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## Jammu attacked, two dead

MOHIT KANDHARI ■ JAMMU

A Captain rank officer of the Indian army was among two soldiers 'killed in action' and three other jawans sustained grievous injuries when a suspected improvised explosive device (IED) was detonated near the Line of Control (LoC) in the Akhnoor sector of Jammu division on Tuesday. The martyred soldiers have been identified as Capt Karamjit Singh Bakshi and Naik Mukesh. Lt Gen MV Suchindra Kumar, Army Commander, Northern Command and all ranks of Dhruva Command solemnly salute the supreme sacrifice of Bravehearts. Dhruva Command stands firm with the bereaved family in this hour of grief. The Army confirmed the fatalities in the blast and said "own troops are dominating the area and search operations

are underway". Confirming the incident, Nagrota-based White Knight Corps posted on X, "Suspected Improvised Explosive Device blast reported in Laleali in Akhnoor Sector during a fence patrol resulting in two fatalities. Own troops are dominating the area and search operations are underway". However, it was not immediately known who detonated the IED planted along the route of the patrolling party of the Indian army close to the Anti-infiltration Obstacle system (AIOS) in the Laleali area of Akhnoor. The injured soldiers were airlifted by Indian Army helicopters and shifted to a military hospital for treatment. Two among them succumbed to their fatal injuries in the hospital. Senior army officers from Akhnoor rushed to the spot to ascertain whether it was the

handiwork of the Pakistani army regulars or a group of suspected terrorists, who may have been pushed inside the Indian territory to launch a surprise attack on the Indian army patrol, detonated the IED. This is the third incident in a row where jawans of the Indian army have been targeted from across the line of control in the Jammu region in the last four days. A soldier of the Indian army was hit by a stray bullet while he was standing guard along the LoC in the Kalal area of Nowshera in Rajouri on Monday. On February 8, a patrolling party of the Indian army came under attack in the Keri sector. All these incidents were reported after seven members of the Border Action Team (BAT) of the Pakistan army were killed in a powerful landmine explosion in the Battal area of Mendhar in Poonch on February 4.

## PM pushes for global AI framework

PTI ■ PARIS

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Tuesday made a strong case for collective efforts to establish a global framework for artificial intelligence (AI) based on open source which enhances trust, transparency and is free from biases. Co-chairing the AI Action Summit along with French President Emmanuel Macron here, Modi said that AI is changing the polity, economy, security and society, and is writing the code for humanity in this century. Modi also offered to host the next AI Action Summit in India, supporting the decision taken at the first summit hosted by France to set up the 'AI Foundation' and the 'Council for Sustainable AI'. "There is a need for collective global efforts to establish governance and standards that uphold our shared values, address risks and build trust," Modi said, adding that governance is not just about managing risks and rivalries but is also about promoting innovations and deploying them for global good. "We must democratise technology and create people-centric applications. We must address concerns related to cyber security, disinformation and deep fakes," the Prime Minister said. Stressing on the need to develop quality data sets free from biases, the Prime Minister said there is a need to develop open-source AI ecosystems that enhance trust and transparency. He said the technology should be rooted in the local ecosystem for it to be effective and useful. Modi started his address with



French President Emmanuel Macron shakes hands with India's Prime Minister Narendra Modi as they arrive to the Artificial Intelligence Action Summit at the Grand Palais in Paris, France

an observation on the potential of AI by stating that AI can cut through jargon and summarise medical prescriptions in a language that can be understood easily. "If you upload your medical report to an AI app, it can explain in simple language, free of any jargon, what it means for your health. But, if you ask the same app to draw an image of someone writing with their Left hand, the app will most likely draw someone writing with their Right hand. Because that is what the training data is dominated by. "It shows that while the positive potential of AI is absolutely amazing, there are many biases that we need to think carefully about," he said, Modi pitched for inclusive development of AI especially for the Global South. "We must think deeply and discuss openly about innovations and governance. Governance is also about all,

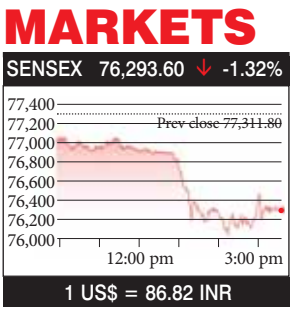
especially in the global south. It is where the capabilities are more lacking, be it compute, power, talent, data or the financial resources," Modi said. The Prime Minister further said that AI can help transform millions of lives by improving health, education, agriculture and so much more. It can help create a world in which the journey to sustainable development goals become easier and faster. To do this, we must pool together resources and talent. Referring to apprehensions about job losses on account of AI, Modi said history has shown that work does not disappear due to technology but its nature changes and new types of jobs are created. "AI is developing at an unprecedented scale and speed and being adopted and deployed even faster. There is also a deep inter-dependence across borders. We need to invest in skilling and re-

skilling our people for an AI-driven future," Modi said. India, he said, leads in AI adoption and techno-legal solutions on data privacy. "We are developing AI applications for public good. India is ready to share its experience and expertise to ensure that the AI future is for good, and for all," Modi said. In his concluding remarks at the summit, Modi said that the discussions have clearly brought out that there is "unity in vision and unity in purpose across stakeholders." Observing that the partnership for AI is truly global in nature, Modi said, "To build on the momentum of this Action Summit, India would be happy to host the next Summit." "We must also make the 'Global Partnership for AI' truly global in nature. It should be more inclusive of the Global South and its priorities, concerns and needs," Modi said.

## Sensex tanks fifth day in a row

PTI ■ MUMBAI

Benchmark stock indices Sensex and Nifty tanked more than 1 per cent on Tuesday amid unabated foreign fund outflows and fresh US tariffs that reignited trade war fears. Declining for the fifth day running, the 30-share BSE Sensex dropped 1,018.20 points or 1.32 per cent to settle at a two-week low of 76,293.60. During the day, it tumbled 1,281.21 points or 1.65 per cent to 76,030.59. The NSE Nifty cracked 309.80 points or 1.32 per cent to 23,071.80 with 44 of its constituents closing lower and six with gains. Among 30 Sensex shares, Zomato tanked over 5 per cent. Tata Steel, Bajaj Finserv, Tata Motors, Power Grid, Larsen & Toubro, Kotak Mahindra Bank, Hindustan Unilever and ITC were the biggest laggards. Bharti Airtel was the only gainer among Sensex scrips.



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## Trump warns Gaza ceasefire collapse

PTI ■ WASHINGTON

President Donald Trump said Monday that a precarious ceasefire agreement between Israel and Hamas should be cancelled if Hamas doesn't release all the remaining hostages it is holding in Gaza by midday on Saturday - though he also said that such a decision would be up to Israel. Trump was responding to Hamas saying it will delay the further release of hostages in the Gaza Strip after accusing Israel of violating the three-week-old ceasefire. The US president said that after the freeing of three visibly emaciated hostages on Saturday it was time for Israel to demand the release of all hostages by noon on Saturday, or restart the war. "If they're not here, all hell is going to break out," Trump said. He added of the ceasefire, "Cancel it, and all bets are off." Trump said the final decision would be up to Israel, saying, "I'm speaking for myself. Israel can override it." But asked if the US would join in a response to Hamas if hostages weren't freed, Trump added, "Hamas will find out what I mean." Those comments came after Trump said in an interview with Fox News Channel that Palestinians in Gaza would not have a right to return under his plan for US "ownership" of the war-torn territory - contradicting other officials in his administration who have sought to argue Trump was only calling for the temporary relocation of its population. Less than a week after he floated his plan for the US to take control of Gaza and turn it into "the Riviera of the Middle East," Trump, in an interview with Fox News' Bret Baier airing Monday, said "No, they wouldn't" when asked if Palestinians in Gaza would have a right to return to the territory. It comes as he has ramped up pressure on Arab states, especially US allies Jordan and Egypt, to take in Palestinians from Gaza, who claim the territory as part of a future homeland.

## Kejriwal dismisses rumours of Punjab discord

RAJESH KUMAR ■ NEW DELHI

Amidst reports of exodus of MLAs, Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) convener Arvind Kejriwal met Punjab chief minister Bhagwant Mann and 91 state MLAs in Delhi on Tuesday and dismissed speculation of internal discord within the party stating that "all is well" in the party. After the meeting, which lasted for about an hour, Mann and other leaders outright rejected the possibility of Kejriwal becoming the Chief Minister of Punjab and about 35 MLAs in Punjab breaking away and joining the Congress. "Our MLAs arrived here for a meeting with party national convener Arvind Kejriwal, who expressed his gratitude for their efforts in campaigning during the Delhi Assembly elections," the chief minister said. He said the party accepts the verdict of the people in the Delhi Assembly elections while praising the AAP's 'Delhi model' of governance. The meeting sent out a strong signal about there being no threat to the party's government in Punjab amid claims by the rival Congress about a brewing discontent



Punjab CM Bhagwant Mann with AAP MLAs talks to the media after a meeting at the Kapurthala House

after the AAP's defeat in Delhi. Mann said Kejriwal used the meeting to thank MLAs for their efforts during the polls. Sharing details, Mann said Punjab will set an example with its work in education, healthcare, electricity, and water. The government is accelerating progress and exceeding its guarantees - shutting down 17 toll plazas and ending multiple pensions for MLAs, actions never even promised. According to AAP insiders, besides Kejriwal, AAP leaders Manish Sisodia and Sandeep Pathak were also present at

the meeting in which Delhi leaders thanked Punjab leaders for their efforts in the party's campaign and dissected the loss in the national capital to take forward the learnings from it. The meeting was held at Kapurthala House. Responding to Congress leader Partap Bajwa's claims that he might leave AAP, Bhagwant Mann dismissed them as baseless. Mann also rebuffed Congress's claim of dissent in the AAP's state unit, asserting dedication of its leaders and workers. Partap Singh Bajwa, Leader of Opposition in the Punjab Assembly, alleged that

Arvind Kejriwal might now seek to replace Bhagwant Mann as the state's chief minister and over 30 AAP MLAs were in touch with his party. AAP sources said the agenda of the meeting included assessing the Delhi election outcome and devising a roadmap for the 2027 Punjab elections. Tuesday's meeting carries added significance amid speculations that Kejriwal could consider a more direct role in Punjab politics now. With Ludhiana's assembly seat currently vacant, political observers are also discussing the possibility of Kejriwal contesting from there and becoming a part of the Punjab government. AAP, which had governed Delhi for a decade, suffered a major setback in the February 5 elections, winning only 22 seats out of 70 in the Assembly elections. The BJP's victory ended AAP's rule in the capital, raising concerns over the party's future. Punjab MLA Narinder Kaur also refuted claims of internal dissent before the meeting, calling the recent meeting a routine strategy session. "Congress should focus on why they got zero seats in Delhi instead of commenting on our party," she said.

## EC faces SC heat over EVM verification

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court on Tuesday sought the Election Commission of India's response on the pleas seeking verification of the burnt memory and symbol loading units in EVMs in compliance of its judgement. A special bench comprising Chief Justice Sanjiv Khanna and Justice Dipankar Datta asked the poll panel to refrain from erasing or reloading data during the verification process. The pleas sought a direction to the poll panel to check and verify burnt memory/micro-controllers and the symbol loading unit (SLU) of electronic voting machines (EVM). The bench asked the poll panel to file its response within 15 days and explain the procedure adopted and posted the matter in the week commencing March 3. Irked over suppression of the fact relating to a similar petition which was dismissed as withdrawn, the bench said it would not hear a fresh plea filed by former Haryana minister and five-time MLA Karan Singh Dalal seeking a policy for the verification of EVMs.



The bench issued notices to the poll panel on the interim application filed by NGO Association for Democratic Reforms (ADR) and a losing candidate Sarv Mitter, represented by senior advocate Devadatt Kamat. The top court, in its judgement of April 26, last year, rejected the demand for reverting to the old paper ballot system, saying the polling devices were "secured" and eliminated booth capturing and bogus voting. It, however, opened a window for aggrieved unsuccessful candidates securing second and third places in poll results and allowed them to seek

verification of micro-controller chips embedded in 5 per cent EVMs per assembly constituency on a written request upon payment of a fee to the poll panel. The top court directed that from May 1, last year, the symbol loading units should be sealed and secured in a container and stored in a strongroom along with the EVMs for a minimum of 45 days post-declaration of results. ADR in a fresh plea, said the standard operating procedure of the poll panel for verification of the EVMs was not in accordance with the 2024 judgement passed on its petition in the EVM-VVPAT case.

## Dhankhar questions missing Constitution illustrations

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ NEW DELHI

Rajya Sabha Chairman Jagdeep Dhankhar on Tuesday said the Constitution signed by its framers that includes 22 miniatures together with amendments by Parliament is the only authentic one that needs to be promulgated and any violation be taken seriously and dealt with sternly. He said this in the House after BJP MP Radha Mohan Das Agrawal raised the issue of 22 illustrations missing in most copies of the Constitution sold in the country today. He demanded inclusion of the original illustrations, which he alleged have been removed "unconstitutionally". The issue led to a heated discussion in the House with the Congress staging a walkout, alleging that Leader of Opposition Mallikarjun Kharge was not allowed to complete his point on the issue. "I have no doubt and I am

categorical, the Constitution signed by the founding fathers of the Constitution, carrying 22 miniatures, is the only authentic one and it can include amendments by the Parliament. If there is any change effected by judiciary or any institution, it is not acceptable to this House. "I will appeal to the Leader of the House to ensure that in the country only the authentic version of the Indian Constitution be promulgated. Any violation of this should be taken quite seriously by the government and severe action taken," the Chairman said in the House. Kharge was first given the floor to speak on the issue, who alleged that the BJP was unnecessarily raising the issue to create a controversy. "They are unnecessarily raising the issue and want to create a controversy on Ambedkar's Constitution. They never raised this issue when Ambedkar, Patel, others were alive...Now they are bringing new



Leader of Opposition Mallikarjun Kharge speaks in the Rajya Sabha as Chairman Jagdeep Dhankhar looks on during Budget session of Parliament, in New Delhi, Tuesday

issues. This is an attempt to create a controversy and defame Ambedkar. This is wrong," Kharge alleged.

When Kharge sought to speak further, the Chair gave the floor to the Leader of the House J P Nadda, who refuted the charges made by

Kharge. At this, the Congress members staged a walkout from the House. Nadda wondered what objection

does the Congress have on the issue and they should have supported it and urged the government to take action. "It is unfortunate that the Congress leader is trying to seek advantage of the issue by making it political by alleging that attempts are being made to defame Ambedkar and this should be expunged," he said, adding that the publishers should publish the Constitution keeping in view the spirit of the framers. He said they all respected Ambedkar. Nadda said the copies of Constitution being published by publishers do not have the illustrations as pointed out by Agarwal. He further said the government will ensure publishers publish copies depicting spirit of Constitution and only those are available in the market. The Chairman later said this was an extremely serious issue as the 22 illustrations carry the depiction of India's 5,000 year old tradition and heritage.

# Classifieds

## LOST AND FOUND

**I, Alka** D/o Joseph Sandu & Parveen Sandhu R/O Village: Fateh Nangal, P.O. Dhariwal District Gurdaspur declare that I have lost my Matriculation certificate with No. T7434/004 of ICSE Board. If found please return on above said address.

## BEDKHALI NOTICE

**I, Baldev Raj Mehta** S/o Late Mohan Lal Mehta R/O # 1243, Kamla Nagar, Kalka (Panchkula) declared that Chirag S/o Late Ajay Kumar Kaushal is out of my control. So, I disowned him from my all movable-immovable property. In future, anybody deals with Chirag S/o Late Ajay Kumar Kaushal at his own risk & responsibilities.

**I, Islam** S/o Balmat R/O Vill. Barwasni, Teh. & Distt. Sonipat has disowned my daughter Shabanam from my all movable-immovable property as he is out of my control. In future, if anybody deals with them, he/she will do at their own risk.

**I, Aslam** S/o Balmat R/O Barwasni, Teh. & Distt. Sonipat has break all my relations with my nephew Dilshad as he is out of my control. In future, if anybody deals with her, he/she will do at their own risk.

**I, Neelam**, wife of Late Arun Singh, resident of Gali No. 9, Palam Colony, Karnal, Haryana, hereby declare that my son, Anirudh, is beyond my control. Therefore, I disown him from all my movable and immovable properties. Anyone dealing with him will be solely responsible for their own actions. Neither I nor any member of my family will be responsible for any of his activities.

**I, Pawan Kumar** S/o Shri Ram Ji Dass R/O House No 1537/B-XI, Badshahi Bagh Ambala City inform that my son Dinesh Kumar & his wife Rashmi are out of my control. So I disown both of them from my movable/immovable properties. I and my family members will not be responsible for any kind of transaction or legal or illegal work done by them.

**I, Hari Ram** son of Shri Datu Ram resident of village Pathana, Tehsil and District Karnal declare that my son Rajesh Kumar is beyond my control. I disown and evict him from my movable and immovable property. In future, anyone who has any transaction or dealings with him will be responsible for it. I and any member of my family will not be responsible for it.

**I, Om Parkash** Sharma, s/o Duli Chand Sharma, r/o street no.3, ward no.5, Jaurasi Road, Samalkha, Panipat, I declare that my son Ashwani Sharma is out of my control & family. I evict him from my movable and immovable property. I & my family will not have any relation with him. The person dealing his your responsible not me and my family.

**I, Joginder** s/o Angeez r/o 108, Pathri (53), Sink, Panipat (Haryana) inform that my son Bhupender Singh is out of my and my family's control. Therefore, I disown him from my movable and immovable properties. My family will not be responsible for his good or bad deeds and transactions in future.

**We, Sarala Devi** W/o Shri Chandra Prakash, & Chandra Prakash S/o Shri Ved Prakash, R/O House No. 584A, Block No.2, Ghaggar Bir, Panchkula, declare that our daughter Kiran is out of our control, so we disown her from our movable and immovable properties, in future anybody dealing with her at their own risk.

**We, Gurbachan Singh** son of Shri Sucha Singh and Kulwant Kaur W/o Gurbachan Singh, resident of House No. 3382/1, Sector 40-D, Chandigarh, declare that we had earlier disowned our daughter Satnam Kaur, on dated 13-8-2024, due to out of our control, Now she is under our control, so we withdraw our last debarred. Now she will all rights of my moveable immovable properties.

**I, Ishwar Singh** S/o Singh Ram Vlll.Kaul Sub Tehsil Dhand Distt.Kaithal My Son Sumit Kumar is out of my control. I, disown them from all my moveable and immovable properties. If Anybody deals with him at Their Own risk.

**I, Satbir** S/o Sh. Deep Chand R/O Bagru Khurd Teh. Safidon Distt. Jind (Hr.) have declare that my Son Rohit is out of my control. So, I disown him from my all movable/immovable properties. Anybody dealing with him will do so at their own risk. I or my family are not responsible for any type of their legal or illegal acts.

**मैं, भजन लाल** पुत्र श्री कुरडा राम निवासी गांव गुवा, तह. व जिला हिसार ब्यान करता हूँ कि मेरा लड़का रोधेश्याम तथा पुत्रवधु सागीतू दोनों मेरे कहने सुनने से बाहर हैं। अतः मेरे लड़के रोधेश्याम और पुत्रवधु सागीतू को अपनी चल अचल सम्पत्ति से बेदखल करता हूँ। भविष्य में इन दोनों से किसी भी प्रकार का लेन देन करने वाला स्वयं जिम्मेवार होगा, मेरी व मेरे परिवार को कोई जिम्मेवारी नहीं होगी।

## PUBLIC NOTICE

**I, Ram Kumar** F/o Army No.14869473F, HAV Sandeep Kumar Regt. ASC R/O Vill Khark Jattan, Po-Bainsi, Distt Rohtak Haryana-124514, declare that in my son army record my DOB is 01-01-1952, which is incorrect.correct DOB is 01-01-1951.

**I No 15787913N** Rank Hav (OCC) Dhananaji Kumar Gupta S/o Kamata Prasad Goyal permanent address Vil- Kewara, Po- Kewara, Tehsil - Bansadhi, Dist.- Ballia, (U.P.), PIN No.- 277210 declare that in my army record my father's age is wrongly recorded as 45yrs, his correct date of birth is 05/06/1950.

**I, Hoshiyari** M/o Army No.14869473F, HAV Sandeep Kumar Regt. ASC R/O Vill Khark Jattan, Po-Bainsi, Distt Rohtak, Haryana-124514, declare that in my son army record my Name Hoshiyari .which is incorrect.correct Name is Hoshiyari.

**I, Sonu Kumari** D/o Ram Kumar is legally wedded spouse of Service No.918908G, SGT, Narendra Singh Trade ESSA, Unit 33 WG AFS Jamnagar. Presently R/O SMQ 4743,Unit 33 WG AFS Jamnagar, Gujrat-361003, declare that in my husband Service record my Name Sonu Devi. Which is incorrect.correct Name is Sonu Kumari.

**I, Surender Singh** S/o Sh.Bale Ram R/O H.no. 599/22 Gali 2 Near Ramjas school, Govind Nagar Sonapat hereby declare that my name in Pan card & senior secondary certificate is Surender Singh but in my matriculation certificate my name written as Sunder Singh. Surender Singh and Sunder Singh is one & same person.

**I, Pankaj Arora** S/o Sh.Subhash Chander R/O ward no 9 near Shiv Mandir kharkhoda Tehsil kharkhoda District Sonipat hereby declare that my Pan card and Adhar card My name mention is Pankaj Arora S/o Sh Subhash Chander but my voter card is my name wrongly mention is Pankaj S/O SubashChand . Pankaj Arora S/o Sh. Subhash Chander and Pankaj S/O SubhashChand both are one and same person.

**I, Bodapati Sridevi** legally mother of No.16130737F Rank Spr Name Bodapati Nagaraju Unit 440(I) Engr Sqn C/o 56 APO Bathinda cantt. (Punjab) permanent resident of 7-24, Chakali Palem, Naguluppalapadu, VTC : Ammana Brolu, Distt. Prakasam State- Andhra Pradesh-523180 declare That I have changed my DOB from 18.09.1975 to 18.05.1975 vide affidavit dated 11.02.2025

**I, Ruby Ahuja** D/O Late K.B. Malik and W/O Ashish Ahuja, R/O # 528-G, GH-2, Shikhar Apartments, Sector-5, Mansa Devi Complex, Panchkula (Haryana), declare that I have no relation left with my brother Tarun Malik S/O Late K.B. Malik R/O House No. 486, Sector-7, Panchkula (Haryana) and I am not responsible for any dealings or morally wrongful acts of Tarun Malik which is in conflict with law of land.

**I Kamikar Singh** No. Jc-197332-A Rank Sub. (Retd.) S/O Late Lal Singh R/O Vill. New Abadi Akalgarh , Abbuwal Road Tehsil Raikot Distt Ludhiana Pin-141106 Declares That In My Service Record My Spouse Jaswant Kaur's D.O.B. Mentioned As 10 Jan.1957 Is Totally Wrong. Her Correct D.O.B.Is 15 July 1956 Vide Affidavit No. IN-Pb05456350391244X

**I, Rajalaksmi** is legally Wife of No. 16116015K Rank SPR Name Jayabharath A of Unit 22 Engr Regt C/o 56 APO Residing at No 111, Mannuthu, Myladumpara, Theni State Tamil Nadu Pin-625579 Declare That My Name V Rajalaksmi and Date of Birth 11.05.1994 Wrongly Mentioned in my Husband Army Service Records with my correct Name is Rajalaksmi and Correct Date of Birth is 11.05.1996.

