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ROY GUILTY IN RG KAR MURDER CASE In another first, poll freebie for Delhi tenants



Police personnel keep vigil as Sanjay Roy, accused in the alleged rape and murder of an on-duty doctor at R G Kar Medical College and Hospital, is brought to the Sealdah court in police vehicle on the day of the verdict, in Kolkata PTI

SAUGAR SENGUPTA ■ KOLKATA

A Kolkata Sessions Court on Saturday held prime accused Sanjay Roy guilty in the RG Kar Medical College and Hospital rape and murder case. The quantum of punishment will be pronounced on Monday, District and Sessions Judge of Sealdah Court Anirban Das told Roy in a 12-minute hearing, adding that he had been held guilty in the case and could be condemned to death or imprisonment for life. Roy was convicted of rape under Section 64 of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS), and murder under Sections 66 and 103(1). The body of the victim, a 31-year-old postgraduate lady doctor working in the Chest Medicine Department of the RGMCH who was brutally raped and murdered, was discovered inside the seminar room of the said hospital in the wee hours of August 9 last year, triggering nationwide protests. Subsequently, on the basis of

the CCTV footage, the Kolkata Police on August 10 arrested Sanjay Roy, a civic volunteer with the police. He was seen entering the seminar hall and coming out of it after about half an hour. The judgment was delivered 57 days after the trial commenced in-camera on November 12, during which 50 witnesses were examined. The hearing in the case concluded on January 9. "When the Court held Sanjay Roy guilty of the crime of rape and murder, he continued to call himself innocent and a victim of conspiracy. The honorable Sessions Judge told him that he had been found guilty of the crime which could invite capital punishment like death or life imprisonment... the quantum of punishment shall be given on Monday when the Judge will also hear out the convict," the advocate of the victim's family said, adding that justice will not be fully complete until other people who might have been involved in the case were punished.

"Though the copy of the judgment is likely to be uploaded on Monday," the Court did not seem fully satisfied with the investigation as "it often raised the issues of lacuna and loopholes in the process of investigation... we will have to see whether these things find place in the judgment or not," the advocate said. The parents of the victim also held the same opinion, wondering why the administration would not go after the masterminds of the crime. "We have 20 questions that are yet unanswered. Let the agencies, be it the CBI or the state police answer them," said the mother of the victim, partially welcoming the judgment. The mother of an only child, she said, "Sanjay's guilt was proved through biological evidence. He is only one person but not the only person who has killed my daughter. The entire medical fraternity, the entire hospital says so, the truth is known to every brick, every wall of the

hospital, and the names of the real accused are being discussed but why it was not taken up judicially is not known to us. There are others who haven't been arrested yet. So, justice hasn't been fully delivered. We are people of humble background and have nothing to lose so we will continue our fight for justice till the last day of our life." The father of the victim, who had on Friday held the Mamata Banerjee government guilty of brushing the case under the carpet again, said, "I have many questions. Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee herself kept awake the whole night and supervised the investigation. Where was a need for her to do so? The investigation was nothing but an act of erasing evidence. The police destroyed evidence, which finally led to the other culprits either not getting arrested or two others getting bail. The entire medical fraternity knows that this rape and murder is not the work of only one person." Dr Utpal, a senior doctor who had been in the forefront of the movement, wondered why the investigating agencies had preferred to ignore forensic reports. "What about the four DNA imprints that were found on the person of the victim. What about the forensic experts' comment that the murder might not have taken place at the place where the body of the victim was found. Why did the agencies not take into account the telephonic conversations that had taken place between the top police officers and some top political persons of the State.

RAJESH KUMAR ■ NEW DELHI

A few days after casting aspersions on the residents of Bihar and eastern UP by claiming that the BJP had faked voter lists in the names of Poorvanchalis, the ruling Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) on Saturday attempted to assuage the mollification directed at the one-third chunk of electors in Delhi. Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) national convener Arvind Kejriwal promised a freebie guarantee for tenants, allowing them free electricity and water if re-elected to power, stating that the move would benefit the Poorvanchali brethren. "We will ensure that after the elections, tenants, many of whom belong to the Poorvanchal region, will also enjoy the benefits of free electricity and water," the former Delhi CM said. Addressing a press conference, Kejriwal stated that tenants have been unable to access the free electricity and water scheme for several reasons. He emphasized that tenants are also part of Delhi's population, and the AAP will extend these benefits to them. The announcement comes as the Aam Aadmi Party ramps up its campaign for the Delhi assembly elections slated for February 5. "Wherever I go, I meet people living on rent who say they benefit from good schools and hospitals but are deprived of free electricity and water schemes. Across Delhi, we have provided free electricity and water to residents. However, it is unfortunate that tenants do not get these benefits. Today, I want to announce that after the elections, if our government is formed, we will introduce a system ensuring tenants also receive free electricity and water," Kejriwal said. The ruling AAP has proposed freebies including the Mahila Samman Yojana, Sanjeevani Yojana, free metro, free scholarships to Dalit students, salaries for pujaris and granthis, free metro rides for students, waivers in water bills, and funds for residents' welfare associations to recruit security



Photo: PTI

guards, adding to its existing schemes and programs such as revamped government schools, mohalla clinics, and free electricity that the AAP government offers to citizens in Delhi. In competition, the BJP, in its manifesto released on January 17, announced several aids, keeping women at the center of its poll pitch. The manifesto emphasizes women and promises Rs 2,500 monthly aid under the 'Mahila Samridhi Yojana.' The BJP, in its manifesto, also announced Rs 21,000 and six nutrition kits for every pregnant woman under the 'Chief Minister Matritva Suraksha Yojana.' The party has also promised LPG cylinders at Rs 500 for the poor, with one free cylinder on Holi and Diwali.

Kejriwal car convoy attack; AAP, BJP exchange blows



RAJESH KUMAR ■ NEW DELHI

With campaigning for the Delhi Assembly elections heating up, claims and counterclaims erupted between AAP and BJP as the former alleged that AAP convener Arvind Kejriwal's car was pelted with stones in New Delhi constituency on Saturday. However, BJP leader and New Delhi candidate Parvish Verma refuted AAP's allegations, saying the AAP chief's car hit three youths who had been protesting against him. Verma claimed it was Kejriwal who asked the driver of the car to crush them. "Fearing defeat, BJP panicked, got its

goons to attack Arvind Kejriwal," the AAP, which has been ruling Delhi since 2013, posted on X within minutes of the attack on its leader. The AAP convener also said the Delhi Police on Saturday stopped the screening of the Aam Aadmi Party's (AAP) documentary Unbreakable on January 18, citing non-compliance with election guidelines. AAP convener and former Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal accused the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) of using the Delhi Police to stop the screening. However, the Delhi Police denied these allegations. The Delhi Police said that "no permission" was taken for the screening of the documentary. The police emphasized that political parties must apply for permission for such events through a single-window system at the District Election Officer's (DEO) office. It further added that such permission could not be granted or rejected by the police at this time. The documentary Unbreakable, which explores AAP's journey during Kejriwal's leadership and the party's activities during and after his imprisonment, was scheduled to be screened at Pyarelal Bhawan, ITO, at 11:30 AM.

Butcher of Delhi arrested

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

Delhi Police Crime Branch has apprehended Chanderkant Jha, a "serial killer" who had terrorised the national capital between 2006 and 2007 and evaded arrest for more than a year, an official said on Saturday. His case received a significant media attention and was the subject of an OTT platform documentary "Indian Predator: The Butcher of Delhi". "Jha was on the run after jumping parole in October 2023. The 57-year-old was arrested from Old Delhi Railway Station on Friday following an intensive operation," Additional Commissioner of Police (crime branch) Sanjay Kumar Sain said. Jha, who had been serving a life sentence for three murders, carried a bounty of Rs 50,000 for his capture, he said. The officer further said the Crime Branch formed a team which included senior police officers to locate Jha. "Over six months, the team traced Jha's network of family, friends, and associates. They conducted reconnaissance at his previous crime spots and interrogated individuals in fruit and vegetable mandis across Delhi-NCR, Haryana, Uttar Pradesh and Bihar, where Jha had once worked," said the Additional CP. Analysing voluminous call data records, the team identified a suspicious mobile



number that ultimately led them to Jha's location. Acting on a lead, the team arrested Jha on January 17 as he attempted to flee to Bihar from Old Delhi Railway Station, he said. Police said a history of gruesome crimes between 2006 and 2007, Jha's modus operandi left Delhi shaken. Originally from Bihar, Jha resided near Azadpur Mandi in Delhi and befriended young men, often migrants, by helping them find jobs and offering them meals. However, minor disagreements or perceived infractions would trigger his homicidal rage. "Jha would tie his victims hands, claiming he would punish them, and then strangle them with a locally made nunchaku. He would dismember the bodies meticulously, ensuring minimal blood splatter. The

remains were then packed in plastic bags and transported using his modified cycle-rickshaw before being dumped at pre-determined locations, often near Tihar Jail," Sain added. He said adding to the horror, Jha would leave handwritten notes with the dismembered bodies, taunting the police and challenging them to catch him. Jha's first recorded murder dates back to 1998 when he killed Mangal alias Aurangzeb in Adarsh Nagar, Delhi, dismembering the body and scattering its parts. Arrested in 1998, he was released in 2002. After his release, he resumed killing, police said. In June 2003, Jha murdered his associate Shekhar in Haiderpur for being a drunkard and liar, disposing of the body in Alipur. In November 2003, Umesh, a migrant from Bihar, was killed for alleged betrayal, and his body was dumped near Tihar Jail. In November 2005, Jha killed Guddu for his habits, including smoking marijuana and disposed of his body in Mangolpuri, police said. In October 2006, Amit, accused of womanizing, met a similar fate, with his body left outside Tihar Jail. In another case Upender was murdered in April 2007 for a love affair deemed inappropriate, his remains left near Tihar's Gate No 3.



Israeli soldiers work in staging area on the Israel-Gaza border after returning from the Gaza Strip PTI

Israel-Hamas ceasefire to go into effect on Sunday

PTI ■ CAIRO

The ceasefire between Hamas and Israel will go into effect in less than 24 hours, Qatar's foreign ministry said on Saturday. In a post on X, foreign minister Majid al-Ansari said the ceasefire will start at 8:30 am local time (6:30 GMT) on Sunday, and advised people to exercise caution and wait for directions from officials. Early Saturday morning, Israel's Cabinet approved the deal for a ceasefire in Gaza that would release dozens of hostages and pause the 15-month war with Hamas, bringing the sides a step closer to ending their deadliest and most destructive fighting ever. Despite the ceasefire news, sirens sounded across central Israel on Saturday,

with the army saying it intercepted projectiles launched from Yemen. The Iran-backed Houthis have stepped up their missile attacks in recent weeks. The group says the attacks are part of its campaign aimed at pressuring Israel and the West over the war in Gaza. There were also continued Israeli strikes into Gaza. The Palestinian health ministry said at least 23 people were killed the previous day. Under the first phase of the ceasefire, 33 hostages are set to be released over the next six weeks, in exchange for hundreds of Palestinians imprisoned by Israel. The remainder, including male soldiers, are to be released in a second phase that will be negotiated during the first.

Saif attack suspect arrested in Chhattisgarh

TN RAGHUNATHA ■ MUMBAI

The Railway Protection Force (RPF) personnel detained a 31-year-old suspect in the Saif Ali Khan attack case at the distant Durg railway station in Chhattisgarh on Saturday afternoon, offering a ray of hope to the Mumbai police, who had been searching for over 48 hours for the elusive assailant. Acting on a lead provided by the Mumbai police, RPF officials detained the suspect, identified as Aakash Kailash Kanojia, from the Mumbai-Howrah Jnaneswari Express when the train arrived at Durg railway station at 2 pm. "We identified the suspect based on a photograph, train number, and location details sent to us by the Mumbai police. He was sitting in a general compartment. A Mumbai Police team will soon arrive here to take him into custody," a senior RPF official said at Durg railway station. Enquiries by the RPF revealed that the suspect was travelling without a ticket. When questioned, he initially stated that he was going to Nagpur but later corrected himself, saying he was on his way to Bilaspur. During the initial questioning, the suspect claimed that he stayed in Byculia, south Mumbai. The RPF officials arranged for him to speak to the Mumbai police via video call. A



Bollywood actor Saif Ali Khan and suspected attacker

Mumbai police team is expected to take custody of the detained suspect late on Saturday and bring him to Mumbai for further investigation. However, there was no formal statement from the Mumbai police regarding the suspect detained by the RPF at Durg railway station. Earlier, fresh CCTV footage aired by some television channels showed the assailant at Dadar in north-central Mumbai at 9 am on Thursday, buying a pair of headphones before heading to the railway station. So far, five CCTV clips have surfaced, including two purportedly from the staircase of the actor's building "Satguru Sharan," showing him going up and then coming down, one at Bandra station with a change of shirt, and two more from Dadar. Saif 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) in north-west Mumbai. The knife attack on the actor took place between 2 am and 2:30 am on Thursday, following a failed burglary attempt by the yet-to-be-identified intruder. After being admitted to Lilavati Hospital, the actor underwent surgery to remove a knife lodged in his spine and to plug a spinal fluid leak. "The actor was brought to our hospital with six injuries, two of which were deep. We performed 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.

Thanks to Maha Kumbh, Uttar Pradesh's 75 districts unite to reap economic rewards

BISWAJEET BANERJEE ■ MAHAKUMBH NAGAR

The Maha Kumbh in Prayagraj is not just a religious event; it has transformed into a massive economic engine driving growth across Uttar Pradesh. With preparations in full swing to welcome over 400 million pilgrims, the event has become a source of livelihood and opportunity for artisans, traders, and entrepreneurs from all 75 districts of the state. Over its 45-day duration, this mega-event is expected to generate economic activity on a scale that rivals the GDP of some countries, with small-scale artisans and micro-enterprises alone securing orders worth Rs 10,000 crore. "This is not just an event for the

faithful; it's an economic festival," said Mahendra Goyal, Uttar Pradesh head of the Confederation of All India Traders (CAIT). "The state government's Rs 7,500 crore investment will generate at least ₹25,000 crore in revenue and facilitate business worth Rs 2 lakh crore. It is a win-win for faith and the economy." The demand for basic necessities such as groceries, edible oils, vegetables, dairy products, bedding, and hospitality services has surged. Entrepreneurs from districts like Kanpur, Varanasi, and Gautam Buddha Nagar are leading the charge, with key sectors like groceries expected to generate Rs 4,000 crore and dairy products contributing Rs 4,200 crore. Speaking about the influx of opportunities, Ravi Tiwari, a

vegetable supplier from Kanpur, shared, "The orders I have received for the Maha Kumbh are more than what I usually supply in six months. This event is a game-changer for small businesses like mine." Employment opportunities have also multiplied across various sectors. Neeraj Singhal, National President of the Indian Industries Association, remarked, "The demand for services such as hotels, restaurants, food stalls, air travel, railways, and road transportation has increased by nearly 80 times. Construction, security, sanitation, and healthcare services are employing over 10,000 workers and unskilled laborers, with many of them coming from districts like Kushinagar, Ballia, and Maharajganj."



Defence Minister Rajnath Singh takes a holy dip at the Sangam during the Maha Kumbh Mela 2025, in Prayagraj, Uttar Pradesh PTI

Artisans and manufacturers have seen unprecedented demand for their products. The Small Industries and

Manufacturers Association reported a significant rise in sales of food, worship materials, clothing, and souvenirs. Entrepreneurs from regions such as

Unnao, Ghaziabad, and Mirzapur have directly benefitted. Rajeev Mishra, an artisan from Mirzapur, said, "This is the busiest we have been in years. Orders for clay ware and handicrafts have poured in, and we are working round the clock to meet the demand." The infrastructure developed for the event has also brought economic benefits to districts like Meerut, Hapur, and Lucknow, where workers have been employed to build roads, ensure sanitation, and maintain utilities. Tourism, transport, and the sale of worship materials have further benefitted regions such as Mathura and Hardoi. Vinod Pandey, a hotel owner in Varanasi, noted, "We have been booked solid for months. The influx of pilgrims is not limited to Prayagraj

only. After taking a dip at Sangam they are coming to Varanasi. This huge footfall has not only boosted my business but also created jobs for locals." Additionally, major brands have tapped into the opportunities presented by the Maha Kumbh. A total of 82 Uttar Pradesh-based brands and 178 national brands have created 9,000 temporary jobs for youth. The tent city set up for the event alone has generated over 2,000 permanent positions. The Maha Kumbh 2025 has proven to be a unifying force, not just spiritually but economically, with its impact felt in every corner of the state. As Ashok Kumar, a shopkeeper from Prayagraj, aptly said, "The Kumbh doesn't just bring pilgrims; it brings prosperity."

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Shah Satnam Ji Speciality Hospitals Sirsa-125055 is discarding the medical record till March 2019. It will include all types of medical record excluding MLC and Death files. If anybody wants to take their medical records photocopy contact in Medical Record Department (Room No. 47) within 30 days of this notice.

PUBLIC NOTICE

सर्व साधारण को सूचित किया जाता है कि ग्राम पंचायत एहमा में सफाई कर्मचारी का पद रिक्त पड़ा है जिसके लिए इच्छुक व्यक्ति महिला जाति पूरी तरह स्वस्थ हो तथा आयु 18 वर्ष से 55 वर्ष के बीच हो खंड कार्यालय अंबाला वन में 17 जनवरी 2025 से 23 जनवरी 2025 तक सुबह 10 बजे से शाम 5 बजे तक सफाई कर्मी पद हेतु आवेदन कर सकते हैं। खंड विकास एंव पंचायत अधिकारी।

Lost And Found

It is notified to the general public that Original transfer letter bearing no. 1312 dated 14.01.2011 of booth no 108, Sector 46-C, Chandigarh in the name of Amarjeet Singh s/o Tirath Singh and Sarabjit Singh s/o Tirath Singh both residents of # 54, Opposite IVY Hospital, Sector 71, SAS Nagar, Mohali has been lost from Sector 47, Chandigarh. If anybody found kindly contact: 98884-48171.

ESTATE OFFICE, UT, CHANDIGARH

PUBLIC NOTICE

BEFORE SH. NAVEEN, DANICS ASST. ESTATE OFFICER, UT, CHANDIGARH Subject: Transfer of LEASE HOLD RIGHTS in respect of RESIDENTIAL Site No. 3040, SECTOR 38-D, Chandigarh (LRP 1405) to the extent of 25% share on the basis of Intestate Death of Late GURMEET KAUR.

PUBLIC NOTICE

It is notified for the information of general public and all concerned that as per record of this office Sh./Smt. GURMEET KAUR is the owner/lessee of RESIDENTIAL Site No. 3040, SECTOR 38-D, Chandigarh to the extent of 25% Share. It has been informed by BHUPINDER KAUR Through G.P.A/SPA SUKHWINDER SINGH, JIT SINGH, SUKHWINDER SINGH, RUPINDER KAUR Through G.P.A/SPA SUKHWINDER SINGH that Sh./Smt. GURMEET KAUR expired on 28/10/2023 and he/she/they has/have also intimated the following legal heirs of the deceased owner/lessee:-

Table with 3 columns: Sr No, Name of Legal Heir, Relation with deceased

PUBLIC NOTICE

Now, BHUPINDER KAUR Through G.P.A/SPA SUKHWINDER SINGH, JIT SINGH, SUKHWINDER SINGH, RUPINDER KAUR Through G.P.A/SPA SUKHWINDER SINGH has/have applied for the Transfer of Lease Rights in respect of RESIDENTIAL Site No. 3040, SECTOR 38-D, Chandigarh, to the extent of 25% Share held by Late GURMEET KAUR in his/her/his favour, on the basis of Intestate Death. If anybody has any 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/Judicial Officer) 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

PUBLIC NOTICE

It is notified for the general public that the following person has applied for transfer of Flat/ share/ transfer of Lease deed rights as under:-

RO NO. 4636/2024-2025 Dated: 17-01-2025

PUBLIC NOTICE

H. Lunny Jain S/o Late Sh. Deepak Jain R/O H.No. 23/228, Street No. 7, Dev Nagar, Sonapat declare that my father Late Sh. Deepak Jain S/o Sh. Prem Chand passed away on 23.01.2022 and my mother Late Smt. Shashi Jain W/o Late Sh. Deepak Jain passed away on 01.05.2021. After their death, we are their 2 legal heirs: Hunny Jain (Son), Shivi Jain (Daughter). Apart from us, my father has no other legal heir and if found, I will be responsible for that.

