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## TRUMP AND HIS TRUMPET ENGULF INDIA

PTI/AGENCIES ■ WASHINGTON

US President Donald Trump has once again raised USAID's purported \$21-million grant for 'voter turnout' in India, which his administration has purportedly cancelled, and linked it to Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

Working Session. "I'm \$29 million to strengthen the political landscape in Bangladesh went to a firm that nobody ever heard of. Got 29 million. They got a check. Can you imagine? You have a little firm, you get 10,000 here, 10,000 there, and then you get 29 million from the United States government. There are two people working in that firm. Two people. I think they're very happy, they're very rich. They'll be on the cover of a very good business magazine pretty soon for being great," he added. Meanwhile, a federal judge has cleared the way for the Trump administration to pull thousands of US Agency for International Development staffers off the

job. US District Judge Carl Nichols on Friday removed his temporary block on the effort to remove all but a small fraction of USAID staffers from their posts and give those abroad a 30-day deadline to move back to the US at government expense. His ruling comes in a lawsuit filed by unions on behalf of workers. They say the rush to dismantle the agency had cut off some staffers overseas from emergency communications systems, including some in danger of political violence in Congo. Nichols found that the unions' challenge must be dealt with under federal employment laws rather than in district court.

## BJP, Congress slugfest over USAID

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ NEW DELHI

Trump Administration raising the issue of USAID funding has created massive political ramifications, allegations and counter allegations amongst the Centre, ruling party BJP and Opposition Congress. Trump's remark has evoked a sharp response from the Congress which urged Prime Minister Narendra Modi to "talk to his friend" and strongly refute the allegation. The Opposition party has demanded a white paper on the funds received in India from developmental agencies, aid mechanisms and multilateral forums. Minister of External Affairs S Jaishankar called the accusations "worrisome" and said that "if there's something to it, then the country should know who the people are involved in it." BJP IT Cell Chief Amit Malviya shared Trump's remarks in a social media post on X and took a swipe at the Opposition which later posted the complete statement of Trump where he called Modi his friend. "For the third day in a row, US President Donald Trump reiterates his claim about USAID funding efforts to promote voter turnout in India. He says, 'We're giving \$21 million for voter turnout in India. What about us? I want voter turnout too. But what does he know about his own country's spending,'" Malviya said. Malviya faced wrath of Congress Media and Publicity Head Pawan Khera who said perhaps Malviya erred in sharing the video of Trump



The Congress has demanded a white paper on the USAID funding in India

who has clearly named PM Modi yet he tries to defend and implicate Congress aimlessly. Congress also sought legal action against the RSS-BJP and "their ecosystem" for making wild allegations against credible civil society members, NGOs and political parties. Jaishankar on Saturday for the first time spoke about the allegations levied by former US President Donald Trump against USAID's \$21 million funding for 'voter turnout' in India. While speaking at the Delhi University Literature Festival, EAM Jaishankar said, "Some information has been put out there by the Trump administration people, and obviously, that is concerning... I think, as a government, we're looking into it. My sense is that the facts will come out... USAID was allowed here in good faith, to do good faith activities; now, suggestions are being laid out from America that there are activities which are in bad faith. It's worrisome, and if

there's something to it, then the country should know who the people are involved in it." Khera said the Modi government, its ministers, its economic advisor, BJP's IT department head, its ecosystem and "one-fourth media," which acts as cheerleaders for the BJP are desperately tying themselves in knots to somehow prove their allegation of 'deep state' and 'foreign intervention' with regards to 'USD 21 million USAID funds narrative.' "The white paper should not only focus on USAID funding, but all such agencies which fund both governments, individuals and all other entities under Indian law," Congress' media and publicity department head Pawan Khera told a press conference. Khera pointed at "three significant developments," including Trump's remark about "my friend Prime Minister Modi." "More Indian news media outlets have fact-checked the claim by BJP and Modi

government's minister as untrue. Funds went to Bangladesh, not India; although India received USAID funds, but not for increasing voter turnout," he said. Now, an American newspaper, Washington Post, has come up with a fact check and "found no evidence that USD 21 million was due to be spent for voter turnout in India or for any other purpose," even as the MEA spokesperson called this "very deeply troubling" and announced that "relevant departments and agencies are looking into this matter," he said. Khera alleged that the RSS-BJP and its ilk are "habitual offenders" in two aspects - crafting fake narratives and propagating lies and seeking external assistance to destabilise the Indian state, democracy and the Constitution. Khera alleged that there is no record of a Consortium for Elections and Political Process Strengthening (CEPPS) programme matching US government's description in India. CEPPS did have a USD 21 million USAID contract - not for India, but for neighboring Bangladesh, he said. "During 2012, the Anna Hazare movement was at its peak, Arvind Kejriwal was forming his own party, Chief Minister Narendra Modi was gearing to be BJP's PM candidate. So, who benefitted from these funds? Who got 282 seats in Lok Sabha? The remaining amount started pouring in between US FY2020 and US FY2024," Khera said.

## Need new legal framework on OTT platforms: I&B

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

The Information and Broadcasting Ministry is examining the existing statutory provisions and the need for a new legal framework to regulate "harmful" content amid complaints of "obscenity and violence" being shown on digital platforms. In its reply to a parliamentary panel, the ministry said there is a growing concern in the society that the constitutional right of "freedom of expression is being misused to showcase obscene and violent content on digital platforms". It told the Standing Committee on Communications and Information Technology headed by BJP MP Nishikant Dubey that while certain provisions exist under the current laws, there is a growing demand for a stricter and effective legal framework to regulate such harmful content. "This ministry has taken note of these developments and is in process of examining current statutory provisions and need for a new legal framework," it said. The ministry said that many high courts and the Supreme Court, MPs and statutory bodies like the National Commission of Women have spoken on the issue.

## WEATHER

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## Flight turbulence: Shivraj Singh Chouhan vs Air India

RAJESH KUMAR ■ NEW DELHI

The Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) has sought a response from Air India, its pilot, and crew regarding the incident involving Union Agriculture Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan, who slammed the airline after he was allotted a broken seat during his flight AI436 during his journey from Bhopal to Delhi. He expressed disappointment that the airline had not improved its management and how his expectations turned out to be misconception. "Isn't this cheating the passengers?" Chouhan asked. The DGCA has asked for a reply within a day. Union Civil Aviation Minister Ram Mohan Naidu has spoken to Chouhan regarding his "uncomfortable" flight experience with Air India



Union Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan addresses during the inauguration of Pusa Krishi Vigyan Mela

and assured him of prompt action. He expressed disappointment that the airline had not improved its management and how his expectations turned out to be misconception. "Isn't this cheating the passengers?" Chouhan asked. The airline has apologised for the "inconvenience" caused to the Minister and said it was looking into the matter.

## Punjab minister ran ghost department for 21 months

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ CHANDIGARH/NEW DELHI

In a bizarre political development within 10 days after the Aam Aadmi Party's (AAP) poll defeat in the Delhi Assembly Elections 2025, senior party leader and Punjab Cabinet Minister Kuldeep Singh Dhaliwal has been found running a department that never existed for 21 months. This came into light after a gazette notification was issued by the chief secretary of the state saying that the department allotted to Dhaliwal was "not in existence". The opposition BJP missed no opportunity to take a jibe at the AAP government in Punjab and sarcastically termed the move a "Kejriwal Model". "In partial modification of the previous Punjab Government notification No 2/1/2022-2Cabinet/2230 dated 23.09.2024, regarding the allocation of portfolios, among ministers, the Department of Administrative Reforms earlier allotted to Kuldeep Singh Dhaliwal is not in existence as on date. Therefore, on the advice of the Chief Minister, the Governor of Punjab is pleased to make the amendment wef 07-02-2025," the notification read.



Punjab CM Bhagwant Mann with minister Kuldeep Singh Dhaliwal

With this amendment, Dhaliwal is now left with only the NRI Affairs department. The amendment was done on February 7 on the order of Punjab Chief Minister Bhagwat Mann. Dhaliwal had earlier been stripped of the Agriculture and Rural Development departments in May 2023 and was instead given Administrative Reforms Department.

## Organisers leave brides in lurch at event

PTI ■ RAJKOT

For more than 50 prospective brides and grooms, a mass wedding ceremony in Rajkot was going to be etched in lifelong memories, instead, their emotions swung from hope to despair and finally into anger after the unscrupulous organisers gave the event a

miss. Moved by the plight of the marriage hopefuls, police took the initiative to make arrangements for marrying off at least six couples on the spot on Saturday, officials said. When the families of 28 pairs of brides and bridegrooms arrived at the venue, they were shocked to

find that no arrangement was made for the function and organisers were missing with their mobile phones switched off, said Assistant Commissioner of Police Radhika Bharai. The families, who came from different parts of Rajkot and other districts, created a ruckus, prompting the police to intervene.

## First session of new Delhi Assembly to begin Monday

RAJESH KUMAR ■ NEW DELHI

The Delhi BJP on Sunday convened a meeting of newly elected MLAs on Sunday, ahead of the first session of the eighth Legislative Assembly of Delhi, beginning from Monday with newly elected members taking oath at 11 am. Delhi Lieutenant Governor Vinai Kumar Saxena has appointed senior BJP leader and MLA from Gandhi Nagar Arvinder Singh Lovely as the pro-tem Speaker of the Delhi Assembly to chair the proceedings during the first sitting of the legislature on Monday. The appointment came ahead of the first sitting of the new 70-member Assembly that will take place on February 24. According to a list by the Delhi Assembly, the three-day session will see the election of the House, Speaker and Deputy Speaker as well as the tabling of the 14 pending CAG reports on the performance of the previous AAP government. The oath/affirmation of the newly elected members will take place at 11 am on February 24. The election of the Speaker will be held at 2 pm. Four-time MLA Arvinder Singh will perform the duties of the Office of the Speaker till the new Speaker is elected. The new members of the House will take oath before the pro-tem speaker," according to the bulletin. Senior BJP MLA and former Delhi BJP president Vijender Gupta will be the



Prime Minister Narendra Modi with Delhi Chief Minister Rekha Gupta during a meeting

Delhi Assembly Speaker and Mohan Singh Bisht will be his deputy. According to the business list, LG Saxena will address the assembly on February 25, after which the Comptroller and Auditor General (CAG) reports will be tabled. Later in the day, the assembly will be open for motion of thanks on LG's address. On February 26, the discussion on the motion of thanks on LG's address will commence at 11:00 am, after which the Deputy Speaker of the Delhi assembly will be elected. "Being the first sitting of the Eighth

Legislative Assembly of NCT of Delhi constituted after the General Election held in February in 2025, the Members shall observe two minutes silence to mark the solemnity of the occasion. First, Chief Minister & other Ministers shall make or subscribe to oath or affirmation and thereafter other Hon'ble Members, constituency wise, shall make or subscribe to oath or affirmation. "Notice of motion for the election of the speaker can be given up to Saturday, February 22, before noon to the secretary, legislative assembly," the bulletin read.

## 'Probing all angles in IRS officer death'

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ KOCHI/RANCHI

The Kerala Police on Saturday said it is probing various angles regarding the mysterious deaths of an IRS officer and his kin here and has intensified the investigation, days after the Customs official and his sister were found hanging inside their house here while their mother's body was also found there. One of the victims, Shalini Vijay who was summoned by a court in a CBI case earlier, was a state government officer in Jharkhand. A personnel department official in Ranchi said there was no information about her since 2020 after she went to Kerala on vacation. The deceased have been identified as Maneesh Vijay (43), an IRS officer and additional commissioner with Central Excise and Customs in Kochi, his sister Shalini Vijay, and their mother, Shakuntala Agarwal.

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# Protesting Farmers Meet Central Team On Their Demands

PNS ■ CHANDIGARH

Another round of talk between the protesting farmers and a central team to discuss various demands of the farmers, including a legal guarantee for MSP on crops, began in Chandigarh on Saturday.

Union Agriculture Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan along with Union Minister Pralhad Joshi reached the Mahatma Gandhi Institute of Public Administration -- the meeting venue in the evening to meet a 28-member farmers' delegation. Punjab Cabinet ministers Harpal Singh Cheema, Gurmeet Singh Khuddian and Lal Chand Kataruchak were also present at the meeting.

The farmers' delegation comprising Jagjit Singh

Dallewal and Sarwan Singh Pandher reached the meeting venue earlier. Dallewal (70) has been on a fast-unto-death at the Khanauri border point between Punjab and Haryana since November 26, 2024, to press the Centre to accept the agitating farmers' demands.

Farmer leader Kaka Singh Kotra said they expect their issues will be resolved in the meeting. Another farmer leader Sarwan Singh Pandher said the delegation of the Samyukta Kisan Morcha (Non-Political) and Kisan Mazdoor Morcha will take part in the meeting with a positive mind.

The farmers had earlier asked for the next meeting to be held in Delhi but the government scheduled it in Chandigarh. They have been protesting to press for their various demands for the past year.

In a letter to Dallewal and Pandher dated February 19, joint secretary in the agriculture ministry, Purna Chandra Kishan, said, "This is in continuation of the previous meeting with the leaders of SKM (Non-Political) and KMM, which was held in Chandigarh on February 14."

In this sequence, a meeting with the ministers of the government of India and the government of Punjab on the demands of the farmers' unions has been scheduled on February 22 at the Mahatma Gandhi Institute of Public Administration in Chandigarh. You are cordially invited to the meeting. The discussions on February 14 came after a year-long protest by farmers, centred mainly around the demand for a legal guarantee for MSP on farm produce.

Prior to the February 14 meeting, four rounds of talks took place between central ministers and the protesting farmers in February 2024, but they remained inconclusive.

Farmers under the banner of SKM (Non-Political) and KMM have been camping at the Shambhu and Khanauri border points between Punjab and Haryana since February 13 last year after security forces did not allow them to march to Delhi to press for their various demands.

Besides a legal guarantee for MSP, the farmers are demanding debt waiver, pension for farmers and farm labourers, no hike in electricity tariffs, withdrawal of police cases against farmers, and justice for the victims of the 2021 Lakhimpur Kheri violence in Uttar Pradesh. Reinstatement of the Land Acquisition Act, 2013, and compensation to the families of farmers who died during a previous agitation in 2020-21 are also part of their demands.

# SYL Will Never Become A Reality, Asserts CM Mann

PNS ■ BHAWANIGARH

Reiterating that the state has no single drop of water to share with any other state, Punjab Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann on Saturday said that Satluj Yamuna Link (SYL) canal will never become a reality and the state government is duty bound to safeguard interests of Punjab.

Talking to Reporters on the sidelines of dedicating newly constructed SDM complex, the Chief Minister reiterated that the state has no spare water to share with any other state and there is no question of sharing even a single drop of water with anyone. He said that Punjab has no surplus water to share with any other state and reassessment of availability of water in the state is required as per international norms. Mann said that he has even recently urged the Ravi Beas Tribunal, which is on a visit to the state for site visit of the Ravi water system, to deliver justice to the people of the state by fresh reassessment.

He said that most of the blocks of the state are over exploited and the groundwater situation in the state is very grim. Likewise, he said that as most of the river resources of

the state have dried up, so it needs more water to cater to its irrigation needs. However, Mann said that the situation is so grim that Punjab only has scant water, which it is providing to the food growers adding that in such a scenario there is no question of sharing even a drop of water with any other state.

Replying to another query, the Chief Minister while quipping on theatricals by Union Minister of state Ravneet Singh Bittu, said that these rejected leaders will never be accepted by people. He said that Bittu dreams to occupy the official residence of the Chief Minister with all these tantrums but they are of no use as this is the house of the masses, who elect and send the leaders here, but people will never elect him as they are well aware of their dubious character. He said that the state government has adopted a zero tolerance policy against scams and extortion adding that law will take its own course in such cases and we will not buckle under any pressure.

Mann said that the incident of deporting of youth from the USA is an eye-opener for all of us that instead of going abroad in search of green pastures, the youth of the state must work

hard here only and achieve success in various fields. He said that the state government is providing a number of opportunities for youth to excel in various arenas. Citing an example, he said that more than 51,000 youth have got government jobs in the state through hard work, dedication and commitment.

The Chief Minister said that there are examples where youth have got two to three jobs in the state during the last one year adding that due to this trend of reverse migration has started as youth who had earlier settled abroad are now making a beeline to come and join the state government. He said that recently a couple has returned back from Canada to join government service here and many more such people have got the job here. Mann said that his government is offering the job to youth daily and they should take advantage of this situation and work here.

Replying to a query, the Chief Minister reiterated that the state government is fully with the Punjabis who have been recently deported from the USA. He said that the state government will provide them opportunities for rehabilitation so that they become active part-

ners in socio-economic development of Punjab. Bhagwant Singh Mann said that the state government has roped in the youth who have successfully set up their ventures, after facing the same sort of hardships and trauma, to motivate the deportees for starting a new life here.

Mann said that the state government has already tightened noose around the illegal agents and cases have been filed against them. He said that the state government is very strict against the illegal travel agents because of whom these innocent Indians had gone illegally to abroad and have now been deported as in the case of the USA. Bhagwant Singh Mann said that exemplary action will be ensured against such travel agents for duping the common Indians, so that it acts as a deterrent for others.

He said that the state government has adopted a zero tolerance policy against the scourge of drugs adding that the Police officers will be held accountable for major crimes taking place in the areas under their jurisdiction. He further said that unlawful activities are being dealt with a heavy hand and those involved in this crime should not be spared.

# Himachal Pradesh govt amends prison rules, ends caste-based work allotment

PNS ■ SHIMLA

The Himachal Pradesh government has amended all caste-based provisions in the HP Prison Manual 2021 to ensure equality and eliminate caste-based work allocation among prisoners, an official said on Saturday.

The state government has inserted a paragraph in the manual prohibiting caste-based discrimination in prisons and correctional institutions. The newly added provision (para 5.66) ensures that no discrimination, classification, or segregation of prisoners will occur on the basis of caste, a government spokesperson said. Further, para 5.67 mandates that there will be no discrimination of prisoners in the allotment of any duty or work in prisons on the basis of their caste, he added. Para 5.68 invokes the provision that prisoners will not be engaged in manual scavenging, sewer system maintenance, and septic tank cleaning.

