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SECOND DEPORTATION FLIGHT ARRIVES



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NEW DELHI/CHANDIGARH

A plane carrying 119 illegal immigrants from the US landed at the Amritsar airport on Saturday night, the second such batch of Indians to be deported by the Donald Trump administration as part of its promised crackdown on illegal migration. Before the arrival and another scheduled deportee flight for Sunday created a lot of furore and controversy across the country with political parties crossing swords.

Punjab Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann questioned the move to land another plane at the Amritsar airport, as he accused the Centre of trying to defame Punjab as part of a conspiracy and sought to know under which criteria the Amritsar airport was chosen to land the second aircraft, BJP hit back accusing the AAP leader of playing politics over the matter.

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Punjab, 33 are from Haryana, eight from Gujarat, three from Uttar Pradesh, two each from Goa, Maharashtra and Rajasthan, and one each from Himachal Pradesh and Jammu and Kashmir. The second batch of illegal Indian immigrants includes four women and two minors, including a six-year-old girl. Most of the deportees are in the age group of 18 to 30, sources said. A third plane carrying 157 deportees is also expected to land on February 16. On February 5, a US military aircraft carrying 104 illegal Indian immigrants landed at the Amritsar airport. Of them, 33 each were from Haryana and Gujarat, and 30 from Punjab.

Mann visited the airport on Saturday and said his government has made arrangements to take the residents of Punjab from among the second batch of deportees to their hometowns. The deportees who hail from other states will head to Delhi from Amritsar in a flight on Sunday morning and then they will be taken to their respective

places. Talking to reporters at the airport, Mann continued his attack on the Centre and said, "Do not make our holy city (Amritsar) a deport centre." Hitting back at Mann, BJP leader Tarun Chugh said on Saturday, "Bhagwant Mann sahab, people of Punjab want to know how the innocent youths went out, why they had to go, who were those who spoiled their lives. Why they had to go adopting illegal routes, who sent them, and who were the fraudulent agents who spoiled their lives." "The youths were forced to sell their land, houses. Rather than catching the culprits and acting against those who spoiled the lives of these youths, the 'AAP-da' party leader is doing politics over the issue," Chugh, who is also BJP's general secretary, said.

BJP's national spokesperson R P Singh also took a dig at Mann, and told him to stop politicising the issue. "Amritsar is the closest international airport for flights entering India from the US. That's why the plane carrying illegal

immigrants is landing there. Stop politicising the issue and promoting conspiracy theories due to your lack of knowledge," Singh said in a social media post. Senior BJP leader and former Union minister Uma Bharti lashed out at the US government for the "cruel and extremely shameful manner" in which it deported the illegal Indian immigrants recently. In a post on social media platform, Uma Bharti said, "The manner in which the illegal Indian immigrants were sent back from America in handcuffs and shackles is extremely shameful and a blot on humanity."

"The American governments have shown this cruel and violent attitude towards Red Indians and people of African origin living there many times, she alleged. "When they (deportees) were being sent by a plane, keeping them in handcuffs and shackles shows the cruelty and inhumanity of the American administration. Entering a country illegally is a crime, every country has provisions for its punishment as per the law, but such cruelty is a great sin," the BJP leader said.

The North American Punjabi Association expressed serious concern over human trafficking, saying the government must take immediate action to prevent youths from taking illegal and dangerous routes to reach foreign shores. Satnam Singh Chahal, the Executive Director of the North American Punjabi Association (NAPA) alleged that despite repeated warnings and several tragic incidents, the government has failed to implement effective measures to curb illegal migration.

Destiny plays cruel at Maha Kumbh, again

PTI ■ MAHAKUMBH NAGAR

A devastating road accident in Prayagraj on Friday and a fire in the mela grounds on Saturday marred the festivities in Kumbh as the week came to a close. A fire broke out at the storeroom of a camp in the Maha Kumbh Mela area on Saturday evening, gutting seven tents and destroying some items, including blankets and foodgrains, officials said.

No person was injured, they said. Chief Fire Officer (Kumbh) Pramod Sharma said the fire broke out at a camp in Sector 19 of the Maha Kumbh area and it engulfed seven tents.

"As soon as we received the fire alert, firefighting motorcycles reached the spot within two minutes, followed by four fire tender trucks," he said.

DIG of Maha Kumbh Vaibhav Krishna told PTI that the fire broke out at the camp of Luv Kush Seva Mandal around 6:15 pm. Police and the fire brigade responded swiftly and brought the blaze under control within about five minutes, he said.

"The camp also housed Kalpavasis (pilgrims who stay for an extended period during the Kumbh). Items such as blankets and



Smoke billows out after a fire broke out at the Maha Kumbh Mela, in Prayagraj

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foodgrains stored in the room were damaged in the fire," the DIG said. The chief fire officer said the cause of the fire was being ascertained.

Accident claims 10 lives in Prayagraj

BISWAJEET BANERJEE ■
PRAYAGRAJ

A late Friday night accident claimed the lives of 10 pilgrims and left 19 others injured. The incident occurred on the Prayagraj-Mirzapur highway in Meja. According to police reports, a Bolero carrying pilgrims collided head-on with a bus. All 10 occupants of the Bolero died on the spot.

The deceased were residents of Korba district in Chhattisgarh and were on their way to the Sangam for a holy dip.

The bus, carrying pilgrims from Rajgarh district in Madhya Pradesh, was returning from the Sangam and heading toward Varanasi when the accident took place. Nineteen passengers onboard sustained injuries and were rushed to the Community Health Center (CHC) in Ramnagar for treatment.

Upon receiving information, local authorities and police reached the site, took control of the situation, and sent the bodies for post-mortem examination.

Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath took note of the road accident in Prayagraj and directed the officials to reach the spot and expedite the relief work. The Chief Minister also directed proper treatment of the injured.

This is not the first instance that such accidents involving Maha Kumbh devotees occurred.

EXAM TIME



Students check their allocated seats at an examination center before appearing for the CBSE class 10 board exam 2025, in Gurugram

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AAP appointments under scrutiny

RAJESH KUMAR ■ NEW DELHI

In order to crackdown on the 'tentacles' of the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) within the Delhi government, Delhi Chief Secretary Dharmendra has asked all Secretaries and Heads of Department to compile a list of appointments of chairpersons and members made by the previous AAP government. The move may spark controversy as the AAP government had faced allegations of appointing party members and close aides of ministers to various non-official posts, allegedly bypassing established laws and government regulations.

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According to top sources, the Services Department has already received lists of non-official appointees from multiple departments. Once the compilation is complete, the list will be forwarded to the Chief Secretary for further action.

The Chief Secretary had previously discussed the matter in a meeting with HoDs and Secretaries, instructing them to prepare detailed records of all non-official



Delhi BJP President Virendra Sachdeva with former AAP councillors after they joined the BJP, in New Delhi

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appointments of chairpersons and members made by the AAP government. As per the minutes of the meeting, "All departments and their organizations shall submit a list of non-official appointments made under various Acts and Rules pertaining to their respective departments." Departments have been directed to submit their lists by February 13, after which further decisions will be made regarding these appointments. Sources indicate that hundreds of AAP workers and supporters have been appointed to key positions in various Delhi government departments over the past decade. Many of these appointments were reportedly made in Mohalla Clinics,

governing bodies of educational institutions, and state public undertakings. Insiders claim that these appointments were primarily given to party volunteers, raising concerns about favoritism and possible violations of government procedures. The review ordered by the Chief Secretary is expected to examine whether these selections were made following due process or if they were politically motivated. In July 2023, the Delhi Services Department had ordered that 437 private persons appointed as advisers, fellows and consultants via "back door entry" by the Aam Aadmi Party government are "void ab initio" (void from the beginning) and directed the departments concerned to stop their services.

The 437 appointments include 140 fellows and associate fellows appointed at the Delhi Assembly Research Centre (DARC) since 2019. The Services department had compiled the information received from 23 departments and agencies of the Delhi government that engaged private persons as "specialists". During the scrutiny by the Services department, it was found that 69 persons were engaged in five departments of Archaeology, Environment, Delhi Archives, Women and Child Development and Industries without the approval of the competent authority. Also, 13 Boards, autonomous bodies which engaged 155 persons, did not take the necessary approval.

Meta's longest undersea cable to connect India, US

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Social media major Meta on Saturday tagged India as one of its largest markets to be connected with the company's world's longest undersea cable "Project Waterworth" which is expected to be operational by the end of this decade.

Meta has announced "Project Waterworth" which will reach five major continents and span over 50,000 kilometers - longer than the earth's circumference.

The project was part of the US-India Joint Leaders' Statement that was released on February 13 following the visit of Prime Minister Narendra Modi to US. "Meta is investing in India -- one of its largest markets -- bringing the world's longest, highest capacity and most technologically advanced subsea cable project to connect India, the US, and other locations," Meta spokesperson said on Saturday.

The undersea cables are crucial for internet operations. These cables connect countries with each other. Local telecom operators connect with undersea cables to provide internet access to their customers.



Sheesh Mahal under CVC lens

RAJESH KUMAR ■ NEW DELHI

In mounting trouble for the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) National Convener and former Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal, the Central Vigilance Commission (CVC) has ordered a detailed probe into allegations of irregularities in the construction and expenditures incurred on interiors of his residence, 6, Flagstaff Road, during his tenure in office, on the basis of a factual report submitted by the Central Public Works Department (CPWD). This comes just days after the BJP asked Delhi Lieutenant Governor Vinai Kumar Saxena to cancel the merger of four properties with the 'Sheesh Mahal'. The inquiry is expected to probe whether government regulations were bypassed to facilitate the

construction of what the BJP has dubbed the "Sheeshmahal," spanning 40,000 square yards (8 acres). "After examination of factual report regarding complaint 75059/2024, CVO Central Public Works Department has been advised to conduct a detailed investigation in the matter. Based on the investigation report, suitable action will be taken by the competent authority," CVC said.

The Sheesh Mahal controversy was one of the major issues of people discredited Kejriwal and his party during the recently concluded assembly polls here. The BJP had accused exorbitant amount was spent, flouting regulations, for the construction of Kejriwal's residence. The probe was ordered on February 13.

Bengaluru airport to have train connectivity to city

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■
BENGALURU/NEW DELHI

To beat the chronic traffic problem in silicon city Bengaluru, the Indian Railways in a first of its kind has announced to connect the metropolitan to the Bengaluru Airport. Railway Minister Ashwini Vaishnav said that, in addition to road, metro rail, and suburban railway services provided by the State government, Indian Railways will also introduce a train travel option from Kempegowda International Airport to Bengaluru city.

However, he noted that a few technical challenges need to be addressed before this can be implemented and the Railway team is working on resolving



them. Addressing media, Vaishnav said that people currently have access to Bengaluru airport via Metro Rail, road, and the suburban railway project managed by the Rail Infrastructure Development Company (Karnataka) (K-RIDE). K-RIDE, a joint venture between the Centre and the

state, is under construction and aims to enhance urban rail connectivity. "Apart from Metro Rail, road and K-RIDE, we are also creating a railway connectivity option to the airport," Vaishnav said. He recalled that during his last visit, he travelled by train from the airport to the city.

"I realised it was a comfortable 40 to 45-minute ride. However, there were some technical issues, particularly the need to construct a rail flyover. The team has now completed the necessary work and they presented the concept to me today. I will share it with you soon. This will bring significant relief to the people," the Minister said.

He also emphasised the importance of suburban and metro projects for Bengaluru, a city with a population of 1.5 crore. "It's a very large city, and we need to rapidly expand metro and suburban rail networks. The state and Centre must work in a synchronised manner," he pointed out.

Biryani, chicken curry included in Singapore's emergency meal kits

PTI ■ SINGAPORE

Curry chicken with biryani rice is among the five meal options prepared by SATS Ltd, or Singapore Airport Terminal Services, ready-to-eat foods for public consumption during national emergencies.

SATS, a Singapore-headquartered solutions company, has spent four to six months on research and development before finalising five meal options. Besides biryani -- a popular Indian dish in the city-state, the other meal options are chicken bolognese pasta, fish porridge with sweet potato and pumpkin, sweet spicy tomato fish with basmati rice, and vegetable marinara pasta. The meals are prepared in a SATS halal-certified kitchen in Singapore, reported

Channel News Asia on Saturday. The report said these meals require no refrigeration, can be eaten at room temperature without reheating and have a shelf life of up to eight months.

Leveraging its experience in producing army combat rations, food caterer SATS has developed these products.

"As with any ambient product, we have to do a real-time shelf-life study... once we are assured of the quality, then we launch the commercial production," said Jean Sin, head of innovation and product development at SATS.

About 150,000 of these meals will be distributed between Saturday (February 15) and February 28 as part of this year's Exercise SG Ready, a component of Singapore's Total Defence campaign. The exercise allows people in Singapore

to experience simulated power outages and disruptions to food supplies, among other scenarios. More than 100,000 students and teachers from over 90 schools, and three Institute of Technical Education colleges, along with over 8,000 seniors from 111 Active Ageing Centres, will be able to try these meals.

While long-shelf-life meals are often assumed to be unappetising, a taste test revealed otherwise.

The texture of the meals also closely resembled freshly cooked food, with the chicken, fish and rice maintaining a natural mouthfeel.

Nutritional value is another key consideration. Sin said the meals provide essential energy and nutrients, including carbohydrates, protein, fibre and fat.

Trump's 'Gift' to Modi- Chained Indians Deported on US Army Plane: CM Mann

PNS ■ AMRITSAR

Punjab Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann on Saturday warned the Modi led Union government to refrain from turning the holy city of Amritsar into 'detention or deportee' centre by repeatedly sending the planes carrying deportees on this sacred land. The Chief Minister, who visited the Sri Guru Ram Dass International Airport to foresee the arrangements for receiving the deportees scheduled to land later in night on Saturday, reminded the Government of India that history is replete with examples that whoever has tried to cast a malicious eye on this land had never survived. He said that the Modi government was indulging in dirty tantrums by landing the planes of deportees on repeatedly on this revered land with the sole motive of defaming the Punjab and Punjabis. Mann said that this misdeed of the Modi government has bruised the psyche of entire Punjab in general and the Sikh community in particular.

He reminded the BJP and Modi that this sacred land which is being used by them for tarnishing the image of Punjab has several sacred places like Sri Harmandir Sahib, Bhagwan Valmiki Tirath Sthal, Durgiana Mandir and Jallianwala Bagh, where hundreds of innocent patriots had laid down their lives for sake of freedom of the country. He said that denigrating Punjab is a sin for which Punjabis can never forgive the saffron party in general and the coterie of Modi in particular. Mann asked the Union government that can anyone do such mischief at Vatican city, the holy city of Christian community adding that if not then why sentiments of the Punjabis are being hurt by repeatedly landing the planes carrying deportees here at Amritsar. Mann slammed the Prime Minister Narendra Modi government for failing to secure the interests of the countrymen adding that this government has undermined the unity, integrity and sovereignty of the

country. He said that it is unfortunate that under the present regime the country is bereft of an effective foreign policy due to which the inhuman treatment is being given to deportees. He said that on one hand the Prime Minister was hugging the US President during his recent tour and at the same time the chained Indians were being shamefully deported back to their native land. The CM questioned what stopped the Prime Minister from raising this issue in front of Donald Trump during his meeting with him. He said that the self proclaimed global leader-Modi ji should have at least offered to send the planes from the country to bring back the Indians. However, he said that to the utter surprise of every Indian, Modi remained tightlipped over the issue during his entire meeting with the US President. Moreover, the Chief Minister said that it is surprising that a war plane of a foreign country is being landed at an airport which is 40 kilometres

away from a hostile neighbor. Mann said that this fatal move could have jeopardized national security but ironically the Union government is callous on it. Questioning the rationale behind the move of MEA to choose Amritsar for landing these planes here, he said that there are hundreds of other airports in the country but this has been chosen just to defame Punjab. Meanwhile, he said that the state government is very strict against the illegal travel agents because of whom these innocent Indians had gone illegally to the US and have now been deported. He said that exemplary action will be ensured against such travel agents for duping the common Indians, so that it acts as a deterrent for others. He said all the necessary arrangements have been made for boarding and lodging of the deportees landing at the Amritsar airport, adding that the officers have been deputed to ensure that all the deportees reach their home safely after

landing. Mann also said that the state government is duty bound to provide adequate opportunities for the deportees for their rehabilitation as their expertise in the state adding that no stone will be left unturned for this noble cause. A plane carrying 119 illegal immigrants from the US will land at the Amritsar airport, the second such batch of Indians to be deported by the Donald Trump administration as part of its promised crackdown on illegal migration. Among the 119 deportees, 100 are from Punjab and Haryana alone. While 67 are from Punjab, 33 are from Haryana, eight from Gujarat, three from Uttar Pradesh, two each from Goa, Maharashtra and Rajasthan, and one each from Himachal Pradesh and Jammu and Kashmir. The second batch of illegal Indian immigrants includes four women and two minors, including a six-year-old girl. Most of the deportees are in the age group of 18 to 30, sources said. A third plane carrying 157

deportees is also expected to land on February 16, they said. On February 5, a US military aircraft carrying 104 illegal Indian immigrants landed at the Amritsar airport. Of them, 33 each were from Haryana and Gujarat, and 30 from Punjab.



