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Stalin advise more kids to counter delimitation in TN



Stalin has claimed a higher population would ensure more MPs as delimitation will be population-based PTI

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ CHENNAI/NEW DELHI

Tamil Nadu Chief Minister MK Stalin on Monday favoured young people having children immediately following marriage and said a higher population appeared to be the criterion to get more MPs. Addressing a wedding in Nagapattinam in the state, Stalin, also the Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam (DMK) president said that years ago, newlyweds were advised to not have children immediately following marriage. However, the same thing must not be advised now and also there was no need for that. "It is because a situation has now arisen, according to which only a higher population would ensure more MPs as the delimitation exercise would be on the basis of population," Stalin

said. Tamil Nadu paid attention to population control and succeeded and that was the reason for the state's plight today, he added. "I will not tell you to not have children hastily, have children immediately; but give them beautiful Tamil names," he said, directly appealing to the bride and bridegroom. Further, he said that the question of delimitation is related to Tamil Nadu's rights and protecting its interests and hence, the matter must not be evaluated politically. The union government is planning to implement the three-language policy through compulsion and similarly in the delimitation exercise, it is attempting to cut down the number of seats for Tamil Nadu, Stalin alleged, addressing the function here. Against this background an all party

meeting has been organised on March 5 on the proposed delimitation exercise and most parties out of 40 have confirmed their participation and a few others have said they would not be taking part. Appealing to such parties, the chief minister said they should not evaluate the issue through the prism of politics. BJP and former Union Minister G K Vaasan led TMC (Moopanar) were the key parties that have said they would not take part in the meeting. "I would like to appeal to them, please give a thought to it, this is not an issue between the DMK and your party."

The issue is all about Tamil Nadu and its interests and rights and hence parties that have declared that they would not take part should also participate, he appealed. Stalin recently escalated the ongoing language row between Centre and State, responding to Union education minister Dharmendra Pradhan's call to "rise above politics". Stalin reaffirmed the State's commitment to its two-language policy and cautioned the Centre against "throwing stones at a beehive". The DMK government in TN and BJP led NDA government at Centre have been at loggerheads over the implementation of New Education Policy (NEP) in the state. Stalin blamed Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan for doing politics in education. Pradhan advised Stalin after the latter wrote a letter to Prime Minister Narendra Modi opposing the linking of two centrally sponsored programmes with the NEP. The education minister asked the Tamil Nadu chief minister to rise above political differences and "think about the interests of the young learners". Stalin has refused to implement the NEP and three-language policy, involving the necessity of Hindi, asking the Centre to not "impose" the language.

SC issues rider to Allahbadia on airing podcast

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court on Monday allowed podcaster Ranveer Allahbadia to air his "The Ranveer Show" subject to maintaining "morality and decency" and an undertaking that it was suitable for all ages. A bench of Justices Surya Kant and N Kottiswar Singh took note of Allahbadia's submission that the podcast was his only source of livelihood and around 280 people employed by him were dependent on the show. The bench also extended the interim protection from arrest granted to Allahbadia till further orders, while asking him to join investigation in Guwahati. Solicitor general Tushar Mehta, appearing for the Centre and states like Maharashtra, Assam and Odisha, said the comments made on the contentious YouTube show "India's Got Latent" was not only vulgar but perverse and urged the court not to modify the condition of not airing any show. "Let him remain silent for sometime," he said. The bench told senior advocate Abhinav Chandrachud, who was representing Allahbadia, that fundamental rights were not (served) on a platter and came with certain restrictions. Justice Surya Kant pointed out one of the accused in the case went to Canada and spoke on the case. "These youngsters may think that we are outdated but we know how to deal with them. Don't take the court lightly," the judge cautioned. The bench subsequently restrained Allahbadia from speaking anything related to the case on his show. The Centre in the meantime was directed to come up with a draft regulatory mechanism on social media content, which should be put in public domain aside from gathering suggestions from all stakeholders. The bench, however, refused to allow him to travel abroad for now and said his prayer would be considered once he joined the investigation in the case.

Wheels of justice arrive after death



Shahzadi Khan (L) pictured here when she was alive; her father Shabbir Khan (R) speaks to press after her execution X/PTI

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ NEW DELHI

An Indian woman on death row in Abu Dhabi for the alleged murder of a four-month-old child has already been executed on February 15, the Delhi High Court hearing her father's plea about her well-being was informed on Monday. On being informed about the development, Justice Sachin Datta termed it "very unfortunate". "It is over. She was executed on February 15. Her last rites will be held on March 5," Additional Solicitor General Chetan Sharma told the court. The submission was made in a hearing on a petition by the 33-year-old woman's father seeking to know her well-being. Shahzadi Khan was handed over to the Abu Dhabi police on February 10, 2023 and she was sentenced to death on July 31, 2023. She was lodged in the Al Wathba jail. Shabbir Khan, a resident of Uttar Pradesh's Banda, said there was "profound uncertainty" regarding his daughter Shahzadi's situation and his repeated applications to the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) for clarification were fruitless. The plea further alleged that Shahzadi was inadequately represented before the local courts in the case over the alleged murder of her employer's four-month-old child and she was pressured into confessing, leading to the

imposition of the death penalty on her. During the hearing, the petitioner's counsel said his limited prayer was to know whether his daughter was alive or she had been hanged. He said on February 14, Shahzadi had called the family from the prison saying that she would be executed in a day or two and this would be her last call. Since then, they were unaware of her well-being, he said. The Centre's counsel told the court that the Embassy officials and the petitioner were in touch and arrangements were being made so that the family could attend their daughter's last rites in Abu Dhabi. "We did our best. We hired a law firm there to represent her in court. But the laws there deal with the murder of an infant very severely," he submitted. The petition said, "On February 14, 2025, the petitioner's daughter telephoned him from detention, informing him that she had been relocated within the facility and that, prior to her potential execution, her final wish was to speak with her parents." "The petitioner, with considerable effort, submitted an application dated February 21, 2025 to the Ministry of External Affairs, seeking to ascertain the current legal status of his daughter and confirm whether she remains alive or has been executed," it added.



Indian cricket captain Rohit Sharma; Congress spokesperson Shama Mohamed PTI

Congress in pickle over fat shaming

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ NEW DELHI

The Congress was left red-faced after its national spokesperson Shama Mohamed stirred controversy with her remarks on Indian cricket captain Rohit Sharma, calling him "fat for a sportsman" and the "most unimpressive" captain in India's history. As the post triggered widespread backlash, the party quickly intervened, asking her to delete it but till then the remarks drew backlash from many, including BJP leaders. Her remarks came amid the Indian cricket team's undefeated run at the ongoing Champions Trophy.

While Congress asserted that Shama Mohamed's remarks about the cricketing legend do not reflect the party's position, BJP leader and Delhi minister Manjinder Singh Sirsa said it was shameful that an official spokesperson of the leading national party gave such a statement. "This is Congress' statement. They feel that only one person is fit for everything and that is former party chief Rahul Gandhi," Sirsa said. "They are so against the country that today they are using abusive language against our country's cricket captain. I don't know what they mean by this. It is really shameful and I condemn this. The entire nation is seeing the mentality of the Congress," he said.

No ban on smartphones in schools: HC

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

In a significant ruling, the Delhi High Court refused to ban children from bringing smartphones to school saying that such an approach is neither practical nor desirable. The court clarified in its decision that the use of smartphones does not negatively impact teaching, discipline, or the overall educational environment in the classroom. The ruling came on a writ petition (W.P.(C) 15191/2023) filed by a minor student through legal representatives, against Kendriya Vidyalaya, Sector-05, Dwarka, New Delhi and other respondents. Justice Anup Jairam Bhambhani pointed out that technology has become an essential part of education, making a total ban on smartphones unrealistic. The court also noted that smartphones help students stay connected with their parents, adding to their safety and security. At the same time, the court acknowledged the risks of excessive screen time, social media exposure, and misuse of smartphones. Instead of banning them outright, the

focus should be on responsible usage, it said. The petitioner challenged certain actions taken by the school due to alleged misuse of a smartphone on school premises. The petition filed this petition seeking directions to Kendriya Vidyalaya on permitting use of smartphones. During the course of hearing, Kendriya Vidyalaya requested the Court to frame guidelines on use of smartphones in schools. To ensure classroom teaching discipline, the court has recommended that the "use of smartphones in class must be prohibited" and the "use of cameras and recording facility on smartphones should also be barred in the common areas of the school as well as in school vehicles." The court order prescribes that "schools must educate students on responsible online behaviour, digital manners, and the ethical use of smartphones" and that students must be counselled that high levels of screen time and social media engagement can lead to anxiety, diminished attention spans, and cyber-bullying. In its guiding principles for

framing a policy, the court has outlined that such a policy "should permit the use of smartphones for connectivity for purposes of safety and coordination but disallow the use of smartphones for entertainment/ recreational use." The guidelines issued by the Court include: Smartphones must not disrupt classroom teaching, discipline, or the overall educational atmosphere. To this end, the use of smartphones in class must be prohibited; Use of cameras and recording facility on smartphones should also be barred in the common areas of the school as well as in school vehicles; Schools must educate students on responsible online behaviour, digital manners, and the ethical use of smartphones. Students must be counselled that high levels of screen-time and social media engagement can lead to anxiety, diminished attention spans and cyber-bullying; The policy should permit use of smartphones for connectivity for purposes of safety and coordination but disallow the use of smartphones for entertainment/recreational use.

Omar dismiss BJP alliance



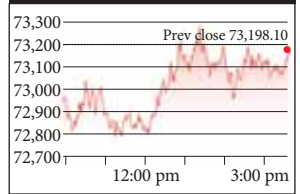
J and K CM Omar Abdullah during the first day of the Budget session of the state Assembly PTI

MOHIT KANDHARI ■ JAMMU

Dispelling political centered around fresh political realignment in Jammu and Kashmir, Chief Minister Omar Abdullah Monday clarified that there are currently no plans for an alliance with the ruling party in the Centre. "We are not talking about any alliance (with the BJP); neither is there any scope nor the need. Our thoughts also do not align", Omar said on day one of the Budget session of J and K Assembly. If we talk about J and K, our thoughts are vastly different... We will hold discussions on everything

(during the session)," he asserted. On the other hand, unsparing Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) Chief Mehbooba Mufti Monday accused the Omar Abdullah-led National Conference (NC) government of acting as an extension of the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) in the state. The former chief minister suggested that the NC was attempting to legitimise the BJP's actions over the past six years, including the abrogation of Article 370 in August 2019. Addressing media persons in Srinagar, Mufti said Omar says how he will get it (Article 370) from the BJP. When BJP could talk on abrogating Article 370 for 70 years, at least you (Omar) can speak on this and say this was done illegally," she said. She said that people voted for Omar Abdullah hoping the government would address issues of disempowerment, as well as concerns over property, minerals, and jobs. "I did not expect miracles from the NC in four months, but at least they should have raised their voice on such issues," she said. Mufti said that besides Article 370 and statehood restoration, several issues were being faced by the public.

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Mayawati expels nephew, after clipping his wings

BISWAJEET BANERJEE ■ LUCKNOW

In a major political development, Bahujan Samaj Party (BSP) supreme Mayawati expelled Akash Anand from the party, days after stripping him of all key responsibilities, including the post of National Coordinator. Announcing her decision, Mayawati stated that during BSP's All-India meeting yesterday, Akash Anand was relieved of his responsibilities due to prioritising personal interests over the party. She alleged that he remained heavily influenced by his father-in-law Ashok Siddharth, which led to his removal from the post of National Coordinator and other key roles. Mayawati emphasised that Akash had the opportunity to demonstrate maturity and remorse over this decision. However, she accused him of reacting in a manner that reflected arrogance, selfishness, and a non-missionary mindset, heavily influenced by his father-in-law. "I have always advised and punished such individuals in the party who allow personal influences to overshadow the BSP's ideology. Therefore, in the interest of Dr BR Ambedkar's self-respect movement and to uphold the discipline established by Kanshi Ram, Akash Anand is being expelled from the party, just like his father-in-law," Mayawati stated.

Indian dolphins thrive away from humans in Ganga

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ NEW DELHI

The first population estimation of riverine dolphins in India has revealed the presence of 6,324 dolphins in the Ganga, Brahmaputra and Indus River systems, according to a government report published on Monday. The Ganges River dolphin, known for its unique features, is found in the Ganga-Brahmaputra-Meghna river system and its tributaries across India, Bangladesh, Nepal, and Bhutan. A small population of the Indus river dolphin, a close relative of the Ganges river dolphin, is found in the Indus River system in India. As part of "Project Dolphin", a comprehensive survey was conducted for the first time to



estimate the population of river dolphins across eight states — Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, Jharkhand, Rajasthan, Madhya Pradesh, West Bengal, Assam and Punjab. It is one of the world's largest freshwater surveys, covering the entire range of the Ganges river dolphin in the Ganga and Brahmaputra, as well as the Indus river dolphin in the

Beas river, according to the report "Population Status of River Dolphin in India". The survey estimated 6,324 Ganges river dolphins (range: 5,977-6,688) and three Indus river dolphins. The findings suggest that dolphins thrive in areas with adequate water depth and minimal human disturbances, it said. Prime Minister Narendra Modi announced Project Dolphin on August 15, 2020, to conserve dolphins and other aquatic ecosystems. Monitoring dolphin populations is crucial for conservation, especially for river dolphins, which have a slow growth rate and live in some of the world's most threatened habitats. The survey covering over 8,000 km was conducted from 2021 to 2023. It included eight states -- along the Ganga and Brahmaputra rivers and their tributaries, as well as the Beas river. During the survey, 58 rivers were assessed. Of these, 28 rivers were actively surveyed by boat, while 30 were studied through road surveys, focusing on locations where the Ganges river dolphin had been historically reported.

A WILD ENCOUNTER



Prime Minister Narendra Modi during a lion safari at the Gir Wildlife Sanctuary on the occasion of the World Wildlife Day in Gujarat's Junagadh district PTI

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BEDKHALI NOTICE

I, Ashok Kumar S/o Sh. Dalei Singh R/o H.No. 444/1, Sainipura, Near Baba Dham, Teh. & Distt. Sonapat has disowned my son Ayush from my all movable-immovable property as he is out of my control. In future, if anybody deals with him, he/she will do at their own risk.

I, Dharam Vir S/o Gokal Chand and wife Meena Devi R/O Flat No. 4686, Darshan Vihar Complex, Sector 68, SAS Nagar, Mohali (Pb.) hereby disown our son Sagar Anand from our all moveable/immovable properties. He is out of our control. If anybody deal with him will do so at his own risk and responsibility. We shall not be responsible for his any deeds.

I, Jagdish Kaur Adhar Card No. (558228046840) Lat.Sh Avtar Singh H No 60 Kharsa No. 448 Block A Gurmanak Dev Colony Delhi Rented Address H .No 811 Sector 9 Panchkula. Declare That My Son Jaspreet Singh Adhar No. (420127593547) And His Wife Gurleen Adhar No. (534469911925) Are Out Of My Control. I Disown Them From My Moveable /Immoveable Properties. Anybody Who Deals With Them Shall Do At His /Her Own Risk And Responsibility.

I, Sikandar Saini S/o Shyam Lal R/O 672 Chandana gate Shakti Nagar street No. 2, Ward No. 25 Kaithal declare that my son Prem and his wife Rekha both are out of my control. So I disown him from my all moveable/immovable properties. Any body dealing with him at their own risk. I and any member of my family will not be responsible for any act done by my above named son.

I Radha Ballabh S/o Kirpal Dutt R/O House No. 3055/1, Housing Board Colony Dhanas, Chandigarh declares that my son Chander Shekhar and my daughter-in-law Neha both are out of my control. So I disown them from all my moveable/immovable properties. If anybody deals with them they will do their own risk/responsibility.

I, Mahendra Singh, son of Shri Gurudayal Singh, resident of Dunicchand Patti, Village Bhagal, Tehsil Guhla, District Kaithal, hereby disown my son Gurmeet Singh's widow Kusum, their son Nikhil Punia, and daughter Palak due to their disobedience. I exclude them from my movable and immovable property. I and my family have no connection with their transactions or relationships of any kind. Anyone dealing or maintaining relations with them in the future will do so at their own risk and responsibility.

I, Madan Lal S/o Rattna Ram Vill.Sainsa, Pehowa Distt.Kurukshetra My Son Amrik Singh and his wife Paramjeet Kaur is out of my control. I disown them from my all moveable and immovable properties. If anybody deals with him that will be at his own risk.

I, Brij Mohan son of Sh. Kishori Lal Resident of House No. 377, Village Batawa (247), PO: and Tehsil Barwala, Distt. Panchkula, Haryana-134118 declare that my daughter Jyoti Rani is out of my control. I disown my daughter from my All Movable and immovable Properties. Anybody dealing with her will do at his own risk and cost. I and my family will have nothing to do with it.

ਮੈਂ, ਮਹਿੰਦਰ ਸਿੰਘ ਪੁੱਤਰ ਗੁਰਮੇਜ ਸਿੰਘ ਵਾਲੀ ਪਿੰਡ ਨੂਪੁਰ, ਜ਼ਿਲ੍ਹਾ ਜਲੰਧਰ ਬਿਅਨ ਕਰਦਾ ਹਾਂ ਕਿ ਮੇਰਾ ਲੜਕਾ ਬਲਦੀਰ ਸਿੰਘ ਜੋ ਕਿ ਮੇਰੇ ਚਿੱਠੀ ਤੇ ਬਾਰ ਹੋ। ਮੈਂ ਇਸ ਨੂੰ ਆਪਣੀ ਚਲ-ਚਲਦੀ ਜਾਇਦਾਦ ਤੋਂ ਬੇਦਖਲ ਕਰਦਾ ਹਾਂ। ਮੇਰਾ ਅਤੇ ਮੇਰੇ ਪਰਿਵਾਰ ਦਾ ਇਸ ਨਾਲ ਕੋਈ ਵੀ ਲੈਣ ਦੇਣ ਨਹੀਂ ਹੈ। ਜੇ ਕੋਈ ਵੀ ਇਸ ਨਾਲ ਲੈਣ ਦੇਣ ਕਰੇਗਾ, ਉਹ ਆਪਣੇ ਨੁਕਸਾਨ ਦਾ ਖੁਦ ਜ਼ਿੰਮੇਵਾਰ ਹੋਵੇਗਾ।

ਮੈਂ, ਸੁਰੇਸ਼ ਕੁਮਾਰ ਪੁੱਤਰ ਚਯਮਨਾਰਧਨ ਨਿਵਾਸੀ ਮਕਾਨ ਨੰ. 411/30, ਗਾੜੀ ਨੰ. 30, ਦੇਵ ਕਾਲੀਨੀ, ਗੋਹਾੜਕ ਬਿਅਨ ਕਰਦਾ ਹਾਂ ਕਿ ਮੈਂ ਅਪਨੇ ਪੁੱਤਰ ਸ਼ਿਵਮ, ਪੁੱਤਰਬੁ ਮਯਾ ਮਲਿਕ ਕੋ ਮੇਰੇ ਕਰਨੇ-ਸੁਨੇ ਕੇ ਬਾਹਰ ਹੀਨੇ ਪਰ ਅਪਨੀ ਚਲ-ਅਚਲ ਸੰਪਤਿ ਤੇ ਬੇਦਖਲ ਕਰਦਾ ਹਾਂ। ਮਥਿਯ ਮੈਂ ਫਨਸੇ ਲੈਨ- ਫਨ ਕਰਨੇ ਵੀਗਾ ਆਕਿ ਖਬੰ ਜਿੰਮੇਵਾਰ ਹੋਗਾ, ਮੇਰੀ ਵ ਮੇਰੇ ਪਰਿਵਾਰ ਕੀ ਕੋਈ ਜਿੰਮੇਵਾਰੀ ਨਹੀਂ ਹੋਗੀ।

PUBLIC NOTICE

I Tinku alias Faggu S/o Sh. Raja R/O H.No. 44, Satya Nagar, Barara Road, Tehsil Shahabad (M) Kurukshetra declare that my real brothers are Nishu, Golu alias Dorni and real sisters-in-law Neha and Naina and Kamlesh are my mother are out of my control. Therefore, I and my wife Lachhmi alias Kajal, break all relations with my real brothers Nishu, Golu alias Dorni and real sisters-in-law Neha, Naina and my mother Kamlesh. In future, if anybody deals with them in any manner, they will deal on his own responsibility.

I Harjit Kaur w/o Kuljinder Singh r/o Dheera Pathankot. My Date of Birth in school certificate, adhar card and pan card is 11 Jan 1980. My date of birth as per my husband documents in army is 08 Jan 1983. Change my date of birth in army records 08 Jan 1983 to 11 Jan 1980.

I, Ajay (A.No. 9649 0158 0624) S/o Kehar Singh R/O768/29 Vikas Nagar, Street No. 1B Teh. & Distt. Sonipat declare that My actual DOB is 20-6-2002. In my 10th class mark sheet, the DOB has been recorded as 20-06-2003 by mistake whereas the correct DOB is 20-06-2002.

I Vikram Jit S/O Sohan Lal R/O Vpo. Sidhwan Bet Tehsil Jagraon Distt. Ludhiana Punjab India Declare That As Attorney Of My Son Rohit S/O Vikram Jit R/O Vpo. Sidhwan Bet Tehsil Jagraon Distt. Ludhiana Punjab India Now Residing At 100 Brickyard Way Unit 11 Brampton, ON. L6V 4L9, Canada, Have Changed His Name From Rohit To Rohit Dhand.

I Amrjitpal Kaur W/O Late Jagroop Singh R/O Vill. Gill Distt. Ferozepur Declare That In Some Documents Of My Late Husband His Name Is Mentioned As Jagroop Singh And In Some Document His Name Is Mentioned As Roop Singh. So My Husband Was Known By Both Names As Jagroop Singh And Roop Singh And Was One And Same Person Of These Both Names.

