.No.568, Near Shiv Mandir St.No.21 Nanak Nagri Moga Have Changed My Name To Baljeet Kaur.

I Harri S/O Amarjit Ram R/O Village Dhak Pandori Tehsil Phagwara Distt. Kapurthla Have Changed My Name From Harri To Harry Dadra.

I Munish Kumar S/O Ashok Kumar R/O House No.249, Mohalla Krishna Nagar Hoshiarpur Punjab Declare That My Given Name As Munish And My Surname As Kumar.

I Harjit Singh S/O Kundan Singh R/O H.No-B-23/218, Mohalla Aslamabad Depot Wali Gali Hoshiarpur Punjab Have Changed My Name To Harjit Singh Saini.

I Jaswinder Kaur W/O Harjit Singh Saini R/O H.No-B-23/218, Mohalla Aslamabad Depot Wali Gali Hoshiarpur Punjab Have Changed My Name To Jaswinder Kaur Saini.

I Sumit Gupta S/O Prem Lal Gupta R/O Vpo. Piplanwala Distt. Hoshiarpur Punjab Have Changed My Name Sumit Gupta To Sumit Kumar.

I, Sudesh Kumari spouse of GS No.171939P Rank WLD R Subhash Chander resident of 1071 FD WKSP (GREF), C/o 56 APO, have changed my name from Sudesh Kumari to Sundesh Kumari Vide affidavit No.IN-PB74694728033269W dated 28 Oct 2024 before notary public Pathankot

I, Pinki Sharma spouse of No.4008649M Hav Anil Sharma resident of Village-Narainpur, Post- Baknour, Tehsil- Pathankot, District-Pathankot, State- Punjab, Pin-143534, have changed my name from Pinki Sharma to Pinki Vide affidavit No.IN-PB74757434358090W dated 28 Oct 2024 before notary public Pathankot

I, Sugndha Devi Mother of No.15790406L Hav (OCC) Chandan Kumar resident of Village-Asarganj (Jagdamba Sthan) Post- Asarganj, Tehsil-Tarapur, District-Munger, State- Bihar, Pin-813201, have changed my name from Sugndha Devi to Sugandha Devi Vide affidavit No.IN-PB74451824785319W dated Oct 2024 before notary public Pathankot

I, Mal Pal Singh Malik Father of No. 15685865L NK Dharmendra Singh Malik resident of Village-Satwari, Post- khash, Tehsil-Meerut, District-Meerut, State- Uttar Pradesh, Pin-250502, have changed my name from Mal Pal Singh Malik to Madan Singh and date of birth from 01 July 1955 to 21 Sep 1950 Vide affidavit No.IN-PB74773563150768W dated 28 Oct 2024 before notary public Pathankot

I, Balwinder Ram S/O Harbhaj Ram R/O Vpo Hansron Teh-Nawansharh Distt SBS Nagar Pb India I have changed my name from Balwinder Singh to Balwinder Ram.

I, Inderjeet Singh S/O Sh. Kulwant Rai R/O H.No. 158 Prem Nagar Dhaki Road W.No. 28 Pathankot Distt Pathankot declare that I have changed my name from Inderjit Singh to Inderjeet Singh.

I, Jagroop Singh Kaler S/O Mohinder Singh R/O Raikot (Ludhiana) have changed my name to Jagroop Singh.

I Avtar Singh Sandhu S/O Gurbaksh Singh R/O Bhavdeen Distt. Sirsa changed my name Avtar Singh.

I Sukhjeet Kaur Sandhu W/O Avtar Singh R/O Bhavdeen Distt. Sirsa changed my name Sukhjeet Kaur.

I, Gurjit Singh S/O Dalbara Singh R/O Vill: Bhaini Darera (Ludhiana) have changed my name to Gurjeet Singh Dhaliwal.