**I, Neelavathi** Angathevar is legally Mother of No. 16116015K Rank SPR Name Jayabharath A of Unit 22 Engr Regt C/o 56 APO Residing at No 111, Mannuthu, Kumanan Tho Zhu Post, Aundipati, Kadamalaikundu, Kadamalaikundu, Theni State Tamil Nadu Pin-625579 Declare That My Name A Neela Vathi and Date of Birth 01.07.1969 Wrongly Mentioned in my Son Army Service Records but my correct Name is Neelavathi Angathevar and Correct Date of Birth is 15.09.1970

**I, Anagathevar** Narayanan is legally Father of No. 16116015K Rank SPR Name Jayabharath A of Unit 22 Engr Regt C/o 56 APO Residing at No 111, Mannuthu, Kumanan Tho Zhu Post, Aundipati, Kadamalaikundu, Kadamalaikundu, Theni State Tamil Nadu Pin-625579 Declare That My Name A Neela Vathi and Date of Birth 01.07.1969 Wrongly Mentioned in my Son Army Service Records but my correct Name is Anagathevar Narayanan and Correct Date of Birth is 14.08.1965

**I, Bairappa** Father Of Army No. 2621844n Rank Nk Name Siddappa Keryagol Of Unit 71 Inf Div Hq (Def & Emp Coy) C/O 99 Apo, Pin-908471. Have Changed My Name From Bairappa To Bairappa Banappa Keryagol & Date Of Birth From 01.01.1969 To 01.06.1968 Vide Affidavit No. IN-Pb05941976296308x Dated 11 Feb 2025 Before Gagan Goklaney, Advocate And Notary Public Ferozepur.

**I, Surekha** Keryagol Mother Of Army No. 2621844n Rank Nk Name Siddappa Keryagol Of Unit 71 Inf Div Hq (Def & Emp Coy) C/O 99 Apo, Pin-908471, Have Changed My Name From Surekha Keryagol To Surekha Bairappa Keryagol & Date Of Birth From 01.01.1974 To 01.06.1977 Vide Affidavit No. IN-Pb05942978057378x Dated 11 Feb 2025 Before Gagan Goklaney, Advocate And Notary Public Ferozepur.

**I, Sardaran** Mother of No. 2499661A, Rank Havildar Clerk Name Kuldeep Ram residing at Vill. Burj Makhan Singh, P.O. Chak Hara, Tehsil Ferozepur District Ferozepur State Punjab have changed my name from Sardaran to Sardara due to wrongly mentioned in FS documents. That my date of birth is 01-01-1957.

**I, Hadait Ram** Father of No. 2499661A, Rank Havildar Clerk Name Kuldeep Ram residing at Vill. Burj Makhan Singh, P.O. Chak Hara, Tehsil Ferozepur District Ferozepur State Punjab have changed my name from Hadait Ram to Dahet due to wrongly mentioned in FS documents. That my date of birth is 01-01-1950.

**I, Shivani Madh** D/O Munish Kumar Madh And Now W/O Umesh Chouhan R/O House No.35/36, Mohalla No. 25, Jalandhar Cantt Formerly Known As Shivani Madh, Hereby Inform That After My Marriage I, Have Changed My Name To Shivani Chouhan. Henceforth, I Shall Be Known As Shivani Chouhan For All Official And Personal Purposes.

**I Tarun Sharma** S/O Urba Dutt R/O H.No 2927 Shiv Colony Gali No 1 Karnal Declare That Hema Tarun Sharma S/O Urba Dutt And Tarun Sharma S/O Urba Dutt Sharma Both Are My Names. Both Name Are One And The Same Person. I Known By Both Name.

**I Harinder Pal Singh** S/O Harmail Singh R/O H.No.23, Hira Nagar, Patiala, Punjab, 147001 in my daughter Gurseeks Kaur's school record my name is mentioned as Harinderpal Singh Tohra. I want to change my name to Harinder pal singh in her records which is mentioned in all my documents.

## CHANGE OF NAME

**I, Pooja Mittal** W/o Sh. Saurav Garg R/O House No.325, Block-A, Sector-6, Eco city-1, New Chandigarh, SAS nagar140901, have changed my name from Pooja Mittal to Pooja.

**I, Parul W/o** Praveen Mehta R/O Gali No.8, Preet Nagar, Distt.Sirsa have changed my son name from Tushar Kumar @Tanvish Mehta to Tanvish Mehta.

**I, Paramjit Kaur** Daughter of No. 6932736F Hav Tarlok Chand (Retd), resident of Village Barnala, Po Bhagran, Tehsil Mukerian, Distt Hoshiarpur (Pb), have changed my name from Paramjit Kaur to Paramjeet Kaur. My correct date of birth is 11.08.1996. Concerned note.

**I Hitesh** s/o Rajinder Kumar R/o h.no.A-074 Ansal sushant CITY near Millennium school Block-A Panipat declare change my name from Rajinder kakkar to Hitesh and in future my name is Hitesh.

**I Rajinder Kumar** s/o Ram prakash r/o h.no.A-074 Ansal sushant CITY near Millennium school Block-A Panipat declare change my name from Rajinder kakkar to Rajinder kumar and in future my name is Rajinder kumar.

**I Mamta Kumari** w/o Sher Singh R/O Village Kimuhart Dochi PO Kasauli District Solan HP have declare that in my daughter Shiwangi birth certificate my husband's name mistakenly entered as Gopal but his correct name is Sher Singh. All concerns please note.

I hitherto known as Ram Kanwar Mahlya Setria Alias Ram Kanwar S/o Satyanarain Residing at House No. 587 Ward No 14 Bhagat Singh Colony District Rohtak, Haryana - 124001 have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as Ram Kanwar. It is certified that I have complied with other legal requirements in this connection.

**I, Naseema Khan** W/o Mahboob Ali R/O VPO Marwa Khurd, Tehsil Bilaspur, Distt. Yamuna Nagar have changed my name from Naseema Khan to Naseema.

**I, Saravpreet** Singh S/O Avtar Singh R/O 209-B, Anand Colony, Old Hamidia, Tehsil Jagadhri, Yamuna Nagar have changed my minor son's name from Kaivin Sandhu to Samarveer Singh Sandhu.

**I, Sham Sunder** S/O Sharda Parshad R/O 142, Katra Moti Ram I/S Hathi Gae, Amritsar have changed my name from Sham Sunder to Sham Sunder Sharma. concerned please note.

**I, Sanjana** W/O Sham Sunder Sharma R/O 142, Katra Moti Ram I/S Hathi Gae, Amritsar have changed my name from Sanjana to Sanjana Sharma. Concerned please note.

**I, Anuj** S/o Sh. Baljeet Singh R/O House No 578, Sector 27, Panchkula have changed my name from Anuj to Anuj Saharan.

**I, Harmanjot Kaur** @ Harmanjot Kaur Sidhu W/O Simrat Pal Singh Thind R/O House no 5, Sector 8-A, Chandigarh have changed my name from Harmanjot Kaur @ Harmanjot Kaur Sidhu to Harmanjot Kaur Thind.

**I Promila Malik** w/o sher Singh Malik r/o h.no.7/10 kutani road near Awadh Dham mandir chawla colony panipat declare change my name From Promila to Promila Malik and in future my name is Promila Malik.

**I, Kanwal Jeet Kaur** Toor W/o Harsharan Singh Toor R/O village Salamkhra Tehsil and District Fatehabad declares that earlier my name was Kanwal Jeet Kaur, which I have now changed to Kanwal Jeet Kaur toor. In future, I should be known and recognized in the name of Kanwal Jeet Kaur Toor in future.

**I Shilpa** W/O Kulwant Singh Ponwar R/O Adhyay, Anand Marg, In Front of Dadi Lodhi Road, H.P Petrol Pump, Kaunt Road, Bhiwani, Distt Bhiwani127021 declare that I have changed my name from Shilpa Bai to Shilpa. In future I shall be known as Shilpa.

**I, Babita Rani** W/o Sanjiv Kumar R/O VPO Jandoli Distt. Hoshiarpur Punjab have changed the name of my minor son from Vansh Kumar to Kumar Vansh. Concerned note.

**I, Smt. Santosh Kundal** W/O JC-296436K Ex Nb Sub Tarsem Singh R/O Vill. Mahad Pur PO Budhbar, Tehsil Mukerian Distt. Hoshiarpur Punjab have changed my name from Santosh Kundal to Santosh Kumari and my date of birth from 17-12-1959 to 10-06-1954.

**I, Smt. Joginder Kaur** W/O No. 6368449 Late Hav Garib Dass R/O Street No. 1, New Gobind Nagar, Sonalika OPP ITI Hoshiarpur, Tehsil & Distt. Hoshiarpur Punjab have changed my date of birth from 20-11-1951 to 12-06-1946.

**I, Poonam Goyal** W/o Sh. Sandeep Goyal R/O H.no. 999, stree no.12, Jawhar Nagar Hisar, Haryana 125001 declare that, I have changed my name Poonam, for all future purposes.

**I, Rafia Ali** D/o Sh. Harender Srivastav R/O Ashok Vihar Colony, Ward no.7, Main Gali, Kutani Road, Panipat, declare that I have changed my name from Rafia Ali to Pushpa, for all future purposes.

I, hitherto Known as Rohit Son of Balwinder Pal residing at Mohalla Nawana Katra VPO Kalanaur Tehsil Kalanaur District Gurdaspur-143512 Punjab have changed my name and Shall hereafter be known as Rohit Kumar

**I, Lovpreet Singh** S/O Ranjit Singh R/O V.P.O. Kairon Tehsil Patti District Tarn Taran, Punjab have changed my Name Lovpreet Singh to Lovepreet Singh

**I, Davinder Singh** Bajwa S/O Santokh Singh R/O 216 Ajnala Road Near Gumtala Bypass Defence Enclave Amritsar have changed my name Davinder Singh

**I, Wirsia Singh** S/O Pritam Singh R/O Village Pahuwind Tarn Taran have changed my name from Wirsia Singh to Wirsia Singh

**I, Kamaljit Kaur** W/O Paramjit Singh R/O 37, New Gobind Nagar, Gali No.3, Sultaniw Road, Amritsar have changed my name from Kamaljit Kaur to Kawaljit Kaur

**I, Neha Devi** Spouse of No.1493659H Nk Jasbir Singh R/O Sonchal Darkeri Jammu & Kashmir-185202 now at 15 Mech Inf C/o 56 Apo have changed my name from Neha Devi to Neha Kumari Vide Affidavit No.IN-JK3698764036390X Dt.14.01.2025 before Executive Magistrate Rajouri

**I, Manjeet Kaur** W/O Arminderal Singh R/O Chicha, Chicha, Chicha Amritsar have changed my name from Manjeet Kaur to Manjit Kaur

**I, Manbir Singh** S/O Tejinderpal Singh R/O Village Bir Raja Teja Singh (Rasulpur) Tehsil and District Tarn Taran have changed my name from Manbir Singh to Manbir Singh Bath.

**I, Bhawana Gumber** Spouse of IC 67533P Col Digambir Singh R/O 26 P/7 Gali No.30, Near Sudhir Clinic Indra Park VtC Palam Village District South West Delhi State Delhi-110045 now at 15 Mech Inf C/o 56 Apo have changed my name from Bhawana Gumber to Bhawana Vide Affidavit No.IN-PB04549643811401X Dt.06.02.2025 before Notary Public Amritsar

**I, Parmla Devi** @ Parmala Joshi w/o Davinder Pal r/o near railway line, Vill. Jhabelwali Sri Muktsar Sahib have declare that above said both names are mine i. known by Parmla Devi and Parmala Joshi.

**I, Sachi Singla** Wife of Sh. Amit Kumar resident of H.No. 1 Keshav Nagar Samana Tehsil Samana Distt. Patiala Punjab have changed my name from Anita Rani to Sachi Singla.

**I, Smt Parampal Kaur** wife of Army No- 14397185P, Nk Gurtje Singh (Retd) resident at VPO- Sammewali, Teh & Distt- Sri Muktsar Sahib, Punjab-152026 have changed my name from Parampal Kaur to Parampal Kaur Sandhu vide Affidavit No: IN- PB04560474784541X dated 06/09/2025 before Notary Public, Sri Muktsar Sahib.

**I, Balbinder Singh** S/O Sh. Prem Lal R/O H.No.65, Ganga Ram Colony, Panipat, I have changed my name from Balwinder Singh to Balbinder Singh for all future purposes.

**I, Arun Kumar** S/o Sh. Mahinu Din R/O village Goyala Khurd, Tehsil Bapoli, Distt. Panipat, declare that in my other documents my name is Arun Kumar and father's name is Mahinu Din and DOB is 05/09/1992 which is wrong. Whereas in my birth certificate my name is Haroon Din and DOB is 30/09/1991 and my father's name is Mahinu Din.

**I, Kanta Kundra** W/o Mohinder Kumar Mehta (D/O Dewan Chand Kundra R/O House No 1324 Badshahi Bagh Ambala City have changed my name from Kanta Kundra to Meena Mehta.

**I, Jashan Rana** S/O Ajay Rana R/O House No 40 B Model Town Ambala City have changed my name from Jashan Rana Jashana Rana.

**I, Aryan Jahria** S/O Sushil Kumar R/O Village Rawalwas Khurd, Distt. Hisar (Haryana) have changed my name from Aryan to Aryan Jahria for all purposes in future.

**I, Monika** W/o Sh. Vinit Jindal R/O H.No.212/5, Gandhi Nagar, Jind have changed my name from Monika to Monika Jindal for all future purposes.

**I, Mukesh**, w/o Sunil Kumar, r/o H.No.88, Near Katha Chaupal VPO Babail Tehsil District Panipat, declare that Jatin Ahlawat is my real son. In some documents of my son, my name is written as Mukesh Ahlawat and in some as Mukesh, both Mukesh Ahlawat and Mukesh are in my name i.e. of the same person.

**I, Sunil Kumar**, s/o Sh. Rajpal, R/O H.No.88, near Katha Chaupal VPO Babail Tehsil District Panipat, declare that Jatin Ahlawat is my real son. In some of my son's documents my name is written as Sunil Ahlawat and in some as Sunil Kumar, both Sunil Kumar and Sunil Ahlawat are in my name i.e. of the same person.

**I, Naveen Sood** S/O Satish Sood R/O # 1080, Rathpur, Pinjore, Distt. Panchkula have changed my minor Daughter's name from Umaira Sood to Akansha Sood.

**I, Naveen Sood** S/O Satish Sood R/O # 1080, Rathpur, Pinjore, Distt. Panchkula have changed my minor Daughter's name from Kaira Sood to Kajal Sood.

**I, Sudhanshu** Son of No 192067T Rank ERA II Sri Niwas Resident at House No 112/10, Water Works Road, Near Nehru Park Narwana Haryana have changed my name from Sudhanshu to Sudhanshu Sharma

**I, Smt Milo Devi** is spouse of No 1559992X Rank Nk Meyan Singh R/O Chuharpur, Tehsil Alewa, Jind Haryana have changed my name from Milo Devi to Milo and also changed my date of birth 06.06.1965 and 01.01.1965.

**I, Madhu Bala** w/o Ashok Kumar Datta r/o # 1142, Ward 1, Adrash colony, Upper Mohalla, Kalka state that in my passport no. N4610017 my husband is written as Ashok Dutta which is incorrect, While his correct name is Ashok Kumar Datta.

**I, Charanjit Singh** S/O Tek Chand R/O House No. 1174, Sector 16/17, Hisar (Haryana) declare that I have changed my name from Charanjit Singh to Charanjit Singh Jhajhria for all future purposes.

**I, Anil Verma** S/O Asharam R/O 379 4th Floor, Main Road, Near Symphony Banquet, Sector 9-11, Hisar (Haryana) 125001 declare that I have changed my name from Anil Verma to Dal Chand for all future purposes.

**I, Bhavika Goyal** D/O Rajat Goyal R/O H. No. A-179, 2nd Floor, Signature Global Park 4 and 5, Sector 36, Sohna, Gurgaon declare that I have changed my name from Bhavika Goyal to Sia Goyal for all purpose.

**I, Naveen Bansal** S/O Pawan Kumar Bansal R/O 207/3, Kamla House Prem Nagar, Hisar (Haryana) declare that I have changed my name from Naveen Bansal to Naveen Kumar Bansal for all future purposes.

**I, Gurdeep Singh** Bariana S/O Karnail Singh R/O Vill. Nangal Isher PO Hariana Pin 144208 Distt. Hoshiarpur Punjab have changed my name from Gurdeep Singh Bariana to Gurdeep Singh. Concerned note.

**I, Phullo** w/o Mangal Singh r/o VPO Hathira, Tehsil Thanesar, Distt Kurukshetra, Haryana have change my name from Phullo to Phoolo Devi.

**I, Sunita Devi** W/o Istakhar Ali # 1054, Sector 19- B, Chandigarh have changed my name to Sumita Devi.

**I, Anubhav Singh** Alias Anubhav S/O Brijinder Kumar R/O C-85, Gali No-3, Preet Nagar, Phagwara, Kapurthala, Punjab-144401 have changed my name to Anubhav Singh.

**I, Anchal** D/O Ayudh Pal R/O VPO-Karmana, Nawanshahr, Distt-SBS Nagar, Punjab-144513 have changed my name to Anchal Mehra.

**I, Santosh Devi** W/o no. 3175186N Nk (TS) late Mahipal Singh R/O village Garhi Chhajji, Tehsil Samalkha district Panipat Haryana declare that in my husband's army records the name of my Son is recorded asTejbir Singh and date of birth is 28/07/1987 which are wrong. His correct name is TEJBIR and date of birth is 01/10/1988 which should be corrected.

**I, Lokendra Saraswat** S/O Mani Shankar Sarawat R/O 58/23, Krishna Nagar Kath mandi Sonipat have changed my son's name Aditya to Aditya Saraswat for all future purposes.

**I, Lokendra Saraswat** S/O Mani Shankar Sarawat R/O 58/23, Krishna Nagar kath Mandi Sonipat have changed my Daughter's name Aditi to Aditi Sarawat for all future purposes.

**I, Savinderpal Kaur** M/O Service No. JC-805892F EX SUB- Amarbir Singh S/O Gurdial Singh Resident of Village-Khanowal P.O- Bhagawal Tehsil- and Distt- Gurdaspur, Punjab, That I declare change my name from Surinder Kaur to Savinderpal Kaur in my son army record.

**I, Jyoti Manhas** w/o Hav (Cik) Yashpal Singh, Village-Fattu Barkat, PO-Mullanwal, Teh & Dist-Gurdaspur-143517 in my Husband Service Record my Name Jyoti Manhas wrongly Recorded Whereas correct Name is Jyoti Kattal vide Affidavit Notary Public Gurdaspur.

**I, Veena** W/O Kulwant Singh R/O Village Aili Bhan PO Dargabadd, Distt Gurdaspur declare that in Passport of my husband, my name wrongly written as Veena Kumari. My correct name is Veena. Concerned note.

**I, Asha Rani** W/o Mohinder Pal R/O Kotthe Lohgarh, Dinanagar, Distt Gurdaspur declare that in my Passport , name of my husband has been wrongly written as Mahinder Pal. His correct name is Mohinder Pal. Concerned note.

**I, Parbjoit Kaur** W/O Bakhshish Singh Vill P/O Kot Santokh Rai (Gurdaspur) have changed my name from Parbjoit kaur to Prabhjoit Kaur. All concerned note.

**I, Sarabjit Kaur** W/O Paramjit Singh R/O H.No. F22/6194, 7, Subash Colony Batala Road Mustafabad, Amritsar, Punjab have changed my name from Sarabjit Kaur to Sarbjit Kaur.

**I, Paramjeet Singh** S/O Jasroop Singh R/O H.No. F22/6194, 7, Subash Colony Batala Road Mustafabad, Amritsar, Punjab have changed my name from Paramjeet Singh to Paramjit Singh.

I Certify That I Arun Kumar Sharma Father of Varenya Sharma Resident of 117/3, Prem Nagar, Hisar, I have changed my name from Arun Sharma to Arun Kumar Sharma as per my Documents.

**I, Rajesh Mittal** S/O Ashok Kumar R/O House No. 5, Gali No. 8, Aggarsain Colony, Sirsa Have Changed My Minor Daughter's Name From Raghavi To Raghavi Mittal.

**I, Rajesh Mittal** S/O Ashok Kumar R/O House No. 5, Gali No. 8, Aggarsain Colony, Sirsa Have Changed My Name From Teena Garg To Teena Mittal.

**I, Madan Lal** Wadhwa S/O Channu Ram R/O H. No. 18, Sector 16-17, Hisar (Haryana) declare that I have changed my name from Madan Lal to Madan Lal Wadhwa for all future purpose.

**I, Amarjit Kaur** Randhawa W/O Dalbir Singh R/O VPO, Kherabad, Amritsar have Changed my name from Amarjit Kaur to Amarjit Kaur Randhawa

**I, Harpreet Kaur** Joshan W/O Harminder Singh R/O H.No.38, Jujhar Singh Avenue Gumtala Amritsar Have Changed my name from Harpreet Kaur Josan to Harpreet Kaur.

**I, Rajesh Kumar** S/o Om Parkash Madan R/O H.No. 1730/8, Sapra Colony, Thanesar District Kurukshetra, have changed my name from Rajesh Kumar to Rajesh Madan.

**I, Dharmo Devi** W/o Sher Singh R/o #173, Allied Chemical Colony, F.C.I. Godam, Shahabad Markanda, District Kurukshetra, have changed my minor grand son's name from Jihan S/O Manpreet to Jihan Saini S/O Manpreet.

**I, Stuti Joshi** Kapila W/o Sumit Kumar,Village Daghour, Tehsil Nangal (Rupnagar) have changed my name from Stuti Joshi Kapila to Stuti Joshi.

**I, Kamaljit Kaur** W/O Jagdishpal Singh R/O H. No E H-601/9, Central Town, Jalandhar -144001 (Punjab), have changed my name Kamaljit Kaur to Kamaljeet Kaur. I further declare that Kamaljit Kaur and Kamaljeet Kaur

# 92% of Punjab's Travel Agents Operating Illegally: MEA Report Unmasks Massive Immigration Fraud

MONIKA MALIK ■ CHANDIGARH

In a stunning revelation, a report by the Union Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) has exposed that 92 percent of travel agents operating in Punjab are illegal, running their businesses without a valid license. Out of thousands of immigration consultants in the state, only 212 agents — just eight percent — are legally registered under Central Government guidelines as per the MEA report, which has sent shockwaves across the State.

The situation is even more alarming in eight districts, including Sri Muktsar Sahib, Tarn Taran, Faridkot, Pathankot, Ferozepur, Malerkotla, Fazilka, and Mansa, where not a single travel agent has a valid license. Yet, these regions have thriving immigration businesses, highlighting the massive scale of unauthorized operations in Punjab's travel and immigration sector. They are putting innocent people at risk of fraud, exploitation, and human trafficking besides highlighting the deep-rooted nexus of fraudulent immigration rackets that have preyed upon thousands of aspiring migrants.

Punjab has long been con-

sidered the epicenter of illegal immigration in India, with thousands of youth aspiring to settle abroad. The lack of stringent regulation has allowed fraudulent travel agents to exploit this trend, charging exorbitant fees while making false promises of work permits, student visas, and permanent residency in countries like the USA, Canada, Australia, and the UK.

The MEA report warned that these unlicensed agents are responsible for forgery of documents like fake job offers, university admission letters; human trafficking like sending people abroad on illegal routes like the 'dunki' route; visa fraud like submitting fake applications leading to deportations; or financial scams like charging Rs 15 to Rs 30 lakhs per person and disappearing.

These startling revelations come close on the heels of 104 Indians, including 30 from Punjab, being deported by the United States earlier this month. Their harrowing experiences have laid bare a massive human smuggling network stretching across multiple continents.

