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WHEN GOLDEN HOUR IS LOST IN A STUCK AMBULANCE

ARCHANA JYOTI ■ NEW DELHI

My father was in the ambulance, as he had just suffered a severe asthma attack. We were rushing to a hospital in South Delhi, hoping every second that we would make it in time. But as we got onto the main road, we realised we were trapped. The heavy rains in the morning had caused massive water-logging, and the traffic was completely stuck. The ambulance couldn't move an inch.

"Though, we eventually reached the hospital, the delay could have been fatal," said Ramesh Verma, echoing the helplessness of a family member stuck in a dire situation due to water-logging induced traffic snarls in the national capital.

This case is just one among many in the similar situation, highlighting systemic issues with emergency response and infrastructure, particularly during the monsoon season when water-logging is the common feature at various stretches. Despite the ongoing problems plaguing the city for years as climate change induced erratic weather plays truant, authorities continue to shift responsibility, leaving the situation unresolved year after year.

There have been cases of people dying in rain-related incidents as the capital has been witnessing heavy rainfall every other day, bringing it to a standstill with streets flooded, traffic in chaos and some commuters stranded on roads. Even upscale areas of Lutyens' Delhi, arterial lanes and key tunnels like the one at Pragati Maidan were closed due to flooding.

Clearly, this reflects a broader issue where emergency services are frequently hindered by inadequate infrastructure. Incidentally, while writing this, Sawati

Das Gupta, a commuter, called up in distress. "I am stuck up at a severe traffic snarl at Bharat Mandapam near Supreme Court due to water-logging, which is also blocking two ambulances.

"The vehicles with sirens blaring are honking consistently, but there's no space to move. I just can't imagine the distress of patients and their families inside the vehicle, trapped in gridlocked traffic. It's heart-wrenching. The pressure and fear of not knowing if they'll make it in time only add to their agony. The situation is further compounded by the fact that outside the vehicle, people seem unaware of the urgency," she said. Dasgupta asserted that such a situation is unacceptable and no one should have to endure this kind of helplessness.

"We need better emergency management and infrastructure to prevent such incidents," she strongly emphasised.

Drivers from Centralised Accident and Trauma Services (CATS), the State Government's medical emergency services too expressed their frustration, noting that their best strategy is to avoid known water-logged areas and stay updated via contacts and newspapers. Much also depends on the driving skill of the occupant behind the steering wheel, they agreed.

Jeetu (name changed), a CATS driver, emphasised the importance of the 'Golden Hour'—the critical first hour following an accident for improving survival chances.

The 'Golden Hour' principle, supported by WHO, stresses the importance of timely medical intervention to increase survival rates. Currently, traffic congestion often delays ambulances, with journeys that should take 15-20 minutes extending over an hour.

The CATS vehicles are categorised into



patient transport ambulances, basic life-support ambulances, and advanced life-support ambulances.

He also shared that CATS is in the process of updating its fleet, with plans to add over 400 new vehicles equipped with advanced facilities. The Government has also taken the services of a private firm which is playing the vehicles as 'Rakshak' Suraj (name changed), another driver with the CAT, lamented that while the population has increased, infrastructure improvements have lagged, putting critical patients at greater risk.

Requesting anonymity, a senior official from the CATS department maintained that the old fleets are on the way out. A tender has been passed in this regard and we are looking forward to adding the new vehicles equipped with improved and sophisticated facilities including at least three Oxygen cylinders. Soon there would be more than 400 vehicles.

The official admitted that roads are constructed without properly assessing actual needs, and issues like inadequate sewage management and insufficient desilting contribute to the chaos. Ultimately, it is the people and patients who suffer as a result.

Jeetu chipped in saying that most critical are especially those injured in road accidents, while on the way to hospitals. "I have been lucky that no patient has died in my ambulance due to heavy traffic on the road resulting in the ambulances getting stuck in traffic jams." Apart from patients of road mishaps, heart patients also needed to be rushed to hospitals in time.

However, on the brighter side, he said that people have been sensitised enough to give way to Ambulances.

According to the CAT drivers, if an ambulance gets a free lane it can cover the distance of 25 km within 15 to 20

minutes but due to traffic it generally takes more than an hour. If the water-logging issue is sorted, delay time in a patient reaching a hospital can be cut.

Delhi has several areas prone to waterlogging, including perennial hotspots like Minto Bridge, Pul Prahladpur Underpass, Jahangirpuri Metro Station Road, under Zakhira Flyover, Loni Road Roundabout, Karala Kanjhawala, and parts of the Ring Road, such as the area opposite WHO.

Other locations that frequently experience waterlogging include ITO, RK Puram, Janpath, Parliament Street, Karol Bagh, Nauroji Nagar, Pant Marg, and various spots in South Delhi, such as Mayur Vihar, Vasant Kunj, Greater Kailash, New Friends Colony, Saket, and Malviya Nagar.

Dr Jagdish Kaur from WILGA, an NGO working for the empowerment of women expressed displeasure at the situation, saying, "I can't recall a day when I haven't seen an ambulance struggling through our chaotic traffic, which is often anything but efficient.

"We often forget that the person in the ambulance could be someone we know or even ourselves. Imagine being in that emergency vehicle while someone in a car ignores the siren's urgent wail. That siren is actually a critical signal—a 'song of life or death.'

Each of us plays a role in ensuring that this siren leads to life, not death. Just as the ambulance driver, doctors, and nurses are responsible for responding to emergencies, we must also take responsibility for our actions on the road.

Also, the authorities instead of playing blame-games must do their part. They should responsibly ensure that the roads are free of water-logging and traffic jams," Dr Kaur summed up.

Sensex nosedives, vapourises investors' INR five lakh crore

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Investors' wealth plummeted by ₹5.49 lakh crore on Friday as markets faced a massive correction tracking a weak trend in global peers and fresh foreign fund outflows.

Falling for the third day running, the 30-share BSE Sensex tumbled 1,017.23 points or 1.24 per cent to settle at ₹81,183.93. During the day, it plunged 1,219.23 points or 1.48 per cent to ₹80,981.93. The BSE benchmark had hit its all-time high of ₹82,725.28 on Monday. Following the weak trend in equities, the market capitalisation of BSE-listed firms slumped by ₹5,49,925.16 crore to ₹4,60,18,976.09 crore (USD 5.48 trillion).

"Markets witnessed intense profit-booking after the recent upsurge and key benchmark indices crumbled on fears a subdued US economic data could push

Fed chairman to postpone rate cut decision.

"Investors trimmed their bullish bets ahead of the US jobs report, as any uptick in the numbers could prompt the Fed to maintain the status quo on interest rates," Prashanth Tapse, Senior VP (Research), Mehta Equities Ltd, said.

Among the 30 Sensex firms, State Bank of India tanked over 4 per cent. ICICI Bank, NTPC, HCL Technologies, Reliance Industries, Tata Motors, ITC, Axis Bank and Adani Ports were the major laggards. Asian Paints, Bajaj Finance, JSW Steel and Hindustan Unilever were the gainers.

In Asian markets, Seoul, Tokyo, Shanghai and Hong Kong settled lower. European markets were trading in the red. The US markets ended mostly in the negative territory on Thursday.

BJP J and K manifesto: 370 is a thing of past says HM

MOHIT KANDHARI ■ JAMMU

Exuding confidence that the Bharatiya Janta Party (BJP) will form the next government on its own, Union Home Minister Amit Shah Friday unveiled the party's Sankalp Patra (manifesto) asserting its resolve to build a peaceful, secure, developed, and prosperous Jammu and Kashmir.

Ahead of releasing the party's "Sankalp Patra", Shah said, "Article 370 is part of history and will never come back. The people of the



Home Minister Amit Shah releases the party's election manifesto ahead of the Jammu and Kashmir elections. PTI

country and the state respect the abrogation of Article 370."

Referring to the list of 25 promises made by the party in its manifesto, Shah said "wiping out terrorism and separatism in the state" figure high on our agenda, followed by prioritising and enhancing women's financial security and self-reliance.

The Home Minister also promised to bring a white paper to fix the responsibility of those involved in the emergence of terrorism in the region.

INDIA CLAIMS SIXTH GOLD



Praveen Kumar shattered the Asian record jump of 2.08 m to win the T64 finals at Paris Paralympics 2024

Phogat, Punia join Congress

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ NEW DELHI

Wrestlers Vinesh Phogat and Bajrang Punia joined the Congress on Friday ahead of the Haryana Assembly polls. Phogat on Friday resigned from the Indian Railways, citing personal reasons. Both of them met Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge at his 10, Rajaji Marg, residence.

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BEDAKHLI NOTICE

I, Kamal W/o Late Jawahar Lal R/o #25, Sector-8, Panchkula (Haryana) declare that my son Navdeep Verma & his wife Shweta Verma are out of my control. So, I disown them from my all movable/immovable properties. If anybody deals with them shall do their own risk in future.

I, Kusum, W/o late Shri Ashok Kumar, R/o Balmiki Basti, Badi Market, Model Town, Karnal That my Son Ashwani and his wife Guddi Kumari is out of my Control. That's why I evict him from my movable and immovable property. In future, the person who deals with it himself will be responsible. I and my other family members and relatives will not have any responsibility.

I, Mahinder Kaur w/o late. Gurjit Singh r/o Jodhpur Pakhar distt Bathinda Punjab inform that my daughter Amandeep kaur is out of my control. I Disown her from my all moveable and immovable Properties. Anybody deal with him at their own risk.

We, Suresh Kumar s/o Sh. Laxman Dass and Darshna Devi w/o Suresh Kumar both R/o # 1412, Dadu Majra Colony, Sector 38 West, Chandigarh declare that our younger son Sandeep and his wife Shweta are out of our control. So, we disown them from all our moveable/immovable properties. Anybody deals with them will do so at their own risk.

I, Kiran Sharma W/o Late Vijay Sharma R/o H.No.95/12, Gali Wadhawa Shah, Near D.A.V School, Hathi Gate Amritsar have declare that my Son Ankit Sharma and his wife Ranjana Sharma are out of my control I disinherit them from my all movable and immovable Properties any body deal with them is his own risk and responsibility.

We, Balbir S/o Sh. Mange Ram & Rajesh Devi w/o Balbir R/o Village Badoli, Sonipat declare that my son Ashish & his wife Tannu both is out of our control. So we disown them from our all movable/immovable property. Any body deal with them at their own risk.

We Sushil Kumar S/o Sh. Kewal Krishan & Seema W/o Sh. Sushil Kumar R/o H.No.1829/B-2 Vishav Karma Colony, Pinjore Tehsil Kalka Distt. Panchkula, Haryana, disinherit our Daughter Bhanu Priya from our Property and our Life and they shall not claim any right in our Property after the publication of this notice.

I, Shish Ram S/o Jai Mal Vill.Kheri Shishgran, Pehowa, Kurukshetra My Son Akash and his Wife Sakshi Rani are out of my control. I, disown them from all My moveable and immovable properties. If Anybody deals with him at Their Own risk.

I Pritpal Singh S/O Kishori Lal R/O Jeoli Tehsil Derabassi Distt Mohali Declare That My Son Gurjinder Singh And His Wife Bebi And Son Gursewak Singh And His Wife Mamta Are Out Of My Control. So I Disownned All Of Them From All My Movable And Immovable Properties. Anybody Dealing With Them On Their Own Risk.

We, Krishan Kumar Verma, S/o Shri Phool Chand and Rukmani Devi, wife of Shri Krishan Kumar Verma, R/o nearby Gauga Madi, Ghatiwala, Pinjore, Tehsil and District Panchkula, declare that our son Rakesh Kumar Verma and his wife Kavita Devi 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 Gurnam Kaur W/o Balvinder Singh & Balvinder Singh S/o Prem Singh R/o # 1940/B-17-1, Preet Colony Teh. & Distt Roopnagar declare that our son Gurjit Singh is out of our control. So we disown him from all our movable & immovable properties. Anybody dealing with him on their own risk.

I, Ashok Kumar S/o Charan Dass R/o H.No. 208 W.No. 21 Guru Harkrishan Nagar Malerkotla Road Khanna (Ludhiana) declare that my son Varinder Manro is out of my control. He does not listening to me. I disown my son Varinder Marno from my moveable and immoveable property. Anybody dealing with my son Varinder Manro will do so at is own risk.

PUBLIC NOTICE

I, Harpreet Kaur Daughter of Palwinder Singh W/o Jobanjit Singh R/o Village Kot Hirde Ram, PO Dhade, Kot Hirde Ram, Amritsar-143504 here by declare that I have applied for change of my name as Harpreet Kaur Gill Daughter of Palwinder Singh in my Secondary School Certificate (Matric).

I, Rachna W/o Subash Chand R/O House no. 347, New Prem Nagar, Karnal inform that my name is Rachna in all my documents, whereas my name is Rachna Munjal in my passport. Rachna and Rachna Munjal, both the names belong to the same person i.e. me, but in my passport my name should be changed from Rachna Munjal to Rachna.

I, Saleena CK legally mother of No. 16133709A Rank L/NK Name Midlaj K Unit 4 Engr Regt c/o 56 APO Bathinda Cantt (Punjab) Permanent resident of Kuttasseri House, Pavanna, VTC : Urangattiri, PO Poovathikkal, Distt. Malappuram, State- Kerala-673639 declare That I have changed my name from Saleena CK to Saleena and DOB from 10.05.1975 to 01.01.1977 Vide affidavit Dated 06.09.2024

I, Malkeet Singh legally father of No. 3207930W Rank NK Name Rohit Kumar Permanent resident of Bhogpur(171), Azizpur, Distt. Yamuna Nagar, State- Haryana-133206 declare That I have changed my name from Malkeet Singh to Malkiat Singh Vide affidavit Dated 03.09.2024

I, Kusum Lata legally mother of No. 3207930W Rank NK Name Rohit Kumar Permanent resident of Bhogpur(171), Azizpur, Distt. Yamuna Nagar, State- Haryana-133206 declare That I have changed my name from Kusum Lata to Kusham and DOB from 12.07.1972 to 12.06.1972 vide affidavit Dated 03.09.2024

I, Dharmendry Gurjar legally wife of No. 3210526M Rank Sep Name Ravindra Permanent resident of Vill. Luharpura, Post Basta, Distt. Bijnor, State- Uttar Pradesh-246736 declare That I have changed my name from Dharmendry Gurjar to Dharmendry Chandel vide affidavit Dated 04.09.2024

We Ranjit Singh S/o Tarsem Singh and Kulwinder Kaur W/o Ranjit Singh R/o Village Warraich Distt Gurdaspur declare that we have legally adopted Female child Karajdeep Kaur (DOB 10/06/2008) from Swinder Singh S/o Dhyan Singh and Kulwinder Kaur W/o Swinder Singh R/o Village Gajju Gazi PO Jaura Singha Distt Gurdaspur on dated 29/06/21. In future Father and mother name of Karajdeep Kaur, may please be legally considered as Ranjit Singh and Kulwinder Kaur. Concerned note.

I, Sohial, son no. 16017178 P Rack Naik Pawan Kumar R/o village Mundlana, Tehsil Gohana, Sonipat, my name is Sohial Khan registered in my father's army service record/through 56 APO whereas in all my documents my correct and correct name is Sohial. I want to change my name from Sohial Khan to Sohial in my father's service record, please correct it.

I, Malkit Singh S/o Amar Singh R/o Vill: Sonspur Po. Badla Teh-Dasuya (Hoshiarpur) have changed my Date of Birth as 20-03-1961 in place of 02-04-1964 as wrongly written in the army documents of my son.

I, Urmila Devi W/o Malkit Singh R/o Vill: Sonspur Po. Badla Teh-Dasuya (Hoshiarpur) have changed my Date of Birth as 11-10-1968 in place of 06-09-1972 as wrongly written in the army documents of my son.

I, Gurmial Singh S/O Gurcham Singh Vpo Bhadaur Tehsil Tapa District Barnala. That My Father's Name Is Appearing In My Document Gurcham Singh And Gurcharan Singh While These Two Names Belong To The Same Person.

I, Rajni W/o Mukesh Kumar R/o Vill-Adarsh Nagar Post Office Shahpurkandi, Teh And Distt Pathankot, declare my actual name Rajni. But my name in policy of ICICI Prudential Life Insurance Co Ltd Is Bhavna Rani With Policy Number 09891437. But now my name has been changed and in all my document my name is Rajni. I have changed my name from Bhavna Kumari to Rajni.

I, Ranjeet Kaur mother of No. 19000844F Rank L/NK Mail Singh R/o Ena Khara Teh-Malout (Shri Muksar Sahib) serving in Army 10 Sikh in my son service document is name is wrongly written Ranjit Kour & Date of Birth is 07-08-1965. But the correct name is Ranjeet Kaur & DOD is 02-02-1960, affidavit No. PB-87166283

I, Balwinder Kaur W/o Sukhwinder Singh R/o Vill: Loh Simbli (Patiala) declare that in my husband army record my DOB wrongly entered 22-02-1986. But my correct DOB is 03-04-1986. So amended my DOB from 22-02-1986 to 03-04-1986 in my husband army record.

CHANGE OF NAME

It is for general information that I, Sheetal D/O Jai kumar R/O Village Ramgarh (16), Po Bibipur, Distt Jind, Haryana 126102 declare that name of my mother has been wrongly written as Parmila in my 10th and 12th class education documents. The actual name of my mother is Sharmila which may be amended accordingly.

I, Mohd. Shadab Khan S/o Zabin Ullah R/o H No. 2322, Sector 22-C, Chandigarh have changed my name from Mohd. Shadab Khan to Mohammad Shadab.

I, Manoj Kumar (Old Name) S/o Sh. Dharampal, R/O Village & Post Office Bhagwanpur, Sub-Tehsil Babain, Tehsil Ladwa, Distt. Kurukshetra have changed my name from Manoj Kumar to Manoj Kumar Arora.

I, Sony Rana S/o Satpal Rana R/o H No. 588, Sector 45-B, Chandigarh have changed my name from Sony Rana to Bhagwan Kaur.

I, Aashna D/o Surender Chopra R/o Flat No.2-A, 1601, Suncity Parikarma, Sector-20, Panchkula (Haryana) have changed my name from Aashna to Aashna Kataria.

I, Vikas Gour Father Of Vihaan R/O Air Force Station Ambala Cantt 133001 Have Changed My Child Name From Vihaan To Vihaan Gour Vide Affidavit Number 356 Dated 4 Sep 24 Before Tehsil Ambala Cantt.

I, Shobha Kushwaha Is Legally Wedded Spouse Of No. 15190204m Rank NK, Sukhendra Kushwaha Presently Residing At Gram Akauana Tukda Post Mehuti, Tehsil Birsinghpur, District Satna, Madhya Pradesh, Pin 485221.Have Changed My Name From Sobha Kushwaha To Shobha Kushwaha Vide Affidavit Dated 06.09.2024, Before Tehsil, Ambala Cantt.

I, Parveen Kumar S/O Sh.Tilak Raj Presently Residing At 67, Palam Vihar, Kardhan, Behind B.D. Floor Mill, Ambala Cantt, Haryana - 133001 Declare That I Have Changed My Name From Parveen Kumar To Parveen Kumar Gohri For Future References.

I, Yallavva Teli Is Legally M/O Service No. 17001461P Rank Nk Muttappa Teli Of Unit 148 Fd Wksp Coy C/O 56 Apo, Ambala Cantt.Have Changed My Name From Yallavva Teli To Yallavva Basappa Teli & Changed My Dob From 01.06.1960 To 01.06.1963.

I, Chanchal Chauhan W/o Dig Vijay Chauhan R/O 174-B, Near Bharti Clinic, Tirth Nagar, Badhi Majra VTC: (126), PO Pansra, Distt. Yamuna Nagar, State Haryana Pin code - 135001 have changed my name from Km Chanchal Pundir to Chanchal Chauhan.

I, Balwant Singh S/O Swaran Singh R/O Vill. Simbli PO Mehtiana Distt. Hoshiarpur Punjab have changed my name from Balwant Singh to Balwant Singh. Concerned Note

I, Ish Bansal S/O Vijay Kumar Aggarwal R/o H.No. B-14/442, Arya Samaj Road. Mohalla Ram Nagar Distt. Hoshiarpur Punjab have changed the name of my minor son from Arman Bansal to Nityam Bansal. Concerned note.

I, No 4484293L L/Hav Sandeep Singh S/O Krishan Dev 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 Kamaljeet Kaur to Kanwaljit Kaur and her date of birth from 15-09-1984 to 15-09-1980. Concerned Note.

I, Prem Latta (Old Name), Prem Lata (New Name) widow daughter of No. 2456740 Sep Late Baldev Singh resident of Vill Nathuwal, PO Karari, Tehsil Mukerian, Distt Hoshiarpur (Pb). Concerned note.

I, Neha Chhabra W/o Bawa Aggarwal R/o H.No. 61, Street No. 03, Una Road, Birbal Nagar Distt. Hoshiarpur Punjab have changed my name from Neha Chhabra to Neha Aggarwal. Concerned note.

I, Parmeshwari Devi Mother Of Service No. 16011602w Hav Ram Mehar, Present Unit Hq 2 Corps Camp (Def & Emp Coy) C/O 56 Apo R/O Hno 321-D. Huda, Sector-7, Panipat, Haryana Have Changed My Name From Parmeshwari Devi To Panmesari & Date Of Birth From 01-07-1941 To 01-01-1936.

I, Ram Mehar S/O Het Ram, R/O 321-D, Huda, Sector-7, Panipat, Haryana, Have Changed My Son Name From Pankaj Kharab To Pankaj Kharb.

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, Chhaya D/o Krishan Partap Singh R/o House No. 111, Village Khuda Lahora, Chandigarh have changed my name from Chhaya to Chhaya Rajput.

