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12 runover by train in Jalgaon

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■
JALGAON (MAHARASHTRA)

At least 12 passengers were killed on Wednesday evening when they jumped from their train in panic due to a 'fire incident', only to be run over by another train on the adjacent tracks in North Maharashtra's Jalgaon district, officials said. Twelve bodies were sent to the nearby civil hospital while six to seven persons were injured, special Inspector General of Police Dattatraya Karale said. The accident took place between Maheji and Pardhade stations near Pachora, more than 400 km from Mumbai, where the 12533 Lucknow-Mumbai Pushpak Express had halted after someone pulled the chain around 5 pm, Central Railway officials said, without confirming the death toll. Some passengers of the Pushpak Express jumped off, and were hit by the oncoming Karnataka Express heading from Bengaluru to Delhi, said Central Railway's chief spokesperson Swapnil Nila. IG Karale said that a "fire incident" occurred on Pushpak Express, at km 372/07 between Maheji and Pardhade stations. The train stopped at the location, and some passengers disembarked. Train No. 12627, Bengaluru-New Delhi Karnataka Express hit people standing on the railway tracks, he added. "Six to seven people have been injured. All injured passengers are being treated at the hospital, none of their injuries are serious. Both trains have reached their respective next stations and the accident site has been cleared," the senior police official added. Pushpak Express departed from the spot in just 15 minutes, while the Karnataka Express was removed within 20 minutes after the accident.



People gather at the site following the death of several passengers after they stepped down due to a rumour of fire and were run over by another train passing on the adjacent tracks, in North Maharashtra's Jalgaon district PTI

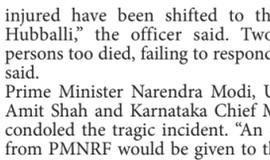
14 killed in Karnataka road mishaps

PNS ■ YELLAPURA/RAICHUR (KARNATAKA)

As many as 14 people were killed and 24 sustained injuries in two separate road accidents occurred in Uttara Kannada and Raichur districts on Wednesday. In the Yellapura incident, a truck carrying 29 fruit sellers fell into a 50-metre-deep valley in the wee hours of Wednesday, police said.

The victims from Savanur in Haveri district, were heading towards the Yellapura fair to sell fruits. The accident occurred in a forested section, the Uttara Kannada Superintendent of Police M Narayana said. He added that there was no protection wall in the road there. "Eight persons were killed on the spot and two got critical injuries. The injured have been shifted to the KIMS Hospital in Hubballi," the officer said. Two critically wounded persons too died, failing to respond to treatment, sources said.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Union Home Minister Amit Shah and Karnataka Chief Minister Siddaramaiah condoled the tragic incident. "An ex-gratia of Rs 2 lakh from PMNRF would be given to the next of kin of each deceased. The injured would be given Rs 50,000," the Prime Minister Office said in a social media post. In the Raichur incident, at least four persons including three students were killed and nine others injured when the vehicle they were travelling in overturned due to a tyre burst on Wednesday morning, police said.



BJP-AAP WOO MIDDLE CLASS

Modi targets AAP



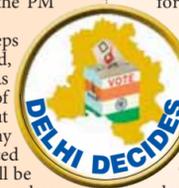
SAUMYA SHUKLA ■ NEW DELHI

Turning the heat up ahead of the Delhi Assembly elections, Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Wednesday slammed the ruling Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) for failing to provide basic needs such as water to the people of the national Capital while taking a jibe at the party on the money laundering linked excise policy scam, stating that 'liquor is available but water is not'. Prime Minister made these remarks during his interaction with the booth level workers in the 'Mera booth, sabse mazboot' programme while urging the members of the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) in the Capital to target winning over 50 per cent booths in the Assembly polls. Assuring a landslide victory in the Assembly polls, he asked booth workers to set two goals- breaking all voting records and ensure that the BJP gets more than 50 per cent at each booth. He said that the AAP is making new announcements daily because they are getting the new news of defeat every day. "These AAP-da people are now making a new announcement every day. This means that they are getting new news of defeat every day.

They are so scared that they have to make a new announcement every morning but now the people of Delhi have understood their game," he said.

"These days these AAP people are raising slogans that 'fir aayege, fir aayege (we will come again)'. But the public is replying to them that 'ye fir khayege, fir khayege (they will eat again, they will eat again)," Modi said, attacking the AAP on corruption charges. Claiming that there is a lot of anger against the AAP government in public, Modi asserted that the common man is saying that 'We will remove AAP and bring BJP to power'. He also said that the AAP leaders have turned away from their ideology. "This party was formed in the name of Jan Lokpal. But today it is neither in Delhi nor in Punjab nor do they speak in its name. They make excuses in Delhi, but they have a government in Punjab and they are not doing it there either," he said. "BJP kept Ram Mandir, Article 370, UCC at the core of its ideology and worked on them with complete honesty. There is only one focal point of our ideology - Nation First," he added.

He also slammed both the AAP and Congress for not fulfilling their promises to the women. "Lakhs of sisters of Himachal are still waiting for the fulfillment of Congress' promise. First the sisters of Haryana and then those of Maharashtra too were misled by Congress by making false announcements," the PM said. Stating that the AAP is two steps ahead of the Congress, he said, "AAP-da had promised to give Rs 1,000 every month to the sisters of Punjab. It's been three years but they haven't given a single penny yet. In Delhi too, it was announced a long time ago that Rs 1,000 will be given to every woman; that money has not been received yet. But now they are announcing an increase in it. This is the first such AAP-da model in the world, which only makes announcements in the air, lies, and deceives."



AAP national convener Arvind Kejriwal speaks during launch of manifesto for middle class ahead of the upcoming Delhi Assembly elections PTI

Kejriwal bats for salary class

RAJESH KUMAR ■ NEW DELHI

Terming the middle class a victim of tax terrorism and has been reduced to the government's ATM, Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) national convener Arvind Kejriwal on Wednesday unveiled his party's manifesto for the upcoming Delhi elections and Union Budget-2025, listing seven Budget demands from the Centre that AAP MPs will raise in Parliament for the interests of the middle class. Kejriwal accused other political parties of treating the middle class as "just an ATM for the government" saying the middle class is the real superpower of the Indian economy but has long been ignored and exploited solely for tax collection. The party's key demands from the Centre include increasing the education budget from 2% to 10%, providing scholarships for higher studies, enhancing the health budget, removing essential

KEJRIWAL'S SEVEN DEMANDS:

- ❑ Regulations on private school fees nationwide
- ❑ Subsidies and scholarships in higher education
- ❑ Raise health budget to 10 percent; tax free health insurance.
- ❑ Increase IT exemption limit to Rs 10 lakhs.
- ❑ Abolish GST on essential commodities.
- ❑ Robust retirement plans and pensions
- ❑ Reinstate the % concession for senior citizens in railway

commodities, introducing a pension scheme for senior citizens, and offering a 50% concession on railway tickets for senior citizens. This is the first time that a political party in Delhi has tried to address issues of middle class. Delhi's middle class, which comprises a significant 45 percent of its population and could provide to be a key deciding factor in the upcoming polls. The poor account for 35 per cent, the middle class 45 per cent, and the upper class around 20 per cent of Delhi's population.

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Saif Ali's family properties marked as enemy property

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ BHOPAL

In a setback to actor Saif Ali Khan, recuperating from attack, Madhya Pradesh High Court has asked him to approach the appellate authority against an order of the Central Government that declared historical properties of the Pataudi family in Bhopal, estimated to be worth Rs 15,000 crore, as "enemy property".



Tahir Hussain denied bail for Delhi Assembly poll campaign

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ NEW DELHI

Former Councillor and February 2020 riots accused Tahir Hussain on Wednesday failed to secure an interim bail to campaign for Delhi assembly polls after a Supreme Court bench gave a split verdict. While Justice Pankaj Mithal dismissed Hussain's plea saying no case was made out, Justice Ahsanuddin Amanullah opined he could be released on interim bail. The matter would be placed before Chief Justice Sanjiv Khanna for the constitution of a new bigger bench to decide the issue. Observing the right to contest elections was not a fundamental right, Justice Mithal said allowing interim bail could open a Pandora's box as every undertrial would invoke the same ground. "In the event interim bails are to be allowed for purposes of contesting elections, it will open a Pandora's box. Since elections are all year round, every undertrial would come with the plea that he wants to participate in elections and



therefore be granted interim bail. This would open floodgates, which in our opinion can't be permitted," he said. The judge added, "Once such right is recognised, as a sequel, the petitioner would ask for right to vote, which is circumscribed by Section 62 of the Representation of Peoples Act." Releasing such a person on interim bail would amount to permitting the accused to go for door-to-door canvassing and hold meetings in the

locality where the crime took place and witnesses reside, he said. "Hence, there is a high possibility of the accused meeting the witnesses. The chargesheet reveals serious allegations against the accused and that the rooftop of his house/office was used as the "epicentre" for the offences," said Justice Mithal. He said it was worth mentioning that canvassing for 10-15 days would not suffice the purpose in as much as a constituency has to be nurtured for years, for contesting. "If petitioner had not nurtured it for the past few years sitting in jail, there is no reason why he should be released," he said. While acknowledging the allegations against Hussain were grave and serious, Justice Amanullah said they were only allegations at the present moment. He said the petitioner was in custody since March, 2020, and had secured bail in most cases and the Delhi High Court allowed him to file nomination.

Five sentenced to death for gangrape-murder of minor

PTI ■ KORBA

A court in Chhattisgarh has sentenced five men to death for the gangrape-murder of a 16-year-old girl and the killing of her two family members in 2021, holding that the crime has shocked the collective conscience of society. The Fast Track Special Court in Korba district sentenced to death Santram Manjhwra (49), Abdul Jabbar (34), Anil Kumar Sarthi (24), Pardeshi Ram (39) and Anand Ram Panika (29) and handed a life sentence to the six accused, Umashanakar Yadav (26). While delivering the judgement on January 15, Additional Sessions Judge Mamta Bhojwani held that this inhuman and cruel act of the accused is extremely perverted, heinous, brutal and cowardly, said special public prosecutor Sunil Kumar Mishra on Wednesday. A copy of the order was made available on Monday. Those given the death penalty were convicted under sections 302 (murder), 376 (2)G (gangrape) and other sections of the Indian Penal Code (IPC) and provisions of the Scheduled Caste and Scheduled Tribe (Prevention



of Atrocities) Act and Protection of Children from Sexual Offences (POCSO) Act. The lawyer said he had sought the death penalty for all six accused but Yadav was sentenced to life imprisonment on medical grounds. Yadav's medical examination had shown that he underwent a surgery following an accident that damaged his private parts. His involvement in the rape was not established but his role in the conspiracy and murder was found and he was sentenced accordingly, Mishra added. In 2021, the teenage girl was allegedly gang-raped and bludgeoned with stones before she was dumped in a forest leading to her death

The men took the trio to the foot of a hill surrounded by forest near Gadhpurda where the 16-year-old girl was gang-raped in front of her father. After thrashing all the victims with stones and sticks, they dumped them in the forest before fleeing from the scene, police said. Four days after the crime, when the deceased man's son approached the Lemru police station saying three members of their family were missing, cops swung into action and rounded up the six men on February 2, they said. After questioning them, police reached the crime site the same day and found the injured teenager alive and two others dead. The rape victim died while being rushed to a local hospital, police said. The victims belonged to the Pahadi Korwa tribal community, a Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Group (PVTG). Citing police investigation, Mishra said that Manjhwra was pressuring the teenage girl to become his second wife. When she and her family objected to this, Manjhwra and his five associates raped and killed her and also murdered her two family members.

PM Modi to visit Kumbh on February 5

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ MAHAKUMBH NAGAR

Prime Minister Narendra Modi is scheduled to visit the ongoing Maha Kumbh Mela in Prayagraj on February 5, according to sources. The grand spiritual event has already seen an influx of millions of devotees, and the Prime Minister's visit is expected to draw further attention to the historic gathering. Union Home Minister Amit Shah is slated to attend the Maha Kumbh Mela on January 27. During his visit, Shah is expected to take a holy dip at the Sangam, perform the Ganga Puja, and hold discussions with officials overseeing the event. Vice President Jagdeep Dhankhar is also scheduled to visit the Mela on February 1. Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath previously confirmed the participation of top dignitaries, including President Droupadi Murmu, Vice President Jagdeep Dhankhar, Prime Minister Narendra Modi, and Union Home Minister Amit Shah. "Their presence underscores the cultural and spiritual significance of the Maha



Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath with his Cabinet colleagues takes a holy dip at the Sangam during the Maha Kumbh Mela 2025, in Prayagraj PTI

Kumbh Mela, which is a proud symbol of India's heritage," said the Chief Minister. The administration is making elaborate preparations to ensure smooth logistics and security during the visits of these high-profile leaders. Special arrangements are being made to manage

Jammu village sealed amid mysterious deaths

MOHIT KANDHARI ■ JAMMU

Raising a 'red flag,' the District Magistrate Rajouri has declared Badhaal village, which has so far witnessed 17 deaths due to 'mysterious illness' since December 7, 2024, a 'containment zone' under section 163 of Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita (BNSS) with immediate effect. Section 163 of the BNSS gives magistrates the power to issue written orders in urgent situations. According to the order issued by the office of the District Magistrate, Rajouri on January 21, 2025, "In view of the recent health situation in the Badhaal area and to curb the spread of infection the following orders are issued under section 163 of BNSS". Meanwhile, four villagers including three sisters have been admitted to the hospital in the last 24 hours.



Security personnel keep vigil after the remote Badhaal village was declared a containment zone and prohibitory orders imposed on all public and private gatherings in Jammu and Kashmir's Rajouri district PTI

On Tuesday, Aijaz Ahmad a 25-year-old youth had some symptoms of the mysterious disease, he was later taken to GMC Jammu from where he was shifted to PGI Chandigarh under special arrangements. Three sisters were rushed to the GMC, Rajouri on Wednesday morning. The doctors are monitoring their health condition; if required, the trio will be shifted to GMC, Jammu. According to the order issued by additional district magistrate (Rajouri) Rajeev Kumar Khajuria, the village has been divided into three containment zones - the first covering all families where deaths have occurred.

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BEDKHALI NOTICE

I, Mehar Singh Panwar S/o Sh. Ami Chand Panwar R/o H.No.32, Himshikha Colony, Near Gurudwara, CRPF Pinjore Tehsil Kalka, Distt. Panchkula, Haryana disinherited my son Atul Panwar with his family from my property and life vide news publication Dt.02-09-2014 through Newspaper Dainik Saveria. That no dispute is pending with my above said son. Now I wish to cancel the disassociation/ disownment of my said son Atul Panwar with his family after publication of this notice.

We, Dharmender Kumar S/o Hans Raj & Sunita W/o Dharmender Kumar R/o Village-Teora Shahabad (M), Distt-Kurukshetra declare that our daughter Aanchal Kashyap is out of our control. So, we disown her from our all movable/immovable properties. If anybody deals with her shall do their own risk in future.

I, Sunita Devi, wife of late Shri Bijender Singh, resident of village Ismaila-11B, Tehsil Sampla, District Rohtak, declare that my son Narender and his wife Surekha are beyond my control. I evict them from my movable and immovable property. In future, anyone who has any transaction, legal or illegal work or other dealings with them will be responsible for it. I and any member of my family will not be responsible for it.

We Kuldeep Singh S/o Chajju Singh and Gurmeet Kaur W/o Kuldeep Singh R/o # 167, near Gurudwara, Opposite Sector 16, Panchkula declared that our Son Gagandeep Singh is out of our control. So we disown him from our all movable/immovable properties. Anybody deals with him at their own risk.

We Sarjivan Singh Randhawa S/o Late Balwant Singh and Harjit Randhawa W/o Sarjivan Singh Randhawa both R/o # 26 Sector-6 Panchkula Haryana, Declare that our younger son Puneet Randhawa and his wife Amariyoti Randhawa are out of our control. So, we disown them from our all movable/immovable properties. Henceforth anybody dealing with them will do so at their own risk and responsibility.

I, Rinku S/o Gyan Chand R/o Bhatt Majra, Sarswati Khera Colony, Pehowa, Kurukshetra My Daughter Palak Preet is out of my control. I, disown them from all my moveable and immovable properties. If Anybody deals with him at Their Own risk.

I, Harbanish Singh S/o Dara Ram Vill.Bhuni, Ambala My Son Malkit Singh and his wife Rajwinder Kaur is out of my control. I, disown them from all my moveable and immovable properties. If Anybody deals with him at Their Own risk.

I, Baljinder Singh S/o Amrik Singh R/o Vill: Altalgarh Teh-Mukerian (Hoshiarpur) declare that my two son's Gursimran Singh and Harmandeep Singh is out of my control. So I disown with them from my moveable/immovable property. If anybody dealing with them at his/her own risk.

I, Sheela Devi Widow Suresh Kumar R/O Ward no.14 Village Peedal Tehsil Guhla District Kaithal Haryana, hereby declare that my son Rammehar and his wife Neelam Sharma are out of my control. Therefore, I disown them from our movable and immovable property. Anyone dealing with them will do so at their own risk.

I, Harvinder Singh S/o Sh. Jarnail Singh resident of House no 722, chakki gali, ward no 1, near govt school, Mundi Kharar, Tehsil Kharar, District SAS Nagar (Mohali) (Adhaar No 9125 2363 3706) declare that my daughter Gursimran Kaur is out of my control. I disown her from all of my moveable and immovable properties. Anybody dealing with her will deal at your own risk. Concerned note.

I, Manjeet Singh son of Sewa Singh resident of 117/118, Lane No. 2, Dhobi Mohalla, Tophkana Bazaar, Ambala Cantonment, evict my son Harpreet Singh and his wife Asha who is beyond my control, from my moveable and immovable property. Whoever transacts with them will be responsible for it.

PUBLIC NOTICE

I Army No.101995511W Rank NK Mandeep Singh S/o Gurdeep Singh R/o Vill : Leharka, P.O: Chawinda Devi, Teh. Majitha, Distt. Amritsar declare that in my army record, my son's name has been wrongly registered as Harun Singh instead of Hamoor Singh.

I, Sarbjit Kaur W/o Malook Singh R/o VPO Sohail Distt Gurdaspur (Pb) declare that Sarbjit Kaur and Sarbjit Kaur both names pertain to one and the same person i.e myself. Concerned note.

I, No. 15483844M, Rank DFR, Ram Niwas Poonia S/o Ramchandra, R/o 62 Cavalry, Tibri Cantt, Tehsil/Distt Gurdaspur, Punjab, India declare that in my Army Service Record, my Mother's Name wrongly recorded as Chani Devi. Her correct name is Chena Devi.

I, No. 15483844M, Rank DFR, Ram Niwas Poonia S/o Ramchandra, R/o 62 Cavalry, Tibri Cantt, Tehsil/Distt Gurdaspur, Punjab, India declare that in my Army Service Record, my wife's Name wrongly recorded as Savitry Devi. Her correct name is Savitri Devi.

I, No. 15483844M, Rank DFR, Ram Niwas Poonia S/o Ramchandra, R/o 62 Cavalry, Tibri Cantt, Tehsil & Distt Kurukshetra declare that our daughter Aanchal Kashyap is out of our control. So, we disown her from our all movable/immovable properties. If anybody deals with her shall do their own risk in future.

I, Indryas Masih S/o Balwant Masih R/o Ludhiana Mohalla, Dhariwal Distt Gurdaspur Declare that in Matriculation Certificate year 2024 of my son Joy with Roll Number 13178374, his parents names wrongly written as Indryas and Sunita. His father's correct name is Indryas Masih and mother's correct name is Sunita Gill. Concerned note.

I Service No.19007290W Rank NK Gurpreet Singh S/O Prem Singh Unit 24 Sikh R/O Near Girls School Patti Mehmariam Vill. Daudhar Garbi Distt. Moga Declare That In My Army Service Record My Mother's Name Is Wrongly Mentioned As Paramjeet Kaur But My Mother's Correct Name Is Paramjit Kaur. Which May Be Amended Accordingly In My Army Service Record.

I, Geeta Devi Wife of No. 14650361H Rank- Hav. Auto Tech 'B' VEH Name Suneel Kumar Gupta, Unit 758 (I) FD WKSP COY EME C/o 56 APO, PIN- 906758, Permanent resident of Village- Tamatha, Post Office Dubari, Tehsil-Madhuban, District-Mau, State-Uttar Pradesh, Pin Code-221601 declare that in my husband's service record my name is wrongly entered as Gita Devi instead of Geeta Devi vide Affidavit No. IN-PB9328809338888X dated 02-01-2025

I, Aahna Sharma, aged 23 years, d/o Sh Anjeet Kumar permanent resident of Indora District Kangra HP do hereby state on oath that in my school records my mother's name is wrongly written as Anupma Jyoti instead of correct name Anupam Jyoti. Nobody shall have any objection if the same is corrected in my academic records accordingly. If my aversment supra is ever proved incorrect I shall face it's civil and/or criminal liability.

I, JC-313626P, Rank Subedar Clerk (SD) Anand Singh S/o Ram Karan R/O Garrison Engineer (Utility) Bathinda Military Station Pin-151004, date of birth of my wife Anita Yadav recorded/reflected in Army Record as 23-06-1985 That instead of 23-06-1984. Where as my wife date of birth actual and correct is 23-06-1984 vide affidavit No. 11AA347291.

I, Kanmai Saikia is legally Mother of No. JC-250625P Rank Nb/Ris Name Jiten Saikia of Unit 84 Armed Regt C/o 56 APO Residing at P.o. Da Gaon, Chintamonigrah, Tamuli Gaon, Jorhat State Assam Pin-785682 Declare That My Date of Birth 01/07/1949 Wrongly Mentioned in my Son Army Service Records but my correct Date of Birth is 05/06/1955.

I, Madammal Appusamy legally Mother of No. 15328675F Rank Hav Name Selvarasu A of Unit 22 Engr Regt C/o 56 APO Ferozepur Residing at Dno 4/3-64, Kuttiyagondanur, Sethukuzhi, Mettur, Dinnappatti, Salem State Tamil Nadu Pin-636303 Declare That My Name A Mathammal and my Date of Birth 01.07.1962 Wrongly Mentioned in my Son Army Service Records hut my correct Name is Madammal Appusamy and Correct Date of Birth is 20.02.1960

I Paila Krishnarao legally Father of No. 16118224A Rank Hav Name Paila Kurma Rao of Unit 22 Engr Regt C/o 56 APO Ferozepur Residing at Dno 00-00, Brahmana Veedhi, Devapuram, Nandigram, Sivakkulam State Andhra Pradesh Pin-532218 Declare That My Name P Krishna Murthy and my Date of Birth 27.08.1965 Wrongly Mentioned in my Son Army Service Records but my correct Name is Paila Krishnarao and Correct Date of Birth is 01.01.1946.

I, Army No. 16118180N Rank L/NK Name Nagatulasiram Gadi of Unit 03 Engr Regt. C/o 56 APO, PIN-914003 Yol Cantt, have changed my mother name from Sarbjit Kaur and Sarbjit Kaur both names pertain to one and the same person i.e myself. Concerned note.

I Katuri Rattaiiah is legally Father of No. 16122261L Rank NK Name Gopaiiah Katuri of Unit 22 Engr Regt C/o 56 APO Ferozepur Residing at 5-190, Adavuladeevi, Vtc, Nizampatnam, District. Guntur State Andhra Pradesh Pin-522262 Declare That My Date of Birth 10.05.1961 Wrongly Mentioned in my Son Army Service Records but my correct Date of Birth is 01.01.1960

I Katuri Veera Narayanamma is legally of No. 16122261L Rank NK Name Gopaiiah Katuri of Unit 22 Engr Regt C/o 56 APO Ferozepur Residing at 5-190, Adavuladeevi, Vtc, Nizampatnam, District. Guntur State Andhra Pradesh Pin-522262 Declare That My Name K Veeranarayannamma and my Date of Birth 05.09.1971 Wrongly Mentioned in my Son Army Service Records but my correct Name is Katuri Veera Narayanamma and Correct Date of Birth is 01.01.1971.

I, Army No. 16113147M Rank Hav Name Satyanarayana Reddy D of Unit 03 Engr Regt. C/o 56 APO, PIN-914003 Yol Cantt, have changed my mother name from Yenkata Rangamma to Desireddy Venkata Rangamma & Date of birth 01.07.1962 to 01.01.1960.

I, Army No. 16113147M Rank Hav Name Satyanarayana Reddy D of Unit 03 Engr Regt. C/o 56 APO, PIN-914003 Yol Cantt, have changed my Father name from Yella Reddy Desi Reddy to Desireddy Yallareddy & Date of birth 01.07.1955 to 01.08.1950.

I, JC312186A Rank SUB/CLKSD Name SEKAR C of Unit 03 Engr Regt. C/o 56 APO, PIN-914003 Yol Cantt, today camping at Ferozepur, have changed my mother name from C Vendra to Vendra Chandrasekar & Date of birth 01.07.1958 to 24.10.1960.