The MEA report shed light on the unregulated and chaotic state of Punjab's immigration industry, where thousands of

unauthorized agents operate freely, making false promises of foreign jobs, student visas, and green cards. The report further stated that of the 212 registered travel agents, at least 65 have expired licenses, and several others are under scrutiny for alleged malpractice.

Among the districts, Jalandhar tops the list with 86 licensed travel agents, though 16 of them are awaiting renewal, and four have been canceled. Mohali follows with 31 registered agents, making it the second-highest district in Punjab for legal immigration services. Hoshiarpur has 22 legal agents, followed by Ludhiana with 20.

In contrast, districts like Fatehgarh Sahib, Sangrur, Shaheed Bhagat Singh Nagar, Moga, and Kapurthala have only one to three licensed agents each. Meanwhile, cities like Bathinda, Patiala, and Ferozepur — despite being major hubs for immigration aspirants — have barely any registered agents, with most operating in the grey or illegal sector.

The situation has escalated to a national security concern, with the Central Government reportedly preparing to crack down on thousands of unregistered travel agents across

Punjab, Delhi, Gujarat, and Chandigarh. The illegal immigration crisis has drawn attention at the highest levels, with federal agencies now looking into the files of the recently deported migrants to identify and prosecute the masterminds behind these smuggling networks. Intelligence reports indicated that 2730 fake agents from Punjab alone have been identified in the past six months, and cases are being registered against them.

"Several of these agents have been blacklisted, and the central agencies will soon launch an operation to shut down illegal immigration offices. Those found guilty of fraud will face strict legal action, including arrests and cancellation of passports," said a senior government official.

Additionally, the files of deported Indian citizens are being reviewed, and the agents responsible for their fraudulent paperwork will be prosecuted under human trafficking and fraud laws, added the official.

The Punjab Police has recently launched an aggressive crackdown on these fake agents. A Special Investigation Team (SIT) has been constituted to investigate all aspects of the racket, and so far, eight FIRs have been registered.

# Mann Dismisses Dissent Rumours, Says Punjab Will Be a Model State

PNS ■ NEW DELHI/CHANDIGARH

Punjab Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann on Tuesday rubbished speculations of dissent within the state's Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) unit after the party's poor showing in the recently-concluded Delhi Assembly elections. "AAP remains united and focused on delivering good governance in Punjab," he said.

"Switching sides is the Congress' culture; they talk about others but don't worry about themselves. I will ask Partap Singh Bajwa how many MLAs they have in Delhi. Bajwa has been making such claims for years — let him say it," Mann said, while talking with the media after Punjab leaders meeting with AAP supremo Arvind Kejriwal.

Mann's statement came in response to Bajwa's claims that over 30 AAP MLAs were in touch with the Congress and might switch sides. Dismissing this, Mann said, "For the past three years, they have been predicting defections. We built this party with blood and sweat, going door to door. Our leaders are committed, and there is no greed."

Today's meeting at Delhi's Kapurthala House, convened in the wake of AAP's Delhi election defeat, sparked speculation about instability in the Punjab unit and rumours that Kejriwal might replace Mann as CM. However, Mann was quick to dismiss these claims. "Let them say whatever they want. Our

focus is on making Punjab a model state, learning from Delhi's experience," he said.

"The meeting was called to thank Punjab's leadership for their efforts in Delhi. Our government is working hard in Punjab in areas like power, education, infrastructure, and healthcare, and we will accelerate our efforts," he told reporters.

Mann also defended his government's handling of law and order, saying that Punjab remains safer than many other states. "Investors assess security before investing, and the fact that major businesses are coming here proves that law and order is under control," he said.

Highlighting recent economic developments, Mann mentioned Tata Steel's decision to set up a plant in Punjab, the first after Jamshedpur, creating over 50,000 jobs. He also spoke about efforts to end political interference in policing, stating, "We have eliminated the 'parcha culture' (false cases filed under political pressure). Punjab Police now operates without any political influence, ensuring justice is fair and unbiased."

Mann also accused BJP of using money and muscle power to win the Delhi elections, alleging that bribes were distributed openly. "We had to repeatedly approach the Election Commission because cash and jackets were being handed out. But we accept the people's verdict," he said.

Concluding, he said: "We came from the grassroots and

will continue to win hearts. Every promise we made will be fulfilled — some even ahead of schedule. Punjab will soon be an example for the entire country."

## BRIEFS

### KATARIA DISTRIBUTES APPOINTMENT LETTERS TO PGT LECTURERS

Chandigarh: The Governor of Punjab and Administrator UT Chandigarh Gulab Chand Kataria on Tuesday distributed appointment letters to 78 newly recruited PGT Lecturers. Appointment to PGTs in UT Chandigarh has been done after 30 years, a statement said.

### 4389 FATAL ROAD ACCIDENTS REPORTED IN 2024 IN HRY

Panchkula: Haryana DGP Shatruej Kapur on Tuesday said that a total of 4652 fatal road accidents were reported in the year 2023, whereas in 2024, it has come down to 4389, which is a total of 5.65 percent less as compared to the previous year. A decrease of 657 road accidents has been recorded in the year 2024 as compared to the year 2023. Along with this, there has been a decrease in deaths in 279 road accidents and 432 people have been injured in the year 2024 as compared to the year 2023.

### TOURISTS WILL GET INT'L-LEVEL FACILITIES IN PROPOSED JUNGLE SAFARI: MINISTER

Chandigarh: Haryana Environment, Forest and Wildlife Minister Rao Narbir Singh on Tuesday said that the State Government is making all efforts to ensure that tourists get international-level facilities in the world's largest jungle safari proposed in Gurugram. The Minister, along with departmental officials associated with the project, visited the Gorewada Wildlife Safari in Nagpur, Maharashtra and Vantara Wildlife Rescue Center in Jamnagar, Gujarat and directed the officials concerned to study the best services and facilities provided there. He said the jungle safari to be built in Gurugram will be the world's largest jungle safari.

### PUNJAB TO HOST PATIALA HERITAGE FESTIVAL FROM FEB 13 TO 16

Chandigarh: Punjab Tourism Minister Tarunpreet Singh Sond on Tuesday said the Patiala Heritage Festival scheduled from February 13 to February 16, will add to the festive fervor of the state. The Patiala district administration, in collaboration with the Tourism Department, has curated an exciting lineup of events, including heritage walks, a food festival, music evenings, an aero show, a nature walk, a flower show, and even a fashion walk for the festival.

## LS Speaker Om Birla to attend two-day orientation programme for Hry MLAs

PNS ■ CHANDIGARH

Haryana Legislative Assembly Speaker Harvinder Kalyan on Tuesday said that Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla will attend the two-day orientation programme for Haryana MLAs as chief guest in Chandigarh. The orientation programme will begin from February 14. State Chief Minister Nayab Singh Saini will be the special guest and Legislative Assembly Speakers of various states will also be present on the occasion, he added. In this regard, Kalyan

reviewed all the preparations and gave necessary guidelines to the officers concerned. The training of MLAs will be held in the House of the Legislative Assembly, and for this, special arrangements are being made in the entire campus of the House. During this, a team of the Parliamentary Research and Training Institute for Democracies will train the MLAs on various subjects.

The Speaker said that after the formation of the 15th Legislative Assembly, Om Birla is coming to Haryana Vidhan Sabha for the first time.

## Will submit reply to show-cause notice: Anil Vij

PNS ■ AMBALA

A day after the Haryana Unit of BJP issued a show-cause notice, State Cabinet Minister Anil Vij on Tuesday said that he will submit his reply to the party high command. Reacting to the media queries, the Minister Vij said, "I will give my reply to the party. I was in Bengaluru for the last three days. I will go home first, take a cold shower, have food and then send my reply to the party high command." BJP had issued a show-cause notice to Vij for allegedly breaching party discipline through his public statements against Chief Minister Nayab

Singh Saini and state party chief Mohan Lal Badoli. In the notice, issued by Badoli in the directions of the national party president, Vij was asked to respond within three days.

## Regroup, Reconnect, Revive: Kejriwal's Punjab Mission After Delhi Blow

MONIKA MALIK ■ CHANDIGARH

In a crucial strategy meeting with Punjab's Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) leaders, national convener Arvind Kejriwal on Tuesday laid down three key directives — Stay connected with the people, identify their issues, and fight aggressively to resolve them.

The meeting, held at Kapurthala House in New Delhi, came in the wake of AAP's humiliating defeat in the Delhi Assembly elections, prompting a renewed focus on retaining power in Punjab in 2027. Kejriwal, addressing party's leaders from Punjab, including Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann, Cabinet Ministers, and legislators, made it clear that winning Punjab is of "utmost importance" for AAP's future.

He urged the party leaders to proactively engage with the public, understand their grievances, and ensure that their governance translates into visible change. He also assured them that with the Delhi elections out of the way, he would now dedicate more time and resources to Punjab, which will go to polls in another two years.

"He told us that unity is the key to emerging as a formidable force. If officers do not listen to us, we should bring it to his notice. He assured us that Punjab will be his top priority," a senior AAP leader, who attended the meeting, told The Pioneer.

fuelled by promises of replicating its successful governance model from Delhi. But with the party's recent defeat in its home turf, the strategy, it seems, will no longer be viable in Punjab. "People used to trust our Delhi model, but now that we have lost in Delhi, it is difficult to sell the same promise in Punjab," a senior leader, who did not wish to be named, admitted, adding that the top leadership had now realized that it must build a distinct 'Punjab Model' to win over voters.

One of AAP's most ambitious promises was a monthly Rs 1,000 allowance for every woman over 18. However, almost three years into its term, the scheme remained unfulfilled, leading to a significant dent in the party's credibility. The delay has already cost AAP in local elections, and leaders fear it could be a decisive factor in 2027.

After the meeting, Punjab Finance Minister Harpal Singh Cheema hinted that the government might soon implement the scheme. There are reports that the discussions were also held regarding the same during the pre-budget meetings, and may also find a mention in this year's budget proposals.

A recurring complaint among AAP legislators is the lack of authority and bureaucratic resistance. Many MLAs feel powerless, claiming that even minor decisions, such as staff transfers, require multiple approvals. This governance bottleneck has frustrated party leaders and slowed down decision-making.

During the meeting, Kejriwal directed leaders to ensure that government officers execute their decisions and to escalate non-cooperation issues directly to him. "Kejriwal ji has assured us that in case, any officer refuses to work, we should tell him, and he will handle it," said the AAP leader.

That is not all! Punjab continues to struggle with rising crime, gang violence, and drug trafficking — issues that were a focal point of AAP's 2022 campaign. Despite the party's promises to curb organized crime, recent attacks on police stations and growing drug networks have raised concerns about its ability to govern effectively. In fact, AAP's opponents have also capitalized on these failures, accusing the

government of losing control over law and order. Kejriwal's directive to leaders was clear — "Be among the people, listen to their fears, and take immediate action."

To top it all! Punjab is drowning in debt, with its financial liabilities exceeding Rs 3.75 lakh crore. The government's ambitious welfare schemes — such as free electricity, free bus travel for women, and healthcare initiatives — require significant funding, but revenue generation remains a challenge. AAP leaders, during the meeting, admitted that Punjab has been forced to take additional loans worth Rs 28,000 crore in the current financial year alone. Sources maintained that Kejriwal has advised the government to find ways to cut costs while ensuring that key promises are fulfilled.

### Can AAP Regain Momentum?

With Kejriwal now fully invested in Punjab's political battle, AAP's roadmap for 2027 will revolve around delivering on promises, empowering MLAs, and addressing governance failures. The party's ability to regain lost trust and present a compelling Punjab-centric vision will determine its fate in the next election.

Also addressing the meeting, Chief Minister Mann reassured the party leaders that defeat and victory are two sides of the same coin. Drawing from his own political journey, he recalled how his 2012 electoral loss had felt like the end of the road, yet he persevered, contested again, won as an MP twice, and ultimately became Punjab's Chief Minister.

Later, addressing the media, Mann said that the meeting focused on Punjab's development, and many other issues. It was also an opportunity to appreciate the efforts of Punjab's AAP leaders, who had actively participated in mass contact programs in Delhi ahead of the recent Assembly elections. "Kejriwal thanked Punjab's AAP workers for their efforts in the Delhi elections," he said.

Acknowledging the loss, he said that politics has ups and downs. "We accept the people's mandate in Delhi. Now, we will make Punjab a model state," he asserted.

Punjab Government led by Chief Minister BHAGWANT SINGH MANN pays respects to SRI GURU RAVIDASS JI

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Chief Minister, Punjab

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# Classifieds

### CHANGE OF NAME

**I, Arjun S/o Ramesh Kumar Sharma R/O H.No.216-B, Anand Nagar, P.O. Grain Market, Jalandhar** have changed my name from Arjun to Arjun Sharma (Surname as Sharma)

**I, Ram Babu S/o Jagan Nath Shah R/O H.No. 405, Tagore Nagar, Jalandhar-144003, Punjab** have changed my name from Ram Babu to Ram Babu Shah.

**I, Sachin S/o Ram Babu Shah R/O H.No. 405, Tagore Nagar, Jalandhar-144003, Punjab** have changed my name from Sachin to Sachin Kumar.

**I, Sarban Singh Alias Swarn Singh S/o Naranjan Singh R/O Patti Sahala Nagar Malsian, Distt. Jalandhar-144701, Punjab** have changed my name Sarban Singh Alias Swarn Singh to Sarban Singh.

**I, hitherto Known as Surinder Kumar S/o Mukh Raj R/O H.No. 42, Street No. 2-A, Central Town, Jalandhar, Punjab, India, 144001** have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as Surinder Kapoor.

**I, Indra Bhandari W/o Pankaj Maendru R/O H.No. 57, Paras Estate, Street No. 2, Near MS Farms, Jalandhar, Punjab** have changed my name from Indra Bhandari to Indira.

**I, Krishna Singh Baghel is real M/o of Hav Kuldeep Singh serving in 4 Guards (1 Rajput)** have changed my name from Krishna Singh to Krishna Singh Baghel.

**I, Shila Yadav M/o Hav Nitesh Kumar serving in 11 Corps Camp C/o 56 APO** have changed my name from Shila Yadav to Sheela Yadav.

**I, Kamal S/O Gurmali R/O Khalwara Road Parmar Nagar Phagwara District Kapurthala** Have Changed My Name From Kamal To Kamal Badhan.

**I Davinderpal Singh S/O Sardari Lal R/O Vpo. Ahraana Kalan District Hoshiarpur** Have Changed My Name From Davinderpal Singh To Davinder Pal Singh.

**I Ajay S/O Satpal R/O Vill. Chak Hajipur P.O. Samundra Tehsil Garhshankar Distt. Hoshiarpur** Have Changed My Name To Ajay Vartia.

**I Rani Alias Pooja Sethi W/O Krishan Lal Sethi R/O Street No. 3, New Sukhchain Nagar Phagwara Kapurthala** Have Changed My Name To Pooja Sethi.

**I Manjeet Kaur W/O Gurbachan Singh R/O Vill. Sherpur Takhtu Wala Distt. Ferozepur** Have Changed My Name To Manjit Kaur.

**I Gurdev Kaur Alias Satinderpal Kaur W/O Ranjit Singh R/O Vpo. Chimna Distt. Ludhiana Am One And The Same Person Of Above Both Names.**

**I Jaspreet Singh S/O Parminder Singh R/O Takhanwadi Distt. Moga** Have Changed My Name To Jaspreet Singh Khraha.

**I Rita Rani W/O Pawan Kumar R/O Chungi No.3 Nigaha Road Neta Ji Colony Moga** Have Changed My Name To Reeta Rani.

**I Randeep Singh S/O Lachhman Singh R/O Patti Khushali Ki Vpo. Rauke Kalan Distt. Moga 142037 Punjab** India Have Changed My Name To Baldev Singh.

**I, Hemant Kumar S/O Pala Ram R/O Vill- Bhabra. Po-Sahawal, Gurdaspur, Punjab.** Declare That My Given Name As Hemant And My Surname As Kumar. All Concerned Please Note.

**I, Naresh Kumari W/O Service No.10362789k** Hav Tarsem Lal R/O Village- Najo Chak, Po- Naurangpur, Tehsil/Distt- Pathankot, Punjab-145025. Declare That My Name Naresh Kumari Is Wrong. But My Name Naresh Rani Is Correct. Vide Affidavit No.IN-PB05628260753834x Dated 10-02-2025 Before Notary Public Pathankot, Punjab.

**I, Hari Shankar Kushvaha father of No 15804581N Rank NK Name Ashish Kumar** presently residing at Village - Hardaspur, PO - Bakewar, Tehsil - Bindki, Distt - Fatehpur, State - Uttar Pradesh, have changed my name from Hari Shankar Kushvaha to Hari Shankar vide Affidavit No IN-PB05879353479686X Dated 11 Feb 2025 before Notary Public Pathankot (Punjab).

**I, Sukhpreet kaur Sangha W/o Balwinder Singh R/O Vill: Ghaloti (Moga)** have changed my name from Sukhpreet Kaur Sangha to Sukhpreet Kaur.

**I Gurcharn Singh S/O Darbara Singh Village Lalewal P/O Alampur Tehsil Dasuya Distt Hoshiarpur** Have Changed My Name From Gurcharn Singh To Gurcharn Singh.

**I, Karam Singh Sandhu S/o Nazur Singh R/O Sahnewal Nudur (Ludhiana)** have changed my name from Karam Singh Sandhu to Karam Singh.

**I, Kamal Kant Kaushal S/o Satpal R/o Sahnewal (Ludhiana)** have changed my name from Kamal Kant Kaushal to Kamal Kant.

**I, Gurdeep Singh Sian S/o Gurcharn Singh R/O Bhaini Darera (Ludhiana)** have changed my name to Gurdeep Singh.

**I Jagjir Kumar Sharma S/o Surjit Kumar Vpo patti Mohar Singh A, Bhadour Tehsil Tapa, District Barnala** have changed my name Jagjir Kumar.

**I, Veerkan Sharma S/O Bansi Lal Sharma Resident of Professor Colony, Behind Venice Hotel, Dhangru Road, Pathankot Pin 145001, Punjab** have changed my name from Veer Karan to Veerkan Sharma.

**I, Interjeet Singh Jhaji S/o Gurdev Singh R/O Vill: Tajpur (Ludhiana)** have changed my name Interjeet (name) Singh (sirname)

**I, Parmjit Singh S/O Balwant Singh Bajwa R/O - 38/28, Dr.Sadiq Ali, City Thana, Kapurthala** have changed my name from Parmjit Singh to Parmjit Singh Bajwa.

**I, Sukhnor S/O Bachhitar Singh R/O H.No. 175 St.No.3 Star City Malout Distt. Muktsar (Pb)** has changed my name to Sukhnor Singh.

**I, Lakhvir Singh S/O Nachhtar Singh R/O Aijt Gill (Faridkot)** have changed my name to Lakhvir Singh.

**I, Pooja W/o Rakesh Kumar R/O H.No. 282 Dera Road Sunder Nagar Bhatla (Gurdaspur)** have known by both names Pooja and Pooja one and the same person.

**I, Manjinder Kaur W/o Kamalpreet Singh R/O Village Jhander Mahapurkhan Tehsil Khadar Sahib District Taran** have changed my Minor Son name from Manavjot Singh to Manavjot Singh Sher Gill.

**I, Manjinder Kaur W/o Kamalpreet Singh R/O Village Jhander Mahapurkhan Tehsil Khadar Sahib District Taran** have changed my Minor Daughter name from Jeevanjot Kaur to Jeevanjot Kaur Sher Gill.

**I, Baljeet Kaur W/O Baldev Singh R/O Sardulgarh (Mansa)** Changed My Name Raj Kaur.

**I, Sukhmandeep Singh S/O Sukhmander Singh R/O Vill: Malla (Faridkot)** Pb, changed my name from Sukhmandeep Singh Khosa to Sukhmandeep Singh.

**I, Siddappa Bharma Muchandikar Legally Father Of Sandeep Muchandikar, And Permanent Resident Is Village And Post Kakati, Distt Belgauam, State Karnataka, Pin 591113.** Have Chagted My Name From Siddappa To Siddappa Bharma Muchandikar Vide Affidavit Dated 11 February 2025 Before At Notary Ferozepur.

**I, Sudha Siddappa Muchandikar Legally Mother Of Sandeep Muchandikar, And Permanent Resident Is Village And Post Kakati, Distt Belgauam, State Karnataka, Pin 591113.** Have Chagrted My Name From Sudha To Siddappa Muchandikar Vide Affidavit Dated 11 February 2025 Before At Notary Ferozepur.

**I, Siddappa Kareppa Pendari is legally Father of No. 16134291P Rank L/Nk Name Halappa Siddappa Pendari of Unit 22 Engr Regt C/o 56 APO Ferozepur Residing at Nipanal, To Raibag, Nipnal, Raybag, Belgauam, State Karnataka Pin-591222** Declare that My Name Siddappa Wrongly Mentioned in my Son Army Service Records but my correct Name is Siddappa Kareppa Pendari.

**I, Balavva Pendari is legally Mother of No. 16134291P Rank L/Nk Name Halappa Siddappa Pendari of Unit 22 Engr Regt C/o 56 APO Ferozepur Residing at Nipanal, To Raibag, Nipnal, Raybag, Belgauam, State Karnataka Pin-591222** Declare that My Name Balavva Wrongly Mentioned in my Son Army Service Records but my correct Name is Balavva Pendari.

**I, Riti Devi Is Mother Of No.15448058p Rank Hav/Clk Name Yudhvir Singh Of Unit 307 Field Hospital C/O 56 APO, Residing At Village And Post Parmanand, District Pathankot, State Punjab, Pin 143534** Have Changed My Name From Riti Devi To Reeti Devi Vide Affidavit Dated 10 February 2025 Before At Notary Ferozepur.

**I, Naresh Kumar Father of minor daughter Taniya Yadav, presently Residence at Village Agwana, PO Aurangabad (Ahr) Tehsil Sikandarabad, District Bulandshahr, State Uttar Pradesh,** have changed my minor daughter Name from Komal to Taniya Yadav vide affidavit

**I, Urmal W/o Harish Gareja R/O H.No. 306 Model Town Kapurthala (Kapurthala)** have changed my name to Urmal Gareja.

**I, Kamaljit Kaur @ Kanwaljit Kaur W/o Ranjit Singh R/O #2047, Phase 10, Sector 64, SAS Nagar (Mohali)** have changed my name to Kanwaljit Kaur.

**I, Gurcharn Singh S/o Gurmell Singh R/O VPO Faizgarh, Tehsil Khanna (Ludhiana)** have changed my name to Gurcharn Singh Khattrra.

**I Pardeep S/O Gursewak R/O Dugri, Rahimpur, Jalandhar-II, Jalandhar, Punjab - 144801.** Have Changed My Name To Pardeep Singh.

**I Deepak S/O Surinder Kumar R/O House No-1638, Charkhari Mohalla, Vic-Kartarpur(Rural), Po-Kartarpur, Sub District-Jalandhar-II, District-Jalandhar, Punjab - 144801.** Have Changed My Name To Deepak Singh.

**I Sharda Devi W/O Labh Singh R/O Daulatpur, Gali No-1, Pathankot, Punjab - 145001.** Have Changed My Name To Satwinder Kaur.

**I Premlata W/O Late Ram Niwas R/O Badli Wali Colony, Behind Sabji Mandi, Village-Badshahpur, Darbaripur(162), Po-Badshahpur, Distt-Gurgaon, Haryana - 122011.** Have Changed My Name To Premwati.

