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# NO PANACEA FOR COMMONERS AT AIIMS, DELHI

ARCHANA JYOTI ■ NEW DELHI

2018: A four-month-old infant whose parents brought her to the All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS), Delhi, for urgent surgery for a hole in her heart was given a slot for the corrective surgery operation in 2023, resulting in a five-year wait.

Fast forward to June, 2024: A six-year-old from Begusarai, Bihar, has been left waiting for a heart operation at the premier health institute for the past six years due to "dates changed thrice."

Despite the best efforts of his father, Ankit Kumar, who had been running from pillar to post gathering funds and blood, it was a long wait for treatment. However, it was only after the issue was highlighted in the media and the NHRC took suo motu cognisance that the hospital formed a panel to investigate the delays.

These are likely some of the longest waiting periods for patients at AIIMS Delhi and have been reported as such.

Welcome to India's most prestigious medical institution, established as the country's foremost centre of medical excellence. The bustling scene outside the hospital, with relatives of the patients lying by the roadside waiting for their turn outside the emergency wards, is a telling example of the stark disparity in healthcare access in the country.



While this flagship hospital draws thousands daily, it also highlights a critical shortage of specialist doctors and medical facilities both at the hospital and in rural areas, where the majority of India's 1.4 billion people struggle with the challenge of reaching distant healthcare facilities. On Thursday, *The Pioneer* visited AIIMS Delhi and spoke with the relatives of ailing patients, most of whom were suffering from serious

conditions like blood cancer, some of them admitted in the emergency departments while a few were waiting for their turn. The hospital is visited by around 20,000 patients daily from across various states, particularly populous ones like Bihar, Uttar Pradesh and Odisha, and even far-off States of North-East. Take the case of 45-year-old Jagan Ram from Kanpur. He has been running from pillar to post to

arrange blood for his ailing relative, Radha Gupta (24), who is suffering from blood cancer. "We came here yesterday. Radha has been in an emergency, and her blood counts have gone down. The doctors said they have arranged one unit of blood, and since she will need blood transfusions whenever it is low, we are now arranging donors." Jagan Ram who lost his 18-year-old son to blood cancer a few

years ago has a better understanding of the condition. "The doctors back home in Kanpur did not disclose the disease my son was suffering from. But now I have learned a lot about this health condition and what may come, I will ensure that this girl (Radha) does not meet the same fate." People come here seeking advanced medical care, specialised treatment, and expert

consultations that might not be available in their local hospitals. The reputation of AIIMS for its high-quality healthcare services, cutting-edge research, and a wide range of specialties contribute to its status as a go-to destination for many seeking comprehensive medical care.

But for Mammu, a 20-year-old youth from Jaganpura Kauch, Jalon in Uttar Pradesh, it has been a restless day as he silently writes in pain on a stretcher in the open with the weather behaving nastily. His attendant said he's having thick blood problem.

"The concerned doctor is not here. So we have been asked to wait outside," said 40-year-old Jagat Singh, attending to the patient. The medical report showed that Mammu's hemoglobin level has shot up to 25, contrary to the normal 14-15 hb. He might be suffering from a disorder that causes the body to produce too many red blood cells. Yet another relative of a patient with co-morbidity such as TB and diabetes outside the emergency ward said he is trying for a 'recommendation' so that his ward could get a bed. This hospital has its own reputation, with doctors dedicated to their profession. This is what makes patients flock to this hospital, he said matter-of-factly.

Outside the hospital, one can see the adjacent streets are crowded with patients and their families from distant places, all seeking remedies for their or their loved ones' health issues. "We've been living on the footpath for the past

two weeks and have been coming to the hospital for the last five years for my son's treatment," rued Ramwati from Rajasthan's Alwar district.

Her son suffers from chronic asthma, a condition marked by inflammation that restricts airflow from the lungs. As securing a hospital bed is a significant challenge, they are doing everything they can to ensure the little boy receives the necessary treatment. In fact, this is the travail of almost every other patient and their relatives on the roadside.

Conceding that the six new AIIMS like hospitals at underserved States in Bhubaneswar, Ranchi, Patna, Raipur, Bhopal, Jodhpur and Rishikesh have failed to ease the pressure on AIIMS Delhi, a senior official in the Union Health Ministry blamed faculty shortages, resource crunch, and infrastructural deficiencies. Besides these six States, more AIIMS like institutes are coming up in other States too. Public health specialists believe that this state of affairs is largely due to flawed health policies adopted by successive Governments. Anant Bhan, a researcher in global health, said merely naming an institute 'AIIMS' does not guarantee it will be held in the same esteem as the one in Delhi. "AIIMS Delhi has earned a reputation for quality and affordability, but the new centres face challenges that need to be overcome," he stressed.



## SC reserves order on Arvind Kejriwal

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court on Thursday reserved order on Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal's separate pleas seeking bail and challenging arrest by Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) in the excise policy "scam". After concluding arguments from both sides, a bench of Justices Surya Kant and Ujjal Bhuyan said, "Thank you for the assistance. Judgment reserved." Additional Solicitor General SV Raju represented the CBI and Senior Advocate Abhishek Singhvi appeared for the AAP chief. The apex court was hearing two separate petitions challenging his arrest by the CBI and the denial of bail in the corruption case filed by the agency.

The AAP convenor has challenged the August 5 order of the Delhi High Court dismissing his plea against his arrest by the agency. He has also filed a Special Leave Petition against the High Court's refusal to consider his bail plea. The CBI had arrested Kejriwal on June 26.

Questioning the maintainability of Kejriwal's pleas seeking bail and challenging his arrest, the CBI told the Supreme Court that he should have first approached the trial court for bail in the corruption case linked to the alleged excise policy scam. "He has approached Delhi High Court directly without going to sessions court. Under Section 439 of the Code of Criminal Procedure (CrPC), both have concurrent jurisdiction. My preliminary objection is he must first go to trial court," ASJ Raju said.

"He has approached the Delhi High Court directly without going to sessions court. My preliminary objection is he must first go to trial court," Raju argued. The CBI did not issue a notice to Kejriwal under section 41A of the CrPC as he was already in judicial custody, he said. Raju said if the Supreme Court which grants bail to Kejriwal, it will demoralise the Delhi High Court, which had upheld his arrest. "Don't say that. Whatever order we pass, we will ensure nothing like that happens," the bench assured Raju.

## REBEL TROUBLE FOR THE BJP IN HARYANA

RAJESH KUMAR/AGENCIES ■ NEW DELHI

A day after the BJP released its first list of 67 candidates for the October 5 Haryana Assembly elections, discontent among party leaders, including Ministers in the Nayab Saini Cabinet, flared up. Several leaders expressed their dissatisfaction, with several resigning from their posts on Thursday.

Among them were Haryana Energy Minister Ranjit Singh Chautala, Minister of State Bishamber Singh Balmiki, Ratia MLA Laxman Napa, former Ministers Karan Dev Kamboj, Kavita Jain, MP Savitri Jindal, MLA Lakshman Napa who had raised the banner of revolt. The rebel trouble for BJP started shortly after it came out with the first list of candidates as it left many sulking. Interestingly, the BJP has named former prison official Sunil Sangwan — who recommended parole for Dera Sacha Sauda chief and rape convict Ram Rahim six times — on its list of candidates for next month's Haryana Assembly election. Sangwan will contest the Dadri seat which former BJP leader Somveer Sangwan won as an Independent in 2019 that was after the party favoured wrestler Babita Phogat over him.

Energy and Jail Minister Ranjit Singh Chautala (79), son of former Deputy



Prime Minister Devi Lal said he took a decision after a meeting with his supporters and will now enter the fray as an Independent. Ranjit Chautala called a meeting of his supporters after the party ignored his candidature from Rania segment in Sirsa district. "I had good relations with them (BJP). They gave me the Lok Sabha ticket (from Hisar, which he fought unsuccessfully). But don't know on whose advice they have acted. I will say anyone who has given them this advice has caused damage to the party," Chautala said. "I am Chaudhary Devi Lal's son. I have some stature... I have decided to contest as an Independent," he said, while adding he has resigned as a Minister and quit the BJP. Chautala was hoping to contest from Rania seat but the BJP fielded Shishpal Kamboj instead.

## Dhaka issues warning of discomfort with Delhi, if Sheikh Hasina speaks

PTI ■ DHAKA

Muhammad Yunus, the head of Bangladesh's interim Government, has said former Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina making political remarks from India is an "unfriendly gesture", asserting that she must remain silent to prevent the discomfort to both countries until Dhaka requests her extradition.

"If India wants to keep her until the time Bangladesh (Government) wants her back, the condition would be that she has to keep quiet," he said. In an interview with PTI at his official residence in Dhaka, Yunus, who was appointed the country's Chief Adviser after Hasina's ouster, stressed that while Bangladesh values strong ties with India, New Delhi must move "beyond the narrative that portrays every other political party except Awami League as Islamist and that the country will turn into Afghanistan without Sheikh Hasina." "No one is comfortable with her stance there in India because we want her back to



try her. She is there in India and at times she is talking, which is problematic. Had she been quiet, we would have forgotten it as she would have been in her own world. But sitting in India, she is speaking and giving instructions. No one likes it," he said.

"It is not good for us or for India. There is discomfort regarding it," he told PTI. Yunus was apparently referring to Hasina's statement on August 13 in which she demanded "justice", saying those involved in recent "terror acts", killings and

vandalism must be investigated, identified and punished. This has been the only statement made by Hasina after she fled. It was posted on her US-based son Sajeb Hazer Joy's X handle. Following unprecedented anti-Government protests that peaked on August 5, Hasina resigned as Prime Minister and fled to India. Her presence in India for nearly four weeks has fuelled speculation in Bangladesh.

When asked whether Bangladesh has communicated its stance to India, Yunus said it has been conveyed verbally and quiet

firms that she should keep quiet.

"Everyone understands it. We have said quite firmly that she should keep quiet. This is an unfriendly gesture towards us; she has been given shelter there and she is campaigning from there. It is not that she has gone there on a normal course. She has fled following a people's uprising and public anger," he said.

Yunus stated that the interim Government is committed to ensuring justice for the people of Bangladesh against the atrocities, and justice requires that she be brought back to the country. "Yes, she has to be brought back or else the people of Bangladesh won't be at peace. The kind of atrocities she has committed, she has to be tried in front of everyone here," he emphasised.

Discussing the future of the India-Bangladesh relationship, Yunus expressed a desire for good ties with India but insisted that New Delhi must abandon the narrative that only Hasina's leadership ensures the country's stability.

## Rural collides with urban Delhi over Lal Dora

RAJESH KUMAR ■ NEW DELHI

The Delhi High Court has taken suo motu cognisance of the challenges faced by residents of Delhi's urbanised villages when it comes to the mutation (entry in revenue records) of their land. This development comes after Supreme Court judge, Justice Sanjiv Khanna, along with Acting Chief Justice, Manmohan, visited Jaunti village in North-West Delhi pursuant to an event organised by Delhi State Legal Services Authority (DSLSA) on August 10 focused upon addressing the multifaceted challenges faced by the remote and underdeveloped areas of Delhi.

pertaining to mutation in the land records. They said they wished to get their immovable properties inherited from ancestors mutated in their names in the land records as per law, but mutation applications with all the necessary documents attached gather dust endlessly in the concerned departments despite persistent efforts over the years, the aggrieved villagers complained. Mutation is the process of changing the title of a property in the records of the local authorities. A Division Bench of Acting Chief Justice Manmohan and Justice Tushar Rao Gedela noted that the problem regarding the mutation of properties in Delhi's urbanised villages has persisted for the last two decades after these villages turned into urban



settlements. The bench has issued notices to the Land & Development Officer (L&DO) of the Ministry of Urban Development, Commissioner, Municipal Corporation of Delhi, Vice Chairman, Delhi Development Authority, Secretary (Revenue)/Development Commissioner, Delhi Government and Member-

Secretary, Delhi State Legal Services Authority. As against today's complex mutation process, a simple method known as Lal Dora was used in the past to demarcate the jurisdiction of a village on lands where populations resided. When the population increased and villagers got a homestead plot against their scattered agricultural land holdings under the

'chakbandi' scheme, the concept of extended Lal Dora was introduced.

As a result, thousands of people living in the Capital city's villages, both rural and urban, do not have clear ownership rights to their properties since the 'abadi' area (the part of a village with residential structures when the rest is farmland) was earlier considered as one khasra, or plot of land.

To add to their woes, despite the division of land among the members of extended families, the names of the next generation inheritors were never entered in the revenue records. In its order, the bench said "The absence of a documentation mechanism by land-owning agencies post-urbanisation disproportionately affects the urban poor."



## Putin seeks Modi's intervention in Ukraine

PNS/AGENCIES ■ NEW DELHI/MOSCOW

Days after Prime Minister Narendra Modi urged Russia and Ukraine to talk to each other to end the ongoing conflict and said India is ready to play an "active role," President Vladimir Putin on Thursday named India among the three countries he is constantly in touch over the issue. He also said these countries are sincerely making efforts to resolve it. Modi made these assertions during his talks with Ukraine President Volodymyr Zelenskyy during his historic visit there on August 23. He conveyed to Zelenskyy that both Ukraine and Russia should sit together without wasting time to end the ongoing war and that India was ready to play an "active role" to restore peace in the region.

# Classifieds

### LOST AND FOUND

It is for the information that my Matriculation Certificate Index No. T/1883/050 passed out from ICSE Year 2004 has been actually lost. Amrinder Singh Gill S/O Iqbal Singh R/O 9, Medical Enclave, Amritsar, Punjab.

**I, Pulkit Sharma S/O Pankaj Sharma R/O H.No. 1228, Gali No. 3, Jagdamba Colony, Majitha Road, Amritsar, Punjab** inform that my Matriculation Certificate Unique ID, 6497508 passed out Year 2017 from ICSE has been actually lost.

### BEDAKHLI NOTICE

**I, Anisha Begam W/O Late Sh. Bindu Hasnain R/O Hosue No. 6133, Maloya Colony, Chandigarh** declare that my son Nizamuddin his wife Aali are out of my control. I, disown them from my movable & immovable properties. Anybody dealing with them at their own risk.

**We, Manisha D/O Tarsem Kumar, Abhishek S/O Nand Lal Kumar R/O 282, First Floor, Sector 9-11, Hisar, Haryana** have served all their relations with their brother/brother-in-law Gulshan Kumar Bajaj and his wife Suman due to being out of uncontrollable habits & bad temperament.

**I, Ram Krishan, 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 Mahender S/O Sh. Ramesh Pal R/O H. No. 9, Gulab Mandi, Ambala Cantt., Distt. Ambala** Declare That My Son Akash And His Wife Nisha Are Out Of My Control. So I Disown Them From My All Movable Immovable Properties.

**I, Ajmer S/O Sh. Prem Singh R/O Village Gatauli Teh. Julana Distt. Jind** declare that my son Manjeet is out of control me and my family, hence I evict Manjeet from all my movable and immovable property. We will be not responsible for any transactions done by him in future and for legal and illegal activities.

**We Darshan Singh S/O Jagar Singh And Surinder Kaur S/O Darshan Singh Both R/O Village Kandala Distt. Sas Nagar Mohali** Declare That Our Son Harjinder Singh And Daughter In Law Poonam Devi Both Are Out Of Control. So We Disown Both Of Them From All Our Movable And Immovable Properties. Anybody Dealing With Them On Their Own Risk.

**I, Norang S/O Sh. Ishwar Singh R/O Village Mahra, Teh. & Distt. Sonapat** has disowned my son Rajesh from my all movable-immovable property as he is out of my control. In future, if anybody deals with him, he/she will do at their own risk.

**I, Munish Gupta S/O Sh. Rajender Parsad Gupta R/O H.No. 1848, HBC, Sector 5, Sonapat** has disowned my daughter Tamanna Gupta from my all movable-immovable property as she is out of my control. In future, if anybody deals with her, he/she will do at their own risk.

**I, Karnel Singh S/O Sh. Jaswant Singh R/O H.No. 73827, Jawahar Nagar, Sonapat** has disowned my son Amit & his wife Meenakshi from my all movable-immovable property as they are out of my control. In future, if anybody deals with them, he/she will do at their own risk.

**I, Kirpal Singh S/O Jagdish Ram R/O D-17/1798, Gali No.7, Kartar Nagar Chheharta Amritsar** have declare that my wife Pooja Sharma are out of my control I Break the relation with her. Any body deal with her with her is our own risk and responsibility.

**I, Baljit Kaur W/O Balwinder Singh R/O Guru Nanak Pura, Dhalpur, District, Tehsil and District Amritsar** have declare that I disinherited my son Deepak and hiw wife Rajwinder Kaur from my all movable and immovable properties on 11.08.2020 but now I Cancel deinheritance of my only Son Deepak.

**I, Rajpal S/O Sh. Dalip Singh R/O Village Baliana, Teh. Sampla, Distt. Rohtak** declare that my son Uttam and his wife Premtala Saini are out of my control. So I disown them from my all moveable/immovable properties. Anybody dealing with them at their own risk. I or my family are not responsible for any type of their legal or illegal acts.

**We, Phool Chand S/O Bhikha Ram and Mrs. Kamlesh Devi, W/O Phool Chand, R/O H.No. 507, GF Sector 26, Panchkula, Tehsil and District-Panchkula,** declare that our son Naresh Kumar and his wife Harjeet both out of our control. Therefore, We Disown our Son and his wife From our All Movable and immovable Properties. Anybody dealing with themself will do at his own risk and cost. We will have nothing to do with it.

**We, Vimla W/O Bani Singh and Bani Singh S/O Sh. Mehar Chand R/O Village Alewa Teh. Alewa Distt. Jind (Hr.)** declare that our Son Balkar and his wife Suman 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, Shubb Lata W/O Sham Lal R/O Village Kalchpur, Tehsil/Distt- Gurdaspur.** My Son Amish Sharma Not In My And My Family Saying Out Of Control. So I Disinherit Them From My Movable Ad Immovable Property. I Shall Not Be Responsible.

**मैं महेश कुमार पुत्र श्री नानक चन्द निवासी मण्डी अदमपुर, जिला हिसार बयान करता हूँ कि मेरी पुत्री सूरिता जो कि मेरे पेरि वर मेरे परिवार के कहे-सुने से बाहर है। मैं अपने दोनों पुत्रों अनमोल व अदित्य को अपनी चल-अचल संपत्ति से बेदखल करता हूँ। भविष्य में ये दोनों कोई अनैतिक कार्य करते हैं या इन दोनों से कोई लेन-देन या व्यवहार करता है तो वह स्वयं जिम्मेवार होगा। मेरी व मेरे परिवार को कोई जिम्मेवारी नहीं होगी।**

**मैं पारी देवी पत्नी स्व. श्री विजय सिंह निवासी अप्यं नगर, जिला हिसार बयान करती हूँ कि मेरी पुत्री सूरिता जो कि मेरे पेरि वर मेरे परिवार के कहे-सुने से बाहर है। अतः मैं अपनी पुत्री सूरिता को अपनी चल-अचल संपत्ति से बेदखल करती हूँ। भविष्य में इससे कोई लेन-देन या व्यवहार करता है तो वह स्वयं जिम्मेवार होगा। मेरी व मेरे परिवार को कोई जिम्मेवारी नहीं होगी।**

**I, Kempamma** is Mother of Army No. 16119933F NK Maruthi T of Unit 22 Engr Regt. C/o 56 APO residing of Village. Karadiyapala P.O, Kolligere District Bangalore (Rural) State Karantaka Pin-561204 declare that my Date of Birth 08.06.1965 Wrongly written in my Son Army Service Records but my correct Date of Birth is 05.07.1965.

**I, Ballari Venkata Lakshamma** is Mother of No. 16119577M, Hav, Bellari Mallahalli of Unit 22 Engr Regt C/o 56 APO residing of 22-444, Sheshasanasareddy Nagar, Nandikotkur, Kurnool State Andhra Pradesh PIN-518401 Declare that my Name B Venkata Lakshamma and my date of birth is 07.10.1965 Wrongly written in my Son Army Service Records but my correct Name is Ballari Venkata Lakshamma and date of birth is 06.01.1951

### PUBLIC NOTICE

**मैं, ललित पूर श्री प्रेम अनंद निवासी 5791, इन्द्र कॉलोनी, रोहतक अपने हक के बयान करता हूँ कि मेरा कोई देवर लोकेय व उसकी पत्नी अनूता यादव मेरे पेरि वर मेरे परिवार के कहे-सुने से बाहर है, इसलिए मैं इनसे हर प्रकार से सम्बन्ध विच्छेद करता हूँ। भविष्य में मेरा व मेरे परिवार का इनसे कोई वास्ता नहीं रहा है। भविष्य में इनके देन व मेरे परिवार का इनसे कोई वास्ता नहीं रहा है। भविष्य में इनके देन व मेरे परिवार का इनसे कोई वास्ता नहीं रहा है। भविष्य में इनके देन व मेरे परिवार का इनसे कोई वास्ता नहीं होगा। मेरी व मेरे बाली परिवार की कोई जिम्मेवारी नहीं होगी।**

**मैं सीमा प्री श्री ललित पूर श्री प्रेम अनंद निवासी 5791, इन्द्र कॉलोनी, रोहतक अपने हक के बयान करती हूँ कि मेरा देवर लोकेय व उसकी पत्नी अनूता यादव मेरे पेरि वर मेरे परिवार के कहे-सुने से बाहर है, इसलिए मैं इनसे हर प्रकार से सम्बन्ध विच्छेद करती हूँ। भविष्य में मेरा व मेरे परिवार का इनसे कोई वास्ता नहीं रहा है। भविष्य में इनके देन व मेरे परिवार का इनसे कोई वास्ता नहीं रहा है। भविष्य में इनके देन व मेरे परिवार का इनसे कोई वास्ता नहीं होगा। मेरी व मेरे बाली परिवार की कोई जिम्मेवारी नहीं होगी।**

**I Pallavi D/o Ravinder Kumar R/O vill Gande Pindi po Marara tehsil, distt Pathankot** declare that in my CBSE 10th class record ( Roll-no 2339799, passing year 2016-17) written by mistake my father name as Ravinder Saini. But correct name is Ravinder Kumar. Concerned note.