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Simranjit Singh son of Daljit Singh resident of Harchowal Tehsil Batala District Gurdaspur got married to Apreet Kaur Daughter of Kulwant Singh in Italy.

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RECOVERY OFFICER-III
DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL CHANDIGARH (DRT 1)

BRIEFS

8TH EDITION OF THE SJOBA RALLY 2025 FROM FEB 27 TO MARCH 2



Chandigarh: The 38th edition of the SJOBA Rally 2025, the flagship motorsports event of St. John's Old Boys Association (SJOBA) - the alumni association of St. John's High School, is set to take place from 27th February to 2nd March. The event will kick off with the ceremonial flag-off on February 27 from Sector 34 Exhibition Ground. The details of North India's longest running sports event 'SJOBA Rally 2025' were shared by the organizers during a press meet led by Harpal Singh Malvai, President, SJOBA, along with Danish Singh Mangat, Secretary; SPS Ghai, Clerk of Course; Nagendra Singh and Shivam Garg, Deputy Clerks of Course; and Nipun Mehan, Club Steward. Malvai said, "We are excited to be back with the 38th edition of the SJOBA Rally. This year, it is set to become even more exciting as it spans two nights and three days. After the vehicles' scrutiny, a 'Super Special Stage' will be held at the Sec 34 exhibition ground. We will have short, purpose-built tracks, around which members of the public can gather and see the machines driven by their owners in action. This will be a big draw," assured them that the State Government would consider this matter sympathetically.

HUMAN MILK BANK AT PGIMER CELEBRATES 3RD ANNIVERSARY

Chandigarh: Through the donations of over 1215 mothers, the Human Milk Bank has been able to collect nearly 750 liters of breastmilk, which has been pasteurized and provided to almost 1000 babies, a statement issued on Saturday said. "This invaluable resource has helped to prevent many complications in preterm babies and has been a lifeline for those who are unable to receive an adequate supply of milk from their own mothers," the statement said. Breastmilk is not just a source of nutrition, but also a powerful form of medicine that helps boost the immune system and promote healthy development in infants, it said. "As we look back on the past 3 years, we are filled with gratitude for the unwavering support of our donors, volunteers, and staff who have made the milk bank a success. Milk bank PGI is committed to provide human milk to those who need it most and ensuring that every baby has access to the nourishment they deserve," the statement added.

MEDIA WORKSHOP EQUIPS JOURNALISTS TO TACKLE PUNJAB'S AIR POLLUTION CRISIS

Chandigarh: Amid growing concerns over Punjab's worsening air quality, leading environmental experts and journalists gathered at Hyatt Centric, Sector 17, Chandigarh, for a high-impact media workshop. The event, titled "Media Workshop on Air Pollution, Health Impacts, and the Role of Media in Punjab," aimed to provide journalists with the necessary expertise to report effectively on air pollution and its health consequences. The workshop, attended by 50 journalists, healthcare professionals, ASHA workers, and farmers, featured a session by Vinayak Sinha, Professor, Department of Earth and Environmental Sciences, IISER, who provided a scientific breakdown of air pollution sources and their health implications. He emphasized the importance of understanding air quality data and how science can drive policy changes to mitigate pollution in Punjab. Doctors from Fortis Hospital, Mohali highlighted the severe health effects of air pollution, with a focus on respiratory and cardiovascular diseases. Their session underscored how vulnerable groups, including children and the elderly, are disproportionately affected by deteriorating air quality.

Haryana CM inaugurates three-day Krishi Darshan Exhibition in Hisar

PNS ■ CHANDIGARH

Haryana Chief Minister Nayab Singh Saini said that CMVR (Central Motor Vehicles Rules) certification for agricultural tractors will be issued by the Northern Region Farm Machinery Training and Testing Institute in Hisar. This initiative will directly benefit manufacturers in the agriculture sector across North India. In addition, a Custom Hiring Centre is also being inaugurated at the institute, where small and marginal farmers can rent agricultural machinery, such as rotavators, super seeders, land levellers, ploughs, and trolleys. This will enable farmers to use advanced equipment on their fields, enhancing productivity. Addressing the farmers and others involved in the agriculture sector after inaugurating the three-day Krishi Darshan Exhibition, organized by Agri India Exhibition, Karnal, at the Northern Region Farm Machinery Training and Testing Institute in Hisar, he said this exhibition will play a



key role in boosting the Haryana Government's agricultural mechanization efforts and in providing farmers with valuable insights into advanced agricultural techniques. Saini also encouraged farmers to take full advantage of both Central and State Government schemes by prioritizing new technologies, improved seeds, and organic farming practices. Given the declining water levels, he urged farmers to focus on water conservation and shift towards sprinkler and drip irrigation systems. He highlighted that the state government is offering subsidies of 70% to 80% on these schemes. He said the Haryana government is implementing special schemes to provide farmers with tractors, harvesters, and other essential agricultural equipment. In addition, a plan is being developed to offer machinery on rent to small farmers, helping them achieve higher production at lower costs. The Chief Minister stressed the government's focus on stubble management, and said that farmers have been incentivized with approximately Rs 1,213 crore for crop residue management equipment.

Himachal Pradesh budget to be presented on March 17

PNS ■ SHIMLA

The state Cabinet in its meeting held under the chairmanship of Chief Minister Thakur Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu on Saturday decided to recommend to the governor to convene the Budget Session from March 10 to 28, Industry Minister Harshwardhan Chauhan told media persons here. The Cabinet also approved 60-day special maternity leave for female government employees in the event of a stillbirth or the death of a child soon after birth. It approved the declaration of pending results for 699 posts across six post codes, excluding the tainted posts. These include Market Supervisor (Post Code-977), Fireman (Post Code-916), Drawing Master (Post Code-980), Clerks (HP Secretariat, Post Code-962), Lineman (Post Code-971), and Steno-Typist (Post Code-928).

The Cabinet decided to upgrade Police Chowki Sanjauli to Police Station along with creation and filling up of 20 posts of different categories. It decided to open a new Fire Post at Nerwa in Shimla district along with creation and filling up of 17 posts of different categories. It decided to create and fill up nine posts of Tehsildar in the Revenue department, create and fill up six posts of various categories for newly opened Police Post Baghi under Police Station Kotkhai in Shimla district.

Himachal CM Approves projects of over Rs 883 crore

In a separate meeting, Sukhu on Saturday approved 25 project proposals for setting up new industrial enterprises and expanding the existing units, involving an investment of about Rs 883.36 crore. The projects approved have the poten-

tial to generate jobs for about 2,830 persons, a release said. While chairing the meeting of the State Single Window Clearance & Monitoring Authority (SSWC&MA), Sukhu said that this showed that the state continued to attract investment as a "most-favoured" destination. New proposals approved by the authority include proposals by Bauji Industries for manufacturing of capsules, tablets, liquid etc and Jai Pali Infra for the manufacturing of PUF panel. Rich Printers' proposal for the manufacturing of corrugated boxes; Richlyns Healthcare's plan of manufacturing liquid syrups, tablets and capsules; Indo Spirits' proposal for manufacturing IMFL and country liquor and Kaumudhi Textiles Private Limited's proposal of manufacturing textile fabric towels are among the projects cleared by the authority.

Union Minister Manohar Lal, Speakers of Gujarat and HP address Haryana MLAs

PNS ■ CHANDIGARH

On the second day of the two-day Orientation Program for the members of the Haryana Vidhan Sabha, organized in collaboration with the Parliamentary Research and Training Institute for Democracies (PRIDE), various speakers enlightened the MLAs on legislative matters. These included Union Minister of Energy, Housing and Urban Affairs Manohar Lal, Gujarat Vidhan Sabha Speaker Shankarbhai Chaudhary, Himachal Pradesh Vidhan Sabha Speaker Kuldeep Singh Pathania, former Member of Parliament Dr. Satya Pal Singh, and additional and joint secretary-level officers from the

Rajya Sabha and Lok Sabha Secretariats. Union Minister of Energy, Housing and Urban Affairs Manohar Lal, while speaking on the Role of Ministers in Legislative Processes, shared his experiences from his nine-and-a-half years as Chief Minister of Haryana and 250 days as Union Minister with the members of the Legislative Assembly. He mentioned that he had the privilege of serving the people of the state as a member of the 13th and 14th Haryana Legislative Assemblies. He stated that to become a better Minister, a member should have a thorough understanding of the legislative process, rules, and laws, as well as key issues of other departments in addition to

their own. This knowledge will enable them to answer questions during assembly sessions with complete information. Manohar Lal said that there may be a need to create new laws through the Assembly or amend existing ones. In such cases, a minister should thoroughly study the draft of the relevant law to become well-acquainted with its aims and objectives. He also provided detailed information to the MLAs about ordinary bills and money bills. Earlier, Gujarat Vidhan Sabha Speaker Shankarbhai Chaudhary, in his address on Legislative Experience, emphasized that the Vidhan Sabha is a platform for dialogue, not debate. He urged the members of the Vidhan Sabha to present

their views within the decorum of the House and to listen to other members with patience. He stressed that MLAs should speak based on facts, as points supported by facts carry greater weight. He also highlighted the importance of MLAs preparing themselves in light of the increasing use of technology. Praising the Haryana Vidhan Sabha, he said that it has played a leading role in implementing 'NeVA'. During his address on Legislative Experience, Himachal Pradesh Vidhan Sabha Speaker Kuldeep Singh Pathania said the initiative will be especially beneficial for the newly elected members, helping them perform their legislative duties more effectively. He urged the members to allo-

cate time to gather information through technology and stay updated with new rules and laws. He also highlighted the special importance of various committees in legislative work, encouraging MLAs to ensure maximum participation in these committees. Additionally, he advised members to effectively raise the issues of their respective constituencies in the House, enabling them to meet the hopes and expectations of the people by addressing and resolving these concerns. Former MP Satya Pal Singh and Joint Secretary of the Rajya Sabha Secretariat Raghav Prasad Dash spoke on the topic of Legislative and Financial Business in the Indian Parliament and in the Haryana Legislative Assembly.

Himachal Pradesh Jal Shakti Vibhag

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DRAFT NOTICE INVITING E-TENDER TENDER NOTICE

Online bids on item rate basis are invited by the Executive Engineer, Jal Shakti Division Karsog, Himachal Pradesh on the behalf of Governor of Himachal Pradesh, in electronic tendering system in two covers for the under mentioned work from contractors/firms of an appropriate class enlisted with HP Jal Shakti Vibhag.

1. Name of work:- A/R & M/O Sarror Khad to Churag and Tattapani area in Tehsil Karsog, Distt. Mandi HP (SH: Providing Manpower like Pump Operator, Pump Attendant, Chowkidar for operation and Maintenance of under Jal Shakti Section Tattapani for One Year)

(i)	Name of Division	Jal Shakti Division Karsog
(ii)	Name of Sub Division	Jal Shakti Sub Division, Karsog
(iii)	Estimated Cost	13,83,508/-
(iv)	Earnest Money	27,670/-
(v)	Time of completion	One Year
(vi)	Cost of Tender Form	Rs. 500/- only
(vii)	Validity of offer	90 days from the date of opening

2. Name of work:- A/R & M/O Behta Khad to GawalpurTebanSarhan in Tehsil Karsog, Distt. Mandi HP (SH: Providing manpower like pump operator, pump attendant, chowkidar for operation and maintenance of under Jal Shakti Section Ashla for 7 Months)

(i)	Name of Division	Jal Shakti Division Karsog
(ii)	Name of Sub Division	Jal Shakti Sub Division, Karsog
(iii)	Estimated Cost	5,14,383/-
(iv)	Earnest Money	10,288/-
(v)	Time of completion	Seven Months
(vi)	Cost of Tender Form	Rs. 500/- only
(vii)	Validity of offer	90 days from the date of opening

A	Date of online Publication	13-02-202505.00 PM.
B	Downloading of e - tender documents	14-02-2025 05.00 PM.
C	Date of submission of e - tender	14-02-2025 at 05.00 PM upto24-02-2025 at 05.00 PM
D	Date of opening of bids:	25-02-2025 at 11.30 AM
E	Cover-1 Eligibility Criteria	On 25-02-2025 at 11.30 AM
F	Cover-2 Financial Bid	Shall be intimated separately
G	Site Visit	Any working day till before opening of Bid.

Executive Engineer, Jal Shakti Division Karsog, Distt. Mandi (HP)

RO NO. 5226/2024-2025 Dt. 14-02-2025

HIMACHAL PRADESH PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

INVITATION FOR BIDS (IFB)
The Executive Engineer, Palampur Division, HPPWD, Palampur on behalf of Governor of Himachal Pradesh, 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 (In Rs.)	Starting date for downloadin g Bid	Earnest Money (In Rs.)	Deadline for submission of bid	Time limit
1	Periodic Maintenance of link road from Radha Krishan Mandir to join BGT road (VILLAGE ROAD) (HP0402VR016519301) (AMP 2025 -26) (SH:- Providing and laying 25 MM thick Bitumen Concrete laying with Paver Finisher, Road Marking strips of hot applied Thermoplastic compound (Painting line) between KM 0/000 to 1/00)	Rs. 11,13,665.00	18.02.2025	Rs. 22,300.00	24.02.2025	Three Months
2	Periodic Maintenance of link road from Lohna to Surad (VILLAGE ROAD) (HP0402VR002919302) (AMP 2025 -26) (SH:- Providing and laying 25 MM thick Bitumen Concrete laying with Paver Finisher & Road Marking strips of hot applied Thermoplastic compound (Painting line) between KM 0/350 to 2/000)	Rs. 18,67,000.00	18.02.2025	Rs. 37,400.00	24.02.2025	Three Months
3	Periodic Maintenance of link road from Lohna to Surad (VILLAGE ROAD) (HP0402VR002919303) (AMP 2025 -26) (SH:- Providing and laying 25 MM thick Bitumen Concrete laying with Paver Finisher & Road Marking strips of hot applied Thermoplastic compound (Painting line) between KM 2/000 to 2/500)	Rs. 5,65,827.00	18.02.2025	Rs. 11,400.00	24.02.2025	Three Months
4	Periodic Maintenance PalampurNeugal Park road (VILLAGE ROAD) (HP0402VR016319301) (AMP 2025 -26) (SH:- Providing and laying 25 MM thick Bitumen Concrete laying with Paver Finisher & Road Marking strips of hot applied Thermoplastic compound (Painting line) between KM 0/000 to 3/000)	Rs. 64,60,120.00	18.02.2025	Rs. 1,29,300.00	24.02.2025	Three Months
5	Periodic Maintenance of link road to village LoharLahar (VILLAGE ROAD) (HP0403VR012412101) (AMP 2025 -26) (SH:- Providing and laying 25 MM thick Bitumen Concrete laying with Paver Finisher & Road Marking strips of hot applied Thermoplastic compound (Painting line) between KM 0/000 to 1/000)	Rs. 11,31,152.00	18.02.2025	Rs. 22,700.00	24.02.2025	Three Months
6	Periodic Maintenance of link road to village LoharLahar (VILLAGE ROAD) (HP0403VR012412101) (AMP 2025 -26) (SH:- Providing and laying 25 MM thick Bitumen Concrete laying with Paver Finisher & Road Marking strips of hot applied Thermoplastic compound (Painting line) between KM 1/000 to 2/000)	Rs. 11,31,152.00	18.02.2025	Rs. 22,700.00	24.02.2025	Three Months
7	Periodic Maintenance of GHUGGAR TANDA ROAD (VILLAGE ROAD) (HP0403VR010719301) (AMP 2025 -26) (SH:- Providing and laying 25 MM thick Bitumen Concrete laying with Paver Finisher & Road Marking strips of hot applied Thermoplastic compound (Painting line) between KM 0/000 to1/300)	Rs. 14,94,188.00	18.02.2025	Rs. 29,900.00	24.02.2025	Three Months
8	Periodic Maintenance of link road from Dharamman to Spairu (VILLAGE ROAD) (HP0403VR007512103) (AMP 2025 -26) (SH:- Providing and laying 25 MM thick Bitumen Concrete using plastic & laying with Paver Finisher & Road Marking strips of hot applied Thermoplastic compound (Painting line) between KM 0/000 to1/300)	Rs. 12,71,972.00	18.02.2025	Rs. 25,500.00	24.02.2025	Three Months

The Technical bid will be opened on 24.02.2025 at 11.30 AM. The bidders are advised to note other details of tenders from the department website WWW.hptenders.gov.in

Executive Engineer, HPPWD, Division, Palampur PIN-176061, Tel. 01894-230561, e-mail-ee-pal-hp@nic.in On behalf of Governor of H.P. RO NO. 5249/2024-2025 Dt. 15-02-2025

PIRAMAL CAPITAL & HOUSING FINANCE LTD. Registered Office: 601, 6th Floor, Piramal Amlit Building, Piramal Agastya Corporate Park, Karami Junction, Opp. Fire Station, LBS Marg, Kuria (west), Mumbai-400070-T-91 22 3802 4000

E-Auction Sale Notice - Subsequent Sale Pursuant to taking possession of the secured asset mentioned hereunder by the Authorized Officer of Piramal Capital & Housing Finance Limited under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002

Corporate Office: ICICI Home Finance Company Limited ICICI HFC Tower, Andheri - Kuria Road, Andheri (East), Mumbai - 400059, India

Statutory 15 Days Sale Notice Under SARFAESI ACT TO THE BORROWER/GUARANTOR / MORTGAGOR The above mentioned Borrower/Guarantor are hereby notified to pay the sum as mentioned in section 13(2) notice in full with accrued interest till date before the date of auction, failing which property will be auctioned/sold and balance dues if any will be recovered with interest and cost from borrower/guarantor.