I, Amandeep Kaur spouse of No.4482328X Hav Roshandeep Singh resident of Village-Sarli Khurd, Post-Sarli Khurd, Tehsil- Khadur Sahib, District- Taran Taran, State-Punjab, Pin-143115, have changed my name from Amandeep Kaur to Amanpreet Kaur Vide affidavit No.IN-PB72106173405861W dated 28 Oct 2024 before notary public Pathankot

I, Rekha Mehta Mother of No.4209341P NK Basant Singh Mehta resident of Village- Punethi, Post-Champawat, Tehsil-Champawat, District-Champawat, State-Uttarakhand, Pin-262553, have changed my name from Rekha Mehta to Rekha Devi Vide affidavit No.IN-PB7477257011197W dated 28 Oct 2024 before notary public Pathankot

I No. 14492824K Ex Naik Dalbir Singh S/O Ram Singh R/O VPO Madina Tehsil Meham, District Rohtak (Haryana) have changed my son name spelling in my Army records/Discharge Book from Prasant (Proposed new name) My son correct/actual DOB is 08.03.2000 instead of 08.03.1998 as per my son Matric Certificate /Aadhaar Card for all work purposes, That Kamla and Kamla Devi both the name are pertaining to one and same person i. e. my wife Vide Affidavit dated OCT 2024 before 1st class magistrate Meham (Rohtak)

I, Chandrama Devi am Mother of Army No-15343768N Rank Hav Name: Govind Singh Presently Posted At Unit: 57 Engr Regt C/o 56 APO Permanent Address: Chhiddarwala, Shiddar Wala, PO: Chhiddarwala, Dist: Dehradun, Uttarakhand-249204 Declare that I have changed my name from Chandrama Devi to Chadrma Devi. Vide Affidavit No-54AA 645763, Dated: 28/10/24

I, Anuradha Choudhary D/O Late Sh. Pran Nath Verma resident of Flat No. 603, Kusum Apartment, Plot No. 70, Sector 17, Vashi, Navi Mumbai, Vashi, Thane, Maharashtra -400703 declare that I have changed my name from Anuradha Choudhary to Anuradha Verma Vakil.

I, Kawajit Kaur am Mother of Army No:18010860W Rank: Spr Name-Akashbir Singh Presently Posted At Unit: 57 Engr Regt C/o 56 APO Permanent Address: Lalpura, Lalpura, Tarn Taran, Punjab-143411 Declare that I have changed my name from Kawajit Kaur to Kanwajit Kaur. Vide Affidavit No-54AA 645756, Dated: 28/10/24

I Harbhaj Ram S/O Hazara Ram R/O Vpo Hansron Teh-Nawansharh Distt SBS Nagar Pb India I have changed my name from Harbhajan Ram to Harbhaj.

I, Amritpal Singh S/O Lamber Singh R/O Vill: Jhoran (Ludhiana) have changed my name to Amritpal (name) Singh (surname).

I Gurbpreet Singh S/O Lakha Singh R/O VPO Ruri Wala Chohla Sahib Tarn Taran Have Changed My Given Name To Gurbpreet And Surname To Singh.

I Karandeep Singh S/O Gurvinder Singh Vpo Khojkipur, Tehsil Khadoor Sahib, Distt Tarn Taran Have Changed My Name From Karandeep Singh To Karandeep Is My Given Name And Singh Is My Surname.

I Harmanjot Singh S/O Gurpreet Singh R/O. Village Pherurraien, Tehsil Raikot, Distt. Ludhiana, Have Changed My Name To Harmanjot Singh Benipal.

I, Jaswinder W/O Ram Mohammad R/O VPO Isru, Tehsil Khanna (Ludhiana) have changed my name to Jaswinder Kaur.

I, Shabnam W/O Mukesh Kumar R/O Professor Colony, Opp. Gurudwara Sahib, Khanna (Ludhiana) have changed my name to Shabnam Rani.

I Mukhtiar & Mukhtiar Singh S/O Inayat R/O Vill-Husani Wala Workshop Teh & Distt Ferozepur I am Known by Both names as Above One and is Same Person.

I Ajay S/O Om Parkash R/O H.No. B.S 13/20 Near Dr. Sadhu Chand Chowk Ferozepur City Pin 152002 have changed my name to Ajay Khurana.

I, Jasvir Singh S/O Jaggar Singh R/O Nursery School Gali, Malout Road, Sri Muktsar Sahib, Distt. Sri Muktsar Sahib and have changed my name Jasvir Singh to Jasbeer Singh.

I Usha Agrawal W/O Mohinder Kumar Bandish D/O Ram Asrey Saran Agrawal R/O 15-C, New Lal Bagh Colony, Patiala (Pb.) have changed my name to Usha Bandish.

I Mohinder Kumar S/O Bas Dev Bandish R/O 15-C, New Lal Bagh Colony, Patiala (Pb.) have changed my name to Mohinder Kumar Bandish.