It Is For General Information that I, Krishna Nanda W/O Ram Narayan Nanda, Residing At House No. 98 Sector-6, Near Devi Dayal Chowk, Kamal, Haryana-132001, Declare That The Name Of Mine Has Been Wrongly Written As Krishna Wanti In My State Bank Of India Physical Share Certificate Bearing Certificate No. 1693218. The Actual Name Of Mine Is Krishna Nanda.

**I, Army No 4473326L, Havildar, Jaswinder Singh Saropaj (Retd)** (UIDA/NO- 988725358963) resident of H No-883, Ward No- 14 Guru Harsaihab Road, Sri Muktsar Sahib (Pb-152026), Declare that in my Army service record, name of my son is wrongly written as Daljit Singh whereas his correct name is Diljit Singh. All concerned please note.

**I Devendra Verma S/O Triviktam Sawroop Garg R/O Village Gakkharpur PO Gakkharpur, Gakkharpur (A.H.T) Moradabad Gakkharpur Uttar Pradesh 244401,** have changed my religion with my heart Hindu to Muslim and also have changed my name from Devendra Verma to Ishan.

**I, Narender Singh S/O Mansharam R/O Vill Atela Naya, Teh & Distt Charkhi Dadri,** declare that in my daughter 10th class certificate my daughter name Nishu, my name Narender and my wife name Rewati Devi which is wrong. My daughter correct name is Nishu Singh, my correct name is Narender Singh and my wife correct name is Rewati, which should be corrected in the 10th class record.

I, Hereby Declare that I Monu Ram S/O Late Roshan Lal R/O Sanour / Distt. Patiala My Father Roshan Lal Died on 20-09-2023 and his Legal Heirs are Monu Ram (Son) ,Ramanjit Kaur (Daughter) and Paramjit Kaur (Daughter in law) are Concerned Please Note .

**I Anita Kumari D/o Param Patel R/O Bassi Bandiyian Banur , Distt SAS Nagar Mohali** that my parents, both my real brother and sister-in-law, who live in Uttar Pradesh had fight with me and threaten to kill me, I end my dealings with them and I will not have any relationship with them.

**EX Hav-1463507N Tarsem Lal S/O Guruchand Dass Village Takhni Po Mohangerwal, Tehsil & Distt. Hoshiarpur** declare that in my Army Record my mother's name wrongly written as Chram Cout. But her correct name is Chran Kou.

**I, Kadupugotla Ravanamma** is mother of Army No. 16127080K, LHAV, Kadupugotla Krishna of Unit 05 Engr Regt c/o 56 APO, today camping at Ferozepur declare That my true and correct date of birth is 17-11-1973 as per my Aadhaar Card, but on my son's service record my date of birth is not mentioned.

**I, Sarasa Thimmarayan** is mother of Army No. 16123220N, NK, Ranjith Kumar T of Unit 5 Engr Regt c/o 56 APO, today camping at Ferozepur have changed my name from T Sarasa to Sarasa Thimmarayan due to erroneous mistake in my son's service record. My true and correct date of birth is 12.10.1960 as per my Aadhaar Card, but on record it is mentioned is 17.03.1962, which is wrong.

**I, Kadupugotla Yerukunaidu** is father of Army No. 16127080K, LHAV, Kadupugotla Krishna of Unit 05 Engr Regt c/o 56 APO, today camping at Ferozepur declare That my true and correct date of birth is 10.11.1968 as per my Aadhaar Card, but on my son's service record my date of birth is not mentioned.

**I, JC 315267L, NB/Sub Vinod V S/O Vijayan P R/O Village East Kallada, PO East Kallada, Tehsil Kollam, Distt. Kollam, State Kerala 691502,** have changed my mother name from Ponnamma P to Ponnamma V & date of birth of my mother is 01-07-1955 to 01-01-1959.

**I, Parshant Singla S/O Sh.Ram Kishan R/O H.No-1079, Sector-25, Part-2, Huda Distt Panipat,** have change my name from Parshant to Parshant Singla for all purpose in future.

**I, Nitika Singla W/O Parshant Singla R/O H.No-1079, Sector-25, Part-2, Huda Distt Panipat,** have change my name from Nitika to Nitika Singla for all purpose in future.

I, Hithero Known As Sukhdev Singh S/O Niranjan Singh Residing At Village-Arayanawala, Malakpur Bangar (268), Yamuna Nagar, Haryana-135102 Have Changed My Name And I Shall Hereafter Be Known As Sukhdev. It Is Certified That I Have Complied With This Connection.

**I, Reetika Mishra W/O Sahaj Mishra R/O #1913, Mishran Chowk, Thanesar, Kurukshetra** have changed my name from Reetika Mishra to Ritika Mishra.

**I, D Yathaniya** is Wife of No. 15324773K Rank Hav Name M Dhamalingam of Unit 22 Engr Regt C/O 56 APO residing of 2/972, Thendral Nagar, chinnavidkari, Village. Thirumangalam P.O Thirumangalam Tehsil Thirumangalam Distt. Madurai State Tamil Nadu PIN-625706 Declare That my Name D Yadhanya and my date of birth 14.07.1990 Wrongly written in my Husband Army Service Records but my correct Name is D Yathaniya and date of birth 15/07/1990.

**I, JC-344539H, N/Sub Sahil Rana S/O Hari Gopal Rana, Village Kaluganj, Distt. Chamba (HP)** declare that in my service record my spouse name wrongly recorded as Smt Kusum Lata Rana. But her correct name is Smt. Kusum Lata Pal.

It is general information that I Gaganjot Singh s/o Jangvir Singh R/O Village Balla, P.O. Tahli, Distt. Hoshiarpur Punjab-144202 declare that the name of my father and my mother have been wrongly written as Jasbir Singh and Daljit Kaur in my Passport No. M2724649. The actual name of my father and my mother are Jangvir Singh and Davinder Kaur respectively which may be amended accordingly.

### CHANGE OF NAME

**I, Lata Bawa W/O Late. Charnjit Singh R/O #4, New Generation Independent, Duplex Housing Society, Dhakoli, Zirakpur, SAS Nagar, Mohali -140603** have changed my name from Lata Baba to Lata Bawa for all the official and unofficial purposes.

**I, Uma Rana, W/O Mahesh Kumar Rana, # 3048-B, Sector 52, Chandigarh,** have changed my name to Om laxmi.

**I, Mahesh Rana, S/O Santokh Singh Rana, # 3048-B, Sector 52, Chandigarh** have changed my name to Mahesh Kumar Rana.

**I, Kavita Devi alias Kavita D/O Shri Pritam Chand R/O H.NO. 1718 Ground Floor, Sector 26, Panchkula(Haryana)** have changed my name from Kavita Devialias Kavita to Kavita Kumari.

**I, Nishu S/O Kuldeep Singh R/O #1517177, Uttam Nagar Hansi, Distt.Hisar (Haryana)** have changed my name from Nishu to Nishu Meghwal.

**I, Nasim Alam s/o Patwari Lal R/O #1929, Sector 45, Burali, Chandigarh** have changed my name to Naseem Alam.

**I, Vishakha Gandhi D/O Varinder Kumar R/O 117A Sector 51A Chandigarh** have changed my name from Vishakha Gandhi to Vishakha.

**I, Nareesh S/O Shyam Lal R/O H.No. 593, Ward No. 23, Near Five Story Building, Krishna Nagar, Kati Mandi, Sonapat, Haryana** have changed my name to Naresh Kumar for all future purposes.

**I, Ashwani Katoch S/O Late Sh. Shakti Chand Katoch R/O H No. 253/2, Sector 41-A, Chandigarh** have changed my name to Ashwani Katoch to Ashwani Kumar Katoch.

**I, Parveen Katoch W/O Ashwani Katoch R/O H No. 253/2, Sector 41-A, Chandigarh** have changed my name from Parveen Katoch to Praveen Katoch.

**I, Rohit Kumar Singh s/o Bhim Lal, R/O # 591, Phase-II, Ramdarbar, Chandigarh** have changed my name to Vijay Bahadur Singh.

**I, Mandeep Kumar s/o Shri Ram Kumar R/O #146, Gobind Vihar, Baltana, SAS Nagar, Mohali (Pb.)** Have changed my name from Mandeep Kumar to Mandeep.

**I, Ashish S/O Balbir Singh R/O 1765, New Christian Colony, Near Civil Hospital, Jagadhri, Distt Yamuna Nagar** have changed my name from Ashish to Ashish Shukla.

**I, Gurjit Kaur W/O Jaswinder Singh R/O Aazad Nagar, H. no. 1911, Gali No. 10, Yamuna Nagar** have changed my name from Gurjit Kaur to Gurjeet Kaur.

**I, Jyoti Malhotra W/O Rajinder Singh R/O 89, Shivpuri-B, Yamuna Nagar** have changed my name from Jyoti Malhotra to Raj Rani.

**I, Vinod Jain S/O Prem Chand Jain R/O 95, ward no. 15, Sadhana, Tehsil Bilaspur, Distt Yamuna Nagar** have changed my name from Vinod Jain to Vinod Kumar Jain.

**I, Parmeet Kumar** alias Navneet Kumar S/O Ishwar Dayal R/O 42, Village Marrupur, Tehsil Raigarh, Distt Yamuna Nagar have changed my name from Parmeet Kumar to Parmeet Kumar. In future I shall be known as Parmeet Kumar.

**I, Hargopal S/O Paras Nath, # 2395, Sector 52, Chandigarh** have changed my name to Hargopal Yadav.

**I, Rajeev Dogra S/O Sansar Chand Dogra, R/O 251-Canvas, Block-A, Wate Estate, Sector-85, Mohali** have changed my name to Rajeev Kumar Dogra.

**I, Shilesh Yadav W/O Ram Vir Singh, # 59-B, Ananta Lifestyle, Zirakpur, Mohali (Punjab)** have changed my name to Shilesh Kumar.

**I, Mamta Pahuja W/O Sh.Naveen Kumar R/O Village Mubarkabad Tehsil Gharaunda Distt Karnal,** have change my name from Mamta Pahuja to Mamta for all purpose in future.

**I, Disha Talwar W/O Ravinder Singh Sahni R/O 1207a, Near Bus Stand Saha (93), Ambala,** Have Changed My Name From Disha Talwar To Disha Sahni Vide Affidavit Dated 02/09/2024 Before Ambala

**I, Dh eeraj Goel S/O Shri Chander Shekhar Goel R/O 75, Ashirwad Cottage, Pooja Vihar, P/O Industrial Estate, Ambala Cantt.,Have Changed My Name From Dheeraj Gupta To Dheeraj Goel. In Future I Should Be Known As Dheeraj Goel.**

**I, No 4484293L, LH/Av Kawaljit Kaur W/O Sandeep Singh R/O Villa No 171, Block-A Saffron City, DC Road, Near Aman Hospital Distt. Hoshiarpur Punjab** have changed the name and date of birth of my wife from Kawaljit Kaur to Kanwalji Kaur and her date of birth from 15-09- 1984 to 15-09-1980. Concerned Note.

**I, Summieri S/O Tota Ram R/O Biwi Market Vill. Jian PO Bassi Kalan Distt. Hoshiarpur Punjab** have changed my name from Summieri to Ravi Kumar. Concerned note.

**I, Gurdip Singh S/O Ram Piarra R/O Vill. Salleron PO Chohal Distt. Hoshiarpur Punjab** have changed my name from Gurdip Singh to Gurdieep Singh. Concerned note.

**I, Smt. Rabinder Kaur W/O No. 2504833X Lav Harv Tarsem Singh R/O Street No. 02, Green Avenue, DC Road Distt. Hoshiarpur Punjab** have changed my name from Rabinder Kaur to Ravinder Kaur.

**I, Sahaj Mishra s/O Durga Dutt r/O #1913, Mishran Chowk, Thanesar, Kurukshetra** inform that my DOB has been wrongly recorded in my Passport as 20/03/1983, which should be changed to 21/03/1983, which is my actual date of birth.

**I, Vansh S/O Baldev Singh and Palwinder Kaur R/O VPO Babowal, Distt. Amritsar, Punjab- 143119** have changed my name from Vansh to Vanhans Singh.

**I, Nikhil Kumar S/O Deepak Kumar R/O 416/7, Gali Palwana Wali, Jaura Pipal, Amritsar, Punjab** declare that Nikhil Kumar and Nikhil Arora is one and the same person.

**I, Kala Singh Sandhu S/O Kashmir Singh R/O Village Khushupura, PO Bhindri Saydan, Distt. Amritsar, Punjab-143110** have changed my name from Kala Singh Sandhu to Kala Singh.

**I, Tarsem Singh R/O Karnail Singh R/O Vill. Chhichhrewal, PO Muse, Taran, Punjab** have changed my minor son's name from Yuvraj Singh to Yuvraj Singh Pannu.

**I, Geeta w/o Narender Singh r/o Bhaklana, Tehsil Bass, District Hisar, Haryana** declares that in my husband's passport id my name wrongly mentioned as Geeta Kharab. While my correct name is Geeta as per my all other government documents. Now I am going to make it correct in my husband's passport id as Geeta.for all future purpose

**I, Surender Singla s/o Pall Ram r/o Ward No. 17, Aggarwal Colony, Fatehabad, Haryana 125050** have changed my name from Surender Kumar to Surender Singh for all future purposes.

**I, Rakesh Kumar S/O Tripat Singh R/O Village Adalgarh VPO Marara, Gurdaspur Distt Pathankot (Punjab)** have changed my name from Rakesh Kumar to Rakesh Singh. Concerned note.

**I, Atulya Kanwar Singh S/O Bipin Kumar, R/O H.No. 1626, 2nd Floor, Sector 44-B, Chandigarh** have changed my name from Atulya Kanwar Singh to Atulya Kunwar Singh.

**I, Surenדר Singla s/o Pall Ram r/o Ward No. 17, Aggarwal Colony, Fatehabad, Haryana 125050** have changed my name from Surender Kumar to Surender Singh for all future purposes.

**I, Archana Dhamija W/O Harinder Kumar Dhamija R/O H.No- 478 , Urban Estate, Sector 10 Ambala City** Have changed my name from Archana to Archana Dhamija.

**I, Abhimanu S/O Mahabir Singh R/O Ward No. 05, Khera Mohalla, Kalayat, Tehsil Kalayat, Distt. Kaithal (Haryana)** declares that Abhimanu and Abhimanu Rana both names are used for the same one person that is me. All concerned please note.

**I, Nitu W/O Sanjeev Kumar R/O House No. D 200, Near Sunita, Pant Nagar, Kaithal, Tehsil & Distt. Kaithal (Haryana)** declares that after marriage I have changed my name from Nitu Dhiman to Nitu. I have updated my name Nitu in all my documents. In future, I will be known by the name of Nitu. All concerned please note.

**I, Yudhishter F/O No. Jc 858272M Rank Nb Sub (Dmt), Dinesh Kumar Presently Residing At Surakhpur Tappa Kosli (179), Rewari, Haryana 123301** Have Changed My Name From Yudhishter To Yudhistar In My Son's Service Documents

**I, Chetram Is Legally F/O Service No. 15705434h Rank Nk, Kanheya Lal R/O Vpo Atali, Tehsil Ballabghar, Faridabad & Unit Address 40 Adsr C/O 56 APO.**Have Changed My Dob From 01.07.1950 To 12.10.1948.

**I, Karan Vati Is Legally M/O Service No. 15705434h Rank Nk, Kanheya Lal R/O Vpo Atali, Tehsil Ballabghar, Faridabad & Unit Address 40 Adsr C/O 56 APO.**Have Changed My Name From Karan Vati To Karan Vati Vijay Bahadur Singh.

**I, Mr. Kesar Singh Orphan S/O Jc 102605p Ex Late Sub Mewa Singh R/O Vill Nanhera, Po Kuldip Nagar, Tehsil Ambala Cantt, Distt. Ambala,** Have Changed My Name From Keshar Singh To Kesar Singh & Changed My Dob From 29.11.1973 To 01.01.1971.

**I, Madan Lal Saini S/O Shri Bachan Lal Resident Durga Colony, Ward No. 02, Naraingarh District Ambala Haryana I Have Changed My Name From Madan Lal Saini To Madan Lal. In Future I Should Be Known As Madan Lal.**

**I, Geeta Rani W/O Madan Lal Resident Durga Colony, Ward No.02, Naraingarh Tehsil Naraingarh District Ambala Haryana I Have Changed My Name From Geeta Rani To Geeta. In Future I Should Be Known As Geeta.**

**I, Service No 15806919m Rank Gnr(OCC) Name Laila Kumar Swain, Present Unit 105 Ad Regt C/O 56 APO** Have Changed My Mother Tunj Swain Date Of Birth From 05-07 1975 To 09-07-1978 Vide Affidavit Dated 05-09-2024 Before Ambala Cantt

**I, Service No 15806919m Rank Gnr(OCC) Name Laila Kumar Swain, Present Unit 105 Ad Regt C/O 56 APO** Have Changed My Mother Name From Tunilata Swain To Tunj Swain Vide Affidavit Dated 05-09-2024 Before Ambala Cantt

**I, Disha Talwar W/O Ravinder Singh Sahni R/O 1207a, Near Bus Stand Saha (93), Ambala,** Have Changed My Name From Disha Talwar To Disha Sahni Vide Affidavit Dated 02/09/2024 Before Ambala

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**I, Smt. Gurdjev Kaur W/O Ajaib Singh (Mother of No. 2482899 Late Sep Hardeep Singh) R/O Vill. Kukran PO Sarhala Kalan Tehsil Garshankar Distt. Hoshiarpur Punjab** have changed my date of birth from 30-06-1954 (As per ECHS Smart Card) to 01-01-1954.

**I, Smt. Paranjit Kaur W/O 6315134X Ex Hav Amrik Singh R/O VPO Zahura Tehsil Dasuya, Distt. Hoshiarpur** have changed my date of birth from 24-06-1963 to 24-06-1967.

**I, Smt. Jaswinder Kaur W/O JC-661322N Ex Sub Parmjeet Singh R/O VPO Miani Pathan Di, Tehsil Dasuya Distt. Hoshiarpur Punjab** have changed my date of birth from 02-10-1952 to 02-10-1962.

**I, Ankit S/O Sh Shiv Raj Malhotra, H.No - 777, Heera Nagar, Ghel Road, Ambala City, Pin - 134003, Distt - Ambala (Hr)** have changed my name to Ankit Malhotra

**I, Ashu W/O Ankush R/O Village Atta Distt. Panipat I Have Changed My Name From Ashu To Km Ashu.**

**I, Harjeet Kaur W/O Tejinder Singh R/O Village Panjori Distt, Ambala I Have Changed My Name From Harjeet Kaur To Harjit Kaur.**

**I, Kamal Nanda S/O Raj Kumar Nanda R/O VPO Shahzadpur Tehsil Naraingarh Distt Ambala** have changed my name from Kamal nain Nanda to Kamal Nanda.

**I, Nisha Jain alias Nisha W/O Sunil Jain R/O H.No- 487 Sec-7, Urban Estate Ambala City** have changed my name from Nisha Jain alias Nisha to Nisha.

**I, Archana Dhamija W/O Harinder Kumar Dhamija R/O H.No- 478 , Urban Estate, Sector 10 Ambala City** Have changed my name from Archana to Archana Dhamija.

**I, Abhimanu S/O Mahabir Singh R/O Ward No. 05, Khera Mohalla, Kalayat, Tehsil Kalayat, Distt. Kaithal (Haryana)** declares that Abhimanu and Abhimanu Rana both names are used for the same one person that is me. All concerned please note.

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# BJP Battles Dissent Over Ticket Distribution; Many Leaders Quit, Threaten To Contest As Independent

MANOJ KUMAR ■  
CHANDIGARH

A day after the ruling Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) announced its first list of 67 candidates for the Haryana Assembly polls, the party faced rebellion with many leaders including Minister, MLAs, and former MLAs and senior party workers announcing their resignation from the party and threatening to contest election as independent candidates. The rebel trouble for BJP started shortly after it came out with the first list of candidates as it left many sulking. BJP has denied tickets to three Ministers and 13 MLAs and around a dozen former MLAs and senior party workers who were eyeing tickets. Prominent among them are State Power Minister Ranjeet Singh Chautala, former Sports Minister Sandeep Singh, former Minister Kavita Jain and State Sports Minister Sanjay Singh. Ratia MLA Laxman Dass Napa, OBC Morcha chief Kamboj among dozen leaders quit the party.