I, Seema W/o Ram Bilash R/o Village Goverdhanpur, Gonda Rao, District Hardoi have changed my name from Seema to Vilasha.

I, Mansa Ram S/o Kalph Nath, #4010, Maloya Colony, Chandigarh have changed the name of my minor daughter from Tamana to Aradhya.

I, Gayatri W/o Narender Kumar Sharma, # 3385/1, Sector 23-D, Chandigarh have changed my name to Geetika Sharma.

I, Vinas Masih W/o Madan Lal, # 3366, Mauli Jagran Colony, Chandigarh have changed my name to Venus Masih.

I, Tilak Raj Arora S/O Ram Parkash R/o H No. 255/5, Near Hanuman Mandir, Arya Bazar, Hisar (Hry) have changed my name from Tilak Raj to Tilak Raj Arora for all purposes in future.

I, Sonam w/o Sunil Sharma R/O VPO Mathana (364) Tehsil Thanesar Distt Kurukshetra (Haryana) have changed my name from Sonam to Sonam Sharma.

I, Shakuntala Devi W/O Kuldeep Singh R/O 446/27 Dev nagar, Sonipat, Haryana 131001 has changed my name to Shakuntla Devi for all purposes.

I, Narender Chauhan S/O Rajpal R/O Vill Jakhauli, Sonipat, Haryana has changed my name to Narender Kumar for all purposes.

I, Anita W/o Ankur Gupta R/o House no. 14-A, Model Town Fatehabad, Tehsil and District Fatehabad state that in the passport of my daughter Kavya Gupta and my husband Ankur Gupta my name is mentioned as Anita Gupta and in the birth certificate of my daughters Gauhar Gupta and Kavya Gupta, my name is mentioned as Anita Gupta alias Anita. Both the above names belong to me i.e. the same person.

I, Gaurav Sharma S/o Naresh Sharma R/O H.No. 837, Dshraj Colony, Shamsan Road, Panipat, declare that my name is written as Gaurav in some documents and Gaurav Sharma in some others, and Gaurav and Gaurav Sharma are the names of the same person. In future I should be known as Gaurav Sharma.

I, Sarvjeet Kaur W/o Jasbir Singh R/o village Adhon, Dhurala, Tehsil Thanesar District Kurukshetra, have changed my name from Sarvjeet Kaur to Sarvjit Kaur.

I, Renu Bala W/o Rajeev Arora, H.No. 1674/18, Gali No. 3, Kailash Nagar, Distt. Kurukshetra, have changed my name from Renu Bala to Renu.

I, Reena Rani W/o Sultan R/o Village Shadipur Ladwa, Postoffice Umri District Kurukshetra, have changed my name from Reena Rani to Reena.

I, No. 2487883H Ex Nk Bhupinder Singh S/o Shri Tarlok Singh R/o Vill. Argowal PO Garhdiwala Tehsil Dasuya Distt. Hoshiarpur Punjab have changed the date of birth my father Tarlok Singh 61 year to 01-04-1950.

I, No. 2487883H Ex Nk Bhupinder Singh S/o Shri Tarlok Singh R/o Vill. Argowal PO Garhdiwala Tehsil Dasuya Distt. Hoshiarpur Punjab have changed the date of birth my mother Rajinder Kaur 59 year to 03-01-1950.

I, Smt. Gurmit Kaur W/o No. 1545748M Ex Nk (TS) Mohinder Singh R/o Vill. & PO Hariana (Heera Colony) Tehsil & Distt. Hoshiarpur Punjab have changed my name from Gurmit Kaur to Gurmeet Kaur.

I, Swati Goel W/O Pardeep Goel H.No.134, Sec.11, HUDA, Panipat (Haryana) -132103 declare that have changed the name from Swati to Swati Goel. actual name is Swati Goel for all purposes.

I, Indu Bala W/o Devinder Singh R/o 48, Gali no. 12, Azad Nagar, Jagadhri, Distt. Yamuna Nagar have changed my minor daughter's name from Gaurika to Gaurika Singh.

I, Gurdeep Singh S/o Sucha Singh R/o VPO Tarsikka, Tehsil Baba Bakala, Distt. Amritsar, Punjab have changed my name from Gurdeep Singh to Singh is my surname and Gurdeep is my given name.

I, Rajwant Kaur W/o Gurpreet Singh holder of indian passport number R2489681 issued at Amritsar on 30/06/2017 R/o VPO Dehriwala 143116, Tehsil Baba Bakala, Distt. Amritsar, Punjab, India is Permanent Resident of Canada currently living at 14780 78 Avenue Surrey British Columbia, Canada V3S8Z4 have changed my name from Rajwant Kaur to Rajwant Kaur Auja with immediate affect. All Concerned Please Note.

I, Suman Lata W/o Rajesh Kumar R/o Village Mirzapur, Tehsil Thanesar, Distt. Kurukshetra, have changed my name from Suman Lata to Suman.

I, Annu Guliani D/o Sh. Pran Nath Guliani R/o H.No. A/530, Sadar Bazar, Gandhi Chowk, Karnal I have changed my name from Anu Guliani to Annu Guliani.

I, Shiwang S/o Rajesh Kumar, residing VPO Aurangabad, Distt. Yamunanagar, Haryana-135001 have changed my name from Shiwang to Shiwang Saini.

I, Anu Bansal W/o Sh. Ganesh Dass R/o H.No 47, Model Town Tehsil Hansi Distt. Hisar declare that I have change my name Anu to Anu Bansal for all future purposes which is correct according to my aadhar card.

I Bhupinder Kaur W/o Amrik Singh R/o H.No-109/1739 Baldev Nagar Ambala city have changed my name form Rupinder Kaur to Bhupinder Kaur

I, Sharanjeet Kaur Ahluwalia W/o Balwant Singh Ahluwalia R/o 6269/1 Ahata Kidarnath Nicholson Road, near bank of Maharashtra Ambala Cantt., Ambala, Haryana have changed my minor Grand Daughter name from Simranjit Kaur Ahluwalia to Simranjot Kaur.

I, Satish Beri Alias Satish K Beri S/o Late Sh. Lekh Ram R/O 1226-B, Bengali Mohalla, Ambala Cantt have changed my name from Satish Beri alias Satish K Beri to Satish Kumar.

I, Sonu Alias Sonu Beri W/o Sh. Satish Kumar R/o 1226-B, Bengali Mohalla, Ambala Cantt have changed my name from Sonu Alias Sonu Beri to Sonu Bala

I, Kela Rani w/o Kulwant Singh r/o Village Kirmich, Tehsil Thanesar, Distt. Kurukshetra have changed my name from Kela Rani to Kela Devi.

I, Priya W/o Vinod Chawla R/o H.No.556, sector 11, near batra hospital, huda, Panipat declare that I have changed my name after marriage from Priya to Priya Chawla. In future I should be known as Priya Chawla.

I, Poonam Gauba W/o Shanky Chawla R/o H.No.569, Huda sector-11, Panipat declare that I have changed my name after marriage from Poonam Gauba to Poonam Chawla. In future I should be known as Poonam Chawla.

I, Sunita Devi W/O Narender Kumar R/O Village Banihari Po Thanwas Tehsil Narnaul Distt Mahendragarh (Haryana) Pin-123023 , India Declare That My Daughter Has Changed Her Name From Ishika Kumari To Ishika Due To Wrong Name Record In My Husband Army Service Record.

I, Narender Kumar R/O Village Banihari Po Thanwas Tehsil Narnaul Distt Mahendragarh (Haryana) Pin-123023 , India Declare That My Mother Has Changed Her Name From Phooli Devi To Phooli Due To Wrong Name Record In My Army Service Record.

I, Gourav S/o Guljar Singh R/o H.No.79, Village Rania Post office Dhariwal, Tehsil and District Gurdaspur have changed my name from Gourav to Gourav Oberoi

I, Kanwaljit W/o Hardeep Singh R/o Gali No.1, Preet Avenue Colony, Nabipur Post office Gurdaspur District Gurdaspur have changed my name from Kanwaljit to Kanwaljit Kaur

I, Mehak D/o Satish Kumar R/o H.No.560/7, Shankar Nagar, Near AGM Mall, Post office Gurdaspur District Gurdaspur have changed my name from Mehak to Mehak Kaur

I Rashmi Budhiraja W/o Kirandeep Singh R/O Golden Avenue, Opp Sikka Petrol Pump, Jandiála Guru Distt Amritsar have changed my name from Rashmi Budhiraja to Rashmi

I, Kuldeep Singh S/o Partap Singh R/o VPO. Kad Gill, Distt.Tarn Taran Have Changed My Name Kuldeep Is My Given Name And Singh Is My Surname All Concerned Please Note

I Niamat Mahis S/o Sadik Masih R/o Ward No.5 Gali No.2 Adarsh Nagar Ajnala Amritsar have changed my name to Niamat Masih

I, Navpreet Singh Sidhu Son of Balwant Singh R/o VPO Taragarh, Jandiála Guru, Tehsil and District Amritsar have changed my name to Navpreet Singh.

I, Deepinder Singh Sidhu Son of Balwant Singh R/o VPO Taragarh, Jandiála Guru, Tehsil and District Amritsar have changed my Name to Deepinder Singh.

I, Harpreet Kaur Sidhu Wife of Deepinder Singh R/o VPO Taragarh, Jandiála Guru, Tehsil And District Amritsar have changed my name to Harpreet Kaur

We Deepinder Singh And Harpreet Kaur Both R/o VPO Taragarh, Jandiála Guru, Tehsil and District Amritsar have changed our Minor Daughter name from Tanveen Kaur Sidhu to Tanveen Kaur

I, Ranjit Kaur Alias Jasbir Kaur W/o Jaswant Singh R/o 1086, Baba Namdev Road, Jandiála Guru Amritsar have changed my name from Ranjit Kaur Alias Jasbir Kaur to Ranjit Kaur

I, Reeta Kaur W/o Balwinder Singh R/o 105, Village Gumtala, Amritsar have changed my name from Reeta Kaur to Rita Kaur

I, Karamjeet Singh S/o Chanan Singh R/o Thoba Amritsar have changed my name from Karamjeet Singh to Karmjeet Singh

I Payal Mehra W/o Prince R/o Home No 97, Gali No. 19, Back side Celebration, New Pawan Nagar, Amritsar have changed my name from Payal Mehra to Payal.

I, Mannat D/o Maninder Kaur R/O 52, G.T Road, B/S Sant Avenue, East End Estate, Amritsar have changed my name from Mannat to Mannat Kaur

I, S. Prabakaran (Rank L/Hav- 16116937M, Unit: 415 (I) Engr Sqn C/O 56 Apo) Son of V Samerajan R/o W/20, Kannaki Nagar, Gudalur, Uthamapalayam, P.O. Gudalur, Theni, Tamil Nadu, Pin Code:-625518 have declare that my daughter's name in my Army Service Record is wrongly mentioned as Pabicha P instead of P Bapisha.

I, Rukmini Santosh Ajjappanavar W/o Santosh Mahadev Ajjappanavar (Rank Nk, 16119957L is serving in Unit: 415 (I) Engr Sqn) R/o Sunadholi, Gokak Belagavi, Karnataka, 591227 have declare that my name in his Army Service Record are wrongly mentioned as Rukmini S A instead of Rukmini Santosh Ajjappanavar.

I, Singari Gadad Mother of Manjunath Gadad (Rank Nk, 16116746X is serving in Unit: 415 (I) ENGR SQN C/O 56 APO) R/o Mavanur, Hukkeri Belgaum, Karnataka, Pin:- 591122 have declare that my name and date of birth in his Army Service Record is wrongly mentioned as Shingari and 01-07-1964 instead of Singari Gadad and 01-01-1958.

I, Basavanni Gadad Father of Manjunath Gadad (Rank Nk, 16116746X is serving in Unit: 415 (I) Engr Sqn C/O 56 Apo) R/o Mavanur, Hukkeri Belgaum, Karnataka, 591122 have declare that my name and date of birth in his Army Service Record is wrongly mentioned as Basavanni and 01-07-1957 instead of Basavanni Gadad and 01-01-1953.

I, Johslate. P W/O Paulose Y (Rank Nk, 15331631P serving in Unit: 415 (I) ENGR SQN) R/O Erainanthura Puraidom, Pulluvila, Pulluvila P O, Karumkulam, Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala, 695526 have declare that my name in his Army Service Record are wrongly mentioned as P Johnslat instead of Johslate. P.

I, Yagappan J Father of Paulose Y (Rank Nk, 15331631P is serving in Unit: 415 (I) ENGR SQN) R/o Shankaranthitta, Madante Vilakam, Pulluvila P O, Karumkulam, Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala, Pin Code:-695526 have declare that my name and date of birth in his Army Service Record is wrongly mentioned as Yagappan and 01-07-1961 instead of Yagappan J and 15-12-1957.

I, Mari Valsala Mother of Paulose Y (RANK NK, 15331631P is serving in Unit: 415 (I) ENGR SQN) R/o Shankaranthitta, Madante Vilakam, Pulluvila P O, Karumkulam, Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala, 695526 have declare that my name and date of birth in his Army Service Record is wrongly mentioned as Valsala and 01-07-1968 instead of Mari Valsala and 15-03-1966.

I, Chanchala W/o Bharat Bhushan R/o Jyotisar Colony, Jandiála Guru, Distt. Amritsar, Pin code: 143115, Punjab, India have changed my name from Chanchala to Chanchal Malhotra.

I, Dilsher Singh Aulakh S/o Balraj Singh R/o Rose Avenue, Ram Tirath Road, Dera Baba Darshan Singh Amritsar have changed my name from Dilsher Singh Aulakh to Dilsher Singh

In my son No. 4200887N Hav Suresh Chand, 21 KUMAON services documents my name wrongly written as Kaushallya Devi, which needs to be corrected as Koushalya Devi. I Koushalya Devi resident of Mundawar, Hulmana Khurd, Jalwas, Alwar Rajasthan-301714

I, No.15699186Y Hav Bhanwarnath Siddh S/O Gorakh Nath Godara R/O Gram Sedau Kherat, Tehsil Jayal, Jhadisara Nagaur341001 have changed my Father's name from Gorkhanath Siddh to Gorakh Nath Godara Vide Affidavit No.IN-PB53644472482604W Dt.06.09.2024 Before Notary Public Amritsar

I, No.15699186Y Hav Bhanwarnath Siddh S/O Gorakh Nath Godara R/O Gram Sedau Kherat, Tehsil Jayal, Jhadisara Nagaur341001 have changed my Mother's name from Changna Devi to Chhagaana Devi Vide Affidavit No.IN-PB53643802905361W Dt.06.09.2024 Before Notary Public Amritsar

I, Sahil Sinhar S/o Sh. Raj Kumar R/o Village Thaska Miran Ji, Sub Tehsil Ismailabad District

Wrestlers Vinesh and Bajrang could prove advantageous for Cong in Hry

MANOJ KUMAR ■ CHANDIGARH

In the run-up to the Haryana Assembly polls, Olympian wrestlers Vinesh Phogat and Bajrang Punia on Friday joined the Congress and one or both of them are likely to contest the election on the party ticket, giving an advantage to the Congress in a state where the people look up to the stars in the field of sports.

All political parties in Haryana field sportspersons to maximise their political gain. In its list of 67 candidates, BJP has declared two sportspersons Arti Singh Rao, an international skeet shooter and daughter of Union Minister Rao Inderjit Singh and Deepak Hooda, former captain of National Kabaddi team as party candidate from Ateli and Meham assembly constituency.

Over some time, several medal-winning sportspersons from Haryana who have done well on the world stage have taken the electoral plunge after being wooed by political parties. 2008 Olympic bronze-winning pugilist Vijender Singh contested the 2019 Lok Sabha elections on a Congress ticket from South Delhi.

Commonwealth Gold winning grappler Babita Phogat was fielded by the BJP in 2019 Assembly polls from Dadri constituency. London Olympics Bronze medal-winning wrestler Yogeshwar Dutt had twice contested from Baroda assembly seat in 2019 and again in a 2020 bye-election. Former Cricketer Chetan Sharma had contested as a BSP candidate in 2009 Lok Sabha polls from Faridabad.

As far as election results are concerned, all of them lost their election in their respective

constituencies. The only successful renowned sportspersons fielded by a political party for his sporting achievements is former national Hockey captain Sandeep Singh who as a BJP candidate had won in 2019 from Pehowa Assembly seat. He was made Minister in Manohar Lal Khattar Government.

However, Sandeep Singh was denied BJP ticket in this Assembly election following a sexual harassment case registered by Chandigarh police against him. Commonwealth Games Gold medalist Krishna Poonia has not contested any election in Haryana but had contested assembly election on a Congress ticket in Rajasthan from Sadulpur constituency.

Poonia had won the election in 2018. In 2019 Lok Sabha elections, Poonia had lost to Olympic Silver Medalist Rajyavardhan Singh Rathore in Jaipur Rural Constituency.

Political Observers opine that sports icons enjoy the advantage of attracting crowds. However, whether those crowds will translate into votes is another questionable. Going by the track record of the sportspersons who entered the electoral arena, it seems the vote conversion rate is poor. Probably they are unable to feel the pulse of people and have no exposure in public dealing, they added.

"Sports and politics are deeply interlinked. This is evidenced by influential politicians, their relatives or aides dominating sports federations, most glaringly the Board of Control for Cricket in India, and the increasing number of sportspersons opting for public life after ending their sports careers. In its list of candidates, the BJP has named sportsperson

son Arti Singh Rao, an international skeet shooter and daughter of Union Minister Rao Inderjit Singh. Arti has made it to the contest purely because of her lineage and her father's influence," said a political observer.

If Vinesh and Bajrang who joined Congress choose to jump into the electoral fray, they will neither be the first nor the last sportspersons to opt for politics as a second career. However, whether they are successful depends upon factors other than their success as sportspersons.

The image of Vinesh and Bajrang being crusaders for justice could prove advantageous for the party. After all, they were at the forefront of last year's agitation by wrestlers, mostly from Haryana, against former Wrestling Federation of India president and BJP leader Brij Bhushan Sharan Singh over allegations that he sexually harassed female wrestlers. Also, there has been an upsurge of public sympathy for Vinesh after she missed a medal at the recent Paris Olympics. So Vinesh & Bajrang being crusaders for justice besides being sportspersons might prove advantageous for Congress in the long run, a senior political analyst said.

Vinesh likely to contest election while Bajrang to campaign for Cong
Congress sources indicated that Vinesh Phogat is likely to contest Assembly election from Julana constituency while Bajrang Punia is unlikely to be fielded in this election and will campaign for the party in this Assembly election.

After joining Congress, Vinesh said that she is very proud of joining a party that is ready to fight against the atrocities on women. "I want to

thank the people of the country for supporting us in our wrestling journey. I want to thank the Congress party. When we were being dragged on the roads, all the parties except BJP were with us.

They understood our pain, our tears. I am feeling very proud that I am joining such a party which is ready to fight against the atrocities being done against women. The party is ready to fight the battle from the roads to Parliament," Vinesh added.

Bajrang Punia said that he will work hard to strengthen the Congress party and the nation. He also targeted the BJP, accusing it of supporting those who commit atrocities against women.

"What BJP IT Cell is saying today is that we just wanted to do politics...We had written to all women BJP MPs to stand with us but they still didn't come.

We are paying to raise the voices of women but now we know that BJP stands with atrocities against women, and all other parties stand with us. We will work hard to strengthen the Congress party and the nation," he added.

Punia is a Tokyo Games bronze medalist, while Vinesh Phogat became the first woman wrestler to reach the Olympics final.

She was, however, disqualified after being found overweight by about 100 gm in her 50-kg category weigh-in. She subsequently announced her retirement from the sport. Punia and Phogat were also part of the protest by wrestlers over sexual harassment allegations against former BJP MP and then Wrestling Federation of India (WFI) chief Brij Bhushan Sharan Singh last year.

BJP rebels meet supporters, warn party to contest Assembly election as Independents in Hry

PNS ■ CHANDIGARH

With the declaration of the first list of candidates for the Haryana Assembly polls, the BJP suffered a blow when several disgruntled leaders miffed about not getting poll tickets either quit their party or ministerial posts or raised the banner of rebellion.

One of the biggest setbacks was the resignation of state OBC Morcha president Karan Dev Kamboj, who chaired a meeting of all 36 biradaris (OBC castes) in Radaur in Yamunanagar district, the seat whose ticket he wanted.

He said that at the meeting, BJP workers decided that they might contest as Independents if the BJP does not accommodate their names in the lists to follow.

Talking to reporters in Yamunanagar, Kamboj said, "I have not quit the BJP but I have quit my post as the Haryana OBC Morcha president. The tickets for the Assembly elections have been distributed wrongly. They have given tickets to rebels who stabbed the party in the back in the past." He further said, "Shyam Singh Rana has been fielded from Radaur instead of me. He has been a defaulter of the party and the people. Had they fielded a committed worker instead of me, I would have had no problem."

He further said, "I prepared myself for any one of two seats: Indri and Radaur. From Indri, they gave the ticket to the sitting MLA Ram Kumar

Kashyap. He has a bad image and will lose badly. From Radaur, they have fielded Rana, who quit the party for five years and joined the INLD. He joined the BJP again after the (recent) Lok Sabha elections and was fielded immediately after that. For those five years, he was publicly criticising even the Prime Minister. What is the purpose of fielding such a person?"

He further said, "State Chief Minister Nayab Singh Saini came to meet me, but I do not want to divulge the details of the conversation. He said, 'Let us see what happens. If wrong tickets are distributed, people will quit (the BJP). There were other issues such as the farm agitation, but their impact was gradually diminishing."

But why will committed workers work if the party fields opportunists? It seems the party will defeat itself if it gives the wrong tickets."