I, Paidi Apparao Is Father Of JC781957H Nb Sub Anantariju Pydi R/O Vanjangi, Amadalavalasa, Srikakulam, Andhra Pradesh-532484 Is Hereby Declare That I Have Changed My Name From Apparao To Paidi Apparao & Dob From 01-12-1967 To 01-01-1966 As Per Civil Documents Both Names And Dob Is Pertain To One And The Same Person. Affidavit No: 93AA 216297, 93AA 216 299.

I, Paidi Laxmi Is Mother Of JC781957H Nb Sub Anantariju Pydi R/O Vanjangi, Amadalavalasa, Srikakulam, Andhra Pradesh-532484 Is Hereby Declare That I Have Changed My Name From Luxmi To Paidi Laxmi & Dob From 12-05-1969 To 01-01-1968 As Per Civil Documents Both Names And Dob Is Pertain To One And The Same Person. Affidavit No: 93AA 216298, 93AA 216 301.

I, No. 14907895Y Ex Hav Gurmait Singh S/O Nikka Singh R/O Village Lakha Singh Wala PO: Machrai Kalan Tehsil Amloh, Distt. Fatehgarh Sahib (Pb.) That I have served in the Mech Inf Regt from 30 Jan 1983 to 31 Oct 2003. That Paramjit Kaur is my legally wedded wife. As per Army Records name and DOB Of my said wife has been written as Parmjit Kaur and DOB mentioned 15 Jun 1967. Whereas as per Aadhar Card and PAN Card her correct name is Paramjit Kaur and DOB 15 Jul 1974. Hence name and DOB be changed.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, Ritu W/o Rambir Singh R/O Chitana (200), Mehra-ii, Sonipat, Haryana have changed my name to Rittu for all future purposes.

I, Vajir Singh S/o Tale Ram R/O H.No. 464, Sector-7, Sonipat, Haryana have changed my name to Wazir Singh for all future purposes.

I, Dimple Singh Spouse of Rakesh Kumar R/O #1350-B, Sector 47-B, Chandigarh have changed my name from Dimple Singh to Dimpal Kumari vide Affidavit No - IN-CH54220815203235X Dated 18-01-2025 before Notary, Distt. Court at Chandigarh.

I, Hitesh Malhotra S/o Mohinder Pal Malhotra R/O 89, Street No. 7, Azad Nagar, Yamuna Nagar declares that in my passport no. E7068356 my father name mentioned as Mahinder Pal Malhotra. But his actual name is Mohinder Pal Malhotra.

I Meenu Khurana w/o Sunil khurana r/o h.no.179-D model town panipat declare Meenu and Meenu Khurana both are my name and in future my name is Meenu Khurana.

I Sunder Lal Khurana s/o Mool chand Khurana r/o h.no.179-D model town panipat declare Sunder Lal and Sunder Lal Khurana both are my name and in future my name is Sunder Lal Khurana.

I, Phoolwati w/o Ram Kumar R/o H.No. 247, Kherwal Sadan, Adarsh Colony, TCP-II, Hisar Cantt., Hisar, District Hisar, Haryana have changed my name from Phoolwati to Phooli Devi & my correct date of birth is 05.03.1947

I Prem Kumar S/o Roshan Lal Seth R/O 26, Mall Avenue, Mall Road, Amritsar-I, Amritsar, Punjab, India 143001 have changed my name from Prem Kumar to Prem Kumar Seth.

I, Pravin Tomar S/O Sh. Rajinder Singh R/O H.No. 591, Sector 19, Panchkula, Haryana-134113, have changed my Minor Son Name from Hardik Tomar to Raghav Tomar.

I, Bhag Chand S/O Shri Piara Lal R/O # 69 Village Jaganti Majri, Mullanpur, SAS Nagar, Mohali (Punjab)hereby affirm and declare that my Father's correct name is Piara Lal instead of Pyare Lal.

I Anita W/o Rajinder Prashad R/O Village Mahmoodpur Tehsil Saha, Distt Ambala declare that my name wrongly written in my husband's passport No. G4192819 is Anita Devi. But my correct name is Anita.

I, Musararat S/o Zafar Khan R/O House No. 1116 Mauli Complex, Mauli Jagran, Chandigarh- 160102. I Have Changed My Name From Musararat to Mushrat Ali Khan.

I, Mohd Hameed S/o Mushrat Ali Khan R/O House No. 1116 Mauli Complex, Mauli Jagran, Chandigarh- 160102. I Have Changed My Name From Mohd. Hameed to Mohamad Hameed.

I, Monika Kumari W/o Sh. Satya Narayan Jha R/O Flat No. 601, Tower No. 9, TDI Espania Heights, Sector-19, Sonipat, Haryana declares that Monika Kumari & Monika Jha both are my names.

I Ramandip Singh S/o Surjit Singh R/O House no. 61 Ghor Mohalla Zira (Ferozepur) have changed my name to Ramandeep Singh.

I, Dipin Ahuja S/o Late Satish Ahuja R/O H.No -1205 First Floor, Sector -11, Panchkula, Haryana -134113 have changed the name of my minor son from Aryan Ahuja age 11years to Aaryann Ahuja for all future purposes.

I, Dipin Ahuja S/o Late Satish Ahuja R/O H.No -1205 First Floor, Sector -11, Panchkula, Haryana -134113 have changed my name to Dipin Aditya Ahuja for all future purposes.

I, Dipin Ahuja S/o Late Satish Ahuja R/O H.No -1205 First Floor, Sector -11, Panchkula, Haryana -134113 have changed the name of my minor daughter from Inaayat Ahuja age 15 years to Enaayat Ahuja for all future purposes.

I, Kailash Rani W/o Sh. Subhash Chand R/O H.No. 87/8, Ram Nagar, Karnal I have changed my name from Kailash Chauhan to Kailash Rani.

I, Kunti Devi Mother of Kalyan Gupta R/O #994-A, Sector 47-A, Chandigarh have changed my name from Kunti Devi to Kunti vide Affidavit No-IN-CH54270066344073X Dated 21-01-2025 before Notary, Distt. Court at Chandigarh.

I, Nirmala Gupta, W/o Sh. Shiv Kumar Goyal, R/O H.No.723, Sector-11, Huda, Panipat, declares that Nirmal Gupta and Nirmala Gupta both are names of one Lady only. In future I would like to be known as Nirmala Gupta.

I, Ashpreet Sharma Wife of Sh. Rajesh Kumar R/O #1193/A, Sector 46-B, Chandigarh have changed my name from Ashpreet Sharma to Ashprit Sharma for the officials and unofficial purposes.

I, Menawati S/W/D/o Bajrang Lal Resident of Village Chapla Mori Post Office Bighar Tehsil and Distric Fatehabad 125050 have changed my name from Menawati (Old Name) to Maina Devi (New Name)

I, Kishori Lal s/o Surjan Singh, R/O # 4, Phase-II, Ramdarbar, Chandigarh have changed my name to Kishori Lal Rana.

I Balwan Devi Dogra W/o Jagdev Singh Dogra R/O House No. 1927, Sector 7-C, Chandigarh have changed my name from Balwan Devi Dogra to Balwan Devi.

I Sushma Dogra W/o Rajesh Dogra R/O House No. 1148, Sector 21-B, Chandigarh have changed my name from Sushma Dogra to Sushma Rani.

I, Dina Nath S/o Jai Bhagwan R/O House no. A-2/23,Eldeco Estate,Gt Karnal Road, Panipat have changed my name from Dina Nath to Dina Nath Gupta for all future purposes.

I KM Alka W/o Amit Tomar R/O H.no.1090,gali no.4, hari nagar, Panipat have changed my name from KM Alka to Alka for all future purposes.

I Moksh S/o Sh. Rajesh Arora R/O H. no 11-B, Friends Colony, Panipat, have changed my name from Moksh to Moksh Arora for all future purposes.

I Rajbala wife of Late Rajbir ,Mother of Navin R/o House No 566, New Indira Colony Manimajra Chandigarh inform that in my son Navin Secondary school Examination Certificate Roll No 2259362, Session 2010-12, Board CBSE my name wrongly mentioned Bala. My Correct name is Rajbala.

I Neelam W/o Gurdeep Singh R/O House No. 139, Village Dadu Majra Chandigarh have changed my name from Neelam to Neelam Kumari.

I Suresh Kesri S/o Mohan Lal R/O Village Kaneka Ka Bada Nayagaon Distt SAS Nagar Mohali Punjab have changed my name from and father name and date of birth from Suresh Kesri S/o Mohan Lal and date of birth 13.10.1964 to Suresh Sah S/o Mohan Sah and Date of birth 11.02.1980.

I Sushma Devi D/o Sh Uttam Singh Thakur R/O House no 5265/1 Modern Housing complex Manimajra Chandigarh have changed my name from Sushma Devi to Shreya Thakur.

I, Roshan Lal S/o Sh. Krishan Chand R/O H.No. 1619, Sector-3, Urban Estate, Kurukshetra have changed my name from Roshan Lal to Roshan Lal Aggarwal. In future I should be known as Roshan Lal Aggarwal. Note all concerns.

I, Chanchal W/o Army No - 14929256X Hav Mahesh Kumar R/O Shamsheernagar, Aurangabad, Bihar-824143 have changed my name from Chanchal Kumari vide affidavit dated 22.01.2025 before Distt. Session Court, Hisar

I, Jagannth Singh father of Army No -14929256X Hav Mahesh Kumar R/O Shamsheernagar, Aurangabad, Bihar-824143 have changed my name from Jagannth Singh to Jagannth Sharma and my correct date of birth is 01.01.1954 vide affidavit dated 22.01.2025 before Distt. Session Court, Hisar.

I, Duragwati Devi mother of Army No -14929256X Hav Mahesh Kumar R/O Shamsheernagar, Aurangabad, Bihar-824143 have changed my name from Duragwati Devi to Durgavati Devi and my correct date of birth is 01.01.1953 vide affidavit dated 22.01.2025 before Distt. Session Court, Hisar.

I, Nishu Kumari D/o Army No -14929256X Hav Mahesh Kumar R/O Shamsheernagar, Aurangabad, Bihar-824143 have changed my name from Nishu Kumari to Nishu Kumari Devi and my correct date of birth is 01.01.1953 vide affidavit dated 22.01.2025 before Distt. Session Court, Hisar.

I, Nishu Kumari D/o Army No -14929256X Hav Mahesh Kumar R/O Shamsheernagar, Aurangabad, Bihar-824143 have changed my name from Nishu Kumari to Nishu Kumari Devi and my correct date of birth is 01.01.1953 vide affidavit dated 22.01.2025 before Distt. Session Court, Hisar.

I, Dalip Singh S/o Budh Singh R/o Sarangra PO Sarangra District Amritsar have changed my name from Dalip Singh to Dalip Singh Kamboj

I, Vijay Kumar S/o Jodha Ram Taneja R/O VPO Mehta Chowk Tehsil Baba Bakala District Amritsar have changed my name from Vijay Kumar to Vijay Kumar Taneja

I, Jaspreet Kaur Sidhu W/o Manjit Singh Sidhu R/O 1 C, Sarkaria House Dr. Surat Singh Road, Near Punjab National Bank Amritsar have changed my name from Jaspreet Kaur Sidhu to Jaspreet Kaur

I, Mandeep Kaur D/o Gurdev Singh R/O House No. E8/802, Gali No. 6, Harkrishan Nagar, kate Road, Chheharta, Amritsar have declare that Mandeep is my Given name and Kaur is my Surname

I, No.15489589F Ld Sanap Sunil Bhaskar S/O Bhaskar Ramchandra Sanap R/o at Near Satsang Bhavan Madhav Nagar, Manmad, Nandgaon Rural Nashik Maharashtra-423104 have changed my daughter's name from Akshara Sanap to Akshara Sunil Sanap Vide Affidavit No.IN-PB99557776795444X Dt.22.01.2025 before Notary Public Amritsar

I, No.15489589F Ld Sanap Sunil Bhaskar S/O Bhaskar Ramchandra Sanap R/o at Near Satsang Bhavan Madhav Nagar, Manmad, Nandgaon Rural Nashik Maharashtra-423104 have changed my Son's name from Vaibhav Sunil Sanap Vide Affidavit No.IN-PB9955692064792X Dt.22.01.2025 before Notary Public Amritsar

I, Rinku Urf Sanjeev Kumar S/o Jagdish R/O Ward No. 04, Kalayat, Distt. Kaithal (Haryana) declares that I have changed my name from Rinku Urf Sanjeev Kumar to Sanjeev Kumar. In future, I will be known by the name of Sanjeev Kumar. All concerned please note.

I, Bittu Mehla, Adhar Card No. 891768125713, S/O Zile Singh, R/O Village Jadola, Tehsil Dhand, District Kaithal, Informs That, I Have Changed My Name From Bittu To Bittu Mehla. Call Me Bittu Mehla In Future.

I, Dave parshan Gupta S/o Sh Jagat Ram Gupta R/O House number 106 ward 7 Assandh district Karnal have changed my name Dave Parshan Gupta to Devi Parsan.

I, Gurdas S/o Raj Kumar R/O Village Gudha, Tehsil Ladwa, Kurukshetra, have changed my minor daughter's name from Ishu to Ishu Dahiya.

I, No. 3997737P Ex Hav Sanjiv Kumar S/O Sh. Bihkram Singh residence of Village & PO Janauri Tehsil & Distt. Hoshiarpur (PB) has changed my daughter's name from Kritika to Kritika Thakur. Concern Note.

I, Kuldeep Kumar S/o Ram Chander R/O Plot No. 14, Ward No. 14, Gali No. 6, Jammu Colony B, Yamunanagar, Haryana-135001 have changed my name to Kuldeep Kumar Duklan.

I, Kajol Kumari Daughter of No.14928751K Hav Vinod Rai R/O Gram Affour Aphaur 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, Vinod Kumar S/o Chaman Lal R/O H.No.13, Joshi Colony, The Mall Amritsar have changed my name from Vinod Kumar to Vinod Kumar Samra.

I, Rajesh Varmani S/o Banwari Lal Varmani R/O 517, Loharka Road, R.B Estate, Amritsar have changed my name from Rajesh Varmani to Rajesh Vermani.

I, Sartaj Kaur Sandhu W/o Arjan Singh, R/O H No 86, Gali No 11, Hargobind Nagar, Near Radha Swami Dera, Chheharta, Amritsar. 143105 have changed my name from Sartaj Kaur Sandhu to Sartaj Kaur

I, Poonam W/o Gurjit Singh R/O H.No.19 Gali No 5 Fateh Singh Nagar Bhagarhiwal District Amritsar have changed my name from Poonam to Poonam Babbar

I, Gurmeet Kaur Wife of No.7091689A Honorary Naib Subedar Sajjan Singh R/O Paracha District Gurdaspur have changed my Date of Birth from 25.02.1948 to 01.01.1935 Vide Affidavit No.IN-PB9956115371641X Dt.22.01.2025 before Notary Public Amritsar

I, Shashi Bala W/o Sham Sunder R/O Village Rupowali Brahmna Tehsil Baba Bakala District Amritsar have changed my name from Shashi Bala to Sunita Sunder

I, Swaranjit Singh S/o Satnam Singh R/O Vill. Thathian Mahantian Pati Gaji Ki Distt Tarn Taran that declare Singh is my Surname and Swaranjit is my Given name

I, Dalip Singh S/o Budh Singh R/o Sarangra PO Sarangra District Amritsar have changed my name from Dalip Singh to Dalip Singh Kamboj

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I, Jagdeesh Lal S/o Sahib Chand R/O 158, New Model Town, Chheharta, Amritsar-143105, have changed my name from Jagdeesh Lal to Jagdish Lal.

Punjab appoints nodal officer to coordinate with Delhi Police on security of AAP leaders

MONIKA MALIK ■ CHANDIGARH

To ensure seamless coordination with the Delhi Police during the Republic Day celebrations and the upcoming Delhi Assembly elections, the Punjab Police has appointed an Assistant Inspector General (AIG) as a nodal officer. The move came after a request from Delhi Police to share four plans and security details of Punjab protectees traveling to the national capital, amid heightened security measures. The Punjab Police has issued directives to its protectees, including Ministers and MLAs, to provide their tour details to the AIG to facilitate coordination. The decision was taken after Delhi Police's security division highlighted concerns regarding the movement of Punjab officials and their security teams in a letter addressed to Punjab's Additional Director General of Police (ADGP), Security. The letter underscored the importance of enhanced vigilance due to the dual security challenges of the Republic Day celebrations and the Delhi Assembly elections scheduled

for February 5. It requested Punjab Police to share comprehensive information about the protectees' travel itineraries and accompanying security arrangements. In response, Punjab Police assured full cooperation and outlined measures to address these concerns. They have directed the ADGP (Security) to liaise with Delhi Police's Protective Security Division and ensure briefing and sensitization of officers responsible for the security of Punjab's dignitaries. Punjab's security apparatus has highlighted the unique challenges of being a border state with a history of terrorism and recent attempts to revive militancy. Incidents such as grenade attacks on police stations have raised concerns about anti-national elements attempting to disrupt peace. These factors make the safety of Punjab protectees a matter of national importance.

The Punjab Police, while appointing the AIG as the nodal officer, reiterated its commitment to adhere to all security protocols and cooperate with Delhi Police to prevent any untoward incident that could adversely impact internal security. The coordination efforts come against the backdrop of a fierce political battle between the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) and the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP). BJP candidate P a r v e s h Verma, contesting against AAP national convener Arvind Kejriwal in New Delhi, accused the Punjab Government of misusing official resources to bolster AAP's campaign. Verma alleged that Chinese-made CCTV cameras were hastily installed in slums within his constituency using AAP-led Punjab Government resources. He also claimed that these installations posed security risks and were merely a publicity stunt by Kejriwal, who he said "fears an imminent defeat." He further alleged that Punjab Government teachers and employees were being transported to Delhi under the guise of AAP workers, and that trucks bearing Punjab registration plates were deliv-

ering campaign materials. Verma claimed that two teachers from Amritsar had already been detained in Delhi for their involvement in election activities. Reacting to the allegations, Punjab Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann had dismissed BJP's accusations as baseless. AAP also termed the BJP's remarks as an attempt to divert attention from their own shortcomings and impending electoral defeat.

AAP leaders argued that the BJP was resorting to smear tactics to undermine the party's credibility ahead of the elections. Chief Minister Mann, who has been addressing multiple rallies in Delhi for three consecutive days now, asserted that his Government's focus remained on governance and people's welfare, both in Punjab and beyond. As Delhi gears up for the Assembly elections, with results expected on February 8, the BJP and AAP are locked in an intense war of words. The AAP is aiming for a third consecutive term after a landslide victory in 2020, while the BJP is seeking to make significant inroads into Kejriwal's stronghold.

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Campaigning for Delhi Assembly Polls

Punjab to send second batch of primary teachers to Finland for training in March

PNS ■ CHANDIGARH

Punjab's commitment to revolutionizing primary education took another leap as the School Education Minister Harjot Singh Bains on Wednesday announced that the state government will send a second batch of 72 primary school teachers to Finland for training in March. The announcement was made during the Minister's visit to the School of Eminence in Phase XI, SAS Nagar (Mohali), where he was accompanied by education experts from the University of Turku, Finland. Highlighting the state's efforts to elevate educational standards, Bains revealed that a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) had been signed with the University of Turku. The program, designed to refine teaching methodologies, will consist of three weeks of training — one week in Punjab followed by two weeks in Finland. The delegation from Finland included Ari Kioski, Joel, Mirjami Einola, and Sari Isokytö-Sinjo, whose expertise and collaboration were lauded by the Minister. "This partnership underscores our

commitment to learning from global best practices and adapting them to meet the needs of our students," said Bains. The initiative aims to equip teachers with innovative techniques and methodologies that align with modern educational standards, said Bains while emphasizing that the program's ultimate goal is to improve student outcomes by preparing teachers to meet the diverse needs of their classrooms.

During the visit, the students and staff of the School of Eminence showcased their creativity. National Award-winning Art and Craft Teacher Gurpreet Singh Namdhari led a live painting session, where students crafted an intricate artwork featuring the Finnish flag outlined by a map of Finland. The Finnish delegation was deeply impressed by the artistic talents of the students, symbolizing the rich cultural exchange between Punjab and Finland. The Minister also presented the Finnish experts with the students' paintings as a token of appreciation. He expressed gratitude for their guidance in shaping the training curriculum and fostering an exchange of educational knowledge.

BRIEFS

MOBILE LABORATORIES FOR WATER & SOIL TESTING TO BE STARTED FOR FARMERS: HRY AGRI MINISTER

Chandigarh: To facilitate the fish farmers, Haryana Fisheries and Animal Husbandry Minister Shyam Singh Rana on Wednesday said that the state government has decided to start three mobile water testing laboratories. This laboratory will be in a van and will go to the farmers and test the water and soil quality of their ponds. Rana said that due to saline water in some places in the state, farming has become difficult there, due to which it has become impossible for farmers to get produce from their land. In view of this problem, farmers are being encouraged to rear prawns in saline water. This will not only make good use of their land, it will also give them a good income from prawn farming.

DIAMOND JUBILEE JAMBOREE OF BHARAT SCOUTS AND GUIDES TO BEGIN FROM JANUARY 28

Chandigarh: The Diamond Jubilee Jamboree of Bharat Scouts and Guides will be held from January 28 to February 3 in Tiruchirappalli, Tamil Nadu. This programme is a major part of the year-long events celebrating 75 years of Bharat Scouts and Guides. About 20,000 Scouts and Guides from across the country as well as 1,000 international participants from the Asia-Pacific region and other countries will participate in it. Chief National Commissioner, Bharat Scouts and Guides and State Chief Commissioner, Haryana KK Khandelwal, said this organization is a major national movement dedicated to youth empowerment and community service. He informed that 875 Scouts and Guides from Haryana will participate in this Jamboree.

HARYANA STATE DATA CENTRE TO UNDERGO PLANNED DOWNTIME FOR 2 DAYS

Chandigarh: The Haryana State Data Centre (HSDC) will undergo a planned downtime from 12.01 am on January 25 (Saturday) to 11.59 pm on January 26 (Sunday) as part of its ongoing efforts to upgrade and maintain its IT infrastructure. A spokesperson of the Citizen Resources Information Department said during this period, citizens may experience temporary disruptions to certain online services, including Saral Services, PPP related services, Aadhaar authentication services etc. These online services will remain affected and shall not be accessible directly or through Common Service Centres (CSC) from 12:01 am on January 25 to 11:59 pm on January 26. The team will work diligently to minimize the impact and ensure that all services will be restored as soon as possible. The department said it apologizes for any inconvenience this may cause and appreciates the understanding of the users as it works to improve its systems.

CHANDIGARH ADMN DECIDES TO HOLD MAYORAL POLLS ON JANUARY 30

Chandigarh: A day after the Punjab and Haryana High Court's decision on deferral, the Deputy Commissioner on Tuesday scheduled the Chandigarh Mayoral polls for January 30. Earlier the elections for the post of mayor, deputy mayor and senior deputy mayor were scheduled for January 24, against which the AAP filed a petition. The plea by Mayor Kuldeep Kumar of the AAP sought to allow him to continue until February 20, in a bid to give him a full one-year run. "In pursuance to the order pronounced by the Punjab and Haryana High Court, the order is being passed," the order issued by Deputy Commissioner Nishant Yadav said.

15 arrested in crackdown on cyber fraudsters in Hry

PNS ■ PANCHKULA

In a major crackdown on cybercriminals, Haryana Director General of Police (DGP) Shatruej Kapur on Wednesday said that the Nuh Police have arrested 15 members of a gang that was duping people through social media. The police recovered 20 mobile phones, 29 fake SIM cards, 250 fake gold coins, and 1 fake gold brick from the accused. Superintendent of Police Vijay Pratap said that a plan was prepared and different teams were formed to take action against cybercriminals. The teams launched a special operation which started around 11 am on Tuesday and continued till late at night. The teams conducted raids at different places including villages Palla, Sonkh, and Nai. These accused were using social media platforms for cybercrime. The accused used to post fake advertisements on social media and then cheated people. Mainly, all the accused used to hide their identity through social media and used to cheat people by booking hotels, sextortion, posing as gold coin holders, and advertising online rapido taxis. SHO of Cyber Crime Police Station Nuh, Vimal Rai said that during interrogation, it was revealed that the accused used to get fake SIM cards from Uttar Pradesh and Rajasthan. These accused used to post different types of advertisements on social media. Apart from this, the accused used to hide their identity and used to blackmail people by making obscene videos of people using fake SIMs and mobile phones and demanding money in fake accounts.

Hry CM approves contracts & purchases worth Rs 804 crore

PNS ■ CHANDIGARH

To promote solar energy and reduce electricity costs in Haryana, a project worth Rs 36 crore to install rooftop solar power plants on 290 government buildings in the State Haryana will be executed in the state. The Chief Minister Nayab Singh Saini, while presiding over a meeting of the High-Powered Purchase Committee (HPPC) held on Wednesday, approved the project.