Ranjit Chautala resigned from the Cabinet on Thursday. Chautala had lost the Lok Sabha poll from Hisar on a BJP ticket. He was also aspiring for a BJP ticket from Rania (Sirsas) which he had won in 2019 as an independent but recently joined the BJP. The party opted for Shishpal Kamboj, who is Sirsas district president of the BJP. Chautala, the brother of former Haryana Chief Minister Om Prakash Chautala, was among the nine incumbent MLAs excluded from the BJP's first list.

Sources said that what irked the BJP ticket hopefuls is

the nomination of at least 10 party hoppers, including three former JJP MLAs, son of a former Minister and Shakti Rani Sharma, wife of former Union Minister Venod Sharma. They joined the BJP only recently.

Former Haryana Minister Kavita Jain burst into tears on Thursday and she gave the party high command an ultimatum to change party candidate Nikhil Madan from Sonapat within three days. Nikhil, was earlier an associate of Rohtak MP Deepender Singh Hooda and he shifted to the BJP from the Congress a few months ago.

He is the Sonapat mayor at present. Kavita Jain had won the 2014 assembly elections from Sonapat and lost the 2019 election from Congress's Surender Panwar. This time, the BJP dropped her. Addressing her workers, she said that if the BJP doesn't change its Sonapat candidate by September 8 then she will decide her next course of action.

Former Minister Bachan Singh Arya is also miffed at former JJP MLA from Narnaud Ram Kumar Gautam getting party ticket from Safidon. He is exploring the option of contesting as an Independent.

Alleging that the BJP had strayed from its basic ideology propounded by Deen Dayal Upadhyaya and Shyama Prasad Mookerjee, BJP OBC Morcha chief Karan Dev Kamboj, in his resignation letter, alleged that the saffron party was rewarding the traitors who damaged the party over the years. "While committed workers like me are being sidelined, party hoppers, joining the party on the

eve of the assembly polls are being rewarded with tickets," Kamboj said keeping his option of contesting polls independently open.

Denied ticket, BJP legislator from Ratia reserve assembly constituency Lakshman Dass Napa has quit the party. Napa, in a letter to state party chief Mohan Lal Badoli, said that he was quitting the party and resigning from its primary membership. From Ratia, the party has fielded former Sirsa MP Sunita Duggal.

Another minister, Vishambhar Balmili, who was a two-time MLA from Bawani Khara in Bhiwani, was also dropped by the party and a new face, Kapoor Balmiki, was given the ticket.

Disappointed, supporters of former minister Savitri Jindal, who is the mother of Kurukshetra BJP MP Naveen Jindal, met her at her house in Hisar and urged her to contest as an Independent after the BJP retained health minister Kamal Gupta as its candidate.

Savitri and her son Naveen had joined the BJP in the run-up to the Lok Sabha elections. She was seeking the BJP ticket from Hisar but the party did not consider her.

The shifting of sitting Kosli MLA Laxman Singh Yadav to the Rewari Assembly constituency has triggered a revolt among local BJP leaders who were vying for the party ticket from Rewari.

Satish Khola, former BJP district president and former state coordinator of the Parivar Pehchan Patra (PPP) programme of the state government, and youth leader Prashant Sunny Yadav, opposed the candidature of

Laxman Yadav and announced to contest the Assembly poll from Rewari.

In Meham, several local leaders of the BJP have resigned from the party in protest against the allotment of party ticket to kabaddi player Deepak Hooda, who is a recent entrant to the party.

A local leader Shamsher Kharkara, who had contested the 2014 and 2019 Assembly elections from Meham on BJP ticket, has announced to call a meeting of his workers and supporters on September 7, following which he would announce his decision.

Former Haryana Minister Krishan Murti Hooda has also called a meeting of his workers after the BJP pitched Zila Parishad chairman Manju Hooda, wife of zila parishad chairman Rajesh Sarkari from Garhi-Sampla-Kiloi against former Haryana CM Bhupinder Singh Hooda. Krishan Murti will also take a call on whether to stay or leave the party.

In Jind's Safidon, former MLA Bachan Singh Arya also resigned from the BJP after JJP rebel Ram Kumar Gautam was fielded. Arya will contest as an Independent. JJP rebel Gautam had joined the BJP at a rally in Jind recently.

Sources in BJP said that there is immense resentment and anger among leaders and workers of the party over the unfair distribution of tickets. This has prompted the party to launch a damage control exercise, deploying several top leaders to defuse the situation. A BJP leader said that there appeared to be "no proper planning" going by the way the leadership handled the situa-

tion. The party could have spoken to senior MLAs a few months ago in advance instead of at the last minute. Most of them had toiled in their segments, certain they would get a ticket.

Another senior BJP leader claimed that initial dissidence will die down by the time nominations end. "There will always be a fight for tickets in a party like BJP which will definitely form the Government. In BJP, organization, cadres, people and their aspirations are more important than candidates. There may be some loss of votes, but our official candidates will win," he added.

Political Observers opined that at a time when BJP was trying to beat anti-incumbency in its bid to secure a third consecutive time in the State, chaos erupted within the party following the release of its first list.

The growing rebellion in BJP is threatening to hurt its poll prospects in many constituencies where it is already battling strong anti-incumbency.

Many are also upset because the party has accommodated almost all MLAs who switched recently from Congress, JJP and INLD at the cost of 'old guard'. BJP had burnt its figures in Himachal Pradesh, where rebels contested 21 of a total 68 seats in the last Assembly election. While it is not uncommon for aspirants to sulk and protest when denied a ticket, it is probably the first time in the State BJP is facing such a large-scale revolt in the State. Some rebels are openly expressing their angst against the party leadership.

The party leadership should reach out to their leaders to defuse the situation, Observers added.

## BJP's nominees represent all castes, classes & communities: Election co-in charge Biblab Deb

Talking to reporters in Rohtak, BJP's Assembly election co-in charge Biblab Deb on Thursday said that the saffron party had announced 67 of 90 candidates in one go, which indicates the strong leadership and organisation of the party. Deb maintained that the party's nominees represent all castes, classes and communities of the state, hence striking a social balance.

He pointed out that 14 of the 67 candidates announced by the BJP come from the backward classes, while due representation had also been given to the Dalits, Brahmins, Punjabis, Jats, Rajputs and Sikhs. "Several sitting MLAs, including three ministers, have also been replaced in view of the socio-political equations," he maintained. Replying to a query, Deb said the Congress leadership had lost the right to speak on dynasty politics.

He asserted that the BJP has a democratic system and accords due regard to its workers, while only a father-son duo calls the shots in the Congress. BJP State President Mohan Lal Badoli, took a jibe at the Congress, stating that it had not been able to release its list of candidates. He said that Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Union Home Minister Amit Shah, Defence Minister Rajnath Singh and the party's national president JP Nadda would tour the state soon.

# CM-Farmers Meet: Pb Govt to share Agri Policy draft, roll out OTS for debt

PNS ■ CHANDIGARH

New Agriculture Policy, launching a One Time Settlement (OTS) scheme for outstanding debts, reviewing legal cases against farmer leaders — were among the major decisions the Punjab Government arrived at on Thursday following the hours-long meeting with the farmers, who have been protesting in Chandigarh for the past four days. The sweeping decisions are aimed at addressing long-standing grievances and providing much-needed relief to the state's beleaguered farmers.

Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann spearheaded the meeting, which brought together key stakeholders, including the representatives of farmer unions, Finance Minister Harpal Singh Cheema, Agriculture Minister Gurmeet Singh Khuddian, PWD Minister Harbhajan Singh ETO, state DGP Gaurav Yadav, among others. The discussions resulted in a series of pivotal actions designed to tackle the challenges plaguing Punjab's agricultural sector. The centerpiece of the meeting was the draft of the new Agriculture Policy. The State Government committed to sharing this draft with farmers and relevant departments by the end of September. The move will allow for a thorough review and incorporation of feedback from those directly affected by agricultural policies. The aim is to create a policy that genuinely addresses the needs of the farming community and fosters a more sustainable agricultural environment.

In a significant move to alleviate the financial strain on farmers, the Punjab Government also announced the introduction of a One Time Settlement (OTS) scheme for outstanding debts owed to cooperative banks. The initiative is expected to provide critical relief to many farmers who have struggled with debt, offering a path to financial stability and easing the burden of repayment. The OTS scheme is seen as a crucial step in addressing the ongoing agrarian crisis and

supporting the state's agricultural sector. The meeting also focused on the legal challenges faced by farmer leaders who have been involved in protests. Chief Minister Mann directed the officials concerned to explore options for withdrawing cases against these leaders, aiming to resolve legal disputes and reduce tensions within the farming community. The move is intended to demonstrate the government's willingness to address the concerns of farmers and foster a more amicable resolution to ongoing conflicts. In addition to these measures, the Punjab Government pledged to re-evaluate rejected compensation claims related to farmer suicides and address issues related to land encroachment on plots designated for distribution. The Chief Minister has set a timeline of three to six months to clear these encroachments and make the five marla plots available to deserving individuals. Environmental concerns, including groundwater depletion, water pollution, and the condition of Buddha Nullah, were also discussed. The government assured that it is committed to addressing these issues to ensure sustainable farming and protect the livelihoods of farmers. The meeting was conducted in a constructive and cooperative atmosphere, reflecting a shared commitment to resolving the issues facing Punjab's farmers. The Chief Minister's assurances coupled with the proposed reforms, marking a significant shift in the state's approach to agricultural support and economic relief, came after four days of intense negotiations with farmers over eight critical issues. The Bharatiya Kisan Union (Eka Ugrahan) and the Khet Mazdoor Union have jointly organized a pakka morcha at Chandigarh's Sector 34. Farmers initially planned a march to the Punjab Assembly but ultimately staged a protest at Matka Chowk, where their demands were presented to the state Agriculture Minister, who assured them that their concerns would be addressed and relayed to CM Mann.



In the Panjab University (PU) Student Union Elections, independent candidate Anurag Dalal won the post of president. T.Sharma / The Pioneer

# Himachal Assembly amends law to curb illicit liquor trade

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The Himachal Pradesh Assembly on Thursday passed a Bill that imposes stringent provisions against illicit liquor trade, including severe punishment for involving minors in illegal activities. All offenses of illicit liquor manufacturing, trafficking and consumption under the Himachal Pradesh Excise (Amendment) Bill, 2024 would be cognisable and properties acquired by illegal means would be confiscated.

During a discussion on the Bill in the legislative assembly, Chief Minister Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu said that besides provisions to regulate manufacture, sale and transportation of liquor, making penal provision more stringent and streamlining its enforcement was imperative. Amendments have been made in 13 sections of the parent Bill, Sukhu said.

The Bill provides for increasing the fine for various offenses from Rs 3 lakh to Rs 5 lakh and adds provisions of severe punishment for liquor

adulteration, mixing harmful elements in trade and involving minors in illicit activities, the chief minister said. Sukhu said all offences under the Bill would be cognisable.

# Pb Govt Hikes VAT on Fuel, Withdraws Power Subsidy to Raise Revenue

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Amid a deepening financial crisis, the Punjab Government on Thursday introduced a series of harsh steps aimed at raising much-needed revenue to keep the state's economy afloat. These decisions include increasing the value-added tax (VAT) on petrol and diesel, partially withdrawing the power subsidy to consumers with a load of more than seven KW, and raising bus fares. These decisions, approved by the state Cabinet in its meeting, are expected to generate an additional Rs 2400 to Rs 3000 crore annually, helping the state tackle its ongoing fiscal challenges.

The Cabinet, led by Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann, approved a hike in VAT on fuel. With this, the tax on petrol has been increased by 61 paise per litre, while diesel has seen a rise of 92 paise per litre — resulting in a hike in prices from Rs 97.03 per litre to Rs 97.64 for petrol; and from Rs 87.34 per litre to Rs 88.26 for diesel.

The hike, which is projected to bring in Rs 395 crore from diesel sales and Rs 150 crore from petrol annually, come at a time when the state is grappling with a mounting fiscal deficit. Notably, the cash-starved government is struggling to even meet its committed liabilities for the month of August, delaying the release of salaries and pensions by four days.

Even though the officials claimed that the increase is designed to boost revenue without drastically affecting consumers, the higher fuel prices will inevitably lead to some public discontent. The fuel tax hikes come on the back of a series of other fis-

cal adjustments aimed at shoring up the state's finances. Over the past month, the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) led state government has also raised the collector rate for property registration and increased the motor vehicle tax on two-wheelers and four-wheelers.

In another decision, the Government decided to withdraw the Rs three per unit power subsidy, which was introduced by the previous Congress government under Charanjit Singh Channi. The decision is expected to save the state Rs 1,500 – Rs 1700 crore per year. In November 2021, the then-Channi-led Congress Government had slashed the power tariff by Rs three per unit for domestic consumers, having a connected load of up to seven KW (kilowatt).

Notably, the subsidy had been benefiting around 69 lakh consumers with connected loads of up to seven KW, significantly reducing their electricity bills. For instance, consumers who used to pay only Rs 1.50 per unit due to the subsidy will now have to pay the full tariff of Rs 4.50 per unit. This decision, while controversial, is being positioned as necessary to bring Punjab's fiscal deficit under control.

Addressing the media after the Cabinet meeting, Punjab Finance Minister Harpal Singh Cheema outlined the government's rationale for these measures. "We are under immense financial pressure, and it has become difficult to even meet our committed liabilities for this month," said Cheema.

Explaining the decision to revoke the subsidy, Cheema highlighted that many consumers were receiving dual benefits. "Some consumers were getting both the free 300 units of electricity per month

and the Rs three per unit subsidy...which was unfair, and we have now streamlined the system by removing the latter. We estimate that this will save the state Rs 1500 to 1700 crore annually," he said.

Despite the withdrawal of the subsidy, the AAP government will continue its popular scheme of providing 300 units of free electricity per month to all domestic consumers. Cheema assured the public that this would cover more than 90 percent of households, helping the majority of the population manage their electricity expenses. However, those who exceed the 600-unit threshold over two months will no longer receive the same level of support.

The power subsidy withdrawal is part of a broader strategy to reduce the state's electricity expenditure, which is expected to surpass Rs 24,000 crore this year. The AAP government has faced criticism for handling the fiscal situation, but it argued that these measures will encourage more efficient use of electricity while easing the state's financial burden.

In another major decision, the government also approved an increase in bus fares by 23 paise per kilometre, which is projected to generate an additional Rs 150 crore annually. This increase comes as part of a comprehensive plan to boost state revenue from various sectors and ensure that essential services continue to be funded.

Cheema emphasized that these measures are not just about plugging the fiscal gap but also ensuring the long-term financial sustainability of Punjab. "We are taking tough but necessary steps to ensure that we can meet our obligations and continue to provide

essential services to the people of Punjab," he said.

Compared to Punjab's financial situation, neighbouring Himachal Pradesh has also adopted similar measures to cope with its fiscal strain. On Wednesday, the Himachal Pradesh Government announced that salaries and pensions would be disbursed on the fifth and tenth of every month, respectively, in a bid to manage its financial resources better.

## Opposition Lashes Out AAP Govt for VAT Hike, Subsidy Withdrawal

The Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) Government faced sharp criticism from the opposition on Thursday after announcing a hike in Value Added Tax (VAT) on fuel and the withdrawal of a crucial power subsidy for domestic consumers. Leader of the Opposition (LOP) Partap Singh Bajwa condemned the government's decision, calling it a "direct attack" on the common people of Punjab.

"The diesel hike will not only burden the agricultural sector but will also add to the spiralling inflation," he remarked. He also expressed concern over the removal of the Rs three per unit power subsidy for consumers with loads up to 7 KW, which was initially implemented by the previous Congress government.

Bajwa also accused the AAP government of failing to manage the state's finances effectively. "Ever since coming to power, the AAP has been running the state on borrowed funds, and Punjab's debt is now estimated to reach Rs 3.74 lakh crore by the end of the next fiscal year," he noted, calling the state's financial management under the AAP regime a "recipe for bankrupt-

cy". Punjab Congress president Amarinder Singh Raja Warring, echoing Bajwa's concerns, said that the AAP Government was deceiving the people of Punjab by offering initial relief through free electricity but introducing steep hikes thereafter. "The government claims to be pro-common man, but their actions suggest otherwise. The middle class and poor are being hit the hardest by these price increases," Warring added.

Both leaders urged the government to reconsider its approach and roll back these decisions, calling for more responsible governance that does not come at the expense of the state's citizens.

## Punjab Petroleum Dealers Call for Rollback of VAT Hike

The Punjab Petroleum Dealers Association (PPDA) has voiced serious concern over the VAT hike on petrol and diesel in the State. The association has urged the State Government to reconsider the increase and align the VAT structure with neighbouring states to prevent further economic strain. PPDA representatives highlighted that the VAT hike will have severe consequences for the already struggling petroleum industry. "Our sales are plummeting due to neighbouring regions offering lower VAT rates, and this increase will only worsen the situation," the Association warned, adding that it could lead to significant revenue losses for both dealers and the state.

The PPDA has requested immediate action, calling on the government to roll back the increase, restore competitive pricing, and protect the interests of petroleum dealers and the state's economy.

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I, hitherto known as Dalwara Singh S/O Sohan Singh R/O Ali Chak, Basti Guzan, Jalandhar-144002, Punjab have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as Darbara Singh.

I, hitherto known as Shanrajset Kaur W/O Harvinder Singh R/O H.No.WB-277, Ali Mohalla, Jalandhar-144001, Punjab have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as Saravjit Kaur.

I, hitherto known as Ramandeep S/O Harpal Singh R/O VPO, Garacha, Teh. Nawanshahr, Distt. SBS Nagar, 144518, Punjab have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as Ramandeep Mahey.

I, Renu Bala w/o Surinder Pal r/o Village Lestrali, P.S. Adampur, Tehsil & Distt. Jalandhar have changed my minor son's name from Prince to Prince Kumar.

I, Banita W/O Balbeer Singh R/O Vill. Jethi, P.O. Malera, Teh. Kasauli, Distt. Solan (HP) have changed my name from Banita to Vanita Devi.

I, Punjab Devi W/O Hunar Singh R/O Vill. Odar-Purba, P.O. Dinger-Kinner, Teh. Pachhad, Distt. Simour (HP) have changed my name from Punam Devi to Purnan Devi.

I, Damiyanti W/O Sushil Kumar R/O Vill. Kawgar, P.O. Shami, Teh. & Distt. Solan-173212 (HP) have changed my name from Damiyanti to Dayawanti.

I, Bimla Devi W/O Vijay Singh R/O Vill. Shalaha, P.O. Palog, Teh. Arki, Distt. Solan (HP) have changed my name from Bimla Devi to Sheela Devi.

I, Pema Dharma Khampa W/O Lhakpa Kombo Khampa R/O Khampa Bhabwan, Near Ram Dass building below I.T.I, Solan (HP) have changed my minor son's name from Terzin lodoe Khampa to Gautam Khampa.

I, Tusinder W/O Surjit Ram R/O Bijli Ghar Road, VPO. Samrai, Tehsil Phillaur, Distt. Jalandhar-144032, Punjab have changed my name from Tusinder to Tushinder Kaur.

I, Shalini W/O Ashish Taysal R/O H. No. 1050, Sector-14, Hisar declare that I have changed my name from Shalini to Shalini Taysal for all future purpose.

I, Rajakumari is legally Mother of Service No. 16127195X Rank: SPR Name: Balgopall Periyakuruppu residing at Village Thenkarai Post Mullapallam, Taluk Vadipatti, Distt. Madurai (State) Tamil Nadu Pin-625207, have changed my name from Raja Kumari to Rajakumari.

I, Army No. 16117555P Rank: HAV Name: Ravi Kumar Reddy Sorntam, Unit: 1 AER C/o 56 APO, resident of Village Anunamalaveedu, Post Anunamalaveedu, Taluk Giddalur, Distt Prakasam, State Andhra Pradesh, Pin- 523368, have changed my Son's name from Sorntam Rajesh Kumar Reddy to Rajesh Kumar Reddy Sorntam.

I, Charu Khunger W/o Sh. Gourav Khunger, Gali No. 5, Gali Mariya Garage Wali, Begu Road, Sira, (Haryana). That I have changed my name from Charu Khunger to Charu Narang , in future my name is to be called as Charu Narang.

I, Tejpal S/O Atar Singh/ R/O H.No. 651, ward no. 2, village Jakhuali, Sonipat, in my passport number K0449092, my name is written as Tajpal and address as 6793, village Jakhuali, which is wrong, whereas my correct name is Tejpal and address is h/o 651 Ward. No. 2, Village Jakhuali, District Sonapat, Haryana 131023, please correct it in the passport.

I, Geeta Bharti, Spouse of No. 17005709L, NK, Pankaj Kumar, Unit of 607 EME BN, 806 Fd WPKSP Residing of Suryaganj P.O. Gemharria District Madhepura State Bihar Pin 852108 have changed my name from Gita Bharti to Geeta Bharti & Date of birth 02/09/1995 to 02/11/1995.

I, No. 14446111A, Hav (DS) Kadam Sanjay Narayan, of Unit 330 FD Regt C/o 99 APO Pin 926330 Resident of Village & Post Kuroli (S) Tehsil Khataw District Satara State Maharashtra Pin 415527 have changed my Son name to Kadam Pooman Sanjay & Date of birth 06 February 1993 to 06 February 1992 Vide Affidavit Dated 05 September 2024 before at Notary Ferozepur.