I, Rani Maggo W/O Arjan Dass R/O H.No. 155, Guru Gobind Singh Nagar, Jalandhar -144003, Punjab, India have changed my name from Rani Maggo to Pushpa Rani.

I, hitherto known as Divya Rani W/O Vibhor Kumar Residing at Shop No. 100, Ward No. 8, Anaj Mandi, Jakhai Mandi, Tehsil Tohana, District Fatehabad, Haryana-125133, have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as Divya Garg.

I hitherto known as Gagandeep Arora S/O Navtej Kumar R/O Nihal Singh Wala Road, Near Punjab Co Edu School, Bagha Purana, District Moga, Punjab Pin Code-142038 have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as Gagandeep.

I Sukhdev Kaur W/O Malkit Singh R/O Village Behbal Khurd District Faridkot Have Changed My Name To Gurdev Kaur.

I Jasmel Kaur Gondara W/O Gurmil Singh R/O Village Bargari District Faridkot Have Changed My Name To Jasmal Kaur.

I Kuldeep Singh Chahal S/O Baldev Singh R/O Village Burj Jawahar Singhwala District Faridkot Have Changed My Name To Kuldeep Singh.

I Rajwinder Kaur Alias Geeta Rani W/O Ashok Kumar R/O Dogar Basti, Faridkot Is Known By Two Names As Above.

I Gurbpreet Singh S/O Manjit Singh R/O Vill. Sarja, Teh. Baba Bakala, District Amritsar, Has Changed The Name Of My Daughter From Ashpreet Kaur (DOB 19.01.2011) To Aishpreet Kaur.

Perez job in jeopardy as Red Bull boss refuses to confirm Mexican driver will finish F1 season



AP ■ MEXICO CITY

Sergio Perez climbed into his Scar for the Mexico City Grand Prix as nearly 155,000 fans at his home race shouted "Checo! Checo! Checo!" in adoration of the wildly popular Formula 1 driver. It was a critical race for the slumping Perez - he said repeatedly all weekend it is his favorite event of the year - and he knows his job is in danger because of his lack of performance. Alas, Perez could not deliver for his hopeful fans or for Red Bull Racing. After a 17th-place finish Sunday, team principal Christian Horner would not guarantee Perez will finish the season. Horner had been emphatic two days earlier that the contract extension Perez signed earlier this year was valid for 2025. But he has performance clauses in his existing contract, and when The Associated Press asked Horner directly if Perez would finish this season, Horner refused to endorse the driver for the final four races. "There comes a point in time that difficult decisions have to be made," Horner said. "We're now third in the constructors championship." Horner did say Perez would be in the car next weekend in Brazil.

Horner admitted the Mexican "had a horrible weekend" that started when he was eliminated in the first round of Saturday qualifying, relegating him to an 18th-place starting position. Perez was then outside his box at the start and received a five-second penalty. He later got into a wheel-to-wheel battle with Liam Lawson of Red Bull sister team RB, and the contact caused damage that made

Perez's car uncompetitive. A win by Carlos Sainz moved Ferrari ahead of Red Bull for second in the lucrative constructor standings and the two-time reigning champions of the prize that pays an estimated \$150 million is now a longshot to win it for the third consecutive year. Red Bull's slip in that category is largely because of Perez's failures. He's eighth in the standings, winless on the year, and crashed out of three races. "He knows Formula 1 is a results-based business, and you know, inevitably, when you're not delivering, then the spotlight is firmly on," Horner said. "When anyone is underperforming, there is always going to be scrutiny on that. You know, as a team, we need to have both (drivers) scoring points." Max Verstappen has scored 362 points this season; Perez has scored just 150. "We're working with him as hard as we can to try and support him," Horner said. "We've done everything that we can to support Checo, and we'll continue to do so in Brazil next weekend. But there comes a point in time that you can only do so much." Perez, although disappointed with his weekend, didn't sound like a driver worried about his job. "This has been a complicated weekend," he said. "I always say it's my dream to win the grand prix in Mexico and I'll try again next year. After all of the support from all of these fans, it's incredible. They have given me so much, it's all worth it for them. We'll try again for them next year stronger." His future - or lack of one in F1 - could be a problem for the Mexico City race, which heads into the final year of its current contract seeking an