**I Nancy D/O Rashpal Chand R/O Village-Dada, Hoshiarpur, Punjab - 146021.** have Changed My Name to Nancy Kaur.

**I, Mukesh Kumar Shukla resident of VPO- Gugauni Near Shiv Mandir, Tehsil- Bindki, District- Fatehpur, State- Uttar Pradesh, Pin-212665,** have changed my Mother name from Maya Shambhu Prasad Shukla to Maya Devi Shambhuprasad Shukla Vide affidavit No.IN-PB05087493718055X dated 07 Feb 2025 before notary public Pathankot

**I, Rekha spouse of Samarpal Singh resident of Village- Jagdispur Aurangabad, Post- Khakhunda, Tehsil-Shikarpur, District- Bulandshahr, State- Uttar Pradesh, Pin-202392.** have changed my name from Rekha to Rekha Devi. Vide affidavit No.IN-PB06046663720916X dated 11 Feb 2025 before notary public Pathankot

**I, No.15798028M NK (OFC) Purushotam Kumar resident of Village- Golpa, Post- Golpa, Tehsil- Birkramganj, District- Rohtas, State- Bihar, Pin-802212.** have changed my Son name from Kumar Vishwas to Kumar Vishwas Vide affidavit No.IN-PB050681019267492X dated 10 Feb 2025 before notary public Pathankot

**I, Sarita Yadav spouse of No.14685690A NK Mahendra Kumar Yadav resident of House No.14-131, Village- Subhash Colony, Post- Bhupalpally, Tehsil- Bhupalpally, District- Warangal, State- Andhra Pradesh, Pin-506169,** have changed my name & DOB from Sarita Devi to Sarita Yadav and date of birth from 13 Feb 1988 to 16 April 1988 Vide affidavit No.IN-PB98758415853323X dated 20 Jan 2025 before notary public Pathankot

**I, Sushma Ramesh Kharat spouse of No.17025778H CFN Warbhuan Rahul Uddhao, resident of Dhanedhar Shop Jawal Ghar, N 1-9-223 Akkha Niwas, Village- Bhimnagar Bhauspurgara, Post- Aurangabad, Tehsil- Aurangabad, District- Aurangabad, State- Maharashtra, Pin-431001,** have changed my name from Sushma Ramesh Kharat to Sushma Rahul Warbhuan Vide affidavit No.IN-PB99158289454638X dated 21 Jan 2025 before notary public Pathankot

**I, Reshamu Mother of Army No. 2493196H, Rank Hav Chet Ram Unit 30 Punjab is residing at Village Hawanu, PO Troh Tehsil Balh District Mandi (HP) Pin Code -175008** have changed my name from Reshamu Devi to Reshamu through vide document No. IN-PB0599517615440X DATED 11-02-2025 before Notary Public.

**मै भूपण छाबड़ा पुत्र श्री कृष्ण लाल निवासी मकान नं. 298/13, तेज कालीनी जिला रोहतक अपने हक के ब्याक करता हूँ कि मेरी पासपोर्ट नंबर M8236191 में मेरी पत्नी का नाम किरण छाबड़ा लिखा गया है जो की गलत है। अब मैं अपनी पत्नी का नाम अपने पासपोर्ट में किरण छाबड़ा से किरणजीत कर कवनाम चिह्नता हूँ। किरण छाबड़ा और किरणजीत को एक ही व्यक्ति के नाम है।**

**I, Bhushan Chhabra S/o Sh. Krishan Lal R/O H.No.298/13, Tej Colony Distt. Rohtak Haryana-124001** declare that in my Passport No. M8236191, my wife name entered is Kiran Chhabra that is wrong, now I want change my wife name in my passport from Kiran Chhabra to Kiranjit Kaur. Kiran chhabra and Kiranjit Kaur both are the same and one person.

**I, Binimla Devi (Existing Name) Wd/O No. 1460405y Ex Hav Hariom Gautam Son Of Mange Ram R/O Vpo Kharwar, Tehsil Sampda, District Rohtak (Haryana) Declare That I Have Changed My Name In My Husband Army Records / Disch. Book From Binimla Devi (Existing Name) To Binimla (New Name) In Future I Shall May Be Known/Written/Called As Binimla As Per My Aadhaar / Pan Card For All Work Purposes, Please Correct In My Husband's Army Records Vide Affidavit Dated 11 February 2025 Before 1st Class Magistrate (Rohtak)**

**I, Pankaj Singh Is Son Of Army No: Jc-343384m Rank: Sub Name- Vinod Singh Rawat Presently Posted At Unit: 62 Engr Regt C/O 56 Apo Permanent Address: Vill: Dhura, Post: Dhamdhar, Dist: Pauri Garhwal, State: Uttarakhand-246179** Declare That I Have Changed My Name From Pankaj Singh To Pankaj Singh Rawat.Vide Affidavit No: 48aa 901677, Dated:11/02/2025

**I, Beena Devi Rawat Is Legally Wedded Spouse Of Army No: Jc-343384m Rank: Sub Name- Vinod Singh Rawat Presently Posted At Unit: 62 Engr Regt C/O 56 Apo Permanent Address: Vill: Dhura, Post: Dhamdhar, Dist: Pauri Garhwal, State: Uttarakhand-246179** Declare That I Have Changed My Name From Beena Devi Rawat To Beena Devi. Vide Affidavit No: 48aa 901678, Dated:11/02/2025

**I, Army No: 2500445f Rank:Hav Name: Budhi Singh Presently Posted At Unit: 229 Transit Camp Permanent Address: Village: Mahawan, Post Office Seri Banglow, Mohwan (512), Mandi, Himachal Pradesh, 175011** Declare That I Have Changed My Son's Name From Kartavya To Kartavya Verma.Vide Affidavit No: 48aa 901673, Dated:11/02/2025

**I, Kamina Yashwant Shinde Is Mother Of Army No: 15569835p Rank: Hav Name-Shinde Sachin Yashvantrao Presently Posted At Unit: Cme, Pune Maharashtra-411031** Permanent Address: Tambave, Satara, Maharashtra-415521

**I, Kamina Shinde Is Mother Of Army No: 15569835p Rank: Hav Name-Shinde Sachin Yashvantrao Presently Posted At Unit: Cme, Pune Maharashtra-411031** Permanent Address: Tambave, Satara, Maharashtra-415521

**I, Yashwantrao Shinde Am Father Of Army No: 15569835p Rank: Hav Name-Shinde Sachin Yashvantrao Presently Posted At Unit: Cme, Pune Maharashtra-411031** Permanent Address: Tambave, Satara, Maharashtra-415521

**I, Rekha Devi Is Mother Of Army No: 15339635a Rank: Hav Name- Raman Kumar Singh Presently Posted At Unit: Cme, Pune Maharashtra-411031** Permanent Address: Village: Beldiha, Post: Beldiha, P.S: Belhar, Dist:Banka, Bihar-813207

**I, Arun Kumar Singh Is Father Of Army No: 15339635a Rank: Hav Name- Raman Kumar Singh Presently Posted At Unit: Cme, Pune Maharashtra-411031** Permanent Address: Village: Beldiha, Post: Beldiha, P.S: Belhar, Dist:Banka, Bihar-813207

**I, Recha Devi Is Mother Of Army No: 15339635a Rank: Hav Name- Raman Kumar Singh Presently Posted At Unit: Cme, Pune Maharashtra-411031** Permanent Address: Village: Beldiha, Post: Beldiha, P.S: Belhar, Dist:Banka, Bihar-813207

**I, Kuldeep Matharao S/o Kirpal Matharao R/O W. No. 7, H.No. 599, Sector - 21 C, Mandi Gobindgarh, District Fatehgarh Sahib.** Have Changed my name from Kuldeep Matharao to Kuldeep Singh. Please Note All the Concern.

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Executive Engineer (C-II) PAU, Ludhiana

NA/12/28027/2023/41584 Dated CHD - 2/11/2025

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**GOLD AUCTION SALE NOTICE**

The under mentioned persons are hereby informed that they have failed to pay off the liability in the loan accounts. Notices sent to them by Registered Post have been returned undelivered, to the Bank. They are therefore requested to pay off the liability and other charges and redeem the pledged securities on or before (27/02/2025) failing which the said securities will be sold by the Bank in public auction at the cost of the borrower at the Bank's premises at Panipat & Jind 11.00 A.M. on 28/02/2025 or on any other convenient date thereafter without further notice at the absolute discretion of the Bank.

Sl. No.	Date of Loan	Loan A/c Number	Name & Address of the borrower	Outstanding Amount
1	29.03.2024	180289245867	Sh. Vijay Kumar So Teja Singh, Mukhija House backside Sai Ram near Shiv Mandir, Panipat Haryana-132103.	Rs. 1,35,549/- plus further interest till closure of account
2	15.12.2021	180040273265	Firoj So Salamuddin, Ward No.4, Shiv Puri Colony Narwana Road, Jind Haryana-126102	Rs. 62,505/- plus further interest till closure of account

Date: 11.02.2025 Place: Panipat/Jind Branch Manager

### PUBLIC NOTICE

Whereas, M/s Skylark Flying Real Estate Pvt. Ltd. is undertaking development of an Affordable Plotted Colony under DDJAY Scheme namely "Gokul Estate" in Sector-35, Sonipat, Haryana over an area measuring 6.38 acres under the terms and conditions of Licence number 61 of 2024 dated 12.06.2024 granted by Office of Director, Town & Country Planning, Haryana (in short "DTCP").

Whereas, M/s Skylark Flying Real Estate Pvt. Ltd. has been granted the RERA Registration of the project over area measuring 6.38 Acres vide Registration No. HRERA-PKL-SNP-617-2024 dated 01.10.2024 from the Haryana Real Estate Regulatory Authority, Panchkula (in short "Hon'ble Authority").

Whereas the Hon'ble Authority has directed the firm to publish the bank account details of the project for perusal/reference of the Allottees/General Public. The Company hereby declares the following bank accounts of the project "Gokul Estate".

HEAD OF BANK ACCOUNT	ACCOUNT NUMBER
100% Collection Account	20200059745827
70% RERA Account	20100031467803

Bank Name: Bandhan Bank Ltd., Atlas Road, Sonapat. IFSC: BDBL0001344

Authorized Signatory For: Skylark Flying Real Estate Pvt. Ltd. Sector 35, Sonipat.

### UNITED TEXTILES LIMITED

Regd. Off- 7th K.M. Stone, Barwala Road, Hisar  
CIN: L17115HR1993PLC032092

Extract of Unaudited Financial Results for the Quarter and Period Ended December 31, 2024

Particulars	Quarter Ended		Period Ended		Year Ended
	31.12.2024	30.9.2024	31.12.2023	31.12.2023	
Total income from operations	369.64	190.34	444.42	860.21	1050.76
Net Profit/(Loss) for the period before tax	0.99	(0.42)	1.54	2.07	4.84
Total Comprehensive Income for the period (Comprising Profit/(Loss) for the period (after tax) and other comprehensive income (after tax)	0.80	0.29	0.21	3.17	2.53
Equity Share Capital	300.00	300.00	300.00	300.00	300.00
Reserves (excluding Retention Reserve) as shown in the Audited Balance Sheet of the previous year					747.41
Earnings Per Share (in Rs. ₹. - each)					
(1) Basic	0.03	0.01	0.0		

**युको बैंक UCO BANK**  
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Zonal Office: SCO 55-56-57, Bank Square, Sector 17-B, Chandigarh - 160017, Phone: 0172-5037335, Email: zochngad@ucobank.co.in

**PUBLIC NOTICE FOR BREAK OPEN OF OVERDUE LOCKERS**

Following Persons have hired Lockers from various branches of UCO Bank as mentioned below. The rent for the lockers has not been paid by the locker hirer and there are arrears of rent due against the lockers hired by them. Bank has issued various notices to locker hirer for payment of overdue rent but still the rent for overdue lockers is outstanding.

Sr. No.	Branch Name with SOL ID	Locker No.	Locker Holder Name	Due Rent	Overdue Since	First Reminder Date	Second Reminder Date	Third Reminder Date	Fourth Reminder Date
1.	Sector 17-B, Chandigarh (0236)	SA010	Rania Rani	Rs. 4,277/-	01.01.1999	12.07.2024	16.08.2024	09.10.2024	30.11.2024
2.	Sector 17-B, Chandigarh (0236)	AA816	Ram Murti Sharma & Anjana Sharma	Rs. 13,218/-	24.06.2020	12.07.2024	29.08.2024	09.10.2024	30.11.2024
3.	Sector 17-B, Chandigarh (0236)	AA699	Sheelam Sohi & Meenakshi Cheema	Rs. 14,858/-	19.01.2020	19.07.2024	20.08.2024	09.10.2024	30.11.2024
4.	Sector 17-B, Chandigarh (0236)	AA573	S.K. Sharma & Gagan Sharma	Rs. 23,498/-	09.11.2019	19.07.2024	20.08.2024	09.10.2024	30.11.2024
5.	Sector 17-B, Chandigarh (0236)	AA527	Bhupinder Jeet Kaur & Sanjeev Ahluwalia	Rs. 14,211/-	08.11.2014	19.07.2024	29.08.2024	09.10.2024	30.11.2024
6.	Sector 17-B, Chandigarh (0236)	AA413	Chetan Malhotra & Sushil Kumar Malhotra	Rs. 10,385/-	27.11.2020	12.07.2024	16.08.2024	09.10.2024	30.11.2024
7.	Sector 17-B, Chandigarh (0236)	AA298	Rohit Malhotra	Rs. 7,276/-	29.10.2020	19.07.2024	20.08.2024	09.10.2024	30.11.2024
8.	Sector 17-B, Chandigarh (0236)	AB252	Vijay Malhotra	Rs. 26,520/-	13.08.2020	19.07.2024	20.08.2024	09.10.2024	30.11.2024
9.	Sector 17-B, Chandigarh (0236)	AB229	A.S. Atwal	Rs. 23,072/-	08.09.2020	12.07.2024	16.08.2024	09.10.2024	30.11.2024
10.	Sector 17-B, Chandigarh (0236)	AA111	Keshav Gopal Verma & Jayshree	Rs. 13,146/-	03.08.2020	19.07.2024	20.08.2024	09.10.2024	30.11.2024
11.	Sector 17-B, Chandigarh (0236)	AC088	Kamal Kumar Wadhawan	Rs. 4,457/-	28.09.2020	19.07.2024	16.08.2024	09.10.2024	30.11.2024
12.	Sector 17-B, Chandigarh (0236)	AA870	Jiwan Rattan	Rs. 5,707/-	16.11.2020	03.09.2024	10.10.2024	14.11.2024	18.12.2024
13.	Jugiana (0453)	AA007	Pardeep Kumar Bhandari	Rs. 14,988/-	14.03.2020	25.07.2024	23.09.2024	05.11.2024	11.12.2024
14.	Jugiana (0453)	AA010	Muluk Raj Anand	Rs. 15,629/-	19.12.2019	25.07.2024	23.09.2024	05.11.2024	11.12.2024
15.	Jugiana (0453)	AA017	Jaswinder Singh	Rs. 15,234/-	01.02.2020	25.07.2024	23.09.2024	05.11.2024	11.12.2024
16.	Jugiana (0453)	AA021	Mandeep Singh	Rs. 17,079/-	25.05.2020	25.07.2024	23.09.2024	05.11.2024	11.12.2024
17.	Jugiana (0453)	AA033	Kulbhushan Goyal	Rs. 23,623/-	07.01.2020	25.07.2024	23.09.2024	05.11.2024	11.12.2024
18.	Jugiana (0453)	AA044	Rupinder Kaur	Rs. 15,244/-	15.12.2019	25.07.2024	23.09.2024	05.11.2024	11.12.2024
19.	Jugiana (0453)	AA056	Davinder Singh	Rs. 19,663/-	06.09.2020	25.07.2024	23.09.2024	05.11.2024	11.12.2024
20.	Jugiana (0453)	AA057	Mandeep Kaur	Rs. 15,462/-	28.11.2019	25.07.2024	23.09.2024	05.11.2024	11.12.2024
21.	Jugiana (0453)	AA066	Paramjit Kaur	Rs. 18,414/-	05.01.2020	25.07.2024	23.09.2024	05.11.2024	11.12.2024
22.	Jugiana (0453)	AC013	Balraj Singh	Rs. 13,880/-	30.04.2020	25.07.2024	23.09.2024	05.11.2024	11.12.2024
23.	Jugiana (0453)	AC063	Harminder Kaur	Rs. 9,851/-	31.05.2021	25.07.2024	23.09.2024	05.11.2024	11.12.2024

This notice is hereby given to locker hirer that if the rent in above mentioned lockers is not received within 15 Days, then the break open of lockers will be done at the risk and cost of the respective locker hirer in accordance with clauses of the rent agreement and Bank will realize its dues by Public or Private Sale of part or the whole of the contents of the lockers. Any amount and/or contents of the lockers remaining after the Bank's dues have been satisfied will be held by the Bank at the entire risk, responsibility and cost of respective locker hirer. In case, the proceeds of such sale be insufficient to recover the banks dues, the locker hirer will be liable for the deficiency.

**AUTHORIZED OFFICER**

**PRESS NOTE**  
**NOTICE INVITING BIDS FOR ROAD/ BRIDGE/ BUILDING WORKS.**

Executive Engineer, Bharwain Division, HP. PWD, Bharwain-177109 on behalf of Governor of Himachal Pradesh, invites on line e-tenders on percentage basis from approved and eligible contractors registered in CPWD/ HPWD for the following works:-

Sr. No.	Name of work	Estimated cost	Earnest money	Cost of the documents	Time allowed for completion (Months)	Time & date of opening of technical bids.	Class of contractor
1	C/O & M/T link road from Panjota to Kuthiani road Km 0/0 to 0/981 (SH - C/O 900mm dia a RCC hump pipe culvert at RD 0/840 and PL GST WMM & tarring between Km. 0/345 to 0/981) Under MMSGY.	2442316/-	45000/-	500/-	Three Months	20-02-2025 on 11.30 AM	Class-C & D
2	C/O link road from Bharwain to Arankul Km 0/0 to 5/0 (SH - ROFD between Km. 1/300 to 1/405 and C/O Retaining walls at RD 1/490 to 1/511, 1/542 to 1/568 and 1/581 to 1/595) Under MMSGY.	2715902/-	48500/-	1500/-	2715902/-	20-02-2025 on 11.30 AM	Class-C to & D
3	C/O link road Karhu to Mandholi Km. 0/0 to 5/500 (SH - C/O Breast wall at RD 2/165 to 2/190 Under RNP.	324138	6500/-	350/-	Three Months	20-02-2025 on 11.30 AM	Class-C & D
4	Restoration of rain damages on link road to village Ghangret from Chintpuri Talwara road Km. 0/0 to 4/875 (SH - C/O earthen shoulder Unlined drain etc. be between 1/00 to 2/500)	370662	7500/-	350/-	Three Months	20-02-2025 on 11.30 AM	Class-C & D
5	A/R & M/O link road from C.T. road to Jawal Basti Changan Km. 0/0 to 2/740 (SH - Repair of pot holes between Km. 0/0 to 1/0)	497578	10000/-	350/-	Three Months	20-02-2025 on 11.30 AM	Class-C & D

1. Bidding documents can be downloaded from the website <http://hptenders.gov.in> from 13-02-2025 (5.00 PM) to onward. The bids can be deposited in electronic format on the website <http://hptenders.gov.in> w.e.f 14.02.2025 to 19.02.2025 up to 5.00 PM & documents submission on dated 20.02.2025 up to 10.30 AM. The bids received will be opened at 11.30 AM on 20-02-2025 in the presence of the bidders who wish to attend. If the office happens to be closed on the date of opening of the bids as specified, the bids will be opened on the next working day at the same time and venue.

2. Bid document along with general terms and conditions of the work can be seen at and downloaded from the website <http://hptenders.gov.in>.

3. The bidders are advised to quote rates inclusive of GST as applicable. GST shall not be paid extra.

**RO NO. 5128/2024-2025 Dt. 11-02-2025**

**Him SuchnaAvam Jan Sampark**

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

A Housing Loan Facility was granted, pursuant to a Loan Agreement entered into between ICICI Bank Limited ('Secured Creditor', which includes its successors and assigns) and the Borrower(s)/ Co-Borrower(s)/ Guarantor(s) mentioned below ('Borrower(s)', which includes his/ her/ their respective successors, assigns and heirs).

The undersigned, being the Authorised Officer of the Secured Creditor ('Authorised Officer') under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 ('Act') and in exercise of the powers conferred under Section 13(12), read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002, ('Rules'), has issued Demand Notices under Section 13(2) of the Act, calling upon the Borrower(s)/ Co-Borrower(s)/ Guarantor(s) mentioned below to repay the amount payable, pursuant to the Loan Agreement and as mentioned specifically in the Demand Notices, within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said Notices.

As the Borrower(s)/ Co-Borrower(s)/ Guarantor(s), has/ have failed and neglected to repay the amount as mentioned in the Demand Notices, a Notice is hereby issued to the Borrower(s)/ Co-Borrower(s)/ Guarantor(s) and to the public in general, that the undersigned has taken Symbolic Possession of the properties described below, in exercise of the powers conferred on him/ her under Section 13(4) of the Act, read with Rule 8 of the Rules. The details, including the date of Symbolic Possession of the properties are mentioned below:

Sr. No.	Name of the Borrower/ Loan Account Number	Description of Property/ Date of Symbolic Possession	Date of Demand Notice/ Amount in Demand Notice (Rs)	Name of Branch
1.	Ragbir Singh/ Gurjeet Kaur/ LBLUD00000671365	House No. 70, Street No. 5, Bachittar Nagar, P/O GNE College, Gill Road, Ludhiana, City To Town Survey No. Kharsa No. Within The Registration No. Sub District Ludhiana, Punjab/ February 07, 2025	February 04, 2025 Rs. 2,54,485/-	Ludhiana

The Borrower(s)/ Co-Borrower(s)/ Guarantor(s) is/ are hereby given a 30 day notice to repay the amount. Otherwise, the mortgaged properties will be sold on the expiry of the 30 day period, from the date of publication of this Notice, as per the provisions under Rules 8 and 9 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.

Date: February 12, 2025  
Place: Ludhiana

**Authorised Officer Secured Creditor**

**Canara Bank** Branch Office: Faridkot(2441) Branch

**[Rule-8(1)] Possession Notice (For Immovable Property)**

Whereas the undersigned being the Authorised Officer of the Canara Bank under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (Act) and in exercise of powers conferred under section 13(12) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued a Demand Notice to borrower(s) guarantor(s) on the date mentioned hereunder, calling upon the borrower(s)/guarantor(s), to repay the amount mentioned in the respective demand notice, within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

The borrower(s)/guarantor(s) having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower(s) and the public in general that the undersigned has taken Possession of the properties described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him/ her under sub section (4) of section 13 of the Act read with rule 8 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 on the following terms and conditions:

The borrower(s)/guarantor(s) in particular, and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property/properties and any dealings with the properties will be subject to the charge of the CANARA BANK, for an amount of being less amount of recovery made, if any other charges/interest, costs, thereon.

The borrower's/ Guarantors attention is invited to provisions of sub-section(8) of section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

Name of the Borrower(s)/ Guarantor(s)	Description of the Immovable Property	Date of Demand Notice	Date of Possession Notice	Amount Outstanding
(1) Chaman Lal S/O Desh Raj	House measuring 200 sq yards Municipal no. B-X/168 situated at Street no. 5 - Left, old bus stand Faridkot Punjab 151203	08.08.2024	10.02.2025	Rs. 17,05,532.86/- as on 31.08.2024 together with further interest and expenses thereon.
(2) Anu Beta W/O Chaman Lal	Barbar Basti, Faridkot vide sale deed no. 190 dated 17-04-2014 in the name of Chaman Lal Sanjeev Kumar Bounded as under: East: Street 30 feet wide Side 30 feet, West : Sabta Singh Side 30 feet, North: Mukhtar Singh Side 60 feet, South : Vacant Plot 60 feet.	08.08.2024	10.02.2025	Rs. 5,19,295.94/- as on 31.10.2024 together with further interest and expenses thereon.
(3) Sanjeev Kumar S/O Chaman Lal	old bus stand Faridkot Punjab 151203	08.08.2024	10.02.2025	Rs. 5,19,295.94/- as on 31.10.2024 together with further interest and expenses thereon.