I, Sudesh Kumar W/o Dharminder Dev R/O Ward no.17, street no.2 Shanti Nagar Ferozepur city have changed my name to Sudesh Kakkar.

I, Surjit Singh Sandhu Alias Surjeet Singh Son of Lal Singh Resident of Village Landra Roda District Sri Muktsar Sahib I am Known by Both names as Above One and is Same Person.

I, Ramjeet Kaur W/O Jang Singh Resident Of 612 Khicchi Jaidi Po Canal Colony District Ferozepur Have Changed My Name To Paramejjet Kaur

I, Bharat Bhushan Gupta Son of Charanjai Lal R/O Bhatat Nagar Near. Rly. Crossing Bura Gujjar Road Sri Muktsar Sahib Have Changed My Name To Bharat Bhushan

I Asha Gupta Alias Maya Devi Wife Of Bharat Bhushan R/O Bhatat Nagar Near. Rly. Crossing Bura Gujjar Road Sri Muktsar Sahib Have Changed My Name To Asha Gupta.

I, Rammy Katoch Spouse Of Naveen Kumar Resident Of Village-Thara (Kumr), Post- Thara, Tehsil-Bajinath, District- Kangra, State-Himachal Pradesh, Pin-176125, Have Changed My Name From Rammy Katoch To Rammy Devi Vide Affidavit No.In-Pb52679357790485w Dated 03 Sep 2024 Before Notary Public Pathankot.

I, Cherine Naksang Mother Of No.15713897M NK Lopsang Naksang Resident Of Village- Lhalung, Post-Mechukha, Tehsil- Mechukha, District-Shi Yomi, State- Arunachal Pradesh, Pin-791003, Have Changed My Name From Cherine Naksang To Cheren Naksang Vide No.In-Pb52106502473084w Dated 02 Sep 2024 Before Notary Public Pathankot.

I, Nima Dorjee Naksang Father Of No.15713897M NK Lopsang Naksang Resident Of Village- Lhalung, Post-Mechukha, Tehsil- Mechukha, District-Shi Yomi, State- Arunachal Pradesh, Pin-791003, Have Changed My Name From Nima Dorjee Naksang To Nima Dorje Naksang Vide Affidavit No.In-Pb52108058052168w Dated 02 Sep 2024 Before Notary Public Pathankot

I, No.14856161M NK Annadasa Hari Prasad Resident Of Village-Bhruiguband, Post- Bhruiguband, District- Palnadu, State- Andhra Pradesh, Pin-522403, Have Changed My Mother Name From Annadasa Padma To Annadasa Padmalatha Vide Affidavit No.In-Ap13032320515010w Dated 19 Aug 2024 Before Notary Public Pathankot

I, No.14834731x Sep Pushpendra Singh Tomar Resident Of Village- Lepa, Post- Bhidiosa, Tehsil- Ambah, District-Morhana, State- Madhya Pradesh, Pin-476554, Have Changed My Son Name To Amardeep Singh Tomar Vide Affidavit No.In-Pb52945486928635w Dated 04 Sep 2024 Before Notary Public Pathankot

I, Anil Bholaa S/O Sh. Sudesh Kumar Bholaa R/O No. 371/17 Ashri Gate, Behind Aushdayia, Near Gandhi Gali, Jind Tehsil And District Jind Have Changed My Minor Son Name From Divyansh To Divyansh Bholaa.

I, Laxman Is Father Of No 8037257a Rank Hav (Gd) Name Abhijit Laxman Kadam, Presently Residing At 1711 Kajupada, Bonvli (E), Post Bonvli, Teh: Bonvi Dist : Mumbai, State, Maharashtra, Pin: 400066, I Have Changed My Name From Laxman(Old Name) To Laxman Gopal Kadam (New Name) Hence This Affidavit Sworn Before Notary Shalander Kaur On Dt 27Aug 2024.

I, Abhi Rathaur Is Son Of Army No-18008035a Rank L/NK Pravin Kumar Presently Posted At 62 Eng Regt C/O 56 APO Permanent Address Vill- Atta, Post- Nawatedha Teh/Distt- Mainpur , State - Uttar Pradesh - 205261 Declare That I Have Changed My Name From Abhai Rathaur To Pratyush Rathaur, Vide Affidavit No-54aa 645027, Dated-05/09/24

I, Chinthanaboina Penchalamma Am Mother Mother Of No 15325500a Rank Hav Name Chinthanaboina Duggalav Present Residing At 164 Br C/o, 16 Eng Br Regt (Pms), Chandimandir Cantt, Panchkula, Haryana Declare That I Have Changed My Name From Penchalamma To Chinthanaboina Penchalamma And Also Change My Date Of Birth From 01 Jul 1955 To 20 May 1950

I, Anita Amit Rawot Spouse Of No Jc-3103048w Rank Sub Name Amit Rawot Present Residing At Hq C/o, 16 Eng Br Regt (Pms), Chandimandir Cantt, Panchkula, Haryana Declare That, I Have Changed My Name From Anita To Anita Amit Rawot And Also Change My Date Of Birth From 29 Jul 1985 To 29 Jul 1983

I, Anita Am Spouse Of No. Jc829741F Rank Sub Name Mutywar Narayan Ramkishnu, Permanent Address: Ward No. 3, At. Post. Patan, Tq. Zarijamaan, Distt. Yavatmal, Maharashtra 445305, Declare That, I Have Changed My Name From Anita To Avrta Narayan Mutywar Due To My Name Is All Civil/Govt. Documents Mentioned As Anita Narayan Mutywar Kan And Also I Have Changed My Date Of Birth From 14/02/1976 To 01/01/1978. Due To My Date Of Birth In All Civil/Govt. Documents Mentioned As 01/01/1978.

I, Jagat Narayan Baitha Father Of No.15789872n L/Hav (Gnr) Ravi Chandra Baitha Resident Of Village-Nainpura, Post- Nainpura, Tehsil & District- Siwan State- Bihar, Pin-841241, Have Changed My Name From Jaganarayan Baitha To Jagat Narayan Baitha Vide Affidavit No.In-Pb535955538271388w Dated 05 Sep 2024 Before Notary Public Pathankot

I, Nirmal Kaur W/O Rajwant Singh R/O Village- Shamsherpur, Po-Behrampur, Distt- Gurdaspur, Punjab. Have Changed My Name From Nirmal Kaur To Nirmaljeet Kaur.

I, Rajwant Singh S/O Sarian Singh R/O Village Shamsherpur, Po-Behrampur, Distt- Gurdaspur, Punjab. Declare That In My Documents My Father Name Sarian Singh Is Wrong. But My Father Name Surain Singh Is Correct.

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I, Mohan Kumar Khanna S/O Budh Ram R/O Ward No.31, Kothkapura Road Dhillon Nagar Moga (Moga) Have Changed My Name To Mohan Kumar.

I, Om Vatti W/O Kewal R/O H.No.809 Near New Gaushtala Bedi Nagar Moga Distt. Moga. Have Changed My Name To Om Vatti.

I Harpreet Kaur W/O Raj Kumar R/O Vno. Sangatpur, Tehsil Phawara, District Kapurthala Have Changed My Minor Daughter's Name From Smitri To Smitri Rani.

I Nisha Bagga W/O Micheal Kanda, R/O B19/17, Choura Khoo Mandir, Dabbian Mohalla, Phawara, District Kapurthala, Punjab, Have Changed My Name To Nisha Kanda After Marriage.

I Manpreet Kaur W/O Gurdas Singh Khosra R/O Village Kot Karor Kalan District Ferozepur Have Changed My Name To Manpreet Kaur Khosra.

I Sunita W/O Jatinder Goyal R/O 135 Adresh Colony SL.No.-3 Barewell Road Ludhiana Have Changed My Name To Sunita Goyal.

Harjeet Singh Dhillon S/O Jasvir Singh R/O Vpo. Binjal Distt. Ludhiana Have Changed My Name To Harjeet Singh.

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I, Kailash Kumar Bansal S/O Sohan Lal R/O Himmatpura Basti, Jaitu (Faridkot) have changed my name to Kailash Kumar.

I, Ranjit Kaur W/O Major Singh R/O Vill: Ena Khera Teh-Malout (Sri Muktsar Sahib) have changed my name from Ranjit Kaur to Ranjeet Kaur.

I Shinder Kaur W/O Piara Singh R/O Vill. Toosa (Ludhiana) my name Surinder Kaur and Shinder Kaur is same person.

I, Rita Rani W/O Sushil Kumar R/O H.No. 204 W.No. 17 Purni Sarai Khanna Teh-Khanna (Ludhiana) have changed my name from Rita Rani to Reeta Rani.

I Sukhvindra Kaur W/o Jaspreet Singh R/O H.No. 17, W.No.20, Mata Rani Mohalla, Khanna (Ludhiana) have changed my name to Sukhvinder Kaur.

I Neena Kansal W/o Sh. Sameer Mohan R/O W.No. 10 Main Bazaar Narainghar District Ambala, have changed her name from Neena Kansal to Neena.

I Rubi W/o Harinder Singh R/O Sundara Basti, Barbil, Kundujhar-758035 (Odisha) have changed my name to Rubi Dhillon.

I Kirandeep W/o Harjeet Singh R/O Rulia Nagar, VPO. Bargari-151208 (Faridkot) have changed my name to Kirandeep Dhillon.

I, Simma Sri Latha Is Wife Of No. 15322617T, Hav, Suryanarayana Simra of Unit 22 Eng Regt C/O 56 APO residing of 2-252, Dharmana Veddhi Village, Voppangli P.O Sarivada Tehsil Srikalakum Distt. Srikalakum State Andhra Pradesh PIN-532401 Declare That my Name S Sriatha Wrongly written in my Husband Army Service Records but my correct Name is Simma Sri Latha.

I, Army No. 16127080K, L/HAV, Kadupugotla Krishna of Unit 5 engr regiment c/o 56 APO, today camping at Ferozepur, have changed my daughter's name from Kodupugotla Chytra to Kadupugotla Chytra due to incorrect name entered in my service documents.

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I, Sujata Adalkaha w/o Laitl Kumar, R/O # 26-A, Kazian Mohalla, Ward No. 08, Sadhaura, Tehsil Bhisappur, Distt Yamuna Nagar, have changed my name from Sujata Dawar to Sujata Adalkaha.

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PAPER WITH PASSION

## India shines at Paralympics

### India puts up best-ever show at Paralympics; PM Modi lauds athletes' perseverance and talent

India's performance at the 2024 Paralympics will be etched in the annals of sporting history, as the country witnessed its best-ever showing at the Games. With a record-breaking tally of medals, the athletes' determination, grit, and sheer willpower resonated deeply with millions. Prime Minister Narendra Modi, visibly elated, interacted with the Paralympic contingent, hailing their indomitable spirit as an inspiration to the nation. India sent its largest-ever contingent of 84 athletes to the 2024 Paralympics, competing across various disciplines like archery, athletics, and shooting. Among the many standout performances, Indian archer Sheetal Devi captured the world's attention, competing without hands and displaying an extraordinary level of precision and resilience. Her triumphs, alongside other athletes, served as a testament to the extraordinary abilities of differently-abled individuals who continue to defy the odds and break barriers. PM Modi, in his conversation with the athletes, expressed his deep admiration, stating,



"Your hard work and dedication have brought glory to the nation... You have shown that challenges, no matter how daunting, can be overcome with perseverance." The success of Indian Paralympians is not merely a result of their training, but a culmination of years of battling personal and societal obstacles. These athletes have defied their disabilities, proving that with determination, no hurdle is insurmountable. Each medal won at the Paralympics tells a story of immense struggle, dedication, and the refusal to accept limitations. Take, for instance, the journey of Bhavina Patel, a para table tennis player who became a beacon of hope after her exceptional performances on the global stage. Diagnosed with polio at a young age, Bhavina's journey from rehabilitation to becoming a Paralympian exemplifies the strength of human willpower. Such athletes embody the essence of perseverance, redefining success not by their victories alone but by their unwavering resolve to overcome challenges. As India celebrates its best-ever Paralympics performance, the spotlight on para-athletes has intensified, garnering widespread support from all sections of society. What makes these athletes stand apart is their ability to transform adversity into strength. Despite the physical and emotional challenges, they face, they continue to push boundaries, proving that talent knows no bounds. For every medal India wins at the Paralympics, there are countless hours of practice, numerous setbacks, and a tireless pursuit of excellence. As India celebrates the achievements of its Paralympic athletes, their stories remind us that greatness is often born out of struggle. Their success is a beacon of hope for millions, showcasing that with determination, talent, and an unbreakable spirit, anything is possible. India's Paralympians have made the nation proud, and their stories will inspire generations to come. As they continue to rise and break records, their message is clear: Perseverance, dedication, and talent can overcome even the greatest of challenges.

## PICTALK



Nuns offer prayers during observance of the death anniversary of Mother Teresa, in Kolkata

# IC-814: Lessons beyond the binary



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### The web series 'IC-184: The Kandahar Hijack' has reignited debate over the moral and strategic dilemmas faced during hostage crises

Web series IC-184: The Kandahar Hijack, has triggered debate on the complexities and 'greys' that accompany such incidents. Beyond obvious things like the lack of coordination, responsiveness or even allowing the flight to take off from Amritsar – one important query is if India did wrong in negotiating with terrorists. Given the handiwork of these released terrorists in the subsequent terror attacks, the question acquires even gravity. However, beyond the simplistic and binary 'yes' or 'no' position that is often postulated in the argument, lies the necessity of nuance in attempting to answer the same. It is universally agreed that negotiations with terrorists are a bad idea, however, sometimes, the consequences of not negotiating can have far more debilitating and costly consequences. Sifting the wheat from the chaff of the supposed 'no-negotiation' stance of some countries (as often banded) is important. It is frequently argued that countries like Israel or the United States of America do not negotiate with terrorists. It is further claimed that because of such an unbending posture, the Israelis and Americans avoided being taken as hostages. But such beliefs are untrue, misplaced, and belie the wheels-within-wheels of the American or Israeli reality, beyond the publicly stated position of 'no-negotiation'. It is the worst-kept secret that such countries have funnelled money through proxies, 'friendly countries', or even masked the same as 'aid' to secure their citizens, whilst maintaining the official stance. The Iran-Contrat affair (1981-86) during the Reagan era wherein American hostages held by the Lebanese group, Hezbollah, were exchanged for weapons for Hezbollah itself, exemplifying the deals cut beyond the public gaze. As recently as 2014, the Americans had released five Taliban prisoners from Guantanamo, to secure an American hostage. Last August, the United States is believed to have unfrozen \$6 billion of Iranian funds in South Korean banks to secure the release of five US citizens. It is now argued that the same money could have been invaluable for the cash-strapped Palestinians (widely believed benefactors of Hamas) in launching the subsequent '7th Oct' attack on Israel. Israelis themselves are the masters of the backdoor negotiations, irrespective of the belligerent stand adopted for public consumption. In the Gilat Shalit (Israeli prisoner) exchange of 2011, it is believed that Israel released 1027 prisoners who were held in jails. Even now as the bludgeoning of the Gaza Strip continues, the Israelis in parallel (and in support of the Biden administration) are still negotiating with Hamas for the release of their citizens held hostage. Often, the aggrieved government can end up losing a lot of leverage and lives when they refuse to engage with bad actors. Negotiations help immediate outcomes, buy crucial time for alternate reactions, and most importantly, help establish critical information and 'leads' about the captors that could be invoked, productively. Lastly, a well-managed ransom payoff (with 'marked' bills and telltale trails) can also lead to discovering broader networks and bases to take down the terror infrastructure, subsequent-



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ly. Negotiations or engagement does not have to be tantamount to surrender or even a 'bad deal', necessarily. From the post-released activities of the three terrorists in the IC-814 case, it was a costly 'deal' – but was there an alternative? The hijacked plane was parked in the backyard of Pakistani ISI's supported Afghan base (at least then) with 158 precious lives (not including the 5 terrorists). The terrorists in this case (under the direct supervision of the ISI and Taliban) were not exactly known to be reasonable, and if anything, had given a glimpse of their intent with the brutal and fatal stabbing of passenger, Rupin Katyal. Even an Entebbe-like commando operation using Indian Special Forces was impractical and fraught with additional risks. With the clear intention of harming Indian interests without an iota of any fear of getting caught (given the location) – the risk to the lives of all passengers and crew of IC-814 was not possible, but imminent. The calculation and opportunities would have been far more creative with possible solutions, had IC-814 been held up in Amritsar, as opposed to Kandahar. Could India have forsaken the lives of its citizens? Has any other country ever forsaken lives in similar circumstances? Did the USA attempt negotiating with the Iranian authorities when its Embassy staff was held hostage or did it steadfastly hold to the 'no-negotiation' posture? The 'no-negotiation' is more of an ideal, but a fuzzy line, practically. It is a deterring policy but has never been an ironclad law, anywhere in the world. However, countries like Israel (or even India) do convey behaviorally is the guarantee of serious reprisals and redeeming their losses. For example, 'Operation Hot Pursuit', the cross-border operation against NSCN-IM insurgents in Myanmar 'normalised' the expectation for bad actors, hereinafter – this, when done systematically, surgically and purposefully conveys solid sovereign intent. So, there is no silver bullet or inviolable guardrails in tackling terror, except adapting and responding according to the situation, whilst ensuring the overall objectives are not lost to inflexibility, weakness, or indecision. IC-814 was indeed a lapse of immense proportion but the complexities of the eight-day ordeal necessitated negotiations in that specific case, as insisting any other way is easier said than done, as instructed by history anywhere in the world. (The writer, a military veteran, is a former Lt Governor of Andaman & Nicobar Islands and Puducherry. The views expressed are personal)

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### SOCIETAL ATTITUDE CHANGE A MUST

Madam – Nirbaya's case and Abhaya's cases caught the attention of the public and attracted stir. The Bollywood case got the importance of retired judge's involvement and submission of a report which, with four year's dust got released last week and the different associations rather than taking action on the perpetrators crime abdicated their responsibility and resigned. A woman from Hyderabad came out in to the streets and complained that she was sexually assaulted promising her roles in movies. The exploitation of the fairer sex has been happening every where and every day. The fast track courts which PM was talking about in the SC's 75th year celebrations is not a solution to the problem and President calling it "enough is enough" is not an answer. It is not long ago when the then CJI in 2019 was accused of sexual torture and victimization by a staff member. Since then four CJI's have changed. Still there has been neither an institutional response nor a fair investigation and due process in case of a sexual-harassment allegation against a CJI. These allegations illustrate a structural issue with the judiciary; the question of sexual harassment should not be dismissed as harming judicial independence. Similarly when there was a similar complaint against a sitting Governor, police was not allowed to investigate in the matter citing the immunity enjoyed by the constitutional head. The same logic or the thought process goes in the minds of the people who are decision makers in these cases for they try to protect the image of the household or the institution where the exploitation is reported. Law and judiciary can come in to play only when the matter is brought out but when the same is suppressed for whatever reason the women who are addressed as fair sex suffers with an unfair treatment. We need an attitudinal change to address the problem!

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### Bengal passes Aparajita bill

Madam – In Jammu & Kashmir, political parties must prioritize growth and avoid revisiting the legacy of Article 370, as its abrogation is irreversible. They should instead highlight how this move will drive development, curb terrorism, and strengthen national security along the Pakistan and China borders, where POK, Aksai Chin, and Shaksgam Valley remain under illegal control. Avoiding conflicts with the Central Government is crucial, given J&K's strategic location and heavy reliance on central financial aid. Campaigns focused on regional, caste, or religious divides will only harm Kashmir's political future. The era of the 1990s must not return, and a Pakistan-centric approach will be disastrous, as seen in POK's decline. Parties should honestly work for unification and the betterment of the state.

ty for rape convicts. Hope Governor and President of India give their go ahead to this bill. It is also a welcome step for creating a special task force which is expected to complete the probe in 21 days. This horrific rape and murder case must become a watershed moment to turn things around for women for the better in future in our society. But merely having a law to award death penalty to rape convicts may not suffice as unfortunately rapes incidents both in West Bengal and elsewhere in the country have not stopped even after this tragic RG Kar Hospital rape and murder case on 9th August. What is required is strict and unbiased implementation of the rule and law at the ground level. Because we have had tough laws in our country but what we lack is serious implementation which defies the whole purpose of framing a law.

West Bengal government must be applauded for passing Anti rape bill and seeking death penalty

### TEACHERS DAY CELEBRATION

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### J&K ELECTIONS

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## Childhood trauma and its lasting impact on adult relationships

### Recognising the impact of childhood trauma on adult relationships is crucial. By seeking therapy individuals can heal emotional wounds and foster healthier relations



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Childhood trauma, a deeply distressing experience that occurs before the age of 18, can have a profound and lasting impact on an individual's life. One of the most significant areas where this influence is felt is in adult relationships. Understanding the connection between childhood trauma and adult relationships can help individuals recognize the patterns that may be affecting their lives and seek appropriate support. When a child experiences trauma, it can disrupt their development and create a sense of insecurity and fear. This can lead to difficulties in forming and maintaining healthy relationships in adulthood. Individuals who have experienced childhood trauma may struggle with trust, communication, and emotional intimacy. They may also be more prone to attracting or engaging in toxic relationships. One of the most common ways that childhood trauma can manifest in adult relationships is through difficulties with trust. Individuals who have been betrayed or abused as children may find it chal-



lenging to trust others, even in seemingly harmless situations. This can lead to feelings of isolation and loneliness, as well as difficulties forming deep connections with others. Communication can also be a challenge for individuals who have experienced childhood trauma. They may struggle to express their emotions or be overly sensitive to criticism. This can lead to misunderstandings and conflict in relationships. Additionally, individuals who have been traumatized may be more likely to engage in unhealthy coping mechanisms, such as substance abuse or avoidance, which can further hinder their ability to communicate effectively.

