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TRUMP VOWS TO TARIFF INDIA BACK Canada slams US trade war

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA ■ NEW YORK/WASHINGTON

US President Donald Trump criticised the high tariffs charged by India and other countries, terming them as "very unfair" and announced reciprocal tariffs from April 2 on nations that impose levies on American goods. Trump made these remarks in an address to the Joint Session of the Congress on Tuesday. It was the first address of his second term in the White House. On January 20, Trump was sworn in as the 47th President of the US. "If you don't make your product in America, however, under the Trump administration, you will pay a tariff and in some cases, a rather large one," Trump said. "Other countries have used tariffs against us for decades and now it's our turn to start using them against those other countries. On average, the European Union, China, Brazil, India, Mexico and Canada - have you heard of them? And countless other nations charge us tremendously higher tariffs than we charge them," Trump said. "It's very unfair. India charges us auto tariffs higher than 100 per cent." In February, President



President Donald Trump gestures as he addresses a joint session of Congress at the Capitol in Washington PTI

Trump said that his administration would "soon" impose reciprocal tariffs on countries such as India and China, reiterating what he had said during Prime Minister Narendra Modi's visit to the US capital last month. Trump has made it clear to Prime Minister Modi that India will not be spared from Washington's reciprocal tariffs and emphasised that "nobody can argue with me" on tariff structure. "China's average tariff on our products is twice what we charge them. And South Korea's average tariff is four times higher. Think of that. Four times higher. And we give so much help militarily and in so many other ways to South Korea. But that's what happens. This is happening by friend and foe," Trump said. "We've been ripped off for decades by nearly every country on earth, and we will not let that happen any longer," Trump said. Asserting that this system is "not fair to the United States" and never was, Trump said that reciprocal tariffs will kick in from April 2. "Whatever they tariff us, other countries, we will tariff them. That's reciprocal, back and forth," Trump said amid applause from Republican lawmakers.

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA ■ TORONTO

Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau on Tuesday called American tariffs "very dumb" and said that US President Donald Trump is appeasing Russia while launching a trade war against Canada. In a news conference, Trudeau said that Canada would plaster retaliatory tariffs on more than \$100 Billion of American goods in response to Trump's tariffs. "Today the United States launched a trade war against Canada, their closest partner and ally, their closest friend. At the same time, they are talking about working positively with Russia, appeasing Vladimir Putin, a lying, murderous dictator. Make that make sense," a visibly angry Trudeau said. Trump imposed tariffs against Washington's three biggest trading partners, drawing immediate retaliation from Mexico, Canada and China and sending financial markets into a tailspin. Just after midnight, Trump put 25 per cent taxes, or tariffs, on Mexican and Canadian imports, though he limited the levy to 10 per cent on Canadian energy. "What he wants to see is a total collapse of the Canadian economy because that will make it easier to annex us," Trudeau said. "That is never going to happen. We will never be the 51st state." Trudeau addressed Trump directly by his first name. "I want to speak directly to one specific American, Donald," Trudeau said. "It's not in my habit to agree with the Wall Street Journal, but Donald, they point out that even though you're a very smart guy, this is a very dumb thing to do." Later Tuesday, US Commerce Secretary Howard Lutnick said the US would likely meet Canada and Mexico "in the middle", with an announcement coming as soon as Wednesday. Lutnick told Fox Business News that the tariffs would not be paused, but that Trump would reach a compromise. "I think he's going to figure out, you do more, and I'll meet you in the middle in some way," Lutnick said. A senior government official said Trudeau told the premiers of Canada's provinces in a call Tuesday afternoon that he hopes to speak to Trump on Wednesday. The official spoke on condition of anonymity because they were not authorised to speak publicly about the call. In a post on Truth Social earlier Tuesday, Trump said: "Please explain to Governor Trudeau, of Canada, that when he puts on a Retaliatory Tariff on the US, our Reciprocal Tariff will immediately increase by a like amount!" Trump has threatened Canada's sovereignty, provoking anger in the country. Canadian hockey fans have been booing the American national anthem at recent NHL and NBA games. Trudeau channelled the betrayal that many Canadians are feeling.

CBI Bofors next

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ NEW DELHI

The Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) has sent a judicial request to the United States (US) seeking information from private investigator Michael Hershman, who had expressed willingness to share with Indian agencies crucial details about the Rs 64-Crore Bofors bribery scandal of the 1980s, officials said Wednesday. Hershman, head of the Fairfax Group, visited India in 2017 to attend a conference of private detectives. During his stay, Hershman appeared on various platforms, alleging that the investigation into the scam was derailed by the then Congress government and stated he was willing to share details with the CBI. He had claimed in an interview that he was appointed by the Union Finance Ministry in 1986 for investigation of violation of currency control laws and money laundering by Indians abroad and tracking of such assets outside

CBI signals rail to haul promotion system

DEEPAK KUMAR JHA ■ NEW DELHI

After several rail officials were nabbed in a Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) trap pertaining to cases related to jobs, promotions in the Indian Railway networks, the Railway Board in a high level meeting on Wednesday decided that all departmental promotion examinations for the 13 Lakh rail employees will be done by the Railway Recruitment Board (RRB) via centralised examination through Computer Based Test (CBT) aptitude. Sources in the railways said all zonal railways will have to prepare a calendar for the examination and all examinations will be conducted on the basis of a calendar only. "This has been decided after a long experience of transparent, fair, and highly appreciated examinations conducted by RRB in recent years," sources said.

examination for the elevation to posts of chief loco pilot at Mughal Sarai, the agency said, adding the exam was to be conducted on Tuesday. The arrest came just a fortnight after the central probe agency arrested five railway officers, including two of the Indian Railway Personnel Service (IRPS) posted in Vadodara Division, for alleged bribery in favouring candidates in departmental examination, officials said on Wednesday. As of now, there used to be internal vacancies and promotions were 'fixed', which had a huge nexus from top officers to other stakeholders, making it a huge racket and cartelisation for the stakeholders. The decision was taken after the days' meeting reviewed how the RRB is used to conduct examination without any complaints, with all the transparency.



A day earlier in a massive crackdown the CBI arrested 26 railway officials, including a senior divisional electrical engineer of East Central Railway for allegedly leaking papers of a departmental examination and seized ₹1.17 crore cash during its raids. The railway officials were arrested on Monday night for allegedly leaking papers of

Naxal as maid nabbed

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ NEW DELHI

The Delhi police Crime Branch has arrested a 23-year-old woman Naxal operative from Jharkhand, who had been living in the national capital and working as a domestic helper under a false identity, from Pitampura area of outer Delhi. The accused, identified as "R", had been residing in Pitampura since 2020 and was taken into custody following a crime branch operation based on secret intelligence. Originally, a resident of Village Kudaburu in West Simbhum district of Jharkhand, she was wanted in connection with multiple police encounters and was booked under various sections of the Indian Penal Code (IPC), Arms Act, Explosives Act, and the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act, according to Delhi Police. On March 26, 2023, a non-bailable warrant was issued against her by a court in Jharkhand. The alleged Naxalite arrived in Delhi in 2020 and after assuming a false identity took up work as a domestic helper in Noida and various parts of Delhi, eventually settling in Pitampura. "Based on months of surveillance and intelligence gathering, the crime branch received credible information about the presence of a Maoist extremist in the National Capital Region (NCR)," Deputy Commissioner of Police (Crime) Vikram Singh said. The officer further said that on March 4, the team carried out a raid in Maharana Pratap Enclave, Pitampura, resulting in the arrest of the Naxalite. The accused was born into a farming family and was recruited into the CPI (Maoist) faction at the age of 10. "She received intensive training for five years at a camp led by a commander named Ramesh in Jharkhand's Kolhan forest. The training covered handling sophisticated weapons such as INSAS rifles, SLRs, LMGs, hand grenades and .303 rifles," DCP said. In 2016, she joined the CPI (Maoist) extremist group led by Ramesh, whose camp was situated in the hills of the Kolhan forest. At the time, the camp accommodated 300-450

Senior IPS daughter into gold smuggling

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ BENGALURU

The Directorate of Revenue Intelligence (DRI) on Wednesday said that the gold bars seized from Kannada actress Ranya Rao at the Kempegowda International Airport were valued at ₹12.56 Crore. Rao is the stepdaughter of senior IPS officer Ramachandra Rao, a senior police official said. The DGP-rank officer is currently serving as the Chairman and Managing Director of the Karnataka State Police Housing and Infrastructure Development Corporation Limited. Her father Rao said he was not aware of daughter's activities. "She got married four months ago and hasn't visited us since. We are unaware of her or her husband's business dealings. This has come as a huge shock and disappointment. The law will take its course," said Rao, adding "she has let us down." The total seizure in the case stood at ₹17.29 Crore, including assets worth Rs 4.73 Crore, marking a significant blow to organised gold smuggling networks. According to DRI officials, the 14.2 kg haul is one of the largest gold seizures at Bengaluru airport in recent times. In a statement, the Ministry of Finance said the DRI successfully intercepted a passenger carrying foreign-origin gold bars worth ₹12.56 crore at the Kempegowda International Airport, Bengaluru. "Acting on specific intelligence, DRI officers intercepted an Indian woman, aged around 33, who had arrived from Dubai to Bengaluru on an Emirates flight on March 3. Upon examination, gold bars weighing 14.2 kg were

and began working as a house cleaner in Noida, Uttar Pradesh, and various parts of Delhi. She settled in the Pitampura area, where she remained undetected, living discreetly. Multiple FIRs were registered against her at Sonua Police Station, Jharkhand, under serious charges, including criminal conspiracy, attempt to murder, and waging war against the state. She will be produced before the court for further legal proceedings. The arrestee is wanted in case FIR No. 19 dated 11.04.2020, registered under Section 147/148/149/307/353/120B/121/121-A Indian Penal Code, 1860, read with Section 25(1A)/25(1B)(a)/35 Arms Act, read with Section 3/4/17 Explosive Act, read with Section 10/13 Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act, Police Station Sonua, Jharkhand. On 26.03.2023, the court of SDJM (P), Chaibasa, Jharkhand, issued a Non-Bailable Warrant for the arrest of the lady accused (R). Accused arrestee "R" has been booked by way of Kalandara under Section 41.1 Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973 read with Section 35(1)(C) Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita 2023.



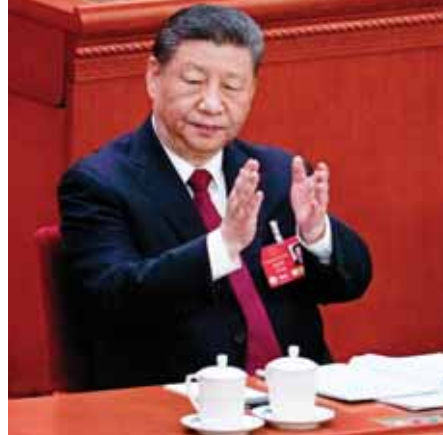
found ingeniously concealed on her person," the statement read. According to the Ministry, the contraband, valued at Rs 12.56 crore, was seized under the provisions of the Customs Act, 1962. "Following the interception, DRI officers searched her residence on Lavelle Road, Bengaluru, where she lives with her husband. The search led to the seizure of gold jewellery worth Rs 2.06 Crore and Indian currency amounting to Rs 2.67 Crore," the statement added. The 32 year old actress was charged under the anti-smuggling provisions of the Customs Act, 1962, and remanded to 14 days of judicial custody.

China raises stakes for India, US

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA ■ BEIJING

China on Wednesday announced a 7.2 per cent increase of its national defence budget totalling to \$249 billion this year amid its hectic efforts to modernise armed forces, including fast paced development of warships and new generation fighter jets. The planned defence expenditure for the country is 1.784665 Trillion yuan (about \$249 billion) this year, according to a draft budget report submitted to China's Parliament by Premier Li Qiang, state-run Xinhua news agency reported. Last year, China increased its defence budget by 7.2 per cent to about \$232 Billion (1.67 Trillion yuan). China has the world's second-largest military budget after the US whose latest defence spending amounted to over \$890 Billion as proposed by President Donald Trump. The Chinese defence

made major progress in national defence and military development. Li emphasised on the Chinese President Xi Jinping's core leadership of the ruling Communist Party as well as the People's Liberation Army (PLA) and the military follow the party leadership. Xi is also the Chairman of the Central Military Commission (CMC) which is the overall high command of the military. "We will stay committed to the Party's absolute leadership over the people's armed forces, thoroughly implement the system of ultimate responsibility resting with the chairman of the Central Military Commission, continue improving the political conduct of the military," he said. The Chinese military functioned under the leadership of the Communist Party unlike the armed forces of other countries which functioned under the government.



Chinese President Xi Jinping applauds during the opening session of the National People's Congress (NPC) at the Great Hall of the People in Beijing, China PTI

spending is amounted to three times that of India's \$681,210 Crore (\$78.8 Billion). China's defence budget figures are viewed by critics with scepticism in the light of massive military modernisation, including building aircraft carriers, rapid construction of advanced naval ships and modern stealth aircraft being carried out at a feverish pitch by the Chinese military. Announcing the annual budget which includes the defence spending at the opening of the annual session of China's parliament, the National People's Congress (NPC) Chinese Premier Li Qiang said last year, China



Tourists visit Pahalgam after fresh snowfall, in Anantnag district of South Kashmir PTI

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BEDKHALI NOTICE

We Balwan Singh S/o Shri Ramphal Singh and Sumitra Devi wife Balwan Singh R/o # 485 village Ghatiwala Bitna tehsil Kalka district Panchkula Haryana our son Balram Singh and his wife Lakshmi Devi are out of our control. We disown them from our all immovable & movable properties. Anybody deals with them at their own risk.

We, Chaman Lal Saini S/o Des Raj Saini and Heeman Saini W/o Chaman Lal Saini R/o VPO Marara Tehsil Dinanagar, Distt Gurdaspur, Disown and disinherit our daughter Janvi Saini from our movable-immovable properties. She is not in our control and disobeys us. Anybody who deals with her will do so at his/her own risk.

PUBLIC NOTICE

My client Rakesh Sharma S/o Ishwar Dass R/o H.No. 462, Pocket-6, Sector-B-4, Narela, Delhi-40 has disowned his son Amit Kumar Sharma and daughters Neha Sharma and Kajal Sharma from his all movable-immovable property as they are out of his control. In future, if anybody deals with them, he/she will do at their own risk. B.K.L. Dass, Advocate

I, Sangeeta legally spouse of No.3209117M Rank L/NK Name Paillet Gurjar Unit 22 JAT C/o 56 APO Bathinda cantt. (Punjab) permanent resident of Vill Burwal, PO Pal, Distt. Karauli, State Rajasthan-322113 declare That in my husband army record my name wrongly entitled as Sangeeta but my actual name is Sangeeta Tanwar please correct this error, vide affidavit dated 04.03.2025

I, Geeni Devi legally mother of No.JC-492598F Rank SUB Name Keshwar Singh Unit 22 JAT C/o 56 APO Bathinda cantt. (Punjab) permanent resident of Bhagotipur (89), Distt. Rohtak, State Haryana-124514 declare That in my son army record my name wrongly entitled as Geeni Devi and DOB 01.07.1960 but my actual name is Gina Devi and DOB is 01.01.1951 please correct this error, vide affidavit dated 03.03.2025

I, Ajit Kumar S/o Amar Nath R/o 34/17, Guru Nanka Colony Tehsil Pehowa Distt.Kurukshetra My Son Satish Kumar and his wife Poonam Rani, Granddaughters Simran and Prabhjot My words are acceptable, therefore I am cancelling the eviction and taking them back into the family and in future they will be the heirs of my movable and immovable property.

I, Bir Singh legally father of No.JC-492598F Rank SUB Name Keshwar Singh Unit 22 JAT C/o 56 APO Bathinda cantt. (Punjab) permanent resident of Bhagotipur (89), Distt. Rohtak, State Haryana-124514 declare That in my son army record my name wrongly entitled as Bir Singh and DOB 01.07.1955 but my actual name is Bhira and DOB is 15.05.1952 please correct this error, vide affidavit dated 03.03.2025

I, Sushila Devi legally spouse of No.JC-492598F Rank SUB Name Keshwar Singh Unit 22 JAT C/o 56 APO Bathinda cantt. (Punjab) permanent resident of Bhagotipur (89), Distt. Rohtak, State Haryana-124514 declare That in my husband army record my name wrongly entitled as Sushila Devi but my actual name is Sushila Kumari please correct this error, vide affidavit dated 03.03.2025

I, Devaki P legally mother of No.16124426X Rank NK Name Mumthaliarasn P Unit 440(I) Engr Sqn C/o 56 APO Bathinda cantt. (Punjab) permanent resident of 84/2, Northstreet, Perumaldevanpatti, Distt. Tiruchinappuram, State- Tamil Nadu-626137 declare That I have changed my name from Devaki P to Devaki Pothiraj and DOB from 23.01.1974 to 23.01.1975 vide affidavit dated 04.03.2025

I, Kesuboina Geeta Kumari M/O Kesuboina Manikumar Resident Of Jet House-1, Bunga Colony, Vill-Birring Jalandhar Cantt , Jalandhar Have Changed My Name From Kesuboina Geeta Kumari To Kesuboina Vijayakumari Vide Affidavit No.IN-Pb90515202597088W Dated 19 Dec 2024 Before Notary Public Jalandhar.

I, Joga Singh S/o Hari Singh R/o Vpo. Mah Wala Po. Katore Wala Teh-Malout (Sri Muktsar Sahib) declare that my Passport N3427133 my wife name wrongly entered Jagmit Kaur. But my wife correct name is Jagmeet Kaur.

I, Thakare Snehal Subhash legally spouse of No.19008307L Rank L/NK Name Kalmegh Pankaj Sudhakar Unit HQ 25 Inf Bde C/o 56 APO Bathinda cantt. (Punjab) permanent resident of Mu Kasli Bu, PO Mhatodi, Kasli Bk, Akola, State-Maharashtra-444003 declare That I have changed my name from Thakare Snehal Subhash to Snehal Pankaj Kalmegh vide affidavit dated 05.03.2025

I, Sajan S/o Vijay Kumar, holder of Indian Passport No. V0923372, issued at Jalandhar on 26/08/2021, permanent resident of H.No. 34, Sai Colony, Basti Danishmandan, Jalandhar, Punjab, India-144002, presently residing at Building No. 1633, Flat No. 105, Muwaiheil, Sharjah, P.O. Box 7074, United Arab Emirates, do hereby change my name from Sajan to Sajan Luthra, with immediate effect.

I, Davinder Sharma S/O Sh. Bal Krishan Sharma R/O H.No. 436 Vill/P.O. Seoti Teh/Distt. Pathankot declare that my correct name is Davinder Sharma S/O Bal Krishan Sharma. That Davinder Sharma and Davinder Kumar is one and the same person.

I, Urmila Devi w/o Sohan Lal R/o Vill: Sadulpur Kalota Teh-Mukierian (Hoshiarpur) declare that in my son hav Rajiv Kumar No. 15174578Y army record my name & DOB wrongly mentioned as Urmila Devi and 24-02-1950. But my correct name & DOB is Urmila Devi and 01-01-1958.

