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RAHUL DISSENTS POLL PANEL, BJP DEFENDS



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government's constitutional mandate through "malicious" judicial activism. The government late on Monday night appointed Gyanesh Kumar as the new CEC hours after the meeting of the PM-led selection committee in which the Leader of Opposition in Lok Sabha asked the government to defer the meeting in view of the SC hearing in the matter. Meanwhile the SC on Tuesday said it would take up on February 19 on "priority basis" the pleas against the appointments of the CEC and election commissioners (EC) under the 2023 law. "During the meeting of the committee to select the next Election Commissioner, I presented a dissent note to the PM and HM, that stated: The most fundamental aspect of an independent Election Commission, free from executive interference, is the process of choosing the Election Commissioner and Chief Election Commissioner," Rahul said in a social media post. "By violating the Supreme Court order and removing the Chief Justice of India from the committee, the Modi Government has exacerbated the concerns of hundreds of millions of voters over the integrity of our electoral process," he also said in his post while sharing his dissent note. Rahul said as the LoP, it is his duty to uphold the ideals of Babasaheb Ambedkar and the founding leaders of the nation while holding the government to account. In his dissent note presented before the panel, the Congress leader cited a speech of BR Ambedkar in the Constituent Assembly in June 1949 to discuss the setting up of an independent Election Commission, where he had warned about executive interference in India's democracy and the affairs of the Election Commission. Rahul said in a judgement on March 2, 2023, the Constitutional Bench of the Supreme Court ordered the appointment of the CEC and election commissioners should be undertaken by a committee comprising the PM, the LoP and the Chief Justice of India.

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ NEW DELHI

Leader of Opposition (LoP) in Lok Sabha, Rahul Gandhi on Tuesday attacked Prime Minister (PM) Narendra Modi and Home Minister (HM) Amit Shah for the midnight decision to select the new Chief Election Commissioner (CEC), when the process of selection is being challenged in the Supreme Court (SC). While Rahul who said it was "disrespectful" and "discourteous" on part of the Centre to ignore his dissent note to the CEC selection panel comprising of PM and HM, the BJP dismissed the Congress leader's criticism and accused the LoP of undermining an elected

SC comes to rescue of 'pervert' Allahabadia

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court (SC) on Tuesday protected influencer Ranveer Allahbadia from arrest over his distasteful comments during a YouTube show while severely castigating him for the remarks it described as "showing a perverted mind". Several FIRs have been filed against Allahbadia, popularly known as BeerBiceps, for the comment on parents and sex on comedian Samay Raina's YouTube show "India's Got Latent". A furious court at the outset berated Allahbadia for his "unacceptable comments" on the

show and said, "... There is something dirty in his mind which has been vomited on the YouTube show." "The words you have used will make daughters, sisters, parents and even the society feel ashamed. It shows a perverted mind. If this is not obscenity, what is it? Why should we quash or club the FIRs against you?" asked Justice Surya Kant, who was on the bench along with Justice N Kottiswar Singh. However, the bench agreed to the submissions of senior advocate Abhinav Chandrachud, representing the influencer, that Allahbadia be

protected from arrest keeping in mind the filing of multiple FIRs on the same issue as well as the death threats against him. "Are you defending the kind of language he has used?" Justice Surya Kant asked Chandrachud, who conceded that he himself was "disgusted". The senior lawyer, however, said the question was whether the remarks constituted a criminal offence as profanity per se would not amount to obscenity. "If you can try to attain cheap publicity by saying these kinds of things, there might be others also who might want to get cheap publicity by making

threats," the bench said. The bench directed that no further FIRs shall be lodged against him for his comments during the YouTube show, "India's Got Latent". The top court also restrained Allahbadia and his associate influencers on the controversial YouTube show from airing any other episode till further orders. It directed Allahbadia to deposit his passport at the Thane police station and said he shall not leave the country without the prior permission of the court. The bench directed Allahbadia to cooperate in the probe of the FIRs lodged at Maharashtra and Assam.



Preparations underway for the oath ceremony of the new Delhi Government, at the Ramlila Maidan Photo: Ranjan Dimri

Oath final for 'suspense' CM

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

Almost a fortnight after the BJP emerged victorious in the Delhi Assembly elections, the suspense over the chief minister of Delhi still remains as the party has yet to make an announcement. Insiders say the new Delhi Chief Minister and the council of ministers are set to take oath at the Ramlila Maidan on Thursday evening. The decision is likely to be announced on Wednesday, when the new BJP legislature party is scheduled to meet, as per the party sources. As the iconic Ramlila Maidan is being spruced up with its boundary walls receiving

a fresh coat of paint, tents for the grand oath taking ceremony, sources said the legislature party meeting will take place around 3:30 pm following which final name of candidate will be announced. Earlier, the oath ceremony was scheduled around 4 pm at Ramlila Maidan but it has been rescheduled to 11 am due to some unknown reasons. Party sources said that arrangements have been speed up accordingly. For the BJP leaders, it was hectic schedule throughout the day on Tuesday as many senior leaders including Vinod Tavde, Tarun Chugh, etc were seen taking stock of preparations on the ground by visiting with the BJP leaders.

Nepal embassy visits Odisha institute over suicide uproar



Family members of a Nepal's girl student who died by suicide reach the Kalinga Institute of Industrial Technology (KIIT), in Bhubaneswar PTI

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ BHUBANESWAR/NEW DELHI

Officers from the Nepal embassy visited the engineering institute in Bhubaneswar after a student from the neighbouring country was found dead in her hostel on the campus. The officers are also expected to meet a group of students who were allegedly evicted from their hostel, amid

tension on the institute campus. While Nepal Prime Minister KP Sharma Oli offered some relief to the distressed students, Odisha Higher Education Minister Suryabanshi Suraj said the state government has been monitoring the situation and will facilitate the Nepali students, who have allegedly been evicted from their hostel, to return to the KIIT campus.

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President approves Jain's prosecution

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

President Droupadi Murmu on Tuesday sanctioned the prosecution against former Delhi minister and AAP leader Satyendar Jain in a case investigated by the Enforcement Directorate. The case falls under the provisions of the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA). The Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) on Friday sought the President of India's approval to prosecute former Delhi minister and AAP leader Satyendar Jain under Section 218 of the Bharatiya Nyaya Suraksha Sanhita (BNS), 2023 in the alleged disproportionate assets were to the tune of Rs 1.47 crore, about 217 per cent more than Jain's known sources of income during 2015-17. The MHA has claimed that there is adequate evidence against the AAP leader to implicate him on charges of laundering money through four shell companies allegedly linked to him. Based on material received from the Enforcement Directorate, he President found sufficient evidence to grant the request, officials said. Currently, out on bail, Jain has been chargesheeted by the ED. The money-laundering case stems from an August 2017 FIR filed by the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) against Jain and others, alleging possession of disproportionate assets. Jain had recently lost Shakur Basti seat to BJP's Karnail Singh by a margin of 20,998 votes.

Prosecution seeks death penalty for Sajjan Kumar

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

The prosecution has sought the death penalty for former Congress MP Sajjan Kumar who was convicted by a Delhi court last week over the killings of two Sikhs in the national capital during the 1984 anti-Sikh riots saying the crime was committed in a "brutal and diabolical manner". The prosecution said the case was "graver than the Nirbhaya case" of 2012 in a written submission filed before special judge Kavari Baweja. "The present case is graver than the Nirbhaya case as in the Nirbhaya case, a young woman was targeted but in the present case, people of a particular community were targeted," it said. Arguments on the quantum of sentencing will take place on February 20 as the lawyers were on strike on Tuesday. While describing the case as rare of the rarest, Additional Public prosecutor (APP) Manish Rawat in his written submissions has pressed for death penalty for the convict in view of the guidelines issued in Nirbhaya and other cases. Asking the convict and the victims to file their written submissions, Special judge Kavari Baweja has listed the matter for hearing arguments on sentence on February 21. The minimum punishment for murder is life imprisonment. Senior advocate H S Phoolka, appearing for the complainant, supported the prosecution's demand of death penalty and sought time to



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argue the matter. The judge deferred the matter to February 21 after Kumar's counsel sought time to argue the matter, saying lawyers were abstaining from work on Tuesday in protest of the Advocate Amendment Bill, 2025.

Child's drawing raises doubts over mother's death in Jhansi

BISWAJEET BANERJEE ■ JHANSI

What initially appeared to be a case of suicide has taken a shocking turn after a four-year-old girl's drawing cast doubt on the circumstances surrounding her mother's death. Sonali Budholia, 27, was found dead at her home in Panchavati Shiv Parivar Colony on Monday, with her in-laws claiming she had taken her own life. However, her daughter Darshita's unsettling illustration and statements to the media have pointed to possible foul play, implicating her father, Sandeep Budholia, in the tragedy. Darshita's drawing depicted a violent assault on her mother. She later told reporters that her father had

physically attacked Sonali before staging her death. "Papa assaulted and killed Mummy and said, 'Die if you want to'. He hanged her body and hit her head with a stone. Later, he brought down the body and put it in a sack," the child revealed. Her statements also suggested a history of domestic abuse, alleging that Sandeep often threatened to kill her mother. "I once warned him that if he hurt my mother, I would break his hand. He would hit her and say she should die, and that I should meet the same fate," Darshita recounted. Sonali's father, Sanjeev Tripathi, who lives in Tikamgarh, Madhya Pradesh, described a troubled marriage marred by alleged dowry demands and

mistreatment. He claimed that despite giving Rs 20 lakh in dowry, the demands continued. A previous dowry harassment case was lodged against Sonali's husband, Sandeep Budholiya, but was later settled based on alleged false assurances from his family. He claimed that after Sonali gave birth to a daughter in 2020 the abuse intensified. "After the delivery, Sandeep and his family abandoned her in the hospital. I had to clear the bill and take her home. A month later, Sandeep returned to take Sonali and Darshita back," he said. Sanjeev further stated that just days before her death, Sandeep insisted Sonali return home from a cousin's wedding, despite her reluctance.

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I, Maluk Singh S/o Gurbachan Singh R/o House no 338, Gali no 2, Jyoti Nagar, Karnal declare that my daughter Sukhwinder Kaur is out of my control, so I disown her from our movable and immovable properties. If anybody deals with her, they will be responsible themselves.

I, Ramesh S/o Lakhmi Chand R/o H. No. 628, Ward No. 30, Vikas Nagar, Street No. 1, Kakroi Road, Sonapat, declare that my son Gulshan is out of my control. So I disown them from my all movable/immovable property. Any body deal with them at own risk.

I, Sudesh W/o Karan Singh alias Kama R/o 148, Ward No. 8, Uttam Nagar, Gali No. 17, Gohana, Sonapat, Haryana has disowned my son Narender Kumar & his wife Nirmla Devi from my all movable-immovable property as they are out of my control. In future, if anybody deals with them, he/she will do at their own risk.

I, Manjit Kaur W/o Late Jaswinder Singh R/o presently residing at House No. 781, Phase-4, SAS Nagar, Mohali, Punjab declare that my son Parminder Singh is out of my control. I disown him from all my moveable/immovable properties. Anybody dealing with him will do so at their own risk.

I, Ram Pal S/o late Sh. Jai Nand and Mithlesh W/o Sh. Ram Pal R/o # 2579, Sector-25D, Chandigarh hereby declare that my son Vinod Kumar and our daughter-in-law Sweetly both are out of our Control so we disown them from all our moveable / immovable properties. anybody deals with them at their own risk.

I, Vinod Kumar son of Sh. Durga Dass Resident of House No. 418, Vanso Gate Near Ballaf Factory, Karnal Haryana inform and declare that my daughter Meenakshi is out of my control. I disown her from my all moveable and Immovable Properties. Anybody deal with her will do at their own Risk.

We, Sanjay Kumar S/o Dayanand & Smt. Saroj w/o Sanjay Kumar R/o Vill. Lehrara, Sonapat, declare that my sons 1. Pawan vs Monu and his wife Paval 2. Sahil and his wife Pooja 3. Amit and his wife Bita all are out of our control. So we disown them from our all moveable/immovable property. Any body deal with them at own risk.

We, Dalbir Singh Randhawa S/o Swaran Singh and Kulwinder Kaur W/o Dalbir Singh Randhawa R/o Village Dhardeo, Tehsil Baba Bakala District Amritsar have declare that our son Rajinder Singh Randhawa and his wife Kawaljit Kaur are out of our control I disinherit them from our all movable and immovable properties anybody deal with them is his own risk and responsibility.

I, Prithpal Singh S/o Kartar Singh R/o H.No.3657, Gali No.1, Gate Bhagtan Wala Amritsar have declare that my Daughter Bhupinderjit Kaur is out of my control I disinherit her from my all movable and immovable properties any body deal with her is his own risk and responsibility.

I, Lado Devi W/o Vinod Kumar R/o #6743-C, Sector 56, Chandigarh, declares that my Son Arjun is out of my control. I disown him from all my movable and immovable properties with immediate effect. Anybody who deals with him shall be doing so at their own risk. Concerned Note.

We, Nagender Kumar S/o Rajender Singh & Raj Kumari w/o Nagender Kumar R/o Vill. Juan , Sonapat, Present Add.- H. No. 2519, Sec-23, Sonapat declare that our son Mohit Chhikara and his wife Sugandh are out of our control. So we evict them from our all moveable/immovable, properties . Any body deal with them at their own risk. If they involve in any illegal activities they shall be fully responsible.

I, Lalveer Singh S/o Dugar Singh R/o H. no. 862 C, Adarsh Nagar, Naya Gaon, Distt. Mohali, Punjab, declared that my daughter Saloni out of my control, so I disown her from my moveable- immovable properties, anybody dealing with her at their own risk.

I, Gurjant Singh S/o Gurdial Singh R/o Dhillwan Nabha Tehsil Tapa distt Barnala Punjab declare that my Son Harjinder Singh and Resham Singh S/o Gurjant Singh are out of my control. So I disown them from my all moveable /immoveable Properties. If anybody deals with them they will do their own risk/responsibility.

We, Raghbir Singh S/o Mahinder Singh and Jaswinder Kaur W/o Raghbur Singh R/o Gandhi Nagar, Pehowa, Kurukshetra Our Daughter Harpreet Kaur after marriage are out of our control. We, disown them from all our moveable and immoveable properties. If Anybody deals with him at Their Own risk.

I, Ujagar Singh S/o Narang Singh R/o Village Mahida, P.O: Mishigun, Dudhan Saida, Distt. Patiala inform that my son Jagdev Singh is not under my control. I disinherit/ disown him from my all moveable/immovable properties. Anybody deals with his at their own risk.

मै. गोपाल सिंह कम्बोज प्रभु श्री हृदय नारायण कम्बोज निवासी मकान नं. 279/2, हिसार रोड, वार्ड नं. 7, भारत सैनिक स्कूल, सिरसा बयान करता हूँ कि मेरी पुत्री नारायणा (Narayana) व पुत्र कुशरोज सिंह थिंदी (Kushraj Singh Thind) मेरे कहने-सुनने से बाहर हैं और मेरे से अलग रह रहे हैं। इसलिह में इन्हें अपनी तमाम चल-अचल सम्पत्ति बेदखल करता हूँ। भविष्य में ये किसी प्रकार का लेन-देन करेगी उसके वह स्वयं जिम्मेवार होंगे। मेरी कोई जिम्मेवारी नहीं होगी।

PUBLIC NOTICE

I Anju wife of late Gaurav resident # 223, Ground Floor Simran City Maza Madhopur Derabassi District SAS Nagar Mohali Punjab I declare that this property was in the name of my husband and now we two following are his legal heirs (Wife) Anju and (Daughter) Priyangi, if anyone has any objection then submit claim within a month.

I, Mohmad Kaif S/o Dildar R/o # 108 B, Chuna Bhatti road, gate No. 1, Chandimandir (Saket), Panchkula declared that in my 10th certificate my aadhar No. wrongly mentioned as 873633938319 where as my correct aadhar No. is 873633938310.

I Lakhwinder Kaur wife of Balwinder Singh resident of Ramniwas district Bathinda that in the roll number 13150480 of my son davinder Singh 10th class CBSE board session 2023-24, his date of birth is 12-10-2008, which is wrong, his correct date of birth is 10-11-2008, please correct it. Affidavit No. IN-PB04621372552147X dated 06-02-2025

I, Jasvir Singh s/o Rupinder Singh resident of Pitho Distt. Bathinda Is my father's name Roopinder Singh mentioned in my class 10th PSEB board certificate roll number 717991 which is wrong, his correct name is Rupinder Singh.

I, Shagun Gupta D/o Sh. Deepak Gupta presently R/o House No. C-35, Wave Estate, Sector 85, S.A.S Nagar (Mohali) declare that my actual date of birth is 17th October, 1992 which is mentioned in my entire documents. In my school record by mistake my date of birth has been recorded as 17 September, 1992 instead of 17 October, 1992. My actual date of birth may be considered and recorded as 17.10.1992 instead of 17.09.1992.

I, Mandeep Kaur D/o Jai Pal, R/o Ucha Gaon, Patiala declare I followed the Ramdasia Sikh religion. Now I have voluntarily decided to embrace Islam as my religion without any force or pressure from any person and also changed my name to Mandeep Mumtaz.

I Kherav @ Krishna, Krishna Setia S/o Chander Mohan R/o #F-8/16, Behind DAV School Rajpura Distt Patiala my LIC Policy's No. is 165503236, 165519156, 165518970 both name are same and the one person only.

I, hitherto known as Ranjpreet Singh Brar S/o Manjit Singh Brar R/o Jorki Kanakarwalia, Fazilka, Punjab-152123 India, have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as Rajan Preet Singh Brar.

I, Jagseer Singh S/o Modan Singh R/o Ramgarh, Tehsil Jaitu, District Faridkot, Punjab, India declare that in Army service record of my son Gurpreet Singh No. 15581873X, Rank Hav., 702 Eng. Plant Unit, my date of birth wrongly mentioned as 05-06-1967 but my correct date of birth is 01-01-1951.

I, Balvir Kaur W/o Jagseer Singh R/o Ramgarh, Tehsil Jaitu, District Faridkot, Punjab, India declare that in Army service record of my son Gurpreet Singh No. 15581873X, Rank Hav., 702 Eng. Plant Unit, my name spellings wrongly mentioned as Balveer Kaur and date of birth as 07-11-1978, but correct spellings of my name is Balvir Kaur and my correct date of birth is 01-01-1956.

I, R Shobha Machhindra, I Legally Mother Of 17024946k, Rank Cfn, Name Raut Vinayak Machhindra Unit Of 161 (1) Fd Wksp Coy (R), C/O 56 Apo, Ferozepur Cantt, Resident At Village Wafale, Post Anagar, Teh. Mohol, Distt. Solapur, (Mh) 413214 Have Changed My Name & Date Of Birth In My Son Service Record Is From R Shobha Machhindra To Shobha Machhindra Mali & Dob From 01/06/1965 To 01/01/1968.

I, R Machhindra Sitaram, Is Legally Father Of 17024946k, Rank Cfn, Name Raut Vinayak Machhindra Unit Of 161 (1) Fd Wksp Coy (Rece & Sp) (Wh), C/O 56 Apo, Ferozepur Cantt, Resident At Village Wafale, Post Anagar, Teh. Mohol, Distt. Solapur, (Mh) 413214 Have Changed My Name & Date Of Birth In My Son Service Record Is From R Machhindra Sitaram To Machhindra Setelaram Mali & Dob From 01/06/1970 To 01/01/1968.

It is for information that I Vandhan Kumari D/o Raj Kumar Singh R/o House No. 541, LIC Colony, Mundi Kharar, Sector-4, Kharar, PO Kharar, District SAS Nagar (Mohali), Punjab-140301, India declares that in my CBSE 12th Class Mark Sheet and Certificate my father's name has been wrongly written as Raj Kumar The actual name of my father is Raj Kumar Singh, which may be amended accordingly.

CHANGE OF NAME

I Amit Kumar S/o Jai Gopal R/o 1550 Morigate, Manimajra Chandigarh declare that I have changed my name from Amit Kumar to Amit Sharma.

I, Manpreet Kaur W/o Karam Jit Singh R/o Village-Sharifgarh, Tehsil- Shahabad Markanda, Distt. Kurukshetra (Haryana) have changed my name from Paramjeet Kaur to Manpreet Kaur.

I, Leelawati W/o No.15358952-W Ex CHM Bijender Singh R/o H.No. 1824/34, Hari Singh Colony, Sunarian Chowk, Rohtak (Haryana) declare that my name Lilawati Devi is wrongly mentioned in my husband Army record. But my correct & actual name is Leelawati. vide affidavit dated 17.02.2025 before Notary Public Rohtak.

I, Naresh Kumar S/o Beli Ram R/o #530/8, Ward No. 8, Model Town Narwana Distt. Jind-126116 (Haryana) I have declared that my name Changed From Naresh Kumar to Naresh Kumar Jain.

I, Gaud Pooja Gyanendra Spouse of Goud Umesh Rajnath R/o #118, Sector 47-A, Chandigarh have changed my name from Gaud Pooja Gyanendra to Pooja Umesh Goud vide Affidavit No - IN-CH54636109287382X Dated 12-02-2025 before Notary, Distt. Court at Chandigarh.

I, Sarita Verma Spouse of Satish R/o #3150-A, Sector 31-D, Chandigarh have changed my name from Sarita Verma to Sarita vide Affidavit No - IN-CH5467633046487X Dated 14-02-2025 before Notary, Distt. Court at Chandigarh.

I, Yasoda Devi Mother of Satyanarayan Pradas R/o #521-A, Sector 31-A, Chandigarh have changed my name from Yasoda Devi to Yashoda Devi vide Affidavit No - IN-CH54698036672338X Dated 15-02-2025 before Notary, Distt. Court at Chandigarh.

I, Ahilya Guleria Wife of Prakash Guleria R/o #115, Dashmesh Nagar, Naya Gaon Teh. Kharar, Mohali, have changed my name from Ahilya Kumari to Ahilya Guleria.

I, Ashwani Kumar Father of Chirag R/o #3093, Sector 47-D, Chandigarh have changed my son name from Chirag to Chirag Bansal.

I, Sunil Kumar Gaur s/o Yoginder Gond, R/o # 701, Burali, UT, Chandigarh have changed my name to Sunil Kumar Gond.

I, Aryan Vinay Kaushik (Aadhaar No. 432039987489) S/o Sh. Vinay Kumar R/o H. No 859, Sector-91, Landran, SAS Nagar, Mohali, Punjab. I have changed my name from Aditya Kaushik to Aryan Vinay Kaushik. In future I should be known as Aryan Vinay Kaushik.

I, Sahida W/o Chhota R/o 1161/4, Ward No. 31, Idgah Colony, Sonapat, Haryana declares that in my old passport, my name, my husband's name, my father's name & my mother's name were wrongly entered as Saeeda, Chhota, Ahmed & Haseena respectively. But my actual name is Sahida, my husband's name is Chhota, my father's name is Ahmad Hasan & my mother's name is Hasina. Please correct it.

I, Ranjita Rani D/o Ramesh Dass and wife of Karan Vir Bindra R/o Kothi No. 9577, Jhunjung Road, Sector 125, Sunny Enclave, Kharar, SAS Nagar Mohali-140301, have change my name to Ranjeeta Rani.

I, Paramjeet Kaur W/o Gurcharan Singh R/o H. No. C2 1854, Near Sharma Tent, Buriya Gate, Jagadhri, Distt Yamuna Nagar have changed my name from Paramjeet Kaur to Pramjeet Kaur.

I am no. 3014965L Naik Bhisam Singh S/o Chandra Pal, 41 Infantry Brigade, Lucknow. In my service record my father's DOB is erroneously recorded as 01.01.1966, which is incorrect whereas the correct DOB is 03.04.1960. Similarly, my mother's name is Pushpa Devi & DOB is 01.01.1967, which is wrong, while her correct name is Pushpa Rani and DOB is 03.02.1956.

I, Atul Dua S/o Late. Sh. Rajinder Kumar Dua R/o # 1927, Patri Mohalla, Jagadhri, Distt Yamunanagar have changed my name from Atul S/o Late Rajendra Kumar to Atul Dua S/o Late Rajinder Kumar Dua.

I, Kamta Prasad S/o Sh. Ram Kripal R/o House No. 1722, Sector 33-D, Chandigarh have changed my name from Kamta Prasad to Kamta Prasad Yadav.

I, Naresh Kumar Alias Naresh Kumar Handa S/o Satpal Handa R/o Moh. Pahari Gate, Ward No. 5, V.P.O Hariana Distt. Hoshiarpur is One & the Same Person. Concerned Note.

I, Vipan Kumar S/o Harbhajan Lal R/o VPO Jahan Khelan Distt. Hoshiarpur Punjab have changed my name from Vipan Kumar to Vipan Kumar Dole. Concerned note.

I, Gurmukh S/o Puran Chand R/o Vill. Mander PO Adda Kathar Distt. Jalandhar Punjab have changed the name of my minor son name from Jashan to Jashan Droch. Concerned note.

I, Bikramjeet Singh Makkar s/o Surjit Singh R/o House No 128 , Ward No 11 Moonak, Tehsil Moonak District Sangrur, have changed my name from Bikramjeet Singh Makkar to Bikramjeet Singh. All concerned plz note.

I, JC-806571W Nb Sub Sunil Kumar, Unit EME School Vadodra, Gujarat S/o Jagdish resident of village Daroli Teh Adampur, Hisar declare that I want to correct my father's name from Jagdish Chander to Jagdish and my mother's name from Sakuntala to Shankuntla in my army records.

I, Sajid S/O Yasin Ali R/O 37, Near Purani Gugamadi, Tagra Kali Ram, Kalka, P.O.-Kalka, Distt-Panchkula (Haryana)-133302 Have Changed My Name From Sajid To Sajid Hasan.

I, Gaurav S/o Subhash Chander R/o H.No. 27, Type-II, MDU Campus, Rohtak, Haryana have changed my name from Gaurav to Gaurav Dureja.

I, 3403331H rank NK Naresh Kumar, VPO Radhana Tehsil District Jind Haryana My Service Record is my mother' name Mahna Devi my mother correct name is Mahna.

I, Ram Kishan Son of Sh. Ram Dhani Bhardwaj Resident of House no 1996-A, Small Flats Housing Board complex Dhanas Chandigarh have changed my name from Ram Kishan to Chhota Ram. My father correct name is Bangali Ram.

I, Subhas Mondal C/o Radharani Mondal R/o VPO Kashtagara Tehsil Rampurhat, Distt Birbhum (West Bengal)-731216 have changed my son name from Ankit Mandal to Ankit Mondal due to wrong name record in Army Service record vide affidavit before Notary Public Gurdaspur dated 18.02.25

I, Karabi Mondal Ghosh W/o Subhas Mondal R/o VPO Kashtagara Tehsil Rampurhat, Distt Birbhum (West Bengal)-731216 have changed my name from Karabi Ghosh to Karabi Mondal Ghosh due to wrong name record in my husband's Army Service record vide affidavit before Notary Public Gurdaspur dated 18.02.25

I, Baljit Ralh S/o Balwinder Pal Ralh R/o Kala Manj Colony, Mukerian Distt. Hoshiarpur have changed my minor daughter's name from Harshita to Harshita Ralh.