COURT NOTICE

Criminal Courts, Ludhiana IN THE COURT OF Dr. Jasveer Singh Judicial Magistrate - 1st Class, Ludhiana

PUBLIC NOTICE

COMA/4472/2022 PBLD03-068262-2022 U/S:- 138 OF N.I ACT POLICE STATION:- NEXT DATE:-22-04-2025 NOTICE TO:- SADANAND SHIVRAM GARATE R/O HOUSE NO.622, SAI NAGAR, NR. GOVERNMENT HOSPITAL TALUKA KHEDI PER LOTTE, RATNAGIRI-415722 (MAHARASHTRA)

COURT NOTICE

Criminal Courts, Ludhiana IN THE COURT OF MS. SHAWETA Judicial Magistrate - 1st Class, Ludhiana

COURT NOTICE

Next Date, Purpose of case, Orders and Judgments as well as other Case information is available on http://ecourts.gov.in

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Himachal IG, 7 other cops convicted for custodial death of accused in gangrape-murder case

PNS ■ CHANDIGARH

A Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) court on Saturday convicted Himachal Pradesh Inspector General of Police Z.H. Zaidi and seven others for the infamous custodial death of an accused in gangrape-murder of a minor in 2017.

The other accused who were convicted include the then Deputy Superintendent of Police Manoj Joshi, Sub-Inspector Rajinder Singh, Assistant Sub-Inspector Deep Chand Sharma, Mohan Lal, Surat Singh, Rafee Mohammad and Ranit Sateta. However, the court acquitted former Superintendent of Police D.W.

Negi. The court will pronounce the quantum of the sentence on January 27.

The Supreme Court in 2019 transferred the case from Shimla to Chandigarh on a plea filed by the CBI for expeditious disposal of the case. The girl had gone missing in Kotkhai and her body was found in a forest near Kotkhai town in Shimla district on July 6, 2017, two days after her disappearance.

The crime had led to arson by a mob demanding justice for the girl. After the crime, police had claimed that the schoolgirl was offered a lift in a vehicle by one of the accused while she was returning home from school in Kotkhai town, 56 km

from Shimla.

On the way, the accused and his accomplices gang-raped and murdered her in a nearby forest. Her naked body with injury marks was found.

Later, the Himachal Pradesh government agreed to recommend a CBI probe. After the CBI took over, nine police personnel, including Inspector General of Police Zaidi and former Shimla Superintendent of Police D.W. Negi was arrested on the charge of custodial death of accused Suraj. Zaidi was head of the Special Investigation Team (SIT) set up to probe the case before the CBI took over.

The SIT had arrested six persons, one of whom (Suraj)

died at the Kotkhai police station on the night of July 18, 2017. Zaidi and eight others were arrested in connection with the custodial death. The CBI, which arrested Nilu, said he was the lone accused while those arrested by the Himachal Police were not involved. Charges against them were dropped.

Inspector General Zaidi was reinstated in November 2019 after he was released on bail on April 5, 2019, by the Supreme Court. The government again suspended him on January 15, 2020, after Superintendent of Police Soumya Sambasivan alleged that he was pressurising her to change her statement.

When BJP forms Government in Punjab, all crops will be purchased at MSP: Haryana CM

PNS ■ CHANDIGARH

Haryana Chief Minister Haryana Singh Saini on Saturday said that both the Centre and the Haryana government are true well-wishers of farmers and pointed out that Haryana has purchased 100 percent of the crops from farmers at the Minimum Support Price (MSP) and has deposited Rs 1.25 lakh crore into the accounts of 12 lakh farmers. Additionally, Rs 78 crore has been given to farmers as interest on delayed payments after crop purchases.

Comparing it to the neighbouring Punjab, he said both the previous Congress government and the current Aam Aadmi Party government have failed to support farmers, as crops are not being purchased at MSP and this has led to ongoing farmer protests. Saini advised the Punjab government to introduce a bill in the assembly to ensure the purchase of 100 percent of farmers' crops at MSP and assured that when the BJP government comes to power in Punjab, 100 percent of farmers' crops will be bought at MSP.

Saini made these remarks as the chief guest during the Saini Maha Sammelan held in Ropar, in Punjab in which Chairman of the National Commission for Minorities, Iqbal Singh Lalpura along with Ropar BJP District President and organizer of the program, Ajay Veer Singh Lalpura and other dignitaries from the Saini community were also present. He said that last year, the rains during the Kharif season in Haryana were delayed. As a result, farmers had to make additional arrangements for irrigation and other requirements for sowing their crops. Understanding the difficulties faced by the farmers, the Haryana government deposited Rs 2,000 per acre as bonus into their accounts.

The CM said that the Haryana government is working tirelessly for the welfare of the poor and laborers and as part of this effort, soon after taking oath as Chief Minister for



the second time, he initiated the provision of free dialysis services to kidney patients at all government hospitals, medical colleges, and PGIs in the state.

He said that the backward classes in Haryana had long been demanding an increase in the income limit for the creamy layer and the Haryana government has responded by raising this income limit from Rs 6 lakh to Rs 8 lakh, providing significant benefits to the backward classes.

Haryana to take action against 370 corrupt patwaris, their aides

PNS ■ CHANDIGARH

Haryana government has "identified" 370 "corrupt" patwaris (revenue officials) in the state revenue department and has asked the deputy commissioners concerned to take action against them. The government has also identified 170 "private associates" or middlemen who allegedly take bribes on behalf of the patwaris. A patwari is a revenue official who maintains the ownership record of land and is authorised to certify possession of land,

mutation, corrections in land record etc.

Talking to reporters, Revenue minister Vipul Goel said that identification of corrupt revenue officials and initiation of stringent action against patwaris was a conscious decision of the state government. "The government wants to check their misconduct and corrupt practices in the larger public interest," Goel said.

In a January 14 communication to deputy commissioners, the office of the financial commissioner, revenue (FCR) wrote that the corrupt practices of

these patwaris, who regularly deal with the public, brings a bad name to the government. The communication explicitly mentions the names of the corrupt revenue officials and the modus operandi to extract money from the public. Many patwaris who figure in the list of corrupt officials have been functioning at a particular village or tehsil for the last eight to 10 years. Sources said that the detailed list of corrupt revenue officials and their misdeeds, which also mentioned their caste, seems to have been put in place by the intelligence

officials.

"Private individuals deployed to assist the patwaris also work as brokers for them. A large number of people who visit patwaris for land related work get harassed as patwaris raise objections one after the another forcing citizens to bribe them," said the communication by the office of FCR.

The deputy commissioners have been asked to initiate stringent action against these revenue officials and private individuals and send an action-taken report to the state government within a fortnight.

Wildlife Department to serve notice to illegal construction surrounding Sultanpur Bird Sanctuary

PNS ■ GURUGRAM

The Wildlife Department will soon serve notices to over 100 illegal construction owners who built illegal structures in the restricted area of Sultanpur Bird Sanctuary in Gurugram. For this, the department has written a letter to the Tehsildar and sought information about all the people doing illegal construction.

After getting the information, notices will be issued to everyone to remove the illegal construction within 15 days. After this, a demolition drive will be conducted. Notable, any kind of construction work is banned within a 5 km radius of Sultanpur Bird Sanctuary located on Jhajjar-Farrukhnagar Road. Despite this, builders and dealers have illegally built over 100 illegal constructions, farmhouses and societies.

Last year, a survey was conducted by the Department. It was revealed that over 100 constructions have been done without the permission of the Ministry of Environment within the 5 km restricted area of Sultanpur Bird Sanctuary. These include nine societies, most of the farmhouses and a school.

The central government has declared Sultanpur Bird Sanctuary as an Eco-Sensitive Zone-1 (environmentally sensitive area). In such a situation, construction within a radius of 5 km has been completely banned.

The Town and Country Planning (TCP) Department has issued licenses to nine builders to build group housing societies. The license has a condition that they have to obtain a no objection certificate (NOC) from the Ministry of Environment. But without taking prior permission few builders made construction in the restricted zone.

The survey has also revealed the collusion of the officials of the concerned department. Nine societies have been built within this area. It is being said that the TCP Department approved the maps of these societies without checking the NOC. Occupancy certificates were even issued to most of the societies. Now about 7,000 families have started living in the flats built in these societies.

However, After the survey conducted by the Wildlife Department, the construction work of the two societies has been stopped. These societies are being built under the Affordable Housing Policy, which has about 1500 flats. These societies have been built in villages Dhorka, Wazirpur and Gopalpur.

"Action will soon be taken against illegal structures built within five kilometres of Sultanpur Bird Sanctuary. A letter has been written to the Tehsildar to find out the owner of these constructions. Notice will be given after getting proper information about the concerned owners," RK Jangra, Wildlife Officer, Gurugram said.

Punjab to Overhaul Focal Points to Boost Industrial Investments

PNS ■ CHANDIGARH

To create a more conducive environment for industrial investment, Punjab Government has decided to expedite the overhaul of focal points across the State. The decision came during a crucial meeting held on Friday evening, where the state's Industry, Commerce, and Investment Promotion Minister Tarunpreet Singh Sond emphasized the need to ensure that no industrialist faces any difficulty while seeking approvals or setting up new ventures.

The meeting, which took place at Udyog Bhawan and lasted nearly three hours, brought together senior officials from various departments linked to Invest Punjab. During the session, Minister Sond stressed that industrial areas and focal points must be equipped with all necessary amenities and facilities at the earliest. He highlighted that numerous investors have expressed interest in establishing industries in Punjab, but are encountering delays in the approval process, especially related to land acquisition and departmental clearances.

Sond instructed that all relevant departments — Industries, Invest Punjab, Rural Development, Tourism, and others — must work in tandem to streamline the approval process. From land acquisition to online permissions, he urged for smooth and hassle-free procedures. "Any issues arising at

any level should be promptly reported to me, and I will ensure swift resolution with the support of Chief Minister Bhagwant Singh Mann," he asserted.

Minister Sond also touched upon the untapped potential for tourism in regions near Chandigarh, suggesting that these scenic areas could be developed to further boost the state's economic prospects. He directed the officials to prepare a comprehensive plan for the development of these regions, ensuring that tourism could also contribute to Punjab's growth.

Over 1,000 People surrendered Electricity Subsidy in Himachal: CM

PNS ■ SHIMLA

Himachal Chief Minister Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu on Saturday said that over 1000 people have surrendered their electricity subsidy so far in the state.

During his two-day visit to the Jawali assembly constituency in Kangra district, he addressed a public gathering and announced the up-gradation of the Kotla Police Post to a full-fledged police station.

The CM also highlighted ongoing initiatives to streamline subsidies and encourage financially capable individuals to opt out of them. "Over 1,000 people have already surrendered their electricity subsidy, and more are coming forward," he noted. He said that the government would restart the Below Poverty Line (BPL) survey in April to ensure rightful beneficiaries receive their due.

He said that during last year's disaster, the government released Rs. 4,500 crore. Special relief package was provided without any assistance from the central government. Criticizing the BJP, he said, "Despite difficult times, the BJP failed to stand with the people of Himachal and did not secure a single rupee as a special relief from the center."

Attacking the previous BJP government, the CM accused it of distributing benefits worth Rs. 5,000 crore for electoral

gains, opening 900 institutions six months before the elections without staff or budget, and lowering the quality of public services. He said that under the previous BJP government, Himachal Pradesh slipped to 21st position in the country in terms of quality education, and healthcare services also declined.

The CM emphasized that the current government, despite facing numerous challenges in its two-year tenure, has taken bold and reformative decisions for Vyavstha Parivartan. "Sometimes tough decisions have to be made, but their positive results will be visible soon," he stated.

The CM inaugurated, lays foundation of 15 developmental projects worth 184.33 crore

of 15 developmental projects worth Rs.184.33 crore for the Jawali Assembly constituency of District Kangra.

He laid the foundation stone of a bridge to be constructed on Gajj Khad at a cost of Rs. 86.34 crore and it would reduce the distance between Jawali and Nagrota Suriyan by seven kilometers. He also laid the foundation stone of Rajiv Gandhi Government Day-Boarding School to be constructed at a cost of rupees five crore in Thangar. The primary wing of the school would be built in the first phase. He inaugurated the Urban Water Supply Scheme Jawali constructed at a cost of Rs. 15.76 crore and also laid the foundation stone of the water drainage scheme to be constructed at a cost of Rs. 36.55 crore in Nagrota Surian. He also inaugurated the Wildlife Information Center built at Basa at a cost of Rs. 3.20 crore.



BRIEFS

HRY VIDHAN SABHA SPEAKER TO TAKE A HOLY DIP IN THE SANGAM AT KUMBH; INVITES MLAS TO JOIN

Chandigarh: Haryana Vidhan Sabha Speaker Harvinder Kalyan will take a holy dip in the Sangam at Kumbh City Prayagraj on February 7. He has also extended an invitation to all the MLAs of the State to join him for this occasion. In a letter addressed to all MLAs, Kalyan mentioned that those interested in participating in the Kumbh should send their confirmation to the Haryana Legislative Assembly Secretariat by January 20. The travel expenses for the trip will be borne by the MLAs themselves. The Haryana Legislative Assembly Secretariat will assist in making necessary arrangements for the MLAs in Prayagraj.

ENTRANCE EXAMINATION FOR ADMISSION TO RIMC, DEHRADUN ON JUNE 1

Chandigarh: The written entrance examination for admission to the Rashtriya Indian Military College (RIMC), Dehradun, for the January 2026 Term will be conducted on Sunday, June 1, 2025 and it will be held at Lala Lajpat Rai Bhawan, Sector 15, Chandigarh, a spokesperson of the Directorate of Defence Services Welfare, Punjab, informed on Saturday. Both boys and girls are eligible to apply for admission to RIMC, Dehradun. Applicants must be born between January 2, 2013, and July 1, 2014 (both dates inclusive). Additionally, candidates should either be currently studying in Class VII or have passed Class VII from a recognized school. Those selected will be admitted to Class VIII. The examination will consist of three written papers: English, Mathematics, and General Knowledge. Candidates who qualify in the written examination will be invited for a viva-voce/interview. The schedule for the viva-voce will be intimated later.

PUNJAB LAUNCHES ANTI-SNAKE VENOM TREATMENT IN GOVT VETERINARY FACILITIES

Chandigarh: Punjab Government has launched an anti-snake venom treatment in all the district and tehsil level veterinary hospitals across the state. State Animal Husbandry, Dairy Development and Fisheries Minister Gurmeet Singh Khudian said that Polyvalent anti-snake venom medicine has been made available in all 22 polyclinics at the district level and 97 tehsil veterinary hospitals across the state and the medicine will be administered free of cost. This initiative aims to provide immediate and effective treatment for pets and livestock affected by snake bites, which pose a serious threat to animal health. He further informed that the veterinary hospitals are equipped with the necessary anti-venom supplies and trained personnel to handle snake bite emergencies. Khudian directed the department officials to sensitise all pet owners and livestock farmers about this facility and signs of snake bites and encourage them to seek immediate veterinary care when needed.

PB GOVT RELEASES ₹30.35 CRORES TO 5,951 BENEFICIARIES OF SCHEDULED CASTES: BALJIT KAUR

Chandigarh: The Punjab Government has released ₹30.35 crores for 5,951 beneficiaries belonging to Scheduled Castes under the Ashirwad Scheme during the current financial year 2024-25. Social Justice, Empowerment and Minorities Minister Baljit Kaur, said the amount had been sanctioned to address the pending applications of beneficiaries for 2023-24 and 2024-25 received through the Ashirwad Portal. Beneficiaries from the districts of Barnala, Bathinda, Faridkot, Ferozepur, Fatehgarh Sahib, Fazilka, Hoshiarpur, Jalandhar, Mansa, Sri Muktsar Sahib, Patiala, Rupnagar, SAS Nagar, SBS Nagar, Sangrur and Malerkotla have been covered. The Ashirwad Scheme provides financial assistance of ₹51,000 for the marriage of daughters from low-income families. The scheme is applicable to permanent residents of Punjab who belong to Scheduled Castes, Backward Classes, or economically weaker families with an annual income below ₹2,790. Each eligible family can benefit for up to two daughters. The financial aid is directly transferred to the beneficiaries' bank accounts, ensuring transparency.

Punjab & Sind Bank (A Govt. of India Undertaking) Branch Office: Bhagta, Barnala Road, Bhagta-151206

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

Whereas the undersigned being the Authorised officer of the Punjab & Sind Bank under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (Act No. 54 of 2002) and in exercise of powers conferred under section 13(12) read with rule 8 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued a Demand Notice to borrower(s)/guarantor(s), on the date mentioned hereunder, calling upon the borrower(s)/guarantor(s), to repay the amount mentioned in the respective demand notice, within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

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

The borrower(s)/guarantor(s) in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property/properties and any dealings with the properties will be subject to the charge of the Punjab & Sind Bank, Bhagta, Barnala Road, Bhagta for the amount specified against each as per details below less amount of recovery if any plus future interest, expenses, costs, thereon.

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

Name of the Borrower(s)/Guarantor(s)	Description of the Immovable Property	Date of Demand Notice	Date of Possession Notice	Amount Outstanding as per Demand Notice and interest thereon.
M/s. Ranjit Singh & Sons, through its Prop Ranjit Singh S/o Gurnail Singh situated Cheeda Grain market Sukhanand Moga Punjab-142049 (Borrower/ Proprietor)	Property/Plot/Commercial Shop (Plot as per Sale Deed) Measuring 130 Sq Ft or 00 Marlas 4 1/4 Sarsahi Khewat No./Khatoni No. 1783/3140 Khasra No. 360/1/1 min (0-0-4 1/4) (Vide Mutation No 21234) vide Jamabandi for year 2011-2012, vide sale deed no. 1610 dated 13-02-2013 registered at Registrar office Bathinda situated at Barnala Road, near Guru Nanak Wood Works, Bhagta bhai ka bounded as East: 10'-0" Makhan Singh, West: 10'-0" Rasta, North: 13'-0" Prem Kumar, South: 13'-0" Sukhpal Singh Details of the title deed (s)- Title deed no 1610 dated 13-02-2013 registered at Registrar office Bathinda belonging to Addressee No.3 Property bounded as- East: 10'-0" Property of Makhan Singh, West: 10'-0" Rasta, North: 13'-0" Prem Kumar, South: 13'-0" Sukhpal Singh.	03.10.2024	16.01.2025	Rs. 8,16,891.27/- and interest thereon.

DATE: 19.01.2025 Place: Bhagta AUTHORIZED OFFICER, PUNJAB & SIND BANK

Canara Bank BATHINDA SME BRANCH (4056)

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

Whereas the undersigned being the Authorised officer of the Canara Bank under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (Act No. 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 a Demand Notice to borrower(s)/guarantor(s), on the date mentioned hereunder, calling upon the borrower(s)/guarantor(s), to repay the amount mentioned in the respective demand notice, within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

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

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

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

Name of the Borrower(s)/Guarantor(s)	Description of the Immovable Property	Date of Demand Notice	Date of Possession Notice	Amount Outstanding
1) M/S Neelkanth Rice Mills Abul Road Vill Ganga Teh Gonia Mani Bathinda Punjab 151201 2) Ravinder Kumar (Proprietor / Mortgagee) Jaitu Road Near Shamsinghat Bhai Suhel Singh Nagar Gonia Mani Bathinda Punjab 151201.	One Plot / Building measuring 24 kanals 00 Marlas i.e. 480/2789 share of 139K/09 M comprising in Khewat/Khatoni No. 112/191 khasra No. 134/8/2(4-2),9/2(4-9), 12(8-0), 13(7-8), 18(7-11),20(14-11),21(7-17),22(8-0),23(8-0), 137(11-0),2(8-0),3(8-0),4(8-0),10(8-0),11(8-0),12(8-0),19(8-0),20(8-0) situated at village Ganga Tehsil and District Bathinda Jamabandi for the year 2011-12 in the name of Ravinder Kumar Son of Dev Raj sale deed no 321 dated 01-06-2017 bounded as under - North : 440' - 00" Milanpreet meelinder son of Gurgyan Singh, South: 440'-00" Harpreet Singh, Jora Singh, East: 297'-00" Bathinda, West : 297'-00" Harpal Singh son of Jora Singh.	05.11.2024	17.01.2025	Rs. 29,60,377.11 as on 25.10.2024 together with further interest and expenses thereon.