I, Sohan Lal S/o Ram Chand R/o Vill: Sadulpur Kalota Teh-Mukierian (Hoshiarpur) declare that in my son hav Rajiv Kumar No. 15174578Y army record my name & DOB wrongly mentioned as 24-02-1947. But my correct DOB is 01-01-1954.

I, Vias Kumar S/O Hans Raj Resident of VPO Jhabkra Teh. Dinanagar Distt. Gurdaspur, punjab, 1143525 declare that in my son's Nakul Taak school record my name is wrongly entered as Beas Kumar instead of Vias Kumar.

I, Dinesh Kumar S/O Ganga Dhar, Near police station, Muhalla Shish Ganj, Anandpur Sahib, Dist. Rupnagar(Punjab) declare that in the passport of my wife Mandeep Kaur (M9103612) my name is mentioned as Dinesh Kumar Harish, which is to be amended as Dinesh Kumar as per my record.

I, No 7100675 Ex-Hav Gurmek Singh resident of Rurki Pukhta, Tehsil Kharar, Distt SAS Nagar (Punjab) hereby declare that name of my daughter recorded in Army documents as Karnvir Kaur which is incorrect. Correct name is Karanjit Kaur and date of birth is 15 Dec 1977 as recorded in her Aadhar Card and PAN Card. Please note.

I Army No. 16114657A Rank HAV Name Ravi Garikapati of Unit 20 Engr Regt. C/o 56 APO, PIN-914020 have changed my name from G NAYA MALLESWARI to Garikapati Naga Malleswari & Date of birth 01.07.1971 to 01.01.1968.

I, Rakhi Kumari is legally wife of 4287527L, Rank NK, Name Abhishek Anand Unit of 7 Bihar C/O 56 APO, Ferozepur Cantt, Residing at Ward No.02, Nagar Parishad Supaul Gajna Chok, Supaul, (Bihar) 852131 Declare that my date of birth in my husband service record is 16/10/1988 which is wrong & my correct date of birth is 15/10/1988.

I, Neeraj S/o Ashok Kumar R/o 152, 3 Shaheed Udhm Singh Colony, Amritsar, Punjab-143001 have changed my name from Neeraj to Neeraj Chadha.

I, Kapur Kaur M/o Service No. 3393316X Ex-HAV- Malkit Singh S/o Shingara Singh Resident of Village- Aima PO- Bhullar Tehsil- Batala Distt- Gurdaspur, Punjab, That I declare change my name from Kapoor Kaur to Kapur Kaur and date of birth from 08/05/1953 to 01/01/1946 in my son army record.

I, Meigongphunli is legally mother of Tamjanthai Rongmei, Residence of Village- Thanagong Post Office-Khoupum, Tehsil-Khoupum, District Noney, State Manipur Pin code 795147 have changed my name from Meigongphunli to Meigongphunli Rongmei vide affidavit No. IN-PB13173045790274X Dated 05 March 2025 Before District Court, Gurdaspur (Punjab)

I, Asha W/o Kashmir Singh R/o Namala P.o Parmanand. Distt Gurdaspur (Punjab) have changed my name from Asha to Bimla Devi. Concerned note.

I, No. JC-692188P Ex Sub/Lt Onkar Singh Harchand R/O VPO Kannaunw Tehsil & Distt Gurdaspur, Punjab- 143528 declare that in my Army Service record , name of my daughter wrongly recorded as Menaka Harchand . Her correct name is Monika Harchand. Concerned note.

I, Narender Kumar R/o Village Banihari PO Thanwas Tehsil Narnaul Distt Mahendragarh (Haryana) PIN- 123023 have changed my father's name from Leela Ram to Lila Ram due to wrong name record in my Army Service record.

I, Mandeep Singh S/O Jagjeet Singh R/O 1096/1, Guru Arjun Nagar, Jagadhri, Tehsil Jagadhri, Distt Yamuna Nagar declare that in my Driving Licence my father's name written as Jagjit Singh. My Father's correct name is Jagjeet Singh.

I, Neetu Koli W/o Tarun Kumar Agrawal R/O House no. 29, Pink Avenue Behind Madaan Hospital, Majitha Road, Amritsar-1, Amritsar, Punjab, India 143001 have changed my name from Neetu Koli to Neetu Agrawal.

I, Pushpa Singh D/o Ram Sawroop, w/o Shis Pal Singh Sidhu R/O Village Dhahi Khurd, Tehsil & District Fatehabad, Haryana, declare that I have changed my name from Pushpa Singh to Pushpa Devi. Both names Pushpa Singh & Pushpa Devi pertain to one and the same person. My date of Birth is 01.01.1962.

I, Mamta Verma W/o Arjun Verma R/O H.No-60, Ward No-04, Village-Dhani Mitthi, Dhani Ramjas(62), Bhiwani, Haryana-127046, have changed my name to Mamta Verma for all future purposes.

I, Rekha Verma W/o Bhim Singh R/O H.No-60, Ward No-04, Village-Dhani Mitthi, Dhani Ramjas(62), Bhiwani, Haryana-127046, have changed my name to Rekha Verma for all future purposes.

I, Kulwinder Singh S/O Shri Banarsi Dass R/O Village Kakrali, SAS Nagar, Mohali Declares that I Have Changed My Name From Kulwinder To Kulwinder Singh.

I, Paramjit Singh S/o Darshan Singh R/O Vill. Bilaspur PO Barian Kalan Distt. Hoshiarpur Punjab have changed my name from Paramjit Singh to Singh Paramjit. Singh as my surname. Concerned note.

I, Phool Parkash S/O Sohan Lal R/o Rattoli, Post Office Khera, Jagadhri, Tehsil Jagadhri, Distt Yamuna Nagar hev changed my name from Phool Parkash Sharma to Phool Parkash.

I, Vikram Singh alias Manminder Singh Mann S/o Shri Sardool Singh, #31, Sector 2, Panchkula chandri, that both above names are mine and of one same person.

I, Shashi Bala W/o Late Shri Satpal Bajaj R/O #489, near Water Tank, Old Hamida, Yamuna Nagar, Tehsil - Jagadhri, Distt. - Yamuna Nagar have Changed my name from Shashi Bala to Shashi Bajaj.

I, Smt Saitre Devi W/o No. 2472761F, Naik (Late) Ishwar Chand, resident of Vill-Alipur Khalsa, PO-Gharounda, Teh- Gharounda, Distt-Karnal (Haryana)-132114 have changed my name from Saitre Devi to Savitri Devi vide Affidavit dated 04 Mar 25.

I, Neeraj S/o Ashok Kumar R/o 152, 3 Shaheed Udhm Singh Colony, Amritsar, Punjab-143001 have changed my name from Neeraj to Neeraj Chadha.

I, Anita W/o Surender Hooda R/O House No 753, Rurki (54), Rohtak, Haryana-124401 have changed my name to Anita Hooda.

I, Asha Rani W/O Joginder Pal R/O Jadla, Nawansharh, Punjab-144515 have changed my name to Promila

I, Pooja W/o Sh. Parnav Arya R/o house no 948, Arya up Nagar, Gali no 1,Narwana, Distt. Jind, Haryana, have changed my name from Pooja to Pooja Gupta.

I, Suraj Kaur W/o No. 9506210M Ex Hav Hari Parkash R/O H.No. 919/34, Vijay Nagar, Rohtak (Haryana) declare that my name Suraj Kumari and my DOB 01 July 1951 are wrongly mentioned in my husband Army record. But my correct & actual name is Suraj Kaur and my correct DOB is 04.11.1950, vide Affidavit dated 05.03.2025 Notary Public Rohtak.

I, No. 148420-W Ex PO Prkshat Hooda S/o Sh. Mehar Lal R/O Vill. & P.O. Assan, Teh. & Distt. Rohtak (Haryana) declare that my name Prkshat Hooda ia wrongly mentioned in my service records/PPO. But my correct & actual name is Prkshat Hooda. vide Affidavit dated 05.03.2025 Notary Public Rohtak.

I, Pankaj S/o Ramesh Kumar R/O Village Bhoda Hoshnak Post Office Bhoda Hoshnak Tehsil and District Fatehabad 125047 have changed my name from Pankaj (Old Name) to Pankaj Kumar (New Name)

I, Manish (Old name, which is to be changed) S/o Virender R/o village Sotha Distt. Hisar do hereby solemnly affirm and declared as under That my old name is Manish and I want to change my name to Manish Chahal (New name). Deponent

I, Service No 273723s Ex Mwo H/o Amarjit Singh S/O Santa Singh Residing At House No 1714, Sector 39-B, Chandigarh Pin Code-160036 Have Changed My Wife Name From Harpreet Kaur To Amarjit Kaur And My Wife Correct Date Of Birth Is 25.07.1951 Vide Affidavit Dated 05.03.2025 At Chandigarh.

I Poonam W/o Sh Lalit Kumar R/O House no 5794, Near Govt model school, Maloya Chandigarh have changed my name from Poonam to Poonam Bala.

I Kuldeep S/o Sh. Parkash R/O House No. 1272, Phase-1, Ram Darbar, Chandigarh have changed my minor daughter name from Diya to Drishti Chadha.

I Sheela Devi W/o Sh. Rattan Singh, R/O House No. 314, Ground Floor, Sector 29-A, Chandigarh have changed my name from Sheela Devi to Saranjeet Kaur.

I Gulshan S/o Raj Kumar R/O 21/23, Vijay Colony, Yamuna Nagar, Tehsil Jagadhari, District Yamuna Nagar have changed my name from Gulshan to Gulshan Kumar for all future purposes.

I, Shiv Kumar Son of Ram Chander R/O #903-A, Sector 47, Chandigarh have changed my daughter name from Sharada Kanojia to Sharda Kanojia vide Affidavit No.-IN-CH54753357815345X Dated 05-03-2025 before Notary, Distt. Court at Chandigarh

I, Kusum Lata R/o VPO. Mehlanwal, Tehsil Jagadhri, Distt Yamunanagar mother of Sunil Kumar Army No. 15213634L (Hav) Unit 1890 Rkt. Regiment C/o 56 APO. I have changed my D.O.B from 01.07.1966 to 07.04.1959 as per my Aadhar Card No. 992363991367. Affidavit No. L793545/ DT 05.03.2025

I, Shiv Charan R/o VPO. Mehlanwal, Tehsil Jagadhri, Distt Yamunanagar Father of Sunil Kumar Army No. 15213634L (Hav) Unit 1890 Rkt. Regiment C/o 56 APO. I have changed my D.O.B from 01.07.1959 to 06.02.1959 as per my Aadhar Card No. 218186437652. Affidavit No. L793546/ DT 05.03.2025

I, Smt. Rajinder Kaur W/O No. 4460527L Ex Nk (TS) Ajit Ram R/O Vill. Hargah PO Nainowal Jattan Tehsil & Distt. Hoshiarpur Punjab have changed my date of birth from 14-10-1958 to 01-01-1962.

I, Laxmi Kumari Pun Magar Mother Of Tek Bahadur Pun Magar Service No 5053632F Rank. Unit 21GR Declared That My Actual DOB 23-04-1976 As Recorded In My Adhar. card No 935963613481 That My DOB Has Been Issued Wrongly Recorded As 24-03-1978 In My Son Service Records Vide Affidavit Before The Court Of Pathankot Notary (Government Of India) On Date 5-March-2025

I, Sourav S/O Karmvir R/O 434, Kirsanti (47) Atail, Rohtak, Haryana-124501 have changed my name to Sourav Khatri.

I, Anita W/O Surender Hooda R/O House No 753, Rurki (54), Rohtak, Haryana-124401 have changed my name to Anita Hooda.

I, Asha Rani W/O Joginder Pal R/O Jadla, Nawansharh, Punjab-144515 have changed my name to Promila

I, Pooja W/o Sh. Parnav Arya R/o house no 948, Arya up Nagar, Gali no 1,Narwana, Distt. Jind, Haryana, have changed my name from Pooja to Pooja Gupta.

I, Suraj Kaur W/o No. 9506210M Ex Hav Hari Parkash R/O H.No. 919/34, Vijay Nagar, Rohtak (Haryana) declare that my name Suraj Kumari and my DOB 01 July 1951 are wrongly mentioned in my husband Army record. But my correct & actual name is Suraj Kaur and my correct DOB is 04.11.1950, vide Affidavit dated 05.03.2025 Notary Public Rohtak.

I, No. 148420-W Ex PO Prkshat Hooda S/o Sh. Mehar Lal R/O Vill. & P.O. Assan, Teh. & Distt. Rohtak (Haryana) declare that my name Prkshat Hooda ia wrongly mentioned in my service records/PPO. But my correct & actual name is Prkshat Hooda. vide Affidavit dated 05.03.2025 Notary Public Rohtak.

I, Pankaj S/o Ramesh Kumar R/O Village Bhoda Hoshnak Post Office Bhoda Hoshnak Tehsil and District Fatehabad 125047 have changed my name from Pankaj (Old Name) to Pankaj Kumar (New Name)

I, Manish (Old name, which is to be changed) S/o Virender R/o village Sotha Distt. Hisar do hereby solemnly affirm and declared as under That my old name is Manish and I want to change my name to Manish Chahal (New name). Deponent

I, Hari Om S/o Sh. Rameshwar Dass Singla R/O Shop No. 54, New Anaj Mandi Hansi, Teh. Hansi, Distt. Hisar Haryana declare that I have changed my name from Hari Om to Hari Om Singla for all future purpose.

I, Harkesh Kumar S/O Sh. Rameshwar Dass R/O Shop No. 54, New Anaj Mandi Hansi, Teh. Hansi, Distt. Hisar Haryana declare that I have changed my name from Harkesh Kumar to Harkesh Singla for all future purpose.

I, Pardeep Kumar Jain S/o Sh. Sharvan Kumar Jain R/o H. No. 40, Shyam Kunj, Near Aggarwal Sadan, Aggarsain Colony, Ghora Farm Road, Hisar declare that I have changed my name from Pardeep Kumar to Pardeep Kumar Jain for all future purpose.

I, Renuka Gupta D/o Manohar 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, Anjana Gogoi Is Mother Of No. 15734416k Rank Sigmn Name Rupam Gogoi Of Unit 15 Idsr And Permanent Resident Of No. 1, Rangati, Lakhimpur, Rangati Charali, Assam - 784165, Have Changed My Date Of Birth From 02-05-1965 To 01-03-1968, Vide Affidavit No. In-Pb13324850887619x, Dated 05-03-2025, Before Distt. Court, Amritsar.

I, Tarun Gogoi Is Father Of No. 15734416k Rank Sigmn Name Rupam Gogoi Of Unit 15 Idsr And Permanent Resident Of No. 1, Rangati, Lakhimpur, Rangati Charali, Assam - 784165, Have Changed My Date Of Birth From 19-11-1950 To 30-04-1954, Vide Affidavit No. In-Pb1332836338764x, Dated 05-03-2025, Before Distt. Court, Amritsar.

I, Hajare Dattatraya Shrikant S/o Shrikant Hajare, r/o At- Gharniki, Ta-Mangalwedha, Gharniki, PO-Marapur, Distt-Solapur, State-Maharashtra, have changed my daughter name from Akshara TO Hajare Akshara Dattatraya Vide Affidavit Dated 05-03-2025 before Ambala cantt.

I, Shakshi D/o Dinesh Aggarwal R/O House No 3/6 Double Story, Near Ramlalea Maidan Prem Nagar Ambala City have changed my name from Shakshi to Shakshi Aggarwal.

I, No. 14929518H Hav Jagen Mochari S/o Late Baburam Mochari R/O Baramachari, PO Dhanbil Baksa Assam-781343 now at 15 Mech Inf C/o 56 APO have changed my son's name from Gwjwn Mochari to Gwjwn Mochahary Vide Affidavit No.IN-PB07968471350880X. Dt.17.02.2025 before Notary Public Amritsar

I, No.15516535M Rank-LD Name-Abhishek Singh S/o Shankar Sharan Singh, presently residing-Ward No.04, Koni, Jaso, Satna, Madhya Pradesh-485551 have changed my father name from Shankar Sharm Singh to Shankar Sharan Singh vide affidavit No.IN-PB13410382030005X dated 05.03.2025 before notary public, Amritsar.

I, hitherto known as Pankaj Son of Suresh Kumar Residing at Kothi No. 359-D, G.T. Road, Near Maa Darshana Rani Shivala, New Golden Avenue, Amritsar-1, Amritsar, Punjab 143001 have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as Pankaj Kumar

I, hitherto known as Rashedi Soni Wife of Abhishek Jain Residing at D1403, 14th Floor, Godrej Central Tower, Sahakar Nagar, Shell Colony, Chembur, Mumbai, PO: Chembur, Distt. Mumbai Suburban, Maharashtra 400071 have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as Rashmi Jain

I, Surinder Kumar S/O Krishan Lal R/O H.No.40, Street No.2, Near Shivala Bhaiyan Muslim Ganj/Amritsar have changed my name from Surinder Kumar to Surinder Kumar Kharbanda

I, No.1900021F Hav Harpreet Singh S/o Surta Singh R/O Tarn Taran Punjab- 143401 Unit 7 Sikh Regt 274/T Camp Khanpur C/o 56 APO New Delhi-110062 have changed my mother's name from Gunwent Kour to Gunwant Kaur Vide Affidavit No.IN-LD-43218435201314X Dt.01.03.2025 before Notary Public Amritsar

I, Gurbachan Kaur Manmohan Singh Mand W/O Manmohan Singh Mand, R/O 105/7, Muhalla Mugalan Wala, Patti Distt. Tarn Taran-143416, Punjab have Changed my Name from Gurbachan Kaur Manmohan Singh Mand to Gurbachan kaur

I, Manmohan Singh Bhansingh Mand S/O Bhansingh Mand, R/O 1057/7, Muhalla Mugalan Wala, Patti Distt. Tarn Taran-143416, Punjab have changed my name from Manmohan Singh Bhansingh Mand to Manmohan Singh Mand

I, No.15516535M Rank LD Name Abhishek Singh S/O Shankar Sharan Singh, presently residing- Ward No.04, Koni, Jaso, Satna, Madhya Pradesh-485551 have changed my father name from Shankar Sarn Singh to Shankar Saran Singh vide affidavit No.IN-PB13410382030005Xdated 05.03.2025 before notary public, Amritsar.

I, Rakesh Kumar S/O Janak Raj Bhatia R/O H.No.419/1, Tribhuvan Niwas A-Block, Ranjit Avenue, Amritsar have changed my name from Rakesh Kumar to Rakesh Bhatia

I, Rachita W/O Rakesh Bhatia R/O H.No.419/1, Tribhuvan Niwas A-Block Ranjit Avenue, Amritsar have changed my name from Rachita to Rachita Bhatia

I Jagdeep Singh Son of Balbir Singh R/O VPO Chohla Sahib Tarn Taran have changed my name from Jagdeep Singh to Given name Jagdeep Surname Singh.

I, Anju W/O Suresh Kumar R/O H.No. 362, Gal Bawri W/O, Hoharia Bazar, Sirsa-125055 (Haryana) Have Changed My Name From Anju To Anju Sharma.

