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FREEFALL OF FREEBIES

SAUMYA SHUKLA ■ NEW DELHI

The BJP on Friday launched the first part of its 'Sankalp Patra' for the upcoming Delhi assembly elections, surpassing all 'freebies' expectations with the announcement of six poll promises, including Rs 21,000 for pregnant women, Rs 2,500 under the 'Mahila Samridhi Yojana', LPG cylinders at Rs 500, and Rs 3,000 pension for senior citizens aged over 70 years. However, shortly after the announcement, AAP chief Arvind Kejriwal sharply reacted to the BJP's manifesto, calling it a 'Kejriwal Patra' instead of 'Sankalp Patra'. He accused the BJP of 'copying' his party for announcing several 'revis' (freebies) in its 'Sankalp Patra', stating that Prime Minister Narendra Modi won't approve of the 'freebies' promised by the BJP. "The BJP has repeatedly said that Kejriwal gives away free handouts, but today the BJP's national president announced that they too will provide free handouts to the people of Delhi," Kejriwal said. "I want to tell them that they should acknowledge that Prime Minister Modi was wrong when he said the things he did about us. They should also accept that free handouts are not wrong—they are a gift from God and good for the country. He should come forward and assure that he consents to these (BJP) promises. He should tell us that I was right in providing free handouts," Kejriwal added. Releasing the first part of the manifesto, BJP President Nadda said that women's empowerment has been a priority area for Prime Minister Narendra Modi. He added that BJP-ruled states, including Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Chhattisgarh, and Haryana, are already providing financial aid to women. The second promise of the BJP is to provide LPG cylinders for Rs 500 to women from poor families and one free cylinder each on the occasions of



BJP National President JP Nadda along with Delhi BJP President Virendra Sachdeva and others leaders during the launch of 'Sankalp Patra Part-I' for Delhi Assembly elections, in New Delhi. Photo: Ranjan Dimri/The Pioneer

AAP promises, BJP dismisses

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

In another move to target youth voters, former Chief Minister and AAP chief Arvind Kejriwal, seeking re-election in the assembly polls, announced a major guarantee providing free bus travel to all school and college students in Delhi. Additionally, Kejriwal proposed a 50 percent concession on metro fares for students, urging the Central government to collaborate with the Delhi government in sharing the cost of this initiative. Terming it an irresponsible move, Congress leader Sandeep Dikshit slammed Kejriwal's proposal, saying that the AAP promises what it cannot deliver financially and would eventually accuse the national authorities of obstruction. In his letter to Prime Minister Narendra Modi, the AAP convenor



said, "Delhi's students rely on the Delhi Metro for commuting to schools and colleges to a large extent. To reduce the financial burden on them, I propose a 50 percent concession to students in Delhi Metro. Delhi Metro is a joint venture between the Central and Delhi governments. The expenditure on this scheme will have to be borne by both." Kejriwal's request to Prime Minister Modi came on the day

ahead of the release of the BJP's 'Sankalp Patra' manifesto for the Delhi elections 2025. Notably, Delhi Metro is operated in collaboration between the Delhi and Central governments. The announcement, however, cannot be implemented immediately due to the Model Code of Conduct (MCC) currently in place in Delhi. Kejriwal assured that the scheme would be a priority for his government if re-elected. "The metro fares are expensive for students. I have requested PM Modi to introduce this scheme, and we are ready to bear half the cost," Kejriwal said at the press conference, adding that the initiative could be rolled out after the elections.



Mystery deepens in Saif Ali assault

TN RAGHUNATHA ■ MUMBAI

More than 40 hours after a gruesome attack on Bollywood actor Saif Ali Khan, the Mumbai police had not achieved any breakthrough in the sensational case as of late Friday evening. Meanwhile, the actor was making a rapid recovery from the grievous wounds he sustained in the knife attack by an intruder early Thursday. On Friday, Saif, 54, was moved from the Intensive Care Unit (ICU) to a special room at Lilavati Hospital. The police detained one suspect in connection with the attack, but released him after questioning, finding that he had no connection to the case. "The person who was brought to the Bandra police station is not related to the Saif Ali Khan case. We released him after questioning. No one has yet been arrested in connection with yesterday's incident," a senior police officer said. Meanwhile, doctors attending to Saif at Lilavati Hospital expressed satisfaction with his progress. "Saif Ali Khan is doing excellently. We made him walk, and he can walk well. There is no problem and not much pain," said Dr. Nitin Dange of Lilavati Hospital. The actor had sustained six stab wounds, including one to his spine, while grappling with an intruder who had broken into his 12th-floor apartment in the posh "Satguru Sharan" building located at the junction of 29th and 24th Roads in Bandra (W), northwest Mumbai. The knife attack occurred between 2 a.m. and 2:30 a.m. Thursday, following a failed burglary attempt by the yet-to-be-identified intruder. After his admission to Lilavati Hospital, Saif underwent surgery to remove a knife lodged in his spine and to seal a spinal fluid leakage. "The actor was brought to our hospital with six injuries, two of which were deep. We carried out a surgery near his spine and removed a 2.5-inch piece of knife from the spine," said Dr. Niraj Uttamani, Chief Operating Officer of Lilavati Hospital, on Thursday.

Imran Khan convicted



PTI ■ ISLAMABAD

A Pakistani court on Friday sentenced jailed former prime minister Imran Khan and his wife Bushra Bibi to 14 and seven years in prison respectively after finding them guilty of corruption in the 190 million pounds al-Qadir Trust case. Judge Nasir Javed Rana of the anti-corruption court announced the verdict in a makeshift court set up in Adila jail where Khan is currently lodged. Khan is facing dozens of cases after he lost a trust vote in Parliament in 2022. Khan has been convicted for "corrupt practices" and "misuse of authority", while his wife has been convicted for "involvement in illegal activities". Khan, who has been jailed since August 2023, was also fined Rs 1 million and Bibi half a million rupees. Failure to pay the fine will entail an additional six months of

imprisonment for Khan and three months for Bibi. The court also ordered the confiscation of the land of Al-Qadir University set up by them. Bibi was arrested from the court after the sentencing. Supporters and leaders of Khan's Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) party staged a protest outside Parliament House, held placards, and chanted slogans, demanding his release. "Today's verdict has tarnished the reputation of the judiciary. In this case, neither I benefited nor the government lost. I don't want any relief and will face all cases," Khan was quoted as saying by his party. "A dictator is doing all this," he said. PTI leaders strongly denounced the verdict, terming it "unjust", "shameful", and a case of "political victimisation". PTI chairman Gohar Khan said, "The behaviour of the court has been unjust. Khan sahib has not benefitted from a single rupee from this matter." PTI lawyer Faisal Chaudhry termed the decision "political use of the National Accountability Bureau". Another party leader, Shibli Faraz, argued that Khan and Bibi were not beneficiaries of the alleged transactions. He contended that they were being punished for founding the Al-Qadir University, which aimed to promote the teachings of the Prophet. "Those who looted the country walk free, while sincere leaders face jail," said Faraz, while reaffirming to challenge the verdict. Khan can appeal against the judgment in the High Court and if needed in the Supreme Court.



Israel-Hamas limp towards normalcy

PTI ■ JERUSALEM

Israel's security Cabinet on Friday recommended approval of a ceasefire deal after Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu confirmed an agreement had been reached that would pause the 15-month war with Hamas in Gaza and release dozens of hostages held by militants there. Mediators Qatar and the US announced the ceasefire on Wednesday, but the deal hung in limbo for more than a day as Netanyahu insisted there were last-minute snags he blamed on Hamas. The militants maintained they were "committed" to the deal, while residents of Gaza and families of the hostages anxiously waited to see if it would materialise. The deal now goes to the full Cabinet of ministers for final sign-off. It is expected to 'OK' the ceasefire, which could start as soon as Sunday, even though it has drawn fierce resistance from Netanyahu's far-right coalition partners. Their objections could destabilise his government, however. Hamas triggered the war with its October 7, 2023, cross-border attack into Israel that killed some 1,200 people and left some 250 others captive.

Bharat on Auto Mobility

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ NEW DELHI

India has emerged as a major automobile hub in the world and number of cars sold in the country annually surpasses the population of many countries, Prime Minister Narendra Modi said here on Friday. Underlining this, he also said future of mobility belongs to India that saw an unprecedented sale of 2.5 crore vehicles a year, and attracted USD 36 billion foreign direct investment in just four years. Addressing a gathering after inaugurating the Bharat Mobility Global Expo 2025 at Bharat Mandapam, the prime minister also emphasised that India stands as an outstanding destination for every investor looking to shape one's future in



Prime Minister Narendra Modi during the Bharat Mobility Global Expo 2025 at Bharat Mandapam, in New Delhi. PTI

chain of the mobility ecosystem — from automobile manufacturers to components, electronics parts, tyre and energy storage makers, and automotive software firms and material recyclers — under a single umbrella. Modi said the automotive industry was driven by innovation and technology and stressed that the future belongs to the East, Asia, and India. "India is an excellent destination for every investor looking to see their future in mobility," he said while reassuring everyone that the government is fully supportive and encouraged everyone to continue advancing with the mantra of 'Make in India, Make for the World'.

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BEDKHALI NOTICE

I Yogendera Kumar s/o Kishori Lal Aggarwal r/o h.no.B-3355 refinery township Panipat declare my son Kapil Kumar Aggarwal is my out of control so I disowned to my all moveable and immovable property and relationships.

I, Suresh Yadav, S/o Sh. Nathuni Yadav, resident of House No. 79/A, Sector 14, PU, Chandigarh, hereby inform and declare that I had previously disowned my son, Sandeep Yadav, from all my moveable and immovable properties through publications in the newspapers Yug Marg and Arth Parkash in dated 14.06.2024. Now, my son Sandeep Yadav is under my control. Therefore, I cancel his disownment. In the future, he shall have full rights to all my moveable and immovable properties.

I, Amar Chand S/o Bajiru Ram R/o village- Majra Mehtab, Tehsil- Kalka, District- Panchkula (Haryana) declare that my son Khushi Ram is out of my control. So, I disown her from my all moveable/immovable properties. If anybody deals with her shall do their own risk in future.

I, Baljeet S/o Sawan Ram R/o Vill. Jogi Majra, Teh. Shahabad (M.), Kurukshetra, declare that my son Balwinder (Bittu) and his wife Sukhdevi (Maskan) and Abhishek, Mansu, Indu Grandsons/Grand daughters are out of my control, and do not even behave well with us. So I disinherit them from my all moveable/immovable Properties. If anybody deals with them in any manner, they will deal on his own responsibility.

We, Raj Kumar S/o Bhagat Ram & Veena W/o Raj Kumar R/o Azad Nagar Thanesar, District Kurukshetra, have evicted our son Paras and his wife Neha from all our moveable-immovable properties, as they are out of our control. Anybody dealing with them at their own risk.

I, Harpal Singh s/o Amar Singh r/o # 7900, Dashmesh Nagar, Gali no. 4, Kkp Road, Sri Muktsar Sahib have declare that my Wife Inderpal Kaur, son Jashanpreet Singh and daughter Tarinder Kaur are out of my control. So, I disown all of them from all my moveable and immovable properties. If any body deal with them own risk and responsibility. he will be himself responsible for their good/ bad and legal / illegal activities, i and my whole family will not have any concern / relation with them.

I Kanta W/o Jai Pal R/o H.no. 243 New Indira colony Manimajra, Chandigarh, declared my grandson Anshuman & grand daughter Tamanna both son/ daughter of Vijay Kumar, both are out of my control, so I disown them from my moveable-immovable properties, anybody dealing with them at their own risk, I and my family members are not responsible for any kind of act done by them.

I Darshan Singh Bhullar, son of Harbans Singh Bhullar resident of Mandi Kalan, District Bathinda, declare that my son Pushpinder Singh Bhullar and his wife Rajveer Kaur, PR and live in Australia, both are out of my control. So I disown them from my all moveable/ immovable property. Any body deals with them at own risk. Concerned please note.

We, Rajender Kumar s/o Sh. Tara Chand and Smt. Sumitra Devi w/o Sh. Rajender Kumar, resident of House No. 120, Rajesh Pallot Chowk village Bapoli, Distt. Panipat Haryana, Declare that our Sons Rakesh Kumar and Mukesh Kumar is not in our Control. We disown our Sons from our Moveable and immovable Properties. Anybody dealing with them will be solely responsible for his/her legal and illegal Activities. We and any of our family member have nothing to do with him.

ਮੈਂ ਬੁਟਾ ਸਿੰਘ ਪੁੱਤਰ ਬਾਬੂ ਰਾਮ ਦਾਸੀ ਸਰੋਆ, ਭੁਕਾਰਨਾ ਪੀਠੀਆਂ ਤਹਿਸੀਲ ਮੁਕੇਰੀਆਂ ਜਿਲ੍ਹਾ ਗੁਰਮੁਖਿਅਚਰ ਤੇ ਆਪਣੇ ਲੜਕੇ ਮਨਜੋਤ ਸਿੰਘ ਤੇ ਨੂੰ ਹੁਣੇ ਨੂੰ ਕਹਿਣੇ ਤੋਂ ਬਾਹਰ ਹੋਣ ਵਰਗੇ ਆਪਣੀ ਚੁਲ੍ਹ ਅਚੁਲ੍ਹ ਨਾਇਦਾਰ ਤੋਂ ਬੁਦਮੁਖ ਕਰ ਰਿਹਾ ਹੋ। ਇਹਨਾਂ ਨਾਲ ਲੈਣ ਦੇਣ ਕੰਨ ਵਾਲਾ ਖੁਦ ਜਿੰਮੇਵਾਰ ਹੋਵੇਗਾ।

PUBLIC NOTICE

I, Shank Pal legally son of No.15153312Y Rank HAV Name Vijayapal 23(I) R&O FLT C/o 56 APO Dehradun Town Area permanent resident of Vill. Lodipour Niwada, PO Niwada, Lodipour Jalalpur, Distt. Hamirpur, State Uttar Pradesh-210501 declare That I have changed my DOB from 16.10.2005 to 16.10.2006 vide affidavit dated 17.01.2025

I, No.1611555K Rank NK Name Jayapandi C R Unit 440(I) Engr Sqn C/o 56 APO Bathinda cantt. (Punjab) permanent resident of 16-2-63/3, Kamarajapuram, Battalagundu, Distt. Dindigul, State Tamil Nadu-624202 declare That I have changed my minor son name from J Pavin to Pavin J vide affidavit dated 17.01.2025

I, Shiya Devi legally spouse of No.15153312Y Rank HAV Name Vijayapal 23(I) R&O FLT C/o 56 APO Dehradun Town Area permanent resident of Vill. Lodipour Niwada, PO Niwada, Lodipour Jalalpur, Distt. Hamirpur, State Uttar Pradesh-210501 declare That I have changed my name from Shiya Devi to Siya Devi vide affidavit dated 17.01.2025

I, No.1611555K Rank NK Name Jayapandi C R Unit 440(I) Engr Sqn C/o 56 APO Bathinda cantt. (Punjab) permanent resident of 16-2-63/3, Kamarajapuram, Battalagundu, Distt. Dindigul, State Tamil Nadu-624202 declare That I have changed my minor daughter name from J Pranitha Sri to Pranitha Sri J vide affidavit dated 17.01.2025

I, Nirmala legally spouse of No.16111543K Rank HAV Name Dangari Ningappa Unit 440(I) Engr Sqn C/o 56 APO Bathinda cantt. (Punjab) permanent resident of #2024, 958 Block 4th, Near Sai Baba Temple, Ward No. 29, VTC : Gadag, PO : Gadag, Distt. Gadag, State Karnataka-582101 declare That I have changed my name from Nirmala to Nirmala Ningappa Dangari vide affidavit dated 17.01.2025

I, Ex No. 6792157 Rank Ex Hav name Raj Kumar S/O Des Raj R/o H.No. 130 St.No. 2 Mohalla Gobind Nagar Doraha (Ludhiana) declare that in my army service record Part-2 order my wife name wrongly entered Surender Sharma. But my wife correct name is Surinder Sharma. So amended my wife name from Surender Sharma to Surinder Sharma in my army service record Part-2 order.

I, Lachhu Munda S/o Late Ram Kistu Munda R/o Vill. Huwanganthu, Taimara, Distt Ranchi, Jharkhand 835204 declare that in my service record my son's namely Gautam Munda D.O.B is wrongly entered as 17-07-2010 instead of 10-07-2011 and my daughter's namely Priya Nag D.O.B is wrongly entered as 29-12-2008 instead 29-12-2007

I, Vinod Kumar S/o Chaman Lal R/o Vill: Ladpur Teh-Mukerian (Hoshiarpur) old address, now we are shifted to our (new address) Village Vpo. Harse Mansar, Teh-Mukerian Distt. Hoshiarpur.

I, Harpal Kaur W/o Sher Singh R/o Vill: Dullar Samana Teh-Samana (Patiala) have changed my name from Harpal Kaur to Shinderpal Kaur. Henceforth I shall be known as Sinderpal Kaur.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, Harpreet Kaur W/o No. JC-501509F Rank Subedar Name Gurmukh Singh R/o Abadi Daburji, Sohian Kalan, Distt. Amritsar, Punjab, have changed my name from Herpreet Kaur to Harpreet Kaur.

I, Amarjit Kaur W/o Jarnal Singh R/o VPO Gadhaula, Tehsil Saraswati Nagar, Distt Yamuna Nagar have changed my name from Amarjit Kaur to Amarjeet Kaur.

I, Neera Jain W/o Sachin Jain R/o 1669-A, P-2, Vishnu Garden, Near Civil Hospital Road, Jagadhri, Distt Yamuna Nagar have changed my name from Neera Jain to Rupal Jain.

I, Shelly Devi W/o Pardeep Kumar R/o 65, Durga Vihar, Near National Public School, Gate no. 2, Jammu Colony, Yamuna Nagar have changed my name from Shelly Devi to Shally.

I Vikas S/O sh. Deep chand, R/O H.no.026-B, Sector 32-A, Chandigarh have changed my name from Vikas to Vikas Thakur

I, Suresh Kumar S/o Inder Lal R/O C-7/178, Gandhi Dham, Jagadhri, Distt. Yamuna Nagar have change my name from Suresh Chawla to Suresh Kumar.

I Monika Thakur W/o Randeep Chauhan R/o # 492, Sector-6 MDC Panchkula do hereby changed my Name from Monika Thakur to Monika Chauhan.

I, Manjit Kaur w/o Sukhdev r/o h.no.197 village new baholi tehsil madlauda distt Panipat declare change my daughter name From Ranpreet to Ranpreet Kaur and in future my daughter name is Ranpreet Kaur.

I, Sukhdev s/o Sajjan singh r/o h.no.197 village baholi tehsil madlauda distt Panipat declare change my name From Sukhdev singh to Sukhdev and in future my name is Sukhdev.

I Rajesh Kumar Sharma (Aadhar Card Number 877866711893), S/O Om Dutt Sharma R/O 451-E, Near Gurudwara Sahib, E-Block, B.R.S Nagar, Ludhiana Declares That I am Known As Rajesh Kumar Sharma And Rajesh Kumar Sharma But Rajesh Sharma One And The Same Person. Concerned Note.

I, Ashok Kumar Chawla S/o Om Parkash Chawla, R/O H. No. 797, Sector 43-A, Chandigarh declare that I have changed my name from Ashok Kumar Chawla to Ashok Kumar.

I, Surjan, son of Ram Bhuj, resident of House No. 464, Small Flats, Maloya, Chandigarh, hereby inform that my father's name is incorrectly recorded as Parbhu Dayal on my PAN card. The correct name is Ram Bhuj, as mentioned on my Aadhaar card.

I, Udayvir Son of Krishan Resident of House No. 6745, Sector 56, Chandigarh have changed my name from Udayvir to Uadyvir.

I, Manpreet Joura D/o Amrik Singh, R/o Flat No 302, Tower-A, Sushma Crescent, Ghazipur, Zirakpur, Tehsil Mohali Punjab have changed my name from Manpreet Joura to Manpreet Kaur.

I, Geetu Gupta W/O Dinesh Gupta R/O Near Sant Aashram school, Garden Colony, Teh/Distt Pathankot Have Changed My Name From Geetu Gupta To Geetika Gupta.

I, Tumpa Mandal is legally wedded spouse of Service No. 14840222P Rank - NK/MT. Name - Nurul Amin Mandal, Presently Serving at - 49, Coy, ASC(SUP), Type - 'A', C/O 99APO, Permanently residing at - Vill - Kulgachi, Daluabari, P.S. Dhantala, Dist. Nadia, PIN-741504, West Bengal, have changed my name from Tumpa Mandal to Tumpa Mondal due to wrong publication in service records of my husband.

I Ravi S/o Sh. Shamsher R/O Naguran, Teh Alewa Distt Jind have changed my name from Ravi to Ravi Kumar for all future purposes.

I, Narni Devi D/O Mukesh R/O House No. 5383, Gali No. 9, Shiv Colony, Karnal (Rural) Part 1, Karnal, Haryana-132001 have changed my name to Neha.

I, Davinder Sharma S/O Arjun Lal Sharma R/O House No. 1888, Sector 11, New Housing Board Colony, Panipat, Haryana-132103 have changed my name to Himanshu Sharma.

I, Suman D/o Satbir Bhardwaj R/o #563, Sector 4, Kurukshetra, Haryana, have changed my name from Suman Sharma to Suman. Concerned Note.

I, Abhe Ram S/o Sh. Mohan Lal R/O Shop No. 229, New Grain Market, Pillu Khera Mandi, Tehsil Safidon, District Jind, Haryana, have changed my name from Abhe Ram Kundu to Abhe Ram. Concerned Note.

I Bachitter Singh S/O Ameer Singh R/o V.P.O: Bhangali Khurd, Distt. Amritsar declare that Bachitter is my given name and Singh is my surname. Concerned Note.

I, Service No. 14931204A Amar Bahadur Pal, 25 Mech Inf (R&SP), WH BN C/o 56 APO S/O Late Punawasi Ram Pal R/o Keshpur Sarpataha, Sant Ravidas Nagar, Gyanpur, Uttar Pradesh, 221304 have changed my daughter's Anjali Pal DOB from 29.07.2007 to 27.09.2008 due to wrongly recorded in my Army service record vide affidavit No. PB 97872647468219X dated 16 Jan 2025.

Sampreet Shudhakar Yadwad is my legal son and dependent on me. I No. 14929481M Hav Yadawad Sudhakar residing at Village-Katageri, Post Office-Katageri, Teh-Athani, District-Belgaun, State Karnataka, PIN-591304, have changed name of my son from Sampreet Shudhakar Yadwad to Sampreet Sudhakar Yadwad due to mistakenly entered in Army record vide affidavit No. IN-PB93719979758566X dated 02 Jan 2025.