Ranjit Singh Chautala, State minister for power, jails and new and renewable energy, resigned from the cabinet and announced that he would contest as an independent from Rania seat of Sirsa.

Similarly, Savitri Jindal, India's richest woman and mother of BJP's Kurukshetra MP Naveen Jindal, also declared that she would contest as an independent candidate from Hissar against health minister Kamal Gupta. Many other BJP leaders have warned the party to contest the election as independents.

Mega Placement Camp for Women on Sept 10 in Punjab

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Punjab is all set to witness a landmark event aimed at boosting women's empowerment and economic self-reliance. On September 10, a special mega placement camp exclusively for women will be held at Malout in Sri Muktsar Sahib district. The initiative, led by the state's Social Security, Women and Child Development Department, promises to open new avenues for women seeking to enter the workforce, offering them a chance to turn aspirations into achievements. Social Security, Women and Child Development Minister Dr Baljit Kaur said that the camp will serve as a gateway for women who have completed their Class X, XII, graduation, or post-graduation to connect with reputed companies offering various job opportunities.

Organized in collaboration with the state's Employment Generation, Skill Development, and Training Department, the camp marks a significant step towards bridging the gender gap in employment. The Minister highlighted that this event is just the beginning, as similar camps will be organized across all districts in the coming days. The camp will also feature departments offering self-employment schemes, providing women with information on available loans and other resources to help them kickstart entrepreneurial ventures. The Minister also urged women from all walks of life to participate actively in the camp and take advantage of this golden opportunity. To ensure widespread awareness, District Program Officers have been instructed to mobilize women in villages through Anganwadi centers, encouraging them to attend and explore their options. Reiterating that Punjab Government is committed to improving women's economic status and securing their participation across diverse fields, the Minister said that these camps, aimed at skill-appropriate placements, are a pivotal part of the government's efforts to uplift living standards and promote gender equality in the workforce.

Cong will make clean recruitments in Hry, Hooda assures youths

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Former Chief Minister and Leader of Opposition Bhupinder Singh Hooda on Friday assured the youths that the recruitments pending by the BJP led Government during its tenure will be completed with immediate effect as soon as the Congress government is formed. "The pending results will be released without delay and the pending joining will also be completed promptly," Hooda said, responding to the memorandum given by the youths demanding completion of the recruitments.

In a statement, Hooda said that the memorandum sent by the youth was not a demand for the Congress, but the right of the candidates. "The youth of the state are troubled by the BJP's deception, paper leak and recruitment scams. For 5 years, BJP has only kept the recruitment process hanging, misleading and making the youth run around the court. As soon as the Congress government is formed, the pending recruitments of all the groups of Police, Group-D and CET will be completed," he assured.

Hooda also called upon the youth to continue preparing for their exams. He said along with completing the recruitment processes going on in the BJP government, the Congress government will also start the process of 1 lakh new recruitments as soon as it is formed. "Eliminating the paper leak and recruitment mafia from Haryana, every recruitment will be done in a clean manner on the basis of exams and

qualification. The share of Haryana GK will be increased in the paper so that the youth of the state get full participation in the recruitments of the state. There should be no fraud, delay, confusion in the recruitments, for transparent recruitment, recruitment plan will be made by the Congress," he stated.

BJP will return to power with clear majority: Haryana BJP chief

Haryana BJP president Mohan Lal Badoli said his party will return to power with a clear majority after next month's assembly polls on the basis of equitable development it has carried out in the state during its tenure. Attacking Congress, he alleged that the previous government had always prioritised regionalism and nepotism in development and jobs. He said the Congress has been repeatedly "rejected by people". They only spread lies and mislead the public, Badoli said. Following the philosophy of 'Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas, Sabka Prayas, Sabka Vishwas' and Pandit Deen Dayal Upadhyaya's philosophy of 'Antyodaya', the pace of development has accelerated and equitable development has been ensured, he said, adding, "We are seeking votes on the basis of our development works." He said the state has witnessed all-round development and welfare of all sections of society under the BJP rule during past ten years. Meanwhile, Badoli said the BJP government in the state took several steps for the welfare of various sections.

Cong releases first list of 31 candidates for Hry elections

Bhupinder Hooda to contest from Garhi Sampla-Kiloi; Vinesh Phogat from Julana

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The Congress party on late Friday released its first list of candidates for 31 out of the 90 Assembly seats in Haryana, hours after wrestler Vinesh Phogat and Tokyo Olympics bronze medalist Bajrang Punia were inducted into the party fold by veteran leader KC Venugopal. The party has fielded Vinesh Phogat from Julana Assembly constituency. Haryana goes to the polls on October 5 and the votes will be counted on October 8.

Congress has fielded former Haryana Chief Minister Bhupinder Singh Hooda from the Garhi Sampla-Kiloi seat. Senior Congress leader Surender Panwar has been given a ticket from Sonapat, Jagbir Singh Malik from Gohana, and Bharat Bhushan Batra from Rohtak. From Badli seat, the Congress has fielded Kuldeep Vata, Geeta Bhukkal from Jhajjar (reserved for SC), Chiranjeev Rao from Rewari, Aftab Ahmed from Nuh, and Neeraj Sharma from Faridabad NIT. Haryana Congress chief Uday Bhan will contest Assembly polls from Hodal seat. Congress candidate Mewa Singh will take on Haryana chief minister and BJP leader Nayab Saini in Ladwa.

Earlier on the day, the Central Election Committee (CEC) of the Congress met at the party headquarters in New Delhi to finalise the party candidates for the upcoming Haryana Assembly polls. Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge, former party chief Sonia Gandhi, party general secretary in-charge organisation K C Venugopal, All India Congress Committee (AICC) in-charge of Haryana Deepak Babaria and former chief minister of the state Bhupinder Singh Hooda, among others, attended the meeting. On the possibility of any MP contesting the polls, Babaria told the reporters after the meeting that till date, no MP has been permitted to contest Assembly elections.

Congress is also engaged in seat-sharing talks with the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) for the Haryana polls, with hard bargaining going on from both sides. Earlier this week, the BJP had announced 67 candidates for the upcoming assembly polls by banking on 21 sitting legislators, and introducing at least 20 new faces. The saffron party dropped at least eight sitting MLAs in a bid to buck the strong anti-incumbency of its 10 years in power in Haryana. He last date to file nominations is September 12, with the papers being scrutinised on September 13. Nominations can be withdrawn till September 16.

BRIEFS

Pb Vigilance Bureau arrests Tehsildar, his driver for accepting Rs 50,000 bribe

Chandigarh: The Punjab Vigilance Bureau (VB) on Friday apprehended Tehsildar Dera Baba Nanak, Lakhwinder Singh along with his driver for demanding and accepting bribe of Rs 50,000. An official spokesperson of the state VB said the accused has been arrested on a complaint lodged by Sukhdev Singh Sohi. The complainant approached the VB and alleged that Ajab Singh had filed a complaint against him regarding a land dispute which was marked for verification to the Tehsildar. During this process, Sukhdev Singh Sohi, along with Dilbagh Singh Numberdar from Village Ratta, the Tehsildar who had demanded a bribe of Rs. 50,000 through Dilbagh Singh in exchange for favoring Sukhdev Singh Sohi in his report. After a preliminary inquiry, the VB has laid a trap in which the accused Tehsildar were caught red handed while accepting a bribe of Rs.50,000 from the complainant in the presence of two official witnesses. The accused handed over the bribe money to his driver and the VB team has also arrested him as an accused being his accomplice to handle the illegal gratification.

Dr Baljit Kaur holds Meeting with Representatives of "ETT 5994 Backlog Union"

Chandigarh: Punjab Social Justice, Empowerment and Minorities Minister, Dr. Baljit Kaur, convened a meeting with representatives of the ETT 5994 Backlog Union (Punjab) to address their demands. During the meeting on initiating the recruitment process to fill the backlog vacancies of teachers from Scheduled Castes and Backward Classes. The union representatives acknowledged the government's prompt action and appreciated the Chief Minister and Dr. Kaur for their unwavering dedication to ensuring the welfare of marginalized sections. Kaur assured the union that the recruitment for the 5994 vacant ETT teacher posts will proceed swiftly, with 2994 of these posts reserved to fill the backlog for Scheduled Castes and Backward Classes. This recruitment marks a significant step toward fulfilling the state's promise to uplift these communities.

Order CBI probe into Rs 100-cr cyber fraud complaint against Minister: Majithia to CM

Chandigarh: A Day after a woman Inspector submitted Rs 100 crore cyber fraud complaint to the state police chief against Punjab Cabinet Minister and his IPS officer wife, Shiromani Akali Dal's (SAD) senior leader Bikram Singh Majithia on Friday requested the Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann to order a CBI probe into the same "as per the wishes of the accused Minister Harjot Bains". Majithia, addressing the media, said that following the expose in which Inspector Amanjot Kaur had accused the Minister and his wife Jyoti Yadav of obstructing investigation into a fraudulent call centre operating out of a basement in Mohali and even shielding the crooks, Harjot Bains had announced that he welcomed a fair probe into the entire matter. "The Chief Minister should go by Bains' word and order an impartial CBI probe into the matter as requested by the minister," he added.

SAD to hold district level dharnas to force AAP Govt to fulfill pre-poll promises

Chandigarh: SAD working president Balwinder Singh Bhundar on Friday announced that the party would hold district-level dharnas to force the AAP government to fulfill the promises made to the people. "AAP Government has not only gone back on all its promises but has bankrupted the State besides ushering in goonda raj and overseeing the spread of drug addiction across the State...No development work is being done even as civic services are in a mess," said Bhundar, declaring that the SAD would not remain silent.

DS Guru appointed Advisor to SAD working president

Chandigarh: IAS-turned-politician and senior party leader Darbara Singh Guru has been appointed Advisor to Shiromani Akali Dal (SAD) working president Balwinder Singh Bhundar on Friday. A spokesperson said that Darbara Singh Guru will assist the working president in official work.

Met Office warns of low flash flood risk in 5 districts of Himachal

Shimla: As rains forced the closure of 40 roads in Himachal Pradesh, the local Met office on Friday warned of low flash flood risk in five districts of the state. The local meteorological office has warned of low flash flood risk in parts of Shimla, Solan, Sirmour, Mandi and Bilaspur districts till Saturday. It has issued yellow alert of heavy rain, thunderstorms and lightning in 10 out of 12 districts of the state, barring tribal districts of Kinnaur and Lahaul and Spiti on Friday. A total of 40 roads including 16 in Mandi, 10 in Kangra, nine in Shimla, two in Kullu and one each in Sirmour, Una and Lahaul and Spiti districts are closed for vehicular traffic as per the state emergency operation centre. As many as 32 power schemes have also been affected in the state, the centre said.

Pb to Boost Solar Energy Use with 20k Agri-Pumps

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To revolutionize agriculture through renewable energy, Punjab is rolling out a significant solar initiative, targeting both environmental sustainability and social equity by installing 20,000 solar pumps (Surface and Submersible).

Of these, the state has reserved 5,000 solar pumps exclusively for Scheduled Caste (SC) farmers and Gram Panchayats, offering unprecedented subsidies that promise to transform farming practices while easing financial burdens on marginalized communities.

Punjab's New and Renewable Energy Sources Minister Aman Arora on Friday announced that under the ambitious PM Kusum Scheme, the state will install 20,000 solar pumps, marking a decisive step towards reducing reliance on traditional energy sources. Of these, 2,000 solar pumps have been reserved for SC farmers, who will benefit from an 80 percent subsidy on installation costs.

In addition, 3,000 pumps are set aside for gram panchayats to encourage collective farming initiatives at the village level. General category farmers, meanwhile, are eligible for a 60 percent subsidy under the same scheme.

Emphasizing the government's focus on cleaner energy, Arora pointed out that the Punjab Government is pushing for wide-spread use of solar energy to decarbonize the agricultural sector. This move aligns with the state's broader environmental agenda, aimed at reducing carbon emissions and promoting sustainable farming practices.

The Punjab Energy Development Agency (PEDA), tasked with executing the solar pump initiative, has developed an online portal to streamline the application process.

The portal, designed with support from the Department of Governance Reforms (DGR), will allow farmers to easily apply for the solar pumps.

Minister Arora, alongside department secretary Ravi Bhagat, personally reviewed the portal's operations to ensure a seamless experience for applicants, pledging that transparency and efficiency will be the hallmarks of this initiative.

Farmers End Six-Day Protest After Assurances From Punjab CM on Agri Policy Implementation

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Farmers protesting against the alleged delay in implementing Punjab's new agriculture policy called off their six-day strike on Friday, 6 September, following assurances from Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann. The decision to end the protest came after Mann pledged to provide a draft of the state's agriculture policy by 30 September and promised that farmers' suggestions would be considered before finalizing the policy.

The protest, led by the Bharti Kisan Union (Ugrahan) and the Punjab Khet Mazdoor Union, began on Sunday and was aimed at pressing the state government to expedite the finalization of the agriculture policy. Hundreds of farmers gathered in Chandigarh, demanding transparency and consultation in the drafting process, along with a resolution to other key issues affecting Punjab's agrarian community.

During a two-hour meeting with the leaders of the protesting unions on Thursday, Chief Minister Mann reas-

sured the farmers that their concerns would not be overlooked. "The state government is committed to safeguarding farmers' interests. The draft of the new agriculture policy is nearly ready, but it will only be finalized after consulting with farmers to ensure their input is incorporated," said Mann.

Mann assured the protesting farmers that the draft policy, comprising 1,600 pages, would be shared with them by September 30. This gesture is aimed at involving farmers in the decision-making process, ensuring that the policy reflects their needs and perspectives. Mann emphasized that the state government does not wish to impose the policy without full consultation, adding that making agriculture more profitable for the farmers is a top priority.

In addition to the agricultural demands, the farmers raised other demands, including promoting chemical-free farming practices, compensating the families of farmers who committed suicide, and addressing the growing drug menace in Punjab's rural areas. Lachhman Singh Sewewala,

Mandatory for parties to submit poll manifesto copies: Hry CEO

PNS ■ CHANDIGARH

Haryana Chief Electoral Officer Pankaj Agarwal on Friday said that all the political parties and candidates contesting the elections must submit three copies each of their election manifestos in Hindi and English to the Chief Electoral Officer's office within 3 days from the date of issuance of the manifesto.

Agarwal said that all political parties should thoroughly study all aspects of the Model Code of Conduct issued by the Election Commission and ensure full compliance during the election process. According to sub-clause 3 of Paragraph 8 of the Model Code of Conduct, in the interest of transparency, fair opportunities, and the credibility of promises, it is expected that election manifestos reflect the justification for their promises. Primarily, they should outline the methods and means to meet the financial requirements, and voter confidence should only be sought for promises that are feasible to fulfill.

Divyang and voters above 85 years can vote from home

The CEO said that the

Election Commission of India has made provisions for Divyang (Persons with Disability) voters and those over the age of 85 years to cast their votes from home as well, ensuring their participation in the democratic process. This facility is optional, and such voters can also choose to vote at the polling station if they prefer. Agarwal said just like any other voter, Divyang individuals and those above 85 years of age should also exercise their right to vote. Therefore, this special facility has been made for them. In Haryana, voting for the general elections of the Legislative Assembly will take place on October 5, 2024, and every voter should contribute to it by casting their vote. To avail the facility of the home voting, Divyang voters and those over the age of 85 need to fill out Form 12-D and submit it to the Returning Officer within five days of the election notification (September 5, 2024). Apart from this, Divyang voters must submit a copy of their disability certificate of more than 40 percent and should also be marked in the electoral roll, added the CEO. BLOs would collect Form 12-D from such voters' homes and also a list of voters.

General Secretary of the Punjab Khet Mazdoor Union, reiterated these concerns, highlighting the need for immediate action from the government.

The government also expressed its intent to introduce a one-time settlement (OTS) scheme aimed at providing relief to debt-ridden farmers. Many farmers in Punjab have been struggling with mounting debt and are unable to repay loans to cooperative banks. Mann stated that the OTS scheme is under consideration and could offer much-needed relief to the state's farmers.

Following the meeting, Bharti Kisan Union (Ugrahan) president Joginder Singh Ugrahan addressed reporters at the protest site, confirming the decision to end the strike. "We have decided to end the protest for now, but we will closely monitor the developments. After we receive the draft policy on September 30, we will thoroughly review it and hold a large meeting to decide our next steps," said Ugrahan.

The farmer leader added

that the unions would remain vigilant and would not hesitate to reignite the protests if the government's actions fail to meet their expectations. "Our fight is not over. We have only paused the protests, not ended them for good," Ugrahan said, urging the government to honour its commitments.

The six-day protest in Chandigarh highlighted the ongoing struggles faced by Punjab's farming community, which has long dealt with issues like inadequate crop pricing, debt burdens, and environmental concerns linked to agricultural practices. The protest also underscored the critical role that transparent policymaking and farmer participation will play in shaping the future of Punjab's agrarian sector.

PUBLIC NOTICE
NO. HBHEM/PKL/24/325
Date: 04-09-2024
It is notified for the information of the general public...

PUBLIC NOTICE
It is hereby informed that house no. 1948, 16/6F in Housing Board Colony Sector 6...

PUBLIC NOTICE
Original Previous Sale Deed No.3547
Dated 22-12-2014 Executed by Santosh Bala W/o Giridhari Lal...

सार्वजनिक सूचना
प्राथमिक न्यायालय में मजदूर बन-कायागार को सूचित किया जाता है...

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प्राथमिक न्यायालय में मजदूर बन-कायागार को सूचित किया जाता है...

LOST & FOUND
It is notified that the original property Sale Deed No 13635 dated 21/1/2011 has been lost in SAS Nagar...

PUBLIC NOTICE
Smt. Indro Devi W/o Sh. Suraj Bhan in respect of property Part of bearing Khawat No. 789, Khatoon No. 1373...

Lost & Found
I, Yudhvir Singh S/o Late Rajpal Singh R/o H.No. 84, Sector-2, Rohtak, Haryana declare that I lost my COC BOOKLET...

सार्वजनिक सूचना
सर्व सामान्य को सूचित किया जाता है कि नगर निगम के गृहकार्य विभाग में मुकाम 634/13, कसबा मोहल्ला, हिसार, प्रोपर्टी आईडी नं. 10,365QJ (New ID) और 10,365R (New ID)...

Public Notice
This is to inform the general public that have lost my property documents of my Plot No.154, Block-B, Ansal Golflinks - 2, Sector-116, S.A.S Nagar...

PUBLIC NOTICE
I, Komal W/o Subhender Dahiya R/o Brijwasi Colony, Bhiwani declare that have lost my original Registry No. 3260 dated 20.03.1995 and original Registry No.1104 dated 08.07.1982 lost at Krishna Colony, Bhiwani on 10.08.2023. Whose DDR is No.132232021401260. If any body found please contact to above address.

pnb punjab national bank LOCKER NOTICE
Some locker holders as per list mentioned below did not obey the terms and conditions of locker agreement and there is pendency of locker rent and the expenses. Bank keeps the right to break open the lockers in such cases as per lockers Agreement.

ICICI Home Finance Corporate Office: ICICI Home Finance Company Limited ICICI HFC Tower, Andheri - Kuria Road, Andheri (East), Mumbai - 400093, India. Notice for sale of immovable assets through Private Treaty.

बैंक ऑफ़ बड़ोदा Regional Office: Opp Devnure Hotel, Namaste Chowk, Karnal, Haryana - 132001. APPOINTMENT OF BUSINESS CORRESPONDENT SUPERVISOR ON CONTRACT BASIS...

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बैंक ऑफ़ महाराष्ट्र Bank of Maharashtra Zonal Office - 1st Floor, Jai Kartar Bhawan, Near Circuit House, Ludhiana - 141001, Ph: 0161-2775883, M: 89565-09883. PUBLIC NOTICE FOR KIND ATTENTION OF OUR VALUED CUSTOMERS...

ICICI Bank Branch Office: ICICI Bank Limited, SCO 132, 133, 134, Sector- 9C, Madhya Marg, Chandigarh- 160017. PUBLIC NOTICE-TENDER CUM E-AUCTION FOR SALE OF SECURED ASSET...

सार्वजनिक सूचना
सर्व सामान्य को सूचित किया जाता है कि नगर निगम के गृहकार्य विभाग में मुकाम 634/13, कसबा मोहल्ला, हिसार, प्रोपर्टी आईडी नं. 10,365QJ (New ID) और 10,365R (New ID)...

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CHD CHEMICALS LIMITED (CIN: L24232CH2012PLC0314188) Registered Office: SCF 214, Motor Market, Chandiagarh-160017. Corporate Office: Plot No 331, Industrial Area, Phase 2, Panchkula...

ICICI Bank Branch Office: ICICI Bank Limited, SCO 132, 133, 134, Sector- 9C, Madhya Marg, Chandigarh- 160017. PUBLIC NOTICE-TENDER CUM E-AUCTION FOR SALE OF SECURED ASSET...

Public Notice
It is brought to the Notice of the Public at large that the original Sale Deed No. 13635 dated 21/1/2011 has been lost in SAS Nagar...

tdi PUBLIC NOTICE
Whereas, my client TDI Infrastructure Ltd, having office at Mahindra Tower, 2A Bhikaji Cama Place, Second floor, New Delhi-110066, had made an allotment of a residential plot in the projects 'TDI City, Kundli', against the advance registration amount and upon signing of company's application forms containing terms and conditions of the allotment...

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STATE BANK OF INDIA Branch Rohtak Road, Jind-4601, Distt. Jind [Rule (8-1)] POSSESSION NOTICE (For Immoveable property)

Public Notice
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CHANDIGARH HOUSING BOARD A CHANDIGARH ADMINISTRATION UNDERTAKING 8, Jan Marg, Sector 9-D, CHANDIGARH. PUBLIC NOTICE Before Secretary, CHB Exercising the Powers of the Estate Officer, UT Chandigarh.