I, Ashok Kumar Alias Ashok Kumar Bains R/O V.P.O Awankha, Near Birla Mandir, Teh. Dinanagar, district Gurdaspur declare that I know as two names Ashok Kumar and Ashok Kumar Bains. Both one and same person. All Concerned note.

I, Harsh Behal S/o Tilak Raj Behal R/o H.No 164 W.No 13, Model Town, Tehsil and District Patankot declare that my nick name is Harish however my correct name is Harsh Behal. I have known both names Harish and Harsh Behal one and same person.

I, hitherto known as Deep Chand S/o Sh. Sumer Chand resident of 350/01, Sec-D, Defence Colony, Ambala Cantt-133001, Haryana have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as Deep Chand Saini.

I, 15157144H HAV Prem Prakash Yadav S/o Shankar Yadav R/o 207 field Regt C/o 56 APO declared that in my Army documents name and DOB of my mother erroneously mentioned as Nirmla 01.07.1994 where as her correct name and DOB is Foolpati Devi 03.06.1991.

I, Akash Marwaha S/o Saroop Nath R/o Gali No.2, Subhash Road, Chheharta, Amritsar Punjab -143105 have changed my name from Akash Marwaha to Marwaha is my surname and Akash is my given name.

I, Deepkar S/o Balwant Singh # 133, Block -B, Sector 14, Chandigarh have changed my name to Deep Karan Singh.

I, Renu Patiyal W/o Ravi Kumar # 1633/1, Sector 30-B, Chandigarh have changed my name to Renu Patyal.

I Kulvinder Devi w/o khem chand R/o village Khera mohalla Radaur, Tehsil Radaur, distt Yamunanagar declares that my mother name mentioned in passport Kulvinder Devi which is incorrect, actual name is Krishna in all documents which is correct.

I, Mukesh Kamboj S/o Sh. Jagmal Singh R/o H.No. 65 Sun City Sector 20 Jagadhri Distt. Yamuna Nagar I have change my name from Mukesh Kamboj to Mukesh Kumar All concerned note.

I Army No. 3208296L NK Bhagat S/o Ajmer Singh, Unit-5 JAT C/o 56 APO. In my service record my daughter's name is wrongly recorded as Taniya whereas his actual and correct name is Tanya.

I, Smt. Jaswinder Kaur W/o No. 144739-B Ex POME Gurchain Singh R/o VPO Bhungarni, Tehsil & Distt. Hoshiarpur have changed my name from Jaswinder Kaur to Raj Rani.

I, Smt. Gurdip Kaur W/o No. 3387032X Ex Nk (TS) Balwinder Singh R/o Village Miani (Wasu No. 2) PO Miani Tehsil Dasuya Distt. Hoshiarpur Punjab have changed my name from Gurdip Kaur to Gurdeep Kaur.

I, Manisha Devi D/o No. 3988434 Late L/Nk Sh. Bakshish Singh residence of Village Zahidpur Awana PO Daggan Tehsil Dasuya Distt. Hoshiarpur (PB) has changed my name from Arti Wala to Manisha Devi and my correct date of birth is 10/12/1995. Concern Note.

I, Jaswinder Singh S/o Jarnail Singh R/o Village Hazipur PO Hariana Distt. Hoshiarpur have changed my name to Singh Jaswinder. Concerned Note.

I, Munish Jain S/o Sh. Sundershan Jain R/o H.No 2552 Sector -23C, Chandigarh have changed my name from Munish Kumar Jain to Munish Jain.

I, Rajat S/o Harish R/o H. No. 37712 Ashoka Garden Colony, Kaithal, Haryana-136027 have changed my name to Rajat Chawla.

I, Rajneesh Kumar Mandhotra S/O Basant Singh R/O Tehsil- Sandholo, Kothuwan, Kothwan (39), Mandi, Himachal Pradesh-176090 have changed name of my minor daughter Divanshi Thakur aged 10 years to Devanshi Mandhotra.

I, Beena Rani W/O Krishan Kumar R/O Victoria Enclave Dirba, Sangrur, Punjab-148035 have changed my name to Veena Rani.

I, Tarun Kumar S/o Ramesh Chand R/o H.No. 45/24 1st Floor Partap Nagar, DLF Colony Rohtak-124001 declare That I have changed my daughter name from Jenika to Jenika Garg for all future purposes.

I, hitherto Known as Brij Rani Wife of Subash Chander residing at Ward No. 9, Ganda Singh, Dhariwal Tehsil and District Gurdaspur-143519 Punjab have changed my name and Shall hereafter be known as Shakuntla Devi.

I, Binda Parshad S/o Ram Abhilakh R/o Gali No.4, Guru Nanak Enclave, Khandwala, Amritsar have changed my name from Binda Parshad to Binda Parsad

I, Sahil Kumar S/o Ashok Kumar R/o 882/7, Chowk Lachmansar, Kucha Kaka Singh Gali Baghwali, Amritsar have changed my name from Sahil Kumar to Sahil Vaid

I, No.3404756N Hav Sahib Singh S/o Ranga Singh R/o Chawinda Kalan Chogawan Amritsar Punjab-143109 have changed my minor Daughter's name from Manshajpreet Kaur Vide Affidavit No.IN-PB08265474900269X Dt.18.02.2025 before Executive Magistrate Amritsar

I, No.3405627A Hav/Cik (Sd) Sunil Thakur S/o Late Kullar Singh R/o Village Channal, PO Nalsuha Tehsil Dehra District Kangra Himachal Pradesh-177104 have changed my mother's name from Swarna Devi to Sawrana Devi Vide Affidavit No.DL00375397567284W Dt.11.12.2024 before Notary Public Amritsar

I, Samada Kanwar mother of No 15518618W Swr Ratan Singh R/o Mahabar Teh & Dist Barmer State Rajasthan 344001 have changed my name from Samada Kanwar to Samadha Kanwar Vide Affidavit No.9312 Dt.03.02.2025 before Notary Public Barmer

I, Om Prakash Father of No.13773466X Hav Deepak Kumar Unit of 11 Jak Rif C/o 56 Apo that in my son's army service record my name has been wrongly entered as Om Prakash but my correct name is Omprakash Yadav vide affidavit No.IN-PB08197561307252X Dt.18.02.2025 before Executive Magistrate Amritsar

I, Minakshi Mochari Spouse of No.14929518H Hav Jagen Mochari R/O Baramachari, PO Dhanbil Baksa Assam-781343 now at 15 Mech Inf C/o 56 Apo have changed my name from Minakshi Mochari to Minakshi Mochahary Vide Affidavit No.IN-PB07966200829588X Dt.17.02.2025 before Notary Public Amritsar

I, Sundari Mother of No.14929518H Hav Jagen Mochari R/O Baramachari, PO Dhanbil Baksa Assam-781343 now at 15 Mech Inf C/o 56 Apo have changed my name from Sundari to Sundari Mochahary Vide Affidavit No.IN-PB07966894177045X Dt.17.02.2025 before Notary Public Amritsar

I, No. 14929518H Hav Jagen Mochari S/O Late Mochari R/O Baramachari, PO Dhanbil Baksa Assam-781343 now at 15 Mech Inf C/o 56 Apo have changed my son's name from Gwjwn Mochari to Gwjwn Mochahary Vide Affidavit No.IN-PB07968471350880X Dt.17.02.2025 before Notary Public Amritsar

I, No. 14929518H Hav Jagen Mochari S/O Late Mochari R/O Baramachari, PO Dhanbil Baksa Assam-781343 now at 15 Mech Inf C/o 56 Apo have changed my son's name from Guthal Mochahari to Guthal Mochahary Vide Affidavit No.IN-PB07969323246367X Dt.17.02.2025 before Notary Public Amritsar

I, Malwinder Singh S/o Surjit Singh R/o 18, Mall Mandi New Golden Avenue, Amritsar have changed my name from Malwinder Singh to Malwinder Pal Singh

I Lucky S/o Surinder Kumar Resident of 1168, Gilwali Gate, Khalsi Gali, Jai Singh Chowk, Amritsar. I have changed my name from Lucky to Vicky.

I Anam Arora D/o Sh. Raj Arora W/o Mr. Hatish Chopra R/O 37, IMA Colony, Akash Avenue, Fatehgarh Churian Road, Amritsar. I have changed my name after marriage from Anam Arora to Anam Chopra.

I, 13769762L Hav Nirender Khadka Unit 11 Punjab Bn. NCC 97 Green Avenue, Amritsar 143001 have changed my wife's name from Savita Khadka to Sabita Khadka Vide Affidavit No.IN-PB08343857808488X Dt.18.02.2025 before Notary Public Amritsar

I, Geeta and Geeta Rani W/o Vinod Kumar R/o VPO Bikhwind Tehsil Patti District Taran have declare that above both names are mine one and same person

I Sunil Kumar S/o Chaman Lal R/o H.No.17/1368, Fair Land Colony, Fatehgarh Churian Road District Amritsar have changed my name from Sunil Kumar to Sunil Kumar Sharma

I, Munish Kumar S/o Dharam Pal R/o H.No.1-A, Street No.16, Opp Gurudwara, New Pawan Nagar, Batala Road, Amritsar have changed my name from Munish Kumar to Manish Mahajan

I, Alka W/o Manish Mahajan R/o H.No.1-A, Street No.16, Opp Gurudwara, New Pawan Nagar, Batala Road, Amritsar have changed my name from Alka to Alka Mahajan

I Nand Kishore Juneja Son of Doulat Ram R/o H.No. 10 Gali No. 2 Pawan Nagar Batala Road Amritsar. have changed my name to Nand Kishore Arora.

I Neena W/o Nand Kishore Arora R/o H.No. 10 Gali No. 2 Pawan Nagar Batala Road Amritsar, have changed my name to Neena Arora.

I M. Mukunda Rao S/o M.Ram Loo R/o H.No.69 Gali No.5 Dashmesh Nagar Jalal Bholana PO Bholana, Kapurthala declare that M. Mukunda Rao and Mediboina Mukunda Rao is one and the Same Person

I, Prabhpreet Singh S/o Jagtar Singh R/o VPO Sahabpur Tehsil and District Taran have declare that Prabhpreet is my Given name and Singh is my Surname

I, Simerat Kaur W/o Kanwarpal Singh R/o H.No.B274, G.T Road, Alpha International City Amritsar have changed my name from Simerat Kaur to Simrat Kaur

I, Pandit Mahadu Shinde Father of No.15580865M Hav Shinde Sachin Pandit Unit 104 Engr C/o 56 Apo-914104 have changed my name from Pandit to Pandit Mahadu Shinde Vide Affidavit No.23AB 372377 Dt.27.12.2024 before Notary Public Ahmednagar

I, Indubai Pandit Shinde Mother of No.15580865M Hav Shinde Sachin Pandit Unit 104 Engr C/o 56 Apo-914104 have changed my name from Indubai Pandit to Indubai Paindit Shinde Vide Affidavit

Punjab CM Conducts Surprise Inspection of Govt Offices in Sangrur, Mansa

PNS ■ CHEEMA (SANGRUR)/SARDULGARH (MANSA)
In a significant move aimed at ensuring transparent, efficient, and citizen-centric governance, Punjab Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann on Tuesday conducted a surprise inspection of the newly-constructed Sub Tehsil Complex and the Tehsil Complex at Sardulgarh in Mansa. The visit was part of the Chief Minister's ongoing efforts to ensure seamless public service delivery at the grassroots level. Reiterating his government's commitment to efficiency, Mann emphasized that all government officers must discharge their duties with honesty and diligence, ensuring that the public does not face any inconvenience while visiting government offices. His surprise visit not only served as a ground reality check but also provided an opportunity to directly interact with the people and gather their feedback on the functioning of these institutions. Mann, during his visit to the Cheema Sub Tehsil Complex, engaged with the public, who expressed their appreciation for the government's efforts in streamlining administrative services. He assured them that such inspections were not about fault-finding but rather about improving government functioning to serve the people more effectively. "This is not



about pointing fingers at officials; it is about further streamlining our systems to benefit the common man," Mann said. "For the first time, the people of Punjab are seeing their Chief Minister visiting government offices to ensure that public services are being provided smoothly and efficiently," he added. Emphasizing that efficient public service delivery remains a top priority for his government, Mann instructed officials to ensure that administrative processes are prompt and hassle-free. He noted that resolving day-to-day issues faced by citizens in government offices should be a primary focus, and he personally took stock of how different departments were functioning. Meanwhile, the Chief Minister also reviewed arrangements for the upcoming Sant Baba Attar Singh Mela, which attracts thousands of pilgrims. He directed the district officials to make comprehensive arrangements, ensuring that visitors do not face any inconvenience during the event. "We are committed to providing the best facilities for pilgrims, and I will personally oversee the arrangements," he affirmed. During his visit, Mann also inspected the construction of a 20-bedded hospital in Cheema, which is expected to be a game-changer for healthcare in the region. He announced that the hospital's construction would be completed by June 30, 2025, after which it would be formally dedicated to the public. At Sardulgarh Tehsil Complex, Mann reaffirmed his government's commitment to Punjab's overall development, with a strong focus on key sectors such as education, health-

care, power, employment, and infrastructure. He stated that a comprehensive plan had been devised to ensure rapid progress in these areas. While interacting with residents at Sardulgarh, Mann announced that a regular Tehsildar would soon be appointed to the tehsil to improve administrative efficiency. Additionally, he ordered the installation of high-speed internet at the complex to expedite office work, ensuring a smoother and faster experience for visitors. "These upgrades are crucial for increasing the efficiency of government departments," he remarked, adding, "We will continue to make improvements that directly impact the lives of our citizens." **Working on Rehabilitating Deported Youth: CM** Chief Minister Mann, responding to a query, expressed the State Government's unwavering support for Punjabis deported from the USA. He reassured that the government is working on providing them with rehabilitation opportunities so they can reintegrate into Punjab's socio-economic fabric. "We are bringing in youth who have successfully rebuilt their lives after facing similar hardships to mentor and guide the deportees," he stated. "Our aim is to help them restart their lives here in Punjab and become active contributors to our state's progress."

Emphasis laid on providing quality education to students: Saini

PNS ■ CHANDIGARH
Haryana Chief Minister Nayab Singh Saini on Tuesday said that the Government has been focusing on providing quality education as well as skill education to students in the state. While addressing the gathering on the occasion of the 34th convocation of Kurukshetra University, the Chief Minister said, "The New Education Policy has been implemented by Kurukshetra University. Efforts are being made to provide higher education to all young people near their homes. The government is also focusing on imparting skill education to students. Over the past 10 years, 79 new colleges have been opened, of which 30 were for girls only." Saini said that the first President of India Dr Rajendra Prasad laid the foundation stone of Kurukshetra University in 1956. Since then, the university has travelled a long journey of development. He said Haryana has made a distinct identity as a leading state in the country by progressing in education, sports, cultural, research and industrial sectors. Kurukshetra University has a significant contribution in this identity. He said on the



strength of the capacity of such educational institutions, Haryana has fully implemented the National Education Policy. The Chief Minister said that till a decade ago, daughters in Haryana had to go to far-flung colleges to get higher education. Due to this, most of the daughters were deprived of education. Understanding their pain, the government prepared a roadmap and resolved to establish a college every 20 kilometers. In the last 10 years, 79 colleges were opened, out of which 30 are for girls only. He said the government's aim is that every child gets a quality education near his home. He said the state government

is also emphasizing on skill development of youth along with education. As per the demand of the time, education from school to university has been linked with skills. Apart from this, effective steps are being taken like NSSQF in schools, PAHAL scheme in colleges, incubation centers in universities and MoUs with industries to provide training as per the needs of industries in technical institutes. He said that for this year's budget, the government has also sought suggestions from the youth so that an inclusive and developmental budget of every section can be made. He said the youth of Haryana are touching new heights today through startups, which is a matter of pride. Saini congratulated and wished the students who were honoured with PhD degrees and received medals and said that this is not just a degree, but an honour for their hard work. He also congratulated the parents and faculty members of the students. **Honorary degree of Doctor of Literature conferred upon CM Saini** Haryana Governor and Chancellor of Kurukshetra University Bandaru Dattatraya on Tuesday felicitated Chief Minister Nayab Singh Saini with the Honorary degree of Doctor of Literature for his outstanding contribution in social and political field at the 34th convocation of the university. Along with this, former ISRO Chairman Dr S Somanath, who did remarkable work in the field of science and increased India's pride in space, was also honoured with an honorary degree and Goyal Peace Prize by the university. In the convocation ceremony, degrees were awarded to about 2000 students, PhD degrees to 130 registered PhD holders and gold medals and merit certificates were awarded to 91 registered students.

Punjab Expands GST Base: Over 79k New Taxpayers Added in Two Years

PNS ■ CHANDIGARH
In a major push to widen Punjab's Goods and Services Tax (GST) base, the state's Excise and Taxation Department has successfully added over 79,000 new taxpayers in the past two years through targeted registration drives. Finance, Planning, Excise, and Taxation Minister Harpal Singh Cheema on Tuesday said that 46,338 new taxpayers were registered in 2023-24, with an additional 33,000 enrolled by December 2024. Cheema, in an official statement, highlighted the government's proactive approach in educating businesses about tax compliance, ITC (Input Tax Credit) claims, and the benefits of timely filings. He emphasized that expanding the GST base is not just about increasing revenue but also about creating a fair and transparent taxation system that discourages tax evasion. The Minister disclosed that

uploading purchase bills on the Mera Bill app. School and college students have also been actively involved in raising awareness about the importance of proper invoicing and tax documentation. Praising the initiative, Cheema said: "This scheme has successfully encouraged both businesses and consumers to participate in tax compliance, making Punjab's taxation system more robust." Punjab Government has made tax compliance a top priority, ensuring that 93 percent of registered taxpayers consistently file their GST returns on time. To further strengthen compliance and prevent revenue leakages, the department has penalized the tax evaders; collaborated with IIT Hyderabad to integrate advanced data analytics tools for fraud detection; and implemented adjudication and scrutiny modules to track discrepancies and prevent tax leakages. To further promote tax compliance among consumers, the Punjab Government has extended the 'Bill Liyao Inaam Pao' scheme, which incentivizes consumers to demand bills for their purchases. Under the scheme, penalties worth Rs 8.15 crore have been imposed on non-compliant taxpayers. A total of 4,106 consumers have been rewarded with prizes totaling Rs 2.45 crore for

BRIEFS
PUNJAB GOVT RELEASES RS 15.95-CR FOR MISSION JEEVANJOT AND DESTITUTE CHILDREN Chandigarh: Punjab Government has released Rs 15.95 crore under Mission Jeevanjot and for the welfare of destitute children in the ongoing 2024-25 financial year. Sharing details, Social Security, Women, and Child Development Minister Dr Baljit Kaur on Tuesday highlighted that Mission Jeevanjot, launched on July 8, 2024, focuses on rescuing, rehabilitating, and reintegrating children engaged in begging. **65,607 MGNREGA JOB CARDS ISSUED IN 1.5 MONTHS** Chandigarh: Punjab's Rural Development and Panchayat Minister Tarunpreet Singh Sond on Tuesday said that 65,607 new MGNREGA job cards have been issued in the past one and a half months, following a state-wide drive to boost rural employment. After a January review meeting, Sond directed district officials to intensify job card registrations through special village camps. In response, 10,533 camps were organized, resulting in 12,27,603 active job cards across Punjab, including 2,180 for persons with disabilities (PwDs). **BHAGAT VISITS MAHARAJA RANJIT SINGH WAR MUSEUM** Ludhiana/Chandigarh: Punjab's Freedom Fighter and Defence Services Welfare Minister Mohinder Bhagat on Tuesday visited the Maharaja Ranjit Singh War Museum and Defence Services Welfare Office in Ludhiana, and listened to concerns of ex-servicemen and their families. He stressed that the state will always remain indebted to those who served the nation and directed officials to ensure prompt resolution of their issues. **CONG FIGHTING CIVIC ELECTIONS ON ISSUES LIKE ROADS, SEWERAGE AND LAW AND ORDER: HOODA** Hisar: Former Haryana Chief Minister Bhupinder Singh Hooda on Tuesday said that Congress would take up the collapse of civic services and law and order in the state as primary issues in the ensuing civic elections. Talking to Reporters in Hisar, Hooda said, "Congress will take all these issues to the public during the mayor elections. Along with this, the party will also highlight the poor condition of roads, sewerage and cleanliness and the collapse of law and order among the public," he stated. Hooda appealed for votes for the Congress candidates in the civic elections.

Cyber criminals arrested in Haryana: DGP

PNS ■ CHANDIGARH
Taking strict action against cyber criminals, Haryana Director General of Police Shatruiet Kapur on Tuesday said that the Police have arrested 5156 cyber criminals in 2024. Out of the criminals arrested in 2024, 70 percent (3555 criminals) are residents of other states. In the year 2024,

an average of 14 cyber criminals have been arrested daily by the Haryana Police, he added. DGP further said that acting on complaints, about 2165 cases were registered against cyber criminals in 2022 while 2747 cases in 2023 and 5511 in 2024. 1078 cyber criminals were arrested by the Police in 2022 while 1909 in 2023. Kapur further said that

due to the awareness campaign being run by the Haryana Police, the defrauded amount has decreased to Rs 72.84 crore this year as compared to Rs 86.18 crore in January 2024. Not only this, the Haryana Police has succeeded in sending 433 more cyber criminals behind bars in January 2025 as compared to the previous year. Taking strict

action against cyber criminals, the Haryana Police has arrested 4 times more criminals in January 2025. While 138 cyber accused were arrested by the Haryana Police in January 2024, 571 accused have been arrested in January 2025, out of which 130 accused are from Haryana and 441 accused are from other states, he added.

Rao Takes Initiative to Promote Transparency and Fight Corruption

MONIKA MALIK ■ CHANDIGARH
Signaling a fresh approach to Punjab's battle against corruption, 1995-batch IPS officer G Nageswara Rao on Tuesday took over as the new Chief Director of the Punjab Vigilance Bureau (VB) at Vigilance Bhawan, SAS Nagar — a day after his appointment. Known for his resolute stance on accountability, Rao wasted no time in outlining his vision for the Bureau, immediately convening a high-level meeting with all the Bureau's Senior Superintendents of Police (SSPs) to assess the state of ongoing investigations. The leadership change comes on the heels of 1993-batch IPS officer Varinder Kumar's removal from the post of state Vigilance chief, following mounting criticism over his inaction on high-profile corruption cases involving influential individuals. Kumar's failure to accelerate investigations into these sensitive cases had raised alarms, leading to his dismissal and the swift appointment of Rao. In his first address, Rao made it clear that zero tolerance for corruption would define his tenure. He reinforced Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann's unwavering commitment to a corruption-free Punjab, pledging to take immediate, decisive action against wrongdoers in

every corner of the state's administration. "We will not hesitate to act swiftly and transparently in tackling corruption," he said, adding that no one — from government officers to Vigilance Bureau staff — would be spared if found involved in any corrupt practices. He also stated that all cases would be pursued rigorously in the courts to ensure strict punishment for accused persons. He urged field officers to be vigilant, proactive and uncompromising in their mission to root out corruption. Also stressing the importance of public participation, he urged the citizens to actively report corruption through the Chief Minister's Anti-Corruption Action Line — a platform designed to enhance transparency and accountability across the state. **Reshuffle Likely in Punjab Police** A significant reshuffle in the Punjab Police department is on the cards following the recent removal of Special DGP Varinder Kumar as the head of the Punjab Vigilance Bureau. This development signaled growing concerns over the performance and accountability of the state police force, particularly after Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann raised alarms about police misconduct and inefficiencies. The reshuffle comes just

days after the Chief Minister warned district and commissionerate police chiefs of consequences for underperformance, citing ongoing issues with police misconduct and wrongful FIRs. This is a direct response to complaints raised by AAP MLAs, who have voiced frustrations over the treatment of petitioners and corruption within the ranks. The latest removal of Varinder Kumar comes after a series of high-profile complaints and allegations against police officials. Reports indicated that Mann's administration is keen to address the rising tide of corruption within the police force. In a meeting following the Delhi Assembly election results on February 8 at New Delhi with AAP supreme Arvind Kejriwal, Mann emphasized that police officers must demonstrate integrity and discipline or face swift action. Several district police chiefs are under scrutiny, particularly in light of complaints from party members who feel that their influence is being undermined. This reshuffle is seen as a crucial step toward restoring public trust in the police, with sources confirming that multiple key transfers and appointments are imminent. It's expected to bring about changes at the top levels, including district police officers, and re-establish the party's grip on police operations.

Anuraag Rastogi to be new Haryana Chief Secretary

PNS ■ CHANDIGARH
An IAS officer of the 1990-batch, Anuraag Rastogi is likely to succeed Vivek Joshi as the chief secretary of Haryana. Joshi, a 1989-batch IAS officer, who took over as Haryana chief secretary in November 2024, was appointed as Election Commissioner on Monday. Rastogi, presently serving as Financial Commissioner, Revenue, and additional chief secretary (Finance), has served as chief secretary for three days after TVSN Prasad's retirement on October 31 last year. Though Joshi was appointed as the chief secretary, the government handed over the charge to Rastogi till the former, then on central deputation, joined on November 4,

2024. Despite a seniority dispute among the officers of the 1990-batch, the government chose to give charge to Rastogi and later posted him as FCR, a position usually occupied by the senior most officer after the chief secretary. 1989-batch IAS officer Joshi was appointed as Election Commissioner by the selection committee chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi. He will join the three-member Election Commission, which includes Chief Election Commissioner (CEC) Gyanesh Prakash and fellow Election Commissioner Sukhbir Singh Sandhu. Joshi has been serving as the Haryana Chief Secretary since November, 2024. He was re-

appointed as Chief Secretary. Prior to his appointment in Haryana, Joshi had an extensive tenure in central deputation with the Government of India. He served as Secretary of the Department of Personnel and Training in the Union Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances, and Pensioners. His career also saw him holding the position of Secretary in the Department of Financial Services and as the Registrar General & Census Commissioner of India in the Ministry of Home Affairs. His tenure with the Government of India spanned from 2001 to 2006 and again from 2010 to 2017, and from 2019 to 2024.

Before his central deputation, Joshi held several significant posts in Haryana, including Chief Executive Officer of the Gurugram Metropolitan Development Authority, Resident Commissioner in New Delhi, Member Secretary of the 5th State Finance Commission, and Commissioner for Ambala Division. He has also served as Deputy Commissioner for Hisar, Jind, and Panchkula, among other positions. Joshi holds a degree in Mechanical Engineering from IIT Roorkee and a PhD in International Economics from the Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies in Geneva, Switzerland.