In the meetings of the HPPC, Departmental High-Powered Purchase Committee (DHPPC), and High-Powered Purchases Committee (HPWPC), contracts and purchases worth a total of Rs. 804 crore were approved. Through negotiations with various bidders, rates were finalized, resulting in savings of over Rs. 30 crore.

Cabinet Ministers Vipul Goel, Ranbir Gangwa, and Shruti Choudhry were present at the meeting. The Chief Minister said that the state government is rapidly implementing the PM Surya Ghar Muft Bijli Yojana. The aim of this scheme is to provide affordable electricity to people by installing solar panels of up to 2 kW on rooftops. Consumers will use the electricity as per their need, and excess power will be sold to the grid, he said. Saini said that under this scheme, the central government is providing a subsidy of Rs. 60,000, and the Haryana government is providing Rs. 50,000. Therefore, people should take full advantage of this scheme, he said.

In the meeting, an agency was finalized for the complete disposal of legacy waste at the Bandhwari landfill site in Gurugram district.



The Chief Minister directed the officers concerned that the waste should be fully disposed of within the next 4 months. If this is not done, action will be taken against the concerned agency, and fines will be imposed, directed by the Chief Minister. He said that cleanliness arrangements should be ensured in all cities and rural areas of Haryana. No piles of garbage should be visible anywhere.

Meanwhile, in the meeting approval was also given for the purchase of super sucker machines to ensure proper cleaning of sewers, costing Rs. 13 crore approximately. Additionally, the Chief Minister directed that advanced technology should be studied for sewer cleaning.

Saini directed the officers concerned that there will be no compromise on quality in infrastructure projects. He said that special attention should be given to the quality of every task. The Quality Assurance Authority should also be involved to inspect the quality of the projects. Each project should be completed in a timely manner. Any negligence will not be tolerated, he directed.

cost of approximately Rs. 146 crore were also approved.

In the meeting agendas of the Uttar Haryana Bijli Vitran Nigam and Dakshin Haryana Bijli Vitran Nigam were also approved including the construction of new 33 KV substations, the integration of transmission lines, and other related works. The estimated cost for these projects will be approxi-

mately Rs. 391 crore.

Additionally, the purchase of 7 mobile toilet vans for police personnel, especially female officers, on field duty, 35 vehicles for the Anti-Corruption Bureau, and 22 vehicles for the Economic and Statistical Affairs Department was also approved. The total expenditure for these purchases will be around Rs. 6.33 crore.

Tensions Flare Between Protesting Farmers and Doctors: Allegations of Negligence in Dallewal's Treatment

MONIKA MALIK ■ CHANDIGARH

Tensions escalated between the medical team deployed at Khanauri border and the protesting farmers after accusations of negligence in treating farmer leader Jagjit Singh Dallewal, who is on the 58th day of his fast-unto-death. The conflict deepened when doctors from Patiala's Rajindra Hospital refused to continue Dallewal's treatment, citing harassment and misbehaviour by some protesting farmers.

The standoff emerged after farmer leader Abhimanyu Kohar accused the on-duty medical staff of "mishandling" an intravenous (IV) drip on Tuesday night, resulting in swelling in Dallewal's hand. Kohar alleged that an inexperienced junior doctor increased the drip's speed, causing severe discomfort to the farmer leader. "This act of negligence reflects the apathy towards Dallewal's critical health condition," said Kohar, adding that no senior doctor was present at that time.

The medical team, however, refuted these claims and alleged harassment by the protesting farmers. In a letter to the hospital's medical superintendent, they expressed concerns over their safety and announced their decision to withdraw from treating Dallewal. "The farmers' behaviour has been unacceptable. We cannot work under such hostile conditions," the letter stated.

Following the escalation, a team led by Patiala Civil Surgeon Dr Jagpalinder Singh visited the protest site to address the

grievances. They assured the farmers that experienced doctors would now be available round-the-clock to monitor Dallewal's condition. Senior officials also apologized for any lapses. Farmers, in turn, denied allegations of misbehaviour, accusing the medical team of trying to deflect blame.

As a result, Dallewal resumed medical treatment after a 15-hour hiatus, but only in the presence of administrative officials. A specially-modified tractor trolley, equipped with sunlight access and modern facilities, was also prepared for him, where he spent three hours in fresh air for the first time in 58 days.

Farmer leaders are now urging the Central Government to advance their meeting, currently scheduled for February 14, to avoid further risks to Dallewal's life. US-based cardiologist Dr Swaiman Singh, overseeing his treatment, warned that the farmer leader's recovery would require immediate intervention and adequate nutrition.

SC Monitoring Dallewal's Health

The Supreme Court also weighed in on Dallewal's health during a hearing on Wednesday. Punjab Advocate-General Gurminder Singh informed the Court that the farmer leader's health had shown improvement after receiving medical aid. The Court urged Dallewal to prioritize his health, with Justice KM Joseph expressing hope that he would remain mentally and physically strong to fight for his cause.

The Apex Court also advised Dallewal to travel to Chandigarh for a thorough medical check-up at the PGIMER a couple of days before the February 14 meeting with the Central Government. "We urge Dallewal to prioritize his health and take the necessary medical aid to ensure his effective participation in the upcoming discussions," the Court stated.

The Court, however, raised objections to the Punjab Government's claim that Dallewal was "out of danger" and directed the statement to be amended to reflect only "improvement in his condition".

Farmers Gear Up for Jan 26 Tractor March: One Protest, Two Calls, One Target

This Republic Day, Punjab's roads will witness an extraordinary show of unity as farmers gear up for a massive tractor march, with more than 80,000 tractors set to take part in protests at more than 200 locations across the State. The demonstration is being organized by two farmer bodies — the Samyukta Kisan Morcha (SKM) — a pan-India farmers' body which led 2020 agitation; and Kisan Mazdoor Morcha (KMM) and SKM (non-political) — two factions leading the ongoing 'Delhi Chalo' agitation at Punjab borders — with each calling for a separate march but united in their target — the BJP-led Central Government.

The SKM, known for leading the year-long protests against the now-repealed farm laws at Delhi borders, has called for an all-India protest against

the National Policy Framework on Agricultural Marketing — a draft policy aiming to improve the agricultural marketing system in India arguing that it is an effort "to bring back farm laws through the back door".

In Punjab, tractor marches will be held at tehsil level, with farmers from villages converging in organized routes to key protest points within each tehsil. At least 250 tractors are expected to gather in over 100 tehsils, making it one of the largest mobilizations in recent history. Farmers will return to their villages after the protest, which will run from noon to 3 pm on January 26.

Meanwhile, the KMM and SKM (NP), who have been protesting at the Shambhu and Khanauri borders for almost a year now, are calling for tractor marches to demand a legal guarantee for MSP. These outfits plan to target over 50 toll plazas, corporate silos, BJP leaders' residences, and malls across the state. Over 65,000 tractors are expected to participate in these protests, all to be carried out peacefully, said KMM convener Sarwan Singh Pandher.

The ongoing fast-unto-death by farmer leader Jagjit Singh Dallewal, now in its 58th day, has further fueled support for the cause, with farmers rallying behind his demands. Farmers associated with these unions also plan to hold additional marches towards the Shambhu border on January 29-30 to reinforce their position, ahead of the scheduled February 14 meeting with Centre.

Hry's tableau to showcase divine view of prosperity, heritage & development: IPR DG

PNS ■ CHANDIGARH

KM Pandurang, Director General, Information, Public Relations, Languages and Culture, Haryana on Wednesday said that this year's Republic Day celebrations will feature Haryana's tableau on New Delhi's Kartavya Path, showcasing a divine depiction of the state's prosperity, heritage, and development. The tableau will highlight Haryana's rich cultural heritage through the portrayal of the divine message of the Bhagavad Gita, delivered by Lord Shri Krishna to Arjuna in Kurukshetra. Additionally, it will offer a glimpse of a modern Haryana, a sports powerhouse, reflecting the state's continuous development in technology and innovation, alongside the stellar achievements of its athletes.



The middle section of the tableau features a craft cart inspired by the Surajkund Mela, showcasing Haryana's rich art and handicrafts. Behind the craft cart, a 'Haryanvi Tau' is depicted working on a laptop, symbolizing how Haryana's farmers are utilizing information technology to enhance their daily lives and farming practices. Through digital platforms like 'Meri Fasal-Mera Byora,' they access government schemes and check crop prices online. Nearby, two schoolgirls in uniform represent Haryana's commitment to women empowerment and gender equality, reflecting the impact of programs like Beti Bachao-Beti Padhao.

Pandurang said that the rear section of the tableau depicts a blend of skyscrapers, modernization, and urbanization in Gurugram. This part

highlights how Haryana has emerged as a leading state in technology, innovation, and technical advancements. The modernization of Gurugram through the PPP model, along with its status as a leader in software exports, symbolizes the identity of a new and prosperous Haryana. In addition to technological progress, the state is also making its mark as a hub for startups and innovation.

The final section of the tableau features Olympic athletes from Haryana standing proudly on a skyscraper, symbolizing the state's remarkable sports achievements. Haryana is renowned as a sports powerhouse, contributing more than 30 percent of India's medals in international competitions, including the Olympics and Commonwealth Games, despite comprising only 2 percent of the nation's population and 1.34 percent of

its geographical area. This year, Haryana's athletes won 16 Olympic and Paralympic medals, further solidifying its identity as a sports hub. This success is a direct result of the Haryana Government's exemplary sports policy, the encouragement provided to athletes, and the relentless dedication of the state's talented players. This section honors the hard work, dedication, and achievements of Haryana's athletes, who bring pride and prestige to both the state and the nation. Through this tableau, Haryana has demonstrated its unwavering commitment to showcasing India's new and developed form on Republic Day 2025.

Pandurang informed that this is the fourth consecutive year that Haryana's tableau will have the honor of being showcased on the Kartavya Path in New Delhi during the Republic Day celebrations. This year, the theme of Haryana's tableau is 'Samridh Haryana-Virasat Aur Vikas' with its construction completed at the Rashtriya Rangshala Camp of the Ministry of Defense, Government of India. Previous Haryana tableaux have successfully featured themes such as 'Khelo Mai Number One - Haryana' in 2022, 'International Gita Mahotsav' in 2023, and 'Mera Parivar-Meri Pehchan' in 2024.

SAD to challenge SGPC voter list anomalies; To meet Gurudwara Election Commissioner

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In a high-stakes political move, the Shiromani Akali Dal (SAD) on Wednesday announced its decision to approach the Gurudwara Election Commission over alleged large-scale irregularities in ensuring the voter lists for the Shiromani Gurudwara Parbandhak Committee (SGPC) elections.

Convening a crucial meeting at its Chandigarh headquarters, SAD's working president Balwinder Singh Bhundar, former president Sukhbir Singh Badal, SGPC president Harjinder Singh Dhama, and senior leaders strategized to counter what they termed a deliberate attempt by the ruling Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) to manipulate the elections.

The party resolved to demand a thorough scrutiny of

voter lists, an extension of the voter registration period, and the removal of ineligible voters. A delegation led by Sukhbir Badal will present evidence of these discrepancies to the Chief Commissioner for Gurudwara Elections, Justice (retired) SS Saron, on Thursday.

Sukhbir, addressing the media after the meeting, accused the AAP Government of inflating voter rolls by registering bogus entries and including individuals from other religions to influence the SGPC elections. "The sanctity of these elections is being compromised through deliberate manipulation of voter lists. Non-Sikhs and en-masse names from assembly voter rolls have been added," he alleged.

"We will apprise the Chief Commissioner that the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) government is trying to rig the gurudwara elections by inflating the voter

lists by registering bogus voters and even voters from other religions. The AAP government is trying every trick in the trade to include ineligible voters with the purpose of influencing the elections," he said.

He further stressed that the SGPC, as the apex body managing Sikh religious affairs, must remain free from political interference. He emphasized the urgency of addressing these irregularities, calling the situation a threat to Sikh identity and autonomy. The meeting, attended by a majority of SGPC members, saw extensive discussions on the anomalies in the voter lists. Senior leader Daljit Singh Cheema outlined the key decisions taken, including filing a formal complaint with the Gurudwara Election Commission; demanding an extension of the deadline for voter registration to ensure all eligible voters are

included; submitting evidence of ineligible voters and appealing for their deletion from the rolls; and engaging sub-divisional magistrates (SDMs) to address discrepancies at the local level.

SGPC president Dhama expressed his concern over the involvement of Booth Level Officers (BLOs), who, he claimed, had added names without proper verification. "In many cases, names of non-Sikhs have been registered, and voter lists lack essential details such as photographs," Dhama said.

The meeting concluded with a rallying call to SAD members and workers to unite against what was described as "anti-panthic forces." Party leaders vowed to protect the sanctity of the SGPC elections and secure a decisive victory. They also pledged to intensify their membership drive and counter any attempts to weaken the panthic vote base.

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CHANGE OF NAME

I, Jaya Wife of Bambhaniya Ramesh Bhai Puna Bhai of Village Rameshwar PO- Samtev, Teh. Una, Distt. Junagadh (GJ) have changed my name from Jaya to Bambhaniya Jayaben Rameshbhai vide Affidavit dated 21/01/2025 Panchkula Court.

I, Bambhaniya Ramesh Bhai Puna Bhai of Village Rameshwar PO. Samtev, Teh. Una, Distt. Junagadh (GJ) have changed my Daughter name from Jinal to Bambhaniya Jinalben Rameshbhai vide affidavit dated 21/01/2025 before Panchkula court.

I, Savita Devi legally spouse of No.15786577A Rank BHM Name Ashwini Kumar Unit 322 AD Regt C/o 56 APO Bathinda cantt. (Punjab) permanent resident of Vill Baijnathpur, PO Nawgai, Thana Sangrampur, Distt. Muger, State Bihar-813212 declare That I have changed my name from Savita Devi to Savita Kumari and DOB from 15.03.1986 to 02.04.1984 vide affidavit dated 22.01.2025

I, Meena Devi legally mother of No.15786577A Rank BHM Name Ashwini Kumar Unit 322 AD Regt C/o 56 APO Bathinda cantt. (Punjab) permanent resident of Vill Baijnathpur, PO Nawgai, Thana Sangrampur, Distt. Muger, State Bihar-813212 declare That I have changed my DOB from 01.07.1964 to 01.01.1955 vide affidavit dated 22.01.2025

I, Jagroop Singh legally father of No.16129627A Rank L/NK Name Ravindra Singh Unit 4 Engr Regt C/o 56 APO Bathinda cantt. (Punjab) permanent resident of Gram Mathpurwa, Kumbhi, Kanpur Dehat, Distt. Kumbhi, State Uttar Pradesh-209101 declare That I have changed my DOB from 07.04.1963 to 01.01.1963 vide affidavit dated 22.01.2025

I, Rocky s/o Kewal Krishan, resident of House No. 74, HUDA, R-II, Ward No. 7, Cheeka, Tehsil Guhla, District Kaithal, Haryana, have changed my name from Rocky to Rocky Khurana.

I, Bambhaniya Ramesh Bhai Puna Bhai of village Rameshwar PO. Samtev, Teh. Una Distt. Junagadh (GJ) have changed my son name from Dhawal Kumar to Bambhaniya Dhavalbhai Rameshbhai vide affidavit dated 21/01/2025 before Panchkula court.

I Aarti Devi W/o Sh. Deep Chand Vill. Munak Sub Tehsil Balla Distt. Karnal have changed my name from Aarti to Aarti Devi. In future, I should be known and known as Aarti Devi. All Noted.

I, Simran D/o of Sh. Naresh Kumar R/o vill. Noorwala Distt. Panipat inform that in some of my documents my father's name is recorded as Naresh and in some as Naresh Kumar whereas both these names Naresh and Naresh Kumar belong to the same person i.e. my father.

I, Khli Bon Mother of Bambhaniya Ramesh Bhai Puna Bhai of Village Rameshwar PO Samtev, Teh-Una, Distt. Junagadh (GJ) have changed my name from Khli Bon to Bambhaniya Kaluben Punabhai vide Affidavit dated 21/01/2025 Panchkula Court.

I, Balwinder spouse of Army No 14405626L Ex Hav Bhupinder Pal Singh resident of Vill Galhriana, PO & Tehsil Mukerian, Distt Hoshiarpur (Punjab) have changed my name from Balwinder to Balwinder Kaur and date of birth as 20.08.1976 vide affidavit dated 22.01.2025 before Notary Mukerian, Distt Hoshiarpur (Punjab).

I, Manjit Singh s/o Balwinder Singh R/O Village Kot Budha PO Dehriwal Daroga Distt Gurdaspur have changed my name from Manjit Singh to Singh Manjit. In future Singh is my Surname and Manjit is my given name. Concerned note.

I Navjit Kaur W/o Joga Singh R/o H.no. 1985 Gurdev Mohalla VPO Barara Tehsil Barara distt. Ambala that I have changed my name from Navjit Kaur to Navjeet Kaur and surname to Kaur. Concerned note.

I, Pritam Kaur W/o Gurcharan Singh, 1595 Sector 6 Housing Board Colony Karnal, declare that Kaur is my surname and name is Pritam.

I Azad Singh S/o Sh. Sube Singh R/o vill. Sahanpur Teshsil Safidon District Jind i have to declare that my name Azad (अज़द) changed to Azad Singh (अज़द सिंह) for all future purpose.

I, Krishana Devi W/o Ghanshyam r/o Ward No. 3, Rajiv Chowk Safidon District Jind-126112, Haryana have changed my name from Krishana Devi to Krishana

I, Lakshay S/o Ghanshyam r/o Ward No. 3, Rajiv Chowk, Safidon District Jind-126112 (Haryana) I have changed my name from Lakshay to Lakshay Sharma

I, Ghanshyam Sharma S/o Jogi Ram r/o Ward No. 3, Rajiv Chowk, Safidon, District Jind-126112, (Haryana) I have changed my name from Ghanshyam Sharma to Ghanshyam.

I, Roshan Lal S/o Faggu Ram R/o # 31-A, Bhainsa Tibba, Sector 4, Panchkula, Haryana, in my PAN card my father's name is erroneously written as Fauja Ram whereas their correct name is Faggu Ram.

I, Gurinder Kumar / Gurinder Garg (old name) s/o Baldev Krishan Garg r/o 66, Shivalik Enclave NAC Sector 13 Chandigarh have changed my name from Gurinder Kumar / Gurinder Garg (old name) to Gurinder Kumar Garg (new name).

I, Isha Agarwal (old name) w/o Aayush Garg r/o 66, Shivalik Enclave NAC Sector 13 Chandigarh have changed my name from Isha Agarwal (old name) to Isha Garg (new name).

I, Rashmi Kashyap (old name) w/o Aashutosh Garg r/o 66, Shivalik Enclave NAC Sector 13 Chandigarh have changed my name from Rashmi Kashyap (old name) to Rashmi Garg (new name).

I, Baldev Krishan/ Baldev Garg (old name) s/o Jot Ram Garg r/o 66, Shivalik Enclave NAC Sector 13 Chandigarh have changed my name from Baldev Krishan/ Baldev Garg (old name) to Baldev Krishan Garg (new name).

I Rajinder Singh S/o Nasib Singh Near Gurdwara Shri Dera Sahib Sohana Distt Mohali have changed my name from Rajinder to Rajinder Singh.

I, Shagupta Bhudihal Legally Wedded Wife of Army No. 14944782N Rank: SEP Name: Fhrioo Bhudihal, B, Unit: 6 MECH INF C/o 56 APO, Permanent Resident of Alur, Vijaypura, Karnataka-586111, have changed my Name from Shagupta Bhudihal to Shagupta Fhrioo Bhudihal.

I, Priyanka Upadhyay W/o No. 15614821K Rank: Hav Bimlesh Kumar Upadhyay Unit: 14 Guards C/o 56 APO R/o Village- Babhanganwan, Gundi, Bhojpur, Bihar- 802313, declare that in my husband's service record my name is mentioned Priyanka but my correct name is Priyanka Upadhyay.

I, Gurpreet Singh Duggal s/o Charanjit Singh R/O #2876, Bagichi Mangal Dass, Dharampura Bazar Patiala. I Have Changed my name Gurpreet Singh Duggal to Gurpreet Singh.

I, Aakansha Dhawan D/o Deepak Dhawan R/o House No. 510, Phase-2, Sector-54, Mohali, Punjab have changed my name from Aakansha Dhawan to Aakanksha Dhawan.

I, Gurmeet Kaur, hithertofore known as Gurmigt Kaur R/O Village Dharak Kalan, Tehsil Kharar, District SAS Nagar (Mohali), Punjab have changed my name from Gurmigt Kaur to Gurmeet Kaur.

I, Sona Devi legally wedded spouse No. 3151470 Sepoy Late Dalipa R/O VPO - Pughthala, Teh. Ganaur, District - Sonipat (Haryana) in my husband service record have changed my name from Sona Devi to Sona Devi. In future I should be known as only Sona Devi.

I Sonika Thakur Gupta W/O Rupesh Gupta R/O flat no 104, first floor, Heritage Apartments, Peer Muchalla dhakauli, SAS Nagar, Mohali have change my name from Sonika Thakur Gupta to Sonika Thakur both are the same person.

I, Preeti Bala W/o Sh. Sanjay Manhar (D/o Ashok Kumar) R/o H.No. 540, District- Jalgao, State- Maharashtra, Pin-424206, have changed my name from Preeti Bala to Preeti Manhar, in future my name is to be called as Preeti Manhar.

I, Tapsiya Tanwar W/o Sh. Parveen Saini (D/o Jatan Lal Tanwar) R/O Bada Gurudwara Road, Rania Gate, Sirsa (Haryana). That I have changed my name after Marriage from Tapsiya Tanwar to Tapsya, in future my name is to be called as Tapsya.

I, Veenu S/o Dalip Singh Vill. Bakhlil, Plot No. 4, Pehowa, Kurukshetra have changed my name Gurwinder Singh

I, Ranjeet Kaur W/o Amrik Singh Vill.Siana Saidan, Pehowa, Kurukshetra have changed my name Ranjit Kaur

I Meena W/O Sunil Joshi House No.527/4 Urban Estate Kurukshetra have changed my name Meena Rani.

I, Parveen Kumar S/O Vishan Dass R/O Ward No. 14, Fouji Plot Pehowa, Kurukshetra. I, Changed My Minor Son Name From Jass to Jass (Given Name) Kumar (Surname).

I, Parveen Kumar S/O Vishan Dass R/o Ward No. 14, Fouji Plot Pehowa, Kurukshetra. I, Changed My Minor Son Name From Vansh to Vansh (Given Name) Kumar (Surname).

I, Kashish Goyal Alias Nidhi W/o Amit Goyal R/o Ismailabad, Pehowa, Kurukshetra have changed my name Nidhi Goel

I, Mohinder Singh S/o Lachhi Ram Vill.Kamalpur, Karnal have changed my name Mahinder Singh

I, Amit S/o Jai Bhagwan R/O Village Parwala, Tehsil Nilokheri, District Karnal, have changed my name from Amit to Amit Kumar.

I, Ritik S/o Kuldeep Singh R/O Village Sadarpur, Po. Khanpur, Tehsil Garhshankar, Distt. Hoshiarpur, Punjab have changed my name from Ritik to Ritik Singh (Singh as Surname).

I, Pawan Kumar S/o Manohar Lal R/O Gali No. 4, Sahibjada Ajit Singh Nagar, Khalwara Road Phagwara, Distt. Kapurthala have changed my name from Pawan Kumar to Pawan Kumar Aijtan. (Surname as Aijtan).

I, Rajiv Vasantal Solanki S/o Vasantal Laljibhai Solanki R/O Flat No. C-602 Hamilton Mayfair Residency, 66 Feet Road, Near Jalandhar Heights-II, Po.Garha, Jalandhar, Punjab-144022 have changed my name to Rajiv Solanki.

I, hitherto known as Neha Goyal W/o Kartik Gupta R/o H.No. 473, J-P Nagar, Jalandhar, Punjab-144002 have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as Neha Gupta.

I, Manjit Singh S/o Kashmir Singh R/o Vill. Sonspur, Po. Badla, Dasuya, Distt. Hoshiarpur have changed my minor daughter name from Diya to Diya Thakur.

I, Neha Sharma W/o Krishan Gopal R/O H.No. 32/38, Mohalla Khazanchian, Kapurthala have changed my name from Neha to Neha Sharma.

I, Dalvir Singh Bding S/O Gursewak Singh R/O H.No. 1169, Urban Estate, Phase-II, Jalandhar-144022, Punjab have delete my surname from Dalvir Singh Bding to Dalvir Singh.

I, Sanjeev Kumar S/O Joginder Paul Sharma r/o H.No. 59, Green Avenue, Kapurthala-144601, Punjab have changed my name from Sanjeev Kumar to Sanjeev Kumar Sharma.