I Kawaljit Kaur alias Paramjit Kaur W/o Gurmej Singh R/o Malhi Market, Teelianwala Road, Sunder Nagar Batala, Distt. Gurdaspur (Punjab) have changed my name to Paramjit Kaur. Concerned Note.

I, Karandeep Singh Sekhon S/O Rammeet Singh R/O VPO Tibber Teh & Distt Gurdaspur have changed my name from Karandeep Singh Sekhon to Karandeep Singh. All note.

I, Nancy D/O Patras Masih R/O Nawon Pind, Post Office Gurdas nangal, Dist. Gurdaspur Have changed my name From Nancy to Nancy Masih. Concerned Note.

I, Sahil D/O Patras Masih R/O Nawon Pind, Post Office Gurdas nangal, Dist. Gurdaspur Have changed my name From Sahil to Sahil Masih. Concerned Note.

I, Atam Kaur w/o Rajinder Singh, R/o # 1490-F, Adarsh Nagar Nayaogaon, SAS Nagar, Mohali have changed my name to Anjna.

I, Gopiyyamma Dogga Mother of Bhanoji Rao Dogga R/o #19-B, Sector 31-A, Chandigarh have changed my name from Gopiyyamma Dogga to Dogga Gopayamma vide Affidavit No - IN-CH54164454539655X Dated 16-01-2025 before Notary, Distt. Court at Chandigarh.

I, Aruna Dogga Spouse of Bhanoji Rao Dogga R/o #19-B, Sector 31-A, Chandigarh have changed my name from Aruna Dogga to Kola Aruna vide Affidavit No - IN-CH54164460542681X Dated 16-01-2025 before Notary, Distt. Court at Chandigarh.

I, Venkata Ramana Dogga Father of Bhanoji Rao Dogga R/o #19-B, Sector 31-A, Chandigarh have changed my name from Venkata Ramana Dogga to Dogga Venkataramana vide Affidavit No - IN-CH54164460542681X Dated 16-01-2025 before Notary, Distt. Court at Chandigarh.

I, Jag Mahinder S/o Kaula Ram R/O House No. 554, Sector-20, HUDA, Kaithal, Distt. Kaithal (Haryana) declares that I have changed my name from Jag Mahinder to Jagmahinder. In future, I will be known by the name of Jagmahinder. All concerned please note.

I, Bobby W/o Sanjay R/O Ward No. 13, Kalayat, Distt. Kaithal (Haryana) declares that I have changed my name from Bobby to Boby. In future, I will be known by the name of Boby. All concerned please note.

I, Nishant S/o Jasminder Singh R/o Mirzapur (Part) (384), Kurukshetra, Haryana-136119, declare that name of my father and my mother have been wrongly written as Jaswinder Singh and Rajani in my 10th Class educational documents. The actual name of my father and my mother are Jasminder Singh and Rajni respectively, which may be amended accordingly.

I, No. 4004519M Ex Nk (TS) Vinod Kumar S/o Shri Madan Lal R/O Vill. Beh Nangal, PO Kamahi Devi, Tehsil Mukerian Distt. Hoshiarpur Punjab have changed the date of birth of my father Shri Madan Lal from 18-12-1961 to 31-12-1956.

I, No. 4004519M Ex Nk (TS) Vinod Kumar S/o Shri Madan Lal R/O Vill. Beh Nangal, PO Kamahi Devi, Tehsil Mukerian Distt. Hoshiarpur Punjab have changed the date of birth of my mother Smt. Tarsem Rani from 14-12-1967 to 31-08-1965.

I, Smt. Paramjit Kaur Divorced daughter of JC-45232 Late Sub Gurmit Singh R/O VPO Thakarwal Tehsil Garshankar Distt. Hoshiarpur Punjab have changed my date of birth from 02-06-1958 to 02-09-1960.

I, Raghuvir Singh S/o Sh. Maan Singh R/O Vill. Aterna, Teh. Rai, Distt. Sonipat, Haryana declares that Shrichand & Mawasi both are one & same person which belongs to my grandfather.

I, Sahil S/O Satyawan Arya R/o H. No. 1308, VPO Balak, Distt. Hisar (Haryana) 125112 do hereby declare that I have changed my name from Sahil to Yashvardhan Redhu for all future purposes.

I, Mohinder Kaur W/o Vir Singh R/O. Village Achintkot, P.O Hoshiar Nagar Amritsar pin-143107 Punjab have changed my name from Mohinder Kaur to Mahinder Kaur

I, Sapna Sehgal W/o rahul neb r/o hno.15 Gali no.5 jangdambe colony colony batala road amritsar have Changed my name to Sapna Neb

I Jeet Singh S/O Bele Singh R/O Josan Colony, Ajnala Road, Kanboh, P O. Heir, Amritsar Have Changed My Name To Ajit Singh All Concerned Note

I, Harpreet Singh s/o Avtar Singh r/o vpo chawinda devi distt Amritsar 143504 have declared that singh is my surname Harpreet is my given name

I, Santosh Devi Legally Wedded Spouse Of Jc-334605m Rank Sub Name Gajraj Singh Of Unit Age (I) Af Amritsar C/O 56 Apo And Permanent Resident Of Village - Tatarpur, Post - Asmoli, Distt. Moradabad, State Uttar Pradesh, Pin 244304, Have Changed My Name From Santhosh To Santosh Devi, And Changed My Date Of Birth From 04-06-1986 To 01-01- 1979, Vide Affidavit No. In-Pb96546466799031x, Dated 11-01-2025, Before Distt. Court, Amritsar.

I, Suryawanshi Tanaji Mohan, Son Of Mohan, Is Naib Subedar (Gnr) No. Jc294821p Presently Residing At 324 Field Regiment Gobindgarh Fort, Amritsar, Punjab, India, Have Changed My Name From Suryavanshi Tanaji Mohan To Suryawanshi Tanaji Mohan, Vide Affidavit No. In- Pb97508139192903x, Dated 15-01-2025, Before Distt. Court, Amritsar.

I, Bharati Mohan Suryavanshi Is The Mother Of Naib Subedar (Gnr) Namely Suryavanshi Tanaji Mohan No. Jc294821p Presently Residing At 324 Field Regiment Gobindgarh Fort, Amritsar, Punjab, Have Changed My Name From Bharati To Bharati Mohan Suryavanshi, And Changed My Date Of Birth From 01-07-1967 To 01-07-1963, Vide Affidavit No. In-Pb97509545442844x, Dated 15-01-2025, Before Distt. Court, Amritsar.

I, Archana Tanaji Suryavanshi Is The Wife Of Naib Subedar (Gnr) Namely Suryavanshi Tanaji Mohan No. Jc294821p Presently Residing At 324 Field Regiment Gobindgarh Fort, Amritsar, Punjab, Have Changed My Name From Archana To Archana Tanaji Suryavanshi, Vide Affidavit No. In- Pb97506290108707x, Dated 15-01-2025, Before Distt. Court, Amritsar.

I, Sarita Devi mother of army no -15791529K Hav (OFC) Ajay Kumar, Unit 513 AD Msl Regt (SP), C/O 56 APO Date of birth should be changed from 01-07-1966 to 13-04-1966 as per affidavit 15-01-2025 and name should be changed from Sarita to Sarita Devi.

I, Kamla W/o Dharam Bir # 70, Sector 20A, Chandigarh have changed my name to Kamla Hooda.

I, Twinkle W/o Ankit Hooda # 70, Sector 20A, Chandigarh have changed my name to Twinkle Hooda.

I, Sunil Singla S/o Palchand Singla, H.No.37, New Vikas Nagar, Baltana, Zirakpur, Distt SAS Nagar, Mohali, have changed my name from Sunil Gupta to Sunil Singla

I, Poonam Singla W/o Sunil Singla, H.No.37, New Vikas Nagar, Baltana, Zirakpur, Distt SAS Nagar, Mohali, have changed my name from Poonam to Poonam Singla.

I, Sarla Pundir W/O Devinder Pal R/O Street No. 2, Shakti Nagar, Dera Bassi, Distt. Sas Nagar Punjab, Have Changed My Name From Sarla Pundir To Sarla Devi.

I, Vashu Pundir S/O Devinder Pal R/O Street No. 2, Shakti Nagar, Dera Bassi, Distt. Sas Nagar Punjab, Have Changed My Name From Vashu Pundir To Vashu.

I Davinder Pal S/O Sohan Lal R/O H.No. 1248, Rosewood Estate-1, Barwala Road, Dera Bassi, Sas Nagar Punjab, Have Changed My Name From Davinder Pal To Devinder Pal.

I Sarla Pundir W/O Devinder Pal R/O Street No. 2, Shakti Nagar, Dera Bassi, Sas Nagar, Punjab, Have Changed My Name From Sarla Pundir To Sarla Devi.

I, Bijender Kumar S/O Suresh Kumar R/O Vpo Kasndi Tehsil Gohana Distt Sonipat Haryana Declare That I have Changed My Minor Daughter Name Enji To Angel For All Future Purposes.

I Jasbir Kaur Spouse Of Army No 24875141 Ex Nk Chamkaur Singh Resident Of Vpo-Kotla Mehar Singh Wala (Moga) Have Changed My Name To Jasvir Kaur And D.O.B. To 03/03/1976 Vide An Attached Affidavit Before Executive/1st Class Magistrate. This Is For General Public Information.

I Sarbjit Kaur Mother Of (No. 4489255y Rank Hav Name Veer Singh) Presently Residing At Ladhaik Road, Kotla Mehar Singhwala Tehsil Baghapurana, Distt Moga, Punjab, 142038, Declared That In My Son's Army Record My Name Mentioned As Sarabjeet Kaur, Whereas My Correct Name Iss Sarbjit Kaur.

I, Narendra Kumar Sharma S/O Sh. Prem Chand Sharma R/O H.No. 757, Gali No 2/4 Ward No 12, Vinod Nagar, Hisar, Declare That In My Documents My Name Is Written As Narendra Kumar. Now I Have Changed My Name As Narendra Kumar Sharma Instead Of Narendra Kumar. In Future My Name Will Called And Known As Narendra Kumar Sharma.

I Sharuat Gidhar S/O Rajesh Kumar R/O #371, Shivalki City, Near Subway, Sector -127, Kharar, SAS Nagar (Mohali) Have Changed My Name To Shaurat

I, Suresh Mehra Son Of Late Shri Roshan Lal Mehra Resident Of Gali No 2 Sasouli Road Near Iti Shivpuri B Yamuna Nagar Tehsil Jagadhri Distt. Yamuna Nagar Declare That I Have My Name Changed From Suresh Kumar To Suresh Mehra. And Roshan Lal And Roshan Lal Mehra Both Names Of One And Same Person I.E. My Father's Names

I Ramam Sangwan S/O Randhir Singh R/O Village Salempur Bangar Tehsil Jagadhri Distt Yamuna Nagar Declare That Randhir Singh And Randir Singh Both Names Of One And Same Person I.E. My Father's Names.

I, Army No 14391785p, Naik Gurtej Singh (Udai No-306019986014), Resident Of Vpo- Sammewali, Teh & Distt- Sri Muktsar Sahib Have Changed My Name From Gurtej Singh To Gurtej Singh Sandhu. All Concerned Please Note.

I, Ex.No. 14564042-M, Ex.Hav/Acp-1 Kulbir Singh, Resident Of H.No. 612/31 Gali No. 1, Ashok Vihar, Mehlaana Road Sonapat (Hr)-131001, Want To Change The Name Of My Spouse From Smt. Bimla Devi To Bimla Devi Vide Affidavit Dated 17-01-2025 At Sonapat.

I Narender Kumar S/O Rattan Lal R/O VPO Devdhar, & PO Deodhar Distt. Yamuna Nagar.have changed my Name from Narender Kumar To Narender Saini.

I Suman W/o Narender Kumar R/o VPO Devdhar, & PO Deodhar Distt. Yamuna Nagar.have changed my Name from Suman To Suman Saini.

I, Service No Jc-698902a Rank Sub/Pharm Name Ganar Nitin Sheshrao Of Unit Military Hospital Ambala R/O Plot No 25, Gurukirpa Bhvan, Hingana Road, Near Renuka Mata Mandir, Yashoda Nagar, Nagpur, Maharashtra, Pin-440016 Have Changed My Daughter Name From Dhyaneshwari To Dnyaneshwari Nitin Ganar Vide Affidavit Dated 17-01-2025 Before Ambala Cantt

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I, Poonam Singla W/o Sunil Singla, H.No.37, New Vikas Nagar, Baltana, Zirakpur, Distt SAS Nagar, Mohali, have changed my name from Poonam to Poonam Singla.

I, Ishan S/o Narender Kumar Arora R/O Model Town Tohana Distt Fatehabad, have changed my name to Ishan Arora.

I, Sunny S/o Laxman Dass R/O Marvel Colony Tohana Distt Fatehabad have change my name to Sunny Sachdeva.

I, Neeru W/o Sunny Sachdeva R/O Marvel Colony Tohana Distt Fatehabad have change my name to Neeru Sachdeva

I, Arur Singh S/o Kartar Singh R/O Vill Vaidwala Teh Sirsa Distt Sirsa have change my name Arur Singh to Roor Singh.

I, Meenu Grover W/o Yugal Grover R/O H.no. 1250 urban estate, sec-6, karnal declare that I have change my name Minu Rani to Meenu Grover after marriage for all purposes.

I, Harmeet Singh Saggu S/o Harbans Singh R/O H.no. 39/4, Deol Nagar, Jalandhar have changed my name from Harmeet Singh Saggu to Harmeet Singh.

I, Sonam Chawla D/o Lokesh Chawla R/O H.No. 1133, Near Doodardshan, Village Post Arcot Taluk, Salamanatham, Vellore, Kammavapettai State Tamil Nadu Pin-632319 Declare That My Name P Gandhimathi and Date of Birth 27.12.1969 Wrongly Mentioned in my Son Army Service Records but my correct Name is Gandhi Mathi and Date of birth is 28.05.1969

I, Service No. 16113808F Rank NK Name: Rajesh B S residing at Village Nemom Post Pappanancode, Taluk Trivandrum, Distt. Trivandrum (State) Kerala Pin-695018, have changed my name from Rajesh BS to Rajesh B S.

I, Sasikala is legally Mother of Service No. 16131203H Rank: SPR Name: Sajith S residing at Village Aryankavu Post Edappalayam, Taluk Punalur, Distt. Kollam (State) Kerala Pin- 691309, have changed my name from Sasikala S to Sasikala.

I, Satheesh is legally Father of Service No. 16131203H Rank: SPR Name: Sajith S residing at Village Aryankavu Post Edappalayam, Taluk Punalur, Distt. Kollam (State) Kerala Pin- 691309, have changed my name from Satheesh S to Satheesh.

I, Sudha Vinod Kambhar is legally Wife of Service No. 16121640P Rank: L/NK Name: Vinod Kambhar residing at Village Belgaum Post Camp, Taluk Belgaum, Distt.

Protests Stall 'Emergency' in Punjab; Ranaut decries, 'harassment of art and the artist'

MONIKA MALIK ■ CHANDIGARH

Punjab on Friday woke up to a day of anticipation and chaos as the curtains refused to rise on Bollywood actor-cum-parliamentarian Kangana Ranaut's much-publicized political drama 'Emergency'. Eager moviegoers, some of whom had queued outside cinemas for the 'first day, first show', were met with disappointment as theaters across the State abruptly canceled screenings. The movie, a bold retelling of the turbulent 21-month Emergency — from 1975-1977 — imposed under former Prime Minister Indira Gandhi, faced fierce backlash from Sikh organizations, led by the Shiromani Gurdwara Parbandhak Committee (SGPC), which alleged that the film distorted history and vilified the Sikh community.

Instead of rolling credits, the streets outside theaters turned into protest grounds. Demonstrators waving black flags, carrying placards, and shouting slogans such as "Boycott Emergency" and "Ban Emergency" crowded major city centers in Amritsar, Ludhiana, Mohali, Patiala, Barnala, Mansa, Moga and Jalandhar. By mid-morning, theater owners across the State had voluntarily decided to pull the film from their schedules, with many citing security concerns.

The movie was scheduled to be showcased in 70 to 80 theaters of the PVR Group, but following the protests, it never made it to these screens. Security was beefed up and heavy police force was deployed outside the multiplexes, malls, and theatres to prevent escalations, but the protests remained largely peaceful. In Ludhiana and Amritsar, theater managers publicly announced the cancellation of Emergency screenings.

The film, which promised to be a box-office hit, was unable to make its Punjab debut, casting a shadow over its

nationwide release — leaving Ranaut decrying the incident as "harassment of art and the artist".

'Emergency', directed and produced by Kangana Ranaut, sought to dramatize the events of 1975-77 — a period when civil liberties were suspended, opposition leaders imprisoned, and press freedom curtailed. The film's portrayal of Sikh resistance during the Emergency, however, sparked outrage among Sikh groups. The SGPC accused the movie of perpetuating stereotypes, portraying Sikhs as extremists and distorting historical events.

The controversy primarily centers around the depiction of Jarnail Singh Bhindranwale, a prominent Sikh leader of the late 20th century. According to SGPC leaders, the film wrongfully insinuated that the film distorted history and vilified the Sikh community. "This narrative is both misleading and insulting," said SGPC president Harjinder Singh Dhama, adding, "Our history is one of resilience and peaceful protest, not manipulation."

The SGPC's objections extend to the omission of key Sikh contributions during the Emergency. The teaser released on August 14, 2024, sparked controversy by depicting Bhindranwale as being in cahoots with Indira Gandhi, allegedly promising to secure votes for the Congress in exchange for the creation of a separate Sikh state — the portrayal was deemed "offensive" and deeply damaging to the Sikh community's image.

Contesting the narrative, SGPC emphasized that Bhindranwale had no connection to such events and was not even part of the political scene at the time. They clarified that Bhindranwale only became the chief of Dandami Taksal in 1977, following the passing of Kartar Singh. "The film conveniently excluded the peaceful protests led by Sikhs and instead portrayed Bhindranwale — who had no role during that period — as a

representative of the Sikh community in a negative and misleading light," said SGPC. They further accused the filmmakers of launching a politically-motivated attempt to tarnish the Sikh community by presenting them as disruptors of peace and anti-national elements.

In reality, Punjab's leaders, particularly Shiromani Akali Dal (SAD) figures like Parkash Singh Badal and Gurcharan Singh Tohra, had peacefully opposed Indira Gandhi's decision to impose Emergency. They organized non-violent protests and voluntarily courted arrests to register their dissent, said SGPC.

"We approached both the state and central governments to halt this film, but no action was taken," said SGPC spokesperson Partap Singh. The SGPC, considered as Sikhs' mini parliament, had also submitted memorandums to district authorities and wrote to the Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann, urging him to ban the film across the State.

Meanwhile, the SGPC has vowed to escalate its protests if the film is not withdrawn. "Our resolution is clear: this movie must not be allowed to spread lies and misinformation," said Dhama.

Protests Erupts Across Punjab

On the morning of the release, cinema owners across Punjab were caught in a dilemma. While advance bookings had hinted at a strong opening, calls from local authorities and community leaders urged them to reconsider screening the film. By 9 am, major multiplexes in Ludhiana, Amritsar, and Chandigarh began issuing refunds.

"We received verbal warnings from local groups that demonstrations might disrupt business," said a theater manager in Ludhiana. "We couldn't risk the safety of our staff and patrons." Outside, the situation grew tense as protestors gathered, holding placards and chanting slogans. Despite a heavy police presence, the

atmosphere was charged, with demonstrators vowing to escalate their agitation if the screenings were not canceled. In Amritsar, a crowd of over 500 protestors marched from the Golden Temple to the city's main cinema hub. Their placards bore messages such as "Stop Distorting Sikh History" and "Respect Our Martyrs". Similar scenes played out in Mohali, where protestors blocked entry to a multiplex, forcing the management to declare an indefinite suspension of the film.

Kangana Ranaut's Response

Ranaut, who not only directed and produced 'Emergency' but also starred as Indira Gandhi, reacted sharply to the protests. Taking to social media, the BJP MP from Mandi described the cancellation of screenings as a "deliberate attack on creative freedom". She called the cancellation of screenings a "propaganda" effort designed to harm her reputation and the film's prospects. "This is complete harassment of art and the artist," she added.

"Theaters shutting down screenings under pressure is a blow to democracy," Ranaut wrote on X (formerly Twitter). "Art should provoke thought, not violence. I have the utmost respect for all religions, especially Sikhism, which I've admired since my childhood in Chandigarh." Her post, however, failed to assuage critics. Congress MLA Sukhpal Singh Khaira accused Ranaut of hypocrisy, pointing out her earlier criticisms of Sikh farmers during the 2020 protests against farm laws. "Punjab's Chief Minister should immediately ban this film that depicts Sikhs in a derogatory manner," Khaira tweeted.

Political Fallout

The controversy surrounding 'Emergency' has ignited a political debate in Punjab. While the ruling Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) has remained largely silent, local

No Official Ban by Punjab Govt; Theatre Owners Opt Out of Screening

In a surprising development, cinema owners across Punjab have decided not to screen Kangana Ranaut's political drama 'Emergency', even though the film was released nationwide on Friday. Contrary to speculation, the official sources have confirmed The Pioneer that the Punjab Government has not imposed any ban on the film.

The decision by theatre owners is seen as a precautionary move amidst growing protests and calls for a ban from the Shiromani Gurdwara Parbandhak Committee (SGPC). The SGPC had, a day before, written to Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann, urging the state authorities to block the film's release, alleging that it distorts history and disrespects Sikh sentiments. However, a government official maintained that no official orders have been issued to restrict the film release and no ban has been announced.

Despite the lack of government intervention, cinema owners across the State have chosen not to screen 'Emergency', reportedly to avoid any potential law and order issues. "Theatre operators made this decision voluntarily, likely to prevent controversy. The administration has not directed or pressured them in any way," the government official said. While the movie is being screened across the rest of India, Punjab's cinema halls remain an exception, reflecting the theatre owners' cautious stance amid the ongoing controversy.

leaders hinted at their concern over potential communal unrest. "We are monitoring the situation closely," said Aman Arora, AAP's Punjab unit president, adding, "Our primary responsibility is to maintain peace."

Shiromani Akali Dal (SAD) and BJP have also weighed in, with SAD leader Bikram Singh Majithia urging the State Government to ban the film. "This movie is not just an insult to Sikhs; it's an attempt to disturb Punjab's fragile peace," he said. Meanwhile, BJP leaders criticized the protests, accusing the SGPC of politicizing a cultural issue. The Shiromani Akali Dal (Amritsar), led by Simranjit Singh Mann, also opposed the film.