DATE: 19.01.2025 Place: Bathinda AUTHORIZED OFFICER, CANARA BANK

Union Bank of India Regional Office : Bathinda

Possession Notice (Rule - 8(1))

Whereas, the undersigned being the Authorised officer of the Union Bank of India under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (Act No. 54 of 2002) and in exercise of the powers conferred under section 13(12) read with rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued a Demand Notice dated mentioned there under with further interest thereon within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

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

The Borrower(s)/Guarantor(s)/Mortgagee(s) in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property/properties and any dealings with the properties will be subject to the charge of the Union Bank of India, for an amount and interest thereon.

The Borrower(s)/Guarantor(s)/Mortgagee(s) attention is invited to provisions of section (8) of section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

Name of the Branch & Borrower(s)/Guarantor(s)	Description of the Immovable Properties	Date of Demand Notice	Date of Possession Notice	Amount Outstanding
MFL Bathinda Branch (55540)	All that part and parcel of Residential House/Plot, measuring 115 sq yards (00 - 02 - 4) (Biswas) i.e. 24/15/79 share out of 93 Bigha 19 Biswas comprised in Khasra No. NCBZ6 - 00497, Old Street No. 28, Surkhpur Road, 5772/4694 min (3-19) Khewat/Khata No. 120/393 as per jamabandi; year 2007 - 08 Patti Bathinda and Guarantor(s) a) Mr. Gurnail Singh S/o Gular Singh bounded by East-Land of Chinder Singh, West-Street, Old Street No. 28, New Street No. 27/B, Surkhpur Road, Bathinda & b) Mr. Mandeep Singh, House No MCBZ6-00497, Old Street No. 28, New Street No. 27/B, Surkhpur Road, Bathinda.	30.10.2024	13.01.2025	Rs.4,93,205.39 and interest thereon.
Mansa Branch (910180)	All that part & parcel of Plot measuring 176 (8x22) sq. ft. situated at the corner of Diwan Biscuits Wali Gali in Jain School Street, Mansa, Tehsil Mansa District Mansa, Punjab and bounded by North: Street Diwan Biscuits Wali, Shop 22 feet, South : Shrija Devi & Paramjit Kaur 22 feet, East: Jain School Road, 8 feet, West : Surma Kumar Chhabra Advocate 8 feet. CERSAI ID: 10002629289.	19.10.2024	13.01.2025	Rs.8,22,173.00 and interest thereon.

DATE: 19.01.2025 AUTHORIZED OFFICER, UNION BANK OF INDIA

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Principal / Director	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Professor	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Associate Professor	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
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Professor	1	1	1	1	1
Associate Professor	1	1	1	1	1
Assistant Professor	2	0	0	0	2

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Chairman

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BEDKHALI NOTICE

I, Amar Singh son of Sh.Ram Partap resident of Village Mankiya, Tehsil Kalka and District Panchkula, Haryana have served all their relations with his grandson Gurvinder Singh and grand daughter in law Gurjeet Kaur due to their bad habits. He also disowned and debarred them from all their movable and immovable properties. Anybody dealing with them will do so at his/her/their own risk and responsibilities. He is not responsible for act, deed or dealing done by Gurvinder Singh and Gurjeet Kaur.

I, Indu Devi (Aadhar 940795162002) w/o Ram Naresh Paswan r/o House Number 764/18, Patiala Bank Colony Samrat Hotel, Thanesar, Kurukshetra declared, I disown my son Lalit Kumar Paswan and his wife Rinku Devi, all my movable/Immovable Properties as both are out of my control. In future, me and my family will not be responsible for his dealings.

We, Jaininder Kumar Jain S/o Vidya Prakash Jain and Kiran Jain W/o Jaininder Kumar Jain R/o M IG 115 Sector 4 Parwanoo Tehsil Kasauli, District-Solan (HP) declare that our son Vishal Jain and his wife Divya Jain are out of our control. So, we disown them from all our movable/immovable properties. If anybody deals with them, they shall do at their own risk in the future.

I, Patasho W/o Sh. Prem Singh R/o Vill. Rohat, Pana Samaran, Teh. & Distt. Sonipat has disowned my son Jagmandar, his wife Jaishri & their child Sahil from my all movable-immovable property as they are out of my control. In future, if anybody deals with them, he/she will do at their own risk.

I, Anuradha W/o Sh. Ashok Kumar R/o House no 3726, Mauli Jagran Complex Chandigarh inform that my son Raju and his wife Veena are out of my control. I disown them from my all moveable and immovable Properties. Anybody deal with them will do at their own risk.

I, Manoj Kumar S/o Sh Dharam Raj Singh R/o House No 2434, Sector 24-C Chandigarh inform that my son Krishna Singh is out of my control. I disown him from my all moveable and immovable Properties. Anybody deal with him will do at their own risk.

I, Harvinder Kaur, W/o Bhupinder Singh, R/o village Untsar, Sub Teh: Ghanour, Teh: Rajpura, District Patiala, declare that my daughter Jashanpreet Kaur is out of control my family, so I disown her from my movable and immovable property. Anybody dealing with her at their own risk, i and my family will not be responsible for any kind of act.

I, Sohan Lal S/O Sh. Om Prakash, resident of house number 799 Harijan Basti, Tangail Road, village and post office, Mullana, tehsil Barara district, Ambala (Haryana), am a permanent resident. My son Anil Kumar and daughter-in-law Rachna wife Anil Kumar, from what I and my family say and hear. Is outside. Now I and my family do not have any kind of relationship with Anil Kumar and daughter-in-law Rachna wife Anil Kumar and I evict them from my movable and immovable property. Anyone who has any kind of transaction or quarrel with them in the future will be held responsible. Will be.

We Rajinder Kumar S/o Litter Ram and Raj Kumari W/o Rajinder Kumar R/o House No 731/20, Babu Dham Colony Sector 26, Chandigarh inform that our Robin and daughter-in-law Ruby Chauhan and 2nd Son Rocky and daughter-in-law Jyoti are out of our control. We disown them from our all moveable and Immovable Properties. Anybody deal with them at their own Risk.

PUBLIC NOTICE

I, Seetha K V M/o Rank HAV/HK Prasad P R/o Panakkada House, Peringalayi , Kappad, Chelora, Kannur, Kerala-670006 declare that in my son's Army service documents, my name wrongly recorded as Sheetha P. My correct name is Seetha K V Vide affidavit Dated 18.01.2025 Before Notary Public, Gurdaspur (Punjab)

I, Ritu Saini @ Reeta Devi W/o Late Bhatta Singh Saini Resident of Village Bhatoya, Taragarh, District Pathankot, declare that in my Aadhar Card my name is written as Ritu saini and in my service record and some other documents my name written as Reeta Devi. That Ritu Saini and Reeta Devi is one and same person.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, Anjali Pundir W/O. Arun Kumar R/O Village Katla, Tehsil Rampur Maniharan, Distt Saharanpur, Utar Pradesh - 247452 Have Changed My Name From Anjali Pundir To Anjali Devi.

I, Shivani W/o Shivam Gogna R/O Lane No.01, DC Road, Green Avenue Hoshiarpur declare that I have changed my name from Shivani to Shivani Gogna. After marriage. Concerned note.

I, Padam Kumar S/O Dwarka Das Chopra R/O H.No. 232, W.No. 18, Railway Mandi, Distt. Hoshiarpur Punjab have changed my name from Padam Kumar to Padam Chopra. Concerned note.

I, Kanwarjit Singh Alias Kanwarjit S/O Malkit Ram R/O Hari Krishan Nagar, St. No. 01, Bajwara Distt. Hoshiarpur Punjab is to be known as only Kanwarjit Singh hereafter.

I, Harjeet Kaur W/o Ranjit Singh R/O 107, Near Kaku Gym, Sasouli Road, Amarpuri Colony, Yamuna Nagar have changed my name from Harjeet Kaur to Maikail Singh.

I, Amandeep son of Dhoop Singh resident of H.No. E-54, GHS-92, Sector-20, Panchkula have changed my name from Amandeep to Amandeep Sihag. All concerned please note.

I, Rukama Mother of Shrawan Ram R/o #VPO Rasal, VIA Kuchaman City, Nagaur, Rajasthan have changed my name from Rukama to Rukama Devi vide Affidavit No - IN-CH54172389523298X Dated 16-01-2025 before Notary, Distt. Court at Chandigarh.

I, Anita Singh Spouse of Karuneshwar Prasad Singh R/o #Ward No. 17, Repura, Laganj, Vaishali, Bihar-844121 have changed my name from Anita Singh to Anita Kumari vide Affidavit No - IN-CH54172203532651X Dated 16-01-2025 before Notary, Distt. Court at Chandigarh.

I, hitherto Known as Inderjit Son of Balkar Chand residing at H.No.249, Abadi Dashmesh Nagar, Fatehgarh Churian, District Gurdaspur-143602 Punjab have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as Inderjit Singh

I, hitherto known as Nitika Saini Daughter of Sanjeev Saini wife of Hitesh Batra residing at H.No.219, Green Avenue, Maqbool Road, District Amritsar-143001 Punjab have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as Nitika Batra

I, Sukhwinder Singh Alias Shadi Lal S/o Varyam Singh R/o H.No.1, Gali No.1, New Preet Nagar, Batala Road, Opp. Mata Rani Mandir, Amritsar have changed my name from Sukhwinder Singh Alias Shadi Lal to Sukhwinder Singh.

I, Sandeep Singh Aulakh S/o Surjit Singh Resident of VPO. Chogawan, Tehsil Lopoke, District Amritsar. I have changed my name from Sandeep Singh Aulakh to Sandeep Singh Concerned May Please Be Noted.

I Sirjanpreet Singh Arora S/o Harpreet Singh Resident of 12, Baba Deep Singh Avenue, Tarn Taran Road, Amritsar. I have changed my name from Sirjanpreet Singh Arora to Sirjanpreet Singh. All Concerned Please Note.

I, Swaraj Singh Arora S/o Jagat Singh R/o H.No.22A, Rajinder Nagar B/s AP Hospital Chamrang Road, Sultanwind Road, Amritsar have changed my name from Swaraj Singh Arora to Swaraj Singh

I, Satish Jamnadas Nagpal S/o Jamma Das Nagpal R/O 87, Medical Enclave, Amritsar have changed my name from Satish Jamnadas Nagpal to Satish Nagpal

I, Avtar Singh Chandal S/o Hari Singh R/O Old 118, New 595, Pathania Building G.T Road, Chheharta, opp Police Station Amritsar have changed my name from Avtar Singh Chandal to Avtar Singh

I, Sukhjinder Singh Sandhu S/O Baldev Singh R/O Village Kotla Sadar PO Chetanpura Tehsil Ajnala District Amritsar have changed my name from Sukhjinder Singh Sandhu to Sukhjinder Singh

I, Ranjit Singh S/O Mohinder Singh R/o Village Kirtangarh Thanda, Tehsil & District Amritsar have declare that Ranjit is my Given name and Singh is my Surname

I, Gurpreet Singh S/O Satnam Singh R/O Aima Khurd Tarn Taran have declare that Gurpreet is my Given name and Singh is my Surname

I, Mohinder Singh S/O Preetam Singh R/O Kirtangarh District Amritsar have changed my name from Mohinder Singh to Mahinder Singh

I, Pooja Spouse No.15503486W Ld Raju Kumar Yadav R/O Sowon Post Sowon, Sowon, Buxar Bihar-802111 have changed my name from Pooja to Pooja Kumari Yadav Vide Affidavit No.IN-PB98172204859691X Dt.17.01.2025 before Notary Public Amritsar

I, Kajol Kumar Daughter of No.14928751K Hav Vinod Rai R/O Gram Affour Aphaar Saran Bihar-841414 now at 15 Meh Inf C/o 56 Apo have changed my name from Kajol Kumari to Kajal Vide Affidavit No.IN-PB98175917328518X Dt.17.01.2025 before Notary Public Amritsar

I, Azad Singh S/O Ramesh R/O H.NO. 84, Shyam Gali, near Talaki Gate, Tilak Bazar, Hisar declare that I have changed my minor son's (DOB 07/05/2022) name from Evaan Verma to Shivarth Singh for the future.

I, Ajey Kumar S/O Nand Ram R/O Village Arya Nagar Tehsil and district Hisar Haryana declare that I want to change my name from Ajey Kumar to Ajay Kummarr in all my documents.

I Service no JC-821147L Rank Nb Sub M Saneesh Kumar # 40 Arty Div Provost Unit C/o 56 APO, Ambala Cantt have changed my name from M Saneesh Kumar to Saneesh Kumar M.

I, Mamta Kumar W/O Ranjeet Kumar R/O C-1/414, Jaroda Gate, Jagadhri, Distt Yamuna Nagar declare that Mamta Kumar, Mamta and Mamta Rani all are my name, one and the same lady.

I Pankaj Kumar s/o Satish Kumar r/o Gidderbaha change my name from Pankaj Bansal Kumar to Pankaj Kumar w.e.f 28th Sept2024. That in some documents my name is Pankaj Bansal and in some other documents name is Pankaj Kumar. That both names are one and the same person.

I, Sumit s/o Joginder Singh r/o # Village Bir Khairi,p.o. Bargat,Kurukshetra 136156 have changed my minor son name from Likit to Likit Gagain.

I, Kusum Kumari W/o Jai Kumar R/o 241 A, Basant Avenue, Maqbool Road, Amritsar, Punjab-143001 have changed my name from Kusum Kumari to Kusum Kumari Kochar.

I, Dilbag Singh S/O Sarup Singh R/O #140, Sector 41-B, Buteria, Chandigarh have changed my name to Dilbagh Singh.

I, Komal w/o Salvinder Singh R/o #3, Street No. 2, Opposite LIC Colony, Kunjpura Road, Karnal (Haryana) have changed my name from Komal to Komal Manihani. In future I should be known as Komal Manihani.

I, Harvinder Kaur widow daughter of No. 1022545 DFR (Late) Jagjit Singh, R/o Village Muradpur (Now Muradpur Awana), PO & Tehsil Mukerian, Distt. Hoshiarpur (Punjab) have changed my name from Harvinder Kaur to Hardevinder Kaur. Concerned note.

I, Joginder S/O Ramdia R/o Village Khandra Tehsil Matloda District Panipat have changed my name from Joginder Singh to Joginder for all future purposes.

I, Sunil Singla S/O Sh. Purshotam Dass, R/O 2108 wno 5 mal Godam Road,Pech Paras Ram Rohtak-124001 Haryana declare that I have changed my name from Sunil Singla to Sunil Kumar In future I will be called as Sunil Kumar for all purposes.

I, Kusum Bala W/o Parveen kumar R/O H No. 1657/19 Shree Nagar Colony, Rohtak 124001 declare that i have changed my name from Kusam Bala Malhotra to Kusum Bala for all future purposes.

I, Sagar S/O Ashok Kumar Miglani R/O 349/25, Gandhi Nagar, Ram Leela Ground, Rohtak, Haryana-124001 have changed my name to Sagar Miglani.

I, Rampal alias Ramji Dass S/o Arjan Ram R/o Vpo. Karimpur (SBS Nagar) have changed my name to Ramji Das.

I Sheetal D/O Piara Lal R/O H.No. 228 Bhandari Mohalla Batala Distt. Gurdaspur have changed my name from Sheetal to Sheetal Kaur. Concerned note.

I Maan Singh S/O Inder Singh R/O Near Bypass, Village Marrian Wala, P.O: & Teh. Batala, Distt. Gurdaspur have changed my name from Maan Singh to Mann Singh. Concerned Note.

I, Arti W/o Service No. 14929130X Rank HAV Name Rakesh Kumar Jha R/O Village Badkagaon PO Rajwadih Distt Palamu (Jharkhand)-822118, India have changed my name from Arti to Arti Devi due to mistakenly entered in Army record vide affidavit No. IN-PB98516902168559X dated 18 January 2025.

I, Bhupinder Singh S/O Sh. Mohinder Singh, R/O #545, Preet Nagar, Sector 11, Kharar, District SAS Nagar, Mohali, Punjab - 140301, have changed my name from Bhupinder Singh Mundi to Bhupinder Singh. Concerned Note.

I, Rajni W/O Ravi Sharma R/o.F9/1370, Gali Peeran Wali Batala Road Vijay Nagar Amritsar have Changed my name to Rajni Sharma after my Marriage

I, Simarjeet Kaur W/O Kashmir Singh R/O. Vill Kehra, Khera Amritsar, Punjab 143107 I Have Changed My Name Simarjit Kaur

I, Kulwinder Kaur Dhanjal W/O Tejpal Singh R/O H.No. 29, Near Mata Kaulan Da Hospital, Uttam Nagar, Tarn Taran Road, Amritsar Declare That I Have Changed My Name From Kulwinder Kaur Dhanjal To Kulwinder Kaur Concerned Please Note

I, Amanpreet Kaur W/O Dharvinder Singh R/O Vpo Rayya, Teh Baba Bakala Amritsar Have Changed My Name To Amanpreet Kaur To Nirmal Kaur.

I, Harish Kumar S/O Sh. Naresh Kumar R/O Village Bitna, Tehsil Kalka, district Panchkula, Haryana, I have changed my son name from Devansh to Devansh Sharma.

I, Sonia Devi W/O Hukam Chand R/O Plot no. 107 Anaj Mandi Ward no.6 Cheeka Tehsil Guhla District Kaithal Haryana have changed my name from Sonia Rani to Sonia Devi.

I, Vijay Sood S/O Sh. Mohan Lal Sood R/O House no. 1189 Sector- 21 Panchkula Haryana have changed my name from Vijay Sood to Vijay Kumar Sood.

I, No. 2513272N, Rank Nk. Name Baljinder Singh S/O Jagir Singh residing at Village & PO: Bajrur, Tehsil Anandpur Sahib, Distt. Rupnagar (Pb.) declare that in my service record my mother's name mentioned as Mahinder Kaur and DOB as 01.03.1976, whereas her correct name is Mohinder Kaur and DOB is 16.06.1976.

I, Geeta alias Geeta Devi alias Geeta Rani W/O Ramdarshan R/O Village Kharodi road Ward no.12 Cheeka Tehsil Guhla District Kaithal Haryana have changed my name from Geeta alias Geeta Devi alias Geeta Rani to Geeta.

I, hitherto known as Jaswider Kaur wife of Surjit Ram resident of Village Shakarpur, PO. Pachranga, District Jalandhar, Punjab 144201, have changed my name from Jaswider Kaur to Jaswinder Kaur. It is certified that I have complied with other legal requirements in this connection.

I, Sagar Sagar S/O Jaswinder Singh R/O Village Drawan Po Salala District Jalandhar, Punjab, India has changed my name as Sagar Katnoria

I am Sukhjeet Singh S/O Amrik Singh Resident of H.NO 239 V PO Barola(276) Ambala Haryana. I am changing my given name from Sukhjeet Singh to given name Sukhjeet and surname Singh.

I, Sudesh Kumar son of late Shri Sant Kumar, resident of House No. 1355, First Floor, Sector 40-B, Chandigarh, declare that Sudesh Kumar and Sudesh Chawla is one and the same person.

I Avtar Singh S/O Jaspal Singh R/O H.No. 622, Guru Nanak Nagar Rajpura Distt Patiala, have changed my name to Avtar Singh Turke.

I Charanjeet Singh S/O Avtar Singh Turke R/O H.No. 622, Guru Nanak Nagar, Rajpura, Distt Patiala, have changed my name from Charanjeet Singh Turke.