I, Majoj Kumari C/o Vijay Kumar R/O #29 Swagat City Khuni Majra Sector-115 Kharar Po. Kharar (SAS Nagar, Mohali) declare that in my daughter Deepika matriculation certificate my name wrongly entered Vinod Kumari. But my correct name is Manoj Kumari. So amended my name from Vinod Kumari to Manoj Kumari in my daughter matriculation certificate.

I Harveen Kaur W/O No 14385567A Ex Hav Sukhbir Singh Village Shahu da Pind Tehsil Dasuya Distt Hoshiarpur Have Changed My Date of Birth as 12-03-1972 in place of 10-12-1971.

I Gurdeep Singh S/O Sher Singh Village Johal Tehsil Dasuya Distt Hoshiarpur Punjab declare that Correct Date of Birth My Sher Singh as 10-5-1952 in place of 04-06-1955 as per his record.

I Gurdeep Singh S/O Sher Singh Village Johal Tehsil Dasuya Distt Hoshiarpur Punjab declare that Correct Name Spelling of my mother as Surinder Kaur in place of Surinder Kaur and her correct Date of Birth as 12-06-1956 in place of 07-05-1961

It Is For General Information That Dinesh Rai Devvrat S/O Late Shrikant R/O LGV 272 Phase 1 Urban Estate, Patiala, Punjab-147002 Declare That In My Passport No. K5385605 My Father Name Has Been Wrongly Written As Shrikant Guldevraj Devvrat. The Actual Name Of My Father Is Shrikant, Which May Be Amended Accordingly.

It Is For General Information That Jasvir Singh Malhi S/O Suhinder Singh Malhi R/O 117, Malhi Patti, Phul (Rural), District Bathinda, Punjab-151104 Declare That The Name Of My And My Wife Has Been Wrongly Written As Jasvir Singh And Inderjit Kaur In My Minor Son Gurshan Singh Malhi Aged 17 Years 10th Class Mark Sheet And Certificate. The Actual Name Of My And My Wife Are Jasvir Singh Malhi And Inderjit Kaur Malhi Respectively, Which May Be Amended Accordingly.

I Singaram T is legally wife of No. 15714018A NK Bhagyaraj (K) of Unit 7 Inf Div Sig Regt C/o 56 APO Residing at House No 2/66, Village, Polayampalli, Post, Polayampalli, Tehsil Harur, Distt. Dharmapuri, State Tamil Nadu Pin-635305 Declare That my Name T Singaram and Date of Birth 05.03.1986 Wrongly written in my Husband Army Service Records but my correct Name is Singaram T and Date of birth is 09.06.1983.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, Sunil Kumar S/o Karnail Singh R/O VPO Uncha Chandna, Tehsil Saraswati Nagar, Distt Yamuna Nagar have changed my minor son's name from Deekshant Krail to Dikshant Karel.

I, Neelam Devi W/o Harendra Singh Attri R/O Village Garhi Surajmal PO Khandahe Tehsil Khair Distt Aligarh (Uttar Pradesh) PIN-202137 have changed my name from Monika Wadhwa to Monika Malik for all further purposes.

I, Neelam Devi W/o Harendra Singh Attri R/O Village Garhi Surajmal PO Khandahe Tehsil Khair Distt Aligarh (Uttar Pradesh) PIN-202137 have changed my name from Nilam Devi to Neelam Devi due to wrong name record in my husband Army Service record.

I Natasha Vats W/o Nipun Vats R/o # 5785-A, HIG Upper, Sector 38 West, Chandigarh, 160036. I Have Changed My Name From Natasha Vats to Natasha Singh.

I, Satyender Pal Rana S/o Pritam Singh R/O H.No.1463, Urban Estate, Near HUDA Water Tank, Sector- 13 Kurukshetra, have changed my name from Satyender Pal Rana to Satyender Rana.

I, Madhavi Rana W/o Satyender Rana R/O H.No.1463, Urban Estate, Near HUDA Water Tank, Sector- 13 Kurukshetra, have changed my name from Madhavi Rana to Madhavi.

I, Shruti Batra W/o Kapil Batra R/O 2177, Ward no. 3, Jagadhri, Shri Nagar Colony, Jaroda, Distt Yamuna Nagar have changed my name from Shruti Rani to Shruti Batra.

I, Sonu Ali S/o Giani Ram R/O Village Balrangan, sub-tehsil Balla, Distt. Karnal, I have changed my name from Sonu to Sonu Ali for all future purpose.

I, Anju Rani, W/o Shri Jai Bhagwan, R/O G-6/2, Sector 3, Eldicon Estate, Panipat, have changed my name from Anju Beniwal to Anju Rani.

I, Shweta Gupta wife of Mohit Goel, resident of house number DB. 94/3 ward number 10, Padav Mohalla Tehsil Samalkha district Panipat. I declared that I have changed my name from Shweta Gupta to Shweta Goel. All concerned note please.

I, Paramjeet Kaur w/o Harbans Lal R/O Talakaur Road, Thana Chhappar S.D. jarnal Hospital, Sabalpur, Distt Yamunanagar declare that Paramjeet kaur at Parmajeet kaur both are one & same person.

I Bhavna Sharma W/O Shubham Sharma R/O H. No. 118, Shankar Nagar, Yamuna Nagar Have Changed My Name From Bhavna To Bhavna Sharma.

I, Mustakh Mohammad S/o Ikkal Mohammad R/O VPO Meghwal Ganjian Distt. Hoshiarpur Punjab have change my name from Mustakh Mohammad to Prabhjot Singh. Concerned note.

I, Naresh Kumar S/o Charanj Lal, R/O VPO Dhakowal, Distt. Hoshiarpur (Pb.) India, have changed my name from Naresh Kumar to Naresh Singh. All concerned note please.

I, Veenu Goyal W/o Sh. Davinder Goyal Resident of House No 15-C, Old Jagannath vihar Colony, Near S.D Modern School, Panipat-132103 have declared that I have change my name from Veenu Goyal to Veenu Goel.

I, Meenakshi Bali W/O Sh Sudhir Kumar Bali, R/O Flat No 604, Gh 8-A, Sector 20, Panchkula Have Changed My Name To Meenakshi.

I Niladri Mukhi W/o Rinku Ward No 4, Tehsil Rakkar, Magru Saryala (276) Kangra Himachal Pradesh have changed my name from Niladri Mukhi to Niladri Sengria.

I, Gurdev Singh Dhilon S/o Kartar Singh Dhilon R/O Village Paddhi Kalan, Paddri, Sur Singh, Tarn Taran, Punjab-143302 have changed my name from Gurdev Singh Dhilon to Gurdev Singh Dhillon.

I, Renuka Gupta D/o Manohar Lal Gupta W/o Surinder Lehar R/O 180-B, Rani Ka Bagh, Amritsar, Punjab-143001 have changed my name after marriage from Renuka Gupta to Renuka Lehar.

I, Kewal Krishan S/o Hira Lal Kapoor R/O Plot No.94, City Heart Avenue, Bataala Road, Amritsar, Punjab declare have changed my name from Kewal Krishan to Kewal Kapoor.

I, Kuldeep Singh S/o Parmansingh R/O Jastarwal, PO Jastarwal, Distt. Amritsar, Punjab-143102 have changed my name from Kuldeep Singh to Kuldeep Singh.

I, Harinderjit Singh Malhi S/o Navinder Singh R/O VPO Mallian Tehsil and District Amritsar have changed my name from Harinderjit Singh Malhi to Harinderjit Singh Malhi.

I, Pinki W/o Kuldeep Singh R/O Plot No.170, Katra Moti Ram Inside Hathi Gate Amritsar have changed my name from Pinki to Pinky

I, Gagandeep Singh S/o Sukhwant Singh R/O D-5/245, Gali Kawan Wali Guru Nanak Pura District Amritsar Have Declare That Gagandeep Is my Given name and Singh is my Surname

I Pinderjit Kaur W/o Kuljinder Singh R/O VPO Khasa, PO Distrillery Khasa District Amritsar have changed my name from Pinderjit Kaur to Manpreet Kaur

I, Upinder Kumar Talwar S/o Om Parkash Talwar R/O H.No.75, Lawrence Road, Amritsar have changed my name from Upinder Kumar Talwar to Upendra Kumar Talwar

I Santokh Rani W/o Surinder Pal Singh R/O H.No.153, Opp Guru Nanak Dev University Kabir Park, PO Khalsa College, Amritsar have changed my name to Santokh Kaur

I Sukhmit Singh S/o Arjan Singh R/O H.No.L 13/824 Gali No 2 Kot Baba Deep Singh Amritsar have changed my name from Sukhmit Singh to Sukhmeet Singh

I, Gagandeep Singh S/o Harinder Singh R/O H.No.97, Near Joura Fatak, New Golden Avenue, Amritsar have declare that Gagandeep is my Given name and Singh is my Surname

I, Yuvraj Singh S/o Pargat Singh R/O E-14/58, Bhalla Colony Chheharta, Amritsar have changed my name from Yuvraj Singh to Yuvra Singh Boparai

I, Kuldip Kaur W/o Yuvraj Singh Boparai R/O E-14/58, Bhalla Colony Chheharta, Amritsar have changed my name from Kuldip Kaur to Kuldip Kaur Boparai

I Amarjit Kaur W/o Sawinder Singh R/o VPO Talwandi Dasaundha Singh Distt Amritsar have changed my name from Amarjit Kaur to Balwinder Kaur

I Sant Kumar Alias Shashi Mahajan S/o Som Raj Gupta R/O H.No.33-B Garden Colony Near Chachi Nursing Home District Amritsar have changed my name from Sant Kumar alias Shashi Mahajan to Sant Kumar

I, Sarabjit Singh S/o Balbir Singh R/O Village Chabba District Amritsar have changed my name from Sarabjit Singh to Sarbjit Singh

I, Jagdip Singh S/o Raghbir Singh R/O Village Thathian PO Sathiala Distt Amritsar have changed my name from Jagdip Singh to Jagdeep Singh

I, Nanki Sandha W/o Prabhpreet Singh R/O H.No.32, New Garden Colony, Circular Road, Amritsar have changed my name from Nanki Sandha to Nanki Suri.

I, Davinder Arora S/o Gopal Dass Arora R/O H.No.890, Sector 24, Panipat, have changed my name from Davinder Arora to Davinder Arora, for all future purposes.

I, Anil Kumar Allang S/o Mohinder Singh R/O H.No.773, Sector-12, Huda, Panipat declare that I have changed my name from Anil Kumar to Anil Kumar Allang, for all future purposes.

I, Hawa Singh, CHELP. Service Number: 0933122, R/O H.No. 68A, Sec-18, Huda, Panipat, Teh Panipat, Distt-Panipat, Haryana- 132103 have changed my wife's name from Ramkali Devi to Ram Kali Devi vide Affidavit/Self Declaration dated 03 Mar 2025.

I, Banta Devi w/o Sandeep Kumar r/o Village Deeg, Tehsil Pundri, District Kaithal have changed my name from Banta Devi to Banti Devi. In future I should be known as Banti Devi.

I, Neelam Rani w/o Parmod Kumar r/o Village Garhi Birbal, Tehsil Indri, District Karnal (Haryana) have changed my name from Neelam to Neelam Rani. In future I should be known as Neelam Rani.

I, Sheelu W/O Raj Roop R/O Village Dharana, Dhurana (131), Jhajjar, Haryana-124412 have changed my name to Ritu Sharma.

I, Rajesh Kumar S/O Late Roop Lal R/O VPO. Bhoa Tehsil Pathankot, Distt Gurdaspur, Punjab declare that name of my father is changed my name from Nathoo Singh to Nathuram and have changed my DOB 27/09/1985 to 01/01/1959 vide affidavit No. IN-PB12572342308445X Dated 03-03-2025 Before District Court, Gurdaspur (Punjab)

I, Vanishree M Muralan W/o Lohith R/O Village Yadavare PO Aigoor Tehsil Somawarpet Distt Kodagu (Karnataka) PIN- 571251 have changed my name from Vanishri M Muralan to Vanishree M Muralan due to wrong name record in my husband Army Service record.

I Manpreet Kaur D/o Darshan Singh R/O H.No. 7/83 , Guard Bazar, Tarn Taran declare that after marriage I have changed my name to Simran Kaur W/o Manpreet Singh, House No. 287, Khirri Bagh Shahjahanpur (U.P.) 242001

I, Parminder W/O Manoj Shukla R/O H No. N.J. 21, Malikan Mohalla, Jalandhar, Punjab-144001 have changed my name to Parminder Shukla.

I, Nidhi Suhag D/O Devender R/O 382, Doh(99), Rohtak, Haryana-124001 declare that name of mine & my mother is wrongly written as Nidhi & Asha in my CBSE Class 10th & 12th Educational Documents. Actual name of mine & my mother are Nidhi Suhag & Asha Devi respectively.

I, Manoj Shukla S/O Shalik Ram R/O H NO. N.J.21, Malikan Mohalla, Jalandhar, Punjab-144001 have change name of my minor daughter Rutvi aged 3 years to Rutvi Shukla.

I, Anil Kumar Dwivedi S/O Sidh Nath R/O H.NO 125, The New Light CO-Operative Society Phase 2(II), Khurla Kingra, Jalandhar-I, Jalandhar, Punjab-144003 have changed name of my minor daughter Ridhima aged 15 years to Ridhima Dwivedi.

I, Baljit Kaur W/o Jaspal Singh R/O Village Riali Khurd PO Riali Kalan Distt Gurdaspur have changed my name from Baljit Kaur to Baljeet Kaur . Concerned note.

I, Malkit Singh S/o Tarsem Singh r/o Village Duluwana, PO Passnawal, Distt Gurdaspur have changed my name from Malkit Singh to Malkeet Singh. Concerned note.

I, Komalpreet Singh S/o Ajit Singh R/O Rahimabad, PO Kalanaur Distt Gurdaspur have changed my name from Komalpreet Singh to Singh Komalpreet. In future Singh is my Surname and Komalpreet is my given name. Concerned note.

I, Vishwa Nath Kohli S/o Sardari Lal Kohli R/O B-1/1221, Ward No. 9, Kazipura, P. O. - Tehsil Pathankot and Distt Gurdaspur-145001 have changed my name from Vishwa Nath Kohli to Vishwa Kohli. Concerned note.

I, Maya is legally mother of Mahesh Kumar Residence of Ajnokh, Mathura State-Uttar Pradesh Pincode-281405 have changed my name from Maya Devi to Maya vide affidavit No. IN-PB12575215592535X Dated 03 March 2025 Before District Court, Gurdaspur (Punjab)

I, Govind Ram is legally father of Mahesh Kumar Residence of Ajnokh, Mathura State- Uttar Pradesh Pincode-281405 have changed my name from Govind Ram to Govind Ram vide affidavit No. IN-PB12575717012987X Dated 03 March 2025 Before District Court, Gurdaspur (Punjab)

I, Indravati is legally wife of Mahesh Residence of Ajnokh, Mathura State- Uttar Pradesh Pincode- 281405 have changed my name from Inder Bati to Indravati vide affidavit No. IN-PB1257752868806X Dated 03 March 2025 Before District Court, Gurdaspur (Punjab)

I, Sahida Bibi is legally mother of Robiul Mirza, Residence of Village- Chun Sahar, Post Office- Ujunia, PS-Salar, Tehsil- Kandi, District- Murshidabad, State- West Bengal Pin code - 742401 have changed my DOB 01/01/1971 to 06/04/1975 vide affidavit No. IN-PB12574363509313X Dated 03-03-2025 Before District Court, Gurdaspur (Punjab)

I, Abdul Khaleq Mirza is legally father of Robiul Mirza, Residence of Village- Chun Sahar, Post Office- Ujunia, PS-Salar Tehsil- Kandi, District- Murshidabad, State- West Bengal Pin code - 742401 have changed my DOB 01/01/1969 to 15/06/1968 vide affidavit No. IN-PB12573756740542X Dated 03-03-2025 Before District Court, Gurdaspur (Punjab)

I, Nathoo Singh is legally father of Nihal Singh, Residence of Village- Birdhan Pura, Post Office- Chandu Pura, Tehsil- Bhind, District- Bhind, State Madhya Pradesh Pin code 477001 have changed my name from Nathoo Singh to Nathuram and have changed my DOB 27/09/1985 to 01/01/1959 vide affidavit No. IN-PB12572342308445X Dated 03-03-2025 Before District Court, Gurdaspur (Punjab)

I, Vanishree M Muralan W/o Lohith R/O Village Yadavare PO Aigoor Tehsil Somawarpet Distt Kodagu (Karnataka) PIN- 571251 have changed my name from Vanishri M Muralan to Vanishree M Muralan due to wrong name record in my husband Army Service record.

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I, Bhatari Devi W/o Hansraj R/O 1190/28, Kakroi Road, Near Lal Chand ki Smadhi, Dahiya Colony, Sonipat have changed my name to Bhteri for all future purposes.

Continuity Pg. No. 11

I Paramjeet Kaur W/o Sh. Lakhwinder Singh R/O VPO Kharwan Tehsil Jagadhri Distt. Yamuna Nagar I have change my name from Manjeet Kaur to Paramjeet Kaur All concerned note.

I, Nisha alias Nisha Gujral W/o Anil Kumar Sehgal (D/o Manmohan Chander Gujral) R/O House no 33, Singhawala Road, Near Hanuman Mandir, Saraswati Vihar, Ambala City have changed my name from Nisha alias Nisha Gujral to Nisha Sehgal after marriage.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, INDRAVVA IS MOTHER OF SANJU SHIRAGANVI PRESENTLY RESIDENT AT VANTIGODI, BAGALKOT, MUDHOL, VANTIGODI, KARNATAKA PIN -587313. HAVE CHANGED MY NAME FROM INDRAVVA TO INDRAVVA RAMAPPA SHIRAGANVI VIDE AFFIDAVIT NO.IN-IPB12029732448904X DATED 01-03-2025 BEFORE NOTARY PUBLIC DISTRICT COURT GURDASPUR PUNJAB.

LOST OF FOUND

IT IS NOTIFIED FOR THE INFORMATION THAT MY LOSS OF SALE DEED DATED 25-05-2005 HAVING DOCUMENT NO.361 EXECUTED BY PARVESH KUMARI WIDOW WIFE OF JAGDISH RAJ, GAURAV BABBAR SON OF JAGDISH RAJ AND TAMANNA D/O JAGDISH RAJ SON OF DES RAJ BABBAR RESIDENCE OF DINANAGAR, GURDASPUR IN FAVOUR OF RAJIV BABBAR SON OF JAGDISH RAJ SON OF DES RAJ RESIDENCE OF DINANAGAR, GURDASPUR. ACTUALLY LOST AT DINANAGAR. STATE OF PUNJAB. DINANAGAR. GURDASPUR. LOST OF DATE 05-02-2025, REPORT OF DATE 15-02-2025, LR NO. 569073/2025. CANDIDATE NAME RAJEEV KUMAR S/O JAGDISH RAJ R/O H.NO.1 KALI MATA MANDIR ROAD ANAND VIHAR COLONY DINANAGAR. MOBILE 9646764158.

LOST & FOUND

I, Shashi Kanta W/O Jang Bahadur R/O Village Gaurian Tehsil Mukeran Distt Hoshiarpur want to inform you that I have lost sale deed no 1073 dated 17-9-2015 along with GPA deed. No 14 dated 05-05-2015 and sale deed no 2021 22/162/15/576 dated 16-05-2021 from my side on dated 12-10-2024. Now I am going to obtain loan from capital small finance bank Ransota. I am informing to everyone via newspaper that if any found and have any objection regarding the same then please respond in written or call 9815421210 within 7 days after expiry of stipulated period no claim would be entitled.

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2.	Gurpreet Singh/ Mohinder Pal Kaur/ LBAM00005757471	House Measuring 104 Sq. Yards Comprised In Khasra No. 328 Min., Khata Khatoni No. 621/1076, As Per Jamabandi Year 2011-2012, Situated At Village Ghataupur, Within Limits Of Municipal Council District Amritsar, Punjab/ February 28, 2025	March 22, 2024 Rs. 23,63,028/-	Amritsar

The above-mentioned borrower(s)/guarantor(s) is/are hereby issued a 30 day Notice to repay the amount, else the mortgaged properties will be sold after 30 days from the date of publishing this Notice, as per the provisions under Rules 8 and 9 of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002. Date: March 04, 2025, Place: Mohali & Amritsar Sincerely Authorised Signatory, For ICICI Bank Ltd.

Punjab CM Walks Out of Meeting with Farmers; SKM to Proceed with Mar 5 Protest

Farmers say CM's behaviour "inappropriate"; Mann cites eye infection

MONIKA MALIK ■ CHANDIGARH

Punjab Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann's meeting with leaders of the Samyukt Kisan Morcha (SKM) — a pan India farmers body — ended in disarray on Monday, as the Chief Minister walked out midway, leaving farmers frustrated and determined to move forward with their planned protest in Chandigarh on March 5. The meeting, which lasted nearly two hours, failed to resolve any of the farmers' grievances, further straining the relationship between the Punjab Government and the agricultural community.

The meeting was convened by the Punjab Government to address the demands of farmers and persuade them to cancel their scheduled protest in the state capital. However, the discussions remained inconclusive, with farmer leaders accusing the Chief Minister of leaving abruptly without addressing their concerns.

Joginder Singh Ugrahan, a prominent farmer leader and president of the Bharti Kisan Union (Ekta-Ugahan), declared that the farmers would proceed with their protest in Chandigarh on March 5 as planned.

Farmers Allege Disrespect, CM Cites Health Issues

Farmer leaders expressed their disappointment over the Chief Minister's conduct during the meeting. Senior SKM leader and BKU (Rajewal) head Balbir Singh Rajewal said that only half of their 17-point memorandum was discussed before the Chief Minister left the meeting.