**Manpreet Singh S/O Nachhattar Pal Singh** Near Gurudwara Sahib Pakka Tehna Faridkot Punjab 151203. Land measuring 0.80 kanal/6.75 marla's (204 sq.yds.), situated at Faridkot - 3 Agwar Doad ( Near Railway Crossing - Pakhi Road ) vide jamaabandi year 2009-10 in the name of Manpreet Singh vide sale deed no. 122 dated 17-04-2017 bounded as: East : Mehnga Ram-side 31 feet 6 inches, West: Passage about 6 feet wide - side 49 feet 9 inches, North: Passage about 12 feet wide - side 57 feet 3 inches, South : Hira Lal - Side 39 feet 4 inches (in curve). Out of which: 1) Land measuring 0.80 kanal/6.75 marla's (15 sq. yds.) is the 15/13310 share out of the land measuring 22 kanal/0.80 marla's bearing khasra no's 642/122-0 present khewat no's. 128 khatauli no 264 and 2) Land measuring 0.80 kanal/6.75 marla's (18 sq.yds.) is the 25/1796 share out of the land measuring 22 kanal/0.80 marla's bearing khasra no's 641/22-9 present khewat no's 128 khatauli no 266.

**DATE: 12.02.2025 Place: Faridkot**

**AUTHORIZED OFFICER, CANARA BANK**

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

The Authorised ICICI Bank Officer under the Securitisation, Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and 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 symbolic 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 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 Symbolic Possession	Date of Demand Notice/ Amount in Demand Notice (Rs)	Name of Branch
1.	Manoj Kumar Alias Tiwari/ Ranjana Tiwari/ LBLUD00001106807/ LBLUD00001241203	Plot No. 14778/2 Kharsa No. 763, 764, 2475/ 795, 2058/1195, 1196 Khata No. 456/670, 459/673 Street No.14 Bhagwan Nagar Dholewal Ludhiana-141003/ February 07, 2025	May 30, 2018 Rs. 7,11,872/-	Ludhiana
2.	Hargal Singh/ Kamaljeet Kaur/ LBLUD00006418404/ LBLUD0000542371/ LBLUD00006428306/ LBLUD00005741735	House Cum Plot No. 247, Measuring 50 Sq. Yards, Comprised In Kharsa No. 7/19, 20/1, 21/1, 22, 21.18, 23, Khewat No. 139, 140, 141, 142, Khatauli No. 142, 143, 144, 145, As Per Jamaabandi Year 2013-2014, Situated At Village Baloke, Hadbasat No. 103, Abadi Basant Vihar, Near Bachan Singh Nagar, Tehsil and District Ludhiana, Punjab-141001 Standing In The Name of Kamaljeet Kaur Vide Sale Deed No. 2019-20/101/13808, Dated 30/05/2019/ February 07, 2025	September 30, 2024 Rs. 13,07,147.06/-	Ludhiana

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 12, 2025  
Place: Ludhiana

**Sincerely Authorised Signatory For ICICI Bank Ltd.**

**HIMACHAL PRADESH PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT**

**INVITATION FOR BIDS (IFB)**

The Executive Engineer, Shimla Division No-III, HPPWD, Shimla-3 on behalf of Governor of H.P. invites the percentage rate bids, in electronic tendering system, from the eligible class of contractors registered with H.P.PWD., for the work as detailed in the table.

Sr. No.	Name of Work	Estimated Cost	Starting date of downloadin g Bid.	EMD	Cost of Tender	Time Allowed	Deadline for submission of Bid.
1	Annual repair and maintenance of various non residential buildings under Division No.III Shimla. (SH - Renovation of the e area around and within the chamber of Engineer -in-Chief (Projects) in block -D of Niranbhanwaj Building Shimla.	Rs. 756817.00	11-02-2025	Rs. 151400.00	Rs. 350.00	One Month	18-02-2025
2	A/R & M/O to various roads under Shimla Division No.III (SH - Providing /Engagement of labour for cleaning of road side drains, roads surface & Bush cutting etc. of various roads under Sub Division No-V for the period of Six Month).	Rs. 489420.00	11-02-2025	Rs. 9790.00	Rs. 350.00	Six Months	18-02-2025

The bidders are advised to note other details, of tenders from the department website [www.hptenders.gov.in](http://www.hptenders.gov.in). The Executive Engineer reserves the right to accept/reject any tender/application without assigning any reason.

**RO NO. 5159/2024-2025 Dt. 11-02-2025**

**"HIM SUCHANA AWAM JAN SAMPARK"**

**HAFED PESTICIDES**  
An ISO 9001-2000 Certified Unit of

"The Haryana State Cooperative Supply & Marketing, Fed. Ltd., Panchkula"  
G.T. ROAD, TARAORI (KARNAL) HARYANA TEL:01745-242039 Fax No. 01745-243056 M.S. : 9812719133 E-Mail : hpfhfdtr@gmail.com.

**E-tender Notice for Labour and Transport work for Hated Rice & Flour Mill, Taraori and Hated Pesticide, Taraori**

**Name of Work:** Labour and Transportation work  
**EMD:** As per tender  
**Start date and time of E-tenders -:** 12.02.2025 at 09:00 AM  
**Last date and time of E-tenders -:** 27.02.25 at 10:00 AM  
**Tender ID -:** 2025\_HBC\_428651\_1, 2025\_HBC\_428646\_1, 2025\_HBC\_428610\_1, 2025\_HBC\_428599\_1

The tender forms and other details can be obtained from website <https://etenders.hry.nic.in/>.

**GENERAL MANAGER HAFED - TARAORI**

**HIMACHAL PRADESH PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT**

**e-Procurement Notice INVITATION FOR BIDS (IFB)**

The Executive Engineer, Shimla, Division No. I, HPPWD, Shimla-3, H.P. on behalf of Governor of H.P. invites the Percentage rate bids, in electronic tendering system from the eligible class of contractors registered with HPPWD for the works as detailed in the table.

Sr. No.	Name of Work	Estimated Cost	Form Cost	Starting date for downloadin g Bid	Earnest Money	Deadline for submission of Bid	Time Allowed
1	C/O road from Chedi to Nihari (Golo) Km 0/0 to 1/900 in District Shimla (SH - Preparation of sub grade, Consolidation of Sub grade, G-I & G-II & Surface dressing)	999485/-	350/-	11-02-2025	20000/-	19-02-2025	30 days
2	A/R & M/O on Kufri to Chail road in Km. 0/00 to 25/00. (SH - Construction of V - Shape Drain between in Km. 14/700 to 15/150)	405000	350/-	11-02-2025	8100/-	19-02-2025	30 days
3	A/R & M/O various Type -I to Type-VI of CAD & kasumpti Shimla -9 (SH - Repair work in Toilet/Bathroom and kitchen in Type-II set No.6 at Dhalli under Kasumpti Section).	260078/-	350/-	11-02-2025	5200/-	19-02-2025	30 days
4	Construction of road from Old Junga to kohan road via Boara padereu and Giar in km. 0/00 to 6/00 (SH - Construction of V-shape Drain between at RD. 0/00 to 2/00 and Removal of slips at various RDS).	1581500/-	500/-	11-02-2025	316000/-	19-02-2025	30 days
5	Construction of from kogi to Dagoi in km. 0/00 to 1/300 (SH - Formation cutting and Containing of Retaining wall Breast wall in km. 0/510 to 1/300).	1500318/-	500/-	11-02-2025	30000/-	19-02-2025	30 days

The bidders are advised to note other details of tenders from the department website [www.hptenders.gov.in](http://www.hptenders.gov.in). The Executive Engineer reserves the right to accept/reject any tender/application or all tenders without assigning any reason.

**RO NO. 5144/2024-2025 Dt. 11-02-2025**

**PUNJAB & SIND BANK** BRANCH - CIVIL LINES AMRITSAR

**PHYSICAL POSSESSION NOTICE (FOR IMMOVABLE PROPERTY)**

Whereas, the Undersigned being the "Authorised Officer" of Punjab and Sind Bank, under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of the Security Interest Act 2002 in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13(2) read with Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002, issued a demand notice on the date mentioned against account calling upon the respective borrowers / guarantors to repay the amount as mentioned against account within 60 days from the date of notice / date of receipt of the said notice.

The borrowers / guarantors having failed to repay the amount, notice hereby given to the borrowers / guarantors & the public in general that undersigned has taken possession of the Properties described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him / her under section 13(4) of said Act read with Rule 9 of the said rule on the date mentioned against account.

The borrower / guarantors in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the Properties and any dealing with the Properties will be subject to the charge of the Punjab and Sind Bank, for the amounts, other charges, costs and interest thereon. The borrowers attention is invited to provisions of Sub Section (8) of the Section 13 of Act, in respect of time available to them, to redeem the Secured Assets.

Name of the NPA Account	Date of the Demand Notice	Date of the Possession	Amount Outstanding
(i) Sh. Sandeep Singh S/o Sh. Hardeep Singh and Smt. Poonam W/o Sh. Sandeep Singh and Guarantor Sh. Amardeep Singh S/o Sh. Kashmir Singh	29-07-2015	06-02-2025	(i) Rs. 15,23,805/20 (ii) Rs. 22,57,846/14 <b>Total Rs. 37,81,651/34</b>

as on 30-06-2015 + Interest, other charges w.e.f. 01-07-2015 and less recovery if any, till date affected

**DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES**

(a) Property i.e. House measuring 237.72 sq yards (92 sq yards + 52.22 sq. yards + 93.5 sq yards) bearing Kharsa no. 23477/760, 773 min, situated in the Revenue Estate of Tung Pai Urban, Abadi Bharat Nagar, Batala Road, Amritsar, in the name of Sh. Sandeep Singh and Smt. Poonam Dhawan vide three Title Deed bearing Document no. 910, Book no. 1, Volume no. 2491, entered at Pages 32/33 dated 21-04-2006, Document no. 7102, Book no. 1, Volume no. 4977 entered at Page 68/69 dated 07-08-2012, Document no. 7103, Book no. 1, Document no. 4977 entered at Pages 70/71 dated 07-08-2012. Registered in the Office of Sub Registrar, Amritsar.

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## A push for AI and defence

The Prime Minister Modi's France visit underscores a shared vision on technological innovation and global stability

Prime Minister Narendra Modi's visit to France marked a significant chapter in Indo-French relations, focusing on advancements in artificial intelligence (AI), defence collaboration and honouring shared historical ties. AI Action Summit co-hosted by President Emmanuel Macron and Prime Minister Modi convened global leaders, tech industry executives and researchers to deliberate on the ethical deployment of AI and its potential benefits for the society. The summit aimed to position France and India at the forefront of the AI revolution, emphasising the need for responsible and democratic AI governance. Notable outcome of the summit was the announcement of the 'Current AI' partnership, a public-interest initiative with an initial investment of \$400 million. This partnership seeks to provide open-source access to databases, software, and tools for trusted AI actors, promoting the use of AI in addressing global challenges such as healthcare and environmental sustainability.



In a groundbreaking development, France is in advanced discussions to procure India's domestically developed Pinaka multi-barrel rocket launcher system. This potential deal signifies a shift in defence dynamics, as it would be the first instance of one of India's major arms suppliers purchasing Indian-made weaponry. The Pinaka system, with a range of up to 90 km, has been demonstrated to a French delegation and met with positive feedback. During his visit, Prime Minister Modi paid tribute to Indian soldiers who sacrificed their lives in the World Wars by visiting the Mazargues War Cemetery in Marseille. This gesture underscored the deep historical ties between India

and France and highlighted the shared values and sacrifices that bind the two nations. The visit also marked a milestone in diplomatic outreach with the inauguration of India's first consulate in Marseille. This move is expected to bolster bilateral relations, facilitate consular services for the Indian diaspora, and enhance cultural and economic exchanges between the two countries. Prime Minister Modi and President Macron reviewed progress on the Horizon 2047 Roadmap, an initiative launched in 2023 to chart the course of Indo-French relations up to 2047. The roadmap focuses on collaboration in key sectors such as nuclear energy, defence and technology, aiming to strengthen the strategic partnership between the two nations. Engaging in global AI dialogues and partnerships positions India to harness AI for public good, addressing challenges in healthcare, agriculture and education. The prospective sale of the Pinaka system to France not only boosts India's defence exports but also signifies international recognition of India's indigenous defence manufacturing capabilities. The inauguration of the consulate in Marseille and the review of the Horizon 2047 Roadmap reflect India's commitment to deepening bilateral ties with France, fostering cooperation across various sectors.

### PICTALK



Farmers pluck Gladiolus flowers at an orchard, in Nadia

# The US humanitarian legacy under siege

USAID faces an existential crisis as the Trump administration's aggressive restructuring and Elon Musk's vocal opposition threaten its very survival

AMAL CHANDRA

USAID, long regarded as a pillar of American humanitarian aid and soft power, now finds itself embroiled in an existential crisis that threatens its very survival. Founded in 1961 by President John F Kennedy, the agency has historically been at the forefront of global development efforts, providing critical support in areas such as food security, healthcare, and economic development. Over the decades, USAID has built a complex legacy—on one hand, saving millions of lives through vaccination programmes, disaster relief, and poverty alleviation initiatives, while on the other, facing criticism for allegedly serving as a tool for American political influence and intervention abroad.

Now, under the Trump administration's aggressive restructuring plans and the unexpected involvement of billionaire entrepreneur Elon Musk, USAID's future hangs precariously in the balance. At the centre of this upheaval is the Department of Government Efficiency (DOGE), a newly created federal body with a mandate to streamline government operations by cutting budgets, eliminating inefficiencies, and reducing the federal workforce.

With its expansive global footprint and substantial funding, USAID has become a prime target. The Trump administration, which has already frozen the majority of foreign aid programs, is pushing to either drastically curtail USAID's power or absorb it into the State Department—an action that would effectively end its independent operation.

The situation reached a boiling point when DOGE agents attempted to force their way into USAID's Washington, DC headquarters, leading to a tense standoff with security personnel. Eventually, the agents gained access to USAID's control systems, locked out employees, and combed through internal communications. Allegations have since surfaced that DOGE operatives were attempting to seize classified documents, though the department has denied any wrongdoing. The ease with



which USAID's offices were infiltrated has raised troubling concerns about the security of other government institutions. Elon Musk, known for his ventures in electric vehicles, space exploration, artificial intelligence, and social media, has emerged as one of USAID's most vocal critics. He has publicly labelled the agency a "criminal organisation" and a "viper's nest" of corruption, accusing it of funding radical leftist causes and supporting groups that oppose American interests.

Musk has called for the complete dismantling of USAID, arguing that American taxpayers should not be footing the bill for foreign aid that, in his view, does not serve the nation's interests. While President Trump has not explicitly endorsed Musk's rhetoric, sources within the administration suggest that his views have influenced internal discussions about USAID's future. Signs of this shift are already visible—nearly 100 USAID employees have been placed on administrative leave, including two security officers who attempted to prevent DOGE's entry. Additionally, the agency's website and official X (formerly Twitter) account have been taken offline, signalling that a fundamental transformation is



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underway. If these trends continue, USAID's six-decade existence may soon come to an unceremonious end. The ramifications of this crisis extend far beyond the political infighting in Washington, DC USAID operates in over 50 countries, funding programs that provide clean water, healthcare, sanitation, and education. At the same time, India has increasingly scrutinised foreign-funded NGOs, with the Modi administration tightening restrictions on organisations perceived as meddling in domestic affairs.

In this light, a reduced USAID presence may align with India's push for self-reliance. Moreover, as the US pulls back from global aid commitments, India may see an opportunity to expand its influence in South Asia, filling the void left by Washington's retreat. The broader question at stake is what role the United States intends to play in the world moving forward. Should it continue investing in foreign aid as a means of exercising global leadership, or should it prioritise a more insular, America-first approach? Supporters of USAID argue that America's strength is not merely derived from military power but also from its ability to assist those in need.

A retreat from humanitarian efforts would create a vacuum that rival powers—especially China—are eager to exploit. Beijing has already made significant inroads through its Belt and Road Initiative, offering infrastructure financing and economic partnerships to nations that might otherwise have sought aid from Washington. If the US abandons its foreign aid commitments, it risks ceding valuable influence to geopolitical competitors.

The coming months will determine whether USAID's fate is sealed or if political resistance will salvage some version of the agency. What is certain, however, is that this is not just a bureaucratic dispute—it is a battle over the values that America chooses to uphold. If humanitarian aid is sacrificed in favour of a purely transactional foreign policy, the consequences will reverberate not only in the nations that once relied on US assistance but within America itself.

The world is watching, and history will judge whether this moment signifies the decline of American global responsibility or the dawn of a more ruthless, self-serving era in US foreign policy. (Amal Chandra is an author, political analyst, and columnist; views are personal)

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### PM MODI ENCOURAGES STUDENTS

Madam — Prime Minister Narendra Modi, in the eighth edition of Pariksha Pe Charcha, imparted the invaluable mantra of confidence and positive thinking to students. He emphasised that exams are merely a milestone, not the final destination of life. They serve as a powerful medium to assess one's knowledge and preparation. Encouraging students, Modi advised them to master the art of handling mental pressure, just as a skilled batsman focuses on the next ball despite the loud cheers of the audience. This initiative reflects that the nation's leadership is not confined to policies alone but is also deeply concerned about the bright future of the younger generation. He urged parents not to compare their children with others and to stop treating them merely as a means of performance evaluation. Every child is unique and should be encouraged according to their individual capabilities. Highlighting the importance of mental balance, a healthy diet and adequate rest, Modi introduced students to the art of effective time management and emphasised that every student deserves the opportunity to fulfil their dreams. The Prime Minister encouraged students to focus on their studies without stress and to challenge themselves continuously. This interactive session not only helps students overcome the fear of exams but also instils confidence in them, fostering a positive outlook on life.

R K Jain | Barwani

### ROHIT SHARMA BACK IN FORM

Madam — Form is temporary, class is permanent was at last proved by the Indian skipper Rohit Sharma by his scintillating century at Cuttack against England in the second ODI, which has come at the appropriate time by winning the match with a series lead. However big a player is, self-confidence matters most when it comes to a comeback when in a bad patch. The board and the selection panel have given more than the required time for Rohit to perform. He must be thankful for

## Security forces kill 31 Naxalites



In another successful encounter, security officers killed 31 Naxalites in Bijapur district of Bastar division in Chhattisgarh, which is regarded as a den of red terrorism. The magnitude of the success in the recent elimination spree of the security forces against the Naxalites proves that Left Wing Extremism is heading to its end in the country. Their dream of establishing a red corridor from Nepal to Andhra Pradesh has been devastated

by the security forces. The success also reflects Union Home Minister Amit Shah's resolve to completely eliminate naxalism by March 2026.

The better coordination in the now BJP-ruled states of Chhattisgarh and Maharashtra has led to an effective implementation of the anti-naxalite operation. There were reports that some elements connected with left-wing student unions in JNU celebrated the massacre of 76 CRPF jawans by naxalites in Chhattisgarh. On the contrary, the Modi government has zero tolerance against Naxal violence. Besides counterinsurgency, welfare and development schemes launched in naxalite-affected areas have also made the tribal youths disillusioned with naxalism.

Manoj Parashar | Ghaziabad

the selectors to repose faith in him.

It will be prudent for Rohit to keep the past memories aside and ascertain his position as an invincible hitman to bring the ICC Champions Trophy for Team India as his next milestone. The upright decision to have included the mystery spinner Varun Chakravarthy for the second ODI has been a success when he made the breakthrough to begin with by adding salt to the wound of Englishmen by dismissing Phil Salt, the opener. The kind of form maintained by Ravindra Jadeja, both with the bat and ball, would do a world of good with the company of Varun Chakravarthy for Team India in the ICC Champions Trophy, giving them a certain edge to win the title.

A.P. Thiruvadi | Chennai

### SAFEGUARD INDUSTRY INTERESTS

Madam — The US President Trump knows pretty well the global impacts of imposing tariffs and duties unilaterally. The industries in India apparently were least prepared to face this tariff war and the consequences. It should be noticed and recognised by our Union Government how

strongly the US and China safeguard their industry's interests while we let our industry face the global pressures and turbulence and trade deficits on their own. The US and China advance their policies of trade and strategic interests of futuristic two decades. We have to safeguard our industry's interests, exports and trade balance.

The steel industry obviously may not be impacted on a substantial basis as hardly a fraction of its production is exported to the US but as detailed in the news, the Indian steel industry may be stressed if the major producers divert their exports to India, high on steel consumption. If the US continues with tariff escalation, it takes risks of consequent higher cost of domestic production. India will continuously face competition and rivalry in the global trade from the US and China, so there is a need to divert and set up our manufacturing bases in African countries, Southeast Asia and Europe and even in the US.

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## The comfort of relationships that need no validation



ASHA IYER KUMAR

Let's free our relationships from the weight of constant maintenance, trusting that true bonds don't fade in silence but grow stronger in the depths of our affection

This is a sequel to my column of last week, wherein I underlined the need for us to stay in touch with people to build a robust circle of love, care, and compassion around us. The article, which was lauded by many, also raised a slew of questions. What do people who don't genuinely find the time to make calls and retain personal connections in a tangible way do?

They accepted the merits of what I had highlighted in the column but doubted if, in this age when generations are passing in a jiffy and the race to the finish line seems to go on forever, we could squeeze in little niceties like making a call or strengthening our links with people by going beyond pleasantries. I was even asked if I have been able to maintain relationships in the manner I had suggested.

The answer is, "No, I haven't been able to keep pace with my growing connections," but there is something that I do in order to spare myself the guilt of not calling people as often as I would like: keep them close to my heart even when there is prolonged silence, and when the oppor-



tunity to meet them or speak to them knocks, pick it up from where we had left off the last time, without complaints or frowns.

Now, that's a different equation altogether, and not all are primed to keep up incognito relationships where love and care thrive even without regular check-ins. We look for reinforcements and reassurances, and when they aren't forthcoming, tend to blame it on the other for their lack of affinity. I have many connections where the foundations of the association are so firm and deep-rooted that no time or space can dislodge us from each other's lives. Months and years may pass, but when we meet, it is as if the bond has only grown stronger and our love for each other more pristine, untouched by the patina of time.

Why can't we allow our social bonds the freedom to exist without yoking them to formalities? Why don't we come to terms with the fact that there is no lack of love, but each one of us is just bogged down by the demands of life in the fast lane?

There is an unspoken comfort in relationships that do not demand constant validation. Some bonds flourish in silence, in the spaces between meetings, in the warmth that lingers even when words are absent. It is a reassuring truth that not all relationships require the crutch of routine communication to remain strong. Yet, the modern mind struggles to accept this form of connection, often mistaking silence for indifference and distance for detachment. In an age where instant responses are expected, where friendships are measured in the currency of texts and calls, we have begun to equate attention with affection and availability with authenticity. And when someone does not reach out as often as we desire, we assume they have relegated us to the margins of their lives. The expectation that rela-

tionships must be constantly tended to, like fragile saplings that require perpetual watering, stems from a fear of being forgotten. But relationships built on mutual respect and a deep-seated connection are not fragile; they are resilient. Perhaps, instead of lamenting the lack of frequent contact, we should cherish the moments when reconnections happen naturally, without resentment or reproach. True companionship does not wilt under the weight of time—it endures, sustained by the simple yet profound act of keeping someone close in thought and heart.