I, Inder Singh Sagu S/o Gurmukh Singh R/O H.No. 236/8, Kutiya Vail Gali, Rajinder Nagar, Kurukshetra, have changed my name from Inder Singh Saggi to Inder Singh. In future I should be known as Inder Singh only.

I, Kulveer Kaur W/o Joginder Singh, VPO Habri, Kaithal, have changed name to Kulvir Kaur

I, Baljeet Singh S/O Guralp Singh VPO Ugrahan, Sangrur, have changed name to Baljit Singh

I, Samriti D/o Chaman Lal, 3910/1 LIG Flat Sector 47 D, Chandigarh, have changed name to Samriti Verma

I, Karamjit Kaur W/o Amir Singh R/O Village Manipur, PO Pola, Distt. Fatehgarh Sahib, Punjab-140406, changed name to Karamjeet Kaur.

I, Prem Singh Alias Prem Chand S/o Amla, House No. 27, Ram Nagar Nangal (Rupnagar) declare that Prem Singh and Prem Chand both are my name.

I, Sukhveer Kaur Malhi w/o Gurkirat singh r/o vill. Rupana Sri Muktsar Sahib have changed my name to Sukhveer Kaur

I, Anu W/o Mohit Mittal R/O House No. 222/2, Ward No. 10, Rania Teshil Rania Distt. Sirsa have changed my name from Anu Mittal to Anu.

I, Sheela W/o Kashmiri Lal R/O SCF No. 1, Saini Vihar, Phase-5, Ravindra Enclave Road, Baltana, Zirakpur, SAS Nagar, Punjab have changed my name from Sheela to Sheela Devi

I Renu Sharma W/O Shri Ram R/O House No. 613, Khai Wali Street, Mani Ram Teja Ram, Kath Mandi, Sirsa Distt & Tehsil Sirsa (Hry.) have changed my name Renu Sharma to Renu Bala. Please call and know me as Renu Sharma in future.

I Kashmiri Lal S/O Shanker Lal R/O SCF No. 1, Saini Vihar, Phase-5, Ravindra Enclave Road, Baltana, Zirakpur, SAS Nagar, Punjab have changed my minor son's name from Jatni to Jatni Sabharwal

I Baldev S/o Sh. Nar Pat R/o #2320 Mauli Jagran, Chandigarh, I have changed my name from Baldev to Raja Ram.

I, Chanchal Beenabra W/O Sh. Raj Kumar R/O S.C.O. - 154, Block-B, Sector -19, Omaxe City, Sonipat Have Change My Name From Chanchal Beenabra To Chanchal For All Future Purposes.

I, Smt Lavin Jan wife of Army No- 13918970F, Havildar (Late) Prem Masih (UIDAI No- 96153114760 resident at, VPO- Badhai, Teh & Distt- Sri Muktsar Sahib, Punjab- 152026 have changed my name from Lavin Jan to Lavin Jaan vide Affidavit No: IN-PB12149883901364X dated 01 Mar 2025 best before Executive Magistrate, Sri Muktsar Sahib.

I, Deepika D/o Amarjit Singh R/O 125/8, Sugar Mill Colony, Tehsil Jagadhri, Distt. Yamuna Nagar -135001 (Haryana) have changed my name from Deepika to Deepika Dhillon

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Punjab farmers Halted from Entering Chd as Hundreds Detained in Police Action

Farmers' 'Chandigarh Chalo' Protest

PNS ■ CHANDIGARH

Hundreds of farmers from Punjab, including prominent leaders of various farmer unions, were detained by the police on Wednesday as they attempted to march towards Chandigarh to participate in the 'Chandigarh Chalo' protest on the call given by Samyukta Kisan Morcha (SKM) — a pan-India farmer body. The protest, aimed at pressing the government to address long-standing demands such as a legal guarantee for Minimum Support Price (MSP) and ownership rights for hereditary tenant farmers, among others, was met with heavy police deployment and roadblocks across the State. The police action led to widespread dharnas (sit-ins) at over 25 locations across Punjab, as farmers were prevented from moving towards the state capital.

Among those detained were Bhartiya Kisan Union (BKU) Ekta Ugrahan president Joginder Singh Ugrahan, BKU Rajewala's state vice-president Mukesh Chander Sharma, and BKU Shadipur's president Buta Singh Shadipur. Ugrahan was arrested by Sangrur police near Gharachon village and taken to Chhajli police station. The arrests and detentions have sparked outrage among farmers, who accuse the Punjab Government of suppressing their democratic right to protest.

The Punjab Police, in coordination with Chandigarh

Police, sealed all major entry points to Chandigarh, including highways and rural link roads. Heavy machinery such as tipplers and sand trucks were parked on highways to block the movement of tractor trolleys carrying farmers. Despite these measures, farmers attempted to reach Chandigarh in small groups, using alternative routes through villages to evade police checkpoints.

In Samrala, a convoy of farmers from Ferozepur was stopped near Hedon village, while another group from Moga was halted at Ajitwal. Farmers from Fazilka were similarly prevented from proceeding near Jagraon in Ludhiana. In Patiala, the police sealed toll plazas at Dhareeri Jattan and Ajitpur, effectively cutting off the Patiala-Chandigarh road. Farmers who were stopped parked their vehicles on the roadside and began reciting religious hymns, vowing to continue their protest without obstructing traffic.

BKU Dakaunda, the second-largest farmer union in Punjab, alleged that its president Manjit Singh Dhaner was roughed up by the police near Bhaini Dharaer village in Raikot. According to Angrej Singh, an associate of Dhaner, a confrontation between farmers and police ensued when officers attempted to arrest the leader. Dhaner managed to escape as tensions escalated, but the incident has further fueled anger among the protesting farmers.

Farmers have accused the Punjab Government, led by Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann, of adopting a heavy-

handed approach reminiscent of the BJP-led Central Government's tactics during the 2020-21 farmers' protests. "Despite the emergency-like situation where hundreds are being taken into police custody, men and women came out on the roads and protested the dictate of Punjab Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann," said Kirti Kisan Union's press secretary Raminder Singh Patiala.

The protests come in the wake of a failed meeting between SKM leaders and Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann on Monday. During the meeting, farmers presented an 18-point charter of demands, including MSP guarantees, debt waivers, and ownership rights for tenant farmers. However, the talks broke down after Mann walked out, accusing the farmers of being adamant to go ahead with their protest and raising issues that fell under the Central Government's jurisdiction.

"I asked them what would happen to the March 5 protest. They said it would continue. Then why was I made to sit for two and a half hours when their demands were not within my purview?" Mann told the media later.

The Chief Minister's remarks drew sharp criticism from farmer leaders, who accused him of renegeing on his promises. "The AAP government is behaving like the BJP government at the Centre. They promised to implement a new agricultural policy within a month, but nothing has been done," said BKU Ugrahan's general secretary Sukhdev Singh Kokrikalan.

On Tuesday, several SKM

leaders were detained by the police even as Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann hit out at the protesting farmers, saying that they had turned Punjab into a "state of dharnas." The farmers were later booked under Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita sections related to breach of peace.

In Amritsar, farmers gathered at the Golden Gate and later burned an effigy of Chief Minister Mann to express their discontent. Similar protests were reported in other parts of the state, including Mohali, where around 50 farmers were detained near Amb Sahib Gurudwara. In Barnala, farmers blocked the Badbar toll plaza after being prevented from moving towards Chandigarh.

The SKM, a coalition of over 30 farmer unions, had called for a week-long sit-in at Sector 34 in Chandigarh. However, the Chandigarh Administration denied permission for the protest, prompting the police to seal the Punjab-Chandigarh border. Farmers attempting to enter Chandigarh were subjected to rigorous checks, with police even verifying ID proofs of bike and car riders.

Despite the crackdown, farmer leaders remain undeterred. "Our protest call stands. Heavy police force has been deployed everywhere in the State, and we are not being allowed to go to our state capital," said Kokrikalan. Farmers have vowed to continue their agitation, with plans to hold roadside dharnas wherever they are stopped.

CM Saini directs officers to prepare proposal for setting IIT Campus in Hry for Centre's approval

PNS ■ CHANDIGARH

Haryana Chief Minister Nayab Singh Saini on Wednesday directed the officers concerned to prepare a proposal and send it to the Central Government for the establishment of an Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) campus in the State. He assured that the state government is ready to provide the necessary land for this initiative.

Presiding over a meeting of the Higher Education Department, he said that the present State Government has taken several significant steps to provide quality education to students, resulting in an increased trust in government educational institutions. Saini urged the Vice-Chancellors to focus not only on education but also on research, innovation, and skill development for students.

He emphasized the need to allocate a separate fund for these purposes. Furthermore, he encouraged the Vice-Chancellors to motivate students to establish their own startups, highlighting that many young people today are earning substantial incomes without any initial investment. The Chief Minister also assured that the State Government would work towards the internationalization of higher education by providing world-class facilities in universities to accommodate a larger number of foreign students.

The Chief Minister also emphasized the importance of skill development for the youth to enhance their employability. The State Government has fostered a conducive environment for industries, making Haryana a preferred destina-

tion for both Indian and international companies to establish their units. This growth has created a demand for trained manpower to meet the expanding needs of these industries.

To address this, the State Government has established Shri Vishwakarma Skill University (SVSU) in Dudhola village, Palwal district, to provide skill education to students.

While emphasizing the importance of student counseling, he urged teachers to guide students on the various career options available to them, helping them choose the right path for the future and avoid being misguided. The State Government has decided to open e-libraries in all schools and colleges across the state in a phased manner.

Seeks suggestions from Vice-Chancellors for upcoming State Budget

The Chief Minister said that the state budget for 2025-26 will prioritize education, ensuring that quality education is provided to children in line with the National Education Policy. He also invited suggestions from all Vice-Chancellors to enhance the education system. In the meeting, the Chief Minister also sought suggestions from Vice-Chancellors for the upcoming State Budget and assured that the best suggestions would be incorporated. Suggestions have been invited through an online portal, which has already received around 10,000 submissions.

He said that all provisions of the National Education Policy should be fully implemented across universities and colleges, with the goal of trans-

forming Haryana into a global education hub, offering specialized training in AI and modern skills.

Saini said that the future lies in horticultural crops and stressed the need to raise awareness among farmers about adopting crop diversification instead of traditional farming. The Horticulture University could play a pivotal role in this initiative. The first

phase of the India International Horticulture Market, currently being built in Ganaur, will soon be inaugurated, bringing significant benefits to horticulture farmers. The increased export of fruits and vegetables will enhance their income. In this direction, the Horticulture University should focus on research related to the fruits and vegetables grown in various regions of Haryana.

BRIEFS

HIMACHAL GOVT TO PROCURE WHEAT AT INCREASED MSP OF RS. 2425 PER QUINTAL

Shimla: Himachal government has decided to procure wheat at the increased Minimum Support Price (MSP) of Rs. 2,425 per quintal for the Rabi procurement season 2025-26, a Spokesperson of Food, Civil Supplies, and Consumer Affairs Department said on Wednesday. He said that the procurement would be conducted through the Himachal Pradesh State Civil Supplies Corporation (HPSCSC) in designated markets across the state. To ensure a smooth process for procurement, ten procurement centres have been identified in four districts in coordination with the Himachal Pradesh State Agricultural Marketing Board.

VP DHANKAR FELICITATES GOLD MEDALIST STUDENTS DURING CONVOCATION CEREMONY IN SIRSA

Sirsa: Vice President Jagdeep Dhankar on Wednesday felicitated the gold medalist students, acknowledging their hard work and dedication at the Convocation Ceremony of Mata Harki Devi Educational Institute and Jannayak Chaudhary Devi Lal Vidyapeeth in Sirsa. On the occasion, he paid tribute to Chaudhary Devi Lal, former Deputy Prime Minister by offering flowers at his statue. Further, he laid the foundation stone for the Smriti Sangrahalaya, which will be built in the memory of the late former Chief Minister Ch Om Prakash Chautala.

MINISTER ASKS OFFICIALS TO EXPEDITE HELICOPTER SERVICES FROM GURUGRAM, HISAR & FARIDABAD

Chandigarh: Haryana Civil Aviation Minister Vipul Goyal on Wednesday directed the officers concerned to expedite required work for starting helicopter services from Gurugram, Hisar & Faridabad. While reviewing various projects within the department, the Minister received progress updates on starting helicopter services and urged officials to expedite the required work for this initiative. Minister stressed the importance of strengthening the state's civil aviation infrastructure.

HRY DGP ASKS POLICE OFFICERS TO COMPLETE INVESTIGATION OF PENDING CASES

Chandigarh: Haryana Director General of Police Shatruejt Kapur on Wednesday presided over a meeting of the officers of the State Crime Branch (SCB) at Police Headquarters in Panchkula and sought a report from the officers regarding the action taken so far regarding the pending major cases in the State Crime Branch. In the meeting, the DGP directed the officers to complete the investigation of the pending cases in a time-bound manner. In the meeting, detailed discussions were held regarding major cases related to economic crimes and corruption.

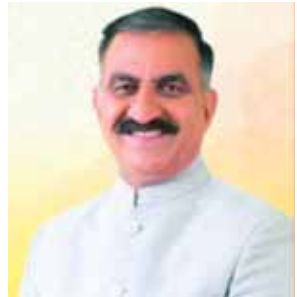
UAE expresses interest to invest in tourism and green energy in Himachal

PNS ■ SHIMLA

Dr. Abdulnasser Alshaali, Ambassador of United Arab Emirates in India met Chief Minister Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu on Wednesday and discussed potential investment opportunities in the State. The Chief Minister invited the UAE to invest in key sectors including Tourism and Hospitality, Green Energy, Dairy, Food Processing and Data Storage.

Sukhu said that Himachal Pradesh offers unique investment opportunities as it has breathtaking landscapes including vast snow bound areas, hills and water bodies. To enhance tourism infrastructure, the State Government is developing multiple ropeways, expanding Kangra Airport, constructing new four lanes and heliports to improve connectivity to the visitors which would make Himachal a favourite destination for investment.

Ambassador UAE evinced keen interest to invest in the tourism sector particularly adventure sports and skiing. He said that UAE has already identified potential locations for investment in the State and



welcomed suggestions from the State Government for additional sites.

Sukhu said that Himachal is on track to become a Green Energy State by next year. Over the last two years, the present State Government has taken significant steps to protect the environment of the State and harness the green energy. These initiatives include setting up of new solar power projects, developing six green corridors and converting the entire State owned diesel buses to e-buses in a phased manner. He said that Himachal Pradesh has 25 percent of the hydro power generation potential of the country and has tremendous opportunities to invest in green energy including solar energy and pump storage projects.

Punjab's War Against Drugs: 580 FIRs, 789 arrests so far

PNS ■ CHANDIGARH

Punjab Government on Wednesday claimed that its 'Yudh Nashian Virudh' (War Against Drugs) campaign has achieved unprecedented success in its mission to eradicate the drug menace from the state. In just five days, from March 1 to 5, the campaign has resulted in the registration of 580 FIRs under the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances (NDPS) Act, the arrest of 789 drug peddlers, and the seizure of 74 kg of heroin, 19.5 kg of opium, and 77 kg of synthetic drugs. Additionally, 27.7 kg of heroin and Rs 3.06 lakh in

drug money were recovered on the fifth day alone, bringing the total arrests to 547 in this short span.

The campaign, spearheaded by Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann, has not only targeted drug peddlers but also dismantled the financial networks supporting the drug trade. Around 60 buildings linked to drug trafficking and illegal encroachments on government land, amassed through illicit trade, have been demolished. These properties, worth crores of rupees, were razed to send a strong message that the state will no longer tolerate the drug menace.

The Punjab Government

has adopted a comprehensive three-pronged strategy — Enforcement, Deaddiction, and Prevention (EDP) — to tackle the drug crisis. Under the enforcement pillar, over 200 police teams, led by 80 senior officers, conducted raids at 356 locations across the state, checking 416 suspicious persons and registering 48 FIRs in a single day. Special DGP Arpit Shukla emphasized that the police are committed to making Punjab drug-free within three months, as directed by the Chief Minister.

The deaddiction efforts have also seen significant progress, with six individuals convinced to undergo rehabilitation treatment.

Simultaneously, the prevention pillar has focused on raising awareness about the detrimental effects of drugs. On March 5 alone, 165 awareness events were organized across the State, engaging communities and encouraging youth to adopt healthier lifestyles through sports, education, and cultural activities.

The Chief Minister reiterated his Government's policy of swiftly filling vacancies in departments without delays or irregularities.

Punjab CM Hands Over 763 Job Letters, Promises 1L Govt Jobs Soon

PNS ■ CHANDIGARH

Punjab Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann on Wednesday announced that the State Government will create 50,000 more government jobs, aiming to provide one lakh jobs in total. The declaration came as he handed over appointment letters to 763 young beneficiaries under 'Mission Rozgar', raising the tally of government jobs provided in the last three years to 51,655.

Mann, addressing a gathering, called the occasion a

'red-letter day' for Punjab's youth, as new recruits joined the Cooperation, Health and Family Welfare, and Higher Education departments. He underscored the State Government's commitment to tackling unemployment, emphasizing that transparent recruitment has been a priority.

"We have given over 51,000 government jobs on merit, and none of these appointments have been challenged in any court," he stated, asserting that Punjab is witnessing an employment revolution under his leadership. Mann stressed that providing jobs is key to steering

youth away from social evils like drug addiction. "I want to place tiffins in the hands of our youth, not syringes. An idle mind is a devil's workshop, and we are ensuring that our young people find stable employment instead of falling prey to destructive habits," he said. By ensuring gainful employment, the Government aims to eliminate the root causes of crime and drug abuse, creating a productive and self-reliant workforce.

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Punjab Govt's Tough Stance Forces Tehsildars to End Strike

Strike called off after 15 suspensions, 235 transfers

MONIKA MALIK ■ CHANDIGARH

Punjab Government's firm crackdown on the striking tehsildars has yielded results, forcing them to call off their statewide protest unconditionally. What began as a show of defiance against the government's actions turned into a swift retreat by Wednesday evening as suspensions, mass transfers, and warnings from the Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann made it clear that the administration would not tolerate any disruption in public services.

The revenue officials, who had gone on mass leave since Monday to protest against the vigilance crackdown on corruption, were left with no option but to return to work as the government stood its ground.

Faced with a no-nonsense approach from the Mann-led AAP Government, which included the suspension of 14 revenue officers and the transfer of 235 others — many to far-flung areas — the Punjab

Revenue Officers Association was left scrambling for damage control. The final blow came when Deputy Commissioners (DCs) across the state began urging revenue officials to resume duty, citing law and order concerns due to the ongoing farmers' protests.

With mounting pressure from the government and the possibility of harsher disciplinary action, the striking tehsildars had no choice but to abandon their protest and resume work without any conditions.

The Punjab Revenue Officers Association had suspended the property registration work till March 7 in protest over the Vigilance Bureau action against some revenue officials in Ludhiana in a fraudulent land deal.

