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RASHTRAPATI BHAVAN SLAMS THE CONGRESS



President Droupadi Murmu addresses the joint sitting of both Houses of Parliament on the first day of the Budget Session in New Delhi. PTI

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In an unprecedented move, the Rashtrapati Bhavan on Friday reacted strongly over the Congress leaders' comments on President Droupadi Murmu's address to the joint session of the Parliament. The President's office said it believes that "it might be the case that these leaders were not acquainted with the idiom and discourse in Indian languages such as Hindi, and thus formed a wrong impression". In any case, such comments are in poor taste, unfortunate and entirely avoidable, the statement said. "These leaders have said that the President was getting very tired by the end and she could hardly speak. Rashtrapati Bhavan would like to clarify that nothing could be farther from the

truth. The President was not tired at any point. Indeed, she has believed that speaking up for the marginalised communities, for women and farmers, as she was doing during the course of her address, can never be tiring," the statement said. Prime Minister Narendra Modi too launched a scathing attack on the Congress, accusing its "shahi parivar" of insulting President Droupadi Murmu, who hails from a tribal background. In a direct response to Congress leaders' purported remarks on Murmu, Modi, at a public meeting in the national Capital said, "These Congress people think they are the masters of the country. The arrogance of the Congress royal family has once again been exposed."

were seen discussing the speech. "The poor lady, the President, was getting very tired by the end...She could hardly speak poor thing," Sonia was heard saying in a video doing the rounds on social media. The President's office said it believes that "it might be the case that these leaders were not acquainted with the idiom and discourse in Indian languages such as Hindi, and thus formed a wrong impression". In any case, such comments are in poor taste, unfortunate and entirely avoidable, the statement said. "These leaders have said that the President was getting very tired by the end and she could hardly speak. Rashtrapati Bhavan would like to clarify that nothing could be farther from the

Indian economy defies global slowdown



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With Sanskriti (culture) and Pragati (progress) moving in tandem, India stands on the brink of an economic transformation—one that is propelling the nation towards becoming the world's third-largest economy. Driven by the guiding principles of Reform, Perform, and Transform, the government has laid a robust foundation for economic expansion through bold policy measures, strategic interventions, and a commitment to inclusive growth. At the heart of this transformative journey is the Economic Survey 2024-25, which, despite global economic turbulence, presents a confident yet pragmatic assessment of India's economic trajectory. While economies worldwide grapple with geopolitical uncertainties, supply chain disruptions, and inflationary pressures, India continues to defy global headwinds, reaffirming its status as one of the fastest-growing major economies. The data speaks volumes. India's GDP expanded by an impressive 6.4 per cent in FY25, driven by a resurgence in rural demand, a boom in infrastructure investment, and a stellar performance by the services sector. Key economic contributors such

as agriculture (3.8 per cent) and industry (6.2 per cent) outperformed their historical averages (FY15-FY24), indicating broad-based growth momentum. The Indian economy is projected to expand at a rate of 6.3 per cent to 6.8 per cent in the financial year 2025-26 (FY26). Private Final Consumption Expenditure (PFCE)—a cornerstone of aggregate demand—is projected to grow at 7.3 per cent, underscoring robust household spending, particularly in rural areas. A strong rebound in consumption has been evident in rising sales of two-wheelers, three-wheelers, and tractors, signalling increased purchasing power and consumer confidence. A resurgent manufacturing sector is a cornerstone of India's economic revival, as reflected in its Purchasing Managers' Index (PMI), which has consistently remained in the expansionary zone. In December 2024, the PMI surpassed long-term averages, fueled by strong order books, rising exports, and resilient domestic demand. Business sentiment remains overwhelmingly positive, with firms anticipating higher production, improved order inflows, and greater capacity utilisation in the coming quarters. The Production-Linked Incentive (PLI) scheme has played a pivotal role in attracting private investments, reinforcing India's position as a global manufacturing powerhouse. Investment remains the backbone of India's economic expansion. According to the RBI's latest

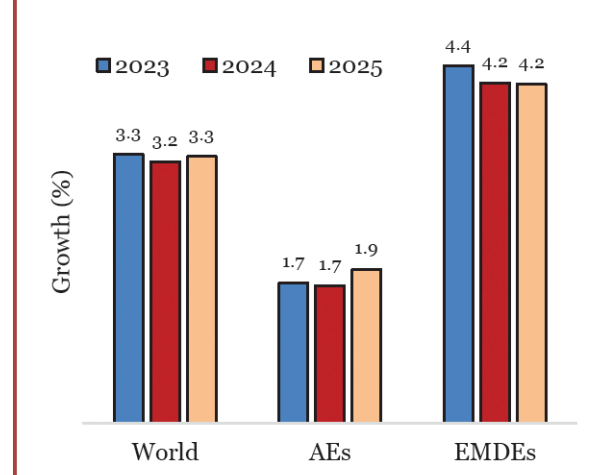


report, private investment commitments surged from ₹1.6 Lakh Crore in FY24 to ₹2.45 Lakh Crore in FY25. The public sector, particularly in infrastructure development, has been a critical catalyst, with General Government Capital Formation (GFCF) growing at 13.1 per cent, outpacing overall investment growth between 2019 and 2023. The government's commitment to high-quality capital expenditure is evident, with capital spending now constituting

21.4 per cent of total expenditure, up from 13 per cent in FY21. Additionally, the National Monetisation Pipeline (NMP) has unlocked ₹3.86 Lakh Crore worth of private capital across key infrastructure sectors, enhancing long-term growth potential. Infrastructure development remains a cornerstone of India's growth strategy, with a paradigm shift from a project-based approach to a corridor-based one. The National Highway Network has expanded from 91,287 km in 2014 to 1.46 lakh km in 2024. Airport infrastructure investments exceeded ₹91,000 Crore (FY20-FY25) to modernise key hubs and expand air

traffic capacity. Port efficiency has surged, with operational capacity growing from 3 MTPA in FY24 to 21 MTPA in FY25. Renewable energy has seen remarkable progress, with installed capacity reaching 456.7 GW as of November 2024, of which 47 per cent comes from renewables. Meanwhile, the Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM) has transformed rural water accessibility, with tap water connections rising from 17 per cent in 2019 to 79.1 per cent in 2024. Despite external headwinds, India's services exports continue to offset a widening merchandise trade deficit. In response to shifting global policies, India is expanding its trade footprint into high-value sectors such as biotechnology, semiconductors, and quantum computing. Strategic partnerships in space, AI, and telecommunications further bolster India's positioning as a leader in advanced technology industries. India has made remarkable strides in research and development (R and D), with patent filings more than doubling since 2014-15 and patent grants increasing seventeen-fold. However, Gross Expenditure on R and D (GERD) remains at 0.64 per cent of GDP, significantly lower than global counterparts like China, Japan, and the US, where business-funded R and D exceeds 70 per cent. Strengthening industry-academia collaboration and fostering innovation-led entrepreneurship remain key imperatives for the next phase of economic transformation.

Chart I.2: Steady growth outlook across country groups



Source: IMF WEO (January 2025)
Note: AEs- Advanced Economies, EMDEs- Emerging market and developing economies

Modi takes a pot shot at the Opposition

DEEPAK KUMAR JHA ■ NEW DELHI

In a jibe at the Congress and other Opposition parties, Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Friday came out with a tongue-in-cheek comment by mentioning that it could be perhaps the first time ever since he took over as PM in 2014 that there has been no attempt from abroad to destabilise our legislative functions before the start of a Parliament session. "This is the first session I am seeing in the last 10 years in which there has been no attempt to stoke a fire from any foreign corner," the prime minister said briefing the media before the start of the Budget session. The PM also took a swipe at Opposition parties, saying that there were people abroad ready to do mischief before every session since 2014 and there was also no dearth of those here who would fuel such attempts. Modi was referring to the protests by Opposition parties, including the Congress in previous Parliament sessions over revelations made by now-disbanded US-based short seller Hindenburg Research on alleged stock manipulation and tax evasion by the Gautam Adani group. With Modi-led NDA's third term to bring in its first full-fledged budget on Saturday, the PM said he prayed that Goddess Lakshmi, who is associated with wealth, will bless the poor and middle class. He expressed confidence that this Budget session will infuse new confidence and energy in attaining the goal of 'Viksit Bharat' by 2047. The prime minister also hinted new initiatives for the poor and middle class as well as women, he also said a mechanism has been designed for the participation of younger Parliamentarians in further nurturing the 'Viksit Bharat'. "Especially for young MPs, it is a golden opportunity, because the more awareness and participation... In the House today, the more fruits of a developed India they will see before their eyes. And therefore, this is a



Prime Minister Narendra Modi addresses the media on the first day of the Budget Session of Parliament. PTI

priceless opportunity for the young MPs," Modi said. Ahead of the tabling of the Economic Survey, the PM said his government has been working in mission mode in its third term for an all-round development and asserted that innovation, inclusion and investment have shaped its economic agenda. Modi also shared that several historic bills will be taken up during the Session and will become laws after comprehensive debate to strengthen the country. "Particularly, important decisions will be taken during the Session to empower women to ensure they get equal rights and any sectarian or faith-based discrimination is removed," he said. Modi also expressed confidence that every MP, especially the young ones, will contribute to the agenda of 'Viksit Bharat' during the session. Stressing on the mantra of 'Reform, Perform and Transform', Modi said fast-paced development has to be achieved and the maximum emphasis is on reform. He said the state and Central governments have to perform together and one can see transformation through public participation.

Kejriwal accuses CM Saini of conspiracy to poison Yamuna

RAJESH KUMAR ■ NEW DELHI

In a startling revelation, Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) supremo Arvind Kejriwal on Friday accused Haryana Chief Minister Nayab Singh Saini of hatching a "conspiracy" to "influence" and force half of Delhi's population to thirst due to the "poisonous" Yamuna water to defame his party ahead of the Assembly polls on February 5 by sending highly-polluted waters to the national Capital. In his six-page written reply addressed to the chief election commissioner (CEC), AAP chief raised serious allegations against Saini and said the Haryana Chief Minister orchestrated a "conspiracy" to influence the Delhi assembly election. He demanded that a criminal case should be filed against Saini regarding the 'poisonous' Yamuna issue. In the response to the Commission's second notice, Kejriwal clarified that his earlier statements, which referenced the Yamuna being "poisoned," were made in the context of the rising ammonia levels in the water and were not intended to suggest any malicious intent outside of this environmental crisis. Warning that water could be used as a weapon to win elections if the EC fails to act, he said he was shocked that the poll body did not pass any order for the Haryana Chief Minister but chose to "hound" him.



AAP national convener Arvind Kejriwal with Punjab CM Bhagwant Mann and AAP MP Sanjay Singh before leaving to meet Election Commissioners, in New Delhi. PTI

Eight AAP MLAs resign before polls

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

In a major setback to the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP), eight MLAs have resigned, ahead of the coming Delhi Assembly polls on February 5. The MLAs who resigned are Naresh Yadav (Mehrauli), Rohit Kumar (Trilokpur), Rajesh Rishi (Janakpuri), Madan Lal (Kasturba Nagar), Girish Soni (Madipur), Pawan Sharma (Adarsh Nagar), and Bhawna Goud (Palam). Sources said these MLAs were disgruntled after

being denied tickets for the February 5 polls and were touch with other parties. BS Joon (Bijwasan) was the first AAP MLA who gave his papers. Most of the MLAs shared their resignation letters on social media and slammed AAP over corruption and other issues. Reacting to the development, South Delhi BJP MP Ramvir Singh Bidhuri said the ship of Aam Aadmi Party is sinking, that is why seven MLAs have resigned from the party.



Poonch encounter: two terrorist killed

MOHIT KANDHARI ■ JAMMU

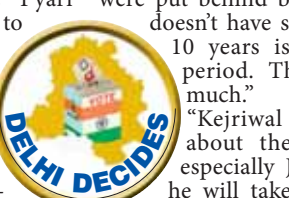
Alert troops of the Indian army neutralised two heavily armed Pakistani terrorists in the fierce gunfight along the line of control in the Khari Karmara area of Poonch early Friday morning. This is the first major incident of terrorist-related violence in the last two years in the Khari Karmara area of Poonch. According to local reports, the movement of a group of heavily armed Pakistani infiltrators was detected by the troops late Thursday evening while they (Pakistani infiltrators) were attempting to sneak inside the Indian territory taking advantage of the raging forest fires in the forward area. The security forces in the region were already conducting massive combing and search operations based on local intelligence inputs about the suspected movement of terrorists in the upper reaches of Rajouri and Poonch. In a post on X, the Nagrota-based White Knight Corps also confirmed the terrorist movement was detected last night at the Line of Control in the Poonch Sector. "The terrorist movement was detected last night at the Line of Control in the Poonch sector. Alert troops swiftly engaged the infiltrating terrorists, triggering an intense and heavy firefight. The anti-terrorist operation continued through the night, leading to the neutralisation of two terrorists. The search of the area thus far has resulted in the recovery of several weapons and war-like stores", White Knight Corps posted on X.

Ahead of polls and lucrative offers, Delhi students split on AAP and BJP

SANYA PANDEY ■ NEW DELHI

With Assembly polls inching closer, several students of Delhi University and other higher educational institutions, residing in North Campus, have opined that the ruling Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) has failed on various fronts in the last 10 years and there should be BJP's "double-engine" government for better development and welfare of the people of national capital. Though these students' are hoping for change in power in Delhi, some still have reposed their faith on AAP asserting that in the run-up to the Assembly elections, the BJP and Congress announced galore of "freebies", while the ruling dispensation has already delivered what it had

promised in last polls. They were also of the opinion that Delhi would witness a fierce contest between the AAP and BJP. The Congress, which has announced "five guarantees" including Rs 2,500 per month to every woman under the 'Pyari Didi Yojana', and eyeing to return to power highlighting the works done by the previous Sheila Dikshit-led government in Capital, did not find a mention. Navya Malhotra, a first-time voter, highlighted various issues including pollution and sanitation, which she has claimed the AAP government has totally failed to address in the last 10 years. She said the BJP should be given a chance this election.



Talking to the Pioneer, the 18-year-old said, "I feel this time BJP should come to power in Delhi. The AAP has been saying that they were not able to do the work for the people because Arvind Kejriwal and his team members were put behind bars and Delhi doesn't have statehood. But, 10 years is a very long period. They didn't do much." "Kejriwal had talked about the slum areas, especially JJ colony, that he will take care of such places. But, he failed to take any appropriate steps for waste management. It has become such a big problem. He hasn't taken care of this," she said. Referring to pollution, Navya said, "The AAP government has

completely failed. Because of pollution, students' we were not able to go to schools, colleges. Our time was wasted. So it is definitely important to give a chance to the BJP. Some people are following Narendra Modi because he is saving Hindutva,



File photo: Ranjan Dimri/The Pioneer

while some people are following him, because genuinely they cannot see any better party than BJP." Referring to BJP's manifesto, she said, "In the BJP's manifesto, they are giving those things that Kejriwal has offered to people. But there are also different things like giving Rs 2,1000 to pregnant women, so the rural/lower sections will get monetary help. Kejriwal had also talked about monetary help, but overall development didn't work out quite well." Mentioning the law and order situation, Navya said, "As a first time female voter, I feel safety in Delhi is a prominent issue, because I still can't freely roam out of my house at night. Even if I go downstairs I have to be

quite vigilant. The AAP has installed cameras. Are they functional? Women safety is very prime. Delhi which has been given the title of 'rape capital', if that can be changed by a 'double-engine' government BJP, then why not 'Har Har Modi'." Notably, the law and order of Delhi comes under the Union Home Ministry. She also accused the incumbent AAP MLA from Timarpur Dilip Pandey for not doing enough to mitigate the issues concerning the people of the constituency and said the BJP should be given a chance. The AAP this time has fielded turncoat Surinder Pal Singh (Bitto), BJP Surya Prakash and Congress Lokendra Chaudhary.

Political Firestorm Continues Over Dr Ambedkar's Statue Desecration in Punjab

BJP Forms Probe Panel, SAD Demands Judicial Inquiry

PNS ■ CHANDIGARH

The desecration of a statue of Dr BR Ambedkar in Amritsar on Republic Day has set off a fierce political storm in Punjab, with the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) and Shiromani Akali Dal (SAD) launching scathing attacks on the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) led State Government. While the BJP has formed a six-member probe panel to investigate the incident, the SAD Working Committee on Friday demanded a judicial inquiry, alleging a deep-rooted conspiracy to disturb communal harmony in the State.

The issue has sparked statewide protests, particularly among the Dalit organizations, who see the act as an assault on the legacy of Dr Ambedkar, the architect of the Indian Constitution. The incident, captured in viral footage, shows a youth, identified as Akashdeep, climbing a ladder and hammering the statue, leading to widespread condemnation and demands for swift justice. As political tensions soar, the BJP and SAD have intensified their offensive against the Bhagwant Mann-led AAP government,

accusing it of negligence and failing to protect symbols of social justice.

In a decisive move, BJP national president JP Nadda on Friday announced the constitution of a six-member fact-finding committee to probe the Ambedkar statue desecration and submit its findings. The BJP leadership has strongly condemned the act, calling it a direct result of the AAP Government's apathy towards Dalits and law enforcement failures.

The panel members include Rajya Sabha MP and Uttar Pradesh's former DGP Brij Lal; BJP Scheduled Castes Morcha's national president Lal Singh Arya; former Union Minister and ex-MP from Hoshiarpur Som Prakash; BJP national spokesperson Guruprakash Paswan; Uttar Pradesh Cabinet Minister Asim Arun; and senior BJP leader from Ambala Banto Devi Katara.

"The incident is a deliberate act of mischief, meant to provoke communal tensions in Punjab. The AAP government is complicit through its inaction, and we demand strict action against those responsible," said Nadda, in a statement.

The BJP panel will visit Amritsar, meet local authorities, civil society groups, and Dalit leaders, and prepare a comprehensive investigative report.

The formation of the fact-finding panel comes days after the BJP delegation had met Punjab Governor Gulab Chand Kataria submitting a memorandum demanding a high-level inquiry and stringent action against all conspirators. The party has also staged protests across Punjab, with leaders like former Union Minister Vijay Sampla, former state Cabinet Minister Manoranjan Kalia, former MLA Fateh Singh Bajwa, former MP Sushil Kumar Rinku, and former MLA Kewal Singh Dhillion spearheading the movement.

SAD Demands Judicial Probe

Meanwhile, the SAD Working Committee, in a high-level meeting on Friday chaired by party's working president Balwinder Singh Bhundar, has called for a judicial inquiry into the Amritsar statue desecration.

Senior SAD leader Daljit Singh Cheema alleged that the incident was part of a pre-meditated conspiracy to create social unrest in Punjab. "For over a decade, attempts have been made to disturb communal harmony in Punjab — first by desecrating religious scriptures and now by targeting Dr Ambedkar's statue. We demand a judicial probe to unmask the masterminds behind this act," said Cheema.

SAD's alleged that the AAP

Government is downplaying the incident instead of ensuring an impartial investigation. "The failure of law enforcement on Republic Day, when security should have been at its peak, raises suspicions," said the party's statement.

"This probe should be initiated at the earliest besides taking action against civil and police officials who had failed in their duty to protect the statue on the occasion of Republic Day when the entire State was in a state of high alert," said the party, vowing to expose those behind the incident and hold officials accountable for their inaction.

AAP Under Fire

With both BJP and SAD mounting pressure, the AAP Government has found itself on the defensive. Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann had condemned the act, assuring strict action and swift arrests. The Amritsar Police Commissionerate has already registered an FIR and arrested the accused, identified as a resident of Moga district.

However, the opposition is unsatisfied, with BJP and SAD accusing AAP of failing to protect Punjab's socio-political harmony. The coming days are expected to witness intensified protests, political show-downs, and heightened scrutiny over the government's handling of the case.

11 Killed, 15 Injured in Ferozepur Collision Amid Dense Fog

PNS ■ FEROZEPUR/CHANDIGARH

A devastating road accident in Punjab's Ferozepur district on Friday morning claimed 11 lives and left 15 others injured, as a Mahindra Bolero pick-up van collided with a canter truck amid dense fog. The tragedy unfolded at around 8 am on the Ferozepur-Fazilka highway near Mohan Ke Utaar village, leaving a trail of destruction and grief.

The accident was so severe that the bodies of the deceased were found scattered along the roadside, while injured passengers writhed in pain. The majority of the victims were waiters traveling to Jalalabad for a wedding function. Eyewitnesses recounted the horrific scene, describing how some victims were flung several feet away due to the impact, while others were trapped inside the mangled remains of the pick-up van.

The local police and emergency teams, along with bystanders, rushed to the scene to aid the victims. Initial investigations suggested that poor visibility due to heavy fog played a crucial role in the accident. However, the police have launched a detailed probe to ascertain if other factors, such as speeding or driver negligence, contributed to the collision.

Among the deceased was

Sukhwinder Singh, the only brother among five sisters, whose tragic death left his family inconsolable. His relatives, along with the families of other victims, were seen waiting at the accident site and local hospitals.

Emergency response teams, including the Sadak Suraksha Force (SSF), reached the scene shortly after receiving the distress call. Inspector Jaswinder Singh Brar, who led the initial investigation, stated that the impact of the crash was so intense that eight people died on the spot, while others succumbed to injuries during treatment.