Punjab Announces Transparency in Pension Disbursement

PNS ■ CHANDIGARH
Moving towards financial digitalization and governance reforms, Punjab Finance Minister Harpal Singh Cheema on Tuesday inaugurated three advanced IT-based financial modules — Pensioner Sewa Portal (PSP), Non-Treasury Integrated Financial Management System (NT-IFMS), and SNA SPARSH — aimed at enhancing transparency, efficiency, and pensioner welfare in the state. Unveiling the Pensioner Sewa Portal (PSP), Cheema reaffirmed the Government's commitment to its retired employees. The PSP is designed to streamline pension-related services,

ensuring seamless pension disbursements, real-time case tracking, and efficient grievance redressal. "With this initiative, pension cases will be swiftly processed from treasuries to banks, eliminating delays and enhancing service delivery for our pensioners," said Cheema. The portal's extensive database will also assist policymakers in making data-driven welfare decisions for pensioners across Punjab. The Minister also launched the Non-Treasury Integrated Financial Management System (NT-IFMS) — a groundbreaking accounting system for deposit works in the Forest and Works departments. This module enables greater transparency in managing funds outside the trea-

sure system; faster submission and compilation of monthly accounts at the Accountant General's office; real-time reporting and improved financial oversight through NT-MIS, NT-Accounting, NT-Billing, and NT-Receipt sub-modules. "This system will ensure accurate financial tracking, helping the government take better and more informed decisions," said Cheema. The SNA SPARSH module introduces a real-time fund transfer system for Centrally Sponsored Schemes, integrating PFMS, State IFMS, and the RBI's E-Kuber system. This initiative will eliminate idle parking of funds in bank accounts, reducing financial inefficiencies; minimize borrowing costs and opti-

mize Punjab's cash flow; and improve fiscal discipline, ensuring funds are directly allocated to beneficiaries. Punjab was selected for SNA SPARSH implementation in October 2024, and by January 2025, the state successfully onboarded nine CSS programs, making it eligible for a Rs 400 crore incentive from the Government of India. Cheema lauded the Treasuries and Accounts, NIC, and PFMS teams for their dedication and technical expertise in implementing these critical reforms. He emphasized that these IT-driven financial modules will redefine governance, ensuring greater efficiency, fiscal responsibility, and citizen-centric service delivery in Punjab.

PSEB Board Exams to Begin Today, Students to Appear in Punjab

PNS ■ CHANDIGARH
The Punjab School Education Board (PSEB) commenced its annual Class VIII, X, and XII board examinations from Tuesday with nearly 8.82 lakh students appearing across the State. To ensure smooth and fair conduct of the exams, a total of 2,579 examination centres have been set up, supported by a well-coordinated team of 2,579 superintendents and 3,269 deputy superintendents.

Punjab School Education Minister Harjot Singh Bains, while announcing the commencement of exams, extended his best wishes to all students and urged them to give their best effort. He encouraged students to study harder and make their parents and the state proud, emphasizing that hard work is the key to success. The Class VIII and Class XII board exams begin from February 19, while the Class X exams are set to start in March. For Class VIII, 3,02,189 students are appearing for the

exams; while 2,84,658 students will appear for Class X; and 9877 students for Matric (Open). A total of 2,72,105 Senior Secondary pupils will appear in the 12 Class board exam and 13,363 students are set to appear in the Senior Secondary open exam. To ensure effective monitoring and quick response to any issues, PSEB has also established a control room at its head office with helpline numbers — 0172-5227136, 137, 138 — for real-time assistance. Minister assured that strict

measures have been put in place to prevent any malpractice and to ensure a transparent examination process. The deployment of over 6,000 exam officials, including superintendents and deputy superintendents, reflects the government's commitment to fair and disciplined exams. Encouraging students, the Minister said: "This is a crucial step in your academic journey. Stay focused, study diligently, and give your best. Success comes with perseverance and dedication."

Classifieds

CHANGE OF NAME

I, Bhavani P A is legally Mother of Service No. 15329859M Rank: Hav Name: Satheesh V S, Residing at Village Akathiyur, Post Akathiyur, Taluk Talapilly, Distt. Thrissur (State) Kerala Pin - 680519, have changed my name from Bhavani to Bhavani P.A.

I, Chamandeep Singh Mittal S/o Pawan Singh Mittal R/o H.No. 20, Gurdarshan Nagar, Near 24 Railway Phatak, Patiala (Punjab) have changed my name from Chamandeep to Chamandeep Singh Mittal.

I, Arshdeep Singh S/o Jagmohan Singh R/o 206/1, Chhpar Banda Mohalla B Tank Road, Patiala have changed my name from Arshdeep Singh to Arshdeep Singh Anand.

I, Soban Singh, Father of Army No. 14933012F Rank: Hav. Name: Kuldeep Singh Unit: 6 Mech Inf Co/56 APO, R/o Village Grastanganj, PO, Kumbhichaur, District- Pauri Garhwal, State Uttarakhand, Pin-246149, have changed my name from Soban Singh to Soban Singh Rawat and DOB from 01/02/1960 to 03/11/1958.

I, Rythm Singla hitherto known as Rythm, D/o Narender Kumar R/o House No. 957, Phase-3B2, SAS Nagar (Mohali), Punjab have changed my name from Rythm to Rythm Singla.

I, Anu Babber W/o Sh. Pawan Kumar R/o H.No. 99, F-Block, Sirsa, Haryana- 125055. That I have changed my name from Anu Babber to Anu Wadhwa, in future my name is to be called as Anu Wadhwa.

I, Rakesh S/o Sh. Raj Kumar R/o H. No. 412, Sector-19, HUDA, Sirsa Haryana-125055. That I have changed my name from Rakesh to Rakesh Soglan, in future my name is to be called as Rakesh Soglan.

I, Sandeep S/o Gurudev R/o Khararwal Tehsil Narwana Distt Jind have changed my name Sandeep to Sandeep Singh.

I, Anmoldeep S/o Harvinder Singh R/o Vill Kamalwala Dhani PO Kanheri Teh Tahana Distt Fatehabad, have changed my name Anmoldeep to Anmoldeep Singh.

I, Lakho W/o Balkar Singh R/o H No 557/16 Damkora Road Sunder Nagar Tahana Teh Sunder Distt Fatehabad have changed my name Lakho To Harjinder Kaur.

I, Angrej Singh S/o Veer Singh Village Mohammad Amir Tehsil & Distt. Fazilka, have changed my name from Angrej Singh to Karandeep Singh and my name is Karandeep Singh S/o Veer Singh.

I, Silender S/o Sh. Hawa Singh R/o 1007 Ground Floor, Sector 41-B, Chandigarh have changed my name to Shalendra Kumar.

I, Rupender Kumar Son of Sh. Rajbir Singh Residing at Samshan Ghat, Bhaklana (94), Hisar, Haryana have changed my name from to Rupender Kharb.

I, Ajay S/o Karmchand R/o VPO Mangna Teh. & Distt. Kurukshetra-136030 (Haryana) I have declared that my name Changed From Ajay To Ajay Kumar.

I, Atul Kumar S/o Satpal Singh R/o VPO Chhara, Tehsil Bahadurgarh Distt. Jhajjar, Haryana declare that I have changed my name from Atul Singh to Atul Kumar. So now I may be known and called by all purposes.

I, Neethu Daniel, Spouse of army no. 14682698Y, rank Hav, Liju P Mathew, My name is wrongly mention in my husband army service record as Neethu Liju, but my correct name is Neethu Daniel.

I, Anita Mukherjee Nandi, Spouse of army no. 14881399X, rank Nk/Mt, Biswajit Nandi, My name is wrongly mention in my husband army service record as Anita Mukherjee, but my correct name is Anita Mukherjee Nandi.

I, Ajit Masih S/o Hanso R/O Vpo- Pandori Bainsan Gurdaspur Punjab-143531, India. Have Changed My Name From Ajit Masih To Ajit Tung.

I, Josphon W/O Ajit Tung R/O Vpo- Pandori Bainsan Gurdaspur Punjab-143531, India. Have Changed My Name From Josphon To Josphon Tung.

I, Hardip Singh S/O Faqir Singh R/O Village- Kunjar, Po-Gagowali, Pin Code-143511, Tehsil/Distt- Gurdaspur, Punjab, India. Have Changed My Name From Hardip Singh To Hardeep Singh.

I, Swati D/O Gurdip Singh Jaggi R/O Behrampur Road, Village- Barnala, Po/Distt- Gurdaspur, Punjab-143521. Declare That In My School Documents My Father Name Gurdeep Singh And My Mother Name Kamlesh Are Wrong. But My Father Name Gurdip Singh Jaggi And My Mother Name Kamlesh Kumari Are Correct.

I, No.10199552A Rank Nk Kulwant Rai R/O Vpo- Tibber, Tehsil/District- Gurdaspur, Punjab, India. Declare That In My Service Documents My Father Name Heera Lal Is Wrong. But My Father Name Hira Lal Is Correct. Vide Affidavit No.In-Pb08364571720184X Dated 18-02-2025 Before Notary Public Gurdaspur, Punjab, India.

I, No.2614883k Rank Naik Kishan Singh S/O Ratan Singh Village- Baghmah P/O Asan, Tehsil Todgarh, District Beawar State Rajasthan Declare That In My Army Record My Wife's Name Wrongly Written As Kumari Geeta. Her Correct Name Is Geeta Kumari As Per Her Aadhar Card & Pan Card.

I, Savitri Devi mother of No. 15228766W GNR Late Kewal Kumar resident of VPO - Kot, Tehsil Dhar Kalan, Distt - Pathankot, State - Punjab, have changed my name from Sumitra Devi to Savitri Devi vide Affidavit No IN-PB07789237457054X dated 17 Feb 2025 before Executive Magistrate Pathankot (Punjab).

I, No 3382223H Ex Nk (TS) Kasturi Lal resident of Near RNT School VPO - Sarna, Tehsil and Distt - Pathankot, State - Punjab, have changed name of my father from Thura Ram to Thuru Ram vide Affidavit No IN-PB07804910203194X Dated 17-02-2025 before Executive Magistrate Pathankot (Punjab).

I, Sham Lal S/O Hans Raj R/o Ward No.10, Bhai Ji Wali Gali, Pehowa, Kurukshetra have changed my name Shyam Lal Saini.

I, Dilbagh S/o Hari Chand R/o village Baliana, Tehsil Sampla, District Rohtak, state that my name has been mistakenly recorded as Dilbagh Singh Sindhu in the allotment letter No. No./HSIDC/INT/RTK/2016/552 dated 01/03/2016 of my plot no. 188 situated in Sector 30-B, IMT Rohtak whereas my correct name is Dilbagh. Now I want to get my correct name Dilbagh recorded in my allotment letter.

I, Usha Alias Daljit Kaur W/o Avtar Singh R/o Vill. Majowal, Po.Majara, Teh-Balachaur, Distt.SBS Nagar, have changed my name from Usha Alias Daljit Kaur to Daljit Kaur.

I, hitherto known as Anmol Chugh S/o Vresh Kumar Chugh R/o H.No. 24, Ram Vihar Colony, Basti Danishmanda, Jalandhar, Punjab-144002 have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as Sam Chugh.

I, James S/o Avtar Singh R/o Village Chittewani, Po. Jamshar Khas, Distt. Jalandhar-144020, Punjab have changed my name from James to James Mattu.

I, Rudrapartap Singh Bains S/o Kartar Singh R/o H.No.492, Mohan Vihar, Ladhewali, Jalandhar, Punjab have changed the name of my minor Daughter from Guneet Bains to Guneet Kaur Bains.

I, hitherto Known as Nikita W/o Samish Gupta R/o H.No.31, Shourya Green, Near Surya Enclave, Jalandhar-1, Po. Chogitti, Distt. Jalandhar-144009, Punjab have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as Nikita Gupta.

I, Pooja Rani D/o Vijay Kumar W/o Amit Sharma R/o H.No. E.S.-129, Mohalla Makhdumpura, Jalandhar-144001, Punjab have changed my name from Pooja Rani to Pooja Sharma, after marriage.

I, Manjit Kaur W/o Narinder Kumar R/o H.No.110, Kot Ram Dass, Jalandhar-144009, Punjab have changed the spelling of my name from Parminder Kaur to Manjeet Kaur.

I, Singh Rajwinder S/o Tarlok Singh R/o Vill. Aklina, Po. Mohar, Tehsil Balachaur, Distt. SBS Nagar have changed my name from Singh Rajwinder to Rajwinder Singh.

I, Karan S/O Kashmiri Lal R/O Vpo. Aharana Kalan District Hoshiarpur Have Changed My Name From Karan To Karan Bhatia.

I, Dilvar Ram S/O Darshan Ram R/O Vpo. Mussapur Lodhipur Road District SBS Nagar Have Changed My Name From Dilvar Ram To Dilvar Singh.

I, Surinder Kaur W/O Onkar Singh R/O Vpo. Harta District Hoshiarpur Punjab Declare That My Given Name As Surinder And My Surname As Kaur.

I, Surinder Kaur W/O Onkar Singh R/O Vpo. Harta (Hoshiarpur) Declare That My Minor Son's Samar Singh Given Name As Samar And Surname As Singh.

I, Surinder Kaur W/O Onkar Singh R/O Vpo. Harta (Hoshiarpur) Declare That My Minor Daughter's Muskan Saini Given Name As Muskan And Surname As Saini.

I, Harshdeep S/O Satnam Singh R/O Village Herian P.O. Pandert Kad Distt. Hoshiarpur Punjab Have Changed My Name From Harshdeep To Harshdeep Heer.

I Kulwinder Kaur Gill W/O Gurmeet Singh R/O Vill. Dhakon P.O. Bahawal District Hoshiarpur Punjab Have Changed My Name Kulwinder Kaur Gill To Kulwinder Kaur.

I Aman Preet Singh S/O Harpal Singh Sandhu R/O Near Bus Stand Kotkapura Distt. Faridkot Have Changed My Name To Amanpreet Singh Sandhu.

I Sukhdev Singh Josan S/O Mohinder Singh Josan R/O Chak Kanian Kalan Distt. Moga Have Changed My Name To Sukhdev Singh.

I Jnderjit Kaur W/O Jasbir Singh R/O Vill. Kaunke Khosa Tehsil Jagraon Distt. Ludhiana Have Changed My Name To Jnderjeet Kaur.

I Amardeep Kaur W/O Jnderjit Singh Jandu R/O Vpo. Mehron Distt. Moga Have Changed My Name To Amardeep Kaur Jandu.

I Swarn Singh S/O Atma Singh R/O Village Ghall Khurd District Ferozepur Have Changed My Name To Swarn Singh.

I Rajbir Kaur Sekhon W/O Gurinder Singh Sidhu R/O Village Daudhar Sharki District Moga Have Changed My Name To Rajbir Kaur Sidhu After Marriage.

I Jaspreet Singh Hans S/O Darshan Singh Hans R/O H.No.191 Village Isewal District Ludhiana Have Changed My Name To Jaspreet Singh.

I Joti W/O Harjit Singh R/O Pati Jangir Vill. Charik Distt. Moga Have Changed My Name To Joti Kaur.

I Sukhwinderjit Kaur D/O Naudh Singh R/O Vill. Chaukiman Distt. Ludhiana Have Changed My Name To Sukhwinderjit Kaur Dhalwal.

I Raj Rani W/O Jarnail Singh Bagha R/O Bazigar Basti Faridkot Have Changed My Name To Raj Rani Bagha.

I, No.1464115A Hav Binod Kumar Tiwari resident of Village- Bansdih, Post-Bansdih, Distt- Ballia, State-UP, Pin-277202, have changed my Son name from Kunal to Kunal Tiwari Vide affidavit No.IN-PB94758106233303X dated 06 Jan 2025 before notary public Pathankot

I, No.14646115A Hav Binod Kumar Tiwari resident of Village- Bansdih, Post-Bansdih, Distt- Ballia, State-UP, Pin-277202, have changed my Daughter name from Kumari Komal Tiwari to Komal Tiwari Vide affidavit No.IN-PB94758106233303X dated 06 Jan 2025 before notary public Pathankot

I, No. 2811054P Sep Nikam Mithun Madhukar resident of Village- Vithalwadi, Post- Katemanivali, Tehsil-Kalyan, District- Thane, State- Maharashtra, Pin-421306, have changed my Mother name from Malvi to Malvi Madhukar Nikam Vide affidavit No.IN-PB07955489749570X dated 17 Feb 2025 before notary public Pathankot

I, Sutariya Jayendrakumar Ganpabhai resident of Village-Sherpur, Post- Sherpur, Tehsil-Ildar, District- Sabarkantha, State- Gujarat, Pin-383410, have changed my Mother name from Vankar Gitaben Ganpabhai to Gitaben Ganpabhai Vankar Vide affidavit No.IN-PB81590367717889W dated 21 Nov 2024 before notary public Pathankot

I, Parminder Kaur W/o Gurmeet Singh Dhaddi R/o # 137 Gillco Valley, Rupnagar, Tehsil and District Rupnagar (Pb) have changed my name from Parminder Kaur to Parminderkar Dhaddi.

I, Satya Devi W/o Didar Singh R/O Near Bathra Sahib Sukhrampur Tappriana, Tehsil and District Rupnagar (Pb) have changed my name from Satya Devi to Satpal Kaur after marriage.

I, P Mariswari (Old Name) Wife Of Muthu Kumar Resident Of House No - 1075 Subbuthai Bavanam, Thantai Periyar Nagar, 8th Street Karaikudi, Sekkalakottai, Po : Sekkalai, Dist : Sivaganga, Tamil Nadu, Pin - 630002, Have Changed My Name From P Mariswari (Old Name) To M Mariswari (New Name) Vide Affidavit Dated 18 Feb 2025 Sworn Before Notary Public Satpal, Pathakot. Please Correct It.

I, Uma Maheswararao Kuppala is Father Of Army No: 15711334N Rank-Hav Name-Srinivasa Rao Kuppala Presently Posted At Unit: WCSR C/o 56 Apo Chandimandir Cantt Panchkula Haryana Permanent Address: 25-1-57, Sambasiva Nagar, 32 Ward, Sambasiva Nagar, VTC: Pondhru, District: Guntur, State: Andhra Pradesh, Pin Code: 522124 declare that I Have Changed My Name From Uma Maheswararao Kuppala To Kuppala Umamaheswararao And Also Correct My Date Of Birth From 20/01/1956 To 01/01/1949. Vide Affidavit No:48AA 901452, Dated:18/02/2025

I, Harpreet Singh S/o Sajjan Singh R/O Village Kharundi, Tehsil Guhla, Distt. Kaithal have changed my name to Harpreet Singh Maan.

I, Kesar Singh alias Rakesh Kumar son of Jagir Singh Village Rampur Kalan Sub Tehsil Banur District SAS Nagar declare that I am known by both names Kesar Singh and Rakesh Kumar. Both names are the same person.

I, Mejar Singh, Father of Baljit Singh, Resident of Vill:-Ajit Nagar, Nilpur, Teh-Rajpura, Distt-Patiala State Punjab, Pin-140401 Have changed my name from Major Singh to Mejar Singh vide affidavit dated 28 Jan 2025 before Bishnah and place of court.

I, Sonu Wife of Deepak Dagur Presently Residing at Qtr No: 333, Behlana Chandigarh Permanent Address: Salpur, Aligarh, Uttar Pradesh-202141 declare that I have changed My Name from Sonu to Sonu Devi

I Paramjit Kaur W/O Sh Gurvinder Singh, resident of Village Jhugian, Tehsil Kharar, Distt SAS Nagar Mohali have changed my name from Ramanpreet Kaur to Paramjit Kaur. All concerned be noted.

I, Balvir Kaur W/o Manjit Singh R/o Vpo. Jadla Teh-Nawansahr (SBS Nagar) have changed my name from Balvir Kaur to Balbir Kaur.

I, Beant Kaur D/o Makhnan Singh R/o Vpo. Kangan Khera Teh-Malout (Sri Muktsar Sahib) my given name is Beant and my surname is Kaur.

I Bachitar Singh S/O Gurmej Singh Vill Talwandi Soba Singh Tehsil Patti Distt Tarntaran I Have Change Of Name Bachittar Singh To Bachitar Singh Please Note.

I, hitherto known as Manpreet W/o Sanjeev Kumar R/o Vill: Hussainpur Po. Rahon Teh-Nawansahr (SBS Nagar) Punjab-144517, have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as Kaur Manpreet.

I, Sukhchain Kaur W/o Kulwant Singh Brar R/o Bishnandi (Faridkot) have changed my name to Sukhchain Kaur Brar.

I, Balhair Singh S/O Dharam Singh R/O Jarmastpur (Tarn Taran) Have Changed My Name Balhair Singh To Balhar Singh.

I, Sukhmanjeet Kaur W/o Nishan Singh Gill R/O Varpal (Ferozepur) have changed my name to Sukhmanjeet Kaur Gill.

I, Dharam S/o Karam Chand R/o B010/02253, W.No.9, St.No.10, Amlah Road, New Model Town, Khanna (Ludhiana) have changed my name to Dharam Kumar.

I, Parmjit Kaur W/o Surinder Singh R/o Village Kot Sheikhan, Tehsil Khanna (Ludhiana) have changed my name to Parmanjit Kaur.

I, Satpal Kaur Pannu W/o Amarjit Singh R/o VPO Jarg, Tehsil Pajal (Ludhiana) have changed my name to Satpal Kaur.

I, Urmil Rani Malhotra W/o Subhash Chandar R/o H.No.334-D, Model Town Extension, Model Town (Ludhiana) have changed my name to Urmil Rani.

I, Satnam Singh Soodhara S/o Harnep Singh R/O Prem Nagar, Kotkapura (Faridkot) have changed my name Satnam Singh.

I, Neelam Devi wife of No.15167306W Rank Hav(TA) Name Vimalesh Kumar of unit 164/63 Med Regt. Co/56 APO and resident at Bhadaria, Bawasa, Etah Bawasa, Uttar Pradesh Pin-207001 have changed my name from Nilam Devi To Neelam Devi Vide Affidavit Dated 12 February 2025 before at Notary Ferozepur.

I, No.15167306W Rank Hav(TA) Name Vimalesh Kumar of unit 164/63 Med Regt. Co/56 APO and resident at Bhadaria, Bawasa, Etah, Bawasa, Uttar Pradesh Pin-207001, have changed my minor son name from Utarkash To Utarkash Yadav Vide Affidavit Dated 12 February 2025 before at Notary Ferozepur.

I Chauhan Vinaben Legally Spouse Of No Jc 877042N Nb Sub Chauhan Kiran Kumar Ganpatsinh Unit 310 Fd Regt C/O 56 Apo Pin 926310 And Permanent Is Village And Post Govindi Tehsil Godhra District Panchmahal State Gujarat Pin 389001 Have Changed My Name From Veena Ben To Chauhan Vinaben Vide Affidavit Dated 18 Feb 2025 Before At Notary Ferozepur.

I, Deo Prakash Rai Father of Bachan Rai, Unit of 197 FD Regt residing at Village Lampatey Po. Rimbeck Bazar Tehsil Darjeeling Sadar District Darjeeling State West Bengal Pin 734010 have changed my name from Dev Prakash Rai to Deo Prakash Rai Vide Affidavit Dated 18 February 2025 before at Notary Ferozepur.

I Santosh D/o Sh. Desraj R/O Ward No. Gandhi Nagar Thanesar Distt. Kurukshetra. known by both the names Santosh and Kavita. Both the names are mine.

I Ranjeet Kaur W/o Mehar Singh R/O Village Mangpur Tehsil Rajpura Distt. Patiala have changed my name from Ranjeet Kaur to Jaspreet Kaur.

I Sukhbinder Kaur Widow W/o Tirath Singh R/o H-No-109 Street No-2 Rahon Road, Near Babba Bagga Singh Gurudwara, Janta Colony, Ludhiana, Punjab - 141007, have changed my name to Jaswinder Kaur.

I Harpreet Singh S/o Sajjan Singh R/O Village Kharundi, Tehsil Guhla, Distt. Kaithal have changed my name to Harpreet Singh Maan.

I, Kesar Singh alias Rakesh Kumar son of Jagir Singh Village Rampur Kalan Sub Tehsil Banur District SAS Nagar declare that I am known by both names Kesar Singh and Rakesh Kumar. Both names are the same person.