I, hitherto known as Arun Kalai S/O Anant Klair R/o Jandu Singha, Po. Jandu Singha, Distt. Jalandhar, Punjab-144025, have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as Arun Klair.

I, hitherto known as Kausalya Kumari W/o Mangat Rai R/o VPO. Bhojwal, Distt. Jalandhar-144101, Punjab have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as Krishna Kumari.

I, hitherto known as Ram Lal Mehmi S/o Haria Ram R/O VPO. Boparai Kalan, Tehsil Nakodar, Distt. Jalandhar-144030, Punjab have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as Lal Chand.

I, hitherto known as Bakhshish Kaur W/o Harjinder Singh R/o Vill. Tanda Churiana, Teh. Mukerian, Distt. Hoshiarpur-144306, Punjab have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as Manjit Kaur.

I, No.2804901X L/Hav Gayakwad Vinod Samadhan resident of Village- Jamner, Post- Jamner, Tehsil- Jamner, District- Jalgao, State- Maharashtra, Pin-424206, have changed my Mother name from Janabai to Janabai Samadhan Gayakwad Vide affidavit No.IN-PB98770072407412X dated 20 Jan 2025 before notary public Pathankot

I, No.2804901X L/Hav Gayakwad Vinod Samadhan resident of Village- Jamner, Post- Jamner, Tehsil- Jamner, District- Jalgao, State- Maharashtra, Pin-424206, have changed my Father name from Samadhan to Samadhan Nathu Gayakwad Vide affidavit No.IN-PB9876683206972X dated 20 Jan 2025 before notary public Pathankot

I, No.14839634K Hav/MT Kamlesh Kumar resident of Village- Hatdher, Post-Sonagopalpur, Tehsil- Patna Sadar, District- Patna, State- Bihar, Pin-800007, have changed my Mother name from Pujuli Devi to Patali Singh Vide affidavit No.IN-PB9876538782250X dated 20 Jan 2025 before notary public Pathankot

I, No.15794370P RHM (TIR) Yalla Narayana Murty resident of Village- Rama Yogi Agraaharam, Rama Yogi Agraaharam, Tehsil- K Kotapadu, District- Visakhapatnam, State- Andhra Pradesh, Pin-531022, have changed my Mother name from Lakshmi to Laxmi Vide affidavit No.IN-PB94579653017620X dated 04 Jan 2024 before notary public Pathankot

I, No.15794370P RHM (TIR) Yalla Narayana Murty resident of Village- Rama Yogi Agraaharam, Rama Yogi Agraaharam, Tehsil- K Kotapadu, District- Visakhapatnam, State- Andhra Pradesh, Pin-531022, have changed my Father name from Satyanarayan to Sathyanarayana Vide affidavit No.IN-PB94614324739537X dated 04 Jan 2024 before notary public Pathankot

I, No.15633121L L/NK Manjunath P Balekundri, resident of Village- Bidi, Post-Bidi, Tehsil- Khanpur, District- Belagavi, State- Karnataka, Pin-591106, have changed my Father name from Prakash to Prakash Mahadev Balekundri Vide affidavit No.IN-PB99428741600520X dated 21 Jan 2025 before notary public Pathankot

I, No.15633121L L/NK Manjunath P Balekundri, resident of Village- Bidi, Post-Bidi, Tehsil- Khanpur, District- Belagavi, State- Karnataka, Pin-591106, have changed my Mother name from Saraswati to Saraswati Prakash Balekundri Vide affidavit No.IN-PB99427701584482X dated 21 Jan 2025 before notary public Pathankot

I, No.15633121L L/NK Manjunath P Balekundri, resident of Village- Bidi, Post-Bidi, Tehsil- Khanpur, District- Belagavi, State- Karnataka, Pin-591106, have changed my Mother name from Saraswati to Saraswati Prakash Balekundri Vide Affidavit No:48aa 901060, Dated:22/01/2025

I, Suresh Singh Chauhan Father of Rituraj resident of Village- Raisrana, Post- Raisrana, Tehsil- Neemrana, District- Alwar, State- Rajasthan, Pin-301708, have changed my name from Suresh Singh to Suresh Singh Chauhan Vide affidavit No.IN-PB9862636515369X dated 19 Jan 2025 before notary public Pathankot

I, Kamla Mother of Ranjeet resident of Village- Birmi, Post- Birmi, Tehsil- Malsisar, District- Jhunjhunu, State- Rajasthan, Pin-331027, have changed my name from Kamla Kanwar to Kamla Vide affidavit No.IN-PB98625372660640X dated 19 Jan 2025 before notary public Pathankot

I, Govind Kunvar Rajput Mother of Tejpal Singh Chohan resident of Village- Chiplana, Post- Gujardardia, Tehsil- Mandasaur, District- Mandasaur, State- MP, Pin-458895, have changed my name from Govind Kunwar to Govind Kunvar Rajput Vide affidavit No.IN-PB98625484218842X dated 19 Jan 2025 before notary public Pathankot

I, No.15781887F Hav (GNR) Anil Kumar Singh resident of Village- Nayaganj, Post- Nayaganj, Tehsil- Mahnar, District- Vaishali, State- Bihar, 844506, have changed my Daughter name from Sakshi to Sakshi Kumari Vide affidavit No.IN-PB98624616853230X dated 19 Jan 2025 before notary public Pathankot

I, Samundra Singh Mokawat Father of Ranjeet resident of Village- Birmi, Post-Birmi, Tehsil- Malsisar, District- Jhunjhunu, State- Rajasthan, Pin-331027, have changed my name from Samundra Singh to Samundra Singh Mokawat Vide affidavit No.IN-PB98625662550008X dated 19 Jan 2025 before notary public Pathankot

I 10199603H Rank Nk Name Vipan Kumar of 112 Inf Bn (TA) DOGRA residing of Vill- Garhmal, PO. Gharota, Teh- Pathankot. District. Pathankot (PB) have changed my son name from Rajvir to Rajbir.

I, Jasvir Singh S/O Ajit Singh R/O Village - Mugarala. Po- Dinanagar, Punjab. Have changed my Name From Jasvir Singh To Jasbir Singh.

I Narinderpal Singh S/O Khurshid Singh R/O Vill. Bagol Kalan P.O. Kurala Kalan Tehsil Dasuya District Hoshiarpur Punjab Have Changed My Name To Narinder Singh.

I, Kanta Rani W/O Narinder Singh R/O Vill. Bagol Kalan P.O. Kurala Kalan Tehsil Dasuya District Hoshiarpur Punjab Have Changed My Name To Kanta Devi.

I, Sheetala Prasad Singh Father of Bipin Kumar Singh resident of Village- Jaitoopur, Post- Jaitoopur, Tehsil- Akbarpur, District- Ambedkar Nagar, State- UP, Pin-224231, have changed my name from Shitla Prasad Singh to Sheetala Prasad Singh Vide affidavit No.IN-PB98625872228609X dated 19 Jan 2025 before notary public Pathankot

I, Sarabjeet Kaur Mother of No.4487965X NK Amandeep Singh resident of Village- Bhodi Pura, Post-Hakam Singh Wala, Tehsil-Rampura Phul, District-Bathinda, State- Punjab, Pin-151108, have changed my name from Sarabjit Kaur to Sarabjeet Kaur Vide affidavit No.IN-PB9659269452694523111X dated 11 Jan 2025 before notary public Pathankot

I, Sonu Devi is legally Wedded Spouse of Army No: JC-424695A Rank-NB/Sub-Name- Rajeev Singh Presently Posted at Unit: 24 mech inf C/o 56 Apo Jaisalmer, Rajasthan Permanent Address: Village:Thamber, Post: Thamber (208) Thumber, Ambala, Barara, Haryana-133205 declare that I have changed My Name from Sonu Devi to Sonu. Vide Affidavit No-48AA 901099, Dated:22-01-2025

I, Surrender Sharma Son of Shri Bhagi Rath Lal Sharma Resident Of House No. 96, Gali No. 2, Nahar Singh Colony, Ballabgarh, Faridabad, Haryana-121004 Declare That I Have Changed My Name From Surendra Kumar Sharma To Surrender Sharma

I, Subhashri Subharasmita Biswal Is Legally Wedded Spouse Of Army No-6494610f Rank-Hav Name-Rajesh Kumar Acharya Presently Posted At Unit: 282 Coy Asc (Sup) Type 'D' Hq N-Area, Chandigarh-905282 Permanent Address: Vill/Post:Manapur, Dist/Teh:Angul, State: Odisha, Pin- 759129 Declare That I Have Changed My Name From Subhashri Subharasmita Biswal To Subhashri Subharasmita Acharya.Vide Affidavit No:48aa 901100, Dated:22/01/2025

I, Bharati Is Mother Of Army No-6494610f Rank-Hav Name-Rajesh Kumar Acharya Presently Posted At Unit: 282 Coy Asc (Sup) Type 'D' Hq N-Area, Chandigarh-905282 Permanent Address: Vill/Post:Manapur, Dist/Teh:Angul, State: Odisha, Pin- 759129 Declare That I Have Changed My Name From Bharati To Bharati Acharya.Vide Affidavit No: 48aa 901100, Dated:22/01/2025

I, Bipin Bihari Acharya Is Father Of Army No-6494610f Rank-Hav Name-Rajesh Kumar Acharya Presently Posted At Unit: 282 Coy Asc (Sup) Type 'D' Hq N-Area, Chandigarh-905282 Permanent Address: Vill/Post:Manapur, Dist/Teh:Angul, State:Odisha, Pin- 759129 Declare That I Have Changed My Name From Bipin Bihari Acharya To Bipini Bihari Acharya.Vide Affidavit No: 48aa 901102, Dated:22/01/2025

I, Monika Sharma W/O Shiv Charan Mehta resident of # 49 Sun city -1 Rupnagar have changed my name to Monika.

I, Shiv Charan Mehta son of Jagdish Ram resident of # 49 Sun city -1 Rupnagar have changed my name to Shiv Charan.

I, Kuldeep Sharma S/O Sh. Harish Chander Sharma R/O H. No. Db-1332, Ward No. 9, Pt. Ratiram Marg, Near Munna Hair Saloon, Dabua Colony, Faridabad, Haryana, 121001 That I Have Changed My Son's Name From Abhimanyu Sharma To Vansh.

I 10199603H Rank Nk Name Vipan Kumar of 112 Inf Bn (TA) DOGRA residing of Vill- Garhmal, PO. Gharota, Teh- Pathankot. District. Pathankot (PB) have changed my son name from Rajvir to Rajbir.

I, Jasvir Singh S/O Ajit Singh R/O Village - Mugarala. Po- Dinanagar, Punjab. Have changed my Name From Jasvir Singh To Jasbir Singh.

I Narinderpal Singh S/O Khurshid Singh R/O Vill. Bagol Kalan P.O. Kurala Kalan Tehsil Dasuya District Hoshiarpur Punjab Have Changed My Name To Narinder Singh.

I, Kanta Rani W/O Narinder Singh R/O Vill. Bagol Kalan P.O. Kurala Kalan Tehsil Dasuya District Hoshiarpur Punjab Have Changed My Name To Kanta Devi.

I Sanjeev Kumar S/O Ram Saroop R/O Near Gurdwara Sahib, Vpo. Sagran, Hoshiarpur Have Changed My Name To Sanjeev Singh.

I, Mahesh Ashwini is legally wife of Army No. 14672697H. Rank NK, Name Mahesh Patil, Unit of 607 EME BN (805 FD WKSP) C/O 56 APO, Residing at Village Nanjimkodol, Po. Halashi, Teh. Khanapur, Distt. Belagavi, (Karnataka) 591120 have changed my Name in all documents From Mahesh Ashwini to Ashwini Patil Vide Affidavit Dated 21 January 2025 before at Notary Ferozepur.

I, Ravishankar S/O Pirthi Chand R/O Vill. Atwarapur P.O. Dandh, Hoshiarpur, Punjab Have Changed My Name To Ravishankar.

I, Manjeet Singh S/O Gurnam Singh R/O Vill. Bhagatpur P.O. Ghoman Tehsil Batala Distt. Gurdaspur Punjab, Declare That My Given Name As Manjeet And My Surname As Singh.

I, Tirath Singh S/O Harkishan Singh R/O Ward No.9 Vill. Dalli, P.O. Bhogpur Jalandhar Have Changed My Name To Tirath Singh.

I, Kuldeep Kumar s/O Churra Ram Resident of Village Sudhal, PO Khera, Tehsil Jagadhri, Distt. Yamuna Nagar -135003 (Haryana) INDIA declare that name of mine has been wrongly written as Kuldeep Singh in my minor daughter namely Yukti aged 16 years in her 10th Class educational Certificate. The actual name of mine is Kuldeep Kumar.

I Manpreet Singh Brar S/O Surinderjit Singh, R/O Vpo. Thandewala , Distt. Muktsar Hereby Declares That I Also Known As Manpreet Singh. That Manpreet Singh Brar & Manpreet Singh Is One & The Same Person With Two Names.

I, Balbir Singh S/o Sukhdev Singh R/O Vill-Dugal Kalan Teh-Patran Distt Patiala Punjab declares that I am known by both names Balbir Singh and Balvir Singh and both these names are mine.

I Balveer Singh Dhaliwal S/O Hakam Singh R/O Shaina, Teh Tapa District Barnala have changed my name Balveer Singh.

I Veerpal Kaur W/o Baljeet Singh vpo Shaina Tehsil Tapa District Barnala inform that I am known by both names Veerpal Kaur Pandher and Veerpal Kaur while I am one lady with both names.

I Manjit Kaur W/o Jaspal Singh R/O 394, Mohalla Jaswant Singh, Tam Taran, Distt Tam Taran have changed my name to Manjeet Kaur.

I Gurmit Singh S/O Piara Singh R/O Village Jagatpura Thatta Po Sarhali Kalan Distt Tam Taran Have Changed My Name From Gurmit Singh To Gurmeet Singh.

I, Hera Singh S/O Ram Singh Vill Norangabad Tehsil & Distt Tarn Taran I Have Changed My Name From Hera Singh To Hira Singh.

I Jagdeep Singh Hehar S/O Pritam Singh R/O Heran (Ludhiana) have changed my name to Jagdeep Singh.

I Hitherto Known As Satnam Singh S/O Sh. Resham Singh Residing At Vpo Dhanoa, Tehsil Mukerian, Distt. Hoshiarpur, Punjab Have Changed My Name And Shall Hereafter Be Known As Satnam Singh Dhanoa.

I Hitherto Known As Charanjit Kaur W/O Sh. Satnam Singh Dhanoa Residing At Vpo Dhanoa, Tehsil Mukerian, Distt. Hoshiarpur, Punjab Have Changed My Name And Shall Hereafter Be Known As Charanjit Kaur Dhanoa.

I, Kashmir Kaur mother of Army No 15562584N Ex Lance Nialk Pipal Singh Resident of House No 335 Ward No 8 Basti Machhiana Tehsil Zira Distt Ferozpur Punjab, have changed my name from Kashmir Kaur to Kashmeer Kaur in my son army service Records and shall hereafter be known as my new name Kashmeer Kaur as per affidavit dated 22 Jan 2025.

I, Army No. 16135124L Rank SPY Name Vechalapu Bhanu Prasad of Unit 03 Engr Regt. C/o 56 APO, PIN-914003 Yol Cantt, have changed my Father name from Venkata Rao to Gadi Venkatarao Vide Affidavit Notary Ferozepur.

I, Army No. 16118180N Rank L/NK Name Nagatulasiram Gadi of Unit 03 Engr Regt. C/o 56 APO, PIN-914003 Yol Cantt, have changed my Father name from Venkata Rao to Gadi Venkatarao Vide Affidavit Notary Ferozepur.

I, Mahesh Ashwini is legally wife of Army No. 14672697H. Rank NK, Name Mahesh Patil, Unit of 607 EME BN (805 FD WKSP) C/O 56 APO, Residing at Village Nanjimkodol, Po. Halashi, Teh. Khanapur, Distt. Belagavi, (Karnataka) 591120 have changed my Name in all documents From Mahesh Ashwini to Ashwini Patil Vide Affidavit Dated 21 January 2025 before at Notary Ferozepur.

I, Sadhu Ram Deora S/O Jagan Nath R/O #730 St.No. 7 Near Bansal Karyana Store Partap Singh Nagar Kotkapura (Faridkot) Pb, have changed my name to Sadhu Ram.

I, Asha Devi W/o Sadhu Ram R/o #730 St.No. 7 Near Bansal Karyana Store Partap Singh Nagar Kotkapura (Faridkot) Pb, have changed my name to Asha Rani.

I, Gobind Sharma S/O Hem Raj R/O H.No.1237/18, St.No.2, Baba Than Singh Nagar, Dhokan Mohalla, Ludhiana (Punjab) have changed my name to Gobind Kumar.

I Nancy Mann W/O Sh Sushil Kumar R/O Vpo Ghogripur Distt. Karnal Declare That I Have Changed My Name Nancy To Nancy Mann.

PUBLIC NOTICE Smt. Naveen Kaur... 255 1st Floor, Sec-55A, Chandigarh...

LOST & FOUND I. Gaurav Kumar s/o Ramnath R/o # 2441, Sector 17, Huda, Jagadhri...

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The online auction will be conducted on website (URL Link- https://assets.matexand.com) of our auction agency Motex Net Pvt Ltd.

PUBLIC NOTICE I. Satbir S/o Late Shri Chand R/o Garhi Bala, Atbari, Sonpat declare that after the death of my father...

नगर निगम रोहताक सार्वजनिक सूचना सर्व सामग्री को संपूर्ण विक्रय किया है कि नगर निगम, रोहताक...

NAME CHANGE I, Jagmohan Narwal S/o Sh. Rajpal R/o 2062, Ram Gopal Colony, Rohtak declare that I want to change my name from Jagmohan to Jagmohan Narwal for all future purposes.

नगर निगम रोहताक सार्वजनिक सूचना सर्व सामग्री को संपूर्ण विक्रय किया है कि नगर निगम, रोहताक...

DOCUMENT LOST I, Nareesh Kumar S/o Lakshmi Chand R/o Narender Nagar, Sonapat (Haryana) declare that I have lost my original Property Sale Deed No. 4967, dated 14.01.1992 in favour of Chander Khan Wo Shri Krishan S/o Chander Bhan village Rathdhana...

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COURT NOTICE In the COURT OF Ms. Kulwinder Kaur, Judicial Magistrate First Class-4, Jalandhar, BHSKAR CHAUHAN Vs. DAVINDER KUMAR NACT-379-2023 CNR No.-PB.JL03/001337-2023

PUBLIC NOTICE Subject: Transfer of Final Registration No. 85, Provn. Regn. No. 1133/GCM/106/T-APNB, Type-A, Sector-106, Gurugram under Defence Scheme...

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J&K Bank PUBLIC NOTICE This is for the information of the general public that Mr. Harish Kumar S/o Sh. Mukand Lal R/o Ward No. 04, Mansa, Punjab- 151505, has approached our bank for Term Loan/Loan Against Property facility of Rs.16,00,000/- (Rupees Sixteen Lac only)...

PARDEEP KUMAR GARG, Advocate M. 9888456196, Cabin No. 75, Court Complex Khanna, Distt. Ludhiana - 141001 Dated: 21.01.2025



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PAPER WITH PASSION

A Boost for Indian Professionals

H-1B visa reforms by Trump will go a long way in addressing the anomalies in the visa system and help Indian professionals

The H-1B visa has long been a critical pathway for skilled foreign workers, particularly Indians, to contribute to the US economy. With Indians accounting for over 72 per cent of H-1B visa recipients in 2023, any reform in this programme significantly impacts the Indian professional community. In his second term, President Donald Trump introduced groundbreaking reforms to the H-1B visa programme, shifting the selection process from a lottery-based system to a salary-based model. These changes, effective from January 17, 2025, aim to prioritise highly skilled professionals and streamline the visa process. The H-1B visa programme was established in 1990 to allow US companies to hire foreign workers with specialised skills. It has been a cornerstone of the tech and engineering sectors, enabling companies to bridge skill gaps. In 2023 alone, 386,000 H-1B visas were issued, with nearly three-quarters going to Indian nationals. This programme not only benefits the US economy by



addressing skill shortages but also strengthens India-US ties through the exchange of talent and innovation. The most notable change is the replacement of the lottery system with a salary-based selection process. This reform ensures that highly skilled professionals with competitive salaries are prioritised, making the programme more meritocratic. Besides, now the Indian professionals living in the US will be able to renew their H-1B visas domestically, eliminating the need for costly and time-consuming international travel. Another good news for the Students studying in the US on F-1 visas can now transition to H-1B visas more efficiently, fostering smoother career progression. Now on, research-oriented institutions are exempt from the annual visa cap, encouraging academic and scientific innovation. These reforms are poised to significantly benefit Indian professionals and students. With salary as the primary criterion, skilled Indian workers in high-demand sectors like technology, engineering and healthcare are likely to secure visas more easily. The streamlined process and in-country renewals will reduce uncertainties for professionals and their families. By retaining top talent, these changes will further strengthen the economic and technological collaboration between the US and India. President Trump's reforms reflect a strategic approach to talent acquisition and economic growth. By aligning visa policies with the needs of US businesses and rewarding merit, these changes demonstrate a commitment to fostering innovation and efficiency. While these reforms are a step in the right direction, they would require stricter scrutiny of visa holders and employers. This measure ensures transparency but might pose challenges for smaller companies offering competitive but lower salaries. Moreover, the shift in focus could pressure Indian professionals to align their career trajectories with higher-paying roles, potentially impacting sectors like academia and non-profits.

PICTALK



A woman prepares yarn to make the tricolour ahead of Republic Day 2025, in Nadia

The legacy and survival of the Fourth Estate



SANTHOSH MATHEW

Initiatives promoting media literacy, particularly among youth, can help bridge the gap between traditional journalism and contemporary audiences

In 1780, James Augustus Hicky published India's first printed newspaper, 'Hicky's Bengal Gazette,' also known as the Calcutta General Adv, normative power of print media.

It was the printing press that propelled humanity into a new era of knowledge dissemination. In India, newspapers have become an essential pillar of democracy, freedom of expression, and public discourse. The celebration of Indian Newspaper Day reminds us of the transfer of a potent tool in the freedom struggle, awakening the masses to issues of injustice and fostering a collective national consciousness. The legacy of stalwarts like Mahatma Gandhi, who wielded publications like Young India and Harijan as instruments of change, underscores the unparalleled influence of newspapers in shaping society. Historically, the press has been a mirror reflecting societal truths, a watchdog ensuring accountability, and a platform amplifying diverse voices. Newspapers have been central to the articulation of ideas, the dissemination of information, and the fostering of debate and dialogue. The printed word has held power, credibility, and a permanence unmatched by fleeting digital narratives. Yet, the world of print media today faces an existential crisis. In an era dominated by smartphones, the internet, and instant news apps, the relevance of traditional newspapers is being questioned. Circulation and readership have declined sharply. Advertisements, which once constituted the backbone of newspaper revenue, have shifted to digital platforms. The COVID-19 pandemic accelerated this decline, as lockdowns disrupted distribution networks and readers turned to online alternatives. The Fourth Estate, embodied by traditional media, has paved the way for the Fifth Estate, represented by social media, as youth increasingly gravitate toward digital platforms for their news and engagement. India, despite its rich newspaper history, has not been immune to these global trends. While the country boasts a vibrant linguistic diversity in its



press—with publications in Hindi, English and regional languages—even stalwarts like Dainik Bhaskar and Malayala Manorama are grappling with reduced readership. Legacy newspapers such as Deepika, India's oldest surviving Malayalam publication, and Mumbai Samachar, the nation's longest-running newspaper, now struggle to adapt to the digital age. The shift is not merely technological but also cultural. The younger generation's preference for quick, digestible content over in-depth reporting signals a change in information consumption patterns. Traditional newspapers, with their rich investigative journalism and nuanced storytelling, are increasingly viewed as slow and outdated. The immediacy of apps like Daily Hunt and platforms offering free e-papers has made paying for physical newspapers seem redundant. This decline, however, should not overshadow the irreplaceable value of print media. Unlike digital platforms prone to misinformation and algorithmic biases, newspapers have long been trusted for their credibility and editorial rigour. They offer a depth of coverage that ensures stories are not just told but examined and contextualised. Newspapers are archives of history, recording



HIGH LITERACY RATES AND A CULTURE OF RESPECT FOR WELL-RESEARCHED JOURNALISM HAVE ENABLED NEWSPAPERS TO THRIVE EVEN IN A DIGITAL AGE

events with an accuracy and permanence that digital platforms, with their ephemeral nature, cannot replicate. Japan provides a remarkable case study in media literacy and the enduring power of print. Despite being at the forefront of technological innovation, Japan boasts the world's largest-circulated dailies, such as Yomiuri Shimbun with a circulation nearing 10 million and Asahi Shimbun not far behind. High literacy rates and a culture of respect for well-researched journalism have enabled newspapers to thrive even in a digital age. This example underscores the potential for print media to coexist with digital platforms when supported by an informed and engaged readership. Indian Newspaper Day is a reminder to recognise and preserve this legacy. While print media must innovate to survive, readers, too, bear a responsibility to support credible journalism. The rise of e-papers and hybrid models—combining print and digital—offers hope for the industry's evolution rather than extinction. Newspapers continue to play a vital role in fostering democracy. They provide a platform for marginalised voices, hold power to account, and offer citizens the information they

need to make informed decisions. At a time when digital echo chambers threaten the very fabric of public discourse, newspapers serve as a counterbalance, offering diverse perspectives and challenging groupthink. The theme of survival is intrinsic to the narrative of Indian newspapers. Just as Hicky's Bengal Gazette persevered despite colonial censorship and competition, today's publications must navigate the challenges of the digital age. The story of newspapers is one of resilience and adaptation. From the handwritten Acta Diurna of Julius Caesar's Rome to Gutenberg's printing revolution, and from Hickey's modest four-pager to modern broadsheets like The Times of India, the medium has continually evolved to meet the needs of its time. As we celebrate Indian Newspaper Day 2025, it is an opportunity to reflect on the enduring significance of the printed word. While the medium may change, the principles of journalism—truth, accountability, and the public good—remain timeless. It is up to readers, journalists, and policymakers to ensure that these principles continue to thrive in an age of rapid technological change. (The writer is an associate professor; views are personal)

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

US EXITS FROM PARIS AGREEMENT

Madam — American President Donald Trump signed an executive order on Monday, pulling the US out of the Paris climate agreement. The Paris Agreement provides a durable framework guiding the global effort for decades to come, marking the beginning of a shift towards net-zero emissions. Thus, at a time when the whole world prepares to celebrate the International Day of Clean Energy on January 26, Trump's decision to exit is a severe blow to worldwide efforts to combat global warming. The way Donald Trump signed an order to withdraw the US from the Paris climate agreement for a second time reflects his party's hawkish stance on the agreement. In fact, the track record of the Republican Party shows its reluctance to make any commitment on an action plan on climate change. Even in the case of the Kyoto Protocol, President George W Bush had withdrawn the signature of the Democrat Vice President Al Gore, who had signed the Protocol on behalf of the US. The Republicans want any future American involvement in climate change agreements to be matched by equivalent commitments by developing country parties. Will recent severe natural disasters due to climate change, ranging from floods in Florida to wildfires in California, open the eyes of the Republicans?