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सार्वजनिक सूचना
प्राथमिक न्यायालय में मजदूर बन-कायागार को सूचित किया जाता है कि नगर निगम के गृहकार्य विभाग में मुकाम 634/13, कसबा मोहल्ला, हिसार, प्रोपर्टी आईडी नं. 10,365QJ (New ID) और 10,365R (New ID)...

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Public Notice
This is for general public that Sh. Harkirat Singh Dhillon s/o Sh. Harpreet Singh Dhillon and Sh. Harpreet Singh Dhillon s/o Sh. Mahinder Singh Dhillon are joint mortgagors of the property...

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Public Notice
This is to bring to the notice of the General Public that our client Aditya Birla Finance Limited, intends to take a mortgage loan from the undersigned...

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सर्वजनिक सूचना
एक पब्लिक नोटिस के माध्यम से, साधारण को सूचित किया जाता है कि निम्नलिखित व्यक्ति...

LOST & FOUND
I, Tarsem Singh S/O Baldev Singh R/O Village Uggur Aulakh Tehsil Ajnala Distt. Amritsar, declare that a sale deed...

PUBLIC NOTICE
I, Neelam W/ Suresh R/O VPO Khari Sadh, Distt. Rohtak declares that I have lost my original RLA of my plot no. 641...

सर्वजनिक सूचना
एक पब्लिक नोटिस के माध्यम से, साधारण को सूचित किया जाता है कि निम्नलिखित व्यक्ति...

PUNJAB & SIND BANK
Zonal Office Panichkulh SCO-84-91, Sector 17 B Chandigarh

FORM C-7
(for political parties to publish in the newspapers, social media platforms & website of the party)
Information regarding individuals with pending criminal cases...

PUBLIC NOTICE
I, Rahul S/O Sh. Rakesh alias Shikant R/O H.No. 6/282, Lal Darwaza, Sonapat declare that my father Sh. Rakesh alias Shikant passed away...

केनरा बैंक Canara Bank
(भारत सरकार का उपकरण)
CANARA BANK Recovery & Legal Section Regional Office Panipat-132103, Ph. 0180-4088335, Mob: 7015926780, EMAIL: ropptrec@canarabank.com

Table with 2 columns: Sr. No., Details. Contains information about criminal antecedents and reasons for selection of candidates.

LOST AND FOUND
I, Manisha Gahlyan W/o Sh. Krishan Kumar (Chandigarh R/O H. No. 595, Chichan Panna, Atta, Samalkha, Panipat, I have lost my original sale deed...

E-AUCTION SALE NOTICE
SALE NOTICE OF IMMOVABLE ASSETS UNDER THE SECURITISATION AND RECONSTRUCTION OF FINANCIAL ASSETS UNDER THE ENFORCEMENT OF SECURITY INTEREST ACT, 2002 UNDER RULES 8(6) & 9 OF THE SECURITY INTEREST (ENFORCEMENT) RULES, 2002

केन्द्रीय सूचना
मैं, प्रेमनाथ पुत्र भागना दस निवासी रीत्या, तहसील रीत्या, जिला फतेहगढ़ ब्याज करता हूँ कि मेरा लड़का कालिक व उसकी पत्नी पूजा मेरे व मेरे परिवार के कर्तब-सुनने से बाहर है।

Table with 6 columns: Sr. No., Branch Name/Name & Address of the Borrower(s)/ Guarantor(s), Brief Description of Property/ies, Total Liabilities as on specified Date, Reserve Price (In Rs.), Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) (In Rs.), Details of A/c No. IFSC CODE Possession notice

PUBLIC NOTICE
Be it known to all concerned that in March 2019 one Mr. Mohit Jhanji, Son of Mr. Vinod Jhanji, R/O H.No. 16, Near Roggar Dafar, Ward No. 3, Samrala, Tehsil Samrala, Ludhiana (+91-8360356052) in compliance with a property dealer Mr. Rajkumar got a GPA registered in his name regarding the share of agricultural land inherited by him in Tehsil Khamanon, District Fatehgarh Sahib, Punjab upon the demise of my husband, Sh. S.K. Nanda.

Table with 6 columns: Sr. No., Branch Name/Name & Address of the Borrower(s)/ Guarantor(s), Brief Description of Property/ies, Total Liabilities as on specified Date, Reserve Price (In Rs.), Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) (In Rs.), Details of A/c No. IFSC CODE Possession notice

Signature of the office bearer of the Political Party Mohanlal Badoli, State President

CHANDIGARH HOUSING BOARD
A CHANDIGARH ADMINISTRATION UNDERTAKING
PUBLIC NOTICE
Before Secretary, CHB Exercising the Powers of the Estate Officer, UT Chandigarh.

PUNJAB & SIND BANK
(A Government of India Undertaking)
ZONAL OFFICE: CHANDIGARH
SCO 84-91 Bank Square, Sector 17-B, Chandigarh-160017, Ph. 0172-5046835, E-Mail: zc.chandigarh@psb.co.in

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नगर निगम रोहताक
सर्व साधारण को सूचित किया जाता है कि मैं प्रोपर्टी आईडी नंबर 11HHP270, पुरानी प्रोपर्टी आईडी नंबर 250C272U102, वाई नंबर पत्नी New Janta Colony रोहताक पुराने NDC लिफ्ट में Laxman S/O Ratan Singh व सौ के अनुसार न NDC लिफ्ट में इस प्रोपर्टी आईडी नंबर में प्रोपर्टी विक्रेता नम आर.के. डीपू, विरेंद्र, रावेंद्र, सोनिया के द्वारा ब्याज का आधार पर अपने नाम दर्ज करवाना चाहते हैं।

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सर्वजनिक सूचना
मैं, केवल कृष्ण वर्मा द्वारा रहमगढ़दस निवासी #32A, नई अनाज मंडी, सिस्सा घोणा करता हूँ कि मेरे रोप कम्पनी एमप्लेजमेंट डिविजन (154) दिनांक 05-05-2024 से मुझे हार हो गई है।

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PAPER WITH PASSION

India the peacemaker

With Putin now suggesting that India could mediate in peace talks, India's role on the global stage continues to grow

The Russia-Ukraine war, which erupted in February 2022, has resulted in devastating human and economic losses, with no clear end in sight. What began as a territorial conflict over Ukraine's desire to align itself more closely with Western institutions like NATO and the European Union has turned into a prolonged military engagement with Russia, leading to mass displacement, thousands of casualties, and significant global economic disruptions. In recent months, efforts to find a peaceful resolution have gained renewed attention. One potential pathway for peace emerged when Russian President Vladimir Putin suggested that countries like India, China, and Brazil could act as mediators in peace talks. This proposal points to a potential role for these major Global South nations in shaping the future of negotiations. Russian President Vladimir Putin's recent remarks on peace efforts are significant, especially in light of earlier failed negotiations. In the initial weeks of the war, a preliminary agreement was reached between



Russian and Ukrainian negotiators during talks in Istanbul.

Now, Putin suggests that this could serve as a basis for future discussions, with mediation from nations like India, China, and Brazil, which have historically maintained neutral or balanced positions in the conflict. These nations, particularly India, could bring fresh perspectives to the table. India's long-standing policy of non-alignment and its diplomatic clout as a leader among Global South countries make it a credible mediator in a highly polarised international arena. India has consistently advocated for peace in the ongoing conflict, calling for both Russia and Ukraine to engage in dialogue.

Prime Minister Modi's diplomatic stance has been underscored by his visit to Ukraine last month. During this historic visit, PM Modi met with Zelenskyy, who proposed that India could host the second Ukraine peace summit. This proposal, Zelenskyy said, was due to India's position as a major democracy and its efforts to remain neutral in the conflict. India's position as a potential mediator offers several advantages. First, India's diplomatic relations with both Russia and Ukraine have been strong over the years. Second, India's neutrality in the conflict positions it as an acceptable mediator to both sides, which have faced varying degrees of global isolation and support. For Russia, India remains a crucial partner, and for Ukraine, India's growing global influence makes it a key player in any future peace talks. Third, India's active participation in global multilateral forums, including the G20 and BRICS, gives it a platform to influence discussions on peace efforts at a broader level. While the potential for peace talks with India, China, and Brazil as mediators is promising, challenges remain. The conflict has seen entrenched positions from both sides, with Ukraine's territorial integrity at the center of any resolution. The success of such mediation will ultimately depend on the willingness of both Russia and Ukraine to make compromises and find common ground for peace.

PICTALK



Giant panda cub Katyusha, the first panda bear born in Russia plays with her mother at a zoo in Moscow . AP/PTI

The death of window shopping: How e-commerce stole the joy

Spontaneity has given way to algorithms, and the sensory delights of browsing have been replaced by sterile scrolling

Once upon a time, I was a passionate window-shopper. I could spend hours gawking in a mall or a market, viewing and trying out things I didn't need, but often ended up purchasing. Not any longer.

During my latest visit to a mall this week after several months, I realised how my appetite for browsing and buying had nearly died. Our family now happily gets everything delivered to our doorstep: from Apple to Android phones. Shopping had long been a cherished ritual, offering an experience that transcended mere transactions. It tapped into emotions and senses, creating memories, fostering relationships, and offering solace in unexpected ways.

Yet, the rise of e-commerce has drastically altered this landscape, leading to the erosion of the joys of traditional shopping. The sensory overload of colours, smells, and sounds has been replaced by the sterile, one-dimensional world of online shopping. We now scroll through product images on a screen, devoid of any real human interaction. Shopping was



once an opportunity to step out of our daily routines, to wander through aisles with no particular destination in mind, and to let our imaginations run wild as we browsed items we didn't know we needed until we saw them. This spontaneity is all but lost in the algorithm-driven world of e-commerce, where every click is tracked and every recommendation is based on past behaviour, leaving little room for surprise or serendipity.

Moreover, shopping in physical stores offered a tactile connection to the products we bought. We could feel the fabric of a garment, test the weight of a book in our hands, or smell the aroma of freshly baked bread before making a decision. These sensory experiences are deeply rooted in our memo-

ries and play a significant role in our attachment to the items we purchase. Online shopping, in contrast, offers a purely visual experience, reducing our interaction with products to mere images on a screen. The absence of this tangible connection often leads to a lack of emotional attachment to the items we buy, turning shopping into a mechanical process rather than an enjoyable pastime. In the past, shopping was as much about the experience as it was about the purchase. The thrill of discovery, the joy of window shopping, and the satisfaction of finding that perfect item after hours of searching were all part of the journey. However, it would be unfair to dismiss the advantages of e-commerce entirely. The convenience of shopping from the comfort of our homes and the ability to compare prices across multiple retailers are undeniable benefits. For those with busy schedules or physical limitations, online shopping has been a game-changer, providing opportunities that would have been unimaginable a few decades ago.

Yet, as we embrace these con-

veniences, we must also consider what we are losing in the process. The act of shopping is not just a means to an end but a valuable experience in itself. It is a chance to connect with our communities, indulge our senses, and find joy in the unexpected. As we move towards a digital future, it is worth considering how we can preserve these intangible aspects of shopping that bring richness and depth to our lives.

In the end, the choice is not about rejecting technology or clinging to the past, but about finding a balance that allows us to enjoy the best of both worlds. We can find ways to reintroduce the joy of discovery, the pleasure of the tactile, and the warmth of human connection into our shopping experiences, even as we click our way through the digital aisles. In my case, I attribute my loss of interest to a feeling of satiety, a recognition that I have more than I need and it's time for me to stop indulging in senseless accumulation of material things. Period.

(The author is a columnist and writing coach based in Dubai. Views are personal)



ASHA IYER KUMAR

ences, we must also consider what we are losing in the process. The act of shopping is not just a means to an end but a valuable experience in itself. It is a chance to connect with our communities, indulge our senses, and find joy in the unexpected. As we move towards a digital future, it is worth considering how we can preserve these intangible aspects of shopping that bring richness and depth to our lives.

In the end, the choice is not about rejecting technology or clinging to the past, but about finding a balance that allows us to enjoy the best of both worlds. We can find ways to reintroduce the joy of discovery, the pleasure of the tactile, and the warmth of human connection into our shopping experiences, even as we click our way through the digital aisles. In my case, I attribute my loss of interest to a feeling of satiety, a recognition that I have more than I need and it's time for me to stop indulging in senseless accumulation of material things. Period.

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Sexism in politics: The unfinished battle

The recent disparaging remarks by Donald Trump against Kamala Harris have once again spotlighted the rampant sexism entrenched in politics



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The Republican presidential nominee Donald Trump's recent disparaging comments against her Democratic rival, Vice President Harris about her 'appearance', re-established the fact that 'sexism is very much alive in American politics'. His party, however, had denied that 'it had anything to do with race or gender'. Harris, on the other hand, urged Trump to commit to debating her, 'if he got something to say'. Such sexist vilification, many believe, is on the expected lines in a country that had no women, and only one person of colour as president, which is now, for the first time, having a woman of colour running for the presidency on a major party ticket. Harris' entry into the presidential battle has unleashed a wave of misogyny, and personal attacks on her marriage and stepchildren. She is also accused of leaning into 'being Black for political expediency'. Republican vice-presidential nominee Cyrus Vance's remarks that the Democratic Party is dominated by 'childless cat ladies', with no 'direct stake' in America's future, is also a dig at Harris' life choices.

While, early this year, Nikki Haley, the first woman governor of South Carolina, when encountered the race for the 2024 Republican presidential nomination, she was dismissed as a 'token' candidate, and her achievements hardly got any attention. In 2016, Hillary Clinton had to undergo similar ordeals with apprehensions about her health and integrity, and even for her political ambitions. In 2008, Sarah Palin wasn't spared, she was constantly jeered at for her looks, personal life and intelligence, while her policy positions and records were overlooked. While only a relatively small share of the US adults (18%) consider that it is important that a woman be elected as president in their lifetime, most (64%) say this is not too or not at all important or that the president's gender doesn't matter. Overall, 62% of Americans believe that the media focuses too much on the physical appearance of women contesting for high elected offices, and there is not enough attentiveness to their views on key policy matters (Pew



Research Centre). Along the party lines, 25 per cent of Republicans are of the view that 'men generally make better leaders than women, only 4 percent said that women are better suited to lead'. While, Democrats, were found to be 'more likely to say women were better leaders than men' (August, 22, PerryUdem survey). Many of the politicians may be progressive in their policy beliefs, but, when it comes to equity, their socialisation around gender stereotypes and expectations is quite stubborn', commented Kelly Dittmar, professor of political science, at Rutgers University. In the USA, women hold only 27.9 per cent of seats in Congress, while, there is currently no Black woman in the Senate. A 2016 IPU study on the experiences of fifty-five women members of national parliaments from 39 countries across the continents of Africa, Europe, Asia-Pacific, the Americas and Arab countries, confirmed that 'sexism, harassment and violence against women parliamentarians are very real and rampant'. While, psychological violence, the most widely spread, and, now, more on social media, affected 81.8 per cent of the respondents surveyed. A majority (61.5 per cent) believed that



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such behaviour and/or violence was intended primarily to dissuade them from continuing in politics. While 'young and feminist women parliamentarians are particularly targeted', said an Asian parliamentarian. A parliamentarian from sub-Saharan Africa underscored that 'men need to be educated about the benefits of women's presence in parliament'. While, many opined that an increase in the number of women in parliament and solidarity among them, can help change such a political culture. While, in India, women parliamentarians, a minuscule minority, just 13.63% of the elected strength of the Lower House, much less than the 33% that the Women's Reservation Act, 2023, proposes to put into effect, face sexist comments from all corners, their colleagues, rivals or voters, and their achievements reduced to their gender only, rued a women's rights activist. An erstwhile woman Union minister lamented that 'when a woman is attacked, she gets attacked for her character, but never for her policymaking'. Women politicians, cutting across party lines, seem to agree on the issue of character assassination, and consider that it 'reflects the larger psyche of the society'. Many also complain that 'women politi-

cians aren't taken seriously... and male members have been often preferred for speaking on serious issues, while, women are only expected to raise soft issues'. Outright misogynist remarks are quite the norm in political discourse. Recently, a senior woman Rajya Sabha MP expressed discomfort with her identity being tied to her husband's name by the Chair. Globally, only 26.9 per cent of parliamentarians in single or lower houses are now women (IPU). Many countries have resorted to women's quotas and reserved shares. But, that's not enough. What is needed is a nuanced approach to addressing the issues of sexism and double standards existing within the political parties and parliament. Political parties must have an internal assessment mechanism to look into the gaps in all areas of internal practices and operations. A parliament must also ensure inclusivity in its work processes and outputs, with the help of a strong regulatory framework. Gender parity and pluralism are essential in electoral politics for the greater good.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

FALL FROM GRACE

Madam — Malayalam film Industry has been in a crisis since the release of Hema Committee report which has recorded sexual exploitation by senior artistes/technicians over the women artistes/technicians. The women artiste/technicians in their enthusiasm/eagerness/greed approach the other side for a favor, over looking the others who score over them on merits in the industry and offer /submit to them with what would please them for grabbing the chance. If the person who is the so called perpetrator of the crime which is sexual exploitation in this case is wrong the lady who has approached him for favor of a chance and offering/accepting to entertain him is considered an abettor of the crime. It is a quid pro quo though apart from crime also unethical on the part of the grantor of the chance. Such quid pro quos exist not only in film industry and every other industry and in fact it is a universal phenomenon in today's world. While this affects the only individuals concerned and to a limited extent the industry or the corporate concerned, the political leaders /parties accepting bribes in any form say organized /un organized methods including through the electoral bonds route is also a quid pro even as per SC ruling and more harmful as it harms the nation as a whole.

Gopalaswamy J | Chennai

TEACHERS' CONTRIBUTION TO THE SOCIETY

Madam — The interruption of the Covid had been epochal and served to direct our focus on education, across the globe. It would be a great pity should we fail to subsequently comprehend the vital role of teachers, pe se. A greater tragedy if we still look to stitch up patchwork approach in education that is rendered more complex as the stakeholder base is vast. So are its key elements of content, quality and efficiency of transmission. In each of these there

Eco-friendly Ganesha



With environmental concerns gaining too much ground, many of the well-wishers of Lord Ganesha in the city have

started to conduct environmentally friendly Ganesh Utsav celebrations this year. So it is our earnest desire to avoid pollution. Paint from Ganesh Idols could form a deadly cocktail with oil spill on the sea may cause environmental problems after Ganpati immersion on Anant Chaturdashi day. The oil paint contains carcinogenic heavy metals such as lead, mercury and chromium which have an adverse effect on marine life as well. Despite caution, people prefer POP idols instead of clay. It is time to have a broader outlook on this subject. This responsibility rests with each and every one of us. The civic body should have proper planning and the pick and choose method to make sure the festivity achieves a religious objective rather than making it a politicised one with maximum pollution level.

Jayanthy Ramaswamy | Mumbai

FOR THE LOVE OF FOOTBALL

Madam — Rarely do our politicians talk sense. It was heartwarming therefore, to hear the CM of UP, Yogi Adityanath, announce that a number of football stadia as well as a large number of football grounds will be prepared to give a boost to the "beautiful game". This is far better than sponsoring temples that cater only to a particular religious constituency. To quote Nelson Mandela, "Sport has the power to change the world. It has the power to inspire, it has the power to unite people in a way that little else does. It speaks to youth in a language they understand. Sport can create hope, where once there was only despair. It is more powerful than governments in breaking down racial barriers. It laughs in the face of all types of discrimination." Yogi's done well, in bending it like Beckham.

Avinash Godbole | Dewas

emerges a rare opportunity for a seminal rethink or even reinvented with greater imagination and resolve. While planners and social scientists devise the content of education in a time horizon, its quality is entirely determined by the calibre, training and upgrade of the teachers and their leadership, creativity and innovation. We seldom realise how teachers have helped and guided our value systems and attitudes. They would seed visions of the limitless achievements ahead as gurus, train us to meet failures to then rise even higher. This profession, from time immemorial, though respected stays hardly recognised and adequately compensated. They need to be now firmly placed on higher pedestals, sustained by training and incentives and given greater autonomy. It is they who shape the future in real sense of the word. Our education system and polity need to do much more. Our gurus must be zealously cherished.

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FINDING PEACE AMIDST THE CHAOS

Embrace divine shelter to overcome life's struggles



AJIT KUMAR BISHNOI

It may sound very insulting, but this is what most of us, if not almost all of us routinely do. Because it is so natural to do. We have a deep desire for something considered most dear. Or, we may not want to lose something considered crucial for our existence. So what do we do? We keep on thinking about it. Yes, we also do whatever we can to ensure it or should. What happens in most cases? We fall short because we are small, and helpless in the ultimate sense.

God keeps control of Himself regarding the fruits of our actions. (The Bhagavad-Geeta 2.47) We have only been given the right to desire and do. (2.47) But we either don't give up trying by ourselves or with the help of others, if we choose to do that. Now worry sets in because we have set our hearts on it. And we hurt ourselves both in terms of mental health and physical health because they are so intertwined. Are we doomed? No, we are not, if we choose to do what we are expected to do, which is to approach God. That is why our scriptures, especially the Bhagavad-Geeta, persuade us to do that. I will cite some verses in this connection. The verse #18.62 goes like this, "In all respects take shelter of God only. By His mercy, you will achieve supreme peace." What does this mean? We will not suffer from mental problems, by which a quarter and more in the world are suffering. (9.22) Isn't what we want? You get started on this path and start becoming deserving. God will respond suitably. But our natures won't allow us to do what God wants us to do to qualify for His 'kripa' (grace).