Mann reportedly cited an eye infection and a prior doctor's appointment as the reason for his early departure. Before leaving, he asked the farmers what they planned to do on March 5, to which the farmers did not respond. Mann then

Farmers' demand concerned with Center, but Pb bearing brunt: CM

Chandigarh: Punjab Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann on Monday categorically said that his doors are always open for talks with the farmers but inconvenience and harassment of the general public in the name of agitation should be avoided. Mann, interacting with the farmers during a meeting at Punjab Bhawan, said that the government is always ready to resolve the issues pertaining to various sections of society through negotiations so the trouble to the common man through rail or road blockades must be avoided. "Such action causes problems to the general people due to which they turn against the agitators thereby creating discord in the society," he said.

"Though protest is democratic right of the farmers, they should also think that it is bringing a huge loss to the state. Traders and industrialists have been ruing that due to frequent road and rail blocks, their businesses have been ruined," said Mann, making a fervent appeal to the farmers to avoid such tactics that create discord amongst the society.

Also stating that the State Government is solidly with the farmers, Mann added that all their demands are concerned with the Union Government. "But due to frequent protests by farmers unions, Punjab and Punjabis have to face the heat...Rail and road blockades don't have any impact on the Union Government but the life of common man is adversely affected by it," he said, pointing that none of his predecessors had done so many meetings with the farmers to listen their problems. However, it is unfortunate that farmers still want to protest in the state for no reason related to the Punjab Government, he said, adding, "I am the custodian of the rights of every strata of the state and their interests will be secured by all ways and means."

stated that if the farmers were determined to protest, he would not participate in further discussions.

Rajewal criticized the Chief Minister's behaviour, calling it "inappropriate". "It is unclear whether any agreement has been reached on the issues discussed," he said, emphasizing that the farmers would not have planned the protest if their demands had been met.

CM Appeals for Calm, Farmers Stand Firm

Following the meeting, Chief Minister Mann took to social media platform 'X' (formerly Twitter) to explain his stance. He wrote in Punjabi and Hindi, "In today's meeting at Punjab Bhawan, I appealed to the honorable leaders of the farmer delegation that blocking

roads, stopping trains, or shutting down Punjab is not a solution to any problem. Such actions cause inconvenience to the common people and adversely affect the work and businesses of other sections of society. We must consider this as well." Despite Mann's appeal, the farmers remain steadfast in their decision to protest. The SKM has accused the Government of failing to address their long-standing demands, which include loan waivers, compensation for crop damage, and the implementation of a one-time settlement scheme for NABARD loans. Other key demands include the distribution of case-free land in villages, solutions for stray animals, and the issuance of rifle licenses to farmers to protect their crops from animal attacks.

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Farmers' Struggle Intensifies

The farmers' agitation in Punjab and Haryana shows no signs of abating. Jagjit Singh Dallewal, a farmer leader, has been on an indefinite hunger strike for 98 days now demanding legal guarantee on minimum support price (MSP) from the Centre. On March 5, 101 farmers will stage a one-day hunger strike at the Khanauri border to mark the completion of 100 days of his protest. Additionally, the SKM has announced a nationwide farmers' mahapanchayat (grand assembly) in March, with an online meeting scheduled to finalize the details. On March 8, a women farmers' panchayat will also be organized.

Crop Damage Adds to Farmers' Woes

The recent hailstorms and unseasonal rains have exacerbated the farmers' plight, causing significant damage to crops in Punjab, Haryana, and Rajasthan. Mustard and wheat crops in Amritsar, Ambala, and border areas of Rajasthan have been particularly affected. Farmer leaders have demanded immediate scientific assessment of crop damage using drones and satellite technology, similar to the methods used to monitor stubble burning.

They have also called for timely compensation and urged crop insurance companies to conduct surveys in the affected areas.

The failed meeting between the Punjab Government and the SKM highlighted the growing divide between the two sides. While the Chief Minister has urged farmers to avoid protests that disrupt daily life, the farmers feel their concerns are being ignored. With the March 5 protest looming, the situation remains tense, and the possibility of further escalation cannot be ruled out.

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Cong worker Himani Narwal's murder case: Accused Sachin arrested from New Delhi

PNS ■ ROHTAK

Haryana Police on Monday arrested a "friend" of Congress worker Himani Narwal for allegedly strangling her after a fight at her home and later dumping her body in a suitcase. Himani's body was found stuffed in a suitcase in Rohtak on Saturday, leading to the formation of a special investigation team (SIT) to probe the murder.

Addressing a press conference, State Additional DGP KK Rao said the accused, Sachin (30) alias Dhillu, hails from Jhajjar's Kherpur village, and was arrested from Mundka area in Delhi. Sachin is married and has two children. He runs a mobile repair shop in Jhajjar's Kanaunda village.

The accused was in contact with the woman through social media for over a year and also used to visit her home, said Rao. "On February 28, Sachin engaged in a scuffle with Himani at her house in Vijay Nagar locality in Rohtak city. Sachin tied Himani's hands with a dupatta and strangled her with the wire of a mobile charger. "In a bid to conceal his crime, he packed her body in a suitcase, removing a quilt stained with blood. He then stole her gold jewellery, mobile, laptop, and other valuables, before leaving her house," said the officer.

Rao maintained that the accused, after taking Himani's scooter, drove to his shop in Kanaunda and returned around 10 pm to dispose of the body. He then hired an autorickshaw and travelled with the suitcase containing the body, passing through the Delhi bypass and reaching Sampla, where he dumped it near the bus stand. Himani resided at her house alone while her mother and younger brother live in Delhi.

Another Police officer said, "We will produce the man before the court and seek his remand to ascertain the rea-

sons behind the gruesome murder. Prima facie it seems that some grudge took place between the accused and Himani."

Himani's body was found inside a suitcase near Sampla bus stand on Rohtak-Delhi highway on March 1. On Sunday, the Haryana Police had set up a Special Investigation Team to probe the murder of the 23-year-old Congress worker. Four teams of the Rohtak Police were looking for the culprits.

Himani lived at Vijay Nagar in Rohtak. Her body, which was found in a suitcase in Rohtak district on Saturday, bore some injury marks. Himani's family said they will not cremate her till the killers are arrested. Her mother Savita alleged that some leaders in her party envied her political rise in a short span. "It could be anyone in the party who was jealous about her rise or it could be anyone else," the mother, who was accompanied by her son Jatin, said.

Haryana Congress leaders described Himani as an active and dedicated party worker, who also took part in the Rahul Gandhi-led Bharat Jodo Yatra earlier. They said she was pursuing a law degree and had been associated with the party for the last nearly a decade.

Savita said that her daughter used to work for the party till late hours and had dedicated her life to it. "Last time, I talked to her on February 27. She had said she would be busy with a party programme the next day, but later her phone was found switched off," her mother, who reached Rohtak from Delhi. "Until the time my daughter does not get justice, we won't cremate her," she said. She also said that her elder son was murdered many years ago and lamented, "even then I did not get justice". Himani's brother Jatin said the family was informed about the murder on Saturday afternoon.

Pb Govt Introduces OTS Scheme to Resolve Decades-Old Industrial Disputes

PNS ■ CHANDIGARH

Punjab Government has taken a significant step to revive the state's industrial sector by introducing a One-Time Settlement (OTS) scheme aimed at resolving decades-old disputes. The decision, approved by the state Cabinet on Monday, is expected to benefit 1,145 industrialists across Punjab.

The scheme, which can be availed until December 31, 2025, addressed long-pending issues related to enhanced land costs and delayed principal payments, offering a fresh start to businesses burdened by financial and legal challenges.

The OTS scheme applies to defaulter plot holders whose

original allotments were issued on or before January 1, 2020. It covers industrial plots, sheds, and residential plots in Industrial Focal Points developed by the Punjab State Industries Export Corporation (PSIEC).

Under the scheme, defaulters can clear their dues with a nominal simple interest rate of eight percent, along with a 100 percent waiver of penal interest.

Even plot holders whose allotments were previously cancelled will have the opportunity to reclaim their plots by settling outstanding dues, providing businesses with a chance to restart and grow.

This initiative is expected to unlock the potential of

industries weighed down by financial burdens and legal complexities.

By resolving long-standing disputes, the scheme will enable industrialists to reinvest in modernization and expansion, ultimately contributing to economic growth and job creation.

The revenue generated through the scheme will be reinvested into industrial infrastructure, including the improvement of focal points and the development of new industrial parks, further boosting Punjab's industrial landscape.

The OTS scheme is not just a financial reprieve for industrialists but also a strategic move to stabilize businesses,

prevent closures, and create new employment opportunities. The 1,145 industrialists set to benefit from the scheme collectively employ thousands of people, and the resolution of their disputes is expected to spur job creation and economic growth in the state.

To ensure a smooth and hassle-free process, PSIEC will establish a special virtual help desk to assist industry promoters in availing the scheme. This initiative is also expected to enhance Punjab's reputation as an industry-friendly state, attracting new investments and fostering a conducive environment for business growth.

In addition to the OTS scheme, the Cabinet approved a policy allowing the surrender

of layout plans for industrial park projects. This policy applies to projects developed under the Industrial Park Policy dated June 19, 2019, and requires promoters to deposit their disputes is expected to spur job creation and economic growth in the state.

The Cabinet also gave its nod to amend Clause 5(1) of the Punjab State Public Service Commission (Conditions of Service) Regulation Act, facilitating the appointment of the chairman and members of the commission.

AAP MP Arora Highlights Industry Issues to CM ahead of Cabinet

Ahead of a key cabinet

meeting, AAP MP Sanjeev Arora on Monday met with Chief Minister Mann to discuss critical concerns raised by major industry associations, reaffirming the government's commitment to transformative reform.

Arora highlighted that most industrial issues have been resolved since the AAP Government assumed power, and identified one major outstanding demand — the implementation of a One-Time Settlement (OTS) scheme. Designed to ease financial burdens, the OTS scheme targeted pending cases involving enhanced land costs and dues owed to the Punjab State Industrial Export Corporation (PSIEC).

Haryana CM chairs pre-budget consultation meeting with Ministers, MLAs & Secretaries

PNS ■ CHANDIGARH

Haryana Chief Minister Nayab Singh Saini on Monday presided over a two-day 'Pre-Budget Consultation' meeting with all Ministers, MLAs, and Administrative Secretaries and sought their suggestions for the budget of the financial year 2025-26. About 25 MLAs gave suggestions in the first session of the meeting.

Addressing the first session of "Pre-Budget Consultation" in Panchkula, Saini, who also holds the portfolio of Finance, said that to fulfill the vision of an inclusive budget, the "Pre-Budget Consultation" program was organised and MLAs of both the ruling party and the opposition provided their valuable suggestions. Saini listened to the suggestions shared by the MLAs and assured them that the upcoming budget will incorporate the key recommendations, ensuring the state's rapid development. The budget will not only address immediate needs but will also focus on achieving long-term objectives for the state's growth, he added.

The Chief Minister said that by integrating these important inputs into the budget, efforts will be made to further simplify the lives of the people. He assured that the best suggestions from various sectors would be included in the state's budget, which will serve the interests of the 2.80 crore citi-



zens of Haryana. Saini said pre-budget meetings have been organized in Faridabad, Gurugram, Panipat and Hisar. Last year, 407 suggestions were received, which were included in the budget. Apart from this, suggestions have also been taken from startups, young women entrepreneurs, women representatives, self-help groups, and about 10,000 suggestions have been received.

Apart from the budget, some MLAs also placed the demands of their area before the Chief Minister. In the meeting, the MLAs demanded to establish MLA Vikas Nidhi Fund and to increase the limit of demand for MLAs to Rs 5 crore in 5 years for development works in their area. Earlier, Saini had personally addressed a written communication to all MLAs inviting them to participate in the "Pre-Budget Consultation."

The State Government has been organising the Pre-Budget Consultation program for the past six years. This year, sector-

specific meetings have been held over the past several days to take suggestions from various stakeholders. On January 2, the first such meeting was held with the Industry Association and Chartered Accountants in Gurugram to collect key suggestions. Similarly, discussions were held in Hisar with agricultural scientists, FPOs, agricultural stakeholders, and progressive farmers. The consultation process also included sessions with startups, youth, women entrepreneurs, women representatives, self-help groups, Namu Drone Didi, and the textile industry, all aimed at crafting an inclusive budget.

In addition, for the first time, suggestions were invited from the state's citizens through an online portal, which has already received about 10,000 submissions.

Biker detained in Panchkula for getting close to CM Saini's stationary cavalcade

Panchkula: Haryana Police detained a biker in Panchkula

on Monday after he reached near the cavalcade of Haryana Chief Minister Saini, which was stationary at the time of the incident. He was in Panchkula on Monday afternoon where he later held a pre-budget meeting with MLAs and officials ahead of the Haryana budget for 2025-2026, which will be presented in the assembly next week.

At the time of the incident, the CM was inside Red Bishop resort where the meeting was about to begin. "The man came on a bike. He was signalled to stop, but he went ahead. When he was stopped, the man argued with the police. We have detained him for questioning," a police officer said.

"Initially, he told the police that he had come to have tea (at the hotel) and did not know that the Chief Minister was inside. He thought the police were unnecessarily stopping him. We are verifying the statements. The man is from Hisar and currently lives in Pinjore," the officer said.

Mastermind behind fake website of Punjab Mining Deptt arrested

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Punjab Police's State Cyber Crime Division has arrested the prime accused running a fake website impersonating the official website of the Punjab Government's Mining Department to generate counterfeit receipts and forms, facilitating the movement of vehicles involved in illegal mining. Director General of Police (DGP) Punjab Gaurav Yadav said on Monday.

The accused, identified as Gaurav Kumar of Kharar in SAS Nagar, has created the exact replica of the original official website of Mining Department 'minesgeology-punjab.gov.in', thereby impersonating it as, 'minesgeology-punjab.in'.

The accused had created a fake website in November, 2024, which remained operational till January, 2025.

Yadav said that the fake slips even consisted of a Bar/QR Scanner code on the lines of the official mining website which helped the vehicles in passing all security checks to curb illegal mining. Initial investigation revealed that the accused, in connivance with a person from Ferozepur, generated over 2000 fake mining receipts causing an estimated loss of around Rs 40-50 Lakhs to the Punjab Government exchequer, he said.

The DGP said that the website backup, along with data containing details of fake receipts, images of vehicles,

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mining material sources and destinations, and the computer systems used in the offence, has been recovered.

Further investigation is underway to uncover the full nexus, he added. The accused had created a fake website in November, 2024, which remained operational till January, 2025.

State Additional Director General of Police (ADGP) Cybercrime Division V Neeraja the investigation began after a complaint was filed by the Chief Engineer of the Mining Department, alleging that the official website had been compromised and a fake website was being used to facilitate illegal mining activities.

During the investigation, it was revealed that the fake website was registered and hosted on GoDaddy, a US-based domain provider, she said, while adding that the Cybercrime officials, in coordination with GoDaddy's legal authorities and various Internet Service Providers, traced the website's creation to accused Gaurav Kumar.

She said that police teams led by DSP Cybercrime Simranjit Singh further obtained the information regarding IP Addresses and mobile numbers of the accused and conducted raids at different places leading to the arrest of accused Gaurav Kumar. Police teams have also identified the other accused person involved in this scam and raids are being conducted to nab him, she added.

BRIEFS

Mech Tech Seminar-cum-Exhibition Begins at Chandimandir Military Station

Chandigarh: A two day Mech Tech Seminar cum Exhibition at Chandimandir Military Station was inaugurated by Lt Gen N S Raja Subramani, Vice Chief of Army Staff on Monday. It aims to provide a comprehensive platform for sharing thoughts and latest technological advancement on 'Future Landscape of Mechanised Warfare and Infusion of Niche Technology', a statement said. The seminar cum exhibition underscored the imperative need for technological evolution in mechanised warfare, keeping in view emerging threats and evolving battlefield milieu. Several senior serving & veteran military officers, renowned names from defence industry & academia discussed artificial intelligence, autonomous systems, advanced armour protection, next generation communication networks and enhanced firepower solutions to ensure that Indian Army's mechanised platforms remain future-ready. Deliberations were also carried out on various issues which are envisaged to make the existing mechanised platforms more battle worthy in terms of mobility, firepower and survivability. Lt Gen Manoj Kumar Katiyar, GOC-in-C Western Command interacted with representatives of Industry, Academia and Media & emphasised the role of Indigenous Defence Capabilities, aligning with the Government of India's vision of "Aatmanirbhar Bharat" in the defence sector.



HP Cabinet approves draft of Governor's address
Shimla: The State Cabinet in its meeting held on Monday under the chairmanship of Chief Minister Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu approved the draft Governor's address to be delivered on the inaugural day of the 8th session of Himachal Pradesh Vidhan Sabha on March 10. The Cabinet gave its approval to table the report 2023-24 of Comptroller and Auditor General of India in the budget session and also decided to create and fill up 145 posts of different categories including 66 posts in newly upgraded Municipal Corporations, 3 in newly upgraded Municipal Councils, 70 posts in newly created Nagar Panchayats and 6 posts in the Directorate of Urban Development department.

President Droupadi Murmu to attend PU's 72nd Convocation on March 12
Chandigarh: Panjab University (PU), Chandigarh, is all set to host its 72nd Convocation on March 12 at the PU Gymnasium Hall. The President of India Droupadi Murmu will preside over and address the Convocation. Medals, prizes, and degrees will be awarded to PU students who passed examinations in 2024 during the Convocation ceremony. Murmu will be the sixth President of India to deliver the Convocation address at PU. Earlier, Pranab Mukherjee, Dr APJ Abdul Kalam, Giani Zail Singh, Neelam Sanjiva Reddy, and Dr. Rajinder Prasad delivered the Convocation address.

Compensate farmers for crop damage: Hooda asks Govt
Chandigarh: Former Haryana Chief Minister Bhupinder Singh Hooda on Monday demanded immediate compensation to farmers for crop damage due to rain and hailstorms. He said that wheat and mustard crops have suffered heavy damage in 12 districts of the state due to continuous rain and hail storms for three days in the state and the government should compensate the farmers who suffered losses. "Wheat crops have been destroyed in the fields. At the same time, mustard has also fallen. Apart from this, many crops like animal fodder, vegetables and onion have also suffered heavy damage. Therefore, the government should stop making empty statements and immediately get the 'girdawari' (survey to assess loss) done for the loss suffered by the farmers and give them proper compensation," he said. The Congress leader said crops had suffered heavy damages in January also due to hailstorms. "At that time, after the demand was raised by the Congress, the government announced the girdawari but the government neither got it done nor gave compensation," the senior Congress leader claimed.

Kshtipurti Portal opened on CM Saini's instructions
Chandigarh: In line with the directions of Chief Minister Nayab Singh Saini, Kshtipurti portal has been opened to facilitate farmers in uploading information regarding the crop loss caused by recent unseasonal rains and hailstorms. The Chief Minister had instructed Deputy Commissioners of all districts to gather and forward relevant information of crop loss to the headquarters for timely action. The details of crop losses are gathered from 615 villages across 10 districts of the state. The Kshtipurti portal has been opened for 66 villages in Ambala, 20 villages in Bhiwani, 7 villages in Hisar, and 9 villages in Charkhi Dadri. In addition, the portal has been opened for 78 villages in Yamunanagar, 66 villages in Jind, 81 villages in Rewari, 19 villages in Palwal, 9 villages in Nuh, and 160 villages in Mahendragarh.

Haryana among top 5 states in Country in GST collection
Chandigarh: The Excise and Taxation Department in Haryana has achieved significant growth in the collection of Goods and Services Tax (GST). Government official spokesperson said that in February 2025, gross GST revenue of Rs 1,83,646 crore was collected in the country, which is 9.1 per cent more than the GST revenue of the same month last year. At the same time, the gross GST collection in Haryana in February 2025 is Rs 9,925 crore, while in February 2024, it was Rs 8,269 crore, which shows an increase of 20 per cent. This is double the national growth average of 10 per cent.

Farmers can report crop damage on toll-free number: Hry Minister
Chandigarh: Haryana Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare Minister Shyam Singh Rana on Monday said for the convenience of farmers of the state, the facility of reporting crop damage is available through Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana and Haryana Kshatipurti Portal. He said farmers who have registered under the Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana can contact their concerned Agriculture Officer or call on toll-free number 14447 and register their crop damage report within 72 hours.

Punjab Govt transfers 36 IAS, 7 PCS

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Continuing with its administrative reshuffling, Punjab Government on Monday issued transfer and posting orders of 42 officials, including 36 IAS and seven PCS, with significant portfolio changes. The move reflected a strategic realignment aimed at reinforcing key departments and ensuring that leadership is in place to address the state's growing challenges. IAS officer Krishan Kumar has been entrusted with the critical Finance Department in addition to retaining his role as Principal Secretary of Water Resources. His former charge — the Taxation Department — has now been handed over to Jaspreet Talwar, who was recently promoted as Additional Chief Secretary. In another significant shuffle, Rahul Tiwari and Vikas Garg have swapped roles — Tiwari will now steer the Food and Supply Department, while Garg takes charge of Housing and Urban Development. IAS officer VK Meena has been assigned the Social Justice and Minorities Department, whereas Alaknanda Dayal has been given charge of the Employment Generation and Skill Development portfolio. Varinder Sharma steps in as the new Director of the Food and Supply Department, and the Education sector sees a change at the helm with Anandita Mitra replacing KK Yadav as Administrative Secretary.



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PAPER WITH PASSION

A fresh start or fleeting relief?

With N Biren Singh's exit and AT's surrender of arms, Manipur shows signs of normalcy—but is the peace lasting?