The revenue officials' strike was primarily triggered by recent vigilance actions against corruption within the Revenue Department. However, the government wasted no time in cracking down on the protest, taking swift action against those who refused to return to duty. In a decisive move, Chief Minister Mann suspended multiple revenue officers while also granting special powers to other revenue officials to ensure that land registrations and other crucial services

remained unaffected.

Additionally, the government announced the mass transfer of 235 revenue officials, including 58 tehsildars and 177 naib tehsildars. The transferred officers were posted to distant and less favorable locations, with some being shifted nearly 250 kilometers away from their original postings. Only a day before, the government had placed five tehsildars and nine naib tehsildars under suspension for not resuming their work despite a warning.

Despite initial resistance, cracks began to appear within the striking officials' ranks as many started reporting back to duty fearing the repercussions. The government had made it clear that it would not yield to what it termed as "blackmail tactics" by the revenue officials attempting to shield their corrupt colleagues.

The final decision to withdraw the protest came after Punjab Revenue Officers Association officiating president Lachman Singh Randhawa informed his colleagues in a WhatsApp group that Deputy Commissioners across Punjab had been pressing them to return to duty, citing law and order concerns. With the farmers' protests already keeping the adminis-

tration on high alert, the Government was unwilling to tolerate another front of unrest.

Realizing that the situation was no longer in their favour, the tehsildars agreed to end their strike immediately, bringing an abrupt end to the stand-off. The decision was taken following the marathon meeting of the Tehsildars, Kanungo and DC office Employees' Unions in Moga.

Meanwhile, Tehsildar Association's president Sukhcharan Singh Channi confirmed that tehsildars had resumed work and would continue to engage in discussions with the government regarding their grievances. However, sources indicated that the government remains unwilling to roll back its actions, especially concerning the suspensions and transfers.

Throughout the crisis, Chief Minister Mann remained defiant, sending a clear message that his Government would not tolerate any attempt to disrupt governance. In a social media post mocking the tehsildars' strike, Mann sarcastically extended "best wishes for their collective leave" while reminding them that they would not have the luxury of choosing when and where to return to work.

Mann reiterated that the AAP Government was committed to eradicate corruption in the Revenue Department and that no official, regardless of rank, would be allowed to engage in malpractices. The Chief Minister also assured the public that land registrations and other revenue-related services would not suffer due to the strike, as alternative arrangements had already been put in place.

The strike was sparked by the Punjab Vigilance Bureau's intensified crackdown on corruption within the Revenue Department. With multiple tehsildars under scrutiny for allegedly facilitating fraudulent land transactions, many revenue officials viewed the vigilance action as an attack on their fraternity. In response, they decided to proceed with mass leave, believing that collective action would force the government to back down.

However, the government's immediate response — threatening suspensions, enforcing transfers, and appointing alternative officials to handle registrations — proved to be a game-changer. The administration's tough stance ensured that public services were not disrupted, thereby denying the striking officials any leverage.

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1st Prize Amount for Winner

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TOTAL PRIZE AMOUNT ₹ 1.65 CRORES

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₹ 10 LAKHS

PRIZE AMOUNT FOR SELLER ₹ 1,00,000

PRIZE AMOUNT FOR SUB-STOCKIST ₹ 50,000

TOTAL PRIZE AMOUNT ₹ 11.50 LAKHS

3rd Prize Amount for Winner

₹ 5 LAKHS

PRIZE AMOUNT FOR SELLER ₹ 50,000

PRIZE AMOUNT FOR SUB-STOCKIST ₹ 20,000

TOTAL PRIZE AMOUNT ₹ 7.00 LAKHS

Rank	Prize Amount for Winners ₹	Prize Amount for Sellers ₹	Prize Amount for Sub-Stockist ₹
1	1,50,00,000	10,00,000	5,00,000
2	10,00,000	1,00,000	50,000
3	5,00,000	50,000	20,000
4	5,000	500	50
5	2,000	200	30
6	1,000	100	20
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Himachal Pradesh Public Works Department

e-procurement Notice INVITATION FOR BIDS (IFB)

The Executive Engineer, HP.PWD, Division Sarkaghat H.P. on behalf of Governor of HP, invites the item rate bids, in electronic tendering system, for construction of each of the following works from the eligible class of contractors registered with HP.PWD for the works as detailed below.

Sr. No.	Name of work	Estimated cost	EMD	Cost of tender	Time limit	Eligible class of contractor
1	Construction of link road Barot to Badoe road KM 00/0 to 13/800 (SH: C/o V Shape drain in KM 10/00 to 10/500 and B/Wall at RD 10/550 to 10/565) (OTMNP)	552112/-	11100/-	350/-	One Month	Class - D
2	Construction of link road to Kanyana Mohal (Panchayat Kham) (SH: C/o R/Wall in PCC 1:5:10 to KM 03/00 to 03/85.75) Deposit Work	89790/-	1800/-	350/-	One Month	Class - D
3	Improvement of black spot on Sarkaghat Dev Gallu Bratar road KM 0/00 to 6/500 (SH: Providing and Fixing W-metal beam crash barrier at RD 0/410 to 0/430)	207306/-	4200/-	350/-	One Month	Class - D
4	C/o link road Ghanu Nallah to Badress Harjan Basti KM 0/00 to 4/00 (SH: Construction of 900 mm dia hume pipe culvert at RD 0/125) DC Deposit Work	93148/-	2000/-	350/-	One Month	Class - D

- Date of release of invitation for Bids through e-procurement: 12.03.2025
- Starting and End Date for receipt of bids through e-tendering w.e.f. 12.03.2025 at 10:00 AM, to 18.03.2025 up to 16.00 PM. Technical bid opened on 19.03.2025 at 11:30 AM and financial bid opened on 20.03.2025 at 11:30 AM.
- The bidder are advised to note other details of tenders form the department website www.hpptender.gov.in
- The tender shall be awarded to the lowest bidder without any negotiation if his tendered amount is within limit of (+) 5% to (-) 30% of the amount put to tender otherwise the tender will be cancelled and recalled.
- The Executive Engineer reserves the right to accept/reject any tender/application or all tender without assigning any reason.

Executive Engineer,
Sarkaghat Division, HP.PWD, Sarkaghat.

RO NO. 5640/2024-2025 Dt. 05-03-2025

For behalf of Governor of Himachal Pradesh

HIMACHAL PRADESH STATE ELECTRICITY BOARD LIMITED

(A State Govt. undertaking)

Registered office : Vidvay Bhawan, HPSEBL, Shimla-171004 (H.P.)
Corporate Identity Number : U40109HP2009SGC01225
GST No. - HPSEBL 02/2001/ST/013 Website address : www.hpsebl.com Website Email : searjrajg@searjrajg.com Telephone Number 01799-22137(Office), 01799-22103(Fax)

"SHORT TERM TENDER NOTICE"

Sealed item rate Short Term Tender is hereby invited on behalf of the Chairman cum Managing Director HPSEBL by the undersigned from the approved/experienced contractor/authorize dealers for the execution of work as per the detail mentioned hereinafter. The tenders shall be received on prescribed form clearly superscribed with tender No. and date of opening together with earnest money in the office of Sr. Executive Engineer, Electrical Division, HPSEBL Ltd. Rajgarh, on stipulated date and time & will be opened in the presence of the contractors or their authorized representatives. The tender document can be had on any working day as specified below in the table from Division Office HPSEBL Rajgarh after completing codal formalities.

Sr. No.	Tender No.	Name of Work	Estimated Cost	Earnest Money	Cost of Tender Documents	Completion Period
1	RED - 134/2024-25	E-Tender for providing Sanitary Installation and Electrical Installation for Renovation of Complaint Cum Rest Camp Building Rajgarh under ESD Rajgarh (Ch to Deposit Work :- 14.96.6)	Rs. 481177/= Only	Rs. 481/20 Only	G.S. 500 + Rs. 21.98 @18% = Rs. 590/-only.	3 Month
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Start date of Sale of Tenders 05/03/2025 (at 11:00 AM) Last Date of receipt of Tenders 11/03/2025 (at 01:00 PM) Date and time of opening 12/03/2025 (at 03:00 PM) Cost of Tender Fee Rs. 500 + G.S.T.@18%= Rs. 590/-only. 						

Before issue of the tender documents, the bidder shall have to furnish adequate documentary evidence in support of qualifying requirements stipulated as below:-

The All the terms and conditions can be seen in the HPSEBL website i.e. //hptender.gov.in.

-SD/-
Sr. Executive Engineer,
Electrical Division,
HPSEBL Ltd. Rajgarh.

RO NO. 1175/2024-2025 Dt. 05-03-2025

बैंक ऑफ बड़ोदा Bank of Baroda

Branch : Rohna,
District Sonapat (Haryana) 131402

NOTICE TO BORROWER UNDER SUB-SECTION (2) OF SECTION 13 OF THE SARFAESI ACT - 2002

"60 days demand notice of SARFAESI Act 2002 under section 13(2) sent through Regd. Post, Acknowledgement Undelivered"

To, Mrs Atiksha Aggarwal (applicant), H No 222 Old Housing Board Colony, Near Murthal Adda, Sonapat, Haryana 131001
Mrs. Samiti Aggarwal (co Applicant), H No 222 Old Housing Board Colony, Near Murthal Adda, Sonapat, Haryana 131001
Mr. Sanjeev Aggarwal (co Applicant), H No 222 Old Housing Board Colony, Near Murthal Adda, Sonapat, Haryana 131001

Dear Sir/Mam,
Re: Credit facilities with our ROHNA branch
1. We refer to our letter No. BOB/ADV. dated 28/09/2018 conveying sanction of various credit facilities and the terms of sanction. Pursuant to the above sanction you have availed and started utilising the credit facilities after providing security for the same, as hereinafter started. The present outstanding in various loan/credit facility accounts and the security interest created for such liability are as under:

Sr. No.	Nature and Type of Facility	Limit	Rate of Interest	O/s as on 23-02-2025 (Inclusive of interest up to 22-02-2025.)	Security agreement with brief description of security
1.	Education LOAN	Rs. 3500000/-	9.05%	32,82,607/- plus unapplied interest and other charges dated 28/09/2018 or Residual Property i.e. plot measuring	

218Sq Yards comprised in Khawat No 21/21, Khata No-21, Rect. And Killu No. 5/121(0-8), 8/110/1(4-2) situated in RAKBA of Village Kabirpur, The and Dist-Sonepat belonging to Mr. Sanjeev Kumar vide Sale deed no. 17555 dated 23.03.2006. The property is bounded as under- EAST-46'-6" Plot of Other, WEST-48'-0" Plot of Other, NORTH-52'-6" Gali, SOUTH-52'-6" Plot of Other, CERSAI Id of Secured asset is 400888192440

1. In the letter of acknowledgment of debt/LDOC 134 dated 28/09/2018 you have acknowledged your liability to the bank to the tune of Rs. 35,00,000/- (Rupees Thirty Five Lakhs Only).
The Outstanding stated above include further drawings and interest up to 22-02-2025
3. As you are aware, you have committed defaults in payment of interest on above loans/outstandings for the Month ended DEC 2024... You have also defaulted in payment of instalments of term loan/demand loans which have fallen due for payment on 25-12-2024 and thereafter.

4. Consequent upon the defaults committed by you, your loan account has been classified as non-performing asset on 23-02-2025 in accordance with Reserve Bank of India directives and guidelines. In spite of our repeated requests and demands you have not repaid the overdue loans including interest thereon.
5. Having regard to your inability to meet your liabilities in respect of the credit facilities duly secured by various securities mentioned in para 1 above, and classification of your account as a non-performing asset, we hereby give you notice under sub-section (2) of section 13 of the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002, and call upon you to pay in full and discharge your liabilities to the Bank aggregating Rs. 32,82,607/Thirty Two Lakh Eighty Two Thousand Six Hundred Seven (plus unapplied interest and other charges thereon w.e.f.23.02.2025 till date of payment, as stated in para 1 above, within 60 days from the date of this notice. We further give you notice that failing payment of the above amount with interest till date of payment, we shall be free to exercise all or any of the rights under sub-section (4) of the section 13 of the said Act, which please note.

6. Please note that, interest will continue to accrue at the rates specified in para 1 above for each credit facility until payment in full.
7. We invite your attention to sub-section 13 of the said Act in terms of which you are barred from transferring any of the secured assets referred to in para 1 above by way of sale, lease or otherwise (other than in the ordinary course of business), without obtaining our prior written consent. We may add that non-compliance with the above provision contained in section 13 (13) of the said Act, is an offence punishable under section 29 of the Act.
8. We further invite your attention to sub section (8) of section 13 of the said Act in terms of which you may redeem the secured assets, if the amount of dues together with all costs, charges and expenses incurred by the Bank is tendered by you, at any time before the date of publication of notice for public auction/inviting quotations/tender/private treaty. Please note that after publication of the notice as above, your right to redeem the secured assets will not be available.

9. Please note that this demand notice is without prejudice to and shall not be construed as waiver of any other rights or remedies which we may have, including without limitation, the right to make further demands in respect of sums owing to us.
Place: Rohna (Sonapat)
Date : 05.03.2025

Yours faithfully,
Authorised Officer, Bank of Baroda

PHYSICAL POSSESSION NOTICE

Sr. No.	Name of Borrower/s/ Loan Account Number	Description of Property/ Date of Physical Possession	Date of Demand Notice (Rs)	Name of Branch
1.	Amrita Agarwal/ Manisha Agarwal/ LBLUD00005167353/ LBLUD00005167389	House Built Over Plot No. 248 Min.-249 Min., Comprised in Khawra No. 16/111-16/121-16/119/2-16/20-12/715/2-17/16/1-17/24-17/25/1-17/25/1, Khata No. 127/142, Jambani Year 2013-2014, Village Rajpura Alias Hudedpur, Hadbast No. 99, Abadi Gram City (Eldeco Colony), Tehsil & District Ludhiana, Punjab/ March 04, 2025	June 17, 2023 Rs. 8,00,327/-	Ludhiana

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 06, 2025, Place: Ludhiana Sincerely Authorised Signatory, For ICICI Bank Ltd.

ICICI Bank

Branch Office: ICICI Bank Ltd First Floor, Mc International, The Mall, Mall road Amritsar- 143001

PUBLIC NOTICE-TENDER CUM E-AUCTION FOR SALE OF SECURED ASSET

(See proviso to Rule 8(6))
Notice for sale of immovable asset(s)
E-Auction Sale Notice for the sale of immovable asset(s) under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8 (6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.

This notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower(s) and Guarantor(s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the physical possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of ICICI Bank Limited will be sold on 'As is where is', 'As is what is' and 'Whatever there is' as per the brief particulars given hereunder:

Sr. No.	Name of Borrower(s)/ Co-Borrowers/ Guarantors/ Loan Account No.	Details of the Secured asset(s) with known encumbrances, if any	Amount Outstanding	Reserve Price Earnest Money Deposit	Date and Time of Property Inspection	Date & Time of E-Auction
(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	(F)	(G)
1.	Boota Singh (Applicant), Yadvinder (Co-Applicant) Lan No. TBLUD00006369439, TBLUD00006369740, TBLUD00006369440	Residential Property Plot Measuring 0k-3m-8s Comprised in Khata No. 268/336, Khawra No. 761(2-18), 762(1-4), 764(3-0), 765(3-18), 766(7-4), 767(7-18), 768(9-3), 769(9-3), 770(3-5), And Khata No. 269/337, Khawra No. 771(11-0), 772(6-0), 773(10-4), 774(16-12), 775(5-17), As Per Jambani Year 2016-2017, Situated At Sangudi, Hadbast No. 236, Aman Colony, Tehsil Phillaur, District Jalandhar, Punjab (admeasuring An Area Of 0 Kanal 3 Marla 8 Sarsahi Ee. (1035 Sqft).	Rs. 31,10,484/- as on dated 27-02-2025	Rs. 18,40,000/- as on Rs. 1,84,000/-	March 10, 2025 From 01:00 PM to 03:00 PM	March 27, 2025 From 11:00 AM to 12:00 Noon
2.	Prayant Enterprises (Applicant), Satish Kumar, Kamal Sharma (Co Applicant, Guarantor, Mortgagee) Lan No. 202105000954	Shop No -08, New Grain Market Jalandhra Guru Tehsil & District Amritsar Punjab. (Admeasuring an area 300 sqft)	Rs. 39,27,286/- as on Feb 02, 2025.	Rs. 12,00,000/- as on Rs. 1,20,000/-	March 11, 2025 From 01:00 PM to 03:00 PM	March 27, 2025 From 11:00 AM to 12:00 Noon
3.	Shah Trading Co (Applicant), Harjinder Kaur, Sahib Singh, (Guarantor), Charanjit Kaur (Mortgagee) Lan No. 37465500015, 37465500004	Property Measuring 10 Marla Bearing Khawra No 133/14, Khata Khawra No 236/576, Hadbast No. 4A, Chahal Kalan, Tehsil Chahal, District Tarn Taran, Chahal Punjab 143301, admeasuring An Area (2722.71 Sq Ft)	Rs. 39,49,908/- as on 02-01-2025.	Rs. 20,00,000/- as on Rs. 2,00,000/-	March 12, 2025 From 01:00 PM to 03:00 PM	March 27, 2025 From 11:00 AM to 12:00 Noon

The online auction will be conducted on the website (URL Link-https://disposahub.com) of our auction agency M/s. NexTen Solutions Private Limited The Mortgages/ Notices are given a last chance to pay the total dues with further interest by March 26, 2025 before 05:00 P.M. else the secured asset(s) will be sold as per schedule.

The prospective bidder(s) must submit the Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) Demand Draft (DD) (Refer Column E) at ICICI Bank Ltd First Floor, Mc International, The Mall, Mall road Amritsar- 143001 on or before March 26, 2025 before 05:00 P.M. Thereafter, they have to submit their offer through the website mentioned above on or before March 26, 2025 before 05:00 P.M. along with the scanned image of the Bank acknowledged DD towards proof of payment of EMD. In case the prospective bidder(s) is/are unable to submit his/ her/ their offer through the website, then the signed copy of tender documents may be submitted at ICICI Bank Ltd First Floor, Mc International, The Mall, Mall road Amritsar- 143001 on or before March 26, 2025 before 05:00 P.M. Earnest Money Deposit DD/PO should be from a Nationalised/ Scheduled Bank in favour of 'ICICI Bank Limited' payable at Amritsar.

For any further clarifications in terms of inspection, Terms and Conditions of the E-Auction or submission of tenders, contact ICICI Bank Employee Phone No. 9780139915/7304914763

Please note that Marketing Agency I. M/s NexTen Solutions Private Limited, 2. Augeo Assets Management Private Limited, 3. Hecto Proptech Pvt Ltd., have also been engaged for facilitating the sale of this property. The Authorised Officer reserves the right to reject any or all the bids without furnishing any further reasons. For detailed Terms and Conditions of the sale, please visit www.icicibank.com/n4p4s.