Even if we somehow curb our natures, our egos come in the way. For



us human beings, our egos are everything; we cannot imagine taking unconditional shelter from anyone including God of course. So we remain in the shelter of worry. Exalted personalities have surrendered to God and reaped all kinds of benefits from Him. Sanjaya of the Mahabharata fame illuminates, "Where there is the yogeshwar Shri Krishna and where there is a devotee of God (as Arjuna was), there will be opulence (saubhagya), victory (success), wealth and definite principles (dharma)." (18.78) God is unlimited and He can give what we cannot even imagine. Swami Vivekananda went to America in 1843. Not only did Swami give an iconic speech on Hinduism at the World's Religious in Chicago on September 11, 1843, but introduced Hinduism and Indian spirituality to the Western world.

We just have to get started and achieve what these exalted personalities achieved after several lives. It is not so difficult, but requires determination. What is so difficult to pray? All we have to ensure that whatever we pray for is according to dharma. God will respond in a way He decides about what we deserve. Then, doing 'naman' (namaskar) to a Deity of God in a temple shouldn't be so difficult. God, being what He is, cannot be a debtor ever. He will give something, again what He feels is good for us. What is wrong with chanting God's names? This activity appears so innocuous but people of all religions for ages have been chanting Ohm and God's names. It must be useful, otherwise it would have been discontinued a long time back. What is so difficult to thank God if something good happens? We know how thanking helps us to make friends even with strangers. Then, how it must benefit if we thank God. 'Dhyan' (meditation) is catching attention worldwide. Why? Because it is extremely useful. Remembering God is another spiritual activity, for which God rewards handsomely. I can go on. Believe that these spiritual acts are highly beneficial, and can be done by one and all. Spiritual acts help in this regard and change us for the better. Then, why take shelter from worry, anxiety, depression, sadness, etc.? Take shelter from the omnipotent, omniscient, omnipresent, controller and owner of the Creation and say goodbye to negative emotions.

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Bangladesh: Terrorism redivivus?



HIRANMAY KARLEKAR

Some developments since the installation of the interim Government provides cause for concern



Several developments in Bangladesh since the ouster of Sheikh Hasina raise the question: Is that country set to become a fundamentalist Islamist state and a cradle and exporter of Islamist terrorism? As of now, none of what the students who led the Anti-Discrimination Students' Movement (ADSM) have said indicates that they support fundamentalist Islam or terrorism. It is, however, not clear what they stand for. A report in the *Dhaka Tribune* (datelined August 16, 2024) quoted Nahid Islam, one of the coordinators of the ADSM and an advisor in the interim government, as saying, "The spirit of the movement was to create a new Bangladesh, one where no fascist or autocrat can return." The same reported quoted him as saying that structural reforms were needed to achieve this aim, and that would require time.

One does not know what structural reforms they have in mind and the policies they intend to pursue. *The Tribune* report in question quotes Tahmid Chowdhury, another student leader, as saying that they were still working out their programme, which would be rooted in secularism and free speech. Reuters reported on August 16, 2024, that the students were contemplating forming their own party to carry their movement forward and bring a closure on the history of the last three decades when Bangladesh was governed either by the Awami League or the Bangladesh Nationalist Party. Not much has been heard about the matter since then.

The question is whether the overwhelming majority of them share their leader's views. One needs to ask this as fundamentalist Islamist and terrorist organisations have been increasingly spreading their tentacles inside Bangladesh's colleges and universities. Consider the case of North South University (NSU), one of that country's best-known private universities. Professor Gias Uddin Ahsan, Dean of the School of Health and Life Sciences, and acting Pro-Vice Chancellor, was arrested on July 16, 2016, along with two of his associates, for renting out his flat, and not informing the police about the fact of its being rented out and details of the tenants-which he was required to do. The flat was subsequently used by the



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perpetrators of the terror attack at Holey Artisan Bakery restaurant in Dhaka on July 1, 2016. The University has suspended Professor Ahsan after his arrest. Earlier, it had dismissed four teachers for their links with the terrorist outfit, Hizbut Tahrir.

Nibras Islam, one of the six identified as those attacking the Holey Artisan Bakery and killed by the police in the encounter that followed, was one of its students. Abir Rahman, one of those who attacked a police post guarding Bangladesh's largest eid prayer congregation at Sholakia in Kishoreganj on July 7, 2016, and was killed, was a student of NSU. The attack, which was repelled, led to three deaths. Quazi Mohammad Rezwanul Ahsan Nafis, who, in 2012, was convicted on the charge of attempting to blow up the New York Federal Reserve Bank, and of coming to the United States for waging jihad, had also been a student of NSU. Besides, all the young men-Sadman Yasir Mamun, Faisal Bin Nayeem Dwip, Ehsan Reza Rumman, Maksudul Hasan Anik, Nayeem Irad and Nafiz Intiaz-arrested for killing the blogger and Ganajagan Mancha activist, Ahmed Rajib Haidar, in 2013, were its students.

There has been large-scale irregular inundation of educational institutions by fundamentalist elements. A report by Ekramul Huq Bulbul and Masud Milad in the *Bengali daily Pratham Alo* of August 12, 2004, states, "The allegation has been levelled of the jama'atification of the Chittagong University by violating all rules. Most applicants were not appointed as teachers despite getting four first classes in their educational life. Yet there has been the unprecedented occurrence of appointment of the supporters of Jamaat-e-Islami, a partner in the present four-party coalition government headed by Begum Khaleda

Zia of the Bangladesh Nationalist Party (BNP) despite their being without a single first class." The report further stated that investigations by Prathom Also revealed that of the 122 teachers appointed during this period, 57 had been appointed by ignoring the recommendations of the Departmental Planning Committee and the number of posts advertised.

Whether all this has caused a significant section of students to be influenced by militant fundamentalist Islam need to be seen, given the continued operations of terrorist organisations. A number of Bangladeshis had fought the Soviet forces occupying Afghanistan. The Soviet Union's defeat at the hands of the Mujahideen and withdrawal from the country in February, 1989, had boosted their morale as also that of militant Islamists the world over. Osama bin-Laden, who had been involved in the jihad and who harboured the vision of establishing sharia rule worldwide, helped the establishment of the Harkat-ul-Jihad-al-Islami Bangladesh (HUJIB) in 1992. The formation of Jama'at-ul-Mujahideen Bangladesh (JMB) and Jagrata Muslim Janata Bangladesh (JMJB), followed.

Pressure from the United States and other Western countries following the large-scale violence unleashed by these organisations, compelled the Khaleda Zia government to act against them. More resolute action followed the ascent to power of the second Awami League-led government, with Sheikh Hasina as prime minister, in 2009. Nine Islamist terrorist groups were banned during her prime minister-ship. These included the JMB, Shahadat-e al-Hikma, Hizb ut-Tahrir, HuJI-B, Ansarullah Bangla Team and the last-named's subsequent reincarnation, Ansar al-Islam. The list also included Jamaat

Ansar Fil Hindal Sharqiya formed in 2018. Another seven Islamic extremist groups were blacklisted during her regime. These were Ulama Anjuman E Al Bayyinat, Neo-JMB, Dawlatul Islam Bangladesh, Hezbut Tawheed, At-Tamkin, Tamiruddin-Bangladesh and Towhidi Trust.

Particularly active among these was the Ansar al-Islam, which played a major role in the murder of the bloggers, which began with the killing of Ahmed Rajib Haider in Dhaka on February 15, 2013 and continued until 2015. The Neo-JMB, however, is believed to have been behind the attack on the Holey Artisan Bakery which killed 23 persons, including three Bangladeshis, seven Japanese, nine Italians and one Indian.

The tough measures that followed, had kept Islamist terrorism more and less under control. Following Sheikh Hasina's ouster, the Hizb-ut-Tahrir (Hijb-ut) has been staging processions in different parts of Bangladesh and putting up posters articulating its ideology. On August 9, 2024, it held a rally in Dhaka demanding the establishment of an Islamic Caliphate in Bangladesh. Also, the statues of two police officers who died fighting the terrorists at the Holey Artisan Bakery, have been destroyed and a Hijb-ut Tahrir poster has been found at the site. On its part, the interim government has released Jashimuddin Rahmani, the chief of the Ansarullah Bangla Team, now Ansar al-Islam. Neither all this nor the very cordial meeting Muhammad Yunus has had with leaders of the Jama'at and Hefazat-e-Islam, of course, indicates that the interim government supports Islamist militancy. Nevertheless, skating on thin ice is better avoided.

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The United Nations' struggle for relevance in a changing global order

The United Nations faces unprecedented challenges that threaten its relevance in the modern world writes **NAND KISHOR** and **AMAL CHANDRA**

The United Nations (UN), a symbol of global cooperation since its founding in 1945, now finds itself at a pivotal moment. Established to promote international peace, security, and development, the organization faces growing pressure to reform in response to the ever-changing global landscape. However, despite widespread recognition of the need for restructuring, numerous obstacles hinder the reform process. Political, institutional, financial, legal, and socio-cultural barriers make consensus among member states difficult to achieve, thus stalling efforts to enhance the UN's relevance and effectiveness. Three critical areas demand attention—representation, effectiveness, and operational efficiency. Without

addressing these, meaningful reform remains elusive. One of the most significant barriers to UN reform is the veto power held by the five permanent members (P5) of the Security Council: China, France, Russia, the United Kingdom, and the United States. This power enables any of these nations to block resolutions, including those aimed at restructuring the UN. The P5's vested interest in maintaining their influential status has led to repeated failures to expand the Security Council to include new permanent members, such as India, which is the world's largest democracy. India's exclusion from permanent membership, despite its growing global influence, highlights a major flaw in the

UN's current structure. Similarly, other responsible powers, such as Japan and Germany, have long called for permanent seats on the Council. The reluctance of the P5 to share their privileged status stifles efforts to make the UN more representative of today's geopolitical realities. Another complicating factor is the principle of state sovereignty enshrined in the UN Charter. Many member states, particularly smaller or less powerful nations, are wary of reforms that they perceive as infringing on their sovereignty. These states fear that in a restructured UN, their voices might be drowned out by larger, more powerful countries. This divergence in priorities complicates efforts to build the broad consensus

necessary for substantial reform. While some states advocate for a more democratic and inclusive Security Council, others focus on regional issues or specific conflicts, making agreement difficult. The UN's effectiveness in addressing global challenges has been called into question, further complicating the reform debate. Public opinion and trust in the organization are crucial to its ability to implement meaningful changes. However, repeated failures to effectively address major crises, such as those in Afghanistan and Palestine, have eroded public confidence in the UN's capacity to respond to contemporary challenges. UN peacekeeping missions, a cornerstone of the organiza-



tion's efforts to maintain global peace, have also come under fire. Critics argue that these missions have often failed to prevent conflicts or protect civilians adequately. To enhance the effectiveness of peacekeeping operations, reforms must focus on improving the mandates, training, and resources available to peacekeepers. Additionally, addressing allegations of misconduct, including sexual

abuse and exploitation by peacekeepers, is essential to restoring the organization's credibility and ensuring accountability. These limitations highlight the urgent need for innovation and reform within the UN. Building and maintaining public trust is essential to securing the political and financial support necessary for any restructuring efforts. Efforts to improve the UN's operational efficiency, such as those initiated by former Secretary-General Kofi Annan, have demonstrated the institutional challenges of reform. While some administrative changes have been implemented, resistance from within the organization and differing priorities among member states have limited the

scope of these reforms. The UN's extensive bureaucracy presents a major obstacle to meaningful change. Established procedures and norms are deeply ingrained, making it difficult to implement significant reforms. Bureaucratic inertia often leads to resistance from within the organization, as staff and officials may be reluctant to change familiar processes and structures. Moreover, the UN's broad mandate, which covers peace and security, development, and human rights, adds complexity to any reform effort. This wide scope can lead to overlapping functions and responsibilities among different UN bodies, resulting in inefficiencies. Reforming the UN also involves navigating a com-

plex web of international law. Any proposed changes must comply with existing legal frameworks and secure broad international support. This legal complexity adds another layer of difficulty, as reforms must be not only politically acceptable but also legally sound. While the need for reform is widely acknowledged, the path to achieving it remains fraught with challenges. Political dynamics, institutional inertia, financial limitations, and legal hurdles all contribute to the slow pace of change.

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CHANGE OF NAME

I, Gurpreet Singh S/O Kundan Singh R/o Village Bagga Kalan, PO Bagga, Tehsil Ajnala District Amritsar Punjab have changed my name from Harjinder Singh to Gurpreet Singh

I, Gurmel Singh S/o Balbir Singh R/o village Sandpura, Tehsil Patti, District Tarn Taran have declare that Gurmel is my given name and Singh is my surname

I, Shakun Bai Dubey Is Mother Of No. 15190186P Rank NK (Opr) Jay Kumar Dubey, Resident Of Ward No. 02, Gamiariya, Begumganj, Dist. Raisen, Madhya Pradesh 464881, Have Changed My Name From Shakun To Shakun Bai Dubey, Vide Affidavit No. IN-PB53904188230572W, Dated 06-09-2024, Distt. Court, Place -Amritsar.

I, Shakun Bai Dubey Is Mother Of No. 15190186P Rank NK (Opr) Jay Kumar Dubey, Resident Of Ward No. 02, Gamiariya, Begumganj, Dist. Raisen, Madhya Pradesh 464881, Have Changed My Date Of Birth From 10-12-1960 TO 01-01-1957, Vide Affidavit No. IN-PB53904414038527W, Dated 06-09-2024, Distt. Court, Place -Amritsar.

I Lakhwinder Pal S/O Dev Raj Village Jhandian Kalan Po Jhandian Khurd Tehsil Anandpur Sahib Distt Ropar Declare That Lakhwinder Pal And Lakhwinder Pal Are Names Of One And Same Person.

I Jyoti W/O Sh. Kapil Kumar R/O House No: 146, Old Housing Board Colony, Near Huda Market, Sector-19 Panchkula. Have Changed My Name From Jyoti To Jyoti Bawa.

I, Narsi Bhagat S/O Kashmiri Lal R/O House No. 136, Ward No.7,R-1 Cheeka Tehsil Guhla District Kaithal Haryana Have Changed My Name From Narsi Bhagat Goel To Narsi Bhagat.

I, Manu Arora W/O Sh Arun / R/O- Flat No- 403, Gh-22, Mdc, Sector-5, Panchkula, Haryana Has Changed Her Name From Manu Arora To Manu Puri.

I Arju Rani W/O Sh.Om Parkash R/O Vill Bahiya Tehsil Rania Distt. Sirsa (Haryana) Have Changed My Name Arju Rani To Arju Rani. All Concern Please Note It.

I, Gurkirat Kaur Gir D/O Jagjeet Singh R/O Kamiana (Faridkot) Have Changed My Minor Son Name Fathedeep Singh Gir To Fathedeep Singh.

I Gurmeet Kaur W/O Kulwant Singh R/O Patti Bassi Ki, Khadur Sahib Tahsil, Khadur Sahib; Distt Tarn Taran, Punjab, Have Changed My Name From Gurmeet Kaur To Gurmit Kaur.

I, Arun Arora S/O Sh Prem Sagar, / R/O- Flat No- 403, Gh-22, Mdc, Sector-5, Panchkula, Haryana Had Changed His Name From Arun Arora To Arun.

I Ramesh Chander Chadha S/O Mela Ram R/O Vpo Adhoya(M) Tehsil Barara (Ambala) Haryana India Have Change My Name Ramesh Chander Chadha To Ramesh Chadha.

I Dharam Vir S/O Krishan Lal, R/O House No 167 Ward No 22 Gandhi Dham Jagadhri Distt Yamunanagar Passport Number T8286980 Issued On 8/8/2019 Valid Up To 7/8/2029 Issued From Dubai , That I Have Change My Name From Dharamvir To Dharam Vir .

I Manisha Kumari W/O Sh. Narinder R/O 163 Industrial Area, Phase-1, Mahaveer Sweets Abheypur Sector-15 Panchkula Haryana. Have Changed My Name From Manisha Kumari To Anjali Kumari.

I Gurmeet Singh S/O Sarwan Singh, R/O House Number 734, Block Number 01, Sikhawala Road, Meet Bikaner Hospital And Surgical Centre, Kotkapura, Faridkot, Punjab, 151204, Have Changed My Name As Given Name Gurmeet And Surname As Kaur.

Sarvjeet Kaur W/O Gurmeet Singh, C/O S. S. Ratta, Sikhawala Road, Meet Bikaner Hospital And Surgical Centre, Kotkapura, Faridkot, Punjab, 151204, Have Changed My Name As Given Name Sarvjeet And Surname As Kaur.

I, Karamjit Kaur Wo Sukhwinder Singh R/O Mianpur Distt Fathegarh Sahib Have Changed My Name From Gurmeet Kaur To Karamjit Kaur.

I, Harjinder Kaur Wife Of Sukhwinder Jit Singh Both R/O Vpo Ladhra District Jalandhar, Punjab 144201, Have Changed

I Kirna Rani W/O Surjeet Singh R/O # 30 Dhabi Road Barara Tehsil Barara (Ambala) Haryana Have Changed My Name Kirna Rani To Gurjeet Kaur.

I Shakuntla Devi (Aadhaar No - 531932044271) W/O Sh. Naresh Kumar R/O H.No. 804, Vpo Baiyanpur Tehsil And District Sonipat , Haryana - 131001, Herby Declare That I Have Changed My Name From Shakuntla To Shakuntla Devi. In Future, I Would Be Known As Shakuntala Devi For All Purposes.

I Nilam Sharma W/O Shri Gajraj Kaushik R/O H No 1325 Sec 3 Distt Rohtak Herby Declare That In My Documents My Name Is Nilam Kaushik, Now I Have Changed My Name Nilam Sharma. In Future I Would Be Known As Nilam Sharma For All Purposes.

I, Usha W/O Ajay Kumar R/O # 1050, Dadu Majra Colony, Chandigarh, I have changed my name from Usha to Usha Rani.

I, Mahinder Kaur W/o Kamaljeet Singh R/o VPO Kohrabhura Tehsil Naraingarh, Ambala, Haryana, have changed my name Mohinder Kaur to Mahinder Kaur.

I, Ritu Grover W/o Kalia Gaba R/o H.No. 1323, Sector 5, Urban Estate, Kurukshetra, have changed my name after marriage from Ritu Grover to Ritu.

I, Gurmeet Kaur W/o Gian Chand R/o Village Sehewali, PO Chawinda Devi, Distt. Amritsar, Punjab-143504 have changed my name from Gurmeet Kaur to Gurmit Kaur.

I, Anil Sharma S/o Ashok Sharma R/O 416 Ward No.29, Indira Colony, OPP Agriculture Office Pathankot, Tehsil & District Pathankot (Punjab) Have Changed My Minor Son Name From Sashwat to Sashwat Sharma, Kindly Note.

I, Ravinder Kumar S/o Ajit Ram R/O Village Gandran Lahri, Pathankot, Tehsil & District Pathankot, Declare That My Minor Daughter Ishita Studying in 6th Class At Christ The King Convent School Sujapur (Pathankot), Her Name in School Record is Written as Ishita, Instead of Ishita Dhiman, Kindly So Correct It.

I, Ravinder Kumar S/o Ajit Ram R/O Village Gandran Lahri, Pathankot, Tehsil & District Pathankot, Declare That My Minor Son Dheevanshu Studying in 10th Class At Christ The King Convent School Sujapur (Pathankot), Her Name in School Record is Written as Dheevanshu, Instead of Dheevanshu Dhiman, Kindly So Correct It.

I, Amisha Ramola Rawat W/o Prinkal Rawat R/o H.No. 253, St No. 12, Khalsa Nagar-B, Bhadson Road, Sidhuwal, Patiala (Punjab) have changed my name from Amisha Ramola to Amisha Ramola Rawat.

I, Army No. 15419457W Rank: NK/AMBASST Shailendra Singh Tomar Unit: 401 FD Hosp. Patiala C/o 56 APO declare that in my service record my Father's Name and DOB wrongly mentioned Gajendra Singh Tomar and 01-07-1958 but his correct Name and DOB is Gajendr Singh and 01-01-1958.

I, Army No. 15419457W Rank: NK/AMBASST Shailendra Singh Tomar Unit: 401 FD Hosp. Patiala C/o 56 APO declare that in my service record my Mother's Name and DOB wrongly mentioned Mithilesh Kumar Singh and 01-07-1961 but her correct Name and DOB is Mithlesh and 01-01-1964.

I, Kamlesh Rani W/o Rajesh Kumar R/O Village Kanaur, Tehsil Morinda, Distt. Ropar have changed my name from Neeru to Kamlesh Rani.

I, Mana Singh S/o Mukhtiar Singh R/O Village Jandanwala, Tehsil & District Bathinda, have changed my name from Balvir Singh to Mana Singh.

Yesh Kumar son of Rohtash Kumar resident of VPO Jewra Tehsil Barwala Distt.Hisar (Haryana) have changed my son name from Yesh Kumar to Yash Kumar vide affidavit dated 03/09/2024 before G927391.

I, Pardeep Kumar S/o Sh. Dharamvir Singh R/O Miran, Tehsil Tosham, Distt. Bhiwani declare that in Inidan Army Record No. 15483708W Rank DFR my wife name is Mukesh Devi which is incorrect, her correct name is Mukesh for all future purposes.

Surender S/O Mange Ram R/O Vill- Jui Khurd Tehsil & Dist - Bhiwani Haryana Have Changed My Name From Surender To Surender Sharma For All Future Purpose.

I, Keerti Prajapati is Wife of No.15499185M, LD, Hargovind, of Unit 84 Armcd Regt C/o 56 APO, Resident of Rajgarh, Jhansi, Po 33 Bn Pac Jhansi District Jhansi State Uttar Pradesh PIN-284135 Declare That my Name Keerti Devi Wrongly written in my Husband Army Service Records but my correct Name is Keerti Prajapati.