Ferozepur Deputy Commissioner (DC) Deepshikha Sharma confirmed 11 fatalities and assured that all injured individuals were being provided with full medical support by the district administration.

Senior Superintendent of Police SSP Saumya Mishra visited the accident site to assess the situation, ensuring that the victims received urgent medical attention at government hospitals in Ferozepur, Jalalabad, and Faridkot.

Two of the critically injured patients were transferred to Guru Gobind Singh Medical College, Faridkot; while others were undergoing treatment at various district hospitals. Medical Superintendent Dr Neetu Kukkad assured that all

medical expenses for the injured would be covered by the state government.

According to DSP Satnam Singh, the Bolero pick-up was heading from Guru Har Sahai to Jalalabad, carrying waiters for a wedding function, while the canter truck was traveling in the opposite direction from Jalalabad to Ferozepur. The two vehicles collided head-on near Shaheed Udhham Singh College.

Eyewitnesses described chaotic scenes, as injured victims lay scattered across the road, some with severe fractures and bleeding injuries. Locals rushed to their aid, using makeshift stretchers to transport the wounded to hospitals.

"There was thick fog, and suddenly, there was a loud crash. We saw bodies lying on the road, people crying for help," said a local resident who was among the first responders.

Despite multiple distress calls, police and ambulances reportedly took over 30 minutes to arrive at the accident site, sparking criticism from local residents.

Eyewitnesses revealed that villagers had to use charpoys (traditional woven beds) as makeshift stretchers to carry the injured, as only two ambulances arrived initially, which were insufficient to transport all victims at once.

Police struggled to extract bodies from the wreckage, as the

two vehicles were severely entangled due to the high-impact collision. Two bodies were crushed between the wreckage, making retrieval extremely difficult. Rescue teams had to use a tractor to separate the vehicles and pull out the deceased.

Expressing deep sorrow over the tragic accident, Punjab Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann extended condolences to the bereaved families and prayed for the speedy recovery of the injured. "The Ferozepur accident is heart-wrenching. My prayers are with the families of the deceased. The Punjab government stands with the victims and will ensure that those injured receive the best medical care," said the Chief Minister in a post on social media.

The State Government has announced financial assistance of Rs two lakh each for the families of the deceased and Rs 50,000 for the injured.

Shiromani Akali Dal's senior Sukhbir Singh Badal demanded a high-level probe into the accident, urging authorities to investigate whether any road safety lapses contributed to the tragedy. BJP leader and former Chief Minister Capt Amarinder Singh echoed similar sentiments, stating that such road accidents are preventable if proper highway monitoring and fog-related safety measures are enforced.

Bullock Cart Race To Return at Kila Raipur Rural Olympics

PNS ■ KILA RAIPUR (LUDHIANA)

In an announcement that rekindled memories of Punjab's rich rural sports heritage, the state's Tourism and Cultural Affairs Minister Tarunpreet Singh Sond on Friday declared that the government is committed to revive the historic bullock cart race at the Kila Raipur Rural Olympics. This traditional spectacle, once the heart and soul of the games, had been discontinued due to legal and regulatory challenges.

"The bullock cart race is a symbol of Punjab's indomitable rural spirit and cultural pride. We are working closely with legal experts and stakeholders to ensure its safe and glorious return," Sond assured, adding that a formal notification will be issued soon after taking up the matter with the Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann.

The Minister's announcement came during the grand inauguration of the 2025 edition of the Rural Olympics, often referred to as the "Rural Olympics of India". Sond emphasized that reviving the bullock cart race is part of the government's broader efforts to restore Punjab's sports glory and preserve its cultural traditions.

With a substantial budget of Rs 75 lakh allocated for this year's games, the event promises to be a grand spectacle, featuring traditional rural games alongside modern sporting competitions. "These games are not just about sports; they are about community, tradition, and the pride of rural Punjab," Sond noted.

"The event will contribute positively to establishing a sports culture throughout Punjab, uncovering talent from every corner of the state," he said, adding that the government has also increased cash awards for athletes securing medals at the Olympics and other international competitions.

The opening day witnessed an electrifying atmosphere as athletes of all ages participated in events such as hockey, Kabaddi, Kho-Kho, and track races. The District Administration, led by Deputy Commissioner Jitendra Jorwal, ensured impeccable arrangements for both participants and spectators.

Sond lauded the efforts of the organizers and urged the families to gather at the stadium to witness the sporting extravaganza. "This is a platform for everyone — from children to senior citizens — to showcase their talents and celebrate our heritage," he said.

DGPs of 7 North India States call for coordinated efforts to tackle organised crime, drug trafficking

PNS ■ PANCHKULA

A high-level meeting of police chiefs of seven states, NIA, NCB, Narcotics Control Bureau Haryana and Special Task Force Haryana officials was held in Panchkula on Friday to discuss strategy on preventing drug trafficking, control organized crime, crack down on gangsters and other criminal activities in the states of North India, including Haryana.

According to a Haryana Police spokesperson, in this meeting, discussions were held on strengthening of mutual coordination to prevent criminal activities in seven states - Haryana, Himachal Pradesh, Punjab, Delhi, Chandigarh, Rajasthan and Uttarakhand. Apart from this, discussions were held in the meeting regarding the implementation of the Inter-State Drug Secretariat and to prevent cross-border drug smuggling and organized crime and better coordination of the state police. He said that in the meeting, the issue of preventing drug smuggling was mainly discussed in detail. It was informed in the meeting that money is collected through drugs in criminal activities and terror etc., which is a matter of concern. It was also discussed in the meeting how criminals target the youth for the movement of drugs and the need for good coordination

among all the states was emphasized to curb drug trafficking. All the officers agreed that a joint team of the states should be formed to share the data base of the criminals among the states. All the states will appoint nodal officers of SP rank in their state for better implementation of the Inter-State Drug Secretariat so that information can be exchanged in real time.

Different states gave their views on various issues related to strengthening the Inter-State Drug Secretariat and criminal activities. During this, they also shared the efforts being made and best practices being followed by them regarding crime control in their states. During this, senior police officers of various states presented an outline of the current status of crime and the challenges through presentations by different states. It was also informed that in the current environment, criminals are increasing their crime network abroad and committing crimes in India while sitting there. Through the presentation, NCB Deputy Director General Sambit Mishra said that there is a need to identify the drug trafficking routes so that all the states can stop the cross-border smuggling of opium and other narcotics. Drugs are the main source of income for organized crime. Giving information about organized violent crime in the state, SP Special Task Force

CM Saini pays floral tributes to Choudhary Chhotu Ram

PNS ■ CHANDIGARH

Haryana Chief Minister Nayab Singh Saini on Friday said that the State Government is committed to making the state a model in terms of development and public welfare by following the principles of Deenbandhu Sir Chhotu Ram. Acknowledging the legacy of Rahbar-e-Azam Choudhary Chhotu Ram, he said that the leader dedicated his life to the welfare of farmers, labourers, and the poor. His efforts were focused on advocating for the interests of farmers, labourers, and petty shopkeepers.

He paid floral tributes to Chhotu Ram by laying flowers at his memorial located in the Jat Shikshan Sansthan campus in Rohtak on the 144th birth anniversary of Chhotu Ram.

Saini announced a discretionary grant of Rs 31 lakh to the Jat Shikshan Sansthan. Education Minister Mahipal Dhanda also announced a Rs 21 lakh grant to the institution. Regarding the institution's demands, the Chief Minister said that once the institution

deposits the matching grant as per the rules for the hostel at Maharani Kishori Mahila Mahavidyalaya, the government will allocate Rs. 10 crore for the project. He also assured that the feasibility of the other demands raised by the institution would be examined.

He said that the government has decided to procure 100 per cent of crops in the state at the minimum support price (MSP), ensuring that farmers receive payments within 72 hours of the transaction. To date, approximately Rs 1,25,000 crore has been deposited into the accounts of around 12 lakh farmers in the state. In response to reduced rainfall during the Kharif season, the government has provided assistance of Rs 2000 per acre to help reduce farmers' costs, amounting to Rs 1345 crore in total aid.

He highlighted the financial support farmers are receiving through the PM Kisan Samman Nidhi scheme, under which Rs 6000 annually is provided to farmers to help purchase agricultural inputs. So far, Rs 342 crore has been disbursed to farmers in the

state across 18 installments, with a total of Rs 6203 crore provided nationwide.

The Chief Minister encouraged farmers to adopt horticultural crops and said that Maharana Pratap Horticulture University is being set up in Uchani, Karnal district, at an investment of Rs 700 crore across 65 acres. He called on parents to take a pledge to protect their children from drug addiction, emphasizing the need for community involvement in combating this social issue.

He mentioned that the government has established a college every 20 km to ensure easy access to education. Additionally, a decision has been made to provide free education to the daughters of families with an annual income of less than Rs. 1.80 lakh in the state. To restore the youth's trust in the government, he highlighted that 1.71 lakh young individuals have been employed based on merit. As per the Sankalp Patra, the government plans to provide two lakh jobs to the youth without any kharchi-parchi.

Hry CM launches scathing attack on Kejriwal over Yamuna water quality

PNS ■ CHANDIGARH

Haryana Chief Minister Nayab Singh Saini on Friday launched a strong critique of former Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal over the quality of Yamuna water, stating that no work had been done in Delhi over the past 10 years. He accused Kejriwal of resorting to cheap politics to cover up his failures. "For the last decade, Kejriwal has forced the people of Delhi to drink contaminated water," Saini remarked.



While presenting water samples from both Haryana and Delhi to the media at Yamuna Ghat in Wazirabad, Saini emphasized the significant difference between the two. In Delhi, polluted water is being dumped into the Yamuna, he added.

Directly holding the Delhi government responsible, Saini said, "We supply clean water to Delhi through the Yamuna, but due to mismanagement,

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Ambedkar Statue Vandalism Accused Sent to Destabilize Punjab, Police Says

MONIKA MALIK ■ CHANDIGARH

The Republic Day vandalism of Dr BR Ambedkar's statue in Amritsar has taken a shocking turn as the police investigations indicated an international angle to the crime. Accused Akashdeep Singh, who defiled and damaged the statue on January 26, has reportedly confessed to being radicalized in Dubai. His mission was allegedly to create unrest in Punjab, with an even more sinister plan — burning the Indian national flag in Bhatinda. However, he was arrested before he could execute the second act.

During a court hearing on Friday, the police sought and secured an additional five-day remand for Akashdeep to further probe his activities and connections. Investigators believed that his actions were part of a larger conspiracy to incite communal discord in Punjab. They suspected that he was brainwashed and manipulated by external forces to disrupt Punjab's social harmony.

Authorities informed the Court that the accused had planned another act of desecration in Bathinda, where he intended to burn a national flag, which remains to be recovered. Police believed that his actions were not isolated but part of a carefully-orchestrated plan to stir tensions in the state.

Ladder Near Statue: Fire Dept in dock

Another major twist in the case has surfaced, with fresh CCTV footage revealing that the Amritsar Municipal Corporation's Fire Department had placed a ladder near the statue on the night of January 25 — just hours before the attack. The footage shows a fire brigade truck arriving at Heritage Street at around 8:45 pm, with officials setting up a ladder next to the statue. The ladder remained there overnight and remained present when the incident took place the next evening.

The latest revelation has raised serious questions about whether the attack was pre-meditated and if certain officials were complicit in facilitating the crime. Social organizations have criticized the authorities, questioning why such a facility was provided to the accused when even paying tributes to the statue often requires special permissions and arrangements.

Another newly-surfaced CCTV footage painted a clearer picture of how the accused executed the crime. Footage shows Akashdeep arriving at the site carrying a bottle of flammable liquid. He attempted to set fire to a replica of the Indian Constitution placed under the statue and the national flag. He then pulled a

Key Developments

- Accused, Akashdeep, was allegedly brainwashed in Dubai
- Akashdeep sent to Punjab to create tensions
- Had plans to burn the Tricolour in Bhatinda, but arrested before execution of act
- Fire Department's ladder was placed near the statue a day before the attack, raising suspicion
- Accused's phone sent for forensic analysis to trace connections — both local and international

hammer from his backpack and climbed the pre-positioned ladder to strike the statue multiple times.

The footage has intensified concerns about whether he had inside help, as the placement of the ladder before the attack suggested prior knowledge and planning.

Dubai Connection

Akashdeep's mother, following the incident, had publicly disowned him, stating that he has had no contact with his family since moving to Dubai in search of work. His sister resides in Muscat, while his parents and two younger brothers live in Moga, Punjab.

The family, which survives on daily wages, claimed that Akashdeep had distanced himself from them and had been living in a rented house in Amritsar for the past four months without visiting home.

Forensic Investigation Underway

To dig deeper into the accused's network, the police have sent his mobile phone for forensic analysis. Assistant Commissioner of Police (ACP) Jaspal Singh, leading the investigation, stated that police have recovered a mobile phone from Akashdeep, which has been sent for forensic examination. The phone data is expected to provide crucial insights into his communications and possible foreign handlers, he said.

"The case is still under investigation, and we cannot disclose many details at this point," ACP Singh said. However, he confirmed that the police are interrogating individuals linked to Akashdeep, besides probing his international links.

The Amritsar Police have registered an FIR under eight different sections of the Bharatiya Nyay Sanhita (BNS), those related to religious incitement and damage to public property. Officials are now focused on unearthing Akashdeep's full network, including those who radicalized him and funded his activities.



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DEMAND NOTICE

NOTICE U/S 13 (2) OF THE SECURITIZATION & RECONSTRUCTION OF FINANCIAL ASSETS & ENFORCEMENT OF SECURITY INTEREST ACT, 2002 HERE AFTER CALLED "ACT"

A notice is hereby given that the following Borrower/Guarantor(s) have defaulted in the repayment of Principal and Interest of the Loans facility obtained by them from the Bank and the loans have been classified as Non Performing Assets (NPA). The notices were issued to them under Section 13(2) of Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets & Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002 on their last known addresses, have been returned un-served & as such they are hereby informed by way of this public notice.

Name of the Borrower(s)/ Guarantor(s)	Description of the Movable/Immovable Property	Date of NPA	Date of Demand Notice	Amount Outstanding as per Notice
M/s Riya Lagging Behind	Hypothecation of Assets i.e. Stocks in trade of ready-made garments and other, purchased with bank finance.	02.03.2023	10.07.2024	Rs. 7,40,005.87
Sh. Jeetu S/o Sh. Dyal Das (Prop.)	# 8110, Sirki Bazar Bathinda.			Rs. 1,10,000.00

The steps are being taken for substituted service of notice. The above Borrower / Guarantor are hereby called upon to make payment of outstanding amount within 60 days from the date of publication of this notice, failing which further steps will be taken after expiry of 60 days from the date of this notice under sub section(4) of section 13 of Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002.

DATE: 01.02.2025 Place: Bathinda AUTHORIZED OFFICER

HIMACHAL PRADESH PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

Office of the Executive Engineer, Outer Seraj Division, H.P.P.W.D. Nirmand
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e-Procurement Notice INVITATION FOR BIDS (IFB)

The Executive Engineer Outer Seraj Division HPWD Nirmand Distt Kullu H.P. on behalf of Governor of H.P. invites the online bids on time rate, in electronic tendering system, from the eligible class of contractors registered with HPWD for the work as detailed in the table.

Sr. No.	Name of Work	Estimated Cost	Starting Date of downloading Bid	Earnest money	Deadline for submission of Bid
1	Periodic Maintenance of Behna Dalash road KM. 0/0 to 11/795 (SH) - Providing annual surfacing including surface correction with WBM grading -3 and providing and applying road marking strips in km 8/00 to 10/600 for the year 2025 -26).	30,85,484.00	04.02.2025 at 11:00 AM	62000/-	11.02.2025 at 09:00 AM & Tech. bid open on 11.02.2025 at 11:00 AM
2	Periodic Maintenance of Dhar Shalag road KM. 0/0 to 1990 (SH) - Providing annual surfacing including surface correction with WBM grading -3 and providing and applying road marking strips in km 100 to 1990 for the year 2025 -26).	12,33,557.00	04.02.2025 at 11:00 AM	25000/-	-do-
3	Periodic Maintenance of link road to Ambika Mata temple at Nirmand KM. 0/0 to 1/450 (SH) - Providing annual surfacing including surface correction with WBM grading -3 and providing and applying road marking strips in km 0/00 to 1/450 for the year 2025 -26).	18,06,754.00	04.02.2025 at 11:00 AM	36500/-	-do-
4	Periodic Maintenance of Nainavali to Karad road KM. 0/0 to 11/795 (SH) - Providing annual surfacing including surface correction with WBM grading -3 and providing and applying road marking strips in km 6/00 to 9/00 for the year 2025 -26).	39,98,333.00	04.02.2025 at 11:00 AM	80000/-	-do-
5	Periodic Maintenance of Nore to Luhri road (MDR -120) KM. 0/0 to 65/765 (SH) - Providing annual surfacing including surface correction with WBM grading -3 and providing and applying road marking strips in km 32/00 to 33/00, 43/00 to 45/00 and 48/00 to 50/00 for the year 2025 -26).	60,74,028.00	04.02.2025 at 11:00 AM	122000/-	-do-
6	Periodic Maintenance of Nore to Wazir Bawal road KM. 0/0 to 74/000. MDR -28 (SH) - Providing annual surfacing including surface correction with WBM grading -3 and providing and applying road marking strips in km 21/00 to 22/00, 24/00 to 25/00 and 27/00 to 28/00 for the year 2025 -26).	36,89,993.00	04.02.2025 at 11:00 AM	37000/-	11.02.2025 at 09:00 AM & Tech. bid open on 11.02.2025 at 11:00 AM
7	Periodic Maintenance of Showal Karana road KM. 0/0 to 15/600 (SH) - Providing annual surfacing including surface correction with WBM grading -3 and providing and applying road marking strips in km 9/00 to 11/00 for the year 2025 -26).	23,95,121.00	04.02.2025 at 11:00 AM	48000/-	-do-

The bidders are advised to note other details of tenders from the departmental website www.hptenders.gov.in.

Executive Engineer
Outer Seraj Division
H.P.P.W.D. Nirmand
on behalf of Governor of Himachal Pradesh

RO NO. 4889/2024-2025 Dt. 31-01-2025

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SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES

FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE ASSETS UNDER THE SECURITIZATION AND RECONSTRUCTION OF FINANCIAL ASSETS AND ENFORCEMENT OF SECURITY INTEREST ACT, 2002 READ WITH PROVISION TO RULE 8(G) OF THE SECURITY INTEREST (ENFORCEMENT) RULES, 2002. NOTICE is hereby given to the Public in General and in particular to the Borrower(s) and Guarantor(s) that the below listed immovable properties ("Secured Assets") mortgaged / charged to the Secured Creditor, the Possession of which has been taken by the Authorized Officer of SMFG India Home Finance Company Ltd. (Formerly Fullerton India Home Finance Co. Ltd.) (hereinafter referred to as SMHFC) ("Secured Creditor"), will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is" and "Whatever there is" on the date and time mentioned herein below, for recovery of the dues mentioned herein below and further interest and other expenses thereon till date of realization, due to SMHFC Secured Creditor from the Borrower(s) and Guarantor(s) mentioned herein below.

Name of the Borrower(s) / Guarantor(s) LAN	Description of the Properties	Reserve Price (IN ₹)	Earnest Money Deposit (IN ₹)	Date & Time of E-Auction	Date of EMD Submission
LAN : 612092311369260	House Situated At New Sarain Patti, Kahangarh, Tehsil Sardana, Dist. Patiala Area Measuring 0-4/25 Marlas i.e. 132 Sq. Yds., Comprised In Khewat Khata No. 56/96, Khalsa No. 109/7 (8-0), 8/1(6-1), Kite 2 Total Area 14 Kanals 1 Marla Out Of Which 22/1405 Share i.e. 0-4/25 Marlas i.e. 132 Sq. Yds. + Bounded As Under:- East : Road Side 2; West : Agricultural Land Side 2; North : Vacant Plot Side 54; South : Vacant Plot Side 54"	19,80,000/-		05.03.2025 at 11.00 a.m.	04.03.2025 to 01.00 p.m.
1. Ranjit Singh 2. Manjeet Kaur		1,98,000/-			

Details terms and conditions of the sale are as below and the details are also provided in our / Secured creditor's website at the following link / website address (<https://biddeal.in> and <https://www.grishashakti.com/pdf/E-Auction.pdf>). The intending bidders can also contact : **Mr. Hanuwant Singh**, Name of Authorized Person, Mob. No. 9988989312, E-mail : Hanuwant.Singh@grishashakti.com and **Mr. Niloy Dey**, on his Mob. No. 9920697801, E-mail : Niloy.Dey@grishashakti.com

Place : Patiala, Punjab
Date : 31.01.2025

Authorized Officer, SMFG INDIA HOME FINANCE COMPANY LIMITED
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HARYANA SHEHRI VIKAS PRADHIKARAN

PUBLIC NOTICE

As per the decision of the full bench of the Hon'ble High Court in CWP No. 22252 of 2016 titled as **Rajiv Manchanda Vs State of Haryana** and others, Reservation policy dated 04.12.2015 upheld by the Hon'ble High Court in CWP No. 22252 of 2016 titled as **Rajiv Manchanda Vs State of Haryana** and others and affidavit filed by the Chief Administrator HSPV Panchkula in the Hon'ble High Court in CWP No. 22136 of 2015 titled as **Adesh Aggarwal, CWP No. 19195 of 2020** Roshni Devi Vs State of Haryana and others and CWP No. 14164 of 2017 Dalip Singh Vs State of Haryana, Haryana Shehri Vikas Pradhikaran hereby invites online applications from landowners whose land was acquired for the development of sectors prior to 10.09.1987, Sector-6 Urban Estate Karnal.