The conflict in Manipur, marked by ethnic tensions between the Meitei and Kuki-Zomi communities has shown some positive development in the recent weeks. The surrender of arms by Arambai Tenggol (AT), Home Minister Amit Shah's firm stance on opening all roads and the resignation of Chief Minister N Biren Singh have created new possibilities for peace in the violence-stricken state. However, the underlying tensions and the continued presence of weapons in the region, mean that true reconciliation remains a complex challenge. One of the most notable recent events was the voluntary surrender of 246 weapons by the AT group on February 27, following the appeal made by Manipur Governor Ajay Kumar Bhalla. This move is being seen as a crucial step towards de-escalation, as it marks the largest voluntary surrender of arms in the state since the ethnic conflict began in May 2023. However, security officials and observers caution that the surrender may not indicate a complete loss of AT's firepower.



Reports suggest that only a fraction of the looted sophisticated weapons has been returned, with country-made firearms making up a large portion of surrendered arms. Furthermore, AT's insistence on conditions such as full security guarantees and amnesty for its members indicates that the group still holds significant leverage.

The Union Home Minister's directive to ensure free movement on Manipur's highways from March 8 represents a decisive move to restore normalcy. Road blockades have been a persistent problem in the state, significantly affecting trade, movement of essential goods and the overall economic stability of the region.

The government's resolve to dismantle illegal bunkers and target drug trafficking further aligns with the broader goal of restoring law and order. However, concerns remain over the implementation of these directives. Ensuring that all roads remain open requires a sustained security presence, as groups with vested interests may attempt to impose fresh blockades. Additionally, the crackdown on drugs—while crucial—must be executed without further alienating communities that already feel marginalised. The resignation of Chief Minister N Biren Singh and the imposition of President's Rule in Manipur have led to a shifting power dynamic. Singh was widely seen as a key backer of AT and other Meitei groups, which played a role in the ethnic conflict. But the major issue has been the divide between the Meitei and Kuki-Zomi communities, which remains unaddressed. Both sides continue to view each other with suspicion, and without a long-term reconciliation plan, tensions may resurface. Despite the surrender of arms, thousands of sophisticated weapons remain unaccounted for, posing a major security risk. The demand for a separate administration by the Kuki-Zomi groups remains a contentious issue. Without addressing the political aspirations of all communities, peace efforts may prove temporary but a beginning has been made.

PICTALK



Painted storks at Keoladeo National Park, in Bharatpur

Mahakumbh 2025: Vikas bhi, virasat bhi



ANURAG SAXENA

From the large-scale eco-friendly practices to the timeless wisdom of Bharatiya traditions, Mahakumbh offered a new model for development in harmony with nature

The Valeriperis Circle is a fascinating concept. Imagine a circle on the world map. The circle is centered around the Beibu Gulf, off the east coast of Vietnam, has a radius of 4,000 kilometers, and includes Southern China, Southeast Asia, and the Indian subcontinent. Now this is where it gets stupefying. This circle covers just about 9 per cent of the world's land-mass, but over 50 per cent of the world's population. This simple reality, clubbed with colonial impoverishment, explains why many people in this circle lived in filth and squalor. Most "progressive" thoughts therefore, be it sustainability, development, environment, innovation, or education, came from the "developed west". We, the unwashed and the uncouth plebs, lapped these ideas up.

These imported ideas however, played out terribly. Not just for people, but for the planet. So much so, that escaping this planet seems to be the primary focus of the biggest billionaires from the west. Talk about a fence eating its own crop!

Kumbh on the other hand is a metaphor for the alternate model. A moksha, if you will, from the destruction-premised development models from the west. Prayagraj, a city with a population of 1.4 million saw over 500 million visiting it over a month. To put that in context, imagine a flat typical urban flat that houses a family of four, suddenly visited by 1,400 people. This is indeed Valeriperis Circle on steroids, and any other city would have crumbled a 1,400x overload. Not just did the city manage, but actually offered solutions for how humanity could manage an explosion of demand quite sustainably.

Those of us that experienced the Kumbh personally will tell you the level of cleanliness that has been maintained. We have noticed the extensive use of bamboo instead of plastic, of jute rugs instead of astroturf, of manual boats instead of diesel motors, of e-rickshaws instead of fossil-fuel vehicles, of free refillable RO purified water instead of disposable mineral water bottles. Half a bil-



lion people used donas (cups made of dried leaves) in contrast to small birthday parties in "developed" countries serving single-use plastic.

What you didn't see perhaps was India's largest plastic buy-back program aimed at recycling, or leftover prasad being shared with animals as fodder, or compactor trucks working round the clock, or solar-powered sewage treatment plants.

The invisible sustainability efforts of the Kumbh were perhaps the silent hero that emerged naturally from a culture that values interdependence with nature at its core. The recently concluded Kumbh Global Summit on Sustainability explained the phenomenon and drew lessons from our rich history and culture. Ministers from a dozen Giritiya nations shared their learnings around sustainability, most of it rooted in ancient Bharatiya wisdom.

The Minister of Tourism and Culture Gajendra Singh Shekhawat brought in simple, rooted wisdom from something as intrinsic as sustainability inbuilt into language itself. The word "dohan" (to milk a cow) comes from



THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE GAJENDRA SINGH SHEKHAWAT BROUGHT IN SIMPLE, ROOTED WISDOM FROM SOMETHING AS INTRINSIC AS SUSTAINABILITY INBUILT INTO LANGUAGE ITSELF

"do+han" the norm to milk just two teats of a cow, leaving the rest for the calf. Contrast that to industrial-grade milk production from hormone-ridden cows that has been normalised in the "developed" west. Ram Madhav proposed a sangam (confluence) of ancient Indic wisdom with modern practices, without which the world's sustainability crisis can never be avoided.

He highlighted that environment and sustainability are challenges that cannot be solved at COP summits along, but actually need a convergence of the richest ideas globally. The urgency of the summit was encapsulated most eloquently by Suresh Prabhhu who framed an enquiry - with thousands of years of history and knowledge across the world, can we even be sure that we will last another hundred years?

Gas-guzzling economies of the West will continue to posture around sustainability as a virtue-signaling badge. They will postulate, make loud visible pledges, and fly into sustainability summits on their private jets. The minerals-filching economies east of us will ignore calls to action and

give you the silent treatment. They will continue to live the delusion that they are communist nations, while going out their way to display toxic capitalism, much to the peril of their people and our earth.

As Bharat, we have to accept a simple reality - What broke it, can't fix it. Period! Bharat has the unique civilisational advantage of leveraging our ancient wisdom to actually demonstrate that you can actually develop infrastructure at scale (like at the Kumbh) without bludgeoning mother nature with a hammer. As we attain maturity on the world stage, we neither need to twirl our moustache, nor cover up our acne. We would rather focus on the purity of our soul as the thought model we export. We would rather focus on our civilisational value of attaining balance.

As PM Narendra Modi's statement for the summit said, the only way to achieve global sustainability is to follow a simple, yet powerful principle, "Vikas bhi, Virasat bhi".

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

UKRAINE-US TENSIONS ESCALATE

Madam — The clash of diplomacy and dignity (March 3) in the case of Ukraine-US is taking an ugly turn. Trump is not losing any opportunity to project himself as the ultimate global authority. Ukraine had political issues with Russia, which gained serious turns after the annexation of the Crimean peninsula by Russia. This incident had instilled a sense of apprehension and made Ukraine seek membership in NATO. As Russia was against Ukraine joining NATO due to various crucial concerns, it had to act tough with Ukraine, leading to war. As everyone knows, Ukraine cannot even think of war against Russia but for the lavish help it could receive from the US and European nations in terms of funds, weapons, political and moral support. The change of guard in the US with Trump as its head took the entire issue in a different direction. The mediator Trump dictates and decides the course without offering even scope for the aggrieved Ukraine to spell out its terms. Instead of mediation, Trump is giving dictation to Ukraine. The President of Ukraine feels let down by the US. His open shouting at the US president makes it easy for everyone to understand the seriousness of the situation. In the melee, Russia is allowed to retain the territories it captured, and the US gets a favourable agreement to exploit the precious natural mineral resources of Ukraine. But Ukraine stands repenting for having ventured a big war against a big giant for nothing but a huge loss of men, material, peace and dignity. Who should be blamed? A G Rajmohan | Anantapur

TAMIL NADU OPPOSES NEP

Madam — I refer to your editorial on "Simmering linguistic tension" (February 28). The Centre insists on implementing the NEP, whereas the state objects to it, fearing the imposition of the Hindi language leading to the destruction of Tamil. The state is committed to a two-language formula, says the incumbent state government. There is a total misconception in this regard. According to the new NEP, the first

India beats New Zealand



The match against New Zealand is yet another thrilling game by the men in blue, Team India. The back to back success for Team India has made our team stand stronger in the ICC Champions Trophy. Despite New Zealand winning the toss and deciding to bowl first, India successfully managed to give a 250-run target to the opposing team. Although the short innings by Virat Kohli jerked everyone, our bowling order

managed it well. At 45.3, India made New Zealand all out, clinching victory by 44 runs. Varun Chakravarthy stole all attention as he took five crucial wickets for India, presenting spectacular bowling prowess, before he was crowned as the Player of the Match.

Our player deserves heartiest congratulations for their exuberant efforts, showcased in the match against New Zealand. Now that India moves ahead to the next round, where it will strike a semifinals clash against Australia in the ICC Champions Trophy, we hope that the enthusiasm of our players for knocking all opponents dead will continue ahead with full positivity. And India will surely bring the ICC Champions Trophy home this season.

Kirti Wadhawan | Kanpur

language will be a local language, the second one English, and a third one any language of the student's choice. It is not prescribed that the third language must be Hindi. It is also not compulsory to learn Hindi nor the language forced down the throats of non-Hindi-speaking people. It is left to the discretion of the wards. NEP is aimed at improving knowledge, skill and language learning. There is nothing wrong in learning an additional language.

It is an advantage for the students to seek better prospects. Playing politics for votes sake is highly reprehensible. Politicians should not play with the future of the students. In the name of imposition of Hindi, students are denied quality education. The establishment of Navodaya schools has not been permitted in the state for decades. This is highly a retrograde step. Tamil Nadu should adopt the new NEP in the welfare of the students, for the quality of education has come down heavily. All other states in India had adopted the NEP. The status of their mother language has not declined but rather improved. Also, the schools run by these politicians follow the CBSE syl-

labus. Their wards study Hindi. As such, victimising the poor government school students is unfair and unjust.

Sravana Ramachandran | Chennai

AVALANCHE WARNING IGNORED

Madam — It is a matter of crying shame that in spite of snowfall and avalanche alerts since February 24, labourers working on a stretch of the road to Badrinath Dham had not been evacuated in time. Four days went by, but no action was taken to bring those labourers to a safer place.

They were kept in the danger zone till avalanches hit the area on February 28. As a result, some labourers were killed, and some went missing. This indicates a total apathy towards the safety of labourers. Now, who will be accountable for playing with the lives of so many labourers? India needs stringent labour laws and their strict implementation. Otherwise, such a tragedy will become a routine affair.

Sujit De | Kolkata

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MIGA: Can India overcome economic challenges

Despite its economic size, India's developing status reveals challenges like inequality, youth unemployment and a vast informal sector

Prime Minister Modi recently visited the US to strengthen bilateral ties and committed to Making India Great Again (MIGA), in consonance with Donald Trump's dream of making America greater again (MAGA).

Although India is the world's fifth-largest economy with a GDP of approximately US\$ 4.27 trillion, it is still classified as a developing nation. A developing country is technically a country where the Gross National Income per capita is \$11,905 or less, with India's per capita being nearly half of it at \$6,951. We rank 134 out of 193 countries in terms of the Human Development Index (HDI), below our neighbouring countries China at 75, Sri Lanka at 78, and even Bhutan and Bangladesh at 125 and 128 respectively (UN Development Report 2022-23).

With an HDI score of 0.644, India is categorised as 'medium human development'. However, there has been improvement across all HDI indicators—life expectancy, education, and Gross National Income (GNI) per



capita from last year. Nevertheless, we cannot conceit the improvement in the HDI alone, as Global Multidimensional Poverty Index 2024, places India at the top of the 5 countries with the most people in poverty with 234 million people in the bracket. In sharp contrast to this, it ranks 3rd in the number of billionaires (Forbes, 2023), indicating glaring disparities in income inequalities. Another morbid aspect is high youth unemployment which accounts for almost 83 per cent of the total unemployment in India. Even worrisome is the share of youngsters with secondary or higher education

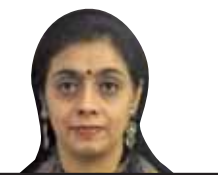
in the total unemployed, which has almost doubled from 35.2 per cent in 2000 to 65.7 per cent in 2022 (Indian Employment Report, 2024). The unemployment problem is further aggravated as about 90 per cent of the labour force works in the unorganised sector grappling with the issues of irregular work, income, social security benefits and working conditions. The policymakers are profoundly designing policies to boost the economy. Recently the monetary policy was eased, the repo rate dropped to push investment, and the government announced tax concessions to encourage consumption, both expected to accelerate output and income with a multiplier effect.

This will probably counter the Blume Venture report, that nearly 100 crore Indians, 90 per cent of the country's population, lack discretionary spending power to purchase goods or services. With a desired GDP growth rate of at least 7 per cent, these measures will likely create a transitional optimistic mood for the econo-

my, but cannot sustain growth forever. The World Development Report, 2024, found the developing economies in the "middle-income trap", and emphasised the 3 I's, Investment, Infusion (of global technologies) and Innovation as three drivers of economic growth and expanding the production frontier.

The government thereby needs to adopt a multifaceted approach to overcome challenges in covering potential gaps in production. It needs to work pragmatically towards education reforms, higher investment for skill development, human capital and creating regular employment opportunities. Moreover, efforts to promote medium and small enterprises, labour-intensive industries, start-ups, Make India Better (MIB) before MIGA.

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DREAM BIG AND STAY HUMBLE

Success isn't a mere stroke of luck—it's the result of daring to dream, backed by discipline and humility



RAVI VALLURI

Success is the accomplishment of an aim or purpose. What is the secret of the success of achievers? Dream the impossible, be extremely disciplined, remain dedicated and determined, take appropriate decisions all the time, even in adverse situations, and finally maintain humility while toasting success. To be successful, a human being necessarily dreams of the impossible. Dreams should be audacious. One has to think big and be bold in the actions taken. Ratan Tata emphasised leading from the front and not being a mere follower. Be a leader and not a follower. A quintessential leader takes up responsibility. The 'mind' of the leader needs to be confronted and challenged. The human mind loves challenges. Faced with challenging situations, it delivers the impossible. Mind is not motivated by rote, but is inspired to script something unusual. Maintaining mental and physical discipline are essential ingredients of successful leaders.

Physical fitness increases both our physical and mental stamina. Exercise releases endorphins in the human body which trigger positive thoughts. It helps immensely in smart decision-making. Along with exercise, an individual is also required to maintain a healthy and balanced diet which staves off disease and enhances alacrity and sharpness. Achievers may be from any field — sports, politics, administration or entrepreneurs. However, the cardinal principle is to maintain physical fitness, and punctuality and avoid procrastination by maintaining timely schedules. If a leader is lethargic, the organisation becomes flabby, sluggish and phlegmatic.

The mantra for attaining success is to be extremely disciplined. Such a trait inspires employees to increase their productivity levels too. In the spiritual path, a seeker needs to maintain a spirited tenacity and pursue his Sadhana relentlessly. Regular Sadhana inspires the mind to expand



its vistas and thereby attempt to embrace the ultimate reality. This, in the final analysis, is the underlying objective and the seeker unflinchingly needs to relentlessly practice the tenets laid down by the Guru. Smart, quick and efficient decision-making assists people in achieving success. This provides a person with the cushion and a cutting edge over others. There is no substitute for hard work. Working hard produces quick and efficient results. This is followed by the quality of determination. A Sadhak, a sportsperson, or an entrepreneur has necessarily to be determined. Determined minds are strong and developed minds. These are innovative minds and conjure a variety of ideas and positive thoughts. To achieve excellence in any field, such minds and individuals are determined at all points in time. The minds of such individuals are highly fertile and produce magic with regularity. An unbearable situation gets converted into an unbelievable one. This is their inherent strength. They do not live in the past or future, they live in the Present Moment to confront all challenges. However, the ultimate hallmark of all successful individuals, teams, companies or organisations is HUMILITY. There is no or very little trace of arrogance. They are insulated by the feeling of doer ship and become hubristic. In a competitive and cutthroat environment, a huge helping of humility is essential for staying ahead of the game. Humility enhances curiosity and thus accelerates learning. Without humility, you can never be a good listener and understand the voices around you — of customers, colleagues and stakeholders. "Humility is the true key to success. Successful people lose their way at times. Humility halts their arrogance and self-indulging trap. Humble people share the credit and wealth, remaining focused and hungry to continue the journey of success," writes Rick Pitino.

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Tripura innovates cityscapes for sustainability and tourism



V K BAHUGUNA

Tripura's innovative projects are revitalising city life by enhancing public spaces, managing waste and tackling challenges like air pollution



About 35 per cent of India's population lives in urban areas and is still growing rapidly. As the population of cities is ever increasing with a lot of garbage and waste found all around in most cities, the sustainable management of urban area landscapes is very crucial for better civic amenities, ambience and dealing with adapting to environmental issues like air pollution, heat waves and flooding, while also improving quality of life through green spaces, better public areas for entertainment and relaxation and promoting physical activity and mental wellbeing among residents; all while managing waste disposal and addressing the challenges of a densely populated urban environment; the situation is exacerbated during extreme temperatures in summer. Tourist attractions are essential elements of progress these days and the aesthetics of the urban environment plays a key role in attracting tourists on the one hand and improving the economic activities of the people.

During 2023-24 more than 5,45,000 tourists including 75,000 from abroad visited Tripura compared to around 3 lakh tourists in the year 2015. Agartala is the only modern yet densely populated city in Tripura and is full of tourist attractions in and around its 50 to 60-kilometre radius. The flow of tourists has been steadily increasing in the state as the infrastructure of hotels, roads and transport has been picking up very fast thanks to the proactive initiation taken by the government during the last few years. I have recently visited Tripura in the second week of February 2025 to study a few innovative steps taken by the Tripura administration. A three-dimensional approach has been adopted in beautifying the urban architecture of Agartala and other cities.



THE FOREST DEPARTMENT ALONG WITH OTHER STATE DEPARTMENTS HAS CREATED PYRAMIDS OF FLOWERS, CROTONS AND INDIGENOUS TREE SPECIES ALONG WITH FOUNTAINS AND RASHI AND NAKSHATRA FORESTS

Tripura forest department has a rich tradition of embellishment of Tripura's natural beauty through a series of parks, gardens and beautification of pavements in different parts of the state. The state government had created an agency for this purpose to further beautify the state's already beautiful landscape to attract tourists as well as create employment opportunities for the people.

For this purpose, the state government had created an entity in the forest department "Tripura Park and Garden Society". In this direction the government of India's 'Nagarvan- city forests' scheme is giving a big impetus to this project not only in Tripura but also in other parts of the country. However, the innovative ways the city's Capital Complex, state secretariat and airport roads have been aesthetically laid out is a rare example of urban landscape management.

Most of the pavements covered by cement and bricks during summer months create heat waves in most of the cities. The forest department along with other state departments has created pyramids of flowers, crotons and indigenous tree species along with fountains and Rashi and Nakshatra forests. Most of the empty side lands along buildings and pavements were cleared of debris and planted in a pyramid shape hierarchy giving the most beautiful look in between fountain gardens were created along with plantations of medicinal plants for ex-situ conservation of these valuable plants. The top level was occupied by the tree species and special tree

grooves were also created for public awareness. For the benefit of people biodiversity and butterfly parks were created on Airport Road giving the inciting look to the tourists visiting the state. Such projects if undertaken in all cities in the country will be an excellent attempt to combat climate change, especially the heat waves engulfing most of the urban cities and landscape in recent years.

Such a project of beautification cannot be completed by a single department therefore, in this scheme public work and urban development departments also fully participated. Such innovation needs the full support of senior government functionaries. The proposal of young officers of the forest department was fully supported by the state Chief Secretary and other senior officers. The scheme is implemented through the Nagarvan scheme outside Tripura and shows cases of the unique vegetation and other cultural trends of the state. The rich floral and other biodiversity of the state is one of the reasons for success as well as the favourable agro-climatic conditions. Similar attempts need to be made in other states of the country and focus should be on local species and with conservation value of other endangered plants. The Rashi and Nakshatra Van were created by planting species like Chandan, Neem, Akanda, Peepal, Haritiki, Ashwagandha, Khair, Palash and Orange for Nakshatra Van. For Rashi van Jackfruit, Peepal, Ber, Bel, Jamun, Amla, Nageswar, Arjun,

Mahogany, Mango, Bakul and Guava are all very useful Trees. For the long-term sustainability of landscape beautification, the constant supervision, maintenance and involvement of people is a must. These types of innovations though started in administration all over the country need to be nurtured beyond the shadow of officers involved in it once they are not in the saddle. For this, standard operating procedures must be developed along with creating a scope for public-private partnerships like in Zoos in many other states where the people adopt certain animals and fund their food and other needs so that such activities can become financially viable in the long term and also involve the public in their management.

The entry fee should be such that these endeavours become sustainable and people are willing to pay if quality service is offered as such things cannot be relied only on government funding. All such creations must be linked to environmental management for climate change as well as it is becoming a critical factor in large landscape management in the country. The need of the hour is the holistic and integrated management of urban areas of the country.

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Beyond social media regulation: The call for a national moral code

Amid debates over social media regulation sparked by Ranveer Allahbadia's remarks, a deeper question arises: should society adopt a clearly defined moral code?