I, Shantavva Kanabur Irappa is Mother of No. 16116851N Hav, Sanjeev Kanabur of Unit 22 Engr Regt C/o 56 APO Ferozepur Residing of Budni Pm, Mudhol, Budni, Konnur, Bagalkot, State Karnataka Pin-587121 Declare That my Name Shanta and Date of Birth 19.08.1961 Wrongly written in my Son Army Service Records but my correct Name is Shantavva Kanabur Irappa and correct Date of Birth 01.01.1961.

I, Gurmeet Kaur is legally wife of No.2494215P Rank :Hav Name Inderjit Singh R/O Village Parachha, Gurdaspur, Punjab-143602, India, have changed my Name from Gurmit Kaur to Gurmeet Kaur vide affidavit No.IN-PB5391607219248W Dated 06-09-2024 before at Notary Ferozepur

I Neeraj Kumar Son of Munnai Lal Resident of Village Usmapur Post Office Dumduma Tehsil Handia District Prayagraj State Uttar Pradesh Pin 221508 have changed my minor son name from Shio Prajapati to Avi Daksh Vide Affidavit Dated 23 February 2024 before at Prayagraj Uttar Pradesh.

I, hitherto known as Bachitter Singh Bhullar Son Of Bhag Singh Residing at Kahca Thandewala Road, Sri Muktsar Sahib, Distt Sri Muktsar Sahib, Punjab, PIN -152026 (India) have changed my Name and Shall hereafter be known as Bachittar Singh.

I, Vipin Kumar S/o Jagdish Chander R/o Aggarwal Mohalla, Ismailabad, Kurukshetra have changed My Given Name Vipin Surname Kumar

I, Salochna Devi W/o Jagdish Chand R/O Aggarwal Mohalla, Ismailabad, Kurukshetra have changed My name Salochna Rani

I, Jasbir Singh S/o Naib Singh Vill.Sadhanpur, Sarsini, Patiala, Punjab have Changed My Name Jasveer Singh

I, Neeraj Rani W/o Pankaj Kumar R/o 436 /17 Guru Nanak Colony, Pehowa, Kurukshetra have Changed My Given name Neeraj Surname Rani

I, Pankaj Kumar S/o Darshan Lal R/O 436 /17 Guru Nanak Colony, Pehowa, Kurukshetra have Changed My Given name Pankaj Surname Kumar.

I, Kamla Chandra W/o Sh. ShyamLal R/o Village Dhani Garan, Teh. Barwala and Distt.Hisar, Haryana declare that I have changed my name from Kamla Chandra to Kamlesh for all future purpose.

I, Rajbir S/O Sh. Ishwar Singh R/o Village Litani, Teh.andDistt. Hisar, Haryana declare that I have changed my name from Rajbir to Rajbir Singh for all future purpose.

I, Parveen Kumar W/O Sh. Rajbir Singh R/o Village Litani, Teh. And Distt. Hisar, Haryana declare that I have changed my name from Parveen Kumar to Parveen Kumari for all future purpose.

I, hitherto known as Nirpinderdeep Singh Sandhu S/O Ajaib Singh R/o Ward No. 13, Mohalla Dibipura, Bhadaur, Po. Bhadaur, Distt. Barnala, Punjab 148102 have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as Nirpinderdeep Singh.

I, hitherto known as Amandeep Kaur Sandhu W/O Nirpinderdeep Singh R/O Ward No. 13, Mohalla Dibipura, Bhadaur, Po. Bhadaur, Distt. Barnala, Punjab -148102 have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as Amandeep Kaur.

I, hitherto known as Namdev S/o Dalvir Ram R/o Vill. Sarmastpur, Po. Bal, Distt. Jalandhar, Punjab 144012 have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as Namdev Nar.

I, Bholi alias Kuldeep Kaur W/o Harbhajan Singh R/O H.No.1024, Ward No. 43, Guru Nanak Nagar Basti Mithi, Jalandhar-144002, Punjab have changed my name from Bholi to Kuldeep Kaur.

I, Sanjay S/o Gulshan Kumar R/O H.No. 34/A, New Harbans Nagar, Jalandhar, Punjab have changed my name from Sanjay to Sanjay Batra (Batra as surname)

I, Erat S/O Babu Masih R/O H.No. 25, New Sofi Enclave, Vill. Rehmanpur, Po. Sofi Pind, Distt. Jalandhar, Punjab have changed my name from Erat to Arrat.

I, Gautam S/o Kashmiri Lal R/O Village Banwali Pur, Po. Kala Sanghian, Distt. Kapurthala, Punjab have changed my name from Gautam to Gautam Kainth.

I Surjeet Singh S/O Sukhdev Singh R/O Vpo. Kot Karor Kalan (Ferozepur) Have Changed My Name To Surjeet Singh Khosa.

I Dharam Singh S/O Gurdev Singh R/O Vpo. Charik Patti Jangir Tehsil & Distt. Moga Punjab Have Changed My Name To Dharm Singh.

I Kajal W/O Tavinder Singh Jagdev R/O House No. 114, Hargobind Nagar, Phagwara, District Kapurthala Have Changed My Name From Kajal To Kajal Jagdev.

I Manjit Kaur W/O Kuldeep Singh Sidhu R/O Vpo. Kaunka Kalan Tehsil Jagraon Distt. Ludhiana Have Changed My Name To Manjit Kaur Sidhu.

I Gautam Pal S/O Sewak Singh R/O H.No.-817 Shanti Nagar Moga Have Changed My Name To Gautam Pal Kashiara.

I Rajeev Kumar S/O Des Raj Arora R/O H.No.-562 St.No.-6 Ward No.-30 Patti Mallo Ki Moga Have Changed My Name To Rajeev Arora.

I Bachan Lal S/O Nanak Chand R/O House No.553/3 New Model Town Hoshiarpur Declare That My Given Name As Bachan And My Surname As Lal.

I Parminder Kaur Saini W/O Kulwinder Singh R/O Bir Sarkar Majara Jattan P.O. Majara Jattan Distt. Shaheed Bhagat Singh Nagar Have Changed My Name To Parminder Kaur.

I Sarbjit Kaur W/O Satish Kapoor R/O Vpo. Kitna Tehsil Garhshankar Hoshiarpur Punjab Have Changed My Name To From Sarbjit Kaur To Sarabjit Kaur.

I Ram Singh S/O Ranjit Singh R/O Vill. Gosal Tehsil Payal Distt. Ludhiana Have Changed My Name From Ram Singh To Singh Ram And Singh As My Surname And Ram Is My Given Name.

I, Anita am Spouse of No. JC829741F Rank Sub Name Mutyalwar Narayan Ramkishtu, Permanent Address: Ward No. 3, At. Post. Patan, Tq. Zarjiamani, Distt. Yavatmal, Maharashtra 445305, Declare that, I have changed my Name from Anita to Anita Narayan Mutyalwar due to my name in all Civil/Govt. documents mentioned as Anita Narayan Mutyalwar 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, Sahibdeep Athwal D/O Dr. Lakhwinder Singh Athwal R/O 303/4 Ujagar Nagar Batala. Tehsil- Batala, Distt- Gurdaspur, Punjab. Have Changed My Name From Sahibdeep Athwal To Sahibdeep Kaur Athwal.

I, Mathews Kuriakose S/O Kuriakose Mathww R/O H.No.104, Khojpur (Ranjit Bagh), Gurdaspur, Pin-143521, Punjab, India, Declare That My Given Name As Mathews And My Surname As Kuriakose.

I, Jasvir Kaur W/O Gulzar Singh R/O H.No.253, Opposite Hdfc Bank, Vpo- Kahnauw, Tehsil/Distt- Gurdaspur, Punjab. (India). Declare That In My Son Amanpreet Singh Documents My Both The Names Jasvir Kaur And Jasbir Kaur Is The One And Same Person.

I, Shanti Devi Mother Of No. 17030844K Rank Cfn Name Deepak Kumar Chaurasiya Resident Of Vpo - Barwal Narwal, Tehsil - Bagaha-2, Distt - West Champaran, State - Bihar, Pin - 845105. Have Changed My Name From Shanti Devi To Gyani Devi Vide Affidavit No In-Pb53615978302314w Dated 06-09-2024 Before Notary Public Pathankot (Punjab)

I, Sanjivani Munde spouse of No.17008817A NK/Tech (opto) Nagre Harshal Radhakrishna resident of Village- Kingaon Raja, Post- Kingaon Raja, Tehsil- Sindkhed Raja, District- Buldhana, State- State- Maharashtra, Pin-443203, have changed my name from Sanjivani Munde to Sanjivani Harshal Nagre Vide affidavit No.IN-PB52060320423035w dated 02 Sep 2024 before notary public Pathankot

I, Sarita Devi spouse of No.14685660A NK Mahendra Kumar Yadav resident of House No.14-131, Village- Subhash Colony, Post- Bhupalpally, Tehsil- Bhupalpally, District- Warangal, State- Andhra Pradesh, Pin-506169, have changed my name & DOB from Saritha Devi to Sarita Yadav and date of birth from 13 Feb 1988 to 16 April 1988 vide affidavit No.IN-PB52061046519126w dated 02 Sep 2024 before notary public Pathankot

I, Kanchan Tiwari Is Legally Wedded Spouse Of Army No: 14852340p Rank: Hav Name-Akhilesh Kumar Tiwari Presently Serving In Tiwari A Coy 603 Asc Bn (Am) N-Area Pin-905603, Chandigarh C/O 56 APO Declare That, I Have Changed My Name From Kanchan Tiwari To Kanchan. Vide Affidavit No-54aa 645048, Dated: 06/09/24

I, Ram Chandra Singh resident of Village- Fatehpura, Post- Fatehpura, Tehsil- Dhod, District- Sikar, State- Rajasthan, Pin-332028, have changed my Father name from Sukha Ram to Sukhdeva Ram Vide affidavit No.IN-PB53656325469035W dated 06 Sep 2024 before notary public Pathankot

I, Gayitri Devi Mother of Rananjay Singh resident of Village- Larhota, Post- Sasni, Tehsil- Sasni, District- Hathras, State- U.P, Pin- 204216, have changed my name from Gayitri Devi to Gayatri Devi Vide affidavit No.IN-PB53940261012677W dated 06 Sep 2024 before notary public Pathankot

I, Surender Singh resident of Village- Nandgaon, Post- Nandgaon, Tehsil- Bhiwani, District- Bhiwani, State- Haryana, Pin-127021, have changed my Mother name from Savitri Devi to Shawtri Vide affidavit No.IN-PB53676336572751W dated 06 Sep 2024 before notary public Pathankot

I, Gayatri Devi Mother of Rananjay Singh resident of Village- Larhota, Post- Sasni, Tehsil- Sasni, District- Hathras, State- U.P, Pin- 204216, have changed my name from Gayitri Devi to Gayatri Devi Vide affidavit No.IN-PB53940261012677W dated 06 Sep 2024 before notary public Pathankot

I, Surender Singh resident of Village- Nandgaon, Post- Nandgaon, Tehsil- Bhiwani, District- Bhiwani, State- Haryana, Pin-127021, have changed my Mother name from Savitri Devi to Shawtri Vide affidavit No.IN-PB53676336572751W dated 06 Sep 2024 before notary public Pathankot

I, Ghanshyam Ghanshyam Father of Petkar Chandresh Ghanshyam resident of Sardar Singh Chawl Pandurang Vakil Wadi, Vakola Village Road, Santacruz (East) Mumbai, State- Maharashtra, Pin-400055, have changed my name from Ghanshyam Ghanshyam to Ghanshyam Durgojirao Petkar Vide affidavit No.IN-PB52942832498938W dated 04 April 2024 before notary public Pathankot

I, No.4200852X Hav/CC Petkar Chandresh Ghanshyam resident of Sardar Singh Chawl Pandurang Vakil Wadi, Vakola Village Road, Santacruz (East) Mumbai, State- Maharashtra, Pin-400055, have changed my Daughter name from Akshaya to Akshaya Chandresh Petkar Vide affidavit No.IN-PB53623182122853W dated 06 April 2024 before notary public Pathankot

I, Pramila Petkar Mother of Petkar Chandresh Ghanshyam resident of Sardar Singh Chawl Pandurang Vakil Wadi, Vakola Village Road, Santacruz (East) Mumbai, State- Maharashtra, Pin-400055, have changed my name from Pramila Petkar to Pramila Ghanshyam Petkar Vide affidavit No.IN-PB52944626098899W dated 04 April 2024 before notary public Pathankot

I, Poonam Devi Mother of Ajay Singh Negi resident of Village- Tolyun, Post- Dwariakhal, Tehsil- Lansdowne, District- Pauri Garhwal, State- Uttarakhand, Pin-246128, have changed my name from Poonam Devi to Punam Devi Vide affidavit No.IN-PB53656937734184W dated 06 Sep 2024 before notary public Pathankot

I, Service No 16118087m Rank Nk Name Dhibakaran P Presently Residing At 162 Br Coy, 16 Br Engr Regt (Pms) Chandimandir Cantt, Panchkula, Haryana Declare That I Have Changed My Son Name From D Enoch Bezalal To Enoch Bezalal D

I, Service No 16118087m Rank Nk Name Dhibakaran P Presently Residing At 162 Br Coy, 16 Br Engr Regt (Pms) Chandimandir Cantt, Panchkula, Haryana Declare That I Have Changed My Son Name From D Enoch Bezalal To Enoch Bezalal D

I, Kanchan Tiwari Is Legally Wedded Spouse Of Army No: 14852340p Rank: Hav Name-Akhilesh Kumar Tiwari Presently Serving In Tiwari A Coy 603 Asc Bn (Am) N-Area Pin-905603, Chandigarh C/O 56 APO Declare That, I Have Changed My Name From Kanchan Tiwari To Kanchan. Vide Affidavit No-54aa 645048, Dated: 06/09/24

I, Tamnna Am Daughter Of Army No: 15344461p Rank: Hav Name- Manoj Kumar Singh Presently Posted At Unit: 62 Engr Regt C/O 56 Apo Permanent Address: Village Khudwal, Post: Kanaila, Distt; Azamgarh, State Uttar Pardesh Pin: 276128 Declare That, I Have Changed My Name From Tamnna To Tamanna Singh. Vide Affidavit No-54aa 645047, Dated: 06/09/24

I, Deepak Raj S/o Bhim Sain R/o H.No. 1275 Urban Estate Sector 10 Jind Tehsil and District Jind Have Changed My Minor Son Name From Abhinav To Abhinav Raj.

I, Rajesh Kumari W/o Sh. Suresh Kumar R/O Village Bishanpura Tehsil and District Jind Have Changed My Name From Rajesh Kumari To Rajesh Devi.

I Narayan Singh S/O Jeet Singh Village Heer Beh Post Office Lakhna Tehsil Mukerian Distt Hoshiarpur Have Changed My Minor Son's Name Divayansh To Divayansh Singh.

I Surjeet Singh S/O Karam Singh R/O Goindwal Road Opp Punjab Palace ,Bidi Chand Colony, Tarn Taran Po.Tarn Taran Distt. Tarn Taran I Have Changed My Name Surjit Singh To Serjeet Singh.

I, Sunny Kumar S/o Subhash Kumar Sharma R/O H.No. B-21/483 Bhawani Nagar Bharwain Road (Hoshiarpur) have changed my name from Sunny Kumar to Munish Kumar Sharma.

I, Sukhwinder Singh S/o Kuldeep Singh R/o W.No. 5 Mahilpur Teh-Garhshankar (Hoshiarpur) have changed my minor daughter name from Ritika to Ritika Saihan.

I, Sukhvir Kaur W/o Sukhwinder Singh Grewal R/O Vpo. Kot Grewal Teh-Phillaur (Jalandhar) have changed my name Sukhvir Kaur Grewal and now Grewal is my surname.

I, Sukhwinder Singh S/o Pargan Singh R/o Vpo. Kot Grewal Teh-Phillaur (Jalandhar) have changed my name Sukhwinder Singh Grewal and now Grewal is my surname.

I, Sikander Singh S/O Bholu Singh, R/O Pakho Basti, Uppal Patti, VPO Shaian, District Barnala, Have Changed My Name Sikandar Singh.

I, Gurmial Singh Sandhu S/O Gurcharm Singh, VPO Bhadaur, Tehsil Tapa District Barnala, Have Changed My Name Gurmial Singh.

I, Kulwant Singh Sandhu S/O Ajit Singh R/o Malang Shahwala Po. Makhu Teh-Zira (Ferozepur) have changed my name to Kulwant Singh.

I, Gursher Singh S/O Hardial Singh R/o Vill: Chohla Sahib Teh & Distt. Tarn Taran have changed my given name to Gursher and surname to Singh.

I, Jagtar Singh S/o Bachna Ram R/o #66 Chhat Banur (SAS Nagar) I have known by both names Avtar Singh and Jagtar Singh one and the same person.

I Gurdeep Kaur Hans W/o Bhagwan Singh R/O VPO. Bassian (Ludhiana) have changed my name to Gurdeep Kaur.

I, Jagsir Singh S/o Sunder Singh R/o Vill: Dhaner (Barnala) have changed my name to Jagsir Singh Nizer.

I, Manpreet Kaur W/o Gurjant Singh R/o Vill: Rajgarh Po. Pakhowal Teh-Raikot (Ludhiana) have changed my name Manprit Kaur to Manpreet Kaur.

I, Karpal Singh S/O Mam Chand R/O # 117, Gali No. 5, Aman Nagar, Patiala Have Changed My Name To Kirpal Singh.

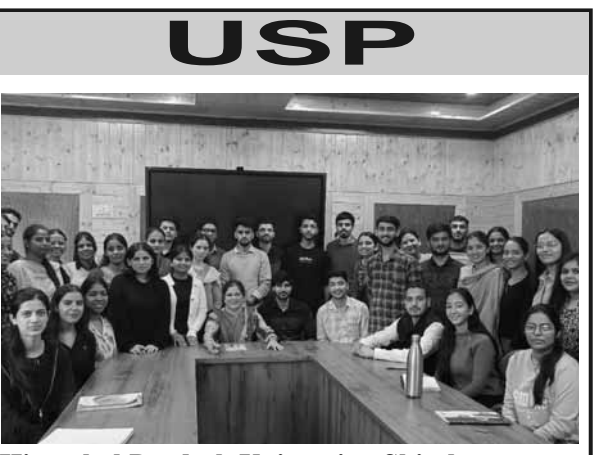
I Harpreet Singh Mand S/o Bagicha Singh Mand R/O Bilaspur Po Barian Kalan Tehsil Garhshankar Distt Hoshiarpur have changed my minor daughter's name from Ashmeen Kaur Mand to Mand Ashmin Kaur (Mand As Surname).

I, Kira Devi D/o Kala Singh, Sinda Kaur R/O #113 Urban Estate Phase-1 (Patiala) have changed my name to Kirandeep Kaur.

I Rajdeep Kaur W/o Sukhmander Singh R/O Shaheed Bhagat Singh road, Kotkapura (Faridkot) have changed my name to Rajandeep Kaur.

I Sukhdeep Singh Panesar S/O Naib Singh R/O VPO. Sibian (Faridkot) have changed my name to Sukhdeep Singh.

I Sukhwinder Singh Deo S/o Major Singh R/O Vpo Talwandi Rai, Tehsil Raikot, Distt. Ludhiana Have Changed My Name To Sukhwinder Singh.



Himachal Pradesh University, Shimla
Shimla: B.C. in the Education Department of Himachal Pradesh University. Ed. In the first session of the fifth day of the initiation program organized for 2024-26 batch, the keynote speaker Acharya Kuldeep Singh Katoch, in-charge education department, remote and online education center (CDOE), Himachal Pradesh University Shimla were Shimla. Through various examples, he motivated future trainers, how we should reach the students based on experience and practical knowledge. The keynote speaker of the second session cum Acharya Dr. Chaman Lal Banga, Head of Department, Himachal Pradesh University Shimla were Shimla. He made his statement on the subject of working on course adaptation for various learners.



Rupee rises two paise to settle at 83.95 against US dollar

PTI ■ MUMBAI
The rupee gained 2 paise to close at 83.95 (provisional) against the US dollar on Friday amid a weak greenback in overseas markets. However, negative domestic markets, rise in crude oil prices, and outflow of foreign capital capped sharp gains, forex traders said. At the interbank currency market, the local unit opened at 83.97 and witnessed an intra-day high of 83.91 against the American currency. The unit, which traded in the range of 83.91-83.97, finally settled at 83.95 (provisional), registering a gain of 2 paise. It had closed at 83.97 on Tuesday. "Indian rupee recovered today on weak US dollar. However, weak domestic markets



capped sharp gains," Anuj Choudhary, Research Analyst at Sharekhan by BNP Paribas, said. "We expect rupee to trade with a slight negative bias on

weak global equities and concerns over global economic growth," he said, adding that the USD-INR spot price is expected to trade in a range of Rs 83.70 to Rs 84.20. Traders may take cues from non-farm payrolls report and speeches by the US Federal Reserve's rate-setting panel members, he added. Meanwhile, the dollar index, which gauges the greenback's strength against a basket of six currencies, was down 0.14 per cent to 100.96 points. Brent crude, the international benchmark, gained 0.58 per cent to USD 73.11 per barrel in futures trade. In the domestic equity markets, Sensex tanked 1,017.23 points to settle at 81,183.93, while Nifty slumped 292.95 points to 24,852.15.