Earlier, a provision in the Jail Manual allowed the employment of paid sweepers

in the absence of female prisoners for cleaning tasks. This clause, previously under paragraph 214, has now been completely deleted. The spokesperson said that jail records will no longer mention the caste, community, or religious affiliations of inmates of prisons. The state government has introduced these reforms through the Himachal Pradesh Prison Manual Second Amendment, 2025. Furthermore, the amended Jail Manual also provides a clear definition of habitual offenders. A person will be classified as a habitual offender if they have been convicted or sentenced to imprisonment on more than two occasions for any one or more offences committed on different occasions and not constituting parts of the same transaction within a continuous period of five years, provided the convictions have not been overturned on appeal or review.

The spokesperson said that the government remains committed to upholding dignity, equality, and justice, ensuring fair and non-discriminatory prison operations in the state.

# National Committee to be formed to promote natural farming: Union Agri Minister

PNS ■ CHANDIGARH

Union Agriculture and Farmers Welfare Minister Shivraj Singh Chauhan on Saturday said that a national-level committee will soon be established to promote natural farming across the country. Through this committee, farmers of the country will be made aware about adopting natural farming practices and to provide them with the necessary training. He said that if farmers adopt natural farming correctly, it will not only boost their income but also preserve soil

fertility. In addition, citizens will benefit from access to vegetables, grains, and fruits free from chemicals and pesticides. Earlier, Chauhan observed the natural farming practices under the guidance of Gujarat Governor, Acharya Devvrat, in village Kainthala in Kurukshetra district. He visited Gurukul Kurukshetra, where he closely examined the Gausghala for indigenous cows, the Gobar Gas Plant, the Gurukul's hostel, and other facilities. Gujarat Governor Acharya Devvrat provided detailed insights into the progress and achievements of the Gurukul.

# Triple engine government will accelerate state's development threefold: CM Saini



PNS ■ CHANDIGARH

Haryana Chief Minister Nayab Singh Saini on Saturday said that with the formation of a triple-engine government, the state's development will progress at three times the speed.

Addressing the gathering at a program in Thanesar, Kurukshetra, he said the government is committed to advancing every village and city on the path of development, which has resulted in increased trust from the state's citizens. This growing confidence will also translate into public support during the upcoming municipal elections.

Saini said that the people of the country and the state have witnessed how the double-engine government has elevated Haryana to new heights of development. Now, the time has come to add the third engine. With the blessings of

the people, local government will also be formed in the municipal bodies. The people of the state have seen through the opposition's lies and will no longer fall victim to their temptations and greed.

He said that the government is working with the aim of serving the last person of the society and efforts are being made to implement schemes that focus on the development of every area in the state and the upliftment of all citizens. "The government has organized Samadhan Shivir to listen to the problems of the common people and resolve them," he said.

The CM stated that, even before completing its first 100 days, the government has already provided significant relief to citizens by implementing both small and large schemes. The government is making rapid progress on the path of development every day, he added.

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# Shantikanta Das appointed Principal Secretary to PM



Former governor of Reserve Bank of India (RBI) Shantikanta Das during a press conference. Das was on Saturday appointed the second Principal Secretary to Prime Minister Narendra Modi

**PTI ■ NEW DELHI**

Former Reserve Bank of India (RBI) governor Shantikanta Das was on Saturday appointed the second Principal Secretary to Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

P K Mishra, a retired IAS officer of the Gujarat cadre, is currently serving as the Principal Secretary to the prime minister.

According to an official order, the tenure of Das, a retired IAS officer of the Tamil Nadu cadre, will be "co-terminus" with the term of the prime minister or until further orders, whichever is earlier.

This is the first time that two persons will simultaneously serve as principal secretaries to the prime minister. Both Mishra and Das are from Odisha.

"The Appointments Committee of the Cabinet has approved the appointment of Shri Shantikanta Das, IAS (Retired), as Principal Secretary-2 to Prime Minister with effect from the date he assumes the office. His appointment will be co-terminus with the term of the Prime Minister or until further orders, whichever is earlier," the order said.

Sixty-eight-year old Das has been a career civil servant with over 44 years of

distinguished service, primarily in the areas of finance, taxation, investment and infrastructure.

He was the central government's revenue secretary. During his tenure as economic affairs secretary in 2016, the Modi government had announced the demonetisation.

Das played a key role when multiple indirect taxes were merged into one GST, which came into effect on July 1, 2017. Post-retirement, he was appointed as a member of the 15th Finance Commission and G20 Sherpa of India.

Das became the 25th governor of the RBI in 2018 after Urjit Patel resigned. Initially appointed for three years, his tenure was extended for a further period of three years in 2021. He demitted office in December 2024 when Sanjay Malhotra was appointed as RBI governor.

Das was the second longest serving governor of the RBI in its 90-year history after Benegal Rama Rau, who had a seven-and-a-half-year tenure in the 1950s.

Das, a 1980-batch IAS officer, holds a Master's degree in history from Delhi's St Stephen's College and a postgraduate degree in public administration from the University of Birmingham.

As the RBI governor, he focused on maintaining financial stability, curbing inflation and promoting economic growth. He took several measures to address the liquidity crunch in the non-banking financial sector and took steps to strengthen the regulatory framework for banks and non-banking financial companies.

Das is credited with navigating the RBI's economic policies through the Covid pandemic. As a key economic policymaker, he faced challenging times in managing the disruptions caused by the lockdown. He chose to cut the policy repo rate to a historic low of 4 per cent, continuing with the low-interest rate regime for almost two years to help the economy hit badly by the lockdown.

During his tenure, the RBI handed over the highest-ever dividend of Rs 2.11 lakh crore to the Centre for 2023-24. He was also conferred with the 'Central Bank Governor of the Year' award by Central Banking, UK.

Das had also served as India's Alternate Governor in the World Bank, Asian Development Bank (ADB), New Development Bank (NDB) and Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB).

# Health central to to global cooperation: EAM

**PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ NEW DELHI**

India envisages health as central to development, and development as key to international cooperation, External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar said on Saturday as he cited the 'Vaccine Maitri' initiative of the Centre during the Covid period, and the medical aid extended to people in Ukraine, Afghanistan and other countries in recent years.

Addressing the 12th International Patient Safety Conference being hosted here by the Apollo healthcare group, Jaishankar said the private health industry in India has also contributed to facilities and capacities in different geographies, and "we value this industry as a partner".

"We in India envisage health as central to development, and development as key to international cooperation. In recent years, many of our global initiatives have revolved around health security. This is a domain where India has been the first responder, a development partner, a supply chain link, a health solution provider, and in many ways, an

exemplar over the last decade," Jaishankar said.

He underlined that India today has delivered more than 600 significant development projects to 78 nations across the world and many of those are in the health sector.

"Recently, we dispatched 66.5 tonnes of medical supplies to deal with the humanitarian crisis in Gaza. A little before that, a consignment of 1,400 kg of anti-cancer medicine were sent to strengthen the medical capabilities of hospitals in Syria.

"Even in Afghanistan, India has stepped forward with 300 tonnes of medicines in the last few years, as well as the despatch of specialists to a hospital that we built in Kabul." Jaishankar also cited the instance of aid provided to Sri Lankan hospitals during the 2022 economic crisis in the island nation, to Ukraine as the casualties in the conflict with Russia spiked, or to Myanmar when it was struck by Typhoon Yagi.

"In this pursuit, Indian diplomacy has worked with Indian partners, big and small, islands and landlocked, close and distant, but united in their



Union External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar addresses the 12th International Health Dialogue, in New Delhi

desire to ensure better lives for their citizens," he said.

Jaishankar also recalled India's role during the Covid-19 pandemic, and its 'Vaccine Maitri' initiative.

"When the Covid pandemic started engulfing the world, the initial deliberations, and I myself was present at some of them, envisaged India as potentially the biggest concern. Ironically, India ended up not only looking after its own needs, but actually stepped

forward to contribute to the world," Jaishankar said.

At that time, India provided medicines to 150 nations, vaccines to 99 countries and two international organisations as well masks, PPE kits, gloves and ventilators, among others, Jaishankar said.

"Equally important is the fact that India chose to do this when its own vaccination programme was still unfolding. A large number of

developing nations received Made-in-India vaccine either through our Vaccine Maitri initiative or through other global programmes," the minister said.

"This was in contrast to many developed countries which stockpiled vaccines to the multiples of their population, he said.

"Indian medical teams also went out in the Indian Ocean Region to deal with the pressing situations in some smaller countries. And this was not just an exception made during the Covid era. It is part of our approach to the world, both before and after (the pandemic)," Jaishankar said.

He also mentioned that through the 'Heal in India' initiative, the Centre is committed to promoting medical value travel and making it easier for foreign patients to avail treatment in India.

And, "as we seek to balance tradition and technology as the twin forces of national progress, it is also natural that we will explore the relevance of our own heritage and culture, to the health of our people," he underlined.

# Army to boost air defence with guns, radars

**PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ NEW DELHI**

With drones and other disruptive technologies impacting the dynamics of warfare as demonstrated in recent conflicts, the Army Air Defence has drawn a roadmap to boost its capabilities through replacement of two of its old platforms, induction of new fragmentation ammunition for existing air defence guns, and deployment of more potent radars.

Besides, the army is also hoping to place a contract for the indigenously developed Quick Reaction Surface to Air Missile (QRSAM) system within 4-5 months, a top official said on Friday.

The Corps of Army Air Defence holds a large variety of missile systems and guns in its inventory such as the L70, Zu-23mm, Schilka, Tanguska and Osa-AK missile system.

"The fashion of guns is back. The army sustained them for good reason and these guns can be effectively used with fragmentation ammunition," Director General of Army Air Defence (AAD), Lt Gen Sumer Ivan D'Cunha, said.

Asserting the need for modernisation with an emphasis on 'Aatmanirbhar Bharat', Lt Gen D'Cunha also cautioned that the Indian industry must offer "reduced timelines" when it comes to delivery.

The AAD, initially part of the Territorial Army, was later separated

from the Artillery in 1994 as a separate corps that looks after destruction of air threat "before it manifests", officials said.

The army is planning to replace the L70 and ZU-23mm with "successor" platforms. However, as of now, it is not looking to import, as far as guns are concerned, they said.

The first trials of the indigenous successor platform to replace the old L70 guns is likely to be carried out in July, the officials said, adding that an RFP (request for proposal) is already out for the procurement of 220 such guns.

The L70 guns were originally manufactured by Swedish defence firm Bofors AB in 1950s, and India started inducting over 1,000 of them in the 1960s.

On QRSAM, the AAD DG said, "We are hoping to place a contract within 4-5 months. And once it is done, the First of Prototype Model (FoP) will be there over a period of several months."

In September 2022, the defence ministry in a statement said that the Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) and the Indian Army had successfully completed six flight-tests of the QRSAM system from the Integrated Test Range (ITR) in Chandipur off the Odisha coast.

The flight tests were conducted as part of evaluation trials by the Indian

Army.

The While Schilka and Tanguska are planned to be replaced by indigenous successor platforms, while Osa-AK missile system is planned to be replaced by QRSAM, thus boosting the air defence capabilities of the Corps, the officials said.

On February 1, the ministry said the DRDO has successfully conducted three successive flight-trials of Very Short-Range Air Defence System (VSHORADS) from Chandipur.

These tests were carried out against high-speed targets flying at very low altitude.

VSHORADS is a man-portable air defence system designed and developed indigenously by the Research Center Imarat in collaboration with other DRDO laboratories and development-cum-production partners.

The missile system has the capability to meet the needs of all the three services of the armed forces -- the army, navy and air force -- it said.

"As you look at higher variety of drones, we have VSHORADS, we need to carry out a cost-benefit analysis and it would be cost prohibitive to use missiles against all drones. So, fragmentation ammunition is the way forward," Lt Gen D'Cunha said.

The AAD is also in the process of acquiring radars such as the Low-

Level Light Weight (LLLR) radar.

"We had bought LLLR radars as part of an emergency procurement which is capable of picking up Mavic drone without grenade, and can definitely pick up with grenade. Nano drones beyond this size may be able to carry out surveillance but can't carry weapons. So, we are looking at increasing the density of these radars," he said.

Greater density is required for mountains and valley, the senior officer said.

Lt Gen D'Cunha also cited the Russia-Ukraine conflict and other recent conflicts to emphasise the importance and growing threat of drones, counter-drones and other disruptive technologies.

The employment of drones as a concept manifested in a different way in the Russia-Ukraine conflict. Both drones and counter-drone systems came up in a "big way", he said.

The development of this capability was so "escalatory in matrix" that every day there is new technology coming in, which becomes a challenge for air power, the AAD DG said.

"Integrated with proper surveillance grid of radars, it ensured that Russian started flying higher and their vulnerability increased. This has allowed Ukraine to maintain control over its airspace and support its ground forces more effectively," Lt Gen D'Cunha said.

# Dialogue and diplomacy way forward: India on Russia-Ukraine



Randhir Jaiswal

**PTI ■ NEW DELHI**

In the backdrop of the US-Russia talks held in Riyadh, India said on Friday that its position on the Ukraine-Russia conflict is "consistent" and New Delhi maintains that dialogue and diplomacy are the way forward.

Top officials from Washington and Moscow met in the Saudi capital recently to discuss ways to bring an end to the prolonged conflict that began in February 2022.

Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) spokesperson Randhir Jaiswal was asked at his weekly briefing about India's position on the conflict amid the changing global political dynamics.

"Our position on this particular issue is very clear. We have maintained consistently that we want both parties involved to resort to dialogue and diplomacy and take this process forward," Jaiswal said.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi, when he was addressing a press conference in Washington recently, yet again made it clear that this is not an era of war, and that there is no solution for any conflict on the battlefield, the MEA spokesperson said.

"So, our position has been consistent that dialogue and diplomacy are the way forward," Jaiswal said, when asked if India has re-calibrated its position.

After his wide-ranging talks with US President Donald Trump in Washington, Modi had said India has not been neutral on the war and that it is on the side of peace.

Modi also welcomed Trump's efforts to end the war in Ukraine.

During the briefing, Jaiswal was also asked for the MEA's response on recent reports alleging sexual assault of a minor by a Kenyan student here.

"We have requested the Kenyan government to waive diplomatic immunity of the person concerned, so that the investigation in the matter can go forward. We are pursuing this matter with the Kenyan government," he said.

Jaiswal was also asked whether the GE F404 engine delivery issue was taken up during PM Modi's US visit.

"The delayed delivery of GE engines was taken up during Prime Minister's visit. We remain engaged with the US side on all aspects relating to contracted defence articles, including their timely delivery.

"The two sides have also agreed to conclude a new 10-year framework for the US-India major defence partnership in the 21st century. This was also reflected in the joint statement. So yes, to answer your question, this particular issue was discussed during the prime minister's visit."

# Bank employee held in ₹ 4.97 crore cyber fraud case

**PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ GURUGRAM**

Two people, including a business development manager of a private bank in Delhi, were arrested for cyber fraud worth Rs 4.97 crore under the pretext of investment in stock market, police said.

The accused IndusInd bank employee facilitated bank accounts for cyber criminals, officials said.

Police said a complaint was received on November 30, 2024, regarding fraud of approximately Rs 4.87 crore. A case was registered at the Cyber Crime East police station under relevant sections.

During investigation a team arrested Avinash Sharma and Aditya Chaturvedi -- from Delhi on Thursday, police said.

# Government to revise draft Advocates (Amendment) Bill

**PTI ■ NEW DELHI**

Amid opposition to its various provisions from bar bodies, the government on Saturday said it will revise the draft Advocates (Amendment) Bill as it ended the public consultations on it that started earlier this month.

The Department of Legal Affairs in the Union law ministry floated the draft bill on February 13 for public consultations.

The government plans to amend the Advocates Act, 1961.

The draft bill, which faced criticism, proposed sweeping changes in the definitions of a "legal practitioner" and a "law graduate".

According to the draft Advocates (Amendment) Bill, 2025, a law graduate is a person who has obtained a bachelor's degree after completing a course of three or five years or such other duration as prescribed by any centre of legal education or university established by law or a college affiliated to any



Lawyers stage a protest over the proposed Advocates (Amendment) Bill, 2025 in Jammu

university and recognised by the Bar Council of India.

In a statement, the law ministry said the bill was put in the public domain, demonstrating the government's commitment to transparency and broader engagement with

stakeholders and the public.

"However, considering the number of suggestions and concerns received, it has been decided to conclude the consultation process now," it said.

Based on the feedback received, the draft bill, "as

revised", will be processed afresh for consultations with stakeholders, the ministry said.

Several bar bodies had opposed certain provisions of the draft bill.

The opposition Congress had also backed the protesting lawyers, saying the bill was

not only "poorly drafted", but it also failed to address pertinent issues facing the legal fraternity.

The draft bill defines a legal practitioner as an advocate or a law graduate engaged in the practice of law before courts, tribunals or quasi-judicial forums or doing legal work in any private or public organisation, including but not limited to statutory and autonomous bodies, domestic and foreign law firms and corporate entities.

As of now, a legal practitioner means an advocate or a "vakil" of any high court, a pleader, a "mukhtar" or revenue agent.

While putting the draft bill in the public domain, the ministry had said these amendments aimed at aligning the legal profession and legal education with global best practices.

The reforms will focus on improving legal education, equipping lawyers to meet the demands of a rapidly-changing world and raising professional standards, it had said.

# Working on measures to restrict distress crop sale: Agriculture minister

**PTI ■ NEW DELHI**

Union Agriculture Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan on Saturday said the government is working out measures to ensure that farmers do not have to sell their produce, especially fruits and vegetables, at throwaway prices.

Speaking after inaugurating the 'Pusa Krishi Vigyan Mela' 2025 -- being held in the national capital from February 22-24 -- he emphasised the need to take new seeds varieties and farm technologies from labs to agriculture filed at the

earliest.

Chouhan said the government is holding discussions with farmers directly as well as through their organisations to understand the problems and then making schemes to address the issues.

"Jahan-Jahan takleefein dekh rahe hain, hum yojana bana rahe hain (wherever we are seeing problems, we are making schemes to address those)", the minister said, listing out steps taken by the government in the last few years to protect the interest of farmers.