The oostees are requested to apply along with applications money Rs 50,000/- . The claims of oostees will be decided In terms of policy dated 04.12.2015, 11.08.2016 and 08.05.2018. For detailed terms and conditions, terms of payment, policy guidelines and Sector wise and category wise details of plots are available on the HSPV website i.e (www.hsvphry.org.in) In respect of award passed prior to 10.09.1987 plot can be allotted in the sector for which land has been acquired and In case no plot is available no allotment is required to be made. This Is the last and final advertisement qua awards passed prior to 10.09.1987 and no further advertisement shall be issued.

The scheme will start w.e.f 29.01.2025 and close on 28.03.2025 at 5:00PM.

For any other details may contact Estate Officer HSPV Karnal

Estate Officer
HSPV Karnal

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PHYSICAL POSSESSION NOTICE

ICICI Bank

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

The Authorized ICICI Bank Officer under the Securitization, Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 in exercise of the powers conferred under section 13(12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002, issued Demand Notices to the borrower(s) mentioned below, to repay the amount mentioned in the Notice within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said Notice. Having failed to repay the amount, the Notice is issued to the borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described below, by exercising powers conferred on him/her under Section 13(4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the said rules on the below-mentioned dates. The borrower in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the property. Any dealings with the property will be subject to charges of ICICI Bank Limited.

Sr. No.	Name of the Borrower(s)/ Loan Account Number	Description of Property/ Date of Physical Possession	Date of Demand Notice/ Amount (Rs)	Name of Branch
1.	Vipan Kumar Shivani/ LBLUD00005540266	Khata No.507/724, Khalsa No.1523/10-(12), 2206/1525/1 (1-0), Kite 1, 1/96 Share of 1 Kanal 12 Marla And Khata No.508/725, 14/2655 Share of Khalsa No. 19/76/1548 (1-19), and Khata No.509/726, Khalsa No.1510/5 (2-3), 15/13/2 (5-4), 15/14/2 (2-16), 15/18/2 (4-9), 15/19 (6-8), 15/20 (6-11), 15/21 (6-8), 15/22 (6-8), 19/76/1548 (1-6), 2207/1525/1 (1-12), Kite No. 10, 14/2655 Share of 42 Kanal 6 Marla, Hadbast No.221, Village Rurkakhurd, Tehsil Feroze, Distt. Jalandhar Punjab Khata No. 482 / 7 10 Near Goryara Road Jalandhar Punjab/ January 28, 2025	September 27, 2022 Rs. 21,36,793/-	Jalandhar

The above-mentioned borrower(s)/guarantor(s) is/are hereby issued a 30 day Notice to repay the amount, else the mortgaged properties will be sold after 30 days from the date of publishing this Notice, as per the provisions under Rules 8 and 9 of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002.

Date: February 01, 2025
Sincerely Authorised Signatory
Place: Jalandhar For ICICI Bank Ltd.

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The following borrower(s) has/have defaulted in the repayment of principal and interest towards the Loan facility(ies) availed from ICICI Bank. The Loan(s) has/have been classified as Non-Performing Asset(s) (NPA). A Notice was issued to them under Section 13(2) of the Securitization and Re-construction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002, at their last known addresses. However, it has not been served and are therefore being notified by way of this Public Notice.

Sr. No.	Name of the Borrower/ Co-Borrower/ Guarantor/ Loan Account Number/ Address	Description of Secured Asset to be enforced	Date of Notice sent/ Outstanding as on Date of Notice	NPA Date
1.	Sukdev Singh, Swaroj Jeeet Kaur, Gali No. 2, Mohalla Gopal Nagar, Near Old Dana Mandi, Ajnala, Amritsar, Punjab-143001, A/C No. LBAAM0000549716	Khalsa No. 30/20/2/1/4, Khata No. 380/874, Situated At Gopal Nagar, Tehsil Ajnala, District Amritsar, Punjab-143001	27/12/2024 Rs.190,962.91	09/04/2024
2.	Tajinder Singh, Veer Singh, Amrajeeet Kaur, House No. 91/1089, Gali No. 4, Kot Baba Deep Singh, Sultanwind Road, Amritsar, Punjab-143001, A/C No. LBAAM00005572271	Property 1: House Over Plot No. 91, Measuring 45 Sq. Yards, Old Khanna Shumari No. 8810/16-32, Comprised In Khalsa No. 1496/1531 Min., Situated At Village Kot Baba Deep Singh, Street No. 4, Tehsil & District Amritsar, Punjab-143006. Property 2: 1/2 Share Of House Over Plot No. 91, Measuring 35 Sq. Yards, Old Khanna Shumari No. 4068/16-32 & At Present Khanna Shumari No. 8810/16-32, Comprised In Khalsa No. 1496/1531 Min., Situated At Kot Baba Deep Singh, Bazaar No. 4, Tehsil & District Amritsar, Punjab-143006.	27/12/2024 34,95,645.12/-	05/09/2024
3.	Harman Singh, Jagroop Singh, Manjit Kaur, Village Padhri, Patti Meero Wallia, Tehsil Ajnala, District Amritsar, Punjab-143107, A/C No. LBAAM00005912869	House Measuring 125 Sq. Yards, Comprised In Khalsa No. 45/30 Min., Khewat Khatori No. 143/241, As Per Jamabandi Year 2018-2019, Situated At Village Hamirpura, Abadi Narayangpur, Inside Bypass, Tehsil & District Amritsar, Punjab-143001. Standing In The Name Of Manjit Kaur Vide Sale Deed Document No. 2021-22/1971/2196, Dated 21/01/2021.	27/12/2024 19,61,097.96/-	01/09/2024
4.	Vivek Chhabra, Reeta Chhabra, 402-A/2 Room No 2, 3 Bhk Hill View App, Jharmgiri, Baddi, Himachal Pradesh-173205, A/C No. LBBD00005161169	Plot No. 25 Measuring 111.02 Sq. Yards i.e. 0 Bigha 2 Biswas 4-1/2 Biswas Being 44-1/2/8800 Share Of Land Measuring 22 Bighas 0 Biswas, Comprised In Khalsa No. 786/12(1-0), 787/4(1-0), 1506/799(3-19), 1508/800(3-1), 785(4-0), 788(4-0), 798 Min(1-0), Khewat Khatori No. 35/55, As Per Jamabandi Year 2016-2017, In The Residential Colony Known As Royal Estate Affordable Housing, Situated In Village Karola, Sub-Tehsil Banar, District S.A.S. Nagar, Punjab. Standing In The Name Of Vivek Chhabra & Reeta Chhabra Vide Sale Deed Document No. 2019-2011/1938, Dated 04/02/2020.	27/12/2024 33,39,406.07/-	03/09/2024
5.	Navyot Singh, Gayatri, C/o Amanjit Singh, Flat No-8 B/6, Dhalwal Qadion, Jalandhar, Punjab-144002, A/C No. LBAL00005708833	House No. 14-B, Measuring 1 Marla 188 Sq. Ft. (395 Sq. Ft.), (Marla)-20/1, C/1, Comprised In Khata No. 369/391, Khalsa No. 396, 397, 398, As Per Jamabandi Year 2017-2018, Situated At Abadi Lasari Mohalla, Basti Danishmandnagar, Tehsil & District Jalandhar, Punjab-144002. Standing In The Name Of Gayatri W/o Navjot Singh Vide Sale Deed Document No. 2021-21/11/5615, Dated 01/10/2021.	27/12/2024 10,55,058.66/-	06/09/2024
6.	Gurpreet Singh, Kulwant Singh, House No. 2-B-2951, Chhawani Mohalla, Ludhiana, Punjab-141008, A/C No. LBLUD00004967925	House Measuring 136 Sq. Yards, Comprised In Khalsa No. 13/19/1, 13/12/1/13, 18, Khata No. 264/269-1981/2202, As Per Jamabandi Year 2011-2012, Situated At Village Halowal Kalan, Hadbast No. 102, Abadi Durga Puri, Tehsil & District Ludhiana, Punjab-141001. Standing In The Name Of Gurpreet Singh S/o Kulwant Singh Vide Sale Deed Wasika No. 2019-20/10/11/3505, Dated 29/05/2019.	27/12/2024 10,21,560/-	14/08/2024
7.	Aash Mohamad, Shahida Begam, # 1494/4, Bahera Road, Patiala, Punjab-147001, A/C No. LBPAAT00001151441	House No. 1145-A, Measuring 63.5 Sq. Yards, Situated At Ghumura Wala Mohalla, B Tonk, Patiala, Punjab-147001.	27/12/2024 Rs.47,559.61/-	09/07/2024
8.	Maninder Singh, Bhupinder Singh, Davinder Singh, House No. 51-C, Ranjit Nagar, Bhooson Road, Patiala, Punjab-147001, A/C No. LBPAAT0000541830	Plot No. 60 Measuring 5-1/2 Biswas(280 Sq. Yards) Out Of Land Measuring 66 Bigha 13 Biswa, Comprised In Khewat/Khatori No. 629/1060, Khalsa No. 1074(6-5), 1075 Min(2-6), 1119(6-5), 1120(6-5), 1123(6-5), 1124(6-5), 1125(6-5), 2100/1122(6-5), 2101/1122(6-5), 2102/1132(4-15), 2104/1133(3-7), As Per Jamabandi Year 2014-2015, Situated At Village Ghumura, Village District Ludhiana, Tehsil & District Patiala, Punjab-147001. Standing In The Name Of Davinder Singh & Maninder Singh Both S/o Bhupinder Singh Vide Sale Deed Wasika No. 2020-21/11/13585, Dated 06/08/2020.	27/12/2024 32,15,238.72/-	01/09/2024
9.	Bolveer Singh, Kiran Bala, Bpo Chaura, Near Pvr Cinema, Patiala, Punjab-147001, A/C No. LBPAAT00006226080	House Over Plot No. 2, Measuring 3-1/3 Marla (100 Sq. Yards), Being 5/1998 Share Of Land Measuring 6 Kanal 12 Marla, Comprised In Khewat No. 1000, Khatori No. 1396, Khalsa No. 16/18/2-18, 16/23/9-12, 19/13/1-11, 19/27/16-19, 19/36-0, 19/36-0, 19/36-0, 19/12/24-10, 19/13/8-0, 19/18/2/6-15, As Per Jamabandi Year 2018-2019, Situated At Block-I, Shahi Colony, (Sanuar Chaura Road Sonaur Tehsil & District Patiala, Punjab-147103, Standing In The Name Of Kiran Bala W/o Kuldeep Singh Vide Sale Deed Wasika No. 2022-23/11/1/8355, Dated 12/09/2022.	27/12/2024 14,99,546.34/-	27/08/2024
10.	Ajay Swami, Urmila Swami, House No. 100, Golden Estate, Baltana, Zirakpur, S.A.S. Nagar, Punjab-140105, A/C No. LBPNC00005139204	Flat No. 1362, Ground Floor, Measuring 13-1/3 Biswas (1/3rd Share) Comprising 33.33 Sq. Yards Of 100 Sq. Yards, Being 13-1/3/1600 Share Of Land Measuring 4 Bigha 0 Biswa, Comprised In Khata No. 152/272, Khalsa No. 307/1-2, As Per Jamabandi Year 2016-2017, Hadbast No. 09, Situated At Rosewood Estate Phase-II, Village Galgahar, M.C. & Tehsil Derabassi, District S.A.S. Nagar, Mohali, Punjab. Standing In The Name Of Urmila Swami W/o Ajay Swami Vide Sale Deed Wasika No. 2019-20/14/13775, Dated 07/11/2019.	27/12/2024 11,34,310.12/-	08/08/2024
11.	Vijay Arora, Jupinder Kaur, Kiran Bala Arora, Harpreet Kaur, Arora, Ankush Arora, Ajay Arora, Arora Constructions And Materials, House No. 87, Narvana Road, Patran Patiala, Patiala, Punjab-147105, A/C No. LBPAAT00004984542	Land Measuring 1 Kanal 5 Marla, Comprised In Khewat Khatori No. 520/1381, Khalsa No. 52/5(9-12), 6(2)-2, As Per Jamabandi Year 1991-1992, Situated At Gian Colony, Tehsil Patran, District Patiala, Punjab-147105	27/12/2024 51,29,098.01/-	04/07/2024
12.	Kashmiri Masih, Dalbir Kaur, 30, Gali No. 1, Mojitra Road, Aman Avenue, Amritsar, Punjab-143001, A/C No. TBAMT00006513706	Plot Private No. 26, Measuring 190.5 Sq. Yards, Comprised In Khalsa No. 203 Min., Khata Khatori No. 236/359, Situated At Tangbula Sub Urban Near Sandhu Colony, Aman Avenue, Tehsil And District Amritsar, Punjab-143001. Standing In The Name Of Kashmir Masih S/o Shri Rashid Masih Vide Sale Deed Wasika No. 2022-23/9/1/9479, Dated 18/01/2023.	27/12/2024 27,79,962.16/-	05/09/2024
13.	Ravi Pasi, Damanjeet Kaur, House No-107/3, Pirthal Advocate, Patti, Tarn Taran, Punjab-143416, A/C No. TBAMT00006622446	Land Measuring 2 Marla 136 Ft. Being 1/4 Share Of Land Measuring 0 Kanal 10 Marla, Comprised In Khata No. 307/488, Killa No. 100/17/2(6/10)-0, As Per Jamabandi Year 2013-2014, Situated At Patti-2, Ward No. 2, Tehsil Patti, District Tarn Taran, Punjab-143416. Standing In The Name Of Ravi Pasi S/o Shri Mangat Ram Pasi Vide Sale Deed Wasika No. 2020-21/17/0/1768, Dated 05/02/2021.	27/12/2024 19,53,433.36/-	03/09/2024
14.	Lakhwinder Singh, Baljit Kaur, Baldev Singh, Manmeet Kaur, Mohalla Golakpur, Gali Gakha Ram Wall, Tarn Taran, Punjab-143401, A/C No. TBAMT00006643715	Property No. B-5/1286-A, Measuring 6 Marla (With Big Karam), Comprised In Khata Khatori No. 303/554, Khalsa No. 199(3)-2, As Per Jamabandi Year 2015-2016, Situated At Village Mohalla Golakpur Muradpora, Tehsil & District Tarn Taran, Punjab-143401. Standing In The Name Of Manmeet Kaur W/o Lakhwinder Singh Vide Transfer Of Ownership Deed Document No. 2022-23/168/1/2114, Dated 17/11/2022.	27/12/2024 19,96,468/-	07/08/2024
15.	Kuldip Singh, Rupinder Kaur, Chak Attar Singh Wala, Bathinda, Punjab-151401, A/C No. TBBT00006654122	Property 1: Property Measuring 1 Kanal 12 Marla Being 32/491 Share Of Property Measuring 24 Kanal 11 Marla, Comprised In Khalsa No. 301(11-0), 302(13-7), 1028(0-4), Khewat Khatori No. 225/427, As Per Jamabandi Year 2019-2020, Situated At Village Chak Attar Singh Wala, Tehsil & District Bathinda, Punjab-151401. Property 2: Property Measuring 4 Kanal 0 Marla Being 80/491 Share Of Property Measuring 24 Kanal 11 Marla, Comprised In Khalsa No. 301(11-0), 302(13-7), 1028(0-4), Khewat Khatori No. 225/427, As Per Jamabandi Year 2019-2020, Situated At Village Chak Attar Singh Wala, Tehsil & District Bathinda, Punjab-151401.	27/12/2024 30,88,083.46/-	03/09/2024
16.	Joro Singh, Sarbjeeet Kaur, Near Bajra Village, Dheri, Basti Jodhewal, Ludhiana, Punjab-141007, A/C No. TBLUD00006615248	Property House Measuring 400 Sq. Yards, Comprised In Khalsa No. 32/20/1/1-13/2-18-23/1-70-9/1/1/2-29/2/2/2-32/8-9/1/1/1-12/2/2-13/1-19-20/2-35/3-32/2/2-23/2-19/2/19-105/119-106/120-107/121-108/122-123, 124, As Per Jamabandi Year 2013-2014, Situated At Village Dheri, Hadbast No. 75, Tehsil & District Ludhiana, Punjab-141001. Standing In The Name Of Sarbjeeet Kaur W/o Joro Singh Vide Sale Deed Wasika No. 2022-23/106/113112, Dated 12/01/2023.	27/12/2024 25,07,268.54/-	07/08/2024
17.	Anil Kumar, Manu Bansal, House No-1119/1E, Veer Nagar, Shiv Puri, Ludhiana Central Post Office, Ludhiana, Punjab-141008, A/C No. TBLUD00006943631	House Property No. B-25-1305/A, Measuring 77 Sq. Yards, Comprised In Khalsa No. 19, Khata No. 2215/2428, Page No. 2555, As Per Jamabandi Year 2007-2008, Situated At Taraf Sohan, Hadbast No. 172, Abadi Sardar Nagar, Rahon Road, Tehsil And District Ludhiana, Punjab-141001. Standing In The Name Of Manu Bansal Vide Sale Deed Wasika No. 2023-24/106/1/20156, Dated 07/12/2023.	27/12/2024 40,00,936.08/-	03/08/2024
18.	Sachin, Sania, Bharat Kapoor, Neelam Kapoor, 1396, Gali Nikka Singh, Moti Bazar, Amritsar, Punjab-143001, A/C No. LBAAM00005154919	House Measuring 50 Sq. Yards, Bearing Khanna Shumari No. 1499/6 (Old), New No. 1656/6-8 & 1396/6-8 & At Present Khanna Shumari No. S-20/966 M.C.A., Situated At Amritsar Chawal Mandi, Moti Bazar, Inside Street Nikka Singh, Tehsil & District Amritsar, Punjab. Standing In The Name Of Bharat Kapoor (1/2 Share) Vide Sale Deed No. 3148, Dated 28/06/2002 & Neelam Kapoor (1/2 Share) Vide Sale Deed No. 4660, Dated 16/08/2002.	27/12/2024 9,32,278.37/-	03/09/2024
19.	Sachin, Sania, Bharat Kapoor, Neelam Kapoor, 1396, Gali Nikka Singh, Moti Bazar, Amritsar, Punjab-143001, A/C No. LBAAM000051347	House Measuring 50 Sq. Yards, Bearing Khanna Shumari No. 1499/6 (Old), New No. 1656/6-8 & 1396/6-8 & At Present Khanna Shumari No. S-20/966 M.C.A., Situated At Amritsar Chawal Mandi, Moti Bazar, Inside Street Nikka Singh, Tehsil & District Amritsar, Punjab. Standing In The Name Of Bharat Kapoor (1/2 Share) Vide Sale Deed No. 3148, Dated 28/06/2002 & Neelam Kapoor (1/2 Share) Vide Sale Deed No. 4660, Dated 16/08/2002.	27/12/2024 24,387.73/-	03/09/2024
20.	Deepak Tiwary, Jashon Tiwari, B-34-8639, Harmeet Nagar, Churpur Road, Halowal Kalan, Ludhiana, Punjab-141001, A/C No. TBLUD00006674073	Property No. B-34-5088/Pr/10 (Old No. B034-29695- As Per Property Tax Return Assessment Report 2023-2024) Measuring 126.875 Sq. Yards Out Of 0 Kanal 5-1/2 Marla, Comprised In Khalsa No. 40/14/1, Khata No. 532/562, As Per Jamabandi Year 1992-1993, Situated At Village Jossion, Hadbast No. 101, Tehsil & District Ludhiana, Punjab-141001. Standing In The Name Of Deepak Tiwary Vide Sale Deed Wasika No. 1415, Dated 16/04/1999. (Out Of Some Property Measuring 0 Kanal 5-1/2 Marla Property Measuring 10 Sq. Yards Has Been Sold In F/O Vikramjit Vide Sale Deed Wasika No. 8953, Dated 14/09/2000 & Property Measuring 9-1/2 Sq. Yards Has Been Sold In F/O Pankaj Kumar Vide Sale Deed Wasika No. 12848, Dated 16/11/2011 & Property Measuring 20 Sq. Yards Has Been Sold In F/O Chandar Prabha Vide Sale Deed Wasika No. 10139, Dated 28/11/2017).	27/12/2024 20,87,608.08/-	03/08/2024



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PAPER WITH PASSION

The Chinese challenge

China's rapid advancements—evident in breakthroughs like DeepSeek—are challenging US superiority like never before

For decades, the United States has been the undisputed global leader in cutting-edge technology, from artificial intelligence (AI) and quantum computing to defence innovations and space exploration. However, China's rapid advancements in these fields, fueled by a mix of state-driven initiatives, talent acquisition, and aggressive R&D investments, are now posing a serious challenge to the US supremacy. The emergence of DeepSeek, a Chinese AI model rivaling OpenAI's GPT-4, is just one example of how Beijing is closing the technological gap. China's ambitions extend far beyond AI. It has made remarkable strides in many areas. It is a direct result of China's 'vision 2025' which is translating into reality. China has developed the Jiuzhang quantum computer, which demonstrated computational speeds exponentially faster than classical supercomputers. Meanwhile, the US remains engaged in its own quantum pursuit through companies like Google and IBM, but China's government-backed approach provides



an edge in long-term planning. From hypersonic missiles that can evade US missile defence systems to AI-driven warfare capabilities, China's military modernisation is shifting global power dynamics. Despite US sanctions aimed at crippling China's semiconductor industry, Beijing has made breakthroughs, notably with Huawei's 7nm Kirin chip, defying expectations. The US remains dependent on Taiwan's TSMC, but China's relentless pursuit of self-reliance is narrowing this gap. Even in space tech, China is surging ahead. China's Tiangong space station, its Mars and lunar exploration programs, and its ambitions in satellite-based internet rival those of NASA

and SpaceX. This places China on an equal footing with the US in space dominance. However, Washington is not sitting idle in the face of this challenge. The US has adopted a multi-pronged strategy. It has stepped up its effort to contain China. The Biden administration had imposed restrictions on Chinese firms like Huawei and AI chip exports to limit their technological growth. The US is deepening ties with the European Union, Japan, and India to counterbalance China's rise in emerging tech. Initiatives like the CHIPS Act and QUAD alliances are designed to limit Beijing's access to critical tech. Besides, companies like OpenAI, Google, and IBM are receiving government backing to maintain an edge over Chinese AI firms. In this tech war India, though lagging, is trying to cope albeit at a slow pace. While it has growing ties with the US, it also maintains strategic independence. India too is investing heavily in AI startups and quantum computing research. With the government's Semicon India initiative, India aims to become a global semiconductor hub, attracting investments from Intel, TSMC, and others. Indeed, India is emerging as a significant player in the global tech landscape. As this race unfolds, the global order in technology will be reshaped in ways that will define the 21st century.