I, Ekam D/o Sh. Maninder Pal Singh R/O HNO.1 Jammu-A Colony, Yamuna Nagar, Tehsil Jagadhri, Distt. Yamuna Nagar I have change my name from Ekam to Ekum All concerned note.

I, Anup w/o Bhim Singh r/o H.No. 7, Friends Colony, District Hisar-125001 have changed my name from Anup to Anup Kumari for all future purposes.

I, Isha d/o Bhim Singh r/o H.No. 7, Friends Colony, District Hisar-125001 have changed my name from Isha to Isha Singh for all future purposes.

I, Parnay Goyal S/O Sh.Ravinder kumar Goyal R/O 80, ward -5, Rania, Distt. Sirsa have changed my minor daughter's name from Mysha to Mysha Goyal. Concerned Note.

I, hitherto Known as Naina Daughter of Raj Kumar residing at H.No.2016/11, Near Punjab and Sindh Bank, Islamabad, District Amritsar-143001 Punjab have changed my name and Shall hereafter be known as Tamanna

I, hitherto known as Rajat Shah son of Banarsi Shah residing at H.No.04/799, Gali No.2, Navi Abadi, Karampura, Amritsar-143001 Punjab have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as Rajab Ali Shah.

I, Gursharnjit Kaur W/O Gurjinder Singh R/O H.No.13, Majitha Verka Bypass Opp Garewal Far Baba Shri Chand Avenue, Amritsar have changed my name from Gursharnjit Kaur to Gurpreet Kaur

I, Pratap Bahadur BK Son of Tomlal Kumar BK residing at E-5/1294, Guru Amar Dass Colony, Naraingarh, Chheharta District Amritsar-143105 Punjab declare that my Father name has been wrongly written as Tomlal in my Matriculation Certificate. The actual name of my father is Tomlal Kumar BK

I, Kumar Rahul S/O Rajesh Kumar R/O 72, Gali No.4, Sunder Nagar, Amritsar have changed my son's name from Suksham Preet to Saksham Malhotra

I, Dipika Magoo W/O Sunny Nayyar R/O Baba Jawand Singh Colony, Ward No.06, Raja Sansi, Raja Sansi, Raja Sansi Amritsar have changed my name from Dipika Magoo to Deepika

I, Neetu Arora W/O Pardeep Kumar R/O Street No.4, Basant Vihar, Nr. Jagdev Gas Godown, Ghanpur Kale, Chheharta, Amritsar-143105 have changed my name from Neetu Arora to Ritu Mehta

I, Gursewak Singh S/O Harjinder Singh R/O Jandiالا Guru Distt Amritsar have declare that Singh is my surname Gursewak is my given name

I, Anureet Kaur Sandhu D/o Sarbjit Singh R/O H.No.214 Gali No.4 Sunder Nagar Shivala Road Amritsar have changed my name to Anureet Kaur

I, Vandana D/O Ravinder Paul R/O H.No.242 Dashmesh Avenue Naushera Khurd Near Cold Store Majitha Road Amritsar have changed my name from Vandana to Given Name Vandana Surname Paul.

I, Chingattoo father of No.JC-583753L Sub Prithvi Raj Unit of 11 Jak Rif C/o 56 Apo that in my son's army service record my name has been wrongly entered as Chingattoo but my correct name is Chingattoo Ram Vide affidavit No.IN-PB98400994081586X Dt.18.01.2025 before Executive Magistrate Amritsar

I, Gita Devi mother of No.JC-583753L Sub Prithvi Raj Unit of 11 Jak Rif C/o 56 Apo that in my son's army service record my name has been wrongly entered as Gita Devi but my correct name is Geeta Devi Vide affidavit No.IN-PB98402670257486X Dt.18.01.2025 before Executive Magistrate Amritsar

I, Lakhbir Kaur Spouse of No.JC-355133P Sub Devender Singh R/O H.No.76E Street No.4, Partap Nagar, Patiala Punjab-147001 have changed my name from Lakhbir Kaur to Lakhvir Kaur Vide Affidavit No.IN-PB98403966176998X Dt.18.01.2025 before notary Public Amritsar

I, Rajendra Sain is father of No. 14946776Y Hav (Cik SD) Surendra Sain resident of Brahmano Ka Baas, Itawa Lakha, Nagaur, Rajasthan-341504 now at 15 Mech Inf C/o 56 Apo, have changed my name from Rajendra Sain to Rajendra Prasad Sain and date of birth 01 Jan 1968 to 15 Jun 1967 vide affidavit no. IN-PB98562998041768X dated 18-01-2025, before Notary Public, Amritsar

In my services documents my daughter's name wrongly written as Khushbu Kumari, which needs to be corrected as Khushbu Yadav. I No. 4194429Y HAV Rajeev Kumar Yadav, 21 Kumaon

I, Bhupinder Singh Matharu S/O Jaswinder Singh Matharu R/O H.No.15, L-2-372, Gali No.5, Gurnam Nagar, Sultanwind Road, Amritsar have changed my name from Bhupinder Singh Matharu to Bhupinder Singh

I, Anjali Bala W/O Hemant Sharma, R/O Village - Bhola, Po- Behrampur, Tehsil/Distt- Gurdaspur, Punjab, India. Declare That My Daughter Suruchi Sharma, Who Is Study Pass Matriculation Cbse Greenland Public School Dinanagar, Gurdaspur. 2024. In My Daughter School Records My Name Is Anjali Sharma To Anjali Bala.

I Chatter Nishan Singh S/O Bhal Singh R/O Warian Nawab Distt Tarn Taran Have Changed My Name To Chatter Nishan Singh.

I hitherto known as Atul Bholia S/o Ramesh Kumar R/O H. No. 255, Master Tara Singh Nagar, Jalandhar City, Jalandhar-I, Jalandhar, Punjab-144001 have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as Atul Bholia

I, Ashabi Ganganalli is legally Mother of Service No. 15323215W Rank: Hav. Name: Nabeesab Nadaf residing at Village Tungal Post Tungal, Taluk Jamakhandi, Distt. Bagalkot (State) Karnataka Pin- 587330, have changed my name from Aasabi I Nadaf to Ashabi Ganganalli.

I, Ismail Ganganalli is legally Father of Service No. 15323215W Rank: Hav. Name: Nabeesab Nadaf residing at Village Tungal Post Tungal, Taluk Jamakhandi, Distt. Bagalkot (State) Karnataka Pin- 587330, have changed my name from Ismailisab Nadaf to Ismail Ganganalli.

I, Raj Kumar S/O Sh. Suresh R/O H. no. 434, Near Shiv Mandir, Ward No. -13, Sewah, Panipat, Haryana 132103 have changed my name from Raju@Rajkumar to Raj Kumar for all future purposes.

I Harvinder jindal S/O Sh. Pawan Kumar Jindal. Resident of House Number 268, Yadvindra Colony Patiala (Punjab) I have change my name to Harvinder Kumar Jindal. Kindly know me as Harvinder Kumar Jindal.

I, No. 6450628 Ex Sep. Chain Singh Son of Rasheelo Ram Resident of Village Jandrai Nichli P.O. Ranipur, Tehsil & District Pathankot (Punjab), Pin Code-145023, declare that in my service documents my wife name is wrongly recorded as Ranon instead of Aranu Devi. That the correct name of my wife is Aranu Devi and date of birth is 10-07-1949 as per her Aadhaar Card, please note.

I Harvansh Rana S/O Sh Jaipal R/O 2353 Near Govt School Village Rahra Tehsil Assandh Distt. Karnal declare that i have changed my name from Harvansh to Harvansh Rana.

I, Harpreet W/o Santokh Singh, Resident of Gill Farm V.p.o Satora Tehsil Pehowa, Kurukshetra, have Changed Name from Harpreet to Name Harpreet Kaur .

I, Sunita Rani W/o Lajpat R/O House No. 410/17, Near Aggarwal Dharmshala Pehowa, Kurukshetra, have changed My Given name Sunita Surname Rani.

Number 15348353H HAV Malkit Singh S/O Karnail Singh R/O Village Mahlan Po Saunta Ambala, in my army service record, son's name is Tanix but according to all his documents the correct name is Tanishq.

I, Parminder Kaur W/o Preet Pal Vill.Karah Sahib, Pehowa, Kurukshetra have changed my given name Parminder Surname Kaur

I, Charan Singh Khasaria S/O Bhulla Singh Vill.Harigarh Bhorakh, Kurukshetra have changed my name Charan Singh

I, Narinder Kaur Khasaria W/O Charan Singh Vill.Harigarh Bhorakh, Kurukshetra have changed my name Narinder Kaur

I, Suresh Katoch S/O Charan Das R/O Mohalla Ajit Nagar near Chintpurni Mandir, Kapurthala declare that have changed my name from Suresh Katoch to Suresh Kumar. Please note.

I, Sarabhjit Kaur W/O Keshwa Nand R/O Vpo Dhanowali, Jalandhar, Punjab Have Changed My Name From Sarabhjit Kaur To Sarabhjit Kaur. All Concerned Please Note.

I, Keshwa Nand S/O Jamma Das R/O House No 23, Vpo Dhanowali, Jalandhar, Punjab Have Changed My Name From Keshwa Nand To Keshwa Nand. All Concerned Please Note.

I, Inderjit Singh Bhango S/O Sohale Singh R/O Jagjit Colony, Dhilwan Road, Dakoha, Jalandhar, Punjab Have Changed My Name From Inderjeet Singh Bhangu To Inderjit Singh Bhango. All Concerned Please Note.

I, Hitherto Known As Rawinder Jit W/O Manmohan Singh Virk Residing At 214, Bank Enclave, Po Model Town, Jalandhar, Punjab 144003 Have Changed My Name And Shall Hereafter Be Known As Ravinderjit Kaur.

I, Avi Daughter of Bhanwar Singh Resident of Village Nandgarh, PO Dadupur, Tehsil Partap Nagar, Distt. Yamuna Nagar -135021 (Haryana) INDIA declare that name of my Father has been wrongly written as Bhanwar Singh Tanwar in my CBSE 10th and 12th class educational Certificates. The actual name of my Father is Bhanwar Singh.

I, Pardeep Kumar Dhandu S/o Sh. Suraj Bhan R/O Village Sangatpura Tehsil and District Jind Have Changed My Name From Pardeep Kumar Dhandu To Pardeep Dhandu.

I, Nana Father of No.2809035L L/NK Mahajan Surendra Nana resident of Vill & Post Kandari Tehsil-Jalgaon, District- Jalgaon, State- Maharashtra, Pin-425003, have changed my name & DOB from Nana to Nana Ramu Mahajan and date of birth from 15 Aug 1958 to 01 June 1967 Vide affidavit No. 26AB. 469221dated 07 Jan 2025 before Executive Magistrate Jalgaon (Maharashtra)

I, Tulsabai is Mother of No.2809035L L/NK Mahajan Surendra Nana resident of Vill & Post Kandari Tehsil- Jalgaon, District- Jalgaon, State- Maharashtra, Pin-425003, have changed my name & DOB from Tulsabai to Tulsabai Nana Mahajan and date of birth from 25 Nov 1968 to 01 Jan 1966 Vide affidavit No. 26AB. 469220 dated 07 Jan 2025 before Executive Magistrate Jalgaon (Maharashtra)

I, No.15627669A NK Kagne Atmaram Sitaram resident of Village- Dhunkwad, Post- Pahadi Pargaon, Tehsil-Dharur, District- Beed, State- Maharashtra, Pin-431124, have changed my Mother name from Indu to Indubai Sitaram Kagne Vide affidavit No.IN-PB9674334

Sangam witnesses sea of devotees, 7.5 Crore take the holy dip in five days

BISWAJEET BANERJEE ■ MAHAKUMBH NAGAR

The air thrummed with spiritual fervor as millions descended upon the Sangam, the sacred confluence of the Ganges, Yamuna, and mythical Saraswati rivers, for the Mahakumbh Mela. In just five days since its commencement, an astonishing 7.5 crore devotees have taken the holy dip, a testament to the enduring power of faith and tradition. On Saturday, the banks of the Sangam witnessed a breathtaking spectacle as over 19.84 lakh pilgrims, including over 10 lakh Kalpvasis dedicated to a month-long spiritual immersion, participated in the sacred bath. "It is truly humbling to witness this sea of humanity united in devotion," remarked Shri Ram Narayan Das, a revered sage attending the Mahakumbh for decades. "The energy here is palpable,

a powerful blend of faith, humility, and joy." The Mahakumbh, one of the largest religious gatherings on Earth, has transformed Prayagraj into a vibrant tapestry of colors, sounds, and spiritual experiences. From the chanting of mantras to the rhythmic beats of devotional music, the atmosphere is charged with an undeniable sense of collective upliftment. "I have traveled from the southernmost tip of India to experience the sanctity of the Sangam," shared an elderly woman, her eyes glistening with tears of joy. "This is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to cleanse my soul and connect with the divine." Beyond the religious significance, the Mahakumbh also serves as a powerful testament to the unifying force of faith. People from all walks of life, irrespective of caste, creed, or social standing, come



Newly-initiated Naga sadhus perform rituals at the Sangam area during the Maha Kumbh Mela 2025 PTI

together to partake in this grand celebration of spirituality. "The Mahakumbh is not just a religious event; it is a celebration of humanity," stated Shri Ajay Kumar, District Magistrate of Prayagraj. "The administration has been working tirelessly to ensure the safety and well-being of all pilgrims, while also striving to maintain the sanctity of this sacred event." As the Mahakumbh progresses, millions more are expected to join the festivities, making this year's edition an unforgettable testament to the enduring power of faith and the timeless allure of the Sangam. Rajnath Singh takes a dip. Union Defence Minister Rajnath Singh arrived in Prayagraj on Saturday to attend Mahakumbh. He was received at Bamrauli Airport by MLA Minister Nand Gopal Gupta, with MP Sudhanshu Trivedi also accompanying him. Upon reaching Prayagraj, the Defence Minister took the sacred dip at Triveni Sangam, chanting slogans such as "Sanatan Ki Jai" and "Ganga Maiyya Ki Jai." Following the ritual, he visited Akshayvat, Patalpuri, and Bade Hanuman Ji temples and reviewed the preparations for the Mahakumbh. Later in the evening, the Defence Minister is scheduled to meet with Army officials to discuss security arrangements for the Mahakumbh. Speaking on the occasion, Singh remarked, "I consider it my great fortune to have taken a holy dip in the Sangam at Prayagraj today. The Mahakumbh is a grand spiritual and cultural festival that embodies the essence of Indianness. It transcends associations with any particular sect, community, or religion."



Devotees gather to take a holy dip at the Sangam PTI

A night of service: Prayagraj police feed and comfort 24,000 stranded pilgrims at Maha Kumbh

BISWAJEET BANERJEE ■ MAHAKUMBH NAGAR

In a heartwarming display of humanity and dedication, the police in Prayagraj turned saviors for over 24,000 pilgrims stranded outside Prayagraj Junction station late Tuesday night. After taking the holy dip on Makar Sankranti, the devotees faced bone-chilling cold and long delays caused by thick fog disrupting train schedules. The night saw policemen not just managing the massive crowd but going beyond their duty to serve food, water, and tea to the weary pilgrims until 3 a.m. Wednesday. Blankets and quilts were also distributed to



shield them from the biting cold. Speaking about the efforts, ACP (Kotwali) Manoj Kumar Singh shared, "We saw elderly people and children shivering, some of them

hungry and tired. It was impossible to stand by and do nothing. With help from NGOs and generous locals, we made sure everyone was fed and kept warm." Many police officers personally pitched in to ensure the smooth distribution of food and supplies. Sub-Inspector Ravi Shukla, who helped prepare and serve meals, said, "When I handed over a plate of food to a young boy, his mother's teary 'thank you' made all the effort worth it. This is more than a duty; it is humanity." The chaos caused by delayed trains and miscommunication also left many pilgrims at the wrong stations.

Mahakumbh to boost UP's economy by over one per cent, claim experts

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ PRAYAGRAJ

Mahakumbh 2025 in Prayagraj is poised to create a transformative cultural, social, and economic impact on Uttar Pradesh. Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath has emphasized the event's potential to generate Rs 2 lakh crore in business, with experts estimating an economic boost of over 1% to the state's GDP. This monumental gathering is also expected to significantly increase GST collections, with projections suggesting a potential threefold rise during the peak months of December, January, and February. The influx of millions of

domestic and international pilgrims over 45 days is anticipated to stimulate demand, increase production, create jobs, and enhance financial flows for businesses of all scales. The state government, which is investing Rs 16,000 crore in the event, plans to channel the revenue into infrastructure development, aligning with Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath's vision of making Uttar Pradesh a one trillion-dollar economy. Economist and chartered accountant Pankaj Gandhi Jaiswal predicts Mahakumbh 2025 could boost both nominal and real GDP by 1%. With an estimated 45 crore visitors

expected to attend and average spending of Rs 10,000 per person, the total economic activity generated could surpass Rs 4.5 lakh crore. Even accounting for a 10% margin of error, the net contribution would remain above Rs 4 lakh crore. Such economic activity will not only bolster quarterly GDP but also contribute significantly to India's annual growth. "The state's investment will yield manifold returns," Jaiswal said. "An estimated Rs 4 lakh crore economic activity could result in GST collections of Rs 50,000 crore. Combined with income tax and other indirect taxes, the government's revenue

could exceed Rs 1 lakh crore." He further highlighted how this financial influx will stimulate sectors like tourism, transport, real estate, and retail, creating a cascading effect on economic growth. Chartered accountant Anil Gupta for Prayagraj echoed these sentiments, underscoring the significant economic contributions from infrastructure, transportation, and other sectors. Gupta noted the transformation of Prayagraj, which now boasts 5-star and 7-star hotels to accommodate global visitors, as a testament to the government's development initiatives.

Digital media centre boosts global coverage of Mahakumbh, emerges as information hub

BISWAJEET BANERJEE ■ MAHAKUMBH NAGAR

To showcase the grandeur of Mahakumbh to the world, an advanced Media Center equipped with state-of-the-art technology is operational in the Mela area under Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath's leadership. Boasting high-quality professional cameras worth crores of rupees, the Media Centre facilitates flawless recording and live-streaming of every moment of the Mahakumbh. This ensures that viewers experience the event in real time, offering an immersive digital experience to devotees worldwide. High-resolution cameras, featuring lenses costing up to Rs 50 lakh, are

broadcasting updates and news about the Mahakumbh on digital platforms. So far, 30 international journalists have conducted special coverage of the event, highlighting its cultural and spiritual significance. Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath has directed officials to ensure that the Media Center provides all necessary facilities for both domestic and international devotees to stay informed. The demand for Mahakumbh-related news is particularly high in countries such as the USA, Russia, Germany, Japan, and Israel. Adding to its global reach, Mahakumbh programs aired on Swedish Radio have garnered significant



appreciation. The Media Center also features amenities such as tea, breakfast, and dining facilities, along with a well-equipped conference room. Comprehensive security arrangements have been implemented to ensure the safety and convenience of journalists and visitors alike.

Railway Minister Ashwini inspects undersea bullet train tunnel work



PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ MUMBAI/THANE

Railway Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw on Saturday inspected the work of the undersea tunnel of the Mumbai-Ahmedabad High Speed Rail Corridor, popularly called the bullet train project, and expressed satisfaction at the "good progress" on the mega multi-billion dollar project. The 21-kilometre tunnel, which includes a 7 kilometre stretch beneath the Thane Creek, will connect the Bandra Kurla Complex station to Shilphata. The undersea tunnel is the first of its kind in the country. The undersea tunnel has been designed and is being

constructed with great care, Vaishnaw told reporters at the site in Ghansoli in neighbouring Navi Mumbai. "The technology being employed and the design of the tunnel makes it possible for two trains to pass through at speeds of 250 kilometres per hour. Environment protection has been taken care of along with ventilation and lighting. The construction on 340 kilometres of the project has made good progress," the Union railway minister said. Trains can pass at much higher speeds in the undersea tunnel than Kolkata Metro's under-river tunnel, he told reporters. "The project is seeing significant advancements in bridge construction over rivers

and station infrastructure. The station at Bandra-Kurla Complex (BKC) is an engineering marvel, with a unique design featuring 10 underground floors and seven above-ground levels. The high-speed rail project is on schedule, with Japanese experts inspecting and approving the ongoing work," he said. The dream of Prime Minister Narendra Modi to provide an affordable, efficient transportation mode for the middle class is steadily becoming a reality, the Union minister remarked. The completion of the High Speed Rail route, the first in the country, will integrate the economies of the cities enroute, including Mumbai and Ahmedabad, and will greatly boosted urban development, Vaishnaw said. "The stations along the corridor will spur urban development and enhance daily commuters' productivity by significantly reducing travel time. Don't see the high-speed train as a transportation project, but as integration of the economy. It will elevate India's infrastructure and economic growth," Vaishnaw said. He lauded the efforts of Indian engineers, whose expertise has played a pivotal role in the project's success, adding it was a matter of pride for the entire country.

