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## CBI arrests Sandip Ghosh; Justice on its way SC: Why demolish houses of accused?

SAUGAR SENGUPTA ■ KOLKATA

The Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) on Monday arrested former RG Kar Medical College and Hospital principal Sandip Ghosh on charges of financial misconduct before the September 5 hearing in the Supreme Court, sources said.

He was later escorted to the CBI's Nizam Palace office in Kolkata which houses the agency's anti-corruption wing and was shown as arrested.

Ghosh, an orthopaedic surgeon, is not only charged with financial misconduct and other illegal acts, including illegal sale of bio-medical waste, running organ trade and selling of bodies by his former colleague Akhtar Ali, but he has also been accused of controlling all the illegal syndicates that were active in most of the State-run medical colleges of West Bengal.

In March 2023, Ali, a Non-Medical Assistant Superintendent at RG Kar Medical College wrote a letter to the authorities, including the vigilance commission and even the Chief Minister's office accusing the former principal of corruption that included illegal body trafficking and biomedical waste disposal.

The Monday's arrest comes days after the CBI named Ghosh in the FIR in connection with its probe into alleged financial irregularities at the hospital during his tenure. The CBI arrested Ghosh after grilling him for more than 150 hours over days.

The arrest of Ghosh comes in the midst of a movement against the rape and murder of an on-duty postgraduate lady doctor of RGMCH.



Former principal of RG Kar Medical College and Hospital Sandip Ghosh after he was arrested by CBI in connection with the alleged financial misconduct at the establishment, in Kolkata, on Monday

He is the second person to be arrested in the rape and murder case. Earlier, a civic volunteer was arrested on charges of raping and murdering the lady doctor.

Ghosh's arrest is significant given his close proximity to the State's political establishment. He had reportedly treated a top politician for leg injuries during the State election a few years ago.

A few days after the rape and murder case surfaced, the State Government transferred Ghosh, who had resigned earlier, with a prize-posting to another medical college in Kolkata, leading to an outcry in the medical fraternity.

There was a strong demand for his dismissal and arrest.

More trouble awaits Ghosh as the Enforcement Directorate too has filed a money-laundering case to probe his alleged role in financial irregularities inside the RGMCH. Recently, the Indian Medical Association had suspended his

membership.

Protesting junior doctors, people and medical fraternity celebrated after news surfaced of the arrest of Ghosh.

Meanwhile, the CBI is likely to submit a closed envelope before the Supreme Court on September 5 detailing its preliminary findings, sources said.

The envelope may contain names not only of the prime suspects of RGMCH who might have played a role in destroying evidence but also of some big guns in the political echelon who are the ultimate beneficiaries of the syndicate raj — that was plaguing the State-run medical colleges — but for which the rape and murder might not have taken place.

According to sources the CBI officials who had subjected a number of people including prime accused Sanjoy Roy and former RG Kar principal Ghosh to polygraph tests are still in doubt about the

truth that is being dished out to them.

"It is quite intriguing how the accused went up to the seminar hall on the third floor breaking the security rings. Getting inside the hospital area is difficult as even doctors' own relatives who are familiar to the security persons are not allowed in," said one source.

The arrested accused in the alleged rape and murder of the woman medic would likely plead "not guilty" in the court since he was "framed" in the case, his counsel said on Monday.

The accused, who is currently lodged in the Presidency Correctional Home, has told the lawyer that the doctor was not known to him, she added.

"We will fight our case based on the documents produced by the prosecution lawyers before the court," she said, claiming that the accused has maintained his innocence during the polygraph test.

His counsel also claimed that Roy had gone to the floor where the seminar hall of the RG Kar Hospital is located to find out the health condition of his friend's father who was operated on that day. "He went to the pulmonary department which is on the same floor where the seminar hall is situated. It was then when he saw the woman lying there," she said.

The body of the post-graduate trainee, who was allegedly raped and murdered, was found in the seminar hall of the hospital on August 9. Roy, a civic volunteer of the Kolkata Police, was arrested the next day. The gruesome crime resulted in nationwide protests by doctors and citizens.

RAJESH KUMAR ■ NEW DELHI

Hearing pleas filed against 'Bulldozer Justice', the Supreme Court on Monday came down heavily on a trend of demolishing the houses or properties of those who are accused of crimes and said that it would issue guidelines to tackle such issues.

"How can anybody's house be demolished only because he is an accused? Even if he is a convict, it can't be done without following the procedure as prescribed by law," a bench of Justices B R Gavai and K V Viswanathan said.

The bench stated that no property can be demolished just because a person is accused of a criminal offence. The court, however, said it will not protect any unauthorised construction or encroachment on public roads. "We will not protect any illegal structure obstructing public roads, that includes a temple, but there should be guidelines for demolition," it added.

The court also appreciated the stand taken by the State of Uttar Pradesh which said that demolition can be done only if a structure is illegal. The Bench requested that the suggestions be given to Senior Advocate Nachiketa Joshi, who was requested to collate them and present them to the Court.

'Bulldozer justice', also known as bulldozer politics, refers to the practice of using the heavy-duty piece of machinery to demolish houses of alleged criminals, communal violence rioters and accused in criminal cases.

Notably, the Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath started the practice of instant "justice" using bulldozers to bring down



properties of accused to make an example of them and put pressure on those absconding. Later other BJP ruled states—Madhya Pradesh, Haryana, Delhi, Rajasthan and even Congress ones, have followed suit. Soon, Yogi earned the nickname of 'Bulldozer Baba', through which he attempted to convey his "no-nonsense" hard taskmaster style of working. Interestingly, in the 2022 Uttar Pradesh Assembly elections, it became a part of the BJP's campaigning strategy to reiterate Yogi's 'bulldozer' credentials.

However, the practice of using bulldozer has come under strong criticism, with many questioning how the action can be taken even before allegations against a person are proven. They have also questioned why the administration must punish the whole family for the crime of one.

On Monday, the top court was hearing two pleas filed on the issue of such demolitions that were alleged to be taking place without notice and as a form of "revenge."

The pleas were filed by Rashid Khan from Rajasthan and Mohammad

Hussain from Madhya Pradesh. The application by Khan, a 60-year-old auto-rickshaw driver from Udaipur, said that his house was demolished by the Udaipur district administration on August 17, 2024. This was after communal clashes broke out in Udaipur, several vehicles were set on fire and markets closed following the issuance of prohibitory orders after a Muslim schoolboy allegedly stabbed his Hindu classmate who later succumbed to his injuries. Khan is the father of the accused schoolboy.

Similarly, Mohammad Hussain from Madhya Pradesh has alleged that his house and shop were illegally bulldozed by the State administration.

The two applications were filed in a case earlier filed by Jamiat Ulama I Hind against the demolition of Muslim homes in Haryana's Nuh, following the violence between Hindus and Muslims in the area. Solicitor General Tushar Mehta, appearing for Uttar Pradesh, referred to an earlier affidavit filed by the State in the matter.

### Tragedy engulfs Vaishno Devi pilgrims

PNS ■ JAMMU

At least two Mata Vaishno Devi-bound pilgrims died and a minor child received injuries when they were hit by a massive landslide on the Himkoti track to the cave shrine in Jammu and Kashmir's Reasi district on Monday.

The incident took place near the Panchi colony in the Himkoti area around 2.15 p.m. The pilgrims were struck by the massive iron bar structure as it crumbled under the weight of the large tumbling stones.

The pilgrim traffic was halted for some time to carry out rescue operations in the area.

The disaster management teams of the Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Shrine Board (SMVDSB) were pressed into action to carry out the rescue operations and shift the injured to the nearby health care center. However, the pilgrimage continued through the traditional route along the track.

According to official sources deceased pilgrims have been identified as Sapna (27) of Dhanpur village in Punjab's Gurdaspur, and Neha (23) of Kanpur in Uttar Pradesh. The injured girl — Sanvi, a resident of Kanpur — is undergoing treatment in the hospital. Her grandfather L Prasad said they were taking a break from trekking to the shrine when police started clearing the track due to a monkey scare.

### Cabinet announces big ticket reforms for farming sector

RAJESH KUMAR ■ NEW DELHI

In an effort to improve the lives of farmers and increasing their income, the Union Cabinet chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Monday approved around ₹13,966 crore outlay for seven big-ticket programmes related to the farming sector, including a ₹2,817-crore digital agriculture mission and a ₹3,979-crore scheme for crop science. These programme will focus on harnessing public-funded digital infrastructure to research focussed on emerging challenges in the farm sector.

The emphasis of these programmes would be on research & education, climate resilience, natural resource management and digitisation in the agriculture sector along with emphasis on growth of horticulture and livestock sectors.

Addressing a press conference after the Union Cabinet meeting, Union Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw announced that the Union Cabinet, chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, approved seven schemes to improve farmers' lives and increase their incomes at a total outlay of ₹13,966 crore. The Cabinet has approved crop science for food and nutritional security programmes with a total outlay ₹3,979 crore. In this programme, six pillars have been included in the programme with a



Union Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw briefs the media over cabinet decisions, in New Delhi, Monday

focus on preparing the farmers for climate resilient crop sciences and food security by 2047. These six pillars are — Research and Education; Plant Genetic Resource Management; Genetic improvement for food and fodder crop; pulse and oilseed crop improvement; Improvement of commercial crops; and research on insects, microbes, pollinators. A part of the fund will be utilised for improving productivity of pulses and oilseeds, apart from plant-genetics management. India seeks to end its dependence on costly imports to meet local pulses demand by 2027, a key agriculture-sector priority.

### GOLD, SILVER, BRONZE: INDIA GLOWS AT PARIS PARALYMPICS



(From left to right) Indian para-badminton players Thulasimathi Murugesan wins silver medal, Kumar Nitesh gold and Manisha Ramadass bronze at the Paralympics 2024, in France, on Monday

### RSS says, caste census important, but not for electoral gain

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ PALAKKAD (KERALA)/NEW DELHI

At a time when the Opposition led NDA Government is pressurising the Government to conduct caste census across the country, the Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS) on Monday said it has no objection to the census as it could be useful for welfare activities while cautioning against its exploitation for electoral gains.

It also said no step in the direction of sub-classification of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes

should be taken without the consensus among the communities concerned.

Making these assertions, RSS Prachar Pramukh (chief spokesperson) Sunil Ambekar said after a three-day conclave in Palakkad, "the RSS thinks that definitely, for all welfare activities, particularly those targeting such communities or castes which are lagging behind — for whom special attention is needed — for that, if sometimes the Government needs the numbers, it is a well-established practice. Earlier also, it

(the Government) has taken (such data), and so it can do it again. But it should be done only for the welfare of those communities and castes. It should not be used as a political tool for elections. So we put this forth with a line of caution for everyone."

"As a Hindu society, caste and caste relations are sensitive issues. It is an important issue for our national unity and integrity. So, it should be dealt with very sensitively and not on the basis of elections, or electoral practices and politics," he said.



Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) MLA Amanatullah Khan during Enforcement Directorate's raids at his residence, in New Delhi, on Monday

### Jail and bail for AAP

SAUMYA SHUKLA ■ NEW DELHI

The Enforcement Directorate (ED) on Monday arrested AAP MLA Amanatullah Khan in connection with a money-laundering case related to financial irregularities in the Delhi Waqf Board. Khan was produced before Special Judge Rakesh Syal hours after he was arrested from his home by the ED who told the court that he was required to be confronted with other accused and evidence in the case. The ED has sought his 10 days custody. The counsel appearing for Khan challenged his arrest. The court has reserved its order on ED's plea and will likely pronounce it late night.

He was taken into custody under the provisions of the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA) at 11.20 am after the agency conducted a search at his residence in Batla House earlier in the day. The ED told the court that some questions were put to Khan during the searches but he remained "evasive" and hence was arrested. The ED told the court that Khan was the main accused in the case.

"The proceeds of crime have been used and laundered to buy property. Cash (is) also used. There was an attempt to misguide the agency," the ED told the court.

The agency further accused Khan of non-cooperation, saying 14 summons were issued to him, and he appeared only once, that too after a Supreme Court direction.

The case against Khan stems from two FIRs: One filed by the CBI concerning alleged irregularities in Waqf Board appointments, and another by the Delhi ACB regarding an alleged case of disproportionate assets. The agency had earlier summoned Khan and questioned him for 13 hours.

### Kejriwal's aide Bibhav gets bail in Swati assault case

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court on Monday granted bail to Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal's aide Bibhav Kumar in the Swati Malaviya assault case noting that he has been in custody for over 100 days.

A bench of Justices Surya Kant and Ujjal Bhuyan also took into account that the prosecution has proposed to examine more than 51 witnesses and said the trial will take time to conclude.

## Govt summons Netflix India after IC-814 web series face backlash

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ NEW DELHI

The Government has summoned the content head of OTT platform Netflix over the series 'IC-814: The Kandahar Hijack', which has triggered a row over the depiction of hijackers, contending that nobody has the right to play with the sentiments of the nation.

Official sources said the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting has summoned the content head of Netflix India on Tuesday, seeking an explanation on the allegedly contentious aspects of

the OTT series portraying the 1999 hijack of an Indian Airlines flight by Pakistan-based terror outfit Harkat-ul-Mujahideen. The depiction of hijackers of the Indian Airlines flight from Kathmandu to Delhi has stirred controversy with a section of viewers objecting to the 'humane' projection of the perpetrators.

"Nobody has the right to play with the sentiments of the people of this nation. Indian culture and civilisation should always be respected," another official source said. "Should we allow any foreign people to slipshod



over our cultural values," the source said without elaborating. The sources said filmmakers have to think before portraying something in a wrong manner. "You may be liberal, but you cannot portray institutions in a wrong manner," the source said. Using hashtags #BoycottNetflix, #BoycottBollywood and #IC814, several X users shared posts claiming the filmmakers changed the names of the hijackers to 'Shankar' and 'Bhola' to allegedly protect the terrorists who belonged to a certain community. BJP IT Cell chief Amit Malviya said the hijackers of the IC-814

flight were dreaded terrorists, who acquired aliases to hide their Muslim identities. "Filmmaker Anubhav Sinha, legitimised their criminal intent, by furthering their non-Muslim names. Decades later, people will think Hindus hijacked IC-814," Malviya posted on X.

"Left's agenda to whitewash the crimes of Pakistani terrorists, all Muslims, served. This is the power of cinema, which the Communists have been using aggressively, since the 70s. Perhaps even earlier," Malviya said.

# Classifieds

## BEDAKHLI NOTICE

**I, Urvider Singh S/o Sh. Jit Singh R/o 11, Model Town Extn., Batra Colony, Sonipat** declare that my son Jaskaran Singh and his wife Manpreet Kaur both are out of my control. So I disown them with my all moveable/ immovable properties. Anybody deals with them all own risks. Me and my other family members are not responsible.

**I, Ram Kishan,** son of Shri Babu Lal, resident of RK Colony, Fatehabad Tehsil and District Fatehabad, declare that my son Dinesh is beyond the reach of me and my family. I evict him from my movable and immovable property. The person dealing with him will himself be responsible. There will be no responsibility for me or any other member of my family.

**I, Chand Singh S/o Sh. Umed Singh R/o Village Karontha (70) Distt. Rohtak** declare that my son Ashish is beyond the reach of me and my family, hence I evict Ashish from all my movable and immovable properties. We will be not responsible for any transactions and legal and illegal activities done by him in future.

**I, Mangal s/o Babu Bam,** House No. 148, New Indira Colony, Manimajra, Chandigarh hereby declare that my son Pawan and daughter in law Sunita are out of my control. So I disown them from my movable and immovable property.

**I, Jerisa w/o Salim,** House No. 717, Charan Singh Colony, Mauli Jagran, Chandigarh hereby declare that my Daughter Maubish is out of my control. So I disown her from my movable and immovable property.

**I, Madan Lal S/o Sunder Lal R/o House no 3861, Sector 25-D Chandigarh** inform that my son Himanshu and his wife Anjali and their children Yuvan and Yuvansh are out of my control. I Disown them from my all moveable and immovable Properties. Anybody deal with them at their own risk.

**I, Ashok Kumar S/o Sh. Jeet Ram R/o House No. 332/1, Maloya Chandigarh** inform that my son Harinder Singh out of my control. I disown him from my all moveable and immovable Properties. Anybody deal with him at their own Risk.

**I, Avtar Singh S/o Sh. Amarnath Singh R/O Village Saketri Panchkula. Haryana.** Declare that my daughter Karandeep Kaur is out of my control. So, I disown her from my all Moveable / Immoveable Properties. Anybody Dealing with her at their own Risk.

**We Lakhwinder Singh S/o Sukhdev Singh and Jaswinder Kaur W/o Lakhwinder Singh R/O H No. 2028/25/13, St No. 7, Sukhdev Singh Nagar, Daba Lohara Road, Lohara Distt. Ludhiana** declare that our son Jagjit Singh alias Bobby and his wife Simranjit Kaur are Out of our Control. So We Disown Both of them from all our Movable or immovable property for quarrelling with us and being out of line. Anybody dealing with them on their own Risk.

**I, Jarnail Singh S/o Ajit Singh R/o Patti Derh Ki, VPO Bundala, Amritsar** inform that my daughter Harpreet Kaur got Marriage at her own choice and she disobeyed to me I sever all ties and relation with Harpreet Kaur and disinherit her from all my movable and immovable properties any body dealing with her shall herself be held responsible for all kind of damages or liabilities. I or my family members not be held responsible for in any manner whatsoever

**I, Parmjit Kaur W/o Jamail Singh R/o Patti Derh Ki, VPO Bundala, Amritsar** inform that my daughter Harpreet Kaur got Marriage at her own choice and she disobeyed to me I sever all ties and relation with Harpreet Kaur and disinherit her from all my movable and immovable properties any body dealing with her shall herself be held responsible for all kind of damages or liabilities. I or my family members not be held responsible for in any manner whatsoever

**I, Charanjit Singh S/o Shankar Dass R/o H.No. 451/24 Jagdish Colony, Rohtak, Haryana** declare that my son Dhiraj and his wife Trisha are out of my control. So I disown them from my all moveable/immovable properties. Any body dealing with them at their own risk. I or my family are not responsible for any type of their legal or illegal acts.

**I, Geeta Devi, w/o Shankar Sahni, R/O Ward No. 17, Guru Nanak Colony, Pehowa, Kurukshetra,** my son Praveen Gupta is out of my control I, disown them from all My moveable and immovable properties. If Anybody deals with him at their Own Risk.

**I, Pyara Singh S/o Baryam Singh Vill.Malikpur, Pehowa, Kurukshetra My Son Gurmel Singh and his Wife Nancy Devi is Out Of My Control. I, Disown Them From All My Moveable And Immoveable Properties. If Anybody Deals With Him At Their Own Risk.**

**I Joginder Singh S/o Kartar Singh Village Akhlaspur Distt. Hoshiarpur** declare that my son Parminder Singh, his wife Rachpal Kaur and grandson Gurnishan Singh was out of my control so I disinherited them from my moveable and immovable Property. Now they are obedient to me. So I taken back disinherited to them.

**I, Ramesh Kumar S/o Shri Jai Pal R/o House No. 1417, Khairak Mangoli Gate Number 3, old Panchkula,** declare that my son Sanjay is out of Control me, and my wife and my Complete Family. Therefore I Disown/Debar him from all my movable and immovable properties. Any person dealing with him will be responsible at his own risk. I or my family will have nothing to do with it.

**We, Usha W/o Sukhbir Singh and Sukhbir Singh S/O Ishwar Singh R/O Narwana Road, Shiv Puri Colony, Jind Teh. & Distt. Jind (Hr.)** declare that our Son Amit Singh and his wife Rekha are out of our control. So, we disown both of them from our movable and immovable properties. Anybody dealing with them will do so at their own risk, We and our family members are not responsible.

**I, Sunita W/o Sh. Sarvesh Kumar, House No- 207, Budhanpur, Panchkula, Declare** that my Daughter saloni is out of my Control, Therefore I disown her from all my movable and immovable Properties. Anybody dealing with her Shall be at their own risk and cost, Me and my Family will not responsible for the same.

**We, Panna Lal S/o Sh. Chaturra Lal & Mithlesh w/o Sh. Panna Lal** both resident of Village Banel ma, Badaun, P.O. Badaun, Distt. Badaun, Uttar Pradesh declare that my daughter Sonam and her husband Ankit both out of our control. Therefore, We Disown our Daughter and Her Husband From our All Movable and immovable Properties. Anybody dealing with them self will do at his own risk and cost. We will have nothing to do with it.

**मैं, सचपाल वृत्र नरेंद्र सिंह** निवासी म.नं. 2354/18, एकता नगर, सफ़ीदो रोड, जौड़, सूचित करता हूँ कि मेरा लड़का सुमित खटकड़ मेरे कहने- सनने से बाहर है। इसीलिए मैं उसे अपनी चल-अचल संपत्ति से बेदखल तथा उससे सभी प्रकार के संबंध विच्छेद करता हूँ। किसी भी प्रकार के उचित अनुचित व्यवहार एवं लेनदेन के लिए वह स्वयं जिम्मेदार होगा। मेरी व मेरे परिवार को कोई जिम्मेवारी नहीं होगी।

## PUBLIC NOTICE

**I, Army No. 15494274F,** Rank DFR, Amarjit Singh S/O Kesar Singh R/o 62 Cavalry, Tibri Cantt., Tehsil and District Gurdaspur, Punjab, India declare that in my Army Service Record, my mother Name and DOB are wrongly recorded as Harmander Kaur and DOB as 01.07.1969. Her correct Name and DOB are Harminder Kaur DOB 01.01.1963. Also my father's namely Kesar Singh DOB is wrongly mentioned as 01.07.1962 his actual and correct DOB is 01.01.1966.

**I, Chandrashekhar S/o Jugendra Singh R/o H.no 1556 Deep Complex Hallo Majra, Chandigarh,** declared that in my some documents my father name mentioned as Jugendra and Yogendrapal Singh, whereas his correct name is Jugendra Singh.

**I, Phulpati Wd/o No. 2648762 Late GDR Dharam Pal R/o H.No. 1769/30, Kamla Nagar, Near Old Jhajjar Chungi, Rohtak - 124001 (Haryana)** declare that my name Phulwati and my DOB 01.07.1944 are wrongly mentioned in my late husband Army record. But my correct & actual name is Phulpati and my correct DOB is 25.12.1940. vide affidavit dated 02.09.2024 before Notary Public Rohtak.

**I, Charanjit Singh S/o Shankar Dass R/o H.No. 451/24 Jagdish Colony, Rohtak, Haryana** declare that my son Dhiraj and his wife Trisha are out of my control. So I disown them from my all moveable/immovable properties. Any body dealing with them at their own risk. I or my family are not responsible for any type of their legal or illegal acts.

**I, No. 15193541M** Rank: NK (OPR) Vikram Mandal s/o Niwaran Mandal, Unit: 8 R&O FLT, Address: Qtr No. P-646/2, Khem Karan Vihar, Jalandhar Cantt, Punjab declare that in my service record, name of my father is mentioned as Niwaran Mandal instead of Niwaran Mandal and his date of birth is mentioned as 26-08-1969 instead of 01-01-1968 and my mother's name is mentioned as Santti Devi instead of Shanti Devi.

**I, JC No. 850153F** Rank: Sub (GD) Sanjay Kumar Sharma S/o Jitan Sharma, Unit: 8 R&O FLT, Address: Qtr No. 236/18, Vajra Complex, Jalandhar Cantt, Punjab declare that in my service record, name of my mother is mentioned as Champa Devi Instead of Pancha Devi and her date of birth is mentioned as 01-07-1950 instead of 01-01-1948.

**I, Gurbaksh Kaur W/o Manjit Singh R/O Village Nihalgarh, Po. Jagatpur Jattian, Tehsil Phagwara, District Kapurthala, Punjab-144402.** I have changed my name from Gurbaksh Kaur to Gurpreet Kaur and my correct date of birth 15-6-1981. All concerned note.

**I Monika Rani W/O Late Dhiraj Kumar R/O H.No.-1750 Near Vikas Dharamshala White Quarter Dhuri Line Ludhiana** Declare That My Minor Daughter's Name Is Sunaina. In Her School Record My Husband's Name Is Wrongly Mentioned As Dheeraj Kumar, But My Husband's Correct Name Was Dhiraj Kumar. Which May Be Amended Accordingly In My Minor Daughter Sunaina's School Record.