Senior Congress leader and the Leader of Opposition in Vidhan Sabha Partap Singh Bajwa also demanded a ban on the movie "not only in Punjab but across the entire country. It distorts historical facts and promotes a biased narrative aimed at creating division and hatred among communities. Such propaganda-driven content serves the vested interests

of a few at the cost of national harmony. We cannot allow history to be misrepresented or used as a tool to incite unrest. For the sake of unity and peace in the nation, this movie should not be screened anywhere," he demanded.

Censorship and Legal Battles

Even before its release, 'Emergency' faced challenges from Sikh organizations. The Central Board of Film Certification (CBFC) demanded over 20 edits following objections raised by religious and community groups. While some scenes, including those depicting foreign leaders' involvement during the Emergency, were modified, key contentious elements remained unchanged. The SGPC expressed disappointment over the CBFC's handling of the issue. "We were assured that our concerns would be addressed, but the final cut shows no regard for Sikh sentiments," said SGPC spokesperson Partap Singh. The organization is now considering legal action to secure a statewide ban on the film.

Protesting Farmers' to meet SKM today; Dallewal's Hunger Strike Crosses 53 Days

PNS ■ CHANDIGARH

Sanyukt Kisan Morcha (Non-Political) leader Jagjit Singh Dallewal's health took a grave turn on Friday as he continued his hunger strike, now entering its 53rd day. A veteran farmer leader, who began the protest with a weight of 86.95 kilograms on November 26, 2024, has lost a shocking 20 kgs, leaving him frail at just 66.4 kgs. Dallewal's deteriorating health has raised alarm among his supporters, with recent medical reports revealing troubling figures in his kidney and liver functions. While typical values for these tests are below one, Dallewal's results have surged to 1.75 — signaling significant strain on his vital organs.

Despite the alarming decline in his physical condition, Dallewal remained steadfast in his demand for the implementation of a legal guarantee for Minimum Support Price (MSP) and other vital reforms for the farming community. His unwavering resolve has not only underscored the gravity of the farmers' movement but also intensified the call for urgent government intervention.

The stark contrast between Dallewal's deteriorating health and his unrelenting stance against Government's inaction has become a powerful symbol of the farmers' struggle, drawing national and international attention to the escalating crisis.

As Dallewal's hunger strike continued, solidarity protests erupted across Punjab and Haryana, with farmers rallying at the Khanauri border in support. In addition to Dallewal's hunger strike, 111 farmers have joined him in an indefinite fast, marking the third consecutive day of their protest.

The Delhi Chalo movement, started in February 2024, showed no signs of slowing down, as the farmers are united by the belief that their demands for MSP and agricultural reforms are just and necessary. On January 16, state administration and police officials visited Dallewal in an attempt to engage with him, but their efforts have, so far, failed to reach a resolution.

The medical crisis surrounding Dallewal has also drawn criticism from the farming community, particularly regarding the Punjab Government's statements in the Supreme Court. Farmer leaders, including Dallewal's close aide Abhimanyu Kohar, expressed disbelief at the government's claims that the farmer leader's health was improving. Kohar challenged these assertions, stating, "Does fasting improve health or deteriorate it? If hunger strikes were effective for health, hospitals should shut down."

On Saturday (January 18), the protesting farmers are set to meet with leaders of the Sanyukt Kisan Morcha (SKM), a pan-India farmers' body, in Patiala's Patran to strategize their next steps. The meeting will focus on strengthening the movement and planning future demonstrations, including a tractor march scheduled for January 26.

Kisan Mazdoor Morcha coordinator and a key leader of the agitation along with Dallewal, Sarwan Singh Pandher, announced that 101 farmers would march to Delhi on January 21. "The Central Government has yet to engage in dialogue, so we are escalating our movement," Pandher stated, further warning the Prime Minister Narendra Modi that the demand for MSP legislation would be fulfilled under his tenure only.

The farmers' determination to push forward with their demands is unwavering, despite facing violent opposition. In December 2024, farmers made three attempts to march to Delhi, but each time they were intercepted by Haryana police, who used tear gas, water cannons, and lathi charges to disperse the crowds. These confrontations left about 50 farmers injured, further galvanizing the movement.

The Supreme Court, meanwhile, has intervened in the matter, seeking a comprehensive medical report on Dallewal's condition from the Punjab Government. The apex court had directed AIIMS to provide an independent opinion on his health.

Hry CM directs DCs, SPs to conduct joint operations to curb drug abuse

PNS ■ CHANDIGARH

Chairing a joint meeting with Call the Deputy Commissioners and Superintendents of Police of the state, Haryana Chief Minister Nayab Singh Saini on Friday directed them to work with mutual coordination to address critical issues such as law and order, crime against women, drug addiction, child labour, and illegal mining.

Prior to the meeting, the Chief Minister led the officers in reading the Preamble of the Constitution as part of the Hamara Samvidhan Hamara Swabhiman Abhiyan.

He highlighted that the Deputy Commissioners and Superintendents of Police serve as the face of the government at the grassroots level and that the people of the state have high expectations from them. He urged all officers to work in close coordination to meet these expectations and ensure the efficient implementation of government policies. He also directed them to promote administrative efficiency, ensuring that the benefits of various welfare programs reach the public at the grassroots



Haryana Chief Minister Nayab Singh Saini reading the preamble of the constitution along with the officers during the 'Hamara Samvidhan-Hamara Swabhiman' programme at Haryana Police Academy, Madhuban, Karnal. *Pioneer Photo*

level. **Ensure implementation of new criminal laws by March 31**

Directing officials to effectively implement the three new criminal laws in the state, he emphasized the need for their full enforcement by March 31. He instructed that, in addition to other provisions, video conferencing facilities should be made available in all courts across the state. Furthermore, he stressed the implementation of e-summons and e-challans, which will spare witnesses from having to appear in court to record their statements. He said that the pri-

mary objective of these new laws is to ensure transparent and timely justice for the people.

Saini reaffirmed the state government's commitment to the safety of women and girls and directed the officers to ensure that the committee formed at the district level effectively monitors crimes against women and takes appropriate action in each case. He directed the Deputy Commissioners and Superintendents of Police to jointly carry out operations against drug abuse in their respective districts and emphasized that eradicating the illegal drug trade is a top priority for the state government. The officers

were urged to work in coordination to identify the drug mafia, target the drug supply chain, and dismantle it, with the ultimate goal of making the state completely drug-free. In addition to taking strict action against drug abuse, he stressed the importance of raising awareness among the youth about the harmful effects of drugs. The Chief Minister instructed the Deputy Commissioners to conduct regular meetings of the Vigilance Committee at the district and sub-division levels under the Prohibition of Employment as Manual Scavengers and their Rehabilitation Act. Apart from this, in view of major accidents,

instructions were also given to hold regular meetings of the District Road Safety Committee, monitor safe vehicle policy, and deal strictly with hit and run cases. Taking note of the illegal mining cases in the state, he directed the DCs and SPs to take immediate and decisive action to curb such illegal activities. Addressing the SPs, he directed that a dedicated child welfare officer be stationed at every police station who should be provided with proper training to protect children and teenagers from sexual crimes, with the goal of preventing such heinous offenses.

While instructing officials to take strict action against individuals deceiving the public with promises of multiplying their money through chit funds and other schemes, Saini said that if anyone operates a scheme involving irregular money deposits, a decision has been made to ban the registration of any property purchased through such means. Additionally, he directed authorities to identify and take firm action against those involved in sending youth abroad via donkey routes, ensuring that no one can exploit the future of the youth.

Directing all DCs and SPs to

stay overnight in villages, he said that it is their duty to ensure justice for every individual in the state and to alleviate their suffering. He urged all officers to spend time in the villages, interact with the people, listen to their problems, and work to resolve them and made it clear that any negligence in protecting the interests of the poor and low-income families would not be tolerated.

Asks officers to strengthen river embankments, ensure cleaning of all ponds in State

In another meeting, Saini directed officials to get all the ponds of the state cleaned so that their water can be used for drinking by animals or for irrigation. With the cooperation of Panchayats, villagers should be motivated to not let garbage and dirty water from homes go into the ponds, he said. Expressing concern over the falling groundwater level, he said in the first phase, a target of recharging groundwater of 500 villages should be set and this work should be completed within the stipulated period.

BRIEFS

CHANDIGARH SHIVERS AT 6.5 °C, TEMPS DROP IN PUNJAB, HARYANA

Chandigarh: Cold weather persisted in Punjab and Haryana on Friday, the meteorological department said. In Punjab, Pathankot was the coldest place as it shivered at 2.8 °C. Among other places, Amritsar's minimum temperature was 6.9 °C, three degrees above normal. The weather office said Ludhiana recorded a low of 7.6 °C, one degree above normal. Patiala recorded 8.4 °C, followed by 7 °C in Bathinda, 6.9 °C in Faridkot and 6.5 °C in Gurdaspur districts. Union Territory Chandigarh and the common capital of both states, recorded a low of 6.5 degrees Celsius. In neighbouring Haryana, Ambala's minimum was 8.5 °C while Rohtak recorded 10.1 °C. Karnal recorded a low of 7 °C, 6 °C in Narnaul while Hisar, Bhiwani and Sirsa logged 7.4 °C each.

4000 ANGANWADI CENTERS DEVELOPED INTO SPORTS-BASED EDUCATION & NUTRITION CENTERS: HRY MINISTER

Chandigarh, January 17- Haryana's Women and Child Development Minister Shruti Choudhry on Friday said that so far, 4,000 Anganwadi Centers in the state have been developed into sports-based education and nutrition centers. In the next five years, 10,000 Anganwadi Centers will be developed as Saksham Anganwadi Centers. Presiding over a meeting with department officials, the minister lauded the decision taken in the meeting chaired by Chief Minister Nayab Singh Saini. She said making women sarpanches brand ambassadors of their respective villages will strengthen the Beti Bachao, Beti Padhao campaign of Prime Minister Narendra Modi. In this regard, the minister directed the officials to contact the concerned department and prepare a further roadmap.

MINISTER INAUGURATES MEMORIAL OF FIRST MLA OF AHIRWAL REGION BABU MOHAR SINGH

Chandigarh: Haryana Forest and Environment Minister Rao Narbir Singh on Friday said Babu Mohar Singh played an important role in promoting education in various districts of Haryana and was the father and pioneer of a revolution in education in the state. The Forest and Environment Minister said this during the inauguration of the newly constructed memorial of the first MLA of Ahirwal region, Babu Mohar Singh, at Government Senior Secondary School in Kanwali village of Rewari district. He said, "Our youth should contribute to the development of the country by following the path shown by such a pioneer of educational revolution, sharp politician, unbiased social worker and visionary thinker."

FARMERS MUST ADOPT NATURAL FARMING TECHNIQUES: HRY AGRI MINISTER

Chandigarh: Haryana Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare Minister Shyam Singh Rana on Friday said excessive use of chemical fertilizers and pesticides is adversely affecting the land and the environment is also getting polluted. He said by adopting natural farming, we can improve the quality of the land. Naturally grown crops are more healthy and also fetch higher prices in the market. Rana was addressing a district-level workshop organized by the Agriculture Department in Radaur town of Yamunanagar district to make farmers aware about natural farming.

HOODA OPPOSES INCREASE IN ELECTRICITY RATES IN HRY

Chandigarh: Former Chief Minister Bhupinder Singh Hooda on Friday opposed the BJP Government's decision to increase electricity prices. He said that BJP did not generate even a single unit of electricity, let alone setting up a new power plant during its entire tenure. Despite this, it is constantly increasing electricity rates. "Whereas during the Congress rule in the state, 4 power plants and 1 nuclear power plant were established, yet Congress provided the cheapest electricity in the country to the people of Haryana, he added. Hooda further said that during its tenure, Congress had waived off bills worth Rs 1600 crore of electricity consumers, but BJP did not waive a single Rupee of theirs and on top of that, it is continuously collecting different types of money from consumers including fines, FSA, new meter charges.

Saving life of voiceless Pigeon: A humane gesture of Chandigarh Fire Service

MANOJ KUMAR ■ CHANDIGARH

Kite threads often get tangled on poles, wires, and trees and birds end up getting stuck in them. One such pigeon was seen struggling after getting stuck in a kite thread at Sector 20 C (also known as Computer Market) in Chandigarh. Fortunately, the pigeon was saved by the kindness and presence of mind of a Chandigarh Fire Service Department leading fireman Charanjev Singh.

Armaan (name changed), a Market visitor noticed a struggling bird stuck on a kite thread above an electricity pole. He informed the Police Control room (Dial-112) and Fire Service Department officials rushed to the spot. Teams of the Fire Service Department led by leading fireman Charanjev Singh brought the bird down and proceeded to gently remove the kite threads from its body. Singh showed empathy, sense of urgency and saved the bird struggling in threads of kite fliers.

Ramesh Gupta, a Market Visitor said, "Every life is valuable. Salute to Chandigarh Fire department officials for their kindness." Another visitor, Anup said, "Nice job. We appreciate the kindness of kind fire department officials who rescued the pigeon."

"Humanity at its best...kudos to this kind firemen. Kindness should be the only ornament of human kind. It's great that some of us do have that and that's why the world still has a bit of goodness left," Sumitra Kohli said.

Divya said, "Helping out others is no doubt a noble task. When it comes to rescuing and fostering the stray and abandoned animals, it can be a stress buster and morale boosting activity. For many people it is a two-way process; they help the animals and it helps them back."

Rohit Malhotra said, "Fire department has always taken the responsibility of that good samaritan to reach the spot, well within time, and save the life of



the voiceless creature."

Talking to 'The Pioneer' Sector-17 Station Fire Officer Lal Bahadur Gautam said, "We received the call at around 11.49 AM on Friday. The bird was stuck on an electricity pole, entangled in kite strings. Two fire tenders were pressed into action and after reaching there and assessing the situation,

with the help of a ladder, the bird was rescued successfully. Teams led by leading fireman Charanjev Singh rescued the pigeon."

He further said, "Fire Brigade is not just about fighting fires, and saving human lives and property. There is no categorisation done by the fire brigade and animals and birds

are put under one 'rescue' category. Our motto is - Serve to save life and property. In the last one year, we have all together rescued about 214 animals and birds collectively."

Gautam further said, "Distress calls are received. Most of the distress calls received by the Fire department were for rescuing birds such as crows, pigeons, parrots that got entangled in kite strings dangling from overhead wires or trees. The department also received calls related to cows, cattle, dogs or cats and reptiles that got stuck inside narrow lanes, closed spaces, and even in houses, pits, canals or drains."

Another fire service officer said that for rescue of birds and animals, a vehicle is sent along with a team consisting of four-five firemen. The vehicle usually has a ladder but in cases, where it faces difficulties with high rises, bigger vehicles are sent if required. Once the bird is rescued and in case it needs treatment, the fire services personnel shift them to a bird hos-

pital. "Every life is important to us and our firefighters risk their lives daily to save the lives of others. According to our data, our firefighters not only take part in fire rescue operations but also go beyond their call of duty to rescue birds and animals that get trapped or entangled."

He further said that the number of distress calls for saving birds increases during the kite-flying season. The maximum numbers of such cases were reported around Independence Day and Makar Sankranti when people traditionally fly kites and the strings get suspended from trees and poles, creating a death trap for birds.

"We don't differentiate between any lives. Our response time in acting on a complaint of bird rescue is similar to that of going to fight an inferno. We don't deny any kind of rescue call and just because these are not human lives, there is no laidback attitude in dealing with such cases," he added.

न्यायालय हस्तोत्तर - कम सर रिस्टोरर तह व विवा विन्द बाता सनी पुत्रे स्व श्री धन सिंह पुत्र श्री हर तार निवासी अन्ना नगर, भिमानी रोड, जेठू विन्दा विन्द

PUBLIC NOTICE I. Pooja Rani w/o Sandeep Kumar R/o Gali No.13 New Durga Colony Samalkha, Tehsil Samalkha Panipat, Now, he is taking loan from IDFC First Bank Limited, Samalkha. He is lost the following original documents in respect of said property:- Original sale deed/ registry no. 4120 dated 07/02/2013, Original sale deed/ registry no. 964 dated 14/07/2016, PR No. 132340712500062 & 132340712500063 in Haryana police. If any person found the said lost documents, if any found piz contact above address.

नीलामी सूचना सर्व साधारण को सूचित किया जाता है कि ग्राम पंचायत सुल्तानपुर खण्ड रायपुर रानी में दिनांक 21 जनवरी 2025 को समय 2 बजे फंडम पुराने पंचायत के कमरों के मैटेरियल की खुली बोली की जानी है। बोली कि शर्तें मौके पर बता दी जाएगी। सरपंच ग्राम पंचायत सुल्तानपुर खण्ड रायपुर रानी

Dr. Mehr Chand Mahajan DAV CENTENARY PUBLIC SCHOOL MAMUN, MISSION ROAD, PATHANKOT. (Pub)-145001 Ph: 0186-2921514 AUCTION NOTICE Sealed tenders are hereby invited by the undersigned for the Auction/Disposal of TATA WINGER. The sealed tenders should reach office of the undersigned before 29 Jan, 2025. The detail of Winger is given below:-

नीलामी सूचना ग्राम पंचायत गढ़ी कोटाहा खण्ड रायपुर रानी में दिनांक 21 जनवरी 2025 को समय 12 बजे वाल्मीकि चौपाल और वीसी चौपाल के मैटेरियल की खोली बोली कि जानी है। बोली कि शर्तें मौके पर बता दी जाएगी। सरपंच ग्राम पंचायत गढ़ी कोटाहा खण्ड रायपुर रानी

NOTICE I Satish Kumar S/o Kundan Lal S/o Lekhraj R/o Bharat Nagar Bhiwani Haryana have lost my house original sales deed no.1971 dt- 18.10.1994 & sale deed no.1556 dt- 11.08.1992 on 10.7.2023 at Rohtak Gate Bhiwani. DDR No. 132230832500030 has been registered. These documents have not been kept with any bank or person for guarantee.

NOTICE It is brought to Notice General Public that Mr. Tarsem Singh S/o Sh. Makhan Singh S/o Sh. Mukhtar Singh R/o H.No. 01, Ward No. 16, Village Road, Near Rawaldas Mandir, Mansa, District Mansa-151505 is the owner of house measuring 40 Yard as per Transfer of Ownership Deed No. 2018-19/65/1054, Dated 27/06/2018, Sub Registrar Mansa and area measuring 56 1/2 Yard as per Sale deed No. 3572 dated 25/11/2014, J. Sub Registrar Mansa and Mrs. Jaswinder Kaur W/o Tarsem Singh S/o Makhan Singh R/o H.No. 01, Ward No. 16, Village Road, Near Rawaldas Mandir, Mansa, District Mansa-151505 is the owner of house measuring 31.67 Sq. Yard as per Transfer of ownership deed No. 2020-21/65/11984 dated 03/09/2020. Sub Registrar Mansa. Tarsem Singh and Jaswinder Kaur availing loan against these properties, if anybody having objection regarding mortgage of these properties with Cholamandalam Investment & Finance Co. Ltd., may respond or raise objection within 7 days to R.P. Singh Advocate, 75680-11581.

केनरा बैंक Canara Bank सिंडिकेट Syndicate Specialised Assets Recovery Management Branch - Plot No. 1, 4th Floor, Circle Office Building, Sector 34-A, Chandigarh INVITATION OF QUOTATION FOR THE SALE OF NON HYPOTHECATED ITEMS We invite quotation from the suitable buyers for the below items subject to the following terms and conditions:- Refrigerator, R.O., TVS Scooty-PB30 J4595 without Documents, Inverter with Battery, 1 Wheat Drum, 2 Bed, 4 Weighing Machine (Kanda), 2 Generator, 4 small Trunk, 2 Mini Petti, 1 Cycle, Double Bed - 1, LCD - 1, Chairs - 3, Oven - 1, Table Wooden - 2, Table Plastic - 1, A.C. Inner Part-1, Weighing Kanda - 1, Weights - 2, Wollen Table - 1, Chairs - 5, Three Seater Sofa - 1, AC Inner Part - 1, Ceiling Fan - 1, Ceilings - 2, Double Bed - 1, Plastic Chairs - 4, Wooden Cot - 1, Waste Item, A.C. Outer Parts Shell - 1 without Compressor lying at SCF 173, New Grain Market, Muktsar - 152026. Reserve Price for the entire items will be Rs. 71,060/- and EMD Amount: Rs. 7,106/- Terms & Conditions:- (1) Bid against the above auction to be made on "AS IS WHERE IS BASIS". (2) Rates should be quoted for the entire items. Part rate or conditional rates will not be accepted. (3) Intended buyers should send the bid in sealed cover in favour of SARM Branch Canara Bank payable at Chandigarh. Bids without demand draft will not be considered and the bid will be rejected summarily. (4) Items will be sold to the highest Bidder. However Canara Bank reserves the right to cancel any or all the Bid without assigning any reason thereof. (5) Bids to be submitted in sealed envelopes super scribing on the TOP "Sale of Non Hypothecated Items" to be deposited to us personally or via Registered Post Mode / Courier to the Authorized Officer, SARM Branch, 4th Floor, Circle Office, Canara Bank, Plot No. 1, Sector 34-A, Chandigarh, Ph. 0172-2601664, 8727900184, 8727971300 on or before 10.02.2025 upto 5:00 P.M. and bids will be opened on 11.02.2025 at 11:00 A.M. (6) Successful Bidder should arrange to immediately shift and complete the full shifting at his/her own cost within 3 days from the date of written order from the Authorized Officer Canara Bank, SARM Chandigarh. (7) Inspection of the items can be made on 31.01.2025 Timings 1:00 P.M. to 3:00 P.M. Date: 17.01.2025 Place: Chandigarh Authorised Officer

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PUBLIC NOTICE I hereby informs to general public that Sh. Balveer Singh son of Shooru Ram R/o Dhani Lakh J, Elnabad Tehsil Elnabad Distt. Srsa are owned A Property bearing area measuring 13 Hect. 11 A.M.S. comprised in sq. no. 422 kila no. 8/4/10-11 in N.Y.H. No. 255283 and 02M.D.S. being 249 share out of 02K.09M. comprised in sq. no. 422 kila no. 8/4/2/2-9 in N.Y.H. No. 255287, Situated Village Elnabad, tehsil Elnabad Distt. Srsa. vide Transfer deed no. 3146 dated 13-12-2023 A Transfer deed no. 3145 dated 13-12-2023 duly registered in the office of Sub Registrar Elnabad, respectively. The have informed that they have lost their previous Original Sale Deed No. 3146 dated 13-12-2023 & Released deed no. 1210 dated 02-11-2020 registered in the office of Sub Registrar, Elnabad. If found please contact within 7 days to the undersigned form the date of this Public notice. Anil Goyal, Advocate Chamber No. 141 Distt. Court, Srsa. Mob:-9886181409

NOTICE I Sunita Yadav D/O Ganga Ram R/O # 1153, Phase-5, Omaxe, New Chandigarh, Mullanpur, SAS Nagar, Mohali (Pb.) hereby affirm and declare that I have adopted Islam religion, of my own sweet will and without any pressure.