Chouhan said the government has removed exports restrictions on rice and onions while raising import duties on edible oils.

He said the Centre has taken steps to help tomato farmers in view of price crash and will take measures for red chilli farmers of Andhra Pradesh as well.

"I want to assure our farming community, we will take all important decisions that are required for the welfare of farmers. Do not worry," he said, while asserting that the government is committed to this.

"There are some issues which are under consideration. Prices are low at farm gate level and consumers are paying high rates. Who takes the profit in middle? Profit margins should reduce. The difference between the farm gate price and consumer price for fruits and vegetables should come down," he said.

The minister added, "We are working out (a way) to ensure that farmers do not have to sell their produce at throwaway prices."

Lauding efforts of scientists at Indian Council of Agricultural Research

(ICAR) for its efforts in making India self-sufficient in foodgrains production, Chouhan said there is a need to take new seed varieties and technology to the field quickly so that farmers can benefit.

"Availability of good varieties of seeds is important. Farmers require it. ICAR is developing them... We need to ensure these seeds reach farmers quickly," he said.

The minister also asked the ICAR to handle 'Modern Agriculture Chaupal' programme where scientists will tell farmers about recent

technological breakthrough, besides solving their problems. The programme will be telecast across India.

Chouhan said he does not sit in Krishi Bhawan in Delhi and rather go to fields to understand farmers' problems. He asked officers in his ministry and ICAR scientists to do the same.

The minister reiterated that the government is focusing on increasing farm production through yield improvements, reducing cost of production and ensuring that farmers get the right price for their produce.

# Six arrested in Manipur for extortion



Security personnel during search operations and area domination in the fringe and vulnerable areas of hill and valley districts of Manipur. More than 250 people have been killed and thousands rendered homeless in ethnic violence since May two years ago. PTI

**PTI ■ IMPHAL**  
Six cadres of a banned outfit were arrested from Manipur's Imphal West district, and two members of a group were apprehended for allegedly being involved in extortion in Imphal East, police said on Saturday. Six members of the proscribed Kangleipak Communist Party (Ibungo Ngangom) were apprehended from Koutruk Makha Leikai Church in Imphal West on Friday, a senior officer said. The police also arrested two members of G5 Organisation from Achanbigei Maning Leikai in Imphal East district for allegedly being involved in extortion from sand-laden

trucks in Sekmai, Iriblung, Koirengi and Patsoi areas. They were also allegedly involved in incidents of snatching keys from truck drivers in Sekmai area. They have been identified as Ningthoujam Yamba Singh (43) and Usham Netaji Singh (35), the officer added. Arms and ammunition were also surrendered in Churachandpur district on Saturday after joint efforts in public awareness by the local police, Assam Rifles and CRPF, another officer said. "This is the first step towards de-weaponising the society and creating a safe and secure atmosphere where regular activities can be boosted," Churachandpur SP Prakhar

Pandey said in a statement. The Manipur Police also said at least two firearms and ammunition were handed over to the administrations in Kakching and Kangpokpi districts. The surrender of arms and ammunition comes after Governor Ajay Kumar Bhalla appealed to the people to surrender illegal arms and ammunition. Security forces also recovered at least 12 firearms from Kakching Wairi area and handed them over to the Kakching Police Station, another officer said. During an operation in Maojang village under the Moreh Police Station limits in Tengnoup district, Security forces recovered two impro-

vised explosive devices weighing 22 kg with detonators, one 7 kg IED, one bomb of 6 kg with detonators and one bomb of 4 kg. "The IEDs, suspected to be unstable, had to be destroyed at the spot by a bomb disposal team," police said, adding that an FIR has been registered in this connection. The Manipur Police along with central forces have been conducting search operations after ethnic violence broke out in the state in May 2023. More than 250 people have been killed and thousands rendered homeless in ethnic violence between Imphal Valley-based Meiteis and adjoining hills-based Kuki-Zo groups since May two years ago.

# Odisha CM assures safety, respect of Nepali students

**PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ BHUBANESWAR**

Chief Minister Mohan Charan Majhi on Saturday asserted that Nepalese students studying in Odisha are children of the state and they will continue to pursue their education with full respect and dignity, an official release said. Majhi made the assertion during a telephonic conversation with Nepal's Foreign Minister Dr Arzu Rana Deuba, the statement issued by the chief minister's office said. He assured Deuba that the state government will ensure strict action against those involved in the alleged suicide of a 20-year-old engineering student and subsequent attack on Nepalese pupils at Kalinga Institute of Industrial Technology (KIIT). "The state government is keeping a close watch on the developments (at KIIT) and all steps will be taken to restore hope and confidence of the students. The Nepal foreign minister thanked Majhi and expressed satisfaction over the steps taken by the state government," the release said.



Odisha CM Mohan Charan during a meeting with Nepal Embassy officials in Bhubaneswar. Nepal Embassy officials have been camping in the Odisha capital for the last five days. PTI

Majhi met Nepal Embassy officials Sanjeev Das Sharma and Naveen Raj Adhikari at his chamber at Lok Seva Bhawan and informed them that 10 people have been arrested in connection with the incident of attack on the Nepalese students. "Strict action will be taken against all those involved in the incident. All arrangements have been made by the government to restore the academic atmosphere on KIIT campus," Majhi told the embassy officials. According to the CMO, the

Nepalese officials said that the state government has taken prompt steps in this incident. Due to this, the students coming from Nepal and their guardians have felt reassured. For this, they thanked the Odisha government, especially the chief minister, on behalf of the Nepalese government, the release said. The two embassy officials have been camping in the Odisha capital for the last five days following instructions of Nepal Prime Minister K P Sharma Oli.

# 60 crore took holy dip at Maha Kumbh, claims UP government

**PTI ■ MAHAKUMBH NAGAR**

The Uttar Pradesh government on Saturday said an unprecedented 60 Crore devotees at the Maha Kumbh Mela have taken a holy dip in the Triveni Sangam. The Kumbh Mela which started on January 13 will continue till February 26 on the occasion of Maha Shivratri. Over half of India's 110 Crore Sanatan followers have bathed in the holy confluence, and this number is expected to surpass 65 Crore by the final 'amrit snan' on February 26, an official statement said. This Maha Kumbh has seen the largest participation in any religious, cultural, or social event, it said. According to the World Population Review, Pew Research, India's population is approximately 143 Crore (1.43 Billion), with 110 Crore (1.10 Billion) followers of Sanatan Dharma, the statement said.

# TMC alleges BJP, EC colluding to inflate voter lists

**PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ KOLKATA**

Trinamool Congress on Saturday accused a section of Election Commission (EC) officials of conspiring with the BJP to add names of outsiders to the voter list in various Assembly segments of West Bengal. TMC state general secretary Kunal Ghosh told reporters that a section of EC officials are incorporating names without proper physical verification, particularly in the border areas of the state. He said stopping infiltration is the responsibility of the Border Security Force (BSF), and any reports of unauthorised outsiders being added to the voter list should be handled by the Centre, as it controls the BSF and "remote controls" the EC, which has



West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee during a press conference after the presentation of the state Budget 2025-26. PTI

apparently relaxed the verification process. Ghosh, who was referring to reports about alleged rise in the number of electors in the voter list in Champahati area under Baruipur assembly of South 24 Parganas district, said,

"If that is the situation, the credit goes to the local administration and police for tracking the unauthorised voters and not the EC, which had allowed inclusion of the names without proper physical verification."

"Instead of pointing fingers at the state and ruling party, the BJP and those raising hue and cry over the issue should take up the issue of checking infiltration with the Centre," he added. He reminded that West Bengal chief minister and TMC supreme Mamata Banerjee had recently cautioned against the attempts by BJP in collusion with EC to induct bogus names in the electoral list to change the vote ratio in favour of the saffron party, as they had repeatedly failed to secure power in assembly polls. BJP Rajya Sabha MP and spokesperson Samik Bhattacharya said, "TMC's gameplan to include ghost voters has been exposed as the ruling party leaders have been involved in providing fake Aadhaar and voter ID cards to win elections."

# Puri hints at reduced fuel prices, inflation

**PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ VIJAYAWADA**

Union Petroleum and Natural Gas Minister Hardeep S Puri has said with more oil coming up in the global market including from the USA, energy prices are likely to come down which would help tame inflation. Addressing a Press conference, exuding confidence that India has established contacts with the new US administration led by President Donald Trump, Puri said the Indo-American relationship on the energy front will deepen. According to him India imports oil from as many as 40 countries, including Argentina and since there is enough oil in the world, even oil producing nations which are implementing cutbacks will be compelled to reconsider their decisions. He also said de-dollarisation of oil purchases was never the objective, emphasising that "most transactions are in dollars and always have been". "Inside the United States, he (Trump) said, 'Drill, baby, drill,' which is a signal to drill more

and extract more oil. He has been on record stating that he wants to bring international oil prices down," said the Oil Minister. "So, I think the global energy situation will improve. More energy will enter the market, and hopefully, that will help bring prices down. When energy is available in sufficient quantities at lower prices, it also helps in managing inflation," he further said. He clarified that India's primary objective is to procure sufficient oil "at lower prices" to help control inflation. "De-dollarisation is not an objective at all. Most of these (oil) transactions are in dollars and always have been. We had one transaction in rupees, but I think it was a very small one. Transactions in rupees are a good thing, but it takes two to tango," Puri told reporters. According to the Union Minister, India is already purchasing energy worth up to \$20 Billion from the US, emphasising that Prime Minister Narendra Modi recently had a very successful round of discussions with US President Donald

Trump. Observing that there has never been a shortage of energy in the global market, the former diplomat highlighted that more oil is entering global markets than ever before, especially from the Western Hemisphere. "Brazil used to produce 3 Million barrels of crude per day. They (Brazil) have now started producing an additional 140,000 to 150,000 barrels per day. More oil is coming, much of it from Guyana, Suriname, and Canada. The United States is the world's largest producer of crude, at 13 Million barrels per day. I think they are going to produce 1.6 Million barrels more," he said. Likewise, he said Venezuelan oil will also flow into global markets as 'the situation' between the US and the Latin American country is easing. President Trump, not only during his first tenure in office but also in the run-up to his second election, has been very clear that he wants to bring more energy into the global market, said Puri. Responding to questions about the fuel costs, he said India is the only country where petrol prices have decreased in the past three

years, citing excise tax cuts by the Centre in November 2021 and May 2022. "And BJP-ruled states reduced their VAT. Now, when it comes to benefits, governments don't benefit. First of all, governments don't import oil. It is private sector players or oil marketing companies (OMCs) that import oil. And what does the government do with the revenue it collects? It provides 80 crore people with three meals of dry rations a day," he said. According to Puri, petrol prices rose across several countries between February 2022 and February 2025-by approximately 48 per cent in Pakistan, 14.7 per cent in Bangladesh, 37 per cent in Sri Lanka, 16.2 per cent in Nepal, 14.2 per cent in the USA, 4.8 per cent in Italy, 4.2 per cent in Spain, 2 per cent in Germany, 4.2 per cent in France, while in India, they declined by 0.7 per cent. Highlighting that petrol prices have decreased both relatively and absolutely, Puri added that diesel prices in India rose at the lowest rate-1.15 per cent-during that period, while they increased across various other countries.

# Six trapped in Telangana roof collapse

**PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ HYDERABAD**

At least six workers were feared trapped when a section of a roof collapsed in the under construction stretch of the Srisailem Left Bank Canal (SLBC) in Nagarkurnool district of Telangana on Saturday. A 19-member team from state owned coal mining firm, Singareni Collieries Company Ltd., has left for Srisailem Left Bank Canal in Nagarkurnool district on Saturday to join rescue operations to extract workers who are feared trapped when a portion of a roof collapsed in the under construction stretch of the SLBC. According to a top official of the company, SCCL has the expertise in rescuing people in such incidents and also has necessary equipment. The

rescue team from the company is headed by a general manager level officer. "SCCL has the necessary expertise to handle critical situations such as roof collapses. And also we have necessary equipment imported from Australia, USA and Poland. The machinery and rock cutters are so advanced that they can cut huge rocks and boulders within minutes," said. The construction company's team has gone inside for assessment and it is verifying, they said. Six to eight workers are feared trapped as per information given by the company engaged in the work, a senior police official said. "The roof collapsed when some workers had gone inside as part of the work at 12-13 kms inside the tunnel," the official said. Irrigation Minister N Uttam

Kumar Reddy and senior officials are overseeing relief operations. The incident happened in the ongoing construction of SLBC tunnel work on the inlet side from Srisailem, official sources said. As per information there was an influx of water when the work was being carried out, they said. Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy directed the district Collector, Superintendent of Police and other officials to reach the place of accident to carry out relief measures, it said. Expressing concern over the accident, Union Coal Minister G Kishan Reddy enquired about the reasons for the collapse and asked officials to bring out those feared trapped to safety. He also told the officials to provide treatment to the injured (if any), a release from his office said.

# CAG flags mismanagement of afforestation funds in Uttarakhand

**PNS ■ DEHRADUN**

The Comptroller and Auditor General of India (CAG) has cited many loopholes in the management of compensatory afforestation funds in the forest divisions of Uttarakhand, including their diversion to inadmissible activities and delayed submission of annual plan of operations to the Centre leading to cost escalations in various cases. The CAG's latest audit report on Compensatory Afforestation Fund Management and Planning Authority (CAMPFA) laid recently in Uttarakhand Assembly during its ongoing budget session said ₹ 13.86 Crore was diverted at the

divisional level to inadmissible activities like state scheme Harela, tiger safari work, renovation of existing buildings, expenses on personage visits, court cases, purchases of I-phones, laptops, fridges, coolers and stationery. The state authority did not control the diversion or inadmissible expenditure from the State Compensatory Afforestation Fund, it said. The audit report on the functioning of CAMPFA covers a period of 2019-2022. According to CAMPFA rules, commensurate compensatory afforestation is mandatory in case of allocation of forest land for non-forest activities like infrastructural or industrial development. It points out that in 52 cases 188.62

hectares of forest land was diverted to user agencies for non-forest purposes where in-principle approvals were granted but permission to start work was not granted by the competent authority. However, the user agencies started the road construction in the forest areas without permission, it said, adding that the forest divisions did not take any cognisance of the unauthorised use of forest land and booked these as cases of forest offence. According to CAMPFA guidelines of 2009, after receipt of money, the state CAMPFA shall accomplish the afforestation for which money is deposited in the Compensatory Afforestation Fund within a year or two growing seasons.

However, scrutiny of records in divisions revealed that in 37 cases, compensatory afforestation work was executed after more than eight years of getting final clearance. This resulted in a cost escalation of ₹ 11.54 Crore in raising compensatory afforestation, the report said. The implementation of compensatory afforestation activities suffered due to delayed submission of the annual plan of operations to the government of India for approval and defective planning, the audit report said. There were instances of dysfunctional bottom-up planning and adoption of ad hoc or arbitrary approaches for the inclusion of irregular items in the Annual Plan of Operation

(APO). The release of funds was unrealistic and not commensurate with the approved APO. The state authority failed to ensure equitable and need-based funding of activities in all the implementing agencies. There was inefficiency in funds release, not adopting of accounting procedure as per Compensatory Afforestation Fund rules, and not discharging of interest liability, the CAG report said. The CAG has recommended that the state authority must exercise internal control and institute proper budgetary control checks for robust financial management so that misutilisation or diversion of CAMPFA funds can be prevented.

# HP BJP MLA alleges step-motherly treatment from state

**PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ BILASPUR**

Sitting BJP MLA from Jhanduta assembly in Himachal Pradesh J R Katwal on Saturday alleged that the ongoing works in the constituencies of opposition legislators in the Bilaspur district were being stalled and obstructed, leading to resentment among the people. There are 40 Congress and 28 BJP MLAs in the 68-member Himachal Pradesh Assembly. Addressing various meetings in his Jhanduta constituency on Friday evening and Saturday, he alleged that the Congress government in the state is giving step-motherly treatment to the constituencies of the BJP MLAs. "Forget about making provi-

sions in the budget for new development works in their areas, even the ongoing works are being obstructed," Katwal, a former IAS officer who has served the state in various capacities, said. He said roads play an important role in the development of any area. In a hilly state like Himachal, the importance of roads increases even more, he added. Katwal said Prime Minister Narendra Modi on the other hand has pledged to make India a developed nation. This pledge can be fulfilled only when all the villages are connected by roads. In view of this, the PM has turned the focus of the budget and the direction of development towards villages, he said.

With this, along with strengthening the network of roads in rural areas, people are also getting all the necessary basic facilities, he added. Kaltwal said in the BJP, any worker can reach any post with ability and hard work, and Rekha Gupta, the newly appointed chief minister of Delhi, is a recent example. On the contrary, he said, nepotism is dominant in many other opposition parties, including the Congress. This is why the people of the country are rejecting them and joining the BJP, the MLA said. He assured the people of the Jhanduta assembly constituency that besides solving all their problems, no stone will be left unturned in providing all the necessary facilities in the area.