Emotional intimacy is another area where childhood trauma can have a significant impact. Individuals who have been traumatized may find it difficult to open up to others and share their feelings. They may fear rejection or abandonment, and may instead withdraw from relationships. This can lead to feelings of isolation and loneliness, as well as difficulties forming deep and meaningful connections with others. Another way that childhood trauma can manifest in adult relationships is through the attraction to or engagement in toxic relationships. Individuals who have been traumatized may be more likely to attract or engage in relationships that replicate the abusive or neglectful dynamics of their childhood. This can be a way of unconsciously reliving past trauma and seeking to resolve it. It is important to note that not everyone who experiences childhood trauma will develop these patterns in their adult relationships. However, understanding the connection between childhood trauma and adult rela-

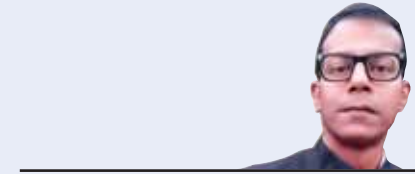
tionships can help individuals recognize the patterns that may be affecting their lives and seek appropriate support. If you are struggling with the impact of childhood trauma on your adult relationships, it is important to seek help. Therapy can be a valuable tool for understanding and addressing the underlying issues affecting your relationships. A therapist can help you develop healthy coping mechanisms, improve communication skills, and build stronger, more fulfilling relationships. Additionally, support groups can provide a safe and supportive space to connect with others who have experienced similar challenges. By understanding the connection between childhood trauma and adult relationships, individuals can take steps to heal from past wounds and build healthier, more fulfilling relationships. (The author is Dubai-based award-winning Poet, Novelist, Writing Retreat Curator and Founder of TheWriteScene.com. Views expressed are personal)



## FIRST COLUMN

### INDIA BOLSTERS 'ACT EAST' POLICY

PM Modi's Brunei visit highlights India's commitment to strengthening ties in Southeast Asia



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Prime Minister Modi is wasting no time in walking the talk as far as his foreign policy goals are concerned. This week, with a clear focus on Look East policy the Indian PM was in Brunei and Singapore. The Brunei visit was the first state visit by an Indian PM, after establishing diplomatic relations in 1984. The Indian Mission in Brunei came nearly a decade later in 1993. PM Manmohan Singh had visited Brunei Darussalam in 2013 to attend multilateral meetings of ASEAN and East Asia Summit. Highlighting the importance of the first bilateral visit to Brunei, India's High Commissioner Alok Amitabh Dimri, told news agency ANI "In our four decades of diplomatic relationship, this is the first bilateral official visit by the Prime Minister of India to Brunei Darussalam. It is a historic moment in our bilateral relationship and also for the Indian community in Brunei Darussalam that high-level bilateral engagement between Prime Minister Shri Modi and His Majesty the King is going to take place. This visit is historic in many ways that Brunei and India have been civilizational neighbours as you know that India shares deep historical roots and bonds with Southeast Asia. The Malayan tradition of this geography which is located in the Borneo Island of Southeast Asian Seas derives deep linkages be it, linguistic, anthropological, ethnic, architectural, religious motives, customs and traditions, norms from India, South India." Defence relations between the two countries have been on an upward trajectory since the establishment of formal diplomatic ties.



There have been several official-level defence exchanges and visits of navy, coast guard ships and joint exercises. India has MoU in defence sector with Brunei till 2026. Several Indian Navy ships and coast guard ships such as INS Rana, INS Airavat, INS Shivalik & INS Kadmat, and Samudra Pahereda to name a few, have been in Brunei waters, given the maritime security concerns. The trade relations between the two countries are not what one can boast of, however, it is of strategic importance.

The recently concluded Brunei trip by the Indian PM has enhanced and deepened the partnership between the two countries. The joint statement issued after the leader's meeting stated "Both leaders held discussions for enhancing cooperation on a wide range of issues including defence, connectivity, trade and investment, energy including renewables, space, ICT, health and pharmaceuticals, education and capacity building, culture, tourism, youth and people-to-people exchanges, as well as regional and international issues of mutual interest." However, the real area of cooperation would be in maintaining international rules of law deep in the Indian Ocean. Brunei is located in the South China Sea region, where China has a significant presence and has been increasingly threatening the bordering countries with its coercive tactics. These issues were raised by the Indian PM in his meeting with his Counterpart on Darussalam. The joint statement read, "Both leaders reiterated their commitment to work closely together in mutually beneficial areas to further strengthen the ASEAN - India Comprehensive Strategic Partnership. Both leaders reiterated their commitment to maintaining and promoting peace, stability, maritime safety and security, as well as respecting freedom of navigation and overflight and unimpeded lawful commerce, consistent with international law, notably the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea (UNCLOS) 1982. The leaders also urged all parties to resolve disputes through peaceful means in accordance with international law, particularly UNCLOS 1982."

The first state visit by an Indian PM to Brunei just months after taking charge for a third time is a long-term strategic move to secure India's interests for the future.

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# Unified pension scheme: Balancing the old and new



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Modi Government unveils unified pension scheme to bridge old and new, aiming to satisfy Central and State employees



On August 24, 2024, the Union government announced the new Unified Pension Scheme (UPS) for central government employees. In fact, what looked like a well-orchestrated action plan, on the following day the BJP-led government in Maharashtra approved the implementation of the Scheme for its employees. Madhya Pradesh government is likely to implement the UPS soon. The above announcements are in response to the earlier decisions of Opposition-ruled States, including Rajasthan, Chhattisgarh (before the November 2023 elections), Jharkhand, Himachal Pradesh (HP) and Punjab to revert to the old pension system (OPS) which it felt tilted the electoral pendulum towards those parties, particularly in HP. Fearing a repeat during the upcoming elections and Congress having already announced its intent to revert to OPS in Maharashtra, Modi seems to have gone for a preemptory move. Generally, employees of both the central and State governments who joined service after January 1, 2004, and are covered under the national pension scheme (NPS) have been uncomfortable with it. They have been demanding the restoration of the OPS which opposition-ruled states promised. Now, the Centre and BJP-ruled states have come up with the UPS hoping this will satisfy them. Will it? Under the OPS, retired employees received 50 per cent of their last drawn salary as a monthly pension. Just as the government offers its employees an adjustment in dearness allowance or DA to offset the increase in the cost of living, the monthly payouts of pensioners also increase to provide for DA. A government employee under OPS could not have got anything better. He was entitled to a decent 'pre-determined' monthly amount; the pension was fully protected against inflation and got it as long as he lived. After death, his wife gets the same amount for seven years and thereafter the family pension is around 60 per cent of this amount till she is alive. However, from the perspective of the government, the arrangement could not have been worse. Under OPS, there was an inherent tendency for pension liabilities to balloon



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due to the addition to the pensioners' club every year, higher salaries of those joining, inflation indexation, increased longevity and so on. In 1990-91, the Centre's pension bill was Rs 3,272 crore. By 2020-21, it had jumped 58 times to Rs 190,886 crore. For all states, it shot up from Rs 3,131 crore in 1990-91 to Rs 386,001 crore in 2020-21 or 125 times. Financial prudence requires that every year, the government set aside capital which together with return accruing thereon would create a growing corpus sufficient to pay for the pension liabilities on a sustainable basis thus avoiding any stress on the budget. But, that was never done. Instead, both the Centre and states have followed what in jargon is known as 'pay-as-you-go'. This has made the present generation of taxpayers bear the continuously rising burden of pensioners. To deal with these pitfalls, the then UPA dispensation introduced the NPS for government employees joining service from January 1, 2004. Unlike OPS where the employee doesn't contribute anything, NPS is a contributory pension scheme under which employees contribute 10 per cent of their salary (Basic + DA). The government also contributes 14 per cent towards the employees' NPS accounts. The money is invested in multiple investment avenues i.e. equity, government bonds etc where it grows into a sizeable corpus by the time an employee reaches retirement age. On retirement, she is allowed to withdraw 60 per cent of the corpus (this is tax-free), and buy an annuity from the remaining 40 per cent. NPS offers a self-financing and fully funded arrangement for discharging pension liabilities in which the state knows 'how much it has to contribute'. There won't be any major stress on the budget even as the employ-

ee gets a good pension depending on the contribution made, the age of joining, the type of investment, and the income accruing from that investment. The NPS is good for the fiscal health of the government. However, from the pensioner's angle, it doesn't match the OPS. Modi has brought a new UPS to bridge the gap between the two. Does it? Under UPS, which kicks in from April 1, 2025, employees who joined the service after January 1, 2004, and have worked for 25 years or more, after retirement, will be given 50 per cent of their basic average salary of the last 12 months as pension every month. However, employees who have served less than 25 years will get proportionately less or Rs. 10,000 per month minimum pension to employees who have served for a minimum of 10 years. If an employee dies on or before retirement, then the husband or wife will be given a pension, but the pension amount will be 60 per cent of the pension received by the employee immediately before her or his demise. Employees who have already retired or retiring on or before 31 March 2025, with arrears, will be eligible under UPS. The Scheme offers an adjustment in DA on assured pension, assured family pension and assured minimum pension. The DA will be calculated based on the All India Consumer Price Index for Industrial Workers (AICPI-IW) as in the case of service employees. How will the government fund it? It will build a pension corpus out of the employee contribution of 10 per cent (of basic pay plus DA) and the government's contribution of 18.5 per cent. The pension corpus will be divided into two portions: an individual pension fund (IPF) to which the employee's contribution of 10 per cent and matching government contribution will be credited; and a pool corpus created out of the

remaining 8.5 per cent contribution of the government. The employee can exercise an investment choice for the IPF alone. The employees looking for higher pensions will have the option to get their pension monies (from IPF alone) invested in high-risk instruments for better returns. However, they will have to forego the UPS guarantees viz. monthly pension payouts of 50 per cent of the final service year's monthly pay, with full inflation adjustment. UPS guarantees will only be for those who opt for the "default investment option" which means an employee should leave it entirely to the government to manage the IPF besides the 'pool corpus'. The former has anyway no claim. Needless to say, the 'pool corpus' will be used to make up for the shortfall in the returns generated from the investment of the IPF to ensure a 50 per cent pension. Under UPS, there is no provision for the return of capital to the heirs of the pensioner in the event of her death. This makes perfect sense as one can't have the cake and eat it too. The shift to UPS is a good move. It gives what the OPS gave even while preserving the good features of NPS like self-financing for discharging pension liabilities. It puts a little extra burden on the taxpayers being the extra 4.5 per cent of the government's contribution (18.5 per cent under UPS against 14 per cent under NPS). One wonders whether this will fully satisfy the employees. The answer is 'Yes' if they see reason. It will be 'No' if they don't. For instance, they could still argue under OPS, they were getting a 50 per cent pension without having to contribute even a Rupee whereas under UPS, an employee has to contribute 10 per cent of basic pay plus DA every month.

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# Cloud seeding, climate change, and agriculture: A call to action

While cloud seeding holds promise for supporting agricultural livelihood, this intervention also raises questions about its sustainability

The increasing severity of climate change makes it all the more urgent to consider creative ways to lessen its effect, particularly in vulnerable sectors like agriculture. One of the current alternatives is cloud seeding, a technical intervention designed to increase precipitation. While cloud seeding has the potential to alleviate drought, it also raises important considerations about sustainability, effectiveness, and long-term influence on agriculture. It is now up to us to investigate this developing practice and decide whether or not to incorporate it into our fight against climate change. Cloud seeding, which involves introducing compounds such as silver iodide or even plain salt into the sky



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to increase cloud condensation and thus precipitation, is becoming a more popular practice in water-scarce places. The highest ideal that cloud seeding can achieve is increasing rainfall to replenish reservoirs and rivers, as well as soil moisture, all of which feed agriculture. However, cloud seeding has shown to be a vital weapon in combatting long-term droughts, rescuing crops, and

sustaining livelihoods in agriculture-dependent countries such as the United States, China, and the United Arab Emirates. Yet, cloud seeding will provide short relief, so climate change and its far-reaching effects on agriculture require a comprehensive adaptation and resilience strategy. Climate change is more than just a temperature rise; it includes changes in precipitation patterns, increasing frequency and severity of meteorological events, and variations in growing seasons. These changes pose serious threats to global food security, necessitating an integrated approach to adaptation and resilience building. This is where the challenge of relying on cloud seeding for

a solution arises. Though it seems like a quick answer for severe water shortages, its long-term viability and environmental impact are unknown. If not properly managed, the chemicals used in cloud seeding can hurt soil fertility, water quality, and even human health. This approach is unpredictable and dependent on meteorological circumstances, therefore it is not a fixed cure. Furthermore, cloud seeding doesn't address the underlying reasons for climate change. Agriculture is one area that is deeply connected with climate systems and cannot be solved just through technological means. Other key modalities for achieving climate change resistance



include sustainable farming, which can be improved by effective irrigation systems, soil conservation, crop diversification, and the introduction of drought-resistant crop types. Furthermore, the topic of cloud seeding must address a variety of ethical concerns.

Who gets to pick where and when the clouds are seeded? What are the geopolitical consequences of influencing the weather? Seeding clouds over one location may inadvertently create adverse circumstances in another. Determining these multifar-

ious problems will necessitate a free and open worldwide conversation to ensure that this technology is used equitably and by justice values. Negotiating the tumultuous currents of climate change, and cloud seeding serves as both a beacon of hope and a warning lesson. It demonstrates our ingenuity—the ability to think up something new when confronted with a challenge—while also conveying a message about our need to proceed with caution and planning. Agriculture is the lifeline of many communities around the world, particularly in developing countries, and its resilience is crucial to our shared future. While cloud seeding may serve as a temporary solution

to the impending problem of water scarcity and its impact on agriculture, it cannot replace truly effective techniques for combating the bigger challenge posed by global warming. If we want to ensure a future in which the Earth and all of its people thrive, we must make prudent investments in long-term mitigation methods centred on resilience, sustainability, and international collaboration. Let it be viewed as a severe challenge that requires immediate attention; it should raise consciousness and move us beyond symptomatic solutions to create a world that is robust and sustainable.

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# Macron names Barnier as France's new PM

President Emmanuel Macron named EU former Brexit negotiator Michel Barnier as France's new prime minister on Thursday after more than 50 days of caretaker government. The appointment of the 73-year-old Barnier follows weeks of intense efforts by Macron and his aides to find a candidate who might be able to build loose groupings of backers in parliament and survive possible attempts by Macron's opponents to quickly topple the new government that Barnier will now put together and lead. A statement from Macron's office announcing Barnier's appointment said he'd been tasked "with forming a unifying government to serve the country and the French people."

"This appointment comes after an unprecedented cycle of consultations during which, in accordance with his constitutional duty, the president ensured that the prime ministers and the future government would meet the conditions to be as stable as possible and give themselves the chances of uniting as broadly as possible," the statement said. Barnier, a career politician proud of his humble roots in France's Alpine region of Haute-Savoie, is no stranger to complex and difficult tasks: He was the European Union's chief negotiator in the difficult talks with Britain over its Brexit departure from the bloc. Barnier replaces Gabriel Attal, who resigned on July 16.

# Netanyahu demands control of Gaza's border with Egypt

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu said Wednesday that Israel must keep open-ended control of Gaza's border with Egypt, digging in on his stance on an issue that has threatened to derail cease-fire efforts. Netanyahu's comments came as the United States is developing a new proposal for a cease-fire and hostage release, hoping to break a long deadlock and bring an end to the nearly 11-month-old war. The question of Israeli control of the Philadelphi corridor — a narrow strip of land along Gaza's border with Egypt, seized by troops in May — has become a central obstacle in the talks. Hamas has demanded an eventual full Israeli withdrawal from Gaza in the multi-phase

truce deal. Egypt, a mediator in the talks along with the U.S. and Qatar, has also demanded a concrete timeline for Israeli troops to leave the Philadelphi corridor. And on Wednesday, the United Arab Emirates, which established formal ties with Israel in the 2020 Abraham Accords, also criticized the Israeli stance. Speaking to foreign journalists, Netanyahu repeated his stance that Israel must maintain its hold on the border to prevent Hamas from rearming by smuggling weapons into Gaza. He said it was a vital part of the war goal of ensuring Hamas cannot repeat its Oct. 7 attack on Israel. "Gaza must be demilitarized, and this can only happen if the Philadelphi corridor remains under firm control," he said, claiming Israeli troops had dis-

covered dozens of tunnels under the border. He said Israel would only consider withdrawing from the corridor when presented with an alternative force to police it. "Bring me anyone who will actually show us ... that they can actually prevent the recurrence" of smuggling, he said. "I don't see that happening right now. And until that happens, we're there." Families of remaining hostages have stepped up their demands that he agree to a deal after Hamas killed six hostages last week as Israeli troops appeared to be moving to rescue them. In angry public statements, hostage families have accused Netanyahu of blocking a deal and potentially sacrificing their loved ones' lives for the sake of holding the border strip. Hundreds of thousands of Israelis have taken to the streets in recent days, calling for a deal and saying time is running out to bring home the hostages alive. Netanyahu pushed back against the pressure, saying his stance was necessary to "ensure Hamas doesn't pose a threat to Israel."

"I can understand the torment of families," he said. "But the responsibility of leaders is not merely to share the sentiment, the emotion, but also to exercise judgment." Asked by journalists for a timeline on ending the war, he refused to give one. "How long can we do this? As long as it takes to achieve this victory. And I think we're getting a lot closer," he said. Netanyahu repeatedly insisted holding the border would also pressure Hamas to release hostages. At one point, he erroneously claimed the invasion of Rafah in May forced Hamas' first release of hostages — which took place months earlier in November under a weeklong ceasefire deal. He then said the deal was "the result of our invasion, the military pressure we put on them." The Palestinian news agency Wafa reported early Thursday that an Israeli drone strike killed five men and wounded another in a car in Tubas in the West Bank. The Israeli military said in a statement that it carried out "three targeted strikes on armed terrorists that posed a threat to the soldiers," without immediately elaborating. For more than a week, hundreds of Israeli forces have been carrying out the deadliest operation in the occupied West Bank since the Israel-Hamas war began.

**BOMBAY MERCANTILE CO-OPERATIVE BANK LIMITED**  
(Est'd: 1939) (Multi State Scheduled Bank)  
Regd Head Office : Zain G. Rangoonwala Building, 78, Mohammed Ali Road, Mumbai - 400 003.  
Tel: 022-23425961/62/63/64, For Account Balance Enquiry Missed Call : 9512004406

**NOTICE TO MEMBERS**  
Notice is hereby given that the 87<sup>th</sup> Annual General Body Meeting of the Members (Shareholders) of BOMBAY MERCANTILE CO-OPERATIVE BANK LIMITED will be held on 30<sup>th</sup> September, 2024 at 10.00 A.M. at, Baitul Hujaj (Haj House), 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, 7-A, M.R.A. Marg (Palton Road), Mumbai - 400 001, to transact the following business / agenda :

**AGENDA**

- To confirm the minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 18<sup>th</sup> September, 2023.
- To consider and adopt the report of the Board of Directors and the Audited Balance Sheet, Profit & Loss Account and Auditors Report for the year ended as on 31<sup>st</sup> March, 2024.
- To appropriate Net Profit as recommended by the Board of Directors for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March, 2024.
- To approve the appointment of Statutory Auditors for the Bank for the year 2024 - 2025 and fix their remuneration.
- To consider the Annual Budget of the Bank for the year 2024 - 2025.
- To grant Leave of Absence to the Members of the Bank who have not attended this 87<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting.
- Any other issue / business with the permission of the Chair.
- To elect 18 Members of the Board of Directors for a term of 5 years i.e from 30<sup>th</sup> September, 2024 to 30<sup>th</sup> September, 2029.

Note : The information regarding the election programme are annexed hereto.

**By Order of the Board of Directors**  
Sd/-  
**(DR. M. SHAH ALAM KHAN)**  
MANAGING DIRECTOR

Date : 17<sup>th</sup> August, 2024  
Place: Mumbai.

- If there is no quorum within half an hour after the appointed time, the meeting shall stand adjourned to 10.30a.m. the same day and agenda of the Original Meeting shall be transacted at the said venue, irrespective of the rule of quorum, in terms of the Bye laws.
- Any Member desiring information pertaining to Accounts, is requested to write to the Bank, at least six days in advance of the date of the Annual General Meeting.
- Copies of the Annual Report are available at the Head Office and the branches of the Bank.
- Election under Agenda item No. 8 of 18 members of Board of Director, shall be conducted by the Returning Officer, District / Magistrate / Collector Mumbai City, as per the schedule Election programme under order dated 16.08.2024 of Co-operative Election Authority, Government of India, Ministry of Co-operation, New Delhi.