extension. The race this weekend drew a record 404,958 spectators and was sold out for the ninth consecutive year. But many of the fans who attend come to see Perez, and attendance could slip if he or another Mexican driver isn't on the F1 grid. Event president Alejandro Soberón said tickets for this weekend went on sale two weeks after Perez crashed out of last year's race seconds after it started and still sold out in two hours. Tickets for 2025 will again go on sale in two weeks, and it is unclear if Perez's status for next year will be determined even though Horner had been adamant Friday he was under contract for 2025. Soberón believes the race will have high demand. "There's very few races who have a local driver. Everybody of course would love to have a local driver, but the first year we did the race here 50% of the fans were in a red T-shirt, so Ferrari has a wonderful following here," he said. "We have no more capacity. We could have drawn 600,000 if we had unlimited capacity, we could have another 200,000 here, but we cannot put them." "That's why it sold out so fast in one year in advance. Probably without Checo maybe a drop of 20%, 25%, naturally, (but) still would be a sellout." Soberón also said the Mexico City Grand Prix is so unique - it embraces the Mexican culture and incorporates it in the paddock and throughout the venue - and is a destination race for F1 fans outside of the country. He noted that the event is a boon for the local economy, with everything from hotels, restaurants and transportation services fully booked all week.

Salima Tete named India Captain for women's Asian Champions Trophy

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Salima Tete was named captain of the 18-member Indian women's hockey team announced on Monday for the Asian Champions Trophy scheduled to be held from November 11 to 20 at the newly-developed Rajgir Hockey Stadium in Bihar. Navneet Kaur will serve as Tete's deputy. India enter the competition with high expectations, having clinched the title at last year's edition in Ranchi. The team will face stiff competition from five other nations, including reigning Olympic silver-medallists China, Japan, Korea, Malaysia, and Thailand, in the battle for continental supremacy. India will open their campaign against Malaysia on November 11. Speaking on the team selection and their preparation for the tournament, dynamic midfielder Tete said: "It's an incredible feeling to lead the team into another major tournament, especially as defending champions. "We have trained rigorously and have a strong unit with both experienced players and young talent. Our goal is to defend our title and play with the same passion and determination we showed last year." The goalkeeping duties will be shared between the experienced Savita and rising talent Bichu Devi Kharibam. The defence will be anchored

by a solid line-up, featuring Uditia, Jyoti, Ishika Chaudhary, Sushila Chhanu Pukhrambam, and Vaishnavi Vitthal Phalke. In the mid-field, captain Tete will be supported by Neha, Sharmila Devi, Manisha Chauhan, Sunelita Toppo, and Lalremsiami, all known for their dynamic play. The forward line-up boasts firepower with Navneet Kaur, Sangita Kumari, Deepika, Preeti Dubey, and Beauty Dungdung leading the charge. Notably, Sushila and Beauty Dungdung make their return to the team after successfully completing their rehabilitation. "We are confident in our preparation and the chemistry we've built within the team. Playing in front of our home crowd is a huge boost, and we are ready to face tough competition from the best teams in Asia," vice-captain Navneet said. "Working alongside Salima has been great, and we are determined to make this tournament a memorable one," she added.

INDIA:
Goalkeepers: Savita, Bichu Devi Kharibam.
Defenders: Uditia, Jyoti, Vaishnavi Vitthal Phalke, Sushila Chhanu Pukhrambam, Ishika Chaudhary.
Midfielders: Neha, Salima Tete, Sharmila Devi, Manisha Chauhan, Sunelita Toppo, Lalremsiami.
Forwards: Navneet Kaur, Preeti Dubey, Sangita Kumari, Deepika, Beauty Dungdung.