# Fresh talks between farmers Centre held

**PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ CHANDIGARH**

A fresh round of talks between protesting farmers and the Centre will be held here on Saturday evening centred around the legal guarantee of minimum support price on crops, among other demands. The meeting between the central team and farmer leaders will take place at the Mahatma Gandhi Institute of Public Administration in Chandigarh at 6 pm. In the last meeting held on February 14, Union minister Pralhad Joshi had said that Agriculture Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan would lead the central team for the February 22 meeting with the protesting farmers. Farmer leader Sarwan Singh Pandher on Saturday said a delegation of the Samyukta Kisan Morcha (Non-Political) and Kisan Mazdoor Morcha will take part in the meeting with a



Farmer leader Sarwan Singh Pandher, center, with protesting farmers ahead of a meeting with the Centre. PTI

positive mind. Farmers expect from the government to resolve their issues at the earliest, he said. Farmers had earlier asked for the next meeting to be held in Delhi but the government scheduled it in Chandigarh. "Today the sixth round of talks with the Centre will take place. We have informa-

tion that the Union Agriculture Minister and other ministers will be part of the meeting. The KMM and SKM (Non-Political) delegation will take part in the meeting," said Pandher. Farmers leaders said that the 28-member delegation of the farmers would put forth their side

strongly in the meeting. They said that the protests for various demands, including a legal guarantee on MSP, has been going on for the past one year. In a February 19 letter to Jagjit Singh Dallewal and Sarwan Singh Pandher, Agriculture Ministry Joint Secretary Purna Chandra Kishan said, "This is in continuation of the previous meeting with the leaders of SKM (Non-Political) and Kisan Mazdoor Morcha (KMM) which was held on February 14 in Chandigarh." "In this sequence, a meeting with the ministers of the Government of India and the Government of Punjab regarding the demands of farmers' unions has been organised on February 22 at Mahatma Gandhi Institute of Public Administration in Chandigarh. You are cordially invited to the meeting..." the letter in Hindi stated. Both sides said the February 14 meeting went cordially. Dallewal, who is on an indefinite fast over

the farmers' demands, also took part in last week's meeting. The discussion came after a year-long protest by farmers, centred mainly around the demand for a legal guarantee of MSP on farm produce. After the meeting, Joshi had said the next meeting will be held with Union Agriculture Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan leading the central team. Joshi had said he would also be part of that meeting. Prior to the February 14 meeting, four rounds of meetings took place between central ministers and the protesting farmers in February 2024 but the talks remained inconclusive. Farmers, under the banner of the SKM (Non-Political) and the KMM, have been camping at the Shambhu and the Khanuri border points between Punjab and Haryana since February 13 last year after security forces did not allow them to march to Delhi to press for their various demands.

# Hamas frees 6 more hostages

PTI ■ TEL AVIV

Hamas freed all six hostages in the latest exchange on Saturday, even as heightened tension between the adversaries clouded the future of the fragile ceasefire deal.

The six included three Israeli men seized from the Nova music festival and another abducted while visiting his family in southern Israel when militants stormed across the border in the October 7, 2023, attacks that triggered Israel's nearly 16-month campaign in the Gaza Strip.

Two of the hostages had been held by Hamas for around a decade since they each entered Gaza on their own.

Five of the captives were handed over in staged ceremonies that the Red Cross and Israel have condemned in the past — brought out by masked, armed Hamas fighters in front of hundreds of Palestinians before being transferred to Red Cross vehicles.

In the central town of Nuseirat, Omer Wenkert, Omer Shem Tov, and Eliya Cohen were posed alongside Hamas fighters on the stage. A beaming Shem Tov even kissed two



Friends of Omer Wenkert, 23, gather to watch the TV broadcast of his release by Palestinian militants in Gaza, in Herzliya, Israel, on Saturday.

militants next to him on the head and blew kisses to the crowd. Hamas has come under heavy criticism for such public displays, with Israel, the UN and the Red Cross saying they are cruel and do not respect the dignity of the hostages.

Watching the release, Cohens

family and friends in Israel chanted "Eliya! Eliya! Eliya!" and cheered when they saw him for the first time. Shem Tov's grandmother ululated in joy, shrieking, "Omer, my joy! My life!" as she saw him.

The Israeli military says the final hostage was released by

Hamas later Saturday. He was not immediately identified but is expected to be Hisham Al-Sayed, 36, a Bedouin Israeli, who crossed on his own into Gaza in 2015 and had been held since. His family has told Israeli media Al-Sayed was previously diagnosed with

schizophrenia.

The latest releases, to be followed by the freeing of hundreds of Palestinians imprisoned by Israel, went ahead after tensions mounted over a grisly and heart-wrenching dispute triggered this week when Hamas initially handed over the wrong body for Shiri Bibas, an Israeli mother of two young boys abducted by the militants. The remains that Hamas transferred with her sons' bodies on Thursday were later determined to be those of an unidentified Palestinian woman. In response, Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu vowed revenge for "a cruel and malicious violation," while Hamas suggested it had been a mistake.

On Friday night, the small militant group believed to have been holding Bibas and her sons — the Palestinian Mujahedeen Brigades — handed over a second body. Bibas' family said Israeli forensic authorities had confirmed the remains were hers.

"For 16 months we sought certainty, and now that it's here, it brings no comfort, though we hope it marks the beginning of closure," the family said.

# Difficult negotiations likely over ceasefire's next phase

PTI ■ TEL AVIV

The ceasefire deal has paused the war but is nearing the end of its first phase. Negotiations over a second phase, in which Hamas would release dozens more hostages in exchange for a lasting ceasefire and an Israeli withdrawal, are likely to be even more difficult.

The six hostages being freed Saturday are the last living ones to be released under the first phase. Cohen, Shem Tov and Wenkert, all in their 20s, were abducted by Hamas fighters at the Nova music festival. During their release, they were brought out wearing fake army uniforms, though they were not soldiers when they were kidnapped.

Earlier Saturday, two other hostages — Tal Shoham, 40, and Avera Mengistu, 38 — were freed in the southern Gaza city of Rafah. Arriving back in Israel, both were taken to medical centres for examination.

"This is an unforgettable moment, where all emotions are rapidly mixing together. Our Tal is with us," Shoham's family said in a statement, calling for a deal to free all those still captive. "There is a window of opportunity; we must not miss it."

Shoham, who also holds Austrian citizenship, was visiting his family in Kibbutz Beeri when Hamas militants stormed into the community during the October 7, 2023 attacks. Shoham's wife, two young children, and three other relatives who were abducted with him were freed in a November 2023 exchange.

Mengistu, an Ethiopian-Israeli, had been held in Gaza since entering on his own in 2014.

Watching the handover on Israeli media, Mengistu's family and friends broke out into a Hebrew song, "Here is the Light," as they saw him for the first time in more than a decade. "Do you remember me?" one of his brothers asks as they embraced at the hospital.

**Hundreds of Palestinian prisoners set for release:** Later Saturday, Israel is to release 620 imprisoned Palestinians.

They include 151 who were serving life or other sentences, around 100 of whom will be deported to other countries, according to the Palestinian prisoners media office.

They also include 445 men as well as 18 children between the ages of 15 and 17, five aged between 18-19, and a woman, all of whom were seized by Israeli troops in Gaza during the current war, according to the media office.

Hamas has said it will also release four more bodies next week, completing the first phase of the ceasefire. If that plan is carried out, Hamas would retain about 60 hostages, about half of whom are believed to be alive.

Hamas has said it won't release the remaining captives without a lasting ceasefire and a full Israeli withdrawal. Netanyahu, with the full backing of the Trump administration, says he's committed to destroying Hamas' military and governing capacities and returning all the hostages, goals widely seen as mutually exclusive.

Israel's military offensive killed more than 48,000 Palestinians, mostly women and children, according to Gaza's Health Ministry, which doesn't distinguish between civilians and combatants. Israel says it has killed more than 17,000 fighters, without providing evidence.

# Preparations underway for Trump-Putin summit

PTI ■ KYIV

Preparations are underway for a face-to-face meeting between US President Donald Trump and Russia's Vladimir Putin, Russia's deputy foreign minister said Saturday, marking a dramatic shift away from Western isolation of Moscow over its war in Ukraine.

Speaking to Russian state media, Sergei Ryabkov said a possible

Putin-Trump summit could involve broad talks on global issues, not just the war in Ukraine.

"The question is about starting to move towards normalising relations between our countries, finding ways to resolve the most acute and potentially very, very dangerous situations, of which there are many, Ukraine among them," he said.

But he said efforts to organise such a meeting are at an early stage, and that making it happen will require "the most intensive preparatory work."

Ryabkov added that US and Russian envoys could meet

"within the next two weeks," to pave the way for further talks between senior officials.

Russian and US representatives on Tuesday agreed to start working toward ending the war in Ukraine and improving their diplomatic and economic ties, according to the two countries' top diplomats, at a high-level meeting in Saudi Arabia that marked an extraordinary about-face in US foreign policy under President Trump.

After the meeting, US Secretary of State Marco Rubio told the AP that the two sides agreed broadly to pursue three goals: to restore staffing at their respective embassies in Washington and Moscow; to create a high-level team to support Ukraine peace talks; and to explore closer relations and economic cooperation.

He stressed, however, that the talks — which were attended by his Russian counterpart, Sergey Lavrov, and other senior Russian and US officials — marked the beginning of a conversation, and more work needs to be done.

# Mallya pursues annulment of UK bankruptcy order

PTI ■ LONDON

Embattled businessman Vijay Mallya believes Indian banks pursuing bankruptcy proceedings against him in the English courts have assumed an "unreal quality" in the wake of Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman's recent statement in Parliament and has instructed his lawyers to pursue an annulment application.

It emerged as Justice Anthony Mann reserved judgment, to be handed down at a later date after hearings of three interlinked appeals related to Mallya's bankruptcy order concluded at the High Court in London this week.

The judge heard a set of complicated arguments involving a

consortium of banks led by the State Bank of India (SBI) seeking repayment of an estimated judgment debt of around GBP 1.05 billion owed by the 69-year-old businessman's now-defunct Kingfisher Airlines.

"From Dr Mallya's perspective, these English bankruptcy proceedings have an unreal quality," Leigh Crestohl, Managing Partner of Zaiwalla and Co—Mallya's recently appointed lawyers, told PTI.

"Evidence has now come to light that shows that the banks' debt has not only been paid but, moreover, the banks have recovered in excess of what was due from Dr Mallya. This was confirmed by the Honourable Finance Minister of India, Shrimati Nirmala Sitharaman, in a statement she made in the



Indian Parliament on 17 December 2024, in which she confirmed that a sum of INR 14,131.6 crore has been collected and restored to the banks," he said.

Crestohl stressed that "it must be presumed" that the public sec-

tor banks will accept the accuracy of the minister's statement made in Parliament.

"This is why immediately after instructing Zaiwalla and Co. in place of his previous lawyer Reynolds Porter Chamberlain last week, Mallya has now applied to annul the Bankruptcy Order on that basis. He intends to pursue that application regardless of what the court may decide on the appeals that were heard this week," added Crestohl.

Separately wanted in India on fraud and money laundering charges, Mallya took to social media a day after Sitharaman's Lok Sabha statement to claim he was "entitled to relief" in the matter.

In a post on X dated December 18 last year, he said: "Unless the

ED (Enforcement Directorate) and banks can legally justify how they have taken more than two times the debt, I am entitled to the relief which I will pursue." Meanwhile this week, Justice Mann heard appeals related to a decision of Chief Insolvency and Companies Court (ICC) Judge Michael Briggs made in the context of bankruptcy proceedings initiated by the banks against Mallya around six years ago.

The first appeal, referred to as the security appeal, challenges Judge Briggs' conclusion that the banks — represented by TLT LLP and barrister Tony Beswetherick — were "estopped because of an Indian court judgment" from denying that they hold security over certain of Mallya's assets.

**PUBLIC NOTICE FOR DISSOLUTION OF PARTNERSHIP FIRM CONTINENTAL OVERSEAS SERVICES**  
(Regn. No. 1362 of 2022)

**PUBLIC NOTICE** is hereby given that the partnership heretofore between the undersigned Harjeet Kaur Lamba and Amardeep Singh Lamba under the name and style of Continental Overseas Services, carrying on the partnership business at Flat No. 1011-A16, 10th Floor, Devika Tower, Nehru Place, New Delhi 110019, is dissolved by mutual consent as from the 25.01.2025 (Date of Dissolution) and the said partnership is terminated.

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**CHANGE OF NAME**

I, Shiv Kumari, W/o No.6942218P Hav Kamalesh Singh, R/o- Vill- Tajpur Majha, Teh- Zamania, Dist- Ghazipur, U.P.- 232340, have changed my name from Shiv Kumari to Shiv Kumari Devi, vide affidavit dated 22/02/2025 before Notary Public Delhi.

PD(1562)C I, JC-709016Y Nb/Sub Maneesh M, Serving at- Base Hospital, Delhi Cantt- 110010, declare that in my service records, my father's name is wrongly recorded as Mohanan. His correct name is Mohanan E, vide affidavit dated 22/02/2025 before Notary Public Delhi.

PD(1563)C I, JC-709016Y Nb/Sub Maneesh M, Serving at- Base Hospital, Delhi Cantt- 110010, declare that in my service records, my mother's name is wrongly recorded as Mallika. Her correct name is Mallika K, vide affidavit dated 22/02/2025 before Notary Public Delhi.

PD(1564)C I, Munia Devi, Mother of JC-392977H Nb/Sub Harendra Kumar Singh, R/o- Madhurampur, Akrohi Gola, Rohtas, Akrohi Bazar, Bihar-821301, have changed my name from Munia Devi to Munnaiya Devi with my correct DOB as 01/01/1964, vide affidavit dated 22/02/2025 before Notary Public Delhi.

PD(1565)C I, M Sujitha W/o- No.14664931Y Nk K Mathan Kumar, V/PO- Kamayagoundanpatti, Teh- Uthama Palayam, Dist- Theni, Tamilnadu- 625521, have changed my name from M Sujitha to Sujitha, vide affidavit No.KL037746228202425E dated 20/02/2025 before 1st Class Magistrate, Thiruvananthapuram.

PD(1566)C I, Sunita Rani D/o Krishan Lal R/O C-157 Pushpanjali enclave Pitam Pura, Delhi -110034, have changed my name Sunita Kumari to Sunita Rani for all purposes.

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**CLIX HOUSING FINANCE LIMITED**

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**POSSESSION NOTICE (Appendix IV) Rule 8(1)**  
Whereas the Authorized officer of CLIX HOUSING FINANCE LIMITED (CLIX), a Housing Finance Bank Company under the National Housing Bank Act, having its registered office Aggarwal Corporate Tower, Plot No. 23, 5th Floor, Govind Lal Sikka Marg, Rajendra Place, New Delhi- 110008, under the provisions of the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (SARFAESI Act) (hereinafter referred to as "Act") and in exercise of the powers conferred under Section 13(2) of the Act read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued a Demand Notice to the following borrower 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 on 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 "CLIX" and interest 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.

Name & Address of Borrower/Co-Borrower	Reserve Price (RP) & EMD Amount (10% of Reserve Price & Incremental Amount)	Recovery Amount as per Demand Notice	Date & Time of On-Site Inspection of Property	Date & Time for Submission of Bid Application Form and EMD	Date & Time of E-Auction with unlimited extensions of 5 Minutes each
1. MOHD NASIR S/O BUNDI KHAN, 2. MRS. ISRAT JAHAN W/O MOHD NASIR, BOTH RESIDING AT - HOUSE NO.457 GALI NO.9, SHAHEED BHAGAT COLONY NORTH DELHI, DELHI-110094, ALSO AT - D-298, GALI NO.7, MUKUND NAGAR 30 FT ROAD, KARAWAL NAGAR NEW DELHI-110094, ALSO AT - A-4, GROUND FLOOR-2, LG FRONT SIDE RAIL VIHAR, LONI, GHAZIABAD UTTAR PRADESH, ALSO AT - HOUSE NO.22 KHASRA NO. 60C/F NEAR SARWAR SCHOOL, NEW SABHAPUR, SABHAPUR, DELHI-110094 LOAN NO. - AC2019011136167 (Along with future interest and charges accruing after 28.03.2024 till the total realization of the loan amount)	9,28,650/- 92,865/- 10,000/-	Rs. 9,81,465.97/- as on 28.03.2023	10-03-2025 to 11-03-2025 From 10.00 AM to 5.00 PM	11-03-2025 Till 12.00 PM	12.03.2025 10 Am to 12 Pm
<b>Description &amp; Owner(s) of Properties -</b> ALL THOSE PIECE AND PARCEL OF ONE KITA RESIDENTIAL PLOT NO. A-4 KHASRA NO. 211 IN FLAT NO. GF 2 GROUND FLOOR (LIG) WITHOUT ROOF RIGHT AREA 315 SQUARE FEET I.E. 29.26 SQUARE METERS SITUATED IN RAIL VIHAR HARDASTI VILLAGE SADULLABAD PARGANA AND TESHIL LONI DISTRICT GHAZIABAD (COMPLETE DETAILS OF WHOSE CONSTRUCTION IS ATTACHED MAP) THE ABOVE FLAT IS SITUATED AT A DISTANCE OF MORE THAN 200 METERS FROM THE MAIN ROAD, THE SAID FLAT HAS ONE BEDROOM, ONE DRAWING ROOM, ONE KITCHEN AND BATHROOM, AND THE LIVING ROOM IS COMMON.	8,26,500/- 82,650/- 10,000/-	Rs. 8,59,767.3/- as on 15-Apr-2024	10-03-2025 to 11-03-2025 From 10.00 AM to 5.00 PM	11-03-2025 Till 12.00 PM	12.03.2025 10 Am to 12 Pm
<b>Description &amp; Owner(s) of Properties -</b> ALL THOSE PIECE AND PARCEL OF ONE KITA RESIDENTIAL FLAT NO. FF-2 (FIRST FLOOR) REAR SIDE, LIG PLOT NO. B-138. RESIDENTIAL COLONY RAIL VIHAR VILLAGE SADULLABAD PARGANA AND TESHIL LONI DISTRICT GHAZIABAD, ALSO AT - H 14C, SHARMA COLONY, PHASE-2 BUDH VIHAR, SULTANPURA, C-BLOCK NORTH DELHI, DELHI-110086 LOAN NO. - AC201904877678 (Along with future interest and charges accruing after 15.04.2024 till the total realization of the loan amount)	8,26,500/- 82,650/- 10,000/-	Rs. 8,59,767.3/- as on 15-Apr-2024	10-03-2025 to 11-03-2025 From 10.00 AM to 5.00 PM	11-03-2025 Till 12.00 PM	12.03.2025 10 Am to 12 Pm

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**E-AUCTION SALE NOTICE "APPENDIX-IV-A" [SEE PROVISION TO RULE 8(6)] SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES**  
The Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower(s) and Guarantor(s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged/ charged to the CLIX Housing Finance Limited (CLIX) (Secured Creditors), the constructive possession of which has been taken by the Authorized Officer of CLIX Housing Finance Limited (CLIX), Secured Creditor, will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is" and "Whatever there is" basis on 22.03.2025, for recovery of amount as mentioned below, due to the Secured Creditors from following Borrower(s), Guarantor(s) and Corporate Guarantor(s). The reserve price and earnest money to be deposited is mentioned below respectively.