Note: The information regarding the election programme has already been published in newspapers on 19<sup>th</sup> August 2024 by the Returning officer appointed by the office of Co-Operative Election Authority New Delhi.

**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
The Public at large is hereby informed that Mrs. Uma Gupta W/o Late Mr. Mohinder Gupta R/o House No. 502, Tower 14, Vipul Greens, Sohna Road, Opposite Nines Mall, Sector 48, Gurgaon, Haryana 122018 was the allottee of Unit No. F.L.15, measuring 305.20 sq. ft., on the 2nd floor in 'AIPL Central' Sector 65, Gurgaon, a project of M/s Advance India Projects Limited (Company). The said Mrs. UMA GUPTA expired on 13<sup>th</sup> Nov leaving behind Mrs. Aparnaah Gupta (Daughter), as her only legal heirs. Mrs. Aparnaah Gupta has requested the Company to transfer the above Unit in the name of Mrs. Aparnaah Gupta Wife of Mr. Somil Gupta, after the demise of Mrs. Uma Gupta. Any person having any objection to this may please contact the Company officer, details under, within 15 days of issue of this Public Notice, after which no claims shall be entertained or accepted by the Company.

**Mr. AIPL Manager**  
M/S Advance India Projects Limited  
5th Floor, AIPL Business Club Sector 62, Gurgaon, Haryana  
Contact No. +91-921166888

Medical Record Officer  
Gupta Multispeciality Hospital  
Dhanderu Ram Mkt. Mata Gali, Bawana, Delhi-39

**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
Indoor Medical Records of all Patients admitted in this hospital from 01-04-2015 to 31-03-2021 are proposed to be destroyed as per policy of the Hospital. If any patient needs his medical records, he can contact the undersigned within one month of publication of this notice. If no enquiry is received during this period, the Indoor patient record shall be destroyed without any further Notice.

**Medical Record Officer**  
Gupta Multispeciality Hospital  
Dhanderu Ram Mkt. Mata Gali, Bawana, Delhi-39

**RLF LIMITED**  
CIN: L74999HR1979PLC032747  
Reg. Office: 14Kms, Gurgaon Pataudi Road, Village Jhund Sarai Veeran,  
Distt. Gurgaon, Haryana-122001  
Email: teamunited83@gmail.com; Tel: 011-41644995/49075251  
Website: www.rfltd.com

**NOTICE OF THE 44<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING, REMOTE E-VOTING & BOOK CLOSURE**  
NOTICE is hereby given that the 44<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting of the Members of RLF LIMITED will be held on Monday, 30<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2024 at 10:00 A.M. at "14 Kms, Gurgaon Pataudi Road, Village Jhund Sarai Veeran, Distt. Gurgaon, Haryana-122001" to transact the business (es) as mentioned in the notice of AGM which is being circulated for convening the AGM. The Company has sent the notice of AGM for Financial Year 2023-24 on September 05, 2024 through electronic mode to the members whose email addresses are registered with the Company/Depositories. The Annual Report for Financial Year 2023-24 is available and can be downloaded from the Company's website ([www.rfltd.com](http://www.rfltd.com)).

In compliance with section 108 of the Companies Act, 2013 read with rule 20 of the Companies (Management & Administration) Rules, 2014 ("the Rules") including any statutory modification or re-enactment thereof for the time being in force, guidelines prescribed by the MCA, the members are provided with the facility to cast their votes on all resolutions set forth in the notice of AGM using electronic voting system (insta-vote) provided by Link-Intime India Private Limited. The voting of members shall be in proportion to the equity shares held by them in the paid-up equity share capital of the Company as on Monday, 23<sup>rd</sup> September, 2024 ("Cut-off date"). The remote E-Voting period commences on Friday, 27<sup>th</sup> September, 2024 (9:00 am) and ends on Sunday, 29<sup>th</sup> September, 2024 (5:00 pm). During this period members may cast their votes electronically. The remote e-voting module shall be disabled by Link Intime insta-vote thereafter. The facility for voting, either through electronic voting system or polling paper shall also be made available at the AGM and Members who have not already cast their vote by remote e-voting shall be able to exercise their right at the AGM. The Members who have cast their vote by remote e-voting prior to the AGM may also attend the AGM but shall not be entitled to cast their vote again. The documents pertaining to the items of business to be transacted in the AGM are open for inspection at the Registered Office of the Company during business hours on any working day. Pursuant to regulation 42 of SEBI (Listing Obligations & Disclosures Requirements) Regulations, 2015 and section 91 of the Companies Act, 2013, the Register of Members and Share Transfer Books of the Company will remain closed from Tuesday, 24<sup>th</sup> September, 2024 to Monday, 30<sup>th</sup> September, 2024 (both days inclusive) for the purpose of 44<sup>th</sup> AGM of the Company.

Any person who acquires shares and become member of the Company after the dispatch of notice of the AGM by the Company and whose name appear in the register of members of the Company or in the statement of beneficial ownership maintained by the Depositories as on cut-off date i.e. 23<sup>rd</sup> September, 2024 can view the notice convening the AGM on the website of the Company viz [www.rfltd.com](http://www.rfltd.com) website of stock exchange viz BSE Limited at [www.bseindia.com](http://www.bseindia.com) and on the website of Link Intime viz <https://instavote.linkintime.co.in> Such members can exercise their voting rights through e-voting by following the procedure as mentioned in the said notice of AGM. Members are also informed that in case shareholders/investor have any queries regarding E-voting, you may refer the Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) and Insta-Vote e-Voting module available at <https://instavote.linkintime.co.in> under download section or you can email us to [enotices@linkintime.co.in](mailto:enotices@linkintime.co.in) or call us at: 022-4918 6000.

**For RLF LIMITED**  
Sd/-  
Aditya Khanna  
(Managing Director)

Date: 05.09.2024  
Place: Haryana

**RADICO KHAITAN FINANCE LIMITED**  
CIN No. L74899DL1984PLC01992  
Regd. Address: 4A, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor, Masoodpur Dairy Farms, New Delhi - 110070  
Telephone No: 011-71859609  
Email: Admin@radicoindia.com, Website: Radicoindia.com

**Notice for 38<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting, Book Closure and E-Voting**  
(A) Annual General Meeting: Notice is hereby given that the 38<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting of RADICO KHAITAN FINANCE LTD will be held on Monday, 30<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2024 at 2.00 P.M. at Pt. Gyani Ram Farm House C/o Mr. Bijender Sharma, Advocate, Near Synclate Bank, Main Road Asola, Fatehpur Beri, New Delhi-110074.  
(B) Book Closure: Notice is further given pursuant to section 91 of the Companies Act, 2013 read with Rule 10 of the Companies (Management and Administration) Rules, 2014, and clause 16 of the Listing Agreement, the Register of Members and Share Transfer Books of the Company will remain closed from 24<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2024 to 30<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2024, both days inclusive.  
(C) E-Voting: In compliance with the provisions of Section 108 of the Companies Act, 2013 read with Rule 20 of the Companies (Management and Administration) Rules, 2014, as amended, the Members are provided with the facility of e-voting on all resolutions set forth in the Notice.  
The e-voting period commences on Friday, September 27, 2024 from 9.00 a.m. and ends on Sunday, September 29, 2024 at 5.00 p.m. The result of the e-voting shall be announced after the AGM of the Company.

**For Radico Khaitan Finance Limited**  
Krishan Kumar Sharma  
Director  
DIN: 00856406

Date: 05 September, 2024  
Place: New Delhi

**APPENDIX IV-A**  
**Sale Notice for sale of Immovable Property**  
E-Auction Sale Notice for sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 6(i) and Rule 9(1) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.  
Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower(s) and Guarantor(s) that the below described Immovable Property mortgaged to Sammaan Capital Limited (formerly known as Indiabulls Housing Finance Ltd.) [CIN : L65922DL2005PLC136029] ("Secured Creditor"), the constructive possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of the Secured Creditor, will be sold on "as is where is", "as is what is" and "whatever there is" (basis on 25.09.2024 from 04.00 P.M. to 05.00 P.M., for recovery of Rs. 21,12,666/-) (Rupees Twenty One Lakh Twelve Thousand Six Hundred Sixty Six only) pending towards Loan Account No. HLHVAS00387234, by way of outstanding principal, arrears (including accrued late charges) and interest till 16.08.2024 with applicable future interest in terms of the Loan Agreement and other related loan documents) w.e.f. 17.08.2024 along with legal expenses and other charges due to the Secured Creditor from VINOD TIWARI and RICHA TIWARI.  
The Reserve Price of the Immovable Property will be Rs. 21,38,500/- (Rupees Twenty One Lakh Thirty Eight Thousand Five Hundred only) and the Earnest Money Deposit ("EMD") will be Rs. 2,13,850/- (Rupees Two Lakh Thirteen Thousand Eight Hundred Fifty only) i.e. equivalent to 10% of the Reserve Price.

**DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY**  
FLAT NO. UG - 3, UPPER GROUND FLOOR, M. I. G., REAR LEFT HAND SIDE (WITHOUT ROOF RIGHTS), AREA ADMEASURING 55.74 SQ. MTR. I. E. 600 SQ. FT. COVERED AREA, CONSTRUCTED ON PLOT NO. B - 1/153, IN THE COLONY KNOWN AS "DLF DILSHAD EXT. - 2", SITUATED AT VILLAGE BHOPURA, TEH. & DIST. GHAZIABAD, UTTAR PRADESH.  
BOUNDARIES:  
EAST : PLOT NO. B - 1/152  
WEST : FLAT NO. UG - 4  
NORTH : COMMON PASSAGE & FLAT NO. UG - 2  
SOUTH : OTHER PLOT

For detailed terms and conditions of sale, please refer to the link provided on the website of the Secured Creditor i.e. [www.sammaancapital.com](http://www.sammaancapital.com); Contact No. : 0124-6910910, +91 7065451024; E-mail id: [auctionhelp@sammanacapital.com](mailto:auctionhelp@sammanacapital.com). For bidding, log on to [www.auctionfocus.in](http://www.auctionfocus.in).

**sd/-**  
**AUTHORISED OFFICER**  
**SAMMAAN CAPITAL LIMITED**  
(Formerly known as  
INDIABULLS HOUSING FINANCE LTD.)

Date : 31.08.2024  
Place : GHAZIABAD

**ADDI INDUSTRIES LIMITED**  
CIN: L51109DL1980PLC256535  
Registered Office A-104, Third Floor, Okhla Industrial Area Phase - II, New Delhi - 110020  
Phone: 011-45025469, Email: alu.addi@gmail.com, addind@gmail.com  
Website: www.addiindustries.com

**NOTICE OF THE 42<sup>nd</sup> ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING, E-VOTING INFORMATION AND BOOK CLOSURE DATE(S)**  
Dear Members,  
The 42<sup>nd</sup> Annual General Meeting ("AGM") of the members of Addi Industries Limited ("the Company") will be held on Monday, 23<sup>rd</sup> September, 2024 at 9:00 A.M. through Video Conferencing (VC)/Other Audio Visual Means (OAVM) facility to transact the businesses as set out in the Notice of AGM in compliance General Circular 10/2022 issued by the Ministry of Corporate Affairs (MCA) dated 28<sup>th</sup> December, 2022 and SEBI circular No. SEBI/HO/CFD/POD-2/P/CIR/2023/167 dated 5<sup>th</sup> January, 2023 and SEBI Circular No. SEBI/HO/CFD/POD-2/P/CIR/2023/167 dated 07<sup>th</sup> October, 2023 (hereinafter collectively referred to as "the Circulars") and all other applicable laws. The members intending to attend the AGM through VC / OAVM may attend the AGM by following the procedure prescribed in the AGM Notice.  
In compliance with the aforesaid Circulars, the Notice of AGM and Annual Report for the Financial Year 2023-24 have been sent on 5<sup>th</sup> September, 2024 to all the members, through electronic mode whose e-mail addresses are registered / available with the Company / Depository Participants (DP) / Registrar and Transfer Agents ("RTA").  
In compliance with Section 108 of the Companies Act, 2013, Rule 20 of the Companies (Management and Administration) Rules, 2014, as amended and Regulation 44 of the SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosures Requirements) Regulations, 2015 and aforesaid Circulars, the Member Agre are provided with the facility to attend AGM through Video Conferencing (VC) / Other Audio Visual Means (OAVM), to cast their vote electronically through the Remote e-voting before the AGM and through e-voting during the AGM, through the Authorised Agency, Central Depositories Securities Limited (CDSL).  
The process and manner of Remote e-voting / e-voting during the AGM and instructions for participation at the AGM through VC/OAVM are provided in the Notice of AGM.  
Pursuant to Rule 20 of the Companies (Management and Administration) Rules, 2015 as amended, Members are hereby informed that:

- The Ordinary Business and the Special Business as set out in the Notice of 42<sup>nd</sup>AGM will be transacted through voting by electronic means;
- The Remote e-voting shall commence on Friday, 27<sup>th</sup> September, 2024 at 09.00A.M.
- The Remote e-voting shall end on Sunday, 29<sup>th</sup> September, 2024 at 05.00 P.M.
- Thereafter, the facility of Remote e-voting shall be disabled by CDSL.
- The e-voting rights of the Members shall be in proportion to the paid-up value of their Shares in the Equity Share Capital of the Company. Members of the Company holding Shares either in physical form or in dematerialized form, as on the cut-off date i.e. Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2024, may cast their vote by Remote e-voting before AGM / e-voting at AGM.
- Any person who acquires Shares of the Company and becomes member of the Company after dispatch of the Notice and holding Shares as on the cut-off date i.e. Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> September, 2024 may follow the login process mentioned in the notice.

**Members may further note that:**

- Once the vote on a resolution is cast by the Member, the Member shall not be allowed to change it subsequently.
- Members who have voted through Remote e-voting prior to the AGM may also attend the AGM but shall not be entitled to cast their vote again at the meeting.
- A person whose name is recorded in the register of members or in the register of beneficial owners maintained by the depositories as on the cut-off date shall be entitled to avail the facility of Remote e-voting attend the AGM through VC/OAVM and e-voting at the AGM.
- The Notice of AGM and Annual Report are available on the website of the Company at [www.addiindustries.com](http://www.addiindustries.com), website of the stock Exchange i.e. BSE Limited at [www.bseindia.com](http://www.bseindia.com) and website of CDSL at [www.evotingindia.com](http://www.evotingindia.com).
- In case of any grievance connected with the facility for voting by electronic means, Members can directly contact Mr. Rakesh D. Davi Sr. Manager (CDSL), Central Depository Services (India) Limited e-mail ID: [helpline.evoting@cdslindia.com](mailto:helpline.evoting@cdslindia.com) or call on Toll Free No.: 1800-22-55-33. Members may also write to the Company at the e-mail ID: [alu.addi@gmail.com](mailto:alu.addi@gmail.com).

**Book Closure:** Pursuant to the provisions of Section 91 of the Companies Act, 2013 and Regulation 42 of the SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosures Requirements) Regulations, 2015, the Register of Members and Share Transfer Books will remain closed from Tuesday, 24<sup>th</sup> September, 2024 to Monday, 30<sup>th</sup> September, 2024 (both days inclusive) for the purpose of this AGM.  
The result of voting on the resolutions set out in the Notice of the AGM shall be declared within 2 working days of conclusion of the AGM. The results declared along with the report of the Scrutinizer shall be placed on the website of the Company [www.addiindustries.com](http://www.addiindustries.com) and on the website of CDSL immediately after the declaration of result by the Chairman or a person authorized by him and the results shall also be communicated to the Stock Exchange.

**For ADDI Industries Limited**  
Sd/-  
Taranjeet Kaur  
Company Secretary  
Membership No. 8951

Date: 08.09.2024  
Place: New Delhi

**UNITED LEASING AND INDUSTRIES LIMITED**  
CIN: L17100HR1983PLC033460  
Reg. Office: Plot No. 66, Sector-34, EHTP, Gurgaon-122001 (Haryana)  
Email: teamunited83@gmail.com; Tel: 0124-4200274  
Website: www.uilltd.com

**NOTICE OF THE 40<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING, REMOTE E-VOTING & BOOK CLOSURE**  
NOTICE is hereby given that the 40<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting of the Members of UNITED LEASING AND INDUSTRIES LIMITED will be held on Saturday, 28<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2024 at 10:30 A.M. at "PLOT NO. 66, SECTOR-34, EHTP GURUGRAM, HARYANA-122001" to transact the business (es) as mentioned in the notice of AGM which is being circulated for convening the AGM. The Company has sent the notice of AGM for Financial Year 2023-24 on September 05, 2024 through electronic mode to the members whose email addresses are registered with the Company/Depositories. The Annual Report for Financial Year 2023-24 is available and can be downloaded from the Company's website ([www.uilltd.com](http://www.uilltd.com)). In compliance with section 108 of the Companies Act, 2013 read with rule 20 of the Companies (Management & Administration) Rules, 2014 ("the Rules") including any statutory modification or re-enactment thereof for the time being in force, guidelines prescribed by the MCA, the members are provided with the facility to cast their votes on all resolutions set forth in the notice of AGM using electronic voting system (insta-vote) provided by Link-Intime India Private Limited. The voting of members shall be in proportion to the equity shares held by them in the paid-up equity share capital of the Company as on Saturday, 21<sup>st</sup> September, 2024 ("Cut-off date"). The Remote E-Voting period commences on Wednesday, 25<sup>th</sup> September, 2024 (9:00 am) and ends on Friday, 27<sup>th</sup> September, 2024 (5:00 pm). During this period members may cast their votes electronically. The remote e-voting module shall be disabled by Link Intime insta-vote thereafter. The facility for voting, either through electronic voting system or polling paper shall also be made available at the AGM and Members who have not already cast their vote by remote e-voting shall be able to exercise their right at the AGM. The Members who have cast their vote by remote e-voting prior to the AGM may also attend the AGM but shall not be entitled to cast their vote again. The documents pertaining to the items of business to be transacted in the AGM are open for inspection at the Registered Office of the Company during business hours on any working day. Pursuant to regulation 42 of SEBI (Listing Obligations & Disclosures Requirements) Regulations, 2015 and section 91 of the Companies Act, 2013, the Register of Members and Share Transfer Books of the Company will remain closed from Saturday, 22<sup>nd</sup> September, 2024 to Saturday, 28<sup>th</sup> September, 2024 (both days inclusive) for the purpose of 40<sup>th</sup> AGM of the Company.

Any person who acquires shares and become member of the Company after the dispatch of notice of the AGM by the Company and whose name appear in the register of members of the Company or in the statement of beneficial ownership maintained by the Depositories as on cut-off date i.e. 21<sup>st</sup> September, 2024 can view the notice convening the AGM on the website of the Company viz [www.uilltd.com](http://www.uilltd.com) website of stock exchange viz BSE Limited at [www.bseindia.com](http://www.bseindia.com) and on the website of Link Intime viz <https://instavote.linkintime.co.in> Such members can exercise their voting rights through e-voting by following the procedure as mentioned in the said notice of AGM. Members are also informed that in case shareholders/investor have any queries regarding E-voting, you may refer the Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) and Insta-Vote e-Voting module available at <https://instavote.linkintime.co.in> under download section or you can email us to [enotices@linkintime.co.in](mailto:enotices@linkintime.co.in) or call us at: 022-4918 6000.