**I, Jasvir Kaur W/o Sukhdev Singh R/o Vill-Kalwanu Teh-Patran Distt Patiala** declare that I am known by both names Jasvir Kaur and Jasmir Kaur. Both these names are mine. There is no one else in our family related to these names. To make related notes.

**I, Som Nath S/o Nathu Ram R/O Vill: Chhotepur Teh & Distt. Pathankot** declare that in the Passport No. V7875233 of my wife Neelam Devi my name has been wrongly recorded as Som Nath Sharma instead of Som Nath. My correct name is Som Nath.

**I, Manikantan Nair S Is** Father Of Army No. 16131175F, L/Nk, Aji M S Of Unit 05 Engr Regiment C/O 56 Apo, Today Camping At Ferozepur, Have Changed My Name From Manikandan Nair S To Manikantan Nair S Vide Affidavit Dated 02 September 2024 Before At Notary Ferozepur.

**I, Mariyam** Is Mother Of Army No. 15330621y, Hav, Faizal Pk Of Unit 05 Engr Regt C/O 56 Apo, Today Camping At Ferozepur, Declare That My True And Correct Date Of Birth Is 01.01.1960 As Per My Aadhaar Card, But On My Son's Service Record My Date Of Birth Is Mentioned Is 01.07.1962, Which Is Wrong.

**I, Kishana Ram** Is Father Of Army No. 16115623y, L/Hav, Hanuman Ram Of Unit 05 Engr Regt C/O 56 Apo, Today Camping At Ferozepur, Declare That I Have Changed My Name From Krishna Ram To Kishana Ram Due To Erroneous Mistake In My Son's Service Record. My True And Exact Date Of Birth Is 01.01.1953 As Per My Aadhaar Card, But On My Son's Service Record My Date Of Birth Is Mentioned As 29.12.1959, Which Is Wrong.

**I, Chavali** Is Mother Of Army No. 16115623y, L/Hav, Hanuman Ram Of Unit 05 Engr Regt C/O 56 Apo, Today Camping At Ferozepur, Declare That I Have Changed My Name From Chawali To Chavali Due To Erroneous Mistake In My Son's Service Record. My True And Exact Date Of Birth Is 01.01.1968, As Per My Aadhaar Card, But On My Son's Service Record My Date Of Birth Is Mentioned As 29.12.1959, Which Is Wrong.

**I, Kunhammad** Is Father Of Army No. 15330621y, Hav, Faizal Pk Of Unit 05 Engr Regt C/O 56 Apo, Today Camping A Ferozepur, Declare That My True And Correct Date Of Birth Is 02.01.1953 As Per My Aadhaar Card, But On My Son's Service Record My Date Of Birth Is Mentioned Is 01.07.1954, Which Is Wrong.

**I, Army No. 16126454h** Rank L/Nk Name Amitkumar Annappa Navalgur Of Unit 03 Engr Regt C/O 56 Apo, Pin-914003, Yol Cantt, Today Camping At Ferozepur, Have Changed My Mother Name From Jayashree To Jayashree Annappa Navalger & Date Of Birth 20.07.1970 To 15.03.1965.

**I, Karamjeet Kaur** Is Legally Wife Of No.2499673p Rank : L/Hav Name Kala Singh R/O Village Kutlwal Khurd, Tehsil Maur Mandi District Bathinda, Punjab-151509 India, Have Changed My Name From Karmjeet Kaur To Karamjeet Kaur Vide Affidavit No.In Pb52306048112217w Dated 02-09-2024 Before At Notary Ferozepur.

**I, Gouri G Matolli** Is Wife Of No. 14670714y, Hav, Gangappa Matolli Unit Of 7 Int Div Defence & Employment Coy C/O 56 Apo, Ferozepur Cantt Have Changed My Name From Gouri Matolli To Gouri G Matolli Vide Affidavit Dated 16 August 2024 Before At Executive Magistrate Ferozepur.

**I, No. 14676714y,** Hav, Gangappa Matolli Unit Of 7 Inf Div Defence & Employment Coy C/O 56 Apo, Ferozepur Cantt, Have Changed My Daughter's Name From Parthiksha To Pratiksha Gangappa Matolli Vide Affidavit Dated 16 August 2024 Before At Executive Magistrate Ferozepur.

**I, Nitin Kumar** Son Of Rajesh Kumar Resident Of Village Khalarinhrpur, Post Office Mevely Bujurj, Fatehpur Uttar Pradesh-212601 Have Change My Name From Nithin Kumar To Nitin Kumar Vide Affidavit Dated 02 September 2024 Before At Notary Ferozepur.

**I, Sachin** Son Of Rajesh Kumar Resident Of Village Khalarinhrpur, Post Office Mevely Bujurj, Fatehpur Uttar Pradesh-212601 Have Change My Name From Sachin Kumar To Sachin Vide Affidavit Dated 02 September 2024 Before At Notary Ferozepur.

**I, Devanthi Devi,** Mother Of No 16114037k Hav Arbind Kumar Singh Of 5 Engineer Regiment. C/O 56 Apo Today Camping At Ferozepur, Have Changed My Mother Name From Devanthi Devi To Devanti Devi & Date Of Birth 01 Jul 1957 To 01 Jan 1946.

**I, Service No 15334567n,** Hav, Kaliraj S Of Unit 5 Engineer Regiment, C/O 56 Apo Today Camping At Ferozepur, Have Changed My Daughter Name From Sri Vignaya To S. K. Sri Vignaya Vide Affidavit Dated 02 September 2024 Before At Notary Ferozepur.

**I Service No 15334567n** Hav Kaliraj S Of5 Engineer Regiment. C/O 56 Apo. Today Camping At Ferozepur, Have Changed My Name From Munappa To Monappa Chopade & Date Of Birth 01 Jul 1959 To 01 Jan 1951.

**I, Nandha** Mother Of No 16112210k Rank Hav Name Vithal Chopade Of 5 Engineer Regiment. C/O 56 Apo. Today Camping At Ferozepur, Have Changed My Name From Munappa To Monappa Chopade & Date Of Birth 01 Jul 1959 To 01 Jan 1951.

**I, Suman Devi W/o Sh. Naresh Kumar R/O Vill. Kaimla, Tehsil Gharaura, Distt. Karnal,** I have changed my name from Pinki to Suman Devi for all purpose in future.

**I, Naresh Kumar S/O Churiya Ram R/O Vill. Kaimla, Tehsil Gharaura, Ditt. Karnal,** I have changed my name from Naresh to Naresh Kumar for all purpose in future.

**I, Dharamvir S/o Krishan Lal R/O 167, Ward No.22, Gandhi Dham Jagadhri, Tehsil-Jagadhri, Distt.Yamunanagar (Haryana)** have changed my name from Dharamvir to Dharam Vir.

**I, Satish S/o Rajinder Kumar, R/o# 5012, Sector 38 West, Chandigarh** have changed my name to Satish Kumar.

**I, Sonika D/o Joginder Singh R/o Pawan Kumar, # 29, Raipur Khurd Chandigarh** have changed my name to Sonika Rani.

**I, Santo Devi W/o Mohinder Singh, # 732/27, Sector -26, Chandigarh** have changed my name to Satto Devi.

**I, Lakhi D/o Sh. Bhag Singh R/o H No.305, Sector 33, Chandigarh** have changed my name from Lakhi to Lakhvinder Kaur.

**I, Jasmeet Singh Rishi S/o Satvir Singh R/o # 1867/3, Basant Vihar, Kalka (Panchkula)** declared that the correct name of his father is Satvir Singh but Satvir Singh Rishi has been wrongly written in the certificates of Class 10th and 12th. Satvir Singh and Satvir Singh Rishi is the one and same person.

**I, Balbir Singh S/o Kashmir Singh R/O Village Bains Khurd PO Lachowal Tehsil & Distt. Hoshiarpur** Punjab have changed my name from Balbir Singh to Balvir Singh. Concerned note.

**I, Amandeep Walia W/o Manmeet Singh R/O Tanda Bye Pass, Opp. Manav Sewa Middle Public School, SJS Nagar Distt. Hoshiarpur** Punjab have changed my name from Amandeep Kaur to Amandeep Kaur. Concerned note.

**I, Anurag Shukla S/o Kamal Narayan Shukla R/O H.No. 08, Gopalpur PO Saraikapa Distt. Shahdol. 484110 (MP)** have changed my name from Anurag Shukla to Anurag Kumar Shukla. Concerned note.

**I, Gurashish S/o Karam Singh R/O 134/10v, Vishnu Garden, Jagadhri, Distt Yamuna Nagar** have changed my name from Gurashish to Gurashish Singh.

It Is For General Information That I, Rajesh Kumar S/O Nirankar Residing At Village-Tajija Khera, Sahuwala-I (53), Sirsa, Sahuwala, Haryana-125077 Declare That The Name Of Mine And My Wife Have Been Wrongly Written As Rajesh & Sushila In My Minor Daughter Prachi Aged 15 Years In Her Cbse Class 10th Educational Documents. The Actual Name Of Mine & My Wife Are Rajesh Kumar & Sushila Devi Which May Be Amended Accordingly. It Is Certified That I Have Complied With Other Legal Requirements In This Connection.

**I, Vikas Kumar S/o Mukhtiar Singh R/O H.No. 93/35/2 Gali no. 3 Basant Vihar** Rohtak declare that my son Dhruv Sangwan in certificate of 10th class record my name have changed Vikas to Vikas Kumar and my wife's name Pushpa to Pushpa Rani.

**I, Sunil S/o Sh. Hukum Chand R/o H.No. 104/3, Gopal Pura, Hissar Road Rohtak** declare that I have changed my name Sunil to Sunny, for all future purposes.

**I, Satpal Kaur (Old Name)** W/O Sh. Gurdeep Singh, R/O Village Ramana-Ramani, Tehsil Nigdhu, District Karnal have changed my name from Satpal Kaur to Satwant Kaur.

**I, Sanjeev S/o Hukum Chand, R/O House No. 4950, Sector- 38, West, Chandigarh,** declare that I have Changed my name from Sanjeev to Sanjeev Kumar.

**I, Jaswinder Kaur D/o Shri Labh Singh R/O #135, Village Faidan Nizampur, Chandigarh** have changed my name from Jaswinder Kaur to Parminder Kaur W/o Shri Manjit Singh

**I, Mohinder Kumar S/o Sunder Dass R/O House no 252 A, Gali no 9, Hansi Road, Karnal** declare that both Mohinder Kumar & Mahinder Kumar are one & same person. Kindly note for all future purpose.

**I, Suman Devi W/o Sh. Naresh Kumar R/O Vill. Kaimla, Tehsil Gharaura, Distt. Karnal,** I have changed my name from Pinki to Suman Devi for all purpose in future.

**I, Kuldeep S/o Sh. Dhanpat Singh R/O H.No.2325, Vikas Nagar, ward-3, Tehsil Camp, Panipat** declare that I have changed my name from Kuldeep Singh to Kuldeep.

**I, Sangeeta** legally spouse of Raj Bahadur Lodhi of 118Fd Regt c/o 99 APO pin 926118 resident of vill & post jatoli dist & teh dholpur have changed my name from Sangeeta to Sangeeta Devi vide affidavit date 30/04/2024

**I, Kulwant Kaur w/o Late Army No 13700190 Rank -Sep Kabal Singh R/o vill warian purane, Po Naushehra Pannuan (Tarn Taran)** declare that in my husband army record wrongly entered my DOB 18-1-1953. But my DOB is 1-1-1958. So amended my DOB in my Husband Army record 18-1-1953 to 1-1-1958

**I Sushila W/o Randhir Singh Kanwar R/O House No.161, Sector -8, Karnal** have changed my name from Sushila to Sushila Kanwar.

**I, Bohti Devi D/O Ashok Kumar R/O 287, Vill-Mangali, Khuda Kalan (98), Ambala, Haryana-133104** have changed my name to Sangeeta.

**I, Gurdarshan Kaur W/O Hardeep Singh R/O Village Jheur Hari, Distt Sas Nagar (Mohali), Punjab-160003** have changed my name to Darshan Kaur.

**I, Lalji S/o Sh. Bhag Singh R/o H No.305, Sector 33, Chandigarh** have changed my name from Lalji to Gurpreet Singh.

**I, Sheetal W/o Gurdev Singh R/O H.No. 4, Guru Hargobind Avenue, Palah Sahib Road, Airport Road, Amritsar, Punjab** have changed my name from Sheetal to Sheetal Aulakh.

**I, Kishore kumar s/o Lajpat Rai R/O H.No.3336, Sector 15, Sonipat, Haryana** 131001 declares that Kishor Sharma & kishore Kumar both are my names. In future, I shall be known as Kishore Kumar.

**I, No. 6272891** Ex Hav Malkit Singh Calcat S/O Dalip Singh R/O Vill. Thenda PO Garhdiwala, Tehsil Dasuya Distt. Hoshiarpur Punjab have changed the name of my daughter from Bwali to Babli Kaur. Concerned note.

**I, No. 4468591X** Ex Nk (TS) Surinder Singh S/O Amar Singh R/O VPO Kandhari Narangpur Tehsil Dasuya Distt. Hoshiarpur Punjab have changed the name of my daughter from Sia Devi to Siya.

**I, Deepak S/o Mangat Ram R/O H.No. 432 Near Masjid, Pipli, Kurukshetra,** have changed my name from Deepak to Deepak Dhariwal.

**I, Geeta Dhariwal W/o Deepak Dhariwal R/O H.No. 432/915, Balmiki Colony, Pipli, Kurukshetra,** have changed my name from Geeta Dhariwal to Geeta Rani.

**I, Rittu W/o Kamal Kumar R/O H.No. 27A, Saha District Ambala,** have changed my name from Rittu to Rittu Pal.

**I, Suchita W/o No.JC877011N Nb Sub Bankar Bhairavnath Sakharan R/O Village-Deghigaon, Dattanagar, Astavinayak Colony, Tehsil-Heveli, Distt.Pune (Maharashtra)** have changed my name from Suchita to Bankar Suchita Bhairavnath

**I, No.JC877011N Nb Sub Bankar Bhairavnath Sakharam R/O Village- Deghigaon, Dattanagar, Astavinayak Colony, Tehsil-Heveli, Distt.Pune (Maharashtra)** have changed my daughter's name from Bhargavi to Bankar Bhargavi Bhairavnath.

**I, Babita Rani W/o Baljeet Singh R/O Village Jandheri, District Kurukshetra,** have changed my name from Babita Rani to Babita Sharma.

**I, Manjeet Singh S/o Richhpal Singh, R/O Gurdev Colony, Teh. Shahabad (M.) Distt. Kurukshetra,** I declare that I have changed my name Manjit Singh to Manjeet Singh. All Concerned please note.

**I, Sunita Devi w/o late sh bhpu chand Village Rapra PO Kallihatti Tehsil and Distt Shimla** declare that in Gram panchayat Mayeli Jejar Pariwar records my name entered as Sarita Kumari which is wrong. My actual name is Sunita Devi and DOB is 25-12-1969. Kindly correct it.

**I, Parkash Kumari TanejaW/O Bhagwan Dass R/O 374 new Prem Nagar, Karnal, Haryana** have changed my name from Parkash Kumari Taneja to Parkash Taneja for all future purposes.

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**I, Rohit Sharma S/O Satinder Kumar R/O Mohalla Swamia Wala, Lalru, Sas Nagar (Mohali), Punjab-140501** have changed name of my minor son Vihaan Kautish Alias Vihaan Sharma aged 10 years to Vihaan Sharma.

**I, Hardik S/O Rajiv Kumar R/O Vill-Fatehpur, Po-Haryana, Hoshiarpur, Punjab-144208** have changed my name to Hardik Kumar.

**I, Kamini W/O Yogesh Kumar R/O Villa No 179 Eco Homes 66ft Road Kadianwali, Jalandhar, Punjab-144020** have changed my name to Aarti.

**I Isha Mehra W/O Vikas Kumar R/O House No.363 Ward No.2, Main Bazar, Dera Bassi, Sas Nagar (Mohali), Punjab-140507** have changed my name to Isha.

**I Sarabjit Singh Sandhu S/O Darshan Singh R/o VPO. Valtoha Patti Mate Ki Tehsil Patti Distt Tarn Taran** have changed my name from Sarabjit Singh Sandhu to Sarabjit Singh

**I, Sunita Kumari W/o Narinder Pal Mahajan R/O 2493/7, Gali Guru Nanak Wali, Chowk Chabutra, Bazar Gujran Amritsar** have changed my name from Sunita Kumari to Sunita Mahajan

**I, Narinder Paul Mahajan S/o Chuni Lal Mahajan R/O 2493/7, Gali Guru Nanak Wali, Chowk Chabutra, Bazar Gujran Amritsar** have changed my name from Narinder Paul Mahajan to Narinder Pal Mahajan

**I, Shijy N.P. W/O Biju Vattakalayil Cherian R/O Plot No. 64, Anmol Enclave, Phase-1, Mahal, Amritsar,** have changed my name to Shiji Biju.

**I, Sukhpal Singh Bal S/O Kapoor Singh R/o VPO Mansoordeva Tehsil Zira District Ferozepur** have changed my minor Daughter's name from Harmandeep Kaur Bal to Harmandeep Kaur.

## Continuity Pg. No. 11

**Court Notice**  
**OFFICE OF THE ADDL. DEPUTY COMMISSIONER (GENERAL-CUM-ADDL. DISTRICT MAGISTRATE, HOSHIARPUR.**  
Subject: Application for cancellation of License. No 1177/MA/Hoshiarpur Dated 28-12-20218 (Travel Agency) of M/s V.S. Consultants, Super market, Hoshiarpur Road, District Hoshiarpur.  
Versus General Public  
Sh. Vikram Sanan S/O Anuj Kumar Radha Soami Colony Ward no 05 Dasuya Tehsil Dasuya District Hoshiarpur.  
1 Applicant wants to cancel License No 1177/MA/Hoshiarpur (Travel Agency) dated 28- 12-2018 issued to him by this office.  
Vide the above mentioned notice, General Public is hereby informed that in case any person has any objection with regard to this matter, he/she should report in writing in the office of The Addl. Deputy Commissioner (G) Cum Addl. District Magistrate, Hoshiarpur within (30) Thirty days, from the date of Publication of this notice. No objection will be entertained after the stipulated period.  
Addl. Deputy Commissioner (General)-Cum-Addl. District Magistrate, Hoshiarpur No. 9143/MA Date-30-8-2024

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President

**FORM G**  
**INVITATION FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST FOR BBF INDUSTRIES LIMITED OPERATING IN PACKAGING INDUSTRY AT SAMBA, JAMMU & TAJPUR ROAD, LUDHIANA**  
(Under Regulation 36A(1) of the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Board of India (Insolvency Resolution Process for Corporate Persons) Regulations, 2016)  
(Subject to the extension of the Insolvency Resolution Process period by the Hon'ble Adjudicating Authority)

RELEVANT PARTICULARS	
1. Name of the Corporate Debtor along with PAN / CIN / LLP.No.	BBF Industries Limited U74950PB1998PLC018439
2. Address of the Registered Office	Village Bhamian Kalan, Tajpur Road, Ludhiana Punjab - 141008
3. URL of website	www.insolvencyservice.in
4. Details of place where majority of fixed assets are located	Tajpur Road, Ludhiana and Samba, Distt. Jammu.
5. Installed capacity of main products / services	NA. Only Land & Building available at both the above locations.
6. Quantity and value of main	

# Pb Vidhan Sabha Monsoon Session kicks off with high-stakes debates

PNS ■ CHANDIGARH

As the Punjab Vidhan Sabha's three-day monsoon session kicked off on Monday, it was clear that the proceedings would be anything but ordinary. The session, which commenced with a respectful two-minute silence for distinguished figures, including Padma Shri awardee Surjit Patar, quickly turned into a battleground of political contention. Opposition sharply criticized the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) Government for convening a notably brief session, despite its previous advocacy for longer sessions during its time in opposition against the Congress regime.

The session, initially planned to last only three days, faced sharp criticism from the Opposition, with Bajwa registering his dissatisfaction with the brief duration during the Business Advisory Committee (BAC) meeting, held prior to the session. During the meeting, Bajwa had urged for a minimum of 10 days for the session.

Even though the duration has not been increased, the Speaker Kultar Singh Sandhwan decided to extend the session by one additional sitting, Monday's sitting, which was to be adjourned for the day after paying tributes to those who have passed during the intervening period of the two sessions, witnessed an additional sitting.

As per the revised agenda for the day, it included only a Zero Hour discussion, calling attention notices, and departmental reports, with no formal business scheduled. The day's proceedings ended after little over an hour.

The session's first day saw the Opposition targeting the AAP Government on multiple fronts, demanding accountability for unresolved issues such as the prolonged delay in

prosecuting the Dera Sacha Sauda chief, the controversial interview of 'jailed' Lawrence Bishnoi, rampant illegal mining, pollution, law and order, agriculture, among many others — placing it under intense scrutiny.

The debate over the session's duration took center stage as the Leader of Opposition and Congress MLA from Qadian Partap Singh Bajwa proposed extending it to be of 10 days at least to ensure all 117 members have adequate time to address their constituencies' issues. He argued that with each legislator needing at least 10 minutes, the session should be extended by eight to nine days.

Echoing the same sentiment, Congress MLA from Bholath Sukhpal Singh Khaira emphasized the urgent need for extended sittings to address pressing concerns such as law and order, agricultural issues, and unresolved cases like the Bargari sacrifice incident. He reminded AAP leaders how they used to demand longer sessions when AAP was principal opposition during Congress-led Government.

Bajwa, outside the House, accused the Speaker of revealing that the government had minimal business to address. In a pointed critique, Bajwa remarked, "If the government has no business to conduct, then like the youth of Punjab who are forced to seek opportunities abroad, the Government should also consider closing the Assembly and heading home."

"During their time in opposition, AAP had consistently advocated for longer sessions, yet the current government has only managed 39 sittings in its two and a half years, falling short of the recommended 40 annual sittings as per legislative norms," he pointed.

Bajwa further criticized

the government's handling of law and order issues, citing the controversial interview of gangster Lawrence Bishnoi by the CIA staff, which he argued contradicts the Chief Minister's claims of no such interview taking place. He also pointed to ongoing farmer protests in Chandigarh, lamenting that the Chief Minister has yet to find time to address their grievances.

### Mann vs Pargat Singh

As the session progressed, one of the most contentious issues was the long-pending approval for prosecuting the Sirda-based Dera Sacha Sauda chief Gurmeet Ram Rahim Singh. Congress MLA from Jalandhar Cantt Pragat Singh raised concerns over the lack of progress on the said file pertaining to pending prosecution against Dera chief. He pointed out that despite being filed two and a half years ago, approval for proceeding with the case has yet to be granted.

Pargat Singh also highlighted severe illegal mining activities in his constituency, where deep pits have emerged despite the absence of rivers. He raised concerns about the cleaning of the Buddha Nullah and illegal mining in his constituency, pressing the government for answers.

In response, Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann dismissed the allegations, asserting that he will personally address these issues during his weekly visits to Jalandhar, including an inspection with MLA Pragat Singh. Mann emphasized that, despite water and environmental issues not being key electoral concerns, his government is committed to improving the situation, including reviving old irrigation channels and ensuring clean water supply.

Mann, who claimed that he has been working on these issues even before he came to power, criticized the Central

Government for merely holding press conferences without tangible solutions, urging for prompt resolution of the pressing matters.

### DGP Summoned Over Kotakpura Corruption Case

Speaker Sandhwan summoned Punjab's police chief to report by Tuesday on a corruption case involving an Assistant Sub-Inspector (ASI) from Kotakpura. The Speaker ordered a detailed report on 180 cases registered at the Kotakpura police station and directed the DGP to present the findings personally.

### Call for Action Against Bishnoi's Interview from Jail

Bajwa also demanded action against the officer who conducted an interview with gangster Lawrence Bishnoi using his phone at the CIA Kharar office. Criticizing the lack of regulation within the jail system, Bajwa highlighted the grave issue of a senior police officer facilitating such interviews.