Name of Borrower, Co-Borrower/ Guarantor(s) with address/es	Reserve Price (RP) & EMD Amount (10% of Reserve Price & Incremental Amount)	Recovery Amount as per Demand Notice	Date & Time of On-Site Inspection of Property	Date & Time for Submission of Bid Application Form and EMD	Date & Time of E-Auction with unlimited extensions of 5 Minutes each
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**Notice From Pension Dept., ECL, Hq. Revised PPO**

All member pensioners of CMPFO please note, to ensure hassle-free payment of pension to your spouse, CMPFO is issuing revised (Joint) PPO. Please submit the application form to the concerned colliery office as soon as possible to expedite the process for issuance of Revised PPO. For application format and other details please visit [www.easterncoal.nic.in](http://www.easterncoal.nic.in)

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Patel's family members and girlfriend were present during the oath ceremony on Friday.

The oath ceremony was administered by US Attorney General Pam Bondi in the Indian Treaty Room in the Eisenhower Executive Office Building (EEOB) on the White House campus.

She asked Patel to place his hand on the Gita and raise his right hand to take the oath.

"I am living the American dream. Anyone who thinks the American dream is dead, just look right here. You're talking to a first-generation Indian kid who's about to lead the law enforcement community, the greatest nation on God's green earth. That can't happen anywhere else," Patel, 44, said.

**NOTICE**

The last page of the Perpetual Sub-lease deed dated 15/05/1980 regarding Plot No. G-46 Preet Vihar Delhi with Sub Registrar's stamp and signature has been lost. The report of the same has been lodged at the Crime Branch police station on 20/02/2025 vide L R No. : 2604992/2025 finder contact 094151 07509

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

It is to inform to the public at large Mrs. Soni had acquired Built-up Property bearing Plot No. 27, area 58.1/2 sq. yds., Kharsa No. 5/22, situated at in the area of Village Hastal Delhi, in the abadi colony known as Shiv Vihar, Vikas Enclave, Hastal, Uttam Nagar, New Delhi vide G.P.A along with AT&S & Will Dt. 11.01.2024 executed by Mrs. Kela Devi alias Kela and Now Mrs. Soni is the undisputed owner of the said property.

**Notice Inviting Tender for Refurbishment of Fire Fighting System**

Tender No. 252/KCGHS/2024-25  
The Khatkar CGHS Ltd. (also known as Arjun Apartment), Plot No.8C, Sector-7, Dwarka, New Delhi invites bids by tender system from experienced Bidders for Refurbishment of fire fighting system at The Khatkar CGHS Ltd., Sector-7, Dwarka, New Delhi. Interested firms fulfilling the Pre-qualification criteria as mentioned in the tender document may submit their bid in sealed envelope.

The tender document can be collected from society office after paying Rs.100/- (Rupees One Hundred only) cash. In case of any query, may contact Manager, Phone No.989929037 /office 011-4250251.

**Start of tender Sale date : 23-02-2025 from 11:00AM onwards.**

**Last Date of Submission of tender : 01.03.2025 up to 05:00PM.**

**Bid opening date : 02.03.2025 at 11:30AM.**

Note: The Khatkar CGHS Ltd. reserves the right to reject any/all bids without assigning any reason whatsoever.

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Place - New Delhi The Khatkar CGHS Ltd.  
Date- 22/02/2025 (Manager)

# Chinese virologists warn of new Covid-19 type virus

PTI ■ BEIJING

A Chinese team of virologists have found a new bat coronavirus that carries the risk of animal-to-human transmission because it uses the same human receptor as the virus that causes Covid-19, a media report said.

The study was led by Shi Zhengli, Chinese virologist from the controversial Wuhan Institute of Virology (WIV), where the COVID-19 virus was alleged to have emanated from. Shi, who is known as the Bat Woman for her research on viruses from the Bats, as well as the Chinese government deny that the virus was leaked from the Wuhan lab.

The latest discovery is a new lineage of the HKU5 coronavirus first identified in the Japanese pipistrelle bat in Hong Kong.

The new virus comes from the merbecovirus subgenus, which also includes the virus that causes Middle East respiratory syndrome (MERS), the Hong Kong based South China Morning Post reported.

The virus is able to bind to the human angiotensin converting enzyme (ACE2), the same receptor used by the Sars-CoV-2 virus, which causes Covid-19, to infect cells.

"We report the discovery and isolation of a distinct lineage (lineage 2) of HKU5-CoV, which can utilise not only bat ACE2 but also human ACE2 and various mammalian ACE2 orthologs [— genes found in different species with a common origin]," the team of virologists headed by Shi wrote in a paper published in the peer-reviewed journal Cell on Tuesday, according to the Post report.

The researchers found that when the virus was isolated from bat samples it could infect human cells as well as artificially grown masses of cell or tissue that resembled miniaturised respiratory or intestinal organs.

Earlier this month, China said its bio-lab in Wuhan which faced allegations linking the COVID-19 causing the global pandemic has never engaged in "gain-of-function studies" on coronavirus amid allegations that USAID has funded the study of the infectious disease.

# Trump fires chairman of Joint Chiefs of Staff

PTI ■ WASHINGTON

President Donald Trump abruptly fired Air Force Gen CQ Brown Jr as chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff on Friday, sidelining a history-making fighter pilot and respected officer as part of a campaign led by his defence secretary to rid the military of leaders who support diversity and equity in the ranks.

The ouster of Brown, only the second Black general to serve as chairman, is sure to send shock waves through the Pentagon. His 16 months in the job had been consumed with the war in Ukraine and the expanded conflict in the Middle East.

"I want to thank General Charles CQ" Brown for his over 40 years of service to our country, including as our current Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff. He is a fine gentleman and an outstanding leader, and I wish a great future for him and his family," Trump posted on social media.

Brown's public support of Black Lives Matter after the police killing of George Floyd had made him fodder for the administration's wars against "wokeism" in the military.

# India aim for semifinal, Pakistan eye survival in Champions Trophy

PTI ■ DUBAI

Hyped as a marquee showdown but mostly lopsided on the field, India and Pakistan lock horns in the ICC Champions Trophy here on Sunday with Rohit Sharma's men aiming to seal a semifinal spot and Mohammad Rizwan's team desperate to avoid early elimination from the tournament.

While India are on a high after claiming a measured six-wicket win over a sprightly Bangladesh, Pakistan are evidently tense after the 60-run loss in the tournament-opener against New Zealand. The sub-continental rivals' last Champion Trophy clash was the 2017 final in which Pakistan walked away with the win and the trophy. Rizwan and Co would look to draw inspiration from that triumph in London but would also need to scale up their performance in every department.

Though the buzz surrounding the match is nowhere close to being what it used to be at the peak of diplomatic tensions between the two countries, there is an air of quiet



Indian cricketers during a practice session ahead of the ICC Champions Trophy match between India and Pakistan in Dubai

anticipation for the Group A clash at the Dubai International Cricket Stadium. India will have a distinct advantage in every aspect. The side has settled in nicely while Pakistan have flown in a couple of days ago after the drubbing handed by the Black Caps in

Karachi. More often than not, an India-Pakistan clash is as much a battle of nerves as cricketing abilities and India would be in a much better space on both counts come Sunday afternoon. For starters, skipper Rohit, whose form was a major

concern in the run-up to the tournament, seems to be getting back to his best if the lucid stroke-making against Bangladesh was anything to go by. His 41-run cameo was a crucial contribution in the tricky chase of 229 which was masterfully

anchored by Shubman Gill with his eighth ODI hundred. In contrast, Pakistan would be fretting over the form and approach of their biggest star Babar Azam. The 90-ball 64 against New Zealand in a chase of 320 has been roundly criticised for being too slow.

Azam's inability to accelerate even when the asking rate kept climbing has come under scrutiny and he would be under tremendous pressure against India. Adding to their woes is the injury-forced ouster of game-changing opener Fakhar Zaman from the squad. Immanuel Haq has replaced him in the side and has joined the squad here. However, middle-order batter Khushdil Shah's counter-attacking 69 in the

tournament-opener is a positive. Shah has amusingly stated that he has no idea how he made the squad given his lean run in the recent past but Pakistan would be happy that the punt has paid off. Pakistan would also be hoping to prove a point by getting the better of India, who refused to travel across the border for the tournament which is otherwise wholly scheduled in Karachi, Lahore and Rawalpindi. The man who is feeling the heat

in the Indian team right now is Virat Kohli after yet again failing to convert a fairly decent start. His focus hasn't looked the same for a while but Kohli does have the knack of coming up with special efforts against Pakistan. However, in the larger scheme of things, it could well boil down to key defining moments from the bowlers and here too Pakistan have lots to ponder after the hammering that the Shaheen Afridi-led attack took on the Kiwis.

## I only eat one meal a day: Shami



Mohammed Shami during a practice session ahead of India-Pakistan CT match in Dubai

PTI ■ DUBAI

Giving an insight into how he keeps match-fit even at the age of 34, Indian bowling stalwart Mohammed Shami says he prefers to eat only one meal a day and avoids sweets. Shami has been the standout bowler for India in the ongoing Champions Trophy with the pace spearhead grabbing five wickets against Bangladesh in the marquee event in Dubai, thus becoming the fastest Indian bowler to take 200 ODI

wickets. "After 2015, I only have one meal a day. I only have dinner, no breakfast, no lunch. It is very difficult to do such a thing but once you get used to it then it becomes very easy," said Shami during an interaction with cricketer-turned-commentator Navjot Singh Sidhu on Star Sports. He had been sidelined from international cricket for 14 months due to an ankle injury sustained during the 2023 ODI World Cup final against

Australia, which interrupted a remarkable run where he topped the tournament's wicket-taker's chart with 24 scalps. The injury required surgery, and his recovery was further delayed by swelling on his left knee, keeping him out of international action for more than a year. Shami said he gained quite a bit of weight during the recovery phase and had to shed nearly nine kgs to get back into shape. "I have lost nine kgs (during rehabilitation). The most difficult thing is you have to challenge yourself. When you are in this condition. When I was at the NCA, it was a very difficult phase," he said. "My weight was touching 90kgs. The best thing about me is that I do not crave for delicacies. I stay away from sweets. I stay away from a lot of things, things that generally one shouldn't eat. So, I stay away from them," said Shami, who will have to shoulder a lot of responsibility in India's clash against arch-rivals Pakistan in the Champions Trophy here on Sunday.



**SBI Athletics Meet At Chandigarh**  
Chandigarh: State Bank of India, Chandigarh Circle organised a Athletics Meet for its employees on 22.02.2025 at Sports Complex in Sector 7, Chandigarh. Sh. Krishan Sharma, Chief General Manager of SBI Chandigarh Circle flagged off the tournament. Sh. Sujit Kumar, General Manager, Network 2, Sh. Vimal Kishore, General Manager Network 3, Sh. Kajal Kumar Bhowmik, DGM & CDO, Circle Welfare Committee members and other dignitaries also graced the occasion. The tournament witnessed an enthusiastic participation of about 250 participants from tricity, in various track and field events like 100 mts, 200 mts, 400 mts, and 800 mts. The events were conducted for various categories like Men, Women and Children, across various age categories like 10yrs-18yrs, 18yrs-45yrs and above 45yrs.



**Lions Club Host Donate Swing Machines**  
Lions Club(Host) Chandigarh today donated swing machines to 3 needy ladies under their service project. Lunch was also served to the students of School for Deaf & Dumb School run by the club. The project was sponsored by Lion Mrs. Veena Kumar. MFJ Lion Anand Sawhney, Lion Jagdish Walia, President and Lion Jagdish Kumar, Secretary beside other members of club were present.



**SJVN hosting 24th Inter-CPSU Cricket Tournament**  
Shimla: SJVN is organising 24th Inter-CPSU Cricket Tournament under the aegis of Power Sports Control Board (PSCB), Ministry of Power, which commenced today in Chandigarh. PSCB consists of representatives from various CPSUs under Ministry of Power, Govt. of India and it serves as the governing body for organizing Inter-CPSU tournaments. The tournament was inaugurated by Sh. Sanjay Sood, CGM (F&A) during the opening ceremony. On this occasion Sh. Rajesh Kumar Sharma, HoP, Punjab Solar Power Projects and other senior officials of SJVN were also present. Addressing the gathering, Sh. Sanjay Sood emphasized the role of sports in fostering camaraderie, teamwork and spirit of healthy competition among professionals in Power Sector. He also extended his best wishes to all participating teams for an exciting and competitive tournament.

**Bank of India, FGMO Chandigarh Tie Up with M/s Manku Agrotech Private Limited on the occasion of Mega Outreach Program**  
Chandigarh: On the occasion of Mega Outreach Program Bank of India, FGMO Chandigarh has entered into an MoU Tie up with Manku Agrotech Private Limited for facilitating of financing of Combine Harvesters and Maize cutter/Header. MoU signing ceremony was executed through the hands of FGM Sh. Anil Kumar Verma on behalf of Bank Of India, FGMO Chandigarh and Mr. Vineet Sharma General Manager & Authorized signatory on behalf of M/s Manku Agrotech Private Limited, Sehapur Road, Samana Distt. Patiala. The event witnessed the presence of Chief General Manager (RAM & FI) from Head office, Zonal Manager of Ludhiana Zone Sh. Vaibhav Anand & Zonal Manager of Chandigarh Zone Sh. Rajesh Ranjan along other dignitaries and bank officials.

## Manu Bhaker to lead 35-member team for SA World Cups

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Ace pistol shooter Manu Bhaker will lead a 35-member Indian team in the season-opening International Shooting Sport Federation (ISSF) World Cups in April in South America with almost all the shooters who featured in the Paris Olympics making the cut. A notable member of the team is air pistol ace Saurabh Chaudhary, who returns to the national side after more than three years. Saurabh, who battled a shoulder injury and poor form following the Tokyo Olympics in 2021, recently shot a national record score in 10m air pistol qualification besides impressing in the trials. He had paired with Manu in the 10m air pistol mixed team event in Tokyo. The international shooting season will begin with a double-leg South American sojourn, with the first World Cup (rifle or pistol or shotgun) scheduled in Buenos Aires, Argentina from April 1-11, which will be followed by a second combined World Cup in Lima, Peru from April 13-22. Manu, who was recently awarded the Dhyana Chand Khel Ratna award for her two bronze medals at the Paris

Olympics in 10m women's air pistol and 10m air pistol mixed team event with Sarabjot Singh, will compete in the South American competitions in two individual events - women's air pistol and 25m pistol. She will be accompanied by other Paris Olympians like Anish Bhanwala and Vijayveer Sidhu (men's 25m rapid-fire pistol), Esha Singh (women's 25m pistol), Aishwary Pratap Singh Tomar (men's 50m rifle three positions), Sift Kaur Samra and Shriyanka Sadangi (women's 50m rifle 3 positions), Arjun Babuta (men's 10m air rifle), Prithviraj Tondaiman (men's trap), Anant Jeet Singh Naruka (men's skeet) and Raiza Dhillion (women's skeet). Ahead of the team's departure, the National Rifle Association of India (NRAI) will organise a training camp at the Karni Singh Range here from March 14. The biggest draw on the ISSF calendar this year will be the World Championships scheduled in October (shotgun) and November (rifle or pistol). "There will be a total of three World Cup stages for each discipline while two junior World Cups, the second among them in New Delhi in

September, are also scheduled. Also on the international roster this year is the 16th Asian Championships in Kazakhstan in August," said NRAI in a statement. NRAI secretary-general Sultan Singh said it was time for the Indian shooters to raise the bar further following their success at the Paris Olympics, where the 21-member contingent bagged three bronze medals. "A new responsibility rests on the entire shooting fraternity to raise the bar even higher. We are confident that those selected for the international season openers will come out with flying colours," said Singh. NRAI recently announced a long list of coaches and experts to guide the Indian shooters on their journey to the 2028 LA Games with Manu's coach Jaspal Rana heading the chart. Rana was brought back into the Indian shooting's mainstream with the NRAI making him the high-performance coach for 25m pistol, while picking the decorated Jitu Rai for the 10m air pistol coaching job. Also appointed as head coach (rifle) was the latest Dronacharya award recipient Deepali Deshpande, who guided rifle shooter Swapnil Kusale to bronze in Paris.

## Ahlawat makes cut with birdie-birdie finish in Kenya

PTI ■ NAIROBI

Veer Ahlawat's rounds of 70-72 gave him an even par total, allowing him to make a last minute cut at the Magical Kenya Open here. Ahlawat started his second round very early and then had to wait for the rest of the afternoon to know whether he had made the cut. The 28-year-old rookie, who shot a one-under 71 in the first round after a disappointing

finish with three bogeys in his last four holes, was starting at a missed cut when he came to the 17th tee in the second round. This time Ahlawat produced two great birdies on the closing holes to move from three-over to one-over and give himself a chance to make the cut. Meanwhile, fellow Indian Shubhankar Sharma, endured another tough week as he carded 71-72 and missed the cut by one. Ahlawat, who was runner-up at

the Hero Indian Open last year, bogeyed the second and the seventh and got his first birdie on the eighth. He dropped two more shots on the 14th and 16th and was two-over for the tournament when he came to the 17th tee. He birdied the 17th and added one more on 18th, which he had eagled a day earlier. That helped him squeeze into the cut line and earned a chance at improving his position over the weekend.