Online auction will be conducted on website (URL Link- https://assets.metaxactions.com) of our auction agency Metax Net Pvt Ltd. The Mortgagors/notice are given a last chance to pay the total dues with further interest till March 17, 2025 before 05:00 PM else these secured assets will be sold as per above schedule.

कोऑपरेटिव बैंक Cooperative Bank FULLY COMPUTERIZED BANK HEAD OFFICE : AMRITSAR

THE AMRITSAR CENTRAL CO-OPERATIVE BANK LTD. SYMBOLIC POSSESSION NOTICE (FOR IMMOVABLE PROPERTY) Whereas, the undersigned being the Authorized Officer of The Amritsar Central Cooperative Bank Ltd., under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13(2) and 13(12) of the Act, read with rule 8 and 9 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002, issued a Demand Notice on the date mentioned against accounts calling upon the borrowers / guarantors to repay the amount mentioned against account within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said Notice.

Table with columns: Name of the NPA Account / Branch, Description of the Immovable Property, Date of the Demand Notice, Date of the Possession, Amount Outstanding

यूको बैंक UCO BANK Branch Office: Shimla Main

LOCKER NOTICE It is hereby notified that certain Bank clients who had taken Bank lockers on rent in the Shimla Main Branch of our Bank have not responded to the Bank's Notices, at the last known address for operating/surrendering the Locker/clearing arrears of rent.

ICICI Bank Branch Office: ICICI Bank Ltd First Floor, Mc International, The Mall, Mall road Amritsar- 143001

PUBLIC NOTICE-TENDER CUM E-AUCTION FOR SALE OF SECURED ASSET Notice for sale of immovable asset(s)

Table with columns: Sr. No., Name of Borrower(s)/Co-Borrowers/Guarantors/Loan Account No., Details of the Secured asset(s) with known encumbrances, if any, Amount Outstanding, Reserve Price, Date and Time of Property Inspection, Date & Time of E-Auction

सूचना सर्व संपत्तियों को सूचित किया जाता है कि मैंने अपना नाम SUNIL से बदलकर SUNIL KUMAR कर लिया है। भविष्य में मुझे SUNIL KUMAR के नाम से जाना पहचाना जाए।

CHD CHEMICALS LIMITED (CIN: L24232CH2012PLC034188) Registered Office: PLOT NO 45 INDUSTRIAL AREA PHASE 1 CHANDIGARH

PACT INDUSTRIES LIMITED (CIN: L18101PB1993PLC013193) Regd. & Head Office : 303, Hotel The Taksonz, Opp. Railway Station, G.T. Road, Ludhiana, Punjab, India, 141008

Table with columns: Particulars, Quarter ended, Nine Months ended, Year ending

OFFICE OF THE RECOVERY OFFICER - III/II DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL CHANDIGARH (DRT 1) 2nd Floor SCO 33-34-35, Sector-17A, Chandigarh

DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL CHANDIGARH (DRT 1) DEMAND NOTICE NOTICE UNDER SECTIONS 25 TO 28 OF THE RECOVERY OF DEBTS & BANKRUPTCY ACT, 1993 AND RULE 2 OF SECOND SCHEDULE TO THE INCOME TAX ACT, 1961. Date 15.02.2025

PUBLIC NOTICE Report of Loss File Ujtanjit Singh, S/o Sh. Rajinder Singh, Aadhar No. 702047513196, resident of House No. 2377, Phase-11, Sector-65, S.A.S. Nagar (Mohali), Punjab (Mobile/WhatsApp: +9192577-7154), hereby declares that the original property documents related to the property located at 2377, Phase-11, Sector-65, S.A.S. Nagar (Mohali), Punjab have been lost.

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

Table with columns: Sr. No., Name of the Borrower(s)/Co-Borrower's/Loan Account Number, Description of Symbolic Possession, Date of Symbolic Possession, Date of Demand Notice, Name of Branch

ICICI Home Finance Corporate Office: ICICI Home Finance Company Limited ICICI HFC Tower, Andheri - Kuria Road, Andheri (East), Mumbai - 400059, India

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8 (6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.

Table with columns: Sr. No., Name of Borrower(s)/Co-Borrowers/Legal Heirs/Loan Account No., Details of the Secured asset(s) with known encumbrances, if any, Amount Outstanding, Reserve Price, Date and Time of Property Inspection, Date & Time of Auction, One Day Before Auction Date, SARFAESI Stage

THE ONLINE AUCTION WILL BE CONDUCTED ON WEBSITE (URL LINK- https://assets.metaxactions.com) OF OUR AUCTION AGENCY METAX NET PVT LTD. THE MORTGAGORS/NOTICE ARE GIVEN A LAST CHANCE TO PAY THE TOTAL DUES WITH FURTHER INTEREST TILL MARCH 17, 2025 BEFORE 05:00 PM ELSE THESE SECURED ASSETS WILL BE SOLD AS PER ABOVE SCHEDULE.

बैंक ऑफ बड़ोदा BANK OF BARODA BRANCH: AURA HEIGHTS, BATHINDA Phone No: 0164-2255532 E-mail: VJBHAT@bankofbaroda.com

See Rule 8(1) POSSESSION NOTICE (for immovable property only) Whereas the undersigned being the Authorized Officer of the Bank of Baroda under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest (Second) Act, 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13(12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued a demand notice on the date mentioned below and stated therein after calling upon the borrower to repay the amount mentioned below within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

Table with columns: Name of Borrower/ Guarantor, Description of the Immovable Property, Date of Demand Notice, Date of Possession, Amount as per Demand Notice

Faridkot Branch: Circular Road, Sidhu Complex, Opp. DIET Faridkot-151203 E-mail: faridkot@bankofbaroda.com

See Rule 8(1) POSSESSION NOTICE (for immovable property) Whereas the undersigned being the Authorized Officer of the Bank of Baroda under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest (Second) Act, 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13(12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued a demand notice on the date mentioned below and stated therein after calling upon the borrower to repay the amount mentioned below within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

Table with columns: Name of Borrower/ Guarantor, Description of the Immovable Property, Date of Demand Notice, Date of Possession, Amount as per Demand Notice

Zelenskyy, Scholz toughen stands

Hamas frees 3 hostages, Israel releases hundreds of prisoners

PTI ■ MUNICH

TRUMP'S UNSETTLING POLICIES

Two top European leaders stiffened their spines on Saturday over unsettling new policies from Washington under President Donald Trump, as Ukraine's president urged creation of an "armed forces of Europe" and the leader of Germany denounced meddling in its election after US Vice President JD Vance met

with a German far-right leader. Strident speeches from Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy and German Chancellor Olaf Scholz on Day 2 of the Munich Security Conference testified to the impact of a blizzard of Trump decisions that have resonated at home and in Europe,

notably his hopes to end the Russia-Ukraine war and nurture perceived allies on the continent. Ramping up his desire for a more muscular and mighty Europe, Zelenskyy said Ukraine's three-year fight against an invading Russian army has proved that a founda-

tion exists for the creation of a European army that has long been discussed among some continental leaders. "I really believe that time has come," he said. "The armed forces of Europe must be created." It's unclear whether the idea will catch on with European leaders. Zelenskyy has sought greater military and economic support from the European Union for years and repeatedly warned

that other parts of Europe could be vulnerable to Russia's expansionist ambitions too. While the bloc — along with the United States — has been one of Kyiv's strongest backers, pockets of political disagreement in EU over its approach to Moscow and economic realities, including national debt levels that have crimped defence spending, have gotten in the way of greater support. Earlier, German Chancellor Olaf Scholz said he was "pleased" at what he called a shared commitment with the United States to the "preserving the sovereign independence of Ukraine," and agreed with Trump that the Russia-Ukraine war must end.

But also Scholz took aim at the new political tack from Washington, affirming his strong stance against the far-right and said his country won't accept people who "intervene in our democracy" — alluding to remarks by US Vice President JD Vance who scolded European leaders over their approach to democracy. Ahead of February 23 elections in Germany, polls show the far-right Alternative for Germany (AfD) party — whose co-leader met with Vance on Friday — currently in second, ahead of Scholz's own Social Democrats.

PTI ■ KHAN YOUNIS (GAZA STRIP)

Hamas-led militants released three male Israeli hostages on Saturday and Israeli forces freed hundreds of prisoners in return, in the latest indication that a fragile ceasefire that had teetered in recent days is holding. Militants in the southern Gaza Strip paraded the three hostages — Iair Horn, 46, a dual citizen of Israel and Argentina; American-Israeli Sagui Dekel Chen, 36; and Russian-Israeli Alexander (Sasha) Troufanov, 29 — before a crowd before releasing them. They were transported to Israel to be reunited with their families and to receive medical evaluation in a hospital. All had been abducted from Kibbutz Nir Oz, a community that was hard-hit in the October 7, 2023, attack that ignited the war. They appeared pale and worn, but seemed in better physical condition than the three men released last Saturday, who emerged emaciated from 16 months of captivity. A tense dispute had jeopardised the nearly four-week-old truce in recent days and threatened to renew the fighting.

US President Donald Trump's controversial proposal to remove more than 2 million Palestinians from Gaza and settle them elsewhere in the region has cast even more doubt on the future of the ceasefire. But Hamas said on Thursday it would move ahead with the release of more hostages after talks with Egyptian and Qatari officials. The group said the mediators had pledged to "remove all hurdles" to ensure Israel would allow more tents, medical supplies and other essentials into Gaza. As with previous exchanges, the hostage release was heavily choreographed, with the captives made to walk onto a stage and speak into microphones before the crowd. Dozens of masked, armed Hamas fighters lined up near the stage festooned with Palestinian flags and banners of militant factions. In Tel Aviv's Hostages Square, a huge cheer went up as the hostages were transferred to the Red Cross. "Iair, Sagui and Sasha are on their way home!" an announcer said. In return for the hostages' release, Israel began releasing 369 Palestinian prisoners and detainees. A bus carrying the first

released prisoners arrived in the occupied West Bank town of Beitunia and were greeted by a cheering crowd of relatives and supporters. Some appeared gaunt, and the Palestinian Red Crescent emergency service said four were immediately taken for medical treatment. Most of those released were transported to Gaza, where a large crowd greeted them in Khan Younis, the same town where the hostages had been released hours earlier. It is the sixth swap since the ceasefire took effect on January 19. Before Saturday, 21 hostages and over 730 Palestinian prisoners were freed during the first phase of the truce. Horn was abducted along with his brother, Eitan Horn, who had been staying with him at the time. Eitan, 37, remains in captivity and is not on the list of hostages expected to be released in the ceasefire's first stage. "Now, we can breathe a little. Our Iair is home after surviving hell in Gaza," his family said in a statement. "Now, we need to bring Eitan back so our family can truly breathe." Dekel Chen had been working outside when militants stormed the kibbutz. His pregnant wife, Avital Dekel Chen, hid in a safe room with their two daughters. She gave birth to their third daughter two months later. Speaking to Israeli media Saturday, she said she was overwhelmed with happiness to see Sagui back in Israel, where he will meet his youngest daughter, Shachar, for the first time. Troufanov, whose father was killed during the October 7 attack, was taken hostage along with his grandmother, mother and girlfriend. The three women were released during a brief ceasefire in November 2023. Troufanov was informed of his father's death after his release, shortly before being reunited with his family, who said they were "overwhelmed with emotion and gratitude" as he crossed into Israeli territory.

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Statement of Standalone Financial Results for the Quarter and Nine Months ended 31 December 2024

Sl. No.	Particulars	3 months ended		Nine Months Ended		Standalone Previous Year Ended	
		31-12-2024	30-09-2024	31-12-2024	31-12-2023		31-03-2024
		(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)		(Audited)
1	Total Income (Net)	4,315.14	4,778.65	14,395.70	9,752.14	13,605.26	
2	Net Profit / (Loss) for the period (before Tax, Exceptional and/or Extraordinary items#)	420.88	866.56	1,900.82	739.21	970.65	
3	Net Profit / (Loss) for the period before tax (after Exceptional and/or Extraordinary items#)	420.88	866.56	1,899.07	723.03	972.00	
4	Net Profit / (Loss) for the period after tax (after Exceptional and/or Extraordinary items#)	297.81	681.10	1,444.21	498.19	743.56	
5	Total Comprehensive Income for the period (Comprising Profit / (Loss) for the period (after tax) and Other Comprehensive Income (after tax))	297.81	681.10	1,444.21	498.19	743.56	
6	Paid Up Equity Share Capital	1,593.23	1,593.23	1,593.23	1,274.58	1,274.58	
7	Reserves (excluding Revaluation Reserve) as shown in the Audited Balance Sheet of the previous year	-	-	-	-	5,131.57	
8	Securities Premium Account	558.65	558.65	558.65	240.00	240.00	
9	Net Worth	8,487.66	8,148.55	8,487.66	4,485.27	6,406.15	
10	Paid up Debt Capital / Outstanding Debt	0.24	0.24	0.24	0.16	0.17	
11	Outstanding Redeemable Preferences Shares	-	-	-	-	-	
12	Debt Equity Ratio	0.80	0.81	0.80	1.33	1.18	
13	Earnings Per Share (of Rs. 10/- each) (before and after extraordinary items)						
1. Basic:	1.87	4.27	9.06	3.91	5.83		
2. Diluted:	1.87	4.27	9.06	3.91	5.83		
14	Capital Redemption Reserve	-	-	-	-	-	
15	Debt Redemption Reserve	-	-	-	-	-	
16	Debt Service Coverage Ratio	1.41	3.40	2.39	1.38	1.36	
17	Interest Service coverage Ratio	4.42	9.64	6.69	2.68	2.84	

Note: The above is an extract of the detailed format of Quarterly Financial Results filed with the Bombay Stock Exchange under Regulation 33 of the SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015. The full format of the Quarterly Financial Results are available on the websites of the Bombay Stock Exchange i.e. www.bseindia.in and on web site of the Company i.e. www.ashnoortext.com

By Order of the Board of Directors
For Ashnoor Textile Mills Limited
Sd/-
Suneel Gupta
Managing Director
DIN - 00052084

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ANNEXURE I

[Regulation 52 (8), read with Regulation 52 (4), of the SEBI (LODR) Regulations, 2015]

S. No.	Particulars	(Amounts in INR Lacs except per share data and ratios)		
		For the Quarter ended		For the Year ended
		31.12.2024	31.12.2023	31.03.2024
1	Total Income from Operations	462.18	2,706.38	13,407.51
2	Net Profit / (Loss) for the period (before Tax, Exceptional and/or Extraordinary items#)	40.26	(55.15)	(420.21)
3	Net Profit / (Loss) for the period before tax (after Exceptional and/or Extraordinary items#)	40.26	(55.15)	(420.21)
4	Net Profit / (Loss) for the period after tax (after Exceptional and/or Extraordinary items#)	40.45	(55.60)	(771.48)
5	Total Comprehensive Income for the period (Comprising Profit / (Loss) for the period (after tax) and Other Comprehensive Income (after tax))	40.45	(55.60)	(775.08)
6	Paid up Equity Share Capital	1.00	1.00	1.00
7	Reserves (excluding Revaluation Reserve)	(4,188.41)	(3,924.53)	(4,200.57)
8	Net worth	(4,874.11)	(3,923.53)	(4,199.57)
9	Paid up Debt Capital / Outstanding Debt	20,787.05	16,425.32	16,425.32
10	Outstanding Redeemable Preference Shares	-	-	-
11	Debt Equity Ratio *	(0.58)	(0.62)	(0.58)
12	Earnings Per Share (of Rs. 10/- each) (for continuing and discontinued operations) -			
1. Basic: (in Rs)	404.53	(555.98)	(7,714.76)	
2. Diluted: (in Rs)	404.53	(555.98)	(7,714.76)	
13	Capital Redemption Reserve	-	-	-
14	Debt Redemption Reserve	-	-	-
15	Debt Service Coverage Ratio *	0.02	(0.02)	(0.17)
16	Interest Service Coverage Ratio *	-	(0.15)	(5.42)
17	Current Ratio	0.77	0.82	0.80
18	Long Term Debt to Working Capital Ratio	-	-	-
19	Bad Debt to Accounts Receivable Ratio	-	-	-
20	Current Liability Ratio	0.99	0.99	0.99
21	Total Debt to Total Asset Ratio	0.08	0.06	0.07
22	Debtor Turnover Ratio	4.60	53.53	178.29
23	Inventory Turnover Ratio	0.02	0.08	0.41
24	Operating Margin	-13.07%	-3.23%	-4.19%
25	Net Profit Margin	-8.75%	-2.05%	-5.75%