I, Mejar Singh, Father of Baljit Singh, Resident of Vill:-Ajit Nagar, Nilpur, Teh-Rajpura, Distt-Patiala State Punjab, Pin-140401 Have changed my name from Major Singh to Mejar Singh vide affidavit dated 28 Jan 2025 before Bishnah and place of court.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Sub: Transfer of Final Registration No. 378, Provn. No. 637/KKR/BPL/HGB, Sector-32, Kurukshetra under BPL Scheme on the basis of death of deceased shall be notified. It is notified for the information of the general public and all concerned that Final Registration No. 378, Provn. No. 637/KKR/BPL/HGB, Sector-32, Kurukshetra under BPL Scheme which stands in the name of Sh. Jage Ram S/o Sh. Mande Ram as per record of this office. It has been reported by Smt. Sona Devi W/o Sh. Jage Ram that Sh. Jage Ram S/o Sh. Mande Ram who was the successful applicant in the draw and died on 23.12.2013. She has claimed/applied for the transfer of the said Final Registration No. 378, Provn. No. 637/KKR/BPL/HGB, Sector-32, Kurukshetra under BPL Scheme on the basis of death of successful applicant. If anybody have any objection for the transfer of the said Final Registration No. 378, Provn. No. 637/KKR/BPL/HGB, Sector-32, Kurukshetra under BPL Scheme shall be intimated later on. Chief Revenue Officer (P.M.), Housing Board Haryana Plot No. C-15, Awas Bhawan, Sector-3, Panchkula E-mail: crpmbh2024@gmail.com, www.hbh.gov.in Ph. no. 0172-2585852

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ਅਮ/ਖਸ ਨੂੰ ਸੂਚਿਤ ਕੀਤਾ ਜਾਂਦਾ ਕਿ ਇਹ ਬਿਜਲੀ ਕਨੈਕਸ਼ਨ ਖਾਤਾ ਨੰਬਰ. ਏ.ਪੀ.09/0027 ਮਨਜ਼ੂਰ ਲੋੜ 20 ਬੀ ਐਚ ਪੀ. ਗੁਰਮਲ ਸਿੰਘ ਪੁੱਤਰ ਰੁੜ ਸਿੰਘ ਪਿੰਡ ਚੱਕ ਬਾਦੀਆ, ਜਿਲ੍ਹਾ ਲੁਧਿਆਣਾ ਵਿਖੇ ਚੱਲ ਰਿਹਾ ਹੈ। ਹੁਣ ਇਹ ਮੋਟਰ ਕਨੈਕਸ਼ਨ ਰਕਬਾਲ ਸਿੰਘ ਪੁੱਤਰ ਗੁਰਮਲ ਸਿੰਘ, ਪਿੰਡ ਚੱਕ ਬਾਦੀਆ, ਜਿਲ੍ਹਾ ਲੁਧਿਆਣਾ ਨੇ ਆਪਣੇ ਨਾਮ ਤਬਦੀਲ ਕਰਵਾਉਣਾ ਹੈ, ਜਿਸ ਦੀ ਅਗਨੀ ਉਪ ਮੰਡਲ ਅਫਸਰ ਬੰਸੀਆ ਨੂੰ ਦਿੱਤੀ ਹੈ। ਜੇਕਰ ਕਿਸੇ ਨੂੰ ਇਸ ਨਾਮ ਬਦਲੀ ਤੇ ਇਤਰਾਜ਼ ਹੈ ਤਾਂ ਉਹ ਆਪਣਾ ਲਿਖਤੀ ਇਤਰਾਜ਼ ਉਪ ਮੰਡਲ ਅਫਸਰ PSPCL ਬੰਸੀਆ ਨੂੰ 15 ਦਿਨਾਂ ਤੋਂ ਅੱਧਰ ਤੋਂ ਸ਼ੁੱਕਰਾ ਹੈ। ਸ਼ਾਇਦ ਇੰਜੀਨੀਅਰ, ਜੇਚਾਲਨ ਉਪ ਮੰਡਲ ਬੰਸੀਆ।

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ਅਮ/ਖਸ ਨੂੰ ਸੂਚਿਤ ਕੀਤਾ ਜਾਂਦਾ ਕਿ ਇਹ ਬਿਜਲੀ ਕਨੈਕਸ਼ਨ ਖਾਤਾ ਨੰਬਰ. ਏ.ਪੀ.09/0178 ਮਨਜ਼ੂਰ ਲੋੜ 20 ਬੀ ਐਚ ਪੀ. ਗੁਰਮਲ ਸਿੰਘ ਪੁੱਤਰ ਰੁੜ ਸਿੰਘ ਪਿੰਡ ਚੱਕ ਬਾਦੀਆ, ਜਿਲ੍ਹਾ ਲੁਧਿਆਣਾ ਵਿਖੇ ਚੱਲ ਰਿਹਾ ਹੈ। ਹੁਣ ਇਹ ਮੋਟਰ ਕਨੈਕਸ਼ਨ ਰਕਬਾਲ ਸਿੰਘ ਪੁੱਤਰ ਗੁਰਮਲ ਸਿੰਘ, ਪਿੰਡ ਚੱਕ ਬਾਦੀਆ, ਜਿਲ੍ਹਾ ਲੁਧਿਆਣਾ ਨੇ ਆਪਣੇ ਨਾਮ ਤਬਦੀਲ ਕਰਵਾਉਣਾ ਹੈ, ਜਿਸ ਦੀ ਅਗਨੀ ਉਪ ਮੰਡਲ ਅਫਸਰ ਬੰਸੀਆ ਨੂੰ ਦਿੱਤੀ ਹੈ। ਜੇਕਰ ਕਿਸੇ ਨੂੰ ਇਸ ਨਾਮ ਬਦਲੀ ਤੇ ਇਤਰਾਜ਼ ਹੈ ਤਾਂ ਉਹ ਆਪਣਾ ਲਿਖਤੀ ਇਤਰਾਜ਼ ਉਪ ਮੰਡਲ ਅਫਸਰ PSPCL ਬੰਸੀਆ ਨੂੰ 15 ਦਿਨਾਂ ਤੋਂ ਅੱਧਰ ਤੋਂ ਸ਼ੁੱਕਰਾ ਹੈ। ਸ਼ਾਇਦ ਇੰਜੀਨੀਅਰ, ਜੇਚਾਲਨ ਉਪ ਮੰਡਲ ਬੰਸੀਆ।

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PUBLIC NOTICE

ਦੀ ਮਲਕੀਅਤ ਕਰਨਾ ਬੁਝਮੋਤਕੀ ਸਹਿਕਾਰੀ ਬੰਦੀਬਾਣੀ ਸੇਵਾ ਸਭਾ ਲਿਮਿਟਿਡ ਮਲਕੀਅਤ ਕਰਨਾ ਨਿਯਮਿਤ ਕਰਦੀ ਹੈ। ਇਹ ਬਿਜਲੀ ਕਨੈਕਸ਼ਨ ਖਾਤਾ ਨੰਬਰ. ਏ.ਪੀ.09/0144 ਮਨਜ਼ੂਰ ਲੋੜ 20 ਬੀ ਐਚ ਪੀ. ਗੁਰਮਲ ਸਿੰਘ ਪੁੱਤਰ ਰੁੜ ਸਿੰਘ ਪਿੰਡ ਚੱਕ ਬਾਦੀਆ, ਜਿਲ੍ਹਾ ਲੁਧਿਆਣਾ ਵਿਖੇ ਚੱਲ ਰਿਹਾ ਹੈ। ਹੁਣ ਇਹ ਮੋਟਰ ਕਨੈਕਸ਼ਨ ਰਕਬਾਲ ਸਿੰਘ ਪੁੱਤਰ ਗੁਰਮਲ ਸਿੰਘ, ਪਿੰਡ ਚੱਕ ਬਾਦੀਆ, ਜਿਲ੍ਹਾ ਲੁਧਿਆਣਾ ਨੇ ਆਪਣੇ ਨਾਮ ਤਬਦੀਲ ਕਰਵਾਉਣਾ ਹੈ, ਜਿਸ ਦੀ ਅਗਨੀ ਉਪ ਮੰਡਲ ਅਫਸਰ ਬੰਸੀਆ ਨੂੰ ਦਿੱਤੀ ਹੈ। ਜੇਕਰ ਕਿਸੇ ਨੂੰ ਇਸ ਨਾਮ ਬਦਲੀ ਤੇ ਇਤਰਾਜ਼ ਹੈ ਤਾਂ ਉਹ ਆਪਣਾ ਲਿਖਤੀ ਇਤਰਾਜ਼ ਉਪ ਮੰਡਲ ਅਫਸਰ PSPCL ਬੰਸੀਆ ਨੂੰ 15 ਦਿਨਾਂ ਤੋਂ ਅੱਧਰ ਤੋਂ ਸ਼ੁੱਕਰਾ ਹੈ। ਸ਼ਾਇਦ ਇੰਜੀਨੀਅਰ, ਜੇਚਾਲਨ ਉਪ ਮੰਡਲ ਬੰਸੀਆ।

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ICICI Bank Symbolic Possession Notice. Branch Office: ICICI BANK LTD, BP-4, Technopolis Building, 4th Floor, Sector V, Salt Lake City, Kolkata West Bengal - 700091. The Authorized ICICI Bank Officer under the Securitization, Reconstruction, and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of the powers conferred under section 13(12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002, issued Demand Notices to the borrower(s) mentioned below, to repay the amount mentioned in the Notice within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said Notice.

Table with 5 columns: Sr. No., Name of the Borrower(s)/ Loan Account Number, Description of Property/ Date of Symbolic Possession, Date of Demand Notice (Rs), Name of Branch. Row 1: Pawant Singh/Gurpreet Kaur/Bhogupura, Tarn Taran Distt Tarn Taran Punjab Patti-143416/TBGUW00006864942, Flat/ Unit No. D2, 2nd Floor, Block B, R.C.C. Building Namedly 'Samridhi Skyview', Near Dreamland Nursery, Opp. of Rishi Marble, G.S. Road, 9th Mile, Guwahati, Ddg No. 20(1d)/ 99 (New), K.P. Patta No. 16 (old)/ 118 (New), Revenue Village Amerigon Nonke, Mouza Panbari, Revenue Circle Sonarpur, District Kamrup (Metro), Assam Admeasuring An Area of Rera Carpet Area of 863 Sq. Ft. Excluding Balcony, Carport Area And Exterior Wall Area And Build Up Area of 1028 Sq. Ft. Including 1 (one) No. of Car Parking Space Together With Undivided Proportionate Share In The Land/ Date o Symbolic 13.02.2025

The above-mentioned borrower(s)/guarantor(s) is/are hereby issued a 30 day Notice to repay the amount, else the mortgaged properties will be sold after 30 days from the date of publishing this Notice, as per the provisions under Rules 8 and 9 of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002. Date: February 19, 2025 Place: Patti (Punjab) Sincerely Authorised Signatory For ICICI Bank Ltd.

OFFICE OF THE CHIEF MEDICAL OFFICER KANGRA AT DHARAMSHALA (HP) DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE

NOTICE INVITING TENDER. Sealed Advertised tenders super-scribed as Advertised Tender notice for supply of "Sign board, flex printing" etc are hereby invited from reputed firms/sole proprietors/any other legal entity for the supply of printed IEC material for the period of two years from the date of approval of the Tender. The tender document containing specification of the item along with terms and conditions of the supply can be purchased from the office of Chief Medical Officer Kangra at Dharamshala, Distt. Kangra, HP on any working day between 17-02-2025(10:00 A.M.) to 10-03-2025 (4:00 P.M.) except holiday. The Cost of Tender document is Rs. 500/- (Rs. Five hundred only) which is non refundable. The tender must be accompanied with the Earnest Money amounting to Rs. 10,000 (Rupees Ten thousand only) in the shape of Fixed Deposit Receipt (FDR) duly pledged in the name of Chief Medical Officer Kangra at Dharamshala. The tender duly filed on the prescribed format as per the terms and conditions of the tender document should reach in the office of the undersigned on or before 11-03-2025 at 4.00 P.M. The technical bid will be opened on 12-03-2025 at 11.00 A.M. in the office of the undersigned. If the day of opening of technical bid will be a holiday then the bid will be opened on the next working day. The undersigned reserves the right to accept or reject any or all tenders without assigning any reason, at any stage and without incurring any obligation to inform the affected applicants.

Table with 2 columns: Document Type, Date. Rows: Sale of Tender document (17-02-2025 (10:00 A.M.) to 10 -03-2025 (4:00 P.M.)), Submission of Tender document (11-03-2025 at 4.00 P.M.), Date of opening of Technical bid (12-03-2025 at 11.00 A.M.), Date of opening of Financial bid (17-03-2025 at 11:00 A.M.)

Dr. Rajesh Guleri Chief Medical Officer Kangra at Dharamshala Tel No.01892-224874

PIRAMAL CAPITAL & HOUSING FINANCE LTD. CIN: L65910MH1984PLC032639 Registered Office: Unit No.-801,6th Floor,

ਜੀਵਨੀ ਸ਼ਬਦਾਂ ਦੀ ਜਾਰ ਵਿਚਾਰੀ ਕੀ ਹੈ... ਜੀਵਨੀ ਕੀ ਹੈ... ਜੀਵਨੀ ਕੀ ਹੈ...

Neelam Panwar W/o Karan Singh Panwar R/o 3214/1, Sector-45, Chandigarh declares that in my adhar card my name is written as Neelam instead of Neelam Panwar and my husband's name is mentioned as Karan Singh instead of Karan Singh Panwar.

ESTATE OFFICE AT U.T., CHANDIGARH... SUBJECT: TRANSFER OF LEASE HOLD RIGHTS IN RESPECT OF COMMERCIAL SCO No. 391, SECTOR 37-C&D, Chandigarh (CPL 371/2021) to the extent of 15.00% share on the basis of Un-Registered Will of Late SH. JATTINDER SARIN.

PUBLIC NOTICE... Estate Manager Housing Board Haryana, Panchkula No. HB/HSE/2025/604... Subj: Transfer of H.No. 2034 LIG, Housing Board Colony, Sector-15, Panchkula, Haryana.

PIRAMAL CAPITAL & HOUSING FINANCE LIMITED... NOTICE is hereby given to the public at large that Piramal Capital & Housing Finance Limited a Housing Finance Company registered with Reserve Bank of India (RBI), having its registered office at 601, 6th Floor, Amiti Building, Agastya Corporate Park, Kamani Junction, Opp. Fire Station, LBS Marg, Kuria West, Mumbai-400070.

It has been informed by MANJU SARIN that Sh./Smt. SH. JATTINDER SARIN expired on 09/05/2024 and he/she/his/hers have also intimated the following legal heirs of the deceased owner/lessee:-

PUBLIC NOTICE... Estate Manager Housing Board Haryana, Panchkula No. HB/HSE/2025/604... Subj: Transfer of H.No. 2034 LIG, Housing Board Colony, Sector-15, Panchkula, Haryana.

LOST & FOUND... IT IS NOTIFIED FOR THE INFORMATION THAT MY SALE DEED, VIJAY KUMAR D/O SUKHDYAI SINGH WIFE OF JOGINDER PAL VPO- KOTHE BHIM SAIN, DINANAGAR GURDASPUR THE LOSS OF MY SALE DEED PERTAINING TO PROPERTY MEARING 0-10 MARLE HARBADST NO 290 LOCATED IN REVENUE ESTATE OF DINANAGAR VPO DOCUMENT NO 42, 40 DATED 21/02/1992 ACTUALLY REGISTERED AT NAGAR PAL STAMPS PSQC DINANAGAR GURDASPUR, LOST DATE 08-01-2025, REPORT DATE 14-02-2025 LR NO.568680/2025 CANDIDATE NAME VIJAY KUMARI W/O SUKHDYAI SINGH R/O KOTHE BHIM SAIN GURDASPUR MOBILE 9530981228.

PUBLIC NOTICE... It is to inform the general public that Tina Singh son of Surinder Singh is about to avail loan from VASTU HOUSING FINANCE CORPORATION LTD. Ludhiana. That Sale deed bearing volume no. 5676 dated 19.07.2013 in favour of Sheela Devi wife of Late Ram Singh son of Chandu Lal has been lost. The property is duly recorded in the revenue records and a police report has been filed under Unique SR No: 5698981/2025 Date: 18-02-2025, PSQC DV No. 3 Ludhiana City. If anyone finds the said documents or has any claim, right, or objection regarding within 7 days of this notice. Claims not submitted within this period will be treated as null and void legally.

IN THE COURT OF SH. SIMRANDEEP SINGH SOHI... Judicial Magistrate-Ist Class Ludhiana... Next Date, Purpose of case, Orders and Judgments as well as other Case information is available on http://courts.gov.in

FINDOC FINVEST PVT. LTD. AVF ENTERPRISES LTD. CNR No. PF2003/052467-2023 Next Date: 20-03-2025 PUBLICATION ISSUE TO: 1) MR. TINKU KATHURIA DIRECTOR, M/S AFV ENTERPRISES LTD. HAVING REGISTERED OFFICE AT 15/18 BASEMENT B PORTION WEST PATEL NAGAR DELHI-110008. ALSO AT PLOT NO. 8, SECTOR 5, MAIN MATHURA ROAD FARIDABAD, HARYANA-121006

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It is notified for the information of the general public and all concerned in the property No. 2034 LIG, Housing Board Colony, Sector-15, Panchkula, Haryana which stands in the name of Late Sh. Beena Jain W/o Late Sh. Kailash Chand Jain, as per record of the Registrar of the said property in the name of Late Sh. Beena Jain W/o Late Sh. Kailash Chand Jain. It has been reported by the applicant (s) of Late Sh. Beena Jain W/o Late Sh. Kailash Chand Jain, R/O H. No. 2034, FF, Sector-15, Panchkula, Haryana that she has died on 14.01.2008. In favour of Sh. Vikas Jain S/o Late Sh. Kailash Chand Jain.

FORM NO. 14 [See Regulation 33(2)] By Publication. OFFICE OF THE RECOVERY OFFICER - I/II DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL CHANDIGARH (DRT 3) Ground Floor, SCO 33-34-35, Sector 17-A, Chandigarh - 160017

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PAPER WITH PASSION

New CEC takes over

Gyanesh Kumar has been appointed as the next Chief Election Commissioner by the PM-led selection committee amid criticism

The senior Election Commissioner Gyanesh Kumar has been appointed as the next Chief Election Commissioner (CEC). The decision was made by the Prime Minister-led selection committee, which also named Haryana Chief Secretary Vivek Joshi as an Election Commissioner. However, the appointment has sparked controversy, with the Congress party questioning the process and alleging a lack of transparency. For decades, the Government held the power to appoint the Chief Election Commissioner and Election Commissioners. However, in 2023, the Supreme Court ruled that appointments should be made by a panel comprising the Prime Minister, the Chief Justice of India (CJI) and the Leader of the Opposition (LoP). Despite this ruling, the new CEC and Other ECs (Appointment, Conditions of Service and Term of Office) Act, 2023, replaced the CJI with a cabinet minister, a change that has been challenged in court. Gyanesh Kumar, is a seasoned bureaucrat and was appointed as an Election Commissioner in



March 2023. He has a tenure extending until January 26, 2029, meaning he will oversee critical elections, including the 2029 general elections. His selection follows the convention of appointing the senior-most Election Commissioner to the role of CEC. Gyanesh Kumar replaces Rajiv Kumar, whose term concluded recently.

The Congress party, led by Leader of Opposition Rahul Gandhi, has strongly opposed the appointment process. Gandhi submitted a dissent note during the selection committee meeting, urging the Government to defer the decision until the Supreme Court rules on the validity of the selection panel's composition.

Congress leaders Abhishek Manu Singhvi and Ajay Maken have argued that proceeding with the appointment while the court is hearing a challenge to the new selection law undermines democratic principles. The government's decision to exclude the CJI from the selection panel and desperation to elect the CEC before the judgement indeed creates an impression that the Government wants to have its way in the election of Chief Election Commissioner. Ensuring transparency and balance in selecting election officials is crucial to maintaining a fair democratic process. Meanwhile, Vivek Joshi, a 1989 batch IAS officer, is set to serve as an Election Commissioner until February 2030. The Supreme Court has yet to issue a final verdict on the legality of the new selection process. The outcome of this legal battle could shape the future of India's electoral governance for years to come. To put things in perspective, the Election Commission plays a crucial role in the government machinery during elections and can significantly impact their outcomes. However, it is often influenced by the government through the appointment of favorable officials. It was, in fact, TN Seshan who, as Chief Election Commissioner, challenged government control and brought a sense of independence to the Commission.

PICTALK



A squirrel enjoys palash flowers, in Nadia

PTI

Bangladesh wipes out history, shuns India at its own peril

With opposition forces emboldened, Bangladesh appears to be at a turning point, grappling with a shifting political landscape and growing internal discord

As a Mukti Jodha (freedom fighter - that's what Bangladeshis call Indian Army personnel who fought the Liberation War), I'm appalled at the recent turn of events, the mayhem in Dhaka and many parts of Bangladesh following Sheikh Hasina's virtual address to her party supporters from somewhere near Delhi which provided the pretext for the students of the protest movement and parties opposed to Awami League to set ablaze 32 Dhanmondi residence of Mujibur Rehman and a museum in his name.

Perhaps nothing 'physical' remains of Mujib's legacy even as Hasina said: "History cannot be wiped out". Mahfuz Alam, one of the student advisors to Mohammad Yunus, noted that symbols of fascism were being dismantled. Surprisingly BNP Secretary General Faqurul Aslam Alamgir protested the disorder and violence at a meeting with Yunus where he sought early elections. Later, he asked India to hand over Hasina and her accomplices to the government in Dhaka for trial.

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decades here. In an interview with The Hindustan Times, Lisa Curtis, a Trump 1.0 White House NSC chief of South and Central Asia, has dismissed any US role in Hasina's ouster. Last week, PM Modi raised concerns about Bangladesh with President Trump who denied any role of US Deep State in it. But for India, there are lessons from events in Bangladesh that the establishment is silent about because there was non-partisan support for Hasina and Awami League with the country's liberation linked to Mujib and India.

After Mujib's assassination in 1975, Hasina and her sister Rehana were provided refuge in India; history repeated itself in 2024. I was invited in November 2023, two months before the elections, to speak at the Liberation War Museum on the role of Chancellor Willy Brandt of Germany. One of the trustees of the museum, Dr Mofidul Hoque, took me around the museum. There was a section completely devoted to the political movement against Rawalpindi led by Sheikh Mujib called Story of Liberation Under a Genocide. The accent of the display depicted the liberation war fought by Bengali Mukti Jodhas with India in a support role. But it did have a gallery on the training of Mukti



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Bahini by the Indian Army. During my five-day visit, the BNP was out of the streets every other day coupling with garment factory workers and their unions demanding higher wages. A virtual war was being fought on the streets with the dominant Awami League counter-protestors unleashed.

Most people I spoke to said if there was a free and fair election BNP would win. This was one view I received even from our High Commission. While people were angry with India for supporting Hasina, the media was scared of the government. Despite the negative vibes of the Hasina regime, Delhi was reluctant to abandon her. I wonder what inputs Indian intelligence agencies had provided. They likely failed to read the mood of the people which led to a students' revolt.

One other truth and for me, the most significant was that the goodwill dividend of India's support to the liberation war and attainment of nationhood has dissipated - to put it crudely, the use-by date was long over. The 1970 military vintage soldier had disappeared nearly two decades ago from all three armed forces - India, Pakistan and Bangladesh. In any case, very few units from East Pakistan Rifles and still fewer Bengalis



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in the Pakistan Army were deployed in East Pakistan. The war effort was predominantly India with Mukti Bahini in support; that was the ground reality. As far as the Liberation War is concerned, Bangladesh had changed the narrative (history) as was evident from the Liberation War Museum. For India though, it was an iconic, once-in-a-thousand-year victory (over arch-enemy Pakistan) which became a landmark event for the Indian political and military leadership to celebrate and commemorate. Yunus's Law Advisor, Arif Nazrul has said: "India was only an ally in the 1971 war victory, nothing more", a sentiment that was endorsed by the office of the interim government. Hasina's second spell of refuge in India is a matter of immense resentment in Bangladesh, but Delhi will not let down a friend and ally. India has opened its doors to several leaders fleeing from Nepal, Afghanistan, Myanmar and Maldives. But for housing Hasina, there will be costs for India.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

KHELO INDIA WINTER GAMES POSTPONED

Madam - Climate change has finally made its presence felt by disrupting the 'Khelo India' to be held in Gulmarg. The second and final stage of the Khelo India Winter Games 2025, scheduled to be held in Gulmarg, Jammu and Kashmir on Saturday, has been postponed due to insufficient snowfall. The revised schedule will be announced when the weather conditions are favourable for the competitions. But now it does not seem that this will happen because now the spring season is going to enter the country. This is the second consecutive year that the event has been rescheduled due to insufficient snowfall. Last year, the Games had to be postponed till February after there was no rain in January.

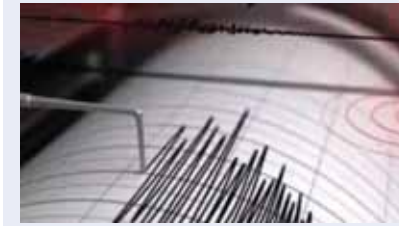
The lack of snowfall in many areas is mainly due to climate change, as rising temperatures lead to more precipitation in the form of rain rather than snow, leading to a decrease in snow piles and snow cover, especially in mountainous areas. This phenomenon is often called "snow drought." It is not just India that is being affected by climate; it is a global problem. The whole world is grappling with it. I think the way temperatures are rising and the problem of forest fires, not only in developing countries but also in developed countries, are making people feel helpless. It is quite possible that after the next few years, it will be difficult to even host the Winter Olympic Games. In the future, sports like ice hockey and ice skating will disappear into the pages of history.

Jang Bahadur Singh | Jamshedpur

SC QUESTIONS GOVERNOR'S ACTIONS

Madam - The Supreme Court, while reserving its judgment on the writ petition filed by the Tamil Nadu Government, stated in unambiguous terms that Governor Ravindra Narayana Ravi's action of transferring the nine bills to the President of India after their re-enactment and re-submission was not in accordance with the provisions in the Constitution. The court noted that Governor Ravi had

Earthquake jolts Delhi



Residents of Delhi and its adjoining areas woke up to strong tremors caused by an earthquake of magnitude 4.0 on Monday morning. According to the National Centre of Seismology, the quake hit at a depth of about 5 km. Videos showed the ground and buildings shaking, forcing people to rush out of their homes. There have been no reports of casualties or damage to properties, but many residents claimed

that the tremors were so strong that it felt like a bridge was collapsing. However, the quake itself was not of a high-intensity magnitude. The gravity of the situation soon gave way to humour as social media users began sharing their reactions to the unexpected jolt. Memes and jokes flooded various platforms, with many poking fun at the situation while still conveying their fear and disbelief. While the suddenness of the earthquake understandably caused concern among residents, the quick wit and resilience of the people of Delhi-NCR were on full display as they found ways to cope with the unexpected turn of events. Like Mumbai rains, the Delhi tremor gave a tough time to people there, but it was business as usual once the tremor settled.

Aarohi Gupta | Ujjain

INDUSTRY STATUS FOR TOURISM

Madam - The Kerala government is planning to grant industry status to its tourism sector and cleared the way for the long-pending demand of the state tourism and hospitality sector of a specific area. Granting industry status to that specific area will encourage investment and development in that sector. Although it has been estimated that the Kerala tourism sector is providing direct or indirect employment to 25 lakh people since 2018, rapid urbanisation, infrastructural development, and natural calamities and catastrophes could possibly lead to an all-time low. The step initiated by the government authority for turning Kerala tourism into an industry-specific area could benefit the mass audience and also help with better employment opportunities in the near future.

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Cracking CUET: A step-by-step guide to smart preparation

By understanding the exam format, setting clear goals, and following an organised study schedule, students can cover the syllabus while boosting confidence

Preparing for the Common University Entrance Test (CUET) can feel overwhelming, especially when juggling schoolwork and other responsibilities. However, CUET has transformed the university admissions process and a well-structured preparation plan can help you cover the syllabus effectively while boosting your confidence. By following a strategic approach over a few months, you can significantly enhance your chances of success.

Step 1: Understand the CUET Exam Structure

Before diving into preparation, familiarise yourself with the exam format. CUET typically consists of Language, Domain-Specific Subjects, and a General Test. It is essential to obtain the official syllabus for each section and review it thoroughly. Understanding the types of questions, including multiple-choice and short-answer formats, is crucial. Be mindful of the marking scheme, particularly any negative marking. Step 2: Assess Your Readiness: Start by evaluating your current knowledge and preparedness. Ask your-



self whether you have covered the syllabus for all sections, how confident you feel about scoring well on a scale of 1 to 5, and which section you find most challenging. Step 3: Set Clear Goals Define your objectives based on your preferred university and course. Research the CUET score requirements for institutions like Delhi University, Banaras Hindu University and JNU. Having a clear goal will keep you motivated and focused throughout your preparation journey. Step 4: Allocate Study Time Using insights from your self-assessment, create a balanced study plan. If you are strong in certain subjects, spend less time on them but focus on regular revision. Dedicate more time to weaker subjects to better understand concepts and solve practice ques-

tions. For example, if the General Test is particularly challenging, allocate 1.5-2 hours daily to this section while spending an hour on Language or Domain-Specific Subjects.