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**E-Auction Sale Notice - Fresh Sale**

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Pursuant to taking possession of the secured asset mentioned hereunder by the Authorized Officer of Secured Creditor under the SARFAESI Act, 2002 for the recovery of amount due from borrower/s, offers are invited by the undersigned for purchase of immovable property, as described hereunder, which is in the possession, on "As Is Where Is Basis", "As Is What Is Basis" and "Whatever Is There Is Basis", Particulars of which are given below:

Loan Code/ Branch/ Borrower(s)/ Co-Borrower(s)/ Guarantor(s)	Demand Notice Date and Amount	Property Address_final	Reserve Price	Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) (10% of RP)	Outstanding Amount (19-02-2025)
Loan Code No.: 1910042212, Chandigarh - Elite (Branch), Raj Karishna (Borrower), Bunty Mehra (Co Borrower 1)	Dt: 01-11-2023, Rs. 9,50,750/- (Rs. Nine lakh Fifty Thousand Seven Hundred Fifty Six Only)	All The piece and Parcel of the Property having an extent - Plot No. 264 Modern Complex, Daggari Lalru Mohali Punjab IN 140506. Boundaries As- North: Other's Plot South: Other's Plot East: Other's Plot West: Road	Rs.17,20,000/- (Rs. Seventeen lakh Twenty Thousand Only)	Rs. 1,72,000/- (Rs. One lakh Seventy Two Thousand Only)	Rs. 12,63,435/- (Rs. Twelve lakh Sixty Three Thousand Four Hundred Thirty Five Only)

**DATE OF E-AUCTION: 27-03-2025, FROM 11.00 A.M. TO 1.00 P.M. (WITH UNLIMITED EXTENSION OF 5 MINUTES EACH).**  
**LAST DATE OF SUBMISSION OF BID: 26-03-2025, BEFORE 4.00 P.M.**

For detailed terms and conditions of the Sale, please refer to the link provided in <https://www.jmfinancialarc.com/Home/Assetsforsale> OR <https://www.bankauction.in>.

**STATUTORY 30 DAYS SALE NOTICE UNDER SARFAESI ACT TO THE BORROWER/GUARANTOR / MORTGAGOR**

The above mentioned Borrower/Guarantor are hereby notified to pay the sum as mentioned in section 13(2) notice in full with accrued interest till date before the date of auction, failing which property will be auctioned/sold and balance dues if any will be recovered with interest and cost from borrower/guarantor.

Date: February 23, 2025  
Place: Chandigarh

Sd/- (Authorised Officer)  
(Aranya - Trust)

**Government of Himachal Pradesh Jal Shakti Vibhag**

**SHORT TERM "NOTICE INVITING TEDER"**

The Executive Engineer, Jal Shakti Division Keylong (H.P) invites tender on behalf of Governor of Himachal Pradesh from approved eligible contractors for the following works through Offline Process:-

Job No.	Name of Work	Estimated Cost	EMD	Time of completion	Cost of Form
1	Restoration of rain/ snow damages to various FIS under JS Section Tindi Myar Distt.Lahaul & Spiti (HP) (SH: -Removal of slips/ snow from source and channel).	4,94,156/-	9,890/-	One Month	Rs.500/-
2	Restoration of rain/ snow damages to various FIS under Section Gondhala Distt.Lahaul & Spiti (HP) (SH: -Removal of slip/ snow from source and channel and clearing vegetation along channel/ pipe).	4,99,412/-	9,990/-	One Month	Rs.500/-
3	C/o FIS Pangti from Commander Nallah in GP Yumath Distt.Lahaul & Spiti (HP) (SH: -Providing, laying, jointing and testing of HDPE pipe from source to Desilting Tank & C/o Pattra cutting).	4,65,714/-	9,320/-	Three Month	Rs.500/-
4	Restoration of rain/snow da mages to various FIS under JS Section Jispa Distt.Lahaul & Spiti (HP) (SH: -Removal of slip/ snow from source and channel and clearing vegetation along channel / pipe).	4,99,906/-	10,000/-	One Month	Rs.500/-
5	Restoration of rain/ snow damages to various FIS under JS Section Udaipur Distt.Lahaul & Spiti (HP) (SH: -Removal of slips/ snow from source and channel).	4,92,953/-	9,860/-	One Month	Rs.500/-

sale of tender form from divisional office: - 03.03.2025 upto 11:30 AM  
Last date submission of tender 03.03.2025 upto 02:30 PM

The tender forms and other detailed conditions can be downloaded from the website [www.hpip.org](http://www.hpip.org) or can be had from the office of Executive Engineer, Jal Shakti Division Keylong upto 5.00 PM.

Executive Engineer,  
Jal Shakti Division Keylong

RO NO. 5449/2024-2025 Dt. 22-02-2025

**DECLARATION ABOUT CRIMINAL CASES FORMAT C-1**

As per the judgment dated 25th September, 2018, of Hon'ble Supreme Court in WP (Civil) No. 536 of 2011 (Public Interest Foundation & Ors. Vs. Union of India & Anr.

**Name and Address of Candidate : NAVEEN KUMAR**  
S/o Tarsem R/o Ward No. 12, Kalayat, Distt. Kaithal.

**Name of Political Party : INDEPENDENT**

**Name of the Election: Haryana Urban Body Election 2025**

**Contesting of Election: Member from Ward No. 12, Municipal Council, Kalayat.**

I, **NAVEEN KUMAR** a candidate for the above mentioned election, declare for public information. The following details about my criminal antecedents:

Sl. No.	Name of Court	Case No. and Dated	Status of Cases	Section(s) of Acts concerned and brief description of offences(s)
1	CJI Court Kaithal	FIR No. 247 30.08.2018	Pending	U/S148,149,32312 0B IPC & 27-54-59 Arms Act
2	Session Court Kaithal	FIR No. 26 26.01.2021	Pending	U/S 307, 506, 34 IPC & 25-54-59 Arms Act

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Loan Code No.: 13500009848, Chandigarh - Sector 22 (Branch), Satish Sharma (Borrower), W/o Rajiv Kumar (Co Borrower 1)	Dt: 28-03-2017, Rs. 19,92,778/- (Rs. Nineteen lakh Ninety Two Thousand Seven Hundred Seventy Eight Only)	All The piece and Parcel of the Property having an extent- Flat No. 2089 Second Floor Axcme Floor Tdi City 2 Sec 110-111 Rupnagar Chandigarh IN 160055	Rs. 21,33,780/- (Rs. Twenty One lakh Thirty Three Thousand Three Hundred Seventy Eight Only)	Rs. 2,13,378/- (Rs. Two lakh Thirteen Thousand Three Hundred Seventy Eight Only)	Rs. 53,29,047/- (Rs. Fifty Three lakh Twenty Nine Thousand Forty Seven Only)
Loan Code No.: 13500007032, Chandigarh - Sector 22 (Branch), Rajiv Kumar (Borrower), Pooja W/o Rajiv Kumar (Co Borrower 1)	Dt: 16-03-2018, Rs. 10,88,939/- (Rs. Ten lakh Eighty Eight Thousand Nine Hundred Thirty Nine Only)	All The piece and Parcel of the Property having an extent- Khasra No 8/23 Village Karhan Patel Nagar Ambala Haryana IN 133001	Rs. 6,72,300/- (Rs. Six lakh Seventy Two Thousand Three Hundred Only)	Rs. 67,230/- (Rs. Sixty Seven Thousand Three Hundred Only)	Rs. 28,72,148/- (Rs. Twenty Eight lakh Seventy Two Thousand One Hundred Forty Eight Only)
Loan Code No.: 13500004495, Chandigarh - Sector 22 (Branch), Mohammed Alam (Borrower), Mohammed Suleman (Co Borrower 1)	Dt: 13-06-2018, Rs. 12,29,285/- (Rs. Twelve lakh Twenty Nine Thousand Two Hundred Eighty Five Only)	All The piece and Parcel of the Property having an extent - Flat No.16-ground Floor Block-ab Shijot/ Studio Apartment Kharar Rupnagar Punjab IN 140301	Rs. 15,57,000/- (Rs. Fifteen lakh Fifty Seven Thousand Only)	Rs. 1,55,700/- (Rs. One lakh Fifty Five Thousand Seven Hundred Only)	Rs. 2139462/- (Rs. Twenty One lakh Thirty Nine Thousand Four Hundred Sixty Two Only)

**DATE OF E-AUCTION: 12-03-2025, FROM 11:00 A.M. TO 01:00 P.M. (WITH UNLIMITED EXTENSION OF 5 MINUTES EACH).**  
**LAST DATE OF SUBMISSION OF BID: 11-03-2025, BEFORE 04:00 P.M.**

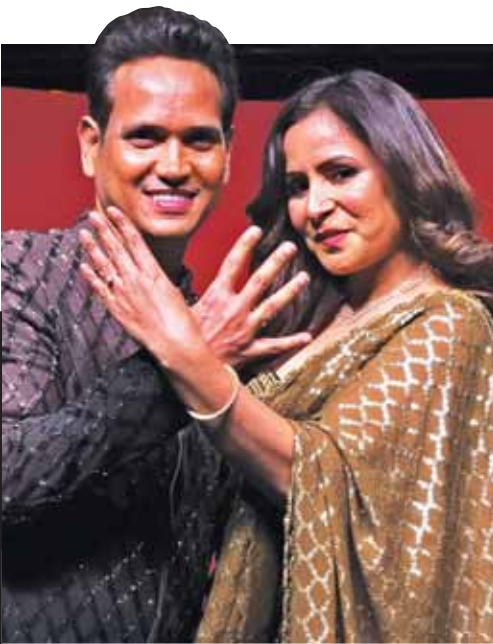
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Date: February 23, 2025  
Place: Chandigarh

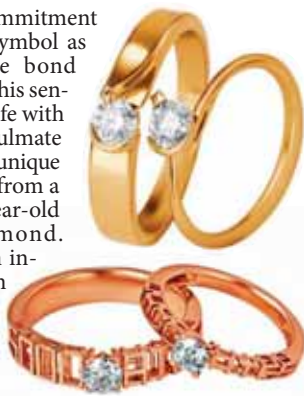
Sd/- (Authorised Officer)  
(Aranya - Trust)



### A Love Written in Diamond

A diamond's journey, like Tanishq's Soulmate Diamond Pair, is meant to last forever, says SAKSHI PRIYA

Love and commitment deserve a symbol as rare as the bond they represent. This sentiment came to life with Tanishq's 'The Soulmate Diamond Pair', a unique creation crafted from a single billion-year-old natural diamond.



Introduced at an intimate event in collaboration with De Beers, the collection celebrates the idea that true love, much like a diamond, is shaped over time and meant to last forever.

The highlight of the evening was the rings themselves, two intricately designed pieces that started as one. Their shared origin represents a connection that is both precious and unbreakable.

Beyond their sparkle, these rings hold a significance that makes them stand apart. One thing was certain. Some things in life never fade and love is one of them. These rings are a reflection of bonds that are rare, strong and meant to last a lifetime.



## GILDED IN TRADITION

A collection that celebrates heritage, crafted with skill and passion, keeps traditions alive with grace, says SAKSHI PRIYA

Fashion with meaning is rare. Every stitch tells a story and every fabric holds a memory. In a world of fleeting trends, it is refreshing to see a designer who values artistry and tradition, ensuring that heritage remains a part of contemporary fashion.

with jackets and capes, offering a fresh take on traditional styles. It was a celebration of textures, colours and meticulous craftsmanship. The idea of passing down heirloom textiles, of a mother gifting a piece to her daughter, who then treasures it for her own children, made the collection feel timeless.



Shilpi Gupta, the creative force behind House of Shilpi Gupta, presented her latest collection, Kanakmani, at Earthloom, The Threads of Heritage during Bharat Tex 2025.

House of Shilpi Gupta has always been about reviving and reinterpreting India's textile traditions. Every fabric, every silhouette, carries a sense of nostalgia while embracing the present.

### Showcasing India's Textile Strength

BY ABHI SINGHAL

Bharat Tex 2025, India's premier global textile event, was held at Bharat Mandapam in New Delhi. The event featured over 5,000 exhibitors, providing a comprehensive showcase of India's textile ecosystem.



On talking to Vatsal Gaudani, Founder of Vatsal Exports LLP, shared his impressions of Bharat Tex 2025 and the interest of the buyers, he said, "This diverse attendance underscores the event's significance as a premier platform for showcasing India's textile prowess."

## The Truth Behind Headlines and Bylines

With a big stellar cast and hooked storyline, Crime Beat delivers crime and suspense but its execution falls short at times, writes ABHI SINGHAL

Crime Beat currently streaming on Zee5 is a crime thriller directed by Sudhir Mishra and Sanjeev Kaul. The web series with a blend of investigative journalism and the crime world takes you through the lives of journalists and criminals showcasing the risk involved in both lives.



RATING ★★☆☆



Starring Saqib Saleem, Rahul Bhat, Vipin Sharma, Sai Tamhankar, Danish Husain, Rajesh Tailang, and Saba Azad, the story starts from the world of how getting a byline or a good story is a struggle in the newspaper and frustrates the protagonist Saqib Saleem.

The cast has played sharp roles, adding masala (fun) and hook to the webseries. Saqib Saleem as Abhishek Sinha has portrayed emotions of all sorts in his scenes showcasing the frustration of struggling for a page one byline, changing jobs and a stolen hit byline.

Rahul Bhat as Binny Chaudhary has fewer scenes but is there for a great grip to the story. Sai Tamhankar as Archana Pandey has

played the queen of disguise perfectly. The role of Danish Husain as Amir Akhtar, a senior crime journalist and his link to Binny

uplifts the scenes of thrill. Rajesh Tailang as DCP Uday Kumar has always aced his acting part as the evil police officer and Vipin Sharma has sup-

ported a great cast. Although the cast is not a disappointment, the confusing beginning and unclear screen time for the characters are what will disappoint you. For instance, Saba Azad as Maya Kapoor opened as a strong character and could have possibly made a better impact but her fewer scenes and later introduction as the love interest of bhishek was a dismay. Crime Beat doesn't always make the most of its strengths and occasionally falls short of its potential, with its clunky dialogues sometimes making scenes feel mechanical. However, if you enjoy shows packed with relentless crime, action, and suspense, Crime Beat is worth a watch, as the actors don't leave a room for disappointment.



### SUGGESTED BINGES



Crime Beat IMDB Rating - 7.1/10 OTT - Zee5 Cast - Saqib Saleem, Saba Azad, Rahul Bhat



Oops! Ab Kya? IMDB Rating - 6.4/10 OTT - JioHotstar Cast - Jaaved Jaaferi, Sonali Kulkarni, Shweta Basu Prasad



Reacher Season 3 IMDB Rating - 8/10 OTT - Amazon Prime Video Cast - Alan Ritchson, Maria Sten



Surface Season 2 IMDB Rating - 6.4/10 OTT - Apple TV+ Cast - Gugu Mbatha-Raw, Oliver Jackson, Ari Graynor



The White Lotus Season 3 IMDB Rating - 8/10 OTT - JioHotstar Cast - Leslie Bibb, Carrie Coon, Walton Goggins, Sarah Catherine Hook, Jason Isaacs



“ONE CANNOT THINK WELL, LOVE WELL,  
SLEEP WELL, IF ONE HAS NOT DINED WELL”  
— VIRGINIA WOOLF

Experience Lucknow's legendary flavours with live cooking, rich kebabs, aromatic biryanis and decadent desserts, says SAKSHI PRIYA

# The Royal Taste of Awadh

Lucknow is a city where history and flavour walk hand in hand. Known for its tehzeeb, rich culinary traditions, and slow-cooked delicacies, every bite tells a story of Nawabs and royal kitchens. The aroma of saffron and kebabs fills its streets, the sound of clinking glasses and quiet conversations adding to its charm.

Now, this experience finds a new home in Noida at *Chica Loca* by Sunny Leone. A space where every detail reflects a love for food and culture. The atmosphere feels personal, as though the restaurant itself is telling you a secret. Here, *Zaika-e-Lucknow* is an experience that unfolds before your eyes.

### A Feast for the Senses

There's something mesmerising about watching food being prepared right in front of you. The sizzle, the aroma, the way each ingredient is carefully added. At *Chica Loca* by *Zaika-e-Lucknow* is an experience.

Every dish carries the heart of Lucknow's legendary cuisine, steeped in history and rich in flavour. The chefs perform, turning centuries-old recipes into moments worth savouring.



### The Chaat Experience

At the chaat counter, the experience begins with a flourish. A delicate kataifi basket is placed before you, crisp and golden.

A freshly fried aloo tikki is placed inside, followed by a drizzle of thick tamarind and jaggery sauce, its deep sweetness balanced by the tang of yoghurt. A spoonful of *Arala Galka chutney*, deep green, fragrant, bursting with spice, is added, the final flourish to a masterpiece of textures and tastes.

This chaat is layers of flavour, a balance of crisp, soft, sweet, and spicy. The first bite is a revelation, crunchy, creamy, tangy and warming, all at once. It's street food elevated to an art form.

### Gulati Kebab & Katal Delight

On the live grill, the *Gulati Kebab* sizzles gently, its rich aroma of ghee, saffron, and warming spices filling the air. A delicate blend of khoya, lentils and paneer, infused with cashew paste and *Lazzat-e-Taam* masala, makes it irresistibly soft. Served with saffron-infused Sheermal and bold panch-phoron chutney, it melts on the tongue, releasing layers of spice and smoke.

Never thought of *Katal* as something this indulgent but here it was, stealing the spotlight. Slow-cooked in Lucknowi spices, the raw jackfruit transformed into a rich meaty delight. Paired with warm *Rumali Roti*, it absorbed the deep smokiness of cloves, cardamom and ghee, each bite a revelation.

### The Non-Veg Secrets

For those who crave the richness of Lucknow's meat dishes, the live kitchen offers a spectacle of its own. The legendary *Chowk Ke Galawati Kebab*, soft, smoky, spiced to perfection, is prepared right before your eyes, each portion hand-minced with precision. Beside it, a pot of *Abu Bakar Ki Biryani* is gently stirred, the fragrance of saffron and rose water rising with the steam. The *Rann Mussallam*, slow-cooked to perfection with rich Lucknowi spices, makes a grand entrance, the meat tender, falling off the bone.

### Pan-Asian Flair

While the heart of *Zaika-e-Lucknow* lies in its heritage, there's an unexpected twist, a live Pan-Asian station. The contrast is striking. Here, the preparation is fast, dynamic. Flames leap as a chef tosses fresh vegetables in a hot wok, the aroma of basil and soy hitting the air.

A dish of *Sticky Rice* with Vegetables in *Basil Sauce* comes together in mere minutes. The chef glances up, asking, "More spice?" A nod, and in goes a handful of

fresh chilli, the deep red cutting through the glossy sauce. Spice is adjusted on request. The final dish is bold and full of character, every grain of rice coated in a rich, aromatic sauce. It's a theatrical contrast to the slow, deliberate artistry of Lucknow's kebabs and chaats, yet equally hypnotic to watch.