Note:
a) The above is an extract of the detailed format of quarterly/annual financial results filed with the Stock Exchanges under Regulation 52 of the SEBI (Listing and Other Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015. The full format of the quarterly/annual financial results are available on the websites of the Stock Exchange(s) and the listed entity.
b) For the items referred in sub-clauses (a), (b), (d) and (e) of the Regulation 52 (4) of the SEBI (Listing and Other Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015, the pertinent disclosures have been made to the Stock Exchange(s).
c) # - Exceptional and/or Extraordinary items adjusted in the Statement of Profit and Loss in accordance with Ind AS Rules / AS Rules, whichever is applicable.
d) * - The pertinent items need to be disclosed if the said disclosure is required as per Regulation 52 (4) of the SEBI (Listing and Other Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015.
e) Previous periods figures have been reclassified wherever considered necessary

For and on behalf of the Board of Directors of
ATS Infrabuild Private Limited

Kashinath Jha Director
Santosh Kumar Director
Place: Noida
Date: 14.02.2025
DIN: 09834435
DIN: 09835334

PUBLIC NOTICE
Notice is hereby given to the General Public that Mr. Ajit Kumar is the owner of Freehold residential property bearing Plot No. 1, area measuring 25 Sq. Yds. + 25 Sq. Yds., total 50 Sq. Yds., L-Type, out of Kharsa No. 105/142, situated in the area of Village Palam, Delhi State, Delhi, Colony known as Raja Park, In Block-C, Uttam Nagar, New Delhi-110059, by virtue of Notarized Will dated 02.09.2017, executed by Mr. Ramkishan Kumar, same to be financed by SMFG India Credit Company Limited (Formerly Fullerton India Credit Company Limited), General public hereby informed that if anybody has any charge/interest/lien in the said property or any kind of dispute kindly inform the undersigned in writing on the below mentioned address within 07 days of the present.
Rajni Raj Patil, Advocate
SC Associates (Law Firm)
F-18, Lotus Pool Plaza, Vaidya Khand, Indraprastha, Ghaziabad-17
E-mail: sgassociates@gmail.com, Ph: 901172754, 912444939

PUBLIC NOTICE
Notice is hereby given to the General Public that Ms. Km. Rita Bhatti d/o Krishna Dutt Pankaj is purchase the Being a property, along with roof right, admeasuring around 30 Sq. Yds., out of Kharsa No. 315/1, situated in a colony known as Satya Vihar, Village Kamalpur Majra Burari, Burari, Delhi-110064 from Mr. Lakshay Yadav s/o Lakhhan Singh, and same mortgage the said property with Shubham Housing Development Finance Co. Ltd. and Mr. Lakshay Yadav s/o Lakhhan Singh, unavailability of Surviving member certificate of Mrs. Bhagwati W/o Mr. Jai Pal, if anybody has any charge/interest/lien in the said property or any kind of dispute kindly inform the undersigned in writing on the below mentioned address within 7 days of the present.
Deepika Mishra (ADVOCATE)
Office Add:-G-1002, Vaishali Cloud 9,
Ghaziabad, UP-201010, Mob No.-9855911103

PUBLIC NOTICE
The General Public is informed that Mr. Pawan Kumar Singh S/o Upendra Singh is the Owner of Industrial Plot No. C-262, Sector-10, Noida, Gautam Budh Nagar Uttar Pradesh-201301. That Mr. Pawan Kumar Singh S/o Upendra Singh has lost some original documents of this said property i.e. 1. Original Allotment Letter 2. Original Possession Letter 3. Original Functional Letter 4. Original Completion Certificate. If anyone finds these Original Documents or having any objection, Please inform me on my given Mob No. 9911004142 within 7 days.
Yogesh Kumar (Advocate)

कार्यालय नगर पालिक निगम, भोपाल
केन्द्रीय कर्मशाला (मैके. शाखा)
निविदा सूचना
भोपाल, दिनांक 14.02.2025
क्र. 221/के.कर्म./2025
नगर निगम भोपाल केन्द्रीय कर्मशाला के द्वारा 05 नग नवीन स्कड स्टोर (रोबोट मशीन) क्रय करने हेतु ऑनलाईन निविदा निम्नानुसार आमंत्रित की जाती है।
क्र. निविदा क्र. सामान का विवरण अनुमानित लागत धरोहर राशि निविदा फॉर्म का मूल्य प्रदाय अवधि
1. 2024_UAD Purchase of Skid Steer Loader for Bhopal 13625000/- 68125/- 12500/- 30 दिवस
377266_2 Municipal Corporation (Second Call)
BID SUBMISSION END DATE- 15.03.2025 TIME- 05:30 PM
BID OPENING DATE- 17.03.2025 TIME- 01:00 PM
निविदा से संबंधित अन्य विस्तृत जानकारी वेबसाइट mptenders.gov.in पर देखी एवं केन्द्रीय कर्मशाला (मैकेनिकल) से कार्यालयीन समय में प्राप्त की जा सकती है।
निक्र. 1297/024/025
अपर आयुक्त
परिवहन शाखा, नगर निगम भोपाल

OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER (FIU), UTTARAKHAND JAL SANSTHAN,
INDRAPRASTH COLONY, LANE NO. 3, NATHANPUR, DEHRADUN-248001,
Email-ID cwbfu@gmail.com
Letter No.1018/E-Tender Notice/E-Tender Notice/24-25 Dated 15/02/2025
E-Tender Notice
On behalf of the Chief General Manager, Uttarakhand Jal Sansthan.. Dehradun sealed tenders in Single Bid System, on item rate contract (inclusive of all materials), are invited for the **Leak detection activities in up to 04 peri-urban water supply schemes** from technically and financially capable bidders up to prescribed time & date and on the portal as mentioned in terms and conditions given below.
Bid No. Name of Work Bid Security (Lakh) Cost of bid document (Rs.) Period of completion of works
1 The Works consist of Leak detection activities in up to 04 peri-urban water supply schemes situated in Dehradun District under Uttarakhand Water Supply Program for Peri-Urban Areas (UWSP) 2.00 4000.00 + 18% GST 12 Months
Note- The Bidder must be registered with the Central Government/Any State Government or Central/State Govt. Undertaking Department as a Class C or above in suitable category are allowed to take part in this tender.
The tender time schedule (Key Dates) is as follows:-
1 Date of Online Publication 17.02.2025 at 11.00 a.m.
2 Document download: Start Date 17.02.2025 at 11.00 a.m.
3 Document download: End Date 07.03.2025 at 17.00 p.m.
4 Pre-Bid Meeting 25.02.2025 at 11.00 a.m.
5 Bid Submission: Start Date 28.02.2025 at 09.00 a.m.
6 Bid Submission: End Date 07.03.2025 at 17.00 p.m.
7 Date of Offline submission of documents. 07.03.2025 up to 17.00 p.m.
8 Date of Bid Opening 10.03.2025 at 11.00 a.m.
The Other Terms & Conditions regarding E-Tender can be seen/receive on the E-tender website of Uttarakhand i.e www.uktenders.gov.in
"जल संघय-जीवन संघय"
Executive Engineer (FIU)

ASSOCIATED FINMAN LIMITED
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Email Id: associatedfinman1984@gmail.com; Tel No.: +91 1132963621; Website: www.associatedfin.net
Statement of Unaudited Standalone Financial Results for the Quarter ended 31st December 2024
(Rs. In hundreds)
Sl. No. Particulars Current/Quarter Year ended figures 3 months ended in the previous year
31/12/2024 31/12/2024 31/12/2023
1. Total Income from Operations - 15000.00 -
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8. Earnings Per Share (of Rs. 10/- each) (for continuing and discontinued operations) -
1. Basic: 0.03 0.09 0.31
2. Diluted:
Notes:
1. The above is an extract of the detailed format of quarterly/annual financial results filed with the stock exchange under Regulation 33 of the SEBI (Listing and Other Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015. The full format of the quarterly & year to date financial results are available on the Stock Exchange website (www.mse.in) and the company's website (www.paritajpapermills.com)
2. The above results were reviewed by the Audit Committee and approved by the Board of Directors at its meeting held on Tuesday, 14th February 2025.

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PUBLIC NOTICE
It is for General Information that I am MOHD AKRAM R/O C-301, ABUL FAZAL ENCLAVE PART-I, SHAHRAN BAGH, JAMIA NAGAR, NEW DELHI-110025 disowned his son MD SARTAJ and his wife MRS. ANJUM from all his movable & immovable properties with immediate effect & severed all relations anybody dealing with them in any manner whatsoever will be doing so at his/her own cost/risk & responsibilities.

PUBLIC NOTICE
General public is hereby informed that Rajiv Kumar Sharma S/o Rajendra Kumar Sharma is the owner of A Residential House (PH) No. 481, (Old No. 77) area 240 Sq. Yd. i.e. 200/64 Sq. Mtr (Super Area & 196.39 Sq. Mtr (Covered Area) situated at Kamal Vihar Bagh, Near Manoli, Muzaffarnagar, by virtue of Will dated 01/05/2008. After the death of Rajendra Kumar Sharma & Leavawill is the only surviving legal heir and son Rajiv Kumar Sharma has become the owner of the said property, who is going to execute sale deed in respect of aforesaid property in favour of Mrs. Divyanshu Sharma. The above said property is to be financed by mortgage by my client i.e. Axis Finance Limited. If any person's name is mentioned in claim in this property, then contact the undersigned within 7 days from the date of this notice on below address, failing which, it will be assumed that there are no claims or issues in respect of the aforesaid property.
Rajiv Tiwari (Advocate)
Ch. 830, Patiala House Courts, New Delhi-110001
Mob: +91-9256768808

PUBLIC NOTICE
It is informed that One Original Gift Deed dated 21.12.2024 registered in the Office of Sub-Registrar Hapur II at book No. 1 Zld 8446 on page 93/106 at serial number 14949 is related with a House Nagar Palika No. HPJW-22/16 part of Plot No. 30, area 68.86 Sq. meter Situated at Mohalla Navli Kauri Hapur. The present owner of the land Mr. Vikas Sharma S/o Vijay Kumar Sharma R/o 13 Rexti Kauri Hapur Dist. Hapur is applied for a financial facility form PNB HOUSING FINANCE LTD. Thereafter said Mr. Vikas Sharma will mortgage the said land in favour of the bank. If any person/institution have any objection regarding the said Gift deed or proposed mortgage, can place his/its objection through the below mentioned mobile number within seven days from the date of this publication. Beyond this period no objection will be admitted.
MANISH VERMA (Advocate) Ch. No. DS 20, Dist & Session Court, Hapur-245101 Mob.- 9258311480.

PUBLIC NOTICE
Be it known to all that my client Vinay Kumar Sharma S/o Late Sh. Pardeep Sharma has disrupted and severed his all relations with his mother Smt. Sushma Sharma and his younger brother Sh. Dheeraj Sharma for all intents and purposes as they were not according to temperament of my client and residing separately without any information whatsoever of their residence to my client. That mother and younger brother of my client have been hiding their whereabouts since last 5 years of which my client had no knowledge of the same and further Smt. Sushma Sharma had disowned my client from all immovable properties. My client hereby declares that he or his property of whatsoever nature shall not be liable for any sort of encumbrance including any charge, lien etc, if any created by them and my client shall not be responsible for any acts of his mother and younger brother in any manner whatsoever.
Nitin Yadav (Advocate) Ch. No 547 Lawyers Ch. Blocks Dwarka Courts New Delhi-110075

PUBLIC NOTICE
Notice is hereby given on behalf of MRS. INDERPREET KAUR, who is the owner of Entire First Floor without roof rights, admeasuring 100 Sq. Yds. part of property bearing No. 92-87, Built on Southern part portion of Plot No. D-13, out of Kharsa No. 446, Situated in the area of Village Thar, Colony known as Fateh Nagar, New Delhi-110018 through Reacquisition Deed dated 31.08.2021 which was executed by 1) Mr. S. Jag Mohan Singh, 2) Mr. S. Kowalji Singh, 3) Mrs. Baljeet Singh, 4) Mr. Arun Pal Singh And 5) Mr. Jagdeep Singh in favour of Mrs. Inderpreet Kaur in respect

ROHIT, KOHLI LEAD TEAM INDIA FOR CHAMPIONS TROPHY

PTI ■ MUMBAI

Dressed nattily in a white T-shirt and black tracks, Rohit Sharma got down from his car, and walked towards his teammates at the departure lounge amid loud calls of 'Rohit bhai' and 'Rohit sir' by fans waiting near the Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj International Airport entrance. Most of the squad members arrived in the team bus including head coach Gautam Gambhir, vice-captain Shubman Gill and star batter Virat Kohli and the stars obliged some fans by signing autographs or waving at a few of them. Soon, the team boarded an afternoon flight to Dubai for the upcoming Champions Trophy amid heightened optimism of netting another global trophy after winning the T20 World Cup last June. A Jasprit Bumrah-less India will open their campaign against Bangladesh on February 20 in Dubai before the much-anticipated blockbuster against



traditional rivals Pakistan February 23, and then the Men in Blue will take on New Zealand on March 2 to round off their league engagements. The confidence - of the fans and the team - has been boosted by India's recent 3-0 ODI series whitewash at home over England. Those supporters assembled at the Mumbai airport will be hoping that the icons led by Rohit and Kohli will pull off another triumph like they did in the West Indies last year. One last opportunity for greats? Few months ago, Hardik Pandya had walked out with the T20 World Cup trophy hoisted on his shoulders to join a sea of

passionate fans on the streets near the Wankhede Stadium for an open bus parade. If those scenes are to be

repeated next month, then India will need some runs from Rohit and Kohli, who have copped heavy criticism

after repeated failures in Test cricket. But they replied in kind, as Rohit made a characteristically

fluent hundred - a 90-ball 119 in Cuttack ODI against England - and Kohli his 73rd fifty in Ahmedabad.

Classifieds

CHANGE OF NAME

I, Anil Garg Son of Sh. Mangat Ram Resident of RM House, Bye Pass Road, Near BDO Office, Ward No. 2, Saprun, Post Office Saprun, Tehsil-District Solan, Himachal Pradesh, declare that the name of my Son is entered in the Records as Pushkal. It should be entered as Pushkal Garg instead of Pushkal. All concerned please may note.

We Manish Bindal and Preeti Arora Son and daughter of Rameshwar Das Resident of village-Daghar Kandahat, District Solan Himachal Pradesh declare and do declare that we are real brother and sister by birth and we have the same parents. Bindesh is our brother and is unknown. Hence we have no relation with him. If any person does transaction with him then he himself will be responsible. All concerned please may note.

I, Om Parkash Marwah (New Name) son of Sh. Madan Lal Resident of Flat No. H15, Dev Bhoomi Apartments, Dehlu, Saprun, Tehsil-District Solan, H.P. declare that I have changed my name from Om Parkash (Previous Name) to Om Parkash Marwah (New Name). All concerned please note.

I, Chanchal Marwah (New Name) daughter of Sh. Chuni Lal Resident of Flat No. H15, Dev Bhoomi Apartments, Dehlu, Saprun, Tehsil - District Solan, H.P. declare that I have changed my name from Chanchal (Previous Name) to Chanchal Marwah (New Name). All concerned please note.

I, Navjot Kalra W/O Sh. Karan Bir Singh R/O H.No.1021 New Housing Board Colony Sector 13 Extension, Karnal Haryana Have Changed My Name From Navjot Kalra To Neeta Kalra

I Hareesh Chander Joshi S/O Mohan Chandra Joshi R/O H.No. 3219/2, Sector 41-D Chandigarh, Have Changed My Name From Hareesh Chander Joshi To Harish Chandra Joshi.

I, Pooja Rani Wife Of Sant Singh Resident Of # 428, Phase 10, S.A.S. Nagar (Mohali) Punjab, Have Changed My Name From Pooja Rani To Harmandeep Kaur.

I Gurjinder Singh S/O Anokh Singh Vill Nijjar, Tehsil Baba Bakala, Distt Amritsar Have Changed My Name From Gurjinder Singh To Gurjinder Is My Given Name And Singh Is My Surname. Concerned Noted.

I Harinder Pal Singh S/O Sh. Jaspal Singh R/O H.No. Hig 717, Phase-9, Mohali Have Changed My Name To Harinder Pal Singh Salaich To Harinder Pal Singh.

I Tej Singh @ Baltej Singh Brar S/O Sarwan Singh R/O Sarpanch Market, Street No 3 Abohar Road, Sri Muktsar Sahib Have Changed My Name To Baltej Singh Brar.

I Chhinedeep Kaur D/O Kuldeep Singh R/O Vill. Mahabhadar Sri Muktsar Sahib, Have Changed My Name To Shinedeep Kaur All Concern Note It

I Harwinder Singh S/O Nagar Singh R/O Vill Devi Nagar Rajpura, Patiala I Have Changed My Name From Harwinder To Harwinder Singh

I Resham Singh Son Of Makhn Singh, Resident Of Village Tanda Ram Sahai, Po-Tanda Ram Sahai, Tehsil -Mukerian, District-Hoshiarpur. Have Changed My Name From Rasham Singh To Resham Singh

I Army Number 15345456w Havildar Karamjeet Singh, In My Service Record My Father's Name Is Jarnail Singh And Date Of Birth Is 10/03/1938 Which Is Wrong, Which As Per Aadhar Card Date Of Birth Is 01/01/1950. Office Is Requested To Update My Service Document.