He questioned how the family of Sidhu Moosewala can expect justice under these conditions. Bajwa revealed that he has sent 31 letters to the Chief Minister, 11 to Ministers, 28 to the Speaker, 14 to the Chief Secretary, and seven to other secretaries, yet has received no responses.

"What could be a greater insult to democracy than this?" he asked. Countering, Finance Minister Harpal Singh Cheema said that the matter is currently sub-judice in the High Court, thus limiting the scope for immediate legislative action.

### Agricultural Policy and Land Compensation

A prominent topic was the demand for public disclosure of the state's agricultural policy, which has been pending for three months. Congress MLA from Abohar Sandeep Jakhar urged that the policy be made

public and debated thoroughly, reflecting the farmers' persistent demands in Chandigarh. Additionally, SAD MLA from Dakha Manpreet Ayali raised concerns over inadequate compensation for land acquired by the National Highway Authority of India under the Bharat Mala Project. He stressed that farmers should receive fair market value for their land, particularly given the high land prices in Punjab.

### Chair for Bhai Jaita ji

On a different note, AAP's Bhadaur MLA Labh Singh Ugoke proposed establishing a chair at Patiala University in honour of Bhai Jaita Singh, a historical figure who fought alongside Guru Gobind Singh. Ugoke also called for the completion of a memorial in Ropar dedicated to this revered figure.

### Enforcing Punjabi Language Act

AAP's Ropar MLA Dinesh Chadha highlighted the non-compliance of central agencies with the Punjabi Language Act, urging the Assembly to develop a policy to enforce the act effectively.

### Chaudhary appointed Congress Dy Leader in House

Congress has appointed former Minister and Dinanagar MLA Aruna Chaudhary as the Deputy Chief of the Legislature Party (CLP). The appointment came after the departure of Dr Raj Kumar Chabbewal to the Aam Aadmi Party and his subsequent election victory from Hoshiarpur parliamentary seat.

### House Paid Tributes to Patar, others

The session commenced with a solemn tribute to several distinguished individuals, including former Speaker Surjit Singh Minhas, Padma awardee poet-writer Dr Surjit Singh Patar, former parliamentarians Kamal Chaudhary and Gurcharan Kaur, besides freedom fighters.

# Farmers' Protest in Chandigarh; Submit memorandum to Punjab Minister



Farmers marching from Sector 34 to Matka Chowk in Chandigarh to demand urgent agricultural reforms from the Punjab Government on Monday. Pioneer Photo

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Nearly a thousand farmers rallied in Chandigarh on Monday, marching from Sector 34 to Matka Chowk to demand urgent agricultural reforms from the Punjab Government, even as a pakka morcha was set up at Sector 34 ground. Organized by the Bharti Kisan Union (Ugrahan) and the Punjab Khet Mazdoor Union, this protest highlighted escalating frustrations within the farming community over the state government's delayed response to critical issues affecting their livelihood.

The protest began early in the morning as farmers arrived by buses, tractor-trolleys, and personal vehicles from various parts of Punjab. The Dussehra ground in Sector 34 saw a substantial turnout, including many women, who joined the march carrying pictures of deceased farmers in their families along with strong resolve. The procession, led by BKU (Ugrahan) leader Joginder Singh Ugrahan, was supported by notable figures such as Rakesh Tikait of the Bharatiya Kisan Union and Harinder Singh Lakhawal of the Bharatiya Kisan Union (Lakhawal).

As the march proceeded to Matka Chowk — a busy roundabout in central Chandigarh, the farmers carried banners and placards advocating for their demands.

Their key grievances include the implementation of a comprehensive agricultural policy, promotion of chemical-free farming practices, compensation for families of farmers who have committed suicide, and effective measures to combat the pervasive drug problem in the state. Upon reaching Matka Chowk, the farmers presented a memorandum to Punjab's Agriculture and Farmers Welfare Minister Gurmeet Singh Khuddian. The Minister, who arrived at the protest site, assured the farmers that their

demands would be taken seriously. Khuddian committed to reviewing the memorandum and presenting it to Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann. He emphasized the government's dedication to addressing the farmers' concerns and pledged to act as an intermediary to ensure their issues are effectively communicated and addressed.

"Punjab Government is committed to supporting its farmers, who are the backbone of our state's economy," Khuddian stated. "This meeting is an important step in opening dialogue between the government and the farming community. We are eager to engage with the farmers, listen to their perspectives, and work collaboratively to address their challenges."

The march, which covered over five kilometers, was closely monitored by security personnel. Approximately 700 police officers and paramilitary forces were deployed to manage the large crowd and maintain public order. Traffic in the vicinity of Matka Chowk was rerouted, causing significant disruptions, particularly around the commercial and educational hub of Sector 34.

The protest underscored broader issues beyond immediate agricultural concerns. Farmers expressed their dissatisfaction with what they perceive as inadequate government action on pressing matters.

The Punjab government, led by the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP), has faced criticism for its handling of various agricultural policies and environmental issues.

Farmer leaders like Rakesh Tikait called for legislation guaranteeing minimum support prices (MSP) for crops, arguing that current policies fail to provide sufficient support for the agricultural community. Tikait also highlighted concerns about water scarcity and pollution, emphasizing the need for a new agricultural

policy. "Punjab government must engage with farmers and their leaders to create a policy that addresses our concerns," Tikait asserted, adding, "There are numerous issues at play, including depleting groundwater levels and the need for effective recommendations on MSP to the Centre."

The protest also drew attention to the ongoing drug crisis in Punjab. Many women participants voiced their frustration with the government's failure to address this issue, which they believe has negatively impacted the youth. One protester lamented, "Punjab government promised to make the state drug-free, but the problem persists. Our children are falling prey to this crisis, and the government's inaction is unacceptable."

In response to the protest, the Chandigarh Administration implemented measures to ensure public safety and manage the situation. Police established barricades and deployed additional forces to prevent any untoward incidents. Despite these efforts, the protest caused significant traffic disruptions, leading several private coaching institutes in the area to suspend classes for the day.

The protest marks a significant shift in the dynamics of farmer mobilization in Punjab. For the first time since 2008, such a large gathering of farmers has been allowed to assemble in the heart of Chandigarh, reflecting a changing approach by the Chandigarh authorities. Tikait acknowledged this development positively, hinting at the possibility of future protests if their demands are not met.

As the protest concluded, the farmers boarded buses arranged by the administration and returned to the Sector-34 ground. BKU (Ugrahan) leaders announced that their programs would continue, with further actions to be decided in a meeting scheduled for September 5.

# BJP put brake on pace of MSP hike & push farmers into losses, alleges Bhupinder Hooda

PNS ■ CHANDIGARH

Accusing the BJP of only putting a brake on the pace of MSP increase and pushing the farmers into losses, former Chief Minister and Leader of Opposition Bhupinder Singh Hooda on Monday said that the BJP government is nowhere near Congress in terms of increasing MSP and giving MSP to farmers. "Government figures themselves are proof of the fact that MSP increased many times more during the Congress tenure than the BJP government. BJP only put a brake on the pace of MSP increase and

pushed the farmers into losses. This is the reason why today farmers of the entire country including Haryana are agitating," he said.

Listening to the demands and problems of the farmers at his residence, Hooda presented the MSP figures and said when Congress came to power in 2004-05, the rate of wheat was only Rs 640. "Congress more than doubled it and brought it to Rs 1450 per quintal. Congress increased the rate by 126.5 per cent. But during the entire tenure of BJP, till date, the rate of wheat has increased by only 51.7 per cent. That is, less than half as

compared to Congress," he stated. Similarly, if we talk about paddy, Congress increased the rate by two and a half times, from Rs 560 to Rs 1360. Congress increased the rate by 143%.

"But BJP increased the rate by 60%, which is less than half as compared to Congress," he stated. Talking about cotton, Congress increased the rate from Rs 1760 to Rs 4050, an increase of 130%. "The BJP has increased it by only 53.7 per cent till date. Congress increased the rate of millet by 143 per cent while BJP increased it by only 100 per cent," he pointed out.

# One model health centre in every assembly constituency of HP: CM

PNS ■ SHIMLA

The Himachal government is focusing on strengthening health care services and the government has decided to open one model health centre in every assembly constituency, Chief Minister Sukhinder Singh Sukhu said in the Vidhan Sabha on Monday. There are 68 assembly constituencies in Himachal Pradesh. Intervening in reply to a question of Anuradha Rana (Congress), Sukhu said nine staff nurses are being sent to all the model health institutions. Replying to the main question, Health and Family Welfare minister Dr Dhani Ram Shandil informed

that 600 appointments of different categories will be made shortly under the National Health Mission (NHM) and there will be no shortage of staff in the model health centres. He said the matter regarding the appointment of 600 doctors has been sent to the State Public Service Commission and 37 posts of female health workers have been sanctioned for the model health centres.

Replying to another question of Kewal Singh Pathania (Congress), the chief minister said stronger decisions will be taken to improve the financial position in the next six months and results will be visible in the next year's budget.

# JJP faces uphill battle as core voters drift away

MANOJ KUMAR ■ CHANDIGARH

The upcoming Haryana Assembly elections scheduled to be held on October 5, seem to be a battle for survival for the Jannayak Janata Party (JJP), which is facing the ire of its core voters for its "anti-farmer" stance during the year-long stir against the Centre's now-withdrawn farm laws. The JJP, which has a support base in the rural areas of Hisar, Jind, Charkhi Dadri, Fatehabad and some other parts of the State, has been facing protests from their core voters Jats for backing the BJP during the farmers' and Women wrestlers' stir.

The JJP — led by Ajay Singh Chautala — came into existence in December 2018 after a vertical split in the INLD following a feud in the Chautala family. In the 2019 Assembly elections, JJP won 10 seats and became the junior partner of the Manohar Lal Khattar-led BJP Government after the latter fell short of a majority. The post-poll alliance led to Dushyant Chautala's elevation as Deputy Chief Minister. The JJP capitalised on its position and secured about a dozen-odd portfolios, including top-of-the-line departments, such as excise and taxation, revenue and public works.

However, the party's fortunes began to falter after the BJP abruptly ended the alliance on March 12, 2024, in a strategic move to counter rising

anti-incumbency ahead of the Lok Sabha elections. This development marked the beginning of an existential crisis for the JJP, which had earlier positioned itself as a promising regional player during its time in power from October 27, 2019 to March 12, 2024.

After BJP snapped ties with JJP, many party leaders including seven MLAs and state party Chief Nishan Singh

formed with the Narnaund MLA Ram Kumar Gautam being the first to criticise Dushyant. Gautam, Jogi Ram Sihag and Anoop Dhanak, defected to the BJP recently. The Tohana MLA Devender Singh Babli, who later became a minister, publicly raised concerns about corruption in the state government. He also joined BJP on Monday.

On condition of anonymity, A JJP MLA, who resigned

as a strategic move to fulfill the aspirations of the party's vote bank.

The stance was recently echoed by JJP national president Ajay Chautala in Rohtak, who highlighted the party's role in ensuring that Haryana now has the highest old-age pension (Rs 3,000) in the country. He further claimed that had the JJP held a full majority, the pension would have been Rs 5,100 from Day 1, alleging collusion between the BJP and former chief minister Bhupinder Singh Hooda in undermining the JJP.

Talking to reporters, Dushyant Chautala recently said, "Our party paid the price of anti-incumbency against its former coalition partner BJP in the parliamentary elections. In fact, anti-incumbency was against BJP but we also paid the price."

Political Observers opine that the emergence of the BJP as a dominant force has disrupted the prospects of regional parties in Haryana and they are scrambling for relevance. They stitched alliances wherever they did not have a base and gradually pushed coalition partners to political margins. JJP is in crisis and does not have a bright future. As the assembly elections approach, the JJP's ability to evolve and respond to the challenges will be crucial in determining its long-term viability.

"The JJP's base, predominantly Jat voters who are traditionally wary of the BJP, felt

betrayed by the party's decision to ally with the saffron party, especially during the cultivators' agitation. The perception that the JJP sided with the BJP against farmers' interest further eroded its support," he added.

Another Observer said that senior JJP leadership has failed to sense the mood of the people during farm agitation. The sympathy vote from once-loyal INLD supporters and its anti-BJP stand were the major reasons behind the JJP getting a decent 15 per cent vote share and winning as many as ten seats during the 2019 assembly elections. The first major mistake the JJP made was to enter into a post-poll alliance with the BJP and form an alliance government when its mandate was anti-BJP. JJP had a chance to resurrect itself during the peak of the farmers' protests in 2020 when several party supporters were asking it to exit from the alliance government, but it did not do so, earning the ire of its core peasant support base.

Moreover, with the Congress's resurgence after its better-than-expected Lok Sabha performance and the subsequent fall in the JJP's political graph, the chances of a division of the anti-incumbency vote against the BJP stand reduced.

This was seen during the Lok Sabha polls as well when there was a massive consolidation of Jats and farmers behind the party, which made them win as many as five parliamentary seats. If the JJP fails to rebound, it may help the Congress consolidate anti-incumbency votes against the ruling BJP and give a formidable challenge to the saffron party's poll prospects, Observers added.

# Jasdeep Singh Gill to head Radha Soami sect Beas

PNS ■ AMRITSAR

Jasdeep Singh Gill was on Monday nominated as the spiritual head of Radha Soami Satsang Beas with immediate effect. The announcement was made by the serving sect head Gurinder Singh Dhillon.

The sect has a large number of followers across the country and abroad. The country's top political leaders visit the sect headquarters from time to time.

Confirming the development, a top official of the Dera said, "Baba ji, who was out of town for some time, returned to Dera Beas yesterday. Today, he called a meeting of all senior officials, including the Dera secretary and other zonal heads, in the morning wherein the name of his next successor was announced." Reacting to reports about the health of Dhillon, the official clarified that he was "perfectly alright".

Forty-five-year-old Gill is a doctorate in chemical engineering from Cambridge and an Indian Institute of Technology (IIT), Delhi, alumnus. He was the chief strategy officer and senior management personnel at Cipla, India and

stepped down earlier this year. His wife is a doctor. Meanwhile, RSSB secretary Devender Kumar Sikri, in a written statement issued on Monday, said, "Baba Gurinder Singh Dhillon has nominated Jasdeep Singh Gill, son of Sukhdev Singh Gill, as patron of the Radha Soami Satsang Beas Society with immediate effect from September 2, 2024."

"Jasdeep Singh Gill shall also succeed Baba Gurinder Singh Dhillon as the Sant Satguru of the Radha Soami Satsang Beas Society and will have the authority of giving initiation (naam)," Sikri said. He further said, "Baba Ji has expressed that like he has received full support and love of the 'sangat' after Huzur Maharaj ji, he has wished and requested that the same love and affection be given to Jasdeep Singh Gill in carrying out his 'sewa (service)' as patron and sant satguru."

Gill's father, Sukhdev Singh Gill, after retiring from the Indian Army as a colonel came to Beas more than two decades ago. Jasdeep Singh Gill has been visiting and doing 'sewa' at the Dera for the last 30 years, a source at the sect said.

# No convoy of more than 10 Vehicles, except for security vehicles, will be allowed during campaigns: Hry CEO

PNS ■ CHANDIGARH

Haryana Chief Electoral Officer Pankaj Agarwal on Monday said that with the commencement of the nomination process for the 2024 Assembly elections, candidates and political parties must adhere to the guidelines issued by the Election Commission of India during road shows and election rallies to avoid causing inconvenience to the public.

The Chief Electoral Officer said that any candidate or political party must obtain permission for the use of vehicles in the election campaign; vehicles cannot be used for campaigning without this permit. He further shared that it

is also necessary for candidates or political parties to submit the details of the vehicles registered for campaigning to the Expenditure Observer so that these expenses can be included in their election expenditure.

Besides this, any deployment of extra vehicles can only occur if prior notification is given by the candidate or their agent well before the actual deployment of vehicles. When providing the details of vehicles used for election campaigns, it is important to specify the areas and tehils where these vehicles will be operating, said Agarwal.

He said that the use of vehicles for campaigning must

comply with traffic regulations. He further stated that, except for security vehicles, no convoy with more than 10 vehicles will be allowed.

Agarwal said that all bigger convoys shall be broken up, and such broken up convoys must have a distance of at least 100 meters between them.

He said that the use of loudspeakers on public platforms or vehicles during election campaigns will be prohibited from 10 PM to 6 AM.

The District Election Officer and Returning Officer will monitor all types of election campaigns, and any violation of the rules will be dealt with according to the law, Agarwal added.

# Shambhu border stir: SC forms panel to address farmers' issues

**PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ NEW DELHI**

Observing that farmers' protest should not be politicised, the Supreme Court on Monday constituted a high-powered committee headed by former Punjab and Haryana High Court judge Justice Nawab Singh to amicably resolve the grievances of farmers agitating at the Shambhu border.

A bench of Justices Surya Kant and Ujjal Bhuyan directed the five-member committee to convene its first meeting within a week and reach out to the agitating farmers to persuade them to immediately remove their tractors, trolleys etc. From the Shambhu border between Punjab and Haryana to provide relief to commuters.

Both the Punjab and Haryana Governments will be free to give suggestions to the committee, it added.

The farmers are agitating over a plethora of demands including legal guarantee of minimum support price (MSP) for their produce.

"We hope and trust that one of the major demands of the agi-

tating farmers regarding constitution of a neutral high-powered committee having been accepted with the consent of both the States, they will immediately respond to the request of the high-powered committee and will vacate the Shambhu border or the other roads connecting the two States without any delay. "This gesture will provide huge relief to the general public who are facing extreme hardships due to the blockade of the highways. It will also facilitate the high-powered committee and both the States to consider the farmers' genuine and just demands in a dispassionate and objective manner," the bench said.

The committee also comprises retired IPS officer B S Sandhu, Mohali resident Devinder Sharma, professor Ranjit Singh Ghuman and Dr Sukhpal Singh, agricultural economist from the Punjab Agriculture University. Asking the panel to formulate the issues for consideration, the bench also directed its chairperson to invite professor B R Kamboj, Vice Chancellor of the Chaudhary Charan Singh Haryana Agricultural



University, as special invitee as and when his expert opinion is needed.

"The chairperson may appoint a Member Secretary to the High-powered Committee for the purpose of coordinating amongst the members of the Committee, convening the meetings and maintaining records, etc," it said.

The Member Secretary of the committee shall place on record the proposed issues facing the farmers should not be politicised and be considered by the committee in a phased manner. Noting that both the state Governments have identified alternative sites for peaceful agitations, the apex court said the farmers shall be at liberty to shift the venue of their protest there.

The bench said there is a sizeable population of people in

Punjab and Haryana who are associated with agriculture, belong to the marginalised sections of society and live below the poverty line.

"Most of them are the strength and backbone of agricultural activities in their villages/areas. We acknowledge their contribution towards the agricultural growth and are of the view that their legitimate aspirations, if not enforceable rights, also deserve empathy and due consideration by the committee, while examining the larger issues which are confronting the farming community in the States of Punjab and Haryana," the bench said.

It also directed the chief secretaries and police chiefs of the two States to provide all logistical support to the committee. "The ancillary issues like honorarium to be paid to the chairperson and members of the high-powered committee, keeping in view the volume of the work entrusted to them or the apportionment of the expenditure between the two States, will be considered by us in consultation with the chairperson and members of the committee and both the state Governments," the bench said

while posting the matter for further hearing on October 14. The member secretary of the committee shall, meanwhile, place on record the interim status report, the bench said.

The court was hearing the Haryana Government's plea challenging the high court's order asking it to remove within a week the barricades erected at the Shambhu border near Ambala where protesting farmers have been camping since February 13.

On August 22, the bench had asked the Punjab and Haryana Governments to convey to the agitating farmers that the court as well as the two States are concerned about their issues and a forum is being constituted for redressing their grievances.

The Haryana Government had set up barricades on the Ambala-New Delhi national highway in February after the 'Samyukta Kisan Morcha' (Non-Political) and 'Kisan Mazdoor Morcha' announced that farmers would march to Delhi in support of their demands, including legal guarantee of minimum support price (MSP) for their produce.



# PM Modi's Singapore visit after six years to strengthen ties

**PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ NEW DELHI**

Building on "new anchors" of partnership identified under the India-Singapore ministerial roundtable framework, the relations between the two countries is poised for an even bigger take-off, the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) said on Monday ahead of Prime Minister Narendra Modi's visit to Singapore.

He is slated to visit Singapore on September 4-5 at the invitation of his Singaporean counterpart Lawrence Wong.

Prior to that he is scheduled to visit Brunei on September 3-4 which seeks to further strengthen bilateral cooperation in all existing sectors. Secretary (East), Ministry of External Affairs, Jaideep Mazumdar, at a media briefing here said India and Brunei are working towards setting up a "joint working group in defence".

He said Prime Minister Modi is visiting Singapore after nearly six years. His last visit to Singapore was in his first term. And an early visit on his third term is something that has been "welcomed by the Singaporean side".

"Also, this comes at a time when a new leader is in Singapore and this is an opportune time to set the stage for the next stage of our vibrant bilateral relations," Mazumdar said. The Secretary (East) said India-Singapore ties have "evolved" and there is a "dynamic strategic partnership" encompassing various areas from shared history and people-to-people ties which form an important link between the two countries.

"Our trade and investment flows have shown a steady growth, we have a robust defence cooperation and growing exchanges in culture and education.

We have identified new anchors of our partnership under the India-Singapore ministerial roundtable framework," he said.

Four Indian ministers had participated in the recently-held second India-Singapore ministerial roundtable. During the roundtable, the ministers from both sides sat down and discussed "new thrust areas that we can identify in futuristic areas of cooperation", he said.

"A number of new, forward-looking futuristic areas of cooperation were identified in digitalisation, sustainability skill, health, advance manufacturing and connectivity, and we are likely to exchange a number of MoUs during the forthcoming visit of the prime minister," Mazumdar added.

Singapore is India's sixth largest trade partner worldwide and it was the largest source of FDI during the last financial year valued at USD 11.77 billion, he said. "We also expect the visit (to Singapore) to give thrust to the cooperation in the field of semiconductor," the top official of the MEA said.

"India-Singapore relations are poised for an even bigger take off, than what it has been in the last 10-15 years or so. That is because, we have gone to the next level of identifying areas of bilateral cooperation whether it be in food security, renewables, green hydrogen, semi-conductors. These are areas where we have great complementarities," said Mazumdar.

He said that he could see the relationship between the two sides taking off to the next stage. For Singapore, India presents tremendous opportunities and for India, Singapore presents with many options, whether it is value chain, digital technology and semiconductor, he added.



# Cabinet committee approves ₹18,036 cr Mumbai-Indore rail line

**PNS ■ NEW DELHI**

The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs on Monday approved a 309 km new line project providing the shortest rail connectivity between the two major commercial hubs of Mumbai and Indore, Union Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw said.

The total cost of the project has been pegged at Rs 18,036 crore and it will be completed by 2028-29, the Minister said.

The project will generate direct employment for about 102 lakh man-days, or what Vaishnaw described as "human days", during the construction. An official statement later said the project is a result of the PM-Gati Shakti National Master Plan for multi-modal connectivity which has been possible through integrated planning and will provide seamless connectivity for the movement of people, goods and services.

The project covers six districts in Maharashtra and Madhya Pradesh and will increase the existing network of Indian Railways by about 309 km. It will promote tourism in the region by providing a shorter route between western/south-western parts of the country and central India. This will increase the tourist footfall to various tourist/religious places in the Ujjain-Indore region, including the Sri Mahakaleshwar Jyotirlinga Temple. The project will provide direct

connectivity to Pithampur Auto Cluster (which houses 90 large units and 700 small and medium industries) from the gateway port of JNPA and other state ports.

It will also provide direct connectivity to the millet-producing districts of Madhya Pradesh and onion-producing districts of Maharashtra which will facilitate the distribution of the same to the northern and southern parts of the country. This is an essential route, the statement said, for transportation of commodities such as agriculture products, fertiliser, containers, iron ore, steel, cement, petroleum, oil and lubricants (POL).

The capacity augmentation work will result in additional freight traffic of a magnitude of about 26 MTPA (Million Tonnes Per Annum).

"The Railways being environment-friendly and energy-efficient mode of transportation, will help both in achieving climate goals and minimising logistics cost of the country, reduce oil import (18 crore litres) and lower CO2 emissions (138 crore kg) which is equivalent to plantation of 5.5 crore trees," it said.