While the nation discusses the desirability of regulating content on social media given the controversy that erupted from the statement made by YouTuber Ranveer Allahbadia, there is a larger issue of defining morality and enacting moral patterns of conduct for people that requires prior consideration.

While it remains open whether Allahbadia's statement violated any provision of law, however, it is obvious that his statement hurt the moral sentiments of a majority of the population. Notwithstanding, the undesirability of his statement, how advisable it is to expect people to behave in a way that is morally acceptable to society when no particular pattern of ethically correct



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behaviour is prescribed for them by the state. It implies that society expects or presumes everyone to know morally accurate conduct in all situations.

As morality is an abstract concept that varies from place to place and from person to person, it is necessary that, like law, morality is clearly defined as well. Usually, an act or statement acquires a righteous or

erroneous character on the personal sense of judgement of individuals, thus, people must know clearly what is permissible moral and what is proscribed immoral.

In such a situation, it requires consideration whether society needs a code that prescribes a pattern of morally upright conduct for its people. Ideally, each society must aim to be free from immoral conduct or behaviour and, for this, the state should establish a pattern or standard of behaviour that is expected of all the citizens and is followed by all alike whether individuals or organisations.

Ironically, in India, the state has made little attempt to establish such a society where people follow a certain advised pattern of behaviour that is

acceptable to all.

The impression that laws would serve this purpose is completely contrary to the practical realities. Laws as they exist in this country are mostly proscriptive which means they largely prohibit particular or specific behaviour(s) rather than laying down in detail the desirable pattern(s) of conduct.

In India, laws are hardly prescriptive and they do not necessarily prescribe a particular pattern of behaviour for people. Generally, laws do not provide in brief or detail what manner, pattern of conduct or behaviour should people observe or practice.

They mainly proscribe or prohibit particular conduct(s) and make doing such conduct culpable or punishable and the



doer of it liable for certain consequences. Given such a situation, does it not sound farcical to expect all the people, all over, to know, in every situation, in minute details, what is legally and morally permissible conduct and behaviour? The lack of efforts on the part of the society or the state to

formulate a code of morally desirable conduct in India may be ascribed to the thought that this work be better left to the educational, religious or cultural institutions.

But if so, have such institutions fulfilled their responsibility in this regard? India, being a

multi-religious and multi-cultural country, a variety of factors seem to hamper this purpose. Diversity of faiths and religions results in a lack of a common behavioural pattern as well as a lack of a mechanism to ensure that the moral instructions being imparted are being uniformly learnt and practised.

Even the educational institutions seem to flounder here, as not all educational institutions seem to insist on teaching moral or ethical values uniformly at all levels. They lay immense emphasis on scientific and technical education but not in the same way on imparting moral education, which is more or equally necessary. Most of the problems in society are caused by a lack of strong values, morals and

integrity of character in people, hence, a civilised state must work sincerely on developing a strong value system in its population. Though the Indian constitution prescribes fundamental duties for citizens that are non-enforceable, they remain, merely, empty slogans. Given the massive onslaught of undesirable content on social media and its penetration among, and influence on, vulnerable youth, it is highly incumbent on the state, simultaneously, to regulate social media as well as draft a moral/ethical code of conduct for building a nation of people with strong morals and character.

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Israel gets flak after it stops Gaza aid to pressure Hamas

PTI ■ TEL AVIV

Israel faced sharp criticism as it stopped the entry of all food and other supplies into Gaza on Sunday and warned of "additional consequences" for Hamas if a fragile ceasefire isn't extended. Mediators Egypt and Qatar accused Israel of violating humanitarian law by using starvation as a weapon. The ceasefire's first phase saw a surge in humanitarian aid after months of growing hunger. Hamas accused Israel of trying to derail the next phase Sunday hours after its first phase had ended and called Israel's decision to cut off aid "a war crime and a blatant attack" on a truce that took a year of negotiations

before taking hold in January. In the second phase, Hamas would release dozens of remaining hostages in return for an Israeli pullout from Gaza and a lasting ceasefire. Negotiations on the second phase were meant to start a month ago but haven't begun. **Israel backs a new proposal to speed up the release of hostages:** Israel said on Sunday that a new US proposal calls for extending the ceasefire through Ramadan — the Muslim holy month that began over the weekend — and the Jewish Passover holiday, which ends April 20. Under that proposal, Hamas would release half the hostages on the first day and the rest when an agreement is reached

on a permanent ceasefire, Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu said. The militants currently hold 59 hostages, 35 of them believed to be dead. National Security Council spokesman Brian Hughes said the United States would support whatever decision Israel makes, without commenting on the new proposal. Netanyahu said Israel is fully coordinated with the Trump administration and the ceasefire will only continue as long as Hamas keeps releasing hostages. **The UN and others warn against aid cutoff:** Saying the ceasefire has saved countless lives, the International Committee of the Red Cross

said that "any unravelling of the forward momentum created over the last six weeks risks plunging people back into despair". UN humanitarian chief Tom Fletcher called Israel's decision "alarming", noting that international humanitarian law makes clear that aid access must be allowed. UN Secretary-General António Guterres urged all parties to make every effort to prevent a return to hostilities in Gaza, and called for humanitarian aid to flow back into Gaza immediately and for the release of all hostages, said spokesman Stéphane Dujarric. Five non-governmental groups asked Israel's Supreme Court for an interim order barring the

state from preventing aid from entering Gaza, claiming the move violates Israel's obligations under international law: "These obligations cannot be condition on political considerations." The war has left most of Gaza's population of over 2 million dependent on international aid. About 600 aid trucks had entered daily since the ceasefire began on January 19, easing fears of famine raised by international experts. But residents said prices shot up as word of the closure spread. From the heavily destroyed Jabaliya urban refugee camp, Fayza Nassar said the closure would worsen dire conditions. "There will be famine and chaos," she said. Hamas warned that any

attempt to delay or cancel the ceasefire agreement would have "humanitarian consequences" for the hostages. The only way to free them is through the existing deal, the group said. Families of hostages again pressed Israel's government. "Postponing the negotiation on the deal for everyone's (release) can't happen," Lishay Miran-Lavi, wife of hostage Omri Miran, said in Tel Aviv. "Hostages don't have time to wait for an ideal deal." **Israel was accused of blocking aid throughout the war:** Israel imposed a siege on Gaza in the war's opening days and only eased it under US pressure. UN agencies and aid groups accused Israel of not facilitating enough aid during 15

months of war. The International Criminal Court said there was reason to believe Israel had used "starvation as a method of warfare" when it issued an arrest warrant for Netanyahu last year. The allegation is also central to South Africa's case at the International Court of Justice accusing Israel of genocide. Israel has denied the accusations. It says it has allowed in enough aid and blamed shortages on what it called the UN's inability to distribute it. It also accused Hamas of siphoning off aid — an allegation that Netanyahu repeated Sunday. Kenneth Roth, former head of Human Rights Watch, said Israel as an occupying power has an "absolute duty" to facil-

itate humanitarian aid under the Geneva Conventions, and called Israel's decision "a resumption of the war-crime starvation strategy" that led to the ICC warrant. The war began when Hamas-led militants stormed into southern Israel on October 7, 2023, killing some 1,200 people, mostly civilians, and taking 251 hostage. Israel's offensive has killed over 48,000 Palestinians, according to Gaza's Health Ministry. It says more than half of those killed were women and children. It does not specify how many of the dead were combatants. Israeli bombardment pounded large areas of Gaza to rubble and displaced some 90 per cent of the population.

Europe at crossroads in history: Starmer

PTI ■ LONDON

British Prime Minister Keir Starmer rallied his European counterparts Sunday to shore up their borders and throw their full weight behind Ukraine as he announced outlines of a plan to end Russia's war. "Every nation must contribute to that in the best way that it can, bringing different capabilities and support to the table, but all taking responsibility to act, all stepping up their own share of the burden," he said. Starmer's exhortation to 18 fellow leaders that they need to do the heavy lifting for their own security comes two days after US backing of Ukraine appeared in jeopardy when President Donald Trump lashed out at Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy and said he wasn't grateful enough for America's support. The meeting had been overshadowed by the extraordinary scolding that took place on live television at the White House. Starmer used the

opportunity as part of his broader effort to bridge the gap between Europe and the US and also salvage what had seemed like the start of a peace process before Friday's spat. Starmer said he had worked with France and Ukraine on a plan to end the war and that the group of leaders — mostly from Europe — had agreed on four things. The steps toward peace would: keep aid flowing to Kyiv and maintain economic pressure on Russia to strengthen Ukraine's hand; make sure Ukraine is at the bargaining table and any peace deal must ensure its sovereignty and security; and continue to arm Ukraine to deter future invasion. **A coalition of the willing:** Finally, Starmer said they would develop a "coalition of the willing" to defend Ukraine and guarantee the peace. "Not every nation will feel able to contribute but that can't mean that we sit back," he said. "Instead, those willing will intensify planning now with real urgency. The UK is prepared to back this with boots

on the ground and planes in the air, together with others." It is far from certain whether Russian President Vladimir Putin will accept any such plan, which Starmer said would require strong US backing. He did not specify what that meant, though he told the BBC before the summit that there were "intense discussions" to get a security guarantee from the US. "If there is to be a deal, if there is to be a stopping of the fighting, then that agreement has to be defended, because the worst of all outcomes is that there is a temporary pause and then Putin comes again," Starmer said. Starmer said he will later bring a more formal plan to the US and work with Trump. Before arriving in London, French president Emmanuel Macron suggested in an interview with a French newspaper that he and Starmer are proposing a "truce in the air, on the seas and energy infrastructures" that would last a month. There would be no European troops in the coming weeks and troops would only be

deployed on the ground at a later stage, he said. **Two diplomatic steps forward, one back:** Europe has been anxious since Trump initiated direct peace talks with Putin, who had been isolated by most Western leaders since invading Ukraine three years ago. The scramble to remain relevant and protect European interests as their once stalwart ally appeared to be cozying up to Putin was even more troubling when Trump called Zelenskyy a dictator and falsely said Ukraine started the war. Meetings last week had provided some hope — until Zelenskyy's trip to the White House on Friday. Visits to the Oval Office by Starmer and French President Emmanuel Macron, who had declared his visit a "turning point", were seen as steps in the right direction. The meetings were cordial and Trump even took a gentler tone toward Ukraine, though he would not commit to providing US security guarantees and maintained that Europe would need to provide peacekeeping troops.

Within 12 hours of Starmer's return from Washington, the talk of peace seemed to collapse as Trump and Vice President JD Vance berated Zelenskyy for challenging Trump's assertions that Putin could be trusted. During his Sunday press conference, Starmer rejected the suggestion that the US was no longer a reliable ally. "There are no two countries as closely aligned as our two countries and our defence, our security and intelligence is intertwined in a way no two other countries are, so it's an important and reliable ally for us," he said. **Starmer does not trust Putin:** Starmer told the BBC before the summit that he does not trust Russian President Vladimir Putin but does trust Trump. Italian Premier Giorgia Meloni said she was sorry for what happened with Zelenskyy in Washington. Meloni is both a strong Ukraine supporter and — as head of a far-right party — she is a natural ally of Trump. She was the only European leader to attend his inauguration.



Britain's King Charles III and Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy, right, pose for a picture during their meeting at the Sandringham Estate in Norfolk, England, on Sunday. AP/PTI

Driver rams car into crowd in Germany; one person dead

PTI ■ BERLIN

One person was killed and others injured when a car rammed into a crowd Monday in the western German city of Mannheim, police said as they asked the public to stay away from the downtown area and remain in their homes. A suspect is in custody. Police spokesperson Stefan Wilhelm said that a driver drove into a group of people in Paradeplatz, a pedestrianized street in Mannheim, killing one person. Several people were injured, he said, but police can't yet specify how many or how badly. "We can confirm that one perpetrator was arrested," he said. "We can't yet give information on whether there were further perpetrators." Images from the scene showed parts of the downtown area were cordoned off, with a heavy police presence and helicopters hovering above. Police gathered round a badly damaged black car as ambulances lined up outside the cordon. Earlier, Wilhelm said the incident had been reported as "a life-threatening deployment situation." Paradeplatz, a major square in the downtown area, lies at the end of a pedestrianised street in Mannheim, which has a population of 326,000 and lies 85 kilometers (52 miles) south of Frankfurt. Mannheim University Hospital says it has prepared everything for a possible mass casualty incident, German news agency dpa reported. The hospital has implemented its disaster and emergency plan to prepare for the care of the injured. Across Germany, lots of people took a long weekend off to celebrate carnival, including Rose Monday, when many cities hold parades. Mannheim's street parade already took place, on Sunday. German Interior Minister Nancy Faeser canceled her participation in the carnival street parade in Cologne due to the events in Mannheim. "The focus is now on saving lives, treating the injured and the initial investigations by the authorities in Mannheim," an interior ministry spokesperson told dpa. While police would not immediately characterize Monday's incident as an attack, cars have been used as deadly weapons in several acts of violence in recent months.

Trump allies lash out at Zelenskyy

PTI ■ PHOENIX (US)

President Donald Trump's senior aides and allies lashed out at Ukrainian leader Volodymyr Zelenskyy from Washington as he attended a European summit Sunday in London to rally international support for his military's fight against the Russian invasion. Following Trump's lead, White House officials and Republicans in Congress used news show appearances to demand that Zelenskyy display more gratitude for US support and an openness to potential war-ending concessions to Russian President Vladimir Putin. Some suggested Zelenskyy should consider resigning even as Ukrainians rally around him. But they offered little clarity as to what Zelenskyy and Ukraine could do after Friday's Oval Office meeting in which Trump and Vice President JD Vance berated him before canceling the signature of an economic agreement between Washington and Kyiv. The dispute leaves the future of that relationship in question, as well as the prospects for ending a conflict that began when the Kremlin invaded in

February 2022. White House national security adviser Mike Waltz, who while in Congress went to Ukraine during the first year of the war to meet Zelenskyy and once compared him to wartime British Prime Minister Winston Churchill, said Zelenskyy's behavior at the White House was "incredibly disrespectful". Asked about that Churchill-Zelenskyy comparison, Waltz noted that Churchill was voted out of office in the final months of World War II. Churchill "was a man for a moment, but he did not then transition England into the next phase," Waltz said. "And it's unclear whether President Zelenskyy, particularly after what we saw Friday, is ready to transition to Ukraine to an end to this war and to negotiate and have to compromise." Waltz said a negotiated end to the war would involve territorial concessions from Ukraine as well as "Russian concessions on security guarantees," but he did not offer any more details about what Moscow would have to do. House Speaker Mike Johnson echoed the suggestion that Zelenskyy may need to step aside. "Either he needs to come to his

senses and come back to the table in gratitude, or someone else needs to lead the country to do that," Johnson said. "I mean, it's up to the Ukrainians to figure that out. But I can tell you that we are re-exerting peace through strength." Trump's director of national intelligence, Tulsi Gabbard, said the contentious meeting has led to "a huge rift in the relationship" and she took issue with Zelenskyy telling Fox News afterward that he did not think he did anything wrong. "There's going to have to be a rebuilding of any kind of interest in good faith negotiations, I think, before President Trump is going to be willing to re-engage on this," she said. The coordinated campaign of pressure from Washington played out as Zelenskyy and European leaders came to terms with Trump's overhaul of US foreign policy. British Prime Minister Keir Starmer said the United Kingdom would use 1.6 billion pounds (\$2 billion) in export financing to supply 5,000 air defense missiles for Ukraine. Support for Zelenskyy among congressional Republicans has been scant after the Oval Office meeting. But Alaska Senator

Lisa Murkowski, one of the few GOP lawmakers willing to break with Trump publicly, criticised the Republican president's stance toward the Ukrainians. "I know foreign policy is not for the faint of heart, but right now, I am sick to my stomach as the administration appears to be walking away from our allies and embracing Putin, a threat to democracy and US values around the world," Murkowski wrote on X on Saturday. Senator James Lankford said it was inappropriate for senators to call for Zelenskyy to leave office and predicted that such a move would "spiral Ukraine into chaos right now". Others were more vocal in support of Zelenskyy. Millions of Americans "are embarrassed, are ashamed," said Senator Bernie Sanders. "Our job is to defend the 250-year tradition that we have of being the democratic leader of the world, not turn our backs on a struggling country that is trying to do the right thing," Sanders said. Waltz appeared on CNN's "State of the Union," Johnson, Sanders and Lankford were on NBC's "Meet the Press," and Gabbard spoke on "Fox News Sunday".

'End of war with Russia very, very far away'

PTI ■ KYIV

A deal to end the war between Ukraine and Russia "is still very, very far away," Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy said, adding that he expects to keep receiving American support despite his recent fraught relations with US President Donald Trump. "I think our relationship (with the US) will continue, because it's more than an occasional relationship," Zelenskyy said late Sunday, referring to Washington's support for the past three years of war. "I believe that Ukraine has a strong enough partnership with the United States of America" to keep aid flowing, he said at a briefing in Ukrainian before leaving London. Zelenskyy publicly was upbeat

despite recent diplomatic upheaval between Western countries that have been helping Ukraine with military hardware and financial aid. The turn of events is unwelcome for Ukraine, whose understrength army is having a hard time keep bigger Russian forces at bay. The Ukrainian leader was in London to attend UK Prime Minister Keir Starmer's effort to rally his European counterparts around continuing — and likely much increased — support for Ukraine from the continent amid political uncertainty in the US, and Trump's overtures toward Russian President Vladimir Putin. Europe is suspicious of Trump's motives and strategy. Friedrich Merz, Germany's likely next leader after the recent election, said Monday that he didn't think last Friday's Oval Office

blow-up was spontaneous. He said that he had watched the scene repeatedly. "My assessment is that it wasn't a spontaneous reaction to interventions by Zelenskyy, but apparently an induced escalation in this meeting in the Oval Office," Merz said. He said that he was "somewhat astonished by the mutual tone," but there has been "a certain continuity to what we are seeing from Washington at the moment" in recent weeks. "I would advocate for us preparing to have to do a great, great deal more for our own security in the coming years and decades," he said. Even so, Merz said that he wanted to keep the trans-Atlantic relationship alive. "I would also advocate doing everything to keep the Americans in Europe," he said.

Pope has good night's rest after overcoming possible risks from respiratory crisis

PTI ■ ROME

Pope Francis had a good night's rest early Monday after apparently overcoming a setback in his recovery from pneumonia: He is stable, off mechanical ventilation and shows no sign of new infection following a respiratory crisis late last week. "The pope rested well all night," the Vatican said in its update from Gemelli hospital, where Francis has been hospitalized since February 14. Doctors reported the 88-year-old pope spent all day Sunday without using the noninvasive mechanical ventilation mask that pumps oxygen into his lungs that he had to use following Friday's coughing episode. Francis did continue to receive high flow supplemental oxygen through a nasal tube. Friday's respiratory crisis sparked fears of a new lung infection because Francis inhaled some vomit. Doctors aspirated it and said they needed 24 to 48 hours to determine if any new infection took hold. On Sunday evening, they said Francis remained stable, with no fever or signs of an infection, indicating he had overcome the crisis. His prognosis remained guarded, however, meaning he wasn't out of danger. Francis on Sunday also received a visit



from the Vatican secretary of state, Cardinal Pietro Parolin, and his chief of staff, Archbishop Edgar Peña Parra. The content of their talks wasn't known, but even when at the Vatican, Francis meets at least weekly with them. He again skipped his weekly noon blessing to avoid even a brief public appearance from the hospital. Instead, the Vatican distributed a message written by the pope from the 10th floor in which he thanked his doctors for their care and well-wish-

ers for their prayers, and prayed again for peace in Ukraine and elsewhere. "From here, war appears even more absurd," Francis said in the message, which he drafted in recent days. Francis said he was living his hospitalisation as an experience of profound solidarity with people who are sick and suffering everywhere. "I feel in my heart the blessing that is hidden within frailty, because it is precisely in these moments that we learn even more to trust in the Lord," Francis said in the text. "At the same time, I thank God for giving me the opportunity to share in body and spirit the condition of so many sick and suffering people." The Argentine pope, who had part of one lung removed as a young man, was admitted to Gemelli on February 14 after his bronchitis worsened and turned into a complex pneumonia in both lungs. On Sunday night at the Vatican, Cardinal Konrad Krajewski presided over the evening Rosary prayer in St. Peter's Square. "Let us pray together with the entire church for the health of the Holy Father Francis," said Krajewski, who is the pope's personal Almoner, a centuries-old job of handing out alms. Francis has elevated the job to make it an extension of his own personal charity.

Japan won't join UN meet on nuclear weapons ban

Tokyo (PTI): Japan will not attend a UN conference on the treaty banning nuclear weapons, a top government official in Tokyo said Monday, noting US nuclear deterrence is crucial to the country's security and that its participation would send the "wrong message". Chief Cabinet Secretary Yoshimasa Hayashi said Japan's national security is the primary reason it will not participate as an observer at the conference, which starts Monday in New York. "Under the severe security environment, nuclear deterrence is indispensable to defend the people's lives and assets, as well as Japan's sovereignty and peace," Hayashi told reporters. Japan's participation as an observer at the conference would "send a wrong message about the Japanese policy (supporting) nuclear deterrence and interfere with our effort in security, peace and safety". The UN Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons was approved in 2017 and went into force in 2021 following a decades-long campaign aimed at preventing a repeat of the US atomic bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki at the end of World War II. Japan, despite being the only victim of the nuclear attacks, has

refused to sign the treaty, saying its goal is not feasible without the participation of any of the nuclear weapons states. Hayashi said participating as an observer would also interfere with Japan's ongoing effort to gain support for strengthening the non-proliferation treaty and hinder nuclear disarmament. He did not give further details about Japan's next steps. Japanese officials have said they share the ultimate goal of achieving a nuclear-free world, but that Japan needs to be realistic amid growing global conflicts. Atomic bombing survivors and their supporters have criticized Japan's government for making a hollow promise while clinging to the US nuclear umbrella. The survivors and their supporters have urged the Japanese government to participate in the conference as an observer amid growing global attention after Nihon Hidankyo, the atomic bombing survivors' grassroots organisation, was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize last year. Prime Minister Shigeru Ishiba is a defence expert and vocal supporter of nuclear deterrence who has called for a more open debate about the role of US extended deterrence in the region.