PUBLIC NOTICE I hereby informs to general public that Smt. Kamla Devi wife of Ram Lal R/o Village Durg Tehsil Nathuwar Chopta Distt. Srsa are owned A property area measuring 05 Marla 0 Sarsal, being 589 share out of 03K.09M. comprised in kharsa no. 1087/2/20-12/1087/2/20-17 in Khewat no. 963/147, situated at revenue estate of village Durg Tehsil Nathuwar Chopta Distt. Srsa. vide Sale deed no. 205 dated 13-04-2022 duly registered in the office of Sub Registrar Nathuwar Chopta. The have informed that they have lost their previous Original Sale deed 3087 dated 03-12-2012 registered in the office of Sub Registrar, Nathuwar Chopta. If found please contact within 7 days to the undersigned from the date of this Public notice. Anil Goyal, Advocate Chamber No. 141 Distt. Court, Srsa. Mob:-9886181409

कन्या डेप्री को-ओपरेटिव हाउस डेव्लपिंग सोसाइटी लिमिटेड वसंत विकास - 132001 नोटिस सर्व साधारण को सूचित किया जाता है कि उपरोक्त समिति के निम्नलिखित प्लॉट नम्बर नाम व पते को ऑक्टिड है जिनका सही पता व मोबाईल नम्बर पिछले काफ़ी वर्षों से सौसाइटी के पास नहीं है निम्नलिखित प्लॉट नम्बर या उनके वारिश 30 दिनों के अन्दर-2 उपरोक्त सौसाइटी से संपर्क करें अन्यथा सौसाइटी से संपर्क करायेंगी। 1. सर्वजीत सिंह 'वाट नम्बर 75 निवासी मकान नम्बर 475, मॉडल एजन्स, कर्मलाल। जयमगवान (प्रधान)

DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL CHANDIGARH (DRT 1) 2nd Floor SCO 33-34-35 Sector-17 A, Chandigarh Form No. 3 [See Regulation-15(1)(a)] / 16(3) Case No.: OA/2274/2019 Summons under sub-section(4) of section 19of the Act, read with sub-rule(2A) of rule 5 of the Debt Recovery Tribunal (Procedure) Rules, 1993. Exh No.24354 SYNDICATE BANK VS MIS V V EMBROIDERY To, (1) VINOD KUMAR S/O GURCHARAN DASS, H. NO. 21547, STREET NO. 6/2 POWER HOUSE ROAD BATHINDA, PUNJAB. SUMMONS WHEREAS OA/2274/2019 was listed before Hon'ble Presiding Officer/Registrar on 19/09/2024. WHEREAS this Hon'ble Tribunal is pleased to issue summons / notice on the said Application under section 19(4) of the Act(OA) filed against you for recovery of debts of Rs.6386075.66/- (application along with copies of documents etc. annexed). In accordance with sub-section(4) of section 19 of the Act, you, the defendants are directed as under:- (i) to show cause within thirty days of the service of summons as to why relief prayed for should not be granted; (ii) to disclose particulars of properties or assets other than properties and assets specified by the applicant under serial number 3A of the original application; (iii) you are restrained from dealing with or disposing of secured assets or such other assets and properties disclosed under serial number 3A of the original application, pending hearing and disposal of the application for attachment of properties; (iv) you shall not transfer by way of sale, lease or otherwise, except in the ordinary course of his business any of the assets over which security interest is created and/or other assets and properties specified or disclosed under serial number 3A of the original application without the prior approval of the Tribunal; (v) you shall be liable to account for the sale proceeds realised by sale of secured assets or other assets and properties in the ordinary course of business and deposit such sale proceeds in the account maintained with the bank or financial institutions holding security interest over such assets. You are also directed to file the written statement with a copy thereof furnished to the applicant and to appear before Registrar on 30/01/2025 at 10:30 A.M. failing which the application shall be heard and decided in your absence. Given under my hand and the seal of this Tribunal on this date: 20/09/2024. Signature of the Officer Authorised to issue summons. Note: Strike out whichever is not applicable.

PUBLIC NOTICE I, Amit Batra S/o Sh. Subhash Chand Batra R/o H.No. 544, Sector-15, Sonapat declares that my father Sh. Subhash Chand Batra passed away on 14.01.2022. After the death of my father, we are the following legal heirs of my father: Pushpa Batra (Wife), Monika Chugh (Daughter) & Amit Batra (Son). Apart from us, my father has no other legal heir and if found, I will be responsible for that.

COURT NOTICE IN THE COURT OF Tarjani Judicial Magistrate First Class, Amritsar RAMESH CHANDER Vs. M/S DEEPAK FRUIT COMPANY CNR No. :PBA503-033729-2023 NEXT DATE: 04-03-2025 PUBLICATION ISSUED TO: DEEPAK SHARMA- S/O HARBANS L.D. SHARMA, C/O NEAR OLD S.D.M. COURT, NEAR GANGA BHAWAN, MANDIR, KANGRA-176001 AUTH. SIGNATORY OF M/S DEEPAK FRUIT COMPANY. In above titled case, the accused could not be served. It is ordered that accused should appear in person or through counsel on 04-03-2025 at 10 am. For details logon to https://highcourthd.gov.in/?trs=district_notice&district=Amritsar Judicial Magistrate First Class, Amritsar Dated, this day of 09-01-2025

ELECTION NOTICE It is for information of all members of The Chandigarh Sector 22 Cooperative House Building (Ist) Society Ltd., Sector 48C, Chandigarh that election for the managing committee of the society will be held with the approval of Joint Registrar, Cooperative Societies, U.T., Chandigarh Memo No: Coop/Sec22/Election/2025/4834 Dt. 16.01.2025, as under:- Filing of nomination paper: Dt. 06.02.2025, 10.00 am to 11.00 am Date and time for polling: Dt. 07.02.2025, 10.30 am to 03.00 pm Venue: In the office of the Society The detailed election programme is pasted at office gates & Security gate of the Society. All members are requested to participate in the above election. (President)

जयमगवान (प्रधान) सर्व साधारण को सूचित किया जाता है कि उपरोक्त समिति के निम्नलिखित प्लॉट नम्बर नाम व पते को ऑक्टिड है जिनका सही पता व मोबाईल नम्बर पिछले काफ़ी वर्षों से सौसाइटी के पास नहीं है निम्नलिखित प्लॉट नम्बर या उनके वारिश 30 दिनों के अन्दर-2 उपरोक्त सौसाइटी से संपर्क करें अन्यथा सौसाइटी से संपर्क करायेंगी। 1. सर्वजीत सिंह 'वाट नम्बर 75 निवासी मकान नम्बर 475, मॉडल एजन्स, कर्मलाल। जयमगवान (प्रधान)

ESTATE OFFICE, UT, CHANDIGARH PUBLIC NOTICE BEFORE SH. NAVEN, DANICS ASST. ESTATE OFFICER, U.T., CHANDIGARH Subject: Transfer of Ownership in respect of RESIDENTIAL Site No. 563, SECTOR 10-D, Chandigarh to the extent of 100.00% share on the basis of Un-Registered Will of Late MRS. G. SURJIT SINGH. It is notified for the information of general public and all concerned that as per record of this office Sh./Smt.MRS. G. SURJIT SINGH is the owner/lessee of RESIDENTIAL Site No. 563, SECTOR 10-D, Chandigarh to the extent of 100.00 % Share. It has been informed by SIMRAT RANA that Sh./Smt. MRS. G. SURJIT SINGH expired on 08/09/2017 and he/she they has/have also intimated the following legal heirs of the deceased owner/lessee:- Sr. Name of Legal Heir Relation with deceased 1. PRADEEP SINGH SON 2. SIMRAT RANA DAUGHTER Now, SIMRAT RANA has/have applied for the Transfer of Ownership in respect of RESIDENTIAL Site No. 563, SECTOR 10-D, Chandigarh, to the extent of 100.00% Share held by Late MRS. G. SURJIT SINGH in his/her/their favour, on the basis of Un-Registered Will dated 17/03/2016. If anybody has an information about any other legal heir(s) of the deceased other than mentioned above, the same may be intimated to the Estate Officer, U.T., Chandigarh, immediately. If anybody has any objection upon the mutation of the said share in the said property, in favour of the above named applicants, he/she/they may furnish the same in writing (supported with affidavit duly attested by Magistrate/Notary) in the office of the undersigned within 30 days from the date of publication of this notice, failing which the said share in the said property will be mutated accordingly in the name of above said beneficiary/ies and no further claim whatsoever shall be entertained at any later stage. Naveen, DANICS, Assistant Estate Officer, Exercising the powers of Estate Officer, U.T., Chandigarh

CHANDIGARH HOUSING BOARD 8, Jan Marg, Sector 9-D, Chandigarh PUBLIC NOTICE Before Secretary, CHB Exercising the Powers of the Estate Officer, UT Chandigarh. Subject:- Mutation /Transfer of ownership right in respect of Dwelling Unit No. 5462 Category of HIG (INDEPENDENT) in Sector 38-West, Chandigarh on the basis of Sale Deed in the name SMT. PUSHPLATA SINGH W/O SH. BRAJENDRA SINGH, from the name of allottee/transferee SH.AMARJIT SINGH SODHI S/O SH. SOHINDER SINGH SODHI. It is hereby notified for the information of the general public and all concerned that the Dwelling Unit No. 5462 Category of HIG (INDEPENDENT) in Sector 38-West, Chandigarh stands in the name of allottee/transferee SH. AMARJIT SINGH SODHI S/O SH. SOHINDER SINGH SODHI. Now, SH. AMARJIT SINGH SODHI S/O SH. SOHINDER SINGH SODHI, has sold the above said dwelling unit to SMT. PUSHPLATA SINGH W/O SH. BRAJENDRA SINGH vide Sale Deed Executed and registered in office of Sub-Registrar Chandigarh on 13/01/2025. SMT. PUSHPLATA SINGH W/O SH. BRAJENDRA SINGH, has requested this office for transfer the above said dwelling unit in her name on the basis of sale deed. If any body has any objection upon the mutation of the said property to favour of applicant, he/she/they may submit the objection in writing to the undersigned within 21 days of the publication of this notice, failing which, the ownership of the said dwelling unit shall be transferred in favour of above said claimant(s). Secretary, Chandigarh Housing Board, Chandigarh.

NAME CHANGE I, Anshu Miglani S/o Khartali Lal R/o 457, Ward No. 23, Near Baba Banda Bahadur Gurudwara, DLF Colony, Rohtak declare that I have changed my Son's name from Jai to Jai Miglani in my son's Passport.

ELECTION PROGRAMME OF THE MANAGING COMMITTEE, AMBALA DISTT. COOP. LABOUR & CONSTRUCTION FEDERATION LTD. Ambala to be held on 23.02.2025. Sr. No. Programme Date & Time Place 1. Filing of nomination papers 06.02.2025/ 10:00 am to 03:00 pm In the Office of Assistant Registrar Cooperatives Society, Ambala 2. Scrutiny of Nomination papers. 07.02.2025 / 10:00 am to 12:00 pm -do- 3. Display of list of valid nominated 07.02.2025 / 2:00 pm -do- 4. Withdrawal of Nomination 10.02.2025 / 10:00 am to 2:00 pm -do- 5. Allocation of symbols 10.02.2025 / After 02:00 PM -do- 6. Display of the list of contesting candidate 10.02.2025 / 03.00 PM -do- 7. Taking of poll if necessary 23.02.2025 / 08:00 am to 04:00 pm As per detail given below

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Government of Punjab Tender Notice Reference no. 2025/2975 [Ruled Registers, File Covers (Pucca) & Different sizes and types of envelopes] & 2025/2973 (Purchase of Gymnasium equipment's and installation of rubber flooring) & 2025/2974 (Purchase of Expanding internet fiber and Wifi services) dated 16.01.2025. The Department of SPO, PAU, Ldh invites online e-tender for the following purchases:

Sr. No. Publication of e-Tendering Notice for the following: Closing date and time 1. Ruled Registers 05-02-2025 at 11.00 A.M. 2. File Covers (Pucca) 05-02-2025 at 11.00 A.M. 3. Different sizes and types of envelopes 05-02-2025 at 11.00 A.M. 4. Purchase of Gymnasium equipment's and installation of rubber flooring 06-02-2025 at 11.00 A.M. 5. Purchase of Expanding internet fiber and wifi services 06-02-2025 at 11.00 A.M.

of Deptt. of SPO, PAU Ludhiana, DSW, PAU Ludhiana and Department of Electrical Engg. & Information technology, PAU, Ludhiana. For details log on to: www.eproc.punjab.gov.in and www.pau.edu. Note: Any corrigendum(s) to the e-Tender Notice shall be published on the above websites only. Admn cum Accounts Officer Store Purchase Ludhiana Punjab Agricultural University Ludhiana (e-mail: spoaoo@pau.edu) NA/12/27552/2023/40870 Dated CHD :- 1/17/2025

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TATA MEMORIAL CENTRE HOMI BHABHA CANCER HOSPITAL AND RESEARCH CENTRE, PUNJAB AN AUTONOMOUS BODY UNDER THE DEPARTMENT OF ATOMIC ENERGY GOVT. OF INDIA REGULAR POSITIONS AVAILABLE 13/01/2025 ADVT.NO.-TMC/PUNJAB/AD/01/25 HOMI BHABHA CANCER HOSPITAL & RESEARCH CENTRE, PUNJAB (NEW CHANDIGARH/SANGRUR) A Unit of Tata Memorial Centre (TMC) Invites applications for the following posts: 01 MEDICAL OFFICER F (SURGICAL ONCOLOGY) 02 MEDICAL OFFICER F (PATHOLOGY) 03 MEDICAL OFFICER E (HEAD & NECK ONCOLOGY) 04 MEDICAL OFFICER E (GYNAEC ONCOLOGY) 05 MEDICAL OFFICER E (MEDICAL ONCOLOGY) 06 MEDICAL OFFICER E (MEDICAL ONCOLOGY) (AD ULT HAEMATOL/MPHOID) 07 MEDICAL OFFICER E (RADIO -DIAGNOSIS) 08 MEDICAL OFFICER D (DENTAL & PROSTHETICS SURGERY) 09 NURSING SUPERINTENDENT GRADE -I 10 ASSISTANT NURSING SUPERINTENDENT 11 ASSISTANT ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER 12 ASSISTANT 13 LOWER DIVISION CLERK 14 DEPUTY CHIEF SECURITY OFFICER 15 ASSISTANT SECURITY OFFICER Last date for ovine application is 15-02-2024 Upto 05:30 (Indian Standard Time) For more details visit our website: https://tmc.gov.in NA/12/27570/2023/40893 Dated CHD :- 1/16/2025

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PAPER WITH PASSION

Bonanza before budget

The Cabinet has greenlit the 8th Pay Commission, setting the stage for a revision of salaries of central govt employees

The Union Cabinet's approval of the 8th Pay Commission ahead of the budget marks a significant step toward revising the salary and pension structure for over 49 lakh central government employees and nearly 65 lakh pensioners. Chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, the decision emphasises improving quality of life and stimulating economic activity through enhanced consumption. The 8th Pay Commission will be tasked with revising salaries, allowances and pensions for central government employees and pensioners. Consultations will be held with central and state governments and other stakeholders before finalising its recommendations. The Commission's chairman and two members are to be appointed shortly, and its findings will replace the existing 7th Pay Commission framework, whose term ends in 2026. Historically, pay commissions are constituted every decade to address inflation, economic growth and employees' changing financial needs.



Prime Minister Modi underscored that the revised pay structure will boost consumption by increasing disposable incomes. Higher salaries and pensions are expected to lead to increased spending on goods and services, driving demand in sectors such as retail, real estate, and automobiles.

This consumption surge could further stimulate production and employment, creating a positive feedback loop in the economy. The Commission's recommendations are expected to address the rising cost of living and improve the financial wellbeing of central government employees and pensioners. While the revisions will inject liquidity into the economy, they will also impose a significant financial burden on the exchequer. Increased salary outlays may necessitate budgetary adjustments, potentially impacting allocations for other sectors like infrastructure and welfare. Although PSU and state government employees are outside the direct purview of central pay commissions, the 8th Pay Commission's recommendations often set a benchmark. Many state governments and PSUs align their pay scales with central government standards, amplifying the financial impact across the broader public sector. This could also have adverse effect on the economy. Higher disposable incomes could lead to demand-pull inflation, particularly in essential goods and services. Managing inflation will require a balanced monetary policy. Besides, the exclusion of PSU employees and 'gramin dak sevaks' from central pay commission benefits may intensify demands for similar revisions, potentially leading to unrest and political pressure. Increased spending on salaries and pensions may constrain the government's ability to invest in capital-intensive projects, potentially slowing long-term economic growth. Despite challenges, it can serve as a catalyst for the economy by generating demand and boosting production.

PICTALK



Tourists at Mall Road amid snowfall, in Manali

A spectacle of faith, unity and cosmic significance



RAJDEEP PATHAK

The Kumbh Mela highlights the blend of tradition and modernity. It links cosmic phenomena with earthly rituals while fostering community feeling

The grand Maha Kumbh Mela, one of the most magnificent spiritual gatherings in the world, is here. The Uttar Pradesh government has meticulously prepared to host this sacred festival – happening once every 12 years – with Prime Minister Narendra Modi personally monitoring the developments. Began on January 13, 2025, the Maha Kumbh is anticipated to draw an awe-inspiring congregation of over 45 crores – a footfall of around 450 million pilgrims, saints, ascetics and tourists – devotees.

At the heart of this divine celebration, is the (coming together) 'Sangam' – the sacred confluence of the Ganga, Yamuna, and the mystical Saraswati rivers. Millions of devotees will come together to take a holy dip, seeking spiritual cleansing and blessings. The Maha Kumbh is a timeless testament to faith, unity, and the eternal connection between humanity and the divine, that owes its origins to mythology and history. Devotees believe that a dip during the auspicious planetary alignments cleanses sins and paves the way for Moksha (liberation). Swami Sivananda, the Yoga Guru, and a proponent of Vedanta, rightly pointed out that "The holy dip at the Kumbh Mela is not just a ritual; it is a profound surrender to the divine." Mythologically connected, the legend of 'Samudra Manthan', or the Churning of the Ocean, is the cornerstone of its mythological significance. According to ancient scriptures, gods and demons churned the ocean to obtain the nectar of immortality (Amrit). As the Gods carried away the nectar, a few drops fell at four locations – Haridwar, Prayagraj, Nashik and Ujjain – and these places became sacred. Thus began the tradition of the Kumbh Mela. Scholar Diana Eck, professor of Comparative Religion and Indian Studies at Harvard University notes that "The Kumbh Mela reflects the Indian ethos of integrating mythology with geography, turning the mundane into the sacred." References to Kumbha appear in Vedic texts like the Rigveda,



Yajurveda, Samaveda, and Atharvaveda. It is also linked to the zodiac sign Aquarius, an astrological interpretation influenced by Greek ideas in the late 1st millennium CE. 'Mela' means "assembly" or "gathering" and signifies fairs or communal celebrations, as found in ancient Hindu texts. Together, Kumbha Mela refers to a "gathering centered around water or the nectar of immortality." Historically, the first recorded mention of the Kumbh Mela can be traced back to the writings of the Chinese traveller Hiuen Tsang in the 7th century CE. Hiuen Tsang documented several key events during Harsha's (Harshavardhana ruled over much of northern India from 606 to 647 AD and his reign is regarded as one of relative peace and prosperity) reign. Tsang also documented the Kumbh Mela festival in Prayag which Harsha attended. Over centuries, the festival evolved from a modest gathering of ascetics to a colossal event that attracts millions. The historical transformation of the Kumbh Mela underscores its resilience and adaptability, blending spiritual fervour with societal changes. A defining feature of the Kumbh Mela is the presence of saints, seers, and spiritual leaders



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who guide the masses. Various 'Akharas' (monastic orders) play a pivotal role in preserving and propagating Sanatan Dharma. The ascetics, often clad in saffron robes or ash, symbolise the renunciation of worldly desires. The ritual bath in the rivers further holds deep symbolic meaning. It signifies the washing away of one's ego and sins, allowing a fresh spiritual beginning. Historian William Dalrymple observes, "The saints at the Kumbh Mela are the custodians of India's timeless spiritual heritage." The Kumbh Mela beautifully embodies the fusion of religion and science. Its timing, rooted in precise astronomical calculations, reflects the profound significance of Hindu cosmology. When Jupiter enters Aquarius and the Sun moves into Aries, planetary alignments create an auspicious period for spiritual connection. This sacred festival links cosmic phenomena with earthly rituals, highlighting the deep interconnection between the universe and human spirituality. Aryabhata's pioneering work in celestial phenomena, including planetary motion and eclipses, continues to influence the Kumbh's timing. The Kumbh Mela is also a melting pot of cultures,

philosophies, and humanity. Participants range from reclusive ascetics to common people and even international visitors. This diversity underscores the universality of the quest for spiritual enlightenment. Sociologist Sudhir Kakar once wrote that the "Kumbh Mela is not merely a religious event but a grand celebration of human interconnectedness." The exchange of ideas, rituals, and philosophies at the Mela fosters a unique sense of global unity. Hosting millions of pilgrims at the Kumbh Mela demands meticulous planning, leveraging cutting-edge technologies like AI-powered crowd management systems, drone surveillance for security, and mobile health clinics to handle medical emergencies. Mobile apps and live-streaming services ensured smooth communication and global accessibility for devotees. The 2025 Kumbh will span an expanded area of 800 hectares, featuring 1.8 lakh tents and 101 smart parking facilities for five lakh vehicles daily. Despite the challenges, the event seamlessly blends tradition and modernity. (The writer is Programme Executive, Gandhi Smriti and Darshan Samiti; views are personal)

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

ISRO'S DOCKING MISSION SUCCESSFUL

Madam — ISRO docking two fast-moving spacecraft in space is a highly complex operation with numerous benefits. Docking enables the assembly of modular space stations, telescopes, or other large structures in orbit that cannot be launched in one piece. Example: Docking was essential in constructing the International Space Station (ISS). Docking allows for the transfer of astronauts and cargo between spacecraft or from a spacecraft to a space station. This supports long-term missions, resupply and the exchange of crew. This extends the operational life of expensive assets like communication or scientific satellites. Docking technology allows spacecraft to refuel in space, enabling longer missions or supporting reusable spacecraft. This is crucial for deep space exploration missions. Docking is a critical step for assembling spacecraft or transferring crew for missions to the Moon, Mars, or beyond. Modular spacecraft for such missions often require multiple launches and dockings to combine their components. Docking facilitates international cooperation, as different countries can launch modules or experiments that dock with a shared platform, like a space station. Docking provides a means for evacuation or rescue in case of emergencies aboard a spacecraft or space station. Spacecraft like crew capsules (e.g., SpaceX Dragon, ISRO's Gaganyaan) rely on docking to connect with orbital stations, making them reusable and cost-effective. Successfully executing docking operations demonstrates technological prowess, boosts national pride, and establishes the country as a leader in space exploration. Docking operations are a cornerstone of space exploration and mission sustainability, enabling long-term presence and work in space. This achievement has placed India in the exclusive and elite league of the US, Russia, and China! This docking was successful on January 16, 2025!