I, Amarjit Singh Son Of Janak Raj, Resident Of Village Pandori Baghel Singh, Po-Jandwal, Tehsil Mukerian, District Hoshiarpur Have Changed My Name From Amarjit Singh To Singh Amarjit

I Rajinder Kaur Widow D/O Army Number 3531990 Hav. (Retired) Late Harmel Singh R/O Guru Nanak Colony Vpo Mustafabad Tehsil Jagadhri District Yamuna Nagar (Haryana) Changed My Name From Rjinder Kaur To Rajinder Kaur.

I, Rehana Sultan Wife Of Taupheek Alam Khan R/O Plot No. 23, Gobind Vihar, Haibatpur Road, Mubarakpur, Dera Bassi, Sas Nagar (Punjab). Have Change My Name Rehansultan To Rehana Sultan.

I, Army No. 15622384K Hav (Clerk) Sandeep S/o Ramphal is permanently serving with 8 GUARDS, C/O 99 APO declares that in my service record my mother's name is written as Krishna Devi which is incorrect. My mother's correct name is Krishana which is registered in all their civil documents.

I, Bharati Ramesh Uppar is legally Wife of Service No. 1533367L Rank: Hav. Name: Ramesh Uppar, residing at Village Jamkhandi, Post Jamkhandi, Taluk Jamkhandi, Distt. Bagalkot (State) Karnataka Pin -587301, have changed my name from S Bharathi to Bharati Ramesh Uppar.

I, Heenakousar Jafar Kalled is legally Wife of Service No. 15334872A Rank: Hav. Name: Jafar GK, residing at Village Yadahalli, Post Sangreshakoppa, Taluk Suandatti, Distt. Belgaum (State) Karnataka Pin-591126, have changed my name from Heenakousar to Heenakousar Jafar Kalled.

I, Sumati Shankar Amrale is legally Mother of Service No. 16116926A Rank: NK Name: Amrale Sagar Shankar, Residing at Village Ramwadi, Post Kaldari, Taluk Purandhar, Distt. Pune (State) Maharashtra, Pin -412311, have changed my name from Sumati to Sumati Shankar Amrale.

I, Shankar Bapurav Amrale is legally Father of Service No. 16116926A Rank: NK Name: Amrale Sagar Shankar, Residing at Village Ramwadi, Post Kaldari, Taluk Purandhar, Distt. Pune (State) Maharashtra, Pin -412311, have changed my name from Shankar to Shankar Bapurav Amrale.

I, Gouravva Chandrappa Podi is legally Mother of Service No. 16134372P Rank: SPR Name: Manjunath C Podi residing at Village Kundargi, Post Kundargi, Taluk Gokak, Distt. Belgavi (State) Karnataka, Pin-591122, have changed my name from Gouravva to Gouravva Chandrappa Podi.

I, Chandrappa Appanna Podi is legally Father of Service No. 16134372P Rank: SPR Name: Manjunath C Podi residing at Village Kundargi, Post Kundargi, Taluk Gokak, Distt. Belgavi (State) Karnataka, Pin-591122, have changed my name from Chandrappa to Chandrappa Appanna Podi.

I, Army No. JC 314675K Rank: Nb. Sub. Name: Dileep K, Unit: 1 AER C/O 56 APO, Residing at Village Vayakkara, Post Padiyoutich, Taluk Talipparamba, Distt. Kannur (State) Kerala Pin-670307 have changed my Son's name from Devangu Dileep to Devangu Dileep.

I, Madrasi Nagamba is legally Wife of Service No. 14653810X Rank: Hav. Name: M Palani, Residing at Village Aghraharam, Post Aghraharam, Taluk Gudiyatham, Distt. Vellore (State) Tamil Nadu Pin -632602, have changed my name from Rajalingam Nagamba to Madrasi Nagamba.

I, Devakiamma M is legally Mother of Service No. 15329054P Rank Hav. Name: Muthukkumar M, Residing at Village Nethappakkam, Post S V Nagaram, Taluk Arni, Distt. Thiruvannamalai (State) Tamil Nadu Pin-632317, have changed my name from M Devaki to Devakiamma M.

I, R Ramya is legally Wife of Service No. 15329054P Rank Hav. Name: Muthukkumar M, Residing at Village Nethappakkam, Post S V Nagaram, Taluk Arni, Distt. Thiruvannamalai (State) Tamil Nadu Pin-632317, have changed my name from Ramya R to R Ramya.

I, Army No. 14837517A Rank: Hav. Name: Ram Sanjeevan, Unit: 665 Coy ASC (TT), Resident of Village Babbhanna, Post Chhawani, Taluk Harriya, Distt Basti, State Uttar Pradesh, Pin-272127, have changed my Daughter's name from Neha to Neha Yadav.

I, Army No. 14837517A Rank: Hav. Name: Ram Sanjeevan, Unit: 665 Coy ASC (TT), Resident of Village Babbhanna, Post Chhawani, Taluk Harriya, Distt Basti, State Uttar Pradesh, Pin-272127, declare that in my service record my son's Arvind Yadav Date of Birth is wrongly mentioned as 03.08.2009 whereas his correct date of birth is 03.08.2010.

I, No 15615470M Rank: Hav Name: M. Hema Chandra Rao, Unit: 6 Mech Inf C/O 56 APO, Resident of 7-79, HB Colony, Haripuram, Mandasa Mandalam, Haripuram, PO. Haripuram, Srikakulam, Andhra Pradesh Pin- 532243, have changed my son's Name from M Sai to Madeshi Sai.

I, Hoshila Devi Mother of Army No. 14689417A Rank: Nk Dhananjay Kumar Unit: 6 Mech Inf C/O 56 APO, Resident of Khiritand, PO. Sonpura, Khiritran, Bhojpur, Sonpura, Bihar Pin- 802206, have changed my name from Hoshila Devi to Kaushalya Devi and Date of Birth from 01-07-1964 to 01-01-1959.

I, Reena Mohan W/o Sachin Dev Mohan R/O 66-A Model Town, Karnal (Haryana) have changed my name from Mohan Reena to Reena Mohan.

I, Sidaro Devi W/o Shri Pal R/o Village Uncha Samana, PO Madhuban, District Karnal have changed my name from Bilo to Sidaro Devi. In future, I should be known as Sidaro Devi.

I, Krishan Kant Singla S/o Ved Parkash Singla R/O # 1869 Nirvana Society Sector 49-B Chandigarh have changed my minor daughter's name from Aditi to Aditi Singla

I, Faraha Beg W/o Inamul Haq Flat No 3A, First Floor Durga Apartments Gurdev Nagar, Zirakpur, SAS Nagar, Mohali, have changed my name from Faraha Beg to Faraha Khan.

I, Dinesh Kumar S/o Rajinder Kumar R/O Village Bodiwala Pitha Tehsil Fazilka District Fazilka, Punjab, have changed my name from Dinesh Kumar Bhambu to Dinesh Kumar for all purposes.

I, Suraj Parkash Marwaha S/o Jaspal R/O 425, Kalia Colony, Jalandhar, Punjab have changed my name from Suraj Parkash Marwaha to Suraj. All concerned please note.

I, Bhupindra Singh Wadhwa S/o Labh Singh Wadhwa R/O ward no.- 2, faridkot colony, Jhansa Road, District Kurukshetra, have changed my name from Bhupendra Singh Wadhwa to Bhupinder Singh.

I, Parveen Kumar S/o Surjeet Singh R/o Shankar Colony, Barna, Tehsil Thanesar District Kurukshetra, declare that in my passport, My Father & mother name is wrongly mentioned as Surjit Singh & Kamlesh Devi respectively. While their correct name is Surjeet Singh & Kamla Devi respectively.

I, Shishpal S/o Diwan Ram R/o VPO Khandi symbol wali tehsil Rajound district Kailthal, inform that in my passport E3035297 my mother's name is wrongly written as Dhanpat. Whereas the correct name of my mother is Dhanpati.

I, Ratan Lal S/o Fakir Chand R/o Village Segta, District Ambala, have changed my name from Ratan Lal to Rattan Kumar.

I, Bheem Singh Father Of No.15748630w Sigmn Rahul Kumar Resident Of Village-Majari Gurjar, Post- Kalgana, Tehsil- Tijara, District- Alwar, State- Rajasthan, Pin-301702, Have Changed My Name From Bheem Singh To Bhim Singh Vide Affidavit No.In-Pb06986942504196x Dated 14 Feb 2025 Before Notary Public Pathankot

I, No.15815715f Hav Pradipta Chatteraj Resident Of Village- Kandi Kalbari Road, Post- Kandi, District- Murshidabad, State- West Bengal, Pin-742137, Have Changed My Father Name From Madhu Sudan Chatteraji To Madhusudan Chatteraji And Mother Name & Dob Change From Renuka Chatteraji To Renuka Chatteraj And Date Of Birth From 03 Oct 1963 To 03 Jan 1963 Vide Affidavit No.In-As37619121337254x Dated 29 Jan Before Notary Public Tinsukia (Assam)

I, No.15815715f Hav Pradipta Chatteraj Resident Of Village- Kandi Kalbari Road, Post- Kandi, District- Murshidabad, State- West Bengal, Pin-742137, Have Changed My Father Name From Madhu Sudan Chatteraji To Madhusudan Chatteraji And Mother Name & Dob Change From Renuka Chatteraji To Renuka Chatteraj And Date Of Birth From 03 Oct 1963 To 03 Jan 1963 Vide Affidavit No.In-As37619121337254x Dated 29 Jan Before Notary Public Tinsukia (Assam)

I, Savita Devkar Spouse Of No.14664752y Hav Devkar Ganesh Sukadeo Resident Of Village- Bhoras, Post- Bhoras, Tehsil- Chalisgaon, District- Jalgaon, State- Maharashtra, Pin-424101, Have Changed My Name From Savita Devkar To Savita Ganesh Devkar Vide Affidavit No.In-Pb07399634843001x Dated 15 Feb 2025 Before Notary Public Pathankot

I, No.15793643a Gnr Dodya Resident Of Village- Chakalpalpy, Post- Fathepur, Tehsil- Pargi, District- Ranga Reddy, State- Telangana, Pin-509340, Have Changed My Mother Name From Mangamma To Mudavath Mangli Bai Vide Affidavit No.In-Pb07400699431942x Dated 14 Feb 2025 Before Notary Public Pathankot

I, Manmohan Singh Kataria S/O Sunder Singh, Resident Of House No.11092 Ats Casa Espana, Sector-121, Sas Nagar, Punjab 160055, Have Changed My Name From Manmohan Singh Kataria To Manmohan Singh.

I, Aryan S/O Jai Kumar Rana R/O Village Uncha Samana, Teh. Madhuban, Distt. Karnal, Have Changed My Name From Aryan To Aryan Rana For All Future Purposes

I Birendra Singh Is Residing At Village Karankarayat, Po Karankarayatt, Tehsil Lohaghat, State Uttarakhand, Pin 262524 Have Changed My Son Name From Shreyansh Karayat To Shreyansh Singh Karayat Through Vide Document No. In-Pb07215230392454x Dated 14-02-2025.

I Birendra Singh Is Residing At Village Karankarayat, Po Karankarayatt, Tehsil Lohaghat, State Uttarakhand, Pin 262524 Have Changed My Son Name From Arush Karayat To Arush Singh Karayat Through Vide Document No. In-Pb07215788411641x Dated 14-02-2025.

I, Chandrakala Murari Is Mother Of Army No: 18010119m Rank: Nk Name- Girish Chandra Murari Presently Posted At Unit: 57 Engr Regt C/O 56 Apo Permanent Address: Lohaghat, Chandmari Patan, Champawat, Lohaghat Range, Champawat, Uttarakhand-262524 Declare That I Have Changed My Name From Chandrakala Murari To Chandrakala Murari. Vide Affidavit No:48aa 9014334, Dated: 15/02/2025

I Jaswinder Singh Wahra S/O Karnail Singh R/O Vpo, Singha Wala, Distt. Moga. Have Changed My Name To Jaswinder Singh.

I Sharnpreet Kaur Gill W/O Harjeet Singh R/O Vpo. Aulakh Distt. Faridkot Have Changed My Name To Sharnpreet Kaur After Marriage.

I Sunil Dutt S/O Raj Gir R/O Vill. Rajni Devi, P.O. Parsowal, District Hoshiarpur, Punjab Have Changed My Name From Sunil Dut To Sunil Dutt.

I Prince S/O Surinder Pal Sharma, R/O Ward No.9 Radha Swami Mohalla, Mukerian, District Hoshiarpur, Declare That My Given Name As Prince And Surname As Sharma.

I, Subhash Kaila S/O Dev Raj Kaila R/O H.No.239 Qadri Mohalla Gurdaspur, Tehsil/Distt Gurdaspur, Punjab-143521. Have Changed My Name From Subhash Kaila To Subash Kaila.

I, No 10363153P Ex Sep Surinder Singh resident of Village Jandri Nichli, PO Ranipur, Tehsil & Distt - Pathankot, State - Punjab, have changed name of my son from Lucky Kumar to Lucky Ram vide affidavit No. IN-PB07329299469694X Dated 15-02-2025 before Executive Magistrate Pathankot (Punjab).

Jannik Sinner gets three-month ban

PTI ■ LONDON

Top-ranked tennis player Jannik Sinner has accepted a three-month ban in a settlement with the World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA) over his two positive doping tests, the organisation said Saturday. WADA, which was seeking to ban Sinner from the sport for at least one year, had challenged a decision last year by the International Tennis Integrity Agency (ITIA) to suspend Sinner for what the ITIA judged was accidental contamination by a banned anabolic steroid last March. Sinner's explanation - that trace amounts of Clostebol in his doping sample was due to a massage from a trainer who used the substance after cutting his own finger - had been accepted. The 23-year-old Italian, who won the Australian Open in January, will be eligible to compete in the next Grand Slam. The French Open begins May 25.

"This case had been hanging over me now for nearly a year and the process still had a long time to run with a decision maybe only at the end of the year," Sinner said in a statement. "I have accepted that I am responsible for my team and realise WADA's strict rules are an important protection for the sport I love. On that basis I have accepted WADA's offer to resolve these proceedings on the basis of a three-month sanction." WADA had originally appealed the ITIA's ruling to the Court of Arbitration for Sport in Lausanne, Switzerland. It has formally withdrawn the appeal. "WADA accepts the athlete's explanation for the cause of the violation as outlined in the first instance decision. WADA accepts that Mr Sinner did not intend to cheat, and that his exposure to Clostebol did not provide any performance-enhancing benefit and took place without his knowledge as the result of negligence of members of his entourage," it said in

Saturday's announcement. "However," the WADA statement continued, "under the code and by virtue of CAS precedent, an athlete bears responsibility for the entourage's negligence. Based on the unique set of facts of this case, a three-month suspension is deemed to be an appropriate outcome. As previously stated, WADA did not seek a disqualification of any results, save that which was previously imposed by the tribunal of first instance." WADA added that the International Tennis Federation and ITIA, "both co-respondents to WADA's CAS appeal, neither of which appealed the first-instance decision, both accepted the case resolution agreement." On Friday, Sinner posted a video on Instagram of himself training in Doha at the Qatar Open, which starts next week. The suspension is from February 9 to May 4. Sinner could return at his home tournament, the Italian Open in Rome, which starts May 7.

Italian Tennis and Padel Federation president Angelo Binaghi noted that while the case was "a shameful injustice," the ban will mark "the end of a nightmare" for Sinner. Binaghi adds that the settlement "demonstrates Jannik's innocence" and that "all of Italy" will welcome him back at the Italian Open. The ITIA said it acknowledged the settlement but in its statement Saturday reiterated that "we were satisfied that the player had established the source of the prohibited substance and that the breach was unintentional. Today's outcome supports this finding." Sinner's London-based lawyer, Jamie Singer commented: "I am delighted that Jannik can finally put this harrowing experience behind him. WADA has confirmed the facts determined by the Independent Tribunal. It is clear that Jannik had no intent, no knowledge, and gained no competitive advantage."

East Bengal to revive campaign against Mohammedan SC



East Bengal's PV Vishnu, the team's top scorer, will also look to make an impact.