Step 5: Weekly Study Schedule A well-structured timetable ensures consistency. A practical approach is to focus on one major subject per day from Monday to Friday. Saturday can be dedicated to taking mock tests and analysing performance, while Sunday should be reserved for reviewing the week's progress, revising difficult topics, and taking time to relax and recharge. Using time-blocking techniques by dividing the day into study, practice, and relaxation slots can be highly effective.

Step 6: Right Study Resources Relying on quality study materials is essential. NCERT textbooks provide conceptual clarity, while CUET-specific guides and reference books offer targeted preparation. Online platforms that provide mock tests and video lectures can be valuable resources. Practicing with previous years' question papers helps in identifying

important topics and understanding question trends.

Step 7: Regular Mock Tests Mock tests play a crucial role in CUET preparation. Aim to take at least one full-length test per week and gradually increase the frequency as the exam approaches.

Step 8: Exam Logistics Since CUET is a computer-based test, familiarising yourself with the technical requirements is necessary. Marking significant dates on a calendar will help in avoiding last-minute surprises.

Step 9: Maintain a Balance Avoiding burnout is vital for effective preparation. Incorporate short breaks into your study routine and engage in activities like exercise or meditation to stay refreshed. Ensuring you get seven to eight hours of sleep daily will help in maintaining focus and energy levels.

Step 10: Stay Positive Consistency is the key to achieving success in CUET. Sticking to your study plan while remaining adaptable to changes will be beneficial. (The writer is Managing Partner, FinTram Global LLP; views are personal)



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THE SELECTIVE NARRATIVES THAT SHAPE OUR LEGACY

History is often told from the perspective of the victors, shaping collective memory in ways that serve those in power



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It is a well-established fact that History, often, is written from the perspective of the victor, making it a one-dimensional testimony of what transpired. Thus, while for the British Imperial power, the tumultuous events of 1857 were an unsuccessful mutiny by sepoys from across the subcontinent, for us, it is the celebrated 1st War of Independence. Before being put down with unprecedented vengeance and ferocity, it ignited a spark of 'freedom' which continued to inspire generations to come, although, in the process, they sowed venomous seeds of communal discord, deftly using their devious policy of divide and rule, which continue to rile us to this day.

Not surprisingly, the events instilled such fear in the minds of our forefathers that it was several decades before any credible stirrings for a fight to overthrow the yoke of imperialism were felt. To take this forward, while Bhagat Singh & his young comrades might have been treated as terrorists/ militants/ extremists by the British, their cohorts and courts, we extol them as valiant freedom fighters and martyrs, so much so, that more than a century after Bhagat Singh sacrificed his life for the liberation of the motherland, we are witnessing a massive surge in his following, especially in the youth.

It is not difficult to gauge this- there is a proliferation of his photographs - on the rear of cabs and auto-rickshaws, trucks and buses, emblazoned on T-shirts, and so on. Given all this, what startled me, and raised my hackles was Rajmohan Gandhi's book, Punjab: A History from Aurangzeb to Mountbatten. Otherwise, a well-researched and thoughtfully written book, his treat-



ment of the life and times of Bhagat Singh is rather disappointing - in a tome of more than 400 pages, there are just a few lines-a cursory mention of Bhagat Singh and his comrades. Sadly, even in these lines, they are not feted as freedom fighters, but rather disparagingly, as delinquent and misguided youth, militant in their approach, hellbent on derailing the course of the freedom struggle. Well, while all of us have the liberty or freedom to form our opinion, in a broader sense, it needs to be noted that sensitivities of a significant mass of our population don't get hurt. Because, if the Butcher of Amritsar became a celebrated hero among a section of his countrymen, hailed as "the man who saved India" and a beneficiary of a fund of over ₹26,000, then, we need serious introspection as to how we portray our martyrs for the generations to come, because, as I repeatedly quote the words of George Santayana- "Those who cannot remember the past are condemned to repeat it."

The way history is written shapes how future generations perceive their past. The events of 1857 and Bhagat Singh's sacrifices remain crucial in our national consciousness, inspiring countless individuals. Yet, the selective representation of these figures in historical narratives raises concerns. When colonial figures like Dyer are glorified, while our martyrs are downplayed or misrepresented, it calls for reflection. As a society, we must ensure that our heroes are remembered with the respect they deserve. After all, history is not just about the past—it is a guide for the future, reminding us never to forget our hard-fought struggles.

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Balancing growth with fiscal discipline



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Key measures, including tax reliefs and incentives for private sector, reflect a balanced approach to making India a developed economy by 2047



A theme that reverberates in the Union Budget for FY 2025-26 presented by Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman on February 1, 2025, is 'sustaining the momentum of high economic growth alongside sticking to fiscal consolidation'. During FY 2024-25, the GDP growth (gross domestic product) is estimated at 6.4 per cent which is more or less close to the 6.5 per cent - 7 per cent projected in the Economic Survey (ES) for 2023-24 presented by Sitharaman in the Parliament on February 1, 2024. For FY 2025-26, according to the Economic Survey presented by her on February 1, 2025, the 'GDP is projected to expand between 6.3 per cent - 6.8 per cent. On top of a growth of 8 per cent plus for three consecutive years beginning FY 2021-22 and 6.4 per cent during FY 2024-25, this is a fairly impressive number in sync with the overarching goal of making India a 'developed economy' by 2047. As for fiscal deficit or FD (excess of total expenditure over total receipts), in her interim budget presented on February 1, 2024, she had set a target of 5.1 per cent of the nominal GDP (NGDP). Subsequently, in the full budget for FY 2024-25 presented on July 23, 2024, she revised it downward to 4.9 per cent of the GDP taking into account the extra cushion of Rs 130,000 crore in the dividend transferred by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) to the Central Government from its operations during the FY 2023-24 (the actual dividend transfer was Rs 210,000 crore against a provision of Rs 80,000 crore made in the interim budget).

Going by the revised estimate (RE) presented by the FM on February 1, 2025, the FD for FY 2024-25 has turned out to be even lower at 4.8 per cent of the NGDP. Even as the total revenue expenditure at Rs 3698,000 crore is only marginally lower than the budget estimate (BE) of Rs 3709,401 crore, the RE for capital expenditure is about Rs 1018,000 crore - a significant Rs 93,000 crore less than the BE of Rs 1111,111 crore. Indeed, this is a major reason behind a reduction of one percentage point in the FD over the BE. In the budget for FY 2025-26, the FM has provided for a total expendi-



THE GOVERNMENT'S EFFORTS NEED TO BE COMPLEMENTED BY THE OWNERS OF BUSINESSES. THEY SHOULD GO FOR BETTER DISTRIBUTION OF INCOME THROUGH MEASURES SUCH AS KEEPING PRICES LOW, INCREASING SALARIES AT THE LOWER RUNGS, REINVESTING PROFITS FOR GROWTH ETC

ture of Rs 5065,000 crore which is a significant increase of 7.4 per cent over the RE for FY 2024-25 at Rs 4716,000 crore. This includes capital expenditure of Rs 1121,000 crore, the remaining Rs 3944,000 crore being the provision for revenue expenditure. Sitharaman has received flak for going slow on investment. This is unjustified and out of sync with the underlying facts. We need to compare the budget provision with RE for FY 2024-25. On this basis, the provision of Rs 1121,000 crore is 10.1 per cent higher than the actual capital expenditure during 2024-25.

That apart, the position about the government's capital spending has to be viewed in totality. In her Budget for FY 2019-20, Sitharaman had laid a roadmap for catapulting the Indian economy to US \$5 trillion by 2024-25. In sync with this target, she had projected an investment requirement of over Rs 100,00,000 crore to build the infrastructure over five years. Of this, 39 per cent or Rs 39,00,000 crore was to come from the Centre and states each and the balance was Rs 22,00,000 crore from the private sector. The Centre's actual capital expenditure was for 2020-21: Rs 439,000 crore; 2021-22: Rs 554,000 crore; 2022-23: Rs 750,000 crore; 2023-24: Rs 1000,961 crore and Rs 1018,000 crore for 2024-25.

Over five years, the total comes to Rs 3761,000 crore which is more or less close to the amount the Centre intended to contribute. Continuing with the above trend, a substantial allocation of Rs 1121,000 crore for 2025-26 shows the determination of the government to maintain the momentum of investment in building roads, highways, expressways, waterways, ports, airports, railways, irrigation projects, hospitals, schools, technical and research institutions and

so on in symphony with strengthening the foundations of the economy for a VIKSIT BHARAT by 2047. But, investment by the central government alone won't be enough to give the intended boost to the economy. The States and private sector also need to do their bit. The Centre has been helping the former to boost their capital spend. During 2022-23, it provided them with 50-year Rs 100,000 crore interest-free loans. During 2023-24, such transfers were Rs 130,000 crore. For FY 2024-25, the transfers were kept at Rs 150,000 crore though the states didn't fully utilize the amount. For FY 2025-26 also, the budget allocation is kept at Rs 150,000 crore. To promote investment in the private sector, the Centre has given a host of incentives to industries and businesses. Amongst others, these included a reduction in the corporate tax rate to 15 per cent for new manufacturing enterprises. In 2024-25, the tax rate on foreign firms was reduced from 40 percent to 35 percent. But, the private sector has complained of 'demand constraint'. Team Modi has addressed this as well. In the budget for FY 2024-25, Sitharaman altered tax slabs under the New Income Tax (IT) regime besides increasing the standard deduction by Rs 25,000. This resulted in a relief of around Rs 17,500 in personal income tax or PIT. In the budget for FY 2025-26, she has given a bonanza by announcing that a person earning Rs 1200,000 per annum need not pay any tax (taking into account the standard deduction of Rs 75,000/- now, the threshold comes to Rs 1275,000). Besides, she has altered the tax slabs to give relief even to persons earning more. Thus, a person earning Rs 2400,000 per annum will pay Rs

110,000 less. Consequent to these changes, the taxpayers will gain Rs 100,000 crore annually. These savings will be distributed amongst a total of 7 crore persons who won't have to pay any tax. This will give a big boost to demand. However, this by itself won't give the required fillip. The government's efforts need to be complemented by the owners of businesses. They should go for better distribution of income through measures such as keeping prices low, increasing salaries at the lower rungs, reinvesting profits for growth etc. Coming to FD, apart from lower capital expenditure (than BE), the contribution of buoyant tax collections in containing it at 4.8 per cent of the NGDP during FY 2024-25, can't be brushed aside. The RE of gross tax revenue (GTR) during the year at Rs 3850,000 crore is higher than the BE of Rs 3840,000 crore which itself was 14.6 per cent higher than GTR of Rs 3350,000 crore during 2023-24. For 2025-26, FM has kept the FD target at 4.4 per cent. To achieve it, she has set the GTR collections at still higher Rs 4270,000 crore. This despite lower tax rates shows that the government's efforts at broadening the tax base and ensuring tax compliance are working. In an interview, Sitharaman cited capital expenditure of 4.3 per cent as being more or less close to FD of 4.4 per cent. From a fiscal consolidation angle, this is a good sign as borrowings are used only for building assets. However, the government needs to go beyond by generating a 'revenue surplus' so that borrowings even for building capital assets can be cut. This is necessary as 'interest payments' alone account for over 25 per cent of total spending by the Centre. (The writer is a policy analyst; views expressed are personal)

BJP sets its sights on West Bengal and Bihar after Delhi triumph

The Aam Aadmi Party's collapse in Delhi and the cracks within the INDIA bloc have emboldened the BJP to win Bengal and Bihar

Buoyed by its sweeping success in Delhi, the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) has now turned its focus towards the crucial state elections in West Bengal in 2026, where it aims to dethrone Mamata Banerjee. What once seemed like an uphill battle is now a tangible possibility for the party. Emboldened by the Aam Aadmi Party's (AAP) debacle in Delhi, BJP leaders are proclaiming, "Delhi ki jeet hamari ho gayi, ab 2026 main Bengal ki baari hai" (We have won Delhi; now it's Bengal's turn in 2026).



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menting INDIA alliance, which was evident in Haryana and Delhi, provides the BJP with an additional advantage. The Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS), which has maintained a strong presence in West Bengal for decades, is expected to play a pivotal role in BJP's bid to oust Mamata in the upcoming assembly elections. **Modi's Appeal:** BJP's Trump

Card Prime Minister Narendra Modi remains the BJP's strongest electoral force. His leadership, credibility, and mass appeal, especially among the middle and lower-income groups, were decisive in Delhi's outcome. Welfare schemes like free ration under the PM Garib Kalyan Anna Yojana directly strengthened BJP's voter base. Modi's ability to project governance stability ensured that BJP's campaign resonated powerfully across the capital.

Modi's credibility as a vote magnet and his guarantee to implement manifesto promises worked like magic for the BJP, which continues to heavily rely on him even for state elections. In his characteristic style, Modi remarked, "Congress has achieved a dou-

ble hat-trick of defeats with zero seats," predicting its further decline. Meanwhile, he celebrated BJP's string of victories in Haryana, Maharashtra, and Delhi, reinforcing his status as the party's ultimate campaigner. **Decoding JBP's Triumph in Delhi:** The Modi Factor Several key factors contributed to BJP's victory in Delhi, with Modi playing a central role. His strong stance on national security, Hindutva, and governance stability shaped the electoral landscape, particularly among urban and middle-class voters.

Modi's National Security & Hindutva Image As the national capital, Delhi is heavily influenced by nationalistic narratives. Modi's firm policies on Pakistan, terrorism,



and Hindutva solidified BJP's core voter base. By framing the election as Modi vs. Kejriwal rather than a contest over local governance, BJP ensured that Modi's persona resonated strongly with voters. **PM's Welfare Schemes vs. AAP's Freebies** While AAP is known for its populist freebies, the Modi

government strategically countered this with large-scale welfare initiatives such as PM Awas Yojana (housing for the poor), Ujjwala Yojana (free LPG connections), and Ayushman Bharat (health insurance). By shifting the narrative from Kejriwal's localized welfare model to Modi's broader national schemes, the BJP successfully attracted lower-income and migrant voters.

A masterstroke was Modi's assurance that AAP's welfare schemes would not be discontinued but rather enhanced, promising to elevate Delhi into a world-class city. This neutralized Kejriwal's traditional advantage and reassured voters. BJP also aggressively targeted AAP over corruption allegations, particular-

ly the liquor scam, altering voter perception. Modi's leadership was positioned as a guarantee of cleaner governance, contrasting sharply with AAP's tainted image. **Impact of BJP's Victories in Other States:** BJP's recent wins in Haryana, Maharashtra, and other key states created a momentum effect, reinforcing voter confidence in Delhi. Haryana's proximity made its results particularly influential, given the shared demographics.

The party's national winning streak also boosted cadre morale, creating a perception of electoral invincibility, which further weakened AAP's positioning as an alternative force. **Why AAP Lost:** AAP's defeat was not solely due to BJP's strategic campaign

but also its political miscalculations. Kejriwal underestimated Congress's relevance, assuming it was a non-factor. This resulted in AAP's defeat in 14 assembly segments where the victory margin was lower than the votes secured by Congress candidates. AAP had previously employed a similar strategy in Haryana, splitting Congress's votes and aiding BJP's gains. However, this tactic backfired in Delhi, as the ignored Congress vote share ended up damaging AAP more than BJP. One of the biggest takeaways from AAP's crushing defeat is the blow to Arvind Kejriwal's national ambitions.

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Delta jet flips upside down on snowy Toronto runway

All 80 passengers aboard survive

PTI ■ TORONTO

A Delta Air Lines jet flipped on its roof while landing Monday at Toronto's Pearson Airport, but all 80 people on board survived and those hurt had relatively minor injuries, the airport's chief executive said.

Snow blown by winds gusting to 40 mph (65 kph) swirled when the flight from Minneapolis carrying 76 passengers and four crew attempted to land at around 2:15 pm. Communications between the tower and pilot were normal on approach and it's not clear what went so drastically wrong when the plane touched down.

Peter Carlson, a passenger travelling to Toronto for a paramedics conference, said the landing was "very forceful." "All the sudden everything just kind of went sideways and then next thing I know it's kind of a blink and I'm upside down still strapped in," he told CBC News. Canadian authorities held two brief news conferences but provided no details on the crash. Video posted to social media showed the aftermath with the

Mitsubishi CRJ-900LR overturned, the fuselage seemingly intact and firefighters dousing what was left of the fire as passengers climbed out and walked across the tarmac.

"We are very grateful there was no loss of life and relatively minor injuries," Deborah Flint, CEO of Greater Toronto Airports Authority, told reporters.

Delta CEO Ed Bastian said in a statement that "the hearts of the entire global Delta family are with those affected."

Toronto Pearson Fire Chief Todd Aitken said 18 passengers were taken to the hospital. Earlier in the day, Ornge air ambulance said it was transporting one pediatric patient to Toronto's SickKids hospital and two injured adults to other hospitals in the city.

Emergency personnel reached the plane within a few minutes and Aitken said the response "went as planned." He said "the runway was dry and there was no cross-wind conditions."

The crash was the fourth major aviation accident in North America in the past three weeks. A commercial jetliner and an

Army helicopter collided near Reagan National Airport in Washington, DC, on January 29, killing 67 people.

A medical transportation plane crashed in Philadelphia on January 31, killing the six people on board and another person on the ground. And on February 6, 10 people were killed in a plane crash in Alaska.

The last major crash at Pearson was on August 2, 2005, when an Airbus A340 landing from Paris skidded off the runway and burst into flames amid stormy weather. All 309 passengers and crew aboard Air France Flight 358 survived the crash.

On Monday, Pearson was experiencing blowing snow and winds of 32 mph (51 kph) gusting to 40 mph (65 kph), according to the Meteorological Service of Canada. The temperature was about 16.5 degrees Fahrenheit (minus 8.6 degrees Celsius). The Delta flight was cleared to land at about 2:10 pm. Audio recordings show the control tower warned the pilots of a possible air flow "bump" on the approach.

"It sounds to me like a controller trying to be helpful, meaning

the wind is going to give you a bumpy ride coming down, that you're going to be up and down through the glide path," said John Cox, CEO of aviation safety consulting firm Safety Operating Systems in St. Petersburg, Florida.

"So it was windy. But the airplanes are designed and certified to handle that," Cox said. "The pilots are trained and experienced to handle that."

The plane came to a rest at the intersection of Runways 23 and 15L, not far from the start of the runway. Just after the crash, tower controllers spoke with the crew of a medical helicopter that had just left Pearson and was returning to help.

"Just so you're aware, there's people outside walking around the aircraft there," a controller said.

"Yeah, we've got it. The aircraft is upside down and burning," the medical helicopter pilot responded.

Carlson was among those outside the aircraft. He said when he took off his seat belt he crashed onto the ceiling, which had become the floor. He smelled gas, saw aviation fuel



A Delta Air Lines plane heading from Minneapolis to Toronto crashed at Toronto's Pearson Airport.

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cascading down the cabin windows and knew he needed to get out but said his fatherly intuition and paramedic skills kicked in. He looked for those he could help.

Carlson and another man assisted a mother and her young son out of the plane and then Carlson dropped onto the tarmac. Snow was blowing and it "felt like I was stepping onto tundra."

"I didn't care how cold it was, didn't care how far I had to walk, how long I had to stand — all of us just wanted to be out of the

aircraft," he said.

Cox, who flew for US Air for 25 years and has worked on US National Transportation Safety Board investigations, said the CRJ-900 aircraft is a proven aircraft that's been in service for decades and does a good job of handling inclement weather.

He said it's unusual for a plane to end up on its roof.

"We've seen a couple of cases of takeoffs where airplanes have ended up inverted, but it's pretty rare," Cox said.

Among the questions that need to be answered, Cox said, is why

the crashed plane was missing its right wing.

"If one wing is missing, it's going to have a tendency to roll over," he said. "Those are going to be central questions as to what happened to the wing and the flight data recorder and cockpit voice recorder. They will be found, if not today, tomorrow, and the Transportation Safety Board of Canada will read them out and they will have a very good understanding of what actually occurred here."

The US Federal Aviation Administration said in a state-

ment that the Transportation Safety Board of Canada would head up the investigation and provide any updates. The NTSB in the US said it was sending a team to assist in the Canadian investigation.

Endeavor Air, based in Minneapolis, is a subsidiary of Delta Air Lines and the world's largest operator of CRJ-900 aircraft. The airline operates 130 regional jets on 700 daily flights to over 126 cities in the US, Canada and the Caribbean, according to the company's website.

Top Russian, US officials meet for talks on Ukraine war without Kyiv

PTI ■ RIYADH

Senior officials from Russia and the US met in Saudi Arabia on Tuesday to begin talks on improving ties and negotiating an end to the war in Ukraine.

Delegations led by US Secretary of State Marco Rubio and Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov met at the Diriyah Palace in Riyadh. The meeting marks another pivotal step by the Trump administration to reverse US policy on isolating Russia and is meant to pave the way for a meeting between US President Donald Trump and Russian President Vladimir Putin.

Trump earlier this month upended US policy toward Ukraine and Russia by saying he and Putin had agreed to begin negotiations on ending the war.

Ukrainian officials aren't taking part in the meeting, and Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy

said Monday that his country won't accept the outcome if Kyiv doesn't take part.

Rubio was accompanied by US national security adviser Mike Waltz and Special Envoy Steve Witkoff, while Lavrov sat next to the Kremlin's foreign affairs adviser, Yuri Ushakov. Saudi Foreign Minister Faisal bin Farhan and national security adviser Mueaed al Alban joined Rubio, Lavrov and others for the start of the meeting but were expected to leave early in the talks. Ushakov said Monday the talks would be "purely bilateral" and would not include Ukrainian officials.

The talks mark a significant expansion of US-Russian contacts nearly three years into a war that has seen ties fall to the lowest level in decades.

Lavrov and then-US Secretary of State Antony Blinken talked briefly on the sidelines of a G-20 meeting in India nearly two years ago, and

in the fall of 2022, US and Russian spymasters met in Turkey amid Washington's concerns that Moscow could resort to nuclear weapons amid battlefield setbacks.

The recent US diplomatic blitz on the war has sent Kyiv and key allies scrambling to ensure a seat at the table amid concerns that Washington and Moscow could press ahead with a deal that won't be favourable to them.

France called an emergency meeting of European Union countries and the UK on Monday to decide how to respond.

French President Emmanuel Macron on Tuesday said he spoke by phone to Donald Trump and Volodymyr Zelenskyy following the meeting.

"We seek a strong and lasting peace in Ukraine," Macron wrote on X. "To achieve this, Russia must end its aggression, and this must be accompanied by strong and credible security

guarantees for the Ukrainians," he said and vowed to "work on this together with all Europeans, Americans, and Ukrainians."

Ahead of the talks, Kirill Dmitriev, the head of the Russian Direct Investment Fund who the Kremlin said might join the talks, underscored the importance of the meeting in comments to The Associated Press. "Good US-Russia relations are very important for the whole world. Only jointly can Russia and the US address lots of world problems, and resolve for global conflicts and offer solutions," Dmitriev, who said he and his team would focus on economic issues at the talks, told AP.

The Saudi-owned satellite channel Al Arabiya, citing the Russian delegation, described Moscow's priority as "real normalisation with Washington".

Diriyah Palace sits across the street from Riyadh's Diplomatic Quarter. It's also just next to the Ritz Carlton

hotel, which became famous in 2017 after de facto leader Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman detained other princes and the country's elite there as part of what the royal court called a crackdown on corruption, that also sidelined any potential challenge to his taking control of the kingdom.

Hosting the talks is a major step toward a goal Prince Mohammed has pursued throughout the war — putting the kingdom in the middle of diplomatic negotiations. It has helped in prisoner negotiations and hosted Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy for an Arab League summit in the kingdom in 2023. Zelenskyy will likely travel to Saudi Arabia later this week.

For Prince Mohammed, once described as a "pariah" by former President Joe Biden over the 2018 killing of Washington Post journalist Jamal Khashoggi, hosting such talks burnish the otherwise-tar-

nished image the West has for him.

Ahead of the summit, the Saudi daily newspaper Okaz described the moment as the "world's eye on Riyadh".

Writing in the London-based but Saudi-owned newspaper Asharq Al Awsat, journalist Mishari al-Dhaidi described the summit as "a major step on the international political chess arena, revealing the status of Saudi Arabia and its positive influence for the benefit of the people all the people", he wrote.

The neighbouring United Arab Emirates, the prince also has maintained close relations to Russia throughout its war on Ukraine, both through the OPEC+ oil cartel and diplomatically as well.

Hosting the summit also balances the harsh criticism recently levied by the kingdom's tightly controlled media at President Donald Trump over his repeated comments that he wants the US to "own" the Gaza

Strip, which has been devastated by the Israeli military offensive there since the October 7, 2023, Hamas attack. The Palestinians want Gaza and the West Bank for a future state, something backed by the wider Arab world and nearly all of the international community.

Meanwhile, Russia continued to pummel Ukraine with drones, according to Kyiv's military. The Ukrainian air force said Russian troops launched a barrage of 176 drones at Ukraine overnight, most of which were destroyed or disabled by jamming.

One Russian drone struck a residential building in Dolynska in Kirovohrad region, injuring a mother and her two children and prompting an evacuation of 38 apartments, the regional administration reported. Four more residential buildings were damaged by drone debris in the Cherkasy region of Ukraine, according to local officials.

Hamas says it will free 6 Israeli hostages on Saturday, four bodies before then

PTI ■ CAIRO

Top Hamas leader says the militant group will release six living Israeli hostages on Saturday and the bodies of four hostages on Thursday, including the remains of the Bibas family that has become symbols of Israeli suffering in the war.

The fate of Shiri Bibas and her two young sons, Ariel and Kir, reflected the feeling of helplessness as dozens of hostages remain in Gaza after Hamas' October 7, 2023, attack. Israel has said it is extremely concerned about their condition but has not confirmed their deaths.

Hamas leader Khalil al-Hayya, in prerecorded remarks on Tuesday, did not elaborate beyond saying that the "Bibas family" would be included in the handover of four bodies. The six to be released on

Saturday are the last living hostages to be freed under the first phase of the ceasefire in Gaza. Three hostages had been expected to be freed on Saturday. It was not clear why Hamas changed the plan.

The warring sides have yet to negotiate the second and more difficult phase, in which Hamas would release dozens more hostages in exchange for a lasting ceasefire and an Israeli withdrawal.

The hostage releases have come in exchange for hundreds of Palestinian prisoners held by Israel.

The ceasefire that began in mid-January has paused the deadliest fighting ever between Israel and Hamas, surged aid into devastated Gaza and allowed hundreds of thousands of Palestinians to return to their homes as Israeli forces withdrew from much of the territory.