Manoj Parashar | Ghaziabad

LACK OF SKILLED WORKERS

Madam— When the issue of the growing threat of unemployed youth came to the fore, a few industrialists expressed the fact that they were facing difficulty in getting skilled and employable youth to recruit in their firms. It was then the Union government came with the apprenticeship scheme under which willing unemployed youth are allotted firms to take training with a monthly incentive to trainees as well as the firm. Though 500 firms were to be identified to engage under this scheme, the number could not

Ban criminals from contesting election



The Supreme Court observation barring criminals from contesting elections should be taken into cognisance by the government, the Elections Commission and the political parties. The SC should have passed the order incorporating such observation in the interim bail order, thus binding the EC, the government, and the parties. How can a criminal, violating laws, killing people, illegally possessing properties,

confiscating others' lands and buildings, extorting, and rioting, serve as a public representative in the Parliament, assemblies, and local municipal bodies? Uttar Pradesh and Bihar are glaring examples of such billionaire mafia dons whose crime list knew no bounds. Both states suffered in development, education and growth for decades. Fielding the criminals and convicted killers in the elections is the antithesis of democracy and the Constitution. Money and muscle power win elections for them even if in jails. Such a list is quite exhaustive across all political parties. If 25-30 percent of elected representatives have a criminal background, people are also to be blamed for their own decline and eclipsed future. Some political parties prominently field criminals and extremists in elections and depend on the cadre of criminal backgrounds.

Vinod Johri | Delhi

SENIOR CITIZEN DEMAND CONCESSIONS

Madam — The Union Budget 2025-26 is going to be presented in Parliament on the first of February. One of the pressing demands on the minds of many senior citizens is whether the Indian Railways will bring back concessions on train fares for senior citizens. The issue holds significant importance as it directly impacts about 15 crore senior citizens across the nation. The Indian Railways had, in March 2020, decided to withdraw the concessions providing a 50 per cent discount to female senior citizens and a 40 per cent discount to males on train fares. According to Railways norms, males and transgenders aged 60 and above and females aged 58 and above, are treated as senior citizens. It represents a pivotal opportunity for the government to demonstrate its commitment to elder care, social equity, and responsive governance by restoring concessions to senior citizens in the ensuing budget.

S K Khosla | Chandigarh

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Breaking the cycle of violence: Lessons from personal trauma



SANJAY CHANDRA

Violence against the weak manifests in countless forms—child abuse, bullying, ragging, molestation and domestic violence—leaving deep and often irreparable scars

Violence against the weak is a timeless and universal phenomenon. Child abuse, bullying, ragging, eve-teasing, molestation and domestic violence are only a few that can result in irretrievable damage to the psyche or can even have tragic consequences. I joined the hostel for the first time as a 12-year-old adolescent. I was out in the world, away from the shelter of my parental love, trying to overcome my insecurities. One time a senior shouted at me to fetch a packet of cigarettes from the dormitory. I still remember my tears as I was roughly reprimanded for being tardy. I was scared of the hostel life. Three years later, I joined the college hostel. Ragging had not yet been banned and was openly indulged in by seniors. It was supposed to be a harmless fun activity to initiate the newly joined youngsters into college life. It had degenerated into something completely different. One Sunday, we were forced to sit above the wardrobe and hurl choice profanities at each other. I mouthed words



from my limited vocabulary. We were so traumatised that we started returning home over the weekends. When our parents questioned us, we started bicycling into the desert on the weekends when ragging was at its peak. We slept in remote towns before returning to the campus at the start of the week. We even spent a night in the waiting room of a railway station. We were particularly wary of one young man called the 'ragging king'. In time, after the freshers had been welcomed, I settled down. I forgot my earlier

trauma and looked forward to the next year when I would be bestowed the dreaded title by the new arrivals. One incident changed my outlook. I was ragging a fresher, who was terrified and not responding to my questions. Frustrated, I barked at him to jump into a nearby well. Much to our horror, he turned around and ran towards it. Momentarily stunned, I must have run the fastest race of my life and managed to stop him in the nick of time. I was a changed person. The government stepped in to ban the practice. Sadly, it continues. A recent news report mentioned ragging in several medical colleges where male seniors force fresh entrants to memorise and read aloud from booklets filled with profanities and promoting sexual violence against women, specifically against classmates and nurses. The booklet also teaches freshers to look at women of all ages, including those in the 0-15 years age bracket, as sex objects. Many of us may have been at the receiving end of the local or the school

bully. It exists even at the workplace, sometimes in the guise of the rude superior who would not think twice before throwing the file back at you, or the one preying upon the junior female colleague. Women do not have a pleasant experience travelling on public transport. They are afraid to step out after sunset. Every day we read of brutal assaults and deaths. The list is endless. Many are unable to bear the trauma and give up on life. I am not a psychologist. The reasons might be more complex than blaming it on not inculcating the right values in the children. But, that can be a starting point. We can teach our young what English author Brian Jacques wrote in one of the Redwall series of fantasy novels for children, "Defend the weak, protect both young and old, never desert your friends. Give justice to all, be fearless in battle, and always ready to defend the right." (The author is an electrical engineer with the Indian Railways and conducts classes in creative writing; views are personal)



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True transformation lies not in vengeance but in reconnecting with the divine qualities of love and peace



RAJYOGI BRAHMA KUMAR NIKUNJ JI

Today we are living in a world where violence has become our culture. It may be seen in the hundreds of wars going on in different parts of the world or it may be seen through innumerable violent incidents that occur every day in cities and homes across the universe. So, what exactly has led to the spread of violence so much even though people strongly denounce it? We all know that the history of human civilisation is an epic saga of violence punctuated by episodes of relative calm. Violence, subtle and gross, manifest and incognito, has been the defining force of humanity's quest for power in the last two millennia. The rise and fall of empires, the religious crusades and socio-political uprisings down the ages were impelled by violence on a massive scale. One of the major reasons why violence has become so deeply embedded in the human psyche is that on the one hand, we denounce it but on the other hand we condone or even justify it. In the 21st century, which we all boast of living in, violence has been glorified in ingenious ways by the media, especially television, the internet and films. A world that has been fed so much on violence is no wonder becoming increas-



ingly dangerous to live in for its occupants. It's a known fact that today violence has become the means to seek political and social justice. Men kill men in the name of the almighty and later on, these killings are then justified as dharma by the custodians of religion when it is used for a righteous purpose. Amidst all these, a question that comes up is, Can one justify so much violence? Or, can violence ever root out adharma (unrighteousness)?

Well!!!! To conquer dharma we need to first understand the true dharma of the self. We all must realise that good or evil are the traits of the human soul and even after death these traits or *sanskar* are carried on to the next birth. This *sanskar* may change or become stronger as per the person's karma in the next life. Hence, it follows that one may kill an evil person but one cannot destroy the evil in that person. It would instead increase due to feelings of hatred and revenge. Remember!! An evil act is bound to be punished as per the Law of Karma in the present or the next birth because there is a natural justice system that works infallibly and eternally. Hence, one must never think that if someone avenges a wrong by doing wrong in turn, he/she will not suffer. No!! The truth is that in this case, both persons will have to pay for their respective wrong actions by undergoing some suffering because any act done with ill will towards others is violence and it is bound to bring sorrow for the doer. Hence, a person may escape the laws of the land but his karma will catch up with him sooner or later for sure. We all need to understand the philosophy behind the word religion or dharma. Dharma in the true sense simply means living by eternal spiritual values such as peace and love. When we share love and goodwill with others it is bound to stir up similar feelings in that person. On the contrary, when we hate and harm others it is bound to spark ill will in them. The world that God created for us was a completely non-violent and harmonious world where no evil existed. Goodness exists eternally; it is when we begin to lose touch with our real values that we are enslaved by negative tendencies. We are all children of "Almighty" who is the ocean of love, peace and joy, so his qualities are our qualities too eternally, aren't they? That is why all humans resist hatred. They never resist love or joy. He is always merciful and benevolent towards all, so how can he justify violence? And the only way to bring peace and harmony back on earth is to empower ourselves spiritually and rid our minds of all negativities. This will uproot violence completely out of the world and the world would become the one that it was, serene and peaceful.

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Renuka Ji Dam: Addressing Delhi's water woes



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Conceived over half a century ago on Giri River in Himachal Pradesh, the Renuka Ji Dam is finally set to redefine water and energy security across six Indian states



The visionary Renuka Ji Dam project, conceived 58 years ago on Himachal Pradesh's serene Giri River, is finally transcending decades of delays to emerge as a game-changer. This landmark initiative promises to alleviate Delhi's chronic water scarcity while energising Haryana, Rajasthan, Uttarakhand, Uttar Pradesh and Himachal Pradesh with sustainable power generation. Beyond its functional benefits, the dam exemplifies federal cooperation and political resolve. Prime Minister Narendra Modi virtually laid the foundation stone of this Rs 6,946-crore project on December 27, 2021. Now, with 95 per cent of procedural hurdles cleared, global tenders will soon be floated, paving the way for construction. Cost estimates have surged to Rs 8,262 crore, factoring a 5 per cent annual escalation. Targeted for completion by 2030, with operations commencing in 2032, this project's progress is critical for Delhi and beyond.

For Delhiites, the dam symbolises the realisation of a 58-year-old aspiration. The stored water will be routed to Delhi-NCR, Uttar Pradesh and Haryana through the Hathnikund Barrage, further reaching the Wazirabad and Okhla Barrages. Delhi's water demand exceeds 1,200 million gallons daily (MGD), with severe shortages during summer. The Renuka Ji Dam, promising 275 MGD, will bridge this deficit, bolstering domestic supply, industrial growth, and infrastructure development. Haryana leads with a 5.73 BCM share (47.82 per cent), contributing Rs 555.95 crore. Uttar Pradesh's 3.721 BCM (31.05 per cent) follows with Rs 361.04 crore. Rajasthan holds 1.119 BCM (9.34 per cent), contributing Rs108.58 crore. Himachal, Uttarakhand, and Delhi contribute Rs 36.67 crore, Rs 30.17 crore, and Rs 70.25 crore, respectively. Uttarakhand's share of water in the upper Yamuna basin is 0.311 BCM, which constitutes 2.60Rs30.17 crore of the total share. Together, the states allocate Rs 1,162.66 crore for this critical project.

Originally slated to showcase progress before Delhi's 2025 Assembly elections, the dam faced delays, pushing construction timelines by 5-6 months. Intervention by the Prime Minister's Office (PMO)



RENUKAJI, NESTLED IN HIMACHAL'S SIRMAUR DISTRICT, IS IDEAL FOR THE DAM DUE TO ITS GEOGRAPHICAL AND HYDROLOGICAL ADVANTAGES. THE GIRI RIVER, A YAMUNA TRIBUTARY, ENSURES A STEADY WATER FLOW

could expedite design approvals and tendering. Local tensions remain high. The Jan Sangharsh Samiti criticised project authorities for inadequate rehabilitation efforts, including compensation gaps for displaced families. Activists demand higher pay-outs aligned with Public Works Department estimates, claiming the current compensation is insufficient. Harikesh Meena, Managing Director of HP Power Corporation, refutes these allegations, stating Rs 1,573 crore has been disbursed, with 90 houseless families offered relocation options. Himachal Pradesh is set to gain 200 million units of electricity annually, worth Rs 66 crore. Delhi has already transferred Rs 270 crore, funding 90 per cent of the Rs 300-crore power machinery cost, underscoring the project's importance. Renuka ji, nestled in Himachal's Sirmaur district, is ideal for the dam due to its geographical and hydrological advantages. The Giri River, a Yamuna tributary, ensures a steady water flow.

The site also holds immense cultural significance. Named after Goddess Renuka, the mother of Parashurama (an avatar of Lord Vishnu), the area is steeped in mythology. Renuka Lake, India's largest natural lake, draws pilgrims year-round. Ancient temples dedicated to Goddess Renuka and Lord Parashurama further enhance its spiritual and historical value. The project blends technological ambition with religious reverence, ready to address Delhi's water woes and power needs for generations. The Rs 8,262.28-crore Renuka Ji Dam project, a 148-meter-high rock-filled structure, will transform water and power availability across six states. Submerging 1,508 hectares and displacing 7,000 residents, including 346 houseless families, the project spans 41 villages across 25 panchayats. Proposed in 1976, the dam faced decades of procedural hurdles. Initially estimated at Rs 4,596 crore

in 2015, costs have ballooned. A significant milestone was achieved in January 2019, when a MoU among the six beneficiary states, brokered by then Union Minister Nitin Gadkari, resolved water-sharing disputes. In 2022, the Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs, chaired by PM Modi, approved financial support, pushing the project into execution mode. Located near Dadahu village, the dam will store 498 million cubic meters of water, routed to Delhi-NCR, Uttar Pradesh, Haryana, and Rajasthan via key barrages. As part of the PM Krishi Sinchayee Yojana, it will deliver 23,000 litres per second to Delhi. Additionally, incidental hydroelectric power generation (40 MW) will earn Himachal Rs120 crore annually. Technical Experts predict a 110 per cent increase in the Giri River's flow, ensuring reliable water supplies during lean periods. Despite challenges faced by displaced communities, the Renuka Ji Dam promises long-term benefits: improved water security for Delhi, agricultural irrigation, and energy generation marking it a milestone in cooperative federalism and infrastructure development.

Despite its potential, the project's journey was fraught with challenges. Environmental concerns, inter-state disputes, land acquisition hurdles, and funding delays plagued progress. Securing environmental clearances was a monumental task. Forested landscapes raised alarms over wildlife displacement and green cover submergence. Years of negotiations and compensatory afforestation plans eventually paved the way. Inter-state discord over water-sharing ratios and financial contributions delayed progress. Himachal Pradesh had to acquire 1,477 hectares of land, including 909 hectares of forest. Protests and legal battles over compensation and rehabilitation compounded delays until enhanced packages and livelihood restoration initiatives placat-

ed affected communities. The project's escalating cost was another sticking point. Initially pegged at Rs 3,600 crore, delays ballooned the budget to Rs 6,946 crore by 2021. Financial deadlock broke when the central government agreed to fund 90 per cent of the cost under the Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchayee Yojana (PMKSY). This eased the financial burden on states, with Delhi swiftly sanctioning Rs 1,066 crore as its share. The central government played a crucial role in reviving the project. Integrating it into initiatives like the Jal Shakti Abhiyan and National Action Plan on Climate Change (NAPCC), underscored the dam's importance. Accelerated clearances, robust mediation, and funding commitments demonstrated political resolve. With construction set to commence by mid-2025 and completion targeted for 2032, strict oversight will ensure timely execution.

The Renuka Ji Dam epitomises cooperative federalism at its finest—where the centre and states unite to tackle shared challenges. For Himachal Pradesh, it heralds economic growth, energy self-sufficiency, and enhanced infrastructure. For Delhi, it is a lifeline, promising a reliable solution to its chronic water crisis. Beyond immediate benefits, the dam's capacity to regulate river flow and mitigate downstream flooding enhances its value as a climate-resilient infrastructure. As a testament to sustainable development, the Renuka Ji Dam underscores the synergy of political will, inter-state collaboration, and community engagement in overcoming complex challenges. By transforming Himachal Pradesh into a green energy hub and securing Delhi's water needs, the project exemplifies inclusive growth and environmental stewardship.

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Empowering panchayats: The key to achieving Viksit Bharat 2047 through community actions

India must transition from top-down governance to a model where community leadership is the driving force behind sustainable development

India's development trajectory has been shaped by significant contributions from the office of Prime Minister (PM), Chief Minister (CM) and District Magistrate (DM). To achieve the vision of Viksit Bharat 2047 empowering Panchayat leadership, headed by Village Mukhiya (VM) is a critical strategy.



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of allocated funds or prioritising local infrastructural projects decided by either the district or state. Addressing these challenges is crucial for India to meet its Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and improve its Human Development Index (HDI) ranking. It requires building

the capacity of GPs to adeptly identify, plan, and implement projects that align with the needs established through Gram Sabha. The Panchayat Raj System established panchayats as the foundation of decentralised power, emphasising that sustainable development must begin with our smallest unit of democracy: the Panchayat, led by the VM (Sarpanch). Elevating the role of the VM akin to the PM and CM at the centre and state, supported by a strong administrative structure, can drive effective grassroots decision-making. The Ministry of Panchayati Raj has grouped the 17 SDGs into nine themes, demonstrating India's commitment to achieving these goals through the implementation of Localised

SDGs (SDGs) by Panchayats. GPs across India, are tasked with creating Gram Panchayat Development Plans (GPDs) that align with LSDG priorities. However, a survey of 800 panchayats revealed that only 7 per cent of Sarpanches independently chose their LSDG themes using the Gram Panchayat Planning Facilitation Tool (GPPFT), while 34 per cent of themes were decided by Block officials, 22 per cent by Sarpanches or Sachivs, and 16 per cent were directed by the state, reflecting a need for strengthening planning at the panchayat level. To develop Viksit Panchayats, four key actions are proposed: **Support panchayat for last-mile convergence:** When a 13-year-old girl drops out of school, the responsibility



extends beyond the education department, requiring collaborative efforts across health, social welfare, and community development. A central coordinating body at the village level, led by the VM can drive such convergence. For instance, Anita Devi, Village Mukhiya of Bhetaura Panchayat in Gaya, Bihar has

embraced the 'Healthy Panchayat' LSDG theme. Collaborating with ASHAs, Anganwadi Didis, and Gandhi Fellows to achieve 'Zero Home Delivery' eventually boosting institutional delivery rates from 25 per cent to nearly 90 per cent in just one year. Replicating such successes requires empowering panchayat through convergence of funds, and functionary and administrative support.

Reimagine development of Panchayat Leaders: India has 2.6 lakh elected VMs, dedicated to strengthening panchayat governance. Prime Minister's call to bring 1 lakh youth into politics is a great encouragement for local youths. To unlock their full potential, we need to reimagine the institutional framework

that focuses on capacity building for elected 'VM and Ward Members'. For example, Jyoti Behar Devi, Mukhiya in Gumla, Jharkhand, banned alcohol in her panchayat, focused on livelihood opportunities and also started the "Siti Bajo aur School Aao" campaign to boost school attendance, effectively transforming her community. **Democratise data through Panchayat:** Village Mukhiyas, as key information providers of government schemes, need real-time access to comprehensive beneficiary data and scheme details. Implementing technology solutions that provide such access is paramount for informed decision-making and efficient governance. The Ministry of Panchayat Raj and the Ministry of Rural

Development has taken some initiatives which need further integration with planning and execution at the panchayat level. **Revitalise Village Committees** Village-level committees such as School Management Committees, Village Health and Sanitation Committees, Jan Arogya Samitis, and Village Water and Sanitation Committees, play a pivotal role in fostering decentralised governance and community participation in development efforts. To achieve Viksit Bharat, these committees need to align to avoid duplication of efforts and promote community ownership.

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Sanctions on Russia likely if Putin skips talks: Trump

PTI ■ WASHINGTON
US President Donald Trump on Tuesday said he is ready to meet his Russian counterpart Vladimir Putin anytime, but at the same time warned that he would likely impose sanctions on Russia if the latter does not come to the negotiations table on the issue of Ukraine. "It sounds likely," Trump told reporters when asked if the US will impose additional sanctions on Russia if Putin doesn't come to the negotiation table.

"The war should have never started. If you had a competent President, which you didn't, the war wouldn't have happened. The war in Ukraine would have never happened if I were the president," Trump said. "Russia never would have gone into Ukraine. I had a very strong understanding with Putin. That would have never, ever happened. He disrespected Biden. Very simple. He disrespects people. He's smart. He understands. He disrespected Biden," Trump said. "Also, the Middle East would have never happened because Iran was broke," he added. Responding to a query, Trump said he

is ready to meet Putin anytime. "Anytime they want, I'll meet. Millions of people are being killed... It's a vicious situation and they're now largely soldiers. A lot of people have been killed and the cities look like demolition sites," he said. "The thing with Ukraine is that many more people died than what you're reporting. You're not reporting the real numbers, and I'm not blaming you for that. I'm blaming maybe our government for not wanting to release those numbers," Trump told reporters. Asked if the US will continue sending weapons to Ukraine, or will he turn off the tap soon, Trump said he is looking into the matter. "We'll look into that. We're talking to (Volodymyr) Zelenskyy. We're going to be talk with President Putin very soon, and we'll see how it all happens. We're going to look at it very soon," he said. "One thing I do feel is that the European Union should pay a lot more than they're paying, because under Biden, I mean, we're in there for USD 200 billion more. Now it affects them... We have an ocean in between, right? The European Union should equal us. We're in there for USD 200 billion more than the European Union. I mean, what are we, stupid? I guess the answer is yes," the president said. Trump also said that Ukraine President Zelenskyy told him that he would like to have peace. "He's told me that wants to have peace very strongly, but it takes two to tangle. We'll see what happens. Anytime they want, I'll meet. I'd like to see that end. Millions of people are being killed. It's a vicious situation," he said.



Trump admn sends federal diversity staff on leave

Washington (PTI): President Donald Trump's administration is directing that all federal diversity, equity and inclusion staff be put on paid leave, and that agencies develop plans to lay them off, according to a memo Tuesday from the Office of Personnel Management. The memo follows an executive order Trump signed on his first day ordering a sweeping dismantling of the federal government's diversity and inclusion programs that could touch on everything from anti-bias training to funding for minority farmers and homeowners. The memo directs agencies to place DEI office staffers on paid leave by 5 p.m. Wednesday and take down all public DEI-focused webpages by the same deadline. Several federal departments had removed the webpages even before the memorandum. Agencies must also cancel any DEI-related trainings and end any related contracts, and federal workers are being asked to report to Trump's Office of Personnel Management if they suspect any DEI-related program has been renamed to obfuscate its purpose within 10 days or face "adverse consequences."