Liverpool fights back for draw at Arsenal after Man United loses again

AP ■ LONDON

As the weeks go by, Liverpool is showing the quality and resilience to be Manchester City's chief title rival in the Premier League this season. Liverpool twice came from behind to draw 2-2 at Arsenal on Sunday, with Mohamed Salah scoring the second equalizer in the 81st minute at Emirates Stadium. It's just one loss in 13 games in all competitions for Liverpool under new manager Arne Slot this season. A testing past week has seen the Reds beat Chelsea 2-1 in the league, eke out a 1-0 win in Leipzig in the Champions League, and now battle back for a draw at Arsenal - the other likely challenger for City's crown. If Liverpool's inner belief is growing, then doubts might be increasing about Arsenal's durability in the title race after



behind City, and Arsenal five points off the pace after nine games. Arsenal winger Bukayo Saka said his teammates were a "bit disappointed." "We just felt we didn't show our best selves for the 90 minutes," said Saka, who opened the scoring in the ninth minute on his return from a hamstring injury. Virgil van Dijk equalized with a header from a corner, only for Spain midfielder Mikel Merino to head in Declan Rice's free kick to put Arsenal back in front. Salah's equalizer meant he has scored against Arsenal in eight straight seasons and remains Liverpool's man for the big occasion. As for Arsenal manager Mikel Arteta, he was left to bemoan his team's lack of "courage" in the second half as the attacking intent faded and defensive injuries told. By the end, a midfielder, Thomas Partey, was playing at right back and 18-year-old

rookie Myles Lewis-Skelly was at left back. Arteta said Gabriel, who went down with a left knee injury, "can't run" and would be kneeed. **TEN HAG FRUSTRATED:** If seeing a player miss an open goal wasn't bad enough for Erik ten Hag, the Manchester United manager then had to endure the VAR overturning an on-field decision to give a stoppage-time penalty that plunged his team to a 2-1 defeat at West Ham. Jarrod Bowen converted a highly disputed penalty in the second minute of added-on-time after a foul by Matthijs de Ligt as United counted the cost of a string of wasted chances, notably when Diogo Dalot sidefooted over when faced with an empty net in the first half. "We have to score, we created so many chances," said Ten Hag, whose United team has lost four of its nine games and is languishing in 14th place in the 20-team standings.

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INDIA WOMEN NEED TO RESOLVE BATTING VULNERABILITIES TO SEAL SERIES AGAINST NZ

PTI ■ AHMEDABAD

India will be hoping to resolve their batting brittleness in their quest to win the third and final women's ODI and seal the series against New Zealand here on Tuesday. It was clear from the first match, which the hosts won by 59 runs through a fine effort by the bowlers, that India's batting is not in top shape, and the second one-day underscored that reality. India's batting went a notch down on Friday as they were bundled out for 183 while chasing 260. It was a tough target indeed, but not improbable in nature as Indian batters succumbed to spot-on White Ferns bowlers and to their own indiscretions. It required a record ninth-wicket stand of 70 runs between Radha Yadav and Saima Thakor to add a touch of respectability to India's run chase. Even the overall picture is not a rosy one, as Indian batters are yet to score an individual fifty across two matches. Radha's 48 in the second ODI is the highest individual score from India's side during this series, and the home team will



require a drastic turnaround in the final match. For that, India's power troika upfront -- openers Smriti Mandhana, Shafali Verma and skipper Harmanpreet Kaur -- will have to fire in unison. It

can have a ripple effect in a strong-on-paper middle-order consisting of Jemimah Rodrigues, Deepti Sharma and Tejal Hasabnis. Mandhana's form continues to be a bit of concern as she

hardly looked a pale shadow of her customary gracefully dominant batter. She is yet to reach two-figure score against New Zealand, and a series decider could be a perfect occasion for her to

rewrite the script. On the other hand, Indian bowlers continued their good effort despite conceding 259 in the previous match. At one stage, the visitors were 87 for no loss in 14 overs and

139 for 3 in 30 overs, but the Indian bowlers did well to rein them back and limit to a total less than 280-290 that at one stage looked achievable. The left-arm spinner Radha has once again been impressive with a four-wicket haul to go with the three wickets she plucked in the first game. She will need to be at her best once more to keep the free-flowing New Zealand batters in check. New Zealand have also been bolstered by the presence of veteran pacer Lea Tahuhu who replaced injured Moly Polyden in the eleven and immediately impressed with a three-wicket haul.

THE TEAMS (FROM):
India: Harmanpreet Kaur (C), Smriti Mandhana, Jemimah Rodrigues, Shafali Verma, Deepti Sharma, Richa Ghosh (WK), Pooja Vastrakar, Renuka Thakur Singh, Radha Yadav, Meghna Singh, Devika Vaidya, Amanjot Kaur, Anjali Sarvani, Taniyaa Bhatia, Yastika Bhatia.
New Zealand: Sophie Devine (C), Suzie Bates, Maddy Green, Lauren Down, Brooke Halliday, Katey Martin (WK), Hayley Jensen, Jess Kerr, Fran Jonas, Hannah Rowe, Molly Penfold, Lea Tahuhu, Izzy Gaze, Georgia Plimmer.