Simultaneous poll is unconstitutional, being brought with political motive: DMK

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ CHENNAI

The Centre's initiative of 'one nation, one election' was 'unconstitutional' and was being brought with a political motive, DMK senior and Tamil Nadu Forests Minister K Ponmudy said on Saturday. Speaking at the DMK legal wing's third state conference that began here, he said "the move is unconstitutional and is being brought with a political motive." Terming the move to enforce simultaneous poll as an attempt to dispense with the five-year term of assemblies and



downsizing the states to union territories, senior advocate Kapil Sibal said states will not be in the picture at all if one nation, one election law was enforced. "It will destroy the very federal structure of our country. The preamble of the Constitution

says that India is a union of states. You have diminished the states... You are destroying the basic structure of the state, and trying for one nation, one poll, one language, political party, one religion," Sibal said during a discussion on the topic. "The move amounts to destroying the essence of democratic functioning of our republic. Cronies support the idea without a national debate on it. I don't think the people of India and Tamil Nadu will tolerate it," Sibal said and claimed that it would also affect the education, health and other state specific issues.

CBI court convicts Himachal IG, seven other cops in custodial death case

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ CHANDIGARH

A Special CBI court here on Saturday convicted the Himachal Pradesh Inspector General of Police and seven other policemen in the custodial death of an accused in the gang rape and murder of a minor girl in Himachal Pradesh's Kotkhai in 2017. The court of special judge Alka Malik will pronounce the quantum of punishment on January 27. The CBI court convicted IG Zahur Haider Zaidi, the then

deputy superintendent of police Manoj Joshi, then Sub-Inspector Rajinder Singh, then Assistant SI Deep Chand Sharma, then head constable Mohan Lal, Surat Singh, Rafee Mohammad and then constable Ranjit Sateta. The court acquitted the then Superintendent of Police DW Negi, his counsel Rabindra Pandit said. The accused have been convicted under various sections, including 302 (murder) read with 120-B, 330 (voluntarily causing hurt to extort confession), 348

(wrongful confinement to extract confession) and 195 (giving false evidence) of the Indian Penal Code, said CBI public prosecutor Amit Jindal. Zaidi and seven others were arrested in the custodial death case of Suraj, who was found dead at the Kotkhai police station on July 18, 2017. A 16-year-old girl went missing in Kotkhai on July 4, 2017, and her body was found in the Halaila forests two days later on July 6. The post-mortem report confirmed rape and murder and a case was registered.



Six Crore senior citizens brought under Ayushman Bharat, 45 per cent of population covered: Nadda

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ AHMEDABAD

Ayushman Bharat has brought 6 crore citizens aged 70 and above under it, and the Centre's flagship health insurance programme now covers over 45 per cent of India's population, Union Health Minister JP Nadda said here Saturday. The Union Cabinet in October last year approved health coverage to all citizens aged 70 years and above irrespective of income under the 'Ayushman Bharat Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana' (AB PM-JAY). "Under Modi 3.0, we have added 6 crore people above 70 under Ayushman Bharat. Now, more than 62 crore

people, or over 45 per cent of India's population, are covered, not in health insurance but under a 'health assurance' scheme with an annual coverage of Rs 5 lakh," he said. Speaking at the 'IIMA Healthcare Summit 2025' organised at the Indian Institute of Management Ahmedabad, he called the scheme a game changer and said it has benefited more than 4.2 crore citizens. "These are poor people - rickshaw pullers, street vendors, bus drivers, conductors, lift men, security guards, barbers, shoemakers - who perhaps would never have thought about caring for their health," Nadda said.

Israel prepares for return of hostages

PTI ■ TEL AVIV

Israel is preparing for the return of the hostages from Gaza with the expectation that many are likely to have severe, life-threatening complications after more than a year in captivity in the Gaza Strip. While it's impossible to know the exact conditions in which hostages have been held, the Health Ministry and the Hostages Family Forum, which represents families of the hostages, are preparing for several different scenarios based on information gathered from hostages previously released or rescued.

Hamas militants abducted about 250 people during a cross-border attack on Oct 7, 2023, that also left 1,200 people dead. About 100 hostages are still being held, though Israel believes a third of them are no longer alive.

The war that followed the attack has killed more than 46,000 Palestinians, according to Gaza health officials, who do not distinguish between civilians and militants but say women and children make up more than half of those killed. Hagai Levine, who heads the health team at the Hostages Families Forum, said he expects the hostages to return with cardiovascular and respiratory issues due to lack of ventilation in the tunnels. Among

multiple other afflictions Levine expects are vitamin deficiencies, starvation, dramatic weight loss, vision problems due to a lack of sunlight, broken bones, cognitive impairment and mental health trauma.

As a result, doctors are expecting the hostages will require longer and more complex medical and mental health interventions than did those who returned after the last ceasefire in November 2023, said Dr Einat Yehene, a psychologist at the Hostages Families Forum who oversees the captives' rehabilitation.

COMPLEX MEDICAL CHALLENGES

Doctors are keenly aware of the challenges they face in treating the surviving hostages. One of them is "refeeding syndrome," when exposure to certain foods or too much food can lead to profound health complications and even death in those with prolonged vitamin and nutritional deficiencies, said Dr Hagar Mizrahi, head of the Ministry of Health's medical directorate.

The Red Cross team that will transfer the hostages from Gaza to Egypt and the small Israeli military medical team that will meet the hostages at the border as they cross into Israel have strict guidelines for what the hostages can eat in

their first few hours, Mizrahi said.

Six hospitals are preparing to receive hostages, including two in the south, closer to Gaza, that will treat those with acute medical issues, health ministry officials said.

Yehene said the public should not expect joyful reunions like those seen following the last ceasefire, when released hostages ran through hospital halls into the ecstatic embraces of their loved ones.

"Given the physical and emotional conditions, we expect emotional withdrawal symptoms, such as maybe exhaustion, fatigue — and some will probably need assistance with their mobility," she said.

Medical officials are also prepared for the possibility that returning hostages will need speech therapy, especially if they have been kept in isolation, Yehene noted. She said some might be so traumatized or in shock from the transfer to Israel that they will be unable to speak at all.

To minimise the hostages' trauma and allow them to acclimate to their new reality, officials will try to limit the number of people who interact with them and have made accommodations to lessen their sensory stimulation, such as stripping down the hospital rooms and changing the lighting. Israel's Ministry of Social

Welfare has also planned temporary housing solutions if hostages feel unable to return directly from the hospital to their home.

'THE HOSTAGES DON'T OWE YOU ANYTHING'

Experts are pleading with the news media and the public to give the hostages and their families privacy, despite intense interest in their plight. "The first days back are really holy, when a person finally gets to meet with their family, and everyone else needs to take a step back," said Ofrit Shapira, a psychoanalyst who heads a group of health professionals treating freed hostages, their families, and survivors of the Oct 7 attack. Hospital wings housing the hostages are expected to be "sterilized," closed to all but direct family and doctors, to keep the public and news outlets away, medical officials have said.

"It doesn't matter how much we care about them; they're their own people, they're not ours," Shapira added. She noted that asking the hostages direct questions about their experiences can force them to relive their trauma. She said it's best to allow them to release information at their own pace.

"Our curiosity is really not important compared with

what the hostages need," she said. "It doesn't matter how much you volunteered or were active in this fight; they don't owe you anything."

SUPPORT FOR FAMILIES

Some of the previously freed hostages and their families have volunteered to help counsel those now going through the same process, Levine said. He noted the strength of the bonds created between the relatives of the hostages, and between the released hostages, who have become like "psychological families" helping each other adapt and heal, he said. Many released hostages are neglecting their own rehabilitation because they are so wrapped up in the fight to bring the others home, Levine said.

A big priority is also to provide support for the families of hostages who did not survive. Israel has confirmed the deaths of at least a third of the approximately 90 remaining captives. But Hamas has not confirmed the status of the 33 who are expected to be freed in the first stage of the ceasefire. Some might no longer be alive.

"This moment of the releases is an emotional and psychological trigger for something they were supposed to experience, and they never will experience, because this deal took too long," Yehene said.

Impeached S Korean prez argues for his release



Supporters of impeached South Korean President Yoon Suk Yeol stage a rally to oppose his impeachment in Seoul, South Korea, on Saturday

PTI ■ SEOUL

South Korea's impeached President on Saturday argued for his release before a Seoul judge as the court reviewed whether to grant a law enforcement request for his formal arrest.

Yoon, who has been in detention since he was apprehended on Wednesday in a massive law enforcement operation at his residence, faces potential rebellion charges linked to his declaration of martial law on December 3, which set off the country's most serious political crisis since its democratisation in the late 1980s.

The Corruption Investigation Office for High-Ranking Officials, which is leading a joint investigation with police and the military, requested the Seoul Western District Court to grant a warrant for Yoon's formal arrest.

Yoon's lawyers said he spoke for about 40 minutes to the judge during the nearly five-hour closed-door hearing. His legal team and anti-corruption agencies presented opposing arguments about whether he should be held in custody. The lawyers did not share his specific comments. The judge is expected to make a decision by late Saturday or early Sunday.

Yoon's motorcade was seen leaving the court Saturday evening for the detention centre, where Yoon will await the decision.

If Yoon is arrested, investigators can extend his detention to 20 days, during which they will

transfer the case to public prosecutors for indictment. If the court rejects the investigators' request, Yoon will be released and return to his residence.

Yoon was transported to the court from a detention centre in Uiwang, near Seoul, in a blue Justice Ministry van escorted by police and the presidential security service.

The motorcade entered the court's basement parking space as thousands of Yoon's supporters rallied in nearby streets amid a heavy police presence, waving banners and shouting slogans calling for his release.

Some protesters temporarily broke through the police lines and tapped on the windows of his van as the motorcade slowed while approaching the court. Yoon did not speak to reporters before heading to the hearing.

It hadn't been clear until Saturday morning whether Yoon would choose to attend the hearing.

Defence lawyers met Yoon at the detention centre and he accepted his legal team's advice to appear personally before the judge, said Yoon Kab-keun, one of the president's lawyers. The lawyer said the president was to argue that his decree was a legitimate exercise of his powers and that accusations of rebellion would not hold up before a criminal court or the Constitutional Court, which is reviewing whether to formally remove him from office or reinstate him.

Nine people, including Yoon's defence minister, police chief,

and several top military commanders, have already been arrested and indicted for their roles in the enforcement of martial law.

The crisis began when Yoon, in an attempt to break through legislative gridlock, imposed military rule and sent troops to the National Assembly and election offices.

The standoff lasted only hours after lawmakers who managed to get through a blockade voted to lift the measure. The opposition-dominated assembly voted to impeach him on December 14.

If Yoon is formally arrested, it could mark the beginning of an extended period in custody for him, lasting months or more. If prosecutors indict Yoon on rebellion and abuse of power charges, which are the allegations now being examined by investigators, they could keep him in custody for up to six months before trial.

Under South Korean law, orchestrating a rebellion is punishable by life imprisonment or the death penalty.

Yoon's lawyers have argued that there is no need to detain him during the investigation, saying he doesn't pose a threat to flee or destroy evidence.

Investigators respond that Yoon ignored several requests to appear for questioning, and that the presidential security service blocked an attempt to detain him on January 3. His defiance has raised concerns about whether he would comply with criminal court proceedings if he's not under arrest.

Gunman fatally shoots two judges in Tehran

PTI ■ DUBAI

In a rare attack targeting the judiciary, a man fatally shot two prominent hard-line judges in Iran's capital Tehran on Saturday, state media

reported.

Both the deceased judges allegedly took part in the mass execution of dissidents in 1988.

No group immediately claimed responsibility for the fatal shootings of the judges — clerics Mohammad Mogheiseh and Ali Razini.

However, Razini's involvement in the 1988 executions had likely made him a target in the past, including a failed assassination attempt in 1999. Their killings also come as Iran faces economic turmoil, the mauling of its Mideast allies by Israel, and the return of Donald Trump to the

White House on Monday. Both clerics served on Iran's Supreme Court, the state-run IRNA news agency reported.

A bodyguard for one of the judges was also wounded. The gunman later killed himself, IRNA said.

"According to initial investigations, the person in question did not have a case in the Supreme Court, nor was he a client of the branches of the court," the judiciary's Mizan news agency said.

"Currently, investigations have been launched to identify and arrest the perpetrators of this terrorist act."

In January 1999, attackers on motorcycles hurled an explosive at Razini's vehicle, wounding him as he left work as the head of the judiciary in Tehran.

Both men had been named by activists and exiles as taking part in the 1988 executions, which came at the end of

Iran's long war with Iraq. After Iran's then Supreme Leader Ruhollah Khomeini accepted a UN-brokered ceasefire, members of the exiled Iranian opposition group Mujahadeen-e-Khalq, or MEK, heavily armed by Saddam Hussein, stormed across the Iranian border in a surprise attack.

Iran ultimately blunted their assault, but the attack set the stage for the sham retrials of political prisoners, militants and others that would become known as "death commissions".

International rights groups estimate that as many as 5,000 people were executed, while the MEK puts the number at 30,000.

Iran has never fully acknowledged the executions, apparently carried out on Khomeini's orders, though some argue that other top officials were effectively in charge in the months before his 1989 death.

The MEK did not immediately respond to a request for comment.

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General public is hereby informed that my client Sh. Dinesh Kumar Gupta S/o. Sh. Radha Prasad (Aadhar No. 241556221189) and Smt. Bindu Devi W/o. Sh. Dinesh Kumar Gupta both R/o. Sahajani, Bhojpur, Hasan Bazar, Bihar- 802204 and presently residing at H.No. 494, Gali no.11, Jeevan Park Siraspur, Delhi-46 have debarred and disowned their son Sh. Dinesh Kumar from movable and immovable properties and served all his/her relation with him due to his misconduct and disrespectful behavior towards my clients. If any body deal with him will be at his own risk and my clients shall not be responsible for the same.
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This is to inform you that this is to inform you that Mrs. Reema Soni, Mr. Sunil Kumar Soni, and Mrs. Kamlesh Verma are the independent owners of western side portion of Plot No. 7, with an area of 317 sq. yards, located at W.A.E. Ramnagar Road, Karol Bagh, New Delhi. The said property was originally purchased by Mr. Ashok Kumar Gupta (16th share), Mr. Satish Kumar (16th share), Mrs. Preeti Garg (16th share), Mr. Indar Garg (2/6th share), and Mr. Anil Kumar Gupta (1/6th share) from POI through DDA, via Conveyance Deed dated 10.04.2008. Later, Mrs. Preeti Garg sold her 1/6th share to Mr. Sunil Kumar Soni, and Mrs. Kamlesh Verma on 16.08.2023. Similarly, Mr. Indar Garg sold his 1/6th share to Mrs. Kamlesh Verma through a Sale Deed dated 16.08.2023 and sold his 1/6th share to Mrs. Reema Soni through a Sale Deed dated 16.08.2023. Now Mrs. Reema Soni, Mr. Sunil Kumar Soni, and Mrs. Kamlesh Verma are independent owners of western side portion of the said property. The property is being financed by RBL Bank, Branch GP-3, UGF Pitampura Road, Delhi-110034. If any person(s) objection & regarding subject property, then kindly may submit his/her objection to serve you in the ordinary way therefore, this notice is given by advertisement directing you to make appearance in the Tribunal on 16.05.2025 AT 11.00 A.M.

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Rohit hints players have reservations about BCCI's 10-point diktat

PTI ■ MUMBAI

Rohit Sharma seems to have reservations about certain clauses in the 10-point disciplinary guidelines prepared by the BCCI at the behest of head coach Gautam Gambhir and India skipper is set to discuss the issue with the Board secretary Devajit Saikia.

The BCCI has not officially announced the guidelines but media has already reported on the 10-point diktat.

One of the major contentions in policy document is going back to the old days where families are allowed only for 14 days on long tours. Any deviation would need coach Gambhir's approval.

It is understood that this point has not gone down well in the team's rank and file.

As Rohit sat beside chairman

of selectors Ajit Agarkar before the start of the press conference, he was heard telling his former Mumbai teammate: "Ab mere ko baithna padega secretary ke saath. Family, wamiily ka discuss karne ke liye, sab mere ko bol rahe hai yaar (I have to sit down with the secretary to discuss about family (travel guidelines). Everyone (players) is asking me."

Rohit's comment wasn't meant for the media but it was caught on the microphone and it was not difficult to read between the lines.

When Rohit asked about the guidelines, he retorted, "Who told you about these rules? Has it come from the official handle of the BCCI? Let it come officially."

However when Agarkar



spoke, he indeed admitted that an SOP has been drafted.

Agarkar was asked what exactly went wrong that within six months of winning the T20 World Cup with same set of players, BCCI needed a travel policy document?

Agarkar, who was also a part of that review committee meeting that discussed the Australia debacle, said, "We'll probably talk about it endlessly if we keep going on."

"I suppose every team has some rules in place. We've spoken about various things you see over the last few months where you can improve as a team, where you can get a bit closer as a team. It's not a school. It's not a punishment," he said, trying to rationalise.

"It's just (that) you have some rules in place and when

you're playing for the national team you just follow those rules. Again, these are mature individuals. They are superstars in their own rights in international sport."

Many former players have termed these rules as something that was always in place and Agarkar called them protocols that one has to follow while representing the national team.

"But at the end of the day you're eventually representing your country. There are certain things that you just inherently follow as every team does. I think a lot of them (rules) have been in place.

"Maybe we've spoken about it now and it's been put out, but a lot of them have been in place in any case. You keep on refining it as you go along eventually what suits the

team, you want to try and do."

There have been conjectures about Rohit's working relationship with the head coach and the skipper said that once he enters the playing arena, he is his own man. "Both (he and Gambhir) of us are very clear in what we want to do. I'm not going to sit here and discuss what goes behind every game tactically but it's very clear in my mind."

"Gautam Gambhir is somebody once we enter the field he trusts what the captain is doing on the field. The basic talks that happen are only off the field, in the ground or maybe the changing room.

"But once we take the field it's all about what I do on the field. That's the kind of trust we have in each other and that's how it should be. That's about it."

Number of controversial decisions in boxing could be reduced using AI-based technology

PTI ■ LONDON

Boxing, the "sweet science", is a theatre of skill, power and drama that has captivated audiences for centuries. Yet, behind the allure of championship nights and historic rivalries lies a persistent shadow — controversial decisions that spark cries of "robbery".

Boxing has had its fair share of controversial decisions which continue to spark debate among fans and experts alike.

While technology in sports like football and cricket has supplemented objective rules, boxing's reliance on subjective judgement leaves it uniquely vulnerable to bias and error. Isn't it time the sport caught up?

The answer may lie in artificial intelligence (AI). Imagine a world where contentious decisions and accusations of bias become a thing of the past. Could the technology offer boxing the fairness and transparency it desperately needs?

Boxing's history is long and storied, tracing back to bare-knuckle fights and evolving into the regulated, global phenomenon it is today. But some things haven't changed. Chief among them is the subjective nature of judging. Unlike football's offside or cricket's LBW (leg before wicket) calls, boxing lacks hard and fast rules for scoring.

Decisions depend on referees and judges interpreting abstract criteria like effective aggression, defence and clean punching. While these standards sound straightforward, their application often varies wildly, leading to unpredictable results.