With this project, 30 new stations will be constructed, providing enhanced connectivity to the aspirational district of Barwani.

The new line project will provide connectivity to approximately 1,000 villages and about 30 lakh population.

# Kangana decries non-clearance of her film 'Emergency'

**PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ NEW DELHI**

Actor Kangana Ranaut on Monday said it's "hugely demotivating and unjust" that censorship is only for her film "Emergency", which is yet to receive a certificate from the Central Board of Film Certification (CBFC), putting its September 6 release in jeopardy. Drawing parallels between "Emergency" and Netflix series "IC 814: The Kandahar Hijack", Ranaut said censorship is only for those who make films based on historical facts while violence and nudity can be shown on streamers.

"Law of the land is that one can show unimaginable amount of violence and nudity on OTT platforms without any consequence or censorship, one can even distort real life events to suit their politically motivated sinister motives, there is all the freedom for communists or leftists across the world for such anti-national expressions..."



"...But as a nationalist no OTT platform allows us to make films that revolves around the integrity and unity of Bharat, it seems censorship is only for some of us who don't want tukde of this nation and make films on historic facts. It's hugely demotivating and unjust," she wrote on the microblogging site. Anubhav Sinha's show on the 1999 hijacking has courted controversy for allegedly giving the hijackers names like 'Bhola' and 'Shankar'.

Kangana had also spoken about facing censorship issues to Shubhankar Mishra in a podcast where she said an emergency has been imposed on her film.

"It's a very hopeless state. I'm quite disappointed in our country and whatever the circumstances are... How much will we keep getting scared? I've made this film with a lot of self-respect which is why the CBFC can't point out any contention. They've stalled my certificate, but I'm determined to release an uncut version of the film. I'll fight in court and release an uncut version," she said.

According to a source, "Emergency" isn't releasing on

Friday because the makers are yet to receive the certification from the CBFC.

On Monday, the Madhya Pradesh High Court is slated to hear a Sikh body's plea seeking directions to stop the release of "Emergency", which has now been postponed multiple times. Last week, Ranaut — also the director, writer, and co-producer of "Emergency" — said her film is still stuck with the censor board contrary to rumours that it has been cleared for release.

She had also said she is under pressure to not show the assassination of the former prime minister by her security guards. Shiromani Akali Dal (SAD) on Friday sent a legal notice to CBFC seeking to prevent the release of Ranaut's film, claiming it may "incite communal tensions" and "spread misinformation".

It alleged the trailer of the film depicted "erroneous historical facts that not only misrepresent the Sikh community but also promote hatred and social discord".

# Haryana JJP MLA Devender joins BJP ahead of Assembly elections

**PNS ■ NEW DELHI**

Haryana MLA Devender Singh Babli, who was elected on the ticket of the Jannayak Janata Party, joined the BJP on Monday, as the ruling party looks to bolster its ranks in the State ahead of the upcoming Assembly polls.

The Tohana MLA was a Minister in the Government headed by former Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar and might be fielded by the BJP in the polls.

Babli said the BJP is driven by the mindset of development. He exuded confidence that the party will return to power in Haryana for a third term. Two other leaders, Sunil Sangwan, whose father Satpal Sangwan is a former Haryana Minister, and Sanjay Kablana, also joined the BJP. Sunil Sangwan is in the Government service and has put in his papers, an indication that he will be contesting the polls as well. Kablana, too, was in the JJP.

They joined the BJP in the presence of its general secretary Arun Singh, former Tripura Chief Minister Biplab Kumar Deb and Haryana



unit President Mohan Lal Badoli. Singh claimed that a pro-BJP mood prevails in Haryana and the party will retain power in the State. Haryana goes to polls on October 5 and votes will be counted on October 8. Babli had defeated the then Haryana BJP President Subhash Barala in the 2019 polls by over 50,000 votes in an election in which Jats had mostly voted against the BJP, which still emerged as the single largest party and retained power.

# BJP slams Cong for expelling Kerala leader after her casting couch remark

**PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ NEW DELHI**

The BJP on Monday slammed the Congress for expelling a Kerala leader from the party after she alleged a culture of casting couch in the organisation, accusing the Opposition party of paying lip service to women's issues publicly but silencing their voices in reality.

BJP leader Rajeev Chandrasekhar said Kerala Congress leader Simi Rosebell John had alleged a culture of exploitation and casting couch in the party and was summarily dismissed.

In the Press Conference, he also noted that the Information and Broadcasting Ministry is looking into the issues related



to the OTT series, 'IC 814: The Kandahar Hijack', following its criticism by a section of people. Nobody should have any doubt that the hijackers of the plane were from the ISI, the Pakistani spy agency, he told reporters.

Raising the issue of the Congress' treatment of its Kerala leader, he said if a woman raises the issue of harassment in the workplace, it is the organisation's duty to probe and ensure justice.

The Congress does not believe in that and has instead chosen

to silence and remove her from the party, Chandrasekhar said. He noted that Congress leader Rahul Gandhi and Priyanka Gandhi Vadra have often spoken about issues facing women but maintain a studious silence when it comes to the atrocities against women, be it in Kolkata, Kannauj or Kerala. John said after her expulsion that there is no place for upright people in the Congress, he noted.

He also attacked the Left Government in Kerala over the Hema Committee report which spotlighted the harassment of women in the Malayalam film industry, saying it was forced to release the findings several years after it was submitted.

# Drug to treat kidney disorders panacea for heart attack survivors, says study

**PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ NEW DELHI**

Drug empagliflozin used to treat kidney diseases can be safely administered to patients who are hospitalised for acute myocardial infarction heart attack, an international team of researchers, led by one of Indian origin, has said. The team led by Mount Sinai Fuster Heart Hospital demonstrated that the drug empagliflozin can reliably lower heart failure episodes in individuals who have had a heart attack, regardless of the patient's pre-existing renal function.

By demonstrating the safety and efficacy of empagliflozin in this challenging clinical context, the research opens doors to more effective treatment strategies and offers hope for better long-term recovery and quality of life for heart attack



survivors globally. Cardiovascular disease is the leading cause of death globally, and heart attacks are a major contributor to this. Acute heart attack patients are particularly vulnerable to acute renal injury because of prolonged exposure to kidney stressors, such as diuretics or contrast agents used during cardiac catheterisation. Because of this danger, doctors are hesitant to start empagliflozin soon after a heart

attack because there is little data regarding this class of drug's safety in this particular clinical setting. The drug can block the sodium-glucose cotransporter 2 protein that aids in the kidneys' ability to reabsorb glucose from the blood.

The results were presented at the European Society of Cardiology Congress in London. Deepak L Bhatt, Director of the Hospital said the finding will contribute to closing a significant knowledge gap on the clinical application of empagliflozin in heart attack survivors.

The trial randomised 6,522 patients with acute heart attack and increased heart failure risk to empagliflozin or placebo. Empagliflozin reduced hospitalisation and adverse events of heart failure, with consistent risk reductions across baseline kidney function.

Adverse event rates were similar in both groups within 30 days after drug intake, regardless of baseline kidney function, systolic blood pressure, or other medical therapies.

The team noted that the study has significant implications for treating a very vulnerable population of patients with cardiovascular disease globally by reassuring doctors of the safety and effectiveness of empagliflozin early after a heart attack.

# Indian Navy's P-8I aircraft to participate in Exercise Varuna in France



**PNS ■ NEW DELHI**

A P-8I aircraft of the Indian Navy has reached France to participate in 'Exercise Varuna' with the French Navy, an official said adding it marked the first-ever deployment of the aircraft in Europe.

The 2024 edition of Indo-French bilateral naval 'Exercise Varuna', scheduled from September two to four in the Mediterranean Sea, will include advanced tactical exercises underscoring the deepening synergy and interoperability

between the two navies, a spokesperson of the Indian Navy said in a statement.

The Indian Navy's P8I aircraft touched down at Air Base 125 Istres-Le Tube, France, marking its first-ever deployment in Europe, it said.

This deployment comes 63 years after the Indian Navy's Alize aircraft, operating from the erstwhile INS Vikrant, last flew at Hyeres Airbase, the spokesperson said. INS Tabar, which had earlier arrived in Toulon will also be participating in the exercise.

# SC dismisses WB Govt's plea against HC bail to protest organiser

**PTI ■ NEW DELHI**

The Supreme Court on Monday dismissed the West Bengal Government's plea challenging the Calcutta High Court's order granting bail to one of the organisers of the August 27 march to the State Secretariat to protest against a trainee woman doctor's rape and murder.

A bench of Justices J B Pardiwala and Justice Manoj Misra said "prima facie" a case for bail was made out in the case.

The Calcutta High Court on Friday granted bail to Paschim Banga Chhtra Samaj leader Sayan Lahiri. Paschim Banga Chhtra Samaj, an unregistered student group, was one of the two organisations that gave the call for the August 27 'Nabanna Abhijan'.



Lahiri was arrested on August 27 evening for playing an active role in leading the rally which, the police said, turned violent, causing destruction of public and private property and attacks on police officers. Acting on a plea by Lahiri's mother Anjali seeking quashing of proceedings against him and grant of bail, the Calcutta High Court had on Friday ordered his release from police custody by 2 pm on Saturday. The Kolkata Police released Lahiri from its custody on Saturday.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

I, Manpreet Singh S/O Jasveer Singh R/O Badhochhi Kaland Fetehgarg Sahib declare that my sale deed waska no. 37 dated 05.4.2016...

PUBLIC NOTICE

I, Vikas Gupta S/O Mukhaver Prasad in respect of property Having Property ID No. 3NBLONT5, measuring 73.58 Sq. Yards, situated at Gali Darjany, Mohalla Chanduwarda, Narnaul, Tehsil Narnaul, Distt Mahendergarh...

PUBLIC NOTICE

The following borrower(s) has/have defaulted in the repayment of principal and interest towards the Loan facility(ies) availed from ICICI Bank. The Loan(s) has/have been classified as Non-Performing Asset(s) (NPA).

Table with 5 columns: Sr. No., Name of the Borrower/Co-Borrower/Guarantor, Description of Secured Asset to be enforced, Date of Notice sent/Outstanding as on Date of Notice, NPA Date

These steps are being taken for substituted service of Notice. The above borrower(s) and/or guarantor(s) (as applicable) is/are advised to make the outstanding payment within 60 days from the date of publishing this Notice.

Date: September 03, 2024 Place: Haryana

Sincerely, Authorised Signatory For ICICI Bank Ltd.

PUNJAB AGRICULTURAL UNIVERSITY, LUDHIANA

e-Tender Notice

Tenders are invited under two bid system for the end, mentioned works of eligible L&C Societies enlisted with any of PWID (B&R), CPWD, MES, PUDA, Improvement Trusts or any other Punjab Government undertaking.

Table with 3 columns: Sr. No., Name of Division, Description, Tender Cost

Earneest money: 2% of the tender cost or as applicable. Tender form fee Rs.1180/- each (Rs. 1000/- + GST @ 18%)

NA/12/25127/2023/37209 Dated CHD - 9/2/2024

PUBLIC NOTICE

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

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Date: September 03, 2024 Place: Punjab

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HIMACHAL PRADESH PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

The Executive Engineer, B&R Division, HPPWD Nahar, District Simaur, H.P. on behalf of Governor of Himachal Pradesh invites the item/percentage rates bids, in electronic tendering system from the eligible class of Contractors registered with HPPWD for the works detailed in the table.

Table with 4 columns: Sr. No., Name of Work, Estimated Cost (Rs.), Earnest Money (Rs.)

Starting Date for Downloading Bid: - 05.09.2024 Deadline for Submission of Bid: - 16.09.2024 up to 10:00 AM

Executive Engineer HPPWD (B&R) Division Nahar Tel/Fax: 01702-222260 E-mail: ee-nahar@hpnic.in

On behalf of Governor of Himachal Pradesh RO NO. 1843/2024-2025 Dt. 02-09-2024

H.P. FOREST DEPARTMENT WILDLIFE DIVISION, KULLU.

Sealed bids on behalf of Biodiversity Conservation Society (BioDCS) are invited from the interested bidders in the office of DFO WL Kullu, HP for the following proposal of Biodiversity Conservation Society (BioDCS) situated at Nature Park (SiyalBihal), Manali for a period of one year i.e. 11/10/2024 to 30/9/2025.

"Refreshment stall VAN VIHAR MANALI (SIYAL BIHAL) Size 10'x6' Detailed terms and conditions are available on the official website of HP Forest Department (www.hpforest.nic.in) and can also be obtained from the office of the DFO WL Kullu on any working day until 11 AM on 17.09.2024.

Divisional Forest Officer, Cum Executive Officer BioDCs Wildlife Division Kullu, HP. RO 1841/2024-2025 Dated:- 2/9/2024

LOST & FOUND

I Manoj Kumar S/o Late Sh. Thakar Dass R/O H. No. 226/7, Patel Nagar, Tehsil Camp, Panipat, I have lost my original Shop registry of vasika no. 7245 Dated 10/11/2010 situated at Patel Nagar, Tehsil Camp, Panipat, DDr also lodged vide application No. 132340282400492.

सार्वजनिक सूचना

इस पब्लिक नोटिस के माध्यम से साधारण को सूचित किया जाता है कि गलत निवासी म.न. 10321/6, नन्दकिशोर सिन्हा, राधा कृष्ण बाजार, अम्बाला शहर से मुद्रक स्व. विवेक कुमार पुत्र कुलुवाल लाल तथा अनु श्री प्रवीण विवेक कुमार के प्रामाणिक वारिस कि रिपोर्ट जारी करने हेतु एक प्रमाणित पत्र इस कार्यालय में प्राप्त हुआ है।

नगर निगम, रोहताक

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PUBLIC NOTICE

It is hereby notified for the information of general public and all the concerned citizen that the following applicant has applied for transfer of Share/ Flat on account of death case/ nomination basis before the Registrar of Mortgages, Chandigarh as per Notification issued by the Finance Department, Chandigarh Administration.

Name of Original Allottee/Transferor: Sh. Joginder Pal Arya s/o Late Sh. Rakha Ram Name of Transferee: Sh. Amrit Pal Arya s/o Late Sh. Joginder Pal Arya Flat No. : 1236

COURT NOTICE

(U/o 5 Rule 20 CPC) IN THE COURT OF Sh. Supinder Singh Civil Judge (Junior Division), Ludhiana SRI GURU HARGOBIND EDUCATIONAL SOCIETY Vs. HARJIT SINGH CNR No.:PBLD02-008424-2019

PUBLIC NOTICE-TENDER CUM E-AUCTION FOR SALE OF SECURED ASSET

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Notice

Property ID number 6QPET2H 8 which is in the name of Sh. Rajvir Garg S/o Sh. Ganga Ram R/o H.No.353 Ward No. 7 Patel Nagar, Gharounda (Karnal) in the municipality, Sh. Gharaj Garg died on 30-01-2024.

सार्वजनिक सूचना

मैं राजू सोनी पत्नी श्रीमती नवनी 624/16 कल्याण नगर अस्पताल कोहली नर्सिंग होम सोनिया, हलत निवासी 996A/14 बस्ती बिल्डर नन्दकिशोर सिन्हा निवासी जौद हस्तलाल व जिला जौरी की निवासी हूँ और इस सार्वजनिक सूचना के माध्यम से आम जन को सूचित करती हूँ कि मेरी पिता सुरेश कुमार पुत्र बौधायन सोनी जौरी मारुति कालेय से ठेका नहीं है इसलिए कोई भी व्यक्ति मेरे पिता सुरेश कुमार पुत्र बौधायन सोनी से कोई भी व्यक्ति किसी प्रकार का व्यवहार न रखे और इस सार्वजनिक सूचना के बाद कोई व्यवहार करता है तो उसका वह स्वयं ज़िम्मेदार होगा।

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Naraingarh Sugar Mills Limited

Regd. Office: Village Banodi, Naraingarh, Distt. Ambala (HR) CIN : L74899HR1991PLC032873

Audited Financial Results for the Quarter ended 30th June, 2024

Table with 5 columns: Sr. No., Particulars, Quarter Ended (30.06.2024 Unaudited), Year Ended (31.03.2024 Audited), 30.06.2023 (Unaudited), 31.03.2024 (Audited)

Notes: 1.The Un-Audited Financial Results have been reviewed by Audit Committee and approved by the Board of Directors in its meeting held on Monday, 02nd September, 2024.

For and On behalf of the Board Naraingarh Sugar Mill Limited Mr. Sandeep Singh (Whole Time Director) DIN:- 072575838

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YUKO BANK

The Pledges, in specific and the public, in general, are hereby notified that invocation of the gold ornaments pledged in the below mentioned accounts is proposed to be conducted on 24.09.2024 from 11:00 AM Onwards at respective branches as mentioned below.

बैंक ऑफ महाराष्ट्र Bank of Maharashtra

एक परिवार एक बैंक ZONAL OFFICE- SCO 120-122, First Floor, Sector 17-C, Chandigarh - 160017, Ph. 0172-2713010, E-mail: cmnarr\_chd@mahabank.co.in, recovery\_chd@mahabank.co.in

ANNEXURE 10 AUCTION SALE NOTICE

The under mentioned persons are hereby informed that they have failed to pay off the liability in the loan accounts. They are therefore requested to pay off the liability and other charges and redeem the pledged securities on or before 10.09.2024 failing which the said securities will be sold by the Bank in public auction at the cost of the borrower at the Banks premises at 11:00 A.M. on 11.09.2024 or on any other convenient date thereafter without further notice at the absolute discretion of the Bank. Parties interested in purchase of the Gold Ornaments may participate in the auction.

Table with 5 columns: Branch, Address, Date of Loan, Loan A/c Number, Name & Address of the Borrower, Reserve Price for Auction

Date: 02.09.2024 BRANCH MANAGER, Nahar Branch

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PAPER WITH PASSION

## India's special China problem

S Jaishankar has highlighted India's 'Special China problem,' one that is deeply rooted in the unresolved border disputes

India-China relations have long been fraught with challenges, but recent remarks by India's External Affairs Minister (EAM) S Jaishankar have brought the depth of these issues into sharper focus. Jaishankar has said that India has a "special China problem," which he emphasized is distinct from the more general concerns that the rest of the world, including Europe and the United States, has with China. Jaishankar's comments come at a time when countries globally are grappling with what he termed the "general China problem." This problem, characterised by economic and national security debates, is not unique to India. Across Europe and the United States, policymakers are increasingly preoccupied with China's growing influence and the challenges it poses. From trade imbalances to concerns about Chinese technology in critical infrastructure, these issues have sparked widespread scrutiny of China's global role. However, India's situation is further complicated by its unique geopolitical and economic circumstances. India shares a long and contested border with China, which has been the site of several military standoffs over the years, the most recent and severe of which began in May 2020 in eastern Ladakh.

India's "special China problem" goes beyond the broader concerns of the international community. It is rooted in the unresolved border dispute between the two nations, which has led to a prolonged military standoff along the Line of Actual Control (LAC) in eastern Ladakh. The ongoing border tensions have necessitated the deployment of approximately 50,000-60,000 troops by both sides, creating a volatile situation that has yet to see a lasting resolution. Diplomatic efforts to resolve these issues continue, with the 31st meeting of the Working Mechanism for Consultation & Coordination on India-China Border Affairs (WMCC) taking place on August 29 in Beijing. However what is interesting is that despite tensions and border skirmishes India China trade has flourished and many importer in India make regular rounds to source stuff from China to sell in the Indian market. But Jaishankar's remark could mean a shift in the official policy vis a vis China. If Govt changes its policy, Chinese goods and investments may have to face more barriers dissuading the Chinese investors. Jaishankar also highlighted the economic dimensions of India's relationship with China, pointing out that the trade deficit and the nature of Chinese investments are areas of significant concern. Indeed security is non negotiable and must be implemented in letter and spirit. But at the same time the commerce should not be thought of as an impediment. If one thing that can improve the relations between two countries, it is trade. However, India could restrict Chinese investment in security-sensitive areas such as telecommunications and digital cyber space.

### PICTALK



Clouds hover over the Delhi as vehicles pass by the Vikas Minar, in New Delhi

## Orwell's vision remains as relevant as ever

In an era where "post-truth" and "Big Brother" have transcended fiction to become disturbing reality, Orwell's vision stands as relevant as ever

In his seminal work '1984', George Orwell posits that "those who control the present control the past; those who control the past control the future." This powerful assertion underscores the terrifying consequences of manipulating history and truth. In the dystopian world of '1984', the ruling Party wields absolute power by constantly rewriting history to align with its agenda, erasing inconvenient truths, and ensuring that its version of reality is the only one that exists. This manipulation of truth is key to maintaining the Party's unchallenged dominance, as it keeps the population ignorant and compliant.

As we examine contemporary international politics, it is impossible to ignore the striking parallels between Orwell's dystopian vision and our current reality. Concepts such as "Big Brother," "doublethink," and "post-truth" have transcended Orwell's novel and become disturbingly relevant in today's world. The manipulation of truth, pervasive surveillance, and the rise of populist authoritarianism are phenomena that closely mirror the dangers Orwell warned against. The term "post-truth" has become a defining characteristic of modern political discourse, echoing Orwell's portrayal of a world where objective truth is malleable. In '1984', the Ministry of Truth constantly altered historical records to match the Party's shifting narrative, keeping the populace in a state of ignorance and making it impossible for them to challenge the Party's authority. Today, the concept of post-truth is equally relevant. In 2016, the Oxford Dictionary even named "post-truth" the Word of the Year, highlighting its prevalence in contemporary discourse. In this post-truth era, emotional appeals and personal beliefs often overshadow objective facts, making it easier for those in power to manipulate public opinion. Politicians and media outlets selectively present information, distort facts, or even fabricate narratives to support their agendas. This erosion of truth creates a divided society, much like the world Orwell depicted, where



consensus on basic facts becomes increasingly elusive. Orwell's concept of "Big Brother" — the omnipresent surveillance state that monitors every aspect of citizens' lives — is also frighteningly relevant today. In '1984', the Party uses telescreens and hidden microphones to ensure that no dissenting thought or action goes unnoticed, fostering a climate of fear and paranoia that effectively silences opposition. In our contemporary world, mass surveillance has become a reality on a global scale, with governments implementing extensive surveillance programs under the guise of national security. The revelations by Edward Snowden in 2013 exposed the extent to which governments were spying on their citizens, collecting vast amounts of data on phone calls, emails, and internet activity. The boundaries between state and corporate surveillance are increasingly blurred as tech giants like Google, Facebook, and Amazon collect vast amounts of data on users' online behavior, often with minimal transparency. Today's populist leaders have mastered the art of doublethink, often making contradictory promises or statements that their followers accept without question. They may decry the "elite" while simultaneously benefiting from elite



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status themselves or championing "freedom" while implementing policies that curtail personal liberties. This ability to manipulate and distort reality is a hallmark of populist rhetoric, much like it was for Orwell's Party. The rise of populism in the 21st century has also brought a resurgence of authoritarian tendencies. Leaders who once espoused democratic values increasingly resort to autocratic measures to consolidate power. Whether it's the undermining of judicial independence, the suppression of the free press, or the erosion of checks and balances, these actions mirror the totalitarian regime depicted in '1984'. Orwell's 'Animal Farm', while serving as an allegory for the Russian Revolution and the subsequent rise of the Soviet Union, offers themes that are universally applicable. The story of the farm animals' rebellion against their human oppressors, only to find themselves under the tyranny of their fellow animals, is a powerful commentary on the cyclical nature of power and corruption. In contemporary politics, the concept of "Snoogate" — a term used to describe politically motivated surveillance scandals — is reminiscent of the betrayal and manipulation seen in 'Animal Farm'. Orwell's dystopian novels were

products of their time, reflecting the anxieties and political realities of the 20th century. However, their relevance has only grown with time, as the themes they explore have become increasingly pertinent today. The rise of surveillance states, the erosion of truth, the manipulation of language, and the rise of authoritarianism are all issues that transcend national borders. In China, for example, the government's use of technology to monitor its citizens has created a digital dystopia reminiscent of Orwell's vision. The implementation of a social credit system, where citizens are scored based on their behavior and loyalty to the state, is a chilling example of how technology can be used to enforce conformity and suppress dissent. Similarly, in Russia, the government's control over the media and its use of propaganda to shape public opinion is a textbook case of Orwellian doublethink. The global reach of Orwell's ideas is a testament to the universality of his concerns. Whether in the context of a liberal democracy or an authoritarian regime, the themes of '1984' and 'Animal Farm' resonate deeply with those who value freedom and truth. (The writer is an associate professor, views expressed are personal)



SANTHOSH MATHEW

## A journey from corporate grind to personal fulfillment

There are countless opportunities for personal growth and creative fulfillment that we often set aside in our pursuit of material success

I was having dinner with a friend on a recent visit to Mumbai. He quit a high-profile corporate job a few years back. As he settled into a new unknown routine, he started experimenting. He wrote articles on the relevance of festivals in the modern world, moderated a talk show, has started learning Sanskrit to read the scriptures in original, participates in marathons, and loves to cook.