Gopalaswamy J | Chennai

India strengthens its naval fleet



After two days of the inauguration of the strategically important Z-Morh or Sonamarg Tunnel in Jammu and Kashmir, Prime Minister Narendra Modi dedicated to the nation three frontline naval combatants—the destroyer INS Surat, the frigate INS Nilgiri and the Scorpene-class submarine INS Vaghsheer on their commissioning at the Naval Dockyard in Mumbai on the occasion of Army Day on

Wednesday. It is for the first time that all three frontline platforms have been indigenously developed in the country. The simultaneous commissioning of these vessels is a shot in the arm for the Indian Navy, which is preparing itself to challenge China's hegemony in the Indo-Pacific region. Equipped with the advanced technology, all three vessels have boosted the Indian Navy's capabilities to respond to various maritime challenges more effectively. In fact, public sector shipyards such as GRSE Kolkata, MDL Mazgaon, CSL Kochi, GSL Goa and HSL Vizag Besides immense contributions to defence preparation, the Indian Navy has contributed immensely to boosting operational preparedness of the Indian Navy by completing various shipbuilding projects in a very efficient and time-bound manner.

Manoj Parashar | Ghaziabad

ACTOR SAIF ALI KHAN ATTACKED

Madam — Bollywood actor Saif Ali Khan was stabbed six times after confronting an intruder, who had a confrontation with Khan's maid before the actor intervened, resulting in a physical struggle, in his Bandra residence early Thursday morning. The intruder fled after a violent altercation, and Khan was rushed to Lilavati Hospital by his son, Ibrahim and a caretaker, where he has successfully emerged from surgery and is now out of danger. The actor is currently recovering, with doctors closely monitoring his condition. People wonder how an intruder can enter the building and reach the 11th floor in a high-profile building that is well guarded and then escape also. Moreover, all in Bandra. An area that has the highest concentration of celebrities, which is supposed to have adequate security. No doubt 54-year-old Saif is a fit person, so he could face the intruder. Wishing Saif Ali Khan a speedy recovery, trusting that the law will take its course and those responsible will be held accountable.

Bidyut Kumar Chatterjee | Faridabad

HAMAS-ISRAEL TRUCE DECLARED

Madam — The ceasefire accord emerged after mediation by Qatar, Egypt and the US to stop the war that began with deadly Hamas attacks on Israel and saw Israeli forces kill tens of thousands of Palestinians and devastate Gaza. It is a welcome move. As per the deal, Israel and Hamas have agreed to halt the war in Gaza and see the release of Israeli hostages and Palestinian prisoners. It is the most significant breakthrough in 15 months of war that began in October 2023. Firstly, hostages in Gaza and Palestinian prisoners in Israel would be freed, and Gazans who have been displaced would be allowed to start returning home. During this period, Israeli troops would pull out of all populated areas in Gaza while the Palestinians would also return to their neighbourhoods in all the areas of Gaza. The second stage would be a permanent end to the war, according to Biden.

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The silent struggles of a daughter-in-law: A call to change

Allowing a daughter-in-law to flourish in her own right doesn't diminish the family's unity—it strengthens it

Living in a joint family is rarely simple, but for a daughter-in-law, it may be a delicate balancing act filled with judgement and criticism. In many households, the role of a daughter-in-law is laden with unspoken expectations, leaving little room for her individuality. It's time we acknowledge these silent struggles and push for a more inclusive and empathetic family dynamic. A daughter-in-law often steps into a household as an outsider, expected to adapt seamlessly to a new way of life. From changing her surname to understanding the intricacies of family traditions, she embarks on a journey of transformation. Yet, the term "in-law" itself can feel like a trap—a constant reminder of her peripheral status in the family. For many, this word symbolises the invisible cage of societal expectations and sacrifices that are seldom reciprocated. "It feels as though I'm constantly being watched," shares Anonymous, 37, who recently relocated to live with her in-laws following her marriage. "It can be exhausting to sense scrutiny at every corner,



whether it's about your outfit or your manner of speaking." These tales are not one of a kind. Across the nation, countless women grapple with the challenge of fulfilling the expectations of others while striving to maintain their sense of self. Some of my friends and cousins have admitted to bending the truth just to carve out a little time for themselves—a brief coffee catch-up or a quick getaway to relax with friends. Some even refer to it as a means of 'escaping' the steadfast pressures of family life. But why should it come to this? Why must a daughter-in-law justify her need for a breather?

The narrative that has been perpetuated for generations—that she must be the glue holding the family together—needs an overhaul. Living in a joint family should not mean sacrificing one's freedom or sense of self. It's high time families rethink the dynamics and extend the same courtesy of individuality and space to their daughters-in-law that they offer their sons. Empathy and equality within a household aren't luxuries; they are necessities for harmony. Allowing a daughter-in-law to flourish in her own right doesn't diminish the family's unity—it strengthens it. Moreover, it sets an exam-

ple for future generations, teaching them to prioritise respect over rigid roles. Transformation begins with dialogue. It is essential for families to recognise the contributions a daughter-in-law makes and to foster open communication regarding shared responsibilities. Partners also hold a crucial position in connecting their spouses with their families, making certain that everyone feels appreciated and heard. At its core, a family is about mutual love, respect, and support. Let's replace the stifling word "in-law" with something more inclusive—perhaps "in-love," symbolising acceptance and belonging. After all, isn't that what a family should truly be about? For daughters-in-law across the world, the message is clear: You are not alone in your struggle. For families, the challenge is to listen, adapt, and foster a space where everyone, regardless of their title, feels at home. It's not just about rewriting roles—it's about rewriting the narrative for a more equitable tomorrow. (The writer is a freelance writer; views are personal)



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OUR ACTIONS SHAPE OUR LIVES

Karmaphalas—the results of our actions—are an undeniable force shaping our lives



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We all should know about karmaphalas. These are the results of both good and bad karma (acts) done by us in the past with our minds, words and bodies. I have mentioned minds separately from bodies because karmas done by the mind are subtle. And they can be quite lethal. What is a mental disease? You have guessed right; it is caused by our minds. Similarly, words are no less dangerous. Yes, words can be very deadly, as experienced by all of us, when we choose to speak foolishly. And these bad karmaphalas can manifest at any age but they hurt the most in old age when we are weak and not left with many options.

This is when a person laments about his bad luck and there are not many sympathisers. Aren't we written off as we age? This article describes what we can do about it. We are not so helpless after all. The first step is to stop doing all bad acts right from this moment. And we know what these are. Goodness has to increase in us by doing all acts of goodness.

We must speak pleasantly; we should see goodness programmes; we should stick to foods in goodness; and so on. What this will do is protect us from the ill effects of our present acts, to begin with. Controller mental must be curbed; one must become realistic because there is only one controller and that is God. If it wasn't so we will obtain whatever we desire, which hardly even hap-



pens. The ego must be curbed because there is only one superior entity, which is God. All our lives we try to prove our superiority and what happens? We become very unpopular with others, especially with our family members, whom we desperately need in our old age. Spiritual practices must be started in the right earnest. They will make a lot of sense if we realise that we are souls, parts of God.

Shouldn't parts be dependent on the whole? Should we not be respectful towards God, just like a son is supposed to be towards his father? Don't we thank others when they do us some favour? God is forever doing us many favours. To begin with, He has provided all essentials free like the light of the sun, water, air containing oxygen, etc. God has to help ultimately because fate cannot be changed by anyone else. He also doesn't, but helps to deal with bad karmaphalas; we won't end up badly. (9.31) This is a very big 'kripa' but more important is His mercy in protecting us from our good karmaphalas, when we are most likely to hurt ourselves badly. Because it is hard to tolerate good times. And God and only God can help in improving our nature, which is also part of our fate. Doesn't our nature let us down time and again? We see people destroying themselves by angry acts, lusty behaviour, envious attitudes, etc. God protects us from foolish acts, if we remain in His shelter. I am very scared about the prospect of ill fate in my old age when I am already weak. God has to protect me.

I am not taking any chances; I have taken God's shelter. Only God is the one who can help, being the owner and controller. God can intervene and God does for His devotees. (The Bhagavad-Geeta 18.58) Wouldn't this make us peaceful? It has made me gradually as my connection with God is getting strengthened by my spiritual practices. Please don't take chances.

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

Reverse brain drain: A game-changer for growth



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By harnessing the knowledge, networks and expertise of these returnees, India is laying the foundation for a resilient and competitive economy

India has witnessed a mass exodus of talent for decades, as highly skilled professionals and students left the country in search of better opportunities abroad. This phenomenon, known as 'brain drain', has historically deprived the country of its brightest minds. However, the tide is reversing, with individuals returning to their home country, as seen in the recent past. With acquired skills and rich experience, the 'reverse brain drain' is increasingly becoming a powerful force in India's economic growth and development. This comes against the backdrop of India's fast-paced economic growth, combined with government initiatives and an evolving entrepreneurial ecosystem that has made the country an attractive destination for global talent, including those who once left its shores. This shift is not about just people coming back; it's about knowledge transfer, innovation, and global networks essential to building a competitive and resilient economy.

Economic and Entrepreneurial Opportunities Driving Return

In most cases, what has caused this reverse brain drain is the prospect of available opportunities in India. The growth pattern of India as a country with an upward economic trajectory brings with it demand for science, technology, and innovation skills from professionals in their fields.

Returnees easily get absorbed in suitable roles since their international experience puts them on top of the sought-after candidates at startups, large multinational companies, and research centres. Government initiatives like Make in India, Startup India, and Atmanirbhar Bharat have further made India more attractive. These initiatives encourage entrepreneurship, self-reliance, and innovation by offering financial incentives, regulatory support, and access to infrastructure. Thus, many Indian professionals who had earlier worked in global hubs such as Silicon Valley are returning to start their startups or take up leadership roles in Indian enterprises.

For example, several Indian entrepreneurs who have returned from the United States or the United Kingdom are at the helm of billion-dollar startups in India today. They cut across fintech, e-commerce, health tech, and renewable energy among other sectors that create jobs and spur economic growth. Their global networks and access to venture capital give them a competitive edge that will allow them to scale their businesses quickly and effectively.

The Role of Overseas Education in Shaping Talent

Education in foreign lands serves as the core of the reverse brain drain. In 2024, more than 13.35 lakh students from India pursued education abroad, of which the USA, Canada, the UK, Australia, and Germany were among the top destinations. In general, courses in engineering, business management, medicine, and technology attract Indian students with promising career avenues. This international education equips students with advanced knowledge, technical skills, and a global perspective. Many also gain valuable work experience abroad before deciding to return to India.

A key facilitator in this journey has been the rise of AI-powered consultancy plat-



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forms that streamline the process of studying abroad. These platforms help students identify the best courses, universities, and countries based on their aspirations and career goals.

They also help with visa processes, and education loans, and even offer post-admission help, so everything goes off smoothly. These consultancies not only empower students in terms of succeeding abroad but also lay the groundwork for their potential contributions upon returning to India while bridging the gap between students and global education systems.

Benefits of Reverse Brain Drain for India

The reverse brain drain is an economy-changing force for India, bringing skilled professionals back to drive progress across sectors. In the case of technology, returnees provide cutting-edge expertise in areas like artificial intelligence, biotechnology, and clean energy, which ensure that India is not left behind globally.

The knowledge that these returnees provide creates technological advances that benefit both industries and society. Entrepreneurship and innovation also pick up pace as returnees start new ventures, create jobs, and develop innovative products and services that address local and global challenges. This not only increases employment but also makes India a creative solutions hub.

Furthermore, these professionals enhance scientific collaboration by connecting Indian institutions with international research networks, thereby facilitating the exchange of ideas and resources in areas such as healthcare and renewable energy. The economic impact is equally strong as the

reverse brain drain strengthens productivity, draws in foreign investment, and propels GDP growth.

Key Challenges and the Way Forward

Although reverse brain drain promises to boost Indian growth immensely, bureaucratic red tape, infrastructural inadequacies, and differing work environments in India versus the developed world will still prevent most professionals from coming back. This will only come true when registration procedures, tax regimes, and the regime for intellectual property become more simplified, paving the way for returnees to establish enterprises or meaningfully contribute to organizations.

To tap into returning talent effectively, India must improve its infrastructure: world-class research facilities, modern educational institutions, and strong health care. More competitive incentives to attract international talent include tax breaks, grants for research, and easier access to funding. Only then will the reverse brain drain convert into practical input toward the nation's economic growth and innovation.

Government Initiatives and Policy Support

The Indian government has been proactively capitalising on reverse brain drain. By setting up innovation hubs, funding startup companies, and collaborating with world-class research institutes, the country is attracting much-needed talent as well as fostering innovation. Many countries have implemented policies and incentives to encourage skilled professionals to return to their home countries. For example, Taiwan created the Hsinchu Science Park and offered tax cuts to encourage the development of high-tech industries. Such poli-

cies not only encourage the return of skilled professionals but also provide them with a platform to flourish.

The Global Context and Its Implications

Interestingly, reverse brain drain is not an Indian phenomenon alone. Developed countries like the United States and the United Kingdom are losing talent due to restrictive immigration policies and limited opportunities for career advancement. For example, America's flawed immigration policies have inadvertently driven away skilled professionals who are now contributing to India's growth.

This shift points to a wider paradigm wherein developing countries are transforming centres of innovation and economic activity. It could also help India emerge as a global leader in sectors ranging from technology to healthcare.

A Bright Future for Reverse Brain Drain

The reverse brain drain represents a new paradigm in India's journey to become a global economic superpower. In this new scenario, talent can be an asset to the country by nurturing innovation and fostering collaboration. With government support, private sector participation, and an emphasis on developing world-class infrastructure, the country is poised to turn reverse brain drain into a sustained growth driver. In doing so, this movement is not only for India but reshapes the global talent landscape with a new reality of importance— inclusive and dynamic economies in a more integrated and interconnected world.

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Andhra Pradesh's journey towards zero hunger and inclusive education

The Dokka Seethamma Mid-Day Meal scheme is a testament to the State's commitment to inclusivity and reforming the education system

Since Independence, food security has been a significant concern in India. Despite notable progress toward achieving Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) 2: Zero Hunger, India still grapples with the challenge of undernutrition.

According to a United Nations report, the country accounts for nearly 195 million undernourished individuals, with children constituting 43 per cent of this population. Various initiatives, such as the Public Distribution System (PDS) and the PM Poshan Mid-Day Meal scheme, have been implemented to address this pressing issue.

Historical Roots of Mid-Day Meal Schemes

The origins of the Mid-Day Meal scheme in India can be

traced back to the colonial era. In 1925, the Madras Presidency proposed the first-ever Mid-Day Meal initiative for underprivileged children. Tamil Nadu became the first state to implement this idea, with Sourashtra Boys Higher Secondary School in Madurai serving meals to children in 1955.

By the 1980s, this programme gained widespread acceptance, particularly with the introduction of the "Nutritious Noon-Meal Scheme" by Tamil Nadu's then Chief Minister, M G Ramachandran. This initiative aimed to provide food to 6.8 million malnourished children in the state. Over the years, the programme has demonstrated the strong correlation between nutritious meals and improved educa-



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tion. For children in tribal and socio-economically disadvantaged communities, the scheme has proven to be a lifeline. Many of these children, previously engaged in household activities or income generation due to food insecurity, could now attend school and pursue their right to education. The programme also had a transformative impact on children from Socio-

Economic Disadvantaged Groups (SEDGs), including Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes, De-notified Tribes, Nomadic Tribes, and girl children.

Dokka Seethamma Mid-Day Meal Scheme

In a significant step forward, the Andhra Pradesh government recently launched the "Dokka Seethamma Mid-Day Meal Scheme." This initiative, named after Dokka Seethamma—revered as Aparna Annapuram—provides free meals to students in junior colleges across the state. Seethamma, born in 1841 in Mandapet village, was renowned for her compassion and dedication to serving the needy. Despite limited formal education, she imbibed strong moral values through



stories and songs from her childhood. Along with her husband, Dokka Joganna, she provided food and shelter to travelers and disaster-stricken communities near the Godavari River. Her legacy of humanitarian service remains a beacon of inclusivity and maternal love.

The Dokka Seethamma scheme is the first of its kind in India, targeting intermediate students. Benefiting 148,419 students across 475 government junior colleges in Andhra Pradesh, the pro-

gramme aims to reduce dropout rates, enhance academic focus, and improve overall student health. By lessening the financial burden on low-income families, the initiative also promotes greater equity in education. It sets a model for other states to emulate, addressing hunger while fostering a nurturing environment for academic and personal growth.

Complementary Initiatives for Inclusivity

In addition to the Dokka Seethamma scheme, Andhra Pradesh has revived the "Anna Canteens" initiative. This program offers wholesome meals at just Rs 5 to economically disadvantaged individuals, significantly alleviating hunger and improving living standards. By ensuring affordable

access to food, the state aims to bridge socioeconomic disparities and support marginalised communities.

For tribal students, particularly girls, the Dokka Seethamma scheme has been a game-changer. Tribal communities often face acute food insecurity due to geographical remoteness and limited resources. Free nutritious meals enable tribal children to focus on their education instead of household chores or income generation. The scheme also addresses educational inequity by encouraging families to prioritise their children's schooling. For tribal girls, the program has a transformative impact. Social and financial pressures often force girls to leave school prematurely, but free meals reduce fam-

ily burdens and promote their continued education.

A Vision for a Better Future

The Mid-Day Meal scheme and similar initiatives signify more than just food distribution—they represent a commitment to empowering the marginalised and uplifting the underprivileged. These programs not only ensure access to nutritious meals but also encourage higher education, better living standards, and healthier lifestyles. By fostering cooperation among teachers, students, and staff, the scheme revives the ancient "Gurukula" system of holistic education, emphasising both mental and physical wellbeing.

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How long will it take and how much will it cost to rebuild Gaza?

PTI ■ GAZA CITY

Palestinians in the Gaza Strip are eager to leave miserable tent camps and return to their homes if a long-awaited ceasefire agreement halts the Israel-Hamas war, but many will find there is nothing left and no way to rebuild. Israeli bombardment and ground operations have transformed entire neighbourhoods in several cities into rubble-strewn wastelands, with blackened shells of buildings and mounds of debris stretching away in all directions.

Major roads have been plowed up. Critical water and electricity infrastructure is in ruins. Most hospitals no longer function. The agreement for a phased ceasefire and the release of hostages held by Hamas-led militants does not say who will govern Gaza after the war, or whether Israel and Egypt will lift a blockade limiting

the movement of people and goods that they imposed when Hamas seized power in 2007.

The United Nations says it could take more than 350 years to rebuild if the blockade remains. The full extent of the damage will only be known when the fighting ends and inspectors have full access to the territory. The most heavily destroyed part of Gaza, in the north, has been sealed off and largely depopulated by Israeli forces in an operation that began early October.

Using satellite data, the United Nations estimated last month that 69 per cent of the structures in Gaza have been damaged or destroyed, including over 245,000 homes.

The World Bank estimated USD 18.5 billion in damage — nearly the combined economic output of the West Bank and Gaza in 2022 — from just the first four



the size of the Great Pyramid of Giza. With over 100 trucks working full time, it would take over 15 years to clear the rubble

away, and there is little open space in the narrow coastal territory that is home to some 2.3 million Palestinians. Carting the debris away will

also be complicated by the fact that it contains huge amounts of unexploded ordnance and other harmful materials, as well as human

remains. Gaza's health ministry says thousands of people killed in airstrikes are still buried under the rubble. The rubble clearance and eventual rebuilding of homes will require billions of dollars and the ability to bring construction materials and heavy equipment into the territory — neither of which is assured. The ceasefire agreement calls for a three to five-year reconstruction project to begin in its final phase, after all the remaining 100 hostages have been released, and Israeli troops have withdrawn from the territory. But getting to that point will require agreement on the second and most difficult phase of the deal, which still must be negotiated. Even then, the ability to rebuild will depend on the blockade, which critics have long decried as a form of collective punishment. Israel says it is needed to prevent Hamas from

rebuilding its military capabilities, noting that cement and metal pipes can also be used for tunnels and rockets. Israel might be more inclined to lift the blockade if Hamas were no longer in power, but there are no plans for an alternative government. The US and much of the international community want a revitalised Palestinian Authority to govern the West Bank and Gaza with the support of Arab countries ahead of eventual statehood. But that's a nonstarter for Israel's government, which is opposed to a Palestinian state and has ruled out any role in Gaza for the Western-backed authority. International donors are unlikely to invest in an ungoverned territory that has seen five wars in less than two decades, which means the sprawling tent camps along the coast could become a permanent feature of life in Gaza.

'Elon Musk's support for European far-right completely unacceptable'

PTI ■ BERLIN

German Chancellor Olaf Scholz said Friday that Elon Musk's support for the far-right in Europe is "completely unacceptable", adding to his previous criticism of Musk's interventions in the German election campaign. Musk has said over the past month that only the far-right party Alternative for Germany, or AfD, can "save Germany".

Last week, the tech billionaire livestreamed on his social media platform X a chat with Alice Weidel, the party's candidate for chancellor in Germany's February 23 election, amplifying its message ahead of the vote.

His interest in Germany and politics elsewhere in Europe, after he poured money and energy into helping Donald Trump win the US election, has set off alarm bells among politicians across the continent.

The Tesla and SpaceX chief executive has also demanded the release of jailed UK anti-



Islam extremist Tommy Robinson and called British Prime Minister Keir Starmer's government "tyrannical", claiming Starmer should be in prison. Scholz has said it's important to "stay cool" over personal attacks, but that Germany's way forward "will not be decided by the owners of social media channels" but by German voters. Asked on Friday about Musk's interventions, he said it's important to "criticise the

right thing." "What we must criticise is not that a billionaire, or a billionaire from other countries in a global world, expresses his opinion — but what he says," Scholz said at a news conference. "He supports the extreme right throughout Europe, in Britain, in Germany, in many, many other countries, and that is something that is completely unacceptable." "This endangers the democratic development of Europe, it endangers our community, and that must be criticised," Scholz said.