By Thursday, federal agencies are directed to compile a list of federal DEI offices and workers as of Election Day. By next Friday, they are expected to develop a list to execute a "reduction-in-force action" against those federal workers. The move comes after Monday's executive order accused former President Joe Biden of forcing "discrimination" programs into "virtually all aspects of the federal government" through "diversity, equity and inclusion" programs, known as DEI. That step is the first salvo in an aggressive campaign to upend DEI efforts nationwide, including leveraging the Justice Department and other agencies to investigate private companies pursuing training and hiring practices that conservative critics consider discriminatory against non-minority groups such as white men. The executive order picks up where Trump's first administration left off: One of Trump's final

acts during his first term was an executive order banning federal agency contractors and recipients of federal funding from conducting anti-bias training that addressed concepts like systemic racism. Biden promptly rescinded that order on his first day in office and issued a pair of executive orders — now rescinded — outlining a plan to promote DEI throughout the federal government. While many changes may take months or even years to implement, Trump's new anti-DEI agenda is more aggressive than his first and comes amid far more amenable terrain in the corporate world. Prominent companies from Walmart to Facebook have already scaled back or ended some of their diversity practices in response to Trump's election and conservative-backed lawsuits against them. Here's a look at some of the policies and programs that Trump will aim to dismantle: Trump's order will immediately gut Biden's wide-ranging effort to embed diversity and inclusion practices in the federal workforce, the nation's largest

at about 2.4 million people. Biden had mandated all agencies to develop a diversity plan, issue yearly progress reports, and contribute data for a government-wide dashboard to track demographic trends in hiring and promotions. The administration also set up a Chief Diversity Officers Council to oversee the implementation of the DEI plan. The government released its first DEI progress report in 2022 that included demographic data for the federal workforce, which is about 60% white and 55% male overall, and more than 75% white and more than 60% male at the senior executive level. Trump's executive order will toss out equity plans developed by federal agencies and terminate any roles or offices dedicated to promoting diversity. It will include eliminating initiatives such as DEI-related training or diversity goals in performance reviews. Trump's order paves the way for an aggressive but bureaucratic effort to embed diversity and inclusion practices in the federal workforce, the nation's largest

claim unfairly carve out preference for racial minorities and women. The order does not specify which programs it will target but mandates a government-wide review to ensure that contracts and grants are compliant with the Trump administration's anti-DEI stance. It also proposes that the federal government settle ongoing lawsuits against federal programs that benefit historically underserved communities, including some that date back decades. Trump's executive order is a "seismic shift and a complete change in the focus and direction of the federal government," said Dan Lenington, deputy council for the conservative Wisconsin Institute for Law & Liberty, which has pursued several lawsuits against federal programs. The institute recently released an influential report listing dozens of programs the Trump administration should consider dismantling, such as credits for minority farmers or emergency relief assistance for majority-Black neighbourhoods.

Trump mulls 10% tariff on China starting Feb 1

Washington (PTI): US President Donald Trump on Tuesday said his team is discussing imposing a 10 per cent tariff on China starting February 1 based on the fact that the latter is sending fentanyl to Mexico and Canada. "We're talking about a tariff of 10 per cent on China based on the fact that they're sending fentanyl to Mexico and Canada," Trump told reporters at a joint news conference at the White House along with Oracle CTO Larry Ellison, Softbank CEO Masayoshi Son, and Open AI CEO Sam Altman. In response to a question, Trump said he is looking at February 1 as the date

for the tariffs. "For Mexico and China, we're talking about approximately 25 per cent (tariff)," the president said. Responding to another query, Trump said he did not "talk too much about tariffs" when he spoke with Chinese President Xi Jinping last week. When asked if he has asked Xi Jinping to intervene to stop the war in Ukraine, Trump said China has not done very much on that. "He's got a lot of power. I said you ought to get it settled. I had that talk with President Xi the other day too. I said we don't want that crap in our country. We've got to stop it. I would have stopped it."

Trump announces \$500 bn AI initiative

Washington (pti): US President Donald Trump announced a USD 500 billion investment in AI infrastructure through a new company, which is being created in partnership with Oracle, SoftBank and Open AI. The venture, called Stargate, adds to tech companies' significant investments in US data centres, huge buildings full of servers that provide computing power. The three companies plan to contribute funds to the venture, which will be open to other investors and start with 10 data centres already under construction in Texas. "That's a massive group of talent and money. Together, these world-leading technology giants are announcing the formation of Stargate," Trump announced on Tuesday at a White House news conference along with Oracle Chief Technology Officer Larry Ellison, Softbank CEO Masayoshi Son and Open AI CEO Sam Altman. "So, put that name down in your books because I think you're going to hear a lot about it in the future, a new American company that will invest USD 500 billion at least in AI infrastructure in the United States and very, very quickly, moving very rapidly, creating over 100,000 American jobs almost immediately," said Trump.

'I like competent people coming to US'

PTI ■ WASHINGTON
US President Donald Trump has said he likes both sides of the argument on the H-1B foreign guest workers' visa, noting that the country needs "very competent" and "great" people which is possible through this visa programme. Trump also said that he has also used the H-1B visa programme. The H-1B visa is a non-immigrant visa that allows US companies to employ foreign workers in speciality occupations that require theoretical or technical expertise. Technology companies depend on it to hire tens of thousands of employees each year from countries like India and China. "I like both sides of the argument, but I also like very competent people coming into our country, even if that involves them training and helping other people who may not have the qualifications they do. But I don't want to stop — and I'm not just talking about engineers, I'm talking about people at all levels," Trump said on Tuesday. He made these remarks while talking to reporters at the White House during a joint news conference with Oracle CTO

Larry Ellison, Softbank CEO Masayoshi Son, and Open AI CEO Sam Altman. The president was responding to a question on the ongoing debate on H-1B visas within his support base. Indians are the main beneficiaries of the H-1B visas, which bring in the best of the talent and brains from across the world. Highly skilled professionals from India walk away with the overwhelming number of H-1B visas - which is Congressional mandated 65,000 every year and another 20,000 for those who received higher education from the US. While his close confidants like Elon Musk, the Tesla owner, support H-1B visas as they bring in qualified tech professionals, many of his supporters oppose it arguing that it takes away jobs from Americans. "We want competent people coming into our country. And H-1B, I know the programme very well. I use the programme. Maitre d, wine experts, even waiters, high-quality waiters — you've got to get the best people. People like Larry, he needs engineers, Masa also needs... they need engineers like nobody's ever needed them," Trump said.

"So, we have to have quality people coming in. Now by doing that, we're expanding businesses and that takes care of everybody. So I'm sort of on both sides of the argument, but what I really do feel is that we have to let really competent people, great people, come into our country. And we do that through the H-1B programme," Trump said. Since December, the debate on foreign guest workers visas for highly skilled professionals, the H-1B, has intensified which has literally created divisions in both the Democratic and the Republican parties. Such a backlash initially came from the supporters of Trump who argued that this is eating away at the jobs of Americans. Both Musk and Vivek Ramaswamy immediately weighed in and supported the H-1B visas. However, influential Democratic Senator Bernie Sanders asserted that the two close confidants of Trump are wrong. The debate appeared to originate from a suggestion last month from Sriram Krishnan, Trump's pick for White House policy adviser on artificial intelligence, that Musk examines removing caps on green cards for skilled immigrants.

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Particulars	Quarter Ended			Nine Month Ended		Year Ended
	31.12.2024 (Unaudited)	30.09.2024 (Unaudited)	31.12.2023 (Unaudited)	31.12.2024 (Unaudited)	31.12.2023 (Unaudited)	31.03.2024 (Audited)
1. Total Income from operations	131.00	18.18	14.87	43.10	49.93	71.34
2. Net Profit for the period (before Tax, Exceptional and/or Extraordinary items)	-14.72	8.41	3.35	7.76	18.54	27.98
3. Net Profit for the period before tax (after Exceptional and/or Extraordinary items)	-14.72	8.41	3.35	7.76	18.54	27.98
4. Net Profit for the period after tax (after Exceptional and/or Extraordinary items)	-11.81	6.44	1.38	5.74	12.22	21.77
5. Total Comprehensive Income for the period (comprising profit for the period (after tax) and Other Comprehensive Income (after tax))	-160.36	59.66	170.01	85.29	409.05	472.42
6. Equity Share Capital	338.04	338.04	338.04	338.04	338.04	338.04
7. Earnings Per Share (Face Value of Rs. 10/- each) (for continuing and discontinued operations)						
- Basic	-0.35	0.19	0.04	0.17	0.36	0.64
- Diluted	-0.35	0.19	0.04	0.17	0.36	0.64

Notes: 1. The above is an extract of the detailed format of Unaudited Financial Results for the Quarter/Nine Months ended December 31st, 2024 which have been reviewed by the Audit Committee and approved by Board of Directors and filed with the Stock Exchange under Regulation 33 of the SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015. The full format of the aforesaid Unaudited Financial Results for the Quarter/ Nine Months ended December 31st, 2024 is available on the Stock Exchange website (www.bseindia.com) and on Company's website (www.bbinvestments.in).
2. The above financial results were reviewed and recommended by the Audit Committee and approved by the Board of Directors at their meeting held on 22.01.2025.
3. The figures of the previous period have been regrouped/reclassified, wherever considered necessary.

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Aid flowing smoothly into Gaza: UN

United Nations (PTI): The United Nations humanitarian coordinator in Gaza said Tuesday trucks from the UN, aid groups, governments and the private sector are arriving and no major looting has been reported — just a few minor incidents. Nearly 900 trucks of aid entered Gaza on the third day of the ceasefire on Tuesday, the United Nations said. That's significantly higher than the 600 trucks called for in the deal. Muhannad Hadi, who returned to Jerusalem from Gaza on Tuesday afternoon, told UN reporters by video that it was one of the happiest days of his 35-year humanitarian career to see Palestinians in the streets looking ahead with hope, some heading home and some starting

to clean up the roads. In his talks with families at a communal kitchen run by the UN World Food Programme and elsewhere, he said, they all told him they need humanitarian assistance but want to go home, to work and earn money. "They don't like the fact that they have been depending on humanitarian aid," Hadi said. Palestinians talked about resuming education for their children and about the need for shelter, blankets and new clothes for women who have been wearing the same clothes for more than a year. He said a shipment of tents is expected in the coming days. Hadi, who is also the deputy UN coordinator for the Middle East peace process, said the UN hopes to start "early recovery"

programmes, beginning with cash-for-work removing the tons of rubble in Gaza. But he said the UN must make sure the banking system is operating and electricity is back, stressing the critical role of UN member states and the private sector in early recovery. Hadi said lawlessness and looting happen in any war situation but with the ceasefire in Gaza, the UN is hoping for a restoration of law and order, as he stressed that the minor incidents reported were not by organised criminals who looted UN convoys during the war. Since the ceasefire, he said some kids jumped on some trucks trying to take a food basket, and some other people tried to take bottled water.

'Key Justice Dept. officials reassigned'

Washington (PTI): The US Justice Department has reassigned key senior officials across multiple divisions as part of a leadership shakeup ahead of the expected confirmation of President Donald Trump's pick for attorney general, Pam Bondi, multiple people familiar with the matter said on Tuesday. Among those moved to other positions inside the department is Bruce Swartz, the long-time head of the Justice Department's office of international affairs, which handles extradition matters, according to two people who spoke to The Associated Press on condition of anonymity because they were not authorised to discuss personnel moves. As many as 20 or so officials in all have been reassigned. Another affected official is George Toscas, a veteran deputy assistant attorney general in the

department's national security division who, in addition to helping oversee major terrorism and espionage investigations, has also been a key supervisor in politically charged probes over the last decade, including into Hillary Clinton's handling of classified information and Trump's hoarding of classified documents at his Mar-a-Lago estate. A Justice Department spokesman did not immediately return a call seeking comment. The reasons for the moves were not immediately known. Though it is common for a new administration to appoint its own political hires at the top of the Justice Department, it is not standard for career lawyers to be reassigned. They serve the department across administrations and typically retain their positions even when control of the department changes hands.

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EXTRACT OF UNAUDITED FINANCIAL RESULTS FOR THE THIRD QUARTER ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2024 (₹ in Lakhs)

Sl. No	Particulars	Current Quarter ended (31.12.2024) (Unaudited)	Corresponding Quarter ended (31.12.2023) (Unaudited)	Nine Months ended (31.12.2024) (Unaudited)	Corresponding Nine Months ended (31.12.2023) (Unaudited)	Previous Year ended (31.03.2024) (Audited)
1.	Total Income from Operations	(372.33)	541.06	1091.38	1464.62	3229.16
2.	Net Profit / (Loss) for the period (before Tax, Exceptional and/or Extraordinary items#)	(395.88)	507.46	1028.10	1412.01	3156.77
3.	Net Profit / (Loss) for the period before tax (after Exceptional and/or Extraordinary items#)	(395.88)	507.46	1028.10	1412.01	3156.77
4.	Net Profit / (Loss) for the period after tax (after Exceptional and/or Extraordinary items#)	(395.88)	507.46	1028.10	1412.01	3157.11
5.	Total Comprehensive Income for the period (Comprising Profit / (Loss) for the period (after tax) and Other Comprehensive Income (after tax))	(414.97)	516.69	996.36	1449.87	1622.62
6.	Equity Share Capital	600.00	600.00	600.00	600.00	600.00
7.	Reserves (excluding Revaluation Reserve) as shown in the Audited Balance Sheet of the previous year	-	-	-	-	5725.98
8.	Earnings Per Share (of ₹ 10/- each) (for continuing and discontinued operations) - Basic & Diluted (in ₹)	(6.60)	8.46	17.14	23.53	52.62
		(6.92)	8.61	16.61	24.16	27.04

Notes: 1. The above is an extract of the detailed format of Quarterly Financial Results filed with the Stock Exchanges under Regulation 33 & Regulation 52 of the SEBI (Listing and Other Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015 as amended. The full format of the Quarterly Financial Results are available on the websites of the Stock Exchange(s) and the listed entity. https://www.bseindia.com/stock-share-price/key-corp-ltd/keycorp/507948/financials-results-special/2. The above results have been reviewed by the Audit Committee and approved by the board of directors of the company at its meeting held on 22.01.2025. The Statutory Auditor of the company have carried out a limited review of accounts of the company for the third quarter ended 31st December, 2024.

By Order of the Board
(G.D. Maheshwari)
Whole Time Director
DIN 00235209

Place: Kanpur
Date: 22.01.2025

'Canada will respond to US tariffs'

Toronto (PTI): Canada's outgoing prime minister and the leader of the country's oil rich province of Alberta are both confident that Canada can avoid the 25 per cent tariff US President Donald Trump says he will impose on February 1. Justin Trudeau and Danielle Smith will argue that Canada is the energy super power that has the oil and critical minerals that America needs to feed what Trump vows will be a "booming" US economy. But Doug Ford, the premier of Ontario, the manufacturing and automobile hub of Canada, said a trade war is 100 per cent coming. Trump "declared an economic war on Canada," Ford said in an interview with The Associated Press. "And we are going to use every tool in our tool box to defend our economy." Trudeau said Canada will retaliate if needed, but noted that Canada has been here before during the first Trump presidency when they successfully renegotiated the free trade deal. Ford said as soon as Trump applies tariffs, he will instruct Ontario's liquor control board to pull all American-made alcohol from the shelves. "We are the largest purchaser of alcohol in the world. And I'm going to encourage all the premiers to do the exact same," Ford said, adding that there will be a

dollar-for-dollar tariff retaliation on American goods entering the Canada. "We are going to target the Republican held areas as well. They are going to feel the pain. Canadians are going to feel the pain, but Americans will feel the pain as well," he said. "A message to the countries around the world: if he wants to use Canada as an example, you are up next. He's coming after you as well." Trump pledged in his inaugural address that tariffs would be coming in a speech in which he promised a golden era for America. He later said Canada and Mexico could be hit with the tariffs as soon as February 1, though he signed an executive order requesting a report coordinated by the secretary of commerce by April 1. Trump said Tuesday that the 25 per cent tariff that he intends to place on Canada and Mexico as soon as February 1 would have "nothing to do" with renegotiating the existing trade pact among the three countries. For him, the tariffs are all about stopping unauthorised migration and the flow of any illicit drugs. The US president told reporters at the White House that, in his opinion, the amount of fentanyl coming through Canada and Mexico is "massive".

US Customs agents seized just 43 pounds of fentanyl at the Canadian border last fiscal year, compared to 21,100 pounds at the Mexican border. About 60 per cent of US crude oil imports are from Canada. Despite Trump's claim that the US doesn't need Canada, nearly a quarter of the oil America consumes per day comes from Canada. America's northern neighbour also has 34 critical minerals and metals that the Pentagon is eager for and is also the largest foreign supplier of steel, aluminum and uranium to the US. Nearly USD 3.6 billion Canadian dollars (USD 2.7 billion) worth of goods and services cross the border each day. Canada is also the top export destination for 36 US states. "Trump wants to usher in a golden age for the US," Trudeau said at a Cabinet retreat in Quebec called to deal with Trump's threats. "If the American economy is going to see the boom that Donald Trump is predicting, they are going to need more energy, more steel and aluminum, more critical minerals, more of the things that Canada sells to the United States every single day." On Tuesday, Mexico President Claudia Sheinbaum stressed the need to keep "cool heads" and look at the wording of what Trump signed, rather than listen to the discourse surrounding it.

Israel to maintain control of Gaza-Egypt crossing

PTI ■ JERUSALEM
Israel said it will maintain control of the Rafah border crossing between Egypt and the Gaza Strip during the first phase of the ceasefire with Hamas. A statement by Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's office on Wednesday denied reports that the Palestinian Authority would control the crossing. It said local Palestinians not affiliated with Hamas who had been vetted by Israeli security would merely stamp passports at the crossing. It noted that, under international agreements, this stamp "is the only way Gazans may leave the Strip in order to enter, or be received in, other countries." The truce, now its fourth day, is supposed to bring calm to the war-battered Gaza for at least six weeks and see 33 Hamas-

held hostages released in return for hundreds of Palestinians imprisoned by Israel. The statement said European Union monitors would supervise the crossing, which will be surrounded by Israeli troops. Israel also will approve the movement of all people and goods. Israel captured the Gaza side of the Rafah crossing last May, forcing it to shut down. Egypt, a key mediator in more than a year of negotiations that led to the ceasefire, has demanded that Palestinians control the Gaza side. The war began when Hamas-led militants stormed into Israel on October 7, 2023, killing some 1,200 people, mostly civilians, and abducting around 250. Around 100 hostages still remain in Gaza, after the rest were released, rescued, or their bodies were recovered.

Prince Harry gets 'full, unequivocal' apology from Murdoch's tabloids

PTI ■ LONDON Britain's Prince Harry on Wednesday settled his legal case against Rupert Murdoch's News Group Newspapers (NGN), publishers of 'The Sun' newspaper, which offered a rare 'full and unequivocal' apology to the now US-based Duke of Sussex and agreed to pay 'substantial damages'.

mental victory" and that the settlement represents "vindication for hundreds of other claimants strong-armed into settling without getting to the truth." "After endless resistance, denials and legal battles by News Group Newspapers, including spending more than GBP 1 billion in payouts and in legal costs, as well as paying off those in the know in order to prevent the full picture from coming out, News UK is finally held to account for its illegal actions and its blatant disregard for the law," said David Sherborne, reading out a statement on behalf of the 40-year-old royal.

B'desh court acquits Zia in 10-year-old sabotage case

PTI ■ DHAKA A court in Bangladesh acquitted BNP Chairperson and former prime minister Khaleda Zia on Wednesday in a sabotage case filed in the southeastern Cumilla district 10 years ago. Additional District and Session Judge Court-2 of Cumilla Afroza Jesmin passed the order as there was no evidence against 79-year-old Zia, who is now undergoing treatment in London, the state-run BSS news agency reported.

arch-rival Sheikh Hasina. Zia had been imprisoned for more than two years. On March 25, 2020, the Hasina government suspended her sentence and granted her conditional release through an executive order. Subsequently, the government extended her sentence suspension and release period every six months, upon application. She appeared in public on November 21, 2024, at Dhaka Cantonment to join Bangladesh's Armed Forces Day reception at the invitation of the Chief Adviser of the interim government Muhammad Yunus. Zia is ailing and travelled to London earlier this month for medical treatment. She served as the prime minister of Bangladesh from March 1991 to March 1996, and again from June 2001 to October 2006.

al waters, which only stopped with the recent ceasefire in Israel's war on Hamas in the Gaza Strip. A representative for the Galaxy Leader's owners had no immediate comment. The Bahamas-flagged vessel is affiliated with an Israeli billionaire Abraham "Rami" Ungar, who is known as one of the richest men in Israel. The Houthi attack on the Galaxy Leader saw the rebels launched a helicopter-borne raid. Propaganda footage of the raid has been played constantly by the Houthis, who even shot a music video aboard the ship at one

Houthi rebels release crew of commercial vessel

Dubai (PTI): Yemen's Houthi rebels said Wednesday they released the crew of the Galaxy Leader, a vehicle carrier seized in November 2023 at the start of their campaign in the Red Sea corridor. The rebels said they released the sailors after mediation by Oman. The crew of 25 included mariners from the Philippines, Bulgaria, Romania, Ukraine and Mexico. The Iran-backed Houthi rebels said they hijacked the ship over its connection to Israel. They then had a campaign targeting ships in international-

al waters, which only stopped with the recent ceasefire in Israel's war on Hamas in the Gaza Strip. A representative for the Galaxy Leader's owners had no immediate comment. The Bahamas-flagged vessel is affiliated with an Israeli billionaire Abraham "Rami" Ungar, who is known as one of the richest men in Israel. The Houthi attack on the Galaxy Leader saw the rebels launched a helicopter-borne raid. Propaganda footage of the raid has been played constantly by the Houthis, who even shot a music video aboard the ship at one

Kotak Kotak Mahindra Bank NOTICE Locker Hired by GEETA SHARMA & PAWAN SHARMA having address at R N 21 Rasoolpur Navada G B Nagar NR Gunjanplay School Noida Sector 62 Uttar Pradesh-201301 with Kotak Mahindra Bank C-25 ,SG-16 Ground Floor Tower-2 , Stellar IT Park, Sector-62 Noida - 201309 remains un-operated from last 7 years, 7 months.

It is hereby informed that despite this notice, if dues not cleared and locker is not operated by GEETA SHARMA & PAWAN SHARMA within 90 days from the date of this notice, break open of the said locker will be done on April 16, 2025 at around 12p.m.

PUBLIC NOTICE Re: Rear portion of First Floor without its roof rights 'said floor' built on Rear portion of Plot bearing No. 12-A, area measuring 105.27 sq. mtrs., 'said portion' situated at Under Hill Lane, Civil Lines, known as Property bearing No. 12-A/3, situated at Under Hill Lane, Civil Lines, New Delhi; hereinafter referred to as the 'said property'.

Notice is hereby given to the general public including Banks, Financial Institutions, etc. that, as informed by our client, Mr. Samaksh Goel, he is the sole and absolute owner of the said floor of the said portion of the said property vide Sale Deed executed by Mr. Mohd. Ahsan and Mrs. Tasleem Parveen and registered as Document No. 4698, in Book No. 1 Volume No. 6220, on pages 171-178, on 25.05.2016. (SRO) in his favour. In this connection, our client has further informed us that the following original document namely Sale Deed executed by Mr. Prabhjot Singh Chhabra in favour of Mr. Mohd. Ahsan and Mrs. Tasleem Parveen in respect of said floor of the said portion of the said property and registered as Document No. 2636 on 25.05.2016 has been lost, misplaced and not traceable. This document form part of the chain documents of the said floor of the said portion and hereinafter called the 'said document' has been lodged with Delhi Police Crime Branch vide LR No.2513893/2025 dated 21.01.2025. Now our client intends to mortgage the said floor of the said portion with Housing Finance Ltd for availing loan facility. If the aforesaid original said document is found or has been found by any person, the same may be returned and delivered to the undersigned at the address mentioned here below. Further, if any person, body, institution is having any claim and/or objection in respect of the said floor, he/she/they may raise objection of this notice. Otherwise, in writing with documentary evidence, by Registered AD Post, to the undersigned at the address mentioned herein below within 10 days of publication of this notice. Otherwise, after expiry of 10 days from the date of publication of this notice, no objection shall be acceptable and the said floor shall be mortgageable by our client in favour of Aditya Birla Housing Finance Ltd. and no objection shall be acceptable against such mortgage.

NOTICE INVITING e-TENDER SSA-42/34/2024-TT-SSA/1892083/2025 Mission Director, Samagra Shiksha Axom, Kahilipara, Guwahati-19, Assam invites tender through e-tendering process for supply of Lab equipment for integrated science lab, physics lab, chemistry lab and biology lab.

New Okhla Industrial Development Authority Administrative Building, Sector-6, NOIDA-201301 (U.P.) Website : www.noidaauthorityonline.in E-TENDER NOTICE E-Tenders are invited from firms/contractors registered with UPLC Lucknow for the following jobs against which bids can be uploaded and same shall be opened/downloaded as per schedule mentioned. The details and conditions of all tenders are available on NOIDA Authority's official website : www.noidaauthorityonline.in & https://etender.up.nic.in. Please ensure to see these websites for any changes / amendments & corrigendum etc.