Not surprisingly, his life mirrors mine. We got around to discussing another mutual ex-colleague, who was recently in the hospital due to a medical scare which could be attributed to a life spent on a stress-inducing work schedule. He has recently crossed the age of retirement but has accepted an extension. I told him rather bluntly that he should stop working, a sentiment that his wife reciprocated. The response was on expected lines, "What will I do if I take retirement?" I immediately listed the number of things that he could do, the chief among them being to take care of his health, and



many other activities that he had wanted to indulge in but could not, caught up in the daily grind of living life and earning. This incident struck an immediate chord with the Mumbai friend, who had a similar experience with yet another mutual friend. Many do not have the luxury of taking retirement. They must necessarily work till the end for the next meal on their table. There is a smaller population, though not insignificant, which can do something different. These are the people, who like me, were provided the best by their parents within the limited resources that they

could earn. Even those limited means were better than what most had, and which helped us to dream and create a list of things that we wanted to do. We pursued a few of these with a single-minded devotion particularly the ones related to materialistic possessions, ignoring others that were mostly related to our creative side that we tried to suppress. Many of us have now reached a level of comfort that enables us to have a relook at the ones that we missed. A friend has started learning the keyboard. Another friend started taking flying lessons and was looking forward to completing the hours necessary to earn a license. Now in the reverse count of my life, I realise that I wish to travel, I want to write, I have the urge to make friends, and I want to help others to dream. Many like me wish to alleviate the drudgery of the majority so that at least the coming generations can look forward to creating their bucket list. We have seen many initiatives taken by the government over the past few

decades to create an ecosystem to help the less fortunate. Corporations also earmark part of profits in a separate fund as social responsibility. There are individuals from certain communities who donate a percentage of their annual earnings for the purpose. There are faiths actively involved in the betterment of many. I have often wondered about the miracles that we can achieve if all these agencies and individuals come together to ensure that future generations have an option. There is always an answer to the query, "What will I do?" We need to look within and then look around. There is so much to do, and so little time. Mark Twain summed it up well, "Twenty years from now, you will be more disappointed by the things that you didn't do than by the ones that you did do." (The writer is an author, speaker, coach, arbitrator and strategy consultant and conducts workshops on creative writing; views are personal)



SANJAY CHANDRA

### STOP THE DEMOLITION DRIVE

Madam — This refers to 'Demolition notices leave the poor along Boin Lake dazed' (Sept 1). The news of HYDRRA demolition drive operations in and around Hyderabad came like a bolt from the blue. Demolition drive operations is creating havoc all over the Telangana. The Telangana state government is hell-bent on demolishing houses, buildings in the name of illegal structures by HYDRRA. Demolition drive operations and the orders issued by the Revenue Department of Medchal-Malkajgiri district to vacate their houses in a couple of days dazed the residents is extreme tyranny and sheer inhumane. People living near Boin Lake in Hasmathpet, are panic-stricken. They are at their wit's end what to do? whom to approach? They are being displaced and being rendered homeless without prior eviction notice is quite unconstitutional, unjustified, undemocratic and unwarranted. Despite possessing and retaining the relevant registered documents their houses are being pulled down and demolished is most distressing and unfortunate. The demolition drive operations are in full swing all over Telangana. The Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy must stop this demolition drive operations on the humanitarian grounds.

People have been living and residing for many years as some of their properties belong to ancestors they got their properties registered in their names. Demolition drive operations started all over Telangana. Mahabubnagar demolition drive operations is shocking and heart-rending sparked outrage and widespread condemnation where the houses belonging to the poor, physical challenged and visual impaired individuals pulled down and demolished. The government must ponder over the poignant plight of the physical challenged, visually impaired individuals and the poor and desist and refrain from demolishing their houses near nalas or lakes areas without providing alternative on the humanitarian grounds.

Zubair Khan | Hyderabad

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Prioritising security over trade



In reference to External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar's statement regarding India's unique challenges with China, it is evident that security concerns in regions such as the Northeast,

Ladakh, the Indian Ocean, and neighboring countries like Pakistan and the Maldives far outweigh trade considerations. China's aggressive posturing with the U.S., Japan, Taiwan, and its dominant trade practices with European countries and Australia do little to alleviate our issues with them. The Indian Ocean has become a battleground for global superpowers, largely due to Chinese threats and aspirations for supremacy. It is clear that security and trade issues with China cannot be addressed simultaneously.

Reducing our reliance on China for semiconductors, Active Pharmaceutical Ingredients, and the operation and maintenance of Chinese-imported machinery is far more crucial than foreign direct investment from China. While the EAM is undoubtedly well-equipped to handle these multiple concerns, it is imperative to set clear priorities to effectively address them.

Vinod Johri | New Delhi

### MIND YOUR LANGUAGE

Madam—This is not the first time MP Kangana Ranaut has indulged in controversy. Earlier too, a couple of months ago, after a CISF officer allegedly slapped Ranaut at Chandigarh airport, the officer was reportedly heard saying that her mother participated in the farm agitation and had defamed the women who joined the protests by alleging they were paid to do so.

This time again she used the irresponsible and malicious statements like "dead bodies were hanging and rapes were taking place during the 2020-21 farmers' agitation".

In a recent interview with a Hindi daily, the actress turned BJP MP described the farmers' movement as an anti-national force engaged in destabilizing India with the help of "external forces". Kangana's remarks are unacceptable as the farmers during their agitation lost more than 700 of their comrades. She needs to tender an unconditional apology from the farmers for her utterances.

S.K. Khosla | Chandigarh

### A G NOORANI IS NO MORE

Madam — In the passing of Abdul Ghafoor Noorani, the country has lost a towering legal luminary, a scholar, a political analyst, and a public intellect. His passing at the age of 93 marks the end of an era—one defined by a relentless pursuit of justice, profound intellectual rigour, and a commitment to the principles that fortified modern India's democratic framework. The prolific author made indelible contributions to legal scholarship and political discourse in India for over six decades. As a relentless defender of justice and the Constitution, Noorani will always be remembered most by the marginalised and those who seek to challenge the structures of power and exclusion. Unlike many others in his profession who would have sought high positions or rewards in the later years of life, Noorani never did.

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## FIRST COLUMN REVITALIZING THE WORKPLACE

Yoga and meditation can light up the dull and often tense atmosphere at workplaces



SAKSHI SETHI

In today's fast-paced, high-stress work environments, organizations are increasingly seeking ways to support the well-being of their employees. Among the most effective and holistic approaches are the practices of yoga and meditation. These ancient techniques, rooted in mindfulness and physical wellness, have transcended their spiritual origins to become powerful tools for enhancing mental and physical health in modern workplaces. Incorporating yoga and meditation into the daily routine of employees not only benefits individual well-being but also significantly impacts organizational productivity and culture.

The modern workplace is often characterized by high levels of stress, tight deadlines, and the pressure to constantly perform. A study published in the Journal of Occupational Health Psychology found that employees who participated in the workplace yoga program experienced significant reductions in perceived stress levels. Participants even reported reductions in musculoskeletal pain, particularly in the lower back, neck and shoulders, areas commonly affected by prolonged sitting. The study found that employees who practised yoga reported higher levels of emotional well-being and lower levels of psychological distress. Another study published in the Journal of Managerial Psychology examined the effects of workplace yoga on organizational culture. It found that yoga contributed to a more positive and supportive work environment by fostering better communication, teamwork and a sense of community among employees. Many office workers spend long hours sitting at desks, which can lead to a range of physical issues, includ-



ing poor posture, back pain and repetitive strain injuries. Over time, these physical ailments can decrease productivity and increase absenteeism. Yoga addresses these issues by improving flexibility, strength, and posture. The various poses and stretches in yoga help to relieve tension in the neck, shoulders and lower back, common problem areas for office workers. Additionally, the emphasis on breathing exercises improves circulation and oxygenation, leading to increased energy levels and overall vitality. This can strengthen workplace relationships, improve communication, and foster a sense of community and mutual support.

A positive work environment, where employees feel valued and connected, leads to higher morale, reduced turnover and a more cohesive and productive team. The benefits of meditation in the workplace are well-documented. Regular meditation practice has been shown to reduce symptoms of anxiety and depression, lower blood pressure and improve sleep quality. Employees who meditate regularly are more likely to exhibit improved focus, emotional intelligence, and the ability to manage stress. This not only enhances individual performance but also contributes to a more harmonious and collaborative work environment. Mentally, yoga promotes relaxation and reduces stress by regulating the autonomic nervous system, which governs the body's stress response. The mindful breathing techniques and meditative aspects of yoga help calm the mind, reduce anxiety and enhance mental clarity.

For employees, this means better focus, improved decision-making and greater resilience in the face of workplace challenges. The cumulative effect of these benefits is a more productive, engaged, and satisfied workforce. The modern workplace is often characterized by high levels of stress, tight deadlines, and the pressure to constantly perform. Moreover, prolonged stress can have severe consequences on employees' mental and physical health, leading to issues such as anxiety, depression and chronic illnesses. Therefore, investing in employee well-being through practices like yoga and meditation is not just a trend but a strategic move that can yield substantial returns.

(The writer is an educator, views expressed are personal)

# E-commerce giants versus mom-and-pop stores



UTTAM GUPTA

Amazon's aggressive pricing strategies could lead to a massive e-commerce expansion, capturing half of India's retail market within the next decade



At the launch of the Pahle India Foundation's report 'Net Impact of E-Commerce on Employment and Consumer Welfare in India' on August 21, 2024, Union Commerce and Industry Minister Piyush Goyal took pot shot at the world's biggest e-tailer Amazon, for selling products directly to consumers and indulging in "predatory pricing" that could lead to massive growth of e-commerce capturing half of Indian retail market ten years from now. This would adversely impact an estimated 100 million small retailers across the country and in turn, lead to "social disruption".

E-commerce, put simply, is the practice of buying and selling goods or services using the Internet. Predatory pricing involves setting prices for a product at an unrealistically low level to undercut the competition and gain market share. Generally practised by a new player in the market, predatory pricing violates antitrust laws even as it seeks to create a monopoly. Goyal opines that Amazon is selling products on its e-commerce platform at unrealistically low prices which results in heavy losses estimated to be about a billion dollars annually. To fund these losses, it brings the money from its parent but camouflages it as foreign direct investment (FDI). Any FDI in the country is normally welcome given its contribution to capital formation, accelerating economic growth and adding to the foreign exchange kitty. But, the dollars brought by Amazon don't serve this purpose.

In 2020 also, he had taunted the Amazon boss for the latter's claim to bring a few billion dollars into India. Then, he had charged that Jeff Bezos was bringing money to make up for the huge loss the company was incurring in its operations in the country. He also voiced concern over the harm it was causing to millions of small retailers. Amazon essentially operates the "market-place" model of e-commerce - a special dispensation carved out by the Narendra Modi Government under which 100 per cent FDI is permitted. The "market-place" is a platform where vendors sell their products to consumers even as its owner (say, Amazon) merely



E-COMMERCE, PUT SIMPLY, IS THE PRACTICE OF BUYING AND SELLING GOODS OR SERVICES USING THE INTERNET. PREDATORY PRICING INVOLVES SETTING PRICES FOR A PRODUCT AT AN UNREALISTICALLY LOW LEVEL TO UNDERCUT THE COMPETITION AND GAIN MARKET SHARE

acts as a facilitator. The marketplace owner books orders, raises invoices, arranges deliveries, accepts payments, handles rejections, warehousing and so on but can't undertake "direct selling." Considering that the operator is only expected to provide services instead of a fee, there is no question of any loss.

Yet, Amazon is incurring huge losses. The losses incurred by Amazon are due to huge discounts on the products sold on the platform as well as expenses on promoting exclusive brands. But the discount is normally given by the seller; this is also true of money spent on promotion. The service provider can't do it unless he is also masquerading as the seller. Do the rules permit direct selling?

Under the 2016 guidelines (Press Note PN issued by the Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade or DPIIT in the Ministry of Commerce and Industries), the permission for 100 per cent FDI in the "market-place" is subject to two main riders viz, "The entity cannot permit more than 25 per cent of total sales on its platform from one vendor or its group companies. Further, it can't directly or indirectly influence the sale price." Sans any specification as to "who the vendor is", a firm connected with the "market-place" (either its subsidiary or a joint venture (JV) with an Indian company) is eligible. In other words, each such entity could control up to 25 per cent of sales on the platform. So, you have companies like Cloutail - an Amazon venture in partnership with a firm owned by Narayan Murthy - operating as lead sellers on the platform. Thus, contrary to the real intent of the policy which disallowed the e-commerce platform owners from direct selling to individual consumers, the fine print permitted them to do so, albeit through a subsidiary or JV. This is precisely what the e-commerce

merchants have been doing. They were operating as direct sellers, controlling inventory, giving discounts and so on. A clarification issued by the DPIIT on December 26, 2018, said that "the owner of the marketplace or its subsidiary or its joint venture (JV) with an Indian company can't have ownership of the seller."

Further, "a seller on the platform can't source more than 25 per cent of its inventory from a firm connected with the latter." Foreign investors can circumvent the first rider by having less than 50 per cent shareholding in the seller firm and arguing that they have no control (majority) over the latter. The marketplace owner can also sell his 'own' product through its wholesale arm on the platform. All that the wholesale arm needs to ensure is to restrict supplies to the seller within the 25 per cent threshold. Thus, the clarification hasn't helped much in diluting their role as dominant sellers. No wonder, small traders, whom the e-commerce platform was intended to help have suffered heavily.

This is because the business that should have gone to the former was appropriated by the latter i.e. the dominant seller owned by itself. The small retailers haven't got relief from the court. In 2019, Delhi Vyapar Mahasangh (DVM) complained to the Competition Commission of India (CCI) alleging anti-competitive behaviour by Amazon Seller Services (ASS) and Flipkart Internet Private Limited (FIPL). It argued that ASS and FIPL had entered into exclusive sales agreements with smartphone makers to sell certain phones through a small number of preferred sellers and offering to pay for part of the discount that such sellers would offer during key sales periods such as Flipkart's big bullion day and Amazon's Prime Day. Prima facie, the CCI agreed with DVM's contention and ordered a probe by the

Director General (DG) - Investigation. ASS and FIPL went up to the Supreme Court (SC) to get the order quashed. In August 2021, dismissing their appeal, the SC ordered "the CCI - DG will complete the probe. In its recent findings, the CCI-DG has charged ASS and FIPL with indulging in 'predatory pricing' and violation of antitrust laws. The latter will appeal against this starting a fresh round of never-ending litigation. In the end (if at all the result comes), Amazon et al will get away with paying some penalty. How can the government get out of this mess? It could further tighten the rules to say that platform owners can't hold even one per cent equity in the seller. Further, the former's wholesale arm must not supply even one per cent of stocks of the latter. This is an abhorrent idea. It can't be implemented.

Besides, it will be a retrospective change of policy and send a wrong signal. The way forward is to make obvious and straightforward what the bureaucrats had already done in a 'subtle' way. The government should say that '100 per cent FDI is allowed in retail in all forms, single brand or multi-brand retail (MBR), online or offline (currently, while FDI in MBR online is completely barred, in MBR offline, 51 per cent foreign investment is allowed subject to riders which tantamount to completely barring it. All these distinctions should go). With this, even as Amazon et al can continue with direct selling to consumers alongside running a marketplace model, Indian retailers including the millions of mom-and-pop stores will also have 'unrestrained' access to foreign capital thereby ensuring a level playing field.

(The writer is a policy analyst; views expressed are personal)

# Envisioning a feminist world: Building a just and inclusive future

The 4th Asia Pacific Feminist Forum seeks to challenge the patriarchal systems that dominate the world today, writes SHOBHA SHUKLA

The 4th Asia Pacific Feminist Forum (APFF) is set to take place next month in Chiang Mai, Thailand, under the theme "Feminist world-building: Creative energies, collective journeys." This theme highlights the importance of uniting people of all genders who are dedicated to defending human rights and promoting gender equality. The forum aims to collectively resist the patriarchal, militarized, and greed-driven world we currently inhabit, envisioning instead a feminist world order. **What is a Feminist World Order?** A feminist world order envisions a different kind of development model, one rooted in sharing and caring rather than power and violence. Unlike the

patriarchal systems that dominate today, where power is concentrated in the hands of a few through violence and exploitation, a feminist system emphasizes care, solidarity, and the equitable redistribution of power. This system aspires to be socially just and ecologically sustainable, ensuring justice and sustainability for everyone, everywhere. At its core, this vision is grounded in the principles of development justice. Abia Akram, founder and CEO of the National Forum of Women with Disabilities in Pakistan, describes a feminist world as a place where women and all diverse genders can fully realize their strength and contribute meaningfully at the grassroots level. In her view, such a world would bring

about systematic changes through transformative laws and legal practices that are aligned with human rights. Migrant rights activist Eni Lestari, Chairperson of the International Migrants Alliance, shares her perspective on the feminist world order based on her decades of experience in feminist movements. She observes that neoliberal globalization has exacerbated structural exploitation, with each new crisis worsening poverty, displacement, and unemployment. Having migrated from Indonesia during the 1997 Asian financial crisis, Eni highlights that migration has become an integral part of the economic development strategy for many capitalist countries, with nearly 300 million people now liv-

ing as migrants worldwide. Eni envisions a feminist world as one where economic and political environments treat everyone with fairness and equality, eliminating the need for migration or displacement as a means of survival. In such a world, women would lead and ensure that justice and equality are upheld for all members of society. **Feminist World: A Joyous and Inclusive World** Ivy Josiah, a women's rights activist and former President and Executive Director of Malaysia's Women's Aid Organisation, describes a feminist world as a joyous and inclusive one, where no one is left behind-not just as a tagline, but in reality. She believes that if feminists lead the world, it would be a peaceful one, as



war is a choice, and so is peace. **Feminist World: Anti-Capitalism** A feminist world would stand in stark opposition to capitalism, which prioritizes profit maximization for a tiny elite while subjecting the majority of people and the planet to unbridled exploitation. Ivy argues that a feminist world would not serve the interests of the wealthy few but would instead be characterized by equitable resource distribu-

tion. **Shrinking Spaces for Civil Society:** Abia Akram raises concerns about the shrinking spaces for civil society organizations under the current political systems. She argues that creating an enabling environment where everyone has equal rights and opportunities is missing from the agendas of many countries. Budgetary allocations often fail to include a gender perspective, resulting in inadequate resources and opportunities for women and girls with disabilities, transgender individuals, and LGBTQI-AP+ communities. Abia asserts that meaningful engagement and equitable representation from feminist movements are essential for ensuring justice for all. **The Present World Order:**

The present world order, driven by patriarchy, fundamentalism, militarism, and corporate capitalism, stands as the anti-thesis of a feminist world order. This model has transferred wealth, power, and resources from the working people to the rich, and from developing countries to wealthy ones. The resulting financial, environmental, food, and energy crises have devastated the lives of women, particularly in the Global South. **Transformative Shifts of the Development Justice Model** The current world order urgently needs to be replaced with a development justice model that addresses the inequalities of wealth, power, and resources between countries, between rich and poor, and between men and women

and gender-diverse communities. This model is grounded in five transformative shifts: redistributive justice, economic justice, social and gender justice, environmental justice, and accountability to the people. The Asia Pacific Feminist Forum (APFF) plays a crucial role in advancing the vision of a feminist world order. Organized by the Asia Pacific Forum on Women, Law and Development (APWLD), this tri-annual event brings together feminists and women's rights activists of all genders from across Asia and the Pacific. (Shobha Shukla is the founding Managing Editor and Executive Director of CNS. Views are personal)

# Strike in Israel over hostage deaths reflects political divisions

AP ■ TEL AVIV

A rare call for a general strike in Israel to protest the failure to return hostages held in Gaza led to closures and other disruptions around the country on Monday, including at its main international airport. But it was ignored in some areas, reflecting deep political divisions.

Hundreds of thousands of Israelis poured into the streets late Sunday in grief and anger after six hostages were found dead in Gaza. The families and much of the public blamed Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, saying they could have been returned alive in a deal with Hamas to end the nearly 11-month-old war. But others support Netanyahu's strategy of maintaining military pressure on Hamas, whose October 7 attack into Israel triggered the war. They say it will force the militants to give in to Israeli demands, potentially facilitate rescue operations and ultimately annihilate the group.



A labour court ruled that the strike must end by 2:30 pm local time, accepting a petition from the government saying it was politically motivated. The head of Israel's largest trade union, the Histadrut, said it would abide by the court decision and instructed members to return to work. Arnon Bar-David had

called for the general strike, the first since the start of the war. It aimed to shut down or disrupt major sectors of the economy, including banking and health care. Airlines at Israel's main international airport, Ben-Gurion, halted outgoing flights between 8 am and 10 am. Those flights either departed early or were slightly delayed. Arriving

flights continued as usual, according to the Israel Airports Authority. "There's no need to punish the whole state of Israel because of what is happening, overall, it is a victory for Hamas," said one passenger, Amrani Yigal. But in Jerusalem, resident Avi Lavi said that "I think this is fair, the time has come to

stand and to wake up, to do everything for the hostages to come back alive." The Histadrut said banks, some large malls and government offices had joined the strike, as well as some public transit services, although there did not appear to be major disruptions. Municipalities in Israel's populated central area, including Tel Aviv, participated, leading to shortened school hours. Other municipalities, including Jerusalem, did not participate. The demonstrations on Sunday appeared to be the largest since the start of the war, with organizers estimating that up to 500,000 people joined nationwide events and the main rally in Tel Aviv. Israeli media estimated that 200,000 to 400,000 took part. They are demanding that Netanyahu reach a deal to return the remaining roughly 100 hostages held in Gaza, a third of whom are believed to be dead, even if it means leaving a battered Hamas intact and withdrawing from the territory. Many Israelis support this position, but

others prioritize the destruction of the militant group over freedom for the hostages. Netanyahu has pledged "total victory" over Hamas and blames it for the failure of the negotiations, which have dragged on for much of this year. Israel said the six hostages found dead in Gaza were killed by Hamas shortly before Israeli forces arrived in the tunnel where they were held. Three were reportedly scheduled to be released in the first phase of a cease-fire proposal discussed in July. The Israeli Health Ministry said autopsies had determined the hostages were shot at close range and died on Thursday or Friday. Netanyahu blamed Hamas, saying "whoever murders hostages doesn't want a deal." Hamas blamed their deaths on Israel and the United States, accusing them of dragging out the talks by issuing new demands, including for lasting Israeli control over two strategic corridors in Gaza. Hamas has offered to

release the hostages in return for an end to the war, the complete withdrawal of Israeli forces and the release of a large number of Palestinian prisoners, including high-profile militants. One of the six hostages was Israeli-American Hersh Goldberg-Polin, 23, a native of Berkeley, California, who lost part of his left arm to a grenade in the Oct. 7 attack. In April, Hamas issued a video that showed him alive, sparking protests in Israel. He was one of the best-known hostages, and his parents had led a high-profile campaign for the captives' release, meeting with President Joe Biden, Pope Francis, and addressing the Democratic National Convention last month. Around 400 mourners gathered ahead of Goldberg-Polin's funeral outside the family residence, still draped with posters reading "Bring Hersh Home." Waving Israeli flags, they marched toward the cemetery. "It feels like he could have been my son," said Irit Dolev, whose two sons

went to school with him. "I've buried so many friends this year, but this is the hardest one, because he was alive," said Amit Levy, who was among hundreds of others at the cemetery. Some 250 hostages were taken on Oct. 7. More than 100 were freed during a cease-fire in November in exchange for the release of Palestinians imprisoned by Israel. Eight have been rescued by Israeli forces. Israeli troops mistakenly killed three Israelis who escaped captivity in December. Hamas-led militants killed some 1,200 people, mostly civilians, when they stormed into southern Israel on Oct. 7. Israel's retaliatory offensive in Gaza has killed over 40,000 Palestinians, according to local health officials, who do not say how many were militants. The war has displaced the vast majority of Gaza's 2.3 million people, often multiple times, and plunged the besieged territory into a humanitarian catastrophe, including new fears of a polio outbreak.