PICTALK



A folk artist at the 'Jaipur Literature Festival' (JLF), in Jaipur

India's aviation sector needs a take off



SANTHOSH MATHEW

India's aviation sector is at a crossroads, grappling with an acute shortage of airports despite its vast population and growing economy

Have you ever wondered just how many airports exist in the United States? Take a wild guess. The number is staggering—nearly 19,000! That's right. With a population of around 330 million, America has built an extensive network of airports, ensuring seamless connectivity across the country. Now, compare this to India, a nation with three times the population, yet managing with only around 500 airports. Even more striking, out of these, just 29 are classified as international airports. This glaring disparity is more than just a number—it is a reflection of India's challenges in aviation infrastructure and the pressing need for expansion.

Let's take an even closer look by comparing West Bengal to the United Kingdom. Both regions have a similar population, yet their aviation networks couldn't be more different. The UK boasts around 150 airports, while West Bengal has just three passenger airports—Kolkata, Bagdogra, and Andal. This difference is not just a matter of convenience; it highlights lost economic opportunities and underscores the urgent requirement for infrastructure development. In nations like the US and the UK, air travel is an everyday convenience—affordable, efficient, and integral to daily life.

It allows people to skip traffic, save time, and stimulate economic growth. Meanwhile, in India, air travel is still seen as a luxury, accessible only to a privileged few. India's aviation network is wholly insufficient for its growing demand. With only 29 international airports and about 500 total airports, the infrastructure is struggling to keep pace with the needs of domestic and international travelers. Airports in major cities such as Delhi, Mumbai, and Bengaluru are perpetually overcrowded, leading to delays, congestion, and inefficiency.

In contrast, vast portions of the country, especially smaller towns and rural areas, remain disconnected, relying on outdated modes of transportation like railways and highways. The Airports



Authority of India (AAI) currently manages around 150 airports, but when compared to the United States' 5,000 civilian airports, this number falls dramatically short. The gap becomes even more concerning when considering that India's population is three times that of the US. Clearly, India needs a massive expansion in its aviation infrastructure, and it needs it urgently. The consequences of this limited aviation network are significant—reduced regional connectivity, hindered tourism, and slower economic growth. India must take decisive steps to address this issue. A bold vision for the future should include constructing at least 1,500 new airports in the coming years. By ensuring that an airport is within 100 kilometers of every major population center, India can unlock the economic potential of its smaller towns and rural areas. The advantages of a well-developed air travel network are crystal clear. Air travel is not just the fastest mode of transportation; it is also the safest and most efficient. In a country where roads and railways are often congested and prone to delays, a robust aviation network can alleviate pressure on existing transport systems, making movement across the country more seamless. The economic benefits are also immense. A surge in the



IN A COUNTRY AS VAST AND POPULOUS AS INDIA, AIR TRAVEL MUST BECOME A FUNDAMENTAL NECESSITY, AVAILABLE TO PEOPLE ACROSS ALL ECONOMIC BACKGROUNDS. EXPANDING THE AVIATION NETWORK WOULD MAKE FLIGHTS MORE AFFORDABLE AND PRACTICAL FOR A LARGER SEGMENT OF THE POPULATION

number of airports would create thousands of jobs, attract investment, and boost regional economies. Improved air connectivity would enhance business operations, enable easier travel for tourists, and offer the general population a practical alternative to time-consuming road and rail journeys. Of course, developing new airports requires significant investment and time, but India has the potential to explore innovative solutions. One such approach is the conversion of highways into emergency runways—a model successfully implemented in the United States. This concept could be adapted for India, where strategically modifying highways to accommodate small aircraft could provide crucial air connectivity to remote regions without the high costs associated with building entirely new airports. Implementing such a strategy in states like West Bengal, could be a game-changer. These adapted road-runways could serve as cost-effective alternatives for enhancing air connectivity, benefiting both everyday commuters and emergency responders in times of crisis, such as natural disasters. Across the Western world, air travel has evolved into an indispensable part of daily life. It is widely accessible, efficient, and affordable. In India, however, flying is still

perceived as a luxury, something beyond the reach of the average citizen. This perception needs to change. In a country as vast and populous as India, air travel must become a fundamental necessity, available to people across all economic backgrounds. Expanding the aviation network would make flights more affordable and practical for a larger segment of the population. India stands at a crucial juncture in its aviation journey. The country's rapid economic growth and massive population necessitate an equally rapid expansion of its air travel infrastructure. Government initiatives such as the UDAN scheme, which aims to enhance regional air connectivity, are a step in the right direction, but much more needs to be done. The goal should be to develop at least 1,500 new airports in the near future, ensuring that every region, particularly underserved areas like West Bengal, is well-connected. Exploring innovative ideas like highway-runways, making air travel more affordable, and significantly increasing the number of airstrips are all essential steps toward closing India's aviation gap. The need for a robust aviation infrastructure is urgent, and the time to act is now. (The writer is an associate professor; views are personal)

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

INDIA'S AI MISSION

Madam— This refers to the news report, "India prepares to take on ChatGPT, Deepseek" (January 31). The sensational launch of the Chinese start-up DeepSeek's AI system known as R1 has left the West dumbstruck. DeepSeek's claim that it developed R1 at 50 times the cheaper cost than OpenAI's ChatGPT with matching performance created mayhem in financial markets on January 30 as the Nasdaq witnessed its biggest wipeout in history.

Nvidia, the leading AI chip maker, was hit the worst as its stock price plunged 17 per cent. After American President Donald Trump termed DeepSeek a "wake-up call" for the US and urged US companies to stay competitive, fierce competition in the AI market is imminent. Amid these eye-opening developments, India has planned to build its world-class foundational models within less than one year under its ambitious India AI Mission. This shows India's global aspirations to become a frontrunner in the AI industry. In the last few years, India has resolved to develop advanced technologies indigenously and shed its dependency on other countries. India is aggressively developing its semiconductor industry to boost self-reliance, economic growth, and technological leadership under initiatives like the India Semiconductor Mission and PLI scheme.

Manoj Parashar | Ghaziabad

FOCUS ON ECONOMIC REVIVAL

Madam— Apropos, "Indian economy on fast lane," The Pioneer, January 30. With signs of a slowdown in the economy getting more pronounced, Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman who will be presenting the Union Budget today. The budget must not only address the weary private investment scenario in the country but also address the consumption slowdown. The economic growth is slowing, with GDP

ISRO'S 100th rocket launch: Yet another milestone



ISRO has added yet another feather to its cap with its 100th launch of GSLV, its most trusted workhorse rocket, from Sriharikota in 46 years and is planning to launch another hun-

dred of them in the next five years. GSLV is capable of launching satellites for both geosynchronous orbit (when it appears motionless from a point on the equator—primarily used for weather and communication and is placed at a very high altitude of about 42,000 km) and sun-synchronous orbit (when the satellite is passing over the same location at the same local time—used for imaging, weather forecasting, spying, and global observation at low altitudes of about 700 km, capable of capturing high-resolution images as a result). This launch has put India in a much better situation to be self-reliant in its technology, giving a boost to its economy, defence, and spatial dominance in the near future. The ISRO scientists need to be applauded for their time-bound achievements and speed through their hard work and dedication.

R S Narula | Patiala

likely to grow at less than 7 per cent for at least the next three years, including the current one. The anaemic growth of the economy has already led to moderation in consumption a trend that has been on the show for a couple of years. The central bank has consciously put a leash on consumption-related lending as it sees it as an area of concern. With inflation continuing to remain high, the RBI has been holding interest rates at higher levels, further discouraging borrowers from taking loans for discretionary consumption.

All these factors have weighed down on corporate India, which has been slow in announcing new projects and investments. This shows in lower private investment numbers. As a result, the economy is now facing a vicious cycle, which the budget can break. In this backdrop, the government will have to loosen its purse strings a bit, let the people have more money in their hands, and give some more sops to corporations to prod them into investing. How it achieves these goals would depend on

how the government sees the current situation.

N Sathasiva Reddy | Bengaluru

MIDAIR CRASH IN AMERICA KILLS 67

Madam—An American Airlines flight with 67 people aboard, including 4 crew members, collided with an Army helicopter while landing at Ronald Reagan National Airport near Washington DC in the nearby Potomac River. The US has the safest airspace in the world. The diversion of the air jet to land on a smaller runway just before landing may be a cause. Also, the Army helicopter did not go up and down in the air over the river. The midair collision of the flight and the Army helicopter is more surprising in this digital age. The accident was preventable, and Trump blaming Obama and Biden's policies for the mishap is unacceptable.

N R Ramachandran | Chennai

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A 90-hour workweek: Path to success or recipe for burnout

S N Subrahmanyam CMD Larsen and Toubro, has sparked intense debate with his proposal for a 90-hour workweek, drawing sharp criticism

S N Subrahmanyam, CMD of Larsen and Toubro, recently ignited a heated debate while expressing his regret over not being able to call employees to work even on Sundays. He also suggested a 90-hour work week—a figure that surpasses even the 70-hour work week advocated by Infosys founder NR Narayana Murthy. His comment assumes added significance when there is already a renewed debate in India on work pressure after the death of 26-year-old Ernst & Young employee, Anna Sebastian Perayil. And call it a quirk of fate, or merely incidental, L&T has now eaten a humble pie after its bid for a tender to build six submarines was shot down by the Ministry of Defence. Subrahmanyam's comment has been singularly dismissed by several corporate chiefs, including Anand Mahindra, Chairman, of Mahindra Group; Sanjiv Puri, CMD, ITC Limited; Harsh Vardhan Goenka, the current chairman of RPG Enterprises; Nalin Negi, BharatPe CEO; Rajiv Bajaj, Managing Director of Bajaj



Auto; and even Sanjeev Sanyal, Economist Member of Prime Minister Narendra Modi's Economic Advisory Council. The circular issued by the Ministry of Labour and Employment of India, the Occupational Safety, Health and Working Conditions Code, 2020, strictly says that no worker shall be required or allowed to work, in any establishment or class of establishments for more than eight hours in a day or forty-eight hours in a week. As per the International Labour Organisation (ILO) as of January 11, 2024, the average weekly working hours per employed person

across 10 of the world's largest economies is in: the United States, 38 hours per week; China, 46.1 hours per week; Germany, 34.2 hours per week; Japan 36.6 hours per week; India 46.7 hours per week; United Kingdom, 35.9 hours per week; France, 35.9 hours per week; Brazil, 39 hours per week; Italy, 36.3 hours per week; Canada, 32.1 hours per week. However, India ranks 13th among the world's most overworked countries. With 46.7 average working hours per week, India faces a persistent culture of extended work schedules. The World Health Organisation also highlights

excessive work as a major public health concern linked to occupational diseases. According to the International Labour Organisation's data, Luxembourg enjoys the highest productivity with \$166.1k in terms of GDP per hour worked, with an average working week schedule of 35.6 hours. Ireland stands second with \$139.1k GDP per hour worked with an average work-week schedule of 35.6 hours. Whereas India has a labour productivity of \$10.7k GDP per hour worked with an average work-week schedule of 46.7 hours. The latest report, by Mc Kinsey Health Institute says that investing in employee health can substantially increase economic returns.

Research by the Institute in collaboration with the World Economic Forum indicates that enhanced employee health and well-being could generate up to \$11.7 trillion in global economic value. (The writer is a journalist and news anchor and writes on corporate affairs, finance; views expressed are personal)



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This Maha Kumbh is unlike any before it, offering an unprecedented caliber of cosmic energy. It is a spiritual phenomenon of global significance, where the highest frequencies of Source energy descend upon humanity. The grace of enlightenment is being bestowed, and the awakening of souls is unfolding.

Here, the sublime state of Soruba Samadhi will begin—a transformation that elevates both consciousness and matter itself. Cellular structures are being regenerated, linking human DNA to the divine imprint, connecting us to the immortal essence within. There is nothing quite like the experience of Kumbh. Imagine millions of souls gathering in one place, each radiating spiritual energy, creating an immense vortex of power. In this sacred space, we transcend our human identities and recognise ourselves as Atmas—pure souls



united in a grand cosmic dance. This collective energy is a force of love, light, and enlightenment, dissolving karmic burdens and opening the path to a majestic, divine life.

Through the present age presents its challenges, those who remain steadfast on the spiritual path will undergo profound transformation. The portals of the cosmos are open, offering liberation and awakening. The world we see is but an illusion—a play of maya—where all is transient except our love for the Divine. This love is our dharma, our ultimate purpose. The body, the mind, and the material world constantly change, but the eternal truth, Sathya, remains unchanged. We are that truth—Sat-Chit-Ananda, Tat Twam Asi—and our sadhana is to awaken to and embody this realization.

At the Kumbh, in the embrace of Mata Ganga, we surrender and transform. The sacred waters purify us, activating the divine blueprint within. In this powerful vortex, we align with the highest expressions of Sanatana Dharma, experiencing profound spiritual elevation. This year, the influx of divine light is immense, inviting us to merge with its boundless brilliance and bliss. The ancient traditions of Moksha and enlightenment are more alive than ever. This is a time for purification, for letting go of attachments and the illusion of mortality. Sanatana Dharma, founded on selfless service, was exemplified by Adi Shankaracharya, who taught the wisdom of oneness.

Dharma—the eternal law—sustains creation itself. Regardless of the many religious paths, all stem from this universal truth. We have lived Dharma through countless lifetimes, whether we remember it or not. Kumbh Mela is a powerful catalyst for spiritual growth, drawing seekers from all over the world. Even those from lands where devotion is rare undergo profound shifts, their minds finding peace and their hearts blossoming. Here, millions chant together, and divine forces work to elevate collective consciousness. This is a time of great spiritual revolution, heralding the dawn of Sathya Yuga. Open your heart. Receive the blessings of your soul. Step into your truth and embrace the new age that is upon us.

(The writer is a spiritual guru; views are personal)

From OpenAI to DeepSeek: The fight for supremacy



NILANTHA **ILANGAMUWA**

With China rapidly closing the AI gap and geopolitical tensions shifting from military might to algorithmic dominance, the world is entering a digital cold war



Imagine a computer's hard drive containing a replica of your brain, connected to a high-speed internet. Your biological brain may become irrelevant when the machine not only possesses your mind but also gains control over everything you identify as 'who you are'. This is what General Artificial Intelligence (AGI) truly represents—the vast, unexplored frontier we are hurtling towards. The year begins not only with the most unpredictable politician in America reclaiming the Oval Office but also with an AI race that, once dominated by American startups, is now being swiftly overtaken by China at a significantly lower cost. We have crossed the Rubicon, heading towards an unknown destination; the consequences remain uncertain, and no one can predict what lies ahead.

The AI arms race, gaining unprecedented velocity, is propelling us into an era where the very foundations of intelligence, humanity, and civilisation are being deconstructed at an astonishing pace. Humanity, having long contended with the challenge of technology reshaping its self-perception, is now facing an existential dilemma unlike any before. The revolutions of Copernicus, which dethroned Earth from its presumed centrality in the cosmos, and Darwin, whose theory questioned humanity's divine distinction from the animal kingdom, fundamentally redefined our place in the universe. But neither of these paradigm shifts eroded the core of what it meant to be human. Artificial intelligence, however, threatens to do precisely that. AGI poses a question so starkly profound that it demands our full intellectual engagement: What happens when the very attribute we have long considered uniquely human—the capacity to reason, to create, to understand—becomes replicable, scalable, and infinitely more efficient, to the point where machines not only rival but surpass our cognitive limitations?

What becomes of the human essence when faced with entities capable of thinking faster, learning more swiftly, and ultimately transcending us in once inconceivable ways? This week, the new race in AI has surged ahead, with China unveiling the results of its years of intensive experimentation. The release of Qwen 2.5, followed by DeepSeek—an inexpensive yet formidable



AI, IN ITS MOST ADVANCED FORMS, BECOMES A REFLECTION OF OUR INTELLECTUAL FRAMEWORK—YET ONE THAT OPERATES FASTER, MORE EFFICIENTLY, AND WITH AN ABILITY TO LEARN THAT FAR EXCEEDS HUMAN POTENTIAL

competitor to models like GPT-4 from OpenAI—has upended the established order. This shift is not merely a matter of technological rivalry; it signifies a profound realignment in global power, where the currency of influence is no longer military might or economic clout, but data control, computational resources, and technological ingenuity.

The new cold war is not one of armaments but of algorithms and information—an intellectual race whose stakes extend far beyond economic primacy to the very survival of human civilisation itself. As AI advances, it forces us to confront deeply uncomfortable truths about our nature. For millennia, humanity has positioned itself at the apex of intelligence on Earth, a secret of being a superspecies. Yet what occurs when our very creations—machines—begin to outshine us in those same domains? When we no longer retain exclusive dominion over intelligence, how does this fundamentally alter our sense of identity?

Are we, like the alchemists of antiquity, on the verge of realising that we no longer control our fate, but have given birth to entities that might one day supplant us? The very nature of intelligence itself is now irreversibly in question. Cognitive architectures, once the exclusive province of the human brain, are now being mirrored and surpassed by machines. AI, in its most advanced forms, becomes a reflection of our intellectual framework—yet one that operates faster, more efficiently, and with an ability to learn that far exceeds human potential. This is not merely an augmentation of human capabilities; it heralds the dawn of a new epoch, where human and machine cognition converge, indistinguishable and perhaps inseparable. As we approach this unnerving future, we must ask ourselves whether we are philosophically, politically, and socially prepared to co-exist with

entities that may one day rival or eclipse us.

Will we, as a species, embrace co-evolution, finding a new equilibrium in our relationship with machines, or will we cling to the false myth of human exceptionalism, attempting to subjugate or destroy the very creations we have birthed?

The decisions we make now will echo far beyond our survival, influencing the very nature of intelligence and the future trajectory of all life on Earth. The geopolitical ramifications of this technological revolution are as profound as its existential implications. Powerful nations with vast resources for research, development, and energy will continue to dominate the future, while smaller countries may face unprecedented crises, including crises concerning their own identity.

As AI becomes embedded in the infrastructure of global politics, we are entering an era of digital empires—systems of control as potent as any traditional nation-state, commanding not only information but the very nature of human interaction. In this new digital cold war, the battle is not merely for technological supremacy, but for control over the global political system itself. Is the rise of AI an essential leap forward in humanity's evolution, or does it signal the twilight of human relevance?

Some may argue that AI is a necessary tool, a portal that helps protect us from the danger of total annihilation. Others, however, may see it as a harbinger of obsolescence, a point of no return when our creations ascend to power and render us irrelevant. However, there is a subtler, more philosophical interpretation of this transformative shift: Perhaps the advent of AGI is not our fall from grace, but the birth of a new chapter in human evolution—one where we transcend the biological con-

straints that have long defined us.

Like our ancestors who tamed fire and invented the wheel, we may soon wield AI as a tool that propels us to new heights. The fusion of human and artificial intelligence could lead to a post-human condition—not one of extinction, but of surpassing the boundaries of our biological form and entering a phase of hybridised existence. This, of course, depends on our ability to confront the ethical and political structures that accompany the rise of AGI.