Polls show AfD in second place ahead of the election, with support of about 20 per cent, but Weidel has no realistic chance of becoming chancellor because other parties refuse to work with the party. Centre-right opposition leader Friedrich Merz has also criticised Musk's endorsement of AfD. Merz's Union bloc leads polls and he is the favourite to become Germany's next leader.

3 lawyers for late Russian opp leader Navalny jailed by court

PTI ■ PETUSKI

Three lawyers who once represented the late Russian opposition leader Alexei Navalny were convicted by a court Friday as part of the Kremlin's crackdown on dissent that has reached levels unseen since Soviet times.

Vadim Kobzev, Igor Sergunin and Alexei Liptser were already in custody and were given sentences from 3 1/2 to five years by a court in the town of Petushki, about 100 km east of Moscow. They were arrested in October 2023 on charges of involvement with extremist groups, as Navalny's networks were deemed by authorities.

The case was widely seen as a way to increase pressure on the opposition to discourage defence lawyers from taking political cases. At the time, Navalny was serving a 19-year prison term on several criminal convictions, including extremism.

He died in a Russian prison camp in February 2023. The independent Russian newspaper Novaya Gazeta reported that Kobzev said in his final statement in court on Jan 10 that "we are being tried for transmitting Navalny's thoughts to other people". The independent Russian news outlet Mediazona reported three journalists attending the sentencing were detained and taken to a police station.

Navalny's networks were deemed extremist following a 2021 ruling that outlawed his organisations — the Foundation for Fighting Corruption and a network of regional offices — as extremist groups.

That ruling, which exposed anyone involved with the organisations to prosecution, was condemned by Kremlin critics as politically motivated and designed to stifle Navalny's activities. According to Navalny's allies, authorities accused the

lawyers of using their position to pass information from him to his team. Navalny, an anti-corruption campaigner and outspoken opponent of President Vladimir Putin, was arrested in 2021 upon his return from Germany, where he was recuperating from a nerve agent poisoning he blamed on the Kremlin. He was ordered to serve 2 1/2 years in prison. After two more trials, his sentence was extended to 19 years. He and his allies said the charges were politically motivated and accused the Kremlin of seeking to jail him for life.

In December 2023, Navalny was moved from a penal colony in the Vladimir region east of Moscow to one above the Arctic Circle, where he died in February at the age of 47 under still-unexplained circumstances. His widow, Yulia Navalnaya, and members of his team alleged he was killed on orders from the Kremlin. Officials have

rejected the accusation. Two other Navalny lawyers, Olga Mikhailova and Alexander Fedulov, are on a wanted list but no longer live in Russia. Mikhailova, who defended Navalny for a decade, said she was charged in absentia with extremism. Kobzev, Liptser and Sergunin have been deemed to be political prisoners, according to human rights advocates from Memorial, Russia's most prominent rights group that won the Nobel Peace Prize in 2022. The group demands their immediate release. Independent Russian media reported Friday that Konstantin Kotov, an activist accused of donating to Navalny's organisation, left Russia before he was due to appear in a Moscow court Friday. He told Mediazona he decided to leave after a heart surgeon, Ivan Tishchenko, was jailed for four years for donating around \$34 to Navalny's organisation.

Pence calls on Trump to renew US support for Taiwan

Taipei (PTI): Former US vice president Mike Pence called on President-elect Donald Trump to renew his pledge to support Taiwan in the event of a Chinese invasion. Speaking during a visit to Taipei on Friday, Pence said China's annexation of the island would impact global trade, technology and nuclear proliferation. "The fall of Taiwan would likely spark a new nuclear arms race," he said. "Smaller Asian nations concerned about Chinese aggression would no longer be confident of American deterrence. American security commitments would be viewed as empty promises, destabilising not only this region, but the wider world." He added that nations would feel "they had no choice but to develop their own nuclear arsenal", which would increase the risk of global nuclear confrontation. Pence, who served as vice president during Trump's first term but had a falling out with his former boss over Trump's refusal to concede the 2020 election, sought to reassure Taiwanese people of Washington's continued support. The US is Taiwan's main arms provider and favours maintaining the status quo between Taipei and Beijing, which has threatened to annex the self-ruled island, by force if necessary. On his campaign trail last year, Trump cast doubt over the US' continued backing of Taiwan, accusing the island of stealing the chip industry from the US and saying Taiwan should pay the US for protection against China. Pence, speaking at an educational forum in Taiwan's capital, said he was convinced the US would never "abandon" its allies across the Pacific Ocean. "I call on the new administration in Washington, and freedom-loving nations around the world to urgently renew our commitment for providing Taiwan with the support it needs to defend itself and its freedom," he said. Pence also called on Trump's incoming administration to start negotiations for a free trade agreement with Taiwan, a development that's long been floated by various US and Taiwanese politicians and that would be sure to anger China.

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Lloyd Austin ends his term marred by Afghanistan but buoyed by Ukraine

PTI ■ WASHINGTON

Defence Secretary Lloyd Austin will bid farewell Friday to the forces and personnel he has led through a tumultuous term that had three major military crises, a global pandemic and a personal brush with cancer that became a flashpoint for the way it was mishandled.

Austin, 71, spent 41 years of his life in a military uniform. He retired as a highly decorated four-star general who earned a Silver Star — an award given for gallantry in action — for leading troops from the front in the initial 2003 invasion of Iraq. He is one of the many Pentagon leaders who have served in combat and has "dust on his boots" — something President-elect Donald Trump's choice for defence secretary, Pete Hegseth, has falsely claimed is his distinction and why he is needed to restore a military

hollowed out by "woke" diversity initiatives. "There have been a lot of narratives out there about how capable, how weak our military is," Austin said in an interview with The Associated Press. "You've just got to look at the things we have done, that we continue to do, at a moment's notice." Austin retired from the Army in 2016 only to be asked to return to the Pentagon by President Joe Biden in 2021, making history as the nation's first Black defence secretary. He took the helm of the Pentagon at the height of COVID-19 and just weeks after the January 6, 2021, attack on the Capitol by a mob of Trump's supporters. His early months saw the department working through a divisive COVID-19 vaccine mandate for the force and a deep dive to determine whether there was a wider extremism problem

Graffiti on Assad's prison walls express Syrians' fears and loves

Damascus (PTI): Languishing in a dungeon cell of Syria's then-ruler Bashar Assad, an unknown prisoner scrawled a verse of Arabic poetry on his cell wall — an expression of pain and love amid his torment. "My country, even if it oppresses me, is dear. My people, even if uncharitable to me, are generous," he wrote. It's a well-known verse, composed 800 years ago by a poet defying a tyrannical caliph. As you walk through the cold, dark cells of Assad's prisons, the graffiti on the walls cry out. They plead to God and yearn for loved ones. Often mysterious, they preserve fragments of what anonymous men were thinking as they faced torture and death. "Trust no one, not even your brother," someone darkly warns on a cell wall in Damascus' notorious Palestine Branch detention facility.

Since 2011, tens of thousands of Syrians vanished inside the network of prisons and detention facilities run by Assad's security forces as they tried to crush his opposition. Inmates went for years without contact with the outside world, living in overcrowded, windowless cells where their cellmates died around them. Torture and beatings were inflicted daily. Mass executions were frequent. Most inmates would have fully expected to die. They had no reason to believe anyone would ever see the messages they scratched into the walls except future prisoners. One wrote a single word in Arabic, "ashtaqtalak" - "I miss you" - a love letter that could never be sent to a beloved whose name only the writer need know. More than a month after the prisons were opened by insur-

gents who ousted Assad in December, The Associated Press toured several facilities to view the graffiti left behind. Nothing can be known about the men who drew and wrote them. Only a few bear names, and few are dated. It's impossible to know who of them lived or died. Some walls have layers of graffiti on top of each other, marking generations of suffering. "Don't be sad, mother. This is my fate," reads one, dated Jan 1, 2024. Underneath it are traces of an older text, so faded that only a few words are legible: "... except for you" - a hint of longing for a loved one. Many of the writings and drawings are cries to parents or loved ones. Someone drew a heart broken in two, with "mother" written in one side, "father" in the other.

समाचार पत्र में विज्ञापन द्वारा तामील के लिए सम्बन्धीत न्यायालय उपजिलाधिकारी/सहायक कलेक्टर (प्रथम श्रेणी), गाजियाबाद।

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वादी ने आपके विरुद्ध उत्तर वाद संविदित किया है। उत्तर वाद में मेरे न्यायालय में सुनवाई हेतु दिनांक 27.01.2025 निश्चित है। अतः आप उत्तर देने के लिए व्यक्तिगत रूप से या अधिवक्ता के माध्यम से अपना उत्तर देने के उपसंहार हेतु के लिए सम्बन्धित न्यायालय में आना चाहिए, जिसमें अस्पष्ट रहने पर आपके विरुद्ध एकपक्षीय सुनवाई/निस्तारण किया जायेगा। आज दिनांक 13.01.2025 को मेरे हस्ताक्षर से उत्तर न्यायालय की मुहर लगाकर जारी किया गया।

(अजय दीक्षित) उपजिलाधिकारी/सहायक कलेक्टर (प्रथम श्रेणी), गाजियाबाद

UK orders 'rapid audit' of ethnicity in child sexual abuse

PTI ■ LONDON

The UK government has ordered a "rapid audit" of the scale and nature of grooming gangs based child sexual exploitation, including an examination of ethnicity data to determine "cultural and societal drivers" behind the crimes. UK Home Secretary Yvette Cooper laid out the plans in a statement in the House of Commons on Thursday, also noting that many major investigations into the issue have involved "Pakistani heritage gangs". Amid growing demands for a national inquiry into the scandal since Tesla CEO Elon Musk attacked the UK's handling of the historic scandal on his X platform, the minister told Parliament that the Child Sexual Exploitation Taskforce will immediately expand the ethnicity data it collects and publishes. "Many major investigations have involved

Pakistani heritage gangs and the police taskforce evidence also shows exploitation and abuse taking place across many different communities and ethnicities. But the data on ethnicity of both perpetrators and victims is still inadequate," Yvette Cooper told MPs. "In order to go much further, I have asked Baroness Louise Casey to oversee a rapid audit of the current scale and nature of gang-based exploitation across the country and to make recommendations on the further work that is needed... It will properly examine ethnicity data and the demographics of the gangs involved and their victims and it will look at the cultural and societal drivers for this type of offending including amongst different ethnic groups," she said. The shadow home secretary, Conservative MP Chris Philp, responded to stress that the authorities had his-



Firefighters watch a helicopter drop water on the Palisades Fire in Mandeville Canyon in Los Angeles, on Saturday.

torically ignored or covered up ethnicity related data surrounding child sexual exploitation. "Thousands of young girls, often in their early teens, were systematically raped by gangs of men, predominantly of Pakistani heritage. Those in positions of authority — the police, local coun-

cils and the Crown Prosecution Service — ignored them and, in some cases, even covered up these horrendous crimes because of absurd concerns about so-called cultural sensitivity," said Philp. "Ten days ago, the Prime Minister [Keir Starmer] compounded this by saying

that it was a 'far-right bandwagon' to raise these issues and call for a proper inquiry. Let me say this: it is not far right to stand up for rape victims, and smearing those who raised this issue is exactly what led to the victims being ignored and the crimes covered up in the first place," he told the Commons. Cooper reiterated that the actions the government has announced this week covers the duty to report child abuse, proper penalties for any cover-ups, stronger sentences for grooming gangs, new rights for victims to get an independent review on reopening their case and new action to reopen historical police investigations. The Home Office said the rapid national audit will begin soon and last three months. It will be supported by an expert advisory board and draw on the views of victims and survivors. This work, including the new Victims and Survivors Panel, will be backed by GBP 2.5 million in funding. According to official estimates, of the 115,000 child sexual exploitation and abuse offences recorded in 2023 by police, over 4,000 of them were group-based offending. Of those, around 1,100 involved abuse within the family, and over 300 involved abuse in institutions, whilst over 700 of them were group-based grooming gang offences. "We are also urging police forces to look again at closed and unsolved cases on their files, to ensure they pursue criminals and put them behind bars so they cannot hurt anyone else," added Jess Phillips, Minister for Safeguarding and Violence Against Women and Girls in the Home Office.

China launches Pakistani satellite into space

Beijing/Islamabad (PTI): China successfully launched a Pakistani satellite into space from the Jiuquan Satellite Launch Center on Friday. The satellite, Pakistan's first indigenous Electro-Optical (EO-1), was launched at 12.07 pm (Beijing Time) by a Long March-2D carrier rocket and entered its planned orbit successfully, state-run Xinhua news agency reported. Named PRSC-EO1, the satellite uses electro-optical sensors to collect data and images of the Earth's surface by detecting and measuring reflected sunlight or emitted radiation, according to Pakistan's Space and Upper Atmosphere Research Commission (SUPARCO). "This remarkable milestone marks a giant leap forward in Pakistan's journey toward self-reliance and technological excellence in space exploration," SUPARCO said in a statement. It added that the satellite will boost Pakistan's ability to monitor and manage natural resources, respond to disasters

and improve urban planning and agricultural development. SUPARCO Chairman Muhammad Yousef Khan acknowledged the hard work and dedication of the agency's engineers, emphasising that the launch reflected "Pakistan's commitment to leveraging space technology for national progress and sustainable development". Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif termed it a proud moment for the nation. In a post on social media platform X, he said from predicting crop yields to tracking urban growth, the satellite is a leap forward in the country's journey towards progress.

Xi, Trump hold talks over phone

Beijing (PTI): Chinese President Xi Jinping held a telephone conversation with US President-elect Donald Trump on Friday, official media here reported. The phone conversation between the two leaders comes just three days before Trump's inauguration ceremony on Jan 20. Xi has deputized Vice-President Han Zheng to attend Trump's swearing-in ceremony, marking the first time a senior Chinese official will be present at a US presidential inauguration, the Hong Kong-based South China Morning Post reported.

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CHANGE OF NAME: I, Madhumita Mishra W/o Mr. Ranjan Asthana R/o Flat No. 10115, on 11th Floor, ATs Happy, Trails Plot No. GH-02A, Greater Noida, West Rejesh Pilot Chowk Sector-10, Bisakhilalapur, Gautambudh Nagar, Uttar Pradesh, have changed my name from Madhumita Mishra W/o Mr. Ranjan Asthana to Madhumita Asthana W/o Mr. Ranjan Asthana. Henceforth I would be known by the name of Madhumita Asthana W/o Mr. Ranjan Asthana.

GOVERNMENT OF HARYANA TENDER NOTICE: TENDER NOTICE: PURCHASE OF PAPER SETTING PERFORMANS WITH ENVELOPES AS PER SPECIMEN COPY FOR INDRGA GANDHI UNIVERSITY, MEERUPUR, REWARI. Opening Date: 27.12.2024, Closing Date: 03.01.2025, Amount: 3 LACS. Website: www.gu.ac.in

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STANDALONE UN-AUDITED FINANCIAL RESULTS FOR THE QUARTER AND NINE MONTHS ENDED 31.12.2024. Table with columns: S. No., Particulars, 3 months ended 31.12.2024, Year ended 31.03.2024, 3 months ended 30.09.2024. Rows include Total income from operations, Net Profit/(Loss), Total Comprehensive Income, etc.

THE PIONEER CLASSIFIEDS: CHANGE OF NAME: I, Yati Sirohiwal D/o Satya Prakash, R/o BH-67 East Shalimar Bagh New Delhi - 110088 State that my name has inadvertently got recorded in my passport as Yati Serohiwal, whereas in my other document my name reflects as Yati Sirohiwal. Yati Serohiwal and Yati Sirohiwal are names of the same person.

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Public Notice: Public in General is informed that my clients Sh. Pradeep Jain, S/o Late Jai Kumar Jain and Krishna Jain W/o Pradeep Jain both R/o CP 233, Pritampur, Delhi-34 has debarred/dismised/Dis-inherited their son Gaurav Jain and his wife Tanu Aggarwal W/o Gaurav Jain from all their movable and immovable properties and severed all relations from them as they are not obeying them. In future my clients shall not be responsible for any of their acts, deeds, etc.

Public Notice: Notice is hereby given to the general public that the company has lost its original NBFC Certificate having Certificate No. B-14.02.767 at its registered office during renovation of registered office. If anyone found it, kindly return of the same at the registered office address of the company A-9, Netaji Subhash Place, Patimura, New Delhi-110034.

ESAF SMALL FINANCE BANK: GOLD AUCTION NOTICE: Notice is hereby given for the information of all concerned that Gold ornaments pledged with ESAF Small Finance Bank and not redeemed by borrowers, despite repeated reminders and notices, of our branches, are listed below. This will be auctioned as per the details given below.

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Indian Overseas Bank: SYMBOLIC POSSESSION NOTICE (For Immovable Property) [Rule 8(1)]

Indian Overseas Bank: DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY: MEASURING AREA 445.13 SQ. KHASRA 183/2 MAUZA DHANATEJA TEHSIL AND DISTRICT MATHURA

GOVERNMENT OF HARYANA TENDER NOTICE: SR. NO., BOARD/CORP./AUTH, NAME OF WORK NOTICE TENDER, OPENING DATE, AMOUNT/END (APPROX.) IN RUPEES, WEBSITE OF THE BOARD CORP./AUTH, NODAL OFFICER/CONTACT DETAILS/EMAIL

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CHANGE OF NAME

I, Kamini Kumari (Old Name) Wife of Kumar Ranjan Presently Residing At: Anchal Bathnaha, Village: Pokhar Bhinda, Post: Pokhar Bhinda, Dist: Sitamarhi, State: Bihar, Pin- 843327 Have Changed My Name To Kamini Singh (New Name) For All Official Purposes in Future Vide Affidavit Dated; 17/01/2025 And Sworn Before Advocate & Notary M.S Sangwan Panchkula Haryana, India

I, Jagtar Singh Gill S/o Nasib Singh Resident of V.Po. Bari Jhallian, Tehsil Chamkaur Sahib, District Rupnagar (Punjab), I have changed my name to Jagtar Singh.

I, No.15794024Y NK Amal V J resident of Village-Perumkadavilla, Post-Aruvipuram, Tehsil-Neyyattinkara, District-Thiruvananthapuram, State-Kerala, Pin-695126, have changed my Father name from S Viswanathan to Viswanathan S Vide affidavit No.IN-PB97897251191354X dated 24 Jan 2025 before notary public Pathankot

I, No.15177000F Hav (GNR) Dinesh Kumar Yadav resident of Village-Mansukhawa (Mohiudinpur) Post-Bhitari Saidur, Tehsil-Saidpur, District-Ghazipur, State-UP, Pin-233304, have changed my Son name from Ronak Yadav to Raunak Yadav Vide affidavit No.IN-PB97856803752762X dated 16 Jan 2025 before notary public Pathankot

I, Gudiya Lokanadham S/o Chudamani resident of Village-Kaviti Kotturu, House No. 2-158, Post-Kaviti District-Srikulam, State-Andhra Pradesh, Pin-532322, have changed my name from Gudiya Lokanadham to Lokanadham Gudiya Vide affidavit No.IN-PB97361970951556X dated 15 Jan 2025 before notary public Pathankot

I, No.15794333F NK (GUNNER) Pandiaraja A resident of Village-Soolapuram, Post-Soolapuram, Tehsil-Pereiyur, District-Madurai, State-Tamil Nadu, Pin-625535, have changed my Mother name from A Lakshmi to A Lakshmi Arumugam Vide affidavit No.IN-PB96303194394369X dated 10 Jan 2024 before notary public Pathankot

I, No.15794333F NK (GUNNER) Pandiaraja A resident of Village-Soolapuram, Post-Soolapuram, Tehsil-Pereiyur, District-Madurai, State-Tamil Nadu, Pin-625535, have changed my Father name from K Arumugam Karuppaiahdevar Vide affidavit No.IN-PB96302429090336X dated 10 Jan 2024 before notary public Pathankot

I Rajveer Singh Shergill s/o Jatinder Singh Shergill R/o 558 B.C Bazar, Near Gurudwara Ambala cantt declare that in my school record certificate wrongly entered Rajveer Gill & Rajveer Singh whereas my correct name is Rajveer Singh Shergill is one & same person in future called Me Rajveer Singh Shergill

I Jatinder Singh Shergill s/o Avtar Singh Shergill R/o 558 B.C Bazar, Near Gurudwara Ambala cantt declare that in my child Rajveer Singh Shergill school certificate parents Name mentioned is Jatinder Singh and Jaswinder Kaur whereas parents correct name is Jatinder Singh Shergill and Jaswinder Kaur Shergill is one & same person.

I, Pardeep Kaur W/o Sukhveer Singh R/o Vill: Babani Khurd Teh and distt Rupnagar (Pb) declare that I have changed the spellings of name from Pardeep Kaur to Pardeep Kaur. My husband is serving in Army. His Army No. is 18000320W Rank Hav name Sukhveer Singh of 71 Engrs Regt.

I, Poonam W/o Sh. Mahipal, R/o, new Grain Market, Mangal Colony Bajid Road, Peena Hut, Karnal I declare that I have changed my name from Poonam to Poonam Bhuker, In future I should be known as Poonam Bhuker.

I, Mahipal S/o Sh. Rajender, R/o, new Grain Market, Mangal Colony Bajid Road, Peena Hut, Karnal I declare that I have changed my name from mahipal to mahipal Bhuker, In future I should be known as Mahipal Bhuker.

I, Sunil S/o Om Parkash R/o Ward No. 23 New Jawahar Nagar, Jind Have Changed My Name From Sunil To Sunil Kumar.

I, Army No. 15815425K Rank Hav. Roshan Lal S/o Sh. Ramkishan R/o Village Rajana Khurd Teh. Safidon Distt. Jind (Hr), declare that My wife name is Sonia Rani as per my Army Service record, that's incorrect but his correct name is Soniya Rani as per educational /civil documents.

I, Krishan S/O Telu Ram R/O Khark Ram Ji Tehsil And Distt. Jind Have Changed My Name From Krishan To Krishan Kumar.

I, hitherto known as Harvinder Singh S/o Jasvir Singh R/o Vill. Miranpur, Po. Nakodar, Jalandhar, Punjab-144040 have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as Ravinder Singh Aujla.

I, Jasbir Kaur W/o Amrik Singh R/o VPO. Bundala, Patti Badal Ki, Teh. Phillaur, Distt. Jalandhar have changed my name to Jasvir Kaur.

I, Sukhwant Singh S/o Shangara Singh R/o Village Bakarpur, Po. Raipur Peer Buxwala, Tehsil Bholath, District Kapurthala, Punjab have changed my name from Sukhwant Singh to Singh Sukhwant (Singh as Surname).

I, Sunita W/o Daljeet Singh R/o Village Naugajia, District Jalandhar, Punjab have changed my name from Sunita to Sunita Rani (Rani as Surname).