Villagers in southern Lebanon prepare to return home

PTI ■ DEIR MIMAS (LEBANON)

Israeli forces withdrew from border villages in southern Lebanon on Tuesday, under a deadline spelled out in a US-brokered ceasefire agreement that ended the latest Israel-Hezbollah war. Lebanese soldiers moved into the areas from where the Israeli troops pulled out and began clearing roadblocks set up by Israeli forces and checking for unexploded ordnance. They blocked the main road leading to the villages, preventing anyone from entering while the military was looking for any explosives left behind.

Most of the villages waited by the roadside for permission to go and check on their homes.

Egypt developing plan to rebuild Gaza

PTI ■ CAIRO

Egypt is developing a plan to rebuild Gaza without forcing Palestinians out of the strip in a counter to President Donald Trump's proposal to depopulate the territory so the US can take it over.

Egypt's state-run Al-Ahram newspaper said the proposal calls for establishing "secure areas" within Gaza where Palestinians can live initially while Egyptian and international construction firms remove and rehabilitate the strip's infrastructure.

Egyptian officials have been discussing the plan with European diplomats as well as with Saudi Arabia, Qatar and the UAE, according to two Egyptian officials and Arab and Western diplomats. They are also discussing ways to fund the reconstruction, including an international conference on Gaza reconstruction, said one of the Egyptian officials and an Arab diplomat. The officials and diplomats

spoke on condition of anonymity because the proposal is still being negotiated.

The proposal comes after an international uproar over Trump's call for the removal of Gaza's population of some two million Palestinians. Trump said the US would take over the Gaza Strip and rebuild it into a "Riviera of the Middle East", though Palestinians would not be allowed back.

Palestinians have widely said they will not leave their homeland, while Egypt, Jordan — backed by Saudi Arabia — have refused Trump's calls for them to take in Gaza's population. Rights groups have widely said the plan amounts to forced expulsion, a potential war crime. European countries have also largely denounced Trump's plan.

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu has praised the idea and says Israel is preparing to implement it.

US Secretary of State Marco Rubio, who was in Saudi Arabia

on Monday in a tour of the region, has said the US was up to hearing alternative proposals.

Egypt's Al-Ahram newspaper said the proposal is designed to "refute American President Trump's logic" and counter "any other visions or plans that aim to change the geographic and demographic structure of Gaza Strip".

Gaza is nearing a critical juncture with the first phase of a ceasefire due to run out in early March. Israel and Hamas must still negotiate a second phase meant to bring a release of all remaining hostages held by the militants, a full Israeli withdrawal from Gaza and a long-term halt to the war.

Any reconstruction plan will be impossible to implement without a deal on the second phase, including an agreement on who will govern Gaza in the long term.

Israel demands the elimination of Hamas as a political or military force in the territory, and

international donors are unlikely to contribute to any rebuilding if Hamas is in charge.

Central in Egypt's proposal is the establishment of a Palestinian administration that is not aligned with either Hamas or the Palestinian Authority to run the strip and oversee the reconstruction efforts, according to the two Egyptian officials involved in the efforts.

It also calls for a Palestinian police force mainly made up of former Palestinian Authority policemen who remained in Gaza after Hamas took over the enclave in 2007, with reinforcement from Egyptian- and Western-trained forces.

Asked about the possibility of deploying an Arab force in Gaza, one Egyptian official and the Arab diplomat said Arab countries would only agree if there were a "clear path" for the establishment of an independent Palestinian state.

Israeli Prime Minister

Benjamin Netanyahu has rejected any Palestinian state as well as any role for Hamas or the Western-backed Palestinian Authority in governing Gaza, though he has not put forward any clear alternative.

Hamas has said it is willing to give up power in Gaza. Hamas spokesman Abdul Latif al-Qanou told AP on Sunday that the group has accepted either a Palestinian unity government without Hamas' participation or a committee of technocrats to run the territory. The Palestinian Authority, which governs pockets of the West Bank, has so far opposed any plans for Gaza that exclude it.

The Western diplomat said France and Germany have backed the idea of Arab countries developing a counterproposal to Trump's plan, and that Egyptian President Abdel Fattah el-Sisi discussed his government's efforts with the French president in a phone call earlier this month.



People take part in the 'No Kings Day' protest on Presidents Day in Washington, in support of federal workers and against recent actions by President Donald Trump and Elon Musk, by the Capitol in Washington. The protest was organised by the 50501 Movement, which stands for 50 Protests 50 States 1 Movement.

Elon Musk's DOGE seeks access to taxpayer data at IRS

PTI ■ WASHINGTON

Elon Musk's Department of Government Efficiency is seeking access to troves of sensitive taxpayer data at the IRS, two people familiar with the inner workings of the plan who were not authorised to discuss the matter publicly told AP on Monday.

If successful, Musk and his group would have access to millions of tightly controlled files that include taxpayer information, bank records and other sensitive records. The people who spoke to the AP and requested anonymity said DOGE is specifically seeking to access the IRS' Integrated Data Retrieval System, which enables employees "to have instantaneous visual access to certain taxpayer accounts", according to the IRS website.

Advocates fear that the potential unlawful release of taxpayer records could be used to maliciously target Americans,

violate their privacy and create other ramifications.

Harrison Fields, a White House spokesman, said in an emailed statement that "waste, fraud, and abuse have been deeply entrenched in our broken system for far too long. It takes direct access to the system to identify and fix it."

"DOGE will continue to shine a light on the fraud they uncover as the American people deserve to know what their government has been spending their hard-earned tax dollars on," he said.

Democratic lawmakers are trying to fight against DOGE plans to access IRS data. Senators Ron Wyden, D-Ore, and Elizabeth Warren, D-Mass, sent a letter to acting IRS Commissioner Douglas O'Donnell, demanding copies of any memos that would grant IRS system access to Musk or DOGE. The senators are also seeking justifications for DOGE efforts to inspect tax returns and

private bank records.

Along with fears that DOGE access to taxpayer data may not be legal, "we are also extremely concerned that DOGE personnel meddling with IRS systems in the middle of tax filing season could, inadvertently or otherwise, cause breakdowns that may delay the issuance of tax refunds indefinitely", the letter reads.

"Any delay in refunds could be financially devastating to millions of Americans who plan their budgets around timely refunds every spring." January 27 was the official start date of the 2025 tax season, and the IRS expects more than 140 million tax returns to be filed by the April 15 deadline.

The Washington Post on Sunday first reported on DOGE's plans to access taxpayer data.

The news comes as the IRS plans to lay off thousands of probationary workers

in the middle of tax season, according to two sources familiar with the agency's plans who were unauthorised to discuss them publicly. Cuts could happen as soon as this week.

Previously, IRS employees involved in the 2025 tax season were told they will not be allowed to accept a buyout offer from the Trump administration until after the taxpayer filing deadline, according to a letter sent recently to IRS employees.

Additionally, attorneys general from 14 states challenged the authority of DOGE to access sensitive government data housed at Treasury and exercise "virtually unchecked power" in a lawsuit. The lawsuit, filed in federal court in Washington, says the actions taken by Musk at the helm of DOGE can only be taken by a nominated and Senate-confirmed official. It cites constitutional provisions that delineate the powers of Congress and the president.

Costa Rica agrees to accept Indian migrants from US

PTI ■ SAN JOSE

Costa Rica has agreed to serve as a "bridge" to repatriate illegal immigrants in the US, including from India and Central Asia, according to an official release on Tuesday.

The first group of 200 migrants will arrive at the Juan Santamaría International Airport on a commercial flight on Wednesday, accord-

ing to a statement by Costa Rican President Rodrigo Chaves Robles' office.

"The Government of Costa Rica agreed to collaborate with the United States in the repatriation of 200 illegal immigrants to their country. These are people originating from countries in central Asia and India," said the statement. The release did not say how many of them are from India. "Costa Rica will serve as

a bridge for them to reach their countries of origin," it said. These immigrants will be transferred to a temporary migrant care facility in the Central American nation before repatriation to their countries of origin.

The US-funded repatriation is being supervised by the International Organisation for Migration (IOM), which will oversee the migrants' care during their stay in the coun-

try, according to the statement. This comes days after Prime Minister Narendra Modi's visit to the US, where he met President Donald Trump to discuss key bilateral issues, including immigration. Three batches comprising a total of 332 Indians have already been sent back to India amid an intensified crackdown by the Trump administration against illegal immigrants.

4 paramilitary personnel killed in Pak; convoy attack toll rises

PTI ■ PESHAWAR

Four paramilitary personnel were killed and five others injured when unknown militants attacked their squad in Pakistan's violence-hit Kurram, where an aid convoy was also targeted.

According to security officials, the militants ambushed the paramilitary Kurram Militia squad in Lower Kurram's Ochit area late on Monday, where an aid convoy carrying essential supplies was ambushed earlier in the day.

The injured and dead were shifted to a hospital, where the condition of one injured was stated to be critical. The military, which typically issues statements in such situations, has yet to comment. The attack on the aid convoy in sectarian violence-hit Kurram district in the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa province killed a truck driver and injured 15 others. Late last night, another injured succumbed to injuries, taking the toll to two, according to officials.

The convoy, which was travelling from Thall to Kurram, was attacked at multiple locations along the route, prompting officials to turn the convoy of 64 vehicles back to Hangu as a precautionary measure. It is the latest in a series of violent incidents in Kurram, which has been a hotbed of violence for decades, with deep-seated tribal and sectarian conflicts often resulting in bloodshed and prolonged blockades. The latest wave of violence erupted in November 2023, when two police-escorted convoys were ambushed, killing at least 40 people.

Rajapaksa's son indicted

PTI ■ COLOMBO

Namal Rajapaksa, the eldest son of former president and prime minister Mahinda Rajapaksa, was on Tuesday indicted and released on bail by the High Court here for an alleged misappropriation out of an Indian investment prior to 2015.

Leader of the Sri Lanka Podujana Peramuna (SLPP), Namal Rajapaksa is the only member of the Rajapaksa family now a serving member of parliament.

The Rajapaksas say they are being targeted on a political witch hunt.

The case is to be next heard on March 27.

Namal Rajapaksa was arrested in June 2016 for allegedly misusing Sri Lankan Rupees 70 million from the Krishi Hotel project to develop the game of rugby in the island nation. He had been a Sri Lanka international rugby player.

Senior Afghan Taliban officials in Japan for talks

PTI ■ TOKYO

Japanese officials said senior Afghan Taliban officials were in Japan for talks, as part of Tokyo's efforts to help Afghanistan build a more inclusive political system and protect human rights.

It's their first known diplomatic trip outside the Central Asia-Middle East region since the Taliban seized control of Afghanistan in 2021.

The unidentified Taliban senior officials were invited by grant-making organization Nippon Zaidan and were also set to talk with Japanese Foreign Ministry officials, Chief Cabinet

Secretary Yoshimasa Hayashi told reporters Monday.

The Taliban officials were invited to help them better understand the need "to have a broad perspective toward their future nation building and to widely accept humanitarian assistance from the international community for vulnerable people, Nippon Zaidan said in a statement. It declined to give details of the visitors and their schedule. Japan does not formally recognize the Taliban as Afghanistan's official government.

Hayashi noted the visit was initiated by a private organization but complements the Japanese

government's effort to work with the international community to call on the Taliban to make policy changes that protect human rights.

Restrictions the Taliban impose on women and girls are a major hurdle to the Taliban being recognised as the official government of Afghanistan.

The trip was initially revealed by Latif Nazari, the Taliban's deputy economy minister, who posted on the X platform that a "high-level delegation" was heading to Japan and that the Taliban seek dignified engagement with the world as an active member of the international community.

Chinese navy helicopter flies too close to Philippine patrol plane

PTI ■ OVER THE SCARBOROUGH SHOAL (SOUTH CHINA SEA)

A Chinese navy helicopter flew within 10 feet (3 metres) of a Philippine patrol plane on Tuesday in a disputed area of the South China Sea, as the Filipino pilot warned by radio: "You are flying too close, you are very dangerous."

The helicopter was attempting to force a Cessna Caravan turbo-prop plane belonging to the Philippine Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources out of what China claims is its airspace over the hotly disputed Scarborough Shoal off the northwestern Philippines.

An Associated Press journalist and other invited foreign media representatives on the plane witnessed the tense 30-minute standoff as the Philippine plane pressed on with its low-altitude patrol around Scarborough with the Chinese navy helicopter hovering close above it or flying to its left in cloudy weather.

"You are flying too close, you are very dangerous and endangering the lives of our crew and

passengers," the Philippine pilot told the Chinese navy helicopter by radio at one point. "Keep away and distance your aircraft from us, you are violating the safety standard set by FAA and ICAO."

The pilot was referring to the standard distance between aircraft required by the US Federal Aviation Administration and the International Civil Aviation Organisation to prevent air disasters.

The Philippine Coast Guard and the Bureau of Fisheries said in a statement that they remain "committed to asserting our sovereignty, sovereign rights and maritime jurisdiction in the West Philippine Sea, despite the aggressive and escalatory actions of China."

They referred to the Philippine name for the stretch of waters in the South China Sea closer to the Philippines' western coast.

Chinese officials did not immediately comment on the incident, but in past encounters they have steadfastly asserted China's sovereign rights over the Scarborough and sur-

rounding waters and warned that its forces would protect the country's territorial interests at all costs.

Tuesday's encounter, which is expected to be protested by the Philippine government, is the latest flashpoint in a decades-long territorial standoff in one of the world's busiest trade routes, which involves China, the Philippines, Vietnam, Malaysia, Brunei and Taiwan.

Confrontations on the high seas have spiked between Chinese and Philippine coast guards in the last two years at Scarborough, a traditional fishing area, and the Second Thomas Shoal, where a grounded Philippine navy ship has served as a territorial outpost since 1999 but has since been closely watched by Chinese coast guard, navy and suspected militia ships.

China deployed its coast guard, navy and suspected militia ships around Scarborough after a tense standoff with Philippine ships in 2012.

The following year, the Philippines brought its disputes with China to international arbitration.

Iran accuses detained British couple of spying

PTI ■ TEHRAN

Iranian authorities have accused a British couple detained in the country since January of spying, state media reported Tuesday.

Mizanonline.ir, a news website affiliated with the country's judiciary, cited Asghar Jahangir, a spokesman for the judiciary as saying that the Revolutionary Guards intelligence forces incarcerated the couple, a man and a woman, while in the southern

city of Kerman at the time.

They are accused of spying and having links to intelligence agencies of "hostile countries" and collecting information from several Iranian provinces, according to Jahangir who didn't provide further details. The report didn't name the couple, however, a family statement released Saturday through the UK Foreign Office identified them as Craig and Lindsay Foreman, saying their situation was distressing and causing "significant

concern." The two were reportedly travelling around the world on motorbikes when they were detained in January, British media, citing social media posts, reported that they had crossed into Iran from Armenia on December 30 and were planning to enter Pakistan next. The British ambassador to Iran, Hugo Shorter, met the two in Kerman on Wednesday in the presence of officials from Iran's justice department and the governor's office.

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उत्तराखण्ड अधिगम प्राप्ति (प्रोक्वोरमेंट) निष्पत्तिका 2017 में निहित प्राधिकारों के अन्तर्गत मिल में होने वाले विभिन्न कार्य एवं श्रेणी कार्य को 04 वें हेतु ठेके पर रिजे जाने के लिए दो निविदा प्रणाली (Two Bid System) के अन्तर्गत ई-निविदाये www.uktenders.gov.in पर आमंत्रित की जाती है। www.uktenders.gov.in पर आमंत्रित की जाती है। अथवा निविदा ही मांग्य होगी, अन्य माध्यम से प्राप्त निविदा स्वीकार्य नहीं होगी। आवश्यकता होने पर नोबोलिएशन **L-1/H-1** (प्रथम उच्चतम/न्यूनतम) दर दाता से किया जायेगा। **L-1/H-1** से दरो के सम्बन्ध में सहमति न होने पर आम निविदादाताओं से वार्ता की जा सकती है। विस्तृत सूचना मिल की वेबसाइट www.kicchaugar.com पर भी उपलब्ध है। अधिशारी निदेशक

In The Court of: Sh. Ravinder Singh-1, Judge Family Court-02, East District Karkardooma Courts, Delhi, Court No. 45.

For Service Of The Court Notice To The General Public Through Publication

GP-08/2024
N.D.O.H. 02/04/2025
Kawal Preet Kaur

Justice Jwinder Singh & Ors. Court Notice To

The State (Govt. of NCT of Delhi), Secretary, Child & Welfare Department, 7th Floor, M.S.O. Building, I.T.O., New Delhi.

Whereas in the above noted petition, the applicant/petitioner has applied for custody of the minor child Jagmeet Kaur under Section 7.25 of Guardianship & Wards Act, 1890.

Whereas the above noted petition has been filed for hearing on 02.04.2025 at 10 O'Clock in the forenoon and the publication notice is hereby given to all concerned general public to file their objection

Given under my hand and seal of the court on this 17.02.2025.

Judge, Family Court-02, East District Karkardooma Courts, D., Delhi.

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform to all concern that Smt. Renu Jain W/o Sh. T.K. Jain R/o H-7, Phase-1, Ashok Vihar Delhi-52, who is the original allottee of Residential Plot No. C-189, Sector-20, Noida (U.P.) had sold the said Plot on General Power of Attorney basis to the following person(s) GPA was executed on in favour of Sh. Sunil Kumar S/o Sh. J.C. Aggarwal R/o E-155, Preet Vihar, New Delhi-92, which is registered at Delhi on dated 05.04.1999. The agreement to sell was not registered or not executed. So it is informed to all concern that the said Plot No. C-189, Sector-20, Noida (U.P.) is going to be transferred in favour of Jitendra Kumar S/o Rishpal Singh & Santandhar S/o Ajay Pal Singh R/o C-180, Sector-20, Noida (U.P.) if any one has/has any objection he/she may file his/her objection along with the sufficient proof in the Residential Plot Department of the Noida Authority within 15 days from the date of publication of this notice. Jitendra Kumar

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE is hereby given that Mr. Manmohan Khurana s/o Late Desh Raj Khurana (hereinafter referred to as the said Debtor/Borrower) is the owner in possession of Second Floor without roof rights of Plot Bearing No. 22, in Block-A, Known as A-1/W-22, area measuring 100 Sq. Yards, Situated at Deyanand Colony, Lajpat Nagar-II, New Delhi (hereinafter referred to "said property") by virtue of Conveyance Deed dated 04.03.1997 regd. as Doc. No. 4617 which has been misplaced, Requisitioning Deed dated 11.06.2019 regd. as Doc. No. 3059 read with Partition Deed dated 25.05.2019 regd. as Document No. 3395. The Borrower will create mortgage in respect of the said property in favour of our clients Lata Capital Limited, F12 1st Floor, Dasmesh Nivas, Preet Vihar, Vikas Marg, New Delhi-110092. Any person, body, individual, institution having any claim and/or objection in respect of the said property by way of sale, exchange, lease, lien, mortgage, charge, encumbrance, gift, trust, easement, maintenance, inheritance, testamentary disposition or otherwise or having in their custody any title documents pertaining to the said property shall communicate the same to the undersigned at our address within 10 days from the publication of this notice with documentary evidence in support thereof, failing which the claim, of such person shall be considered to have been waived and/or abandoned. Any questions raised after the completion of the 10 days shall not be binding upon the said property or purchaser.

Mr. Akhil Gupta (Advocate)
Khanlat & Akhtar-A-38, Kalasa Colony
New Delhi-110048, Tel. + 114974545/99

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE is hereby given that: Veena Jindal claims to be owner and in possession of **Prop No. 1056, Sector-38, Gurugram, Haryana** (herein after called the said property) by virtue of Transfer Deed dated 04.04.2024, Doc. No. 116 R/W Sale Deed dated 21.04.2023, Doc. No. 1145 and as per Veena Jindal the Original of Allotment Letter, Re-Allotment Letters, Conveyance Deed dated 19.09.2009 and Sale Deed dated 15.01.2010 are lost & said Veena Jindal has agreed to create a mortgage in favour of our clients **IDFC First Bank Ltd, ITO Branch**, any person/s is in possession of the lost documents or having any claim against the said property, or any part thereof, by way of sale, exchange, mortgage (equitable/registered or otherwise), gift, trust, inheritance, lien or otherwise however, are hereby intimated to notify the same in writing to us with supporting documentary evidence at the address mentioned below within **7days** from the date hereof, failing which the claim or claims, if any, of such person or persons will be considered to have been waived and/or abandoned and our client shall proceed with the disbursement of loan and subsequent creation of mortgage in respect thereof

Vishal Diwan (Advocate)
For Diwan and Company LLP
Advocates and Solicitors
House No.2 (LGF), NRI Complex, N.D-19, Sector No. 981839999

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform the general public that Mr. Manan Taneja has executed an Agreement to Sell dated 08.05.2024 in respect of Laburnum Developers LLP in favor of Plot No. B-04, admeasuring 182.99 sq. yds., situated at Ace Palm Floors, Sector 89-90, Gurugram, Haryana.

The general public is hereby advised not to enter into any transaction concerning the said property with any person other than Laburnum Developers LLP, as any such dealings shall be at their own risk and cost.

Any person having any claim, right, title, interest, or objection in respect of the said property is hereby requested to inform the undersigned within 7 days from the date of publication of this notice, failing which the transaction shall be deemed to be free from all claims, and no objections shall be entertained thereafter.

For any queries or claims, please contact:

Laburnum Developers LLP
GF-19, Ninex City Mart,
Sohna Road, Sector-49,
Gurugram, Haryana 122018
laburnumdevelopers@gmail.com

Date: 16.02.2025
Place: Gurugram (Haryana)

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CHANGE OF NAME

DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL DELHI

FOR ORDER OF THIS TRIBUNAL SECTION OFFICER, DRT-II, DELHI

E AUCTION NOTICE

DAMAGED APPROX. 575 NOS. OF SPV SAIL MODULE AND APPROX. 15,000 KG OF GI STRUCTURE FOR MOUNTING SOLAR MODULES

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Kindly contact Mr. Vikas Rana at 9711110316 for inspection.

E-Auction will be held on 28-02-25

Kindly contact Mr. Atul Halarnkar at 7738164069 to obtain the form containing terms & conditions of e-Auction or download from website <https://www.sealthedeal.co.in/>

Auctioneers: Seal The Deal having registered office at 148, Pocket C2, Sector 5, Rohini, Delhi - 110085.

Last date of Submission of form & EMD Demand Draft is 27-02-25.

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Notice under Rule-2 of the Indl. Schedule of Income Tax Act 1961, read with Section 29 of The Recovery of Debts and Bankruptcy Act, 1993

ICICI BANK LTD
V/S
KIRAN KUMAR ARYA AND OTHERS

PUBLICATION FORM NO. 1

DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL 600/1, University Road, Hanuman Setu Mandir, Lucknow (Area of Jurisdiction, Part of Uttar Pradesh) DRC NO. 1386 OF 2023

Notice under Rule-2 of the Indl. Schedule of Income Tax Act 1961, read with Section 29 of The Recovery of Debts and Bankruptcy Act, 1993

ICICI BANK LTD
V/S
VIDYA DHAR NAIK AND OTHERS TO:

(1) Mr. Vidya Dhar Naik S/o Sri Bhogil Lal Naik, R/o-1-2003 SPS Residency Vaibhav Khand, Near Sampar Hall, Indrapuram, Ghaziabad- 201010.

(2) Mrs. Purnima Naik W/o- Mr. Vidya Dhar Naik, R/o-1-2003 SPS Residency Vaibhav Khand, Near Sampar Hall, Indrapuram, Ghaziabad-201010.

(3) M/s Kindle Developers Private Limited

Registered office at - B-9, 2nd Floor, Model Town II, New Delhi-110009, Corporate Office at- 102, 1st Floor, State House, Sector-4, Noida- 201301. Through its Authorized Signatory.

A. This is to notify a sum of Rs.65,75,36/- (Rupees Sixty Five Lakh Sixty Seven Thousand Five Hundred Thirty Six Only) with interest @ 8% per annum with simple monthly rest from the date of filling of the original application i.e. 03.07.2019 till loan fully liquidated jointly and severally with its costs succeeds in its realization from the certificate debtor nos. 1, 2 and 3 as per Certificate Bearing No. 892 of 2024 dated- 19.01.2024 in O.A. No. - 98 of 2023 passed against you by Hon'ble DRT, Lucknow.

B. You are hereby directed to pay the sum within 15 days of receipt of this notice, failing which the recovery shall be made in accordance with the Recovery of Debts and Bankruptcy Act - 1993.

C. You are hereby ordered that declare on affidavit the particulars of assets on or before 21/04/2025.

D. You are hereby ordered to appear before the undersigned on 21/04/2025 at 11 A.M.

E. In addition to the sum aforesaid, you will also be liable to pay the following:-

Application fees Rs.30,000/-
Advocate fees Rs. NIL
Publication charges Rs. NIL
Miscellaneous expenses Rs. NIL
Total Cost Rs. 30,000/-

Given under my hand and seal at Lucknow on 16/01/2025.

Recovery Officer - II
Debts Recovery Tribunal, Lucknow

Name & Address of Borrower/Co-Borrower : 1. ANKITA CHOUDHARY W/O- ANAND KUMAR, R/O - H. NO. 78-B, NYAY KHAND-11, INDIRAPURAM, GHAZIABAD, UTTAR PRADESH-201014, 2. ANAND KUMAR, S/O- SHAILENDRA KUMAR SINGH, R/O- H. NO. 78-B, NYAY KHAND-11, INDIRAPURAM, GHAZIABAD, UTTAR PRADESH-201014, ALSO AT: AIRPLAZA RETAILS HOLDINGS PVT. LTD., KHASRA NO. 580, OLD RAILWAY ROAD DADRI, G. B. NAGAR, UTTAR PRADESH-203207

Demand Notice Dated : 02-Sep-2024, Date of Possession : 14.02.2025

Amount of Demand Notice: Rs. 13,29,084/- as on 20-Aug-2024

Details of Property : "ALL THAT THE PIECE OF PARCEL OF PROPERTY H.NO. N-K/78-C, THIRD FLOOR (E.W.S.) WITHOUT ROOF RIGHTS, NYAY KHAND -11, INDIRAPURAM, GHAZIABAD, UTTAR PRADESH (COVERED AREA: 19.50 SQ. MTR.) THE SAID PLOT IN WHICH THE SAID FLD IS CONSTRUCTED:- EAST: FLAT NO. 77C, WEST: FLAT NO. 75C, NORTH: FLAT NO. 79C / PASSAGE, SOUTH : PROPERTY OTHER

Date : 14.02.2025, Place: Ghaziabad Authorised Officer, ManiBhavan Home Finance India Pvt. Ltd.