So let us release our relationships from the burden of constant upkeep. Let us trust that genuine bonds, once formed, do not wither in silence but gather strength in the depths of our affection. And when the moment to reconnect arrives, let it be a celebration of love that time could never diminish. This, perhaps, is the only way we can realign our relationships with the changing world. (The author is a Dubai-based columnist and children's writing coach. She has published six books. Views are personal)



## FIRST COLUMN

## PROTECT YOUR SPINE

The spine plays a crucial role in maintaining overall health, yet we often neglect it



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How many of us get up in the morning and virtually struggle to get out of bed as the body feels sore, the neck remains stiff, knees wobble, shoulders and feet pain? In fact, the entire day is torturous. Such individuals run to doctors, seeking a magical cure for the pestilence. Unless the problem is genetic or hereditary, humans get afflicted with such disorders because of a deficient lifestyle, stress accumulated over a period of time and poor dietary habits. The vertebra and our skeletal frame are an extremely important part of the human body, which we ignore at our own peril.

Therefore, a healthy spine leads to a healthy life. Do we recall when a child begins to walk, the preliminary baby steps are raising his/her thumbs; this is called the 'Merudanda Mudra'. The vertebra consists of a series of small bones which form the backbone or the spine, having several projections for articulation and muscle attachment, and a hole through which the spinal cord passes. The spine is the first identifiable structure that provides us with a shape and form rather than being a ball of cells without any differentiation. It keeps us upright, allows us to bend



and twist and connects the different parts of our skeleton. Office goers are programmed – for making a living – to undertake a typical quotidian 9 to 5 routine, and several among them use computers for prolonged hours, or those professionals who are compelled to drive long distances to their places of work from their dwelling paces ought to necessarily know how to protect their backs, necks and hand muscles. Not only are these muscles to be protected and fortified but the tissues should be sufficiently strengthened.

Such working men and women should be educated regarding deploying the correct posture. Many homemakers at times develop severe middle or lower back medical problems for a variety of reasons. Continuously undertaking repeated chores and even activities involving the handling of small or no weights, performed with an incorrect posture, can damage tissues and muscles, which causes irreparable damage to the back and neck. The afflicted suffer from the debility for years together in pain. Awareness about the structure of the spine and adopting the right postures along with simple strengthening stretches significantly helps to avoid these misadventures in one's life. In the cases where these problems assume the shape of chronic disorders the patient suffering can be guided through simple stretching exercises under the supervision of a physiotherapist or an orthopaedic. To ameliorate the condition of those suffering from these debilitating health issues, the patients should take treatment for it. Those in particular suffering from spondylitis, frozen shoulder, middle and lower back problems, and knee problems benefit immensely upon undergoing the rehabilitation process and will certainly see visible dramatic changes in their lifestyle patterns and daily routines. Such programmes generally encompass the techniques mentioned below with the required sensitivity to an individual's health condition:

- Power Walk: alignment of vertebrae and to open energy channels
- Posture Awareness and its correction
- Ergonomics
- Simple but powerful stretches and yoga – for inner surgical alignment of the spine to release the nerves that were being continually pressed
- Gait Training
- Guided Meditation techniques to release stress

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# Trump's 'America first' policy causes chaos

As Donald Trump embarks on his second term as the US President, the nation faces a turbulent landscape of climate disasters and economic uncertainty



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One of the first executive orders signed by Donald Trump after his inauguration as US President was the withdrawal from the Paris Climate Accord, overlooking a whole lot of climate disruptions that the country has faced since his election campaign. At least 335 human deaths were attributed to Hurricane Beryl and Hurricane Milton, making 2024 the deadliest hurricane season in the continental US since 2005. What followed each time was damaged buildings, roads and bridges and power outages for several days, forcing people to live without electricity for days and weeks. The year 2025 welcomed the US with unprecedented snowfall in the central and eastern part forcing the shifting of Trump's second term inauguration indoors, and a week earlier, catastrophic wildfires ravaged the Los Angeles region in the western part of the country.

The fire lasted for ten days and climate experts have attributed it to strong Santa Ana winds and extremely dry weather making forest vegetation readymade fuel. Los Angeles fire killed at least 25 persons, damaged more than 15,000 structures and ravaged more than 200 square km area. 60,000 persons including Hollywood stars left home for safety. The largest fire in the region the Palisades and Eaton have continued to burn for ten days. After El Nino and neutral weather conditions, La Nina arrived and pushed the storm back to the northern part of the US making the northern part wetter than usual and the southern part drier than usual. Santa Ana winds common in January and February in the region have been aggressive with wind speeds up to 120 km per hour.

This made damage control difficult. The temperature contrast between cooler inland areas (southern California deserts) and warmer coastal areas is the recipe for these winds. The extent of dryness of the area can be understood by the fact that the last half-inch of rain received in the region was only a year ago. In his America First policy, Trump has been continuously announcing to increase tariffs on goods imported from Canada, Mexico, China and several more. He has also named Brazil and India among the countries that harm the US, through their tariffs. Trump's action has the potential to initiate a trade war among countries and impact many developing economies. He has offered two million federal workers the option to resign but get paid till September 2025, in his effort to cut the federal workforce and push out those who do not support his political agenda.

Though federal law has long protected civil servants from pressure and political interference, yet President is testing his power. The process of deportation of illegal immigrants has started in a big way. Search for other undocumented immigrants is aggressively going on. Religious places like Gurudwaras have been searched in New York and New Jersey, at the cost of antagonising Sikh and other religious groups. He has also said that he will hold some in Guantanamo Bay away from legal and social services and support. Some of these migrants are so bad that countries cannot be trusted to



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hold them back. Time will tell whether Trump's agenda to bring manufacturing back to the US would succeed in the absence of a labour force that is largely being deported/ housed in Guantanamo Bay where 30,000 beds are being added to expand the government's detention capacity. Renaming the Gulf of Mexico as the Gulf of America would hardly carry any meaning, but it can irritate a neighbouring country and may be a spoilsport in their relationship. Donald Trump wants Canada to become the 51st state of the USA and his justification is that the US is the only country Canada shares its boundary along the land and makes it secure. The countries have a free trade agreement and Canada takes full advantage of it. Further Trump has expressed to take over the Panama Canal from Panama and purchase Greenland from Denmark for strategic reasons and security of the USA.

These steps are needed to have a check over growing Chinese control on trade with Latin American countries. Greenland is approachable by China from the Arctic side, while the Panama Canal is crucial for Chinese ships to cross from the Atlantic Ocean to the Pacific Ocean, which provides a shorter route for trade to all countries in South America. The taking over of the Panama Canal and Greenland can have serious environmental fallout. World Meteorological Organisation (WMO) secretary-general Celeste Saulo, while addressing the 150th Foundation Day celebration of the Indian Meteorological Department referred average global temperature rise of 1.55 degrees Celsius in 2024 over the preindustrial period and she termed it as a "very grave danger"

and called for decisive climate action in 2025 and speed up the transition to renewable energy. Trump has again withdrawn from the Paris Climate Accord and prioritised energy self-sufficiency through domestic drilling and exploration of oil and natural gas with the sole justification of cutting the cost of energy and thereby bringing down inflation.

It is feared that the gains achieved by Biden through the Inflation Reduction Act (IRA) 2022, where \$369 billion was invested in clean energy initiatives and that also created jobs in the US, will be dismantled. He has declared a National Energy emergency, a first in US history, which may lead to the suspension of environmental rules and grant permission for mining projects. He has halted the lease of federal water for offshore wind farms and called for shutting wind turbines that cause wildfire. The prohibition on drilling of oil and gas in Polar Bear Wildlife Sanctuary in Alaska has been lifted. It will not only threaten the life of wildlife species but would accelerate the melting of ice in the region, causing undue concern such as sea level rise etc. Why US is keeping an eye on Greenland? It has a history. Immediately after World War II, they planned there to build 600 nuclear missile bases to be mounted on a train riding 3000 km of track. It never took off. In the late 1950s and early 1960s US Army made a camp there for the 'Project Iceworm'. A small nuclear reactor was brought to power the camp. Once they realized after a few years that the project was not feasible, they gave up but left a lot of nuclear waste water at the camp. They also left thousands of litres of diesel fuel in the middle of Greenland's ice sheet, expect-

ing that it would remain buried in the ice forever. But climate change happened, the planet has warmed and ice has melted.

It has the potential to contaminate water in Greenland. While China has deployed its vast foreign exchange reserve to secure long-term control over strategic minerals critical for advanced technologies in the defence sector, climate change etc. in resource-rich nations like copper and cobalt from Congo and Peru, nickel from Indonesia and lithium from Argentina, the Trump administration is looking to counter it by accessing rare earth and critical mineral deposits in Greenland.

The southern pointed mountains of Greenland are gold belts, which is another temptation for the new US administration. Panama Canal, an engineering marvel constructed in 1913 enables ships to cross from the lower water level of the Atlantic to the higher water level of the Pacific Ocean, saving the costs and journey time in trades. A dam was built on river Cagres and water was impounded in Gatun Lake, where ships pass. The level of water in Gatun is managed through gates. With the rising water level ships from the Atlantic side gain height and sail towards the Pacific. The flow of water in River Cagres and many other rivers from Amazon forests has been depleted due to massive degradation and deforestation. Panama Canal efficiency is lowered and hardly half the ships can cross. Trump should strive to conserve river catchments, rather than owning the Panama Canal.

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# Union budget 2025: Transforming agriculture for a sustainable and inclusive future

Union Budget 2025 introduces a bold vision for agricultural transformation, addressing key challenges such as soil degradation, climate change and rural distress

Agriculture has been the backbone of India's economy, sustaining growth and the livelihoods of millions, thus correctly referred to as the primary engine for India's accelerated and inclusive growth in the annual budget presented on February 1, 2025. However, the sector is facing numerous challenges, including deteriorating soil quality, stagnating crop yields, inadequate technologies, shrinking farmlands, poor infrastructure and heightened vulnerability to climate change, which poses a threat to food security and the wellbeing of our Anndatta. Further, these difficulties have led to a troubling trend: many marginal farmers and agricultural labourers from rural areas are being forced to



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migrate to cities in search of better opportunities. Agricultural sustainability is also closely tied to climate change, which affects nearly all of the United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). With a population still heavily reliant on farming, the need for sectoral

reforms is undeniable. New policies and regulations are crucial for inclusive and accelerated growth. India's 2025 budget addresses issues in the agriculture sector with a forward-thinking framework, by enabling improved credit access, and infrastructure development, and preparing farmers for future growth.

One standout initiative is the Pradhan Mantri Dhan Dhanya Krishi Yojana (PMDDKY). India's agricultural sector is marked by significant regional disparities, with certain districts lagging in infrastructure, productivity, and economic opportunities. This ambitious program stands as a transformative initiative for rural India, focusing on the 100 most underdeveloped districts, and directly benefiting around 1.7

crore farmers. PMDDKY focuses on these underdeveloped areas, directing resources to regions that have been overlooked in the broader development process. This initiative seeks to ensure that farmers in these areas have access to the same opportunities as their counterparts in more prosperous regions.

The program aims to address long-standing agricultural challenges and empower farmers, particularly those affected by climate change and those from marginalised communities. With proper execution, PMDDKY can spark a ripple effect of development, improving infrastructure, technology access, and financial services in these districts thus enabling equitable growth across the country. By focusing on sus-



tainability, inclusivity, and empowerment, PMDDKY strives to uplift farmers, women, and marginalised communities while ensuring resilience against future challenges. The program also offers access to high-yielding varieties of seed and irrigation techniques and training to address the root causes of agricultural stagnation. By supporting farmers in overcoming unpredictable weather

patterns, outdated techniques, and limited market access, PMDDKY provides a pathway to more stable and productive farming. A distinctive feature of PMDDKY is its focus on empowering marginalised groups, particularly the poorest farmers.

These communities often face barriers such as limited access to credit, technology, and education. PMDDKY seeks to address these gaps by providing women farmers with greater control over land, improved training, and better market access. For marginalised communities, the program aims to ensure they are included in the benefits of agricultural development, promoting equality and empowerment. PMDDKY is not only about boosting agricultural

output but also ensuring sustainable practices.

One of the unfortunate consequences of rural stagnation is the mass migration of farmers to urban areas in search of better opportunities. By strengthening agriculture in rural areas, PMDDKY aims to create conditions where farmers can thrive while cultivating their farmlands. If executed well, PMDDKY could be the catalyst for a brighter, more inclusive future in agriculture, where every farmer has the tools to thrive. The hope is that migration for farmers will become a choice, not a necessity—allowing agricultural communities to thrive where they are.

The budget also emphasises investment in innovation and technology, particularly in

developing high-yield, climate-resilient crop varieties. The creation of germplasm banks to restore and introduce local crop varieties will strengthen domestic production. Additionally, the government is working to enhance the agricultural value chain, focusing on better storage, transportation, and export infrastructure, benefiting both farmers and consumers. Targeted schemes for crops like cotton, pulses, oilseeds, and vegetables will help mitigate the effects of climate change on farmers. These programs aim to boost food security and export potential, all while securing farmers' livelihoods.

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# 27 religious groups sue Trump administration to protect houses of worship from immigration arrests

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More than two-dozen Christian and Jewish groups representing millions of Americans — ranging from the Episcopal Church and the Union for Reform Judaism to the Mennonites and Unitarian Universalists — filed a federal court lawsuit Tuesday challenging a Trump administration move giving immigration agents more leeway to make arrests at houses of worship.

The lawsuit, filed in US District Court in Washington, contends that the new policy is spreading fear of raids, thus lowering attendance at worship services and other valuable church programmes. The result, says the suit, infringes on the groups' religious freedom — namely their ability to minister to migrants, including those in the United States illegally.

"We have immigrants, refugees, people who are documented and undocumented," said the Most Rev Sean Rowe, the presiding bishop of the Episcopal Church.

"We cannot worship freely if some of us are living in fear," he told The Associated Press. "By joining this lawsuit, we're seeking the ability to gather and fully practice our faith, to follow Jesus' command to love our neighbours as ourselves."

The new lawsuit echoes and expands on some of the arguments made in a similar lawsuit filed Jan 27 by five Quaker congregations and later joined by the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship and a Sikh temple.

It is currently pending in US District Court in Maryland. There was no immediate Trump administration response to the new lawsuit, which names the Department of Homeland Security and its immigration enforcement agencies as defendants. However, a memorandum filed Friday by the Department of Justice, opposing the thrust of the Quaker lawsuit, outlined arguments that may also apply to the new lawsuit.

In essence, the memo contended that the plaintiffs' request to block the new enforcement policy is based on speculation of hypothetical future harm — and thus is insufficient grounds for issuing an injunction. The memo said that immigration enforcement affecting houses of worship had been permitted for decades, and the new policy announced in January simply said that field agents — using "common sense" and "discretion" — could now conduct such operations without pre-approval from a supervisor.

One part of that memo might not apply to the new lawsuit, as it argued the Quakers and their fellow plaintiffs have no basis for seeking a nationwide injunction against the revised enforcement policy.

"Any relief in this case should be tailored solely to the named plaintiffs," said the DOJ memo, contending that any injunction should not apply to other religious organisations.

The plaintiffs in the new lawsuit represent a vastly larger swath of American worshippers — including more than 1

million followers of Reform Judaism, the estimated 1.5 million Episcopalians in 6,700 congregations nationwide, nearly 1.1 million members of the Presbyterian Church (USA), and the estimated 1.5 million active members of the African Methodist Episcopal Church — the country's oldest predominantly Black denomination.

Among the other plaintiffs are the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), with more than 3,000 congregations; the Church of the Brethren, with more than 780 congregations; the Convención Bautista Hispana de Texas, encompassing about 1,100 Hispanic Baptist churches; the Friends General Conference, an association of regional Quaker organisations; the Mennonite Church USA, with about 50,000 members; the Unitarian Universalist Association, with more than 1,000 congregations; the United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism, with more than 500 US congregations; and regional branches of the United Methodist Church and the United Church of Christ.

"The massive scale of the suit will be hard for them to ignore," said Kelsi Corkran, a lawyer with the Georgetown University Law Centre's Institute for Constitutional Advocacy and Protection who is lead counsel for the lawsuit. Prior to the recent Trump administration change, Corkran said immigration agents generally needed a judicial warrant or other special authorisation to conduct operations at houses of worship and

other "sensitive locations" such as schools and hospitals.

"Now it's go anywhere, any time," she told the AP. "Now they have broad authority to swoop in — they've made it very clear they'll get every undocumented person."

She cited a recent incident in which a Honduran man was arrested outside his family's Atlanta-area church while a service was being held inside. The lawsuit includes details from some of the plaintiffs as to how their operations might be affected. The Union for Reform Judaism and the Mennonites, among others, said many of their synagogues and churches host on-site foodbanks, meal programs, homeless shelters and other support services for undocumented people who might now be fearful of participating.

One of the plaintiffs is the Latino Christian National Network, which seeks to bring together Latino leaders with different traditions and values to collaborate on pressing social issues. The network's president is the Rev Carlos Malavé, a pastor of two churches in Virginia, who described to the AP what network members are observing.

"There is deep-seated fear and distrust of our government," he said. "People fear going to the store, they are avoiding going to church... The churches are increasingly doing online services because people fear for the well-being of their families and children."

The US Conference of

Catholic Bishops, which leads the nation's largest denomination, did not join the lawsuit, though it has criticised Trump's migration crackdown. On Tuesday, Pope Francis issued a major rebuke to the deportation plan, warning that the forcible removal of people purely because of their illegal status deprives them of their inherent dignity and "will end badly".

Many conservative faith leaders and legal experts across the US do not share concerns about the new arrest policy. "Places of worship are for worship and are not sanctuaries for illegal activity or for harboring people engaged in illegal activity," said Mat Staver, founder of the conservative Christian legal organization Liberty Counsel.

"Fugitives or criminals are not immune from the law merely because they enter a place of worship," he said via email. "This is not a matter of religious freedom. There is no right to openly violate the law and disobey law enforcement."

Professor Cathleen Kaveny, who teaches in the theology department and law school at Boston College, questioned whether the plaintiffs would prevail with the religious freedom argument, but suggested the Trump administration might be unwise to disregard a traditional view of houses of worship as places of sanctuary for vulnerable people.

"These buildings are different — almost like embassies," she said. "I think of churches as belonging to an eternal country."



Relatives of hostages, held by Hamas in the Gaza Strip, protest outside of Israel's Ministry of Defense in Tel Aviv, Israel, on Monday after the militant group announced it would delay hostage releases in the Gaza Strip after accusing Israel of violating a fragile ceasefire

## Worried about ISIS-K's growing threat in Af, Pak: US tells UN

PTI ■ UNITED NATIONS

The United States said it remains concerned about terror group ISIS-Khorasan's (ISIS-K) capabilities to plot, conduct attacks and sustain recruitment campaigns, particularly in Afghanistan and Pakistan.

These remarks were made at the Security Council by Ambassador Dorothy Shea, Charge d'Affaires ad interim at the US Mission to the UN in her briefing on "Threats to International Peace and Security by Terrorist Acts".

Shea also said "Countering ISIS and other terrorist groups around the world is a top priority for the Trump administration... President Trump's message is clear: The United States always stands ready to find and eliminate terrorists who threaten the United States and our allies."

She noted that ISIS affiliates in Central Asia, most notably ISIS-Khorasan, also pose a significant global threat.

"We remain concerned about ISIS-K's capabilities to plot and conduct attacks, as well as sustain recruitment campaigns, particularly in Afghanistan and Pakistan," she said.

In his remarks to the briefing, Under-Secretary-General United Nations Office of Counter-Terrorism Vladimir Voronkov said that ISIL-K continued to pose a significant threat in Afghanistan, the region and beyond.

He said that in addition to attacks in Afghanistan, ISIL-K supporters plotted attacks in Europe and were actively seeking to recruit individuals from Central Asian States.

"There were also reports of

small numbers of foreign terrorist fighters continuing to travel to Afghanistan," Voronkov said.

Voronkov recalled Secretary-General Antonio Guterres' "appeal to all member states to unite to prevent Afghanistan from again becoming a hotbed of terrorist activities."

In her remarks, Executive Director at the Counter-Terrorism Committee Executive Directorate (CTED), Assistant Secretary-General Natalia Gherman said that beyond the Middle East, "Daesh remains agile, taking advantage of ongoing conflicts and regions experiencing growing instability."

Significantly, in her remarks Gherman also referred to the 'Delhi Declaration' that was adopted during India's 2021-22 tenure in the Security Council on countering the use of new and emerging technologies for terrorist purposes.

"As mandated by the Delhi Declaration, the Counter-Terrorism Committee just last month adopted the non-binding guiding principles on 'preventing, detecting and disrupting the use of new and emerging financial technologies for terrorist purposes', also known as the 'Algeria Guiding Principles', she said.

The guiding principles have been prepared with the support of the CTED, highlight the importance of a comprehensive and risk-based approach, and provide practical guidance to Member States, Gherman added.

In October 2022, the Security Council Counter-Terrorism Committee (CTC), chaired by India that year, organised a Special Meeting in New Delhi

and Mumbai on the overarching theme of 'Countering the use of new and emerging technologies for terrorist purposes'. As an outcome of the special meeting, the Committee adopted the 'Delhi Declaration' on countering the use of new and emerging technologies for terrorist purposes.

India, during its 2021-22 tenure as a non-permanent member of the UN Security Council, had assumed the chair of the CTC in 2022. The meeting of UNSC CTC took place on October 28 in Hotel Taj Mahal Palace in Mumbai, the site of the horrific 26/11 Mumbai attacks and in Delhi on October 29, where the Delhi Declaration was agreed upon.

Shea added that ISIS has expanded the frequency and lethality of its attacks in the Sahel, making this region the global epicentre for fatalities from terrorist attacks. As such, ISIS-Somalia, ISIS-Sahel, and ISIS-West Africa collectively pose a significant threat to stability and prosperity in Africa.

She asserted that accountability for terrorist attacks and other terrorist activity is key to the fight against terrorism and to deterring such acts from taking place in the future. "In that vein, we urge the members of this Council to take action and agree to list more ISIL and al-Qa'ida affiliates in the 1267 Sanctions Committee, so that they will be subject to a worldwide asset freeze, travel ban, and arms embargo."

The US also called on Member States to play an active and timely role in updating and implementing UN 1267 sanctions to counter ISIS and al-Qa'ida.

## Hamas insists all parties must be committed to ceasefire

PTI ■ GAZA CITY/TEL AVIV

Hamas has brushed off President Donald Trump's threat that "all hell" will break out if it does not release the remaining Israeli hostages held in the Gaza Strip by Saturday.

Hamas spokesman Sami Abu Zuhri said Tuesday that the dozens of hostages would only be returned if all parties remain committed to a ceasefire deal reached last month.

"Trump must remember there is an agreement that must be respected by both parties," he said, adding that threatening language only complicates matters. Hamas has threatened to delay the next release of three Israeli hostages, due Saturday, accusing Israel of violating the ceasefire agreement, including by not allowing a surge of tents and shelters into the devastated territory.

While Trump said the ceasefire should be cancelled if Hamas doesn't release all the remaining hostages Saturday, he also said such a decision would be up to Israel. During the first phase of the ceasefire, Hamas has com-



Displaced Palestinians, travelling in vehicles, wait in line to pass through a security checkpoint at the Netzarim corridor as they make their way from central Gaza to their homes in the northern Gaza Strip, on Monday

mitted to freeing a total of 33 hostages captured in its Oct 7, 2023, attack in exchange for Israel releasing nearly 2,000 Palestinian prisoners. The sides have carried out five swaps since Jan 19, freeing 21

hostages and over 730 Palestinian prisoners so far. The war could resume in early March if no agreement is reached on the more complicated second phase of the ceasefire, which calls for the return of all

remaining hostages and an indefinite extension of the truce. Meanwhile, an Israeli man who was thought to be alive and in Hamas captivity was killed during the 2023 attack and his body taken to Gaza, the military said on Tuesday.