I, Gurvinder Singh S/o Harbhajan Singh R/o Flat No. 404-K Block 66 Feet Road, Near Curro Mall, Jalandhar Heights-1, Po. Jalandhar Cantt., have changed my name to Gurvinder Singh Narula.

I, Sunali D/o Mangu Ram R/o VPO. Talhan Distt. Jalandhar-144101, Punjab have changed my name from Sunali to Sunali Chahal.

I, Mangu Ram S/o Harbhajan Lal R/o VPO. Talhan Distt. Jalandhar-144101, Punjab have changed my minor daughter name from Preeti to Preeti Chahal.

I, Phoola Singh Sabharwal S/o Jagtar Singh R/o Vpo. Karyal Distt. Moga, Have Changed My Name To Phoola Singh.

I, Satya Devi Alias Nachhatar Kaur W/O Jaspal Mahi R/O Virk Colony, Vpo. Birk, Tehsil Phillaur, District Jalandhar Have Changed My Name And Known As Satya Devi.

I Daljeet Singh S/O Sawarn Singh R/O H.No.62, Street No.3C, Onkar Nagar, Phagwara, Kapurthala Have Changed My Name Daljeet As Given Name & Singh As Surname.

I Tanveer Singh S/O Amarjeet Singh R/O Vpo. Baghana, Tehsil Phagwara, Kapurthala Have Changed My Name Tanveer As Given Name & Singh As Surname.

I, Taranjeet Kumar S/O Avtar Chand R/O Mohalla Prempara, Phagwara, District Kapurthala Have Changed My Name From Taranjeet Kumar To Taranjit Kumar.

I Gurvinder S/O Gian Chand R/O Kishan Pur, P.O. Barn Tehsil Phagwara, District Kapurthala Have Changed My Name From Gurvinder To Gurvinder Kumar.

I Renu Singla W/O Mukesh Kumar R/O Bhagta Bhai Ka Distt. Bathinda Have Changed My Name To Renu Bala.

I Harpreet Singh S/O Sukhinder Singh R/O Vpo. Mukhlana, District Hoshiarpur Punjab Declare That My Given Name As Harpreet And My Surname As Singh.

I Parmjit Singh S/O Kewal Singh R/O Vill. Lalowal, P.O Hussainpur Lalowal, Hoshiarpur Declare My Given Name As Parmjit And Surname As Singh.

I Pardip Singh S/O Piara Singh R/O Vpo. Bhungani, Hoshiarpur Declare My Given Name As Pardip And Surname As Singh.

I Shamsher Singh S/O Bhupinder Singh R/O Vill. Kalyanpur, P.O Zahura, Tehsil Dasuya, Hoshiarpur Declare My Minor Son Dilpreet Singh's Given Name As Dilpreet And Surname As Singh.

I Ravi S/O Ram Asra R/O H.No.153, Mohalla Salwara, Bharwain Road, Hoshiarpur, Punjab, Declare That My Given Name As Ravi And My Surname As Kumar.

I Pushpinder Singh Dhaliwal S/O Amar Singh R/O Pink City Village Talwandi Bhangarian P.O. Dosanjh Distt. Moga Have Changed My Name To Pushpinder Singh.

I Sukhjit Kaur Dhaliwal W/O Pushpinder Singh R/O Pink City Village Talwandi Bhangarian P.O. Dosanjh Distt. Moga Have Changed My Name To Sukhjit Kaur.

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I Gurminder Singh S/O Kirpal Singh R/O Village Garhi Kanugoon Teh Balachaur Distt Sbs Nagar Have Changed My Name Singh As Surname Gurminder As Given Name.

I, Sukhjinder Kaur Alias Jaswinder Kaur Brar W/o Sukhmander Singh Brar R/o Kothe Kehar Singh, Jaitu (Faridkot) have changed my name to Sukhjinder Kaur Brar.

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I, Surjeet Singh Angroza S/o Jarnail Singh R/o B-1-899 St.No. 1 Prem Nagar Near Dr. Hari Singh Street, Kotkapura (Faridkot) have changed my name to Surjit Singh.

I, Amanjit Kaur W/o Gurinder Singh Choongh R/O H.No.484, St.No.R-4, Guru Harkrishan Nagar, Malerkotla Road, Khanna (Ludhiana) have changed my name after marriage as Amanjit Kaur Choongh.

I Karishma Tayal W/o Ankit Bansal R/O Rama Street, Kotkapura (Faridkot) have changed my name to Karishma Bansal.

I Madhu Bala W/o Sanjeev Kumar R/o Near Radha Krishan Mandir, Kotkapura (Faridkot) have changed my name to Komal.

I Tarsem Son of Manohar Lal Resident Of Street No. 05 Bharat Nagar Ferozepur Have Changed My Name To Tarsem Lal.

I Yashpal Son Of Khushi Ram Resident Of 231, St No -2 Kundan Nagar Near Bus Stand Ferozepur City Have Changed My Name To Yashpal Pasricha.

I Navraj Singh Barer S/O Lakhwinder Singh R/O Village Lohgarh Po Sherkhana Wala Ferozepur Have Changed My Name Navraj Singh.

I, Pandiyan Munirathinam Is Legally Father Of No. 16124373K Rank Nk Name Prabakaran P Of Unit 22 Engr Regt C/O 56 APO Ferozepur Residing At 143a, Road Street, Mettukudisai Varagur Pudur, Village Post Arcot Taluk, Salamanatham, Vellore, Kammavapettai State Tamil Nadu Pin-632319 Declare That My Name M Pandian Wrongly Mentioned In My Son Army Service Records But My Correct Name Is Pandiyan Munirathinam.

I, Amarjeet Singh Khattria S/O Gurcharan Singh R/o Vill: Khattria Teh-Khanna (Ludhiana) have changed my name from Amarjeet Singh Khattria to Satnam Singh Khattria.

I, Amandeep Kaur Walia W/o Manvinder Pal Singh, R/o #681, Street No. 5, Ward No. 27, Guru Arjan Dev Nagar, Mansa (Punjab) have changed my name to Amandeep Kaur.

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Eight former, current Paytm officials pay ₹3.32 Crore to settle case with Sebi

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

As many as eight current and former officials of One97 Communications, which owns and operates Paytm, have collectively paid Rs 3.32 crore to markets regulator Sebi to settle allegations of flouting securities market norms. Those who have settled the case are the company's former compliance officer and company secretary Amit Khera; Ashit Ranjit Lilani, Neeraj Arora, Mark Schwartz and Pallavi Shardul Shroff, who were holding the positions of independent directors; and then non-executive nominee directors -- Douglas Feagin, Munish Varma and Ravi Chandra Adusumalli, according to a Sebi order.

The order came after these officials proposed to settle the proceedings initiated against them through a show cause notice issued on May 17



"without admitting or denying of the findings." "In view of the receipt of settlement amount by Sebi, the instant adjudication proceedings initiated against the noticees vide show cause notice...Dated May 17, 2024, are hereby disposed of," Sebi said in its settlement order.

The Securities and Exchange Board of India (Sebi) initiated adjudication proceedings in the matter of One97 Communications for the alleged violations of provisions of LODR (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) norms and ICDR (Issue of Capital and Disclosure

Requirements) Regulations. It was alleged that independent directors being part of NRC (Nomination and Remuneration Committee) failed to discharge duties with unbiased and independent approach while decision-making with respect to matters involving benefits to

the company's MD and CEO Vijay Shekhar Sharma and his relatives, in violation of LODR Regulations, 2015. These directors allegedly approved and signed offer documents containing incorrect statements and incomplete disclosures, in violation of ICDR rules. Besides, other directors signed offer documents containing incorrect statements and incomplete disclosures with respect to the company, being a professionally managed firm having no identifiable promoter whereas the company having promoter Sharma, in violation of ICDR Regulations rules. These individuals settled the allegations by paying a settlement amount to Sebi. Individually, Lilani and Arora paid Rs 53.62 lakh each, Adusumalli, Schwartz, Shroff, Feagin and Varma remitted Rs 42.9 lakh each and Khera shelled out Rs 11.05 lakh.

India's forex reserves drop by USD 8.714 Billion to USD 625.871 Billion

PTI ■ MUMBAI

India's forex reserves dropped by USD 8.714 billion to USD 625.871 billion in the week ended January 10, the RBI said on Friday. Earlier, the overall kitty dropped by USD 5.693 billion to USD 634.585 billion in the week ended January 3, the Reserve Bank of India said.

The reserves have been on a declining trend for the last few weeks, and the drop has been attributed to revaluation along with forex market interventions by RBI to help reduce volatilities in the rupee. The forex reserves had increased to an all-time high of USD 704.885 billion in end-September. For the week ended January 10, foreign currency assets, a major component of the reserves, decreased by USD 9.469 billion to USD 536.011 billion, the data released on

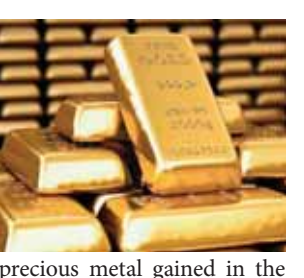


Friday showed. Expressed in dollar terms, the foreign currency assets include the effect of appreciation or depreciation of non-US units like the euro, pound and yen held in the foreign exchange reserves. Gold reserves increased by USD 792 million to USD 67.883 billion during the week, the RBI said. The Special Drawing Rights (SDRs) were down by USD 33 million to USD 17.81 billion, the apex bank said. India's reserve position with the IMF was down by USD 4 million at USD 4.195 billion in the reporting week, the apex bank data showed.

Gold jumps ₹700 to ₹82K per 10 gms

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Rising for the third consecutive day, gold prices on Friday surged Rs 700 to trade near a record high at Rs 82,000 per 10 grams in the national capital due to persistent buying in the local markets, according to the All India Sarafa Association. The precious metal had settled at Rs 81,300 per 10 grams on Thursday. The price of gold of 99.5 per cent purity continued to shine for the third straight day by jumping Rs 700 to Rs 81,600 per 10 grams against Rs 80,900 per 10 grams in the previous close. However, silver prices declined Rs 500 to Rs 93,500 per kg on Friday. The metal had ended at Rs 94,000 per kg in the previous trading session. On October 31 last year, gold of 99.9 per cent purity and 99.5 per cent purity hit a record high of Rs 82,400 and Rs 82,000 per 10 grams, respectively, in the local markets. Despite a weak trend in the international markets, the



precious metal gained in the domestic market, mainly due to higher demand from jewellers, traders said. Meanwhile, in futures trade on the Multi Commodity Exchange (MCX), gold contracts for February delivery declined Rs 424 or 0.54 per cent to Rs 78,802 per 10 grams. "Gold witnessed minor profit booking from higher zones on MCX, retreating towards Rs 78,800," Jateen Trivedi, VP Research Analyst of Commodity and Currency at LKP Securities, said. The decline comes as white flags emerge in the Middle East, signalling easing tensions, and the recent positive data from the US, including CPI, retail sales, and the Federal Reserve's dovish outlook, appear to have been largely priced in, Trivedi

added. Silver contracts for March delivery plummeted Rs 1,093 or 1.18 per cent to Rs 91,710 per kg on the MCX on Friday. Globally, Comex gold futures fell USD 21.10 per ounce or 0.77 per cent to USD 2,729.80 per ounce. "Gold dipped slightly below USD 2,750 per ounce ahead of upcoming US housing and industrial production data," Kaynat Chainwala, AVP of Commodity Research at Kotak Securities, said. Fed Governor Christopher Waller on Thursday said if economic data continues to weaken, the central bank might implement three or four rate cuts this year further stoking the optimism for rate cut expectations which lent support to the metal. Additionally, Comex silver futures quoted 1.47 per cent lower in the Asian market hours at USD 31.26 per ounce. Further, uncertainties surrounding US President-elect Donald Trump's trade policies and tariff plans should contribute to limiting losses for the safe-haven asset, according to commodities experts.

Rupee ends one paisa down at 86.62 against US dollar

PTI ■ MUMBAI

The rupee traded in a tight range and settled 1 paisa lower at 86.62 (provisional)

against the US dollar on Friday, as massive outflow of foreign funds and falling domestic equity markets dented investors' sentiment.

A firm American currency and higher crude oil prices also weighed on the domestic unit, forex traders said. At the interbank foreign



exchange, the rupee opened at 86.60, stayed range-bound between the high of 86.55 and low of 86.62 throughout the day and ended at 86.62 (provisional) against the greenback, 1 paisa down from its previous closing level. On Thursday, the rupee depreciated 21 paisa to close at 86.61 against the US dollar. In two back-to-back sessions, on Tuesday and Wednesday, the local unit had gained 30 paise from its lowest-ever closing level of 86.70 against the dollar. Anuj Choudhary, Research Analyst at Mirae Asset Sharekhan, said the rupee weakened on a negative tone in the domestic markets and a

surge in crude oil prices. "Importer demand may also pressurise the rupee. However, any selling of dollars by the Reserve bank of India (RBI) may support the rupee at lower levels. Traders may take cues from industrial production and housing market data from the US," he said and projected the USD-INR spot price to trade in the range of 86.55 to 86.95. Meanwhile, the dollar index, which gauges the greenback's strength against a basket of six currencies, was trading 0.09 per cent higher at 108.91. Brent crude, the global oil benchmark, rose 0.36 per cent to USD 81.58 per barrel in futures trade. In the domestic equity market, the 30-share BSE Sensex fell 423.49 points, or 0.55 per cent, to settle at 76,619.33 points, while the Nifty declined 108.60 points, or 0.47 per cent, to 23,203.20 points.

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Loan Account Number	Customer Name	Branch Name
128957926	PARVEEN KUMAR	HANSI RURAL

Auction will be conducted online through <https://legold.auctiontiger.net> on 28/01/2025 from 12:00 pm to 3:00 pm. By way of this publication the concerned borrower are hereby given final notice and last opportunity to pay the facility recalled amount, with all interest and charges before the schedule auction date failing which the jewellery will be auctioned. Please note that, if the auction does not get completed on the same day due to time limit the bank will re-auction the pledged gold ornaments within next 7 days on the same terms and conditions. If the customer is deceased all the conditions pertaining to auction will be applicable to his legal heirs.

Date: 18.01.2025 Place: HARYANA

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APPENDIX IV [SEE RULE 8(i)] POSSESSION NOTICE

Whereas, The undersigned being the Authorized Officer of the AU Small Finance Bank Limited (A Scheduled Commercial Bank) under the "Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest [Act, 2002 (54 of 2002)] and in exercise of powers conferred under section 13 (12) read with rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued security notice on the date as mentioned below calling upon the borrowers to repay the amount mentioned in the said notice within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice as per the details given in below table:

Name of Borrower/Co-Borrower/ Mortgagee/Guarantor / Loan A/c No.	13(2) Notice Date & Amount	Description of Mortgaged Property	Date of Possession Taken
(A/c No.) L9001061121972390 & L9001060118191868 Anjali Fab Through IT'S Proprietor Vijay Kumar, Vijay Kumar (Co-Borrower), Smt. Sunita Devi (Co-Borrower)	08-Sep-24 Rs. 222095/- Rs. Two Lac Twenty-Two Thousand Ninety-Five Only & Rs. 2507072/- Rs. Twenty-Five Lac Seven Thousand Seventy-Two Only 06-May-24	All that part and parcel of residential/commercial property Land/ Building/ Structure and fixtures PROPERTY SITUATED AT- KHATA/KHEWAT- 87/107, MUNO- 28, KILLA NO- 16/2(5-1), VILLAGE- NAHARPUR KASAN, TEHSIL & DIST- GURGAON, HARYANA. Admeasuring 211 SQ.YDS (Only 35 Sq. Yard. Portion was Left Open and Remaining Portion Possession was Taken)	14-Jan-25
(A/c No.) L9001060130075583 Deepak Kumar (Borrower), Smt. Dropta Devi (Co-Borrower)	12-Sep-24 Rs. 435523/- Rs. Four Lac Thirty-Five Thousand Five Hundred Twenty-Three Only 10-Sep-24	All that part and parcel of residential/commercial property Land/ Building/ Structure and fixtures Property Situated At- Mu No 20 Killa No 6,15,16, Bhulwana, Th- Hodal, Dist- Faridabad, Haryana Admeasuring 146 Square Yard	13-Jan-25
(A/c No.) L9001070226871282 Vikash (Borrower), Smt. Sonu Kumari (Co-Borrower)	11-Oct-24 Rs. 891425/- Rs. Eight Lac Ninety-One Thousand Four Hundred Twenty-Five Only 10-Oct-24	All that part and parcel of residential/commercial property Land/ Building/ Structure and fixtures Property Situated At- Kh No 848 And 905, Killa No 11 130 And 12 16 7, M No 176, Dist- Jhajjar, Haryana Admeasuring 95 Sqyds.	15-Jan-25

The borrower having failed to repay the amount, therefore notice is hereby given to the borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein above mentioned table in exercise of powers conferred on him/her under section 13(4) of the said (Act-2002) read with Rule 8 of the said rule on the date mentioned in the above table. "The borrower's attention is invited to provisions of sub section (8) of section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets." 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 the AU Small Finance Bank Limited (A Scheduled Commercial Bank) for the amount and interest thereon mentioned in the above table.

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Place: HARYANA Date: 17 JAN 2025 Authorised Officer AU Small Finance Bank Limited

India's economic growth poised to rebound

PTI ■ MUMBAI

India's economic growth is poised to rebound as domestic demand regains strength, though the stickiness in food inflation warrants careful monitoring, the latest RBI Bulletin released on Friday said. An article on the 'State of the Economy' published in the January Bulletin also noted that the economic outlook for 2025 is divergent across countries with some loss of speed in the US; weak-to-modest recoveries in Europe and Japan; more moderate growth profiles in emerging and developing countries alongside a more gradual disinflation relative to advanced economies.



CLAY SHAPED EMOTIONS



connection. The earthy textures and intricate details of the terracotta forms draw viewers into an intimate engagement with the art. Reghu's ability to blend Dravidian and African features results in works that feel rooted in tradition while addressing contemporary sensibilities. The energy within the sculptures invites viewers to pause and reflect, creating a quiet dialogue between art and audience. Reghu draws inspiration from ancient traditions, including the art of the Indus Valley and Harappan civilisations. His sculptures are not replicas of the past; they reinterpret these influences to explore identity and human emotion in a modern context. His figures, with their expressive stances and thoughtful

An exploration of life and emotion through G. Reghu's evocative terracotta sculptures at Art Magnum Gallery, says SAKSHI PRIYA

gestures, evoke narratives that are both universal and deeply personal. The exhibition showcases Reghu's mastery of terracotta as a medium, bringing his forms to life with an emotional resonance that remains long after one leaves the gallery. The contours and expressions of his sculptures suggest movement and thought, compelling the audience to engage with the works on a deeper level. Whether through the tension in a figure's posture or the serenity of a tilted head, each piece carries an emotional weight that connects with the viewer.

Touchable Emotions celebrates clay as a material with both historical significance and contemporary relevance. Reghu's work honours ancient traditions while pushing their boundaries, demonstrating the enduring power of this medium to express complex themes. Through his art, he creates a bridge between the past and the present, showing how heritage and innovation can coexist.

This exhibition is an invitation to reflect on universal themes of life and emotion.

Reghu's terracotta sculptures serve as a poignant reminder of art's ability to connect us to shared experiences. The world of G. Reghu's evocative terracotta sculptures, on display until February 15, 2025, at Art Magnum Gallery, New Delhi. Don't miss the chance to connect with his transformative journey from traditional pottery to emotionally powerful human forms.



PHOTOS: PANKAJ KUMAR

Art has the power to transform the ordinary into the extraordinary, offering a language beyond words. Rainer Maria Rilke's observation, "The purpose of art is to lay bare the questions that have been hidden for a long time," resonates deeply when considering the process of sculpting with clay. This medium, both humble and evocative, captures human emotions in their rawest form, narrating stories that connect with the core of our shared experiences.

The Touchable Emotions exhibition at Art Magnum Gallery features the terracotta sculptures of renowned sculptor G. Reghu. Curated by Jyotirmoy Bhattacharya, the exhibition rummages into themes of life, heritage and emotion. Reghu's relationship with clay is deeply personal, as he shapes it to express stories that reflect universal human experiences. Each sculpture explores facets of existence, joy, introspection and



Classical Singing at its Best

By SAKSHI PRIYA

What is it about music and dance that can stir our hearts and minds in ways words never could?

The Power of Classical Music:

The 26th Swami Haridas-Tansen Sangeet Nritya Mahotsav curated by Padma Bhushan Dr. Uma Sharma. The Festival opened with a captivating Dhrupad performance by Ustad F. Wasifuddin Dagar, whose renditions of Raag Kambhoji and Raag Adana drew listeners into a peaceful space. The stillness in the room was striking, as Dagar's music seemed to speak directly to the heart, offering a rare moment of calm in an otherwise busy world. His mastery of the Dhrupad tradition set a perfect tone for the evening, allowing the audience to experience the beauty of classical music in its purest form.

The night took on new energy when Ustad Shujaat Khan stepped on stage. His sitar playing was truly magical. The audience, enraptured by the fluidity of his performance, responded with a standing ovation. The smooth flow of notes and the intricate patterns he created with his strings left a lasting impression on everyone present. His performance was an experience that



pulled the listener into the depths of his artistry.

Following this, the legendary Pt. Hariprasad Chaurasia brought a sense of serenity to the evening with his flute recital. His ability to draw emotion from the bansuri (flute) was clear as he moved through ragas with ease. The sound of his flute seemed to fill the room, evoking a wide array of emotions, from joy to contemplation, as he effortlessly navigated complex melodies. Each note he played invited the audience to listen closely and reflect on the feelings embedded in his music.



The Fusion of Traditions: Day two of the festival continued to impress, with Pt. Vishwamohan Bhatt and his son, Pt. Salil Bhatt, bringing a unique touch to the proceedings. Their performance on the Mohan Veena and Satvik Veena captivated with its fusion of classical and folk traditions. The melodies were rich and moving, connecting deeply with the audience. Along with the Manganiyars from Rajasthan, their performance was a journey through the cultural heart of India, showcasing the diversity and vibrancy of its musical heritage.

A standout moment on day two was the collaboration between Pt. Shubhendra Rao on the sitar and Smt. Saskia Rao on the cello. Their

performance merged Eastern and Western classical music with remarkable ease. The fusion of sitar and cello was both unexpected and beautiful, offering a fresh perspective on the possibilities of musical collaboration.

Smt. Shubha Mudgal's vocal performance rounded off the evening, showcasing her remarkable ability to convey emotion through song. Her renditions in Raag Kedar and Raag Megh captured the essence of Indian classical music, leaving the audience in wonders of her vocal range and depth.