Authorized Officer
ICICI Bank Limited

STATE BANK OF INDIA

Small and Medium Enterprises Cell
1st Floor, Zonal Office Model Town,
Phase 1 Bathinda

DEMAND NOTICE

NOTICE US 13 (2) OF THE SECURITIZATION & RECONSTRUCTION OF FINANCIAL ASSETS & ENFORCEMENT OF SECURITY INTEREST ACT, 2002 HERE AFTER CALLED "ACT"

A notice is hereby given that the following Borrower/Guarantor/s have defaulted in the repayment of Principal and Interest of the Loans facility obtained by them from the Bank and the loans have been classified as Non Performing Assets (NPA). The notices were issued to them under Section 13(2) of Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets & Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002 on their last known addresses, have been returned un-served & as such they are hereby informed by way of this public notice.

Name of the Borrower(s)/ Guarantors	Description of the Movable/Immovable Property	Date of NPA	Date of Demand Notice	Amount Outstanding as per Notice
1. M/s M & K Medicos, #13274, Street No. 7 Pukhraj Colony, Near Bhattu Road Bathinda -151001, Sh. Kunal Singla S/o Sh. Janak Raj (Prop), H.No.05461, Street No. 10/111 Guru Gobind Singh Nagar Bathinda-151001, ALTERNATE ADDRESSES, Kunal Singla S/o Sh. Janak Raj (Prop) #1724, Street No-5 Ganesh Basti, Bhattu Road Bathinda-151001, Kunal Singla S/o Sh. Janak Raj (Prop) House No 16731-B, Gali No 51 Sant Vihar, Near Green Park Bathinda-151001, Kunal Singla S/o Sh. Janak Raj (Prop) MCBZ4-05308, Street No. 5 Sarabha Nagar Bathinda-151001	Hypothecation of Assets i.e. All type of Medicines and All Related Items purchased with Bank's Finance.	31.01.2025	24.02.2025	Rs. 14,42,139.08 plus future interest together with incidental expenses, cost, charges etc.
2. M/s Flamboyance Unisex Salon by Arpana Sco 21, First Floor PUDA Market Power House Road Bathinda-151001.1. Ms Arpana D/o Nand Lal Sharma (Partner) # MCB-22-13771 Street No 44, Juhar Singh Nagar Bathinda-151001, ALTERNATE ADDRESSES Ms Arpana D/o Nand Lal Sharma (Partner) Lese River T.G. Post Beagrak Tea Garden, Jalpaiguri (West Bengal) 734501, 2. Sh Vikas Dutta S/o Sh Pardeep Kumar (Partner) # 214, Sector 14 Panchkula (Haryana)-134113	Hypothecation of Assets i.e. All type of Furniture and Beauty Items purchased with Bank's Finance.	21.11.2024	25.02.2025	Rs. 13,65,159.00 plus future interest together with incidental expenses, cost, charges etc.
3. M/s Garg Karyana Store, Opp Romain Hospital Gali No. 27/3, Near Colony Near Bhaj Rai School Bathinda-151001	Hypothecation of Assets i.e. All type of Karyana and General Goods purchased with Bank's Finance.	06.01.2025	24.02.2025	Rs. 8,39,845.80 as on 24.02.2025
4. M/s Single Enterprises # 31286, MCB-26-14071 Gali (Mobile Phones and Accessories purchased with Bank's Finance, No 10/3, Paras Ram Nagar Bathinda-151001, Mr. Abhishek Singla S/o Sh. Ajay Kumar Singla (Prop), # 31286, MCB-26-14071 Gali No 10/3, Dubej Colony Paras Ram Nagar Bathinda-151001	Hypothecation of Assets i.e. All type of Furniture and Accessories purchased with Bank's Finance.	31.01.2025	24.02.2025	Rs. 25,64,970.39 plus future interest together with incidental expenses, cost, charges etc.

The steps are being taken for substituted service of notice. The above Borrower/Guarantor are here by called upon to make payment of outstanding amount within 60 days from the date of publication of this notice, failing which further steps will be taken after expiry of 60 days from the date of this notice under sub-section (4) of section 13 of Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002.

DATE: 06.03.2025 Place: Bathinda AUTHORISED OFFICER

PHYSICAL POSSESSION NOTICE

Sr. No.	Name of the Borrower(s)/ Loan Account Number	Description of Property/ Date of Physical Possession	Date of Demand Notice (Rs)	Name of Branch
1.	M/s Om Fuels/ Ashok Kumar/ Sonika/ 046105501022	Property Bearing Aaraj Jarai Rakba Khawat No.418, 726 Khatoni No. 534, 956, Khawra No. 67/28/2 (14-11), 67/28/1 (4-14), Kite 2, Rakba, Tadadi 19 Kanal, 5 Marla, 17/285 Part, Rakba, Bakera 0, Kanal 17 Marla (522 sq yards), Moja Panola, Ram Bagh Colony, Tehsil- Bahadurgarh, District- Jhajjar, Haryana, 124507/ March 04, 2025	October 31, 2023 Rs. 1,01,38,189.00/-	Bahadurgarh, jhajjar

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 06, 2025, Place: Bahadurgarh & Jhajjar Sincerely Authorised Signatory, For ICICI Bank Ltd

ICICI Bank

Branch Office: ICICI Bank Limited Plot No-23, Shal Tower, 3rd Floor, New Rohtak Road, Karol Bagh, New Delhi-110005

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(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	(F)	(G)
1.	Jatinder Pal Singh (Borrower), Kunaldeep Kaur (Co-Applicant) Lan No. LBLUD00005341908, LBLUD000044813914, LBLUD00004389115	M C No.31-2141/2, Comprised In Khawra No.781, Khata No. 1199/1293, Situated At Village Tarai Saidan, H.B.No.172, Abadi Known As Adarsh Nagar, Tehsil & Distt. Ludhiana Punjab Area: 100 Sq. Yd.	Rs. 33,85,470/- As On 28.02.2025.	Rs. 12,00,000/- as on Rs. 1,20,000/-	March 12, 2025 From 01:00 PM to 03:00 PM	March 27, 2025 From 11:00 AM to 12:00 Noon
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Beginning of a trade war

What began as a threat by Trump is now a full blown trade war as Canada, China and Mexico retaliate the US tariffs

The trade war initiated by President Trump against China, Canada, and Mexico has set off a chain reaction of retaliatory measures, creating uncertainty in global markets and posing risks to economic stability. While the administration aims to address specific national concerns through these tariffs, the broader implications suggest potential harm to both the US and global economies. As the situation evolves, careful consideration of the long-term consequences is essential to mitigate adverse effects on world trade. As promised by him in his campaign, President Donald Trump launched a bold series of tariffs aimed at imports from China, Canada, and Mexico, a move that significantly escalated global trade tensions and set off a swift chain reaction of retaliatory measures. The president signed executive orders that imposed a 25% tariff on all goods from Mexico and Canada, and a 10% tariff on Chinese imports. The administration argued that these measures were necessary to tackle issues related to illegal immigration and drug trafficking to protect American industries. In an effort to minimize any disruptive effects, an additional 10% tariff was applied to Canadian energy exports, including electricity, natural gas, and oil.



The response from the targeted countries was swift and forceful. Beijing retaliated by announcing tariffs of up to 15% on key U.S. agricultural products such as chicken, pork, soy, and beef, while also expanding restrictions on U.S. businesses. In Canada, Prime Minister Justin Trudeau countered with 25% tariffs on \$155 billion worth of American goods. Similarly, Mexico's President Claudia Sheinbaum imposed retaliatory tariffs against the United States, criticizing the unilateral decision and warning of its adverse effects on both national and foreign companies operating in Mexico. Analysts have warned that the tariffs could significantly hinder economic growth, with projections suggesting a contraction of 2.8% in U.S. GDP. The increased tariffs were also expected to drive up consumer prices, adding to existing inflationary pressures and potentially prolonging periods of high interest rates. Global markets reacted negatively, with major U.S. stock indexes and shares in the automotive sector experiencing notable declines. Industries reliant on international supply chains, particularly the automotive sector, braced for production delays and increased costs as a result of these disruptions. The Trump administration maintained that these tariffs were a necessary tool to pressure foreign nations into addressing issues like drug trafficking and to incentivize domestic production. But the reality is different. The tariffs could ultimately have a net negative effect on the U.S. economy by driving up prices, reducing output, and dampening employment growth. In the unfolding saga of international trade, while the US administration's objective remains focused on addressing pressing national concerns, the broader consequences of this trade war hint at potential long-term harm for both the U.S. and the global economy.

Balancing growth and conservation

Large-scale dredging and resource extraction projects at Kerala's Quilon Fish Bank have sparked concerns over marine biodiversity loss and ecological stability

India's ambitious Blue Economy vision is reshaping the way the country engages with its vast marine resources. At the heart of this transformation is Kerala, with the Quilon Fish Bank emerging as a crucial player in sustainable fisheries. However, recent concerns over large-scale dredging, resource extraction, and the long-term impact on marine biodiversity have raised important questions about balancing economic growth with ecological stability.

The Quilon Fish Bank, known for its rich biodiversity and high productivity, is among India's most significant fishing grounds. Spread across Kollam and Alappuzha districts, this region is a vital breeding ground for numerous fish species and shrimp. Kerala's fisherfolk have long depended on these waters for their livelihood, making sustainable fisheries management crucial for the state's economy and food security.

However, recent developments, such as the planned dredging of 242 square kilometres of the seabed in Kollam, have sparked widespread concern. Reports indicate that India's Geological Survey has identified 7.45 billion tonnes of sand in Kerala's coastal and offshore areas. While the government sees this as an opportunity for economic development, local communities fear it may lead to habitat destruction, loss of fish stocks, and increased coastal erosion. The controversial dredging project is part of a larger Blue Economy initiative aimed at tapping into the ocean's resources for economic growth.

While this approach has potential, questions remain about its long-term sustainability and impact on Kerala's delicate marine ecosystem. The Blue Economy concept emphasizes responsible and sustainable use of marine resources to drive economic progress. India, with its vast coastline and rich maritime heritage, has identified the Blue Economy as a critical driver of growth in the 21st century. The government's policy framework seeks to integrate economic growth with environmental conservation.

While large-scale resource extraction, such as sand mining and deep-sea fishing, forms part of this vision, efforts are also being made to minimize ecological disruption. Scientific research, eco-friendly technologies, and strict regulations are being implemented to ensure sustainability.

One of the key objectives of India's Blue Economy plan is to modernize the fisheries



sector. Investments in advanced fishing infrastructure, cold storage facilities, and alternative livelihood programs, such as seaweed farming and mariculture, are providing fishermen with new income opportunities. These initiatives aim to reduce dependence on overfished species and promote a more balanced marine ecosystem. Despite the promising aspects of the Blue Economy, concerns remain about its impact on marine biodiversity.

ing not just marine species but also the livelihoods of thousands of fishing families. Experts warn that Kerala's geographical location-between the Arabian Sea and the Western Ghats-makes it particularly vulnerable to environmental degradation.

To address these concerns, the government has been expanding Marine Protected Areas (MPAs) to safeguard critical habitats. These conservation zones play a vital role

India refine its own Blue Economy strategy. Kerala's government has also taken steps to enhance coastal resilience. Large-scale coastal protection projects, such as artificial reefs and mangrove restoration, are being undertaken to mitigate the impact of erosion and habitat loss. However, these efforts need stronger support from the central government to ensure long-term effectiveness. The future of the Quilon Fish Bank and Kerala's fisheries sector hinges on finding a middle ground between economic growth and environmental sustainability. While resource extraction and development projects are necessary for progress, they must be undertaken with strict environmental safeguards.

A multi-stakeholder approach involving the government, local fishing communities, environmentalists, and global experts is essential. Policymakers must prioritize scientific research and ecological impact assessments before approving large-scale marine projects. Empowering local communities with alternative livelihood options, enhancing conservation efforts, and enforcing stricter regulations on resource extraction can help ensure a sustainable future for Kerala's fisheries. India's Blue Economy vision holds immense promise, but its success will ultimately depend on how well it balances development with ecological responsibility.

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The Quilon Fish Bank is a prime example of this dilemma. Dredging and sand mining, while economically lucrative, have the potential to disrupt fish breeding cycles, alter ocean currents, and increase vulnerability to coastal erosion. The fragile balance of Kerala's coastal ecosystem is already under stress due to climate change and unregulated fishing practices.

Further extraction of marine resources could push it to a tipping point, endangering not just marine species but also the livelihoods of thousands of fishing families. Additionally, advanced monitoring systems are being introduced to track fish migration patterns and regulate fishing activities, ensuring long-term marine health.

Countries like Norway, Japan, and Australia have successfully implemented sustainable fisheries policies that balance economic interests with conservation. Learning from these models can help

PICTALK



A squirrel perches on a branch of red-silk cotton tree while feeding on flowers in New Delhi

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When yesterday's children return as tomorrow's hope

SECOND Opinion



ASHA IYER KUMAR

Time flies. A whole lifetime can sometimes feel like a fleeting frame in the vast reel of existence. Few things make me more aware of this than watching children grow. I have no children of my own to mark the passing years with each birthday they celebrate, but as a mentor and educator, I have been surrounded by young minds in various stages of becoming. I have watched them transition from wide-eyed learners to self-assured adults, carving out their place in the world. Yesterday, one of my earliest students visited me with his fiancée and parents, carrying wedding invitations, gifts, and a bouquet of memories from a time when he was just a six-year-old in shorts and tees. His visit felt like the culmination of a week steeped in nostalgia—a week in which I found myself thinking of all my past students, reaching out to some to check on their progress and well-being.

I was astonished at how they had grown—some still scaling academic heights with degrees and doctorates, others, like the one who visited me, embracing both career and companionship, settling into the rhythms of love and domestication. Not all seem set to become super achievers. Some were slow starters who gained momentum in the later years, some who were primed to blaze the trail, falling short in the end game. As I sat across from my former student, now a confident young professional with clear eyes and measured words, I found

The rise in youth crime in Kerala is a stark reminder of the challenges this generation faces. Where did we go wrong, and how can we build resilience alongside success?

myself reflecting on the delicate threads that connect our journeys to the broader tapestry of societal evolution.

They carry with them innovative solutions to problems we have long considered intractable. They approach challenges with a fluidity and adaptability that my generation often struggles to comprehend. Their apparent detachment from traditional structures is not apathy, but rather a reconfiguration of priorities, a reshaping of engagement that might prove transformative for our world. Yet this hopeful vision is not with-



out its shadows. The recent surge in youth-involved drug cases and violent crimes in Kerala sends tremors through our collective conscience. Young people, barely past adolescence, find themselves entangled in webs of addiction, exploitation, and criminality that threaten to define their entire existence. The

juxtaposition is jarring—young minds full of promise alongside peers whose potential is squandered in the pursuit of momentary escape or misguided power. This stark contrast forces us to confront uncomfortable questions about the environments we create, the values we embody, and the support systems we provide for our youth. Where exactly have we faltered? Perhaps in our haste to prepare children for success, we have neglected to equip them for struggle.

In our eagerness to protect them from hardship, we may have inadvertently shielded them from the very experiences that build resilience. In our focus on academic achievement, we might have overlooked the cultivation of emotional intelligence and moral courage. It's hard to put a finger on the fault lines that have caused the fractures. In the face of these complex challenges, I find solace in the knowledge that those who have passed through my classroom have largely become contributors to society rather than detractors from it. This is not entirely to my credit. Countless factors shape a person's trajectory, but I take quiet pride in having played some role in their formation. To have contributed, even modestly, to the development of honest, thoughtful, and capable individuals is perhaps the greatest measure of success in a mentor's life. Our purpose in this world is not measured by personal achievements or accolades, but by the lives we touch, the potential we help nurture, and the humanity we help foster.

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Letters to the Editor

Textile industry needs support

Madam — Apropos of the article 'Export Potentials of Punjab ...' (March 5), presents an interesting reading. But the trend in the country remains different. Only slogans galore and solutions are nil. The second largest provider of employment is the cotton industry in India. The direct employment it provides is around 40 million. Besides this, there are micro units and allied feeding industries providing employment to many more millions. The cotton business has been suffering for years due to various internal as well as external factors. In the same way, the spinning mills also feel suffocating due to various factors. Declining exports, unviable cotton prices, growing costs of manufacturing, and a number of such factors are quoted to be disturbing the functioning of mills. It is a pity that a good number of mills are closing their operations, throwing millions of workers out of their jobs, besides their due negative impacts on export earnings.

The industry, with debt-funded capex, finds it too difficult to manage the show anymore. Actually, in most of the mills, the number of permanent workers availing themselves of employee-related benefits is too low, and the vast section of the workforce is made up of contract, outsourced, casual, contingent, and barrack segments, who are paid too little and do not avail themselves of any benefits meant for permanent workers. In spite of such huge savings from the labour component, the mills are closing down due to various reasons that the governments

can alone resolve. For example, the cost of power is felt to be unviable. Export subsidies need to be provided. In the absence of required intervention from the state or the Union governments, a good number of mills are already closed, and many are nearing closure. It is said even banks are not inclined to advance these industries anymore. It is time to attend to this segment as a priority, as slogans are not a solution.

A G RAJMOHAN | ANANTAPUR

Lasting peace in Manipur

Madam— Apropos of the editorial 'A fresh start or fleeting relief?' (March 4), it is very apparent that the Union Government's efforts and monitoring of Manipur ethnic violence for quite a long time are bearing fruit and steadily succeeding for normalcy. Unless the roots of the ethnic violence and secessionist underground activities are identified and addressed, the violence may erupt again. Drug trafficking, opium cultivation, missionaries' separatist activities, and foreign intervention from across the border must be handled iron-handedly.

The arms and ammunition snatched by warring outfits from the police and paramilitary forces should be recovered, and no mercy should be shown to those who attacked police and armed forces. The Parliament should approve the extension of the President's rule, and rather, Manipur should be directly ruled by the Centre as a Union Territory until complete normalcy is restored. The neighbouring states of Manipur should not feel the heat and face the consequences

of ethnic violence in Manipur. The opposition parties should work in unison with the Union Government in resolving Manipur violence and restoring peace.

VISHAL MAYUR | TUMAKURU

Supreme Court warns influencers

Madam — The Supreme Court's call for regulating digital content to uphold morality while protecting free speech is crucial. The rise of social media influencers like Ranveer Allahbadia has raised serious concerns about the unchecked spread of vulgarity under the guise of free expression. His content, deemed obscene by many, is a clear example of why stricter guidelines are necessary. While free speech is a fundamental right, it does not give anyone a license to propagate content that corrupts young minds and disrespects societal values.

The court's decision to allow Allahbadia to resume his show was not well received. Although it imposed moral restrictions on incoming content, individuals engaging in vulgarity should be banned for at least a year. This would make them aware of the mistakes they have made in reality shows, ensuring that they feel the consequences of their actions. Such punishment should serve as a lesson for future generations to refrain from committing similar acts. The influence of such YouTubers extends to millions, and their impact on impressionable audiences cannot be ignored. The government must implement robust regulations to ensure that digital platforms maintain ethical standards.