Shlomo Mantzur was thought to be the oldest hostage held by the militant group in Gaza and because of his age became a symbol in Israel of the brutality of Hamas' hostage-taking tactic. He was 85 at the time of the attack on southern Israel on Oct 7, 2023. The military said the determination of Mantzur's death was based on intelligence gathered in recent months.

News of Mantzur's death comes as Israelis have been outraged over the poor condition of hostages who are being freed under the ceasefire with Hamas. On Tuesday, protesters briefly blocked a main highway calling for more hostages to be freed. That anger is putting heavy pressure on Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu to extend the ceasefire, what would allow for more hostages to be freed.

## Five killed in suicide bombing near bank in northern Af

Islamabad (PTI): A suicide bomber blew himself up near a bank in northern Afghanistan on Tuesday, killing at least five people and wounding seven others, police said. The attack happened near a branch of the Kabul Bank in Kunduz province, said Jumauddin Khaksar, a police spokesman. The dead included a guard at the bank. No one has claimed responsibility for the attack and Khaksar said police were working to track down those who orchestrated the attack. Khaksar provided no further details.

Militants from the Afghan chapters of the Islamic State group have carried out bombings across Afghanistan, though suicide attacks have become rare since the Taliban seized power in August 2021, as US and NATO forces withdrew after 20 years of war. The IS affiliate has also targeted minority Shiite Muslims, especially in Kabul. The latest attack came two months after a suicide bombing in Kabul killed Khalil Haqqani, the Taliban refugee minister and two others. It was the most brazen attack on a member of the Taliban inner circle since they returned to power.

## US President says he will host Jordan's King Abdullah II

... as he escalates pressure on his plan for Gaza resettlement

PTI ■ WASHINGTON

President Donald Trump will host Jordan's King Abdullah II at the White House on Tuesday as he escalates pressure on the Arab nation to take in refugees from Gaza — perhaps permanently — as part of his audacious plan to remake the Middle East.

The visit is happening at a perilous moment for the ongoing ceasefire in Gaza as Hamas, accusing Israel of violating the truce, has said it is pausing future releases of hostages and as Trump has called for Israel to resume fighting if all those remaining in captivity are not freed by this weekend. Trump has proposed the US take control of Gaza and turn it into "the Riviera of the Middle East," with Palestinians in the war-torn territory pushed into neighbouring nations with no right of return. He suggested on Monday that, if necessary, he would with-

hold US funding from Jordan and Egypt, longtime US allies and among the top recipients of its foreign aid, as a means of persuading them to accept additional Palestinians from Gaza. "Yeah, maybe. Sure, why not?" Trump told reporters. "If they don't, I would conceivably withhold aid, yes."

Jordan is home to more than 2 million Palestinians and, along with other Arab states, has flatly rejected Trump's plan to relocate civilians from Gaza. Jordan's foreign minister, Ayman Safadi, said last week that his country's opposition to Trump's idea was "firm and unwavering."

In addition to concerns about jeopardizing the long-held goals of a two-state solution to the Israel-Palestinian conflict, Egypt and Jordan have privately raised security concerns about welcoming large numbers of additional refugees into their countries even temporarily. When asked how he'd persuade Abdullah to take in Palestinians, Trump told reporters, "I do think he'll take, and I think other countries will take also. They have good hearts."

The king is also meeting with top Trump administration officials during his visit, including Secretary of State

Marco Rubio, national security adviser Mike Waltz, Middle East envoy Steve Witkoff and Defense Secretary Pete Hegseth. He is the third foreign leader to hold an in-person meeting with Trump since his Jan. 20 inauguration.

Trump announced his ideas for resettling Palestinians from Gaza and taking ownership of the territory for the US during a press conference last week with Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu.

Trump initially didn't rule out deploying US troops to help secure Gaza but at the same time insisted no US funds would go to pay for the reconstruction of the territory, raising fundamental questions about the nature of his plan.

After Trump's initial comments, Rubio and White House press secretary Karoline Leavitt insisted that Trump only wanted Palestinians relocated from Gaza "temporarily" and sought an "interim" period to allow for debris removal, the disposal of unexploded ordnance and reconstruction. But asked in an interview with Fox News' Bret Baier that aired Monday if Palestinians in Gaza would have a right to return to the territory under his plan, he replied, "No, they wouldn't."

## 1 killed as private jets collide at Scottsdale Airport in Arizona

PTI ■ SCOTTSDALE (US)

One person was killed and others were injured when a private jet owned by Motley Crue singer Vince Neil collided with another jet Monday afternoon at the Scottsdale Airport in Arizona, authorities said. Neil's jet was landing at the airport when it veered off the runway and collided with another parked plane, Neil's representative Worrick Robinson, IV, said in a statement. There were two pilots and two passengers on Neil's plane, but he was not among them.

"Mr. Neil's thoughts and prayers go out to everyone involved, and he is grateful for the critical aid of all first responders assisting today," Robinson said.

The arriving jet veered off the runway and collided with the Gulfstream 200 jet that was parked on private property, according to Kelli Kuester, aviation planning and outreach coordinator at the Scottsdale Airport. It appeared that the left main landing gear of the arriving jet failed, resulting in the collision, she said.

Kuester said four people were on the arriving jet, which had come from Austin, Texas, and one person was in the parked



plane. Two people injured in the collision were taken to trauma centers and one was in stable condition at a hospital, Scottsdale Fire Department Capt Dave Folio said. He said they were working to recover the body of the person killed in the collision.

"Our thoughts and prayers go out to everybody involved in this," Folio said.

The runway has been closed and will remain closed "for the foreseeable future," Kuester said.

Scottsdale Mayor Lisa Borowsky said in a statement that she is closely monitoring the situation and is in touch with the airport, police and federal agencies.

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## EU chief vows tough countermeasures to United States tariffs

Brussels (PTI): European Union chief Ursula von der Leyen vowed on Tuesday that US tariffs on steel and aluminum "will not go unanswered", adding that they will trigger tough countermeasures from the 27-nation bloc.

"The EU will act to safeguard its economic interests," von der Leyen said in a statement in reaction to US President Donald Trump's imposition of tariffs on steel and aluminum the previous day.

"Tariffs are taxes — bad for business, worse for consumers," von der Leyen said. "Unjustified tariffs on the EU will not go unanswered — they will trigger firm and proportionate countermeasures." In Germany, home to the EU's largest economy, Chancellor Olaf Scholz told parliament that "if the US leaves us no other choice, then the European Union will react united," adding that "ultimately, trade wars always cost both sides prosperity."

Trump is hitting foreign steel and aluminum with a 25% tax in the hope that they will give local producers relief from intense global competition, allowing them to charge high-

er prices. He imposed similar tariffs during his first presidency but the move damaged relations with key US allies and drove up costs for "downstream" manufacturers that buy steel and aluminum.

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# PM invites investments in energy sector

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Tuesday invited global investments in India's energy sector, saying the country offers immense possibilities in its pursuit of ambitious renewable energy transition goals in the next five years.

Referring to the target of having 500 GW of renewable energy, five Million Tonnes of green hydrogen per annum output by 2030 as well as the launch of fresh bidding rounds for oil and gas assets, the prime minister said, "There are possibilities of new investments and I hope that you explore all possibilities in India."

"There are many possibilities of investment in these sectors," Modi said addressing the India Energy Week 2025 (IEW'25) virtually.

"You are not just a part of India energy week, you are an

important part of India's energy ambitions," Modi told investors.

He further said, "All experts are saying that 21st century is India's century. Bharat is not only driving it its own growth but driving global growth." India's energy ambitions, he said, are based on five pillars. "We have resources, which we are harnessing. We are encouraging our brilliant minds to innovate. Thirdly, we have economic strength and political stability," he said.

Also, he said, India has strategic geography, which makes energy trade easier and more attractive.

Besides, India is committed towards global sustainability and this is aiding new possibilities in the country's energy sector, the prime minister said.

For Viksit Bharat, the next two decades are very crucial, he said, adding that in the next five years we will cross many



Prime Minister Narendra Modi delivers his remarks via video conferencing during inauguration of India Energy Week PTI

milestones.

"Our energy goals are aligned with the deadline of 2030," he said. By 2030, we want to add 500 GW of RE capacity, Indian Railways will be net zero by 2030 and we aim to achieve five MT annual output of

green hydrogen, he said and stressed "whatever India has achieved in last ten years shows that these targets will be achieved."

In last 10 years, India has become fifth largest economy from 10th largest.

In last 10 years, solar generation capacity increased 32 times, he noted. Today, India is the third largest solar power generating nation and its non-fossil fuel capacity increased three times, he said. India is the first country

among G20 nations to meet its carbon emission reduction target set by the Paris global climate conference, he said.

About ethanol blending with petrol, he said today India is blending 19 per cent ethanol and exuded confidence that India will achieve the target of 20 per cent ethanol blending ahead of the October 2025 deadline.

He boasted India's feedstock of 500 Million Tonnes and said the Global Biofuels Alliance formed during the G20 Summit in New Delhi has 28 member countries and 12 international organisations.

Addressing the gathering at the International Energy Week, the prime minister said that India is bringing out reforms to exploit the full potential of exploration and production of hydrocarbons in the country.

India is the fourth largest refining hub and it will expand its capacity by 20 per cent,

Modi said and pointed towards new hydrocarbon discoveries in the country that are yet to be explored, and the government has brought out Open Licensing Acreage Policy (OLAP).

He also stated that the government has supported the energy sector by setting up exclusive economic zones and single-window clearance system. After amendments in the Oilfields Regulation and Development Act, stakeholders will get policy stability, extended leases and improved financial terms.

He also noted that the natural gas supply is increasing due the ramp up in pipeline infrastructure and discoveries.

"There are a lot of upcoming possibilities of investments in these sectors," he said.

India's major focus is on 'Make in India' and local supply chains, Modi said while highlighting the country's potential of manufacturing

various types of hardware, including PV modules.

The PM noted that India is supporting local manufacturing, with the solar PV module manufacturing capacity expanding from two gigawatts to approximately 70 gigawatts in the past 10 years.

About the opportunities for innovation and manufacturing in the battery and storage capacity sector, the prime minister said that India is rapidly advancing towards electric mobility and emphasised the need for swift action to meet the demands of such a large country in this sector. Modi said that the current year's budget includes numerous announcements supporting green energy.

He remarked that the National Critical Minerals Mission will play a crucial role in building a robust supply chain in India. He also highlighted the promotion of the non-lithium battery ecosystem.

## Considering tariff exemptions on Australian steel, aluminium: Trump

PTI ■ MELBOURNE

United States (US) President Donald Trump said he agreed to consider a tariff exemption on Australian steel and aluminium imports after a telephone call on Tuesday with Australia's Prime Minister Anthony Albanese.

Prime Minister Albanese argued for an exemption during the call, which was scheduled before Trump announced tariffs on steel and aluminium imports on Monday.

Trump said the US trade surplus with Australia was one of the reasons he was considering an exemption from the tariffs.

"We actually have a surplus," Trump told reporters in the Oval Office about trade with Australia. "It is one of the only countries which we do. And I told (Albanese) that that's something that we will give great consideration to."

Trump spoke after he removed exceptions and exemptions from his 2018 tariffs on steel, meaning that all steel imports will be taxed at a minimum of 25 per cent. Trump also hiked



his 2018 aluminium tariffs to 25 per cent from 10 per cent.

Albanese had told reporters earlier in Canberra he made Australia's case for an exemption, and that both leaders agreed on wording to say publicly, "which is that the US President agreed that an exemption was under consideration in the interests of both of our countries."

"They are the words that are agreed. They're the words that I will stick to. And I can

say, though, that it was a very positive and constructive discussion," Albanese added.

Australia had an exemption from such tariffs during Trump's first administration.

Australia's arguments include that the country has run a trade deficit with the US since the mid-20th century and Australian steelmaker BlueScope employs thousands of workers in the US. Australia has only a minor share of

the US markets.

Albanese on Tuesday also raised the AUKUS agreement with the US and Britain, struck with former President Joe Biden's administration, in which Australia will acquire a fleet of submarines powered by US nuclear technology.

"Our steel and aluminium are both key inputs for the US-Australia defense industries in both of our countries," Albanese said.

Australia announced over the weekend it had made the first of six \$500 Million payments to the US under AUKUS to boost US submarine building capacity.

Trump intends to reset US taxes on all imports to match the same levels charged by other countries, all of which comes on top of the 10 per cent tariffs he has already put on China, China's retaliatory tariffs that started Monday and the US Tariffs planned for Canada and Mexico that have been suspended until March 1.

Tuesday's conversation was Albanese's second with Trump since the president was elected.

## ONGC inks deal with BP to boost Mumbai high output

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Oil and Natural Gas Corporation Ltd (ONGC) has signed a contract with global oil major BP for raising output from its flagship Mumbai High (MH) oil and gas field by up to 60 per cent over the next decade.

BP will be Technical Services Provider (TSP) for the Mumbai High field, India's largest and most prolific offshore oil field, the two firms said in a statement.

"ONGC will retain ownership and operational control of the field," it said.

"Under the terms of the contract, BP will receive a fixed fee for a period of two years for its deployed personnel, followed by a service fee linked to incremental oil and gas production." BP will work in close collaboration with ONGC to stabilise the field's current production decline and restore it to a robust growth trajectory.

Last month ONGC had said the BP deal will yield \$10.3 Billion revenue boost from increased oil and gas production.

BP Exploration (Alpha) Ltd, a wholly-owned step-down subsidiary of BP Plc, as the Technical Service Provider (TSP) "has indicated a substantial potential increase of approximately 44 per cent in crude oil (from baseline production of 45.47 Million Tonnes to 65.41 Million Tonnes) and approximately 89 per cent increase in gas production (from 24.94 Billion Cubic Metres to 47.22 Billion Cubic Metres) for the 10-year contract period," it had said.

In terms of oil and oil equivalent gas, the increase works out to 60 per cent (from 70.40 Million Tonnes of oil equivalent to 112.63 Million Tonnes of oil equivalent). The increase is expected to be visible from FY26 (April 2025 to March 2026 financial year) with full-scale visibility expected from FY28 (April 2027 to March 2028 fiscal).

ONGC said TSP will receive a fixed fee for the first two years, followed by a service fee based on a percentage share of the revenue from net incremental hydrocarbon production, after recovering incremental costs. MH, a prolific multi-layered field located in the Mumbai offshore area, was discovered by ONGC in 1974 and started production in 1976.

The field, which lies some 160 kilometres in the Arabian Sea off the Mumbai coast, hit a peak of 4,76,000 barrels of oil per day and 28 Billion Cubic Metres of gas in 1989 and has since seen a gradual decline in output.

The field currently produces around 1,32,265 barrels of oil per day and around 13 Billion Cubic Metres of gas (less than 10 million standard cubic metres per day or mmscmd).

This output was projected to decline to about 75,000 bpd of oil and less than 4.5 mmscmd of gas by 2037-38.

state-owned ONGC won seven blocks while a private sector consortium of Reliance Industries and BP, Oil India and private sector Sun Petrochemicals received one block each. The government introduced the OALP in 2017 to attract oil and gas firms to develop India's upstream sector.

The OALP guarantees marketing and pricing freedom with a revenue-sharing model, apart from offering reduced royalty rates.

Reliance and BP have more than a decade-old partnership and are partners in KG deepsea block KG-DWN-98/3 or KG-D6 from where they produce about 30 Million standard cubic metres per day of gas. The government has been hoping that opening up more acreage for exploration will help boost India's oil and gas production, helping cut down the \$222 Billion oil import bill.

In 2016, it brought in an open acreage policy which moved away from the previous practice of government identifying and bidding out blocks to the one under which explorers were allowed the freedom to identify any area outside of the ones that are already with some company or other, for prospecting of oil and gas. The areas identified are to be clubbed twice a year and offered for bidding.

The firm identifying the area gets a five-point advantage.

Mining mogul Anil Agarwal's Vedanta Ltd walked away with 41 blocks out of the 55 blocks on offer in the very first round and got another 10 areas in two subsequent rounds.

## MoS Defence Sanjay Seth holds series of bilateral meetings

PTI ■ BENGALURU

Minister of State for Defence Sanjay Seth held a series of bilateral meetings on the sidelines of Aero India 2025 in Bengaluru.

These meetings took place on Monday, the inaugural day of the biennial Aero India, officials said.

In his meeting with Under Secretary of State for Defence, Italy Matteo Perego Di Cremona, both Ministers reviewed the various facets of bilateral defence cooperation. They discussed about India's growing capabilities in manufacturing equipment and development of indigenous systems.

They reaffirmed their commitment to strengthen the ties in all spheres, an official statement said.

He also met Minister for the House of Lords, UK, Lord Vernon Coaker. Both the Ministers reviewed the bilateral defence cooperation and pledged to strengthen the relations.

They also reaffirmed their commitment to work bilaterally and with other partners for peace, prosperity and rules-based world order, specifically in the Indo-Pacific and Indian Ocean Region wherein cooperation would ensure freedom of navigation and rule of law in the maritime and other domains, the statement said.

## Trump pauses enforcement of foreign bribery law

PTI ■ WASHINGTON

United States (US) President Donald Trump signed an executive order directing the Department of Justice to pause enforcing a nearly half-century-old law that was used to launch a bribery investigation against the Adani Group.

Trump signed an order to pause enforcing of the 1977 Foreign Corrupt Practices Act (FCPA) that prohibits American companies and foreign firms from bribing officials of foreign governments to obtain or retain business.

The President directed US Attorney General Pam Bondi to pause enforcement of FCPA, which was at the heart of some of the US Department of Justice's most high-profile cases, including an indictment against Indian billionaire and Adani Group head Gautam Adani and his

nephew Sagar.

Last year DoJ under President Joe Biden charged Adani for allegedly being part of a scheme to pay over \$250 Million (about ₹2,100 Crore) bribe to Indian officials in exchange of favourable terms for solar power contracts.

This was concealed from the US banks and investors from whom the Adani group raised billions of dollars for the project, the prosecutors had alleged last year citing FCPA that allows pursuing foreign corruption allegations if they involve certain links to American investors or markets.

The pause and the review is being seen as a relief to the Adani Group but it remains to be seen what stand the DoJ takes after the six month review period.

The order that Trump signed asked "the Attorney General to review guidelines and policies governing

investigations and enforcement actions under the FCPA" in 180 days.

"During the review period, the Attorney General shall cease initiation of any new FCPA investigations or enforcement actions, unless the Attorney General determines that an individual exception should be made," it said.

Also it sought "review in detail all existing FCPA investigations or enforcement actions and take appropriate action with respect to such matters to restore proper bounds on FCPA enforcement and preserve Presidential foreign policy prerogatives."

FCPA investigations and enforcement actions initiated or continued after the revised guidelines or policies are issued "shall be governed by such guidelines or policies; and must be specifically authorised by the Attorney General".

## India opens biggest oil, gas block bid round

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

India on Tuesday opened its largest oil and gas bid round, offering 25 blocks covering 1.91 Lakh square kilometers (sqkm), mostly in offshore area, as the government looks to boost domestic production to cut imports and help energy security.

Petroleum Minister Hardeep Singh Puri launched the 10th bid round under the Open Acreage Licensing Policy (OALP) at the India Energy Week (IEW) here.

OALP-X round will feature 25 blocks spread over 1,91,986 sqkm in 13 sedimentary basins. 13 of the blocks are in the offshore area.

In the previous nine rounds, 3.78 Lakh sqkm area was offered. The last bid round, OALP-IX, was the largest before the current bid round.

The OALP-IX bid round featured 28 blocks or areas spread over 1.36 Lakh sqkm were offered for finding and producing oil and gas.

OALP-IX in September attracted four bidders that included state-owned Oil and Natural Gas Corporation (ONGC) and Oil India Ltd and private sector Vedanta Ltd, with most blocks getting just two bids, according to the Directorate General of Hydrocarbons (DGH). It also for the first time saw Reliance Industries Ltd-BP Plc combine bidding together with ONGC for one block in Gujarat offshore. Reliance and its supermajor partner BP had bid in just two of the past eight oil

and gas bid rounds since 2017.

Reliance-BP combine had bid and won the two blocks they had bid for in the previous rounds and in OALP-IX they teamed up with ONGC for the first time to bid for a shallow water block in the Gujarat-Saurashtra basin.

The government is yet to award OALP-IX blocks to winners.

In OALP-IX, ONGC bid for 14 blocks alone and with partners such as state-owned Oil India Ltd (OIL) and Indian Oil Corporation (IOC) for four other blocks. After considering its bid with Reliance-BP, ONGC in all bids for 19 out of the 28 blocks on offer.

Mining billionaire Anil Agarwal-owned Vedanta Ltd bid for all the 28 blocks on offer while Sun Petrochemicals Ltd bid for seven areas.

Of the 28 blocks on offer, four blocks got three bids each while the rest had two bidders, one being Vedanta Ltd.

Blocks are awarded to firms offering the highest share of revenues generated from oil and gas produced from the blocks and the work programme they commit to.

The 28 blocks offered in OALP-IX, including nine onshore blocks, eight shallow-water blocks and 11 ultra-deepwater blocks across eight sedimentary basins, covered an area of 136,596.45 sqkm. In the previous eight OALP rounds, 144 exploration and production blocks comprising a total area of 242,055 sqkm have been awarded.

In the last round (OALP-VIII) where 10 blocks were offered,

state-owned ONGC won seven blocks while a private sector consortium of Reliance Industries and BP, Oil India and private sector Sun Petrochemicals received one block each. The government introduced the OALP in 2017 to attract oil and gas firms to develop India's upstream sector.

The OALP guarantees marketing and pricing freedom with a revenue-sharing model, apart from offering reduced royalty rates.

Reliance and BP have more than a decade-old partnership and are partners in KG deepsea block KG-DWN-98/3 or KG-D6 from where they produce about 30 Million standard cubic metres per day of gas. The government has been hoping that opening up more acreage for exploration will help boost India's oil and gas production, helping cut down the \$222 Billion oil import bill.

In 2016, it brought in an open acreage policy which moved away from the previous practice of government identifying and bidding out blocks to the one under which explorers were allowed the freedom to identify any area outside of the ones that are already with some company or other, for prospecting of oil and gas. The areas identified are to be clubbed twice a year and offered for bidding.

The firm identifying the area gets a five-point advantage.

Mining mogul Anil Agarwal's Vedanta Ltd walked away with 41 blocks out of the 55 blocks on offer in the very first round and got another 10 areas in two subsequent rounds.

## Easebuzz gets RBI approval as online payment aggregator

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Payment solutions provider Easebuzz has received final authorisation from the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) to operate as an online Payment Aggregator (PA), according to a release.

The nod allows the company to continue operating as an authorised payments platform and help process online payments for Indian businesses across sectors, including e-commerce, travel and tourism, education and real estate.

"With this license, Easebuzz now joins a select group of approved payment aggregators in India, who are authorised to facilitate digital transactions for merchants under the regulatory framework set by the RBI," the release said.

Easebuzz Payments platform is currently processing an annualised Gross Transaction Value (GTV) of \$30 Billion, and is serving more than 2,00,000 businesses, including SMEs (small and medium enterprises) and startups.

Rohit Prasad, MD and CEO of Easebuzz, said the final authorisation from RBI to operate as an online PA stands as a testament to the company's adherence to building safe, secure and compliant digital payment solutions.