PTI ■ KOLKATA

East Bengal will be eager to break their winless streak and move up in the points table when they face struggling city rivals Mohammedan SC in their Indian Super League (ISL) match here on Sunday. With just 18 points from 19 games, East Bengal's campaign has been plagued by inconsistency. They have won only once in their last five matches and have failed to score in four of those outings. While their playoff hopes are all but over, they still have 15 points to play for and will look to finish the season strongly. In their debut ISL season, Mohammedan Sporting have endured an even tougher run. Sitting at the bottom with 11 points, they have scored just nine goals while conceding 34. A three-match losing streak has added to their struggles, and their defence remains a major concern. They played out a goalless draw in the first leg fixture. Given their current form, a breakthrough in attack will be crucial for both sides. East Bengal's defensive discipline has been a highlight, with the team leading the league in catching opponents

offside (51 times). Jordanian centre-back Hijazi Maher has been a standout performer, contributing both defensively and in attack with two goals. On the other hand, Mohammedan SC's defensive frailties have cost them dearly, as they have conceded multiple goals in their last four matches. Their attack has also faltered, converting just six of 29 big chances -- the worst efficiency in the league. East Bengal coach Oscar Bruzon was optimistic, saying his team has worked hard to regain their form. "This was a long week. It was a week where we worked towards bringing our performances back to the level that we have displayed earlier against good and quality teams," he said. With time running out for them, Mohammedan SC's assistant coach Mehrajuddin Wadoo urged the players to give their all. "We know the importance of this game. We are going to play with all our heart and make sure that the game is difficult for East Bengal FC," he said. Among key players, East Bengal's Dimitrios Diamantakos will aim to add to his tally, while Mohammedan SC's Alexis Gomez has been a



7 Students from Aakash Educational Services Limited, Rohtak, Achieve 99 Percentile and above in JEE Mains 2025 (Session 1) Rohtak, February 12, 2025: Aakash Educational Services Limited (AESL), the national leader in test preparatory services, proudly announces an exceptional achievement in the Joint Entrance Examination (JEE) Mains 2025 (Session 1). An impressive 7 students from Rohtak have scored above 99 percentile in the first session of the examination. Top achievers include Tanmay 99.76 percentile, Digvijaya with 99.7, Sonali with 99.47, Kasak with 99.35, Ananshi with 99.14 percentile. These results highlight the students' dedication and academic excellence in one of India's most challenging exams. The National Testing Agency announced the results on 11th Feb, marking the beginning of this year's two scheduled JEE sessions.



Former Indian Badminton Team Coach Gaurav Malhan to Train Jalandhar Players
DBA Secretary Ritin Khanna Welcomes Him at Raizada Hansraj Badminton Stadium Jalandhar Former Indian Badminton Team coach Gaurav Malhan has joined the District Badminton Association (DBA) Jalandhar and will be training players at the Raizada Hansraj Badminton Stadium. Malhan, who coached the Indian team during the Thomas Cup 2020, has also served as a senior coach at the Pulela Gopichand Academy in Hyderabad and was the head coach of Egypt's national team. A certified NIS and BWF coach, he brings vast international experience to his new role. DBA Member Secretary Ritin Khanna expressed gratitude to Olympian Dipankar Bhattacharjee for facilitating Malhan's move to Jalandhar.

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Curtain Raiser

The Icons of Whisky Awards 2025 began by bringing together industry leaders and connoisseurs, writes ABHI SINGHAL



The Icons of Whisky Awards 2025 kicked off in style with a curtain raiser event at The Claridges, New Delhi. The event was hosted by Spiritual Luxury in association with Whisky Magazine and presented in partnership with Suntory Toki Whisky, the evening had fun moments of craftsmanship, innovation and industry excellence.

Since its inception in 2008, the Icons of Whisky Awards have remained India's premier international beverage accolades, curated by Spiritual Luxury Living for the past 15 years. The curtain raiser brought together industry stalwarts including distillers, brand ambassadors, connoisseurs and whisky enthusiasts, creating a vibrant space for discussions on evolving trends and innovations shaping the whisky landscape in India and beyond.

A mixology masterclass took centre stage, where expert mixologists showcased innovative whisky based cocktails, while an interactive activation allowed guests to personalise their own tote bags, adding a bespoke touch to the experience. Adding to the evening's charm was the "One Night in Toki o" experience, an immersive tribute to Japanese culture, blending tradition with modern innovation. Guests also indulged in an exquisite Japanese culinary spread including sushi, asparagus tempura and lamb chops, perfectly complementing the whisky experience.

The grandeur continues on April 12 in Gurugram, where the Icons of Whisky Awards 2025 will honour the finest talents in the Indian beverage industry.



Tulips Catching the Light

From Dutch fields to Delhi's gardens, tulips bring colour and unity, says SAKSHI PRIYA

There is something almost human about a tulip. It does not simply bloom, it arrives. Standing tall with effortless grace, its petals unfurl as if stretching after a long slumber, ready to greet the world with quiet confidence. Unlike the delicate rose or the wild daisy, a tulip possesses an unshakable certainty, heralding the end of winter and the promise of warmth ahead. In New Delhi, at the residence of the Netherlands Ambassador H.E. Marisa Gerards, sixty thousand tulips sway gently in the cool February breeze, their vibrant colours painting a breathtaking spectacle. This was not just a garden in full bloom, it was a moment of poetry, a meeting of nature, diplomacy and history.



value soaring beyond gold. Though the frenzy eventually collapsed, the Dutch devotion to tulips never waned.

Over time, tulip cultivation became one of the Netherlands' most celebrated industries. Today, three thousand varieties bloom across the country, each a product of meticulous breeding and generations of expertise. Among them, the rare broken tulip, with its flame-like streaks, remains a marvel, a reminder that even nature carries an artist's touch.

This deep admiration for tulips has travelled far beyond Dutch borders. Inspired by the world-famous Keukenhof Gardens in the Netherlands, Srinagar established its own tulip festival in 2007, transforming its landscapes into a floral wonderland each spring. Bollywood, too, has long been captivated by tulip fields, using them as dreamy backdrops for stories of love and longing.

The white tulips carried a quiet purity, like freshly fallen snow, while the deep purple ones held a regal mystery, as if plucked from a painter's canvas. The golden yellow tulips stood like little drops of sunshine, bright and warm. But the ones streaked with red were the most enchanting of all, their fiery shades blending into a soft glow, just like a sunset on a clear evening. Then there were the pink tulips, soft yet striking, their petals catching the light in a way that made them almost glow.

Standing there, amidst a garden bursting with life, it was impossible not to be moved. Tulips are storytellers, timekeepers and silent poets. And just like the bond between India and the Netherlands, they remind us that beauty, when nurtured with care, has the power to bloom across continents and cultures, year after year.



TULIPS BLOOM IN DELHI

A rare sight in Delhi, sixty thousand tulips bloom in vibrant shades, painting a stunning spectacle. These flowers carry history, art and a bond between nations, once sparking 'Tulip Mania' in the Netherlands. Today, they bring a touch of Dutch heritage and the magic of spring to India.



British Remake of Culpa Mía

My Fault: London brings passion and style but struggles to match its Spanish adaptation, writes ABHI SINGHAL

My Fault: London is a 2025 British romantic drama streaming on Amazon Prime Video. The movie is directed by Dani Girdwood and Charlotte Fassler, this film is an English-language adaptation of the 2023 Spanish hit and people's loved Culpa Mía, based on Mercedes Ron's Wattpad-originated Culpables trilogy. The narrative centres on a provocative romance between step-siblings, set against the backdrop of London.

The story follows Noah played by Asha Banks, a spirited young woman uprooted from her Miami life to join her mother and new stepfather in London. There, she encounters her enigmatic stepbrother, Nick played by Matthew Broome. Their initial interactions are marked by tension and mutual disdain, but as they move deeper into each other's worlds, a forbidden attraction ignites.

Banks and Broome deliver performances that capture the intense chemistry and complexity but fail to get at par with the Spanish adaptation. Their portrayal brings depth to the tumultuous journey from animosity to passionate connection, trying hard to engage the audience in their forbidden romance.



RATING
★★★★

While the film excels in its portrayal of steamy romance and dramatic flair, it doesn't venture far from familiar tropes found in young adult fiction. The plot incorporates elements like underground racing, secretive family dynamics, and the allure of the "bad boy," which, while entertaining, may feel predictable to seasoned viewers.

My Fault: London offers a visually appealing experience which

overshadows character development and plot intricacies. The film's commitment to delivering a high-energy, passionate story is evident, yet it sometimes comes at the expense of exploring more nuanced themes or providing substantial back-story for its protagonists.

The film serves just to the young adult romance genre. Its strengths lie in the palpable chemistry between the leads and the vibrant London setting, which together create an engaging, if somewhat predictable, viewing experience. Fans of dramatic, forbidden love stories will find satisfaction in this film, though it may not offer significant surprises or deviations from genre expectations.

Style That Works

BY TEAM VIVA

Men's workwear is evolving, combining comfort with sophistication. Harfun, a brand at the forefront, is redefining professional attire by ensuring style meets functionality. Modern workwear is no longer just about appearance, it enhances confidence and comfort, allowing professionals to perform at their best. A key innovation is the 2035 Work Suit, designed for flexibility and ease of movement while maintaining a sharp corporate look. Moving beyond restrictive office wear, this new wave of clothing caters to professionals in fast-paced environments, offering garments that adapt to different work settings. Whether sitting through long meetings or commuting, professionals need clothing that supports their routine.

Fashion events dedicated to workwear innovations are gaining popularity, showcasing ad-



vanced fabrics and sleek designs. Corporate fashion walks blur the line between office wear and stylish, comfortable clothing, emphasising attire that empowers professionals while reflecting individuality. The growing demand for practical yet fashionable workwear highlights the need for a wardrobe that balances professionalism with personal style. A recent event featured notable figures like former cricketer Piyush Chawla and comedian Anshu Mor, alongside industry influencers. Conversations revolved around the necessity of workwear that effortlessly transitions from boardrooms to social gatherings. With designers focusing on innovation, adaptability and elegance, the future of workwear is transforming professional dressing. Function and fashion are no longer separate, they are the new standard.

SUGGESTED BINGES



Marco
IMDB Rating - 7.3/10
OTT - SonyLIV
Cast - Unni Mukundan, Yukti Thareja, Kabir Dhan Singh



Cobra Kai Season 6 Part 3
OTT - Netflix
Cast - Ralph Macchio, Daniel LaRusso, William Zabka, Johnny Lawrence



Dhoom Dhaam
IMDB Rating - 6.6/10
OTT - Netflix
Cast - Yami Gautam, Pratik Gandhi



My Fault: London
IMDB Rating - 6.2/10
OTT - Amazon Prime Video
Cast - Asha Banks, Eve Macklin, Matthew Broome



The Gorge
IMDB Rating - 6.8/10
OTT - Apple TV+
Cast - Miles Teller, Anya Taylor-Joy, Sigourney Weaver, Sope Dirisu

"ALL YOU NEED IS LOVE. BUT A LITTLE CHOCOLATE NOW AND THEN DOESN'T HURT"
— CHARLES M. SCHULZ

Pan-Indian Plates

Step into RAAG, where each bite you take, will let you experience original flavours, writes **ABHI SINGHAL**

FACT SHEET
RAAG by Miss Nora
Address : 1st Floor,
R Cube Monad Mall,
Rajouri Garden,
New Delhi
Price for Two:
₹1600 approx

In the heart of *Rajouri Garden*, RAAG orchestrates a dining experience that harmonises India's diverse food heritage with artistry and ambiance. Stepping inside RAAG feels like entering an aesthetic royal world where flavours, soft music, and traditional design comes together as a perfect dining. The menu, inspired by time-honoured recipes and slow-cooked traditions, takes diners on a gastronomic journey across the country. From the rich, aromatic *Ek Taar ki Nihari* to the indulgent *Kaladi Bharwan Guची*, every dish tells a story steeped in history.

With a diverse menu of *Chaats, Shorba, Grill and Tandoor, Platters, Main Course, Degh*, and so much more, the restaurant has so much to offer with a literally delicious taste.

If you start from chaats, the beloved street-style delight, *Moradabadi Dal Ki Chaat* is a symphony of textures and flavours. Made with protein-packed tallow-moong dal lentils, this dish is a warm, velvety bowl of comfort, elevated by an array of vibrant toppings. The date-jaggery chutney adds a delicate sweetness, balancing the savoury richness, while the *khas-ta kachori* provides the perfect crunch.

Moving to the vegetarian tasting platter, the appetizers served were just wow in taste where every ingredient's flavour has been differentiated from the other giving a perfect taste. The appetizers in the platter include the *Chenna Dahi Kabab* blending creamy Greek yogurt and ricotta, pan-grilled to golden perfection, *Paneer Tikka* with a smoky finish and stuffed mushroom, *Bharwan Khumb Tikka* showcases *teja mirch* marinade, cheddar-paneer stuffing. The platter is a must have recommendation.

Beyond the plate, RAAG fascinates with its immersive atmosphere with the striking *Sabyasachi*-designed wallpaper, the gentle strains of the sitar, and a cocktail menu infused with regional spices elevate the eating experience. Signature drinks, like the *Nawabi Sour*, complement the carefully curated flavours, ensuring that every sip and bite resonates with authenticity. At RAAG, dining is a celebration of India's culinary soul with taste that will make you lick your fingers in satisfaction.



AMRITSARI SERVINGS

From the Amritsari Kulcha Bar you can have a *Classic Aloo Pyaaz Kulcha*, taste that directly teleports you to the land of Amritsar with layered Indian flat bread with stuffing of your choice, served with dal makhni, homemade compote and white butter.

SHAKES AND SMOOTHIES

You can go for an *Oreo Caramel Shake* and *Choco Peanut Butter Shake*. Shakes at RAAG break the notion that a milkshake must always be thick, offering a perfect blend of milk and chocolate flavours.



Indulgent Flavours

BY TEAM AGENDA

Food has a magical way of bringing people together. The dessert dishes like *Berry Bliss Cheesecake*, evoke a feeling of satisfaction to your taste buds. Every dish tells a story and satisfies cravings in ways words often fail to capture.

Imagine this, you're sitting at the dining table, the air filled with the warm, inviting aroma of vanilla feels like a hug in every bite. A silky smooth cheesecake layered with a luscious berry glaze, this *Berry Bliss Cheesecake* is a perfect fusion of rich creaminess and tangy berry flavours. Here are the ingredients for a *Berry Bliss Cheesecake*:



INGREDIENTS (SERVES 6-8)

For the Crust:

- 1½ cups crushed digestive biscuits or graham crackers; • ¼ cup unsalted butter (melted); • 2 tbsp sugar

For the Cheesecake Filling:

- 2 cups cream cheese (softened); • 1 cup heavy cream; • ¾ cup powdered sugar; • 1 tsp vanilla extract;

- 2 tbsp cornflour; • ¼ cup milk
- For the Berry Glaze:** • 1 cup mixed berries (strawberries, raspberries, blackberries, blueberries); • ¼ cup sugar; • 1 tbsp lemon juice; • 1 tsp cornflour dissolved in 1 tbsp water
- For Garnish:** • Fresh berries; • Mint leaves

Method

- Step 1:** • Prepare the Crust
• Mix crushed biscuits, melted butter, and sugar.
• Press into a greased cake tin and refrigerate for 30 minutes to set.
- Step 2:** • Make the Cheesecake Filling
• Whisk cornflour into milk until smooth.
• Beat cream cheese, powdered sugar, and vanilla extract until creamy.
• Add heavy cream and beat until smooth.
• Gently fold in the cornflour mixture.
• Pour over the prepared crust and refrigerate for 6 hours or overnight until firm.
- Step 3:** Make the Berry Glaze
• Heat berries, sugar, and lemon juice in a saucepan until soft.
• Add the cornflour mixture and simmer until thickened.
• Strain for a smoother texture (optional) and let it cool.
- Step 4:** Assemble and Serve
• Pour the berry glaze over the chilled cheesecake.
• Garnish with fresh berries and mint leaves.
• Slice and serve cold.



CHEF'S TIPS

- Use full-fat cream cheese for the best texture.
- Allow the cheesecake to set completely for clean slices.
- Straining the berry glaze enhances the smoothness.

This *Berry Bliss Cheesecake* is a showstopper, creamy, fruity and indulgent, making it the ultimate dessert for any celebration!

Young and Rising Stars of Dining

The new generation of restaurateurs are transforming India's dining scene with passion

The restaurant industry has long been a playground for seasoned professionals, but a new wave of young entrepreneurs is rewriting the rules. These are not just ambitious dreamers banking on Instagrammable décor and buzzy themes, they are deeply invested in the food itself. Menu planning, ingredient sourcing, and tastings are their daily bread, and their knowledge surpasses even some chefs I have met.

Take, for instance, Tusheeta Khanna and Anant Bali, the young duo behind *Encanto*, a newly opened Mexican restaurant in Gurgaon. Their passion for authenticity is evident, not just in the food, which is impressive, but in their understanding of every dish, its origins, and the nuances of each ingredient. Too often, I have seen chefs operate with a superficial grasp of their own menu, but these two could school many in the trade.

Then there is Vanshika Wadhwa, carrying forward her family's legacy in the food business. Daughter of renowned restaurateur Vineet Wadhwa of *Fio*, she has launched *Kamei*, an Asian

restaurant that has already won over some of the most discerning food critics. Though I have yet to visit her outlets, the praise from trusted voices makes me confident she is onto something remarkable.

And let us talk about Bhagyesh Tekriwal and Utkarsh Khandelia, the brains behind *Sorbo*, a Mediterranean restaurant that speaks volumes of their dedication. While not as young as the others, their work reflects the

same meticulous approach, one where the food is the hero, not just the ambiance.