VINOD JOHRI | DELHI

INDIA BEATS AUSTRALIA



The other back-to-back victory of Team India in the ICC Champions Trophy semifinals against Australia has filled Indians with extreme aspiration of becoming champions. We are just a step away from the dream of becoming champions. The last time Team India lifted the Champions trophy was in 2013. Despite Australia giving a challenging chaser score of 264 runs to India, the partnership by the batting order, bowling, and fielding has made India win by four wickets. Now that India has made a glittering entry to the finals of the ICC Champions Trophy for the third time, let us all make figures crossed for the victory of

India in the finals as well. Now that the Indian cricket team has done their hat trick of three successive entries in the finals, let's pray that India will lift the trophy by naming the third title to her name as Champions.

It's time for all eyes to be on Dubai International Stadium for the thrilling final match. We really wish to see Rohit Sharma's squad turn champions. Cricket fever will be in full swing on the upcoming Sunday to thrill the whole world of cricket lovers. We are hopeful for India to make the podium finishes with the trophy in hand and joy in the eyes.

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Understanding God and the Guru

A true guru recognises his limitations, serving only as a guide who connects disciples to the divine



We must understand the distinction between these fundamental entities in our lives. First, let me enumerate some commonly known qualities of God. He is omnipotent. This word is defined as having unlimited power. Only God fits this description. Is He not the Creator of innumerable galaxies? Similarly, God is omniscient. This word is defined as knowing everything. Who else except God fits this description? How much can a mere mortal know?

Albert Einstein famously said, "The more I learn, the more I realize how much I don't know." Then, God is omnipresent too. This word is defined as being present everywhere at the same time. And God is one and we are many. Lord Krishna states, "An eternal soul is My part only." (The Bhagavad-Geeta 15.7) Let us see how a genuine guru fares in these characteristics. He knows that whatever he has learnt in terms of spiritual knowledge, oratory skills, etc., is due to God's empowerment. God is much pleased by preaching amongst devotees. A genuine guru realizes that the source of his knowledge is God only. As regards omnipresence, a genuine guru humbly accepts that he is severely limited in being present with his disciples. Additionally, a genuine guru never claims any similarity with God except being part of God. Because God is completely different from us.

A genuine guru knows this fact more than others, who are not so knowledgeable. Being an incarnation of God never crosses his mind, because he knows that God incarnates for specific purposes. A guru's role is extremely limited. It is just to help get his disciples connected with God. And he strictly avoids attracting them to himself personally. Adi Shankaracharya is the role model for him, who preached "bhaja govindam." Now I will take up the famous verse, which is, "gurur brahma, gurur vishnu, gurur devo maheshvara, gurur sakshat parambrahma tasmai shri gururve namah."

Can any mere mortal claim to be Brahma or Vishnu or Mahadeva, never mind all three of them? It is ludicrous to even imagine. These are manifestations of God, not some ordinary entities; they are eternal, whereas we are subject to repeated birth and death till liberated. So what is the meaning of this verse? It is simply that whatever a guru speaks has sanction from God; he is not deviating from His instructions. He is simply conveying the essence of His teachings.

That is how he represents God. A genuine guru ensures that he protects his disciples from any harm by his inappropriate actions. He does not promise anything more than helping them to establish a good connection with God. He tries to become a role model for taking shelter from God because that is how all can benefit. He knows that he cannot give anything more.

He is aware of his severe limitations in this regard. He guides his disciples to get connected to God such that they can get what all God can give. (9.25) The conclusion is to seek help from a genuine guru, who can help in progressing in our eternal journey. And we should never get side-tracked by hopes of easy gains, because there are none. We have to deserve all that we hope to get including liberation by our efforts, not someone else's.

A genuine guru knows this fact and never leaves any doubt in the minds of those who trust him. He thus gets respect from his disciples, which he richly deserves. Additionally, some disciples may serve him personally and some may donate so that the guru can maintain himself.

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

A model of stability from China

While Western democracies struggle with internal gridlock, economic and stagnation, China's governance model continues to chart a course of long-term strategic vision



The Financial Times recently published an article on the question of who will succeed Xi Jinping. But perhaps the real question is not one of succession but of continuity—of how a governance model rooted in long-term vision, pragmatic adaptability, and national rejuvenation sustains itself beyond the tenure of any single leader. Unlike Western portrayals, often laden with exaggerated spectres from 'debt traps' to 'authoritarianism,' there are profound lessons to be drawn from China's trajectory—especially as Western democracies now find themselves gasping for air in the suffocating embrace of their contradictions. "Democracy is a failed joke," Ai Weiwei, the Chinese contemporary artist, remarked in a recent interview with The Independent—and perhaps never has this assertion been more starkly evident than in the shambolic decline of the liberal order. Governance, once regarded as the solemn responsibility of those entrusted with the future of their nations, has in the West deteriorated into little more than a revolving spectacle of populist theatre, corporate capture, and institutional paralysis. It is within this continuum that China now prepares to convene its most pivotal political gathering of the year—the Two Sessions.

The third session of the 14th National People's Congress (NPC) and the third session of the 14th National Committee of the Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference (CPPCC), scheduled to commence on 4 and 5 March respectively, are not mere ritualistic formalities but the very engine of governance in a system defined by strategic foresight rather than short-term electoral expedience. The Western world, entrapped in the myopia of its dysfunction, looks upon this grand assembly with bewilderment, unable to comprehend a system where efficiency supersedes obstruction and where governance is an instrument of civilisation rather than a battleground of perpetual paralysis.

As Beijing convenes these pivotal sessions, it does so with a purpose that far surpasses the partisan gridlock that has crippled Washington under Trump and reduced Brussels, under Ursula von der Leyen's leadership, to a stage of waning relevance. History does not bestow hegemony upon the indolent. It is earned through foresight, discipline, and a genuine commitment to civilisation's progress. The Western model, long heralded as the apex of governance, is now fraying



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at the seams, consumed by internal strife, economic stagnation, and an ever-widening gulf between the governed and their rulers. Meanwhile, the Chinese model, grounded in the philosophical profundity of Socialism with Chinese Characteristics, marches forward with unparalleled

resolve. "The path of socialism with Chinese characteristics is the only correct path for building a modern socialist country," Xi Jinping declared in his report at the 19th National Congress of the Communist Party of China in October 2017. What have the last few decades illuminated since China's opening up? "Reform and opening up is the key

definitive proclamation for a new global paradigm—one where dialogue supplants discord and where stability is not held hostage to the whims of declining empires. The very existence of Western diplomacy has been predicated upon coercion, economic subjugation, and military adventurism. China, by contrast, has demonstrated that genuine global leadership lies not in the proliferation of conflict, but in its resolution.

This year's Two Sessions will reaffirm Beijing's role as an indispensable mediator of international crises, bringing adversaries to the negotiating table in a manner that the West, mired in its moral hypocrisy, has repeatedly failed to achieve. Consider the diplomatic masterstroke that saw China facilitate a rapprochement between Iran and Saudi Arabia—two historical adversaries long ensnared in the machinations of Western interventionism. This ethos extends to the Israeli-Palestinian crisis, where China,

to the Western penchant for war profiteering. While NATO expands its influence under the guise of security, China constructs bridges of diplomacy, demonstrating that true global leadership lies not in fuelling divisions but in fostering dialogue. But China's vision does not stop at terrestrial affairs.

This year's Two Sessions will be held at the next frontier of human progress—space—becomes a new high-tech battlefield. While Western nations hoard technological advancements for geopolitical leverage, China has advanced an inclusive vision of cosmic exploration. The construction of the Tiangong space station, the pioneering lunar projects, and the Mars exploration programme are not mere scientific endeavours; they are emblematic of a civilisation that aspires not merely for national greatness but for the collective progress of humanity.

The essence of the Two Sessions lies in the articulation of a governing philosophy rooted in long-term vision, adaptability, and the pursuit of collective progress. It is not governance dictated by ephemeral political cycles but by a civilisation's deeper consciousness—one that understands its historical responsibility not only to itself but to the broader trajectory of human development. In an era where artificial intelligence and artificial general intelligence are reshaping economies, governance, and even social structures, China does not see these advancements as instruments of control or geopolitical leverage but as elements of a broader mission: ensuring that technological evolution remains a force for human cohesion rather than fragmentation. What China has proven is that reform is not an event; it is the flow of history recognising its potential. Simultaneously, the shifting currents of global trade, exacerbated by protectionist measures and economic fragmentation, have reinforced the necessity of an alternative economic logic—one not shackled to the fluctuations of political expediency but rooted in the principle of enduring equilibrium. True strength is not found in dominance, but in resilience—the ability to absorb, adapt, and outlast. This defines China's approach to trade tensions: rather than engaging in tit-for-tat economic skirmishes, the focus is on structural reinforcement—building self-sufficiency in critical sectors while ensuring that economic interdependence remains a mechanism of stability rather than vulnerability.

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WHILE WESTERN ECONOMIES DROWN IN INFLATIONARY QUAGMIRES AND INSTITUTIONAL CRISES, CHINA HAS CHARTED A PATH OF ECONOMIC REJUVENATION THROUGH INDUSTRIAL UPGRADING, AND THE INDOMITABLE PURSUIT OF TECHNOLOGICAL SELF-RELIANCE

choice that determines the fate of contemporary China," Deng Xiaoping once asserted. This ethos continues to guide China, as the nation refines its developmental trajectory with an adaptability that the West, bound by ideological rigidity, can scarcely fathom. China is not merely asserting its presence but reshaping the very contours of the global order. The Two Sessions have highlighted the profundity of China's economic strategy—one that is not predicated on the ephemeral illusions of speculative capitalism but on tangible infrastructural and technological advancement. While Western economies drown in inflationary quagmires and institutional crises, China has charted a path of economic rejuvenation through high-quality development, industrial upgrading, and the indomitable pursuit of technological self-reliance.

Yet the significance of the Two Sessions transcends economic imperatives. It is also a

in defiance of Western inertia, has actively pursued dialogue among Palestinian factions. The hypocrisy of the liberal order is laid bare when the so-called torchbearers of democracy selectively disregard the suffering of those who do not fit within their geopolitical calculus.

Beijing, undeterred by such duplicity, has asserted itself as an honest broker of peace, proving that a multipolar world is not an abstraction but an unfolding reality. Even in the maelstrom of the Ukraine conflict, where Western powers have inflamed tensions rather than defused them, China's peace proposal has emerged as the only substantive roadmap towards de-escalation. President Xi Jinping has consistently emphasised that "confrontation, sanctions, and pressure will not solve the problem... what is needed is a mindset of common, comprehensive, cooperative, and sustainable security," resonating ever more powerfully in contrast

to the Western penchant for war profiteering. While NATO expands its influence under the guise of security, China constructs bridges of diplomacy, demonstrating that true global leadership lies not in fuelling divisions but in fostering dialogue. But China's vision does not stop at terrestrial affairs.

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Healthcare divide: How tier-II and III cities are transforming medical access

Investments in advanced medical technology and government initiatives like Ayushman Bharat are making healthcare more accessible in tier II and III cities

Healthcare facilities in tier-II and III cities have long struggled with the disparity between affordability and accessibility of quality healthcare services. These cities often lack well-equipped medical centres, forcing patients to travel to nearby metropolitan areas for advanced treatment. The shortage of trained medical professionals further exacerbates the problem.

The doctor-to-patient ratio in these cities remains significantly below the WHO-recommended standard of 1:1000, often reaching alarming ratios such as 1:25,000. The Accessibility Gap One of the major factors behind this situation is the concentration of healthcare resources in metropolitan areas. Government hospitals in smaller cities often grapple with overcrowding, long waiting lines, and outdated infrastructure. Meanwhile, private hospitals that offer advanced treatments are often unaffordable for the majority of the population. This leaves patients with limited options, pushing them to seek care in distant metro cities.

However, in recent years, several hospitals in tier-II cities have made significant strides in bridging this gap. The emergence of well-equipped hospitals outside major metropolitan areas is proving to be a game-changer for patients who previously had to travel long distances for treatment. Health Institutions like Subharti Hospital in Meerut exemplify how tier-II cities are evolving to provide comprehensive and affordable healthcare not only under



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the Ayushman Bharat Mission but also for uninsured patients, reducing dependence on metropolitan hospitals.

Ayushman Bharat and Affordability
One of the biggest challenges in tier-II and III cities is making advanced healthcare both available and affordable.

Many private hospitals offer high-end treatment facilities, but their pricing structures make them inaccessible to a significant portion of the population.

To address this issue, some hospitals are designing cost-effective treatment models that prioritize patient affordability without compromising on quality. Additionally, government schemes and insurance programs such as Ayushman Bharat-PMJAY need to be further expanded and better implemented in these regions. Many eligible patients are unaware of their entitlements under schemes like PMJAY, leading to underutilization of available resources. Increased awareness and streamlined implementation of such initiatives can make a significant difference in ensuring financial accessibility to quality healthcare.

Advancements in Medical Technology
Traditionally, hospitals in non-metro areas have



been perceived as lacking advanced infrastructure and specialized treatment options. However, this perception is gradually changing.

Many healthcare institutions such as Subharti Hospital in Meerut are now investing in cutting-edge medical technology, including advanced imaging facilities such as digital PET scans, high-resolution MRI and CT scans, and modern oncology treatment options like chemotherapy and radiation therapy.

The availability of these services locally is significantly reducing the burden on patients who would otherwise have to commute to larger cities.

A breakthrough in Meerut is the introduction of comprehensive treatment centres, particularly in fields like oncology. Cancer patients, for example, often face logistical and financial challenges when forced to visit different hospitals for diagnosis, surgery, chemotherapy, and radiation therapy.

The integration of these services under one roof in tier-II cities is improving patient outcomes and reducing treatment delays. Subharti Hospital, for instance, has emerged as a reliable healthcare provider in Western Uttar Pradesh, offering a full spectrum of oncology services in a single location, saving patients valuable time and resources.

The Road Ahead

Ensuring quality healthcare in tier-II and III cities requires a multi-pronged approach that includes expanding medical infrastructure, ensuring equitable resource distribution, increasing investment in medical education to address the shortage of trained professionals, and encouraging partnerships to enhance healthcare accessibility. As healthcare in India evolves, tier-II and III cities are poised to play a crucial role in expanding medical access beyond metropolitan areas.

Continuous efforts are needed to overcome existing challenges and create a healthcare system that is truly inclusive and accessible to all. With a focused approach towards affordability, accessibility, and technological advancements, the future of healthcare in non-metro regions holds immense potential. By addressing these challenges head-on, tier-II and III cities can become the next frontier in India's healthcare transformation.

(The writer is the Deputy Medical Superintendent of Subharti Hospital, Meerut. Views expressed are personal)

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ISIS-K terrorist charged for role in 2021 Kabul airport bombing, Trump thanks Pak

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA ■ NEW YORK/WASHINGTON

An ISIS-K terrorist has been charged with conspiring to provide material support to a designated foreign terrorist organisation resulting in death and faces life in prison for his role in the 2021 Kabul airport bombing...

apprehended and is being brought to the country to face justice. Trump did not name Sharifullah and thanked the Pakistan government for "helping arrest this monster".

"He admitted to supporting and conducting activities on behalf of ISIS-K in support of multiple lethal attacks, including the attack on Embassy Guards in Kabul, Afghanistan on June 20, 2016 and the attack at the Crocus City Hall, a popular concert venue complex near Moscow, Russia on March 22, 2024 that killed approximately 130 people and injured numerous others."

FBI, DOJ Hq among 44 federal buildings listed for potential sale

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA ■ NEW YORK

The Trump administration on Tuesday published a list of more than 400 federal properties it says it could close or sell, including the FBI headquarters and the main Department of Justice building...

building, where President Donald Trump once ran a hotel, and the American Red Cross headquarters. The headquarters of the Department of Labor and the Department of Housing and Urban Development are listed as well.

dollars are no longer spent on vacant or underutilised federal space", it said, and "helps eliminate costly maintenance and allows us to reinvest in high-quality work environments that support agency missions."

chopping block house agencies that Trump has long criticized and targeted, notably the FBI and Justice Department. The FBI and HUD headquarters are also prime examples of the brutalist architectural style that Trump has tried for years to eliminate...

according to the employee, who spoke on the condition of anonymity for fear of retaliation. Musk's Department of Government Efficiency has listed scores of cancelled office leases on DOGE's official website...

Suspect in German car-rammage case gives no info on motive

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA ■ MANNHEIM (GERMANY)

The suspect in a car-rammage in the German city of Mannheim that killed two people gave no information about his motive Tuesday as he appeared before a judge who ordered him held pending a possible indictment...

information in his appearance before a judge, "so that his motive for the act is still unclear." A search of his apartment in nearby Ludwigshafen also turned up no clues as to a motive.

years ago and was convicted for drunken driving. He had also been investigated for a hate speech offense on Facebook in 2018, for which he was fined, prosecutors said without giving further details.

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NOTICE INVITING e-TENDER. No. SSA-19016/4/2024-Media-SSA/ Mission Director, Samagra Shiksha Axom, Kahilipara, Guwahati-19, Assam invites tender through e-tendering process for supply of School Band Uniform from authorized dealer or manufacturer of uniforms/garments...

PUBLIC NOTICE FOR LOSS OF REGISTERED SALE DEED. Notice is hereby given to the Public that the registered sale deed no. 18457 dated 08th December 2005, executed between SH. ANUMOD SHARMA, s/o Late Sh. V.D. Sharma (THE VENDOR), M/s. Clarian Properties Limited (THE CO-VENDOR) and M/s. Clarian Hotels Pvt. Ltd. (THE VENDEE) for the commercial space on different floors in the said commercial Complex known as 'THE GALAXY' situated at village Sliokhara, Tehsil and District: Gurgaon, Haryana, has been lost/misplaced...

Wreckage of fighter jet, bodies of pilots found in Philippines

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA ■ Manila

Philippine military officials said on Tuesday that rescuers have found the wreckage of a missing fighter jet and the bodies of its two pilots in a mountainous region of a southern province where they were deployed to fight communist rebels. The FA-50 jet lost communication during the combat mission with other air force aircraft after midnight Tuesday before reaching a target area in southern Bukidnon province. The other aircraft were able to return safely to an air base in central Cebu province after carrying out assaults, military officials said.

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Malala visits hometown for first time after being shot

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA ■ ISLAMABAD

Pakistan's first Nobel Peace Prize laureate Malala Yousafzai on Wednesday visited her hometown in the troubled northwest of the country for the first time after being shot by the Taliban and met her family members.

Malala met students, inspected classes and spoke to students while urging them to study and make their future brighter," the SHO said, adding that the Malala Fund would ensure a high standard of education at the college free of charge.

Also present was education activist Shahzad Roy, who runs the Shagla Girls School and College under Zindagi Trust. He briefed her about the facilities provided by the college. She returned to Islamabad after her short visit. Malala's first visit to Pakistan since being shot was in 2018. Following that, she visited Pakistan in 2022 to travel to areas devastated by unprecedented monsoon flooding and met its victims.

CHANGE OF NAME. I, SANJAY JAIN S/o Shripal Chand Jain R/o V-500/36B, Street No.-18, Vijay Park, Maujpur Delhi-110053 have changed my name to SANJAY KUMAR JAIN for all future purposes.

LOST & FOUND. I, Kavita Sisodiya, W/o Shri Bharat Singh, R/O. House Number B-3, Ramgarh, Azadpur, Delhi -110033. I, have changed my name to Kavita for all purposes.