Revisiting Sri Lanka's debt sustainability assessment can derail IMF programme: Finance Ministry

PTI ■ COLOMBO
Any attempt to revisit Sri Lanka's debt sustainability assessment (DSA) can derail the ongoing IMF programme bailout, the finance ministry said on Friday. "Any country can of course stand its ground and refuse to move forward based on the IMF's DSA if it disagrees with the outcomes of the model and the IMF's assessment," the Ministry of Finance said in a statement titled "Clarifications on Debt Restructuring and the Debt Sustainability Analysis." It added that a standoff in such a scenario would only delay an agreement on a financing programme for several months if not years. The statement highlighted that the International Monetary Fund (IMF) cannot proceed with a financing programme if a country's debt



is deemed unsustainable. The statement comes as Marxist Janatha Vimukthi Peramuna (JVP) front National People's Power (NPP) in its manifesto for the September 21 presidential election said last week that it would work for an alternative debt sustainability analysis and the Washington-based global lender's condition of revenue-based fiscal consolidation. The finance ministry statement asserted that Sri Lanka's agreement with creditors for sovereign debt restructuring needed IMF endorsement "to confirm as the independent actor that the negotiated terms indeed provide the required debt relief to comply with the debt targets". The ministry's warning on DSA aligns with incumbent president Ranil Wickremesinghe's narrative that the current bail-out

programme requirements must persist for Sri Lanka to achieve complete recovery. The opposition parties have heavily criticised Wickremesinghe's steer of the economy since the island nation declared its bankruptcy in April 2022, announcing its first-ever sovereign default. Wickremesinghe was able to revive the negative growth of six successive quarters with the help of international partners of recovery. However, his reforms at the behest of the IMF, which sent the cost of utilities high, have made him unpopular. Anura Kumara Disissanayake, the NPP candidate, believes he leads in the unofficial polls to win the election over Wickremesinghe and the main opposition challenger Sajith Premadasa. The two main contenders, however, did not directly pledge to reverse them.

Allow natural growth of India's E-vehicle sector to avoid becoming EV colony for China: GTRI

PTI ■ NEW DELHI
The government should allow the domestic electric vehicle sector to grow naturally without relying on incentives as it would avoid India becoming an 'EV colony' for China, think tank GTRI said on Friday. India faces unique challenges not faced by other countries in adopting EVs (electric vehicles) at large scale, it added. These challenges include 80 per cent of electricity generated from fossil fuels like coal, frequent power cuts, and dependency on imports for making EVs in the country like batteries and critical minerals, the Global Trade Research Initiative (GTRI) said. "Considering these challenges, instead of rushing into the fray with heavy incentives or falling into dependence on Chinese imports, India has the opportunity to let its EV sector evolve naturally. By allowing market forces to steer the sector's growth, India can avoid becoming an 'EV colony' for China and carve out its own path in the global EV landscape," it added. It also said the global EV market is undergoing a seismic shift, driven by the US, EU, and Canada imposing high tariffs and restrictions on imports of EVs and parts from China. These regions make up about half of China's global EV exports and in a strategic pivot, China is moving its production to ASEAN countries and setting its sights on India. "These production units would still depend heavily on imports from China, with 70-80 per cent of parts, including batteries, coming from there. Thailand, the first to allow local production by Chinese firms, is already facing challenges with rising imports and complaints



of lower sales from established manufacturers," GTRI founder Ajay Srivastava said. He added that there is also a risk that China might dump excess EVs in India as access to developed markets becomes tougher. The GTRI suggested that India should focus on capturing leadership in the next phase of EVs, using a new generation of batteries. Increasing investment in research and development (R&D) for advanced battery technologies, battery recycling infrastructure, and supporting clean energy sources to power EV charging stations are some of the steps which would help boost the sector's growth, it added. Hi-Tech Gears Chairman Deep Kapuria said the world EVs market is all set to face more turbulence and structural transformation as the sector is witnessing several trends that are driving its growth. "Firstly, many countries (developed and developing) are offering subsidies, tax benefits, and other incentives to encourage consumers to switch to electric cars. Secondly, the macroeconomic factors, such as the availability of critical minerals like lithium, cobalt, and nickel, essential for battery production, can positively impact the growth of the EV industry," Kapuria said.

Prozeal Green Energy, Golyan Power sign JV pact for solar projects in Nepal

PTI ■ New Delhi
Ahmedabad-based Prozeal Green Energy and Nepalese firm Golyan Power have inked a joint venture agreement for setting up solar power projects in the Himalayan nation. The agreement was signed on Tuesday at Golyan Group headquarters in Kathmandu, marking a significant milestone in both companies' commitment to advancing renewable energy solutions, a statement said. The agreement was signed by Shobit Rai, Director of Prozeal Green Energy, and Akshay Golyan, Director of Golyan Power. The partnership underscores a shared vision to contribute meaningfully to a cleaner and greener future for Nepal. The joint venture -- Prozeal Green Energy Nepal -- aims to establish over 500 MW of solar energy projects across multiple locations in Nepal over the next 18 months. Prozeal Green Energy will hold a 60 per cent stake in the JV and Golyan Group will own the remaining 40 per cent. Rai said this joint venture represents "a powerful alliance between Nepal and



India, uniting our expertise to lead the global decarbonisation movement. Together, we're setting new benchmarks for clean energy and sustainability in Nepal." Golyan Power director Akshay Golyan said, "Nepal is growing rapidly in the renewable energy sector and I am confident that this partnership will open up new avenues for both entities. We have come together through our shared vision and the massive possibilities ahead." The joint venture will develop both solar rooftop and ground-mounted photovoltaic (PV) solar plants. The energy produced from these projects will be sold to the Nepal Electricity Authority (NEA) and various commercial and industrial consumers.

Spicejet plans to raise over ₹3,200 crore via debt, equity

PTI ■ MUMBAI
Cash-strapped domestic carrier Spicejet plans to raise Rs 3,200 crore through QIP, warrants and capital infusion by the promoter, the airline said in a presentation on Friday. The funds will be utilised in taking back the grounded fleet in operations, liability settlement, new fleet induction and other general purposes, Spicejet in the presentations. "Spicejet plan to raise Rs 2,500 crore through QIP and Rs 736 crore through Previous Warrants and promoter infusion, the airline said in an investor presentation," it said in a corporate presentation to investors ahead of its proposed capital infusion. The proposed funds raised are subject to shareholders' approval. Ajay Singh-promoted SpiceJet had earlier in January this year, could raise only Rs 1,060 crore through preferential issues against its Rs 2,250 crore funding plan announced in December last year. The airline attributed factors



like reduction in fleet, and subsequent grounding, higher cost of working capital, escalating fixed costs, fixed rentals at airports, and outstanding statutory dues as the factors for its current problem. According to the presentation, its operational fleet reduced to 28 planes in 2024 against 74 aircraft in 2019, while 36 aircraft remained on the ground due to the funding issue. However, according to the live aircraft fleet tracking website, Planespotter.Net, it had only 20 aircraft in operations as of September 5 and 38 on the ground. It may also be noted that several of these aircraft are out of operation due to SpiceJet's lessors and other vendors taking the airline to court for non-payment.

Bengaluru sees 19 per cent hike in home sales: Report

PTI ■ BENGALURU
Bengaluru's residential market continues to display steady growth as registered transactions maintain upward momentum both sequentially and annually, a report by Square Yards, an integrated platform for real estate and mortgages, said on Friday. According to the data, 28,356 transactions were recorded in the city during the second quarter of 2024, marking a 19 per cent increase over the previous quarter. "Despite challenges such as flooding and water shortage, home buyer demand remains notably resilient, underpinned by a strengthening IT sector and the blend of full-time and hybrid working models," said Sopan Gupta, Principal Partner, Square Yards. According to him, east and southern suburbs retain their appeal, northern suburbs are rapidly emerging as key areas of interest for both apartments and plots. "Branded developers, particularly those delivering quality projects, are witnessing successful launches with swift offtake," he added.

INBRIEF

SESSION ON TRADE VISION ORGANISED AT GNDU
NEW DELHI: The Dinero Finance Club of University Business School, Guru Nanak Dev University hosted a Industry Interactive Session Trade Vision: Decoding the Dynamics Of Stock Market under the guidance and scientific vision of Prof (Dr.) Jaspal Singh Sandhu, Vice Chancellor.

VIT UNIVERSITY DONATES ₹1,57,50,000 FOR FLOOD VICTIMS
AMARAVATI: To support the Andhra Pradesh government in the wake of recent floods, Dr.G.Viswanthan, Chancellor, Sri Sankar Viswantha, Vice-President, VIT University presented a cheque of Rs1,57,50,000 (One crore fifty seven lakhs fifty thousand) to the Chief Minister's Relief Fund.

ATES, ANOTHER STEP BY NFR TO ENHANCE SAFETY
MALIGAON: Northeast Frontier Railway has installed a prototype Automatic Train Examination System (ATES) for the first time at its rolling in & rolling out examination point at New Jalpaiguri. ATES is an Artificial Intelligence based technology that involves capturing, processing and analysing visual data such as images and videos of rolling stocks.

NBCC RECEIVES AWARD IN VARIOUS CATEGORIES
NEW DELHI: NBCC (India) Limited a Navratna CPSE under the aegis of Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs, was presented with Shield by the Town Official Language Implementation Committee, Delhi (Undertaking-2) in their half yearly meeting and prize distribution ceremony organised at Silver Oak Auditorium, India Habitat Center, Lodhi Road, New Delhi on September 4, 2024 for exhibition in Rajbhasha Utsav; publication of in-house Hindi magazine "Nirman Bharti" and securing first position in Quiz Competition.

GURU NANAK DEV UNIVERSITY CELEBRATES TEACHER'S DAY
AMRITSAR: Guru Nanak Dev University celebrated Teacher's Day with enthusiasm and reverence, honoring the dedication and commitment of its educators. The various departments includes Punjab School of Economics, Department of History organised special events and activities to express gratitude towards the teaching staff.

SRM INSTITUTE HOSTS INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE
KATTANKULATHUR: SRM Institute of Science and Technology (SRMIST) recently hosted the International Conference on Precision Bio-Medicine and Sustainable Smart City Development (ICPBSSC) in collaboration with National Chung Cheng University (CCU), Taiwan held over three days.

REC HONOURED AS NODAL AGENCY OF THE YEAR
NEW DELHI: REC Limited, a Maharatna CPSE under the Ministry of Power and a leading NBFC, has been conferred with the prestigious "Nodal Agency of the Year" award at the Bharat Electricity - Powering India Awards 2024.



Gold rises ₹100; silver bounces ₹1,200

PTI ■ NEW DELHI
Silver prices surged Rs 1,200 to Rs 85,800 per kilogram, while gold rose Rs 100 to Rs 74,200 per 10 grams in the national capital on Friday, according to the All India Sarafa Association. In the previous session, the precious metal of 99.9 per cent purity had ended at Rs 74,100 per 10 gram. The silver metal had ended higher at Rs 84,600 per kilogram in the previous session on Thursday. Additionally, gold of 99.9 and 99.5 per cent purity rose Rs 100 each to Rs 74,200 and Rs 73,850 per 10 grams, respectively. Traders attributed the rise in gold prices due to increased demand by jewellers and stockists as well as a jump in the precious metal rates in the overseas markets. Globally, Comex gold rose 0.22 per cent higher at USD 2,548.80 per ounce. "Gold extended gains on Friday, as the US dollar and Treasury yields fell following another set of data showing a sluggish US labour market," Saumil Gandhi, Senior Analyst of Commodities at HDFC Securities, said. Silver also quoted marginally higher at 0.26 per cent to USD 29.18 per ounce in the international markets. "US jobs data released in recent sessions have shown mixed readings, though it confirmed that the labour market is cooling enough to consider an interest rate cut in September meeting by the US Federal Reserve," Maneesh Sharma, AVP -- Commodities & Currencies, Anand Rathi Shares and Stock Brokers, said. Following a strong monthly increase in July, gold posted another healthy gain in August to finish 3.6 per cent higher at USD 2,513 per ounce internationally, according to a report by World Gold Council (WGC). The custom duty cut on gold in India, which took place in late July, has been a shot in the arm for gold demand in the country. The reduction was followed by strong buying interest from jewellery retailers as well as consumers. Meanwhile, global physically-backed gold ETFs extended their inflow streak to four months while western funds once again contributed to the share of flows, the report said. According to Manav Modi, Senior Analyst, Commodity Research, Motilal Oswal Financial Services Ltd, after lower jobs data this week, focus now turns to all-important US non-farm payroll and unemployment rate data to be released later on Friday.

VA Tech WABAG bags ₹2,700 crore sea water desalination plant order from Saudi Water Authority

PTI ■ CHENNAI
Water treatment player VA Tech WABAG has secured an order from Saudi Water Authority worth USD 317 million (Rs 2,700 crore) for setting up a Mega Sea Water Desalination plant in Saudi Arabia, the company said on Friday. The Engineering, Procurement, Construction and Commissioning (EPC) contract including design and supply of the 300 million litres per day mega desalination plant which would be developed on a greenfield site in the west coast of Kingdom of Saudi Arabia. The Saudi Water Authority, formally known as the Saline



Conversion Corporation, is responsible for regulating and monitoring water sector business and services to enhance water sustainability and achieve the objectives of Saudi Arabia's Vision 2030. The project is expected to be completed in 30 months and the plant would operate Dual Media Filters followed by a two-pass Reverse Osmosis process and re-mineralisation to produce clean potable

water. The plant would be built with the state-of-the-art desalination technologies, designed for superior energy efficiency and would produce stellar quality of water complying with the environmental regulations of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia. "We are extremely honoured and proud to secure this mega order from prestigious customer Saudi Water Authority, which will contribute to the ambitious Saudi Vision 2030. This mega order is a testament to our expertise and commitment to delivering high-quality, sustainable water solutions worldwide," company Head-Strategy and Business Growth - GCC, Rohan Mittal said in a company statement here. WABAG said, globally, it has established 60 desalination plants in 17 countries, for various municipalities and industries. "This (project) win reinforces our position in the desalination sector and we are confident that WABAG's Global Leadership in Desalination will grow further with this win," Mittal said. The Saudi Water Authority currently manages over 40 desalination plants producing over 11 million cubic meters per day and over 139 ground and surface water purification stations producing over 4 million cubic meters per day.

RBI imposes penalties on Housing and Urban Development Corporation, two others

PTI ■ MUMBAI
The Reserve Bank has imposed penalties on three entities, including Housing and Urban Development Corporation Ltd, for non-compliance with certain provisions of directions on 'non-banking financial company - housing finance company'. A penalty of Rs 3.5 lakh has been imposed on Housing and Urban Development Corporation Limited, the central bank said in a statement on Friday. In a separate release, RBI said it has imposed a penalty of Rs 5 lakh on Godrej Housing. The Reserve Bank of India has also imposed a monetary



penalty of Rs 5 lakh on Aadhar Housing Finance Ltd. In each case, the RBI added that penalties are based on deficiencies in regulatory compliance and are not intended to be pronounced upon the validity of any transaction or agreement entered into by the companies.

Forex reserves jump USD 2.3 billion to fresh record of USD 683.987 billion

PTI ■ MUMBAI
India's forex reserves jumped by USD 2.299 billion to a new high of USD 683.987 billion for the week ended on August 30, according to the RBI data release on Friday. In the previous reporting week, the forex reserves had jumped by USD 7.023 billion to a high of USD 681.688 billion. For the week ended August 30, foreign currency assets, a major component of the reserves, increased by USD 1.485 billion to USD 599.037 billion, the data showed. Expressed in dollar terms, the foreign currency assets include the effect of appreciation or depreciation of non-US units like the euro, pound and yen held in the foreign exchange reserves. Gold reserves increased by USD 862 million to USD 61.859 billion during the week. The Special Drawing Rights (SDRs) were up by USD 9 million to USD 18.468 billion. India's reserve position with the IMF was down by USD 58 million to USD 4.622 billion in the reporting week, the apex bank data showed.



THE STORY BEHIND KABINI ON MY MIND

AN AUTHOR'S PERSPECTIVE

Discover the inspirations, experiences and insights behind **VIKRAM NANJAPPA'S** compelling wildlife narratives in *Kabini on my Mind: Musings of a Naturalist*

BY **SHARMILA CHAND**

Vikram Nanjappa likes to be described as an interested and well-informed amateur. He draws inspiration from the band of men called the Orientalists, most of whom were amateurs. Like them, his field of inquiry is 'Man and Nature; (with an emphasis on Nature) whatever is performed by the one or produced by the other'.

Vikram's first exposure to wildlife came through the shikar tales he had heard from his friends while studying at Mayo College in Ajmer in Rajasthan, one of the country's oldest and celebrated institutions of learning. Vikram cites the writings of Billy Arjan Singh and Jim Corbett as having played a pivotal role in inclining him passionately and committedly towards wildlife.

After completing his Bachelor's in History and Political Science from St. Stephen's College in New Delhi, Vikram joined the tea plantations. It was during the thirteen years he spent in Kerala and the Duars of West Bengal that he found the opportunity to hone his twin hobbies of wildlife and photography. In 2002 he moved to Kabini and took up organizing wildlife tours full time. He is one of those rare gems who managed to turn his passion into a rewarding and fulfilling vocation.

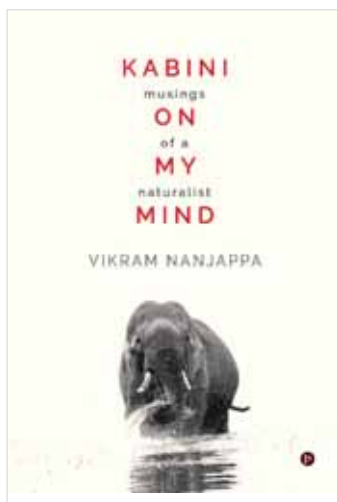
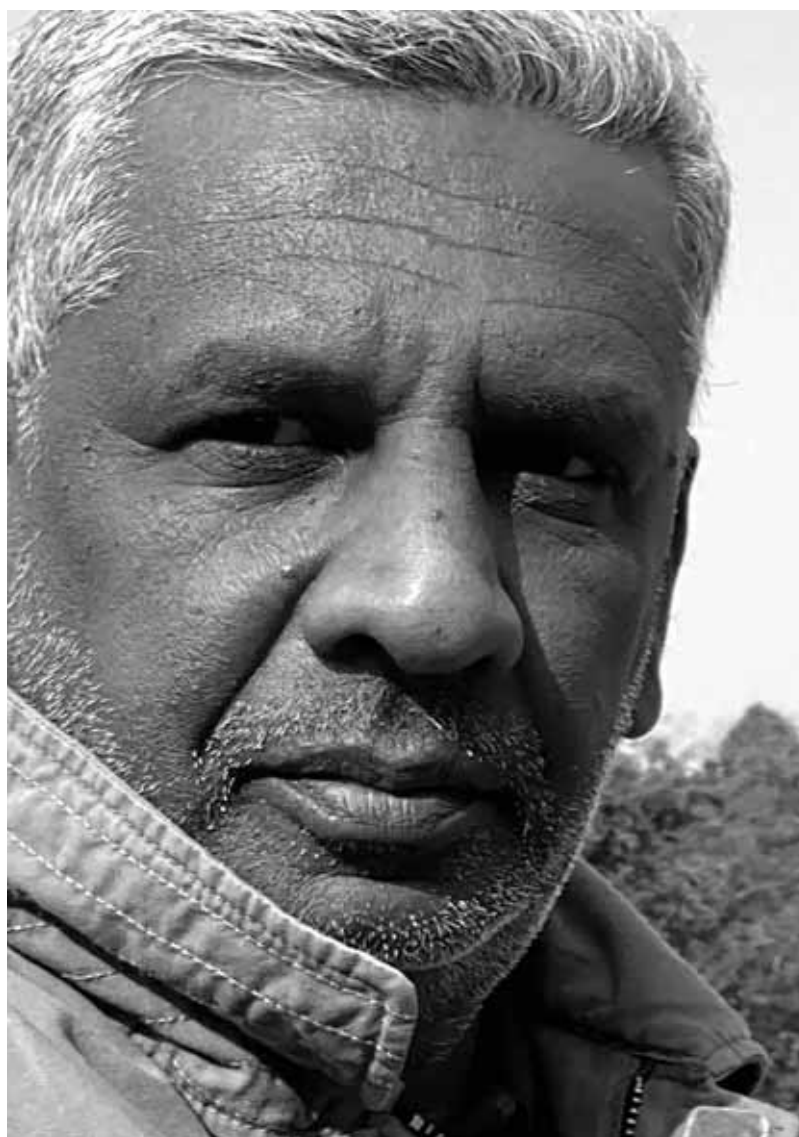
After leaving Kabini, in a manner of natural progression, Vikram ventured into the field of wildlife conservation (Non-profit Organization Management) with the Asian Nature Conservation Foundation for a few

years. He also explored the world of fashion as a freelance writer and as a photographer. His current avatar is that of a marketing professional. Vikram avers that traditional knowledge and field skills coupled with good science and common sense is the best way to understand, expose and preserve our wildlife, which is alarmingly on the decline. He strongly disapproves of what he calls the 'tabloid portrayal' of wildlife, where aberrant animal behaviour is highlighted to reinforce false myths and stereotypes. This has to be eclipsed by an attitude of respect and reverence for the animal kingdom if we are to continue enjoying sightings of our wild brethren in their natural habitats.

In an informal chat, he talks about his book and more

Firstly, let's hear about your book....
In the winter of 2002-03 I found myself in Kabini managing a farmhouse that was taking its first baby steps towards becoming a wildlife resort and if you had asked me a year earlier if that was where I saw myself a year hence, I would have laughed in your face. As the 1900s turned to the 2000s I was happily living on the Bhutan border, managing a tea estate and indulging in my love of photography and wildlife.

I did not know then that the previously dreaded but now forgotten Y2K problem would culminate in me reaching Kabini in the middle of the night to discover that my quarters had an outdoor toilet without a door. Not wishing to make a fuss, I decided to tackle the problem in the morning



ABOUT THE BOOK

Book : 'Kabini on my Mind: Musings of a Naturalist' by **VIKRAM NANJAPPA**
Publisher : Notionpress

by catching the first available transport out. As day broke and I got my first look ... the rest, as they say, is history.