Kathak and the Divine Connection: The final evening was a celebration of Kathak, with Padma Bhushan Dr. Uma Sharma presenting a moving performance, despite health challenges. Her seated portrayal of Kathak Bhav in 'Maiyaa Mori Mein Nahi Maakhan Khayo' showcased the grace and power of the dance form. Accompanied by her disciples, Sharma's performance took the audience through a spiritual journey, demonstrating the depth and beauty of Kathak.

The festival closed with a powerful performance by Begum Parween Sultana, whose voice filled the space with an intensity that left the audience in standing ovation. Her final rendition was the perfect conclusion to a festival that had showcased the very best of India's classical music and dance. It was a celebration of tradition, passion and artistry, an event that will remain etched in the hearts of all who were fortunate enough to witness it.



KALP: Experience Life in Art

By TEAM VIVA

KALP (Phases), is an exhibition of exquisite artworks by artist Poornima Dayal from Mumbai. This exhibition is taking place at The Lalit Kala Academi, 35, Rabindra Bhavan, Ferozshah Road, New Delhi from 15th January 2025 to 21 January 2025. It was inaugurated on 15th January by Padam Shri Dr. Shovana Narayan, Amita Sarabhai, Joint secretary, Ministry of Culture, Nidhi Kulpati, M.D Ndtv. Poornima Dayal is an internationally acclaimed, award winning artist who has exhibited extensively across the globe.

She is the recipient of the Winner prize Award by The Golden Duck Gallery, Hungary, Budapest in early 2024. She also has received the Honorable Awards and Talent Prize awards from Teravarna Art Gallery, Los Angeles. Poornima had the privilege of representing India at The Venice International Art Fair in 2023. Her artworks have also been displayed several times at the prestigious Jehangir Art Gallery, Mumbai, Telangana Art Gallery, Hyderabad, The Bombay Art Society, Mumbai, The Nehru Centre Art Gallery, Mumbai, Amethyst and Jadoka Art Galleries, Chennai. The 'Vishwarang' program by the Government of India, The Rabindranath Tagore University of Art, Kolkata, The Peak Galleria, Hong Kong, The Holy Art Gallery, Athens and Paris respectively and The Line Contemporary, London. Having had the opportunity to exhibit at The Vienna Biennale, she has been



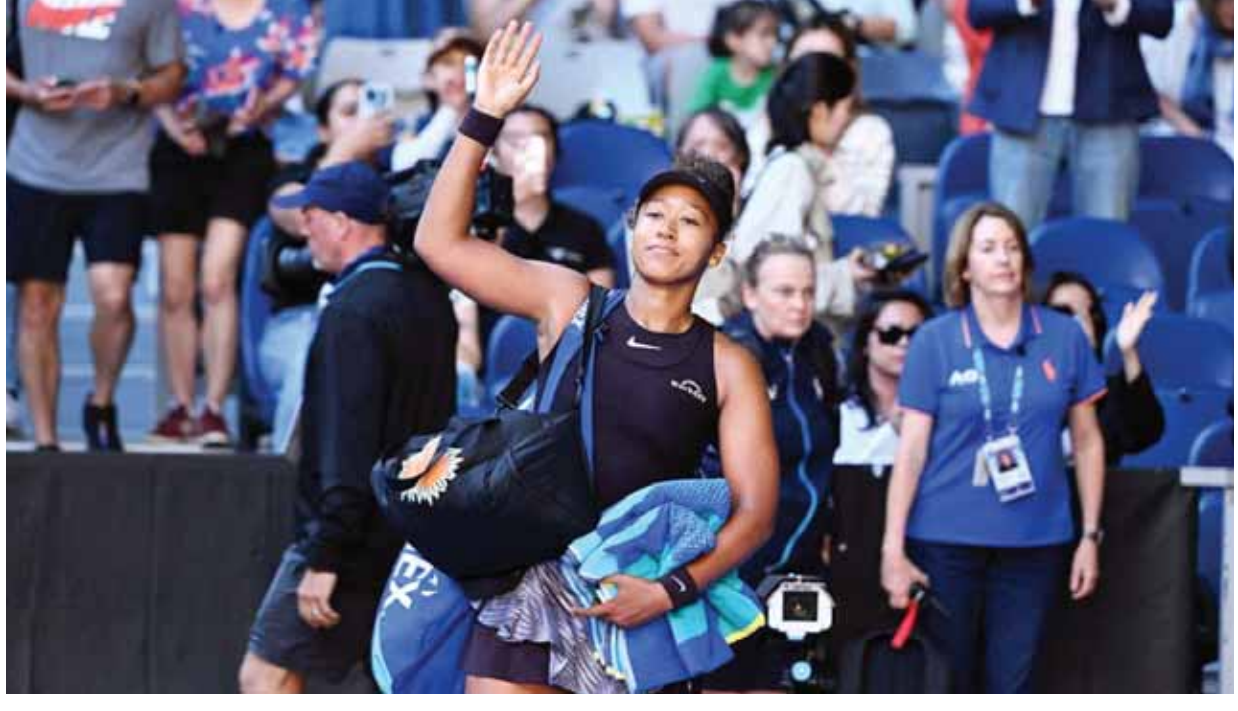
painting since 33 years. 'Abstract conceptual' is how she describes her style of art. 'I use a lot of textures and colors in my style of painting', continues Poornima. KALP, her latest Solo Exhibition at The Lalit Kala Academi is a depiction of life's journey through the various phases of life. In this exhibition, true to its name are exhibited different series of her Acrylics on Canvas, each representing a different phase. 'KALP' signifies the importance of living a life in reverence loving and accepting life. Of being grateful for everything has a Divine purpose. 'For me Art is very precious. It's something I respect. It is a way of self expression for me and I am grateful for it', quotes Poornima. A treat for Art Lovers the exhibition is on from 11 am to 7pm at The Lalit Kala Academi from 15 to 21 January 2025.



Australian Open: Naomi Osaka stops playing because of injury against Belinda Bencic

PTI ■ MELBOURNE
Two-time Australian Open champion Naomi Osaka stopped playing because of a strained abdominal muscle after dropping the opening set of her third-round match against Belinda Bencic on Friday.
"I kind of have a history of it, since I was a teenager. At least once a year, I'd get an ab strain. For me, I want to say it's more the way my serve is — it's quite explosive," Osaka said, explaining that she got hurt at a tournament in Beijing, where she retired from a match against Coco Gauff on Oct. 1. "Unfortunately, it carried on over to the beginning of this season." This was Osaka's first run to the third round at a major tournament since 2022. She missed time in recent

seasons because of mental-health breaks, then was off the tour while pregnant. Her daughter, Shai, was born in July 2023.
Osaka began 2025 by making it to the final of a tournament at Auckland, New Zealand, on Jan. 5, but she stopped playing in the title match there because of the abdominal injury. Then, she said, the problem got "way worse" after her second-round win in Melbourne on Wednesday against 2023 French Open finalist Karolina Muchova. "It was, I guess, a little inevitable, but I think the competitor in me just wanted to see it through to the end," Osaka said. "I just hope that I can figure it out and figure out how to get healthy in time" before the tour heads to events at Indian Wells and Miami in March, she added.



On Friday, Osaka — a former No. 1-ranked player who owns a total of four Grand Slam titles — was visited by a trainer during the changeover while she led 6-5. The trainer examined Osaka's abdominal area and gave her a pill to take, and play resumed.
Just before the tiebreaker began, Osaka went over to her court-side coaches' box and chatted briefly with Patrick Mouratoglou. After Bencic claimed that set in a tiebreaker by a 7-6 (3) score, taking four of the last five points via unforced errors by Osaka, the chair umpire announced that the match was over after 57 minutes, "due to injury." The two players hugged on the sideline, and Osaka left the court. She won the Australian Open in 2019 and 2021, and the U.S. Open in 2018 and 2020.

"Hopefully she'll be fine soon and be able to play the rest of the season," said Bencic, who won a singles gold medal for Switzerland at the Tokyo Olympics in 2021. Bencic, who is also a mother, drew a heart on the lens of a court-side TV camera and wrote: "Get well soon Mama."
Next for Bencic will be a fourth-round match against 2023 U.S. Open champion Coco Gauff or 2021 U.S. Open runner-up Leylah Fernandez, who were scheduled to face each other on Friday night. "I'll watch a bit, if I can," Bencic said, "but I think I'll do my cooldown and try to focus on my recovery." Bencic, who returned to action last October after having her first baby, has never been past the fourth round in 11 past appearances at Melbourne Park.



Ranji Trophy: Kohli named in 22-member provisional squad for Delhi's next game

PTI ■ NEW DELHI
Star batter Virat Kohli has been named in Delhi's 22-member provisional squad for their next Ranji Trophy game against Saurashtra in Rajkot but doubts remain about his participation after it came to light that he is nursing a niggle.
It is learnt that Kohli has intimated the Delhi and Districts Cricket Association (DDCA) top brass that he has a neck niggle that he sustained in Sydney during the final Border-Gavaskar Trophy Test against Australia.
He was treated by the physio there and as of now, there is no clarity on availability for the Ranji match starting January 23.
Whether he will play or just fly down to Rajkot for a couple of days' training will be clear only after he details



his position to DDCA president Rohan Jaitley. Kohli had last played a red-ball game for Delhi back in 2012 against Uttar Pradesh in Ghaziabad. A year after that, the legendary Sachin Tendulkar played his last Ranji Trophy match against Haryana at Lahli.
Talismanic wicketkeeper-batter Rishabh Pant will feature in a Ranji Trophy game after nearly seven years although it has been learnt that he has declined captaincy, which means Ayush Badoni will continue in the role.
"Rishabh felt the existing captain (Badoni) should continue to lead the side. He feels that since he is not available consistently, one shouldn't tinker with leadership," a member of the DDCA apex council told PTI on conditions of anonymity. "When he was offered captaincy, he said that he is

very happy to play under Badoni. We have picked 22 players including five U-23, who would fly to Bhubaneswar for their CK Nayudu U-23 match against Chattisgarh, starting January 25," he added.
The BCCI has made it mandatory for all centrally-contracted cricketers to play domestic cricket unless there is some compelling reason to skip the assignment.
The Board has warned that non-compliance would invite sanctions, including deductions from central contract retainer and ban on playing in the Indian Premier League.
Among the big names already confirmed for upcoming Ranji game is Yashasvi Jaiswal, who will turn up for Mumbai, and Shubman Gill who will represent Punjab in the next round.

D Gukesh to take on Anish Giri in Tata Steel opener

PTI ■ WIJK AAN ZEE
World champion D Gukesh will take on local star Anish Giri in the opening round of the 87th Tata Steel Chess tournament here on Saturday, marking his first competitive outing since claiming the coveted crown last month. Giri, the 2023 winner, holds the reputation of being a tough cookie thanks to his impeccable theoretical knowledge and research that has been the Dutchman's forte for many years now.
However, 18-year-old Gukesh, who likes to go with a no-draw approach in every game he plays, is in great form and can look forward to a solid campaign after the World Championship triumph over Chinese Ding Liren in Singapore.
Gukesh received India's highest sporting honour, the Major Dhyan Chand Khel Ratna, in Delhi this morning from President Droupadi Murmu and left for the Dutch city immediately after the ceremony.
The five-player Indian contingent will see an all-Indian duel as early as round one as Arjun Erigaisi will face last-minute replacement Pentala Harikrishna in the opener.
Arjun, known for his ability to complicate any position, will have an arduous task against Harikrishna who is super-solid with white pieces. Interestingly, Harikrishna came in the mix of things as another Indian Vidit Gujrathi withdrew due to personal reasons.
The most interesting battle of the first round is likely to be between R Praggnanandhaa who takes on Nodirbek Abdusattorov of Uzbekistan. Praggnanandhaa did not have a great 2024 and would like to make amends by starting the year on a positive note.
The fifth Indian in the fray made it to the elite group after winning the challengers in 2024. Leon Luke Mendonca may not have the credentials of other four compatriots in fray but the youngster is certainly the dark horse, who can put anyone in a difficulty position on his day.

Dream is still alive to play for India: Karun Nair

PTI ■ BENGALURU
After a prolonged wait on the sidelines and a melancholic social media post nearly three years back, Karun Nair has made a sensational reunion with cricket, scoring five hundreds in the ongoing Vijay Hazare Trophy and he is now cautiously optimistic about wearing the Indian jersey after eight years.
Karun, who has scored 752 runs at a mind-blowing average of 75.2 for Vidarbha, now looks hungry for runs, and is a far cry from the forlorn player who scribbled: "Dear Cricket, please give me another chance."
Will that opportunity come his way when the selectors announce India's ODI squads for the home one-dayers against England and the ICC Champions Trophy? Only time will tell, but he has good reasons to "dream."
"The dream is always to play for the country. So, yes, the dream is still alive. That's the reason we play this game, to play for your country. So, the one and only goal was to play for the country," Karun told PTI.
But as someone who has endured massive setbacks and near-misses in his career, Karun does not want to think too far ahead.
"I think this is my third comeback (laughs). And I need to keep doing what I am doing at the moment. Keep scoring runs whenever I can in every single game that I play. That's the most that I can do. Everything else is not in my control. "But till it (selection)

happens, it's just a dream. It's still not there yet. But again, like I said, I would like to focus on one innings at a time," the 33-year-old said.
So, what has he done differently from the past to get back to his run-making ways?
"I've not done anything differently. There is no secret. I think it's just years of hard work and persistence, you know, the coming together of all of it. And probably you can say, taking each day as a new one and making sure that I respect every single innings that I play."
But there were days when the 33-year-old was apprehensive about his cricketing future, when runs totally dried up in domestic matches and in the IPL.
"I will be lying if I say I was not afraid. I think anyone would have those feelings. But I never had the thought that my career would end. I just had the thought of where it is going? What am I doing? How has this happened?"
"It takes a while for you to come out of that phase and to understand what is happening and then what you are supposed to do. So, I told myself that I need to start from zero again. "And give myself a few years and see where it goes. And then I can decide what to do. So, that was my thought process," he explained.
But the tough passage made him more aware about himself and his game.
"It was a tough situation to be in. Emotionally, mentally. But yeah, it really taught me

a lot of things about myself as a person and about my cricket. So, I am really grateful for those learnings. Without that, I don't think I would be in this situation at the moment."
Shifting to Vidarbha was a good move
The first hint of change in his fortunes came along with a shift to Vidarbha from Karnataka ahead of the 2023-24 season.
"I am really grateful that I got this opportunity from Vidarbha Cricket Association to play First-Class cricket. First of all, without which, you know, I wouldn't be here. And for the platform they have provided and the environment they have created to, you know, welcome me.
"They treat me as a family and make me feel like I have been playing with them for many years.
"And I never got the feeling that I am a professional or an outsider. So, it was really comfortable. And very humble people. So, they all helped me get through each and every game with a smile and a positive environment," he said.
The right-handed batter also thanked former India pacer Abey Kuruvilla for facilitating his entry into Vidarbha squad.
"Abey Kuruvilla was the person I spoke to first. I just spoke to him saying that I just need a team to play. And he is the one who spoke to Vidarbha Cricket Association and put me in touch with them," he added.
Since then the runs began to steadily increase.

Bengaluru FC aim to revive campaign against bottom-placed Hyderabad FC

PTI ■ HYDERABAD
Slipped to third on the table, former Champions Bengaluru FC will look to reignite their campaign when they meet bottom-placed Hyderabad FC in the ISL here on Saturday.
After a blistering start to the season, Bengaluru FC have faltered recently, suffering two consecutive losses, including a 0-1 defeat to debutants Mohammedan SC.
With 27 points from 15 matches, the Blues, who have nine games in hand, need a win to keep pace with league leaders Mohun Bagan and stay in contention for the Winners Shield.
Languishing at the bottom with nine points from 15 matches, the Nizams have struggled to score and defend consistently.
However, they will aim to leverage their home advantage, having remained unbeaten in their last three encounters here against Bengaluru FC.
Bengaluru went scoreless in their last match, which was a 0-1 loss to Mohammedan SC.
The previous time they went consecutive games without finding the back of the net were the last two matches before Gerard Zaragoza took over as the head coach in



December 2023.
Since then, particularly this season, there has been a smooth consistency in their frontline, as reflected with the Blues having found the back of the net 28 times, as opposed to 11 of Hyderabad FC.
Hyderabad FC's defence leaked 26 goals inside the box — the same number Bengaluru FC have scored from close range this season.
To counter this, Hyderabad might need to risk a high defensive line to disrupt Bengaluru's buildup play early.
Hyderabad have scored in their last two home games but struggled against Bengaluru at home, averaging just one goal per match in their previous three

meetings.
They'll need to sharpen their attack to exploit Bengaluru's recent struggles on the road.
Four of Hyderabad FC's 11 goals this season have come in their last five matches, where they have drawn twice and lost thrice.
A victory here will see Hyderabad FC extend their unbeaten home stretch against the Blues to four matches.
Bengaluru FC, on the other hand, are looking to avoid a third consecutive loss, in order to sustain pressure at their opponents in the upper half of the points table.
Veteran striker Sunil Chhetri with nine goals this season, will be eyeing double digits. He has a stellar record against Hyderabad, including two goals in the reverse fixture.
Despite not scoring, Hyderabad's Abdul Rabeeh has created 13 goal-scoring chances and dominated opposition boxes, highlighting his influence.
Hyderabad's interim coach Shameel Chembakath urged his team to focus on their own game rather than the opponents, while Bengaluru FC's Zaragoza emphasised playing entertaining football to delight their supporters.

Para-athletes take centre stage as President Murmu gives away National Sports Awards

PTI ■ NEW DELHI
Manu Bhaker and D Gukesh provided a sprinkling of stardust but it was India's perseverant para-athletes who walked away with the most boisterous applause when President Droupadi Murmu bestowed the National Sports Awards in a regal ceremony at the Rashtrapati Bhavan here on Friday.
Double Olympic-medallist Bhaker, 18-year-old chess world champion Gukesh, men's hockey captain Harmanpreet Singh and Paralympic gold-winning high jumper Praveen Kumar were presented the country's highest sporting honour -- the Major Dhyan Chand Khel Ratna.
The 22-year-old Bhaker became independent India's first athlete to win two medals in a single edition of the Olympics with her bronze-winning show in the 10m air pistol individual and 10m air pistol mixed team events in August last year.

"Slow and steady wins the race, and I firmly believe that. Khel Ratna is one of the most prestigious awards in our country. I am grateful to everyone who supported me," Bhaker said after the ceremony.
Harmanpreet was a part of the national sides that won bronze medals in the Tokyo as well as Paris Olympics. Praveen, on the other hand, upgraded his silver at the Japanese capital to a gold in Paris. He was born with a short left leg.
The 18-year-old Gukesh was crowned the youngest ever chess world champion after he beat China's Ding Liren last month. He is only the second Indian after the great Viswanathan Anand to achieve this title.
He was also a crucial factor in India winning the men's gold in the Chess Olympiad in September last.
Thirty-two athletes were honoured with the Arjuna Award out of which an unprecedented 17 were para-

athletes.
The athletes selected for the Arjuna award included Paris Olympics bronze medal-winning group of wrestler Aman Sehrawat, shooters Swapnil Kusale and Sarabjot Singh (Bhaker's partner in the 10m air pistol mixed competition of Olympics) and the men's hockey team players Jarmanpreet Singh, Sukhjeet Singh, Sanjay and Abhishek.
The para-athletes outnumbered the able-bodied ones in the list this time due to the magnificent Paris Paralympics performance in which they returned with 29 medals, including seven gold and nine silver.
President Murmu repeatedly broke from tradition to receive some wheelchair-bound athletes such as Pranav Soorma, who got the Arjuna for his Paralympic silver in club throw.
Petkar draws loudest applause
The most heartwarming moment of the ceremony was when India's first Paralympic



gold-medallist Murlikant Petkar walked up to the President on crutches to receive the Arjuna award (lifetime).
Murmu met the 80-year-old war hero half way to present him the award.
Petkar was disabled waist down due to bullet wounds sustained during the 1965 battle against Pakistan. He was originally a boxer but turned to para-swimming due to the multiple injuries.
He fought the adversity to win a historic gold medal in the 1972 Paralympics in Heidelberg.
The veteran was welcomed with a rapturous applause that did not stop till he was seated back after collecting the award from the President.
One among those clapping for him at the Durbar Hall was actor Kartik Aryan, who played Petkar in a recent biopic titled 'Chandu Champion'.
Dignitaries, including sports minister Mansukh Mandaviyaa, parliamentary and minority affairs minister Kiren Rijju, sports secretary Sujata Chaturvedi, were among those who attended the ceremony that lasted a little over an hour.
While the Khel Ratna comes with a cash prize of Rs 25 lakh, the Arjuna and Dronacharya awards include a cash prize of Rs 15 lakh.
Among the most prominent Dronacharya winners this year was shooting coach Deepali Deshpande, who mentored Kusale, and former national football manager Armando Colaco.
The Arjuna Awards are given to sportspersons who have demonstrated good performance over the past four years and have shown qualities of leadership, sportsmanship, and discipline.
The annual honours are decided by a points system in which the maximum emphasis is on performances delivered at the Olympics and the World

Championships.
The award-winners:
Major Dhyan Chand Khel Ratna Award: D Gukesh (Chess), Harmanpreet Singh (Hockey), Praveen Kumar (Para-Athletics), Manu Bhaker (Shooting).
Arjuna Awards: Jyothi Yarraji (Athletics), Annu Rani (Athletics), Nitu (Boxing), Saweety (Boxing), Vantika Agrawal (Chess), Salima Tete (Hockey), Abhishek (Hockey), Sanjay (Hockey), Jarmanpreet Singh (Hockey), Sukhjeet Singh (Hockey), Rakesh Kumar (Para-Archery), Preeti Pal (Para-Athletics), Jeevanji Deepthi (Para-Athletics), Ajeet Singh (Para-Athletics), Sachin Sarjerao Khilari (Para-Athletics), Dharambir (Para-Athletics), Pranav Soorma (Para-Athletics), H Hokota Sema (Para-Athletics), Simran (Para-Athletics), Navdeep (Para-Athletics), Nitesh Kumar (Para-Badminton), Thulasimathi Murugesan (Para-Badminton), Nithya Sre Sumathy Sivan (Para-

Badminton), Manisha Ramadass (Para-Badminton), Kapil Parmar (Para-Judo), Mona Agarwal (Para-Shooting), Rubina Francis (Para-Shooting), Swapnil Suresh Kusale (Shooting), Sarabjot Singh (Shooting), Abhay Singh (Squash), Sajan Prakash (Swimming), Aman (Wrestling).
Arjuna Awards (Lifetime): Sucha Singh (Athletics), Murlikant Rajaram Petkar (Para-Swimming).
Dronacharya Award: Subhash Rana (Para-Shooting), Deepali Deshpande (Shooting), Sandeep Sangwan (Hockey), S Muralidharan (Badminton), Armando Agnelo Colaco (Football).
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