# Keir Starmer faces challenges after unrest-filled summer

AP ■ LONDON



"Frankly, things will get worse before they get better," Starmer told voters in a televised speech last week. Starmer is seeking to hammer home the message that the right-leaning Conservative Party, booted out by voters in the July 4 election, presided over "14 years of rot" that's left Britain weakened economically, structurally and even morally. During the election campaign, Starmer vowed to get the country's sluggish economy growing

and restore frayed public services such as the state-funded National Health Service. Since winning power he's said the situation is "worse than we ever imagined," with an unexpected 22 billion pound (USD 29 billion) hole in the public finances. Labour has decided not to increase taxes on "working people," but it has to find money somewhere. It has already scaled back a payment intended to help pensioners heat their homes in winter. Starmer said last week that a budget statement coming on October 30 will be "painful" and involve "short term pain for long term good." Conservative economy spokeswoman Laura Trott accused Starmer and his government of trying to "run from responsibility for the tax rises they always planned but hid from the public during the election." Paul Johnson, who heads economic think-tank the Institute for Fiscal Studies, has said

Labour is being "disingenuous" when it claims to be surprised by the state of the finances, but that the Conservatives had "left Labour a mess to clear up." Rob Ford, professor of political science at the University of Manchester, said Starmer's government was going to "have to grasp the nettle" and confront the fact that two key pledges - improving public services and not raising any of the main taxes - "aren't both achievable." Starmer faced a big test with weeks of taking office when anti-immigrant violence erupted after three children were stabbed to death in the town of Southport. The violence, fueled by online misinformation blaming a migrant and stirred up by far-right groups, spread across England and Northern Ireland over several days. Starmer responded firmly, condemning a "mindless minority of thugs" fueled by the "snake-oil of populism" and pledging swift justice and tough sentences for rioters.

# Red sea ship hit by suspected Yemen rebel attack: Officials

AP ■ DUBAI

A suspected attack by Yemen's Houthi rebels targeted a ship in the Red Sea on Monday, authorities said, just north of where crews hope to salvage a tanker loaded with oil and still ablaze after another assault by the group. Monday's attack marks the latest in the Iranian-backed rebels' campaign that has disrupted the USD 1 trillion in goods that pass through the Red Sea each year over the Israel-Hamas war in the Gaza Strip as well as halted some aid shipments to conflict-ravaged Sudan and Yemen. Meanwhile, the efforts to salvage the still-burning Sounion seek to head off the potential ecological disaster posed by its cargo of 1 million barrels of crude oil. In Monday's assault, two projectiles hit the vessel, and a third explosion occurred near the ship, the British military's United Kingdom Maritime Trade Operations centre said. "Damage control is underway," the UKMTO said. "There are no casualties onboard and the vessel is proceeding to its next port of call." The timing of the attack and coordinates offered by the UKMTO corresponded to

the reported path of the Panama-flagged oil tanker Blue Lagoon I, now travelling south through the Red Sea to an unlisted destination. The Blue Lagoon I was coming from Russia's port of Ust-Luga on the Baltic Sea and had been broadcasting that it had Russian-origin cargo on board. In recent months, the Blue Lagoon I travelled to India, which gets more than 40 per cent of its oil imports from Russia despite Moscow's ongoing war on Ukraine and the international sanctions it faces over it. The Greek-based firm operating the ship could not be immediately reached. The Houthis did not immediately claim responsibility for the attack. However, it can take the rebels hours or even days to acknowledge their assaults. The Houthis have targeted more than 80 vessels with missiles and drones since the war in Gaza started in October. They seized one vessel and sank two in the campaign that also killed four sailors. Other missiles and drones have either been intercepted by a United States-led coalition in the Red Sea or failed to reach their targets. The rebels maintain that they target ships linked to Israel, the US or the UK to force an end to Israel's campaign

against Hamas in Gaza. However, many of the ships attacked have little or no connection to the conflict, including some bound for Iran. Meanwhile Monday, a salvage effort appeared to be underway to tow away the Sounion oil tanker, which was earlier hit by the Houthis and abandoned by its crew. Jamel Amer, an official with the Houthis, wrote online Saturday that tug boats assigned to pull the Sounion away should arrive Sunday. However, NASA fire satellites showed a blaze at the site of where the Sounion had been abandoned on Monday morning. The Sounion was carrying some 1 million barrels of oil when the Houthis initially attacked it on August 21 with small arms fire, projectiles and a drone boat. A French destroyer operating as part of the European Union's Operation Aspidex rescued the Sounion's crew of 25 Filipinos and Russians, as well as four private security personnel, after they abandoned the vessel and took them to nearby Djibouti. Last week, the Houthis released footage showing they planted explosives on board the Sounion and blew them up in a propaganda video, something the rebels have done before in their campaign.

# Harris seeks Biden's boost in Pennsylvania at Labour Day parade

AP ■ WASHINGTON

Vice President Kamala Harris and President Joe Biden are co-headlining a campaign event Monday in the marquee battleground state of Pennsylvania as Harris balances presenting herself as "a new way forward" while remaining intensely loyal to Biden and the policies he has pushed. The pair will attend Pittsburgh's Labor Day parade and offer some remarks, the first time the two have shared a speaking slot on the political stage together since the surprising election shakeup that provided a fresh jolt of Democratic enthusiasm to the 2024 election. Harris' campaign has said Pennsylvania voters are newly energized since Harris moved to the top of the ticket six weeks ago, with tens of thousands of new volunteers signed up to canvass for her and Minnesota Gov. Tim Walz, the Democratic vice presidential nominee. Harris' and Biden's appearance at the parade, one of the largest such gatherings in the country, is part of a battleground state blitz with just over two months until Election Day. Harris, 59, has sought to appeal to voters by positioning herself as a break from poisonous politics, rejecting the acerbic rhetoric of her Republican opponent, former President Donald Trump, while looking to move beyond the Biden era as well. Yet while her delivery may be very different from Biden's, Harris' agenda is chock-full of the same issues he has championed: capping the cost of prescription drugs, the Affordable Care Act, the economy and helping families afford child care. "We fight for a future where we build what I call an opportunity economy, so that every American has the

opportunity to own a home, start a business and to build wealth and intergenerational wealth. And a future where we lower the cost of living for America," she said at a recent rally, echoing Biden's calls to grow the economy "from the bottom out and the middle up." Harris briefly appeared on stage with Biden after the president delivered his remarks on the opening night of last month's Democratic National Convention, but the two haven't shared a microphone at a political event since Biden himself was running for office. At that time, the campaign was using Harris mostly as its chief spokeswoman for abortion rights, an issue they believe can help them win in November as restrictions grow and health care worsens for women following the fall of Roe v. Wade. The pair have appeared at official events and met together at the White House since the ticket-swap. For more than 3 1/2 years, Harris has been one of Biden's chief validators. Now the tables are turned, as Harris looks to lean on Biden - a native of Scranton, Pennsylvania - to help win the potentially decisive state. Biden, for his part, has laid low since ending his reelection bid. He was last at the White House on Aug. 19 and has since been vacationing in Southern California and Delaware. But even as she's taken on the mantle of leading the Democratic Party, Harris has stood steadfastly at Biden's side. In her first sit-down interview of her candidacy, Harris delivered an impassioned defense of Biden's record and ability to do the job, even despite the events of the past two months that ended with her running for the Oval Office and Biden a lame duck.

# Far-right success in German votes piles new pressure on Scholz's coalition

AP ■ BERLIN

The Alternative for Germany party's success in two state elections piled new pressure on Chancellor Olaf Scholz's fractious government and left the country's main opposition party facing political contortions on Monday to find a way to govern a pair of eastern regions without involving the far-right party. Alternative for Germany, or AfD, became the first far-right party to win a state election in post-World War II Germany in Thuringia on Sunday under one of its hardest-right figures, Björn Höcke. In neighbouring Saxony, it finished only just behind the mainstream conservative Christian Democratic Union, which leads the national opposition. Voters punished the

three parties in Scholz's governing coalition, which took well under 15 per cent of the vote between them. Deep discontent with a national government notorious for infighting, inflation and a weak economy, anti-immigration sentiment and scepticism toward German military aid for Ukraine are among the factors that contributed to support for populist parties in the formerly communist east, which is less prosperous than western Germany. A new party founded by a prominent leftist was the second big winner on Sunday - and will probably be needed to form state governments since no one is prepared to govern with AfD. The debacle for the governing parties added to awful performances in the European Parliament election in June for

Scholz's coalition, and it's not obvious that they have any recipe to turn things around with Germany's next national election due in a bit over a year. Another state election on Sept. 22 in an eastern region - Brandenburg, which unlike the two that voted Sunday is currently led by Scholz's center-left Social Democrats - could add to their embarrassment. Voters "wanted to send a signal to Berlin above all," Jens Spahn, a senior CDU lawmaker, told ZDF television. "They want to send a signal to the (coalition) that the chancellor no longer has their confidence. Olaf Scholz is the face of failure in Thuringia and Saxony too." But the two elections also bring difficult decisions for the CDU, which leads national polls. AfD holds now more

than a third of the seats, at least in Thuringia's state legislature - which would, for example, allow it to block appointments of judges to the regional constitutional court - and that will make it hard to build workable governments. AfD's strength in the east has pushed other parties into unconventional coalitions as far back as 2016, but Sunday's results took that to a new level. In Thuringia, even a previously improbable combination of the CDU, Scholz's party and the new leftist Sähra Wagenknecht Alliance lacks a majority; to get one, the conservatives would also need help from the Left Party, which is descended from East Germany's communist rulers and led the outgoing state government. So far, they have refused to work with it.

# Man fatally shoots 3 in Hawaii: Police

Honolulu (AP): Three people were killed and two others injured in a shooting at a home stemming from a dispute between neighbors on Saturday night in Hawaii, police said. The shooter was also fatally shot by a resident, who was arrested on a second-degree murder charge. Witnesses reported that a 58-year-old man was using a front-end loader to ram cars into the home where a family gathering was taking place, then opened fire at people gathered in the carport, fatally shooting three women at the residence in Wainanae, a community about 30 miles (48 kilometers) west of downtown Honolulu, Honolulu police detective Lt. Deena Thoommes said. At some point, a 42-year-old man who lived in the home fatally shot the suspect with a handgun, she said at a news conference. A police

spokesperson did not immediately respond to a telephone message or an email asking for details about why the resident was arrested. The women who were killed were 34, 36 and 29, Thoommes said. A 31-year-old man and a 52-year-old woman were taken to the hospital in critical condition, she said. The suspect, who was not identified, had four 55-gallon drums containing an unknown fuel in the front-end loader, Thoommes said. Witnesses reported that he fired rounds into them but police have not confirmed that yet, she said. The shootings are the latest of several shootings in recent weeks in the area that have led to police to pledge to work to fight gun violence. Police Chief Joe Logan said at the news conference. But he said Saturday's shootings were not related to the earlier ones.

# Some Lebanese fearing war plan to move to Syria

AP ■ BEIRUT

Residents of Beirut's southern suburbs have been scrambling to make contingency plans since an Israeli airstrike on an apartment building in a busy neighbourhood killed a top Hezbollah commander and touched off fears of a full-scale war. For most, that means moving in with relatives or renting homes in Christian, Druze or Sunni-majority areas of Lebanon that are generally considered safer than the Shiite-majority areas where the Hezbollah militant group has its main operations and base of support. But for a small number, plan B is a move to neighbouring Syria. Although Syria is in its 14th year of civil war, active fighting has long been frozen in much of the country. Lebanese citizens,



who can cross the border without a visa, regularly visit Damascus. And renting an apartment is significantly cheaper in Syria than in Lebanon. Zahra Ghaddar said she and her family were shaken when they saw an apartment building reduced to rubble by the July 30 drone strike in her area,

known as Dahiyeh. Along with Hezbollah commander Fouad Shukur, two children and three women were killed and dozens more were injured in the targeted Israeli attack. Previously, the Lebanese capital had been largely untouched by the near-daily cross-border clashes that have displaced around 100,000 people from southern Lebanon and tens of thousands more in Israel since October 8. That's when Hezbollah began firing rockets into northern Israel in support of its ally Hamas, which a day earlier led a deadly raid in Israel that killed some 1,200 people and took another 250 hostage. Israel responded with an aerial bombardment and ground offensive in Gaza that has killed more than 40,000 Palestinians. In recent weeks, the conflict in Lebanon appeared on the brink of spiralling out of control. Ghaddar said her family first considered moving within Lebanon but were discouraged by social media posts blaming displaced civilians, along with Hezbollah, for the threat of all-out war. Also, surging demand prompted steep rent hikes. "We found the rents started at USD 700, and that's for a

house we wouldn't be too comfortable in," she said. That amount is more than many Lebanese earn in a month. Ghaddar's family found a four-bedroom apartment in Aleppo, a city in northwestern Syria, for USD 150 a month. They paid six months' rent in advance and returned to Lebanon. Israel periodically launches airstrikes on Syria, usually targeting Iranian-linked military sites or militants, but Bashar Assad's government has largely stood on the sidelines of the current regional conflict. Israel and Hezbollah fought a bruising monthlong war in 2006 that demolished much of southern Lebanon and Beirut's southern suburbs. At the time, some 180,000 Lebanese took shelter in Syria, many using refugee camps in schools, mosques and empty factories. Those who

could afford it rented houses. Some put down permanent roots. Rawad Issa, then a teenager, fled to Syria with his parents. They returned to Lebanon when the war ended, but Issa's father used some of his savings to buy a house in Syria's Hama province, just in case. "That way, if another war happened, we would already have a house ready," Issa said. The house and surrounding area were untouched by Syria's civil war, he said. A few weeks ago, his sister and her husband went to get the house ready for the family to return, in case the situation in Lebanon deteriorated. Issa, who works in video production, said he initially planned to rent an apartment in Lebanon if the conflict expanded, rather than joining his family in Syria. But in "safe" areas of Beirut, "they are asking for fantastic prices," he said.



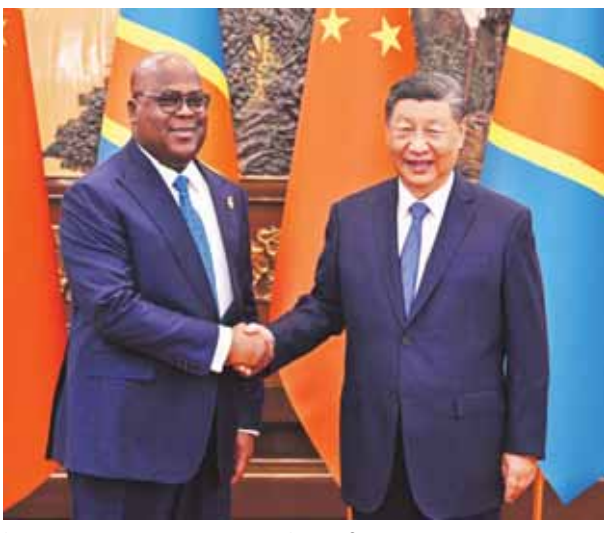
Russia launches drones, missiles at Kyiv school

Russia launched an overnight barrage of drones and cruise and ballistic missiles at Kyiv, officials said on Monday, as children prepared to return to school across Ukraine. Some pupils found classes cancelled because of damage from the attack.

Pacific summit removes Taiwan reference after Chinese backlash

AP ■ NUKUALOFA

Turmoil over China's push for influence in the South Pacific has overshadowed the region's most important diplomatic summit after a Pacific island leader apparently pledged to erase an affirmation of Taiwan's involvement in the meeting from its closing statement, at Beijing's behest.



In this photo released by Xinhua News Agency, Chinese President Xi Jinping, right, meets with President of Congo Felix Tshisekedi, at the Great Hall of the People, ahead of the China Africa Forum in Beijing, Monday.

The Pacific Islands Forum — a group of 18 island nations, plus Australia and New Zealand — initially included a reassertion of the standing of self-governing Taiwan, which China claims as its own territory, in a public communique Friday outlining leaders' agreements after their weeklong annual meeting. But it was then removed on Saturday.

role in the region that Pacific nations had sought to publicly quash ahead of the meeting. The chaotic end to the annual summit — at which member nations had emphasized regional unity and rejected major powers' jostling for influence in their affairs — shows how difficult it is for some of the world's tiniest nations to balance the demands of larger countries who see them as geopolitical pawns, analysts said.

crises of debt, health and security, including fundraising for a Pacific-led climate and disaster resilience facility in Tonga — while warning major powers against overshadowing the summit with geopolitical squabbling. "We don't want them to fight in our backyard here. Take that elsewhere," Baron Waqa, the forum's secretary-general and a former president of Nauru, told reporters in July.

Russian officials recover 22 bodies from far east helicopter crash

Moscow (AP): Russian emergency officials said on Monday they had recovered all 22 dead from a helicopter that crashed with tourists on board in Russia's Far East. The crash occurred in Kamchatka — a pristine peninsula with numerous volcanoes, known for its rugged beauty and rich wildlife.

B'desh interim govt to re-investigate 2009 BDR mutiny

PTI ■ DHAKA

Bangladesh interim government on Monday said it will "soon" start re-investigation and fair trial into the 2009 mutiny in the paramilitary Bangladesh Rifles (BDR) that had killed 74 people, including 57 army officers serving in the force.

Ambassador to Dhaka Reto Siegfried Renggli at his office here. The mutiny started on February 25-26, 2009, when army officers refused to fulfill the demands made by the BDR jawans. The rebel soldiers staged the revolt at the BDR's Pikhana headquarters in Dhaka and it quickly spread to sector headquarters and regional units of the frontier force across the country.

barracks. The mutiny left 74 people, including 57 army officers, killed. Under a massive reconstruction campaign, the government renamed the mutiny-stained BDR as Border Guard Bangladesh (BGB) in 2012, changing its logo, uniform, flag and monogram to free the force from the rebellion stigma.

BDR soldiers' death penalties after their trial in the lower court. The lower court had given death sentences to 152 BDR members and two civilians, and life imprisonment to 158 others in the case, which is pending before the apex Appellate Division of the Supreme Court for a review.

Bangladesh's biggest-ever criminal trial in which some 800 ex-paramilitary soldiers stood accused of killing 74 people. The rebel soldiers staged the revolt for what they said was "deprivation", coinciding with the annual Darbar or meeting of ordinary soldiers with the top brasses.

The mutiny occurred weeks after Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina's Awami League government came into power in the December 2008 elections. In 2012, Bangladesh concluded another phase of the trial of the rebellion with 11 paramilitary courts sentencing 6,011 rebel soldiers of 57 units to jail terms of up to seven years under the relatively lenient BDR Act.

Storm causes floods, landslides in Philippines

AP ■ MANILA

A storm set off landslides and unleashed pounding rains that flooded many northern Philippine areas overnight into Monday, leaving at least 14 people dead and prompting authorities to suspend school classes and government work in the densely populated capital region.

into Casiguran town in the northeastern province of Aurora Monday afternoon and gained strength with sustained winds of 85 kilometers (53 miles) per hour and gusts of 105 kph (65 mph), according to the weather bureau.

provinces. It was forecast to strengthen further, possibly becoming a typhoon, before blowing away toward southern China in the next two days, the weather bureau said. At least 14 people died, mostly due to landslides and drownings, officials said.

of the capital, killing at least three people, including a pregnant woman. Four other villagers drowned in swollen creeks, Antipolo's disaster-mitigation officer Enrilito Bernardo Jr. told The Associated Press by telephone.

Expenditure violations lead to Presidential disqualification, says SL election commission

Colombo (PTI): Any candidate found to have violated campaign finance regulations in Sri Lanka's presidential election can face disqualification, the island nation's election commission said on Monday.

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# FICCI CASCADE underlines need for global cooperation to curb smuggling for sustainable growth

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To combat the menace of smuggling and counterfeiting that feed into terror financing and organised crime, FICCI Committee Against Smuggling and Counterfeiting Destroying the Economy (CASCADE) will be organising the 10th edition of MASCARADE (Movement Against Smuggling and Counterfeit Trade) this month in the national Capital. MASCARADE is an international forum that hosts senior officials from prominent international organizations, including the World Customs Organization (WCO), World Intellectual Property Organization

(WIPO), International Narcotics Control Board (INCB), INTERPOL, among others, and representatives from several countries to provide insights against smuggling and illicit trade. India is the fastest growing major economy in the world and has been the sole 'bright spot' in an otherwise sagging scenario of slowing global economy, but the silent menace of smuggling and

illicit trade threatens its ambition of becoming a \$5 Trillion economy. "Smuggling and counterfeiting threaten Indian industries, hampering job creation and impeding economic growth, apart from depriving the government of tax revenue and bleeding resources for enforcement and public health measures," said Anil Rajput, Chairman FICCI CASCADE which has been running an incessant campaign against the menace.

It has roped in the international community and organisations to highlight and underline the hidden links between smuggling, counterfeiting and terrorism and organised crime. The body has also been organising awareness programmes on strategies to counter smuggling, including

inter-school competitions to educate the young or the to-be-consumers. MASCARADE ropes in experts from various fields such as cyber-law, artificial intelligence, intellectual property rights and e-commerce, along with senior officials from the Government of India to brainstorm on the detection of connections between smuggling, organized crime and terror financing. Meanwhile, the MASCARADE discussions on solutions would revolve around consumer awareness, stricter enforcement and calibrated government policies in terms of taxation, trade deals etc. There also needs to be a multinational collaboration to address the issue comprehensively. "This collaborative effort could involve optimizing intelligence sharing, conducting joint investigations and enforcement actions, sharing best practices, establishing bilateral and multilateral agreements and enhancing mutual legal assistance, among other measures," said Rajput. Additionally, the

collaboration should leverage the power of new-age and emerging technologies, such as AI and machine learning, to identify and analyse patterns of illicit trade, thereby enhancing detection and enforcement capabilities. The 9th edition of MASCARADE last year was a two-day event organised on the theme- 'Tackling Illicit Trade: Socio-Economic Perspectives and Way Forward'. A 2022 FICCI CASCADE study titled 'Illicit Markets: A Threat to Our National Interests' revealed a staggering 163% increase in tax losses due to smuggling in India from 2010 to 2020. The government faced a substantial financial impact, with losses reaching ₹58,521 crore, compared to ₹22,230 crore, spanning crucial sectors such as alcoholic beverages, mobile phones, FMCG-household and personal goods, FMCG-packaged foods, and tobacco products. These industries collectively suffered an astounding 340% surge in sales losses, escalating from ₹59,046 crores in 2010 to ₹2,60,094 crores in 2020, highlighting the gravity of the illicit trade issue.



## Sensex, Nifty hit all time high

PTI ■ MUMBAI

Benchmark equity indices Sensex and Nifty hit their fresh all-time closing high levels on Monday, tracking foreign fund inflows and a rally in the US markets. The US rate cut hopes and renewed foreign fund inflows are fuelling the recent rally in domestic equities, traders said. Surging for the 10th straight session, the 30-share BSE Sensex jumped 194.07 points or 0.24 per cent to settle at an all-time closing high of 82,559.84. During the day, it surged 359.51 points or 0.43 per cent to reach a new intra-day record peak of 82,725.28. The NSE Nifty climbed 42.80 points or 0.17 per cent to settle at a lifetime closing high of 25,278.70, taking its winning run to the 13th day in a row. During the day, it

soared 97.75 points or 0.38 per cent to hit a fresh all-time intra-day peak of 25,333.65. Among the 30 Sensex firms, Bajaj Finserv, Bajaj Finance, HCL Tech, IndusInd Bank, ITC, UltraTech Cement, Axis Bank and Infosys were the biggest gainers. On the other hand, Tata Motors, NTPC, Mahindra & Mahindra, Bharti Airtel, Larsen & Toubro and Power Grid were among the laggards. In Asian markets, Seoul and Tokyo settled in the positive territory, while Shanghai and Hong Kong ended lower. European markets were trading in the negative territory. The US markets ended higher on Friday. Foreign Institutional Investors (FIIs) bought equities worth Rs 5,318.14 crore on Friday, according to exchange data. The market has entered a zone of steady

but mild up-move caused by the accumulation of quality large-caps. FIIs turning buyers last week mainly due to some large bulk deals also has improved sentiments in the market," said VK Vijayakumar, Chief Investment Strategist, Geojit Financial Services. Global oil benchmark Brent crude climbed 0.14 per cent to USD 77.04 a barrel. Gross GST collections in August grew 10 per cent to about Rs 1.75 lakh crore, reflecting higher domestic consumption. On Friday, the BSE benchmark climbed 231.16 points or 0.28 per cent to settle at an all-time closing high of 82,365.77. In its best winning streak since its launch in 1996, the NSE Nifty soared 83.95 points or 0.33 per cent to hit a new lifetime closing high of 25,235.90.