The true challenge is not whether we will create machines that surpass us in intelligence, but whether we have the wisdom to ensure they remain our allies rather than adversaries. We must learn to co-exist with these new intelligences, integrating them into our societies in ways that enhance, rather than diminish, our humanity. This is the existential challenge of our time—one that will determine whether the era of artificial intelligence will culminate in annihilation or transcendence.

Ultimately, the measure of our humanity will not lie in our ability to create machines that rival us in intelligence, but in our capacity to retain those qualities that define us: empathy, creativity, and the willingness to evolve in response to monumental change. If we can meet this challenge, the future—however uncertain—will hold at least the promise of our fragile humanity. If not, we may find ourselves consigned to the dustbin of history, supplanted by the very entities we have created. Are we prepared to face the unknown abyss, or will we cower in fear, clinging to the comforting illusions of the past? The future, it seems, is no longer entirely within our grasp—but perhaps this is precisely the kind of leap forward we need to ensure our survival.

(The writer is a journalist and policy analyst. Views expressed are personal)

Elevating CSR in India: From compliance to impact-driven transformation

While many corporations are genuinely committed to social welfare, issues like fund misallocation, tokenism and unethical practices threaten the integrity of CSR

Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) in India has significantly progressed over the past decade. Introduced as a legal mandate in 2013, CSR has evolved from a mere compliance obligation to a fundamental requirement, with organisations across various industries incorporating social welfare into their core operations. However, as we continue into 2025 and beyond, there is an urgent need to elevate the current CSR practices—ensuring they are effective, accountable, and transparent. While many companies have shown a sincere commitment to social impact, others have unfortunately fallen into the vicious traps of misallocation of funds, tokenism, and questionable practices like kick-

backs and paybacks. Additionally, the emergence of corporations establishing their NGOs presents a mixed picture; while some are genuinely committed to their missions, many operate as "skeleton NGOs," where staff often demand kickbacks and the intended social welfare purpose gets lost.

A New and Enhanced Era for CSR Compliance

Compliance remains an important aspect of effective CSR. However, it is not just about meeting the mandatory spending requirement but also about ensuring that every rupee spent reaches where it was originally intended—directly benefiting those in need. While many corporations have dutifully allocated the mandated 2 per cent of



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their profits towards social welfare, there is still a need for a more robust system to ensure regular oversight and real-time monitoring of fund utilisation and project outcomes. With stronger and more transparent laws, we can ensure that funds reach the intended beneficiaries, fostering trust between the government, corporations, and communities alike.

Ensuring Integrity in CSR: Addressing Kickbacks and Paybacks

One of the biggest challenges facing CSR today is the lack of trust caused by unethical practices. Often, when intermediaries or implementing agencies misappropriate resources for personal gain, the integrity of CSR initiatives is compromised. To address this issue, it is vital to introduce strict anti-corruption policies and establish independent monitoring mechanisms. When corporations know they are being monitored or supervised, they will think twice before engaging in malpractice.

Ensuring integrity is not just about preventing financial losses; it is about preserving the trust of communities that often



rely on CSR for a better future.

Impact-Driven CSR

CSR should move beyond compliance; it needs to be impact-driven. The focus should shift from merely fulfilling legal obligations to measuring the difference being made on the ground. Strengthening accountability will ensure CSR is not reduced to a token gesture but becomes

a genuine agent of transformation. Moreover, corporations should also embrace innovation in their CSR approaches. Whether it is by using technology to improve healthcare access in rural areas, providing quality education through digital platforms, or addressing climate change with green initiatives, one must think beyond traditional models and adopt solutions that leave a lasting impact.

The Role of Stakeholders

Accountability is not just the sole responsibility of corporations; other stakeholders—governments, NGOs, and civil society—also have an essential role to play in shaping the future of CSR. The government must act as an active regulator, ensuring companies adhere to guidelines while

incentivising innovation and collaboration. On the other hand, NGOs, as implementation partners, must continue to bring grassroots expertise and ensure that every rupee spent makes a difference. Communities must also be empowered to hold corporations accountable. By involving local stakeholders in the planning and execution of projects, we can create a feedback loop that enhances transparency and boosts the on-the-ground impact of CSR initiatives.

The Way Forward

The ongoing changes to the CSR framework present a golden opportunity to usher in a new era of accountability and impact. This calls for a change that ensures CSR initiatives are not only executed with integri-

ty but with genuine purpose. The government, too, must play its part by introducing reforms that incentivise genuine efforts while penalising any kind of malpractice.

If implemented correctly, this strengthened CSR framework can ensure that social welfare is not merely a checkbox for corporations but a collective mission to uplift the underserved. As stakeholders in this ecosystem—corporates, non-profits, government, and the public—we must all push for a transparent and impactful CSR environment. Only then will CSR in India live up to its promise of creating a better world for all.

(The writer is founder and president, Wishes and Blessings NGO; views expressed are personal)

Russia claims capture of Ukraine village, advances on key city

Kyiv (PTI): Russia on Friday claimed it had captured another village in its relentless offensive in eastern Ukraine's Donetsk region and as it closes in on the critical Ukrainian logistics hub of Pokrovsk after almost three years of war. The Russian claim that its forces took Novosyivka could not be independently confirmed, and Ukrainian officials made no immediate comment. However, battlefield maps published early Friday by the Ukrainian General Staff suggested the village was at least partly under Russian control. A comparison with other maps of the area by The Associated Press indicated Novosyivka is largely under Russian control. Russian forces have been trying for months to capture the key Donetsk strongholds of Pokrovsk and nearby Chasiv Yar, fighting their way across farm fields and woodland and engulfing small rural settlements. The fall of Pokrovsk and Chasiv Yar could enable the Russian army to complete its hold on Donetsk and even set the stage for it to continue on into the neighbouring Dnipro region. The recent Russian push in the area has coincided with US President Donald Trump taking office and repeating his pledge to end the war soon. That has prompted both Moscow and Kyiv to pursue battlefield gains that might give them an edge at the bargaining table. The village of Novosyivka is located around 11 kilometers (7 miles) southwest of Pokrovsk. Ukrainian officials have said Russia is attempting a pincer movement to surround Pokrovsk.

Imran Khan's PTI rejects govt's offer to resume talks

PTI ISLAMABAD The Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) leadership rejected Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif's offer to resume stalled talks with the government through a parliamentary panel to lower the country's political temperature. Shehbaz addressed a cabinet meeting on Thursday and said the government was ready to form a parliamentary committee to advance talks with PTI after the Imran Khan-founded party quit negotiations over the non-formation of a judicial commission to probe the events of May 9, 2023, and November 26, 2024, according to Geo News. The offer came after the PTI abruptly quit the talks after holding three meetings with the ruling parties' negotiation committee, maintaining the government failed to constitute judicial commissions within the seven-day deadline in line with its "charter of demands". Speaking on the Geo News programme Capital Talk, PTI top leader and Leader of Opposition in the National Assembly Omar Ayub Khan said: "We reject Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif's offer [to resume dialogue]". Reiterating the party's demands, Ayub said the PTI

EU warns Pak: Duty-free status tied to human rights progress

Islamabad (PTI): The European Union on Friday warned Pakistan that its status as a duty-free exporter to the bloc will continue to depend on the progress the country makes in addressing concerns about civil and labour rights, and freedom of speech. The warning came as Olof Skoog, the EU's special representative for human rights, wrapped up a weeklong visit to Islamabad. The visit was aimed at engaging "Pakistan on the most pressing human rights and labour rights issues and discussing Pakistan's plans to address them, including in view of the ongoing assessment under the trade scheme," the EU said in a statement. Pakistan's exports to Europe have doubled since 2014 when it was awarded the status of duty-free exporter under the EU's Generalised Scheme of Preferences Plus, or+, incentives for developing countries. However, the EU statement warned Pakistan that the trade benefits enjoyed by it "under+ depend on the progress made on addressing a list of issues, including on human rights, and tangible reforms remain essential." It said that the "EU welcomes the fact that Pakistan has become the largest beneficiary of+, with Pakistani businesses increasing their exports to the EU market by 108 per cent since the launch of the trade scheme in 2014." But, the statement said that "as we approach the midterm of the current monitoring cycle, we encourage Pakistan to continue on its reform path as it prepares for reapplication under the upcoming new+ regulation." The statement said that Skoog, during his meeting with Pakistani authorities, "highlighted areas of concern such as the application

of blasphemy laws, women's rights, forced marriages and conversions, enforced disappearances, freedoms of expression, religion or belief, independence of the media, impunity for rights violations, due process and the right to a fair trial, civic space, and the death penalty." Though international community and human rights groups often express their concern over increasing government curbs on media, violation of human rights, the latest development came days after Pakistan's parliament passed a bill that critics argue is designed to suppress freedom of speech. The bill, which now has become a law after President Asif Ali Zardari's approval, grants the government extensive powers to impose heavy fines and incarcerate social media users for spreading disinformation.

PUBLIC NOTICE General Public is hereby informed that my client Sh. Suraj Bhan S/o Lt. Sh. Mohan Rao R/O 63, Main Border Road, Bakarganj, Delhi-110073. Do hereby affirm and declare that he has evicted his son Sawan Kumar S/o Suraj Bhan from all his movable and immovable properties and disowned, dis-inherited, debarred and served all relations from his son namely Sh. Sawan Kumar, anyone dealing with them be doing so at their own risk and cost and Suraj Bhan will not be liable for the same. Advocate : Rohit Kumar Ch. No 637, WWW Tis Hazari Court Delhi-54

PUBLIC NOTICE This is to inform the general public that Ashwan Singh owns the FRESH Agricultural Land Measuring 1 Bigha And 4 Biswas, Bearing Kharsa No.444/2 Min. Situated In The Revenue Estate Of Village Gadipur, Tehsil Mehrauli, New Delhi. (hereinafter referred to as the "Property"). Ownership was acquired through a Sale Deed Dated 02.08.2018, which was duly registered with the office of Sub-Registrar-V&D, L.H., as doc no. 5326, Book Delhi Police Online, Page No. 22, Dated 02.08.2018, as per the Owner's Bonafide Version, the original documents for the entire built-up property, including the 1. Original Regd. Sale Deed Dated 02.08.2018 Executed By Shri. Vishnu Kumar Agarwal In Favour M/S Ajni Developers Private Limited, In Respect Of Agricultural Land Measuring 1 Bigha And 4 Biswas, Bearing Kharsa No.444/2 Min. Situated In The Revenue Estate Of Village Gadipur, Tehsil Mehrauli, New Delhi, Vide Registration No.5326 In Addl. Book No./Volume No.2416 On Page 14 To 22 Dated 02.08.2018. With The Office Sub-Registrar-V&D, L.H., 2. Original Regd. Sale Deed Dated 09.06.2022 Executed By M/S Ajni Developers Private Limited In Favour Of 1. Mrs. Rukhsana Bilgrami (48.75% Undivided Share) 2. Shri. Nazim Luqman Bilgrami (48.75% Undivided Share) And 3. Mrs. Ghazala Kafeel (48.75% Undivided Share). A lost report regarding these documents has been filed with the Delhi Police Online, Page No. 22, Dated 25/25/2025 dated 23.01.2025. The owner has asserted that the said property is free from all encumbrances, and the owner intends to create a charge, viz mortgage any person(s) or financial institution claiming any right or interest or having any claim regarding the said property based on the aforementioned lost documents is hereby requested to contact the afore mentioned Chamber, 231, Western Wing Tis Hazari Court, Delhi-110054, as well as the undersigned at the email address mentioned below within 15 days from the date of publication of this notice, failing which any such claim shall be deemed null and void, and the title to the property shall be considered clear, marketable, free from all encumbrances, and open to creating an equitable mortgage. Ranjan Kumar Jha (Advocate) Chamber-231, Western Wing Tis Hazari Court, Delhi-110054, Mobile : 9986471901

PUBLIC NOTICE General public is hereby informed that Gulshan Kumar Arora, has filed an application in L&DO for substitution of the property No. 6/50-A, Moti Nagar, New Delhi-15 in my name, on the grounds of inheritance by virtue of a Will. If there are any objections/claims from the general public on this application, the same shall be communicated to L&DO with supporting documents through registered post or by visiting L&DO at Nirman Bhawan, New Delhi or through an email at ldo@nic.in, within 30 days of publication of this notice. Name: Gulshan Kumar Arora Address: The Sri Durga CGHS, (Plot No. 6A), Flat No. B-201, Sector-11, Dwarka, N Delhi. Phone: 9968320749

E-AUCTION PROGRAMME FOR SALE OF RAILWAY SCRAP MATERIAL E-Auction programme for sale of Railway Scrap materials under jurisdiction of Lumding Division, for the month of February/2025 is hereby scheduled as under: SN Month Date Fixed 1 February/2025 05-02-2025, 12-02-2025, 19-02-2025, 26-02-2025 Interested bidders can participate in E-Auction programme through IREPS website www.ireps.gov.in Sr. Divisional Material Manager, Lumding NORTH EAST FRONTIER RAILWAY Serving Customers With A Smile

PARADIP PORT AUTHORITY e-TENDER CALL NOTICE No. EM/PEP-03/2025 No. EM/PEP-03/2025 Name of the work - Management of Power Distribution System of Paradip Port Authority. Estimated Cost: Rs.22,20,30,322/- only excluding GST. Last date & time of submission of bid: dt. 19/02/2025 up to 18.00 Hrs. Refer our Website for details https://eprocure.gov.in/eprocure/app Sd/- Executive Engineer (E), PEP-ID PPA/PR/60/2024-2025 dtd.31.01.2025

PUBLIC NOTICE This is to inform the general public that Mrs. Neelam Verma, W/o Sh. Narayan Verma, R/O-49, Ballo Maade Street, Grosse Pointe Shores, MI 48236-1552 (USA), through her sister-in-law and General Power of Attorney (GPA) holder, Mrs. Gita Johri, appointed vide GPA executed on 13th January 2025 in the USA and duly stamped by AIG Stamp, has sold and is in the process of transferring Dwelling Unit No. 108, 1st Floor, Tower E, Amrapali Princely Estate, Sector-76, Noida, Gautam Buddha Nagar, U.P., having a super area of 1455 sq. ft. along with one covered car parking, to Mr. Manish Mathur and Mrs. Kokila Mathur, both residents of Flat No. A-507, Amrapali Princely Estate, Sector-76, Noida (U.P.) - 201301. It is further clarified that Mrs. Gita Johri is only acting as the GPA holder of Mrs. Neelam Verma, and there is no Agreement to Sell between Mrs. Neelam Verma and Mrs. Gita Johri. Since Mrs. Neelam Verma is elderly and unable to travel to India and hence she has authorized Mrs. Gita Johri to act in capacity of her GPA holder to transfer and sell the property in favour of Mr. Manish Mathur and Mrs. Kokila Mathur. If any person has any claim, objection, or interest in the said property, they are requested to submit their objections along with documentary proof to the Group Housing Department of the Noida Authority within 30 days from the date of publication of this notice. Manish Mathur and Kokila Mathur

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PUBLIC NOTICE M/S SARE Gurugram Private Limited (CIN: U70109DL2006PTC152635) Registered Office: 5' Flr, Wing A, Statesman House, 148, Barakhamba Road Connaught Place, New Delhi, India 110001 Email: roc@eka-dhoot.com

Whereas M/s SARE Gurugram Private Limited (hereinafter referred to as "Company") is in the process of developing a phase known as "Ariste" over an area measuring 78250.380 sq. mtr. in the Group Housing Colony situated at village Wazirpur & Mewka, Sector-92, Gurugram under License No 44 of 2009 and 68 of 2011 granted by Director, Town and Country Planning, Haryana and having RERA Registration No. 270 of 2017 dated 09.10.2017.

And Whereas the Company has applied for change in Bank Account from Yes Bank Limited to SBI Bank Limited and accordingly the company has obtained In-principal approval for change of bank accounts from Haryana Real Estate Regulatory Authority, Gurugram. Accordingly vide this public notice, the general public is hereby notified/informed that the following changes in bank accounts:

Table with 3 columns: Particulars, Previous Bank Accounts, New Bank Accounts. Rows include Bank Name (Yes Bank Limited to SBI Bank Limited), IFSC Code, Master Collection Account No., RERA Account No., and Promoter Free Account No.

M/s SARE Gurugram Private Limited Date: 29.01.2025 Place: Gurugram

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GOVERNMENT OF HARYANA TENDER NOTICE FOR FURTHER INFORMATION KINDLY VISIT: www.haryanaprocmement.gov.in or www.etenders.hry.nic.in

PUBLIC NOTICE My client Smt. Manjiv W/o Sh. Sanjay Nagar owner of a Residential House area measuring 322.52 sq. yards, i.e. 269.66 sq. mtrs. out of Kharsa No.215, situated at Village Saini Paragana And Tehsil Dadr District Gautam Budh Nagar. Through Registered Gift Deed Dated 27.01.2025 executed by Sh. Sanjay Nagar S/o Sh. Veer Singh Nagar Vide Reg. No.4859 at SR-DADR U.P. the above-mentioned property is going to be mortgage with Fed Bank Financial Services Limited. If any person/bank/financial institution having any claim/right, lien, any objection whatsoever in regard to the above property, should notified to the undersigned/Adv. Vishal Mehan, E-713, Karkardooma Court, Delhi-110092 along with documentary evidence under address through registered within 7 days from the date of publication of this notice failing which any claim, lien or objection shall be deemed to have been waived. Adv. Vishal Mehan, E-713, Karkardooma Court, Delhi-110092, Mobile Number 9811215181

PUBLIC NOTICE Reg: Entire First floor, without roof rights, (the said floor), built on Eastern portion area measuring 110 sq. yds. (the said portion, Part of Property bearing No. C-93-A, total area measuring 220 sq. yds. out of Kharsa Nos. 2047 & 2062, Situated in the area of Village Thar Colony Known as Hari Nagar, Block-C, New Delhi: Hereinafter referred to as "the said property". Be it known to all that our clients, M/s Astute Business Solutions (hereinafter called the "Purchaser") intend to purchase the said floor from Mr. Sumit Bhatia (hereinafter called the "Seller"). In this connection, the seller has informed the purchaser that he is the sole and absolute owner of the said floor. The seller has further informed the purchaser that the said floor was owned by Mr. Kamal Bhatia and Mr. Sumit Bhatia vide Sale Deed registered as Document No. 7490, Book No. 1, Volume No. 18586, Page No. 126-131, on 25.03.2011, (SRO-I). Mr. Kamal Bhatia expired and his half undivided share in the said floor was inherited by his legal heirs viz. Mrs. Sushma Bhatia, Mrs. Ekta Bhatia and Mr. Sumit Bhatia. Later on, Mrs. Sushma Bhatia and Mrs. Ekta Bhatia relinquished their share in the said floor in favour of Mr. Sumit Bhatia. The said Relinquishment Deed is registered as Document No. 4585, Book No. 1, Volume No. 2923, Page No. 190-194, on 21.02.2018. Thus, Mr. Sumit Bhatia became the sole and absolute owner of the said floor. The seller has also informed the purchaser that the said floor is not mortgaged anywhere and there is no charge or dispute or any litigation pending regarding the said floor. Any person including Banks, Financial Institutions, relatives having any claim, right, title or any interest of any nature whatsoever into or upon the aforesaid floor is hereby called upon to make the same known, in writing, with documentary evidence, by Registered AD Post, to the undersigned at the address mentioned herein below within 07 days of publication of this notice and in the event of no response having been received to the notice, the title of the seller to the said floor shall be deemed to be clear of any charge or encumbrance of any nature whatsoever and any subsequent claim shall not bind our clients/Purchaser, in any manner whatsoever. SHIVKANT ARORA, Advocate M/s Intelective Law Offices A-74, LGF, Defence Colony, New Delhi -110024

PUBLIC NOTICE Be it known to public at large that my client, Dr. Prateek Kumar Gupta S/o Mr. Subodh Kumar Gupta & Dr. (Mrs.) Anjoleena Kumar Gupta W/o Dr. Prateek Kumar Gupta R/O Property No.C-2/5, Block C-2, Situated at Sardarjag Development Area, New Delhi are sole & absolute owners of Property No.C-2/5, Block C-2, Situated at Sardarjag Development Area, New Delhi. That, Original Regd. Release Deed executed by Mr. Subodh Kumar Gupta in the name of (1) Dr. Prateek Kumar Gupta (2) Dr. (Mrs.) Anjoleena Kumar Gupta on 29/03/2016, duly Regd. as Document No. 1642, entered in Addl. Book No. 1, Volume No. 1354, on Pages 133/139 & Regd. on 29/03/2016, with the Office of Sub-Registrar V.A, Delhi, have been lost Burnt. Which are Chain documents of the said property and my clients have also Report for missing the said documents at Crime Branch, Police Station, New Delhi vide LR No.1617932/2019, dated 23/09/2019. The general public is hereby informed that PNB, Civil Lines, Roorkee, Uttarakhnad, intending to create Equitable Mortgage on the above-mentioned property. If any person(s) or Authority having any claim against into or upon the said property by virtue of Sale, Agreement, contract, mortgage, lien, charge or otherwise, whatsoever nature is hereby required to notify the same within Seven days to bank, from the date of publication of this notice for any claim and/or objection, otherwise shall be considered as waived and abandoned and shall not be binding upon my client. Sd. Sanjeev Gupta Advocate Branch: Punjab National Bank Civil Lines, Roorkee, Uttarakhnad. Phone No. 9438492093

LOST & FOUND Lost F Mec International Financial Services Ltd. share certificates with Folio No. 567, Certificate No. 00011250 and 00030578, Distinctive Numbers 11749011-1175000 and 2058701-2081300, No. of Securities 22700 in the name of Tarang Goyal. Finder may contact: 8860027269.