**For UNITED LEASING AND INDUSTRIES LIMITED**  
Sd/-  
Anil Kumar Khanna  
(Managing Director)

Date: 05.09.2024  
Place : Haryana

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

**PUBLIC NOTICE-TENDER CUM E-AUCTION FOR SALE OF SECURED ASSET**  
[See proviso to Rule 6(i)]  
[Notice for sale of immovable asset(s)]  
E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 6 (i) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.  
Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower(s) and Guarantor(s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the physical possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of ICICI Bank Limited will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is" basis as per the brief particulars given hereunder;

Sr. No.	Name of Borrower(s)/Co-Borrowers/Guarantors/ Loan Account No.	Details of the Secured asset(s) with known encumbrances, if any	Amount Outstanding	Reserve Price / Earnest Money Deposit	Date and Time of Property Inspection	Date & Time of E-Auction
(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	(F)	(G)
1.	M/s. Hella G Communication (Borrower) Mr. Satya prakosh Yadav (Co-Borrower/ Guarantor) Mr. Kiran Yadav (Guarantor/ Mortgagee) Loan Account No- 629105500692	Plot No. 703, 7th Floor, Wing A, In Finity Towers, Plot No. 18, Land Bearing CTS 35 A And 35A/1 to 12, of Village Pahadi Gurgaon East Taluqa Borivoli, In The Registration District and Sub Distric. Admeasuring an area of 380 Sq ft.	Rs. 1,13,51,108.72/- (As on May 02, 2024).	Rs. 90,00,000/- Rs. 9,00,000/-	September 11, 2024 From 11:00 AM To 02:00 PM	September 25, 2024 From 11:00 AM onward

The online auction will be conducted on the website (URL Link-<https://disposalhub.com>), of our auction agency M/s NexGen Solutions Private Limited The Mortgagee's Notices are given a last chance to pay the total dues with further interest by September 24, 2024 before 05:00 PM else the secured asset(s) will be sold as per schedule. The prospective bidder(s) must submit the Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) Demand Draft (DD) (Refer Column E) at ICICI Bank Ltd, Plot No. 23, Shal Tower, 3rd Floor, New Rohtak Road, Karol Bagh, Delhi- 110005 on or before September 24, 2024 before 04:00 PM Thereafter, they have to submit their offer through the website mentioned above on or before September 24, 2024 before 05:00 PM along with the scanned image of the Bank acknowledged DD towards proof of payment of EMD. In case the prospective bidder(s) is/ are unable to submit his/ her offer through the website, then the signed copy of tender documents may be submitted at ICICI Bank Ltd, Plot No. 23, Shal Tower, 3rd Floor, New Rohtak Road, Karol Bagh, Delhi- 110005 on or before September 24, 2024 before 05:00 PM Earnest Money Deposit DD/PO should be from a Nationalised/ Scheduled Bank in favour of 'ICICI Bank Limited' payable at Delhi.  
For any further clarifications in terms of inspection, Terms and Conditions of the E-Auction or submission of tenders, contact ICICI Bank Employee Phone No. 8879770306/7304915594/9004392416.  
Please note that the Marketing agencies I. M/s NexGen Solutions Private Limited 2. Augeo Assets Management Private Limited 3. Metrex Net Pvt. Ltd., have also been engaged for facilitating the sale of this property.  
The Authorised Officer reserves the right to reject any or all the bids without furnishing any further reasons. For detailed Terms and Conditions of the sale, please visit [www.icicibank.com/n4p4s](http://www.icicibank.com/n4p4s)  
Date : September 06, 2024  
Place: Delhi

**Authorized Officer**  
ICICI Bank Limited

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**NOTICE OF THE 50<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING SCHEDULED TO BE HELD ON MONDAY, THE 30<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER, 2024 AT 12:30 P.M. IST THROUGH VIDEO CONFERENCING ("VC") OR OTHER AUDIO VISUAL MEANS ("OAVM"), E-VOTING AND BOOK CLOSURE**  
Notice is hereby given that the 50<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting of the members of the Company will be held on Monday, the 30<sup>th</sup> September, 2024 at 12:30 P.M. IST through Video Conferencing (VC)/ Other Audio Visual Means (OAVM) for which Registered office of the Company at 38E/252A, Vijay Tower, 3<sup>rd</sup> floor, Panchsheel Commercial Complex, Shahpur Jat, New Delhi-110049, shall be deemed as the venue for the meeting to transact the businesses as set out in the AGM Notice.  
Pursuant to General Circular Nos. 14/2020 dated April 8, 2020, 17/2020 dated April, 13, 2020, 20/2020 dated May, 05, 2020, 02/2021 dated January, 13, 2021, 2/2022 dated May 5, 2022, 10/2022 dated December 28, 2022 and 09/2023 dated September 25, 2023 issued by the Ministry of Corporate Affairs (MCA) and Circular nos. SEBI/HO/CFD/CMD2/CIR/P/2022/62 dated May, 13, 2022 and SEBI/HO/CFD/POD-2/P/CIR/2023/4 dated January 05, 2023 and SEBI/HO/CFD/CFD-POD-2/P/CIR/2023/167 dated October 07, 2023 issued by the Securities Exchange Board of India ("SEBI") ("Circulars"), Companies are permitted to hold Annual General Meeting (AGM) through Video Conferencing (VC)/ other Audio Visual Means (OAVM), without physical presence of the Members at a common venue.  
In compliance of the aforementioned circulars, Electronic Notice of AGM alongwith the explanatory statement as per section 102 of Companies Act, 2013, and procedure of Remote E-Voting/ Evoting, attending of the meeting through video conferencing details, Annual Report for Financial year 2023-24 etc. has been sent electronically on Thursday, September 05, 2024 to all the members at their email address whose email IDs are registered with Company/RTA/Depository Participant (DP). Further, the same are also available on Company's website <https://www.sunilhealthcare.com/annual-reports>, website of Stock Exchange i.e. [www.bseindia.com](http://www.bseindia.com), and the website of Link Intime India Pvt. Ltd. i.e. <https://instavote.linkintime.co.in>  
Pursuant to the provisions of Section 108 of the Companies Act, 2013, read with Rule 20 of the Companies (Management and Administration) Rules, 2014 as amended from time to time, Regulation 44 of SEBI (Listing Obligation & Disclosure Requirement) Regulation, 2015 and the Secretarial Standard on General Meeting issued by the Institute of Company Secretaries of India, members of the Company have been provided with the facility to exercise their right to vote on resolutions proposed to be considered at the 50<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting (AGM) by electronic means through E-Voting services. The company has engaged services of Linkintime India Private Limited for availing of Instavote platform for casting the vote through "remote e-voting"/ e-voting.  
The members holding shares either in physical form or in dematerialized form, as on cut-off date i.e. Monday, the 23<sup>rd</sup> September, 2024, may cast their vote electronically on the businesses as set out in the Notice of AGM through electronic InstaVote platform of Link Intime India Pvt. Ltd: <https://instavote.linkintime.co.in>  
Pursuant to SEBI circular dated December 9, 2020 on e-Voting facility provided by Listed Companies, Individual shareholders holding securities in demat mode can vote through their demat account maintained with Depositories and Depository Participants only post 9<sup>th</sup> June, 2021. For detail Remote e-Voting Procedure, please refer Note no. 21 of the Notice of the 50<sup>th</sup> AGM.  
The members may note that:

- The remote e-voting period will commence at 9:00 A.M. on Friday, the 27<sup>th</sup> September, 2024 and will end at 5:00 P.M. on Sunday, the 29<sup>th</sup> September, 2024 and thereafter e-voting module shall be disabled by Evoting agency.
- Once the vote on a resolution is cast by the shareholder, the shareholder shall not be allowed to change it subsequently.
- The voting rights of Members shall be in proportion to their shares of the paid up equity share capital of the Company as on cut-off date of Monday, 23<sup>rd</sup> September, 2024.
- Any person, who acquires shares of the Company and become member of the Company after sending of the notice and holding shares as of the cut-off date i.e. Monday, 23<sup>rd</sup> September, 2024, may obtain the login ID and password by following the instructions of Remote e-voting given in Note no. 21 to the Notice of AGM.
- A person, whose name is recorded in the register of members or in the register of beneficial owners maintained by the depositories as on the cut-off date only shall be entitled to avail the facility of remote e-voting /voting at the Annual General Meeting through e-voting.
- A member may participate in the AGM even after exercising his right to vote through remote e-voting but shall not be allowed to vote again at the AGM.
- Mr. Tara Chand Sharma, Practicing Company Secretary (Membership No.5749 and CP no is 4078) and Proprietor of M/s. Jain Sharma & Associates, Company Secretaries, Jaipur has been appointed as the Scrutinizer to scrutinize the e-voting and remote E voting process in a fair and transparent manner.
- In case shareholders/ members holding securities in physical mode/ Institutional shareholders have any queries regarding e-voting, they may refer the Frequently Asked Questions ("FAQs") and InstaVote e-Voting manual available at <https://instavote.linkintime.co.in>, under Help section or send an email to [enotices@linkintime.co.in](mailto:enotices@linkintime.co.in) or contact on - Tel: 022 -4918 6000. The Member may also contact at [delhi@linkintime.co.in](mailto:delhi@linkintime.co.in), [cs@sunilhealthcare.com](mailto:cs@sunilhealthcare.com) or to our RTA at



Hasina must stay silent in India till B'desh seeks her extradition: Yunus

Muhammad Yunus, the head of Bangladesh's interim government, has said that former prime minister Sheikh Hasina making political remarks from India is an "unfriendly gesture"...

India for nearly four weeks has fuelled speculation in Bangladesh. When asked whether Bangladesh has communicated its stance to India, Yunus said it has been conveyed verbally and quite firmly that she should keep quiet...

Top poll officials resign amid political transition

Dhaka (PTI): Bangladesh's entire five-member election commission, headed by Chief Election Commissioner Kazi Habibul Awal, resigned on Thursday, amid a massive political transition, marking the first time the country's Election Commission has stepped down before the completion of its scheduled term...

she has to be tried in front of everyone here," he emphasised. Discussing the future of the India-Bangladesh relationship, Yunus expressed a desire for good ties with India but insisted that New Delhi must abandon the narrative that only Hasina's leadership ensures the country's stability...

this is just an excuse. "The issue of trying to portray the conditions of minorities in such a big way is just an excuse," he said. The minority Hindu population has faced vandalism of their businesses and properties, as well as the destruction of Hindu temples, during the student-led violence that erupted following the ouster of Hasina...

Suspect killed in Munich shootout was Austrian teen, police say

The man killed in a shootout with police in Munich Thursday was an 18-year-old citizen of neighboring Austria, police said. Authorities believed he may have planned an attack on the Israeli Consulate in the city. The suspect was fatally wounded in an area near the consulate and a museum on the city's Nazi-era history after officers were alerted to man carrying a "long gun"...

to the incident. They increased their presence in the city, Germany's third-biggest, but said they had no indication of incidents at any other locations or of any other suspects. Five officers were at the scene at the time the gunfire erupted. Police later deployed to the area in force. Israel's Foreign Ministry said the consulate in Munich was closed when the shooting occurred and that none of its staff had been hurt...

Pope, mosque imam make joint call to fight violence, protect planet

Pope Francis and the grand imam of Southeast Asia's largest mosque vowed Thursday to fight religiously inspired violence and protect the environment, issuing a joint call for interfaith friendship and common cause at the heart of Francis' visit to Indonesia. A second highlight of the trip came later in the day when Francis celebrated a jubilant afternoon Mass in Jakarta's steamy stadium before an estimated 1,00,000 people who cheered wildly as he looped the track in his open-top papemobile...

International noted on the eve of Francis' visit. Approaching the elevator to the tunnel, Francis said it was a potent sign of how different religious traditions "have a role to play in helping everyone pass through the tunnels of life with our eyes turned towards the light." He encouraged Indonesians of every religious tradition to "walk in search of God and contribute to building open societies, founded on reciprocal respect and mutual love, capable of protecting against rigidity, fundamentalism and extremism, which are always dangerous and never justifiable." Francis traveled to Indonesia, the first leg on an 11-day, four nation journey through Southeast Asia and Oceania, to encourage it to combat religiously inspired violence and pledge the Catholic Church's commitment to greater initiatives of fraternity...

papacy and prioritizes travel to majority Muslim nations to further the agenda. During a 2019 visit to the Gulf, Francis and the imam of Al-Azhar, the 1,000-year-old seat of Sunni learning, launched a "Human Fraternity" movement calling for greater Christian-Muslim efforts to promote peace around the world. More recently, Francis travelled to Najaf, Iraq, in 2021 to visit the top Shiite cleric, who delivered a message of peaceful coexistence. The new initiative launched Thursday, called The Istiqlal Declaration, now becomes another pillar of Francis' interfaith push.

NDP's Jagmeet Singh pulls out of deal with Trudeau government

Alleging that the Liberals are "too weak, too selfish and too beholden to corporate interests," NDP leader Jagmeet Singh has said he is terminating the supply-and-confidence agreement his party made with Prime Minister Justin Trudeau's Liberal government in Canada. The deal entered into in March 2022 was scheduled to run until June 2025 and the NDP's decision has put Trudeau's party in the minority. In a video posted on his social media handles, the New Democratic Party (NDP) leader also claimed that Trudeau "has proven again and again he will always cave to corporate greed"...

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# Foreign inflows lift markets high

**PTI ■ MUMBAI**  
Benchmark equity indices Sensex and Nifty surrendered early gains to close lower for the second straight day on Thursday, tracking losses in the most valuable firm Reliance Industries, Bharati Airtel and L&T amid a sluggish trend in global markets.  
The 30-share BSE Sensex failed to hold on to initial gains and declined 151.48 points or 0.18 per cent to settle at 82,237.29. During the day, it dropped 222.2 points or 0.26 per cent to 82,130.44. The NSE Nifty dipped 53.60 points or 0.21 per cent to 25,145.10 despite a positive beginning of the trade.  
“Markets ended weak in a volatile trading session led by profit-taking in Reliance Industries. Globally, most of the equity indices were sluggish to mixed and are awaiting key US data on Friday, which would provide some hint on the Federal

Reserve chief’s likely stance on the interest rate in this month’s policy announcement,” Prashanth Tapse, Senior VP (Research), Mehta Equities Ltd, said.

Mahindra were other big laggards. In contrast, Titan, ITC, Infosys, HCL Technologies, Tata Steel and State Bank of India were among the biggest gainers.



Among the 30 Sensex firms, Reliance Industries declined over 1 per cent. Tata Motors, Nestle, Bharti Airtel, Bajaj Finance, Larsen & Toubro, JSW Steel and Mahindra &

In the broader market, the BSE smallcap gauge climbed by 0.56 per cent, and the midcap index rose by 0.27 per cent. Among the indices, realty

declined 0.95 per cent, capital goods (0.61 per cent), industrials (0.38 per cent), power (0.37 per cent) and oil & gas (0.30 per cent). Healthcare, commodities, consumer discretionary, telecommunication, consumer durables, IT and tech were the gainers.  
“Global stocks were largely muted on Tuesday as traders prepared for data releases that will offer insight about the health of the US economy and the Federal Reserve’s interest rate path,” Deepak Jasani, Head of Retail Research, HDFC Securities, said.  
Asian markets, Seoul, Tokyo and Hong Kong settled lower, while Shanghai ended higher. European markets were trading mostly lower in mid-session deals. The US markets ended on a mixed note on Wednesday.  
“The benchmark indices continued to trade with minor losses due to concerns of a slowdown in the US and Chinese economy.

# Rupee rises four paise against US dollar

**PTI ■ MUMBAI**  
The rupee traded in a narrow range and settled for the day higher by 4 paise at 83.97 (provisional) against the US dollar on Thursday, on weakening of the American currency in the overseas market and an overall drop in crude oil prices.  
Forex traders said the domestic unit witnessed a slight negative bias on weak global equities and concerns over global economic growth. Moreover, dollar demand from importers also dented investor sentiments.  
At the interbank foreign exchange market, the local unit opened at 83.98 and witnessed an intraday high of 83.97 against the American currency.  
The domestic unit finally settled for the day at 83.97 (provisional), higher by 4 paise over its previous close. On Wednesday, the rupee breached the crucial 84-mark for the second time within a



month and settled 3 paise lower at 84.01 against the American currency.  
“The Indian rupee which continued to drop to a record low witnessed a range-bound trading session as it stayed wedged between negative global cues and intervention from the central bank,” said Maneesh Sharma, AVP - Commodities & Currencies, Anand Rathi Shares and Stock Brokers.  
Sharma further noted that the rupee was pressured by dollar demand from importers for meeting their immediate and futures payments. There have been several instances since last month wherein the Reserve Bank defended the

rupee near 84 levels.  
According to Sharma, data from RBI also showed foreign exchange reserves hit a record high of USD 681.69 billion at the end of last month revealing the central bank has been buying dollars amid expectations of rate cuts by the US Federal Reserve.  
With rising interest rate differentials from the US due to rate cuts to take place starting the current month, Indian rupee is expected to strengthen further in coming months. Overall we anticipate rupee to slightly strengthen in tomorrow trade to 83.90 - 83.85 sub levels amid expectations of rate cut to persist ahead of crucial non-

farm payrolls due to be released on Friday,” Sharma said.  
Meanwhile, the dollar index, which gauges the greenback’s strength against a basket of six currencies, was down 0.15 per cent to 101.20 points.  
Brent crude, the international benchmark, gained 0.74 per cent to USD 73.24 per barrel in futures trade. Forex traders said crude oil levels of USD 73 per barrel will act as a support for the domestic unit as India, the world’s third-largest oil importer, stands to benefit from cheaper oil. In the domestic equity market, the 30-share BSE Sensex declined 151.48 points, or 0.18 per cent, to close at 82,237.29, while the Nifty was down 53.60 points, or 0.21 per cent, to 25,145.10 points.  
Foreign Institutional Investors (FIIs) were net buyers in the capital markets on Wednesday, as they purchased shares worth Rs 975.46 crore, according to exchange data.

# Raymond Lifestyle shares slump on market debut

**PTI ■ NEW DELHI**  
Shares of Raymond Lifestyle Ltd got listed on the stock exchanges on Thursday following the demerger of retail and lifestyle businesses. The stock got listed at Rs 3,000 on the BSE. Later, it climbed 3.33 per cent to Rs 3,100 from its opening price. At the NSE, shares of the firm began the trade at Rs 3,020. However, the stock later hit the lower circuit level at Rs 2,850, down 5 per cent on the BSE.  
At the NSE also, it hit the lower circuit limit of Rs 2,869, down 5 per cent.  
The company’s market valuation stood at Rs 17,363.23 crore during the morning deals. In a release on Tuesday, the company said it will get listed on the stock exchanges on September 5.



Following the demerger of its retail and lifestyle businesses, Raymond will have two listed entities.  
The company plans to add 900 new outlets over three years. The Raymond Group’s lifestyle business entity is eyeing a 15 per cent CAGR (Compound Annual Growth Rate) to attain around 7 per cent market share in the fast growing men’s-wear wedding market by 2027, the release said.  
“The demerger aims at unlocking shareholder value

by creating a focussed lifestyle business entity. Raymond Lifestyle will sharpen strategic focus in this fast-growing sector to become among the top three global fabric suppliers by the end of this year.  
“The global scenario presents significant opportunities, particularly the challenges in China and Bangladesh and trade agreements with the UK, EU and Australia,” Raymond Group Chairman and Managing Director Gautam Singhania said.

# SAIL offers support for Critical Mineral Mission

**PTI ■ NEW DELHI**  
SAIL, the country’s largest Steel player, is willing to participate in the Critical Mineral Mission, which aims to secure the country’s critical mineral supply chain by ensuring mineral availability from domestic and foreign sources, the company’s Chairman Amarendu Prakash said on Thursday.  
The Union Budget 2024-25 had proposed launching a Critical Mineral Mission for domestic production, recycling of critical minerals, and overseas acquisition of critical mineral assets.  
“FM Nirmala Sitharaman announced the Critical Mineral Mission. In that mission a lot of things will be discussed, all possibilities will be discussed. So we will be watching this and seeing what opportunities are there.  
“As the Critical Mineral Mission expands and things get discussed, we will be watching and seeing if there are opportunities for exploring something on SAIL’s part,” the Chairman



told reporters on the sidelines of ISA Steel Conclave.  
The Critical Mineral Mission aims to secure the country’s critical mineral supply chain by ensuring mineral availability from domestic and foreign sources.  
It also aims at strengthening the value chains by enhancing technological, regulatory, and financial ecosystems to foster innovation, skill development, and global competitiveness in mineral exploration, mining,

beneficiation, processing, and recycling.  
So far, SAIL has been looking at minerals which are used for steel making, the Chairman said, adding that the critical minerals segment is a separate area. “We are not into that space (critical mineral) till now but since the government has announced a Critical Mineral Mission, we will just explore. We will look at it,” he said. Critical minerals, such as cobalt, copper, lithium, nickel and rare earths, play a crucial

role in the production of clean energy technologies, from wind turbines to electric cars. The government had earlier said that it plans to provide financial incentives for development of critical minerals, including lithium. There will also be an emphasis on securing loans from multilateral financial institutions for the development of the sector.  
The government will focus on global R&D collaboration across the critical minerals value chain.  
To encourage the participation of Indian public and private sector companies in the acquisition of assets abroad, the government will provide targeted subsidies for mining, and for setting up evacuation infrastructure. Besides, there are plans to ramp up the capacity of ICVIL from current 2 million tonnes per annum (MTPA) to 4.5 MTPA in three to four years. Mozambique-based ICVIL is a special purpose vehicle of SAIL, RINL, NMDC, CIL and NTPC for acquiring coal mines and assets overseas.

# Meesho hires 8.5 lakh for festive season

**PTI ■ NEW DELHI**  
E-commerce platform Meesho on Thursday said it has enabled 8.5 lakh seasonal jobs within its seller and logistics network ahead of the festive season, mostly in tier-3 and tier-4 regions. This marks a 70 per cent increase from the number of seasonal hiring last year, according to a company statement.  
“This festive season, we are particularly thrilled to have enabled 8.5 lakh seasonal jobs, especially in tier-3 and beyond cities. Empowering SMBs, local manufacturers and logistics providers to scale their business is resulting in meaningful economic opportunities that is driving financial inclusion in these regions,” said Sourabh Pandey, CXO, Fulfillment and Experience, Meesho. Meesho’s sellers have hired 5 lakh seasonal workers as part of their requirements.

# Mercedes eyes India as top luxury market

**PTI ■ PUNE**  
German luxury car maker Mercedes-Benz India on Thursday said India has the potential to become one of the top five markets for its Maybach brand of cars in sales volume.  
Launching the electric version of its first-ever all-electric Mercedes-Maybach in India, the company’s managing director and CEO Santosh Iyer said the launch of the new car models Mercedes-Maybach EQS 680 SUV manifests the firm’s ambition to lead in digital and electric mobility with a focus on ultra-luxury segment.  
The Maybach EQS 680 SUV starts at Rs 2.25 crore onwards (all India ex-showroom).  
“We have got into the top 10 markets in the world (in terms of sales numbers). We are the fastest growing. We would have done (sold) more



than 1,500 Maybachs across models,” Iyer said.  
Calling the brand very strategic and important for the company, Iyer said, “We would like India to further grow in this space. We would like to come in the top five for sure it is (only) a matter of time, we see the growth

potential for Maybach in India”.  
Stating that Mercedes-Benz is leading the charge in luxury electric mobility, he said the company’s Battery Electric Vehicle (BEV) portfolio in the country is witnessing steady growth and increased sales.