Rayhan Thomas finishes seventh in Thailand

PTI ■ BANGKOK

India's Rayhan Thomas registered a second top-10 finish on the Asian Tour, ending up tied-seventh at the International Series Thailand after being three off the lead after 54 holes. The UAE-based golfer was unable to replicate the magic of the second and third rounds of 63-64 as he shot 2-under 68 on the final day to total 16-under. He had four birdies, three of them between the 14th and the 17th. Among the other Indians, Gaganjeet Bhullar (67) finished tied 19th and Karandeep Kochhar (67) tied-24. Chinese-Taipei's Lee Chieh-po finally claimed his maiden title on the Asian Tour after sensationally overtaking hot favourite Peter Uihlein at the very end. Lee birdied the final two holes at the Thai Country Club to beat Uihlein, after the American had led from the second day. The champion, playing in the

penultimate group, fired a seven-under-par 63 to finish on 21-under, while Uihlein closed with a 67 to tie for second place with Canadian Richard T. Lee, who carded a 62. The 29-year-old grew up playing golf with Kevin Yu, a winner on the PGA Tour this year, and sees him as an inspiration. For Richard T. Lee it was yet another near miss. Since the Tour resumed after the global pandemic, he finished second twice, third on three occasions and has been in the running on numerous occasions. Last week's winner of the Black Mountain Championship Michael 'MJ' Maguire closed with a 62 to tie for fourth, three behind the winner, along with fellow Americans Paul Peterson, in with a 63, and Christian Banke, who fired a 64. The action shifts to next week's BNI Indonesian Masters where India's Gaganjeet Bhullar is the defending champion.

T20I Australia Captain vs Pakistan yet to be name



PTI ■ SYDNEY

Australia have rested their Test regulars for their home T20I series against Pakistan with a captain yet to be named, choosing to focus on the marquee Border-Gavaskar series against India next month. Australia host Pakistan for three ODIs starting November 4, followed by the three-match T20I series, from

November 14. The series concludes on November 18, just four days before the first Test against India in Perth. With T20I captain Mitchell Marsh, Travis Head and ODI and Test skipper Pat Cummins unavailable, Australia are yet to appoint a captain for the series. None of the players named in the squad announced on Monday have captained Australia in any format before but the

likes of Glenn Maxwell, Adam Zampa, Matthew Short and Aaron Hardie have led their sides in the Big Bash League. Josh Inglis is also in the mix to lead the side. Pacers Xavier Bartlett (side strain), Nathan Ellis (hamstring) and Spencer Johnson (side strain) return to the squad after recovering from injuries. "It is particularly encouraging to have Xavier, Spencer and Nathan back in the national setup," said selection chief George Bailey. "It's another opportunity for them to continue to show their ability on the international stage, as they have done in the past." Andre Borovec will serve as the coach for the team, a position he held during a five-match T20I series against India that followed last year's ODI World Cup. **AUSTRALIA T20I SQUAD** Sean Abbott, Xavier Bartlett, Cooper Connolly, Tim David, Nathan Ellis, Jake Fraser-McGurk, Aaron Hardie, Josh Inglis, Spencer Johnson, Glenn Maxwell, Matthew Short, Marcus Stoinis and Adam Zampa.

Inglis 'in mix' for Test debut in Border Gavaskar Trophy: Chief selector Bailey

PTI ■ SYDNEY

In red-hot form, Australian white-ball wicketkeeper-batter Josh Inglis is "in the mix" to make his Test debut as a specialist batter in the upcoming Border-Gavaskar Trophy next month, hinted chief selector George Bailey on Monday. India, unbeaten in the marquee series on the previous four occasions, will face Australia in a five-Test series beginning in Perth on November 21. "There's no doubt that the form is really fantastic at the moment... The ability to jump back into domestic cricket and dominate has been fantastic," Bailey told reporters.