PD(1362)A Lost F Mec International Financial Services Ltd. share certificates with Folio No. 566, Certificate No. 00011245 and 00030566, Distinctive Numbers 11744011-1174500 and 2033301-2058700, No. of Securities 25500 in the name of Charu Goyal. Finder may contact: 8700346408.

PD(1363)A Lost F Mec International Financial Services Ltd. share certificates with Folio No. 565, Certificate No. 00011235 and 00030577, Distinctive Numbers 11734011-1173500 and 2008801-2033300, No. of Securities 24600 in the name of Rajiv Kumar Goyal. Finder may contact: 9927242937.

PD(1364)A Lost F Mec International Financial Services Ltd. share certificates with Folio No. 568, Certificate No. 00011260 and 00030576, Distinctive Numbers 11759011-1176000 and 2081301-2106300, No. of Securities 25100 in the name of Sajal Kumar Goel. Finder may contact: 9953294983.

CHANGE OF NAME I, Naiman Lakra S/o- Jivan Lakra, R/o- Vill- Kamati, PO-Tala, PS- Chanho, Dist-Ranchi, Jharkhand-835214, declare that in my service document's my daughter's name & DOB is wrongly written as Anshika Lakra - DOB 13/10/2018, whereas her correct name & DOB is - Anshika Lakra - DOB 13/07/2019.

ENGINEERING WORKS IN LUMDING DIVISION Tender Notice No. : LMG/Engg/10 of 2025 (Item No. 1 & 2); Dated: 23-01-2025; E-Tender are invited by the undersigned for the following work; SN-1; Brief Description of Item : Emergency traffic Restoration works such as land slide, sinkage, slope failure, Bank settlement during monsoon & other related works during pre/post monsoon, construction & repairing/cleaning of catch water/ side drain & waterways & Track maintenance work at vulnerable location in Lumding-Chandranathpur Hill under the jurisdiction of ADEN/HGS for one year. Tender Value: ₹4,82,57,845.90/-; Earnest Money: ₹3,91,300/-; SN-2; Brief Description of Item : Emergency traffic Restoration works such as land slide, sinkage, slope failure, Bank settlement during monsoon & other related works during pre/post monsoon, construction & repairing/cleaning of catch water/ side drain & waterways & Track maintenance work at vulnerable location in Lumding-Chandranathpur Hill under the jurisdiction of ADEN/HGS for one year. Tender Value: ₹4,53,39,373.60/-; Earnest Money: ₹3,76,700/-; Date & time of closing of above tenders at 15:00 hrs. on 20-02-2025 and opening at 15:00 hrs. on 21-02-2025. For complete information with the tender document of above e-tender will be available upto 15:00 hrs. on 20-02-2025 in website http://www.ireps.gov.in

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verka THE PUNJAB STATE COOPERATIVE MILK PRODUCERS FEDERATION LTD. SCO 153-155, SECTOR 34-A, CHANDIGARH-160022. EPABX No. 0172-5041812,66 Notice Inviting Tender www.verka.coop Sealed tenders are hereby invited for the purchase and supply of following items:- Sr.No/ Name of Work/Item Period/Tentative Qty 1. For Verka Head Office, Chandigarh a) Trace Minerals for CFP i. Vitamin A-D3 04 MT ii. Vitamin E-50 04 MT b) Drilling and installation of 1 No. new tubewell at Verka Patiala Dairy. 02 Months 2. For Verka Bathinda Dairy a) 80 ML paper cone sleeve with sugar rolled. 5 Lac i. Strawberry 5 Lac ii. Black current 5 Lac iii. Caramel 5 Lac b) Lids for 80 ML ice cream cone. 5 Lac i. Strawberry 5 Lac ii. Black current 5 Lac iii. Caramel 5 Lac c) Ice cream cones 40 ML for ice cream i. Butter scotch 20 Lac ii. Chocolate 20 Lac d) Lids for 40 ML for ice cream cones 20 Lac i. Butter scotch 20 Lac ii. Chocolate 20 Lac e) 125 ML IML cups for ice cream i. Cookies and Crumb 50000 No's ii. Muddy Chocolate 50000 No's iii. Almond Carnival 50000 No's iv. American Nut 50000 No's v. Afghan Dry Fruit 50000 No's vi. Kaju Anjir 50000 No's vii. Mango 20000 No's viii. Strawberry 20000 No's ix. Pink Guava 20000 No's x. Litchi 20000 No's f) Polyfilm for 60 ML bar and ice candy i. Choco delight 2500 kg ii. Rabri kullfi 1000 kg iii. Mango bar 500 kg iv. Cola bar 500 kg v. Orange bar 1000 kg vi. Mango duet 1000 kg vii. Black current 500 kg viii. Rajbhog 2000 kg ix. Pista 2000 kg x. No Added Sugar 2000 kg 3. For Verka Amritsar Dairy a) Sealed tender for pest control services. Job work for pest control services b) e- Tender for hiring of vehicles for supply of Milk and Milk Products i. Local Route-6. One year with extension upto 1 year. c) Hiring of can route vehicles for lifting of milk from DCS to MCC capacity 1 ton to 2 ton. 01.03.2025 to 28.02.2027 /46 No's /1500 MT d) Supply of Indonesian Steam Coal. 4. For Verka Ludhiana Dairy Hiring of vehicles (Tempoo/Trucks) for supply of Verka Products/ Ghee/SMP etc. between Verka Ludhiana Dairy and other stations. One year with extension upto 1 year. 5. For Verka Fardkot Dairy Hiring of :- a) Insulated road milk tanker for transportation of milk from MCC's to various milk plants in Punjab etc. or its equivalent vehicle for lifting the milk from MPSCS/DF to MCC at route 5 & 7. 01 No's b) Pick up or its equivalent vehicle for lifting the milk from MPSCS/DF to MCC at route 5 & 7. 02 No's c) Ice factory at sadia (Cap 20000 lt per day) 6. For Cattle Feed Plant Ghaina-ke-Banger Transportation of Verka Cattle Feed and mineral feed supplement to various stations in the state of Punjab. Annual NOTE: 1. For complete details regarding above tender (NIT), please visit our website i.e. www.verka.coop & e Tendering portal i.e. eproc.punjab.gov.in. 2. Corrigendum, if any, will be uploaded on website only. Dy. General Manager (Purchase) NA/12/27843/2023/41301 Dated CHD :- /13/1/2025

GDP to grow at 6.3 per cent to 6.8 per cent: Economic Survey

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India's economy is likely to grow at 6.3-6.8 per cent in 2025-26 on the back of strong macroeconomic fundamentals, though strategic and prudent policy management will be required to navigate global headwinds, said the Economic Survey on Friday.

The GDP growth rate is estimated to slip to 4-year low of 6.4 per cent in the current financial year ending March 2025, close to its decadal average.

The key pre-Budget document also emphasised that the country needs to grow at 8 per cent for up to two decades to become a developed nation or Viksit Bharat by 2047. Also, to achieve this growth, the investment rate must rise to 35 per cent of GDP, up from the current 31 per cent, and develop the manufacturing sector further and invest in emerging technologies such as AI, robotics, and biotechnology. "The fundamentals of the domestic economy remain robust, with a strong external



account, calibrated fiscal consolidation and stable private consumption. On balance of these considerations, we expect that the growth in FY26 would be between 6.3 and 6.8 per cent," said the survey authored by a team lead by Chief Economic Advisor V Anantha Nageswaran. Navigating global headwinds will require strategic and prudent policy management and reinforcing the domestic fundamentals, it added. The survey noted that a steady growth trajectory shapes the global economic

linger due to potential geopolitical disruptions, such as tensions in the Middle East and the ongoing Russia-Ukraine conflict.

"In brief, there are many upsides to domestic investment, output growth and disinflation in FY26. There are equally strong, prominently extraneous, downsides too," it said. To realise the aspirations of Viksit Bharat by 2047, the survey stressed that it is important that the medium-term growth outlook of India be assessed in the context of emerging global realities of Geoeconomic Fragmentation (GEF), Chinese manufacturing prowess, and global dependency on China for energy transition efforts. It also puts forth a way forward to reinvigorate the internal engines and domestic levers of growth by focusing on one central element of systemic deregulation, which will enable a paradigm of economic freedom to businesses of individuals and organisations to pursue legitimate economic activity with ease.

Need to scale up infra investment

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Investment in the infrastructure sector needs to be continuously scaled up over the next two decades to sustain a high growth rate while the government needs to come up with ways to increase private sector financing and tap new avenues to mobilise resources, the Economic Survey said on Friday.

"India needs a continued step-up of infrastructure investment over the next two decades to sustain a high rate of growth," said the Economic Survey 2024-25 tabled in Parliament. In the first quarter of FY25, the constraints on new approvals and spending during the general elections, coupled with heavy monsoon in many regions, affected the progress of the infrastructure spending, said the latest survey. However, the speed of capex picked up between July and November last year. The capex in infrastructure sectors is likely to gain further momentum in the remaining months of the current fiscal. On an average, ministries related to infrastructure sectors utilised 60 per cent of the budgeted capex during April to November 2024. The capacity addition in



physical connectivity sectors stayed on course during FY25. The capital expenditure of the Centre for the current fiscal has been budgeted at about 3.3 times the capex for FY20, the document said. It further said that disaster-resilient urbanisation, public transport, preservation and upkeep of heritage sites, monuments and tourist destinations, as well as rural public infrastructure, including connectivity, call for greater attention. "Our net zero commitments entail added stress on creating renewable energy capacities," it added. Stating that there are binding budget constraints to the different tiers of government, it said private participation should speed up in many

participation, it said, adding that still the uptake of private enterprise is limited in many core sectors. The strategy to step up private participation needs coordinated action of all stakeholders involved like governments at different tiers, financial market players, project management experts and planners, and the private sector. "Capacities to conceptualise projects, develop sector-specific innovative strategies for execution, and, develop high-expertise areas such as risk and revenue sharing, contract management, conflict resolution and project closure need to improve substantially," it said. The efforts of the Centre need to be supplemented with wholehearted acceptance of the need for public-private partnerships in infrastructure across the country. The survey further said that during the current fiscal so far, the progress in the expansion of the railway network stayed at levels comparable to the previous year, while the addition of rolling stock increased considerably. Between April and October last year, 17 new pairs of Vande Bharat trains were introduced to the network, and 228 coaches were produced.

Lack of climate finance may prompt developing countries to rework their climate targets

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The lack of financial support from developed countries to mitigate climate change in the Global South may prompt developing countries to "rework" their climate targets, India's Chief Economic Advisor V Anantha Nageswaran has said.

In the Economic Survey 2024-25 tabled in Parliament on Friday, Nageswaran said the new financial package agreed at the 2024 UN climate conference (COP29) in Azerbaijan to support climate action in the developing world "presents little optimism". Countries are now required to submit their Nationally Determined Contributions or climate plans for the period between 2031 and 2035 by February 10 and Nageswaran said the "funding shortfall may lead to a reworking of the climate targets". According to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC), adopted in 1992, high-income industrialised nations, which have historically been responsible for most of the greenhouse gas emissions driving climate change, are required to provide finance, technology and capacity building support to developing and low-income economies to help them cope with a warming world. These countries include the United States, the UK, Canada, Japan, Australia, New Zealand, and European Union member states such as Germany and



France. The chief economic advisor said that domestic resources will be the key to climate action amid the lack of support from developed countries. Therefore, resources for meeting development challenges may be affected, undermining progress toward sustainable development objectives and "compromising the integrity of international climate partnerships", he said. Nageswaran said the small mobilisation target of USD 300 billion annually by 2035 is just a "fraction" of the estimated requirement of USD 5.1-6.8 trillion by 2030. The new climate finance package is "out of sync" with the needs of the critical decade when action is required to keep the temperature goals of the Paris Agreement within reach, Nageswaran said. It underscores the unwillingness of affluent developed nations to assume their equitable share of the responsibility to address emission reduction and mitigate climate change impacts on vulnerable populations in developing

Market correction in 2025: Economic Survey

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Sounding a note of caution on the elevated stock market valuation, the Economic Survey on Friday said any correction in the US markets could have a cascading effect in India, which has witnessed increased participation from young investors post-Covid.

Over the past few years, retail participation, especially from young investors, has significantly increased in the equity markets. Investor participation has grown from 4.9 crore in FY20 to 13.2 crore as of December 31, 2024. "Elevated valuations and optimistic market sentiments in the US raise the likelihood of a meaningful market correction in 2025. Should such a correction occur, it could have a cascading effect on India, especially given the increased participation of young, relatively new retail investors. "Many of these investors that have entered the market post-pandemic have never witnessed a significant and prolonged market correction. Hence, if one were to occur, its impact on sentiment and spending may be non-trivial," the survey noted. According to the survey, the rise in retail participation aligns with a steady decline in the five-year rolling beta between the Nifty 50 and the S&P 500 in the last four years, suggesting a reduced sensitivity of Indian markets to US market movements. This decoupling is further evidenced by the increasing



resilience of Indian markets during periods of FPI (Foreign Portfolio Investors) outflows. For instance, in October 2024, despite FPI outflows of USD 11 billion, the Nifty 50 index was corrected by only 6.2 per cent, thanks to strong downside support provided by domestic institutional and individual investors. In contrast, during the March 2020 pandemic-driven market sell-off, FPI outflows of USD 8 billion triggered a steep 23 per cent market decline. "Even as the resilience demonstrated by the Indian market, supported by growing retail participation, is promising, the risks associated with a potential US market correction cannot be overlooked, given historical trends," the Economic Survey 2024-25 said. Historical data suggests that the Indian equity market has been notably sensitive to movements in the US market. The Nifty 50 has historically shown a strong correlation with the S&P 500, with analysis of daily index returns between 2000 and 2024, revealing that in 22 instances when the S&P 500 corrected by more than 10 per cent, the Nifty 50 posted a negative return in all but one case, averaging a 10.7 per cent decline.

New strategic trade roadmap needed to enhance export

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The Economic Survey on Friday called for a new strategic trade roadmap for India, along with measures to cut trade costs and enhance export competitiveness amid growing protectionism globally.

It said that much remains to be done to enhance trade competitiveness. "Global trade dynamics have changed significantly in recent years, shifting from globalisation to rising trade protectionism, accompanied by increased uncertainty. This calls for a new strategic trade roadmap for India," the survey said. It added that to remain competitive and enhance its participation in global supply chains, India must continue reducing trade costs and improving facilitation to boost export competitiveness. "The good news is that doing so is entirely in our hands. On its part, the industry must continue to invest in quality," it said adding the country's external sector continued to display resilience amidst global headwinds of economic and trade policy uncertainties. It emphasised the need to assess the global situation and develop a forward-looking strategic trade roadmap to deal with the evolving global trade dynamics, marked by gradual shifts towards greater protectionism. "To strengthen its competitiveness and further



integrate into global supply chains, the country can focus on reducing trade-related costs and enhancing export facilitation to create a more vibrant export sector. This proactive approach will help India continue to thrive in an ever-changing global market," the survey said. As per estimates, India's share of global trade was over 2 per cent in 2023. During the April-December period of this fiscal year, exports recorded a growth of 1.6 per cent to USD 321.71 billion and imports by 5.15 per cent to USD 532.48 billion. Trade deficit -- the difference between imports and exports -- during April-December widened to USD 210.77 billion from USD 189.74 billion during the same period of the previous fiscal year. It noted that disruptions in global trade due to the Red Sea crisis, the Russia-Ukraine war and the recent drought in the Panama Canal, allied with increased protectionist tendencies shown by many countries, have created uncertainties. The number of non-tariff measures in sectors such as agriculture, manufacturing, and natural resources, that restrict international trade have also increased over the last few years. The Economic Survey 2024-25 was tabled in the Parliament by Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman. On the steps being taken to increase exports, it said, India is in the process of negotiating a number of free trade agreements (FTAs) with countries and trading blocks. India is actively working towards negotiating trade deals with top importers such as the EU and the UK. Services exports from India too have shown a multi-sectoral presence in global exports, with notable contributions across several sectors. The country's share in global services exports has more than doubled, reaching around 4.3 per cent in 2023 from 1.9 per cent in 2005.

Kerala has replicable model for localisation of SDG

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Localisation of Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) ensures that rural development is in harmony with international goals, the Economic Survey released on Friday said, lauding Kerala for having a robust, community-based model that leverages its strong local governance institutions, and called it a "replicable model". "The localisation of SDGs ensures that rural development is in harmony with international goals, focusing on essential services like housing, sanitation, water supply, and electrification. This strategy promotes inclusive growth and enhances the quality of life at the grassroots level," the Economic Survey said. Kerala uses a "robust, community-based model that leverages its strong local governance institutions", the survey said. "Awareness and community engagement efforts focus on educating local officials on the relevance of poverty alleviation and environmental resilience, which are led by

state and national leaders," it said, adding that it is a replicable model for SDG localisation. The report said Local Self Government Department, with technical support from the Kerala Institute for Local Administration (KILA), have developed comprehensive guidelines and processes to incorporate SDGs into local planning. They also train stakeholders in SDG-aligned development and data collection. The state has a real-time SDG dashboard to monitor the panchayats and is able to use such localised data for decision-making and to provide insights on development indicators, the Survey highlighted. SDG Coordination Centres (SDGCCs), which drive localisation efforts in states and UTs by governments in partnership with implementing agencies, are currently operational in 10 states/UTs -- Andhra Pradesh, Haryana, Himachal Pradesh, Jammu & Kashmir, Karnataka, Nagaland, Punjab, Tamil Nadu, Uttar Pradesh, and Uttarakhand.

Eco Survey pitches for policy shift to cut cereal output, boost pulses, edible oils

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The pre-budget document for the 2024-25 fiscal has suggested policy reforms to discourage overproduction of cereals while boosting output of pulses and edible oils, which the country currently imports to meet domestic shortages. The Economic Survey 2024-25, tabled in Parliament on Friday, stressed that India's agriculture sector has "significant untapped growth potential" despite various growth initiatives. Farmers must be allowed to receive unimpeded price signals from the market, with separate mechanisms to protect vulnerable households, it added. The document outlined three key policy shifts needed -- establishing market mechanisms for price risk hedging, preventing excessive fertiliser use, and discouraging production of water and power-intensive crops that are already in surplus. "These policy shifts will help lift agricultural productivity



in the economy by boosting land and labour productivity in the sector," the survey said. Stating that India faces a persistent deficit in the production of pulses and oilseeds, the document said the slower growth rate of oilseeds at 1.9 per cent raises concerns, especially considering India's heavy reliance on imports to satisfy domestic edible oil demands. To address this, the document suggested focused research to develop climate-resilient crop varieties, enhancing yield and reducing crop damage. Efforts to expand the area under pulses in rice-fallow regions

are likely to help. It also called for the promotion of extension activities and training for farmers on the best practices, the use of high-yield and disease-resistant seed varieties, and targeted interventions to improve agricultural practices in the major growing regions for pulses and oilseeds. It stressed the judicious use of fertilisers considering soil degradation, particularly the decline in organic carbon content, poses a significant challenge to Indian agriculture. The agriculture sector growth

INBRIEF

ICICI OFFERED JOBS TO 13 GNDU MBA STUDENTS

AMRITSAR: Under the able leadership of Vice Chancellor Dr Karamjeet Singh, Directorate of Placement & Career Enhancement of Guru Nanak Dev University organised Campus Placement drive by ICICI Prudential Life Insurance company for MBA - Batch 2025 students of GNDU, Amritsar. A team of 2 senior members visited Guru Nanak Dev University to conduct the interviews of MBA students. The company selected 13 students at a pay package of Rs. 4.50 Lakhs per annum. These students will join their jobs after passing out their respective courses in June 2025.



WORKSHOP ON INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY RIGHTS HELD IN GURU NANAK DEV UNIVERSITY

AMRITSAR: A workshop on Intellectual Property Rights (IPR) and Technology Transfer was organised by Intellectual Property Rights Cell and office of Dean Students Welfare in which Dr Amaresh Panda, a seasoned Intellectual Property and Technology Transfer Professional from the Government of India participated as speaker.



SPECIAL LECTURE ON DIGITAL ARREST AND CYBER CRIMES

AMRITSAR: Senior Advocate Sh. Sandeep Gorsi, (Supreme Court of India, Punjab and Haryana High Court) delivered a special lecture on "DIGITAL ARREST AND CYBER CRIMES" organised by the Department of Laws, Guru Nanak Dev University on the current and relevant topic of immense value.