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Cabinet approves changes to LHDC to include generic veterinary medicines

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Union Minister Ashwini Vaishnav briefs on union cabinet decisions. PTI

The Cabinet on Wednesday approved changes to the ₹3,880 Crore Livestock Health and Disease Control Programme (LHDC) to include the distribution of high-quality and affordable generic veterinary medicines to farmers. The total budget provided for the Livestock Health and Disease Control Programme (LHDCP) was ₹3,880 Crore for 2024-25 and 2025-26. A decision related to livestock health has been taken in the Cabinet. High-quality medicines will be provided under the Pashu Aushadhi component of the scheme, I and B Minister Ashwini Vaishnav said after the Union Cabinet meeting chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi in New Delhi.

Pashu Aushadhi is the new component added to the LHDCP scheme, an official statement said. The minister said Pashu Aushadhi would be similar to Jan Aushadi Yojana. The generic veterinary medicines will be distributed through

PM Kisan Samridhi Kendras and Cooperatives. Vaishnav said traditional knowledge of veterinary medicines will also be revived and documented as part of the scheme. The Cabinet approved a provision of ₹75 Crore from

the total budget allocation for supplying good quality and affordable generic veterinary medicine and an incentive for sale of medicines under Pashu Aushadhi component. The scheme has three components - National Animal Disease Control Programme (NADCP), Livestock Health and Disease Control (LH and DC) and Pashu Aushadhi. Livestock Health and Disease Control Programme focuses on the prevention of diseases like Foot and Mouth Disease (FMD), Brucellosis, Peste des Petits Ruminants (PPR), Cerebrospinal Fluid (CSF), Lumpy Skin Disease, etc, through immunisation. The scheme also supports door-step delivery of livestock health care and improving the availability of generic veterinary medicine. The minister stated that nine

states are ready to be declared as FMD-free zones. These states include: Punjab, Haryana, Uttarakhand, Karnataka, Tamil Nadu, Andhra Pradesh, Telangana, Gujarat and Maharashtra. India is the world's largest milk producer. Being FMD-free and having a systematic and well-documented vaccination programme will help in the export of milk and milk products in a significant way and improve farmers' income, he added. The LHDCP will help in the prevention and control of livestock diseases through vaccination, surveillance and upgradation of healthcare facilities. Also, the scheme will improve productivity, generate employment, encourage entrepreneurship in rural areas and prevent economic losses of farmers due to disease burden.

Ad break: Pepsi pokes Coke with 'anytime' over 'half time'

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA NEW DELHI

The never-ending hilarious ad war between beverage majors Coca-Cola and PepsiCo has taken off this season with PepsiCo's 'anytime' jibe at its bigger rival Coca-Cola's 'half time' campaign. Replying to arch rival Coca-Cola's 'half time' campaign for the ICC Champions Trophy 2025, PepsiCo came out with a full-page newspaper advertisement flipping the script with 'anytime' campaign with a direct hit on the cola major trying to grab the consumers' eyeball. In its 'half time' campaign rolled out a month back across TV and digital platforms, the market leader sought to promote the idea of refreshing during pause times with a chilled soft drink. However, PepsiCo with its witty 'anytime' tag line kicked off the summer campaign with a message that why wait for a particular moment when every moment is better with a Pepsi in hand. Pepsi in its latest ad has listed life's best moments - first time, thirst time, day time, play time, class time, pass time, crunch time, lunch time, chill time, one more time, dinner time, winner time, down time, town time, we time, me time - to enjoy the drink. It has fondly brought back the days of humour and cheekiness in creative marketing. This also attracted comments on the social media platforms, where people fondly remembered the 1996 ad war, when Pepsi had launched its ad campaign titled 'Nothing Official About It'. PepsiCo had lost the official beverage sponsorship rights to Coca-Cola in the 1996 Cricket World Cup, which was jointly hosted by India, Pakistan, and Sri Lanka. Following that, PepsiCo came with the famous 'nothing official about it' campaign

starring cricket icons Sachin Tendulkar, Vinod Kambli, and Mohammed Azharuddin. "For those who remember, 'Nothing Official About It' wasn't just a campaign - it was a cultural moment. A take from the brand that turned into an obsession amongst the audience, proving that sometimes, not trying too hard is exactly the winning move. And now, decades later, Pepsi seems to be channelling that same effortless confidence," said PepsiCo in a statement. When asked, Rediffusion Chairman Sandeep Goyal said: "Now they just but they don't go for knock-outs." "Colas were once the most exciting and engaging category in FMCG. Over the years, many more categories have grabbed consumer attention and have got consumers engaged and involved. So colas are not centre stage any longer to the same extent as maybe half a century ago," he said.

BSES launches drone pilot training for Army veterans



Pioneer Photo

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In a landmark initiative reflecting its unwavering commitment to the welfare of India's armed forces personnel, BSES, in collaboration with the Army Welfare Placement Office (AWPO) has launched a transformative drone pilot training and placement program. This pioneering initiative is designed to empower ex-servicemen, those retiring within six months and Veer Naaris with cutting-edge skills, opening doors to rewarding careers in the rapidly expanding drone sector.

Recognising the immense potential of this high-growth industry and the unique challenges faced by veterans transitioning to civilian life, this program aims to bridge the gap between military service and civilian employment through comprehensive, industry-specific training and robust placement support. The drone pilot training and placement program is a forward-looking initiative designed to equip 250 veterans and 50 Veer Naaris over a three-year period with specialised drone operation skills. This program opens pathways to careers in agriculture, infrastructure

development, security, logistics, and more within the burgeoning drone industry. Being conducted in small, focused batches of around 20 participants, the program offers an intensive 14-day curriculum covering both theoretical knowledge and hands-on practical experience. Trainees will gain expertise in flight operations, payload management, data analysis, and regulatory compliance, using advanced drone models such as White Hawk, Spidex, Nakshay, and Bhiman. Certified instructors from the Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) will deliver the training, culminating in the awarding of the mandatory Remote Pilot Certificate (RPC) for commercial drone operations in India. Moreover, entrepreneurship support is embedded within the program, offering specialized sessions on setting up drone-based businesses, regulatory compliance, and business development. Participants will benefit from offline internships, enhancing real-world readiness, with job opportunities. The initiative is being coordinated by NGO partner 'Sahayog care for You'.

IACC hosts conference on women empowerment

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI

The Indo-American Chamber of Commerce (IACC) successfully hosted a thought-provoking conference on Women Empowerment in New Delhi under the theme "Celebrating Womanhood: Empower, Educate, Elevate." The event brought together distinguished leaders and advocates, emphasising the necessity of empowering women to drive societal progress. While speaking at the conference Mridula Pradhan, Chairperson of Vikas Foundation Trust, emphasised the dignity and respect of women, quoting a Sanskrit shloka: "Where women are respected, divine blessings follow." She advocated for true gender equality, urging that the slogan 'Beti-Beta Ek Saman' must be implemented in all spheres of life. Pradhan also stressed the importance of protecting women's rights, particularly reproductive rights. Former Union Minister Smriti Irani addressed the gathering, highlighting the strength of Indian women in overcoming challenges, particularly during the pandemic. She noted that the Narendra Modi



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government has taken significant steps toward financial inclusion for women by providing bank accounts and loans, which women have successfully leveraged, leading to low non-performing assets. However, she pointed out that "the digital world remains biased against women, and addressing this challenge is crucial." Dr Mallika Nadda, Chairperson of Special Olympics Bharat, reaffirmed that "Women's rights are non-negotiable, and their dignity must be protected at all costs." She emphasised the additional challenges faced by physically

challenged women and called for prioritising their inclusion and support. Dr Upasana Arora, Conference Chair, Executive Council Member of IACC, and Managing Director of Yashoda Super Specialty Hospitals, underscored the pivotal role of women in societal transformation. She stated, "Empowerment of women is essential for social upliftment. Women who are empowered must extend support to those who are not, creating opportunities for excellence. When women are empowered, society as a whole is empowered." Dr Atul Chauhan, Regional

President of IACC and Chancellor of Amity University, in his inaugural address, called upon all attendees to actively participate in the mission of women's empowerment, echoing the sentiment that "Women have to be empowered to dream." Dr Lalit Bhasin, Past National President of IACC, provided a compelling perspective, asserting that Indian women have always been powerful. "When we say 'empower women,' we imply that someone else has to do it. However, Indian women have historically shaped societies with their resilience and determination," he remarked. The conference culminated in an awards ceremony celebrating exceptional women leaders who have made remarkable contributions across various sectors: The 'Women Leader of the Year' award was bagged by Dr Amit Chauhan, chairperson, Amity Group of Schools, while the 'Excellence in Educational Leadership' award was given to Charu Modi, director, Godfrey Phillips India Limited. The 'Leadership in Gender Equality and Advocacy' award was given to Nina Gupta, managing partner, Bhasin and Co Advocates.

Centre imposes import curbs on platinum alloy

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA NEW DELHI

The government on Wednesday imposed import curbs on platinum alloy with less than 99 per cent purity to curb illicit imports of this precious metal blended with significant amounts of gold. Importers of such platinum alloys are now required to obtain import authorisation from the Directorate General of Foreign Trade (DGFT) for the inbound shipments. The decision follows cases where this alloy blended with significant amounts of gold was imported to exploit the tariff differential between gold and platinum. "Import policy of platinum is revised from free to restricted except for platinum alloy of 99 per cent or more purity by weight of platinum," the DGFT said in a notification. To ensure a smooth supply of platinum for jewellery manufacturing and industrial use, the government allows the unrestricted import of platinum alloy with 99 per cent or higher purity of platinum.

CAG K Sanjay Murthy meets 16th Finance Commission in Bhopal

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The Comptroller and Auditor General of India (CAG), K Sanjay Murthy, met with the 16th Finance Commission chaired by Dr Arvind Panagariya on Wednesday in Bhopal. According to a release issued by the CAG, the high-level consultation formed a critical part of the Commission's ongoing assessment of the financial landscape of the Centre and states. The deliberations mainly focused on three key areas: Union and State Finances, Local Bodies, and Public Sector Enterprises (PSEs), among others. The Union, the states, local bodies and the PSEs are under the audit of the CAG. In addition, the CAG also maintains the accounts of the states. The CAG shared various audit findings for Union and states in various sectors, the fiscal challenges and stress points, including the gap between expenditure and non-debt receipts for the Union and states combined. The key areas of concern include a decline in the state own tax revenue (SOTR) buoyancy of the States and varying levels of SOTR and non-tax revenue of the States, which underscore the need for more robust revenue collection mechanisms. The CAG drew attention to the need for regular reporting of the Off Budget Borrowings, meeting the Fiscal Responsibility and Budget Management (FRBM) targets and the taking into account post audit liabilities computed by the CAG in his reports. This could be a crucial source of information for Finance Commission while examining the extent of fiscal consolidation for the Union

and the States. "The CAG's presentation drew attention to untapped revenue sources. Notably, areas such as stamp duty, registration fees, and state excise collections have been identified as having substantial potential for enhanced fiscal performance. Recommendations in this regard include regular updates to market value guidelines, improved classification of property types, and the adoption of modern technology-such as sensor-based systems and QR codes-to minimise revenue leakages and improve data accuracy," according to the release. In the realm of Goods and Services Tax (GST) administration, the CAG has also proposed several reforms aimed at widening the tax base and enhancing transparency. Suggested measures include the integration of unregistered goods and service providers into the GST framework via automated data collection and real-time information systems, along with improvised taxpayer verification processes. These initiatives are expected to not only streamline the tax collection process but also ensure more accurate apportionment of inter-state tax flows. The CAG gave a strong emphasis on the need to standardise accounting practices at all tiers of the government for transparent and ready availability of comparable fiscal information. The presentation called for the harmonisation of object heads of expenditure and adoption of a uniform six-tier classification system by state governments without deviations. It was also highlighted that, as an immediate measure, harmonisation of local bodies accounts with Central and state accounts may be attempted in top 100 cities. Such steps would facilitate the seamless

consolidation of fiscal data and strengthen transparency in public financial management, thereby empowering policymakers with clearer insights into both revenue and expenditure. An important highlight of the discussion was the endorsement of good practices, like that involving the establishment of a budget stabilisation Fund by jurisdictions with surplus revenues. "A key component of the meeting is centered on the financial management of local bodies. The CAG shared insights from performance audits across numerous urban local bodies and Panchayati Raj Institutions, pointing out issues such as incomplete devolution of functions, heavy dependence on Central and State grants, and low levels of own-source revenue," it said. "In this regard, recommendations included integrating local body use of Integrated Financial Management System (IFMS) for onboarding the payment or fund transfer made by the states to the urban local bodies (ULB) and the rural local bodies (RLB) and streamlining accounting practices to ensure consistent and transparent financial reporting at the grassroots level. Need for development of specifically suited system for the processing of the transactions of the ULBs or RLBs and their accounts was suggested, which can be incentivised by the FC," it added. Additionally, the presentation addressed the lack of oversight of State Public Sector Enterprises in submission of their Annual Accounts, urging corrective measures to address persistent losses and inefficiencies, and recommending a close monitoring of disinvestment strategies.

IRFC expands funding beyond Indian Railways



IRFC board of directors unveil Navratna status with CMD and CEO Manoj Kumar Dubey in center. Pioneer Photo

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI

Indian Railway Finance Corporation (IRFC), which earned Navratna status from the government, on Wednesday said that with this recognition, it can go beyond its present funding activities to the needs of the Indian railways to all other companies operating in the whole rail eco-system.

Interacting with the media persons to update the future plans after being awarded the Navratna status, IRFC CMD and CEO Manoj Kumar Dubey said the company, which was funding to the Indian Railways, has now got wider legroom to finance all other companies and activities which come under the rail logistics eco-system. On March 3, 2025, the government approved the

upgradation of IRCTC and IRFC to Navratna Central Public Sector Enterprises. Dubey said that his company will have several edges as compared to his competitors when it comes to bidding for railway-linked projects because the IRFC maintains very low expenses, has access to cheap raw material (loan) and it wants a margin of over 40 paise, a margin it gets from the Railways currently. He informed that the firm has funded ₹5 Lakh Crore to the Indian Railways till date, however, the Railways hasn't taken any loan from it for the past two years. "As and when the railways require money, it has to come to us and that business is always assured to us. Apart from that, what we have embarked upon is anything back and forth linkage with the railways we wish to fund," Dubey said. "We have found that in our gamut of systems others are funding with a big margin of

200 and 250 basis points. Think over a scenario that I am funding with anything between 40 bps to 150 bps and the kind of yield it will give to my bottomline," he added. Dubey banked upon the company's zero NPA status. "Out of all the three government financial institutions - the Rural Electrification Corporation (REC), Power Finance Corporation (PFC) and IRFC - that can issue 54EC bonds (capital gain bonds), our nil NPA status makes us safest among all," he said. A statement from the company said that it has already secured funding for 20 BOBR (Bogie Open Bottom Rapid discharge railway wagon) rakes for NTPC worth ₹700 Crore and was recently declared the lowest bidder to finance a Rs 3190 Crore loan for PatratuVidyt Utpadan Nigam Limited (PVUNL), a subsidiary of NTPC. "Additionally, NTPC

Renewable Energy Limited (NTPC REL), a wholly owned subsidiary of NTPC Green Energy Limited (NTPC GEL), has accepted IRFC's bid for ₹7600 Crore for a Rupee Term Loan (RTL) against its Request for Proposal," the press note said. "IRFC is also actively exploring opportunities to fund rolling stock requirements for Indian Railways customers, container train operators, renewable energy needs of Indian Railways, Metro Rail Projects, port rail connectivity and PPP projects sanctioned by Indian Railways," it added. Dubey said that IRFC has played a key role in funding nearly 80 per cent of Indian Railways locos, coaches and wagons, including the Vande Bharat Express trains. At present, nearly 86 per cent of the company is owned by the Ministry of Railways and nearly 13 per cent by all diverse shareholders in the country as well as overseas, he added.

Brewers association allege excise rules not uniform in Karnataka

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI

Pointing towards increasing amount of arbitrariness in beer regulations in Karnataka, the Brewers Association of India (BAI) has said the State Government while dealing with the applications of rounding off of the declared price (DP) was favouring some companies. The Karnataka government introduced the concept of rounding off of the DP (declared price) to nearest Rs 5 was introduced, while the application of one beer supplier, viz, M/s Som Breweries and Distilleries which applied with an upward price revision got approved without due documentary substantiation,

the plea of BAI members were put on hold, the BAI, the apex body of the beer industry, which represents India's largest beer makers such as the AB InBev, Carlsberg, and United Breweries (a Heineken company), said in its representation to the State government. "As a result, our member companies, which are the biggest investors and contributors to government revenues in the state, feel greatly aggrieved and discriminated against," said that letter and demanded the State government to ensure level playing field for all beer suppliers in Karnataka. BAI has demanded that applications of its members should also be

cleared with respect to rounding off in the DP where there is no consequent change in the MRP. Highlighting the biasness in implementation of excise rules, the BAI has stated that "this is against the ethos of fair competition and will do more harm than good in the long run for the industry, the government revenues, the consumers, local economy and investment in the state". According to BAI Director General Vinod Giri, "in recent times we have been witnessing increasing amount of arbitrariness in beer regulation in the state which is threatening the industry growth as is evident from the recent trends in beer sales in the state."

Rubrik unveils new capabilities to enhance cyber resilience

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI

In its ongoing commitment to deliver comprehensive cyber resiliency, Rubrik on Wednesday announced significant innovations designed to enhance protection for cloud, SaaS, and on-premises environments. The innovations aim to provide customers with even more ability to anticipate breaches, detect potential threats, and recover with speed and efficiency no matter where their data lives. "Cyber criminals will not stop innovating, and neither will we. Our utmost priority is the security, safety, and appropriate accessibility of our customer's data, regardless

of where the data lives," said Arvind Nithrakashyap, chief technology officer and co-founder of Rubrik. "We are seamlessly integrating new technologies across the world's major cloud platforms, SaaS offerings, and on-premises so our customers can better detect compromised data, enhance the speed of identifying affected data, and accelerate the discovery of clean entry points," he added. "The timing is critical, as leading Indian enterprises accelerate their cloud adoption, they also see cyber-risk and realise the urgent need for cyber-resilience," said Ashish Gupta, managing director India and head of engineering, Rubrik India.

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Real Madrid defeats Atletico 2-1 in Champions League



PRESS TRUST OF INDIA ■ MADRID

A superb goal from Brahim Diaz helped Real Madrid maintain its dominance of the Madrid derby on Europe's biggest stage with a 2-1 victory over bitter rival Atletico in the first leg of their Champions League last 16 tie on Tuesday. Atletico has been beaten by the record 15-time European champion in both Champions League final matchups and has won only three of 11 meetings with their city rivals in UEFA competitions. Also Tuesday, Arsenal made a massive step toward a quarterfinal spot with a 7-1 win at PSV Eindhoven. It was the biggest victory in an away match in the knockout stage of the Champions League, UEFA said.