Mercedes-Benz in India now offers five BEVs in its portfolio, including EQA, EQB, EQE SUV, EQS sedan and Maybach EQS 680 SUV.  
“With the Mercedes-Maybach EQS SUV, we redefine automotive excellence in the age of electromobility.  
The new launch manifests our ambition to lead in digital and electric, with a sharp focus on bolstering our top-end luxury offering.  
“With the Mercedes-Maybach EQS SUV, we continue to hone our BEV portfolio further in India, offering a diverse choice for our discerning customers.  
We strongly believe there can be no luxury without sustainability and Mercedes-Benz will continue to create the BEV ecosystem for transitioning to electromobility in the future,” Iyer said.

# Gold, silver prices surge

**PTI ■ NEW DELHI**  
Gold prices climbed by Rs 500 to Rs 74,100 per 10 grams in the national capital on Thursday due to fresh demand by jewellers amid a strong trend in the overseas markets.  
The precious metal had closed at Rs 73,600 per 10 grams in the previous close on Wednesday.  
Tracking gold, silver also rallied by Rs 1,000 to Rs 84,600 per kilogram on Thursday due to increased offtake from industrial units and coin makers, according to the All India Sarafa Association.  
It had finished at Rs 83,600 per kg in the previous trade. In addition, gold of 99.5 per cent purity jumped by Rs 500 to Rs 73,750 per 10 grams from Rs 73,250. Domestically, traders



attributed the rise in gold prices to a strong trend in the international markets, which influenced the market sentiment to an increased buying from local jewellers.  
On the overseas front, Comex gold rose 0.82 per cent higher to USD 2,546.80 per ounce.  
“The bullion advanced on Thursday following weaker-than-expected US job data,

which bolstered bets on steep rate cuts that provided support for non-yielding metals like gold,” Saamil Gandhi, Senior Analyst of Commodities at HDFC Securities, said.  
According to Manav Modi, Senior Analyst, Commodity Research, Motilal Oswal Financial Securities, Post the jobs data, market participants

have raised the odds of a Fed rate cut on September 18. The ADP employment report, a reading on the US services industry, and jobless claims data due later on Thursday are also on the radar, Modi added. Silver also trading higher at USD 29.07 per ounce in the international markets.  
“Beige book survey released overnight on Wednesday showed economic activity was flat or declining across most regions in the US in recent weeks dousing any recession worries in the near term,” Maneesh Sharma, AVP of Commodities & Currencies at Anand Rathi Shares and Stock Brokers, said.  
Traders are placing their bets cautiously amid the upcoming non-farm payrolls report on Friday, which could provide more clarity on the size of interest rate cuts, Sharma added

# India-EFTA trade deal moves forward

**PTI ■ NEW DELHI**  
Switzerland’s federal cabinet has adopted the ambitious trade pact between India and the European Free Trade Association (EFTA) and placed it before Parliament as part of the ratification process.  
The ambitious trade pact, signed in March between India and the European bloc comprising Norway, Switzerland, Iceland and Liechtenstein, aims at expanding trade across a range of areas, including pharmaceuticals, manufacturing, new technologies and machinery. Under the mega trade deal, the four European countries are looking at making an investment of USD 100 billion in India over the next 15 years. Each of the signatory countries will have to ratify the pact for its roll out. On Wednesday, the Federal

Council adopted a dispatch on the free-trade agreement between the EFTA states and India, the Swiss government said in a statement.  
The Federal Council, which is the Swiss federal cabinet, is the highest executive authority in the country. The Swiss Parliament is expected to debate the dispatch in the upcoming winter or spring sessions, according to the statement.  
“The agreement strengthens the competitiveness of Swiss exports in the world’s most populous country,” it said, describing the firming up of the trade pact with India as a significant milestone in Swiss trade policy. “In its dispatch, the Federal Council commends and sets out the content of the agreement and places it in the overall context of Switzerland’s relations with India,” the Swiss government said. It also explained the



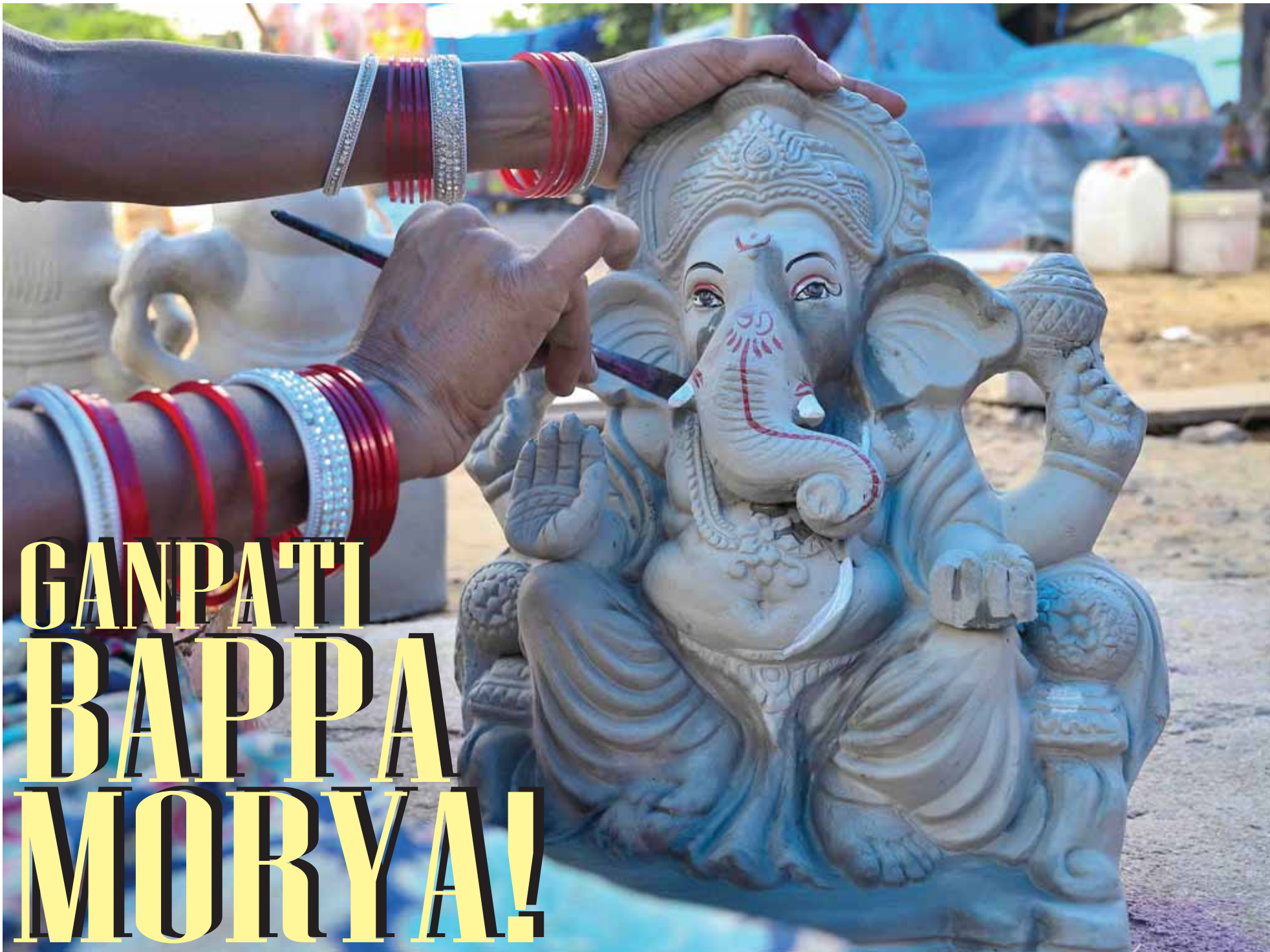
significance of the trade pact. “India is now the world’s most populous country. In particular, the growing middle class means that there is significant potential for growth. However, India still levies very high import duties on most products,” it said.  
The trade deal provides for eliminating custom duties for almost 98 per cent of the imports from India.  
“After 16 years of negotiations, Switzerland and the other EFTA states have succeeded in becoming the first European partners to conclude an FTA with India,” the Swiss readout said.  
“When the agreement comes into force, 94.7 per cent of Switzerland’s current exports to India will enjoy tariff relief, in some cases with transitional periods. This will strengthen the competitiveness of Swiss exports in India,” it said. The agreement includes a

chapter on investment promotion and cooperation.  
“For the first time in a free-trade agreement, the EFTA states are committing themselves to various promotional activities with the aim of increasing investment in India and thereby creating jobs,” the readout said.  
“India, for its part, is endeavouring to ensure a favourable investment climate,” it added.  
The statement said the EFTA is also the first partner with which India has agreed on a comprehensive and legally-binding chapter on trade and sustainable development.  
“This chapter includes, among other things, a commitment not to deviate from applicable environmental and labour standards. It also establishes a specific sub-committee on trade and sustainable development,” it said.



# Suresh Prabhu nominated to WAF Board

**PTI ■ NEW DELHI**  
Former Union Minister and Rajya Sabha member Suresh Prabhu on Thursday nominated to the World Agriculture Forum (WAF) Board. In a communication, Ruddy Rabbinge, Chairman of WAF Board, said that Prabhu’s expertise would be invaluable to the discussions that shape the future of the agri sector. “Given your role and respected position in the global food and agriculture arena, I believe you would be invaluable to the WAF Board.  
Your insights and experience could greatly contribute to the forum’s objectives,” he said.  
The forum aims to function as a global body dedicated to advancing agricultural development on a worldwide scale. This initiative aims to bring together prominent thought leaders, innovators, policy-makers, business CEOs and heads of global institutions in the agricultural sector to address critical issues related to food and nutrition security, sustainable practices, and policy and trade agenda.



# GANPATI BAPPA MORYA!

THE EXQUISITE ARTISTRY AND JOYOUS SPIRIT OF THE FESTIVAL



Experience the vibrant spirit of Ganesh Chaturthi in Pratap Bagh, Delhi, where artisans like Mohini and Rekha dedicate their craft to creating beautiful Ganesha idols. Witness the blend of artistry and devotion that transforms the streets into a festive haven, brimming with colour and celebration says **SAKSHI PRIYA**

Photos: Pankaj Kumar

**G**anpati Bappa Morya! Ganpati Bappa Morya! The joyous chant fills the air, marking the arrival of Ganesh Chaturthi. This festival, dedicated to our beloved Lord Ganesha, transforms every corner into a lively celebration of devotion and creativity. Ganesh Chaturthi is a cherished Hindu festival that celebrates the birth of Lord Ganesha, the revered deity known for his wisdom and ability to remove obstacles. Observed with great enthusiasm across India, it turns streets and homes into vibrant centres of devotion.

**FESTIVAL PREPARATIONS**

Taking place in the Hindu month of Bhadrapada, usually in August or September, the festival's preparations begin well before the actual day. Homes are thoroughly cleaned and beautifully decorated and pandals are set up to welcome Lord Ganesha. These pandals, often adorned with colourful decorations, become the heart of the celebrations. Tomorrow, as the celebrations officially begin, the city will once again echo with the joyous chants of "Ganpati Bappa Morya!" On the day of Ganesh Chaturthi, people bring home clay idols of Lord Ganesha. These idols vary in size and style, from small, simple ones to large, elaborate figures. Each idol is carefully placed on an altar and decorated with flowers, fruits and other offerings, creating a sacred and festive atmosphere. A key part of the celebration is the daily puja or worship performed by devotees. This involves chanting prayers, offering modaks and flowers and seeking blessings from Lord Ganesha. The air is filled with the sounds of devotional songs, the scent of incense and the colours of vibrant decorations, all contributing to a sense of joy and community. As Ganesh Chaturthi draws near, Delhi's streets, especially in Pratap Bagh, come alive with joyous and vibrant energy. Street vendors and stalls overflow with intricately designed idols of Lord Ganesha, along with festive decorations and offerings. The air is filled with excitement as the community prepares for the celebration. In the heart of Pratap Bagh, preparing for Ganesh Chaturthi is not just a task but a heartfelt tradition. For months, artisans have dedicated themselves to crafting exquisite murtis (idols), each one a



labour of love and devotion. In Pratap Bagh, the preparation for Ganesh Chaturthi is nothing short of a labour of love. For months, skilled artisans have poured their heart and soul into creating the most beautiful murtis of Lord Ganesha. Each idol is more than just a statue; it symbolises the devotion and creativity of its maker, embodying the rich cultural heritage of this cherished festival. The process begins with moulding clay into the shape of Lord Ganesha, a task requiring both skill and patience. Artisans like Mohini and Rekha have dedicated themselves to this craft, ensuring that every detail - from the delicate folds of Ganesha's trunk to the intricate patterns on his attire - is perfect. The clay idols are left to dry, a crucial step demanding precision, especially during the monsoon season when high humidity can pose a challenge. Once the base of the idol is ready, the real artistry begins. The idols are painted with vibrant colours and adorned with elaborate designs. Each brushstroke and embellishment

reflects the deep reverence the artisans hold for Lord Ganesha. The final touches, including beads and decorative fabrics, bring the idols to life, making them a feast for the eyes and a joy for the soul.

**THE ARTISAN'S DEDICATION**

The artisans of Pratap Bagh, like Mohini, Rekha, Sonu and Kamla, bring a unique blend of dedication, skill and devotion to their craft. Despite facing challenges such as rising costs of materials, intricate designs and financial uncertainties, they continue to pour their hearts into creating beautiful idols of Lord Ganesha. Their passion is truly inspiring, driven by both their love for their work and their deep devotion to the deity. Mohini's approach to her work is remarkable. She sources plain murtis from Kolkata and transforms them with her own hands, turning them into vibrant, beautifully decorated idols. "I personally select the pearl necklaces from Chandni Chowk," she explains, and her years of experience

allow her to complete each one in just 15 minutes. The transformation from a plain clay figure to a colourful deity, embellished with pearls and intricate designs, is a tribute to her expertise and devotion. Mohini's work reflects not just artistic skill but also a deep spiritual connection, infusing each idol with a unique sense of reverence and love. The prices of her creations range from as little as ₹300 to as much as ₹30,000 with most people opting for smaller idols for their homes, while larger ones are chosen for community pandals. Rekha, an artisan from Pratap Bagh, has been dedicated to idol-making for many years, a tradition she proudly continues. She explains that it takes them about "4 to 5 months" to prepare these beautiful idols, highlighting the dedication and effort involved in each piece. "Everything is done by hand," she emphasises. From moulding the clay to carefully painting and decorating each idol, the entire process is meticulous and labour-intensive. Walking through the lanes of Pratap Bagh, one cannot help but feel a deep sense of admiration seeing women like Mohini and Rekha leading their stalls. Every stall is filled with the bustling energy of women hard at work, their hands moving with practiced precision as they shape and paint the idols. It is a powerful sight, reflecting not just the artistry involved but also the empowerment of these women who bring beauty and devotion to life through their craft. The dedication of these artisans stands out as a remarkable example of resilience. They face many hardships, yet their pride and joy in their work remain evident. Their craft is more than just a job; it is a calling, a deep-rooted part of their identity that connects them to the community and the divine. Their work becomes a symbol of hope and strength, capturing the very essence of Ganesh Chaturthi - the celebration of new beginnings, perseverance and devotion.

**THE BUSINESS AND THE CHALLENGES**

For many artisans, Ganesh Chaturthi is not just a period of celebration but also a crucial time for their business. Crafting idols is a complex and costly process and the financial pressures can be intense. One artisan remarks, "The cost of materials and the time

invested in creating each idol is significant. We hope that the sales will cover these expenses and bring some profit." Sonu adds, "We often face challenges in selling the larger and more elaborate idols. Most customers prefer smaller ones, which are more affordable." Despite these financial hurdles, the artisans of Pratap Bagh persist, driven by their passion and commitment to their craft.

**A FESTIVAL OF TOGETHERNESS AND JOY**

The lively streets of Delhi transform into a canvas of vivid colours, resonating with the joyful sounds of celebration. The artisan's meticulous work infuses the festival with an atmosphere of joy and festivity. This festival is a time when families unite to welcome their idols into their homes, decorating them with care and participating in daily pujas with reverence. The sense of community is palpable as neighbours, friends and even strangers come together in shared devotion to Lord Ganesha. Ganesh Chaturthi forwards a spirit of togetherness, forging bonds that extend beyond the festivities and celebrating the unity and collective joy of the community.

**WISHING YOU A JOYOUS GANESH CHATURTHI !**

As the vibrant celebrations of Ganesh Chaturthi come alive with every chant of "Ganpati Bappa Morya," we send you our warmest wishes for a festival filled with joy, prosperity and divine blessings. May Lord Ganesha, with his benevolent presence and loving guidance, bring happiness and success into your life. This is the perfect time to embrace the spirit of the festival by indulging in the sweet delights of modaks - Lord Ganesha's favourite treat! As you savour these delicious offerings, let them symbolise the sweetness of life and the fulfilment of your deepest desires. May your home be filled with the sound of laughter and the spirit of togetherness and love. Celebrate with family and friends and may the blessings of Ganesh Chaturthi illuminate your path, dispelling any obstacles and guiding you towards new beginnings. Here's to a Ganesh Chaturthi that's as joyful and lively as the festivities themselves. *Ganpati Bappa Morya!* Enjoy the celebrations, the sweets and the company of loved ones.

Dharambir smashes Asian record for gold, Pranav takes silver in Paralympic

PTI ■ PARIS

Dharambir shattered the Asian record to win the gold medal while compatriot Pranav Soorma clinched the silver as Indian club throwers dominated the men's F51 event at the Paralympics here.



Kumar Saroha, however, finished last with a best effort of 23.96m. Serbia's Filip Graovac bagged the bronze, courtesy a 34.18m throw in his second attempt.

shoulders and arm to generate power. From paralysis to Paralympic glory Dharambir faced a life-altering accident when a misjudged dive into a canal left him paralyzed from the waist down.

Saroha. Within two years, Dharambir qualified for the 2016 Rio Paralympics, marking the beginning of a successful career. He has since earned multiple medals for India, including a silver at the 2022 Asian Para Games.

just another teenager when a cement sheet fell on his head when he was 16, leaving him paralyzed after causing a severe spinal cord injury.

Support of his family and a positive mindset helped him to turn to meditation and academics, where he excelled with 91.2 per cent in his 12th board exams. He then pursued a postgraduate degree from the Delhi School of Economics and secured a job as an Assistant Manager at the Bank of Baroda.

Jannik Sinner beats Daniil Medvedev to reach the semifinals

AP ■ NEWYORK

Top-ranked Jannik Sinner reached the U.S. Open semifinals for the first time by getting past 2021 champion Daniil Medvedev 6-2, 1-6, 6-1, 6-4 on Wednesday night.



was cleared in a doping case less than a week before the U.S. Open started after testing positive twice for trace amounts of an anabolic steroid in March - will go up against No. 25 Jack

Draper of Britain on Friday for a berth in the title match. That day's other semifinal will be No. 12 Taylor Fritz vs. No. 20 Frances Tiafoe in the first all-American men's

matchup at this stage at a major in 19 years. The women's semifinals Thursday night are Jessica Pegula vs. Karolina Muchova, and Aryna Sabalenka vs. Emma Navarro.

Buttler out of T20 series against Australia, could miss ODIs

AP ■ LONDON

England white-ball captain Jos Buttler was ruled out of the Twenty20 series against Australia because of a right calf injury on Thursday and might also miss the one-day series between the teams, too.

The three-match T20 series begins on Wednesday. The five-match ODI series starts on Sept. 19 so Buttler has two weeks to recover. Batter Jordan Cox has been added to the ODI squad as cover in case Buttler doesn't make it.

Saqib Mahmood, Dan Mousley, Jamie Overton, Adil Rashid, Reece Topley, John Turner. England ODI squad: Jos Buttler (captain), Jofra Archer, Gus Atkinson, Jacob Bethell, Harry Brook, Brydon Carse, Jordan Cox, Ben Duckett, Josh Hull, Will Jacks, Matthew Potts, Adil Rashid, Phil Salt, Jamie Smith, Reece Topley, John Turner.

ONE ARROW AT A TIME Making of paralympic champion archer Harvinder Singh



PTI ■ PARIS

Dealing with the unexpected, whether in archery or life in general, is no big deal for Harvinder Singh. He has aced the anticipation game thanks to the hard lessons that came his way.

secure five back-to-back wins in a day to bag his second successive Paralympic medal in recurve open category, bettering the previous performance by quite a margin. All his achievements are a first in Indian archery.

reserved his best for the final, nailing three 10s in his last four arrows to knock out his 44-year-old opponent from Poland Lukasz Ciszek 6-0 (28-24, 28-27, 29-25). His was India's second medal in archery at the ongoing Games after Sheetal Devi and Rakesh Kumar combined for the compound mixed team bronze.

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CPC-CCET Alumni Association Celebrated Teacher's Day at College Campus. A medley of colourful performances marks the Teacher's Day celebration at Chandigarh College of Engineering & Technology, Sector 26 Chandigarh (Diploma Wing). Teachers and educators nourish and prepare students for their future as they are the real icons of knowledge and wisdom.

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