## SJVN expresses gratitude to Union Minister of Power for Navratna Status

Shimla: On momentous occasion of SJVN having been granted prestigious Navratna status, Management of SJVN Sh. Sushil Sharma, CMD, Sh Akhileshwar Singh, Director Finance and Sh. Ajay Kumar Sharma, Director Personnel (designate) called upon Hon'ble Minister of Power, Sh. Manohar Lal, Secretary Power, Sh. Pankaj Agarwal and Joint Secretary (Hydro), Sh. Md Afzal to express gratitude and seek further guidance. During the courtesy meet, Hon'ble Minister of Power congratulated SJVN and also motivated to take the new responsibility as a challenge to further grow and contribute to nation building along with the pleasantries.

During the meeting, Hon'ble Minister emphasized that SJVN along with other Power CPSEs should develop a dedicated skill force specifically equipped in the field of Power Generation technologies. He further directed to put concerted efforts in Research & Development field and come out with innovative and out of the box solutions for cost optimization both in generation as well as transmission areas.



## Lifestyle brand Nicobar opens maiden store in Chandigarh

Chandigarh: Nicoba lifestyle brand has opened its maiden outlet in City Beautiful - Chandigarh, marking its foray into upper north India. This expansion is part of Nicobar's strategy to open more outlets in non-metro or Tier 2 cities. "Chandigarh's Nicobar outlet is the 20th in the country, marking our foray into the upper north India consisting of Punjab, Haryana, Himachal Pradesh, and J&K. We are upbeat over the customers' response as Nicobar not only suitably caters to lifestyle aesthetics but also gives them the sense of modernity without copying Western styles," said Co-Founder Raul R. Rai. Co-founders of Nicobar Raul R. Rai and Simran Lal interacted with the media on the side-lines of the launch of Nicobar's Chandigarh store. Raul said, "We did some research and felt that Nicobar caters to the lifestyle zeal of the Chandigarh market."



## ASSOCHAM IN Collaboration with C-PYTE organises conclave for skill development

Chandigarh: The Associated Chambers of Commerce & Industry in India (ASSOCHAM) Northern Region and Centre for training and employment of Punjab Youth (C-PYTE) Govt. of Punjab organized the "Conclave on Skill Development for A&D Sectors and MSME Sectors" which was inaugurated by Minister for Employment Generation, Skill Development and Training, Government of Punjab Aman Arora. "With an aim to make the state a leader in the defence industry and create a conducive environment for long-term growth and sustainability, Punjab Government will bring a comprehensive policy for skill development in the Aerospace & Defence (A&D)," The minister said, Abhi Bansal, Chairman, ASSOCHAM Punjab state council and Director, Saraswati Group of Companies addressed the audience, emphasizing the importance of this conclave as a pivotal platform to explore opportunities for expanding defence units in Punjab and deliberate on supportive policies, defence corridors, and Special Economic Zones (SEZs) to advance our defence industry.

# Single filing with exchange to be reality very soon says SEBI chief

PTI ■ MUMBAI

Capital markets regulator Sebi Chief Madhabi Puri Buch on Monday said a single disclosure by listed companies on one stock exchange will soon be automatically uploaded on the other bourse. This comes after the Securities and Exchange Board of India (Sebi) recently proposed sweeping changes to disclosure as well as listing requirements by listed companies based on recommendations from a committee led by S K Mohanty, former whole-time member of Sebi. Speaking at a CII event, Sebi chairperson said, "a single filing with the exchange will be a reality very soon". As part of the proposed changes, a filing made on one exchange will automatically collate on the other exchange, she said.



A filing made on one exchange will automatically collate on the other exchange. Additionally, Buch said soon investors will be able to start SIP (Systematic Investment Plan) with as low as Rs 250 per month. "We are on the way of Rs 250 SIP becoming a reality," she said. Buch avoided commenting on Real Estate Investment Trusts (REITs), but said there are regulations simplifying such entities. "If I utter a word on REITs, I

REIT regulations 2014 favoured a specific financial conglomerate, which Sebi denied. The Sebi chief highlighted plans to make IPO documents available in multiple languages to remove language barriers and increase investor awareness. Also, she emphasised on the importance of the inclusion. Additionally, she said that creating capital for the industry and wealth creation for the citizens of the country are two very important areas of the regulator. Buch stressed on the need of adoption of technology in markets, complexity of the market (right product for the right person) and co-creation with the industry. On co-creation, Buch said, "It is not because that the regulator is magnanimous, it's out of sheer necessity, which will actually serve the market".

## Indian manufacturers see softer increases in new business: PMI

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

India's manufacturing sector growth moderated in August as output and sales rose at slowest rates since January, while competitive pressures and inflation concerns hampered business confidence, a monthly survey said on Monday. The seasonally adjusted HSBC India Manufacturing Purchasing Managers' Index (PMI) stood at 57.5 in August, below July's reading of 58.1 but above its long-run average of 54.0, signalling a substantial improvement in operating conditions. In PMI parlance, a print above 50 means expansion, while a score below 50 denotes contraction. "The Indian manufacturing sector continued to expand in August, although the pace of expansion moderated slightly. New orders and output also mirrored the headline trend, with some panellists citing fierce



competition as a reason for slowdown," Pranjul Bhandari, Chief India Economist at HSBC, said. According to the survey, new business rose sharply through the second quarter of the fiscal year, but the pace of expansion eased to a seven-month low. New export orders, likewise, increased at the weakest pace since the start of the 2024 calendar year. On the prices front, goods producers benefited from a moderation in cost pressures during August. "On a positive note, the rise in input costs slowed sharply. Manufacturers increased their raw material buying activity in order to build safety stocks. In line with input costs, the pace of output price inflation also decelerated, but the deceleration was to a much smaller extent, thereby increasing margins for manufacturers," Bhandari added. The survey further noted that job creation softened midway through the second fiscal quar-

As a few firms trimmed headcounts. Nevertheless, the overall rate of employment growth was solid in the context of historical data. According to the survey, business confidence retreated and panellists were at their least optimistic level since April 2023. "Business outlook for the year ahead moderated slightly in August, driven by competitive pressures and inflation concerns," Bhandari said. Meanwhile, India's economic growth slowed to a 15-month low of 6.7 per cent in April-June 2024-25, mainly due to poor performance of the agriculture and services sectors, government data showed on Friday. The gross domestic product (GDP) expanded 8.2 per cent in the June quarter of 2023-24. The HSBC India Manufacturing PMI is compiled by S&P Global from responses to questionnaires sent to purchasing managers in a panel of around 400 manufacturers.



## Rupee falls seven paise against US dollar

PTI ■ MUMBAI

The rupee declined 7 paise to close at 83.92 (provisional) against the greenback on Monday on disappointing domestic macroeconomic data. However, positive domestic markets, wherein both the benchmark indices scaled lifetime high levels and foreign fund inflows cushioned the downside. Moreover, easing crude oil prices and weakness of the American currency in the overseas market supported the local unit and restricted further slide. At the interbank foreign exchange market, the local unit opened 2 paise lower at 83.87 against the American currency. It rose to the intra-day high of 83.85 but pared gains and slipped to the day's low of 83.93 before settling at 83.92 (provisional) against the US dollar, registering a decline of 7 paise over its previous close. "Indian rupee depreciated by 7 paise on Monday on positive US Dollar and disappointing macroeconomic data," said Anuj Choudhary - Research Analyst at Sharekhan by BNP Paribas. India's manufacturing sector growth moderated in August as output and sales rose at slowest rates since January, while competitive pressures and inflation concerns hampered business confidence, a monthly survey said on Monday. The seasonally adjusted HSBC India Manufacturing Purchasing Managers' Index (PMI) stood at 57.5 in August, below July's reading of 58.1.

"We expect the rupee to trade with a slight positive bias as domestic markets are trading at fresh record highs with fresh FII inflows. A weak tone in crude oil prices may also support the rupee. However, any recovery in the US Dollar may cap sharp upside," Choudhary added. Meanwhile, in the domestic equity markets, Sensex climbed 194.07 points to settle at a new all-time closing high of 82,559.84, while Nifty rose 42.80 points to hit its fresh record peak of 25,278.70. The dollar index, which gauges the greenback's strength against a basket of six currencies, dipped marginally by 0.06 per cent to 101.64. Brent crude, the international benchmark, fell 0.23 per cent to 76.75 in futures trade. On the domestic macroeconomic front, gross goods and services tax (GST) collections in August grew 10 per cent to about Rs 1.75 lakh crore on Sunday, reflecting higher domestic consumption. Foreign Institutional Investors (FIIs) were net buyers in the capital markets on Friday, as they purchased shares worth Rs 5,318.14 crore, according to exchange data. Meanwhile, the Centre's fiscal deficit at the end of the first four months of the current fiscal year touched 17.2 per cent of the full-year target, according to data released by the Controller General of Accounts (CGA). India's forex reserves jumped USD 7.023 billion to touch a new high of USD 681.688 billion in the week ended August 23, according to the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) data released on Friday.

### INBRIEF

#### VIT-AP UNIVERSITY, ARACT SIGN MOU

VIJAYAWADA: The Vellore Institute of Technology-Andhra Pradesh University and Amara Raja Advanced Cell Technologies Private Limited sign a Memorandum of Understanding. The MoU signifies the start of a 5-year collaboration aimed at advancing research and innovation, facilitating knowledge transfer, and developing the workforce.

#### GM OF NFR INTERACTION WITH TRAIN RUNNING STAFF

NEW DELHI: Shri Chetan Kumar Shrivastava, General Manager of N. F. Railway today interacted with various categories of field officials at New Jalpaliguri under Kathar Division who plays an important role in safe train operations. General Manager in his speech asked all railway officials to be alert and ensure safety at any cost.

## Godrej Properties wins bid for two housing plots in Gurugram costing ₹515 cr

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Realty firm Godrej Properties has won bid for two residential plots in Gurugram costing Rs 515 crore and will develop luxury homes worth Rs 3,400 crore on these land parcels. In a regulatory filing on Monday, Godrej Properties informed that it has emerged as the highest bidder and has secured the Letter of Intent to develop two group housing plots at premium locations in Gurugram through an e-auction conducted by the Haryana Shehri Vikas Pradhikaran (HSVP). The combined bid value for



both plots is Rs 515 crore, it added. The plot measuring 3.6 acres is located in the prestigious Golf Course Road micro-market whereas the plot measuring 1.97 acres is strategical-

potential of over Rs 3,400 crore comprising luxury residential apartments of varied configurations" Godrej Properties said. In the last fiscal, Godrej Properties Ltd had bought two prime parcels of 5.15 acres and 2.76 acres in Golf Course Road micro-market from HSVP at auction and plans to launch both these projects during this fiscal. The company also won auctions for two land parcels in Greater Noida in the current quarter. These four plots in Greater Noida and Gurugram will strengthen the company's Delhi-NCR portfolio having a total estimated revenue potential in excess of USD 1 billion.



## Kathuniya bags second consecutive Paralympic silver in men's discus throw F-56 event

PTI ■ PARIS

India's Yogesh Kathuniya clinched his second consecutive Paralympic silver medal in men's discus throw F-56 event with a season's best effort 42.22m at the ongoing Games here on Monday.

The 27-year-old hurled the discus to the podium-clinching distance in his very first attempt to add to the silver he won in the Tokyo Paralympics three years ago. Brazil's Claudiney Batista dos Santos registered a hat-trick of Paralympic gold medals, creating a new Games record with an effort of 46.86m in his fifth attempt.

Greece's Konstantinos Tzounis won the bronze with 41.32m.

The F-56 classification covers limb deficiency, leg length difference, impaired muscle power and impaired range of movement. At the age of 9, Kathuniya developed the Guillain-Barre syndrome, a rare autoimmune condition which causes numbness, tingling and muscle weakness that can progress to paralysis. He was bound to the wheelchair during his childhood but overcame the

odds with the help of his mother Meena Devi, who learnt physiotherapy to help him regain muscle strength to walk again. His father has served in the Indian Army. Kathuniya is a commerce graduate from Delhi's prestigious Kirori Mal College.

Besides two Paralympic silver medals, he has three world championship medals, including two silver and a bronze.

On Monday, Kathuniya won't be satisfied with his performance given that he won the silver in Tokyo with a much better effort of 44.38m. Kathuniya's toughest competitor, the 45-year-old Dos Santos broke the Paralympic record twice on Monday, first registering 46.45m in his second attempt and then hurling the discus to 46.86m in his penultimate throw.

Dos Santos is a three-time world championships gold-medallist, and has also held the Paralympic record of 45.59m in this category which he achieved in the last edition in Tokyo.

Slovakia's Dusan Laczko finished fourth and last with a best effort of 41.20m.



## Ukrainian badminton player chasing first Paralympic medal with an unexpected guest in the stands

AP ■ PARIS

Oksana Kozyna's Paralympic debut was sure to have some unexpected moments, but the surprise she received might beat anything that could have happened on the court.

The Ukrainian para badminton player was raised in an orphanage for disabled children in Dnipro, Ukraine, alongside teammate Oleksandr Chyrkov. Before her first singles match in the SL3 classification (standing with lower limb impairment), she met one of her former teachers from the orphanage - a reunion that brought back memories of learning the sport while also featuring all the emotions felt by Ukrainians as the war continues back home.

"I didn't recognize her at first and then, when I recognized her, I just couldn't believe it," Kozyna said of her teacher, Svitlana Shabalina, while meeting with reporters Sunday evening. "It's like a dream."

Shabalina had left the orphanage years earlier and recently emigrated to Sweden. Kozyna fled Ukraine shortly after Russia attacked in 2022 and now lives with Chyrkov, two other Ukrainian athletes and their families in France, where she trained for the Paralympics.

Kozyna has been a key player in Ukrainian para badminton

since winning silver at the European Championships in 2017. The 29-year-old also won Ukraine's first world para badminton championship in 2022.

Shabalina didn't plan to see her former students. Chyrkov actually surprised Shabalina while training near where she lives in Sweden. The two had stayed in touch in the years after Chyrkov left the orphanage, and he invited Shabalina to watch him and Kozyna compete. Two weeks before the games began, Shabalina decided to go.

"Ever since we began the war, we've tried to figure out how to do it in a proper way," Chyrkov said.

"It really helped because a lot of Ukrainians came and supported."

Kozyna said the trio has spent the last few days discussing how life has changed since they left the orphanage. Kozyna had not seen Shabalina since before the war began.

Kozyna had her first women's singles loss on Sunday, falling in straight sets to No. 1 seed Qonitah Ikhtiar Syakuroh of Indonesia. She will play Nigeria's Mariam Bolaji for the bronze medal on Monday.

"I did have favorite pupils, (and) they were one of them," Shabalina said about Kozyna and Chyrkov.

"I loved what I do and my kids, because I really think they are like my kids."

### CHANGE OF NAME

**I, Army No.15123686A**  
Nk Lakhwinder Singh S/O Ram Singh R/O H.No.4825/03, New Abadi, Jandiala Guru, Amritsar have changed the name of my Son from Prabhjot Singh Gill to Prabhjot Singh

**I Ajay Kumar S/O Raman**  
Chauhan Resident of 23, Pink Avenue, Majitha Road, Amritsar-I, Amritsar. I have changed my name from Ajay Kumar to Ajay Chauhan.

**I, hitherto known as**  
Ashwani Arora Son of Om Parkash Arora Residing at H No. 477, Gali Swraj, Durgiana Abadi, Amritsar, Punjab-143001 have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as Ashwani Kumar Arora.

**I, Roshni Devi** Mother of No.15522509F Swr Parveen Balyan R/O Vtc Majri (71) PO Gobhana Sub District Bahadurgarh District Jhajjar State Haryana-124507 have changed my name to Roshni Rani Vide Affidavit No.IN-PB5195863546859W Dt.02.09.2024 Before Notary Public Amritsar

**I, Kanwaljit Kaur** wife of Mukhtar Singh resident of Village Mari Megha Tehsil Patti District Tarn Taran have changed her name to Kawaljeet Kaur

**I, Rajbinder Kaur** Mother of Sukhwinder Singh R/O 79, Tehsil Ludhiana Dewatwal Ludhiana Punjab-141102 have changed my Date of Birth from 26.03.1975 to 20.03.1975 Vide Affidavit No.IN-PB51987271887547W Dt.02.09.2024 Before Notary Public Amritsar.

**I, Birbal S/O Ramsaroop**  
R/O H.No. 65/269, Ward No. 32, Krishna Mandir Tophkana Prade Ambala Cantt. Declare That Due to Mistake in my Daughter School Records my Name Mentioned as Veeru Alias Veeru Birbal Instead of Birbal That in Future and my Daughter School Records my Name known as Birbal All Concerned Please Note.

**I, Subhash Verma S/O**  
Shiv Chand Verma R/O Village Thol (289) , Kurukhetra have changed my name from Subhash S/O Shiv Chand to Subhash Verma S/O Shiv Chand Verma

**I, Jyoti W/O Gurpreet**  
Soni R/O H.No. 170 Ghel Road, Ambala City inform that in my Daughter akshreet Kaur birth certificate my name wrongly mentioned as Jyoti Soni alias Jyoti. But my correct or actual name is Jyoti

**I, Harish Gulati** Alias Harish Chander Gulati S/O Subhash Chander R/O H.No-2384-A/B-2 Kaziwara Ambala City have changed my name from Harish Gulati Alias Harish Chander Gulati to Harish Chander Gulati

**I, Muskaan W/O Labh**  
Preet Singh Khaira R/O Village Harpura Po Dhandoi Tehsil Batala Distt Gurdaspur Have Changed My Name From Muskaan To Muskaan Khaira. Concerned Note.

**I, Jasbir Singh S/O Balbir**  
Singh R/O Village Purani Baghrian Post Office Alma Tehsil And District Gurdaspur (Punjab)-143517 Have Changed My Name From Jasbir Singh To Jasvir Singh. Concerned Note.

**I, Labhpreet Singh S/O**  
Mangal Singh R/O Village Harpura Po Dhandoi Tehsil Batala Distt Gurdaspur Have Changed My Name From Labhpreet Singh To Labh Preet Singh Khaira. Concerned Note.

**I, Yashleen (Old Name,**  
Which is to be Changed) D/O Sh. Gurdeep Singh R/O H.No.1033, Gali No. 4, Shiv Colony, Kaithal Road, Karnal, Haryana have changed my name from Yashleen (Old Name) to Yashleen Kaur (New Name).

**I, Surinder Kaur w/o**  
Hoshiyar Singh r/o #83, Sector-8, Kurukshetra Tehsil & Distt. Kurukshetra (Haryana) have changed my name from Surinder Kaur to Surinder. In future I Should be known as Surinder.

**I, Deepali Sharma W/o**  
Akash Birla, H. No.130 GF, Sigma City-1. Sigma Chowk Lohgarh, Zirakpur, SAS Nagar (Mohali), have changed my name to Deepali Birla.

**I, Shiv Kumar s/o Satpal**  
Kumar # 3103 Sector 19-D Chandigarh have changed my minor son's name from Aarav to Ryan.

**I, Gurmeet Singh S/O**  
Piara Singh R/O Village Kotla Bhagu PO Nurpur Tehsil Nakodar Distt Jalandhar have changed my name from Gurmit Singh to Gurmeet Singh.

**I, Amjad Mohammad S/O**  
Mangu Mohammad R/O Village Aulak Tehsil Nakodar Distt Jalandhar have changed my name from Amjad To Amjad Mohammad.

**I, Subhash Chand S/O**  
Ram Chand R/O H.No. 56, Street No. 3, Ganesh Nagar, Rama Mandi, Distt. Jalandhar, Punjab have changed my name from Subhash Chand to Subhash Chand. All concerned please note.

**Ramesh** is legally father Suppose of Army No. 15751973X, Rank LNK (EFS) Parveen presently R/O Signal Company, Est No. 22, Pin-934822 C/o 56 APO have changed name to Ramesh to Ramesh Kumar vide affidavit no. BCB2024126, GRN No. 120882275 Dated 02-09-24 Sub. Tehsil Bahal (Bhivani) Haryana.

**I, Kush S/O Bhim Sain R/O**  
House No. 1036, Ward No. 6, Multani Chowk, Near Ravidas Mandir, Tekra Mohalla, Hisar, Haryana 125001 declare that I have changed my name from Kush to Kush Kumar for all future purpose.

**I, Manisha** is legally wedded spouse of No. 15501967K Rank ID Name Sandeep peranently R/O VPO Surethi, Distt. Jhajjar declare that I have changed my date of birth from 15.10.1989 to 15.10.1988. My correct DOB is 15.10.1988 for all future purposes.

**I, Sangita W/O Sushil**  
Kumar R/O VPO Kalod, Distt. Bhivani, Haryana declare that I have changed my name from Sangita to Sangeeta Kumari for future purpose.

**I, Ravinder S/O Rikhi Ram**  
Guleria R/O 2193/31 PWT Manimajra Chandigarh have changed my name to Ravinder Singh Guleria

**I, Kuldeep kumar S/O**  
Jeet singh R/O 85 VIP Enclave Opp Milton Tower VIP road Zirakpur, have changed my name from Kuldeep kumar to Kuldeep Singh Chhabra.

**I Pooja Chhabra D/O**  
Kuldeep Singh Chhabra R/O 85 VIP Enclave Opp Milton Tower VIP road Zirakpur, have changed my name from Pooja Chhabra to Pooja Arora.

**I Manjit Kaur w/o Atma**  
Ram resident of village Kakheri Tehsil Guhla Distt Kaithal Haryana declare that I have changed my name from Manjeet Kaur to Manjit Kaur. Now my correct name is Manjit Kaur. All noted this.

**Manjit Kaur W/o Sh.**  
Inderjit Singh Sondhi R/O H.No 784C, HIG Flats, Phase IX, SAS Nagar Mohali Punjab, have changed my name from Manjit Kaur to Manjit Kaur Sondhi.

**I Inderjit Singh S/O Sh.**  
Lal Singh R/O H.No. 784C HIG Flats, Phase IX SAS Nagar Mohali, Punjab, have changed my name from Inderjit Singh to Inderjit Singh Sondhi.

**I, Samsher Singh S/O**  
Ram Kumar R/O H.No.903, Sec-23 Huda, Bhivani, have changed my name from Shamsheer Singh to Samsheer Singh for all future purpose.

**I, Bhart S/O Arun Dagar**  
R/O #204/27, Subhash Nagar, Rohtak Road Jind I have declared that my Name Changed From Bhart To Bhart Singh Dagar. In future all purposes.

**I Harpreet Kaur D/O**  
Kuldeep Singh R/O House No. 324, Ward No. 8, Banda Bahadur Colony, Banur Chhat, SAS Nagar Punjab have changed my name from Harpreet Kaur to Lovepreet Kaur. And my correct date of birth is 01-08-2002.

**I, hitherto known as**  
Kushal S/O Chander Mohan R/O Village Sofipind, Post office Sofi, Distt. Jalandhar, Punjab-144024 have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as Kushal Sepala.

**I, hitherto known as**  
Kushal S/O Chander Mohan R/O Village Sofipind, Post office Sofi, Distt. Jalandhar, Punjab-144024 have changed my name from Kuldeep to Kuldeep Virdi (Surname as Virdi)

**I, Seeman Kaur W/o**  
Sukhdev Singh R/O Village Jago Chanarthal, Tehsil & District Fatehgarh Sahib (Punjab) have changed my name from Samneet Kaur to Seema Kaur. Concerned note.