Myanmar's head of military govt travels to ally Russia for talks with Putin

Bangkok (PTI): The head of Myanmar's military government travelled to Russia on Monday on an official visit to a major ally of the Southeast Asian nation that has been shunned by much of the West for overthrowing a democratically elected government and subsequent brutal repression. Senior Gen Min Aung Hlaing, who departed from the military airport in the capital, Naypyitaw, will meet with Russian President Vladimir Putin. The general is accompanied by fellow members of the ruling military council and Cabinet, as well as military officials, state television MRTV reported. The report said Min Aung Hlaing will also meet with other top Russian officials and discuss bilateral ties, economic affairs and security with the aim to strengthen strategic cooperation. Russia, along with China, is a major supporter and arms supplier of Myanmar's military government. Russian-made fighter jets are used in attacks on territory under the control of ethnic minority groups, many of which are allies with pro-democracy resistance forces.

Preserving records of 'atrocities' by Hasina regime critical: Yunus

Dhaka (PTI): Bangladesh's interim government's Chief Adviser Muhammad Yunus has called for the "meticulous preservation" of records documenting alleged "atrocities" committed under the administration of deposed prime minister Sheikh Hasina. During a Sunday meeting with United Nations officials, Yunus emphasised that without a proper archival system "it is difficult to know the truth and ensure justice". The Dhaka Tribune newspaper reported. A statement issued by the chief adviser's press wing said the chief adviser during his conversation with UN Resident Coordinator Gwen Lewis and UN human rights expert Huma Khan cited the crackdown on demonstrators at Shapla Chattar, police brutality against protesters following the Delwar Hossain Sayeede verdict, and years of alleged extrajudicial killings. The UN officials, in response, reaffirmed their willingness to assist Bangladesh in documenting human rights abuses. "This is a process of healing and truth-building," Lewis said, offering the UN's expertise in technical assistance and capacity-building. Yunus also commended the organisation's recent fact-finding report on human rights violations following the July-August 2024 uprising that led to the end of 15 years of Awami League regime from power and Hasina's escape to India. According to Lewis, UN High Commissioner for

Monday, the news agency reported. The graft case filed in 2011 by the Anti-Corruption Commission with Tejaagon Police Station accused Zia and three others of abusing power to raise funds for the trust from unknown sources.

Human Rights Volker Turk will present the document at the Human Rights Council session in Geneva on March 5. Meanwhile, Bangladesh's Supreme Court on Monday upheld a High Court ruling that acquitted former premier and BNP chairperson Khaleda Zia in a corruption case in which she was sentenced to seven years in jail by a lower court. A three-member Appellate Division bench headed by Justice Md Asfaqul Islam passed the order, dismissing the plea filed by the state and the Anti-Corruption Commission challenging the High Court verdict that acquitted Zia and others, the state-run BSS news agency reported. Zia, 79, was convicted in the Zia Charitable Trust corruption case in 2018 by a Dhaka court. The court sentenced her to seven years imprisonment and fined her Taka 1 million. On November 27 last year, the High Court allowed two separate appeals filed by Zia and two other convicts, Ziaul Islam and Monirul Islam Khan, challenging the lower court conviction and sentence in the Zia Charitable Trust graft case and acquitted them of the charges. The state and the ACC filed the plea, challenging the High Court ruling. That matter came to the Appellate Division's regular bench for hearing and the apex court passed its order on

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Public Notice BSES Yamuna Power Limited

Objections / Response to BSES Yamuna Power Ltd. Appeal (DFR) No. 531 of 2024 filed before the Hon'ble Appellate Tribunal for Electricity against Ld. DERC's True-up Order dated 19.07.2024 related to the "True-up of expenses of BYPL for FY 2020-21 passed in Petition No. 4 of 2022".

- 1. BSES Yamuna Power Ltd. ("BYPL") has filed Appeal (DFR) No. 531 of 2024 before the Hon'ble Appellate Tribunal for Electricity ("Hon'ble Tribunal") challenging the True-up Order dated 19.07.2024 passed by Ld. DERC in Petition No. 4 of 2022 against specific findings and observations. Notice has been issued in the Appeal on 13.01.2025 and the Hon'ble Tribunal by Order dated 11.02.2025 has directed BYPL to publish a Public Notice to inform the public of filing of the Appeal as also to invite objections and responses (if any) to the Appeal.
2. Findings of Ld. DERC have been challenged on following issues:-

Table with 2 columns: S.No. and ISSUE. Contains 36 items regarding disallowance of cost of auditor certificates, rate of return on equity, deferral of capitalisation, etc.

3. Copies of the Appeal Paper Books can be obtained from the office of the Counsel for BYPL i.e., Mr. Anupam Varma / Mr. Rahul Kinra, having their office(s) at: J. Sagar Associates, B 303, 3rd Floor, Ansal Plaza, HUDCO Place, August Kranti Marg, New Delhi - 110049 (011- 43110600, 43110617).
4. Anyone who intends to file Objections/Response to the Appeal may file three (3) copies of the same at the Registry, Appellate Tribunal for Electricity, 7th Floor, Core IV, SCOPE Complex, Lodhi Road, New Delhi - 110003, within two (2) weeks of the publication of this notice along with Proof of Service on BYPL addressed to Mr. Anupam Varma / Mr. Rahul Kinra, having their office(s) at: J. Sagar Associates, B 303, 3rd Floor, Ansal Plaza, HUDCO Place, August Kranti Marg, New Delhi - 110049 (011- 43110600, 43110617). The above submissions should be supported by an affidavit in the notified format and should carry the full name, postal address and e-mail address, if any, of the sender. Should the objector(s) wish to be heard in person, he/she must appear before the Hon'ble Tribunal, for which no separate notice shall be issued.

For BSES Yamuna Power Limited Head (Regulatory Affairs) Regd.Off: BSES Yamuna Power Ltd, Shakti Kiran Building, Karkardooma, Delhi-110032 | CIN: U40109DL2001PLC111525 Telephone: +91 011-41247111, Fax No. 011-41249765 | Website: www.bsesdelhi.com

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PHYSICAL AUCTION NOTICE FOR SALE OF MOVABLE PROPERTY ON 05.03.2025. Sale Notice for Sale (Auction) of Movable Assets under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with provision to Rule 6(2) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.

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ED issues ₹611 Crore notice to Paytm's parent company

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

The Enforcement Directorate (ED) on Monday said it has issued ₹611 Crore show cause notice to Paytm's parent company and linked entities for "contravention" of the Foreign Exchange Management Act (FEMA) on various counts. The notice has been issued by a special director of the federal agency before the initiation of adjudication proceedings. The show cause notice has been issued to Paytm's flagship company One 97 Communication limited (OCL), its managing director and other Paytm subsidiary companies like Little Internet Private Limited and Nearbuy India Private Limited for contraventions of the provisions of the FEMA to the

tune of around ₹611 Crore, the ED said in a statement. Investigation found that OCL made foreign investment in Singapore and "did not" file necessary reporting to the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) for the creation of an overseas step-down subsidiary, it said. The OCL had also received foreign direct investment (FDI) from overseas investors "without following" proper pricing guidelines stipulated by the RBI, it alleged. The ED said OCL's subsidiary company in India - Little Internet Private Limited - had also received FDI from overseas investors "without following" the pricing guidelines stipulated by the RBI. The other subsidiary company - Nearbuy India Private Limited - "did not" report the FDI

received by the company within the time frame prescribed by the RBI, it said. In a regulatory filing made last Saturday, Paytm said it received a notice from the ED for alleged violation of certain FEMA rules by the company and its two subsidiaries - Little Internet and Nearbuy - with respect to certain investment transactions. Later, Paytm clarified that the alleged breach pertains to the period when the two companies were not its subsidiaries. It acquired the two companies in 2017. According to the breakup shared by the company, OCL transactions amounting to over ₹245 Crore, LIPL's about ₹345 Crore, and NIPL's about ₹21 Crore have been listed in the alleged breach.

Explore all dairy sector avenues: Amit Shah

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Cooperation Minister Amit Shah on Monday said the National Dairy Development Board's (NDDB) three models of cowdung biogas generation need to be scaled up in at least 250 district dairy cooperatives in the next two years, as India works towards achieving a second White Revolution. Addressing a workshop on sustainability and circularity in the dairy sector, Shah said, "Dairy sector is important for farmers to earn additional income apart from agriculture. It is important to focus on sustainability and circularity at the start of the second White Revolution." The minister emphasised that circularity in the dairy sector should not be limited to cowdung biogas generation but should encompass making use of

every aspect of the whole dairy sector economy. "There is no better alternative than the dairy sector to address farm migration and ensure better returns to farmers," Shah said, adding that exploring the full potential of this sector will contribute towards achieving the target of \$5 Trillion economy and Vksit Bharat. Shah released comprehensive guidelines aimed at promoting environmentally responsible practices in dairy farming and new financing initiatives under NDDB and NABARD's large scale biogas or compressed biogas projects and the Sustain Plus Project. On the occasion, dairy cooperative unions from 15 states signed an agreement with NDDB for the establishment of biogas plants. "The MoUs have been signed

to scale up cowdung biogas generation based on three models of NDDB. However, we need to successfully implement these models in 250 district cooperative dairy units in next two years," the minister said. Shah identified the three models as: "Zakariyapura Model (the household level biogas-based manure value chain model), the Banaskantha Model (dung-based large capacity biogas plant to produce bio CNG and organic fertilizer) and the Varanasi Model (dung-based large capacity biogas plant to suffice steam and power needs of dairy plant)." The minister urged NDDB to collect cowdung from farmers outside the dairy cooperative network. "Many farmers supply milk to private sector which does not have a facility to process cowdung for biogas. Collecting cowdung from

such farmers will not only address the problem of minimum viability issue but also attract them to cooperative sector," he said. "About 16 Crore tonne cowdung is available in the country. Factor in both farmers from cooperative and non-cooperatives sectors for supply of cowdung while making a plan for setting up of a biogas plant," Shah said, stressing the need to enhance capacity of these plants going forward. On livestock feed and fodder, the minister said, "It should be promoted through cooperatives and a full-fledged network needs to be set up as this will not only enhance milk production but also strengthen cooperatives." To harness the circular economy in dairy sector, Shah emphasised the need to expand marketing of organic manure, increasing dairy

cooperative unions, setting up of dairy processing units and even making dairy machines domestically. "Our target should be not a single machine is imported from abroad," he said, and asked NDDB to rope in a district cooperative in this endeavour. "Circularity means not only making use of cowdung for biogas but also bones and leather. Explore all possibilities in this sector," he added, stating that this concept should be made part of the Constitution of multi-purpose cooperative units that are being set up. Union Minister for Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying Rajiv Ranjan Singh, Ministers of State S P Singh Baghel and George Kurian, Dairy and Animal Husbandry Department Secretary Alka Upadhyaya, and senior officials were present at the event.

WCOOPEF partners with I-SEED, IIT Hyderabad to transform cooperative agriculture

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

The World Cooperation Economic Forum (WCOOPEF), in collaboration with I-SEED Incubator for Social Enterprises and Entrepreneurs for Development at the Institute of Rural Management Anand (IRMA) and IIT Hyderabad's Technology Innovation Hub on Autonomous Navigation (TiHAN), has announced a strategic partnership to revolutionise cooperative-led agriculture through IoT-enabled digital crop surveys and geospatial intelligence. This initiative aligns with the International Year of Cooperatives, reinforcing cooperative-led economic growth, sustainability and rural empowerment. With the vision of 'Sahkar Se Samridhi' (Prosperity through Cooperation), the effort aims to equip farmer cooperatives, dairy unions, fisheries collectives, and rural self-help groups (SHGs) with cutting-edge digital technologies to enhance agricultural productivity and resilience. The move will integrate AI-powered geospatial intelligence, real-time IoT data collection, and digital mapping technologies to drive data-driven decision-making in cooperative-led farming and rural enterprises.



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Speaking on the occasion, Dileep Shanghani, Chairman of WCOOPEF, said the cooperative model has long been the backbone of India's agricultural economy. By integrating geospatial innovation and IoT-enabled digital crop surveys, we are modernizing cooperatives to become data-driven, efficient, and globally competitive. This initiative aligns with Prime Minister Narendra Modi's vision of 'Sahkar Se Samridhi' and Vksit Bharat, ensuring that every farmer - especially small and marginal farmers - benefits from precision agriculture, real-time market access, and financial inclusion." Binod Anand, Member of

PM's High-Power Committee on MSP, founder President of WCOOPEF, and a leading advocate for farmer-centric value chains, emphasised the need for cooperatives to embrace digital transformation. "Cooperatives must evolve into technology-driven enterprises to uplift small farmers and rural communities. This initiative will establish a tech-enabled cooperative economic zone, leveraging IoT-enabled digital crop surveys, AI-powered geospatial intelligence, and real-time market linkages to create a more resilient and self-sustaining cooperative ecosystem," he added.

Chhattisgarh budget focuses on development in Naxal-affected Bastar

PTI ■ RAIPUR

The Chhattisgarh government on Monday presented a ₹1.65 Lakh Crore budget with special focus on development of Naxal-affected Bastar by giving boost to tourism, security and infrastructure. The 2025-26 budget, presented by Finance Minister OP Choudhary, aims to establish Bastar as a new development model, prioritising the transformation of Naxal-affected areas, an official statement said. The Chhattisgarh government plans to establish a Special Operations Group (SOG), similar to the Centre's National Security Guard (NSG), to play a crucial role in anti-Naxal operations. Additionally, anti-narcotics task forces in 10 districts and cyber police stations in five districts will be set up. To safeguard mineral resources, a State Industrial Security Force (SISF), modelled on Central Industrial Security Force (CISF), will be created. The plan include a mega vision for complete eradication of Naxals, creation of 3,200 additional posts for 'Bastar Fighters', a specialised police unit established by the Chhattisgarh government to combat Maoists, the statement said. Due to the intense operations by the security forces, the

Naxal network has crumbled in Bastar with the killing of 305 extremists, surrender of 1,000 others in just 15 months, since the taking over of charge Chief Minister Vishnu Deo Sai, it said. According to the budget, the government's revenue is projected to grow by 11 per cent without imposing any new taxes. This year, the government has allocated ₹26,341 Crore for capital expenditure, an 18 per cent increase from the previous year. This means more roads, bridges, schools, and hospitals will be built across the state, improving lives and accelerating development. Sai said the budget will further strengthen the foundation of a developed Chhattisgarh. Emphasising that special attention is being given to Bastar with substantial investments in infrastructure, education, healthcare, and employment, he said, "This is a crucial step toward ensuring lasting peace and progress in Naxal-affected regions". The Chhattisgarh government said it has achieved remarkable success in dismantling the Naxal network in Bastar and 305 Naxals have been eliminated, and 1,000 have surrendered in just over a year. Recognising the contribution of 'Bastar Fighters' in eliminating Naxalism, the budget includes provisions for 3,200 additional positions.

New police stations will be established in Elmagunda and Dabbakonta, two highly affected villages. ₹5 Crore allocation has been made for the annual Bastar Olympics, celebrating tribal sports and traditions. Additionally, ₹2 Crore has been earmarked for yoga camps and ₹10 Crore for biodiversity tourism zones. Under the 'Niyad Nellana' (My Beautiful Village) initiative, ₹25 Crore has been allocated to ensure the reach of government schemes to villages. The budget also includes ₹2 Crore for Bastar Madai and Bastar Marathon celebrations. The Chhattisgarh government has also announced a major push for road networks, bridges, schools, and digital infrastructure across Bastar and other regions. ₹221 Crore fund has been allocated for infrastructure development in tribal areas. The PM Janman scheme include ₹30 Crore for school education, ₹12 Crore for tribal welfare, and ₹300 Crore for housing projects. The state government has launched 'Chhattisgarh Anjor Vision 2047', an initiative outlining 10 major missions focusing on healthcare, tourism, agriculture, education, IT, and infrastructure. These missions aim to transform Chhattisgarh into a developed state by 2047. "The government anticipates

₹2,804 Crore additional revenue, making Chhattisgarh one of India's financially robust states. The state's total revenue is expected to be ₹1.41 Lakh Crore, mainly sourced from tax collections and central government allocations. Chhattisgarh's GDP growth rate is projected at 7.51 per cent, surpassing the national average of 6.5 per cent," the statement said. Among other highlights of the budget are relief for citizens and businesses, petrol price reduced by Rs 1 per litre by slashing the VAT. A sum of ₹2,000 Crore has been allocated for new road projects in a single financial year under the CM Urban Development Scheme while ₹500 Crore allocated for improving city infrastructure. The UPI payment system will be rolled out in rural panchayats and new pension fund will be created to ensure long-term financial security for employees and a three per cent increase in DA for state employees. The state government has also introduced a Homestay Policy for Bastar and Sarguja. Now, tourists visiting these regions can stay in villages and experience the rich local culture and traditional cuisine. Additionally, adventure tourism and a dedicated tourism circuit will be developed in Jashpur, offering visitors an exciting travel experience, the statement said.

FDI drops 5.6 per cent in October-December

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Foreign direct investment (FDI) in India dipped by 5.6 per cent year-on-year to \$10.9 Billion in October-December quarter of this fiscal due to global economic uncertainties, according to the government data. FDI inflows during October-December 2023-24 stood at \$11.55 Billion. According to the Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT) data, in the July-September quarter of the current fiscal, the inflows were up by about 43 per cent year-on-year to \$13.6 billion and had increased 47.8 per cent annually to \$16.17 billion in the preceding April-June quarter. Cumulatively, during the April-December 2024-25, the inflows registered a growth of 27 per cent to \$40.67 billion as against \$32 billion in the same period of 2023-24. Total FDI, which includes equity inflows, reinvested earnings and other capital, grew by 21.3 per cent to \$62.48 billion during the first nine months of this fiscal from \$51.5 billion in April-December 2023-24.

Sensex falls for ninth day on selling in HDFC Bank

PTI ■ MUMBAI

Benchmark BSE Sensex declined by 112 points while Nifty fell for the ninth straight session on Monday following selling in blue-chips HDFC Bank and Reliance Industries. In a see-saw trade, the 30-share BSE benchmark declined by 112.16 points or 0.15 per cent to close at 73,085.94 as 18 of its components advanced and 12 declined. The index opened higher but soon fell to the day's low of 72,784.54 due to intense selling in large caps. The barometer staged a rebound in the second half amid positive Asian markets and hit a high of 73,649.72 before paring gains to close down. Extending losses to the ninth session, the NSE Nifty slipped 5.40 points or 0.02 per cent to settle at 22,119.30. The index slumped 120 points or 0.54 per cent to hit a low of 22,004.70 but later recovered most of the losses. From the Sensex pack, Reliance Industries, Bajaj Finance, HDFC Bank, Adani Ports, Maruti Suzuki India, Axis Bank, Hindustan Unilever, Sun Pharmaceuticals and Asian Paints were among the laggards. Reliance Industries fell the most by 2.38 per cent to close at ₹1,171.10 apiece. During the day, it went down by 3.63 per cent to hit a 52-week low of Rs 1,156 per piece. UltraTech Cement, Bharti Airtel, NTPC, Infosys, Bajaj Finance, Mahindra and Mahindra, Larsen and Toubro and State Bank of India were the gainers. "The market experienced a

gradual recovery from its intraday low, driven by improving economic growth, a rebound in consumption expenditure, and healthy expansion in the agricultural sector, which influenced investor sentiment. With valuations approaching oversold levels, domestic indicators suggest the potential for a rebound," Vinod Nair, head of research, Geojit Financial Services. Global uncertainties and sustained foreign fund outflows continue to keep market participants cautious, Ajit Mishra - SVP, Research, Religare Broking Ltd. The BSE smallcap gauge dipped 0.70 per cent, however, midcap index went up 0.25 per cent. Among BSE sectoral indices, Energy (1.11 per cent), Financial Services (0.54 per cent), Bankex (0.28 per cent), Oil & Gas (0.50 per cent), and Services (0.49 per cent) were the losers. On the other hand, Capital Goods, Power, Consumer Durables, Realty, Commodities, Tech, Focussed IT, Utilities and Metal were among the gainers. As many as 2,852 stocks declined while 1,235 advanced and 147 remained unchanged on the BSE. A monthly survey showed that India's manufacturing sector growth fell to a 14-month low in February amid softer increase in new orders and production. "Although output growth slowed to the weakest level since December 2023, overall momentum in India's manufacturing sector remained broadly positive in February," said Pranjal Bhandari, Chief India Economist at HSBC.

Bihar government tables ₹3.17 Lakh Crore budget

PTI ■ PATNA

The Nitish Kumar government in Bihar on Monday tabled a ₹3.17 Lakh Crore budget in the assembly, the last before the state goes to polls later this year. Presenting the budget on the floor of the assembly, Deputy Chief Minister Samrat Choudhary, who holds the finance portfolio, told the House that the budget, the total size of which was ₹38,169 Crore more than the last fiscal, is inspired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi's "margdarshan" (guidance) and the CM's "netritva" (leadership). "The government has received enormous support from the people of the state in its bid to achieve the goal of a 'samridhi Bihar', which is essential to achieve the prime minister's goal of a 'vksit Bihar'.



Bihar CM Nitish Kumar during Budget session of the Assembly in Patna PTI

"Modi's vision of 'sabka saath, sabka vikas aur sabka prayas' and the CM's motto of 'naya ke saath vikas' have been the twin guiding principles behind the budget. We are making progress, leaving behind years of anarchy," said the senior BJP leader, in an apparent dig at the opposition RJD-Congress combine.