Moving beyond the NCR, Jaipur has its own rising star in Sagar Naggal, the force behind *Swinton House*. Built within an old haveli once owned by a British architect, the restaurant curates a menu inspired by his favourite dishes from around the world. The charm of the setting, combined with a well-thought-out culinary selection, makes it a standout in the Pink City's ever-growing food scene.

Further north, in Mohali, Arpit Singh is making waves with *Prey*, an avant-garde concept built over a dam.

With open-air dining lit by kerosene lamps, the space exudes a dreamy, romantic charm, setting the stage for an unforgettable dining experience. His vision proves that ambience and cuisine can come together to create something truly special.

Just today, I met Muskan Katyal, the niece of Porus Arora, the name behind *Sticky Rice, Enoki*, and more. She is the same age as Tusheeta and Anant and is already making waves with *Mala Project*, a Gurgaon-based restaurant dedicated to the fiery flavours of Chinese Mala cuisine. Her involvement in the project along with Porus and Tanvi Arora is not just token ownership, she is hands-on, ensuring the authenticity of every bite.

If these young restaurateurs are any indication, the future of dining in India is in excellent hands. Their enthusiasm, knowledge, and commitment to quality are setting new standards. This is not just a generational shift, it is a culinary revolution, and I, for one, am eager to see what they cook up next.

—Pawan Soni



"Spring: a lovely reminder of how beautiful change can truly be"
- UNKNOWN



A SKY FULL OF WINGS

PHOTOS: PANKAJ KUMAR

Discover a world untouched by noise, where only the wings of birds break the silence, says **SAKSHI PRIYA**



There's something deeply soothing about the presence of birds. No matter where you are, the soft flutter of wings or the distant call of a bird can instantly transport you to a place of peace. Birds seem to fill the air with a quiet kind of company that makes you feel connected to the world around you. Unlike most popular nature spots, this wetland remains hidden from the typical tourist routes, untouched and unhurried, just waiting for someone to notice its magic.

I found this solace in the *Dhanauri Wetlands*, near *Thasrana* in *Uttar Pradesh*, a place that feels like a hidden sanctuary untouched by the noise of modern life. Unlike crowded nature reserves, it does not call out for attention. Instead, it waits patiently, its beauty unfolding only for those willing to step into its stillness. It was in this mist-laden landscape that I discovered the true magic of being among birds, where silence speaks, and nature embraces you without asking for anything in return.

A WORLD WRAPPED IN FOG

Arriving early in the morning, I was greeted by a thick blanket of winter fog, softening every outline, blurring the edges of trees, water and distant shapes. It was the kind of silence that didn't feel empty but full - full of life stirring beneath the mist, of whispered movements in the reeds and of birds calling out unseen. The cold air carried distant sounds of wings flapping, making the entire landscape feel like something out of a dream.

At first, I thought the fog would ruin my chance of getting any decent photographs. Everything seemed swallowed up by the mist, with just the faintest shapes of trees and water appearing like ghosts in the haze. But as I stood there, waiting for the fog to clear, I realised that there was a certain calm in it. The mist didn't obscure the beauty of the place, it enhanced it. It gave everything a sense of mystery, as if nature itself was being revealed slowly, almost deliberately.

A FRAGILE HAVEN WORTH PROTECTING

Yet, as untouched as it seems, the *Dhanauri Wetlands* are not invincible. Like many natural spaces, they face growing threats from habitat destruction, pollution and human encroachment. It's easy to assume that places like this will always exist, remaining undisturbed and waiting for the next visitor to discover them. However, the truth is, without conscious effort to protect them, they may not. For those who have ever found comfort in nature, who have stood still just to listen to the world breathe, places like *Dhanauri* are not simply landscapes. They are living sanctuaries, home to thousands of species, each playing its part in the delicate balance of life.

A PLACE THAT DEMANDS NOTHING BUT PRESENCE

One of the most striking things about *Dhanauri Wetlands* is not just its visual beauty but its quietness. In a world constantly buzzing with movement and noise, finding a place that does not demand attention, but instead rewards those who choose to be present, is rare. There were no distractions here, no honking cars, no flashing screens, just the simple, unbroken sounds of water lapping against the shore, wings flapping overhead and birds calling out to one another.

It is a place that does not overwhelm but instead invites you to slow down. Whether you're there to watch the birds, capture the beauty through your camera or just enjoy a moment of peace, it offers more than a pretty sight, it gives you a sense of connection to something much bigger than yourself.

A SANCTUARY ON THE BRINK

The *Dhanauri Wetlands* are at risk, once a sanctuary for birds like the *Sarus Crane* and *Painted Stork*, now threatened by encroachment and neglect. With land repurposed for construction, the ecosystem is shrinking and disrupting its delicate balance. Water pollution and disappearing green buffers worsen the crisis. Without urgent protection, this vital habitat, which supports biodiversity, flood control and climate regulation, may soon be lost, leaving behind only memories of its once-thriving wildlife.



Recognised as an Important Bird Area (IBA) by BirdLife International and extensively studied by the Bombay Natural History Society (BNHS), *Dhanauri* plays a pivotal role in global bird conservation. Each year, between November and March, the wetland transforms into a sanctuary for over 50,000 migratory waterfowl, reinforcing its importance as a breeding and nesting ground



A MOMENT WITH NATURE

At *Dhanauri Wetlands*, you'll find yourself surrounded by the beauty of nature. Expect to spot the striking *Baikal Teal*, the towering *Sarus Crane* and the graceful *White-throated Kingfisher*. The *Black Drongo* and *Citrine Wagtail* add charm to the scenery, while the *Painted Storks* and *Ibis* soar across the sky, truly making you feel one with the wilderness. The *Bull-headed Shrike* perches quietly, surveying the land, while flocks of birds move in perfect harmony, painting the wetlands with life.

The *Sarus Crane*, the world's tallest flying bird, glides through wetlands with elegance, its vivid red head and long legs creating a breathtaking sight in nature's tranquillity

WHEN THE SKY COMES TO LIFE

Around 11 AM, the sun began to work its magic. The first rays of sunlight began to filter through, slowly dissolving the fog. The *Dhanauri Wetlands* were finally revealed in all their splendour. The lake shimmered under the golden light, mirroring the movements of birds in the sky.

In every direction, life unfolded in the most mesmerising ways. *Baikal teals*, their green and chestnut plumage gleaming, glided effortlessly across the water. *Sarus cranes*, the tallest flying birds in the world, waded gracefully through the shallows, their striking red crowns standing out against the backdrop of endless blue. *White-throated kingfishers*, streaks of electric blue, darted across the surface, their sharp beaks poised for the perfect catch. *Black drongos*, perched high on bare branches, observed their surroundings with quiet confidence.

Then, in the midst of it all, I spotted something that truly captivated me, a *Painted stork* (*Mycteria leucocephala*), standing still in the water, its pink and white plumage vibrant against the reeds. Nearby, an *Ibis* sat motionless, sharing the space with an egret that hovered just above. They did not interact, nor did they compete. They simply coexisted, bound by the same stillness that surrounded them. It was a reminder that nature does not rush, nor does it seek control, simply is.

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BIRD SPECIES, INCLUDING 150+ SARUS CRANES

At a time when rapid urbanisation threatens natural ecosystems, *Dhanauri Wetlands* stands as a critical stronghold for avian biodiversity. Home to over 150 *Sarus cranes*, the state bird of *Uttar Pradesh* and sheltering 217 bird species, including 23 endangered and vulnerable ones, this wetland is an ecological necessity.

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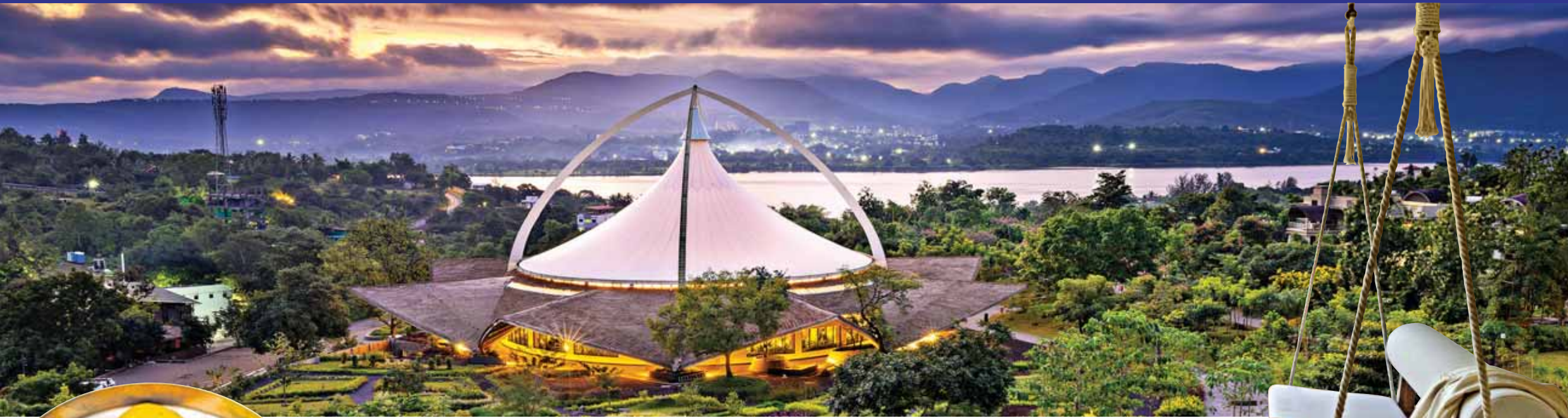
waterfowl, but the push for conservation has yet to gain the urgency it deserves. With habitat loss accelerating, the fate of *Dhanauri* is about the larger battle to protect our natural heritage before it is too late.

A JOURNEY WORTH TAKING

If you decide to visit, go early in the morning, before the mist lifts completely. Walk quietly along the lake's edge, listen to the calls of unseen birds and let yourself be immersed in the stillness. Watch as the fog dissolves into golden light, revealing a world teeming with life. *Dhanauri Wetlands* is an experience, a reminder that, in the presence of birds, you are never truly alone.



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— GEORGE CARLIN



RECONNECT WITH YOURSELF

A wellness retreat embracing nature and modern science

Set against the stunning backdrop of the Sahyadri mountains, *Swastik* offers an immersive experience that rejuvenates the mind, body, and soul. Here's a glimpse into this transformative journey that redefines wellness travel.

Wellness today is no longer just a luxury for the affluent or a niche interest for certain travellers. It has become a mainstream pursuit, embraced by individuals from all walks of life. This shift is reflected in the rapidly growing wellness tourism sector, which, according to the

Global Wellness Institute, is expected to reach \$1.3 trillion by 2025. Amidst this burgeoning trend, I recently discovered a retreat that perfectly encapsulates the evolution of wellness travel, *Swastik*, a Luxury Wellbeing Sanctuary.

Swastik's Elemental Harmony

Dhyan Vihar (Space, Akash): A conical meditation hall promoting self-awareness and stillness.

Anand Vihar (Fire, Agni): A transformative space featuring dining, consultation, and performance areas.

Ayu Vihar (Air, Vayu): A rejuvenation hub offering therapies to balance body and mind.

Sukh Vihar (Earth, Bhumi): Luxurious residential spaces for immersive wellness experiences.

Ganga Vihar (Water, Jal): A space dedicated to cleansing and rejuvenation, embodying fluid energy and transformation.



A Journey into the Unknown

As a newcomer to wellness retreats, I wasn't sure what to expect. My understanding of wellness was limited to exercise and meditation, which I had found rather mundane. However, in search of a reset, I embarked on a three-day journey that would challenge my preconceptions in the most delightful way.

Upon our arrival in Pune, we were greeted by a gracious driver who took us on a scenic 1.5-hour drive to the retreat. Having expected bland, restrictive meals, I indulged in a Vada Pav before arriving at *Swastik*. But from the moment we stepped onto the property, the experience exceeded all expectations. The resort's design, crafted by TAOSTUDIO, is deeply inspired by the five core elements, Earth, Air, Water, Fire and Space, which form the foundation of its architectural brilliance. The property is structured around five key dimensions of life, Health, Wealth, Love, Bliss and Spirituality, ensuring that nature is woven into every aspect of the experience.



the exhaustion, the tranquility, or the therapy itself, I drifted into deep, restful sleep almost instantly.

Architectural & Philosophical Vision

Swastik's philosophy is embodied in its logo, a blooming flower representing the four core values of Health, Wealth, Love, and Bliss, all rooted in Spirituality, the central force of its existence. The retreat nurtures the potential of every individual, encouraging personal growth and self-discovery. *Swastik* transformed my perception of wellness. It showed me that wellness is not about rigid discipline but about creating a lifestyle that balances indulgence with mindfulness.

— By Rohit Kaul

Unique Rituals and Therapies

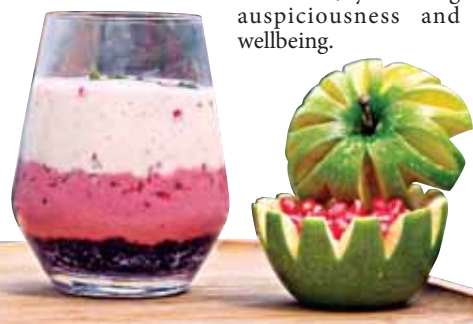
That evening, we experienced *Swastik's* signature sleep ritual. Two therapists arrived at our Guha to perform a soothing bedtime routine, applying calming oils, offering a relaxing foot massage, and tucking us in with mindful silence. Whether it was

A TRANSFORMATIVE WELLNESS EXPERIENCE

Our wellness journey began with an assessment by an in-house Ayurvedic doctor, who analysed our doshas (body energies) and recommended therapies to restore balance. The evening's dinner was a revelation. Contrary to my expectations of bland health food, *Swastik's* culinary offerings were a sensory delight. Each meal was a five-course experience, crafted from locally sourced, seasonal ingredients, many of which were grown on-site. Chef Arvind Joshi's thoughtfully curated menu transformed my understanding of healthy eating. It was nourishing, flavourful, and fulfilling without feeling restrictive.

A Retreat in Nature's Embrace

Nestled in the peaceful Peacock Valley, *Swastik* overlooks the backwaters of Khadakwasla Lake and the majestic Sinhadag, with the Sahyadri mountain range as its backdrop. Designed to honour nature's rhythms, from sunrise to moonrise, *Swastik* seamlessly integrates spirituality and wellness. The name itself, derived from Sanskrit, combines well, being associated with, symbolising auspiciousness and wellbeing.



Chettinad: Unleashing the Ghosts of Imagination

Though known for its stunning architecture, rich cultural heritage, and unforgettable cuisine, Chettinad hides a deeper mystery, the kind that stirs the imagination

ground spices from a Chettinad kitchen.

And so, here I am, in *Chettinad*, on a journey to unravel its mysteries. It is not merely a destination, it is an experience, an ongoing unravelling that draws you in deeper with every step.

When speaking of South India, it is impossible to ignore the region's vibrant culture and magnificent architecture. The interplay of bright colours, lush greenery, and the salty air gives this part of India its unique character, attracting visitors from all corners of the globe. One such captivating destination is *Chettinad*, the homeland of the Nattukottai Chettiars (also known as Nagarathars), a prosperous banking and business community. The name "Chettinad" refers to a region comprising 56 villages in the Sivagang district and 20 in the Pudukottai district. Historically, this area was part of the Ramnad kingdom of Pandya Nadu.

Despite lacking typical tourist attractions like beaches or lofty hill stations, *Chettinad* captivates visitors with its majestic mansions, architectural masterpieces that stand in stark contrast to the arid landscape. These grand homes, some more

than 300 years old, whisper stories of the generations who once lived under their roofs. The *Chettiar* community, originally merchants and traders dealing in salt, gems, textiles and jewellery, controlled much of India's banking economy in the 19th century. Their legacy is written in the stunning mansions that still stand today, some meticulously preserved as heritage properties, while others gradually succumb to the ravages of time.

The Athangudi Palace is one such treasure, showcasing the finest elements of *Chettiar* architecture. For a modest fee of INR 50, visitors can explore its open courtyards, elegant verandahs, and the seamless blend of European and Indian architectural styles. Built in the early 20th century, the palace boasts imported wood, marble, tiles, and mirrors from around the world. Its interiors, maintained with painstaking care, offer a rare glimpse into the grandeur of the Chettiars' past.

For those with a spiritual inclination, *Chettinad* is home to some remarkable temples. A visit here would be incomplete without exploring the Ariyakkudi Thiruvangadamudaiyan Temple, dedicated to Lord



THOUGH THESE VILLAGES MAY BE VACANT NOW, THEY STILL STAND RESILIENT, HOLDING ONTO THE MEMORIES OF A BYGONE ERA

Srinivasa. Built in the 17th century by Sevugan *Chettiar*, a devout Saivite, this temple was constructed after the divine Lord Venkateswara appeared to *Chettiar* in a dream, instructing him to build a temple in his village. The temple's Dravidian architecture is awe-inspiring, reflecting the community's deep devotion.