# Classifieds

**I, Manjinder Singh S/O**  
Sh. Lachman Singh R/O Chonki Wali Gali, Khanna Colony, Sirsa, Distt. Sirsa (Haryana). That I have changed my name from Manjinder Singh , in future my name is to be called as Manjinder Singh.

**We, Mulayam Singh**  
Rana S/O Bachan Singh, and Bimla Rani W/o Mulayam Singh Rana R/O 129, Khalsa Nagar-B, Bhadnara Road, Sidhuwal, Patiala (Pb) inform that our name is wrongly written as Mulayam Singh (Father) and Bimla Devi (Mother) in my daughter's Divya Rana School Records. Our correct/ Real name is Mulayam Singh Rana (Father) and Bimla Rani (Mother). Concerned please note.

**I Sukhwinder Singh S/O**  
Kewal Singh holding Indian passport #M1279743 issued to me on 21 August 2014 at Jalandhar my previously resident of VPO Ajram District Hoshiarpur, Punjab, India Currently Residing at 4 Kettlewell Crescent Brampton, Ontario L6P4E9. I have changed my name Sukhwinder Singh to Sukhwinder Singh Judge all concerned note please

**I, Jasvir Kaur W/o**  
Sukhwinder Singh holding Indian passport #M1279556 issued to me on 21 August 2014 at Jalandhar. Previously resident of VPO Ajram District Hoshiarpur, Punjab, India, Currently Residing 4 Kettlewell Crescent, Brampton, Ontario, L6P4E9. I have changed my name Jasvir Kaur Judge all concerned note please

**I, No. 15504432F Rank:**  
LD Name: Siddappa Dabaj, Unit: 45 CAV C/O 56 APO resident of Pamaladinni, Belgau, Karnataka have changed date of Birth of my Mother Sanvacka Dabaj from 05-09-1965 to 01-01-1958.

**I, No. 15504432F Rank:**  
LD Name: Siddappa Dabaj, Unit: 45 CAV C/O 56 APO resident of Pamaladinni, Belgau, Karnataka have changed date of Birth of my Mother Sanvacka Dabaj from 05-09-1965 to 01-01-1958.

**I, Hanamavva Belahar is**  
Mother Of No. 16119954X, Hav, Ningappa Belahar of Unit 22 Engr Regt C/O 56 APO Ferozepur Residing of Amaragol, Amaragol, Dharwad State Karnataka Pin-582208 Declare That my Name Hanamavva and my date of birth 04/04/1962 Wrongly written in my Son Army Service Records but my correct Name is Hanamavva Belahar and date of birth 01/01/1966.

**I, Antar Singh Rajput,**  
Father Of No. 2704893P Rank Lnk Name Dasharath Singh Dodia Unit 3 Grenadiers C/O 99 Apo Pin 910803 And Residing At Village Gadgadiya, Post Rewas Tehsil Jaora, District Ratlam, Madhya Pradesh, Pin 457226 Have Changed My Name From Antar Singh Dodia To Antar Singh Rajput Vide Affidavit Dated 01 Aug 2024 Before At Notary Ferozepur.

**I, Chain Kunwar Rajput,**  
Mother Of No. 2704893P Rank Lnk Name Dasharath Singh Dodia Unit 3 Grenadiers C/O 99 Apo Pin 910803 And Residing At Village Gadgadiya, Post Rewas Tehsil Jaora, District Ratlam, Madhya Pradesh, Pin 457226 Have Changed My Name From Chen Kumwar Dodia To Chain Kunwar Rajput And Change Vide Affidavit Dated 01 Aug 2024 Before At Notary Ferozepur.

**I, Amrit Kaur Mavi W/o**  
Sadhu Singh R/O H.No.94 Main Street, Deep Nagar Patiala 147001 Punjab have changed my name to Amrit Kaur.

**I Kiran Kaur W/o**  
Yadwinder Singh R/O Vill. Haryou Khurd, Tehsil Patran, Distt. Patiala have changed my name to Harkiran Kaur.

**I Priya D/o Natha Ram**  
W/o Akshay Khamb R/O Village-Biggowal, PO-Bariawal, Hoshiarpur, Punjab -144306, have changed my name to Priya Sandhal.

**I Zora Singh Auja S/O**  
Buland Singh R/O Vill. Ikolaha, (Khanna) Ludhiana Has Changed My Name To Zora Singh.

**I, Patras S/O Shinda**  
Masih R/O Vill- Pahra, Po/Distt- Gurdaspur, Punjab. Declare That Changed My Daughter Name From Victoria To Victoria Peter.

**I, Vijay Laxmi** Is Legally Wedded Spouse Of No.2497559y Rank Hav Sanjeev Kumar. Presently Residing At Vpo- Saidowal Kalan, Teh- Gurdaspur, Distt-Gurdaspur (Pb)-143520. Have Changed My Name From Vijay Laxmi To Vijay Lakshmi Vide Affidavit No.IN-Pb52140286006989W Dated 02-09-2024 Before Notary Public Gurdaspur, Punjab.

**I, Sat Pal Duggal S/O**  
Bhag Mal R/O H.No. 7, Ajit Vihar, Dhilwan, Po. Dakoha, Jalandhar have changed my name from Sat Pal Duggal to Sat Paul Duggal.

**I, Samitri Devi W/o Sat**  
Paul Duggal R/O H.No. 7, Ajit Vihar, Dhilwan, Po. Dakoha, Jalandhar have changed my name from Samitri Devi to Sumitri Devi.

**I Rajwinder Kaur W/O**  
Gurmeet Singh R/O Saffuwala Distt. Moga Have Changed My Minor Son's Name Tegveer Singh Gill To Teghveer Singh Gill.

**I Babu Singh Brar S/O**  
Munshi Singh R/O Vpo. Sukhanand Distt. Moga Have Changed My Name To Babu Singh.

**I Poonam W/O Bachan**  
Lal R/O House No.-553/3 New Model Town Hoshiarpur Punjab Have Changed My Name To Poonam Bhardwaj.

**I Baljinder Singh S/O**  
Amrki Singh R/O Vill. Mukho Majara P.O. Barian Kalan, District Hoshiarpur Declare That My Given Name As Baljinder And My Surname As Singh.

**I, Saroj D/o Harbans**  
Singh R/O Vill: Hayatpur Rurki Teh-Balachaur (SBS Nagar) have changed my name from Saroj to Saroj Mann.

**I Baljinder Singh Dhillon**  
S/O Raghvir Singh Village Majhuke Teh Tapa (Barnala) Have Changed My Name Baljinder Singh.

**I, Harpreet Kaur Grewal**  
W/o Gagandeep Singh R/O Vill: Hardsapura (Barnala) have changed my name to Harpreet Kaur after marriage.

**I, Baljeet Kaur W/o Dajit**  
Singh R/O H.No.52/1, Near Canal Colony Mohalla Bassi Jana Po. Model Town Hoshiarpur have changed my name from Baljeet Kaur to Baljit Kaur.

**I Varinder Singh S/O**  
Sutantar Singh R/O Vpo Warian Sarhail Kalan (Tarn Taran) Have Changed My Given Name To Varinder And Surname To Singh.

**I, Gursharan Singh Johal**  
S/O Kulwant Singh R/O 397 Phase-6 Mohali (SAS Nagar, Mohali) have changed my minor daughter name from Harsimrat Kaur Johal to Harsimrat Kaur.

**I, Bhim Singh S/O**  
Bishamber Singh R/O Vpo. Sargundi Teh-Phillaur (Jalandhar) have changed my name from Bheem Singh to Bhim Singh.

**I, Laksh Dweep Or**  
Lakshdweep S/O Nirmaljit Joshi R/O H.No. 38/52, Gali Ganga Mandir, Ferozepur City, District Ferozepur. That I Have Changed My Name To Lakshdweep For All Future Purposes.

**I, Pooja W/o Seeta Ram**  
R/O H.No. 155, Chaudhary Petrol Pump, Sandeep Colony, Majri Tehsil Khanna (Ludhiana) changed my name to Laxmi Devi.

**I, Ravinder Singh S/O**  
Gurnam Singh R/O Vpo. Daffar Teh-Dasuya (Hoshiarpur) Pb, have changed my name to Ravinder Singh Sahota.

**I Sadhu Singh Mavi S/O**  
Gurdial Singh R/O H.No.94 Main Street, Deep Nagar Patiala 147001 Punjab have changed my name to Sadhu Singh.

**I Malaswari Mother Of**  
No.15672742a Hav Saibabu Suravarapu, Resident Of Village- Subbapeta, Post-Savalapuram, Tehsil-Sarubujilli, District-Srikakulam, State- Andhra Pradesh, Pin-532458, Have Changed My Name From Sree Ramulu To Suravarapu Srimulam Vide Affidavit No.IN-Pb51333571659044w Dated 30 Aug 2024 Before Notary Public Pathankot

**I, Malaswari Mother Of**  
No.15672742a Hav Saibabu Suravarapu, Resident Of Village- Subbapeta, Post-Savalapuram, Tehsil-Sarubujilli, District-Srikakulam, State- Andhra Pradesh, Pin-532458, Have Changed My Name From Malaswari To Suravarapu Malleswaramma Vide Affidavit No.IN-Pb51336588546818w Dated 30 Aug 2024 Before Notary Public Pathankot

**I, Pratap Singh**  
Shekhawat Resident Of Village- Bamlas, Post-Bamlas, Vaya Gudha Gorji Ka Tehsil- Udaipurwati, District- Jhunjhunu, State- Rajasthan, Pin-333022, Have Changed My Name From Prakash Kaur To Prakash Kanwar Vide Affidavit No.IN-Pb2180579244032w Dated 30 Aug 2024 Before Notary Public Pathankot

**I, Prakash Kaur**  
Spouse Of Pratap Singh Shekhawat Resident Of Village- Bamlas, Post-Bamlas, Vaya Gudha Gorji Ka Tehsil- Udaipurwati, District- Jhunjhunu, State- Rajasthan, Pin-333022, Have Changed My Name From Prakash Kaur To Prakash Kanwar Vide Affidavit No.IN-Pb2180579244032w Dated 30 Aug 2024 Before Notary Public Pathankot

**I, Rubal Keer Son Of**  
Raman Kumar Residing At H.No.428/8, Geeta Bhawan Road, Gurdaspur, Punjab-143521, Do Hereby Declare That I Have Changed My Name From Rubal Keer To Rubal. All Nears And Ears May Note.

**I, Simi Jgotra** spouse of No. 14406664N Nk(OPR) Late Subhash Chander resident of Village Saidowal, PO. Chashma, Tehsil and Distt Pathankot, Punjab, have changed my name from Simi Jgotra to Simi Jagotra vide Affidavit No IN-PB52120889662090W Dated 02-09-2024 before Executive Magistrate Pathankot (Punjab).

**I, JC-592306H Ex Sub**  
Maj (Hony Capt) Sahib Singh resident of Gali No 2, Dashmesh Garden Colony Dhira, Pathankot, Tehsil and Distt Pathankot (Punjab) have changed name of my wife from Anju Bhuu to Anju Rajput vide Affidavit No. IN-PB51979378723610W Dated 02-Sep-2024 before Executive Magistrate Pathankot (Punjab).

**I, Komaljeet Singh S/O**  
Mohinder Singh Resident Of Vill & Po Dostpur Tehsil Kalanaur Distt.Gurdaspur Stat Punjab Pin Code 143526, I Have Changed My Name From Kamaljit Singh To Komaljeet Singh.

**I, Ashok Kumar**  
Resident Of Village-Salempur, Post- Tekari, Tehsil-Tekari, District- Gaya, State- Bihar, Pin-824236, Have Changed My Daughter Name From Sanskriti To Sanskriti Vide Affidavit No.IN-Pb51024075902537W Dated 30 Aug 2024 Before Notary Public Pathankot

**I, Kamla Bhi** Mother Of No.14671988W Hav Kundgir Walmeek Ashok Resident Of Village -Dongarpimpla, Post-Dongarpimla, Tehsil-Gangakhed, District-Parbhani, State-Maharashtra, Pin-431514, Have Changed My Name From Kamla Bhi To Kamalabai Ashok Kundgir Vide Affidavit No.IN-Pb48348147076195W Dated 21 Aug 2024 Before Notary Public Pathankot

**I, No.15807746m L/Nk**  
Kshirsagar Amar Yadav Resident Of Village- Sasur, Post- Sasur, Tehsil- Lohara, District- Osmanabad, State-Maharashtra, Pin-413606, Have Changed My Mother Name From Jija To Jija Yadav Kshirsagar Vide Affidavit No.IN-Pb51023389427522w Dated 30 Aug 2024 Before Notary Public Pathankot

**I, Sree Ramulu** Father Of No.15672742a Hav Saibabu Suravarapu, Resident Of Village- Subbapeta, Post-Savalapuram, Tehsil-Sarubujilli, District-Srikakulam, State- Andhra Pradesh, Pin-532458, Have Changed My Name From Sree Ramulu To Suravarapu Srimulam Vide Affidavit No.IN-Pb51333571659044w Dated 30 Aug 2024 Before Notary Public Pathankot

**I, Malaswari Mother Of**  
No.15672742a Hav Saibabu Suravarapu, Resident Of Village- Subbapeta, Post-Savalapuram, Tehsil-Sarubujilli, District-Srikakulam, State- Andhra Pradesh, Pin-532458, Have Changed My Name From Malaswari To Suravarapu Malleswaramma Vide Affidavit No.IN-Pb51336588546818w Dated 30 Aug 2024 Before Notary Public Pathankot

**I, Pratap Singh**  
Shekhawat Resident Of Village- Bamlas, Post-Bamlas, Vaya Gudha Gorji Ka Tehsil- Udaipurwati, District- Jhunjhunu, State- Rajasthan, Pin-333022, Have Changed My Name From Prakash Kaur To Prakash Kanwar Vide Affidavit No.IN-Pb2180579244032w Dated 30 Aug 2024 Before Notary Public Pathankot

**I, Palthankam Palsan Am**  
Mother Of No 16118065N Rank L/Hav Name Vijilkumar P Present Residing At 161 Br Coy. 16 Engr Br Regt (Pms), Chandimandir Cantt, Panchkula, Haryana Declare That I Have Changed My Name From Palsan To Palsan Johnsan And Also Change My Date Of Birth From 01 Jul 1963 To 08 Sep 1960.

**I, Palthankam Palsan Am**  
Mother Of No 16118065N Rank L/Hav Name Vijilkumar P Present Residing At 161 Br Coy. 16 Engr Br Regt (Pms), Chandimandir Cantt, Panchkula, Haryana Declare That I Have Changed My Name From Paul Thankum To Palthankam Palsan And Also Change My Date Of Birth From 01 Jul 1965 To 04 Aug 1964.

**I, Sarswati Devi** Spouse Of Girish Lal Resident Of Village- Chak Khitoli, Post-Chauna, Tehsil- Gangolihat, District- Gangolihat, State-Uttarakhand, Pin-262534, Have Changed My Name From Sarswati Devi To Saraswati Devi Vide Affidavit No.IN-Pb5102493223809w Dated 30 Aug 2024 Before Notary Public Pathankot

**I, Inder Singh** Father Of Pratap Singh Shekhawat Resident Of Village- Bamlas, Post- Bamlas, Vaya Gudha Gorji Ka Tehsil- Udaipurwati, District- Jhunjhunu, State- Rajasthan, Pin-333022, Have Changed My Name From Inder Singh To Indra Singh Shekhawat Vide Affidavit No.IN-Pb21806941430091w Dated 03 June 2024 Before Notary Public Pathankot

**I, Sunita Spouse Of**  
Ramkishor Singh Resident Of Village- Labhenta, Post-Nigohasanpur, Tehsil- Etah, District- Etah, State- Uttar Pradesh, Pin-207001, Have Changed My Name From Sunita Devi To Sunita Vide Affidavit No.IN-Pb52098707258244w Dated 30 Aug 2024 Before Notary Public Pathankot

**I, Dinesh Garg S/O Sh.**  
Jagdish Chand, R/O H No. 807, Sector-4, Panchkula (Haryana) -134112 Declare That I Am Known By The Following Names: Dinesh Garg And Dinesh Kumar Dinesh Garg & Dinesh Kumar Is The One And Same Person.

**I, Shivani Garg W/O Sh.**  
Dinesh Garg R/O H No. 807, Sector-4, Panchkula (Haryana)-134112 Declare That I Am Known By The Following Names: Shivani Garg Shivani Bansal. Now Shivani Garg & Shivani Bansal Is The One And Same Person.

**I, Sabeta Kumari D/O Sh.**  
Ram Kumar R/O House No. 16, Sector-B, Defence Colony, Ambala Cantt, Haryana-133001 Have Changed My Name From Sabeta Kumari To Shweta Kashyap.

**I, Army No 6502381Y**  
Rank- Sep Name: Ankush Kumar Presently Posted At Unit-603 Asc Bn (Am) N-Area, Pin: 905603, Chandigarh C/O 56 Apo Declare That I Have Changed My Daughter's Name From Keertika Bajwa To Keertika Bajwa. Vide Affidavit No: 54aa 510972, Dated: 02/09/2024

# Saina Nehwal reveals struggles with arthritis, to decide on retirement by end of year



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Narang, who was India's chef-de-mission in the recent Paris Olympics. "How will you challenge the best players in the world in such a state? I think I will have to accept it somewhere. Because two hours of training is not good enough to play with the highest level of players and get the desired results," she added. Nehwal said she is still considering the impact retirement will have on her but admitted that she would eventually have to take a call. The trailblazing star, who is also a BJP member now, was last seen in action more than a year ago in the Singapore Open where she lost in the opening round. "I am also thinking about it (retirement). It will be sad because it is like a job that a normal person does. Obviously, a sports person's career is always a short one. I started at the age of 9. I will be 35 next year," she said.

"I have also had a long career and I am very proud of that. I have broken my body to a great extent. I am happy with what I have done and given it all. (I) will assess how I feel by the end of this year," she added. The Padma Shri awardee said competing at the Olympics was her childhood dream and missing the showpiece for two consecutive editions has been hurtful. "Competing at the Olympics is a childhood dream for all. You prepare to reach that level for years. Hence, at times, when you realise you will not be able to make it, it hurts a lot," she expressed. "Because it is not like you do not want to play, but your body is telling that you are not doing well and you have injuries," Nehwal, however, said she

would look back at her run in the Games with pride. "But I have done a lot of hard work. I competed in three Olympics. I gave my 100 per cent in all of them. I can take pride in that and be happy about it," she said. Nehwal also spoke about the pressure of expectations and was said as a top athlete, she has faced it not just from observers of the game but also from near and dear ones. "When you become a big player, your friends, family, coaches, sponsors, everyone wants you to perform. There are a lot of stakeholders involved," she said.

# Nagal pulls out of Davis Cup tie against Sweden due to back injury

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India's top singles player Sumit Nagal on Monday pulled out of the upcoming Davis Cup tie against Sweden due to a back injury. Nagal recently lost his first round singles contest to Tallon Griekspoor at the US Open. The indoor hard-court contest in Stockholm will be played on September 14-15. Reserve player Aryan Shah has been drafted into the main team after Nagal's withdrawal while Manas Dhamne has been put on stand-by. "I was really looking forward to representing in the upcoming Davis Cup tie against Sweden," Nagal wrote on social media. "However, due to a back issue that's been bothering me for the past few weeks, doctors have advised me to rest for the next two weeks, leaving me without enough time to prepare and compete in Sweden. This same issue also led to my withdrawal from the US Open doubles. "I'm deeply disappointed to be missing this tie, but I have to listen to my body to prevent the back from worsening, so that I can finish the season strong and healthy. Good luck to the Indian team - I'll be cheering for you all from home!" he added.

**Appointment of General Manager and Deputy General Manager in Investor Education and Protection Fund Authority, New Delhi**

The investor education and protection fund Authority, Ministry of Corporate Affairs, Government of India, New Delhi invites applications for one (01) post of General Manager (Level-13) and one (01) post of Deputy General Manager (Level-11) on deputation basis, in the Investor Education and Protection Fund Authority, a statutory body established under Section 125 of the Companies Act, 2013. The said posts are based at Delhi.

- Application in the prescribed format, duly completed must be submitted in duplicate through proper channel within 30 days of date of advertisement to General Manager, IEPF Authority, Ground Floor, Jeevan Vihar Building, 3, Parliament Street, New Delhi-110001.
- For application format, eligibility conditions, requisite qualifications and other details, terms and conditions for service, please log on to Ministry of Corporate Affairs' website [www.mca.gov.in](http://www.mca.gov.in) or [www.iepf.gov.in](http://www.iepf.gov.in).

• The number of vacancies indicated above are tentative. It may vary at the time of appointment.

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

As the loan account became NPA therefore the Authorized officer under section 13(2) of "The Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002" had issued 60 days demand notice to the borrowers/co-borrowers/Mortgagors/Guarantors (collectively referred as "Borrowers") as given in the table. According to the notice if the borrowers do not deposit the entire amount within 60 days, the amount will be recovered from auction of the mortgage properties/secured assets as given below. Therefore you the borrowers are informed to deposit the entire loan amount along with future interest and expenses within 60 days from the date of demand notice, otherwise under the provisions of 13(4) and 14 of the said Act, the Authorized officer is free to take possession for sale of the mortgage properties/Secured assets as given below. Borrowers to note that after receipt of this notice, in terms of Section 13(13) of the Act, 2002, you are prohibited and restrained from transferring any of the secured assets by way of sale, lease or otherwise, without prior written consent of the secured creditor. Borrowers attention are attracted towards Section 13(8) r/w Rule 3(5) of The Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 Act that the borrowers shall be entitled to redeem their secured asset upon the payment of the complete outstanding dues as mentioned below before the publication of auction notice, which thereafter shall cease to exist.

Name of the Borrower / Co-Borrower /Mortgagor/Guarantor / Loan A/c No.	Date and Amount of Demand Notice Under Sec. 13(2)	Description of Mortgaged Property
(A/c No.) L9001060820720640 Guru Nanak Steel Works (Borrower), Satnam Singh (Co-Borrower), Smt. Sharanjeet Kaur (Co-Borrower), Parvinder Singh (Co-Borrower)	18-Jul-24 Rs. 324811/- Rs. Three Lac Twenty-Four Thousand Eight Hundred Eleven Only As on 18-Jul-24	Property Situated At: Sq 85 Killa No 22 1 4 2 1 9, Opp Area Of Durga Mandir, Rev Estate Khairpur, Dist- Sirsa, Haryana Admeasuring 40 Sq. Yds.

Place: HARYANA Date : 02-09-2024 Authorised Officer AU Small Finance Bank Limited

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**APPENDIX IV [SEE RULE 8(II)] POSSESSION NOTICE**

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

Name of Borrower/Co-Borrower/Mortgagor/Guarantor / Loan A/c No.	13(2) Notice Date & Amount	Description of Mortgaged Property	Date of Possession Taken
(A/c No.) L9001060722314700 Maman Saini (Borrower), Randheer Singh Saini (Co-Borrower)	12-Apr-24 Rs. 548449/- Rs. Five Lac Forty-Eight Thousand Four Hundred Forty-Nine Only 12-Apr-24	All that part and parcel of residential/commercial property Land/ Building/ Structure and fixtures Property Situated At Kh no. 2339/1468/1463, Waka Mouja Kalupur, Te. & Dist- Sonapat, Haryana Admeasuring 10 Sqyds East : PLOT OF OTHER, West : PLOT OF OTHER, North : PLOT OF OTHER, South : STREET	29-Aug-24
(A/c No.) L9001060128974161 Rohtas (Borrower), Smt. Menka (Co- Borrower)	15-Apr-24 Rs. 437729/- Rs. Four Lac Thirty-Seven Thousand Seven Hundred Twenty-Nine Only 12- Apr-24	All that part and parcel of residential/commercial property Land/ Building/ Structure and fixtures Property Situated At- Killa N 73/25/12/3 0-3, Khatia No 927, Khatwa No 767, Vill & Dist- Sonapat, Haryana Admeasuring 100 Sqyrd	29-Aug-24

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

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Place: HARYANA Date: 02-SEPT-2024 Authorised Officer AU Small Finance Bank Limited

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