I was shortly joined by my wife Gowri, my daughter Tara and our dog (a St Bernard mix) Bernie. We later added another member to our family - Bruno, a dachshund. In Kabini I eagerly embarked on the next phase of my wildlife journey, exploring the forests and honing my skills as a Naturalist. Up until then I had been happily engrossed in tackling the human-elephant conflict prevailing in the Duars and keeping track of the resident leopards on the estate. I enjoyed my wild life in the Duars, observing elephants and, to a lesser degree, leopards.

We stayed in Kabini for nearly ten years, finally leaving in 2011 when I had become the Chief Naturalist at Evolve Back, and Kabini had become one of the premier wildlife destinations in India.

This book is a compilation of various musings, natural history notes, opinions and incidents that occurred in Kabini during my stint there. While they are arranged in no particular order, they were written as

they occurred and accurately reflect my mood, opinions and emotions as the incidents played out. A lot of water has flowed by since but I have resisted the temptation to 'update' them as I feel hindsight is not always a good thing - it can be unfair to those who actually lived through the moment.

How did you get the idea or let's say inspiration behind the book?

During my childhood my interest in wildlife was fueled by wildlife books written by various authors. Most of these books were written by western authors and were mostly about Africa. As I grew up, I realized that a lot of researchers from the west were writing and publishing 'popular' books about their research experiences while at the same time imparting knowledge on wildlife in a very easy to absorb manner. This unfortunately was missing in India and information on Indian wildlife was difficult to get. Sometime ago I realized that instead of complaining maybe I should write a book on my experiences as a naturalist in Kabini.

What is the target audience for the book?

The book is a compilation of various incidents that occurred during my stint and written in a very easy to read manner - the aim was to cater to both young adults and adults. It is also targeted at those who are not into wildlife as well as those who are. It's not really targeted at hardcore wild livers - but I am sure they will enjoy the stories.

Any specific aim of writing on this subject?

The idea is to get young people interested in wildlife by presenting facts in an easy to read format. The chapters are independent of each other and easy to digest, the book can be read at leisure - it's not a heavy and laborious read. With today's declining attention span this was a deliberate move on my part.

Your favorite chapters?

I love elephants and I think that comes out very strongly in the book. My favorite parts are the ones about elephants - the following chapters in particular:

Spirit of Kabini
A Trunk Full of Tales
A Tale of Two Giants
The Amphitheatre of Life and Death

You had mentioned the book is not tiger centric?

I have purposely not focused too much on the tiger - I feel that too our tourism industry is too tiger centric to the detriment of other species. There is much more to Indian wildlife and therefore I have given more

attention to other lesser known and charismatic species.

Any personal opinions / beliefs you have shared in the book?

Yes, I have also touched upon my personal beliefs which are not quite conventional but at the same time tried not to sensationalize aberrant animal behavior reinforce false myths and stereotypes.

Are you a Critique of current trends in wildlife guiding?

It ends with a mild critique (Last Chapter: The Mystic Naturalist) of the current trends in wildlife guiding which I feel is getting too 'professional' 'with scripted storytelling and more. I hope that this critique will be taken in the spirit it is intended and lead to a more mindful approach to guiding.

Is this your first book? Were you always into writing? You wanted to be an author?

Yes, it's my first book. I have always enjoyed writing and maintaining an online blog for a long time. I also briefly freelanced as a writer, writing articles on wildlife and men's style. Also dreamt of writing a book so one dream was fulfilled.

Why Kabini?

I spent nearly ten years of my life in kabini. I know it very well and it's my home jungle. It's my karma Bhoomi as far as wildlife goes

How and when did you become a naturalist?

I became a naturalist in 2003 when I decided to quit my job as a tea planter and work in the wildlife field. As I was not 'qualified' to do research it was the only viable option for me.

How has your journey been as a Naturalist? Pls share a couple of milestones or anecdotes to share.

It was great. The biggest learning was when my boss Krishan Prasad or KP for short who is a great wildlifer himself advised me to ditch my camera for a pair of binoculars. Best advice I ever received- the learning that followed was stupendous. Also getting the opportunity to interact with Dr Ullas Karanth and other such greats.

My outlook and philosophy towards wildlife was formed and greatly influenced by these individuals.

What did you enjoy the most about the book?

Writing it. I love to write.

What next? Which book? What subject?

Nothing definitive but I would like to write something from a foresters perspective about the day to day challenges of managing a national park in India.

NEW ARRIVALS

September Releases by Aleph Book Company



The Third Eye of Indian Art: Aesthetics as Vedanta
By HARSHA V. DEHEJIA (INR-499, PP-240)

The Third Eye of Indian Art delves into how Indian art offers more than just visual pleasure by inviting deeper, contemplative experiences. Harsha V. Dehejia introduces the 'third eye,' a concept for perceiving art not only objectively but through a serene, inner perspective. This book guides readers in appreciating art's spiritual and subjective dimensions, encouraging a profound understanding of beauty and truth. Dehejia, a physician and Indic studies professor with dual doctorates, offers insights drawn from his extensive expertise in Indian aesthetics.

A Wonderland of Words: Around the World in 101 Essays
By Shashi Tharoor (INR-999, PP-472)

Words possess extraordinary power. They can move, entertain and reveal the world in profound ways. In this captivating book, renowned wordsmith Shashi Tharoor invites readers into the fascinating realm of the English language. He unravels punctuation, spelling and grammar, while exploring the richness of acronyms, oxymorons, metaphors, idioms and more. Tharoor's engaging prose offers insights into English's history, regional variations and literary brilliance, making *A Wonderland of Words* a delightful read for language enthusiasts.

Unlocking Wealth: Secrets to Getting Rich at Any Age
By ROHIT SARIN (INR-599, PP-224)

Unlocking Wealth reveals how individuals and families can grip India's economic growth to build substantial wealth. Rohit Sarin, a seasoned banker and entrepreneur, offers practical strategies for smart saving, sound investments, and risk-taking, emphasising that it's never too early or late to start. The book is both a guide for personal wealth creation and a broader vision for societal advancement, showing how increased wealth can benefit all Indians. With nearly three decades of wealth management experience, Sarin provides clear, actionable advice for creating and growing wealth at any age.

Journey of Self-Discovery and Courage

Niharika Nigam's debut novel, *Joy of Missing Out*, explores the transformative journey of Nanki Mehta, a young woman searching for meaning and fulfillment beyond societal expectations. Through an unexpected adventure, Nanki learns to embrace uncertainty, redefine purpose and take a leap of faith towards a more authentic life, says **SAKSHI PRIYA**

Joy of Missing Out by Niharika Nigam is a deeply engaging novel that explores the themes of self-discovery, existentialism and the quest for a meaningful life. Nigam, an entrepreneur with years of experience in the adventure sports industry, brings a unique perspective to her storytelling, blending personal insights with a broader commentary on modern life.

The novel centers around Nanki Mehta, a thirty-two-year-old brand strategist from Delhi, whose seemingly perfect life feels increasingly unfulfilling. Nanki's struggle is relatable, she grapples with societal expectations and a sense of stagnation in her career, marriage and personal life. Nigam paints a vivid portrait of a woman in crisis, yearning for something more than the mundane routines that have come to define her existence. Her portrayal of Nanki's internal conflict is rich and nuanced, making her journey of self-discovery both engaging and thought-provoking.

A turning point in the novel comes when Nanki stumbles upon a Bungy Jumping ad for Rishikesh, a place tied to her childhood memories. This ad becomes the catalyst for Nanki's journey towards transformation. Her interactions with River, a Bungy Jump Master, add a fresh dimension to her life. River's outsider perspective challenges Nanki to reconsider her own beliefs, offering new ways of thinking about purpose and fulfillment. This friendship serves as a mirror for Nanki's own soul-searching, encouraging readers to reflect on their own lives. One of the novel's most effective elements is its use of Bungy



Jumping as a metaphor for Nanki's leap of faith. What begins as a simple adventure turns into a powerful symbol of courage, trust and the willingness to embrace the unknown. This metaphor is woven throughout the narrative, providing a poignant backdrop to Nanki's internal transformation and reinforcing the novel's central themes of risk, renewal, and self-discovery.

Nigam's own experience in the adventure sports sector gives the book an authentic feel, especially in the scenes set in Rishikesh. Her understanding of courage, risk and the human desire for freedom adds depth and realism to Nanki's journey. The novel also delves into the challenges of social



entrepreneurship, showing how Nanki uses her business acumen to support a local NGO, blending purpose with practicality. The emotional core of the story is further enriched by Nanki's relationship with her grandfather, Nanu, whose illness and eventual death force her to confront her fears and redefine her understanding of loss and resilience. This subplot adds emotional weight to the narrative, making Nanki's journey even more

compelling. *Joy of Missing Out* is a novel that challenges readers to reflect on their own paths and the choices they make. It captures the tension between societal expectations and personal fulfillment, urging readers to take their own leaps of faith. Nigam's writing is insightful and empathetic, making this a book that resonates with anyone who has ever felt the need to step away from the familiar in search of a deeper sense of purpose.

ABOUT THE BOOK

Title: Joy of Missing Out

Author: Niharika Nigam | **Publisher:** Nu Voice

Price: INR 299 | **Pages:** 288



Neeraj Chopra qualifies for Diamond League season finale in Brussels

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

India's two-time Olympic medal-winning javelin throw star Neeraj Chopra has qualified for this month's season finale of the prestigious Diamond League after finishing fourth in the overall standings at the end of its 14 series meetings across the world.

The season finale will be a two-day affair on September 13 and 14 in Brussels. Chopra accumulated 14 points from his two second-place finishes in the one-day meets held in Doha and Lausanne. He skipped the last series meet in Zurich on Thursday. The 26-year-old is two points adrift of Czechia's Jakub

Vadlech. Grenada's Anderson Peters and German star Julian Weber occupy the top two spots with 29 and 21 points respectively. Peters had pipped Weber in the Zurich meet. Chopra, who won gold in the Tokyo Olympics in 2021 and added a silver to his kitty in the Paris edition last month, has been struggling with his fitness this season.

The Haryana-lad has talked about a groin injury troubling him since before the Olympic Games that has come in the way of his quest to hit the 90m mark.

The Indian finished second in the Lausanne Diamond Leg, bested by Peters, who threw 90.61m. In Paris Olympics, Pakistan's Arshad Nadeem had

taken the gold with a monster throw of 92.97m.

"First goal, go to the doctor and make my groin 100 per cent fit and also I will be technically better and try to throw far again," he had said last month about his plans for this year and the coming one. Chopra had won the Lausanne leg in 2022 and 2023 and finished second behind Vadlech in the winner-takes-all finale in Eugene, USA, last year.

Each Diamond League season final champion is awarded a prestigious "Diamond Trophy", USD 30,000 prize money and a wild card for the World Athletics Championships. The DL finale will mark the end of Chopra's season.

India's fast bowling makes them difficult to beat in Australia: Marnus Labuschagne

PTI ■ MUMBAI

Star batter Marnus Labuschagne reckons fast bowlers make India a "difficult" side to beat in Australian conditions as the hosts look to end their barren run in Border-Gavaskar Trophy which has lasted nearly a decade.

India have won every bilateral Test series against Australia since losing 1-2 in an away affair in 2014-15. They have recorded identical 2-1 series wins in 2018-19 and 2020-21 Down Under to remain on top.

"India's fast bowling is very good, which is really what brings them in Australian conditions and make them such a tough team to beat in Australian conditions," Labuschagne told Star Sports. The middle-order mainstay



termed the rivalry as 'tough' irrespective of where they are playing.

"There is always high anticipation. To these two teams, it doesn't matter where we're playing, if it's in England, Australia, or India, it's always a tough contest," he said.

Australia spinner Nathan Lyon termed Indian players as "superstars" while hoping to revive his on-field rivalry with India spinner Ravichandran Ashwin.

"I've always said throughout my whole career (that) I want to compete against the best and you look through the whole Indian line-up, the whole squad, there's absolute superstars everywhere," he said.

"I know Ashwin, we debuted around similar times and we've competed against each other in

with 62.50 percentage points and 90 points.

The WTC final will be played at Lord's from June 11-15 next year and could feature both the current top two teams once again.

India have featured in the summit clashes of the WTC on both occasions but have lost to New Zealand (2019-21) and Australia (2021-23).

"Every single point is pretty crucial for the World Test Championship. Any way you can kind of (or) get an idea of (to) how to get one up on your opponent, we'll try and take," Green said.

"If it is a bit of a preview for a World Test Championship final again, yeah, we've been trying to get as much information out of India and see how we can win it again," he added.

Vikram Rathour, Rangana Herath added to New Zealand coaching staff

PTI ■ AUCKLAND

Former India batting coach Vikram Rathour and Sri Lanka spin great Rangana Herath were on Friday added to New Zealand's coaching staff ahead of Tests against Afghanistan and Sri Lanka.

New Zealand will play a one-off Test against Afghanistan before heading to Sri Lanka for a two-Test series. The one-off Test against the Afghans will be held at the Greater Noida Sports Complex Ground from September 9 to 13.

The Kiwis are also due to play a three-Test series against India in October-November.

While Herath has been appointed for Tests against Afghanistan and Sri Lanka as New Zealand's spin bowling coach, Rathour will be with the Kiwi side only for the contest against Afghanistan.



Rathour had a successful run as India's batting coach under head coach Rahul Dravid. His tenure ended after India's T20 World Cup win in June this year.

The addition of Rathour and Herath was announced by New Zealand Cricket on their website.

"Sri Lankan spin maestro Rangana Herath has been appointed as spin-bowling coach for the three upcoming

Tests in Asia, replacing former Pakistan spinner and coach Saqlain Mushtaq who was originally announced to fill the temporary role before pulling out to take up a position with the Pakistan Cricket Board," New Zealand Cricket said in a statement.

Head coach Gary Stead said, "We're really excited to introduce Rangana and Vikram into our Test group."

"Both men are held in high regard in the world of cricket and I know our players are really looking forward to the opportunity to learn from them."

Stead hoped Herath's expertise as a left-arm spinner will help New Zealand's Ajaz Patel, Mitchell Santner and Rachin Ravindra.

"For our three left-arm orthodox spinners in particular, Ajaz, Mitch and Rachin, having the chance to work with Rangana across three Tests on the sub-continent will be hugely beneficial," he said.



Gagan Narang lauds performance of Indian athletes at Paris Paralympics

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Paralympics we are performing well, we are on the 16th position today.

"A fantastic effort by our Paralympians. They surpassed the Tokyo Paralympics medal tally, looking forward for more medals," Narang told PTI Videos on the sidelines of the Media Photojournalist Trust's photo exhibition event at the Press Club of India.

Narang also shared his thoughts on his love for photography and expressed his admiration for the photos he saw at the exhibition.

"Fantastic exhibition indeed, photographers are lifeline of journalism. They give us a perspective and no AI (Artificial Intelligence) can replace them. I wish, pray and help the association to do this function every year. Fantastic effort and great pictures," he concluded.

Kerala seeks football collaboration with Argentina

PTI ■ THIRUVANANTHAPURAM

Football-crazy Kerala is seeking collaboration with the Argentine Football Association (AFA), with a high-level delegation headed by State Sports Minister V Abdurahiman holding a meeting with its office-bearers in Madrid, Spain.

In a Facebook post, Abdurahiman, who is currently in Madrid, said on Friday that the collaboration with AFA will be a huge investment for Kerala and expressed his desire to make this a reality as soon as possible.

"The possibility of considering Kerala as a venue for international friendly matches was discussed. As part of this, the association representatives expressed interest in visiting Kerala soon. AFA also expressed interest in setting up football academies in Kerala in collaboration with the state government," he said.

According to the minister, the AFA said that the Argentine fan community in Kerala has always been warmly

welcomed. Commenting on their meeting, the AFA said: "Together with the delegation from the Government of Kerala, headed by V Abdurahiman, Minister of Sports, we had the opportunity to share initiatives and projects that will surely materialize in the short term."

In recent years, the association has established itself as one of the most important and popular sports brands in this strategic market through its global expansion strategy, it said in a statement.

"In this context, our institution is working on developing sports and commercial projects in different parts of the country, with the aim of continuing to expand our brand and being closer to the fans of the Argentine National Team in India," it added.

The AFA also thanked the Government of Kerala for "this important visit".

Meanwhile, the Abdurahiman-led delegation also visited various sports development centres in Madrid and met with officials from the Spanish Higher Sports Council.



Australia stunned by Bahrain in World Cup qualifying as Palestinians draw with South Korea

AP ■ SEOUL

Australia fell to a shock 1-0 loss to Bahrain at home in the opening game of the third round of Asian World Cup qualifying. Meanwhile, South Korea was held to 0-0 by the Palestinians in Seoul.

Despite losing all six previous games against Australia, Bahrain won thanks to an own goal from Harry Souttar with a minute remaining on the Gold Coast. Abdulla Al-Khalasi's cross from the left side of the area hit the defender and flew past goalkeeper Mat Ryan.

Australia dominated the game but was reduced to 10 men when Kusini Yengi was red-carded after 77 minutes for a reckless tackle.

"It's not the way that we want to start our campaign, a loss at home, but we have to go away and improve," Australia winger Craig Goodwin said. "We have to look at the positives. This is the first game, there are nine games to go."

Bahrain is second in Group C behind Japan, which thrashed China 7-0 in Saitama.

First-half headers from midfielder Wataru Endo and winger Kaoru Mitoma put Japan in control by the break.

Then Takumi Minamino scored twice in quick succession and Junya Ito, Daizen Maeda and Takefusa Kubo also found the target to make it a painful evening for China.

Also in Group C, Saudi Arabia was held to a 1-1 draw by Indonesia in Jeddah. Ragnar Oratmangoen scored for Indonesia but Musab Al-Juwayr equalized before the break for Roberto Mancini's

Indian Hockey can aim for gold in next Olympics: Sreejesh

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Riding high on the success of winning a bronze medal in Paris - ending a four-decade-long dry spell - the Indian hockey team now aims to build on this momentum with hopes of clinching gold at the Los Angeles Olympics in 2028, ace goalkeeper P R Sreejesh said on Friday.

The former national team captain, who announced his retirement after the Paris Olympics, told journalists in the Bihar capital that he saw the state as the future "sports hub".

"I see many positive developments in Bihar, particularly at the sports complex in Raigir, which now features an astro turf and will host the women's Asian Cup Trophy tournament later this year," Sreejesh remarked.

He added, "I see no reason why Bihar cannot emerge as the country's next sports hub. I have met sports department officials



here and found many initiatives, like establishment of a sports university, quite impressive".

Sreejesh, who has taken up a new assignment as the coach for the junior men's hockey team, said he had set his eyes on the next Asia Cup and revealed that he was drawing inspiration from former cricket team captain Rahul Dravid.

After a successful playing career, Dravid, known as "The Wall" for his steadfast batting, has made significant contributions as head coach of the Indian cricket team, helping it to new heights.

Sreejesh broke into a wide grin that like his idol, his own skills earned him the sobriquet "The Great Wall of Indian Hockey".

At 36, Sreejesh reminisced about his experiences at the Paris Olympics and expressed hope that the national team would "revive the old glory of Indian hockey" by aiming for gold in Los Angeles and performing well in tournaments leading up to the 2028 Games.

"We have a very talented team. Krishan Pathak, who has succeeded me, is an excellent goalkeeper," Sreejesh said, highlighting the importance of managing pressure and taking time to unwind between games.

A fan of Harry Potter, Sreejesh confessed that his love for fiction has provided him with a means of escape from the intense pressures of competitive sports, helping him navigate the challenges of his demanding career.

Errani and Vavassori win US Open mixed doubles title in Young's final match before retiring

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Sara Errani and Andrea Vavassori won the U.S. Open mixed doubles title with a 7-6 (0), 7-5 victory Thursday over Taylor Townsend and Donald Young, who fell just short of a Grand Slam title in his final match before retiring.

Errani, who won a career Grand Slam in women's doubles with fellow Italian Roberta Vinci, added her first career mixed doubles title to the Olympic gold medal in women's doubles she won last month with Jasmine Paolini.

"It's incredible for me this year. It's amazing," Errani said.

Townsend and Young, who have been friends since they were kids, were given a wild card into the event for what was the 35-year-old Young's final tournament. The former

top-ranked junior hadn't played much in recent years, having made the switch to pickleball.

"Obviously wasn't the result we wanted," Young said, "but I can't think of a better spot, place to go out in, having watched that as a kid, and playing with someone I've known our whole life. It's pretty cool for me."

He and Townsend made their way through the draw, knocking off defending champions Anna Danilina and Harri Heliövarra in the quarterfinals.

But Errani and Vavassori, the No. 3 seeds, dominated the tiebreaker and then won the



match by breaking Townsend's serve.

Errani hadn't played a mixed doubles event for eight years before partnering with Vavassori at Wimbledon. They were knocked out in the first round, then reached the quarterfinals at the Olympics before coming to New York.

Young's parents coached Townsend, who lost in the women's doubles semifinals with Katerina Siniakova after they won the Wimbledon title.

The 28-year-old Townsend said after the match that she hoped fans seeing two Black players in the finals, after Coco Gauff won the women's

title in Flushing Meadows last year and Frances Tiafoe is in the men's semifinals Friday, would inspire more of them to play. Young was then presented with a framed collage of photos of himself playing at the U.S. Open.

"For me, Donald and I, we go so far back. I mean, in life in general," Townsend said. "It's not the end. We both live in Atlanta, so I'm going to see him a ton and follow what he's doing in the next chapter. But it's cool to be able to close the book this way. Again, being able to leave here with some hardware when a lot of people didn't, that's the most special thing."