MANIBHAVNAM HOME FINANCE INDIA PRIVATE LIMITED

POSSESSION NOTICE (Appendix IV) Rule 8(1)

Whereas the Authorized officer of ManiBhavan Home Finance India Pvt. Ltd., a (hereinafter referred to as "MBHF"), MBHF, which has duly been Authorised by the Central Government, vide a notification dated 17.06.2021, to be treated as a Financial Institution, for the purposes of the "The Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002, having its registered office at- 2nd Floor, W-2, South Extension Part-1, New Delhi- 110049, under the provisions of the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (54 OF 2002) (hereinafter referred to as "Act") and in exercise of the powers conferred under Section 13(2) of the Act read with Rule 5 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rule, 2002 issued a Demand Notice to the following borrowers and co-borrowers to repay the amount mentioned in the notice within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice. The borrower/Guarantor having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him under sub-section (4) of Section 13 of the Act read with Rule 8 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 as per under mentioned Date. The borrower in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of "MBHF" and interest other charges thereon. The attention of the Borrower is invited to provisions of sub-section (8) of section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured asset.

FORM NO. 5 DRT/LKO DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL 600/1, University Road, Near Hanuman Setu Temple, Lucknow -226007

(Area of Jurisdiction- Part of Uttar Pradesh)

SUMMONS FOR FILING REPLY & APPEARANCE BY PUBLICATION O.A. No. 793/2022

(Summons to defendant under Section 19(4), of the Recovery of Debts due to Banks and Financial Institutions Act, 1993 read with Rules 12 and 13 of the Debts Recovery Tribunal (Procedure Rules, 1993)

O.A. NO.793/2022
ICICI Bank Ltd. ...Applicant
Versus
Mr. Rana Singh & Others ...Defendants

To, Defendants:
1) Mr. Rana Singh, S/o Sri. Shambhu Nath Singh, Resident of H. No.946, Sector-9, H.I.G Duplex Vasundhara, Ghaziabad-201014 (U.P.), ALSO Unit No. KBo-07-1402, Kensington Boulevard, Paypee Greens, Sector-128, Noida-201307 (U.P.)
2) Mrs. Neelam Singh, W/o Mr. Rana Singh, Resident of H. No. 946, Sector-9, H.I.G Duplex Vasundhara, Ghaziabad-201014 (U.P.), ALSO Unit No. KBA-07-1402, Kensington Boulevard, Paypee Greens, Sector-128, Noida-201307 (U.P.)

In the above noted application, you are required to file reply in paper book form in Two sets along with documents and affidavits (if any) personally or through your duly authorized agent or legal practitioner in this Tribunal, after serving copy of the same on the applicant or his counsel / duly authorized agent after publication of the summons, and thereafter to appear before the Tribunal on 09/07/2025 at 10:30 A.M. failing which the application shall be heard and decided in your absence.

Registrar
Debts Recovery Tribunal
Lucknow

I, Kheenv Singh, Father of- N.16022980P NK Agar Singh, R/o- Vill & PO- Khirjan Khas, Teh- Shergarh, Dist- Jodhpur, Rajasthan- 342028, have changed my name from Kheenv Singh to Khiv Singh, vide affidavit dated 18/02/2025 before Notary Public Delhi.

PD(1538)C

I, Babita Devi W/O- No.10136580X Hav Kaptan Singh, R/o- Vill & PO- Kabulpur Bangar, Dist- Faridabad, Haryana- 121004, have changed my name from Babita Devi to Babita, vide affidavit dated 18/02/2025 before Notary Public Delhi.

PD(1539)C

DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL DELHI

FOR ORDER OF THIS TRIBUNAL SECTION OFFICER, DRT-II, DELHI

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Last date of Submission of form & EMD Demand Draft is 27-02-25.

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Notice under Rule-2 of the Indl. Schedule of Income Tax Act 1961, read with Section 29 of The Recovery of Debts and Bankruptcy Act, 1993

ICICI BANK LTD
V/S
KIRAN KUMAR ARYA AND OTHERS

To:

(1) Kiran Kumar Arya S/o- Shri Chand Ramesh Arya R/o-K-603, Aditya Mega City, Near Nathu Sweets Indrapuram, Ghaziabad-201010.

(2) Sarna Pawan

(3) Mr. Shri Chand Ramesh Arya R/o-K-603, Aditya Mega City, Near Nathu Sweets Indrapuram, Ghaziabad-201010.

(4) M/s Future Shelters Private Limited Corporate Office at- Plot No.9, Sector-75, Noida-201301. Through its Authorized Signatory

A. This is to notify a sum of Rs.26,34,005.23 (Rupees Twenty Six Lakhs Thirty Four Thousand Five And Twenty Three Paise Only) along with pendentelite @ 12% and future interest per annum with monthly rest from the date of filling of the original application i.e. 12.01.2023 till loan fully liquidated jointly and severally with its costs succeeds in its realization from the certificate debtor nos. 1, 2 and 3 as per Certificate Bearing No. 892 of 2024 dated- 19.01.2024 in O.A. No. - 98 of 2023 passed against you by Hon'ble DRT, Lucknow.

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D. You are hereby ordered to appear before the undersigned on 21/04/2025 at 11 A.M.

E. In addition to the sum aforesaid, you will also be liable to pay the following:-

Application fees Rs. 30,000/-
Advocate fees Rs. NIL
Publication charges Rs. NIL
Miscellaneous expenses Rs. NIL
Total Cost Rs. 30,000/-

Given under my hand and seal at Lucknow on 16/01/2025.

Recovery Officer - II
Debts Recovery Tribunal, Lucknow

PUBLICATION FORM NO. 1

DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL 600/1, University Road, Hanuman Setu Mandir, Lucknow (Area of Jurisdiction, Part of Uttar Pradesh) DRC NO. 1386 OF 2023

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Application fees Rs.69,000/-
Advocate fees Rs. NIL
Publication charges Rs. NIL
Miscellaneous expenses Rs. NIL
Total Cost Rs.69,000/-

Given under my hand and seal at Lucknow on 16/01/2025.

Recovery Officer - II
Debts Recovery Tribunal, Lucknow

Chief Engineer, Uttarakhand Rural Roads Development Agency, First Floor, Directorate of Panchayatiraj, Opp-T Park, Sahasthradhara Road, Dehradun

Ref. No. : I/152298/2025 Dated : 18-02-2025

PRADHAN MANTRI GRAM SADAK YOJANA (PMGSY) e-Procurement Notice- 21(P-II)/2024-25

The Chief Engineer, URRDA on behalf of Governor of Uttarakhand invites the item rate bids in electronic tendering system for construction of works under Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana in the Districts of Uttarakashi for 01 number of packages with estimated cost totaling to **Rs. 6.14 Crore** including their maintenance for five years from the eligible contractors (Class-A and above) registered with PWD/CPWD or equivalent*.

Date of release of Invitation for Bids through e-procurement: **20-02-2025.**

Availability of Bid Documents and mode of submission: The bid documents are available online and should be submitted online in www.pmgstendersuk.gov.in. The bidder would be required to register in the web-site which is free of cost. For submission of the bids, the bidder is required to have Digital Signature Certificate (DSC) from one of the authorized Certifying Authorities. The bidders are required to submit original affidavit regarding correctness of information furnished with bid document as per provisions of Clause 4.4 B (ii) of ITB with CONCERNED CIRCLE OFFICES, mentioned in SBD on a date not later than three working days after the opening of technical qualification part of the bid, either by registered post or by hand, failing which the bids shall be declared non-responsive. No physical documents will be accepted after the closing date and time of submission of bids.

Last Date/Time for receipt of bids through e-procurement: 06-03-2025 01:00 PM.

For further details please log on to www.pmgstendersuk.gov.in

Chief Engineer, URRDA, Dehradun.

PUBLICATION FORM NO. 1

DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL 600/1, University Road, Hanuman Setu Mandir, Lucknow (Area of Jurisdiction, Part of Uttar Pradesh) DRC NO.-892 OF 2024

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Tesla starts recruitment in India

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

American electric carmaker Tesla has opened recruitments for various roles in India, including business operations analyst and customer support specialist, in what could be a precursor for the company's entry into the country.

As per the job postings on the company's website, the posts are for the 'Mumbai Suburban' area.

These roles include service advisor, parts advisor, service technician, service manager, sales and customer support, store manager, sales and customer support, business operations analyst, customer support supervisor, customer support specialist, delivery operations specialist, order operations specialist, inside sales advisor, and consumer engagement manager.

A mailed query to confirm if the recruitments are part of the company's plans to enter the Indian market and the possible timeline for starting sales in India remained



Prime Minister Narendra Modi during a meeting with SpaceX CEO Elon Musk at the Blair House, in Washington PTI

unanswered. The hiring by Tesla in India comes close after the recent meeting of company founder and American tech billionaire Elon Musk with India's Prime Minister Narendra Modi

during the latter's recent United States (US) visit. Tesla's possible entry into the Indian market has been keenly awaited. Last April, company founder and American tech billionaire Elon Musk had

postponed his proposed visit to India at the last minute citing "very heavy Tesla obligations" but the proposed visit had raised expectations of Musk announcing plans for the way forward for selling

Tesla electric cars in India at the earliest. His planned visit to India came weeks after the government announced a new electric vehicle policy under which import duty concessions will be given to companies setting up manufacturing units in the country with a minimum investment of \$500 Million, a move aimed at attracting major global players like Tesla. An advisor representing Tesla - The Asia Group (TAG) had even attended a stakeholders' meeting on the new EV policy along with those from Vietnam's EV maker VinFast and all the major manufacturers in India, including Maruti Suzuki, Hyundai, Tata, Mahindra, Kia, Skoda Auto Volkswagen India, Renault, Mercedes-Benz, BMW and Audi.

Musk had said in 2022 that Tesla, which was earlier seeking a reduction in import duties to sell its vehicles in India, would not manufacture its products unless it is allowed to first sell and service its cars in the country.

Economy expected to grow 6.4 per cent in Q3: ICRA

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

The Information and Credit Rating Agency (ICRA) on Tuesday projected India's GDP to grow 6.4 per cent in the December quarter on account of enhanced government spending amid uneven consumption. The Indian economy grew at 6.7 per cent in April-June, but it slowed to a seven-quarter low of 5.4 per cent in September quarter on sluggish government capital expenditure due to general elections and weak consumption demand. ICRA Chief Economist Aditi Nayar said India's economic performance in Q3 FY2025 benefitted from a sharp ramp-up in aggregate government spending (Centre and state) on capital and revenue expenditure, high growth in services exports, a turnaround in merchandise exports, healthy output of

major kharif crops etc, which would have buffered rural sentiment. Some consumer-focussed sectors saw a pick-up during the festive season, even as urban consumer sentiment dipped slightly, and other sectors such as mining and electricity saw an improvement after weather-related challenges in the previous quarter. "Overall, while we expect the pace of GDP and the GVA expansion to rise in Q3 FY2025 relative to the seven-quarter low prints for the previous quarter, marking an upturn, the performance may remain inferior to the NSO's initial estimates for Q1 FY2025," Nayar said. The National Statistical Office (NSO) will release the October-December growth estimates on February 28. It will also release the second advance estimates of GDP for the current fiscal. In the first advance estimates

released in January, NSO projected GDP growth at a four-year low pace of 6.4 per cent in the current fiscal. The RBI expects growth to be 6.6 per cent. ICRA has projected the economy to grow at 6.4 per cent in Q3 from 5.4 per cent in Q2, benefitting from enhanced government spending amid uneven consumption, it said in a statement. India's investment activity improved in Q3, as reflected in the uptick in the YoY growth in several investment-related indicators vis-a-vis Q2, the rating agency said. This includes capital and infrastructure goods' output, cement production, engineering goods' exports, and capital spending of the Centre and state governments. The YoY expansion in the government's capex surged to a six-quarter high of 47.7 per cent in Q3 from 10.3 per cent in the previous quarter.

Reliance Group enters renewable energy manufacturing

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Reliance Infrastructure (RInfra) is entering into the renewable energy (RE) equipment manufacturing space to increase its business portfolio, industry sources said.

The Reliance Group company has already appointed Ivan Saha as Chief Executive Officer (CEO), Renewable Manufacturing, and Mushtaque Hussain as Chief Executive Officer (CEO), Battery Manufacturing, they said. "RInfra is making strategic entry into the renewable energy manufacturing industry," sources said. The company would set up an integrated solar manufacturing unit with the objective to boost the production of solar panels and components in India, promoting self-sufficiency in clean energy. Solar manufacturing will be led by Saha, who comes with over 30 years of experience in semiconductors and solar technology and device design. He has served organisations like Vikram Solar and

ReNew Power. Its integrated battery manufacturing unit will focus on developing advanced energy storage solutions for grid applications and electric mobility. Hussain, who would lead this business, brings over 25 years of expertise in the automotive, renewable energy, consumer electronics, and power tools sectors. He has held key leadership roles in major organisations such as Reliance Industries Ltd (RIL) and Tesla. RInfra is an infrastructure player that operates in the business of metro rails, toll roads and power distribution. With the company's entry into solar equipment and battery manufacturing business, the Reliance Group aims to cover the entire spectrum of renewable energy value chain, enabling the group to offer end-to-end solutions - from renewable energy equipment manufacturing to solar power generation. This move complements the efforts of Reliance Power,

focused on renewable energy generation, further strengthening the group's overall presence in the sector. Reliance Power, another Reliance Group company, had already announced expansion plans in renewable energy generation space. Its subsidiary Reliance NU Energies Private Limited appointed Mayank Bansal as CEO and Rakesh Swaroop as COO. Another Reliance Power subsidiary Reliance Nu Suntech Private Ltd recently secured a 930 Mw solar energy project with a battery energy storage system (BESS) from the Solar Energy Corporation Of India (SECI) through an e-reverse auction. The project, which is the largest single-location integrated solar power and BESS Project in Asia, includes a minimum storage capacity of 465 MW/1,860 Mwh, charged by solar power. The company is also developing 1,270 MW of renewable energy projects in Bhutan.

India, US aim for \$500 Billion trade in 6-8 months: Goyal

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

India and the United States (US) are committed to increasing bilateral trade to \$500 Billion and negotiating a "strong" trade agreement within the next six-eight months, Commerce and Industry Minister Piyush Goyal said on Tuesday. During the recent visit of Prime Minister Narendra Modi to Washington, India and the US announced to more than double the two-way commerce to \$500 Billion by 2030 and negotiate the first tranche of a mutually beneficial, multi-sector bilateral trade agreement (BTA) by fall of 2025. Goyal said once his US counterpart takes charge, both countries will discuss the contours of the pact. "In the next six-eight months, by establishing a strong trade agreement, we are committed to increasing trade to \$500 Billion," Goyal said on the sidelines of CII's India-Qatar Business Forum meet. He added businesses of both the countries are excited about the



Union Minister Piyush Goyal addresses during the India-Qatar Joint Business Forum PTI

agreement. When asked if the pact would have chapters related to goods, services and investments, he said, "My counterpart has not yet confirmed in the US. After the (confirmation), we will do talks and then only we can decide the way forward". Normally in a free trade agreement, two trading partners either eliminate or significantly reduce customs duties on the maximum number of goods traded

between them. Besides, they ease norms to promote trade in services and boost investments. During the first term of US President Donald Trump, the two countries had discussed a mini-trade deal, but it was shelved by the Joe Biden administration as they were not in favour of such pacts. In 2023, the US and India bilateral trade in goods and services stood at \$190.08 Billion (\$123.89 Billion in goods and \$66.19 Billion in services trade).

IPO-bound NSE's valuation jumps 200 per cent

PTI ■ MUMBAI

The IPO-bound NSE's valuation jumped 201 per cent in 2024 to ₹4.7 Lakh Crore, a report said on Tuesday. The largest India equity bourse, which is reported to have restarted its listing process by applying for a no-objection from markets regulator, Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI), is already the 10th-most valuable private company in the country, as per the 2024 Burgundy Private Hurun India 500 list of listed as well as unlisted companies. The valuation was pegged at ₹3.12 Lakh Crore, as per a September 2024 report. Another media report said the company, which also runs the world's largest derivatives exchange, aims to sell 10 per cent of holding in the IPO. The overall revenues jumped 28 per cent to ₹16,352 Crore in FY24, and the post-tax profit surged 51 per cent to ₹8,306 Crore. The stock bourse had moved on the listing plans after getting some clarity on allegations of not allowing

equitable access to its members. Hurun said it has travelled across the country and spoken with industry experts, journalists, bankers and accessed publicly available data sources while arriving at the valuation for private or unlisted companies. The list of companies is led by Mukesh Ambani-led Reliance Industries with a ₹17.5 Lakh Crore valuation, while Tata Consultancy Services came second at ₹16.1 Lakh Crore with a 30 per cent growth. Billionaire Gautam Adani's flagship Adani Ports and Special Economic Zone was valued at ₹2,73,530 Crore as on December 13, which was used as the cut-off date for the list. The Adani Group, which includes nine listed companies, was valued at ₹13.40 Lakh Crore, while the Ambani-led Reliance Group's overall valuation was pegged at ₹19.71 Lakh Crore. The salt-to-software Tata Sons led among the industrial groups in valuation, with a 37 per cent jump in valuation to Rs 32.27 Lakh Crore.

India's Defence industry poised for massive expansion

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

The defence industry in India is at the "cusp of a massive expansion", Defence Secretary Rajesh Kumar Singh has said even as he suggested that public-private-partnership would be "critical" in making the country a hub for advanced manufacturing in the sector. In his address at a defence conclave here late Monday evening, he also said the intention of the government is to build a "technologically advanced" and "combat-ready force" that can effectively address the "complexities of modern warfare". The event was hosted by Axis Bank to bring together different stakeholders, including government officials, industry members, financial institutions, among others under one roof. Singh said the conclave fosters collaboration among different stakeholders from

the defence industry ecosystem, including those who would finance them. Creating a unified platform for discussions on 'Atmanirbhar Bharat', empowering the defence ecosystem is a "critical issue" right now, he added. "It is an ongoing effort which we sort of need to continue to focus on. It is also in line with our priorities of modernising and reforming the defence ecosystem in our quest for 'Atmanirbharta' or strategic self-reliance," the defence secretary said. He recalled that Ministry of Defence recently declared 2025 as the "year of reforms", saying the objective is to make systems and procedures more efficient, streamlined in order to deliver timely outcomes. "The intention is to build a technologically advanced and combat-ready force that can effectively address the complexities of modern

warfare," he said. In his address, Singh emphasised about working together with different stakeholders to create a robust defence ecosystem. Relaxation in the FDI policies and industrial licensing procedures are other elements that will propel the growth in the Indian domestic defence industry, he said. "Our exports have increased to ₹21,000 Crore, almost a 30 times jump in the last ten years. It is very obvious that the defence industry in India is at the cusp of a massive expansion," the defence secretary said. The current industrial ecosystem of India, which comprises various defence PSUs, licensed companies and MSMEs are the "pillars of this expanding industrial base", he added. "Our focus has to be on reducing industry barriers for new players and new

technologies. So that our defence industrial ecosystem becomes adaptive, agile, and capable of responding quickly to the changing nature of warfare, as we have seen in recent geopolitical conflicts," he said. Citing the defence budget figures, Singh said, it was ₹6.21 Lakh Crore that will go up by 9.5 per cent to 6.81 Lakh Crore in 2025-26. And we should be spending over the next decade, something between \$20-25 Billion, perhaps even USD 30 billion per annum, "as per our modernisation initiatives", he added. Earlier in his address, the top official in the ministry underlined that an industrial ecosystem is being envisioned where "incubency advantage would not prevail over the ability of start-ups of agile private sector entrepreneurs," to bring into the ecosystem and to bring in disruptive technologies.

Rupee falls eight paise against USD

PTI ■ MUMBAI

Rupee depreciated eight paise to close at 86.96 (provisional) against US dollar weighed down by sustained foreign fund outflows and an uptick in the US Dollar index. Forex traders said there is a negative bias for the USD and INR pair as foreign investors continue to sell domestic equities and the RBI support is tapering off slowly. At the interbank foreign exchange, the rupee opened at 86.94 and touched the high of 86.91 against the greenback during intraday. It also touched the low of 86.98 before ending the session at 86.96 (provisional) against the dollar, logging a loss of 8 paise from its previous close. On Monday, the rupee depreciated 17 paise to close at 86.88 against the US dollar. Traders said disappointing trade deficit data from the domestic markets too

pressurised the rupee. India's exports declined for the third month in a row in January, falling by 2.38 per cent year-on-year to \$36.43 Billion, while the trade deficit widened to \$22.99 Billion in the month. Imports rose by 10.28 per cent year-on-year to \$59.42 Billion in January due to an increase in gold shipments, according to the Commerce Ministry data. Meanwhile, the dollar index, which gauges the greenback's strength against a basket of six currencies, was at 106.95, higher by 0.35 per cent. Brent crude, the global oil benchmark, was quoted 0.77 per cent higher at \$75.80 per barrel in futures trade. In the domestic equity market, the 30-share BSE Sensex declined 29.47 points, or 0.04 per cent, to settle at 75,967.39, while the Nifty fell 14.20 points, or 0.06 per cent, to 22,945.30 points. Foreign Institutional

Investors (FIIs) offloaded equities worth ₹3,937.83 Crore in the capital markets on net basis on Monday, according to exchange data. "We expect the rupee to trade with negative bias amid weak domestic equities and a recovery in the US dollar. FII outflows may also weigh on the rupee. However, any further intervention by the RBI may support the rupee at lower levels. "Traders may take cues from speeches by the Federal Open Market Committee (FOMC) members," Choudhary said, adding that "the USD-INR spot price is expected to trade in a range of 86.75 to 87.20." On the global front, Chinese President Xi Jinping on Monday asked business leaders to unleash their talents in a rare meeting with billionaires including Jack Ma, founder of e-commerce giant Alibaba, in a bid to shore up sagging business confidence and reverse economic slowdown.

NTPC pays interim dividend of ₹2,424 Crore

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

State-owned NTPC on Tuesday said it has paid an additional ₹2,424 Crore of interim dividend to its shareholders in the financial year ending March 2025. "This is in addition to the first interim dividend of ₹2,424 Crore paid in November 2024, NTPC said in a statement. The ₹2,424 Crore dividend paid on February 18 is 25 per cent of the paid-up equity share capital of the company. The total dividend paid by the company during the ongoing fiscal has reached ₹8,000 Crore, which includes the final dividend of ₹3,152 Crore for the financial year 2023-24 paid in September 2024.

Markets end slightly lower as foreign fund outflow persists

PTI ■ MUMBAI

Benchmark indices Sensex and Nifty ended marginally lower on Tuesday as uninterrupted foreign fund outflows and lower-than-expected corporate earnings continued to hit investors' sentiment. After a day's breather, the 30-share BSE benchmark Sensex ended 29.47 points or 0.04 per cent lower at 75,967.39. Intraday, it dropped 465.85 points or 0.61 per cent to 75,531.01. The NSE Nifty dipped 14.20 points or 0.06 per cent to settle at 22,945.30. "On Tuesday, the Indian blue-chip equity indices, Sensex and Nifty-50, closed with a slight decline, primarily due to a slowdown in earnings and concerns over ongoing foreign selling, which affected market

sentiment," Ameya Ranadive, Chartered Market Technician, CFTe, Sr Technical Analyst, StoxBox, said. From the Sensex pack, IndusInd Bank, Mahindra & Mahindra, UltraTech Cement, Hindustan Unilever, Sun Pharma, Tata Consultancy Services, ITC and Asian Paints were among the biggest laggards. NTPC, Zomato, Tech Mahindra, Power Grid, Kotak Mahindra Bank and HCL Tech were among the gainers. The BSE smallcap gauge dropped 1.71 per cent and midcap index declined 0.19 per cent. Among BSE sectoral indices, industrials dropped 1.51 per cent, consumer durables (1.19 per cent), telecommunication (1.06 per cent), capital goods (0.91 per cent), auto (0.65 per

cent) and consumer discretionary (0.55 per cent). BSE utilities climbed 1.03 per cent, BSE Focused IT (0.86 per cent), oil and gas (0.70 per cent) and energy (0.38 per cent). As many as 2,918 stocks declined while 1,032 advanced and 114 remained unchanged on the BSE. "The domestic market has experienced both profit-taking and bottom-fishing amid persistent concerns over FII outflows and pressure on the INR. Small and midcap stocks continue to lag due to apprehensions about premium valuations. Meanwhile, India's trade deficit has widened beyond expectations, driven by rising imports due to depreciating domestic currency and surging commodity prices,"

Vinod Nair, Head of Research, Geojit Financial Services, said. Foreign Institutional Investors (FIIs) offloaded equities worth ₹3,937.83 Crore on Monday, according to exchange data. In Asian markets, Seoul, Tokyo and Hong Kong settled in the positive territory while Shanghai ended lower. European markets were quoting mostly lower. US markets were closed on Monday in observance of 'President's Day'. Global oil benchmark Brent crude climbed 0.73 per cent to \$75.77 a barrel. The Sensex climbed 57.65 points or 0.08 per cent to settle at 75,996.86 on Monday, ending an eight-day losing run. The Nifty rebounded 30.25 points or 0.13 per cent to 22,959.50.

Unemployment rate dips to 6.4 per cent

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

The unemployment rate for people aged 15 years and above in urban areas dipped to 6.4 per cent in the October-December quarter, according to the National Sample Survey Survey (NSSO). Joblessness, or unemployment rate, is defined as the percentage of unemployed people in the labour force. The unemployment rate in the December quarter of FY24 was 6.5 per cent. However, the rate stayed flat when compared sequentially. In the preceding July-September quarter of FY25, the rate of unemployment for people aged 15 years and above in urban areas was at

the same level of 6.4 per cent, the 25th Periodic Labour Force Survey (PLFS) showed. The unemployment rate among females (aged 15 years and above) in urban areas declined to 8.1 per cent in October-December 2024 from 8.6 per cent in the same quarter a year ago. The rate was 8.4 per cent in July-September, 2024. Among males, the unemployment rate in urban areas remained flat at 5.8 per cent in October-December 2024 as compared to the rate of the same quarter a year ago. The rate was 5.7 per cent in July-September, 2024. Labour force participation rate in Current Weekly Status (CWS) in urban areas for people aged 15 years and above increased to 50.4 per

cent in October-December from 49.9 per cent in the same quarter a year ago. The rate was 50.4 per cent in the July-September 2024. Labour force refers to the part of the population, which supplies or offers to supply labour for pursuing economic activities for the production of goods and services and, therefore, includes both employed and unemployed persons. The NSSO had launched PLFS in April 2017. On the basis of PLFS, a quarterly bulletin is brought out giving estimates of labour force indicators namely unemployment rate, worker population ratio (WPR), labour force participation rate (LFPR), distribution of workers by broad status in

employment and industry of work in CWS. The estimates of unemployed persons in CWS give an average picture of unemployment in a short span of seven days during the survey period. In the CWS approach, a person is considered unemployed if he/she did not work even for one hour on any day during the week but sought or was available for work at least for one hour on any day during the period. Labour force, according to CWS, is the number of persons either employed or unemployed on average in a week preceding the date of the survey. LFPR is defined as the percentage of the population in the labour force.