GOVERNMENT OF HARYANA TENDER NOTICE SR. NAME OF BOARD/CORP./AUTH NAME OF WORK NOTICE TENDER OPENING DATE CLOSING DATE (TIME) AMOUNT / END (APPROX.) IN RUPEES WEBSITE OF THE BOARD CORP./AUTH NODAL OFFICER/CONTACT DETAILS/EMAIL

Bhopal Municipal Corporation Swachh Bharat Mission (Civil) Ref No.: 570 Tender for online submissions are invited on website www.mptenders.gov.in in under "Live Tender" and Department Name "Bhopal Municipal Corporation" for following work. Detailed NIT, Tender Schedule and other information can be seen on the website www.mptenders.gov.in

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PUBLIC NOTICE This is to inform to all concern that Jai Narain Prakash s/o Shri B.N. Sharma r/o 49 Arjun Nagar Safdarjung Enclave, New Delhi 110024 who is the original allottee of Type-1 Residential Flat No. N- 425, Jaiyayu Vihar, Sector-25, Noida, Distt. GBNagar, U.P., had sold the said property on Special Power of Attorney (SPA) basis to Bela Chadha d/o Shri G. P. Chadha r/o A-299, Defence Colony, New Delhi 110024 which is duly Registered in the office of S.R. Noida, Dated 23/04/1991, and the Agreement to Sell was executed, which was not Registered. So it is informed to all concerned that the said flat in going to the transferred in favour of Meera Sharma S/o G.P. Chadha & W/o Joginder Kumar Sharma, r/o A-299, Defence Colony, New Delhi 110024 on basis of SPA. If anyone has/have any objection he/she may file his/her objection along with sufficient proof in the Group Housing Department of Noida authority within 15 days from the date of Publication of this Notice.

THE KANGRA CO-OPERATIVE BANK LTD. C-29, Community Centre, Pankha Road, Jankapuri, New Delhi-110058 Phone : 011-2511042, 2511043, 2511044 E-mail: legal@kangrabank.com, legal1@kangrabank.com Website : www.kangrabank.com [APPENDIX IV-A] [See proviso to rule 6 (6)] E-AUCTION SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTY E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of below mentioned Immovable Secured Asset under The Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets & Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002, read with proviso to rule 6 (6) of The Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002. Notice is hereby given to the Public in General and in particular to the below mentioned borrower & mortgagor that the below described immovable property mortgaged/charged to The Secured Creditor, the physical possession of which has been taken by the Authorised officer of The Secured Creditor, will be sold on "AS IS WHERE IS" "AS IS WHAT IS" AND "WHATSOEVER THERE IS" BASIS THROUGH "SALE BY e-auction (under SARFAESI Act & Rules, 2002)" as per brief particulars given hereunder:

Format C-1 (for candidate to publish in Newspapers, TV) Declaration about criminal cases (As per the judgment dated 25th September, 2018, of Hon'ble Supreme Court in WP (Civil) No. 536 of 2011 (Public Interest Foundation & Ors. Vs. Union of India & Anr.)

Name and address of candidate: ABHISHEK DUTT S/O LATE KAMAL K DUTT, House No. D-18, Third Floor, South Extension Part 2, New Delhi -110049 Name of political party: INDIAN NATIONAL CONGRESS (Independent candidates should write "Independent" here) Name of Election: ELECTION OF LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NCT 2025 *Name of Constituency: AC-42-KASTRUBA NAGAR CONSTITUENCY I ABHISHEK DUT (name of candidate), a candidate for the above mentioned election, declare for public information the following details about my criminal antecedents:

Table with 4 columns: Sl. No, Name of Court and date(s) of order(s), Case No. and dated, Status of case(s), Section(s) of Acts concerned and brief description of offence(s). Row 1: COURT OF SH KARTIK TAPARIA JMFC-03/SED/SAKET ii, 4995/2021, CASE IN INVESTIGATION PHASE & CHARGES NOT FRAMED, -IT IS THE CASE OF PROSECUTION THAT ON 15.07.2021, AT AROUND 3.00 PM TO 5.00 PM ACCUSED PERSONS WERE FOUND VIOLATING COVID-19 NORMS BY NOT WEARING MASK AND FOLLOWING SOCIAL DISTANCING.THEY WERE ALSO FOUND TO BE GOING IN A LARGE GROUP AND TAKING OUT A POLITICAL RALLY.

Table with 3 columns: Sl. No, Name of Court & date(s) of order(s), Description of offence(s) & punishment imposed, Maximum Punishment Imposed. Row 1: NOT APPLICABLE, NOT APPLICABLE, NOT APPLICABLE. *In the case of election to Council of States or election to Legislative Council by MLAs, mention the election concerned in place of the name of the constituency.

PUBLIC NOTICE To be known to all that I, SUBHASH CHANDRA VERMA S/O LATE KULDEEP LAL VERMA, R/O B-84, DOUBLE STOREY, RAMNAGAR, NEW DELHI-110015 have applied for conversion of the aforesaid property from lease hold to free hold vide File No. 478/1975/CE in DDA. The original documents i.e Demand-cum-Allotment Letter, Possession Letter, Site Possession and Mutation Letter dated 21.04.1997 of the above said property has been lost. An NCR/LR No. 251475/2025 dated 21.01.2025 to this effect has been lodged in P.S. Crime Branch, Delhi. Any person/claiming any right, interest, having any objection or found in possession of original documents, may write/contact with above named person at above Address/Phone No. 9811332323 within 15 days from the date of publication of this notice. The person claiming any right, interest, objection with respect to this property, can personally inform or write to Deputy Director (CE) or Director (CE), DDA, Vikas Sadan, New Delhi.

PUBLIC NOTICE My clients Sh. Rajesh Sharma S/o Sh. Ghansaram and Smt. Deepa Sharma W/o Sh. Rajesh Sharma R/o B-135, Sector-18, Rohini, Delhi-89, and also at B-6/48, Sector-18, Rohini, Delhi-89, have severed all their relations with their son viz. Sh. Raghav Sharma, R/o B-135, Sector-18, Rohini, Delhi-89, also at B-6/48, Sector-18, Rohini, Delhi-89, and also disowned, severed him from all their movable/immovable properties due to his misbehavior and abusing my clients. Sh. Raghav Sharma is also not caring for the necessities of life of my clients. If any person(s) deals with Sh. Raghav Sharma, such person(s) shall do so at his/her own risks and costs, and in such a case my clients shall not be responsible in any manner for the same. Rakesh Jain (Advocate) D-4 Samay Shamardh Colony, Shikara Dairy, Near Bajrang Chowk, Delhi-110042, Mob. 9810984809

CHANGE OF NAME I, Swati W/o- No.16026537Y Hav Aghav Ganesh Tukaram, R/o- Vill & PO- Bodhegaon, Teh- Shevgaon, Distt- Ahmadnagar, Maharashtra- 414503, have changed my name from Swati to Aghav Swati Ganesh, vide affidavit dated 22/01/2025 before Notary Public Delhi.

CHANGE OF NAME I, Taramati, Mother of- No.16026537Y Hav Aghav Ganesh Tukaram, R/o- Vill & PO- Bodhegaon, Teh- Shevgaon, Distt- Ahmadnagar, Maharashtra- 414503, have changed my name from Taramati to Aghav Taramati Tukaram, vide affidavit dated 22/01/2025 before Notary Public Delhi.

CHANGE OF NAME I, Kamal, Mother of- No.14672157K Hav Patil Rajendra Dattatraya, R/o- Vill- Harali Kh, Post- Harali Bk, Teh- Gadhinglaj, Dist- Kolhapur, Maharashtra- 416502, have changed my name from Kamal to Kamal Dattatraya Patil, vide affidavit dated 22/01/2025 before Notary Public Delhi.

CHANGE OF NAME I, Dattatraya, Father of- No.14672157K Hav Patil Rajendra Dattatraya, R/o- Vill- Harali Kh, Post- Harali Bk, Teh- Gadhinglaj, Dist- Kolhapur, Maharashtra- 416502, have changed my name from Dattatraya to Dattatraya Ishwar Patil, vide affidavit dated 22/01/2025 before Notary Public Delhi.

CHANGE OF NAME I, Dattatraya, Father of- No.14672157K Hav Patil Rajendra Dattatraya, R/o- Vill- Harali Kh, Post- Harali Bk, Teh- Gadhinglaj, Dist- Kolhapur, Maharashtra- 416502, have changed my name from Dattatraya to Dattatraya Ishwar Patil, vide affidavit dated 22/01/2025 before Notary Public Delhi.

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Public Notice Notice is hereby given that DAVE KWOKSING CHANG S/o Norman Chang is applying to the Secretary to the GoI in the MHA for naturalization and that any person who knows any reason why naturalization should not be granted should send a written signed statement of the facts to the Secretary.

Public Notice Notice is hereby given to the Public on behalf of HDFC Bank Ltd. who had disbursed a loan to Mr. Praveen Jaiswal and Ms. Sonika Jaiswal (under Loan Account No. 609710491) against the mortgage of Unit No. 179, VBHC VAIBHAVA, Village Karampur and Danganheri, Tehsil Tijara, Bhiwadi Rajasthan. It has come to the notice of my client HDFC Bank Ltd. that the original Sub. Lease Deed dated 20.05.2016 in favour of Smt. Sonika Jaiswal and Sri Praveen Jaiswal have been misplaced. It is hereby appealed to the general public that whosoever finds the same may kindly return the same to the Branch Manager, HDFC Bank Ltd., The Capital Court, Munirka, Outer Ring Road, Old Palm Marg, New Delhi - 67 or the undersigned. If anybody found misusing the documents mentioned herein, the same shall be at his/ her their own risk and cost. Karnal Singh, (Advocate), K-8, LGF, Jangpura Extn, New Delhi-110014. 9953683263/9811636363

Public Notice Notice is hereby given that Elizabeth Roche claims to be owner and in possession of Flat No. 48-F, Block 7, on FF, Jasola, N.D.- 25 after death of Mervyn Roche and being the only legal heir of Late Mervyn Roche and by virtue of Will dated 07.12.2001 executed by Mervyn Roche reg. vide doc no. 9700, said Mervyn Roche was the owner of said property by virtue of Conveyance Deed dated 02.03.2000 regd vide Doc. No. 2810 & Elizabeth Roche has agreed to sell the said Property to Sayeed Ahmad & said Sayeed Ahmad has agreed to create a mortgage in favour of our clients Axis Bank Ltd., Himalaya House, CP Branch, N.D., any person/s having claim against the said Property, or any part thereof, by way of sale, exchange, mortgage (equitable/registered or otherwise), gift, trust, inheritance, lien or otherwise however, are hereby intimated to notify the same in writing to us with supporting documentary evidence at the address mentioned below within 7days from the date hereof, failing which the claim or claims, if any, of such person or persons will be considered to have been waived and/or abandoned and our client shall proceed with the disbursement of loan and subsequent creation of mortgage in respect thereof. Vishal Diwan (Advocate) For Diwan and Company LLP House No.2 (LGF), NRI Complex, N.D-19 Mobile No. 9816399999

Public Notice Public Notice is hereby given to whosoever it may concern that our client Mrs. Kusum Verma intends to purchase the schedule property from its owner viz. Mrs. Payal Gupta who intends to sell the same to our client. If any person / entity has/have any objection, claim, dispute, right, title, interest, lien or charge, etc. or any other impediment whatsoever the said property or has/have any objection for the above intended sale transaction, or otherwise has any knowledge of such claims, rights, title, interest, lien or charge etc. or any other impediment whatsoever in regard to the schedule property then such person he/she/they entity may inform/notify/provide its objection/claim they may contact the undersigned with the documentary proof/evidence substantiating his/her/their objections/claims/ details of dispute/s within Seven (7) days from the date of this publication (on the below referred email or what's app message on the number given below). In case no objection/claim or entitlement is received within the stipulated period then our client will proceed to complete the formalities for purchase of the property with the above owner in respect of the Schedule Property and therefor no claims/objections/disputes will be entertained. Schedule of Property *Plot No. MAR-P-8E-113, measuring 266.71 Sq. Yards (223.003 Sqm) in the residential plotted colony known as "MARBELLA", situated in the revenue estate of Village Middawda, District Gurgaon, Haryana and falling within the boundaries of the Sector-65 and 66 Gurgaon (Gurgaon), Haryana, India. M/S SGLLEGAL Chamber No. 307 S Block Lawyers Chambers Building, Delhi High Court, New Delhi-3, (M) - 91-999000240, (E-mail) : siglegaldelhi@gmail.com

RBI Monetary Policy Committee member Nagesh Kumar advocates two inflation rates

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

RBI Monetary Policy Committee member Nagesh Kumar has suggested that there should be two inflation rates - one including food prices and the other without food prices - so that relevant rates could be taken into account for policy making.

Chief Economic Advisor V Anantha Nageswaran in the Economic Survey 2023-24 had pitched for excluding food inflation from the rate setting calls, saying that the monetary policy has no bearing on the prices of food items, which are dictated by supply side pressures.

"I think there is a healthy debate on what should be the target, whether overall headline inflation rate or inflation rate excluding the food products, which are, you know, very seriously affected by seasonal demand, supply mismatch," Kumar told PTI while responding to a question on suggestions made in the Economic Survey for excluding food inflation while setting benchmark interest rates.



The weightage of food in the overall consumer price inflation, which stands at 46 per cent, was done in 2011-12, and needs to be revisited.

"I think we should have two inflation rates, one including food inflation and one without food inflation... So the relevant rate could be considered for what, which particular policy

parameter one is looking at," he said.

India introduced the inflation-targeting framework in 2016 under which the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) is mandated to keep retail inflation at four per cent, with a margin of two per cent on either side.

The benchmark policy rates are decided bi-monthly by the

RBI on the basis of movement in consumer price index, which includes food, fuel, manufactured goods and select services.

Responding to a question on high food prices, Kumar said retail inflation slowed to a four-month low of 5.22 per cent in December.

"A large part of this 5.2 per

cent is because of the food prices inflation, and then also a seasonal mismatch of vegetable prices... And that corrects by itself, when more supplies come to the mandis, we should see inflation being restrained much more," Kumar added.

On India's current macroeconomic situation, he said slowdown in India's economic growth to a seven-quarter low of 5.4 per cent in the second quarter was a temporary, transient kind of slowdown.

According to Kumar, it reflected the lag effect of the very strong squeeze in capex of the government in the first quarter because of the election code of conduct, but the capex started to pick up in the second quarter.

"We expect a strong growth in the second half of the year, and overall, I think we should be making up somewhere around 6.5 per cent or 6.6 per cent," he said.

Responding to a question on outlook of the Indian economy in FY26, Kumar said the performance of the Indian economy will be slightly better next fiscal year than this year.

Irregularities found in one rupee crop insurance scheme for farmers

PTI ■ MUMBAI

Maharashtra Agriculture Minister Manikrao Kokate has admitted irregularities in the implementation of the one rupee crop insurance scheme for farmers, noting places of worship were shown as agricultural lands to claim benefits.

More than four lakh crop insurance applications, some filed even by those residing outside Maharashtra, have been rejected, Kokate on Tuesday said, adding a "bogus industry" has come to light which involves non-eligible people seeking benefits of the scheme.

The minister, however, asserted that no money has been actually lost as funds were not transferred by the government into the bank accounts linked to bogus applications.

Speaking to the media here, Kokate said instances of malpractice in the scheme have been identified in several aspects, including cases where mosques, temples and vacant lands were falsely declared as agricultural lands to claim benefits.

"I have instructed district collectors to take immediate action," he said.

The crop insurance scheme



was introduced in the 2023 budget by the then deputy chief minister and finance minister Devendra Fadnis. Under the scheme, farmers can get crop insurance for just Re one.

Before the scheme, farmers had to pay the company two per cent of the insurance premium. The agriculture department had received several complaints from farmers about the scheme's implementation, chiefly on grounds of non-payment of the insurance amount as well as mismatch of records.

Agriculture Secretary Vikaschandra Rastogi later headed a committee which compiled the complaints and conducted a probe into them.

Kokate said, "Over four lakh crop insurance applications were rejected across the state. Some of these applications

were filed by people from outside Maharashtra. We have taken significant steps to address the irregularities. Farmers will be issued unique ID cards linked to Aadhaar to ensure transparency."

An updated database of farmers is being prepared, the minister said, adding that significant reforms will be introduced in the scheme.

Asked how the large-scale bogus claims could be made, Kokate attributed much of the malpractice to certain Common Service Centres (CSCs), where people involved in data entry of details of farmers are paid Rs 40 per application.

"The operators of such centres filed bogus applications to earn more. We have ordered action against 96 such centres," he said.

I like competent people coming to US: says President Trump



PTI ■ WASHINGTON

US President Donald Trump has said he likes both sides of the argument on the H-1B foreign guest workers' visa, noting that the country needs "very competent" and "great" people which is possible through this visa programme.

Trump also said that he has also used the H-1B visa programme.

The H-1B visa is a non-immigrant visa that allows US companies to employ foreign workers in speciality

occupations that require theoretical or technical expertise.

Technology companies depend on it to hire tens of thousands of employees each year from countries like India and China.

"I like both sides of the argument, but I also like very competent people coming into our country, even if that involves them training and helping other people who may not have the qualifications they do. But I don't want to stop - and I'm not just talking about engineers, I'm talking

about people at all levels," Trump said on Tuesday.

He made these remarks while talking to reporters at the White House during a joint news conference with Oracle CTO Larry Ellison, Softbank CEO Masayoshi Son, and Open AI CEO Sam Altman.

The president was responding to a question on the ongoing debate on H-1B visas within his support base.

Indians are the main beneficiaries of the H-1B visas, which bring in the best of the talent and brains from across the world. Highly skilled professionals from India walk away with the overwhelming number of H-1B visas - which is Congressional mandated 65,000 every year and another 20,000 for those who received higher education from the US.

While his close confidants like Elon Musk, the Tesla owner, support H-1B visas as they bring in qualified tech professionals, many of his supporters oppose it arguing that it takes away jobs from

Americans.

"We want competent people coming into our country. And H-1B, I know the programme very well. I use the programme. Maitre d', wine experts, even waiters, high-quality waiters -- you've got to get the best people. People like Larry, he needs engineers, Masa also needs... They need engineers like nobody's ever needed them," Trump said.

"So, we have to have quality people coming in. Now by doing that, we're expanding businesses and that takes care of everybody. So I'm sort of on both sides of the argument, but what I really do feel is that we have to let really competent people, great people, come into our country. And we do that through the H-1B programme," Trump said.

Since December, the debate on foreign guest workers visas for highly skilled professionals, the H-1B, has intensified which has literally created divisions in both the Democratic and the Republican parties

EPFO adds 14.63 lakh net members in November

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Retirement fund body EPFO has added 14.63 lakh net members in November 2024, a growth of 4.88 per cent over the same month last year, according to the latest payroll data.

The growth in net member additions signifies increased employment opportunities and heightened awareness of employee benefits, bolstered by EPFO's effective outreach initiatives, a labour ministry statement said.

On a monthly basis, net member additions rose by 9.07 per cent over October 2024, the ministry said.

The EPFO enrolled around 8.74 lakh new members in November 2024, up by 18.80 per cent over the year-ago month and a 16.58 per cent rise against October 2024, the provisional data showed.

The ministry said a noticeable aspect of the data is the dominance of the 18-25 age group, with 4.81 lakh new members added in this age group constituting a significant 54.97 per cent of the total new members added



in November 2024.

Net member additions in the age group of 18-25 years are approximately 5.86 lakh for November 2024, reflecting an increase of 7.96 per cent compared to the previous month of October 2024.

This is in consonance with the earlier trend which indicates that most individuals joining the organised workforce are youth, primarily first-time job seekers, the ministry said.

The payroll data highlights that approximately 14.39 lakh members exited and subsequently rejoined EPFO. This figure represents an 11.47 per cent increase compared to the previous month of October 2024. It also depicts a significant year-

on-year growth of 34.75 per cent in November 2024.

These members switched their jobs and re-joined the establishments covered under the ambit of EPFO and opted to transfer their accumulations instead of applying for final settlement thus, safeguarding long-term financial well-being and extending their social security protection.

Gender-wise analysis of payroll data unveils that out of the new members added during the month, around 2.40 lakh new members are female, it said.

The comparison with the previous month of October 2024 shows an increase of 14.94 per cent.

NSE adds one crore investors in five months

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

The National Stock Exchange (NSE) on Wednesday said its unique registered investors have crossed the 11 crore mark, with the latest one crore addition taking place in just five months, reflecting investor participation in the stock market through direct means.

Investor registrations at the NSE have experienced a remarkable acceleration in recent times, with a 3.6 times jump in the last five years.

It took 14 years since the NSE's commencement of operations in 1994 to reach one crore investors. The pace then quickened, with the next 1 crore registrations taking about seven years, followed by another 3.5 years for the next crore and the subsequent milestone of adding the fourth crore took just over a year.

"The rate of growth has since quickened significantly, with each additional one crore investors being added in roughly six-seven months, while the last one crore investors were added in just over five months, reflecting a shift in investor enthusiasm and participation in the stock market through direct means," NSE said in a statement.

In the last five months, daily new unique investor registrations have consistently ranged between 47,000 and 73,000. This growth has been driven by several key factors, including the rapid advancement of digitisation, heightened investor awareness, financial inclusion efforts, and strong market performance.

In 2024, the Nifty 50 index delivered a return of 8.8 per cent while the Nifty 500 index saw an impressive 15.2 per cent gain. Indian markets have had positive returns for the past nine consecutive years.

Rupee rises 25 paise against US Dollar



PTI ■ MUMBAI

The rupee appreciated 25 paise to close at 86.33 (provisional) against the US dollar on Wednesday, supported by positive domestic equities and soft US dollar index.

Forex traders said the rupee is likely to witness high volatility with a negative bias ahead of key events in the global and domestic economic landscape.

Moreover, the overall uncertainty about the global economy continued to weigh on both currencies and commodities, keeping investors on edge.

At the interbank foreign exchange, the rupee opened at 86.56 against the greenback. During the day, the local unit touched an intraday high of 86.30 and a low of 86.71.

It finally closed at 86.33 (provisional) against the US dollar, up 25 paise from its previous close.

On Tuesday, the rupee fell 13 paise to 86.58 against the US dollar.

"We expect the rupee to remain largely weak on underlying

strength in the US dollar and overall weakness in the domestic markets. Importer demand for dollars may also pressurise the rupee. However, any extended sell-off in crude oil may support the rupee at lower levels," Anuj Choudhary - Research Analyst at Mirae Asset Sharekhan, said.

Choudhary further noted that markets may see some volatility on incoming statements and announcements by the Trump administration. "USD-INR spot price is expected to trade in a range of 86.20 to 86.65," he added.

Meanwhile, the dollar index, which gauges the greenback's strength against a basket of six currencies, was trading down 0.15 per cent to 107.89 as traders pondered over the Trump Tariff Plan.

Brent crude, the global oil benchmark, rose 0.48 per cent to USD 79.67 per barrel in futures trade.

Crude oil prices had fallen due to fears of tough US policies and had touched USD 78 per barrel, a 4 per cent decline from recent highs following President Trump's mention of increasing US oil output.

In the domestic equity market, the 30-share BSE Sensex rose 566.63 points, or 0.75 per cent, to settle at 76,404.99 points, while the Nifty rose 130.70 points, or 0.57 per cent, to 23,155.35 points.

Foreign Institutional Investors (FIIs) remained net sellers in the capital markets on Tuesday, as they offloaded shares worth Rs 5,920.28 crore, according to exchange data.

Sensex, Nifty rebound on buying in Infosys, HDFC Bank, firm global trends

PTI ■ MUMBAI

Benchmark Sensex rebounded nearly 567 points and Nifty regained 23,150 level on Wednesday following gains in blue-chip stocks Infosys, HDFC Bank and Tata Consultancy Services, and firm global trends.

The 30-share BSE Sensex surged 566.63 points or 0.75 per cent to close at 76,404.99. During the day, the benchmark surged 624.77 points or 0.82 per cent to hit an intraday high of 76,463.13 on the BSE.

On similar lines, the broader NSE Nifty climbed 130.70 points or 0.57 per cent to settle at 23,155.35. In the intraday session, the Nifty rose 144.9 points or 0.63 per cent to



23,169.55 on the NSE.

Among Sensex shares, Infosys, Tata Consultancy Services, Tech Mahindra, Sun Pharmaceutical, Bajaj Finserv, HCL Technologies, Bajaj Finance, HDFC Bank, IndusInd Bank and Kotak

Mahindra Bank were among the gainers.

Tata Motors, PowerGrid, Axis Bank, State Bank of India, NTPC, Tata Steel and Adani Ports were the major laggards.

"The benchmark indices rebounded amidst heightened

volatility following better-than-expected results from a major private bank. The IT sector led gains, recovering from recent losses, while mid and small-cap stocks continued to underperform due to valuation concerns," Vinod Nair, Head of

Research, Geojit Financial Services said.

European markets were trading higher on Wednesday. In Asian markets, Tokyo and Seoul were settled on a positive note while Hong Kong and Shanghai closed in the negative territory. Wall Street had ended higher on Tuesday.