Chettinad also holds its share of ancient fortifications. The Thirumayam Fort, built in 1687 by Raja Raghunatha Thevar of Ramanathapuram, sits atop a hillock. It encompasses temples, caves, a jail, and even a mysterious pond. As my guide, Kavita, excitedly narrated the fort's history, I was particularly drawn to a natural water pond at the summit, whose water level remains unchanged year-round, a phenomenon that adds to the fort's allure. From the highest point, I was rewarded with a stunning 360-degree view of the region, a moment of pure enchantment.

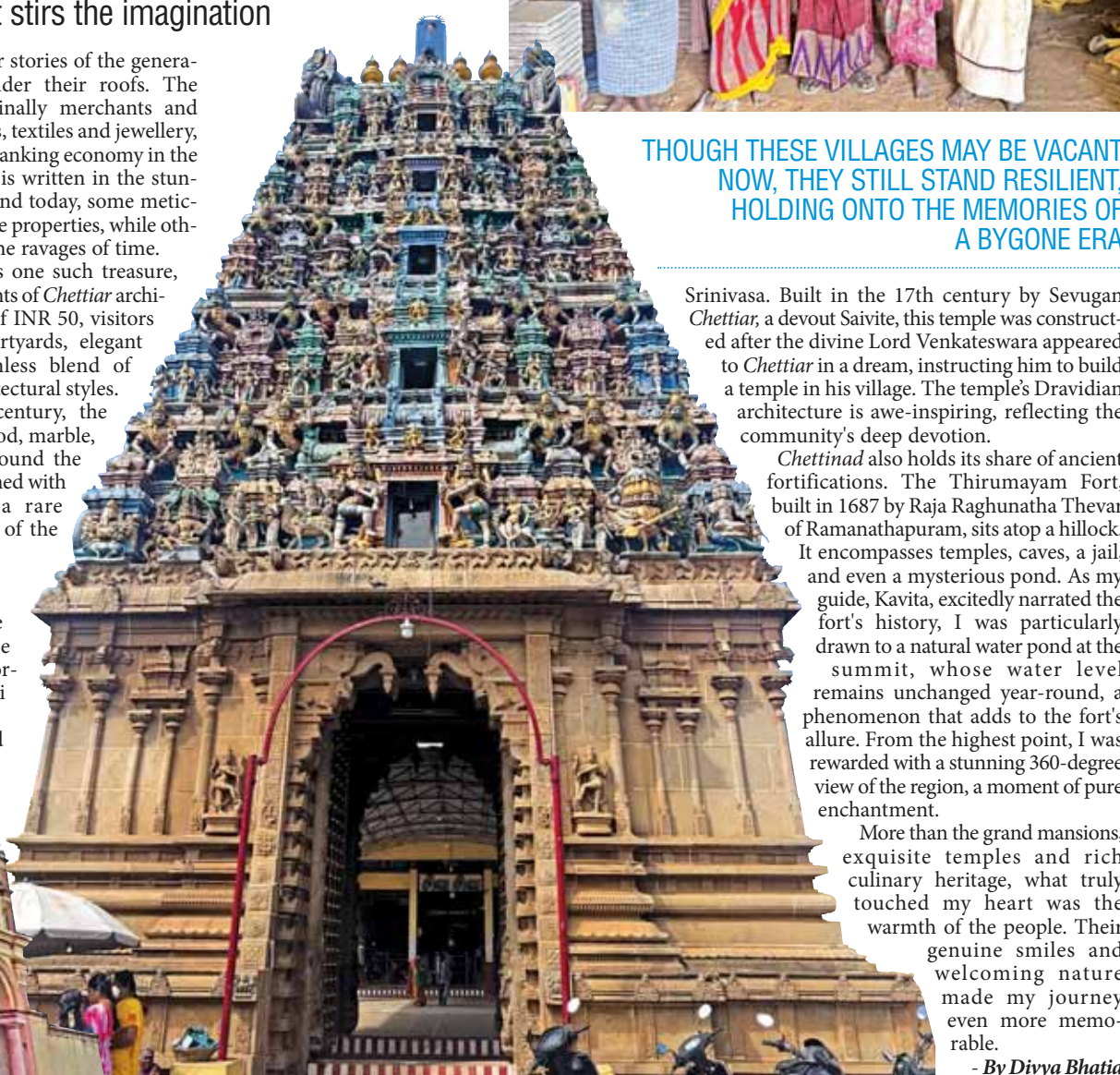
More than the grand mansions, exquisite temples and rich culinary heritage, what truly touched my heart was the warmth of the people. Their genuine smiles and welcoming nature made my journey even more memorable.

— By Divya Bhatia



There is something enchantingly captivating about a place frozen in time. As you wander through the quiet streets of *Chettinad*, its serenity is only disturbed by the soft whispers of the wind and the distant echoes of a long-forgotten past. The grand yet lifeless palaces, beautifully crafted and untouched by time, seem to hold within their walls the secrets of centuries. Even now, these imposing structures stand firm, guarding corridors that once hummed with life.

Chettinad is a paradox, a land where opulence was once abundant, yet the echoes of that prosperity now linger in a quiet, almost meditative stillness. Unlike the bustling tourist hubs that thrive on their vibrant energy, *Chettinad* flourishes in this exotic calm, where each cracked tile and fading mural speaks of an era long past, brimming with migration, prosperity, and change. Walking through its abandoned villages, you don't just observe history; you feel its pulse in the air, hanging like the intoxicating scent of freshly





YOUR WEEK AHEAD

MADHU KOTIYA



ARIES March 21-April 19

Your dedication and alignment of body, mind, and spirit, combined with effective management of responsibilities, will yield positive outcomes. Your drive to excel and collaborate with others contributes to achieving shared objectives. You are engaged in a profession that satisfies both your emotional and financial needs. Your passion and courage shine through in all aspects of life. This is a perfect moment to delve deeper into your intuitive abilities. Activities that enhance both focus and tranquility, such as yoga, chi gong, or meditation, will prove beneficial. For some, the possibility of a new romantic connection may emerge. As the week concludes, you might find yourself embracing a more affectionate and imaginative outlook.

Lucky number 6 | Lucky colour Amber
Lucky day Monday



LEO July 23-Aug 22

You possess the strength to forge ahead in life, effectively turning your visions into tangible results. Engaging in collaborative efforts with another can prove exceptionally rewarding, leading to significant achievements. Take charge of your journey, demonstrating courage, vitality, and a purposeful resolve to achieve your goals. It's crucial to strategize and clarify your direction to avoid uncertainties. Embrace the leadership within you, steering your path confidently. Let your inherent strength surface and take pride in the accomplishments that follow. You are poised for a period of comprehensive fulfillment. Whether it's your health, finances, or relationships, you're on the brink of achieving a deep sense of satisfaction and joy that encompasses all areas of your life.

Lucky number 19 | Lucky colour Ruby
Lucky day Wednesday



SAGITTARIUS Nov 22-Dec 21

In today's competitive environment, where material achievement is paramount, you may encounter competition, dishonesty, and betrayal. You could face setbacks or be unfairly outmaneuvered by a clever adversary. As everyone pursues financial success and opulence, the prevailing ambition focuses solely on monetary gains, often leading individuals to forge relationships based solely on personal advantage. This pursuit might lead you to compromise your principles and overextend yourself. Midweek brings a shift as you display compassion and attentiveness to your family's needs, gaining valuable insights into financial and emotional matters, paving the way towards personal growth and understanding. By the week's end, you might find yourself seeking simplicity and tranquility, preferring rest over continuous engagement.

Lucky number 18 | Lucky colour Peach
Lucky day Friday



TAURUS April 20-May 20

You often opt for the path of least resistance, finding joy in simplicity and innocence. Embrace the fresh opportunities that beckon, promising adventure and growth. Trust in your instincts, even if they lead you down seemingly irrational paths. Your aspirations often touch on desires for a better life, filled with prosperity and serenity. However, it's essential to ground your dreams in reality. While it's wonderful to imagine a more fulfilling existence, practical steps are necessary to make those dreams tangible. Now is a crucial moment for decision-making. Carefully weigh your options, considering all the benefits and drawbacks before proceeding. Focus on making positive choices—the decisions you prioritize now will shape your future. By aligning your thoughts with actionable goals, you'll manifest the changes you seek.

Lucky number 10 | Lucky colour Aqua
Lucky day Thursday



VIRGO Aug 23-Sep 22

This week, you may find yourself feeling let down in matters of the heart or overwhelmed by achievements that don't meet your expectations. These feelings could lead you to step back and impose boundaries to prevent emotional fatigue. Escaping ongoing relationship challenges and leaving behind previous troubles to start afresh might seem appealing. As you navigate through these frustrations, remember that unmet expectations, especially regarding your efforts, require a focus on current resources and possibilities. Striving for productivity and financial gain remains a priority. While it may seem challenging now, support is on its way, providing the guidance needed to achieve your goals. Keep steady; assistance is just around the corner.

Lucky number 21 | Lucky colour Saffron
Lucky day Saturday



CAPRICORN Dec 22-Jan 19

This week finds you buzzing with activity. Many will find themselves embarking on journeys that promise joy and bonding with close ones, or perhaps even relocating. Good tidings, such as a heartwarming proposal, may arrive, infusing your days with excitement. Mid-week, however, could bring its share of challenges as you find yourself wrestling with uncertainty, making it tough to settle on significant choices. This period will test your resolve. Staying aligned with your long-term aspirations is crucial now. Financially, you're in a position to manage your resources effectively, a testament to your diligence. You've earned your accomplishments, and it's time they were acknowledged. Your efforts over the years have not just accumulated wealth but also invaluable wisdom and personal fulfillment. Embrace your achievements and make the most of your moments.

Lucky number 11 | Lucky colour Cream
Lucky day Monday



GEMINI May 21-June 20

It's evident that you possess a profound inner strength, a testament to the resilience of the human spirit to transcend challenges. You adeptly maintain a balance of compassion, warmth, and courage, which elevates you above superficial desires. This foundation allows you to pursue your goals with vigor and determination. Your journey is marked by personal growth and the pursuit of self-mastery, indicating a phase of significant self-discovery. However, your enthusiasm may sometimes manifest as impatience or rash decisions. Upcoming changes could include relocating or embarking on a new path that may require you to leverage your abilities in innovative ways. Towards the week's end, you might find yourself deeply moved by emotions, which, if not managed, could lead to complications.

Lucky number 2 | Lucky colour Copper
Lucky day Thursday



LIBRA Sep 23-Oct 22

This week calls for decisive, practical action, reflecting your natural ambition and determination to achieve success. Abundance flows naturally to you, enhancing your professional standing and financial prospects, especially in property-related matters. A clear and powerful insight will help you identify and prioritize long-term goals, allowing your unique personality to shine through in all you do. The arrival of a new family member brings joy and celebration. Despite the demanding nature of this week, leaving you fatigued yet deeply fulfilled, your compassionate nature comes to the fore. You'll find satisfaction in caring for others and addressing their needs with empathy and a soothing presence. Your resilience and inner wisdom will be your guiding forces, ensuring you navigate this week with grace and effectiveness.

Lucky number 15 | Lucky colour Silver
Lucky day Wednesday



AQUARIUS Jan 20-Feb 18

This week, you may find yourself grappling with a sense of urgency and a dominating attitude. Your desire to take charge and oversee every detail is strong, driven by your ability to grasp the broader scope of situations. Your decisive nature and unyielding adherence to truth and fairness establish you as a natural leader, garnering respect and adherence from those around you. These traits ensure your actions contribute positively to the greater good, enhancing your reputation. However, as the week progresses, pay attention to your financial management; your spending habits may require some moderation. Additionally, strive to maintain equilibrium between your professional ambitions and personal life. Balancing these aspects is crucial for sustained success and harmony.

Lucky number 8 | Lucky colour Charcoal
Lucky day Thursday



CANCER June 21-July 22

You possess the strength to forge ahead with resolve. The coming times are ripe for turning your dreams into realities, as collaborations with others are likely to be highly beneficial. With command over your life's direction, your inherent bravery, vigor, and purpose are ready to propel you toward achievement. Strategic planning is essential—know your goals and the path you wish to take. Ambiguity has no role in your journey. Embrace your capacity to lead your life with authority. Let your inner strength manifest and you might find yourself amazed at your own capabilities. A sense of contentment pervades all aspects of your existence, from personal health and financial stability to relationships and overall well-being, bringing deep satisfaction and joy.

Lucky number 13 | Lucky colour Emerald
Lucky day Tuesday



SCORPIO Oct 23-Nov 21

This week, you'll find yourself brimming with new ideas and opportunities that could breathe new life into your personal and professional realms. Embrace openness and allow yourself to adapt to new situations with ease. Strive to infuse your daily activities with aesthetic and harmony, drawing inspiration from the natural world around you. However, be mindful of the darker undercurrents of fear and anxiety that might cloud your thoughts, leading to unhealthy obsessions or even physical ailments. It's crucial not to let these negative feelings thwart your progress towards your ambitions. As the week progresses, you might feel a mix of restlessness and vibrant energy, but by the week's end, a sense of duty and a peaceful resolve will guide you towards productivity in your endeavors.

Lucky number 20 | Lucky colour Turquoise
Lucky day Sunday



PISCES Feb 19-March 20

This week, you might feel a strong drive to take the initiative and control every aspect of your surroundings. Your natural inclination towards leadership is powered by a comprehensive understanding of situations, which solidifies your role as a respected figure. Your dedication to fairness and truth further cements your leadership position, ensuring your actions resonate positively within your environment. As the days unfold, keep an eye on how you manage your resources; it might be wise to temper your expenditures. Also, consider finding a balance between your career aspirations and your personal commitments. Successfully managing both domains is essential for achieving lasting success and maintaining overall harmony in your life.

Lucky number 13 | Lucky colour Lavender
Lucky day Tuesday

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Sacred Confluences: Reflections on Kumbh and Spirituality

THOUGHTFUL INSIGHTS



Dr. Tanu Jain

On this quiet evening, as I sat with my friend while the sun painted the sky in gentle hues, memories of my recent visit to Kumbh Mela flooded back, sparking a deep conversation about spirituality and human nature. The cooling evening air seemed to sharpen our thoughts as we recalled the extraordinary scenes witnessed at Prayagraj.

The vivid images remained crystal clear in my mind – the swirling smoke from countless sacred fires, the endless sea of humanity moving like waves toward the Triveni Sangam, and the fascinating sight of sadhus wielding smartphones alongside their traditional implements. Each memory carried its own weight of meaning, prompting us to contemplate the unique blend of ancient and modern that defines today's spiritual gatherings.

As the evening shadows lengthened, I found myself describing the remarkable atmosphere at Kumbh – how the air seemed charged with collective faith and anticipation. The memory of millions of devotees waiting patiently, some for years, to take their sacred dip at the confluence sparked an interesting discussion about human psychology and spiritual seeking.

What particularly struck us both was the contemporary evolution of this ancient gathering. I shared stories of seeing sadhus actively engaged with social media, posting their spiritual journeys online, their orange robes bright against the glow of mobile screens. This observation led us to ponder



how technology has transformed even the most traditional spiritual practices, creating a new kind of sacred space that exists both in the physical and digital realms.

Our conversation naturally flowed to broader questions about mental well-being in modern times. We discussed how the mind, like the converging rivers at Sangam, seeks its own confluences – between tradition and modernity, between spiritual seeking and everyday life, between individual practice and communal experience.

The evening's discussion reminded me of the various factors affecting mental health that I had observed during my visit. While

obvious threats like substance abuse were visible, we found ourselves more intrigued by the subtle, everyday habits that can gradually erode mental well-being. The irony of seeing people seeking spiritual awakening while simultaneously being tethered to their devices sparked a thoughtful dialogue about digital detachment and mindful engagement.

We explored how seemingly innocent modern habits can impact our cognitive health – from insufficient sleep to excessive solitude, from sedentary lifestyles to mindless overconsumption. The contrast with the disciplined lives of traditional sadhus pro-

vided an interesting perspective on balance and well-being.

As dusk settled around us, our conversation turned to the role of community and connection. The Kumbh experience highlighted how human beings naturally seek confluence – with others, with higher meaning, with themselves. Yet modern life often pulls us toward isolation, even as our devices promise greater connectivity.

The memory of watching countless devotees take their sacred dip led us to reflect on transformation – how people seek it, whether through traditional spiritual practices or modern means. We pondered

whether the sacred waters of Sangam truly awakened everyone who bathed there, or if the real awakening came from the intention and belief they carried within.

As our evening of reflection drew to a close, we realised that the Kumbh had offered us more than just spiritual spectacle – it provided a powerful lens through which to examine our own relationship with tradition, technology, and mental well-being. The smoke from the sacred fires, which had seemed so prevalent during my visit, now felt like a metaphor for the way old and new intermingle in our quest for meaning and mental peace.

Our twilight discussion revealed that while the tools and expressions of spiritual seeking may evolve, the fundamental human desire for connection, meaning, and well-being remains unchanged. Whether through ancient ritual or modern practice, we all seek our own version of the sacred confluence, where the rivers of tradition, innovation, and personal growth meet to form something greater than their individual streams.

As the first stars began to appear in the darkening sky, the insights gained from examining these memories of Kumbh through the lens of our conversation felt both profound and practical – a reminder that sometimes the greatest understanding comes not from the experience itself, but from the thoughtful reflection that follows.

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