### A Sweet Mystery

Khushnuma Begum Ki Kulfi, what a name for a dessert. The story goes that a young chef once found an old spoon engraved with "Khushnuma" in the bustling bartan bazaar, and it changed his fate forever. This dessert carries that same magic. A saffron and almond kulfi, layered with falooda and dry fruits, served with a paan-infused rabri blended with betel leaf and gulkand. Each bite is a journey through Lucknow's rich culinary history, a perfect ending to an unforgettable meal.

Dining at *Chica Loca* is about feeling connected, to the past, to the craft, to the very moment when something beautiful is created. Watching the hands that shape the food, hearing the stories behind the dishes, inhaling the scents that fill the air, it all makes each bite more meaningful. At *Zaika-e-Lucknow*, tradition is alive, food is theatre and every meal is a story waiting to be told.

### FACT SHEET

**Restaurant:** Chica Loca by sunny leone  
**Venue:** 4th Floor, Plot Number-C3, One29, E1, Noida-Greater Noida Expy, above Gulshan, Sector 129, Noida, Uttar Pradesh 201301  
**Price:** 2500+ for two (without alcohol)

### COCKTAILS & MORE

The drinks here deserve a moment of their own. *Ishq*, what a name. A smooth rum-based drink with almond milk, cream, cinnamon, honey and egg white. Velvety and rich, it felt like a warm embrace. Then came *Suroor-e-Raan*, a vodka cocktail with betel leaf, cloves, honey and lime, served alongside a fragrant meetha paan. An unexpected yet perfect pairing. Finally, *Mehfi*, a mocktail inspired by gawwali, blended rose water, pomegranate, lime and honey. Refreshing, floral, and full of life, just like the city itself.

# Taste of Purani Dilli in Every Bite

*Zaiqa-e-Dilli* returns with a love letter to flavours with iconic street flavours, says GYANESHWAR DAYAL

Ever dreamt of old times when you wanted to have lip smacking street food you headed to the walled city of Delhi and savoured everything that was sinful yet tasted like heaven - choley bhature, parathas of paratha wali gali, and maggi, papri chaat, Daulat ki chaat and what have you. Times have changed Delhi is far more crowded than it used to be but Delhi Street food is same. And the good news is you can have the same taste in same ambience in *Crowne Plaza Mayur Vihar* which is celebrating *Zaiqa-e-Dilli* till March 2. And here you get to taste not only the old Delhi street food from Lajpat Nagar but also get a feel of Majnu ka Tila.

*Crowne Plaza New Delhi Mayur Vihar's* signature dining destination, Infinity, has curated street food of Delhi for lovers on a flavourful journey through 'Zaiqa-e-Dilli' - a food festival that brings the essence of the capital's legendary street food to life. This year's theme, *Khat - A Culinary Love Letter to Dilwalo Ki Dilli*, is an ode to the city's deep-rooted love affair with its vibrant food culture, where every dish is a cherished memory, and every flavour a story waiting to be relished.

This year's edition of *Zaiqa-e-Dilli* takes an immersive approach to authenticity. Executive Chef Roushan Sharma and his team, in collaboration with *Namaste Culture*, embarked on a culinary treasure hunt across Delhi's bustling streets - from Jama Masjid's lanes to Daryaganj's historic eateries and Connaught Place's timeless food hubs. This meticulous exploration led them to the soul of Delhi's food scene - *Lotan Ke Chole Kulche*, *Sanjay Kumar's Daulat Ki Chaat*, *Aslam's Butter Chicken*, *Kuremal's Kulfi*, *Jain Fruit Sandwich*, and many more. To



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recreate these flavours with precision, the team observed, tasted, and learned firsthand from the masters behind these legendary dishes.

"Food in Delhi is more than sustenance - it is an emotion, a tradition, and an inseparable part of the city's identity," shares Executive Chef Roushan Sharma. To add an authentic touch, original vendors will prepare signature delights, ensuring that guests experience these dishes exactly as they were meant to be savoured.

*Dahleej-e-Dilli* festival's atmosphere will transport you to the bustling streets of Chandni Chowk, writes ABHI SINGHAL



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*Tumse milna purani Dilli mein.....* this always reminds me of Old Delhi and the flavourful food that one can eat while being there. To experience the same, all at a single restaurant, *Crowne Plaza Today New Delhi Okhla* hosted the 15th edition of its signature food festival - *Dilli 6 - Dahleej-e-Dilli* till 5th March, bringing the spirit of Purani Dilli to life. This food festival, which takes place every year, offers a genuine taste of Old Delhi's rich flavours and ageless customs while re-creating the ambience of its lively streets with desi decors.

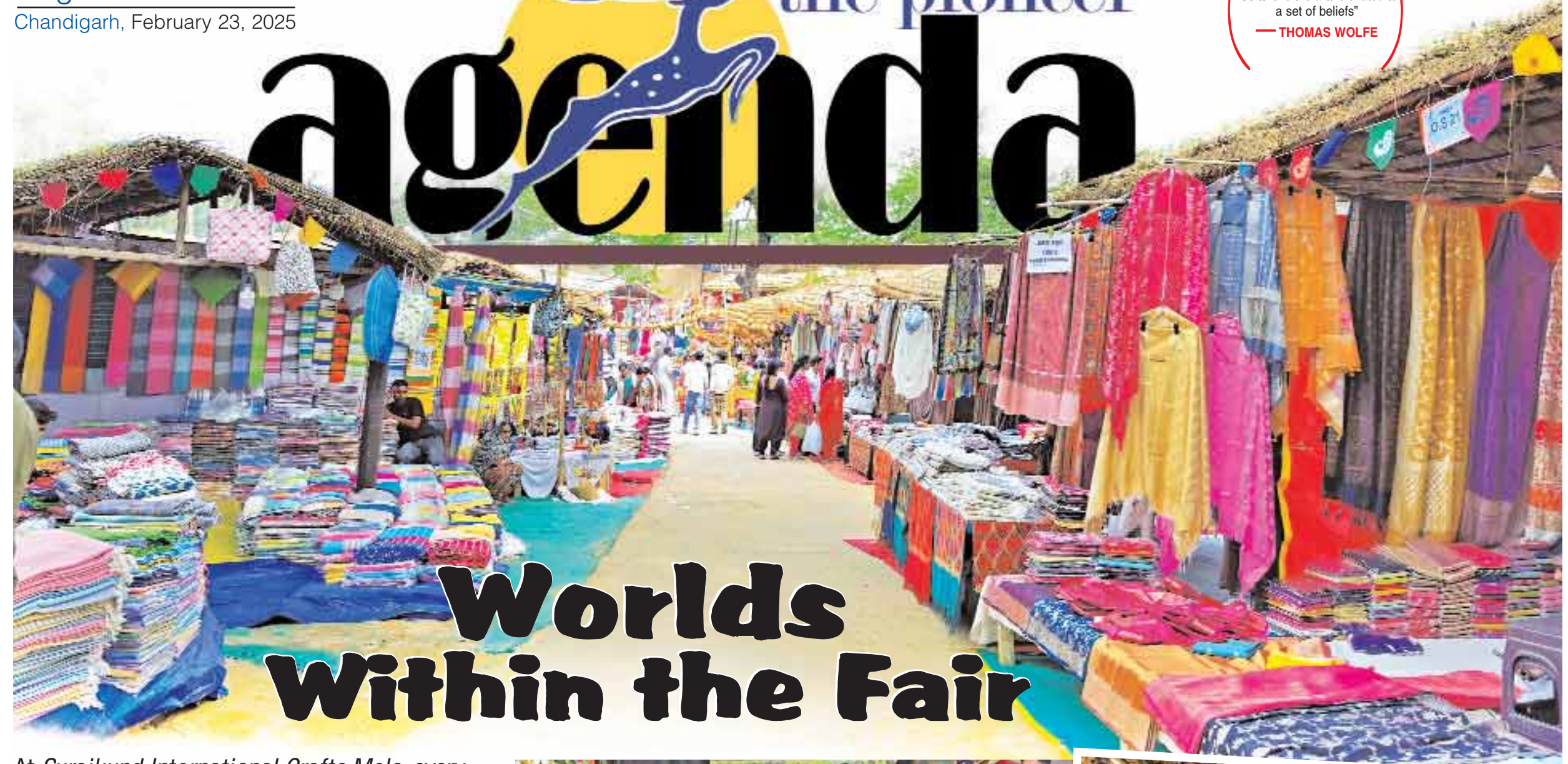
A variety of classic delicacies that embody the essence of Dilli 6 were available for the guests. Every mouthful reveals a tale, from the rich and creamy *Paneer Changezi Paratha* from the Paranthi Vaali Gali to the tart joy of *Matar Kulche*, one could feel the flavour. From the making of *Chana Jor Garam* and ambience of love, shayari songs gave the feeling of spending time at Purani Dilli.

While those who prefer sweets could not pass up the *Shafiz Ki Phirni* and the smooth *Kulfi*, meat lovers could savour the slow-cooked excellence of *Mutton Nihari* and the hearty warmth of *Haleem*. Every element of the setup was homage to Dilli 6, from installations with a nod to heritage and the smells of sizzling kebabs.



**ICONIC FOODS**  
Guests at *Zaiqa-e-Dilli* will indulge in over 100 of Delhi's most iconic dishes, served through a rotating menu featuring the capital's best street food. The culinary lineup includes Chandni Chowk's famous parathas, Connaught Place's comforting Rajma Chawal, Lajpat Nagar's crispy Ram Ladoo, and Jama Masjid's irresistible Chicken Changezi. Majnu Ka Tila's Momos, Rajouri Garden's Chole Bhature, and Karol Bagh's succulent kebabs will also take the center stage, alongside live hawkers crafting refreshing Bunta.

"Culture is the arts elevated to a set of beliefs"  
— THOMAS WOLFE



# Worlds Within the Fair

At Surajkund International Crafts Mela, every colour, every texture and every melody told a story of heritage and passion, says **SAKSHI PRIYA**

The first thing that catches your senses is the smell, fresh jalebis sizzling in hot oil, the tangy aroma of bhel puri mixed with the sweetness of roasted nuts. People walk past, their hands full of colourful bags, carefully wrapped souvenirs and steaming cups of chai. A group of school children rushes by, laughing as they hold up the masks they just bought. Nearby, an elderly couple stands at a saree stall, running their fingers over the soft silk as they decide which one to take home.

The 38th Surajkund International Crafts Mela, taking place in Faridabad, Haryana, at Surajkund Mela Grounds, is a grand celebration of art, culture and heritage, featuring over 1,000 stalls, vibrant performances and a special Rajasthan-themed showcase. Every corner of the mela offers a glimpse into the past. It is a place where cultures converge, creativity flourishes and every turn unveils a new treasure waiting to be explored.

## HANDCRAFTED TREASURES

Walking through the fair feels like stepping into a marketplace where every item has a story. The Department of Archaeology and Museum, Haryana, showcases artefacts from different periods of history. Odisha's stall is lined with handloom textiles, intricate Sambalpuri sarees and delicate silver jewellery. Banaras displays its famous silk sarees, their golden threads catching the light. Madhya Pradesh presents handcrafted lamps and umbrellas embroidered with elephant designs. Each stall holds something unique, drawing visitors eager to take home a piece of heritage.

"I have been coming here for years," says an artist from Madhya Pradesh. "People appreciate handmade crafts here and that gives us hope that our work will live on."

People walk around holding boards with messages spread across the mela. Among the many stalls, Bhutan's artisans display handcrafted meditation items. "These are used for meditation," says a vendor as a visitor calls their partner over to take a look. A wooden birdhouse sits at another stall, a symbol of the sustainable crafts that continue to be passed down through generations.



## GLOBAL MARKETPLACE

Surajkund brings together artisans from around the world. The Grand Bazaar of Istanbul showcases fine textiles and jewellery while Madagascar's stall offers handcrafted vegan bags. Lebanon's stall is filled with intricately designed hookah pots, Iran displays fragrant ittar and woven mats and Syria's section holds paintings, lamps and table décor.

A shopkeeper from Afghanistan carefully unrolls a handmade carpet. "This one costs ₹2,00,000," he says, running his fingers over the fabric. "A deep artist worked on this for an entire year. It may look like a mat but it is a painting in itself."



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PERFORMERS FROM MOZAMBIQUE TAKE THE STAGE. THE EXCITEMENT SPREADS AND VISITORS CANNOT RESIST JOINING IN. FACES LIGHT UP AS PEOPLE DANCE TOGETHER, SHARING IN THE JOY OF THE MOMENT

## DANCE AND MUSIC

The sound of dhols leads the crowd towards the Odisha dance performance. Dancers dressed in traditional attire move with grace, their anklets jingling in sync. A group of visitors stands around them, making videos, clicking photos and cheering. Children try to copy the steps, laughing as they stumble.

College students and professionals move through the fair, capturing performances and interactions for their projects. "We're covering the mela for our college assignment," says a media student. "There's so much to learn from this experience."



## VINTAGE SIPS

The crockery section at Surajkund Mela is a visual delight, showcasing exquisite vintage and aesthetic tea sets from Iran and different parts of the world. Delicate porcelain, hand-painted kettles, and intricately designed cups transport visitors to another era. The Iranian sets, adorned with fine patterns and gold accents, stand out for their elegance. Each stall feels like a time capsule, drawing people in as they admire the charm of old-world tea traditions.



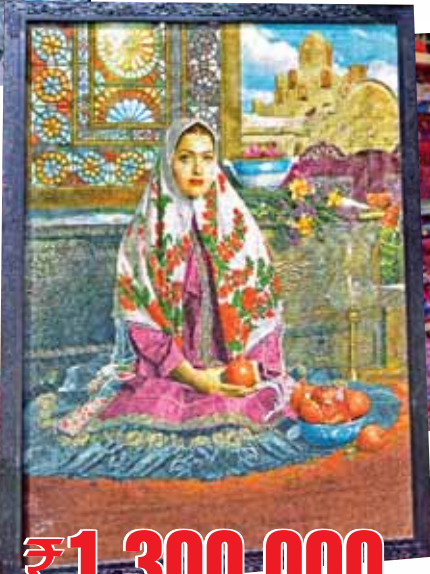
## A CULTURAL MELTING POT

Surajkund is a place where cultures meet, where an artist from Tunisia can sit next to a designer from Bangladesh and exchange ideas. It is where a student can witness centuries-old crafting techniques and imagine a future in design. It is where a photographer captures the joy of a child dancing to a tune she has never heard before.

"This place has everything," says a vlogger recording the event. "If you love art, culture, photography or just good food, there's no place better than this."

From authentic crafts and mesmerising folk performances to global flavours, every moment is a celebration of colours, creativity, and culture. Visitors can engage with craftsmen, learn their traditions, and witness the beauty of handcrafted heritage. Performing arts take centre stage with cultural troupes showcasing folk dances and music at the open-air theatre, Matyashala. From ghazals and classical thumri to soul-stirring ragas, the cultural evenings add magic to the event.

This year, Madhya Pradesh and Odisha shine this year with Gond paintings, Maheshwari sarees, Dhokra figurines, Pattachitra art, Sambalpuri weaves, and Gotipua dance. BIMSTEC nations add cultural richness, while Apna Ghar showcases Haryana's heritage. Today is the last chance to experience it all!



₹1,300,000

In 2024, 1.3 million visitors attended the Surajkund Mela

## CHALLENGES OF ARTISANS

While the fair is filled with colour and excitement, it also highlights the struggles of artisans. Many crafts that have been passed down through generations now face the threat of being forgotten. "It's not easy to make a living from this," says a block print artist from Rajasthan. "Handmade work takes time but people now prefer cheaper machine-made products. Events like this give us a chance to show the beauty of our craft." Despite the challenges, there is hope.



# VHAH: What a festival!

The Vedaaranya Heritage and Healing Festival (VHAH FEST 2025) breathes new life into the historic town of Ramgarh Shekhawati. Every winter, this once-forgotten town transforms into a vibrant cultural hub, drawing visitors from around the world to revel in its artistic splendor, architectural grandeur and deep-rooted traditions, says **GYANESHWAR DAYAL**

For five days, the quiet, dusty town of Ramgarh Shekhawati transformed into a vibrant spectacle of music, dance, colors, and captivating performances that left audiences enthralled. Welcome to VHAH FEST 2025—a celebration that goes beyond mere entertainment. VHAH is a dedicated effort to rekindle tourism in Ramgarh Shekhawati, serving a greater purpose: reviving the town's rich heritage. This eagerly awaited event every year promises an immersive journey into the rich tapestry of heritage, music, dance, wellness, and artistic splendor, all set against the breathtaking backdrop of Rajasthan's architectural grandeur.

But how do these two elements – A cultural festival and Heritage conservation – come together? A silent yet a profound revolution is taking shape in a small town in Rajasthan's Sikar district – Ramgarh Shekhawati. Known for its exquisitely carved havelis and frescos, it is now one of the finest examples of how to protect and conserve the heritage. And more than money you need passion and dedication to do so; money follows. What began as an effort to restore an ancestral haveli by Shruti Poddar, now the convener of INTACH Shekhawati chapter, has grown into a full-blown revival of the town and an effort to put it on the world map of tourism. Indeed, it has been a long and arduous journey but is worth the pain and the



effort. Shruti tells us that when she returned from the UK, searching for her roots, she was amazed to see the heritage her ancestors left and was in tears that her own folk had abandoned such a rich heritage to settle in big towns.

She began brick by brick reviving the haveli that belonged to her. She lived with bats and bare minimum basics. Her dedication inspired people around and they gradually started taking interest in the revival of more havelis. Most of these havelis are over two hundred years and done in limestone, bricks and stones, carved with exquisite designs and painted with frescos on their facades with wet colours on limestone plaster.

But then for everything you need money, people with deep pockets need to be interested in visiting it so that money pours into once the richest place on the planet in terms of per capita income. Ruiyas, Khetans, Khemkas Poddars—the big Marwari business families have their genesis in Ramgarh and it shows. It is writ large in the Havelis they lived; Frescos done in gold, Belgium glasses on the wall and silk smooth flooring done in limestone and seashells—all tell you what the town is all about.