Take the infamous 2012 Olympics, which featured many scoring controversies that led to demands for reform. More recently, during the Oleksandr Usyk v Daniel Dubois bout, the referee ruled that Dubois had delivered a low blow to Usyk. This left fans divided, with some feeling it should have been a



legal punch.

It's one example of where a key decision has sparked widespread debate in the sport. But there are many others.

Other sports have adopted innovative technology in an attempt to reduce subjectivity: cricket uses ball tracking for precise decision making, football has VAR (video assistant referee) for disputed goals, and MMA (mixed martial arts) employs replays to confirm pivotal moments. But boxing remains stubbornly dependent on human eyes. Why? Because its unique pace and nuance present challenges that technology hasn't yet mastered.

For fans, what they might regard as an unfair decision can be a bitter pill. For fighters, it's devastating — years of training undone by a controversial call. And for the sport as a whole, the disagreement over decisions can tarnish its credibility.

Boxing is an industry worth billions. Sponsors, broadcasters and pay-per-view audiences demand a product they can trust. Controversies don't just upset fans, they jeopardise the sport's business model. To survive and thrive, boxing needs to evolve, and technology offers a way forward.

AI's potential in boxing

What makes AI so promising is its ability to process complexities. Rather than replacing human judgement, AI can supplement it, bringing much needed consistency to a sport fraught

Manchester United and Scotland soccer great, Denis Law dies at 84

PTI ■ MANCHESTER

Denis Law, the Manchester United and Scotland great, has died. He was 84.

The death of Law, the only Scottish player to win the Ballon d'Or in a five-season period from 1964-68. They are united in a statue at Old Trafford. Law is the only player with two statues at the stadium: He stands solo on the Stretford End concourse, naturally.

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His 30 goals for Scotland are matched by only Kenny

love for the game made him the hero of a generation."

Law, Charlton and Best would be voted as European footballer of the year and win the Ballon d'Or in a five-season period from 1964-68. They are united in a statue at Old Trafford. Law is the only player with two statues at the stadium: He stands solo on the Stretford End concourse, naturally.

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Dalglish, though was achieved in just 55 games compared to Dalglish's 102.

UEFA was one of many to react to Law's death. On X it wrote, "On behalf of European football we are deeply saddened to learn of the passing of Denis Law. One of Scottish football's true greats."

A player who would become fondly referred to as "The Lawman," Law left his northern Scotland hometown of Aberdeen as a skinny 15-year-old with poor eyesight. He became a feared penalty-area predator and a pioneer in a modernizing world of European soccer.

By the age of 22, both United and City paid English-record transfer fees to sign Law, and he had played one season in Italy — an exotic change of culture at that time, though he disliked the defensive nature of Serie A.

He returned from Torino in 1962 to begin an 11-year stint at Old Trafford that helped re-establish United as an

international power under manager Matt Busby.

Law joined a club that was still rebuilding from the airplane crash at Munich four years earlier. It took the lives of most of Busby's then-dominant team returning from a European Cup game.

Law's prolific scoring helped United win the FA Cup in 1963 for its first trophy since the Munich disaster, and then two league titles in three seasons.

Redemption for Busby's United was becoming European champion a decade after the tragedy. Though Best and Charlton scored in the final, a 4-1 extra-time win over Benfica, Law missed the game at London's Wembley Stadium due to a knee injury that persisted in his career.

He had his own signature Wembley moment one year earlier. He scored Scotland's first goal in a 3-2 victory to inflict England's first loss since winning the 1966 World Cup final nine months previously.

As a proud Scot, Law refused to watch the final on television. He went to play golf instead.

Only in one of his last games would Law finally play at the World Cup, in 1974 in West Germany.

Then a 34-year-old veteran, Law was selected for Scotland's opening match, a 2-0 win against Zaire. He was not picked for subsequent drawn games against Brazil and Yugoslavia as Scotland was eliminated.

Law chose to end his career in August 1974, by which time he'd etched his name in soccer's scoring history.

After his playing career, Law worked as a TV soccer pundit and presenter and was very much in the public eye in spending some of Best's last hours next to the Northern Irishman's hospital bed before his alcohol-related death in 2005. Law recovered from prostate cancer, and was awarded a Commander of the British Empire by Queen Elizabeth II in 2016 for services to soccer and charity.

When his dementia was publicly revealed four years ago, he said, "It is an incredibly challenging and problematic disease and I have witnessed many friends go through this. I recognise how my brain is deteriorating and how my memory evades me when I don't want it to and how this causes me distress in situations that are beyond my control."

Winger Khvicha Kvaratskhelia signs with French champion PSG until 2029

PTI ■ PARIS

Khvicha Kvaratskhelia completed his expected move from Napoli to Paris Saint-Germain when he signed a deal until 2029 with the record 12-time French champion.

French media earlier reported the 23-year-old Georgia forward was in Paris to have his medical check, and PSG confirmed the transfer in a statement late Friday. "It's a dream to be here. I've heard a lot of very positive things about Paris Saint-Germain," Kvaratskhelia said. "I feel



immense pride in joining."

No further information was given but L'Equipe estimated the transfer fee to be 70 million euros (\$72 million) without bonuses.

The move comes a day after he posted a farewell video to

Napoli fans, who affectionately nicknamed him "Kvaradona" in homage to Argentina great Diego Maradona, the club's greatest ever player. Kvaratskhelia starred in Napoli's Serie A title-winning team in 2023.



The Haryana State Co-Operative Apex Bank Employees Union

Chandigarh: Dr. Arvind Sharma, Hon'ble Cooperative Minister, Haryana Government was met by the officials of the Employees Union of Harco Bank as a courtesy visit. The union submitted a demand letter that the Hon'ble Minister should issue instructions to the heads of all the cooperative institutions of the state to open accounts of their respective institutions in Harco Bank and District Central Cooperative Banks and also deposit the deposits in Harco Bank and the cooperative banks of the state. In this regard, Dr. Sharma was also presented copies of letters issued by the Hon'ble Union Cooperative Minister Mr. Amit Shah and the Finance Department, in which clear instructions have been issued that all cooperative institutions should have accounts and deposits in cooperative banks. On this occasion, Dr. Sharma assured to seriously consider the proposal given by the union and take action on it. Employees Union President Mr. Gokul Singh Nagarkoti, Vice-President Mr. Surat Singh, Secretary Ravindra Kumar and Mr. Harkesh Vats were also present.

Himachal Pradesh State Electricity Board Limited

Shimla: Under the campaign related to voluntary surrendering up subsidy for domestic electricity consumers by Himachal Pradesh State Electricity Board Limited, the number of domestic consumers voluntarily surrendering up subsidy on electricity bills has crossed one thousand today. This special campaign was started by Himachal Pradesh State Electricity Board Limited after the appeal of the Hon'ble Chief Minister in this regard. The Electricity Board is appealing to every domestic electricity consumer of the state about this campaign. At present there are about 24 lakh domestic electricity consumers in the state and maximum domestic consumers are voluntarily giving up the subsidy they get on electricity bills. While this campaign will further strengthen the financial condition of the state government, Himachal Pradesh State Electricity Board Limited will also get financial support. In this way, at present Himachal Pradesh has embarked on the path of economic development along with overall development and such schemes show the participation of the common man with the HP Government. Till now, the number of domestic electricity consumers who have voluntarily given up electricity has reached 1034. Along with the well-off people of the state, the Ministers and MLAs of the state Government are continuously surrendering up electricity subsidy. In Chamba, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly Mr. Kuldeep Singh Pathania along with the local MLA Mr. Neeraj Nayyar have also strengthened this campaign of the state government by surrendering up electricity subsidy.

Australian Open: Iga Swiatek is in total control during a 6-1, 6-0 rout of Emma Raducanu

PTI ■ MELBOURNE

Everything came so easily for Iga Swiatek during a 6-1, 6-0 victory over Emma Raducanu on Saturday in the only Australian Open women's third-round match between two past Grand Slam champions — if you thought that meant it would be close, you would have been rather wrong — that this was how she described it.

"I felt like the ball," Swiatek said, "is listening to me."

Loud and clear. Asked to explain that sensation, Swiatek put her two index fingers a few inches apart and said, "It's just being able to aim for this kind of space." Then she spread her palms more than a foot apart to show that's the margin for error on other days.

The difference, she said, comes down to "being more precise and actually knowing where the ball is going to go, seeing the effects that you want it to."

When the five-time major champion and former long-time No. 1-ranked woman — now No. 2, behind Aryna

Sabalenka — is at the height of her powers, as she sure has seemed to be in Week 1 at Melbourne Park, it is hard for anyone to slow Swiatek down. The heavy-spinning, high-bouncing forehands. The squeaky-sneaker scrambling to get to every shot. The terrific returning. And so on.

Later Saturday, No. 4 Taylor Fritz, the runner-up at last year's U.S. Open, became the highest-seeded man to leave the bracket, defeated by 38-year-old Gael Monfils 3-6, 7-5, 7-6 (1), 6-4. Monfils joined Roger Federer as the only man 38 or older to get to the fourth round in Melbourne since the field expanded to 128 players in 1988.

At the other end of the age spectrum, a pair of young Californians who have been pals for a while and trained together in the offseason — Learner Tien, 19, and Alex Michelsen, 20 — earned debuts in the fourth round at a major. Ben Shelton, who is 22, won, too, while another American, Marcos Giron, was facing No. 1 Jannik Sinner at night.

Tien, a qualifier ranked 121st,



followed up his surprising win against No. 5 Daniil Medvedev in a five-setter that ended at 3 a.m. On Friday with a 7-6 (10), 6-3, 6-3 victory over Corentin Moutet when he plays No. 8 Alex de Minaur, an Australian who beat No. 31 Francisco Cerúndolo 5-7, 7-6 (3), 6-3, 6-3. Tien faces 55th-ranked Lorenzo Sonego of Italy, a 6-7 (3), 7-6 (6), 6-1, 6-2 winner over Fabian Marozsan.

Against Raducanu, who won the 2021 U.S. Open as a teenage qualifier, Swiatek played at a level she called "perfect."

Indeed, Swiatek mounted a 24-9 edge in winners, made only 12 unforced errors — roughly half of Raducanu's 22 — and claimed 59 points to 29. That caused one spectator to yell out, "No mercy!" in the second set as Swiatek was reeling off the last 11 games after the match was tied at 1-all early with not a cloud in the sky and the temperature approaching 80 degrees Fahrenheit (above 25 Celsius).

"I think it was a little bit of her playing well, and me not playing so well," Raducanu said. "That combination is probably not good."

Swiatek, who agreed to accept a one-month suspension in a doping case late last year, owns four trophies from the French Open and one from the U.S. Open. But she's never been beyond the semifinals in Australia; she lost in that round to Danielle Collins in 2022.

A year ago, Swiatek was upset in the third round by teenager Linda Noskova.

Swiatek, who said she dedicated Saturday's win to her grandfather, has ceded a

total of only 10 games through three matches with new coach Wim Fissette sitting court-side. Next up will be 128th-ranked Eva Lys of Germany, who lost in qualifying but was given a spot in the main draw when someone withdrew about 10 minutes before her first-round match.

Lys defeated Jaqueline Cristian 4-6, 6-3, 6-3 and is the first "lucky loser" to get to the Australian Open's fourth round since the tournament moved to Melbourne Park in 1988.

Others who now will get a chance to play for a quarterfinal berth after victories Saturday included No. 6 Elena Rybakina, No. 8 Emma Navarro and No. 9 Daria Kasatkina. Rybakina, the 2022 Wimbledon champion, beat No. 32 Dayana Yastremska 6-3, 6-4. Navarro eliminated three-time major finalist Ons Jabeur 6-4, 3-6, 6-4, and Kasatkina got past No. 24 Yulia Putintseva 7-5, 6-1. Unseeded Veronika Kudermetova beat No. 15 Beatriz Haddad Maia 6-4, 6-2.



BEHIND THE SCENES WITH THE CAST



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The cast of *Swipe Crime* breaks down their roles, with Faisal Malik giving fans hope for Prahlad Cha's return, says SAKSHI PRIYA

compelling character, adding another nuanced portrayal to his repertoire. Here, we dive into his thoughts on the series, his character and the lessons he's gathered along the way. In this gripping exploration of cybercrime, *Faisal* brings depth to a character that resonates with real-life personas. Here's a closer look at his journey with the show and the insights he shared about his craft.

The Concept and the Draw: For Faisal, the decision to join *Swipe Crime* was rooted in the script's quality and the universe it creates.

"What inspires every actor to do it? The character is good. The universe he has created is good. And it's very relatable as well as beautifully written. That's what inspires me," he shared.

Portraying His Character: Faisal's character in *Swipe Crime* stands out for its layered personality. He described it as someone who is multifaceted depending on perspective. "A nice person, for myself only, not for the people around me. So for me, I

am a very nice, good person. But for my students, I am a badass. So they don't like me. And it's good for me," he explained. To bring authenticity to the role, Faisal drew inspiration from a real-life individual.

"There is a teacher on my campus, Mr. Sharma. He was like this. So I have just taken him and done it here."

Films vs OTT: Having worked in diverse mediums, Faisal finds the OTT format particularly appealing for its depth in storytelling. "Not platform, but the medium of series is good. Because one can easily explore the character and the person. It's not hero-centric at all," he stated, reflecting on the opportunities OTT platforms offer.

When Prahlad Cha Returns: Fans of Faisal's character from *Panchayat* are eagerly awaiting the return of Prahlad Cha. Faisal shared some insight on this during the interview, saying, "Ready ho raha hai. 8 or 9 months lagega abhi." This indicates that while the wait may be long, there are plans for Prahlad Cha's return in the future.



Lessons from the Industry:

The entertainment industry has taught Faisal valuable lessons, both professionally and personally. "For me, it's like to be good to people. Yeah, that's nice," he said, emphasising the importance of kindness and understanding. However, his journey also came with its challenges. "Someone told me a long time back to stop thinking about too much of anything. I used to produce shows and all. So in that entire journey, I was very bad to people. Because I was keeping my 24/7. So if some other person is not doing their work, then I become very bad. They all said don't do this. You are making enemies."

Advice to His Younger Self:

When asked what he would tell his younger self, Faisal offered an honest and surprising answer. "That's the worst thing I have done in my life, to think about work. Otherwise, I would be a lazy person. I would be sitting alone. I don't want to do anything. This is what I want to do: doing nothing," he said with a smile.

A Show That Resonates with Today's Audience

Swipe Crime is a thriller that mirrors society's growing dependence on technology and the vulnerabilities it exposes. The performances, led by Faisal Malik's gravitas, Rishab Chadha's depth, Diksha J Singh's charisma and Ronit Ashra's fresh energy, make it a must-watch for audiences of all ages. As Faisal Malik aptly put it, "Awareness is key. While technology evolves, it's up to us to use it wisely and protect ourselves." With a compelling storyline, powerful performances and a relevant message, *Swipe Crime* is set to leave a lasting impact on viewers, making them think twice about the digital footprints they leave behind.

The Cast Reveals All! Insights from the Cast and Crew:

OTT platforms have brought forth a wave of fresh, engaging content and *Swipe Crime* is the latest show garnering attention. With its intriguing storyline and complex characters, the show has created a buzz among audiences. Here's an exclusive look into the world of *Swipe Crime* with the cast members, Rishab Chadha, Diksha Singh, Ronit Ashra and the celebrated Faisal Malik.

Faisal Malik, known for his phenomenal work in *Panchayat*, shares his insights on the show, while the rest of the cast speaks about their challenges, character nuances and their experiences working together.

Faisal Malik on His Role and Reflections from the Industry: Faisal Malik, best known for his remarkable performances, takes on a Professor role in the series *Swipe Crime*. He has cemented his place in the industry as an actor who brings depth and authenticity to every role. In *Swipe Crime*, a gripping series exploring the dark corners of cybercrime, Faisal takes on a



RISHAB CHADHA
Versatility and Dedication

Rishab Chadha, known for Drishyam and Khoobsurat, shines in *Swipe Crime*. Reflecting on his 18-year acting journey, he said, "I've spent so much time on my craft that nothing feels too challenging anymore. But this role was unique, requiring restraint and a transformation that I hadn't experienced before." On challenges, he shared, "A scene with alcohol and fire was intense. I unknowingly consumed alcohol, fainted post-shoot, but it's my best intro scene yet." Playing Vidhan Shastri, a shy yet ambitious UP engineering student, Rishab drew from personal experiences and the director's vision, saying, "Understanding the director is key."



DIKSHA J SINGH
From Model to Actress

Diksha J Singh is a multifaceted personality, an actor, model, and politician, best known for her role as Juhi in *Swipe Crime*. Talking about her character, she shared, "After a long time, I came across a script that offered so much for a woman to play, especially in a negative role from a college perspective. It's rare and refreshing." For Diksha, Juhi is mentally strong and incredibly clever, characteristics she found fascinating to portray. Though she did not share screen space with Faisal Malik, she expressed admiration for their performances and eagerly sought their guidance during promotions.



RONIT ASHRA
From Social Media to Acting Debut

Ronit Ashra, celebrated for his mimicry and content creation, makes his acting debut in *Swipe Crime*. Transitioning from a social media sensation to an actor, he remarked, "Acting has always been my passion. It feels great to finally bring it to life in a show like this." Ronit plays Nikhil Saxena, the studious son of an ITian who wants to carve his own path. Describing his character, he said, "Nikhil is a mix of intelligence and ambition, with a lighthearted dynamic with his parents." Ronit shared amusing anecdotes from the set, especially his improvisations with Faisal Malik. "We'd often create moments on the spot, making the process incredibly fun," he said.



Layers of Love and Craft

By SAKSHI PRIYA

Chandni Chowk has always been the heartbeat of wedding shopping in Delhi, and now, with the addition of *House of Surya* at *Omaxe Chowk*, bridal shopping has reached new heights of elegance. The store transforms this experience into an art form, showcasing timeless craftsmanship that speaks to the soul of traditional Indian fashion.

The *House of Surya* collection stands out with intricate details, from delicate hand embroidery to the rich textures of Banarasi silks and velvets. The colour palette spans from classic bridal reds to soft pastels and muted metallics, offering something for every bride and wedding celebration. Whether it's a grand lehenga for the main ceremony or a lighter outfit for pre-wedding events, the designs strike the perfect balance of luxury and wearability, catering to the vibrant celebrations that define Indian weddings.



The launch saw *Malaika Arora* bringing her signature grace and glamour, embodying the collection's ethos of confidence and elegance. Her presence highlighted how the designs resonate with today's brides, who seek a harmonious balance between tradition and individuality. Stepping into the store feels like entering a world of creativity and craftsmanship. The thoughtfully designed space invites customers into a world of creativity and detail. From ornate embellishments to the careful interplay of heritage and contemporary aesthetics, every garment has a personality of its own. The artistry and skill of Indian craftsmen shine through, with pieces that feel like heirlooms meant to be cherished. As wedding season peaks, this addition has quickly become a go-to for bridal wear that adapts to the varying needs of modern celebrations. From mehendi to reception, the collection caters to every event while maintaining the grandeur that Indian weddings are known for. The focus on craftsmanship is what makes this collection truly special. In a fast-paced world, it's refreshing to see a space that honours traditional techniques while keeping them relevant for the present day. For those stepping into the whirlwind of wedding preparations, this new destination is about connecting with a legacy of design and artistry. It offers not just garments but an experience, one that makes every bride feel unique and every occasion unforgettable.

GRITTY PICTURE OF TIHAR



Neflix's *Black Warrant* takes viewers into the life in Tihar Jail investigating power, corruption and survival in 1980s, writes ABHI SINGHAL



Black Warrant is a crime drama series, premiered on Netflix. It has been adapted from the 2019 memoir 'Black Warrant: Confessions of a Tihar Jailer' by Sunil Gupta and Sunetra Choudhury, the series offers a portrayal of life inside India's Tihar Jail during the 1980s.

Conspicuous
The story revolves around *Sunil Kumar Gupta*, portrayed by *Zahan Kapoor*, a novice jailer who begins his tenure at Tihar Jail. As he becomes acquainted with the prison's operations under the guidance of *Rajesh Tomar* (played by *Rahul Bhat*), *Sunil Kumar Gupta* confronts the pervasive corruption and complex power dynamics among inmates and staff of Tihar Jail. The series excavates into *Gupta's* moral dilemmas and his interactions with notorious criminals, including serial killer *Charles Sobhray*.