Speaking about the budgetary allocations for different sectors, Choudhary said ₹60,964 Crore has been set aside for education, which is of crucial importance in the densely populated state that has a relatively young demography. He said ₹20,335 Crore has been allocated for the health sector, while ₹17,831 Crore will be

given to the home department, which is responsible for law and order, improvement in which has been the most talked about achievement of the NDA government. In keeping with the government's push for women's empowerment, the budget has proposed setting up of a 'mahila haat' (women's marketplace) in Patna, besides "pink toilets" in all districts and "pink buses" in major cities. "We also propose the establishment of 'Kanya Vivah Mandaps' in all panchayats, which will serve the needs of poor rural families with girls of marriageable age," Choudhary said. He said Bihar will be building "greenfield airports" at Sultanganj and Raxaul, in Bhagalpur and East Champaran districts, respectively, and "the airport at Purnea will become operational in three months from now".

Gold as asset class to rise in coming years: Nageswaran

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Gold will remain relevant for investors as a portfolio diversification mechanism with a "likely ascending importance" as an asset class in the coming years, Chief Economic Advisor V Anantha Nageswaran said on Monday. Speaking at the IGCPC-IIMA annual gold and gold markets conference 2025, he said that gold will remain relevant not only as a store of value, as an ornament for cultural and religious purposes, but also as an important portfolio diversification mechanism "until such a time the world is able to arrive at an international monetary system from the current international monetary non-system". "That day of reckoning is

very difficult for any one of us to prophesy at this stage," Nageswaran said. The value of gold has increased by over \$200 per ounce or eight per cent in the last three months to \$2,860 per ounce. At the same time, the Indian stock markets have fallen over eight per cent over the last three months. Since 2002, the value of the precious yellow metal is up 10 times when it was about \$250-290/ounce. In the Indian market, the price of gold rose 10 gms stood at around ₹85,000. India is a net importer of gold. He said it is very important to remember the relevance and the importance of gold for a portfolio, a store of value etc, more so in the

backdrop of the likely ascending importance of gold in the coming years. Nageswaran also hoped that India will find ways to productively deploy the gold assets that it has without diluting its role as a symbol of store of value as well as cultural and religious significance. "That is where the policy challenge lies," he said. Nageswaran said India needs to reflect upon its past gold monetisation efforts to pay back the owners who deposited gold in currency form. "But probably people attach different significance to gold and sometimes we tend to forget that in policy deliberation," he added. To win away people from physical gold, the government had announced Gold Monetisation Scheme in

2015, which allowed people to deposit their gold with banks to earn interest. The scheme aimed to reduce India's reliance on gold imports. He said that gold not only symbolises solidity but also policy discipline and, in a way, it also should have symbolised investor discipline. "Today is what is happening is that, not only policymakers think, that they can print their way out of any trouble, investors also think that they are entitled to rising prices of assets of all types and therefore clamour for reliefs, forgetting the fact that the financial markets are a two-way street, the clamour for policy relief increases with every passing day when the market declines," Nageswaran said.

INBRIEF

REC LTS SIGNS MOU WITH MADHYA PRADESH GOVERNMENT TO SUPPORT POWER SECTOR



BHOPAL: REC Limited, a Maharatna CPSE and a leading NBFC under the Ministry of Power, has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Government of Madhya Pradesh at the Global Investors Summit 2025 in Bhopal.

TECHNOVISTA 2.0 ORGANISED AT GURU NANAK DEV UNIVERSITY



AMRITSAR: An inter-departmental event 'TECHNOVISTA 2.0 2025' was organised by Department of Mechanical Engineering of Guru Nanak Dev University under the guidance of Vice Chancellor Prof. (Dr) Karamjeet Singh.

GNDU HOSTS INTER-DEPARTMENT CRICKET COMPETITIONS UNDER FIT INDIA PROGRAM



AMRITSAR: Under the able leadership of Vice Chancellor Dr Karamjeet Singh, Guru Nanak Dev University organised an Inter-Department Cricket Competition for boys in which 21 teams participated.

ALUMNI MEET OF CHEMISTRY DEPARTMENT OF GNDU



AMRITSAR: The Chemistry Department of Guru Nanak Dev University (GNDU) host a Alumni Meet, fostering connections between past and present students as well as industry professionals.

GNDU STUDENTS VISITED MEDIA OFFICES



AMRITSAR: With the support of Vice Chancellor Dr Karamjeet Singh Guru Nanak Dev University and under the guidance of the Head of the Mass Communication Department, an educational trip was organised. During this trip, students of MA second and fourth semester had the opportunity to visit News18 and The Tribune at Chandigarh.

Manchester United crashes out of FA Cup



PTI ■ MANCHESTER

Manchester United crashed out of the FA Cup on Sunday after losing on penalties to Fulham. Rather than bemoan the latest blow in a miserable season, though, United coach Ruben Amorim insisted his rights were set on a bigger trophy. "The goal is to win the Premier League. So I know that we are losing games and losing trophies during this season, but the goal is to win the Premier League again," Amorim said after the 4-3 shootout loss at Old Trafford. "I don't know how long it's going to take. But that is our goal. If you think like that, we can suffer a little bit in these defeats — a lot sometimes — but we have a goal, so we continue, no matter what, we continue forward." Cup holder United was sent spinning out in the fifth round as Victor Lindelof and Joshua Zirkzee saw spot kicks saved after the game ended 1-1 following extra time. Fulham goalkeeper Bernd Leno was the hero with the crucial stops that set up a quarterfinal match against Crystal Palace. It took a second-half equalizer from Bruno Fernandes to send the game to extra time after Calvin Bassy headed Fulham in front just before the break. But it proved a temporary reprieve for United, which now has just one trophy to aim for this season — the Europa League. **Knockout blow** United last won the Premier League in the 2012-13 season and, despite Amorim's ambition, the next league title feels a long way off. His team is languishing in 14th place in the standings and seems unlikely to finish in the top half this season. It has been a torrid start for the Portuguese coach, who only took charge in November. Knockout competitions had provided a rare source of optimism, and with Liverpool, Arsenal and Chelsea all eliminated from the FA Cup, the path was opening up for United to successfully defend the trophy it lifted last May. But the 13-time winner posed little threat in a first half that ended with sections of the home support jeering after Bassy headed Fulham in front from close range. United captain Fernandes sparked the home team into life with a low, first time finish from inside the box in the 71st minute. United then had chances to win. Alejandro Garnacho was denied by Leno when through on goal in added time and the

keeper blocked another effort from Chido Obi in extra time before his shootout heroics. "I know they had chances but I think we were the best team on the pitch," Fulham coach Marco Silva said. "Our team was on the ball, dominating the ball. We deserve to be in the next stage." Ruben vs Roo Man United great Wayne Rooney, the club's all-time top goal scorer, criticised Amorim's title ambition remarks. The BBC pundit said "it's a little bit naive to say we're looking to win the Premier League" because, from where they are now, they're a long way off that. Rooney's remarks were put to Amorim at his post-match news conference as the Portuguese coach was asked whether it was realistic to talk about winning the title. "That is the goal," Amorim said. "Being naive is to think that we are going to do it this season or going to be the best contender for the next season." **Welbeck winner** Danny Welbeck fired Brighton into the last eight with an extra-time winner against Newcastle. Welbeck — a two-time winner of the famous trophy with Arsenal — came off the bench to seal a 2-1 win at St James' Park. Brighton hosts Nottingham Forest or Ipswich in the next round. With the game locked at 1-1 and seemingly heading to a penalty shootout, Welbeck produced a brilliant finish in the 114th to lift the ball over Newcastle goalkeeper Martin Dubravka from a narrow angle. The 34-year-old former England forward had timed his run perfectly to beat Newcastle's offside trap and meet Solly March's throughball. And despite running away from goal, he managed to turn and clip his shot into the back of the net. Newcastle led 1-0 through Alexander Isak's penalty in the 22nd, but Yankuba Minteh leveled in the 44th. Both teams had players sent off in the second half — Anthony Gordon for Newcastle in the 83rd and Risto Lamptey in added time. Fabian Schar thought he'd scored a late extra-time winner for the hosts but it was ruled out for offside by VAR. Welbeck's goal secured a fifth-straight win for Brighton in all competitions. Newcastle is hoping to end a 70-year wait for a major domestic trophy and can still achieve that this season when it plays Liverpool in the English League Cup final later on goal in added time and the

Classifieds

CHANGE OF NAME

I, Virender Kumar S/o Sh. Pawan Kumar R/o Village Natwal, Tehsil Barwala, Panchkula, Haryana, have changed my name to Virender Singh.

I, Sunil s/o Dalbir Singh vpo Bahu Akbarpur district Rohtak have changed in school record my son name Sameer to Sameer Balhara and his mother's Seema to Seema Rani both are same person in future for all purpose.

I, Suraj S/o Sh. Ram Prasad # 360, Small Flats Dhanas, Chandigarh have changed my name to Suraj Narayan.

I, Nand Lal S/o Chander Pal # 24, Kaimbwala, Chandigarh have changed the name of my minor Son from Akshit to Achit.

I, Prema W/o Prem Babu Verma # 168/A, Small Flats Dhanas, Chandigarh have changed my name to Sarla.

I, Kajal bharat lokwani w/o Avdesh savlani r/o 379 shastri nagar Lawrence road amritsar have change name after marriage Mihika Savlani

I, Gunjan kewalramani w/o ashok savlani r/o 379 shastri nagar Lawrence road have change name after marriage Manya Savlani

I, Shinde Ashru Narayan S/o Sh. Narayan Shinde R/o Village and Post Office Pardi Takmor, Tehsil and Distt. Washim, Maharashtra, have changed my name from Ashru to Shinde Ashru Narayan, and changed my wife name from Manisha to Manisha Ashru Shinde, Vide Affidavit No. IN-PB12444929586497X, Dated 03-03-2025.

I, JC-774303W Rank SUB Name Ramjan Munnoli R/o Vill. & PO Hukkeri, Teh. Hukkeri, Distt. Belagavi, Karnataka-591309 have changed the name of my son in army record from Ayan to Ayan Munnoli vide affidavit dated 03-03-2025 before Session Court Hisar.

I, Poonam W/o Sh. Sachin Dhandra R/o House No. 1992 Main Gali Main Chowk Behind Mahender Kiryana Store Azad Nagar, Hisar Haryana declare that I have changed my name from Poonam to Poonam Dhandra for all future purpose.

I, Sanjive Nehra S/o Sh. Mohinder Singh R/o Village Kutia Kheri Teh. Adampur, Distt. Hisar, Haryana declare that I have changed my name from Sanjive Nehra to Sanjive Kumar for all future purpose.

I, Meena Rani Urf Simran W/o Sh. Sanjive Kumar R/o Village Kutia Kheri Teh. Adampur, Distt. Hisar, Haryana declare that I have changed my name from Meena Rani Urf Simran to Meena Rani for all future purpose.

I, Ramesh Kumar S/o Sh. Pawan Kumar R/o House No. 519/5-B, Ward No. 31, Shyam Kunj, Priti Nagar, Hisar, Haryana declare that I have changed my name from Ramesh Kumar Lohia to Ramesh Kumar for all future purpose.

I, Shabaz Nayyer (Aadhar No. 8792 9458 0536) S/o Davender Singh R/o Near Old Bus Stand Ward No. 2 Safidon Teshil Safidon & District Jind I have declared that my father name change Davinder Singh to Davender Singh for all future purpose.

I, Ishwar S/o Sh. Surta Ram R/o VPO Dhathrath Distt. Jind (Haryana) have changed my name from Ishwar to Ishwar Singh.

I, Anil S/o Bani Singh R/o Kanoh (58), Hisar, Haryana 125112 declare that I have changed my name from Anil to Anil Sharan for all future purpose.

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I, Vipin Bansal S/o Om Parkash R/o H. No. 644C, Ward No 19, Tohana Distt Fatehabad, have change my name to Vipin Kumar Bansal

I, Rabiya D/o Vijay Garg R/o Bhatia Nagar Tohana Distt Fatehabad, have change my name to Rabiya Garg

I, Smita W/o Sh. Anurag Sharma R/o 618-FF, Omaxe Cassia, Near PCA Stadium, Block-A, New Chandigarh, Mullanpur, PO: Mullanpur, Distt: SAS Nagar (Mohali), Punjab 140901 have changed my name from Smita Kaul to Smita Sharma

I, Baljit Singh S/o Sh. Jage Ram R/o House No. 462/1, Block B, Adarsh Nagar, Naya Gaon District SAS Nagar, Mohalli, Punjab declare that I have changed my minor son's name from Jatin to Jatin Malik & also disclosed that in my son's Matriculation Certificate my name is wrongly written Baljeet Singh whereas my actual name is Baljit Singh.

I, Jatinder Kumar Sahni S/o Suraj Parkesh Sahni #2886/2 Sector 47-C Chandigarh 160047 have changed my minor daughter name Yoganshika to Yoganshika Sahni.

I, Jangir Singh Pawar S/o Nagar Singh Village 1X, Ganganagar, Chak 2X Rajasthan have changed my name from Jangir Singh Pawar to Jangir Singh

I, Simarjeet Kaur W/o Manohar Singh R/o Ward No 6 Near Laddu Chakki Dasmesh Nagar, Jalalabad, Fazilka Pb have changed my name from Simarjeet Kaur to Simarjit Kaur.

I, Mukesh Devi W/o Sh. Puran Chand Lailor R/o H. No 1 Type-5, Opposite T.B. Hospital Sirsa Road, Hisar, Haryana declare on oath that I have changed my name from Mukesh, Mukesh Lailor, Mukesh Devi Lailor, Mukesh Devi Lailor to Mukesh Devi for all future purpose.

I, Sajjan Singh S/o Teja Singh R/o Village Gidarpur, District SAS Nagar, Mohali, Punjab have changed my name from Sajjan Singh to Gajjan Singh.

I, Kalpna Mishra is legally Wife of Service No.14842406M Rank Nk. Name: B K Mishra, Unit: 665 ASC COY TYPE 'C', Residing at Village Bagai Khurd Post Bagai Khurd, Taluk Phoolpur, Distt. Prayagraj (State) Uttar Pradesh Pin -905665, have changed my name from Kalapana Mishara to Kalpna Mishra.

I, Dogra Devi Mother of Army No. 14945424P Rank: Nk. Akash Unit: 6 Mech Inf C/o 56 APO, Resident of Kandogal, Thano Dehradun, Thano, Uttarakhand Pin-248143, have changed my name from Dogra Devi to Durga Devi.

I, Manjula Daddekar Mother of Army No. 14935919N Rank: Hav. Gopal Daddekar Unit: 6 Mech Inf C/o 56 APO, Resident of H.No. 448, Ganesh Temple Kalkhamb, Muchandi, Muchandi, Hukeri, Belgam, Karnataka Pin 590016, have changed my name from Manjula Daddekar to Manjula Maruti Daddekar and my Date of Birth from 01-02-1965 to 01-01-1963.

I, Maruti Daddekar Father of Army No. 14935919N Rank: Hav. Gopal Daddekar Unit: 6 Mech Inf C/o 56 APO, Resident of H.No. 448, Ganesh Temple Kalkhamb, Muchandi, Muchandi, Hukeri, Belgam, Karnataka Pin 590016, have changed my name from Maruti Daddekar to Maruti Irappa Daddekar and my birth from 01-02-1959 to 05-06-1957.

I, Urmila Legally Wedded Wife of Army No. 14933670N Rank: Hav. Uttam Singh Unit: 6 Mech Inf C/o 56 APO, Resident of Baljeet Farm Khadri Khadakamf, SN Temple, Shyampur, Dehradun, Uttarakhand Pin-249204, have changed my name from Urmila to Urmila Devi.

I, Sukhwinder Kaur W/o No. 14524096 Hav. Paramjit Singh Deol R/o VPO. Haripur, Tehsil and Distt. Jalandhar, Punjab have changed my name from Sukhwinder Kaur to Sukhwinder Kaur Deol.

I, Sulvinder Kaur W/o No. 612792G Rank: Mwo Gurmit Singh R/o 359, Gali No.4, Guru Nanak Pura West, Jalandhar, Punjab have changed my name from Sulvinder Kaur to Sulvinder Kaur.

I, Gurjinder Singh S/o Jaspal Singh r/o VPO. Khaira Majja, Distt. Jalandhar, Punjab have changed my name from Gurjinder Singh to Singh Gurjinder.

I, Baljit Kaur D/o Rajinder Singh R/o VPO. Seeprian, Teh. Mukerian, Distt. Hoshiarpur have changed my name from Baljit Kaur To Daljit Kaur.

I, Gurdev Kaur W/o Gurbax Rai R/o Moh. Pipa Rang Road, Phagwara Distt. Kapurthala, Punjab, India declare that Gurdev is my given name and Kaur is my Surname.

I, Gurbax Rai S/o Sant Ram R/o Moh. Pipa Rang Road, Phagwara Distt. Kapurthala, Punjab, India declare that Gurbax is my given name and Rai is my Surname.

I, Gurwinder Singh S/o Jaspal Singh R/o VPO. Dhada Fateh Singh, Distt. Hoshiarpur, Punjab have changed my name from Gurwinder Singh to Singh Gurwinder. (Surname as Singh)

I, Dilpreet Singh Randhawa S/o Gurmeet Singh Randhawa Vill.Asmanpur, Pehowa, Kurukshetra have changed my name Dilpreet Singh

I, Raman Kumar S/O Darshan Lal Sharma R/o Village Ahema PO Balana District ambala, Haryana, declare that the name of my Father has been wrongly written as Darshan Lal in my Aadhar card no. 499529095372. The actual name of my father is Darshan Lal Sharma.

I, Ram Gopal S/o Jagdish Rai, R/o House No. 604, First Floor Sector- 7 Panchkula Haryana 134109, have changed my name from Ram Gopal to Ram Gopal Garg.

I, Surjit Lal S/O Pira Singh resident Of Village Mangarh , P/O Bhana Tehsil Dasuya (Hoshiarpur) declare that I have changed my name from Surjit Lal to Surjit Singh. All Concerned Note.

I Satish Kumari W/o Rajinder Paul Sharma R/o Kothi No 166, Phase 6, S.A.S Nagar, Mohali, Punjab, I have changed my name from Satish Kumari to Satish Kumari Sharma.

I Poonam W/o Farnandis R/o H.No. 1-D, Sector 30-B, Chandigarh, have changed my name from Poonam to Punam Gupta.

I, Gagandeep Singh Dhesi, S/O Nirmal Singh Dhesi, Resident Of Vpo Badduwal Distt Moga Pin 142001, Presently Residing At 14- 5203 149 Ave Nw, Edmonton, Alberta, T6T0K9, Do Hereby Change My Name From Gagandeep Singh To Gagandeep Singh Dhesi, With Immediate Effect.

I, Harjit Singh Son of Sh. Chuhar Singh, R/o Village Panjdhera Kalan, PO-Mansoorpur, Tehsil Mukerian, District Hoshiarpur, declare that in my mother's name has been written as Balbir Kaur instead of Balvir Kaur. Her correct name is Balvir Kaur.

I, Rajni Jethi W/o Sh Sunil Jethi R/o House No. 440/1, Near Sood Bhawan, Sector 44A, Chandigarh 160047, have changed my name from Rajni Verma to Rajni Jethi.

I Shikha Jain D/o Anil Jain R/o H.No.B-34-797, Civil Lines, Chander Nagar, Ludhiana declare that my Daughter Anishka and Anishka are the same person. she is known by both the above names.

I, Vipin Chopra S/o Baldev Raj R/o Dhawan Street, Guruharsahai, Distt. Ferozepur Have Changed My Name from Vipin Chopra to Vipin Kumar.

I Army No. 15681504P Rank HAV Name Ramesha D of Unit 19 INF DIV SIG REGT C/o 56 APO, resident of Vill-Anugavalli Post-Honnavara Tehsil and District Hassan, State- Karnataka have changed my daughters's name from Sanchita R to Sanchitha R Vide Affidavit Notary Ferozepur.

I, No.2809417P Hav Jeevan Kumar Rajoriya resident of Village- Kanasiya, Post- Kanasiya, Tehsil-Tarana, District- Ujjain, State-MP, Pin-456770, have changed my Mother Suger Bai DOB from 25 Aug 1968 to 01 Jan 1970 Vide affidavit No.IN-PB06299148306809X dated 12 Feb 2025 before notary public Pathankot

I, No.15222804L Hav (DS) Gosavi Ganeshgir Gulabgir resident of Village-Pimpalgaon (Hare), Post-Pimpalgaon (Hare), Tehsil-Pachora, District- Jalgaon, State- Maharashtra, Pin-424203, have changed my Mother name from Latabai to Latabai Golabgir Gosavi Vide affidavit No.IN-PB10354812355356X dated 24 Feb 2025 before notary public Pathankot

I, No.15796912M NK (GNR) Deepak Kumar resident of Village- Kalinga, Post-Kalinga, Tehsil- Bhiwani, District- Bhiwani, State-Haryana, Pin-127114, have changed my Mother name from Sudha Devi to Sudha Vide affidavit No.IN-PB12335526849880X dated 03 March 2025 before notary public Pathankot

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I, Ashok Kumar resident of Village- Lawan, Post-Lawan, Tehsil- Mahendragarh, District- Mahendragarh, State-Haryana, Pin-123029, have changed my Daughter name from Manisha to Manisha Yadav Vide affidavit No.IN-PB06963838931212X dated 14 Feb 2025 before notary public Pathankot

I, Balbir Kaur W/O Avtar Singh R/O Vpo. Soos, Tehsil And Distt. Hoshiarpur (Punjab) Have Changed My Name From Balbir Kaur To Balvir Kaur.