"I think in different series at different times of the year, he would firmly come into the mix purely as a batter the way he's been going." "If the right opportunity opened up throughout the summer, in the spots where we think he's most capable of performing, I think he'd be firmly in that conversation as well." The 29-year-old, who is Australia's incumbent keeper in ODI and T20Is, has scored four centuries in last seven Sheffield Shield matches. But with Australian Test wicketkeeper Alex Carey in rich form, Inglis has emerged as a specialist middle-order batter, but not for the vacant

opening slot, Bailey said. Australia's move to promote Steve Smith at the top following David Warner's retirement did not work out and with Cameron Green ruled out of the India series because of a back injury, there's a vacancy alongside Usman Khawaja. However, Bailey has ruled out Inglis for the opener's role. "I've spoken to Josh on this. Not in the short term, I don't think that he's someone that we would be looking to place at the top of the order," Bailey said. Inglis, in fact, is one of the contenders to lead Australia's T20I side in the upcoming three-match series against Pakistan. All-format players,

Rinku, Rana shine as UP gain control over Punjab

PTI ■ MULLANPUR

Rinku Singh and Nitish Rana powered Uttar Pradesh to a commanding position against Punjab with entertaining fifties on day three of their Ranji Trophy Group C match here on Monday. After opener Madhav Kaushik's career-best 163, the visitors came up with four more half-centuries to declare their first innings for a massive 556/9, taking a lead of 346 runs. At stumps, Punjab were struggling at 49/1, trailing by 297 runs. The Kolkata Knight Riders duo of Rana and Rinku laid the foundation with a crucial 120-run partnership for the third wicket. Rana struck an aggressive 66 off 106 balls, hitting 11 fours, while Rinku made 68 off 131 balls, with eight fours and a six. Saurabh Kumar joined the onslaught with a brisk 67-ball 69, smashing three sixes and five fours, while Shivam Sharma contributed an unbeaten 50 off 58 balls, including four sixes and two fours, to further frustrate the Punjab attack. Harshal, Yuzi lift Haryana past MP. In

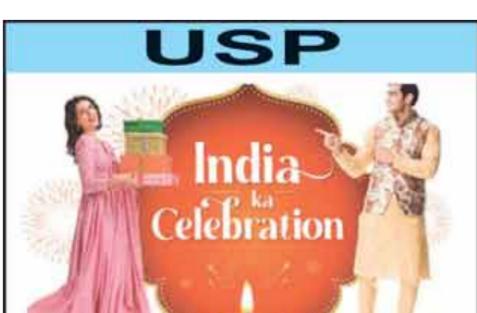


Indore, Harshal Patel's unbeaten 72 at No. 9 and Yuzvendra Chahal's gritty 27 off 142 balls helped Haryana secure a vital first-innings lead over

Madhya Pradesh. Responding to MP's 308, Haryana ended the day at 431/9, with Patel still at the crease alongside last man Aman Kumar (4).

Opener Lakshay Dalal hit his maiden century (105 off 271 balls), while Dheeru Singh fell just short of three figures with a well-crafted 94. Himanshu Rana (90) also missed his hundred in the nineties, but Dalal and Dheeru's 143-run partnership for the fourth wicket laid a solid foundation. However, a collapse ensued before Patel steadied the innings with his resilient knock. For MP, left-arm spinner Kumar Kartikeya was the standout bowler, finishing with 4/117. Kerala fight back after Porel High 5 In Kolkata, Bengal pacer Ishan Porel took 5/83 to secure his fifth five-wicket haul in first-class cricket, reducing Kerala to 83/5. However, Kerala's middle-order, led by seasoned campaigner Jalaj Saxena, staged a resilient recovery to reach 267/7 at the Jadavpur Salt Lake Campus ground. Saxena's fighting 84 off 162 balls, alongside a determined 64 from Salman Nizar, added 140 for the seventh wicket, frustrating Bengal's bowlers. Nizar, who faced 205

deliveries, was accompanied by wicketkeeper-batter Mohammed Azharuddeen (30 off 48 balls) at close of play. Porel's disciplined bowling proved effective on a flat pitch, where he dismissed Kerala's new signing Baba Aparajith for a golden duck and skipper Sachin Baby for 12. Top-up Mayank leads Karnataka to big lead. **BRIEF SCORES**
In Mullanpur: Punjab 210 and 49/1; 19 overs. Uttar Pradesh 556/9 declared; 141.1 overs (Madhav Kaushik 163, Saurabh Kumar 69, Rinku Singh 68, Nitish Rana 66, Shivam Sharma 50 batting).
In Indore: Madhya Pradesh 308. Haryana 431/9; 150.5 overs (Lakshay Dalal 105, Dheeru Singh 94, Himanshu Rana 90, Harshal Patel 72 batting; Kumar Kartikeya 4/117).
In Kolkata: Kerala 267/7; 102 overs (Jalaj Saxena 84, Salman Nizar 64 batting, Mohammed Azharuddeen 30 batting; Ishan Porel 5/83) vs Kerala.
In Patna: Bihar 143. Karnataka 287/7; 51 overs (Mayank Agarwal 105, Manish Pandey 56; Himanshu Singh 4/51).