A Stellar Ensemble
The cast of *Black Warrant* delivers outstanding performances, bringing depth to the series' deep story. *Zahan Kapoor* shines as *Sunil Gupta*, portraying a young, idealistic jailer coming to truth with the harsh realities of Tihar Jail. His portrayal of inner conflict and moral dilemmas adds a relatable human touch to the story. *Rahul Bhat* excels as *DSP Rajesh Tomar*, a hardened

mentor who embodies the complexity of law enforcement in a morally ambiguous environment.

Sidhant Gupta's performance as the cunning and calm *Charles Sobhray* is a standout, effortlessly having a scary vibe of his own. *Rajshri Deshpande* adds gravitas as *Pratibha Sen*, a journalist investigating the murky waters of prison politics. Supporting actors like *Tota Roy Choudhury* and *Joy Sengupta* skillfully portray senior prison officials, highlighting the institutional dynamics and their often questionable choices. Each actor contributes to the authentic portrayal of a prison system marked by power struggles, corruption, and humanity's darker shades. The ensemble's seamless chemistry elevates the series, making it a gripping watch.

Direction and Production
The series is a collaborative creation by *Vikramaditya Motwane*, *Satyanshu Singh*, and *Daniel Sharma*. *Motwane*, co-directs alongside *Singh*, *Sharma*, *Rohin Ravendran Nair*, and *Ambieeka Pandit*.

Episode Structure
"Black Warrant" comprises seven episodes, each ranging from 38 to 50 minutes. Each episode takes you through deeper into the challenges



faced by *Gupta* as he sails the double crossing environment of Tihar Jail.

Critical Reception

The series goes good on the part of authentic depiction of prison life and compelling storytelling of the Tihar Jail. The storyline is gripping and showcases the major part of how things roll in Tihar Jail. The dark side of corruption, the setting of inmates with the police, the violence inside the jail and the under trails is perfectly showcased in the film.

With each episode centred on a different case, the show is meticulously scripted. Even if the majority of the plot seems authentic, it falls apart when *Sunil* is revealed as the system's sole saviour. It could have done better with the ending like the other episodes.

Closure

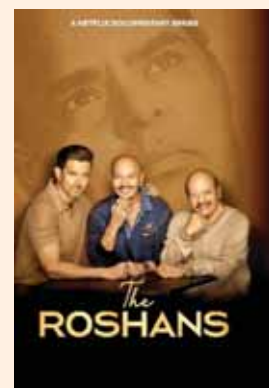
"Black Warrant" is notable for its honest and realistic depiction of the intricacies found in one of India's most infamous prisons. With excellent acting, especially from *Zahan Kapoor* and *Rahul Bhat*, the series explores themes of survival and division of power. *Black Warrant* is a notable addition to Netflix's library for fans who enjoy crime dramas based on actual events.

Rating - 4/5

SUGGESTED BINGES



PAATAL LOK SEASON 2
IMDB Rating: 8.9/10 (as of 18th Jan)
OTT: Amazon Prime Video
Director: Avinash Arun
Cast: Jaideep Ahlawat, Ishwak Singh, Anurag Arora



THE ROSHANS
IMDB Rating: 8.2/10 (as of 18th Jan)
OTT: Netflix
Director: Shashi Ranjan
Cast: Rakesh Roshan, Hrithik Roshan, Rajesh Roshan



BACK IN ACTION
IMDB Rating: 6.5/10
OTT: Netflix
Director: J.J. Perry, Kristina M. Peterson
Cast: Cameron Diaz, Jamie Foxx, McKenna Roberts, Rylan Jackson



XO, KITTY SEASON 2
OTT: Netflix
Director: Katina Medina Mora, Steven Tsuchida, Anna Mastro
Cast: Anna Cathcart, Minyeong Choi, Gia Kim



WITH LOVE, MEGHAN
OTT: Netflix
Director: Michael Steed
Cast: Meghan Markle, Mindy Kaling, Prince Harry



In *Sandburgs* you will find yourself immersed in an ambiance that feels straight out of America when they serve. The menu is crafted to teleport you to the street style of USA with their presentation, writes **TEAM AGENDA**



SLICE OF AMERICA ON YOUR PLATE

When you step into *Sandburgs*, you're instantly transported to the bustling streets of America usually you might have seen in the web series. From the rustic interiors to the vibrant menu, every corner exudes classic American charm. And the food? It's a culinary celebration of comfort and indulgence. Here's a deep dive into the unforgettable experience that *Sandburgs* offers.



lovers. This unique offering combines marinated cottage cheese with fresh veggies like onion, tomato, and capsicum. The *SB special mint mayo* and *tandoori sauce* elevate the flavours, creating a blend of smoky, tangy, and herby notes in every bite. The warm, crisp bread completes the sandwich, making it a satisfying meal on its own. Other options you could explore in the Sandwiches category are *Peri Peri Cottage press Sandwich*, *Classic Pollo press Sandwich*, *North Pollo Press Sandwich* which are like awesome for the fast food lovers.

BURGERS THAT SPEAK TO YOUR SOUL: The *Garden Dreams Burger* is a masterpiece that deserves a standing ovation. The handmade veggie patty is perfectly crisp on the outside and tender within, paired with fresh lettuce, juicy tomato, and a generous dollop of homemade harissa mayo that gives the burger a delightful kick. The caramelised onions and melted cheddar cheese add layers of sweet and savoury goodness, all nestled in a soft, freshly toasted bun.

CHEESINESS YOU CAN'T SAY NO TO: Cheese lovers, unite! The *The Grilled Cheese* is a triple-threat of mozzarella, parmesan, and cheddar cheeses melted



to perfection. The caramelised onions tucked inside add a hint of sweetness that balances the richness of the cheeses. Toasted in freshly baked milk bread, it's a nostalgic nod to classic American comfort food, oozing with gooey goodness. You could also satisfy your taste buds by ordering *Shroom & Cheese* with assorted mushroom ragu with caramelised onion, mozzarella and parmesan cheese toasted in a freshly baked milk bread. *Ham & cheese* with premium pork ham with sharp cheddar cheese and golden fried egg toasted in a freshly baked milk bread.

SIDES THAT COMPLIMENT THE FEAST: What's an American-style meal without crispy potato fries? *Sandburgs'* fries are golden perfection, crispy on the outside and fluffy on the inside. The variety of dips, including the *Cheese Garlic Dip* and the *tangy BBQ Dip*, allow you to customise your experience. The *Spicy Dip* is a personal favourite, adding just the right amount of heat to the crispy fries.

COOL DRINKS AND COFFEE: The

beverages menu is equally impressive. The *Hazelnut Iced Latte* offers a smooth blend of nutty and creamy flavours, served over ice, making it a refreshing pick-me-up. The *Lemon Iced Tea* is a zesty and revitalising drink, perfect for pairing with the heavy-duty burgers and sandwiches. You could also try *Sundaes - Hot Chocolate Sundae* and *Salted Caramel Sundae* if you are an ice cream fan.

DESSERTS AND BEYOND: Although I didn't try the sundaes this time, their presence on the menu promises a classic American diner experience. The range of beverages, from *Coffee on the Rocks* to *Nice and Warm drinks*, ensures there's something for every palate.

Sandburgs deliver taste but on the promise of a true American-style dining experience. The presentation, flavours, and overall vibe make it a must-visit for anyone craving hearty comfort food. From the meticulous plating to the authentic taste, *Sandburgs* takes you on a culinary journey straight to the heart of America, one delicious bite at a time.



FACTSHEET
Restaurant Name: Sandburgs
Place: Unit 4/E-14, Upper Ground Floor, Rajouri Garden, New Delhi (outlets in Gurgaon as well)
Price for 1: ₹700 approx

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Japonico: Discover the joy of great food and creative flavours



Pawan Soni
Food critic and founder of the Big F Awards



In a culinary world where new menus often blur into monotony, *Japonico* on Golf Course Road stands out as a beacon of creativity and authenticity. This is a place where innovation meets artistry, delivering a dining experience that surprises and delights even the most seasoned food enthusiasts. With a view of the bustling metro line on the golf course road, *Japonico's* interiors are a visual treat. The layout is thoughtfully divided: one side features a live wood Robata grill and family-style seating, while the other, overlooking the bar, offers a more high-energy vibe. Striking design elements, live projections on flowing water and giant pots, create a serene yet vibrant ambience. Subtle lighting is balanced by strategically placed spotlights, ensuring that every dish's presentation shines as brightly as its flavours.

A COCKTAIL JOURNEY LIKE NO OTHER: The experience begins with the drinks. *The Legacy*, a gin- and vodka-based martini, exemplifies the bar's mastery. Served with tobiko caviar, pickled radish, and an olive, each element adds depth: the tobiko bursts with wasabi and truffle notes, the radish enhances passion fruit flavours, and the olive ties it back to the martini's classic essence. *Japonico's* mixology programme promises a standard that few can match.

CULINARY HIGHLIGHTS: The meal starts strong with the *Mushroom Salad*, a delightful medley of textures and flavours. Crisp and dehydrated shiitake mushrooms pair beautifully with iceberg lettuce, red cabbage, mizuna, cucumber and avocado, all elevated by a gomasio dressing. The *Rocky Shrimp Tempura*, spiced with togarashi and creamy mayo, may not break new ground, but its flawless execution ensures it's devoured in no time. The dim sum, crafted with precision, leaves no room for leftovers. The star of the meal, however, is the *Atlantic Crab and Aji Chili Taco*. The sweetness of crab meat meets the heat of chilli and the crunch of a

perfectly crisp taco shell, all brightened by a hint of lemon. It's so irresistibly good, you might not want to share. If you're a crab lover, this dish alone is worth the visit.

From the Robata grill comes another standout: the Australian Lamb Cutlet, marinated in gochujang sauce for 24 hours. The result is tender, flavourful meat that melts in your mouth, delivering smoky richness with every bite.

THE TEAM BEHIND THE MAGIC: Great food and drinks require a great team, and *Japonico* is no exception. Restaurateur *Sahil Sambhi*, who I awarded the Best Restaurateur title in the 11th season of The Big F Awards, has honed his craft over the years, evolving from a nightlife innovator to a culinary trailblazer. Known for award-winning ventures like *Bawri* and *VietNom*, Sambhi's passion for innovation and excellence shines through in *Japonico*. At his side are talented mixologists *Chirag Pal* and *Jeet Rana*, and *Chef Roberto Blondi*, who brings Michelin-starred expertise to the table. Together, they've crafted a restaurant that's as much about the experience as it is about the cuisine.

SETTING A NEW STANDARD: As the first major restaurant launch of 2025, *Japonico* has raised the bar for the industry. It's not just a place to eat; it's a statement of what dining should aspire to be. Judging by the weekday crowd, diners agree, this is a benchmark that will be hard to beat.

FACTSHEET
RATINGS (Out of 5)
Food: 4.75 | Drinks: 4.75 | Ambience: 5.0 | Service: 4.5 | Overall: 4.75
Address: Japonico, 2nd Floor, Tower D, Vipul Tech Square, Golf Course Rd, near Sector 42-43, Sector 43, Gurugram
Phone: 9948000039

From Mangalore to Delhi's Table

By **TEAM AGENDA**

Food has an uncanny way of transporting us. A single bite can take us to a vibrant street, a quiet kitchen or even the shores of a distant coast. At *Chor Bizarre Chef Shriya Shetty's Mangalorean* pop-up did exactly that, bringing the soothing flavours of Mangalore to the heart of Delhi.

The vegetarian journey began with *THINDI*, the *Jowar Tartlet* filled with *red amaranth* cooked in *coconut milk* and topped with *bajeel* (tempered beaten rice). This delicate appetiser was a celebration of earthy, creamy flavours and contrasting textures.

KUNDAPUR featured the *7-Hour Mushroom Ghee Roast*, served in *Bombay pao* with *ridge gourd tztziki*, *pomegranate* and *cilantro*. The slow-cooked mushrooms were rich and spiced, beautifully balanced by the refreshing *tztziki*.

The *BAFAT* offering, *Mangalorean Sweet Potato Bafath*, came with *sannas* and *tamarind reduction*. This dish delivered a balance of sweetness and tanginess, made complete by the softness of the *sannas*.

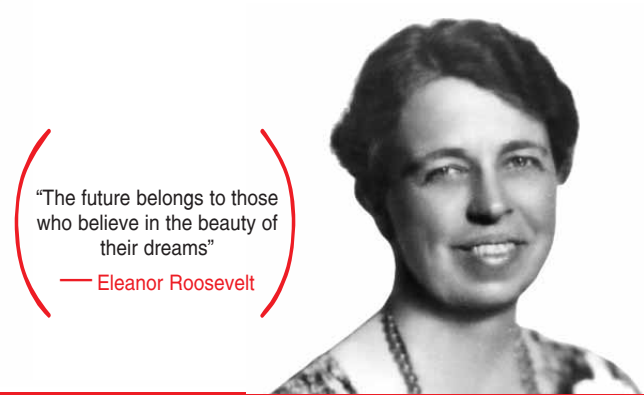
The vegetarian MAINS, served *thali-style*, included *Kori Roti*, *Peas* and *Potato Gassi*, *Red Amaranth Raita*, *Ridge Gourd*



paired with luscious *Banana Mousse*, *cacao nibs* and a *tangy pickle drizzle*. *Chef Shriya Shetty's* pop-up offered a delightful way to explore *Mangalorean* culture through its comforting curries, distinct spices and unique pairings. Whether you choose the vegetarian spread or the meatier options, each dish brought the flavours of *Mangalore* alive in every bite.



FACTSHEET
Date & Time: January 19th, 2025
Lunch: 12pm & 2pm
Dinner: 7pm & 9:30pm
Price: Veg ₹1,300 (All Inclusive), Non veg ₹1,600 (All Inclusive)
Address: Broadway, 4/15 A, Asaf Ali Road, New Delhi, 110012



real-A-life action hero

From Bollywood star to philanthropic icon, Sonu Sood's journey in Bollywood is a classic example of perseverance and resilience, writes **GYANESHWAR DAYAL**

@SonuSood who plays Villain in South and Bollywood, but he did such a thing in this tragedy that he is the biggest hero in my eyes. On a social platform like Twitter, by taking the details of the workers, they are arranging buses and transporting them to the own village.: Md Shah Nawaz Alam @alamktr00

Md Shah Nawaz Alam was not the only person praising Sonu Sood for helping migrants reach their homes during Covid when lockdown was suddenly announced and people were stuck across the country. It was crazy time. No one knew what was in store and how pandemic would unfold. It was particularly hard on migrant workers with meagre resources walked endless journey to their hometowns. In this situation *Sonu Sood*, a known name in Bollywood for playing mean villain came forward to help people and making arrangements for traveling to these workers. The twitter was abuzz with people asking 'Sonu bhैया' help and getting it. His twitter handle became a virtual helpline. Tweets like these flooded his social media handle. And he ready came for help. Genuinely. It was a gesture people reciprocated with warmth and *Sonu Sood* became a household name. It was indeed a turning point in the life and career of the star. And since then he did not look back. *Sonu Sood's* journey in Bollywood is a testament to resilience, hard work, and the power of perseverance. From humble beginnings to becoming a household name, *Sonu's* story is not just about acting but also about his extraordinary contributions to society through his philanthropic efforts. His rise to fame and his journey of selfless giving have made him one of the most admired figures in India, both on and off the screen. Born on July 30, 1973, in Moga, Punjab, *Sonu Sood* was not always destined for the glitz and glamour of Bollywood. Growing up in a middle-class family, *Sonu's* early life was filled with academic aspirations. He completed his engineering degree from the Yeshwantrao Chavan College of Engineering in Nagpur. However, despite his technical background, his heart was always inclined towards acting. *Sonu* moved to Mumbai with dreams of making it in Bollywood. Like many aspiring actors, his journey was not without struggle. He started his career with small roles and often faced rejection. His initial years in the industry were difficult, and he struggled to find a breakthrough. He appeared in a variety of roles, including in films like *Kahan Hai Tu* (1999) and *Shaheed-E-Azam* (2002). These films, although not major hits, helped *Sonu* gain experience and sharpen his acting skills. *Sonu Sood's* breakthrough came with the film *Yuva* (2004), directed by Mani Ratnam. Playing the character of a strong-willed, determined man, *Sonu's* performance was well-received. This marked the beginning of his rise in the industry. His portrayal of negative roles in films like *Aashiq Banaya Aapne* (2005) and *Dabangg* (2010) further solidified his presence in

Bollywood. In *Dabangg*, his character, Chhedi Singh, was menacing, and his performance opposite Salman Khan earned him widespread acclaim. The turning point in his career came when *Sonu Sood* was offered roles that showcased his versatility. Whether as the villain or a complex character with shades of Gray, *Sonu's* consistent hard work and dedication to his craft saw him rise through the ranks of Bollywood's A-list stars. His powerful performances in films like *Jodha Akbar* (2008), *Simmba* (2018), and *Raju Chacha* (2000) earned him several awards and nominations. What sets *Sonu* apart is his ability to evolve with the changing dynamics of the film industry. He has played a range of characters, from a villain to a hero, from action-packed roles to romantic parts. His commitment to delivering quality performances, regardless of the scale of the film, has made him a dependable actor in Bollywood. While *Sonu Sood's* acting career has been remarkable, his philanthropic work during the COVID-19 pandemic made him a true hero in the eyes of millions. When the pandemic caused widespread suffering across the globe, *Sonu* didn't just stay confined to his home; he became the guiding light for thousands of people in need. *Sonu's* philanthropic efforts began when he started helping migrant workers stuck in different parts of India due to the lockdown. With his own funds and resources, *Sonu* arranged transportation for thousands of migrant workers to return to their homes, despite facing logistical hurdles and government restrictions. His initiative gained massive media attention, with people praising him for his quick and effective response to the crisis. In addition to helping migrant workers, *Sonu Sood* extended his support to the medical sector by arranging hospital beds, oxygen supplies, and treatment for those suffering from COVID-19. He provided financial aid to families who had lost their loved ones during the pandemic and launched multiple campaigns to help students, farmers, and the underprivileged access education, healthcare, and employment opportunities. Through his organisation, the Sood Charity Foundation, *Sonu* has continued his philanthropic efforts, focusing on education, healthcare, and helping the underprivileged. He believes in the power of education and aims to provide quality education to children who do not have access to it. His efforts have not gone unnoticed, and he has received numerous accolades, including the prestigious International Humanitarian Award in recognition of his selfless work. *Sonu Sood's* success in Bollywood is a result of his unwavering dedication and hard work. He didn't come from a film family and had no Godfather when he reached Mumbai from his hometown Moga with just Rs 5000 in his pocket. He worked his way up to build his career from the ground up. His perseverance is a reflection of his commitment to his craft and his belief that success comes with consistent effort. What sets *Sonu* apart from many others in the industry is his work ethic and focus. He has worked in several regional film industries, including Tamil, Telugu, Kannada, and Hindi cinema, which allowed him to understand the nuances of different audiences and cultures. This versatility has been key to his success, as he is equally comfortable playing a hero or villain in different languages and genres. In an industry where many actors rely on luck or industry connections to secure their place, *Sonu* has demonstrated that talent, dedication, and hard work are the true pillars of success. His journey is an inspiration to aspiring actors and those who believe in the power of perseverance. *Sonu Sood* has not only made a place for himself in Bollywood but has also become a hero for countless people across the country. His legacy, both as an actor and philanthropist, will continue to inspire generations to come.



Sonu Sood's journey in Bollywood is an incredible narrative of success, struggle and humanity. From a young man with dreams of becoming an actor to a respected figure in the Indian film industry, Sonu's dedication to his craft and his selfless philanthropic work makes him an iconic figure in India today. He was in Delhi at the premier of his latest offering 'Fateh' an action-packed film dealing with cybercrime. Sonu Sood talked to Gyaneshwar Dayal, about his acting, social responsibilities and future plans.