## Centre enhancing focus on inter-agency coordination to eliminate smuggling

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ NEW DELHI

The Directorate of Revenue Intelligence has taken the lead to establish an anti-smuggling coordination platform so that all agencies come forward and share relevant information and work towards eliminating smuggling activities and catching the real culprits.

"There are various challenges that law enforcement agencies face in tackling smuggling including going after the criminal syndicates or the key persons who are financing such illegal operations; it is not enough to just catch the carrier. To put a big dent into the smuggling network, we need to



Mohan Kumar Singh, member (compliance management), Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs on FICCI CASCADE's 'Anti-Smuggling Day'

have enough data, skill sets and tools to analyse the data and intelligence coordination," said Mohan Kumar Singh, member (compliance management),

Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs on the occasion of FICCI CASCADE's 'Anti-Smuggling Day' on Tuesday. Talking about the importance

of inter-agency cooperation, Singh said it is important to focus on operational readiness and coordination among agencies to tackle cross border smuggling.

"Also, recognition by the United Nations of this anti-smuggling day will create more international awareness on the issue, thereby contributing to the efforts in stemming this malaise," said Singh.

Highlighting the colossal nature of the problem of smuggling in the context of a rising Bharat, Anil Rajput, Chairman, FICCI CASCADE, said, "Along with the government and enforcement agencies it is critical that the consumers increasingly come forward and play their part in the battle against smuggling and illicit trade.

It is critical that the dissemination of information and exposure to facts related to smuggling is extended to the children and the youth. Additionally, I cannot overemphasise the importance of using advanced technology to counter smuggling and its offshoots. I am confident that the coming together of all these elements will lead to an effective and sustained response against this formidable adversary."

Pankaj Kumar Singh, Former Deputy National Security Advisor, Government of India said there are now new models of smuggling that involves technology such as the usage of drones that enables the creation of huge margins for these illegal activities.

## IN BRIEF

**GLOBAL LIBRARY SUMMIT 2025 IN NEW DELHI: A LANDMARK EVENT FOR LIBRARY DIPLOMACY**

**NEW DELHI:** The Global Library Summit (GLS) 2025, themed "Library Diplomacy: Uniting Nations Through Library Cooperation," was held successfully between February 5-7 at the India International Centre, and SAU Campus.

**OLA ELECTRIC REDEFINES THE MOTORCYCLING SEGMENT WITH ITS ROADSTER X SERIES**

**BENGALURU:** Ola Electric, India's largest pure-play EV company, today announced its entry into the EV motorcycle segment with the launch of its Roadster X series to redefine motorcycling with impressive performance and a thrilling riding experience.

# US Open revamps mixed doubles format, adds \$1 Million prize

PTI ■ NEW YORK

The U.S. Open is moving its mixed doubles championship to the week before the tournament begins, hoping a revamped format and \$1 million prize will persuade top singles players to chase a Grand Slam doubles title. This year's event will feature 16 teams competing over two days in shorter matches. Tournament organizers believe that can attract the sport's biggest stars, many of whom have long passed on doubles to keep themselves fresh for singles. "What I would say is the reason behind this is to appeal to more fans and grow the fan base around the world," said Lew Sherr, executive director and CEO of the U.S. Tennis Association. "But the way to do that is to have the biggest names in the sport participating in doubles, and to showcase them teaming up and playing in a different format, we think is exciting. In fact, we know it's exciting." The plan announced Tuesday

calls for mixed doubles to be contested on Aug. 19 and 20, during the week when the qualifying rounds for men's and women's singles are being held. Main draw play in singles begins on Aug. 24. The early round matches will be best-of-three sets played to just four games, with a deciding point played at deuce. Tiebreakers would be at 4-all — rather than 6-6 in a regular match — and a 10-point match tiebreaker would be played if the teams split sets, rather than a third set. Only the final will closely resemble a Grand Slam match, a best-of-three sets played to six games with no-ad scoring, tiebreakers at 6-all and a 10-point match tiebreaker. Sherr said the USTA had discussed a format change in previous years but the idea truly picked up steam after last year, when a "Mixed Madness" event during the qualifying week drew singles superstars such as Coco Gauff, Naomi Osaka, Nick Kyrgios and Ben Shelton, and was won by Stefanos Tsitsipas and Paula Badosa.



"We've known and we've had conversations over the years, like, why don't they participate and we understand the scheduling challenges," Sherr said. "I

think last year's task with that mixed madness event really informed our thinking, that if could unlock that week and free up the top singles players to participate, because it

didn't compromise their fitness or their health going into the singles, there was a huge opportunity to attract them and that's what we saw." There was a \$500,000 prize

for that event, which had just four teams. By doubling the prize money and expanding the field, Sherr believes it will create a competition worthy of a Grand Slam title, rather

than keeping it as an exhibition. "The athletes played hard," Sherr said. "It was not an exhibition, it was not a hit-and-giggle, no kids got brought onto the court. It was a competition and that to me was the test. Would the athletes compete, and the answer to that was yes. Now we have an opportunity for a legitimate world championship, a Grand Slam championship, and we think the stakes only go up by making it the actual event." Eight teams will earn direct entry by their combined singles rankings, with eight other teams given wild cards into the field. Sherr declined to name any players who had committed, but said enough have expressed interest that some teams may be announced in the coming weeks, long before the field is set in the summer. The tournament will be played in Arthur Ashe and Louis Armstrong, the two biggest stadiums, and be televised by ESPN in primetime, exposure that is rarely given to doubles.

But it will squeeze out doubles specialists who count on Grand Slam paychecks and now lose access to one of them. To compensate for that, Sherr said the prize money that was allocated to the 32-team mixed doubles tournament at last year's U.S. Open would be redirected toward men's and women's doubles. "Yes, there's some that will be disappointed that they won't have the opportunity to compete in this event," Sherr said. "On the other side, we know that there's a huge opportunity to create more interest globally in doubles and there may be a cascading effect here, that the mixed creates a bigger spotlight on the men's and women's doubles when we get into that portion of the tournament. "We'll have to see how that plays out, but we do know that our mixed competition historically has been competing with the men's and women's singles, and so the fields have suffered and the attention has suffered."



## Hopefully Shafali will carry her form in WPL: Lanning

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Delhi Capitals' skipper Meg Lanning on Tuesday hoped explosive India opener Shafali Verma will carry her recent rich vein of form in domestic cricket into the third season of the Women's Premier League starting on Friday. Shafali, who was dropped from the Indian team for the away tour to Australia in November 2024, made excellent outings for Haryana in domestic matches recently to signal her return to run-making ways. "She looks like she's in really good touch and enjoying herself and having fun too, which I think is really important. For me, just watching her play with freedom, express herself, (and) when she does that, that plays a really important role for our team," Lanning said during the pre-tournament press meet of the Capitals. Shafali was the top run-getter in the Senior Women's One Day Trophy, scoring 527 runs at an average of 75.29 while in the Senior Women's One Day Challenger Trophy the right-hander made 414 runs at an average of 82.80. On both the occasions, she made runs at a strike-rate close to 150. "She did a very similar thing a few days ago in our practice

game. She often puts on a very entertaining show and I've got the best seat in the house. I always enjoy batting with her. We get on really well and hopefully this season can continue on from where we have been the first two," Lanning added. Like her opening partner, Lanning also coming to the WPL 2025 without any substantial match-time experience having retired from international cricket last year. So, how has she managed to keep in touch with the game? "I've been playing some games for Victoria in the WNCL (Women's National Cricket League). I think playing matches is important. There's nothing quite like being out in the middle and being in a good rhythm with that. "So, I feel like those games are great for me in that respect. I feel like I'm in a good spot with my game." Lanning said her past experiences of playing in India will help her in the WPL. "I always enjoy playing and batting over here in India. I've had some success in the past. And yeah, so far with the couple of days I've been here, it's been nice to just get used to the conditions and just be really clear on what my plan is and how I want to go about it."

## Pankaj Advani wins Indian Snooker Championship

PTI ■ INDORE

India's most accomplished player Pankaj Advani secured his 36th overall national title and 10th men's snooker crown at the Yashwant Club, in a commanding display of skill and determination. The ONGC employee overcame an early setback to defeat Brijesh Damani in a final where Damani managed to take the opening frame, the only one he would claim throughout the match. The tournament serves as the only selection event for the Asian and World Championships. Advani's performance was marked by consistency and precision. After falling behind by a frame, he maintained his composure and controlled the table, leaving little room for error. In the final frame, Advani delivered an impressive 84



break, sealing the frame, match and championship. "Since this is the only event that determines the representatives of the country for international tournaments, the stakes were high," Advani said. The high pressure tournament proved to be a full-circle moment for Advani. In the group stage, he had suffered his only loss

of the competition at the hands of Damani, where he managed to win only one frame. The rivalry took an ironic turn in the final when the tables were turned and Advani emerged victorious, dropping just one frame in the match. A critical turning point in this 91st edition of the National Championships came during the round of

48. Despite being 4-2 down - a situation that nearly saw him exit the event - the multiple-time world champion mounted an unforgettable comeback by winning the match 5-4. This resilient display not only saved his tournament bid but also set the stage for the success that followed. "There was a good feeling about this gold when the round of 48 match saw me bounce back from almost being out of the competition. Then I knew this pivotal moment had to mean something big awaits. Happy to have earned the chance to again represent India in both billiards and snooker," Advani said. With the Asian Snooker Championship scheduled to commence from February 15, both Advani and Damani now face the opportunity to play for the tricolour on the international stage.



## Mumbai City look to prevail over FC Goa

PTI ■ MUMBAI

Unbeaten in 13 matches against FC Goa in the Indian Super League (ISL), Mumbai City FC would look to prevail over their west coast rivals and move up to top-four in the points table in a crucial game here on Wednesday. The Islanders will aim to extend their stranglehold against the Gaurs as their impressive unbeaten record in previous 13 ISL encounters includes eight wins and five draws. A triumph on Wednesday will have Mumbai City cap off the league double over FC Goa for the fourth time, having done so earlier in 2017-18, 2021-22, and 2022-23. FC Goa are placed second in the points table with 36 points from 19 matches, winning 10 games and drawing six. However, they faced their first away loss of the season when Jamshedpur FC beat the side 3-1 earlier this month. As the ISL nears its business end, both these sides have different objectives coming into this match. FC Goa are 10 points behind the top-placed Mohun Bagan Super Giant (46), but their key objective right now is to safeguard their standing in the second spot. A second place finish will mean that they qualify straight for the semi-finals and would not have to play the single-legged eliminator in the playoffs. For that, they would have to fend off the competition from the third-placed Jamshedpur FC (34),

with both sides having played the same number of games (19). Mumbai City, fifth in the standings, have 31 points from 19 matches and they will move up to top four if they win on Wednesday. Their nearest challengers, NorthEast United FC have accumulated 29 points from 20 games. The home side will want to avoid any late slip-ups to secure a place in the top six. Furthermore, the contest on Wednesday can have a huge impact on the eventual title race. If FC Goa lose against Mumbai City, and Mohun Bagan Super Giant beat Kerala Blasters away on February 15, the Mariners will become the ISL 2024-25 League winners. The two teams have played 27 matches against each other in the ISL, with Mumbai City winning 12 times and FC Goa emerging victorious in seven games. Eight games have produced draws. Mumbai City FC head coach Petr Kratky laid out the way he wants his team to approach the match against FC Goa. "We want to keep the ball, be creative, and be dynamic and we need to continue working hard for that," he said. FC Goa head coach Manolo Marquez refused to look too far ahead in the league stages at the moment. "The most important thing for us right now is the next game, and not the ones that follow. It doesn't matter what happened in the past. We need to consider the circumstances around this match," he said.

## R Vaishali sets sights on consistency and candidates qualification

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Unbothered by the drama over a handshake, focussed on being more consistent and determined to secure a spot in the Candidates - R Vaishali has her priorities sorted for 2025 and the Indian Grandmaster says she would not let anything distract her from those goals. The past year has already proven to be a remarkable chapter in the 23-year-old's career, with a series of career-defining milestones. These include becoming only the third woman from India to earn the Grandmaster title, playing a vital role in the country's gold medal-winning performance at the Chess Olympiad, and clinching a bronze medal at the World Blitz Championship. "My main goal is to show consistent performance and play some good games," the 23-year-old told PTI.

A slight blip came recently when she finished ninth in the Tata Steel Chess Tournament's challengers' section. More than the performance, she hit the headlines for a declined handshake with Uzbek Grandmaster Nodirbek Yakubboev. Following a wave of criticism, Yakubboev apologised to her with chocolate and flowers for refusing to shake hands due to his religious beliefs before a match between the two. "I didn't know it was a big thing back in India. I was focused on the games and didn't know what was going on in the social media," she said of the episode. "Later I got to know, and okay, we all know what happened. It didn't affect me in any way," she added. What did affect her was her inability to latch on to chances at the tournament. "Tata Steel is a strong tournament, and I think my performance was

decent," she said. "Surely I could have scored a few points more, like I had some good positions, I failed to convert them, which I'll work on and try to improve. Going forward, I want to focus on showing more consistent performance." Next big goal is Candidates The Women's Candidates Tournament determines the challenger for the World Chess Championship. The next edition is to be held in 2026 with the qualification process set for this year in which rankings will be of significance. "Of course, by the end of the year, I aim to qualify for the Candidates Tournament. I had the opportunity to play in the Candidates last year, and I hope to qualify for it again," she said. Reflecting on her bronze at the Blitz World Championship last year, Vaishali said the result was important for her confidence,



following some disappointing results. "It was an important result for my confidence especially, because I

had a few bad tournaments in a row and it was nice to end finally with a good result last year," she said in a rather a modest

assessment of her performance. Vaishali endured her fair share of lows that cost her valuable rating points but she views these challenges as valuable learning experiences. "I would say it was a mixed year. I achieved some good results, but I also lost some rating points. It was a very interesting experience," she reflected. "I had the chance to compete in strong round-robin tournaments and participate in prestigious events like the Candidates back-to-back challenges. Overall, last year was a great learning experience for me." For now, Vaishali is excited to return to the Norway Chess Women tournament scheduled to be held from May 26 to June 6. "Last year was a great experience. They're bringing in this women's tournament, new format along with the Norway main event. And personally, I really enjoyed playing

in Norway because like I've also got the chance to see the top players playing alongside," she said. "The format is also very different. They have the Armageddon format if you make a draw in the classical game, we go on to the Armageddon game, which I've never played until the last Norway event." Vaishali also feels that her younger R Praggnanandhaa's presence on tour has also been beneficial and she often seeks his counsel. "He's a strong player. So for me, it's a great benefit to have him. He's also very passionate about the game. So, whenever I have some questions, I always go to him. And he's very happy to discuss about the game," she said of the recently-crowned Tata Steel Masters champion. "He's a great support for me. Even in preparing some openings, I'll discuss with him."

# Team India eye ODI clean sweep over England

**PTI ■ AHMEDABAD**  
A big knock from Virat Kohli's currently silent bat along with a series clean-sweep over England will be on Team India's wish-list when the two teams square off in the third and final ODI here on Wednesday, marking the end of their Champions Trophy (CT) build-up.  
While India hold an unassailable 2-0 lead with identical four-wicket wins in each of the first two ODIs, Rohit Sharma's men will be extra motivated to get a win here at the Narendra Modi Stadium where they had suffered a crushing ODI World Cup final loss in 2023. Needless to say, having their batting mainstay Kohli among runs and a win would be perfect culmination to the home side's Champions Trophy preparations. The eight-team competition gets underway from February 19 in Karachi with India starting against Bangladesh the next



day in Dubai as per a hybrid model of hosting. The team has already got a shot in the arm by Rohit's return to form. His 90-ball 119 in the second ODI was a source of relief to both the side and to him after a prolonged run of poor scores. Kohli hasn't looked completely out of touch but hasn't stayed at the crease for long enough to give himself a chance for a big knock either. If he manages to click, Kohli is in with a chance create another record. He is 89 runs short of becoming only the third batter in history to score 14,000 runs in the format which arguably has been the run-machine's favourite. India don't seem to have put a foot wrong in this series as

they continue to make the most of their rich reservoir of talent. The addition of Varun Chakravarthy has given additional ammunition to their lethal spin attack which will be vital for the Champions Trophy and Mohammed Shami's return after lengthy injury layoff has been seamless too. Shami's successful comeback has certainly been assuring given that the Indian team management will spend an anxious day on Tuesday awaiting news on their premier fast bowler Jasprit Bumrah, whose availability for the Champions Trophy is still under doubt. As per the original time-line, Bumrah was slated for a comeback in the Ahmedabad ODI, but the ace pacer is currently toiling at the National Cricket Academy in Bengaluru under the watchful eyes of specialists aiming to make the final squad that is set to be unveiled on Wednesday.

**DAMODAR VALLEY CORPORATION**  
DVC Towers, VIP Road, Kolkata - 700054

**NOTIFICATION**

Name of the Company: DAMODAR VALLEY CORPORATION. Registered Office: DVC Towers, VIP Road, Kolkata-700054

1) The applicant above named has made applications for its generating stations namely KTPS Unit 1&2 (Koderma Thermal Power Station, Unit 1&2), before the Hon'ble Central Electricity Regulatory Commission, New Delhi for determination of tariff for the period 2019-24 & 2024-29 in terms of CERC Regulations.

2) The beneficiaries of the generating station area:  
(a) BSES-Rajdhani Power Ltd,  
(b) BSES-Yamuna Power Ltd  
(c) Tata Power Delhi Distribution Ltd.,  
(d) Haryana Power Generation Corporation Ltd  
(e) Bangalore Electricity Supply Company  
(f) Hubli Electricity Supply Company  
(g) Gulbarga Electricity Supply Corporation  
(h) Mangalore Electricity Supply Company Limited,  
(i) Chamundeshwari Electricity Supply Corporation  
(j) Jharkhand Bijli Vitran Nigam Limited

3) Installed Capacity of the generating stations:

Sl. No.	Name of the Power Station	Capacity (MW)	COD of first/last unit	Commissioned
1.	Koderma Thermal Power Station, Unit 1&2	2x500 = 1000		Jul'2013 / June'2014

4) Total Capital Cost for individual station of DVC: (in Rs. Lakh)

Power Stations (KTPS Unit 1&2)	Capital Cost as allowed by CERC as on 31.03.2019	Capital Cost as claimed on 31.03.2024	Capital Cost as claimed on 31.03.2029
Capital Cost	550059.48	593197.36	641148.85

5) Authority which has approved the capital cost: Central Electricity Regulatory Commission.  
6) Schedule date of commercial operation: Not applicable  
7) Actual date of commercial operation of individual station: As stated under Sl. 3 above

8) Details of Tariff: (in Rs. Lakh)

Thermal Power Stations	Capacity/charges/ Energy charges	Name of the Power House	Year wise tariff sought to be determined as per True-up Petition for 2019-24					Year wise tariff sought to be determined as per claimed in Tariff Petition for 2024-29				
			2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29
Thermal Power Stations	Capacity charge (in Rs. Lakh)	KTPS# 1&2	139847.27	138185.63	135701.92	138080.18	141756.94	155269.75	155835.14	154607.92	123872.76	111529.25
	*Energy charge (in Pk/Wh)	KTPS# 1&2	221.847	266.276	250.212	261.304	334.850	298.416	298.416	298.416	298.416	298.416

\*Energy charge will vary as per CERC regulation.

9) A copy of the application made for determination of tariff is posted on the DVC website [www.dvc.gov.in](http://www.dvc.gov.in)

10) The suggestions & objections if any, on the proposals for determination of tariff contained in the application be filed by any person, including the beneficiary before the **Secretary, Central Electricity Regulatory Commission, 6th, 7th & 8th Floors, Tower B, World Trade Centre, Nauroji Nagar, New Delhi- 110029** with a copy to the applicant within 30 days of publication of the notice.

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**USP**

Canara Bank, Panipat Regional Office, as per the clarion call from MD & CEO and under the esteemed guidance of the Karnal Circle Office, hosted an exclusive Meet & Greet event for its valued Canara Crest customers.

Held at Hotel Gold, Panipat, the intimate gathering provided a platform to express gratitude to loyal customers while fostering deeper relationships. The event was inaugurated by Sh. G. A. Anupam, General Manager & Circle Head, Karnal, and Smt. Sunita Kumari, Assistant General Manager & Regional Head, Panipat, along with th3 customers who lit the ceremonial lamp to seek divine blessings for a successful event. This was followed by floral tributes to Sri Ammembal Subbarao Pai, the founder of Canara Bank, alongside distinguished customers.

**The Eastern Park (TEP) Green Housing Project unveils eco friendly features**  
Ludhiana: The Eastern Park (TEP), residential development spread over eight acres in Ludhiana's outskirts on Chandigarh Road at East City, Ludhiana, has positioned itself as a premier eco-friendly affordable housing project. "We envisage 1000 happy families living in TEP's first phase & phase 2 will be launched soon," said Balraj Garg, Chairman, The Eastern Park. "There is evidence which suggests that the way a building is designed can affect the health of its occupants. According to the World Health Organization (WHO), lung and respiratory diseases associated with poor indoor environment quality are 3 of the top 5 leading causes of death," said Garg, adding, "To counter these issues our green building features such as improved lighting, better air quality and greenery, will have a positive impact on residents' wellbeing. TEP will give a boost to the idea of green and clean affordable housing in the region."

**Government of Haryana**

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**Canara Bank Regional Office Panchkula Organized Mega Retail Loan Expo.**  
Canara Bank Regional Office Panchkula organized Mega Retail Loan Expo. The event was organized at Canara Bank's Retail Asset Hub Panchkula. On this occasion, General Manager Shri G.A. Anupam and Regional Office Head Shri Narender Kumar had graced the occasion. The program was inaugurated by General Manager Shri G.A. Anupam by lighting the lamp. Apart from this, Branch managers of all the branches of Panchkula city were also present on the occasion. Famous builders and vehicle dealers of the city also participated on this occasion. All 48 branches of Canara Bank Regional Office Panchkula participated in this camp. This program was organized as per the instructions of the head office. On this occasion, the bank informed the general public about its various retail products. On this occasion, approval letters for various retail loans were distributed. All the local people were invited to take full advantage of these camps.

**PNB's renovated Digi Hut inaugurated at Sector-17 Chandigarh**  
Taking another step towards providing "anywhere anytime" cash to the customers, Punjab National Bank, Chandigarh Circle inaugurated the renovated Digi Hut of PNB at Bank Square Sector-17 Chandigarh by the Executive Director of the Bank, Mr. M. Paramasivam in the august presence of Zonal Manager Dr. Rajesh Prasad and Divisional Head Mr. Sanjeev Singh. While interacting with the customers present there, the Executive Director of the Bank, Mr. M. Paramasivam said in his address that Punjab National Bank is continuously serving the customers and is committed to provide the best services to the customers in future also. To provide better services to the customers, ATM, Passbook Printing Machine, BNA and Check Drop Machine have been installed together in this Digi Hut so that customers can get various high-end digital facilities of banking under one roof. He further said that keeping in mind the convenience of the customers, PNB will continue to set up ATMs or Digi Huts at various locations in Chandigarh in the future as well.

**Bank EMI becomes operational in Mohali**  
Mohali: To ensure ease in meeting customers' financial needs, Bank EMI has opened its doors to its customers. Founder Bahudutt Sharma said: "Bank EMI will honour loan requests in a seamless and hassle-free manner by focusing on speed, transparency, and convenience. He added "With 'Finance Without the Fuss' as its guiding principle, Bank EMI aims to make borrowing more accessible, ensuring rigid banking norms don't stand in the way of financial growth of authentic applicants."