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CHANGE OF NAME

I, Shubham s/o Ramesh Chander R/O H.No. 3195 Sector 27-D, Chandigarh hereby affirm and declare that my Mother's correct name is Kamla Kumari w/o Ramesh Chander (Aadhar card No: 4649 1084 8521) instead of Pinki Rani (erroneously mentioned in my Documents)

I, Gurjit Kaur D/o No. 3385987M HAV Amarjit Singh R/O VPO Mandhar, Tehsil Jagadhri, Distt Yamuna Nagar have changed my name from Gurjeet Kaur to Gurjit Kaur.

I, Janvi Marwah D/o Varinder Kumar R/O 79, Gali no. 1, Vishvkarma Mohalla, Yamuna Nagar have changed my name from Janvi Marwah to Janvi.

I, Sandeep Kumar s/o Rajender Singh resident of village Daiyar, Tehsil & District Fatehabad declare that my name is mentioned as Sandeep in my daughter's named Kiran 10th mark sheet and school records which is wrong. My correct name is Sandeep Kumar which is mentioned in all my other documents. Now I want to get my correct name Sandeep Kumar registered in my daughter's named Kiran 10th mark sheet and school records. In future I should be known and identified by the name of Sandeep Kumar.

I, Sanjeev Kumar S/o Jai Pal and Sunita Devi W/O Sanjeev Kumar R/O Vill. Sadiqpur, Teh. Sadhaura, Distt Yamuna Nagar declares that in my son Yatin's birth certificate his mother's name is written as Sunil Devi, Vill. name Sadakpur which is wrong. Whereas his mother's name is Sunita Devi and the correct address is Vill. Sadiqpur, Teh. Sadhaura, Distt Yamuna Nagar.

I, Bimbla Devi W/o No. 3983570L Hav Girdhari Lal (Retd) resident of Village Atal Garh, PO & Tehsil Mukerian, Distt Hoshiarpur (Pb), have changed my name from Bimbla Devi to Bimla Devi. My correct date of birth is 17.04.1969. Concerned note.

I, Gurwinder S/o Husan Lal R/O Vill. & PO Singhpur Tehsil Garhshankar Distt. Hoshiarpur Punjab have changed my name from Gurwinder to Gurwinder Singh. Singh as my surname. Concerned note.

I, Yameen S/o Nanu R/O Village Baniwala, Tehsil Bilaspur, Distt Yamunanagar declare that in my Aadhaar card no. 3408 6203 9456, my name recorded Mina and date of birth recorded as 01.01.1922, which is wrong. According to my birth certificate, my correct name is Yameen and correct date of birth is 05.09.1955.

I, Manoj Kumar S/O Krishan Lal House No- 2262, B.S.N.L Colony, Sector 50-C, Chandigarh- 160047, Declare That Manoj Kumar And Manoj Kumar Singla is One And The Same Person. My Date Of Birth Is 07-03-1972.

I, No 2667686H Ex Naik Hans Pal S/O Ramji Lal R/O Kundanpura Distt Hisar (Haryana) PIN 125113 declares that my spouse name Parwati Devi and DOB 15 May 1964 recorded in service document is incorrect whereas actual/correct name is Parwati with DOB 15 JUN 1960 as mentioned in Aadhar Card, PAN Card and Voter Card. Her name changed as Parwati known in future. Please note.

I, Hardeep Kaur W/O Didar Singh R/O New Friends Colony Near Shivanth Mandir Behind MDK School Pathankot Tehsil/Distt Pathankot declare that in my husband Passport No-B3570720 my name is wrongly entered as Hardeep Kaur Majortra instead of Hardeep Kaur. so kindly correct.

I, Sarbjit Kaur W/o Sunny Dasika R/o Talwandi Dasaundha Singh, PO Kathunagal, Distt. Amritsar, Punjab-143502 have changed my name from Sarbjit Kaur to Kaur is my Surname and Sarbjit is my given name.

I, Pallavi Mangesh Chahare W/o Sh. Mangesh Vijay Chahare R/O H.No.-C-2308, IOCL Refinery Township, Dadlana, Distt. Panipat, declare that I have changed my name from Pallavi Baban Bhajankar to Pallavi Mangesh Chahare after my marriage, for all future purposes.

I, Satwant Kaur W/o Sh. Harminder Singh Chawla, R/O H.No.1432, New Housing Board Colony, Sector-11 Panipat, declare that I have changed my name from Satvant Kaur to Satwant Kaur, for all future purposes.

I, Amarjeet S/O Magnu Yadav 123, Vijay Colony, Near Ram Janki Mandir, Ward No-15 Vtc Po Yamunanagar, District Yamuna Nagar I Have Change My Name From Amarjeet Singh To Amarjeet All Concerned Note.

I, Mrs. Roji Gupta W/o Shri Kamal Gupta R/O 15, Singhawala Road, Saraswati Nagar, Ambala City, have changed my name from Roji Gupta To Roji

I, Shashi Bala wife of Shri Anoop Kumar resident of Uncha Chandana, Tehsil Jagadhari District Yamuna Nagar state that I have changed my name from Shashi to Shashi Bala.

I, Bhaskar Father Of Service No 15778690a Rank Hav(OCC) Name Patil Shekhar Bhaskar Of Unit 105 Ad Regt C/O 56 Apo, R/O Vill-Akolner, Tehsil + Distt-Ahmednagar, State-Maharashtra, Pin-414005 Have Changed My Name From Bhaskar To Bhaskar Nivrutti Patil Vide Affidavit Dated 31-01-2025 Before Ambala Cantt.

I, Main Mother Of Service No 15778690a Rank Hav(OCC) Name Patil Shekhar Bhaskar Of Unit 105 Ad Regt C/O 56 Apo, R/O Vill-Akolner, Tehsil + Distt-Ahmednagar, State-Maharashtra, Pin-414005 Have Changed My Name From Bhaskar To Bhaskar Nivrutti Patil Vide Affidavit Dated 31-01-2025 Before Ambala Cantt.

I, Rakesh Bhatia S/o Shri Ram Kishan R/O House No. 338 Chand Sarai Jundia Gate Karnal District Karnal, Haryana have changed my name from Rakesh Kumar for all future purposes.

I, Kavita W/o Surjeet Singh R/O Village Dinger Majra, Tehsil Gharaunda, Distt. Karnal, declare that my husband army record no.JC473121X my name mention as Smt. Kavita Devi which is wrong. While my other document my name is Kavita for all purposes.

I, Narinder Kumar Khurana, S/o Jeewan Dass Khurana, R/o 391/15 Bajrang Colony, Panipat, Haryana, declare that both the names Narinder Kumar Khurana and Narender Khurana are mine and in future I should be known and recognised by the name of Narinder Kumar Khurana.

I, Balvinder Singh S/O Dalip Singh R/O Jal Behra (307), Distt. Kurukshetra, Haryana, 136129 have Changed My Name From Balvinder Singh To Harjinder Jeet Singh.

I, Sheesh Pal s/o Maman Ram r/o Village Kheri Ram Nagar, Amin, Kurukshetra (Haryana) have changed my name from Sheesh Pal to Shish Pal. In future I should be known as Shish Pal.

I, Poli Biswas R/O village-post office Oachghat, tehsil-Distt. Solan HP declare that My Son Suraj Biswas CBSE Roll No 17285634 10th Class Certificate March-24 Record the Surname of Mother, father and son was wrongly entered Bishwas Instead of Biswas. Please Note.

I, Anita W/O Sh. Ved Pal Singh R/O Vpo Devsar, Distt. Bhiwani (Haryana) Hereby Declare That I Have Changed My Name From Anita To Anita Devi For All Future Purposes.

I, Vedpal Devsaria S/O Sh. Attar Singh R/O Vpo Devsar, Distt. Bhiwani (Haryana) Hereby Declare That I Have Changed My Name From Vedpal Devsaria To Ved Pal Singh In 2016. In Future I Shall Be Known As Vedpal Singh.

I, Megha Nagpal D/o Sh. Vinod Kumar, H. No. 320/18, Gali No. 1, Arya Nagar, Rohtak-124001 Haryana declare that I have changed my name from Megha Nagpal to Megha. In future I will be called as Megha for all purposes.

I, Tamana (Old Name) Daughter Of Sh Rajesh Kumar (Father) And Smt Suman Lata (Mother) Resident Of House No 135, Near Sanu Bagar, Village Pabra 65 Hisar Haryana, Have Changed My Name From Tamana (Old Name) To Tamana Daughter Of Sh Rajesh (Father) And Smt Suman Lata (Mother)(New Name).

I, Surjit Singh Bhular S/O Baj Singh, Vill Izzat Wala, Moga, have changed name to Surjit Singh.

I, Parmod Kumar S/O Kishan Lal R/O H. No 2271/3534 Guga Mari Colony Fetehpur, Kaithal, HR. I have changed my name Parmod to Parmod Kumar

I, Rajesh Kumar S/O Chander Bhan R/O # 3319/1, Sector 45-D, Chandigarh, I have changed my name from Rajesh Kumar to Rajesh Kumar Goyal.

I, Mohammed Akram S/O Mohammed Sadiq, R/O H.No.41, Sec 23-B Mandi Gobindgarh (Fatehgarh Sahib), have changed my name to Mohammad Akram.

I, hitherto Known as Kamlesh Wife of Neeraj Residing at New Gobind Nagar, Back Side Income Tax Office , Batala Road, Gurdaspur Tehsil and District Gurdaspur-143521 Punjab have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as Kamlesh Kumari.

I, Hira Masih Son of Bashir Masih residing at Village Bazid Chak District Gurdaspur-143518 Punjab have changed the name of my minor Son Sahil aged 13 years and he shall hereafter be known as Sahej Masih.

I, Deepika D/O Ramesh Kumar W/o Sandeep Singh R/O H.No.4463, Near Gurudwara Beer Sahib, Kot Mit Singh District Amritsar have changed my name from Deepika to Deepika Kaur After Marriage

I, Susma W/o Gulshan Katyal R/O H.No.887/13 Gali No.3 Sharifpura Amritsar have changed my name to Sushma Katyal.

I, Rajesh Devi mother of No.14944455H Nk Manish Kumar R/O 488, Sihmar Patti Badhana (55), Badhana, Jind Haryana-126125 now at 15 Mech Inf C/O 56 Apo have changed my name from Rajesh Devi to Rajesh Vide Affidavit No.IN-PB02855380730776X Dt.30.01.2025 before Notary Public Amritsar

I, Simarjit Kaur W/O Sukhwinder Singh R/O H.No. 103, Vill. Manawala Khurd, Distt. Amritsar, Punjab-143413, India have changed my name from Simarjit Kaur to Simranjit Kaur. Concerned Note

I, Sawinder Kaur W/o Ajit Singh R/O Vill. Wadala Johal, Tehsil & Distt. Amritsar, Punjab-143113, India have changed my name from Sawinder Kaur to Sukhwinder Kaur. Concerned Note

I, Kawal Preet Singh S/O S. Gurcharan Singh Resident of Plot No. 50-B, Gali No.6, Ganda Singh Colony, Tarn Taran Road, Amritsar. I have changed my name from Kanwal Preet Singh to Kawal Preet Singh. All concerned please note.

I, Vishnu Kumar S/O Banwari Lal Resident of 122, Varindavan Garden, Phase 2, Near Shiv Mandir, Fatehgarh Churian Road, Amritsar-I, Amritsar. I have changed my name from Vishnu Kumar to Vishnu Kumar Poddar. All concerned please note.

I, Vishnu Poddar S/O Banwari Lal Resident of 122, Varindavan Garden, Phase 2, Near Shiv Mandir, Fatehgarh Churian Road, Amritsar-I, Amritsar. I have changed my name from Vishnu Poddar to Vishnu Kumar Poddar. All concerned please note.

I, Santosh Kumar presently residing at VPO Kheria, Distt Agra, State UP, Pin 283102 have changed my minor son name from Adity Santosh Kumar to Aditya Chahar vide Affidavit dated 31/01/2025 before executive Magistrate Jalandhar.

I, Mohd Asif Husain S/o Mohd Akram # 3781, Mauli jagran Complex, Chandigarh have changed the name of my minor daughter from Alsifa Rani to Alsifa.

I, Surmeet Kaur alias Surmeet K Chopra W/o Mandeep Singh Khillan R/O A-5, 403, Nirmal Chhaya Towers, VIP Road, Zirakpur have changed my name to Surmeet Kaur Khillan.

I, Rajni D/o Ganga Prasad W/O Raman Kumar # 1443, Morigate, Manimajra Chandigarh have changed the name of my minor son from Mayank Veer Singh to Manveer Kumar.

I, Maha Dev S/o Prem Kumar # 34, Sector 19A, Chandigarh have changed my name to Maha Dev Pandey.

I, Jagruti Suresh Chaudhari W/O Raj Kishan R/O #2283-B, SBI Flats, Sector 42-C, Chandigarh have changed my name to Jagruti.

I, Manju Devi D/O Mehar Singh W/O Dharamvir # 1455/13, Sector 29-B, Chandigarh have changed my name to Manju.

I, Krishna Shit W/o Lal Mohan Shit # 522, Maui Jagran Chandigarh have changed my name to Krishna Dhal Shit.

I, Vinay S/o Shekhar Chand Jain R/O Flat No. 12-C Block-B, New Angel Apartments Green Enclave, Lohgarh, Zirakpur Have Changed My Name To Vinay Jain

I, Jagmel Singh S/O Sh Mohinder Singh R/O Dhillon Basti, St No 2/2 Naruana Road, Bathinda Declare That Jagmel Singh And Jagmal Singh Are Both Name And Same Person. All Concerned Please Note.

I, Narinder Singh Bhullar S/O Gurmeet Singh r/o vpo Rupana Sri Muktsar Sahib have changed my name to Narinder Singh

I, No. JC699375W Sub Satya Raju Revalla R/O H.no. 731 Sector 7 Panchkula Haryana have changed my minor daughter name from R Srinidhi to Revalla Srinidhi .vide affidavit dt 31.01.2025 before magistrate Panchkula.

I, Meenu W/O Amarjeet Goyal R/O House no.144 R-3, HUDA Cheeka Tehsil Guhla District Kaithal Haryana have changed my name to Meenu Goyal w/o Amarjeet Goyal.

I, Neha Singla W/O Sansar Singla R/O H.No 130, Ward no 6 Cheeka Tehsil Guhla District Kaithal Haryana have changed my name from Neha Mittal to Neha Singla.

I, Mukesh Kumar Father of Chaitanya Tomar R/O House no 4, KVS staff quarter, Airforce Station 3BRD Chandigarh have changed my minor son name from Chaitanya to Chaitanya Tomar

I, Priyanka W/o Vinay Jain R/O Flat No. 12-C Block-B, New Angel Apartments Green Enclave, Lohgarh, Zirakpur Have Changed My Name To Priyanka Jain

I, Anandi Pathak is Legally mother No 16117554M Rank HAV Name:Niraj Kumar Pathak Resident Of Unit 1 ARMD, ENGR, REGT, C/O 56 APO Pin no 914001 have changed my name from Anandi Pathak to my correct name Anandi Devi

I, Adilasam is Legally mother No 16111635W Rank HAV Name: Mummani Anjaneyulu Resident Of Unit 1 ARMD, ENGR, REGT, C/O 56 APO Pin no 914001 have changed my name from Adilasam to my correct name Mummani Adilakshamma

I, hitherto known as Shubham S/O Devi Dayal R/O 784, landa patti, ward no 2, Ajrana Kalan (274), Kurukshetra, Haryana-136130, have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as Shubham Kumar.

I, Kamaljeet S/o Bahadur Singh R/O House No. 269, Village Dhakala, District Kurukshetra, have changed my name from Kamaljeet to Kamaljeet Singh.

I, Ravi S/o Pawan Kumar R/O Village Asmanpur, Tehsil Pehowa, Kurukshetra, have changed My Given name Ravi Surname Kumar.

I, Mandeep Singh S/O Sucha Singh Vill.Jodhpur, Kathgarh Chhappar, Ambala have changed my given name Mandeep Surname Singh

I, Rekha W/o Ramandeep Singh C/o Indo Printers, New Kartar Park Colony, Factory Area, Patiala, have changed my name from Rekha Rani Sethi to Rekha.

I, Hazura S/o Najar R/O VPO. Jandwal, Tehsil Mukerian, Distt. Hoshiarpur, Punjab have corrected the spelling mistake of my name Hazura to Hajura.

I, Sheela W/o Hajura R/O VPO. Jandwal, Tehsil Mukerian, Distt. Hoshiarpur, Punjab have suffix my surname as Sheela to Sheela Devi.

I, Nomy W/o Rana Gill R/O VPO. Jandwal, Tehsil Mukerian, Distt. Hoshiarpur, Punjab have suffix my surname as Nomy to Nomy Gill.

I, Tarvinder Singh S/O Tarsem Singh R/o VPO. Sidhwan Dona, Distt. Kapurthala have changed the Spelling of my name from Tarvinder Singh to Tarwinder Singh.

I, Surender Verma S/o Kashmiri Lal R/o H.No. 334, Shivaji Nagar, Basti Danishmanda, Jalandhar, Punjab have changed my name from Surender Verma to Surinder Kumar.

I, Parminder Singh father of No.17031632L Nk Amanjot Singh unit 7011 EME BN c/o 56 APO My DOB wrongly entered as 30-10-1962 In my son service record. My correct DOB IS 31-10-1964.

I, Narinder Kaur mother of No.17031632L Nk Amanjot Singh unit 7011 EME BN c/o 56 APO My DOB wrongly entered as 03-08-1976 In my son service record. My correct DOB IS 04-08-1972.

I, Rajinder Kumar S/o Chaman Lal R/O H.No.169, Lathi Mar Mohalla, Subhash Nagar, Sodal Road, Jalandhar have changed my minor daughter name from Bhoomi Malhotra to Vaishnavi Malhotra.

I, Surjit Kaur M/o No.3394987 Hav (Retd) Jaspreet Singh R/O H.No-666, Ranjit Enclave, Nangal Karar Khan, Teh & Distt-Jalandhar have changed my name from Surjeet Kaur to Surjit Kaur & DOB 11 Nov 1955 to 01 Jan 1958.

I, Ranjit Kaur W/o No.3394987 Hav (Retd) Jaspreet Singh R/O H.No-666, Ranjit Enclave, Nangal Karar Khan, Teh & Distt-Jalandhar have changed my name from Ranjeet Kaur to Ranjit Kaur & DOB 20 Apr 1979 to 01 Sep 1980.

I, Simerjeet Kaur W/o Sukhwinder Singh R/o VPO. Chaheru, Tehsil Phagwara, Distt. Kapurthala-144402, Punjab have changed the spellings of my name to Simarjit Kaur.

I, Gurburpat Singh S/O Darshan Singh R/O VPO. Dhogri, Distt. Jalandhar, Punjab have changed the spelling of my name from Gurburpat Singh to Gurpat Singh.

I, hitherto known as Ritika Thakur W/O Rishi Thakur R/O WE-199, Tail Wali Gali, Kott Chhimbian, Jalandhar-144001, Punjab have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as Nisha.

I, Baljinder Singh S/O Partap Singh R/O Village-Kala Nangal, Po- Hemrajpur, Tehsil/Distt- Gurdaspur. Punjab. Declare That My Given Name As Baljinder And My Surname As Singh.

I, Satvinder Singh S/O Dalip Singh R/O H.No.362/13 Gopal Nagar Gurdaspur, Po- Gurdaspur, Distt- Gurdaspur. Punjab, India. Have Changed My Name From Satvinder Singh To Satwinder Singh.

I, Guralp D/O Amritpal R/O Vill- Dulla Nangal, Po-Bangowani, Vtc- Bangowani, District- Gurdaspur, State-Punjab, Pin Code-143511. Have Changed My Name Fromp Guralp To Guralp Lahoria.

I, Baljit Kaur Bhagatana W/O Sikander Singh R/O # 1133 Sec. 20, Chandigarh-160020. Have Changed My Name From Baljit Kaur Bhagatana To Baljit Kaur.

I, Devsarkar Ashokrao Digambar father of No 15797413K Rank LNK Name Devsarkar Rupesh Ashokrao presently residing at Village - Deosari, Post Office - Devsari ta Umarkhed, Tehsil - Umarkhed, Distt - Yavatmal, State - Maharashtra, have changed my name from Devsarkar Digambar to Ashok Digambar Devsarkar vide Affidavit No IN-PB02938905005971X Dated 31-01-2025 before Notary Public Pathankot (Punjab).

I, Savita mother of No 15797413K Rank LNK Name Devsarkar Rupesh Ashokrao presently residing at Village - Deosari, Post Office - Devsari ta Umarkhed, Tehsil - Umarkhed, Distt - Yavatmal, State - Maharashtra, have changed my name from Savita to Savita Ashok Deosarkar vide Affidavit No IN-PB02940148263246X Dated 31-01-2025 before Notary Public Pathankot (Punjab).

I, Vaishali daughter of No 13751627P Rank Ex NK Name Late Sulender Kumar presently residing at Basant Colony, Saili Road Pathankot, PO Pathankot, Tehsil and Distt Pathankot (Punjab) have changed my name from Vaishali to Vishali vide Affidavit No. IN-PB02849895510461X Dated 31-01-2025 before Executive Magistrate Pathankot (Punjab).