Could you tell us what scripts draw your attention?
I like to do the films which are close to common man, about his life and problems. Recently I did *Fateh* which deals with the cybercrimes which has become a menace in the country and people should know about it. So I thought why not make a film which would indeed not only entertain but also inform people about the dangers lurking in the digital domain. So I prefer films which are entertaining but also create awareness and talk about people's issues

You are known for action. Do you like action roles?
Yes of course. In my films people get to see a lot of action sequences which are world class and are at par with Hollywood films. We can say that we make action sequences which are world class and perfectly choreographed. *Fateh* is case in point.

How do you prepare for a role in a film?
Well acting comes naturally to me. I have always loved acting and so when I hear a character in the film I get the idea how to go about it. I can switch on and off between the roles and that is really important because Bollywood works like that. Yes, understanding of the role must be there so that you can do justice to it.

You do a lot of philanthropic work. So what you prefer action for the people in their dire times or action on the screen?
See, life is more than just lights camera action. When there are no lights or camera action continues in the real life. It is a great feeling when you can help someone in need when there is no light no camera. It is important to be sympathetic and have empathy, because cinema is one aspect of life not the other way round.

You have portrayed a range of roles, both positive and negative. Which type do you prefer, and why?
That's correct I accept all types of roles I think I can do justice to. But now on I want to do positive roles. I love playing positive roles and that is the kind roles I would be doing now on.

ESSENCE OF ASSAM



The Brahmaputra Carnival celebrates the Assamese heritage, and culinary delights, writes **ABHI SINGHAL**



Northeast India, a treasure of cultural diversity and natural beauty, is a region where traditions and modernity coexist in harmony. Among its enchanting states, Assam stands out with its lush tea gardens, lively festivals, and the mighty Brahmaputra River. Assam is all about with the *Brahmaputra Carnival*, a grand celebration that promises to showcase the region's rich heritage, arts, and cuisine. Set against the stunning backdrop of the majestic river, the carnival features cultural performances, adventure sports, food festivals, and more. It's a unique opportunity to experience the soul of Assam like never before.

A fun carnival that looks like a colourful masterpiece made from Assamese soul, river breezes, and sunshine. On the banks of the majestic Brahmaputra River, Assam culture is celebrated at the *Brahmaputra Carnival*. The river itself is serving as the stage for this festival, which is organised by the Assam Government and is a symphony of culture, adventure, and unadulterated delight.

To make your experience even more fun and adventurous is The *Lachit Ghat* is the site of the *Brahmaputra Carnival*, and *Sandbar Island* serves as the *Tent City* during the event. It takes 15 to 20 minutes by speed boat from the *Lachit Ghat* to *Sandbar Island*, and the journey is visually stunning. If you're considering a trip to the northeast, the sunny and windy weather is ideal for a getaway.



the carnival pulsates with energy, yet maintains a serene undercurrent. The *Brahmaputra*, ever unpredictable, adds a touch of wildness to the festivities, reminding us of the raw power of nature. It's a retreat for the soul, where the peace of the river's embrace melds perfectly with the excitement of adventure.

GLAMPING IN STYLE: The festival provides a luxurious glamping experience with three categories of tents

namely the *Royal Tents*, *Premium Tents*, and *Deluxe Tents*. All of the three options offer you a comfortable and stylish retreat, complete with modern amenities and breathtaking river views that would blow away your mind. Also, one would enjoy the foggy views as soon as you get up and look outside of your tents. The foggy layers engulfing the *Brahmaputra River* will want you to have a cup of tea or coffee with those views and chills. You would also experience the open-air cinema magic



at *Brahmaputra Carnival Tent City*. Movies, fresh air, and unforgettable moments await you. The main part of the stay is the hospitality provided at your new home. The hospitality by *Gias* and his team of boys at the *Tent City* would truly make you comfortable and at home providing everything handy and in need.

ADVENTURES ON THE BRAHMAPUTRA: For the adrenaline junkies, the *Brahmaputra* is



an irresistible playground. At the *Sandbar Island* you would experience the speedboat rides cut through the water like a knife, while kayaking and jet skiing offer a more intimate encounter with the river's currents with your own rapid and water fun. For those seeking a true test of courage, bungee jumping provides an exhilarating leap of faith. And let's not forget the thrill of *ATV rides* and the exhilarating descent on the river rapids during a white-water rafting expedition.

This is not the end. You could also experience the *hot air balloon* rides up into the sky for beautiful views, *beach volleyball*, *beach cricket*, *archery*, *river rafting* and *water roller*. These adventures offer a unique perspective on the Brahmaputra, allowing you to experience its power and beauty firsthand.

At the *Lachit Ghat*, you would experience *Archery*, *River Rafting*, *Water Roller*, *Speed boat*, *Kayaking*, *ATV*, *Bungee Ejection*, *Mechanical Bull Ride*, *Bungee Trampoline*, *Air Gun Shooting*, *Zip Line*, *Rope Course* and *Zorbing*. All this will keep you hooked to the carnival and not wanting to leave it. *Take note that the water activities do not take place after the dark due to safety reasons.*



The Brahmaputra Carnival also takes you through the musical ears of Assam as bands perform in the concerts in the evening at the *Lachit Ghat*. On the 31st January the Carnival will be graced by the melodic singing of the famous singer *Papon*, on 19th February it will be *Rupam Buyan* and 19 January will be rocked by *Kanawz & Company*.

THE TRADITIONAL TASTE: At the Brahmaputra Carnival you can indulge in local delicacies that savour the flavours of authentic Assamese cuisine. The carnival has food stalls with authentic Assamese touch. You would see *chicken momos*, *chicken vodka momos*, *prawns*, *silkworms* and so much more that would satisfy your mouth watery taste buds.

A JOURNEY TO REMEMBER: The Brahmaputra Carnival is more than just a festival; it's an invitation to experience the soul of Assam. It's a chance to connect with nature, have some adventure, and discover the magic of a land where the river dictates the rhythm of life. So, pack your bags guys, and prepare to be swept away by the essence of the Brahmaputra Carnival.



A CULTURAL VIBE: Beyond the thrills, the Brahmaputra Carnival is a celebration of Assamese culture. You would see vibrant performances of traditional dances like *Bihu*, *Satriya Nritya*, *Bagurumba*, *Bhortal*, and *Ojapali* showcasing the region's rich heritage. Apart from the dance culture you could get stalls at the *Lachit Ghat* to buy the Assam specialities like the printed *Gamucha*, *Mekhela Chador* for women and the *Dhoti-gamosa* for men.



YOUR WEEK AHEAD

MADHU KOTIYA



ARIES March 21-April 19

This week opens on a high note, bringing you much-deserved acclaim and a sense of triumph over challenges. At work, your innovative contributions, from fresh ideas to novel technologies, will be warmly embraced and celebrated, enhancing your professional stature. Your ability to explore and implement multifaceted solutions stands out, earning you respect and admiration from colleagues. As the week progresses, you may reconnect with a past acquaintance or visit a place steeped in nostalgic memories, enriching your emotional landscape. This period is marked by joyous family interactions, adding to the week's positive ambiance. Towards the week's close, you might feel a bit drained and concerned, yet your resolve remains unshaken, ready to tackle life's hurdles with confidence.

Lucky number 22 | Lucky colour Midnight Blue
Lucky day Thursday



LEO July 23-Aug 22

This week is filled with potential and vibrancy, as you may encounter a blossoming relationship, heightened intuition, or a joyful addition to your family. Your innate sense of understanding allows you to identify issues before they are spoken, equipping you with the natural ability to offer timely and effective solutions. Midweek brings a surge of emotion accompanied by fresh hopes and decisive actions. This is a time when your deepest aspirations could begin to take shape, driven by a strong internal guidance. You might find opportunities for material prosperity, whether through professional endeavors or unexpected sources like a gift or legacy. As the week closes, you may find yourself reflecting on past events. It's essential to release these reflections and embrace the present opportunities and joys life presents.

Lucky number 17 | Lucky colour Green
Lucky day Sunday



SAGITTARIUS Nov 22-Dec 21

The week begins under challenging circumstances but concludes with uplifting developments that will inspire you. You may encounter difficulties, errors, and disputes that could sap your spirit. Yet, this period also marks the start of a new phase marked by perseverance and effort. Focus on sharpening your mental acuity by engaging in educational activities or improving your communication skills. Midweek, your attention might shift to matters concerning children, such as securing their admission to reputable educational institutions or addressing their career aspirations. It is vital to offer support and encouragement, particularly to those engaged in rigorous academic pursuits. As the week draws to a close, familial joy and a sense of closeness prevail, bringing satisfaction and good health. The joy brought by family members, especially children, will enhance your well-being.

Lucky number 14 | Lucky colour Saffron
Lucky day Monday



TAURUS April 20-May 20

This week holds promising prospects for those feeling grounded and practical. Expect significant career advancements, potentially through a promising job opportunity or a notable increase in earnings. For the recently married, joyful news regarding family expansion may arrive. Prepare for travel, as an upcoming journey could yield substantial financial rewards. However, exercise caution during your travels, as there are indications of potential loss or misleading situations. Protect yourself from negative influences, as it seems some undesirable attention could be directed your way. As the week concludes, a sense of security and happiness will envelop you, supported by the warmth and cooperation of your family. Memories of simpler times may surface, bringing with them a wave of nostalgia. Generosity will be both received and rewarded, enhancing both personal and professional financial situations.

Lucky number 13 | Lucky colour Coral
Lucky day Tuesday



VIRGO Aug 23-Sep 22

This week, you may find yourself frequently on the move, balancing work commitments with enjoyable activities. You're likely to encounter opportunities for new projects or responsibilities. It will be crucial to allocate sufficient time and energy to ensure their successful completion. Midweek brings a shift towards social engagements, with possible events like parties or community celebrations, offering a delightful break from daily stressors. These gatherings are a chance to unwind and cherish moments with friends and family. As the week concludes, be prepared for increased competition or conflicts in your professional sphere. Tensions could arise, potentially from individuals who may not favor your success. It's important to respond thoughtfully to any challenges, as impulsive reactions could undermine your hard work. Exercise caution and strategic thinking to navigate through any disputes effectively.

Lucky number 25 | Lucky colour Tangerine
Lucky day Friday



CAPRICORN Dec 22-Jan 19

This week, individuals typically characterized by diligence and a calm demeanor may find themselves quietly progressing toward their objectives, preferring a gentle approach. They may feel a strong sense of destiny guiding their actions more than their own efforts. Midweek could bring a sense of joy due to a significant financial achievement, marking a period of growth and prosperity in business endeavors. Income may increase from various sources, and many ambitious plans could be set in motion. Engagement in spiritual activities or rituals might also capture their interest, underscoring a period rich with favorable developments. Achievements will span several areas of life, including maintaining good health, family achievements, and an abundance of financial gains, all contributing to harmonious relationships with family and friends.

Lucky number 11 | Lucky colour Teal
Lucky day Wednesday



GEMINI May 21-June 20

This week brings unexpected financial rewards and introduces a compelling and profitable work project that could lead to significant recognition for your innovative ideas. You'll find yourself enjoying life's comforts and luxuries more than usual. Your hard work and perseverance are poised to elevate your professional status, supported by a sense of divine favor. This period also ignites a spiritual awakening, encouraging you to engage in reflective practices such as meditation, devotional activities, or charitable efforts. As the week concludes, a long-anticipated opportunity will present itself, offering the chance to pursue a cherished goal. Dedicate yourself fully to this endeavor to harness the full extent of your potential. Remember, perseverance and intelligence are key to capitalizing on this promising time.

Lucky number 8 | Lucky colour Turquoise
Lucky day Saturday



LIBRA Sep 23-Oct 22

This week heralds a phase of abundance, accompanied by intellectual growth and a sense of fulfillment. Expect a strong foundation in your finances, ensuring stability and comfort. This could be the result of previous efforts or potentially from an unexpected source. Your discipline and achievements will not go unnoticed, earning you well-deserved recognition and pride. It's an opportune moment to initiate new ventures or relationships. Collaborations will flow smoothly due to your adept understanding of interpersonal dynamics. However, the latter part of the week might see a shift from clarity to uncertainty. It's important to avoid dwelling on past fears when facing the future. Rash decisions and confrontational behavior could complicate matters. Embrace calmness and clarity to navigate through any challenges, allowing you to find effective solutions effortlessly.

Lucky number 9 | Lucky colour Violet
Lucky day Saturday



AQUARIUS Jan 20-Feb 18

This week begins amid unresolved challenges that are causing you stress. A sense of isolation and a heavy air of doubt might be overwhelming. You find yourself perplexed, seeking a way out of these difficulties without a clear solution in sight. It's important to reflect on your past actions and future direction. Gaining this perspective will help smooth your path forward and shift from a negative to a more positive mindset. Embrace and honor your emotions; they hold significant power to positively transform your circumstances. When there's harmony between your physical and mental states, remarkable achievements become possible. As the week closes, anticipate significant life changes that will bring some relief to your mental tension. Joyful events, such as significant personal milestones or professional successes, are on the horizon, offering you moments of happiness.

Lucky number 7 | Lucky colour Rose
Lucky day Sunday



CANCER June 21-July 22

This week, those with sensitive dispositions might find themselves grappling with fluctuating emotions and a lack of mental balance. Several pressing matters require their attention, demanding immediate and decisive actions to move forward effectively. Amidst this mental unrest, there's a tendency to multitask excessively, which complicates setting priorities and achieving clarity. It's essential to cultivate focus to avoid becoming mired in indecision. Embracing practices like spiritual reflection, meditation, or yoga could greatly benefit mental stability. An unexpected reunion with a familiar face from the past promises delightful moments of nostalgia, enhancing emotional well-being. Support and wise counsel from a respected mentor will provide much-needed guidance, making it easier to navigate challenges. By week's end, a sense of stability and well-being, both financially and emotionally, is likely to prevail.

Lucky number 2 | Lucky colour Pink
Lucky day Tuesday



SCORPIO Oct 23-Nov 21

This week, you may find yourself swiftly adapting to dynamic shifts in your life, which could include a sudden opportunity to join a new organization or company. This sudden influx of choices might leave you feeling uncertain and indecisive, but remember, a decision must be made. Expect a week brimming with activity and innovation. You are at the cusp of concluding one phase and embarking on a new, more profound phase of your journey. It's time to leave the past behind and set your sights on what lies ahead. A firm decision now will set the stage for a harmonious alignment of your thoughts and emotions towards the end of the week, enhancing your career prospects significantly. You'll emerge from this period feeling wiser and more emotionally mature.

Lucky number 10 | Lucky colour Lavender
Lucky day Wednesday



PISCES Feb 19-March 20

You may find yourself embarking on an extended trip soon, which includes participating in various meetings or workshops. Challenges could arise in your professional environment, potentially involving competition or difficult obstacles, so tread cautiously. Emotional connections may also be strained during this period, possibly leading to feelings of rejection or disconnection. Remember to prioritize your wellbeing during these times, but rest assured that these challenges are only temporary. By the end of this period, you'll notice a restoration of order and balance in your life, signaling a shift towards more positive circumstances. The comforting presence of maternal affection will bring a sense of security and warmth. If you're hoping to nurture new relationships, career opportunities, or ventures, give them the attention and patience they require to flourish.

Lucky number 3 | Lucky colour Copper
Lucky day Tuesday

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The Power of Gratitude Journaling

THE LIFE GUIDANCE



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The positive effects of gratitude extend beyond mental health. Gratitude journaling helps with better sleep, reduced blood pressure and improved immune function

Gratitude is often described as the quality of being thankful and the readiness to show appreciation for and return kindness. It is a fundamental human emotion, yet its potential to transform lives is frequently underestimated. *Gratitude journaling*, a simple practice of recording things you are thankful for, has emerged as a powerful tool for fostering emotional well-being, enhancing mental health, and even improving physical health. By consciously focusing on the positive aspects of life, gratitude journaling reshapes perspectives, rewires the brain, and cultivates happiness. The concept of gratitude has long been studied in psychology, particularly within the field of positive psychology. Researchers Dr. Robert Emmons and Dr. Michael McCullough are pioneers in studying gratitude. Emmons defines gratitude as a two-step process: recognising that one has obtained a positive outcome and acknowledging that there is an external source for this positive outcome. This perspective connects gratitude not only to personal satisfaction but also to relational and societal harmony. Neuroscience supports the transformative effects of gratitude. Studies using functional MRI scans show that practicing gratitude activates the brain's reward system, specifically the medial prefrontal cortex. This area is associated with decision-making and the regulation of emo-

tions. Furthermore, gratitude enhances the production of neurotransmitters like dopamine and serotonin, often referred to as the "feel-good" chemicals. These changes not only foster happiness but also mitigate symptoms of anxiety and depression. *Gratitude journaling* involves regularly writing down things you are grateful for. This practice may appear simplistic, but its effects are profound. Research indicates that *gratitude journaling* can reduce symptoms of depression and anxiety. A 2015 study published in the journal *Psychotherapy Research* found that individuals who engaged in gratitude writing reported significantly better mental health outcomes compared to those who focused on negative emotions or did not engage in any writing practice. Gratitude helps reframe thoughts, reducing rumination and encouraging a focus on the positive. Putting gratitude on paper promotes emotional resilience by encouraging individuals to concentrate on their blessings rather than their shortcomings. This positive focus redirects attention away from stress and difficulties, fostering a mental buffer that strengthens the ability to navigate adversity. Research by Dr. Emmons highlights that gratitude significantly boosts optimism, a critical factor in building resilience. Reflecting on the kindness and support received from others through *gratitude*



journaling can significantly improve interpersonal relationships. By deepening appreciation for those around us, it strengthens social bonds. According to a study published in the journal *Emotion*, gratitude not only enhances feelings of connection but also inspires prosocial behaviour. The positive effects of gratitude extend beyond mental health. *Gratitude journaling* has been associated with better sleep, reduced blood pressure, and improved immune function. A study in the journal *Applied Psychology: Health and Well-Being* found that participants who practiced *gratitude journaling* for two weeks experienced better sleep quality and longer duration, likely due to reduced stress levels.

Incorporating *gratitude journaling* into daily life is simple and requires minimal resources. Dedicate a specific time each day for journaling. Many people find that writing before bedtime helps them reflect on the day and end it on a positive note. Begin by listing three things you are grateful for each day. These can be as simple as a good meal, a kind word, or a moment of laughter. Rather than writing "I am grateful for my family," elaborate on a specific moment, such as "I am grateful for the conversation I had with my sister today, which made me feel understood." Dive deep into one or two experiences rather than creating a long list. This approach helps reinforce the emotional impact of the practice. Incorporate gratitude for challenges and lessons learned. This reframes obstacles as opportunities for growth. If you struggle to get started, use prompts such as, "What made me smile today?" or "What is something I take for granted but am truly thankful for?" The power of this practice is evident in countless personal stories. For instance, individuals recovering from trauma often find solace in gratitude practices. One such example comes from veterans participating in a gratitude program developed by the University of California, Berkeley. Many reported reduced symptoms of PTSD and improved overall well-being after weeks of *gratitude journaling*. Similarly, organisations like schools and

workplaces have embraced gratitude initiatives to foster a positive culture. Employees and students who engage in gratitude practices report higher satisfaction, productivity, and collaboration. In today's fast-paced, often overwhelming world, journaling serves as a grounding practice. Social media, while connecting people, can amplify feelings of inadequacy through constant comparison. *Gratitude journaling* counters this effect by focusing on intrinsic values and personal blessings rather than external validation. Moreover, technological advancements have made this journaling more accessible. Apps like "Gratitude," "Five Minute Journal," and "Day One" offer digital platforms for consistent journaling, making the practice convenient and engaging. *Gratitude journaling* is more than a habit; it is a transformative practice that rewires the brain, reshapes perspectives, and fosters holistic well-being. By consistently focusing on the positive aspects of life, individuals can enhance their mental and physical health, build resilience, and nurture meaningful relationships. Scientific research supports the profound impact of gratitude, making it a cornerstone of emotional intelligence and personal growth. In a world that often emphasises what is missing, *gratitude journaling* reminds us to cherish what we already have, transforming lives one thought at a time.

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