I, Simran W/O Aman Bhatia R/O V.P.O. Ahrana Kalan, Distt. Hoshiarpur Punjab Have Changed My Name From Simran To Simran Verma.

I, Suraj S/O Balvir Singh R/O Village Rakran Dhahan Teh Balachaur District Sbs Nagar Have Changed My Name To Suraj Mann.

I Ravinder Pal alias Harjeet S/O Dharamvir Singh Vpo Panchhat, Teh-Phagwara Distt. Kapurthala have changed my name to Ravinder Pal.

I, Luvjot Kaur D/o Kanwaljit Singh R/o H.No.375 W.No.8 Tibba Sahib Hoshiarpur have changed my name to Luvjot Kaur. Kaur is my surname & Luvjot is my given name.

I Ritika W/o Manoj Kumar V.p.o Bhadur (Barnala) have changed my name Ritika Singla.

I Sarbjit Kaur W/o No.137789 71K Rank-Nk Ramandeep Singh R/o Jhorran (Ludhiana) have changed my name to Sarbjit Kaur Gill.

I Joginder Singh Nat S/o Jaspal Singh R/o Chhajawal (Ludhiana) have changed my name to Joginder Singh.

I Hitherto Known As Amarjit Singh S/O Jethu Ram R/O H.No. 09, Ward No. 03, Sanaur Tehsil And District Patiala, Punjab-147103 Have Changed My Name And Shall Hereafter Be Known As Amarjeet Singh.

I Parkash S/O Raj Kumar R/O # 724/3 Sastra Wali Gali Top Khana More Patiala Have Changed My Name To Parkash Kumar.

I Varsha Goel W/O Ashish Goel R/O 189/5 Urban Estate Karnal Declare That I Have Changed My Name From Versha Goel To Varsha Goel For All Purposes.

I Sheela Rani W/O Purn Chand Chalany R/O House No. F-2/1, Patel Colony, Near Panjiri Plant, Rajpura Have Changed My Name To Sheela Rani Chalany.

I, Gurbashad Singh S/o Pargat Singh R/o VPO Kaddon, Tehsil Poyal (Ludhiana) declare that my name be read as given name Gurbashad and surname Singh.

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I, Sushma Acharya Jha spouse of No.15792931A L/Hav (OCC) Jha Acharyakumar Arun resident of Village- Rajew Nagar, Post-Vanadongari, Tehsil- Hingana, District- Nagpur, State- Maharashtra, Pin-441110, have changed my name from Sushma Acharya Jha to Sushma Kumari Vide affidavit No.IN-PB12419393438903X dated 03 March 2025 before notary public Pathankot

I No.15615780X Hav Ratan Singh Village - Thikariya, Post - Thikariya, Tehsil- Reengus, District- Sikar, State- Rajasthan Pin - 332411, have changed my Daughter name from Payal to Payal Choudhary Vide affidavit No.IN-PB12384416231062X dated 03 March 2025 before notary public Pathankot

I No.15615780X Hav Ratan Singh Village - Thikariya, Post - Thikariya, Tehsil- Reengus, District- Sikar, State- Rajasthan Pin - 332411, have changed my Daughter name from Ritika to Ritika Choudhary Vide affidavit No.IN-PB12385846691748X dated 03 March 2025 before notary public Pathankot

I, No.15615780X Hav Ratan Singh Village - Thikariya, Post - Thikariya, Tehsil- Reengus, District- Sikar, State- Rajasthan Pin - 332411, have changed my Daughter name from Palak to Palak Choudhary Vide affidavit No.IN-PB12385846691748X dated 03 March 2025 before notary public Pathankot

I, Krishna Murthy NB resident of Village- Bellur, Post- Bellur, Tehsil- Hosanagara, District- Shivamogga, State- Karnataka, Pin-577426, have changed my Father name name from Byrappa to N C Byrappa Vide affidavit No.IN-PB12396556887686X dated 03 March 2025 before notary public Pathankot

I, Shailesh is Mother of Army No-16133036W Rank-Spr Name-Gurraj Biradarpatil Presently Posted At Unit: 21 Engr Regt C/o 56 APO Permanent Address: Ward No:1 Yallatti TQ:Rabkavi Banahatti, Yallatti, Yallatti, Jamakhandi Bagalkot, Karnataka, Pin- 587311 declare that I have changed my name from Shailesh to Shailesh Ningappa Patil. Vide Affidavit No-48AA 901464, Dated: 03/03/2025

I, Aarab Singh am Son of Army No: JC-344237W Rank: Sub Name- Manish Kumar Presently Posted At Unit: 62 Engr Regt C/o 56 APO Permanent Address: Tehsil Ghumarwin, Nalti (534), Post:Nalti, Distt:Bilaspur, State: Himachal Pradesh, Pin:174026 declare that I have changed My Name from Aarab Singh to Aarav Singh Chandel. Vide Affidavit No-48AA 901463, Dated: 03/03/2025

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India's Niyan wins Cannes Open chess

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Indian Grandmaster Pa Niyan won the Cannes International Open, defeating compatriot V Praneesh in the ninth and final round in Cannes, France.

Niyan ended the tournament on 7.5 points, a half point more than Delhi-based International Master Aradhya Garg, who finished second. Matching Garg on seven points was reigning World junior champion Kazybek Noderbek of Kazakhstan, who had to be content with the third place following a tiebreak.

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Four spinners a tempting combination after Varun's effort: Rohit

PTI ■ DUBAI

India captain Rohit Sharma did not commit to following the four-spinner template in the Champions Trophy (CT) semifinal against Australia, but said Varun Chakravarthy's splendid effort against New Zealand has made that option very "tempting". India played with Chakravarthy, Kuldeep Yadav, Ravindra Jadeja and Axar Patel and the quartet wrecked the Kiwis, sharing nine wickets among them in their team's 44-run win here on Sunday. "We really need to think, even if we want to play four spinners, how we can squeeze four spinners. The reason I say it is because we are very much aware of the conditions here and we know exactly what works and what doesn't work," Rohit said in his pre-match press conference. "So, we will think about it, what is the right combination to go with, but it is tempting," he added. Chakravarthy, who came in as a replacement for rested pacer Harshit Rana, was excellent while returning with the figures of 5/42, and Rohit said the spinner is certainly in the team management's thoughts. "He just showed what he is

capable of. Now, it is up to us to think and see how we can get that combination right. He got a game, and he did everything that was asked for.

"He has got something different about him and when he gets it right, he knocks people over and he takes 5-5. So, it is very tempting to think about what to do, which is a good headache to have. We will also assess the Australian batting lineup to see what kind of bowling options will work against them," he detailed.

Rohit lauds Chakravarthy
During the course of his match-winning effort against the Kiwis, the Tamil Nadu spinner had also rinsed away the memories of his modest outing against Pakistan in the 2021 T20 WC at this stadium. Rohit explained the improvements Chakravarthy has made in the interim. "He has become more accurate now from the last time he played for India in 2021. There was a little bit of inexperience in him as well because he hadn't played a lot of cricket.

"But right now in the last two or three years he has played a lot of cricket whether it's domestic cricket, IPL and now for India in T20s and now the ODIs as well. So, he understands his bowling



really well," he said. The Mumbai man said Chakravarthy has put in a lot of hard yards into his craft of late, which is now reflecting in his wicket column. "You know, some of our batters also could not figure that (variations) out, which is always

nice. His pace variation now is superb. When you have a little bit of mystery, you do not want to be a one-dimensional bowler and bowl with the same speed. "You need something different, the pace variation and the accuracy as well. So, he has worked on both and now you see

that he is getting a lot of wickets which is a good sign for us as a team," he added. Drafting Chakravarthy into India's CT squad ahead of players like Yashasvi Jaiswal and Mohammed Siraj had raised some questions. Rohit explained the rationale. "It is just the talent. If there is

something really special about that particular player, you want to fast track him. Certain formats require a certain skill set and whenever we look at these kinds of players, if the talent is there, then you don't want to shy away from bleeding them."

Rohit did not read too much into the criticism of stacking the side with spinners.

"There will be questions asked, there will be few eyebrows raised but as a team you want to do certain things which can help you win games. So, it's important to understand that talent and I have been here long enough to understand what kind of players are talented.

"With Varun especially, we had to sacrifice a batsman which we thought it's only five games in this tournament and it's very unlikely that batter is going to play at any stage unless there is an injury."

'Middle-order did well'
India's top three — Rohit, Virat Kohli and Shubman Gill — had an off-game against New Zealand, leaving the side reeling at 30 for three. But Shreyas Iyer, Axar Patel and Hardik Pandya batted well to take India to a defensible total. Rohit said middle-order batters getting runs was important for the team during the business end of

the tournament. "The middle-order is very experienced but to just get some batting time in the middle and to get those runs and get that fighting total was very very important from our standpoint. "Shreyas, KL, Hardik and Axar, they batted brilliantly which is a good sign for us going into the semis because we wanted to have these kind of situations where we are slightly under pressure and then the middle-order takes us through to that target which they did," he said.

'Axar's improvement is superb'
Rohit also praised Axar for repaying the think tank's faith in him while promoting to No. 5 ahead of KL Rahul.

"The clear message was given to him when we started the ODI series against England. That no matter what, you will bat at No. 5. The kind of improvement he has shown with the bat over the last year or so is superb and that is where we felt that we can utilise him in the middle.

"He likes to take the game on, likes to play his shots. And sometimes when you are in trouble, you want to always take that positive route. He showed it in the T20 World Cup final (2024) which was a very, very crucial knock," he added.



Champions Trophy: New Zealand to face South Africa in semifinal

PTI ■ DUBAI

Senior batter Tom Latham said New Zealand will take confidence from their recent win over South Africa in the tri-series when they face the same opponents in the semifinal of the Champions Trophy (CT) in Lahore on Wednesday. New Zealand lost to India by 44 runs in their final Group A match here on Sunday but Latham said it would have no bearing on the semifinal. Recently, New Zealand successfully chased 305 against South Africa in Lahore and then went on to win the tri-series, beating Pakistan in the final, and Latham feels those experiences will hold them in good stead on Wednesday. "Yeah, the (South Africa) team that we played potentially will be slightly different, they had a lot of guys that that weren't in that side. They were still playing in their SAT20 back in South Africa so will be slightly different. "But I guess from our point of view, we'll lean back on those experiences of Lahore in playing against South Africa," Latham said after the loss to India. "So yeah, we'll look to prep as best we can. We'll do everything that we do leading up to a game. It's obviously going to be a

reasonably quick turnaround, but it is what it is. And, we'll be looking forward to the challenge of a semifinal."

Latham said what matters for the Kiwis is their attitude towards the game and preparation.

"As we go into every game, we prepare as best we can. Individuals have slightly different preparation. And, yeah, we obviously fielded fantastically well today (Sunday), which was fantastic. And I think that's something we like to do.

"Especially from a fielding point of view is to I guess have a presence in the field and keep taking every I guess attacking option that we can and I think we've seen throughout the tournament some of the catches that the guys have been taking. For us we believe that I guess from a fielding point of view, it's an attitude thing," he said.

"Our attitude is always the same. We turn up trying to play our brand of cricket as best we can. And if we stick to that, then hopefully that will give us a good chance at the back end of the game."

Latham added that they are in no mood to take the Proteas lightly. New Zealand had sealed their semifinal spot ahead of Sunday's loss to India in Dubai. The Kiwis also had prior knowledge that they

would have to return to Pakistan for their last four games.

"That's something that's out of our control. We don't decide the schedule, for us it is about turning up at each game regardless of where it is and trying to play our best brand of cricket as best we can," Latham said. "So, whether it be here, whether it be in Pakistan, our focus will obviously be on South Africa. We're fortunate enough we had a tri-series in Pakistan and against South Africa.

"So, we've got a chance to look back on those experiences and give it our best in a semifinal, which is pretty cool."

Latham said though the surfaces in Pakistan were on the slower side, they have not spun as much as the pitches in Dubai.

"I think if you look at the surfaces that we've played in Pakistan, they've obviously been on the slower side, potentially haven't spun as much as we've seen here in Dubai, but things or conditions can change a little bit from the daytime to the nighttime," he said. "We've seen throughout the games in Pakistan that towards the back end of the game - a little bit of juice settles in and sometimes can be a little bit easier. A little bit nicer to bat on potentially."

Connolly replaces injured Short in Australian squad

PTI ■ DUBAI

Young spin-bowling all-rounder Cooper Connolly on Monday replaced injured Matthew Short in the Australian squad for the knock-out stage of the ongoing Champions Trophy (CT).

Top order batter Short was ruled out of the ICC event, being held in Pakistan and Dubai, due to a calf injury sustained during the match against Afghanistan on Friday. The 21-year-old Connolly, who made his ODI debut in England last year, was initially named as a travelling reserve for the tournament.

The ICC's Event Technical Committee has approved his inclusion in the Australian squad early on Monday. Connolly has thus far featured in six internationals for Australia, of which three have been ODIs. He's a left-handed



batter, who bowls left-arm spin as well. Short injured his calf on Friday while fielding and appeared hinkered when making a quickfire 20 at the top of the order before the match was abandoned due to rain in Lahore. "I think he'll be struggling," Australia captain Steve Smith had said of Short's injury status. "I think we saw tonight he wasn't moving very well and I think it's probably going to be

too quick between games for him to recover."

Australia will face India in the first semifinal of the Champions Trophy here on Tuesday. **Australia squad:** Steve Smith (c), Sean Abbott, Alex Carey, Cooper Connolly, Ben Dwarshuis, Nathan Ellis, Jake Fraser-McGurk, Aaron Hardie, Travis Head, Josh Inglis, Spencer Johnson, Marnus Labuschagne, Glenn Maxwell, Tanveer Sangha, Adam Zampa.

KKR appoints Rahane as captain

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

India batter Ajinkya Rahane was on Monday assigned captaincy of defending champions Kolkata Knight Riders (KKR) in the Indian Premier League (IPL) after a remarkable run in the domestic T20 competition.

The 36-year-old Rahane, who has played majority of his international cricket in whites, has reinvented himself in the shortest format which was evident in the Syed Mushtaq Ali T20 Trophy wherein he emerged as the leading run getter with 469 runs at a strike rate of 164.56. In the IPL, the right-handed batter had also given a good account of his transformation while playing for Chennai Super Kings.

Rahane replaces Shreyas Iyer as KKR skipper, with the latter set to lead Punjab Kings this season. Iyer and KKR had surprisingly parted ways after a triumphant campaign in the last edition. Venkatesh Iyer, who was also in the reckoning to lead KKR, has been made Rahane's deputy.

Rahane has played for KKR in the past and the franchise bought him for his base price of Rs 1.5 crore at the mega auction. "It's an honour to be asked to lead KKR, which has been one of the most successful franchises in the IPL. I think we have an excellent and balanced squad. I look forward to working



with everyone and taking up the challenge of defending our title," said Rahane in a statement.

Rahane, who captained India to a historic Test series in Australia in 2020-21, led Mumbai to the semifinals in the recently-concluded Ranji Trophy. In IPL, he has previously captained Rajasthan Royals where he was replaced by Steve Smith in the middle of the 2019 season. KKR did not have too many captaincy options in the squad. Among the Indian players, they had to choose between Rahane, Venkatesh and Rinku Singh.

KKR will face Royal Challengers Bengaluru in the IPL season-opener at the Eden Gardens on March 22.



Praggnanandhaa draws with Aravindh in Prague Masters

PTI ■ PRAGUE

Grandmaster Praggnanandhaa played out a draw with fellow Indian Aravindh Chithambaram as the two stayed a full point ahead of nearest challengers after the fifth round of Prague Masters chess tournament here.

With 3.5 points in their kitty, Aravindh and Praggnanandhaa are now followed by top seed Wei Yi of China, Anish Giri of Holland, Quang Leim Le of Vietnam and Vincent Keymer of Germany, who all have 2.5 points apiece.

Sharing the sixth spot are the remaining four contestants, Czech duo of David Navara and Nguyen Thai Dai Van, Sam Shankland of United States and Gurel Ediz of Turkey.

There are four more rounds remaining in the 10-players round-robin tournament. The day provided just one decisive game with Wei Yi cashing in on his new-found form to beat Shankland.

Anish played out a draw with Dai Van, David Navara came back from a much worse position to hold Keymer, while Le signed the peace with Gurel Ediz.

This was the third Classical game between Praggnanandhaa and Aravindh but the result did not change. Aravindh, playing black, decided not to push Prag in to complexities and his Berlin defense was simply an easy guess to get a level position right through. The opening that was popularised by Russian

Vladimir Kramnik quarter of a century ago in his match against compatriot Garry Kasparov, held Aravindh in good stead right through the course of the game as Praggnanandhaa exchanged pieces at regular intervals.

The players soon reached a rook and pawns endgame where Aravindh was a pawn less but had enough counter-play. The position petered out to be a theoretically drawn when Aravindh gave up a second pawn leaving no shelter for the white king to hide behind.

Wei Yi capitalized on a tactical oversight by Shankland who played white. After a rather shaky start that cost him two losses out of first three games, the Chinese came back roaring with his second victory in a row after beating Navara in the previous round.

Shankland allowed a dangerous passed pawn on the queen side and it was all over in a mere 27 moves as black crashed through in the base rank with his heavy pieces.

In the challengers section, Divya Deshmukh succumbed to her third loss in the event at the hands of Marc'Andria Maurizzi of France and remained on 1.5 points. After attaining a nearly balanced position, Divya was outplayed by the French Grandmaster in the ensuing endgame.

Nnodirbek Yakubboev of Uzbekistan emerged as the sole leader here taking down Jachym Nemecek of Czech Republic. The Uzbek has four points from his five games.

India will rely on spin battery to break knockout jinx against Australia

PTI ■ DUBAI

History weighs heavily against them but India would rely on a potent spin battery and familiarity with the conditions to break the knockout jinx against an undermanned Australia when the two formidable cricket forces clash in the Champions Trophy (CT) semifinal here on Tuesday. It will not be a straightforward task, though, as the Aussies are a resilient beast in global tournaments even without their lead cast of Pat Cummins, Josh Hazlewood and Mitchell Starc. Their stunning chase of 352 against England at Lahore a few days back validates the thought. The last time India triumphed against Australia in the knockout stage of an ICC event was way back in 2011 World Cup quarterfinal. India lost to Australia in the semifinals of the 2015 ODI World Cup and in the title clash of the

2023 ODI World Cup before succumbing to them in the World Test Championship final in 2023. This Indian side will realistically hope to rewrite that largely melancholic script over the last 14 years and the primary reason for that optimism is the presence of some top of the line spinners in their ranks.

Their pre-tournament decision to fill the squad with five spinners drew a lot of flak from all corners, but it is now proving to be a masterstroke on the slow pitches in Dubai.

The easiest explanation of their dominance is the knowledge of the conditions having had the luxury of playing all their matches in Dubai. But that is only partially true. They have made an effort to tweak their craft as per the needs of the surfaces here.

Since there was no fast or spitting turn on offer here like in a dustbowl, the Indian spinners were made to play the waiting



game. Patience rather than magic is the key in bowling on these decks, as revealed by Varun Chakravarthy. "The pitch here is not a rank turner as such, which people were projecting it to be, But definitely it

was holding on a bit, and it was deviating a little bit to create the doubt. So basically, you had to play around it," said Chakravarthy. The Indian spin quartet of Chakravarthy, Kuldeep Yadav, Ravindra Jadeja and Axar Patel

walked away with nine New Zealand wickets, but they applied the pressure consistently to earn their rewards.

They delivered 128 dot balls in the 39 overs bowled between them as the Kiwis struggled to break free, a sequence eventuating in a flurry of wickets.

Even the dismissal of an otherwise stoic Kane Williamson had a touch of desperation as his shimmy against Axar ended in a stumping by KL Rahul.

On the other hand, Australia have only one genuine spinner in Adam Zampa, while hoping for part-timers Glenn Maxwell and Travis Head to deliver the goods. Matthew Short has been ruled out of the tournament with a calf injury and it has also robbed the already creaking Australian bowling unit of a handy spin option.

The absence of premier names was felt in the previous matches as the Aussie bowlers conceded 352 and

273 against England and Afghanistan respectively, albeit in better batting conditions.

Hence, the likes of Virat Kohli, Rohit Sharma, Shreyas Iyer and Shubman Gill will be eager to go full throttle at them here. They have found the perfect rhythm of batting on these sluggish tracks here.

Skipper Rohit hoped as much. "It is going to be a good game. Australia has a rich history of playing well in ICC tournaments. Now, it's about us to do things right. We have to be focussed on what we need to do on that day. Looking forward to that, hopefully we can stitch one towards us," he said after the match against New Zealand.

But he will not be unaware of the batting might the Aussies possess as the latter hunted down a 350-plus target without any meaningful contribution from Head and captain Steve Smith. India will certainly want to evict

them at the earliest, particularly Head as he has been the team's nemesis in recent years.

It is also a chance for Rohit and his company to mitigate the still lingering pain of losing to Australia in the 2023 World Cup final in Ahmedabad.

This match could be slow-burner but brace for a cracker nonetheless.

Teams (from):
India: Rohit Sharma (c), Shubman Gill, Virat Kohli, Shreyas Iyer, KL Rahul, Rishabh Pant, Hardik Pandya, Axar Patel, Washington Sundar, Kuldeep Yadav, Harshit Rana, Mohd. Shami, Arshdeep Singh, Ravindra Jadeja, Varun Chakravarthy.
Australia: Steve Smith (c), Sean Abbott, Alex Carey, Ben Dwarshuis, Nathan Ellis, Jake Fraser-McGurk, Aaron Hardie, Travis Head, Josh Inglis, Spencer Johnson, Marnus Labuschagne, Glenn Maxwell, Tanveer Sangha, Adam Zampa, Cooper Connolly.