Zelezny's tweaks will take me to 90m mark soon: Neeraj

PTI ■ NEW DELHI
Two-time Olympic medal-winning javelin throw star Neeraj Chopra has revealed that his new coach Jan Zelezny has figured out mistakes in his technique and would now make some adjustments to his throwing routine to achieve the 90m mark that the Indian star is pursuing for a while.
The 26-year-old, while speaking to India Today, also opened up about his hush-hush wedding to former tennis player Himani Mor last month, saying that their relationship was a casual friendship at first "but slowly we fell in love".
Chopra has been trying hard to hit the 90m mark. His personal best stands at 89.94m which was achieved in 2022. His season begins in May with the Diamond League and would mark the competitive start of his partnership with Zelezny, a former Olympic and world champion who also holds the

world record (98.48m).
"I believe a 90+ throw is happening soon. He (Jan Zelezny) has made some technical adjustments in my game," said Chopra.
"He (Zelezny) feels that his tweaks would help me. I've been able to understand what he expects from me. One of the mistakes that he told me about was how I was throwing very low even in Paris and that I was leaning towards the left.
"If I am able to incorporate those changes, I think I will get a lot better," he added.
But the Panipat-lad insisted that the milestone is still not as important as winning medals for the country.
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consulted a doctor recommended by Zelezny in Prague.
"Groin injury has been an issue for a long time. I wasn't able to give 100 percent in my technique because of my injury. I went to Zelezny's doctor in Prague, and he suggested some exercises. I am working on that, so hopefully it helps, and I am able to give my 100 percent," he said.
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Opening about his marriage that stunned everyone, Chopra said both he and Mor wanted it to be an intimate affair and that's why they chose a town near Solan.
"I knew her. She also comes from a family with a sports background, and so do we. Her father and mother were kabaddi players. Her brothers were boxers and wrestlers," Chopra said.
"She herself was a tennis player, but after picking up injuries, she focused more on her studies," he added.
Shedding light on how their relationship developed over a period of time, Chopra said being athletes, they could connect easily.
"Because our families had a sports background, we had the opportunity to meet. Our conversations began like that -- just two athletes talking. It was casual at first, but slowly, we fell in love," he said.
Their wedding pictures, which Chopra shared on social media a couple of days after the ceremony, took the internet by storm.
Although only family members were invited for the nuptials, Chopra said most of his close circle of friends was aware that he was tying the knot and he would soon be planning a celebration with those who couldn't be a part of the function.
"...Families and friends knew. I wanted to return to training because the season was about to start. I thought it would only be possible after the season. Inviting everyone would have taken time," he explained.



I have not resigned, will complete tenure, says Mary Kom

PTI ■ NEW DELHI
The Indian Olympic Association's athletes commission chairperson and boxing legend M C Mary Kom on Tuesday denied reports that she has resigned from her position, insisting that she has been misunderstood and will complete her tenure in the panel.
The 42-year-old Manipuri, who is also a 2012 Olympics bronze-winner, had travelled to Haldwani for the National Games closing ceremony last week where she expressed her displeasure over being lodged at an "inferior hotel".
Speaking to PTI, Mary Kom said her outburst has been misconstrued as resignation. "I have not resigned, I will complete my tenure (which ends in 2026)," she asserted.
"I was merely telling my fellow (athletes commission) members that if this kind of treatment happens again, I will consider resigning. I never said that I am resigning. IOA is my family and if I am unhappy over something, I have every right to express it.
"This does not mean that I am resigning," she went on.
Mary Kom was elected to the panel in 2022 with table tennis stalwart A Sharath Kamal as vice-chairperson. The commission also features two-time Olympic medal-winning shuttler PV Sindhu, former shot putter Om Prakash Karhana, Winter

Olympian Shiva Keshavan, London Olympics bronze-winning shooter Gagan Narang, rower Bajrang Lal, fencer Bhavani Devi, former women's hockey captain Rani Rampal, and Tokyo Olympics silver-winning weightlifter Mirabai Chanu.
"I don't know why it is that every time I raise my voice for something, it is misunderstood like this? Lot of my fellow athletes speak their mind on so many issues but nobody gets misunderstood," Mary Kom said.
"I was put up in a bad hotel when I went for the National Games closing ceremony despite the fact that a better hotel was available. If others could be accommodated, why not me? That was the only question I asked," she insisted.
"Next thing I know, people are saying I have resigned. Where is the resignation? Has anyone seen it?" she asked.
Asked if she has had a word with IOA President P T Usha on this matter, Mary Kom said, "I haven't been able to connect with her because my phone was misplaced. But I will speak to her, I have good communication with her."
One of the most decorated Indian athletes, Mary Kom has been on the athletes forum of the International Olympic Committee (IOC) in the past and has a fairly good experience of the administrative side of sports.

Parth Rekhade puts Vidarbha in firm control against Mumbai

PTI ■ NAGPUR
Left-arm spinner Parth Rekhade struck thrice in an over as Mumbai slipped to a precarious 188 for 7 in reply to Vidarbha's first innings total of 383, trailing by 195 runs at stumps on Day Two of their Ranji Trophy semifinal here on Tuesday.
Mumbai opener Akash Anand was battling at one end, unbeaten on 67, with the last recognised batter, Tanush Kotian, on 5 not out at the other, as their title defence came under intense pressure from a disciplined and persistent Vidarbha side on their home ground at the VCA Stadium here.
Mumbai were steady at 113 for two at one stage but Rekhade, playing only his second First-Class match, ripped open the Ranji champions' batting lineup, first with an innocuous delivery which claimed the prized scalp of Ajinkya Rahane in the 41st over. Rahane's defensive prod had the ball rolling back to his stumps and knock off the bats, ending his stay for a 24-ball 18 which also had an outside edge flying between the wicketkeeper and the first slip.
Two deliveries later, Suryakumar Yadav (0) then paid a heavy price for a hard-handed frontfoot prod as an inside edge was sharply collected by Danish Malewar at silly point over his head.
Another couple of deliveries later, Shivam Dube (0), who had claimed 5/49 in Vidarbha's first innings, was also caught for a two-ball duck like his India T20I teammate Suryakumar as Mumbai slipped from 113/2 to 113/5.
It soon became 118/6 for the Rahane-led side, losing four wickets for a mere five runs, when Shams Mulani was trapped leg-before by Harsh Dubey for his first wicket.
Anand then forged a crucial 60-run stand with Shardul Thakur but their partnership did not last long.
Thakur, who has persistently come to Mumbai's rescue with the bat this season, did produce a fightback but could not push on for a big knock, perishing for a 41-ball 37 with four fours and a six with his knock having all the elements of his trademark counterattack.
He was bounced out by Yash Thakur (2), who had cleaned up Siddhesh Lad (35) for a vital breakthrough earlier in the day to break his stubborn second-wicket partnership with Anand.



Mumbai had begun rather shakily in reply to Vidarbha's first innings total when opener Ayush Mhatre played one in the air early on to find Malewar at cover, following which the pair of Lad and Anand had done well to see off the threat from the new ball there on.
On his part, wicketkeeper-batter Anand batted extremely well, reaching a solid 67 off 171 balls, including six fours -- most of them coming on the off-side.
But once again it was Vidarbha who walked away with the bragging rights after another dominant show, having earlier added 75 runs to their overnight total of 308 for five. Rathod brought up his fifty shortly after play resumed on the second day but like his teammates, could not push on and fell for 54 off 113 balls with seven fours.
Brief scores: Vidarbha 383 in 107.5 overs (Dhruv Shorey 74, Danish Malewar 79, Yash Rathod 54; Shivam Dube 5/49, Shams Mulani 2/62) lead Mumbai 188/7 in 59 overs (Akash Anand 67*; Yash Thakur 2/56, Parth Rekhade 3/16) by 195 runs.

Mumbai City FC meet Hyderabad FC

PTI ■ HYDERABAD
Mumbai City FC will look to continue their promising form away from home when they take on hosts Hyderabad FC in their Indian Super League match here on Wednesday.
Mumbai City FC are currently positioned at the sixth place in the points table. They have 31 points to their name from 20 games, on the back of two victories and draws each in their previous five matches. Hyderabad FC are at the penultimate spot, with 16 points from 20 encounters on the back of four wins and draws each -- with two of those victories coming in their last four games.
The Islanders have been doing well on the road in the current campaign, winning four and drawing thrice in their last seven away matches.
A victory in this fixture would propel them to their maiden league double over Hyderabad FC, which would make Mumbai City FC the team with the most league doubles (13) over different opponents in the ISL. However, Mumbai City FC faced a 1-3 setback to FC Goa in their last match, at Home. Still, under Petr Kratky, Mumbai City FC have not yet faced consecutive losses and they will look to sustain that record with a positive outcome in the forthcoming match.
Contrastingly, Hyderabad FC have been on an encouraging run at home, winning their last two matches there -- by 3-2 against Jamshedpur FC and 3-1 vs Mohammedan SC.
A third straight home win will equal the feat that they scaled in October-November 2022, when all triumphs had come with a 1-0 scoreline. In the last match between these two sides on November 30, 2024, Mumbai City FC had edged past by a slender 1-0 margin. Hyderabad FC have been found on the back-foot defensively, giving away nine headed goals in 2024-25, which is the joint-highest in the competition. The team has kept the least clean sheets (2) in the ISL 2024-25, conceding the most goals (41) amongst all 13 teams.
Ramhlunchhanga won possession four times in the final third against Odisha FC in their last game, the joint-highest by any player in a single game this season. He has won possession 17 times in the final third this term, the most by any Indian player.

Alcaraz beats Cilic in straight sets to advance at Qatar Open

PTI ■ DOHA
Top-seeded Carlos Alcaraz overcame Croatian veteran Marin Cilic 6-4, 6-4 to reach the round of 16 at the Qatar Open.
The 36-year-old Cilic, the 2014 U.S. Open champion who has fallen to No. 192 in the rankings, was on Monday playing his first match of the season after recovering from a long-term knee injury.
The Croatian led 4-3 and 0-40 on Alcaraz's serve in the second set, but the Spanish four-time major winner managed to recover and then broke in the next game.
"I am just really happy that I stayed calm at that moment, breathing, going through my routines, making good points," Alcaraz said.
"That's why I was able to win in two sets."
Alcaraz will play either Zhang Zhizhen of China or Italy's Luca Nardi next.
Earlier, seventh-seeded Grigor Dimitrov lost 6-4, 6-4 to Jiri Lehecka.
Also on Monday, eighth-seeded Jack Draper beat Alexei Popyrin 6-2, 7-6 (4) to set up a meeting with another Australian, Christopher O'Connell.
Several other top players will play their first matches on Tuesday.
Second-seeded Alex de Minaur will face Roman Safiullin. Novak Djokovic, who had to pull out of his Australian Open semifinal with a hamstring injury, will take on Matteo Berrettini.



Alcaraz overcame Croatian veteran Marin Cilic 6-4, 6-4 to reach the round of 16 at the Qatar Open. The 36-year-old Cilic, the 2014 U.S. Open champion who has fallen to No. 192 in the rankings, was on Monday playing his first match of the season after recovering from a long-term knee injury. The Croatian led 4-3 and 0-40 on Alcaraz's serve in the second set, but the Spanish four-time major winner managed to recover and then broke in the next game. "I am just really happy that I stayed calm at that moment, breathing, going through my routines, making good points," Alcaraz said. "That's why I was able to win in two sets." Alcaraz will play either Zhang Zhizhen of China or Italy's Luca Nardi next. Earlier, seventh-seeded Grigor Dimitrov lost 6-4, 6-4 to Jiri Lehecka. Also on Monday, eighth-seeded Jack Draper beat Alexei Popyrin 6-2, 7-6 (4) to set up a meeting with another Australian, Christopher O'Connell. Several other top players will play their first matches on Tuesday. Second-seeded Alex de Minaur will face Roman Safiullin. Novak Djokovic, who had to pull out of his Australian Open semifinal with a hamstring injury, will take on Matteo Berrettini.

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PTI ■ BARCELONA
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PTI ■ DOHA
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August because Sinner successfully appealed against being provisionally banned from playing. He then won the U.S. Open in September and the Australian Open in January.
Sinner's explanation for the positive test was that trace amounts of Clotestebol in his doping sample was due to a massage from a trainer who used the substance after cutting his own finger, which WADA accepted.
Djokovic said he didn't question Sinner's and Swiatek's innocence but that he and other players are frustrated about the inconsistent handling of doping cases.
He pointed to the case of former women's No. 1 Simona Halep -- who was given a four-year ban by the ITIA in 2022 after a positive test before it was later reduced to nine months -- and British player Tara Moore, who was suspended in May 2022 while an investigation lasted 18 months before an independent tribunal determined that her positive test for a banned substance was caused by contaminated meat.
"Right now it's a ripe time for us to really address the system, because the system and the structure obviously doesn't work, it's obvious," Djokovic said.
"So, I hope that in the ... Near future that the governing bodies are going to come together of our tours and the tennis ecosystem and try to find a more effective way to deal with these processes.

India will feel Bumrah's absence very strongly: Dhawan

PTI ■ DUBAI
India will feel Jasprit Bumrah's absence "very strongly" in the Champions Trophy but they still have a great chance to win the tournament considering their recent form and a host of match-winners at their disposal, reckons former opener Shikhar Dhawan. While the event starts in Pakistan on Wednesday, India start their campaign a day later with a match against neighbours Bangladesh at the Dubai International Cricket Stadium. Pace spearhead Bumrah was ruled out of the tournament due to a lower back injury, having taken the maximum load during India's five-match Test series against Australia. "My concern is they are going to miss Jasprit Bumrah, there is no doubt he will be a big absence and I think they will feel it very strongly," Dhawan wrote in an ICC column published on Tuesday. "For me, he is the best bowler in the world, and his accuracy is hard to replicate. He is also a very calm character and that is crucial in a huge ICC event like this." Dhawan is, however, backing Shubman Gill and Harshit Rana to sizzle in the tournament. "At the same time, Harshit Rana has



come into the side and I think that is really exciting - keep an eye on him, I think he could have a breakout tournament. "I like his attitude, he is a go-getter and he is not afraid of anything. He accepts challenges and we have seen in the England series that he is in form. I am sure he will look to seize this opportunity and, if he does, he could provide a real X-factor for India." Going by recent form and team strength, Dhawan found it hard to look beyond India when the discussion turned to title contenders. "There are a lot of reasons to be optimistic for India. They have a very balanced side, especially with the bat - there is a nice blend of experience and youth. Shubman Gill, in particular, is so consistent and he has a big role to play. I think he will have a great tournament."

"Rohit Sharma has found form, Virat Kohli is there; they are a top side and will take some stopping." Dhawan is also not ruling out teams such as South Africa, New Zealand, Australia and hosts Pakistan, to whom India lost in the title clash in the last edition in the UK. "I really like South Africa in this tournament as well. They have played consistent cricket and have everything you need to win such a huge tournament - experience, strength-in-depth and X-factor players like Kagiso Rabada. "I also like Pakistan, they will be hard to beat in home conditions, and also New Zealand - who are just always there or thereabouts. "Australia have struggled in their series with Sri Lanka but they some great batters; Travis Head is in great form, and I'm really excited to see Steve Smith." Dhawan is one of the most successful batters in the tournament's history having scored 701 runs in 10 innings at an average of 77.88. He hit three centuries in the tournament, with his best being 125 against Sri Lanka in 2017. "The ICC Champions Trophy means a great deal to me. We won in 2013 and then reached the final in 2017, and both times I finished as leading run-scorer," he added.



WPL: Delhi Capitals, UP Warriorz eye improved batting effort

PTI ■ VADODARA
Delhi Capitals and UP Warriorz will be aiming for an improved batting effort on Wednesday after floundering in their previous Women's Premier League matches. Their clash is also the last match here at the Kotambi Stadium before the WPL action shifts to Bengaluru from February 21. The Capitals are yet to match the pre-tournament favourite billing with performances. Their batting has failed to fire in two matches, even in their victory over the Mumbai Indians. They made heavy weather of the chase of a 165-run target before winning by two wickets, and folded for 141 against the Royal Challengers Bengaluru on Monday during the eight-wicket defeat. The trouble starts from the top as skipper Meg Lanning has not been able to produce a big knock yet. It has seemed that international retirement has taken a toll on the Australian. There have been occasional fireworks by Shafali Varma, Jemimah Rodrigues or Sarah Bryce, but they have not been able to convert into a substantial innings. Their bowling has been in much better shape with veteran Shikha Pandey leading from the front, but she needs some more support from others, particularly from fellow pacer Arundhati Reddy. The UP outfit too is in a similar place. Grace Harris and Tahlia McGrath, their middle-order powerhouses, looked uneasy against spin and the Capitals have a capable bunch in Minnu Mani, Jess Jonassen and Radha Yadav. The Warriorz have invested heavily in skipper Deepti Sharma, young wicketkeeper batter Uma Chhetri and openers Vrinda Dinesh and Kiran Navgire. It's not often that a WPL team fills their top four with Indian players, and the quartet will have to repay the faith of the management sooner than later. The absence of an injured Alyssa Healy has reduced the firepower in their top order. They would also expect leg-spinner Alana King to make an impression against Delhi, as the Aussie spinner, who bowled that extraordinary Shane Warne-esque delivery in the Women's Ashes, was quite expensive against Gujarat. **Teams (from):** UP Warriorz: Deepti Sharma (captain), Alana King, Gouher Sultana, Saima Thakor, Grace Harris, Shweta Sehrawat, Anjali Sarvani, Kiran Navgire, Sophie Ecclestone, Arushi Goel, Kranti Goud, Tahlia McGrath, Chamari Athapaththu, Poonam Khemnar, Uma Chetry, Rajeshwari Gayakwad, Vrinda Dinesh. Delhi Capitals: Meg Lanning (captain), Harleen Deol, Prakashika Naik, Beth Mooney, Kashvee Gautam, Priya Mishra, Bharti Fulmali, Laura Wolvaardt, Sayali Sanghvi, Danielle Gibson, Mannat Kashyap, Shabnam Shakil, Dayalan Hemalatha, Meghna Singh, Simran Shaikh, Deandra Dottin, Phoebe Litchfield, Tanuja Kanwar.



Delighted to see ICC Champions Trophy in Pakistan, says Wasim

PTI ■ KARACHI
Former captain Wasim Bari is glad to see the return of a global cricketing event to Pakistan through the ICC Champions Trophy, and hopes that the nightmarish days after the militant attack on Sri Lankan team in 2009 are forgotten forever. Pakistan could not host international cricket for 10 years after that gruesome day, and were forced to play their home matches in the UAE. Bari was serving as the Director in the Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB) under the Chairmanship of late Ejaz Butt when the attack took place on March 3 near the Liberty roundabout close to the Gaddafi stadium. "It was the worst day in my life when news came through of what had happened. Everyone was numb and most of us in our offices realised immediately this was going to put Pakistan cricket back by a few years," Bari said. Bari said there was disbelief followed by sorrow when the governments of both the nations and the ICC got involved, and later a chartered flight was arranged to send the Lankan team back home. Six policemen and two others were killed in the attack and several were injured including Pakistani umpire Ahsan Raza, who later had to undergo a life-saving operation. Bari recalled that when pictures of the bullet-ridden bus and vans carrying the match officials and umpires in blood stained shirts went viral, it became obvious that Pakistan's hopes of staging the Champions Trophy or even the 2011 World Cup matches had vanished. Without putting blame on anyone, Bari said: "It should never have happened and the result was Pakistan cricket couldn't properly grow for the next 10 years, as all teams refused to play in Pakistan for security reasons." Bari said he is delighted to see the ICC Champions Trophy being held in Pakistan now and multiple teams landing in the country. "To see England, Australian, South African, New Zealand and Afghanistan teams in Karachi and Lahore means so much to all Pakistani cricketers, board officials and the fans," he said. The 75-year-old said it was a tribute to the singleminded effort of all the stakeholders involved in Pakistan cricket. "I think it is also a time to pay tribute to the resilience of Pakistan cricket while hosting the Champions Trophy, after all that has happened in the last 10 years." Bari said Pakistan have some very good players, who are capable of helping the team defend the Champions Trophy title.



Best leaders that I know have always empowered colleagues: Cummins

PTI ■ NEW DELHI
Leadership is all about having faith in the strengths of colleagues, believes Australia's talismanic captain Pat Cummins, who is busy promoting his new book after being forced out of the Champions Trophy due to an ankle injury. At the age of 28, Cummins became Australia's 47th Test captain and since then he has led his country to the 50-over World Cup and the World Test Championship triumph apart from retaining the Ashes and regaining the coveted Border-Gavaskar Trophy just last month. The 31-year-old, who has 503 international wickets across formats with 294 in Tests alone, donned the hat of an interviewer to speak to 11 achievers-cum-leaders from around the world for his new book "Tested: The remarkable power of resolve" published by Harper Collins. Asked about his idea of leadership and to what extent should the captain assert his authority, Cummins told PTI: "The best leaders I've played under always made me feel empowered, brought the best out of myself and made me feel a sense of freedom. "I think it's important to lean into the individual strengths of each team member rather than trying to make everyone

India's bowling coach Morkel returns home

PTI ■ DUBAI
India's bowling coach Morne Morkel has left for his home in South Africa due to a family emergency. Morkel, who was appointed for the job in September last year, had travelled to Dubai with the Indian team on Saturday, and also attended the side's first practice session ahead of the ICC Champions Trophy beginning on Wednesday. The 40-year-old former South African pacer was, however, not around for the Indian team's second practice session on Monday, it has been learned. The development comes just as India geared up to begin their campaign with a match

Jaspal Rana will continue as my coach: Manu Bhaker

PTI ■ NEW DELHI
Eyeing glory in next World Championship, double Olympic medallist shooter Manu Bhaker said Jaspal Rana will continue to be her "coach" despite the Dronacharya awardee being roped in as the High Performance trainer for pistol discipline by the National Rifle Association of India (NRAI). Rana, a four-time Asian Games gold medallist, had a very bitter and public fallout with Manu before the Tokyo Olympics but they reconciled before last year's Paris Games, where the latter made history by bagging two bronze medals. "Honestly, I only have to say one thing that he (Rana) is my coach all I know and he is very good at what he does. He is very, very talented and he has been a great coach for me. "All I know and all I can say is that he is my coach. Of course, he can be anyone else's coach as well but for me he is my coach," Manu said after winning the BBC Sportswomen of the Year 2024 award at a glittering function here on Monday night. Under Rana's personal guidance, Manu, who was struggling after the Tokyo Games, made a remarkable comeback and became the first Indian to win two medals in a single edition of the Olympics since Independence. She won bronze medals in 10m air pistol and 10m air pistol mixed team events in Paris to create history. Talking about her future plans, Manu said: "We will be going for World Cups in April, and then we have some domestic competitions in June. "It will be followed by another World Cup in Munich. Then we will have the World Championships, probably in late October or November. My target is the World Championships. I want to peak at the right time for the World Championships," she added. The season-ending World Championships will be held in Cairo, Egypt, from November 6-16. Her unprecedented success in Paris wouldn't have been possible without Rana's guidance and Manu agreed to it. Manu, who turned 23 on Tuesday, considers Rana as her father figure, while the coach gives her the courage and confidence to seek and achieve great things in her sport. Rana now has been roped in as the High Performance coach for pistol shooters by the NRAI but Manu still considers him as her mentor.



Champions Trophy set to start amid debate on relevance of 50-over cricket

PTI ■ DUBAI/KARACHI
Intrigue, uncertainty, backstage drama. The ICC Champions Trophy has seen it all even before the curtains go up on the tournament and it would only get more stirring over the next three weeks, starting with the opening clash between Pakistan and New Zealand in Karachi. Eight teams will vie for a trophy, often talked up as the 31-year-old, who has 503 international wickets across formats with 294 in Tests alone, donned the hat of an interviewer to speak to 11 achievers-cum-leaders from around the world for his new book "Tested: The remarkable power of resolve" published by Harper Collins. Asked about his idea of leadership and to what extent should the captain assert his authority, Cummins told PTI: "The best leaders I've played under always made me feel empowered, brought the best out of myself and made me feel a sense of freedom. "I think it's important to lean into the individual strengths of each team member rather than trying to make everyone



T20 cricket and the devotion for Test format. Perhaps, no other cricketing event in the recent past has been harried so much by long-standing geopolitical tensions, stubbornness by administrative boards of two important participants, and the nail-biting anxiety over the readiness of venues in the main hosting nation. The chaos has been an endearing throwback to the 90s when cricket in the subcontinent resembled a hastily organised party. But all these pre-tournament jitters will be forgotten once the teams enter the field, and the first of them will be Pakistan and New Zealand. If anyone needs a reminder, then Pakistan had won the last edition of the Champions Trophy in 2017. The opening match in itself is a curious clash -- a talented-yet-volatile Pakistan unsure of its own destiny against a team for which order is everything. **Last dance of Kohli, Rohit?** But beyond such team

equations, certain individual players would want this tournament to be a memorable one. On top of the list are India's batting talismans Virat Kohli and Rohit Sharma. They have been magnificent servants of the game over the last decade and half. Few in modern era were able to match their achievements and aura. But now, these two titans have reached the last lap of a long race, and would want to bow out in a blaze of glory. It's tough to imagine Kohli and Rohit being part of India's ODI set-up after the Champions Trophy irrespective of the outcome. It might even impact their future in Test cricket, as a lukewarm outing here might force the selectors to mull over their role ahead of India's tour to England in June. Similarly, a failure to win the Champions Trophy will bring the role of head coach Gautam Gambhir under scrutiny. Gambhir might have received a temporary relief after India's domination over England in the recent home series, but not it wouldn't be enough to brush under the carpet, India's recent travails against New Zealand and Australia. But a global trophy will certainly give him a much better ground to stand. From a team perspective, India will be eager to wrest their first ICC trophy in the 50-over format after their triumph in

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Dear 500 Super Monthly Lottery's prize of 2.50 crores won in Bathinda
Nagaland State Dear 500 Super Monthly Lottery draw was held on 15/02/2025, the first prize of which was won by Lala Lottery, Bathinda seller of Bhagwati Enterprises, Bathinda, stockist of Future Gaming and Hotel Services Private Limited, Area Distributor Special Distributors. The second prize of Rs 10 lakh was won by Happy Lottery, Dera Bassi seller of Anshu Lottery Agency, Zirakpur stockist. The third prize was won by Madan Lottery, Killianwali seller of Bhagwati Enterprises, Bathinda stockist. Along with this, Big Star G Services Private Limited has brought Dear Lottery Punjab State Dear Holi Bumper 2025 of Punjab Government, in which this time the first prize of Rs 2.50 crore will be drawn, which is guaranteed to be given to the public. The second prize is 5 prizes of Rs 20 lakh each. The third prize is 5 prizes of Rs 10 lakh each. The fourth prize is 5 prizes of Rs 5 lakh each. The draw date is 22 March 2025, the ticket price is only Rs 500. The draw can be watched live on the Punjab Government's YouTube channel.