For the VHAH Festival 2025, the guests came from across the world. They came to be part of this immersive experience, a rare treat. Gajendra Singh Shekhawat, Minister for Culture and Tourism spent a day to understand the town and what it would take to revive it. He promised government support to provide infrastructure, like airport link and train halt of fast trains at Ramgarh station. The festival has grown bigger in size, both in terms of numbers and scope and has been adding newer elements to it. This year's theme was love – *Shringar rasa*. One major highlight of VHAH FEST 2025 was a heartfelt tribute to the legendary filmmaker Guru Dutt on his 100th birth anniversary. This special commemoration also brought together film enthusiasts and scholars for screenings, discussions, and live performances celebrating his unparalleled contributions to Indian cinema. Among the notable events was an exploration of Guru Dutt's cinematic journey, led by Nasreen Munni Kabir and Shruti Poddar. Additionally, Amrith Mishra directed grand musical concert dedicated to Guru Dutt's timeless melodies. The Moonlight Mehfil on February 14 featured a live performance of classic Guru Dutt film songs, presented by Anuraag Poddar over an intimate dinner setting.

Adding to the festival's allure was the launch of “The Grand Archway” at MOHAR Haveli, an exclusive Museum Art Gallery. This inaugural exhibition presented rare oleographs by Raja Ravi Varma and M V Dhurandhar, offering a rare glimpse into the artistic heritage of India. The exhibition was inaugurated by Gajendra Singh Shekhawat, alongside Prince Rama Varma, a descendant of Raja Ravi Varma, further enriching the festival's cultural offerings.

Evenings at VHAH FEST 2025 were dedicated to the evocative essence of *Shringar Rasa*, celebrating beauty, love, and romance through spellbinding music and dance performances. The classical performances by Geeta Chandran celebrated the theme of *Shringara* and took it to the next level. A tap dance performance by Irish dancer Jason Donnelly was mesmerising and so was the performance by the Rajasthani Kalbelia dancers. Odissi maestro Vidushi Sujata Mohapatra's interpretation of Jayadeva's “Gita Govinda” on February 15 left the audience spell bound.

The divine love of Radha-Krishna was brought to life through a soulful jugalbandi by Acharya Shrivatsa Goswami and Padmashri Geeta Chandran, while Prince Rama Varma's musical concert, set against the backdrop of Raja Ravi Varma's paintings added another layer of artistic enchantment.

Beyond performances and exhibitions, VHAH FEST 2025 engaged the participants on hands-on learning through an array of workshops and healing experiences. As the sun set over the Shekhawati sand dunes and the echoes of music and laughter fill the air, Ramgarh is indeed showing the country how our cultural heritage can be preserved and restored. VHAH FEST is an effort to make Ramgarh Shekhawati shine on the world tourist map. India has a treasure trove we must preserve before it is lost forever.

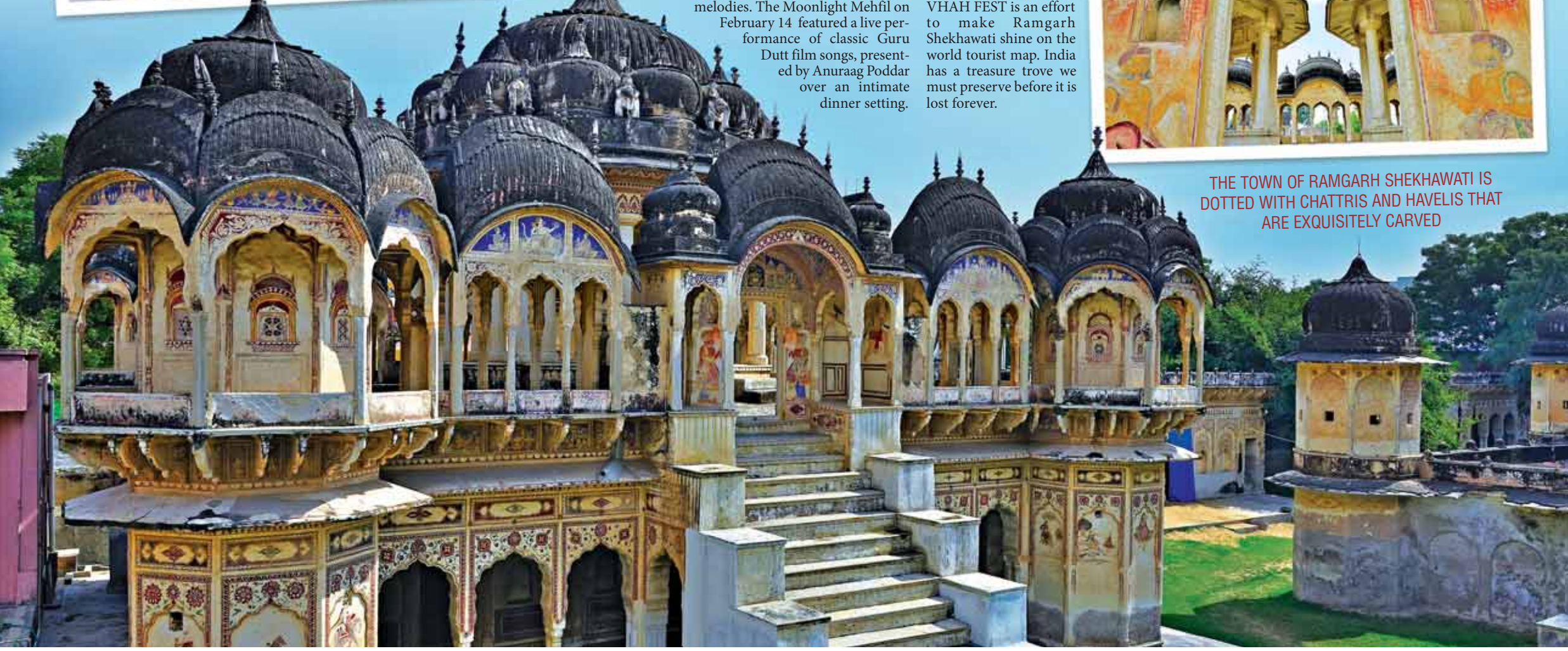
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## UNVEILING SHEKHAWATI

For those eager to explore the architectural wonders of Shekhawati, the festival offered a Heritage Walk, allowing visitors to discover the intricate frescoes, havelis, temples, and chhatris that define the region's historical landscape. festival provides an opportunity to witness and partake in the preservation of age-old crafts.



THE TOWN OF RAMGARH SHEKHAWATI IS DOTTED WITH CHATTRIS AND HAVELIS THAT ARE EXQUISITELY CARVED



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**I, Aman Singh** S/o Surinder Singh R/O. H.No.447, Gali No.8, Bhawani Nagar Majitha Road Amritsar Punjab Have Changed my name to Aman is my given name and Singh is my given name

**I, Neetika Vohra,** W/o Vishal Vohra, R/O. 2275/24, Jublee Road, Jandiala Guru, Amritsar, Punjab-143115, Have Changed My Name To Neetika. Concerned Note.

**I, Kiran Bhalla** W/o Rakesh Bhalla R/o.H.No.1, Main Bazar Guru Nanak Colony, TamTaran Road District Amritsar declare that Kiran Bhalla and Kiran Kumari both names are of one and Same Person

**I, Pardeep Sharma** S/o Mohan Lal Sharma R/O 16, Mahakali Marg, Green Field Avenue, Majitha Road, Distt Amritsar-143001. Punjab have changed my name to Pardeep Kumar Sharma.

**I, Srishti Pawa** W/o Puneet Gupta R/O 302, Green Avenue, Amritsar, Punjab changed my name from Srishti Pawa to Srishti Gupta

**I, Ridhi** alias Radhika Gulati W/o Kamal Gulati R/O 104-c/Block Thakur ji estate, FGC Road Amritsar have changed my name Ridhi alias Radhika Gulati to Ridhi Gulati.

**I, Kulwant Singh** Saggu S/o Ragbir Singh R/o. E 7/591, Pathania Building, Chheharta, Haryana have changed my name from Kulwant Singh Saggu to Kulwant Singh. Please All Concerned Note

**I, Shresta Devi** W/o Gurdev Singh R/o Vill: Gagg Po. Jindwari Teh-Nangal (Rupnagar) have changed my son name from Samar Kumar to Samar Singh.

**I, Pooja** W/o Subhash Chand R/O 345, Kheri Brahmanan (382), PO Salarpur, Dist Kurukshetra, Haryana-136119, have changed my name from Pooja to Pooja Rani.

I, hitherto known as Monu Kumar S/o Isham Singh R/O Village-Narkatari, Narkatari(386), Kurukshetra, Haryana 136119 have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as Manjeet Singh.

**I, Roshni Devi** wife of Balvinder Singh Rajeev Nikkuwal tehsil Anandpur Sahib declared that Roshni Devi and Roshani Devi both names of one and same person my correct name is Roshni Devi.

**I, Sanjeev Kumar** S/o Fateh Singh, Village Antehri, Post Office Bodla, Tehsil Thanesar, District Kurukshetra, Pin-136131, Haryana, have changed name given Sanjeev and Kumar Surname.

**I, Parvinder Kaur** D/o Avtar Singh Village & Post Office -Niwarsi, Tehsil-Ladwa, District- Kurukshetra, Pin-136132, Haryana, have changed name given Parvinder and Kaur Surname.

**I, Adarsh Kumar** Mehta S/o Late R.L. Das Mehta R/O H.No.743/44, Street No.7, Guru Nanak Nagar, Patiala (Punjab) declare that both names Adarsh Mehta and Adarsh Kumar Mehta are mine and of one and the same person.

**I, Charanjeet Singh** Bal. S/o Sh. Sadhu Singh Bal. R/O Ward No. 09, Rania, District Sirsa (Haryana), hereby declare that My name in the old passport is Charanjeet Singh Bal. However, in the new passport, my name has been recorded as Charanjeet Singh. I affirm that I should henceforth be known and recognized solely by the name Charanjeet Singh Bal for all official and personal purposes.

**I, Kailash** W/o Balkar Singh R/O Tibba Farm pehowa Have Changed My Given Name Kailash Surame Kaur.

**I, Palwinder Kaur** W/O Dhyam Singh R/O Jurasi Kalan Pehowa, Kurukshetra, Haryana have changed my name Palwinder Surame Kaur.

**I, Sahil** S/o Krishan Village Sheikhpura Manchur, Karnal Have Changed My Given Name Sahil Surame Kumar.

I, Hitherto Known as Pretty Alias Sunita Sharma W/o Raman Kumar And D/o Thuru Ram Resident of VPO Gharota Kalan, Tehsil And District Pathankot (Punjab) Have Changed My Name And Shall Hereafter Be Known as Sunita Sharma.

**I, Udaya Raj Singh** Father of No 15718181X Hav Raj Karan Singh resident of Village- Kharasdwaa, Post-Kharasdwaa, Tehsil- Khaga, District- Fatehpur, State- Uttar Pradesh, Pin-212641, have changed my name from Udaya Raj Singh to Uday Raj Vide affidavit No.IN-PB09897890135666X dated 20 Feb 2025 before notary public Pathankot

**I, No.15776557Y** Hav (OCC) Dipak Kumar Jaiswal resident of Village- Hazinagar, Post- Hazinagar, Tehsil- Barrackpur, District- 24 Parganas, State- West Bengal, Pin-743135, have changed my Mother name from Durga Devi to Durgabati Shaw Vide affidavit No.IN-PB0962863404130X dated 21 Feb 2025 before notary public Pathankot

**I, Rupali Shirmanth** Jagtap spouse of No.2805042K NK Jagtap Shirmanth Sundwarrao resident of Village- Pisegaon, Post- Tambwa, Tehsil- Kajj, District- Beed, State- Maharashtra, Pin-431123, have changed my name from Rupali Shirmanth Jagtap to Rupali Shrimant Jagtap Vide affidavit No. IN-PB09631369132115X dated 21 Feb 2025 before notary public Pathankot

**I, No.2805042K** NK Jagtap Shirmanth Sundwarrao resident of Village- Pisegaon, Post- Tambwa, Tehsil- Kajj, District- Beed, State- Maharashtra, Pin-431123, have changed my Father name from Sundwarrao to Sundarrao Kundlik Jagtap Vide affidavit No. IN-PB09628417629566X dated 21 Feb 2025 before notary public Pathankot

**I, Udaya Raj** Singh Father of No 15718181X Hav Raj Karan Singh resident of Village- Kharasdwaa, Post-Kharasdwaa, Tehsil- Khaga, District- Fatehpur, State- Uttar Pradesh, Pin-212641, have changed my name from Udaya Raj Singh to Uday Raj Vide affidavit No.IN-PB08987890135666X dated 20 Feb 2025 before notary public Pathankot

**I, No.2805042K** NK Jagtap Shirmanth Sundwarrao resident of Village- Pisegaon, Post- Tambwa, Tehsil- Kajj, District- Beed, State- Maharashtra, Pin-431123, have changed my Mother name from Sudamati to Sudamati Sundar Jagatav Vide affidavit No. IN-PB09630446351689X dated 21 Feb 2025 before notary public Pathankot.

**I, Indr Devi** W/o Sh. Prem Singh R/O Village Danoda Kalan Teh. Narwana Distt. Jind (HR) have changed my name to Indro Devi.

**I, No.15776557Y** Hav (OCC) Dipak Kumar Jaiswal resident of Village- Hazinagar, Post- Hazinagar, Tehsil- Barrackpur, District- 24 Parganas, State- West Bengal, Pin-743135, have changed my Father name from Pannalal Jaiswal to Pannalal Shaw Vide affidavit No.IN-PB09627597431130X dated 21 Feb 2025 before notary public Pathankot

**I, Bhanu Kumar** s/o Ram Ratan permanent resident of H.No 239, New Teacher colony, Bhadroya Road, Pathankot, Tehsil and District Pathankot-145001(PB) declare that in my PASSPORT my name wrongly mentioned as Bhanu but my correct name is Bhanu Kumar as per my Adhaar card and all other documents. Bhanu and Bhanu Kumar both names are one of same person.

**I, Neelavathi D** is Mother of Army No-16136028H Rank-Spr Name- Kartikeyan D Presently Posted At Unit: 21 Engr Regt C/o 56 APO Permanent Address: NO 24/B Road street, Village: Ozhughur Kuppam, Post: Ozhughur, via Ammooor, Tehsil: Sholinghur, District: Ranipet, State: Tamil Nadu-632501 declare that I have Correct my Date of birth from 01/09/1976 to 16/05/1976. Vide Affidavit No: 48AA 901130, Dated: 22/02/2025

**I, D Neelavathi** is Mother of Army No-16136028H Rank-Spr Name- Kartikeyan D Presently Posted At Unit: 21 Engr Regt C/o 56 APO Permanent Address: NO 24/B Road street, Village: ozhughur Kuppam, Post: ozhughur, via Ammooor, Tehsil: Sholinghur, District: Ranipet, State: Tamil Nadu-632501 declare that I have changed My Name from Jayalakshmi to K Jayalakshmi. Vide Affidavit No: 48AA 901459, Dated: 22/02/2025

**I, Army No-JC 314630K** Rank-NB/Sub Name- Syamasundara Rao Kuna Presently Posted At Unit: CME, Pune, Maharashtra- 411031, Permanent Address: 1-85, Peddaveedhi, Village: Chinanchala, Post: Kedarpuram, Mandala: Palasa, Dist: Srikakulam, State: Andhra Pradesh-532221 declare that I have changed My Name from Jayalakshmi to K Jayalakshmi. Vide Affidavit No: 48AA 901455, Dated: 22/02/2025

**I, Nirmala** is legally mother of NK-15713420X, Rank: NK, Name: Vinay Kumar presently residing at House No. 35, Village Rajgarh, Block Julana, Distt. Jind, Haryana-126101 declare that I have changed my name from Nirmala due to documentation purpose and I have changed my date of birth 06.05.1961 to 01.01.1958

**I, Asha Rani** W/O Inderjit Singh R/O Gali No.8, Premapura, Phagwara, District Kapurthala Have Changed My Minor Son Name From Muskan Rani To Muskan As Given Name & Rani As Surname.

**I Paramjeet Kaur** W/O Ajmer Singh R/O Street No.-1 Jaman Colony Faridkot Distt. Faridkot Punjab Have Changed My Name To Surjit Kaur.

**I Nav Sidhu** S/O Sukhdev Singh R/O 76GB, Anupgarh Distt. Ganganagar Rajasthan Have Changed My Name To Angrej Singh.

**I Sukhbir Singh** S/O Kuldeep Singh R/O Vill. Sheikha P.O. Magar Mudian, District Gurdaspur Declare That My Given Name As Sukhbir And Surname As Singh.

**I Kamrjit Kaur** W/O Charat Singh R/O Vpo. Panjgrain Kalan Distt. Faridkot Have Changed My Name To Karanjeet Kaur.

**I Balbir Kaur** W/O Gurinder Singh Narula R/O H.No.-T-42 Mohalla Talab Faridkot Have Changed My Name To Balbir Kaur Narula.

**I Ninderpal Kaur** Gill D/O Charhat Singh R/O Ward.No.-01 Kotkapura Bypass Kaler Nagar Moga Have Changed My Name To Ninderpal Kaur.

**I, Manisha** D/O Ratan R/O Village- Nawan Pind Sardaran, Po- Tibber, Tehsil/Distt- Gurdaspur, Punjab, India. Have Changed My Name From Manisha To Manisha Bharti.

**I, Jeenat** W/O Ratan R/O Village- Nawan Pind Sardaran, Po- Tibber, Tehsil/Distt- Gurdaspur, Punjab. Have Changed My Name From Jeenat To Jeenat Bharti.

**I, No.2460464F** Ex Hav Jaswant Singh S/O Sh Kapoor Singh R/O Village Dehriwal Kiran, Po- Bishankot Tehsil And Distt- Gurdaspur State Punjab, India. Have Changed My Daughter Name From Tamana To Tamanna.

**I, Sudhir Kumar** S/O Sant Ram R/O H.No-206/8 Improvement Trust Colony No.5 Jail Road Gurdaspur, Tehsil/Distt- Gurdaspur, Punjab, India. Have Changed My Name From Sudhir Kumar To Sudhir Kumar Angral.

**सत्य को ग्रहण करने और असत्य को छोड़ने में सर्वदा उद्यत रहना चाहिए।**  
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