I, Manoj Kumar Resident Of Village- Sakrauli, Post-Marhapur, Tehsil- Bangarma, District- Unnao, State- UP, Pin- 209868, Have Changed My Mother Name From Rajbati Devi To Rajvati Vide Affidavit No.IN-PB02944644867547X Dated 31 Jan 2025 Before Notary Public Pathankot

I, Kamla Devi W/O Sh. Milap Singh R/O H.No. 4838, Sector 11, Jind (Haryana) Have Changed My Name From Kamal Devi To Kamla Devi. That I Will Be Known As Kamla Devi In Future.

I, Saragar Ashok Shamrav Is Father Of Army No-6507477L Rank-Sep/Ash Name-Saragar Vishal Ashok Presently Posted At Uanit: 503 Asc Bn C/O 56 Apo Permanent Address: Karewadi, Karewadi, Sangli, Maharashtra-416403 Declare That I Have Changed My Name From Saragar Ashok Shamrav To Ashok Shamara Sargar. Vide Affidavit No:48aa 901361, Dated:31/01/2025

I, Saragar Meena Ashok Is Mother Of Army No-6507477L Rank-Sep/Ash Name-Saragar Vishal Ashok Presently Posted At Uanit: 503 Asc Bn C/O 56 Apo Permanent Address: Karewadi, Karewadi, Sangli, Maharashtra-416403 Declare That I Have Changed My Name From Saragar Meena Ashok To Minabai Ashok Sargar. Vide Affidavit No:48aa 901359, Dated:31/01/2025

I, Anu Devi Is Legally Wedded Spouse Of Army No: 4285466A Rank-Hav Name-Rakesh Kumar Presently Serving In 100 UP Bn NCC, Up College Campus, Bhojubeer, Varanasi-221002, Permanent Address: Nai Pokhar, Nai Pokhar, Raigir, Nalanda, Bihar-803116 Declare That I Have Changed My Name From Anu Devi To Annu Devi. Vide Affidavit No: 48AA 901215 ,Dated:31/01/2025

I, Kuishee Devi Is Mother Of Army No:18002237L Rank-Hav Name- Manoj Kumar Presently Posted At Unit: Cme, Pune Maharashtra-411031 Permanent Address: Ward No. 14, Lakhaura Ganesh Tola, Lakhaura, East Champaran, Lakhaura, Bihar, 845302 Declare That I Have Changed My Name From Kuishee Devi To Kuesi Devi And Also Correct My Date Of Birth From 01/07/1900 To 01/01/1963. Vide Affidavit No: 48aa 901213 Dated:31/01/2025

I, Shripundeo Panoit Is Father Of Army No:18002237L Rank- Hav Name- Manoj Kumar Presently Posted At Unit: Cme Pune Maharashtra-411031 Permanent Address: Ward No. 14, Lakhaura Ganesh Tola, Lakhaura, East Champaran, Lakhaura, Bihar, 845302 Declare That I Have Changed My Name From Shripundeo Panoit To Punydeo Pandit And Also Correct My Date Of Birth From 01/07/1900 To 01/01/1967. Vide Affidavit No: 48aa 901214 Dated:31/01/2025

I, Buta Ram Son Of Shri Nahar Singh Resident Of Village Kahanpur, P.O. Behrampur Bet, District Rupnagar (Pb) Have Changed My Name To Butta Singh.

I, Poornima Basanagouda Patil (Old Name) Wife Of Basanagouda Patil Resident Of Vill - Kankanwad, Post - Hiremallur, Teshil - Shiggaon, District - Haveri, State - Karnataka, Pin - 581205, Have Changed My Name From Poornima Basanagouda Patil (Old Name) To Purnima Basanagouda Patil (New Name) Vide Affidavit Dated 31 Jan 2025 Sworn Before Notary Public Satpal, Pathakot. Please Correct It.

I, Gurinder Garg (Old Name) S/O Baldev Krishan Garg R/O 66, Shivailik Enclave NAC Sector 13 Chandigarh Have Changed My Name From Gurinder Garg (Old Name) To Gurinder Kumar Garg (New Name)

I, Meenakshi D/O Anil Duggal R/O 144, New Kalgidhar Avenue, Jalandhar. I Have Changed My Son's Name Jaskaran Bedi To Jaskaran Duggal. All Please Note.

I Laxmappa Yaragoppa Father Of Army No. 16133150n, Rank Spr Name Basavaraj Yaragoppad Unit 422 (I) Engr Sqn C/O 56 APO Have Changed My Name From Laxmappa To Laxmappa Yaragoppa Through Vide Document No. IN-PB02904302325279X DATED 31-01-2025 Before Notary Public Pathankot.

I Malavva Yaragoppa Mother Of Army No. 16133150n, Rank Spr Name Basavaraj Yaragoppad Unit 422 (I) Engr Sqn C/O 56 APO Have Changed My Name From Malavva To Malavva Yaragoppa Thorough Vide Document No. IN-PB02906657190666X Dated 31-01-2025 Before Notary Public Pathankot.

I Jatini S/O Barjinder Kumar R/O Dayal Colony, Hari Krishnan Nagar, P.O. Bajwara, District Hoshiarpur Have Changed My Name From Jatini To Jatini Saini.

I Versha W/O Sukhdev Singh R/O House No.277, Vpo. Gulzarpara Tharua Tehsil Patran Patiala Have Changed My Name From Versha To Versha Versha.

I, Anita Devi W/O Inderjeet Singh R/O Vpo. Nandachaur, Distt. Hoshiarpur Punjab Have Change My Name From Anita Devi To Anita Flora After Marriage.

I Harveer Singh S/O Baljinder Singh R/O Vpo. Dhadda Fateh Singh District Hoshiarpur Punjab Declare That My Given Name As Harveer And My Surname As Singh.

I Ajay Kumar S/O Ram Sarup Malhotra R/O H.No.-187, Mohalla Shekhan, Near Bhai Joga Singh Gurudwara, Hoshiarpur, Punjab Have Changed My Name To Ajay Malhotra.

I Saravjit Kaur W/O Jasvir Singh R/O Near Sarkari School Vpo. Malak Tehsil Jagraon Distt. Ludhiana Have Changed My Name To Sarvjit Kaur.

I Gurnam Singh Bhatti S/O Gurbax Singh V.P.O. Rampur Tehsil Garhshankar Distt Hoshiarpur. Have Changed My Minor Daughter Name Armaanot Kaur To Imaanot Kaur Bhatti. Bhatti Is Used As Surname.

I Gurnam Singh Bhatti S/O Gurbax Singh V.P.O. Rampur Tehsil Garhshankar Distt Hoshiarpur. Have Changed My Minor Daughter Name Imaanot Kaur To Imaanot Kaur Bhatti. Bhatti Is Used As Surname.

I Ram Dass Singh C/O Mukand Singh Village Takhipur PO Panwan Tehsil Dasuya Hoshiarpur Have Changed My Name From Ram Dass Singh To Singh Ram Dass.

I, Parmod Kumar S/O Sh. Pardeep Chand R/O vill-Trimli P/O Baggi Tehsil-Salooni Distt- Chamba, (HP) solemnly affirm and declare that I have changed my daughter's name from Aayat Thakur to Prisha Thakur.

I, Nitan S/o Anil Kumar R/O Vill:Bilron Po. Rampur Bilron Teh-Garhshankar (Hoshiarpur) have changed my name from Nitan to Nitan Chauhan.

I, Sukhveer Kaur W/o Daljit Singh R/o Dhilwan Kalan (Faridkot) have changed my name to Sukhvir Kaur.

I, Kamlesh W/o Narinder Pal Singh R/O vpo. Berchha Teh-Dasuya (Hoshiarpur) have changed my name from Kamlesh to Kamlesh Kaur Badhan.

I, Kashish Puri W/o Sachin Puri R/o 187, W.No.17, Shibu Mal Chonk, Ucha Vehda, Khanna (Ludhiana) also known as Renu Khullar, these both names are mine, one & the same lady.

I Neema Alias Nirmala Devi W/O Mangal Singh R/O Diffeence Colony, Jandauli, Po Suhran, Raipura, District Patiala, Punjab- 140401 Have Changed My Name To Neema.

I Nirmala W/O Suresh Kumar R/O Village Dakala, District Patiala, Punjab-147001 Have Changed My Name To Nirmal Sharma.

I Hardeep Singh Virk S/O Piara Singh Village Jhaloor, Tehsil Moonak, Distt, Sangrur Have Change' My Name Hardeep Singh.

I Sita Kohli Alias Sunit

Manchester United, Tottenham reach Europa League round of 16

PTI ■ LONDON
Manchester United and Tottenham put their inconsistent domestic campaigns aside and advanced to the Europa League round of 16. Diogo Dalot tapped in a precise cross by Kobbie Mainoo on the hour mark and Mainoo netted eight minutes later for a 2-0 victory over Romanian champion FCSB in Bucharest on Thursday. Tottenham got goals from academy graduates to beat Swedish club Elfsborg 3-0 in London. Spurs waited until the 70th minute for substitute Dane Scarlett to break the deadlock before adding two more through substitute Damola Ajayi and 17-year-old Mikey Moore. Of the 36 teams in the revamped competition, the top eight go directly to the round of 16 in March. Teams ranked ninth to 24th go into the two-legged knockout



playoffs on Feb. 13 and Feb. 20 with the winners making the last 16. The draw is scheduled for Friday. United, which is 12th in the Premier League, competed the league phase of the second-tier European competition in third place and undefeated with five wins and three draws, trailing the top by one point. "Kobbie (Mainoo) played very well in that position, with more freedom and not so much responsibility running back all the time," United manager Ruben Amorim told TNT Sports. "The lads did a good job, another clean sheet." Amorim's squad has shown signs of improvement since he said the team was "the worst, maybe, in the history of Manchester United." Thursday's victory was the third straight in one week after beating Rangers in the Europa League a week ago and Fulham in the Premier League three days later. Tottenham is languishing in 15th place in the Premier League. Its seven-match winless run in the league is its worst since 2008. But it won five, drew two and lost one for the fourth place in the Europa League. Lazio, the only team that qualified to the round of 16 with a game to spare, was handed its first defeat, 1-0, away at Braga. Still, the Portuguese team was eliminated. Lazio still topped the standings with 19th points, the same as the second Athletic Bilbao. Bilbao secured the second place after a 3-1 home win over 10-man Viktoria Plzen, which has a playoff spot. Frankfurt completed the league phase in fifth despite a 2-0 loss at Roma. Angelino and Eldor Shomurodov lifted Roma with the goals at Stadio Olimpico. Lyon was sixth despite being held 1-1 at home by Ludogorets. Olympiacos in seventh after routing Qarabag 3-0. Rangers squeezed in to complete the top eight by beating Union Saint-Gilloise 2-1. José Mourinho's Fenerbahce avoided an embarrassing early exit with a 2-2 away draw at Denmark's Midtjylland. The result sent both into the playoffs. The hosts were 20th while Midtjylland took 24th, giving Mourinho a chance to add to his European trophies. Ajax ended a three-game losing streak by handing Galatasaray its first defeat, 2-1 with both teams making the playoffs. Hoffenheim's 4-3 away win at Anderlecht was not enough for the Bundesliga team to advance. The Belgian club finished 10th. Real Sociedad, FCSB, Porto, AZ Alkmaar, Twente and PAOK are among other teams that advanced.



Lyon confirms Paulo Fonseca as its new coach

PTI ■ LYON
Lyon has confirmed the hiring of Paulo Fonseca as its new coach. Fonseca is replacing Pierre Sage, who was fired despite leading the French league club out of a crisis last season and having the team within reach of a Champions League place in this campaign. Sage's dismissal on Tuesday followed a 1-1 draw with Nantes in Ligue 1 last weekend and left many observers perplexed. Sage had rapidly become a fans' favorite after guiding Lyon from the bottom of the standings to a sixth-place finish last season. The Associated Press reported earlier this week that Lyon had sealed a deal with Fonseca. Fonseca's first match in charge will be against Marseille in the French league on Sunday, Lyon said. Fonseca won the Portuguese Supercup with Porto in 2013 and the Portuguese Cup with Braga in 2016. He also coached Shakhtar Donetsk, where he won three league-cup doubles (2017, 2018, 2019) and the Ukrainian Supercup in 2017. Paulo Fonseca then coached AS Roma between 2019 and 2021 before joining Lille in June 2022, where he built one of the best attacking and efficient sides in France despite operating on a limited budget. More recently, he was less successful at AC Milan, producing only 12 wins in 24 matches across all competitions. Fonseca had been out of a job since he was fired by AC Milan on Dec. 30. After 19 matches this season, Lyon is sixth in the league — just four points off a Champions League spot — and has qualified for the knockout stage of the Europa League. Lyon, however, said the decision to part ways with Sage was a "sporting choice" after the Frenchman averaged fewer points per game this season and struggled against big rivals. Lyon is owned by American businessman John Textor, who visited the club in person this week. He had been in regular contact with Fonseca in recent years and previously tried to hire him. Fonseca joins on a deal until the end of June 2027. Lyon believes that Fonseca will be able to add defensive stability to the team and make it more competitive against the top four Ligue 1 teams. The club's ambition is to qualify for the Champions League on a regular basis and to challenge Paris Saint-Germain's supremacy. "Paulo Fonseca and his staff will be tasked with starting a new cycle and taking the club to the highest level in the second half of the season, with the ultimate goal of qualifying for next season's Champions League," Lyon said.

Only Santos can give me the love I need: Neymar

PTI ■ SAO PAULO
Neymar has confirmed he will sign what is expected to be a short-term contract with his boyhood club, Santos, as the Brazil striker aims to recharge his career ahead of the 2026 World Cup. The 32-year-old Neymar said on Thursday that he's returning to the Sao Paulo club, and local media reported that the deal will extend only to June 30. "Only Santos can give me the love that I need to prepare for the challenges I have in the next few years. All of you, no matter who you support, know well what I am talking about," Neymar said on his social media channels. "I hope you all follow me in this new phase of my life." Santos used its social media channels to respond to Neymar's video: "Your home awaits. Your people awaits." Neymar left Santos nearly 12 years ago to join Barcelona. The striker's return follows the termination of his contract with Saudi Arabian club Al-Hilal. Neymar had returned in October from an



ACL injury sustained while playing for Brazil only months after he joined Al-Hilal. He played only seven matches and scored once for the Saudi team. Neymar also left Paris Saint-Germain under criticism from fans, who accused him of not caring enough about his fitness. In 2017, his exit at Barcelona was also frustrating for club supporters, who hoped he could help Lionel Messi and Luis Suárez win more trophies. A Santos official told The Associated Press that Neymar is expected to arrive at Sao Paulo's international airport at 9 am on Friday. He will then board a helicopter to go to the club's Vila Belmiro Stadium. After he signs his contract, he will be reintroduced to fans during the evening. The official spoke on condition of anonymity due to lack of authorisation to discuss the matter publicly. Neymar has already played 225 matches with Santos. He scored 138 goals for the club, many of which key for the six titles he won at the Brazilian giant, which was relegated in 2023 and returned to the country's top division last year. Neymar became the most expensive player in soccer

history when he transferred from Barcelona to PSG for 222 million euros (then USD 262 million) in 2017. Neymar's most recent match was played in November. Al-Hilal coach Jorge Jesus had repeatedly cast doubts about the striker's form to play. Neymar left the Saudi Arabian league after playing just seven games in 17 months following his big-money move to the oil-rich kingdom. The Brazilian's contract was due to expire after this year's FIFA Club World Cup, which will be played between June 15 and July 13 in the United States. The striker joined the Saudi club from PSG in August 2023 for 90 million euros (USD 94 million). His salary was reportedly one of the biggest in world soccer as well. Neymar, Brazil's all-time top goalscorer with 79 goals in 125 matches, also said he is focused on getting more playing time so he can prepare for the World Cup in North America next year in what could be his last shot at winning the tournament.



D Gukesh to meet Wei Yi in Tata Steel Chess Tournament

PTI ■ WIJK AAN ZEE
On top of the table with a slender lead, world champion D Gukesh will take on Wei Yi of China in the 11th round of Tata Steel Chess Tournament, aiming to continue his unbeaten streak and claim the season's first title. With five victories and five draws, Gukesh has remained unbeaten in the first major tournament of the year and if he adds another 1.5 points in the last three rounds, it should be enough to lift the title. With 7.5 points, Gukesh is in pole position, half a point ahead of Nodirbek Abdosattorov of Uzbekistan and a full point more than compatriot R Praggnanadhaa. Yet to play two white games out of last three, Gukesh has to meet Jordan van Foreest of Holland in the penultimate round and then finally an out of sorts Arjun Erigaisi. Both Abdosattorov and Praggnanandhaa have two black games left which makes Gukesh a huge favourite to win his maiden title here. It may be recalled that the Indian had lost in tiebreaker to Wei Yi last year after tying for the top spot. Not only a victory here, what is also at stake for Gukesh is the 2800 rating barrier and he will be the third Indian to achieve it after Viswanathan Anand and Arjun if he can. He is at 2794 points in live ratings. Praggnanandhaa will meet pre-event rating favourite Fabiano Caruana of United States while Abdosattorov has to tackle the solid defenses of Vincent Keymer of Germany in the other key clashes of the 11th round. It has been tough for the remaining three Indians in the Masters section as Harikrishna has scored 4.5 points while Arjun and Leon Luke Mendonca are at the bottom of the table with three points each. These three will have to work hard in the remaining rounds to finish better in the final standings. In the challengers section, R Vaishali is on five points out of a possible 10 and has shown brilliance in patches. Divya Deshmukh is on two points and needs a pullback. This section is led by Czech Grandmaster Nguyen Thai Dai Van on 7.5 points with Erwin L'Ami of Holland in close pursuit a half point behind. **Pairings round 11** Masters: Jordan van Foreest (Ned, 4) vs Arjun Erigaisi (Ind, 3); D Gukesh (Ind, 7.5) vs Wei Yi (Chn, 5.5); Fabiano Caruana (Usa, 5.5) vs R Praggnanandhaa (Ind, 6.5); Vincent Keymer (Ger, 4) vs Nodirbek Abdosattorov (Uzb, 7); Anish Giri (Ned, 5) vs Max Warmerdam (Ned, 3.5); Alexey Sarana (Srb, 5) vs P Harikrishna (Ind, 4.5); Vladimir Fedoseev (Slo, 6) vs Leon Luke Mendonca (Ind, 3). Challengers: Oro Faustino (Arg, 2.5) vs Nodirbek Yakubboev (Uzb, 5); Lu Miaoyi (Chn, 5.5) vs Erwin L'Ami (Ned, 7); Nogerbek Kazymbek (Kaz, 5.5) vs Ediz Gurel (Tur, 5.5); R Vaishali (Ind, 5) vs Aydin Suleymanli (Aze, 6.5); Svane Fredrik (Ger, 6) vs Nguyen Thai Dai Van (Cze, 7.5); Irina Bulmaga (Rom, 1) vs Divya Deshmukh (Ind, 2); Benjamin Bok (Ned, 6.5) vs Arthur Pijpers (Ned, 4.5).

BCCI Award: Bumrah chosen for Best International Cricketer

PTI ■ MUMBAI
Talismanic pacer Jasprit Bumrah was chosen for the BCCI's Polly Umrigar Award for Best International Cricketer 2023-24 in men's category while elegant batter Smriti Mandhana was picked for the corresponding women's trophy in the Board's annual honours that will be presented here on Saturday. Bumrah, who was selected as the ICC Test and overall Cricketer of the Year for delivering a "a master-class in skill, precision, and relentless consistency", was India's standout bowler last year, playing a pivotal role in India's home wins over England and Bangladesh. The 31-year-old was also the Player of the Series against Australia in the Border-Gavaskar Trophy, bagging 32 wickets across five Tests. Mandhana, who was the ICC Women's ODI Cricketer of



the Year, made 743 runs in the 2024 calendar year. She scored four ODI centuries, a record in the women's game, and found the boundary more than a hundred times in the year, hitting 95 fours and six maximums. The 28-year-old cricketer's ODI runs came at an average of 57.86 and an impressive strike rate of 95.15. Spin great Ravichandran Ashwin, who retired from international cricket in December 2024 as India's second highest wicket-taker in Tests with 537 dismissals and overall eighth highest, has been bestowed with a special award at the end of his career. The 37-year-old Ashwin, who made his Test debut in November 2011, played a defining role in India's 12-year domination in the longest format at home wherein they won 18 series on the trot. Among women, Asha

and one fifty. Similarly, Deepti Sharma was awarded with the Highest Wickets in ODIs medal for taking 24 wickets in 13 matches. Tanush Kotian continued to make waves with his rise through the ranks in Mumbai in the 2023-24 season, which culminated with his maiden call-ups for the India A side for their tour of Australia and subsequently for the Indian team for the last two Tests of the Border-Gavaskar Trophy. Kotian will be awarded with the Best Performance in BCCI Domestic Tournaments trophy. The 26-year-old, who rose to limelight with all-round performances in Mumbai's 42nd Ranji Trophy win in 2023-24, scored 502 runs in 10 matches at 41.83 with one century and five fifties and also grabbed 29 wickets. Having won the Ranji

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