International oil benchmark Brent Crude was trading 0.49 per cent higher at USD 79.68 a barrel.

Foreign Institutional Investors (FIIs) offloaded shares worth Rs 5,920.28 crore on Tuesday.

The BSE Sensex plummeted 1,235.08 points to settle at 75,838.36 and the broader NSE Nifty plunged 320.10 points to close at 23,024.65 on Tuesday.

Some equity research firms shutting shops after SEBI's new guidelines on research analysts

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Markets regulator SEBI's new guidelines on research analysts (RAs) are forcing several equity research firms publicly announcing plans to shut down their shops due to heightened compliance and operational requirements.

The Securities and Exchange Board of India (Sebi), on January 8, came out with guidelines for Research Analysts in a bid to curb fraudulent stock recommendations and illegal practices in the securities market.

The new guidelines necessitate research firms to comply with stricter measures such as maintaining records of

client interactions, conducting compliance audits, and following Know-Your-Customer (KYC) procedures and these requirements have led to increased operational costs for smaller entities.

Consequently, a few firms including Sentinel Research, Stalwart Advisors, and Mystic Wealth have announced their plans of shutting their research services citing significant operational and compliance burden.

Market experts said that the new guidelines have notably lowered the threshold for individuals to register as RAs, making it easier for newcomers to enter the profession. However, for established RAs, these



guidelines have imposed heightened compliance and operational requirements.

They believe that the new regulations are too stringent and could undermine the quality of research in the market.

Sandeep Parekh, founder of Finsec Law Advisors, posted on microblogging site X that Sebi is "going way overboard in its regulations and shutting down competent and honest advisors and researchers from the

market".

"If it goes down this path, all that will remain will be incompetent and dishonest, or incompetent or dishonest advisors," he added.

Neeraj Marathe, who operates independent research firm Sentinel Research, also expressed his dismay on social media.

He had paused his research services last year when the draft RA regulations were first announced, hoping for more clarity and more balanced guidelines.

However, upon reviewing the final regulations, he stated that the rules were even more burdensome than expected.

"Last year, when the proposed RA regulations came, I had paused my

research services at sentinelresearch.in. The hope was that the actual regulations would be better in terms of conditions and compliance and I shall restart after getting clarity. Well, the actual regulations have turned out to be much worse! I too shall be discontinuing my research services portal," he added.

Stalwart Advisors, which has been operating its equity research service "Treasure Trove" for over a decade, announced it would be closing its operations.

The firm cited the increased operational and compliance requirements, including the rule that limits subscription fees to a quarterly payment model, as a key factor in its decision.

Liverpool beats Lille to reach Champions League round of 16

PTI ■ LIVERPOOL

Liverpool became the first team to guarantee a place in the last 16 of the new Champions League format by beating Lille 2-1 on Tuesday, while Barcelona fought back from two goals down to stun Benfica 5-4 in a thriller.

Harvey Elliott's bouncing, deflected shot gave Liverpool its seventh win from seven games, just after 10-man Lille had equalized following Mohamed Salah's opening goal.

Liverpool needed a point at Anfield to be sure of reaching the round of 16 as one of the top eight teams in the league stage, skipping the playoff round for teams ranked ninth to 24th.

Salah raced through in the 34th minute to sweep Liverpool ahead with his 22nd goal in all competitions this season. And when Lille's Aissa Mandi was sent off just before the hour mark, Liverpool looked certain to extend its 100% record in the league phase.

But Anfield was stunned when Canada striker Jonathan David converted from close range to level the score in the 62nd. It



didn't take long for Liverpool to regain the lead through Elliott's deflected effort five minutes later. "All my life I've dreamt of playing Champions League football, not only for my boyhood club but to play here at Anfield in front of our fans and especially to score, it's kind of a pinch-me moment," Elliott said.

Barcelona's comeback win It was a night of high drama in the Champions League with 33 goals scored across nine games. Nine of them came in Barcelona's battle with Benfica.

Raphinha scored in stoppage time to complete a rousing comeback as Barcelona won in Lisbon despite having been 4-2 down with less than a quarter of an hour remaining.

Benfica's Vangelis Pavlidis scored the third-fastest hat trick at the start of a Champions League game, with two of his goals coming after errors by Barcelona goalkeeper Wojciech Szczesny. Barcelona stays second with 18 points from seven games, and is now unbeaten in six games in all competitions since the new year.

"We came with the mindset that we could turn the game," Raphinha said. "We never gave up

and managed to grab a win." Robert Lewandowski scored two penalties for Barcelona to stay the Champions League's top scorer on nine goals, one ahead of Raphinha, who also scored twice. Another Spanish club staged a comeback as Julian Alvarez scored a 90th-minute winner to lift Atletico Madrid past Bayer Leverkusen 2-1. Atletico lost Pablo Barrios to a 23rd-minute red card and went into half time 1-0 down to a Piero Hincapie header for Leverkusen.

Alvarez scored in the 52nd and had the momentum when Hincapie was sent off for a second yellow card, before Alvarez struck again to take the win and lift Atletico to third.

Villa slides out of the top eight With Prince William watching on, Aston Villa's hopes of automatic qualification for the round of 16 took a blow after a 1-0 loss to Monaco.

Villa led the standings early in the league phase of the competition after winning its first three games. But defeat to Monaco left the Premier League club eighth.

Wilfried Singo's goal at a corner in the eighth minute was enough to secure the win for ninth-place Monaco.

Dortmund slump continues Borussia Dortmund's 2-1 loss at Bologna increased the pressure on coach Nuri Sahin in Dortmund's fourth consecutive loss at the start of the new year in all competitions.

Serhou Guirassy gave Dortmund, last season's runner-up, the lead with a chipped penalty and ran to celebrate with Sahin.

It looked like the Champions League could provide a much-needed boost for a team floundering in the Bundesliga, but two goals in two minutes from Thijs Dallinga and Samuel Iling-Junior changed the game for previously winless Bologna. Results elsewhere meant Bologna will be heading out of the competition despite its win, since the Italian club can't finish in the top 24. Sturm Graz and Red Star Belgrade are also out after losing Tuesday.

Atalanta beat Graz 5-0, strengthening the Italian club's push to qualify directly for the round of 16. Atalanta finished the evening fourth.

PSV Eindhoven hung on for a 3-2 win at Red Star despite losing defender Flamingo to a red card just after halftime while leading 3-0. Stuttgart eased to a 3-1 win over Slovan Bratislava, which was already eliminated and has lost all seven of its games. Club Brugge and Juventus drew 0-0.

Europa League In the only Europa League game of the night, Galatasaray missed a chance to go third in the table, giving up a 3-1 lead to draw 3-3 with last-place Dynamo Kyiv.



Australian Open: Ben Shelton criticises TV interviewers

PTI ■ MELBOURNE

American tennis player Ben Shelton criticized on Wednesday some of the questions and comments made by post-match TV interviewers at the Australian Open.

After Shelton reached the semifinals at the Grand Slam tournament, he followed his final answer at his news conference by saying: "One thing that I just want to say before we're done: I've been a little bit shocked this week with how players have been treated by the broadcasters." He began by referencing the flap over a television commentator's on-air insults about Novak Djokovic, which caused the 24-time Grand Slam champion to refuse to speak to the local broadcaster, Channel 9, after one match.

Djokovic eventually relented after receiving public apologies from the network and its employee, Tony Jones. "I don't think that was just a single event," Shelton said. "I've noticed it with different people, not just myself."

Shelton went on to mention the interview with 19-year-old American Learner Tien after his upset win over 2021 U.S. Open champion Daniil Medvedev ended at about 3 a.m. In the second round at Melbourne Park last week, calling it "embarrassing and disrespectful".

That awkward exchange included a series of statements to Tien, rather than questions, including observations by the interviewer that "19-year-

428 athletes from 19 teams to take part in KIWG 2025

PTI ■ LEH/JAMMU

The Khelo India Winter Games (KIWG) 2025 that starts on Thursday will feature 428 athletes from 19 competing teams.

Sports Minister Mansukh Mandaviya is set to declare the Games open in Leh on Thursday.

Nineteen teams, comprising states, Union Territories, and institutional outfits, will compete over five days across two events - ice hockey and ice skating - marking the first part of KIWG 2025.

A traditional Ladakhi-style opening ceremony has been planned to welcome 594 participants, including 428 athletes.

The second part, featuring snow games like skiing, will be hosted by Jammu and Kashmir from February 22 to 25.

"Sports Minister will attend the opening ceremony at the iconic Nawang Dorjay Stobdan Sports Complex in Leh on Thursday and will declare the games open," an official spokesperson said.

Mandaviya will be joined by a host of dignitaries, including the Lieutenant Governor of Ladakh, Brigadier Dr BD Mishra, and senior officials from the



Sports Authority of India and the Ladakh Autonomous Hill Development Council.

This will be the second time Ladakh hosts the Winter Games, now in its fifth edition, the spokesperson said. "All teams have arrived in Leh, which is at an altitude of 11,562 feet. Himachal Pradesh has the largest contingent, comprising 78 athletes and support staff," he added.

Haryana (62), hosts Ladakh (52), and Maharashtra (48) will compete in the Ladakh edition. Uttarakhand, which will host the National Games later this

month, has the smallest team, comprising just one athlete.

The fifth edition of the Khelo India Winter Games will be held across two phases in Ladakh and Jammu & Kashmir, from January 23 to 27 and February 22 to 25, respectively, covering two ice and four snow disciplines, the spokesperson said.

Apart from identifying talent, the Khelo India Winter Games aim to showcase a region's art, culture, heritage, and promote tourism through sports. Several young skaters will compete at the Nawang Dorjay Stobdan Sports Complex and Gupkus Pond, the venues for short- and long-form skating events.

Ice hockey matches will be played at the NDS Complex and the Ladakh Scouts Regimental Centre.

The technical conduct of the events will be supervised by the Sports Authority of India (SAI) with support from national sports federations.

The KIWG opening ceremony will be covered live by Doordarshan Sports, and events will be live-streamed daily until January 27.

In KIWG 2024, Maharashtra won 20 skating medals, including six golds. Karnataka also secured six golds but finished second with eight total medals, compared to Maharashtra's 20. Hosts Ladakh, who made history with two Khelo India golds in speed skating, finished third with 13 medals overall.

The ice hockey competition is expected to be fiercely contested, with teams from the Army, ITBP, Himachal Pradesh, and UT-Ladakh vying for supremacy.

The Army, defending men's champions, and ITBP, reigning women's titleholders, have dominated national and Khelo India Winter Games events.

Sindhu, Lakshya to lead team in Badminton Asia Mixed Championship

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Double Olympic medallist PV Sindhu and World Championships bronze winner Lakshya Sen will lead a 14-member Indian team for the Badminton Asia Mixed Team Championship to be held in Qingdao, China from February 11-16.

India had clinched a bronze medal in the last edition of the competition in Dubai in 2023. "The national selectors have given importance to the world rankings and current form of the players while selecting the squad that will have HS Prannoy and Malvika Bansod as the second men's and women's singles players respectively," the Badminton Association of India said in a release.

The strong Indian team will also have star doubles players Satwiksairaj Rankireddy and

Mainz signs US midfielder Lennard Maloney

PTI ■ MAINZ

German-born U.S. Midfielder Lennard Maloney has joined Mainz from Bundesliga rival Heidenheim, where he was dropped last month after expressing his wish to leave.

The 25-year-old Maloney, who had informed Heidenheim he was going to join Mainz when his contract expired at the end of the season, got his wish Tuesday when the clubs agreed on a deal.

"Maloney has been able to prove himself in the Bundesliga over the last year and a half," said Mainz sporting director Niko Bungert said. "His preferred position is as a number six and as a player, he's the perfect fit for Mainz 05. He brings a strong mentality, as well as a willingness to run hard, and is also strong at winning challenges and aerial duels. Lennard will find it easy to fit into our squad with his warm, open



personality."

Maloney signed a contract to 2028.

After 18 rounds of the league, Heidenheim is in the relegation playoff spot while sixth-place Mainz is on course for European qualification.

Heidenheim coach Frank Schmidt said in December he wasn't picking the defensive midfielder because he lacked commitment amid a series of disappointing performances.

"I can only count on players in this phase who are 100% focused on the interests of Heidenheim," Schmidt said. "From a coaching perspective I simply want another focus and another level of performance from my vice-captain."

The Berlin-born Maloney has made two appearances for the United States — both in 2023.

Borussia Dortmund fires coach Nuri Sahin



PTI ■ DORTMUND

Borussia Dortmund fired coach Nuri Sahin on Wednesday, a day after its 2-1 loss to Bologna in the Champions League.

The loss extended Dortmund's losing streak to four games since the new year and dropped last season's Champions League runner-up to 13th in the standings. Dortmund is also struggling in the Bundesliga, where it's 10th.

"We really value Nuri Sahin and his work, we had wished for a long cooperation and until recently we hoped that we could manage to turn things around in sporting terms," sporting director Lars Ricken said in a statement.

"After four losses in a row, with just one win from the last nine games and currently being 10th in the Bundesliga, unfortunately we lost our faith in being able to achieve our sporting goals in the current configuration. This decision is personally painful for me too, but it was no longer avoidable after the game in Bologna."

There was no immediate word on a successor. Dortmund's next game is Saturday in the Bundesliga against Werder Bremen.

The 36-year-old Sahin had been Dortmund coach since June. He had been an assistant to Edin Terzic, who resigned following Dortmund's 2-0 loss to Real Madrid in the Champions League final, saying the club needed to enter a "new era" without him.

Enrique must outwit Guardiola when PSG meets Manchester City

PTI ■ PARIS

Luis Enrique credits Pep Guardiola with inventing arguably the "perfect model" of attacking soccer.

He must now outwit him when Paris Saint-Germain faces Manchester City in the Champions League on Wednesday, in a match both teams must win to avoid the prospect of early elimination in the new-look format.

"It's a special game. Not just for the two teams but because I will come across a friend who I shared many great moments with as a player and a person," Enrique said on Tuesday through a translator.

"What brings us closer is our vision of football: To try and be better than the opponent on the ball, to constantly press the opponent. We can fine-tune our game but we have a similar way of



seeing things." Guardiola rose to fame as a coach during a glory era for Barcelona, winning the Champions League twice and multiple other trophies. Guardiola's sides hypnotized opponents with a pulsating brand of attacking soccer led by Lionel Messi that was the envy of Europe. Guardiola then turned City into a Premier League force.

"The 4-3-3 with Barcelona was almost the perfect model. He opened up a different way of playing in England and did so with success, he opened many doors for others," Enrique said. "Pep has innovated throughout his career and is not scared to do so again."

Guardiola won the Champions League again with City in 2023, while Enrique's PSG reached the semifinals last season.

Enrique and Guardiola have history

scored 109 goals for the club; Guardiola the astute mine-sweeper protecting defense.

As coaches, they are more similar.

"If anything can define both Pep and I as coaches (it) is that we like to attack. We like to defend properly but we like to devise our game plan to be better than the opposition," said Enrique, who won the Champions League with Barca in 2015. "There are a lot of things I must think about when I have my cappuccino tomorrow morning."

Namely that PSG is in danger of going out.

So is City.

PSG is 25th out of 36 teams, and City is only one point ahead in 22nd. The bottom 12 are eliminated.

"Everyone has to be ready," Enrique said. "Man City do a lot of things tactically, they switch positions a lot. But we pose a lot

of problems. The team that is best prepared or best develops its ideas will win."

City is turning the corner after a slump that had Guardiola interrogating himself. City has rebounded with 22 goals in the past five games. Attacking midfielder Phil Foden is finding form and prolific striker Erling Haaland has signed a mega-contract until 2034.

"City are also very at ease with a transition game and have very dangerous players in attack," Enrique said. "We will see who makes the most of the possession. We want to keep the ball, it's when you retain possession that you have the most chance of winning."

As long as you score.

Wasteful PSG has netted just six goals in six games and was blanked by Bayern Munich and Arsenal.

"I hope for a horrible performance from PSG tomorrow," Guardiola said, jokingly.

Mbappe's shoes not filled

The void left by Kylian Mbappé since he joined Real Madrid is still felt. He scored a career-high 44 goals last season.

"We obviously had a player of reference who scored an immense amount of goals," Enrique said. "I don't think any one of our players previously showed they could score 25 goals in a season, so we have to resolve it through the team."

PSG's main scoring threat comes from winger Ousmane Dembélé, who has recovered from a heavy flu.

"I feel much better," he said on Tuesday. "I had five or six days when I wasn't feeling well."

Dembélé has 11 goals from 22 games and is well on course to beat his best of 14 with Barcelona in 2018-19.

Australian Open: Swiatek will face Madison Keys in semifinals

PTI ■ MELBOURNE

Iga Swiatek is dominating her Australian Open opponents the way no one has at Melbourne Park since Maria Sharapova in 2013. Swiatek's latest lopsided win came via a 6-1, 6-2 score in the quarterfinals against No. 8 seed Emma Navarro on Wednesday. The No. 2-seeded Swiatek not only has not dropped a set so far in the tournament, but also has lost a grand total of only 14 games as she seeks her first title at Melbourne Park and sixth Grand Slam trophy overall. Sharapova was the last woman to reach the Australian Open semifinals having dropped fewer than 15 games. "She does everything with 100% conviction and intensity," Navarro said about Swiatek. "She has a different style of movement and play. It's tough to not be sort of affected by that and not feel like, OK, I have to do everything at the same speed that she's doing it. So that was something, for sure, I felt a little bit today."

Swiatek will face No. 19 Madison Keys of the U.S. On Thursday night for a berth in the final. The other women's semifinal is No. 1 Aryna Sabalenka, the two-time defending champion, against her good friend, No. 11 Paula Badosa. Keys, whose best showing at a major was getting to the title match at the 2017 U.S. Open, was a 3-6, 6-3, 6-4 winner against Elina Svitolina and is into her third semifinal in Australia. "Iga is tough to beat, because she has a lot of spin, kind of naturally, on both sides. She's a good server. She's a good returner. She moves incredibly well," Keys said. "The biggest thing that makes her so difficult to beat is, because she moves so well, if you miss your spot just slightly, she has enough time to recover, and then the point goes back to neutral." There's an American in the men's semifinals, too: No. 21 Ben Shelton got that far in Melbourne for the first time with an entertaining 6-4, 7-5, 4-6, 7-6 (4) win over unseeded Lorenzo Sonego of



Italy. Shelton was a semifinalist at the 2023 U.S. Open and now will meet No. 1 Jannik Sinner, the defending champion, or No. 8 Alex de Minaur in that round. Sinner faced de Minaur on Wednesday night. The other men's semifinal Friday is Novak Djokovic vs. Alexander Zverev. Against Navarro, Swiatek benefited from a no-call of a double bounce on a point she won in the second set.

Because Navarro continued playing the point and did not immediately stop to ask for a video review, she wasn't allowed to have the sequence checked. Either way, Swiatek's dominance was pretty clear, even if she was modest about things afterward. "Well, I think it was much more tougher than the score says," said Swiatek, a 23-year-old from Poland. "Emma's a fighter ... And I wanted to stay

focused and keep my intensity." Swiatek has won four of five career matchups against Keys, 29. "Madison is a great player and experienced, so you never know," Swiatek said. "I'll be just focused on myself." Using a new racket this season, Keys is on a 10-match winning streak, including a title at a hard-court tune-up event in Adelaide. Her run to the semifinals in Melbourne

includes victories over two past runners-up at the Australian Open, Danielle Collins and Elina Rybakina. Keys' past losses in the semifinals in Melbourne came against eventual champions Serena Williams in 2015 and Ash Barty in 2022. "I think I play a little bit smarter for sure ... Probably a little bit less fearless," Keys said. Svitolina, a three-time Slam semifinalist, was in control during the first set. But Keys made some tactical adjustments, including looking for more opportunities to get to the net. She won 23 of the 26 points when she moved forward and ended up with a total of 49 winners, 23 on her powerful forehand side. The one difficulty Keys had was getting going in her return games. But she finally converted her seventh break chance to lead 4-2 in the second set. "Getting to the point where I'm starting to appreciate my career for what it has been, and it doesn't have to have a

Grand Slam in order for me to look at it and say, 'I've done a really good job, and I've really left everything out there.' Now, while that's obviously still the goal, there have been periods of my career where it felt like if I didn't win one, then I hadn't done enough,"

Keys said. "That kind of took a lot of the fun out of the game, and there were times where it felt paralyzing out on the court because it felt as if I needed it to happen, instead of giving myself the opportunity to go out and potentially do it."



SBI INTER CIRCLE BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT AT CHANDIGARH FROM 21.01.2025 TO 24.01.2025

Chandigarh: SBI Inter Circle Basketball Tournament at Chandigarh kicked off with great enthusiasm on 21.01.2025 at Basketball Indoor Stadium, Sports Complex, Sector 42, Chandigarh. Seventeen teams from all Circles of the SBI are participating in the Tournament. The inauguration ceremony was graced by Sh. Krishan Kumar, Chief General Manager of SBI Chandigarh Circle as Chief Guest, along with Sh. Sujit Kumar, General Manager - Network 2, Sh. Vimal Kishore, General Manager - Network 3 and other dignitaries. The event began with march past by participating teams, followed by the ceremonial lamp lighting by Chief Guest, Sh. Krishan Kumar. The ceremony also featured a stirring performance by Bhangra Team. Opening game was held between Kolkata and Bengaluru teams, with Bengaluru team emerging victorious. A total of ten matches were played on Day 1. Final match will be played on 24.01.2025.



TRICITY TO HAVE FIRST FINLAND ELEMENTARY SCHOOL AND INDIA'S FIRST SCHOOL OF ENTREPRENEURSHIP IN K-12 SEGMENT

BACKED BY OVER 75 YEARS OF LEGACY, DASS & BROWN EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING SCHOOL SETS UP AI-DRIVEN INTERNATIONAL EDUCATIONAL ECOSYSTEM
Panchkula: In a landmark development for the region's thriving Education sector, Dass & Brown Experiential Learning School (D-BELS) is set to introduce Tricity's first Finnish Elementary School and India's first dedicated School of Entrepreneurship in K12 segment- the Young Entrepreneurs School (YES), alongside Dass & Brown Legacy School, a unique AI-driven, STREAM focussed school offering bespoke curriculum. Built on a legacy of over 75 years of educational excellence, D-BELS brings together three distinctive schools under one roof, each offering unique curriculum while sharing a common foundation in experiential learning through STREAM (Science, Technology, Research, Engineering, Arts, and Mathematics). The Finnish Elementary School introduces the Tricity to Finland's internationally recognized curriculum, renowned for its play-based learning approach and focus on student well-being. The Young Entrepreneurs School (YES), offering international Cambridge curriculum, on the other hand, pioneers entrepreneurship education in the K-12 segment, featuring a special collaboration with Apple Education specialists to enhance digital innovation and business learning.

Ras Al Khaimah Celebrates Record-Breaking Tourism Year with 1.28 million Visitors in 2024

January 2025: Ras Al Khaimah Tourism Development Authority (RAKTDA) has reported its strongest year ever, welcoming a record-high 1.28 million overnight arrivals in 2024, marking 12% growth in tourism revenues and a 15% rise in MICE visitors, a statement issued on Wednesday said. This aligns with the Emirate's strategic and sustainable growth vision to attract over 3.5 million annual visitors by 2030. Raki Phillips, CEO of Ras Al Khaimah Tourism Development Authority, said, "2024 was a milestone year for Ras Al Khaimah, showcasing our commitment to sustainability, enhanced connectivity, and diverse experiences tailored to every traveller. Looking ahead, our vision extends beyond attracting more visitors; we aim to position Ras Al Khaimah as a destination of the future. With significant investments, world-class events, and groundbreaking developments on the horizon, 2025 is set to be another remarkable year." The statement said several factors contributed to this robust performance in 2024, including the opening of new hotels and resorts, a growing calendar of international events, increased connectivity to Ras Al Khaimah International Airport, best-in-class marketing campaigns and over 2,200 international activities and market engagements across 70 cities.

Bank of Baroda takes important initiative towards promoting women empowerment- 5 women branches opened in Odisha and Jharkhand

Jharkhand: Bank of Baroda, one of the leading Public Sector Banks in the country, today announced the launch of five Mahila Bank branches in the states of Odisha and Jharkhand under the motto of 'By Women, For Women'. These branches, fully staffed by women, are designed with the objective of creating a supportive and empowering environment for the Bank's women employees and women customers as well as general customers. The Bank has launched three such new branches in Odisha and two in Jharkhand. Out of these 5 branches, three are in urban areas and two are in rural areas. This initiative is a part of the Bank's continued commitment towards empowering women, unleashing their true potential and promoting gender equality. By encouraging women employees to come forward in managing the overall operations of these branches, the Bank is providing them with great opportunities for professional growth and also motivating them to take up higher roles in the Bank's leadership.



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