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New Delhi: LG Electronics, a consumer durable brand, unveils its heartwarming Diwali campaign, 'India Ka Celebration.' This campaign beautifully captures the essence of the festive season by emphasizing the importance of family, the joy of togetherness, and the role that LG's technology plays in enhancing those precious moments. As a brand deeply connected with Indian consumers, LG aims to resonate with the emotions that surround Diwali, making this campaign a perfect blend of tradition and modernity.



Sardar Bhagwant Singh Memorial Basketball Trophy-2024 from November 6-13
Chandigarh: This year's Sardar Bhagwant Singh Memorial Basketball Trophy will be held on November 6 to 13, 2024 at Indoor Basketball Court, GMADA, Sports complex, Sector 78, Mohali. Players from top schools of tricity will compete among themselves to lift the trophy. Vikramjeet Singh Mamik, Administrator, Vivek High School, said: "The tournament will provide a platform for young athletes to shine across three age groups: U-12 Boys and Girls; U-14 Boys and Girls, and U-17 Boys and Girls, thus ensuring that students of different age groups get a chance to compete in their respective divisions, with equal opportunities for both boys and girls."



Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited is observing Vigilance Awareness Week with the theme "Culture of Integrity for Nation's Prosperity". w.e.f. 28.10.2024 to 03.11.2024.
Chandigarh: On this occasion, Sh. Ajay Kumar Kararha, Chief General Manager, Punjab Telecom Circle, BSNL administered pledge to all the staff of BSNL Punjab Circle office to work with highest standards of honesty and integrity and be instrumental in eradication of corruption. The staff of BSNL took a pledge to follow probity and rule of law in all walks of life and perform all tasks in an honest and transparent manner. All the Business Areas (BAs) of BSNL, Punjab Telecom Circle are also observing Vigilance Awareness Week to promote transparency, accountability, integrity, and to foster a culture of probity and rule of law and are conducting workshops, meetings etc. in offices and also visiting schools, colleges, Gram Sabhas etc. to spread awareness among general public, students about ill effects of corruption.



SJVN observing Vigilance Awareness Week 2024 in all its offices and projects
Shimla: SJVN is observing Vigilance Awareness Week 2024 from 28th Oct. to 3rd Nov. 2024 in all its offices and projects. Sh. Sushil Sharma, CMD, SJVN commenced Vigilance Awareness Week 2024 at SJVN Liaison Office, New Delhi by administering Integrity Pledge to the employees. On this occasion, Sh. Prem Prakash, CVO SJVN along with other senior officials were present. The theme of Vigilance Awareness Week 2024 is 'Culture of Integrity for Nation's Prosperity.'



The Vigilance Awareness Week, Punjab & Sindh Bank Zonal Office Panchkula organized Vigilance Day and Health Checkup Camp in Sector-05, Panchkula.
Panchkula: The camp was inaugurated by the Chief Guest Mr. Ajay Ghanghas, C.J.S. Panchkula. The camp was presided over by Mr. Chaman Lal Singhar, Regional General Manager, Chief Guest Mr. Ajay Ghanghas, while highlighting the importance of Vigilance Day, said that it is very important to eliminate corruption in all government and non-government offices. Under this, he also administered the Vigilance Oath to all the employees and officers present and said that everyone has to fulfill their responsibilities with full honesty and integrity. Regional General Manager Chaman Lal said that Punjab & Sindh Bank is playing a leading role in this field by fulfilling its social responsibility.



Canara Bank's---DIPAWALI FESTIVAL--- Mega Retail Loan Expo was organized by Sector 14 Branch on 26 October, 2024 at Sonipat Sector 15, Community Hall. And Canara Bank Panipat Sector 12 Branch.