"It's a massive result away from home in a competition that we love, that we miss for so many years," Arsenal manager Mikel Arteta said. "Today is a really special night for us." On a good night for Premier League teams, Aston Villa won 3-1 at Club Brugge, and Borussia Dortmund drew 1-1 with Lille.

A tense encounter in the Spanish capital was decided by a moment of individual brilliance. Diaz scored the winner for Real Madrid after squeezing past a couple of Atletico players and curling a low strike into the far corner in the 55th minute. Diego Simeone's team could not change the script after

losing its finals to Madrid in 2014 and 2016. It was also eliminated the other two times they faced off in the knockout rounds — in the 2015 quarterfinals and 2017 semifinals. Playing at home at Santiago Bernabeu stadium, Real Madrid took the lead on its first chance through a great goal from Rodrygo. After being picked up down the flank, he cut inside the box, was too fast for defenders and beautifully curled the ball into the back of the net.

"It stemmed from a nice ball from Fede Valverde," Rodrygo said. "He absolutely read my movement and put the ball in behind the man covering me. I made a little dribble inside and then smashed it off my left."

Atletico patiently waited for an opportunity. It came in the 32nd minute and Julian Alvarez seized it with a spectacular strike. The forward collected the ball down the left, cut inside the box and curled the ball past Thibaut Courtois for his seventh goal in the tournament this season. "I leave with the feeling that we competed well," Atletico coach Diego Simeone said. "We could have done more in terms of the goals we conceded. We must continue with this rhythm for the second leg, which will be tough and difficult, and in which we will have the support of our fans." Gunners romp to emphatic win Arsenal, which returned to the

Champions League after a six-year absence last season, got off a shaky start and Jurrien Timber scored against the run of the play with a header at the far post, just after PSV hit the woodwork. The London team never looked back after that and led 3-0 at the half-hour mark. Seventeen-year-old Ethan Nwaneri doubled the lead in the 21st after his teammates combined well in the area to set him up. Mikel Merino then made the most of the confusion in the box to make it 3-0 after PSV repeatedly failed to clear the ball. A silly foul from Thomas Partey on Luuk de Jong in the box gave PSV some hope before halftime and Noa Lang converted. But PSV crumbled once back from the locker room. Arsenal captain Martin Odegaard scored twice, with Leandro Trossard and Riccardo Calafiori adding more luster to the win.

Dortmund held Last season's runner-up Borussia Dortmund is evenly matched with Lille ahead of the second leg after Hakon Arnar Haraldsson's goal salvaged a 1-1 draw for the French team. Dortmund led thanks to Karim Adeyemi's low shot from outside the box in the 22nd minute, but Canada forward Jonathan David sliced open the Dortmund defense with a through ball in the 68th for Haraldsson to level the score. **Aston Villa wins away**

Aston Villa shook off its poor away form, and it was largely due to an own goal from a rival player. A turning point came in the 82nd minute when Club Brugge defender Brandon Mechele beat his own goalkeeper with the teams tied 1-1. Mechele slid to stop a cross from Morgan Rogers, only to deflect into the back of the net. Before that, the Belgian side had looked solid, enjoyed most of the possession and created the best chances in the second half. Looking demoralized, the hosts then conceded a late penalty that was converted by substitute Marco Asensio. Villa had suffered two away defeats in the group phase of the tournament, including one at Club Brugge. In the Premier League, the team has lost seven of 13 away matches. The visitors needed less than three minutes to take the lead when Leon Bailey swept the ball home. Club Brugge leveled two minutes later after a long ball in the back of Villa's defenders found Christos Tzolislis. He came into the area and delivered an excellent cut back pass for the unmarked Maxim De Cuyper, who beat Emiliano Martinez with his left foot, into the far corner. On Wednesday, it will be Paris Saint-Germain hosting Liverpool, Inter Milan visiting Feyenoord, Benfica taking on Barcelona, and Bayern Munich welcoming fellow German club Bayer Leverkusen.



A Sharath announces retirement

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA ■ CHENNAI

Indian table tennis legend A Sharath Kamal will hang up his racket and the iconic bandana later this month, having stayed at the top of his game for more than 22 years and resisting the temptation of lasting another Olympic cycle at the ripe old age of 42. In his own words, life has come full circle for one of India's finest athletes who will say goodbye to professional table tennis in front of his friends and family in Chennai, where the WTT (World Table Tennis) Star Contender and his swansong will be staged from March 25 to 30. Sharath's contribution to the game goes beyond the staggering numbers, including seven gold medals at the Commonwealth Games, two path-breaking bronze medals at the Asian Games and five appearances at the Summer Olympics. Paris last year was easily the highlight for him as an Olympian, having received the honour of carrying India's flag at the opening ceremony. The results did not go his way in the French capital but considering his fitness and ranking (he remains India's highest ranked player at no. 42),

Sharath decided to carry on for another season and take it from there. Another Commonwealth Games and Asian Games are on the horizon but Sharath has had enough. "Not saying I am letting it go completely, but this is certainly the end for us on the big tables, in front of the big crowds. Time to give my bandana and racket some rest," he said. "Grateful beyond words for all the joy, for all the love, for all the pain, for all the lessons, and for all the people this sport has given me." For the better of the past two decades, Sharath inspired the younger generation to take up the sport before Manika Batra emerged to share that responsibility. Sharath not only lifted the profile of the sport, he announced the arrival of Indian table tennis on the global stage and made his presence felt against the all-conquering Chinese and other Asian giants including Japan and South Korea. His booming forehand made his opponents nervous and over time, he continued to evolve and developed an equally lethal backhand. Kamlesh Mehta, an Arjuna awardee and another fine player

to have come out of India, listed out the reason for Sharath's longevity in the game. "The game has changed so much in the last 20 years. When he started, he was not doing the backhand banana flick. He had to learn that banana flick and strengthen his backhand. He was able to make those changes, learn new things and put it in his game. That's the reason he could sustain himself for so long," Mehta told PTI. As an elite athlete, Sharath had his share of ups and downs. The hip and hamstring injury he suffered during the 2015 World Championships was a major setback in his career. "Many people had written him off after that injury but he came back stronger," recalled Mehta. Some of India's table tennis' best results coincided with the twilight of Sharath's career. With Sharath now having the support of a formidable bench strength, India were able to stun Japan for a bronze medal at the 2018 Asian Games. Fellow Chennai resident G Sathiyam was the architect of that famous win. Another unthinkable happened when he and Manika teamed up to land a historic mixed doubles bronze in Jakarta. Even Sharath did not see it coming on the highly competitive continental

stage. There was no stopping him as he entered his 40s, bullish about his returns at what was going to be his final appearance at the Commonwealth Games. Ahead of the 2022 edition in Birmingham, he had to work doubly hard to maintain his fitness as his battered and bruised body was not responding to the zeal of a teenager. With an unprecedented three gold medals, he surpassed his own expectations. "Even the players ask me how I am able to add a new stroke every time I play them. I don't have a proper answer to that, I can only say it is not easy. "What I have been able to do at 40 is unbelievable in a very positive way. How am I able to still play like this?" Sharath had wondered after the bull run in Birmingham 2022. Three years later, he remains a potent force on the pro circuit and would like to say goodbye to competitive table tennis on a high later this month. Sharath also has a wise head on his shoulders as a witness to his retirement well in advance. He is the first Indian to be elected into the International Table Tennis Federation (ITTF) athletes' commission.

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CHANGE OF NAME

I, Suneha D/O Parvez Masih R/O Ghuman Kalan, Distt- Gurdaspur, Punjab, India. Have Changed My Name From Suneha To Suneha Gill.

I, Sarabjit Kaur C/O Sampuran Singh R/O Vill-Shahur Kalan, Dostpur, Gurdaspur, Punjab-143526. Have Changed My Name From Sarabjit Kaur To Sarabjit Kaur.

I, JC-194806L Ex Sub Som Raj resident of Village - Nangal, PO - Nangal Bhoor, Tehsil and Distt Pathankot (Punjab), have changed the name of my daughter from Kumari Rajini Bala to Rajni Bala vide Affidavit No : IN-PB13202301076339X Dated 05-03-2025 before Executive Magistrate Pathankot (Punjab).

I, Santosh Kumari W/o No. 2657465 Ex Sep Late Darshan Lal resident of Village - Budha Nagar, PO - Malakpur, Tehsil and Distt Pathankot (Punjab), have changed my name from Santosh Rani to Santosh Kumari vide Affidavit No : IN-PB13291736207967X Dated 05-03-2025 before Executive Magistrate Pathankot (Punjab).

I, No. 14231579M Ex Hav (Hony N/Sub) Sat Pal resident of VPO - Gharota Kalan, Tehsil and Distt Pathankot (Punjab), have changed the name of my wife from Nirmala Devi to Nirmala Devi vide Affidavit No : IN-PB13105738143848X Dated 05-03-2025 before Executive Magistrate Pathankot (Punjab).

I, No. 1079689P Ex NK(TS) Dilwara Singh resident of Village - Datial, PO - Narot Jaimal Singh, Tehsil and Distt Pathankot (Punjab), have changed the name of my wife from Champa to Champa Rani vide Affidavit No : IN-PB13092592199844X Dated 05-03-2025 before Executive Magistrate Pathankot (Punjab).

I, Diksha Devi D/o No. JC-757349H, Ex Sub Maj/Hony Lt Mohinder Singh R/o VPO - Khubru, Teh.- Ganaur, Distt. - Sonipat (Haryana) have changed my name from Nidhi Sharma to Diksha Devi vide affidavit dated 05 Mar 2025 before Sonipat (Haryana) Court. In future I should be known as only Diksha Devi.

I, Tejbir S/o No. 69086604P, Ex Naik (Late) Raj Kishan R/O VPO- Ishapur Kheri, Teh. - Gohana, Dist.- Sonipat (Haryana) have changed my name from Tejvir Singh to Tejbir vide affidavit dated 05 Mar 2025 before Sonipat (Haryana) Court. In future I should be known as only Tejbir.

I, Raghuraj Singh Father of No.17000582K NK Yogendra Singh Shaktawat resident of Village- Ninora, Post- Piplia Mandi, Tehsil- Malhargarh, District- Mandsaur, State- Madhya Pradesh, Pin-458664, have changed my name from Raghuraj Singh to Raghuraj Singh Shaktawat vide affidavit No.IN- PB12973425682084X dated 04 March 2026 before notary public Pathankot

I, Jaishree Rathore spouse of No.17000582K NK Yogendra Singh Shaktawat resident of Village- Ninora, Post- Piplia Mandi, Tehsil- Malhargarh, District- Mandsaur, State- Madhya Pradesh, Pin-458664, have changed my name from Jaishree Rathore to Jaishree Shaktawat vide affidavit No.IN- PB12972094818296X dated 04 March 2026 before notary public Pathankot

I, Govind Kunwar Mother of No.17000582K NK Yogendra Singh Shaktawat resident of Village- Ninora, Post- Piplia Mandi, Tehsil- Malhargarh, District- Mandsaur, State- Madhya Pradesh, Pin-458664, have changed my name from Govind Kunwar to Govind Kunwar Shaktawat vide affidavit No.IN- PB12973536883486X dated 04 March 2026 before notary public Pathankot

I, Kaushalya Devi spouse of No.JC-542633X Sub Rajendra Singh resident of Village- Amaoun, Post- Khatima, Tehsil- Khatima, District- Udhm Singh Nagar, State- Uttarakhhand, have changed my name from Koushlyya to Kaushalya Devi vide affidavit No.IN- PB1340724821125X dated 05 March 2025 before notary public Pathankot

I, Anthamma Mother of No.14660985H Hav Srinivas E resident of House No.10-78/28, Adharsha Nagar Colony Village- Pothireddypally, Post- Pothireddypally, Tehsil- Sangareddy, District- Sangareddy, State- Telangana, Pin-502295, have changed my name from Anthamma to Egmamidi Ananthamma Vide affidavit No.IN- PB05085652748451X dated 07 Feb 2025 before notary public Pathankot

I, Gaurav Kafaliya Son of No.JC-542633X Sub Rajendra Singh resident of Village- Amaoun, Post- Khatima, Tehsil- Khatima, District- Udhm Singh Nagar, State- Uttarakhhand, have changed my name from Gaurav Singh to Gaurav Kafaliya Vide affidavit No.IN- PB13406617407491X dated 05 March 2025 before notary public Pathankot

I, Hariyan Pradip Kumar resident of Village- Khandadi, Post- Bhikda, Tehsil- Ghogha, District- Bhavnagar, State- Gujarat, Pin-364060, have changed my Son name from Hariyan Harsh to Harsh Vide affidavit No.IN-PB13331108322968X dated 05 March 2025 before notary public Pathankot

I, Km Aakrati Daughter of No.JC-773875L Sub Vinod Kumar resident of Village- Pal, Post- Ahirwa, Tehsil- Bhongaon, District- Mainpuri, State- Uttar Pradesh, Pin-205001, have changed my name from Kumari Chanchal to Km Aakrati Vide affidavit No.IN- PB12970561291435X dated 04 March 2025 before notary public Pathankot

I, Badri Prasad Father of No.4489788F NK Rakesh resident of Village- Ghatasher, Post- Chilro, Tehsil- Narnaul, District- Mahendragarh, State- Haryana, Pin-123001, have changed my name from Badri Parshad to Badri Prasad Vide affidavit No.IN- PB13404862278937X dated 05 March 2025 before notary public Pathankot

I, Vikas S/o Ram Dayal R/O House No. 61, Bhagat Singh Colony, Gali No.4, Backside New Bus Stand Kaithal, District-Kaithal, Haryana have changed my name from Vikas to Vikas Beeka.

I, Harminder Singh Saini S/o Sh. Rattan Singh R/O House No. 14, Sector 4 Panchkula (Haryana)- 134109 declare that I have changed my name from Harminder Singh Saini to Harminder Singh.

I, Gavarayya is Father of Army No: JC343325A Rank: NB Sub Name- Lokanadham Paila Presently Posted At Unit: CME, Pune Maharashtra-411031 Permanent Address: 4-16, Kotabommali Mandalam, Vill: Udikalapadu, Post: Nimmada, District: Srikakulam, State: Andhra Pradesh, Pincode: 532430 Declare That I Have Changed My Name From Gavarayya To Paila Gavarayya. Vide Affidavit No:48aa 901473, Dated: 05/03/2025

I, Paila Gavarayya is Father Of Army No: JC343325a Rank: N/S Sub Name- Lokanadham Paila Presently Posted At Unit: Cme, Pune Maharashtra-411031 Permanent Address: 4-16, Kotabommali Mandalam, Vill: Udikalapadu, Post: Nimmada, District: Srikakulam, State: Andhra Pradesh, Pincode: 532430 Declare That I Have Correct My Date Of Birth From 23/10/1967 To 01/01/1967. Vide Affidavit No:48aa 901485, Dated:05/03/2025

I, Rupibai S Rathod is Mother Of Army No: 15331320F Rank: Hav Name- Sanjeev Rathod Presently Residing At 163 Br Coy, 16 Engr Br Regt (Pms), Chandimandir Cantt Panchkula, Haryana Declare That I Have Changed My Name From Rupibai S Rathod To Roopalabai Sevu Lamani And Also Correct My Date Of Birth From 01/05/1965 To 01/01/1963

I, Army No-6495775m Rank-Hav/Ash Name- Ratikan Pradhan Presently Posted At Unit: 795 Asc Bn (Am) Pin: 905795 C/O 56 Apo N-Area Chandigarh Permanent Address: Vill- Kashadihi, Post-Kashadihi, Dist-Dhenkanal, State- Odisha, Pin-759025 Declare That I Have Changed My Daughter's Name From Snehasnidha Pradhan To Sneha Singdha Pradhan. Vide Affidavit No:48aa 901474, Dated:05/03/2025

I, Piyar Kaur Is Mother Of Army No: 15576210H Rank: Nk (L) Name- Hardeep Singh Presently Posted At Unit : 105 Engr Regt C/O 56 Apo Permanent Address: Vill: Sampali, Post: Pamaur, Dist: Fatehgarh Sahib, Teh: Bassi Pathana, State: Punjab, Pin: 140406 Declare That I Have Correct My Date Of Birth From 22/03/1959 To 01/01/1951. Vide Affidavit No-48aa 901500, Dated: 05/03/2025

I, Piara Kaur Is Mother Of Army No: 15576210H Rank: Nk (L) Name- Hardeep Singh Presently Posted At Unit : 105 Engr Regt C/O 56 Apo Permanent Address: Vill: Sampali, Post: Pamaur, Dist: Fatehgarh Sahib, Teh: Bassi Pathana, State: Punjab, Pin: 140406 Declare That I Have Changed My Name From Piara Kaur To Piyar Kaur. Vide Affidavit No-48aa 901499, Dated: 05/03/2025

I, Sevu K Rathod Is Father Of Army No: 15331320F Rank: Hav Name- Sanjeev Rathod Presently Residing At 163 Br Coy, 16 Engr Br Regt (Pms), Chandimandir Cantt Panchkula, Haryana Eclare That I Have Changed My Name From Sevu K Rathod To Sevu Kesu Rathod And Also Correct My Date Of Birth From 01/05/1960 To 01/06/1954

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I, Ranbir S/o Sh. Banwari Lal R/O Village Manoharpur Tehsil and District Jind Have Changed My Name From Ranbir To Ranbir Singh.

I, Guddi W/o Sh. Ranbir Singh R/o Village Manoharpur Tehsil and District Jind Have Changed My Name From Guddi To Guddi Devi.

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I, Amit Garg S/o Surinder Kumar R/O Jaitu (Faridkot) have changed my name to Amit Kumar.

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I, Kuldeep Kaur W/o Baldev Singh R/O 166 Gola Fattu Ki, VPO pandori Gola, Tehsil & Distt Tarn Taran have changed my name to kuldeep Kaur concerned Note.

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I Manjeet Singh S/O Gurmukh Singh R/O Green Avenue Bath Road Malian Khurd Tehsil & District Tarn Taran Have Changed My Name From Manjeet Singh To Manjit Singh.

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Smith announces retirement from ODI cricket

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA ■ DUBAI

Australia's stand-in skipper Steve Smith on Wednesday announced his retirement from ODI cricket following his team's four-wicket loss to India in the Champions Trophy (CT) semifinal here but the star batter will continue to play Tests and T20 Internationals. The 35-year-old, who was leading the world champion side in the absence of an injured Pat Cummins, informed his teammates after the match that he would be stepping away from the 50-over format with immediate effect.

Reflecting on his decision, Smith said it was the right time to step aside as Australia builds itself for the 2027 ODI World Cup. "It has been a great ride, and I have loved every minute of it," Smith said. "There have been so many amazing times and wonderful memories. Winning two World Cups was a great highlight along with the many fantastic team-mates who shared the journey," he added



in a media release shared by Cricket Australia. A key member of Australia's victorious 2015 and 2023 ICC World Cup-winning teams, Smith was named Australia's men's ODI Player of the Year in 2015 and 2021 and earned a place in the ICC men's ODI Team of the Year in 2015. He took over the ODI captaincy in 2015 and, fittingly, led the side one last time in his final match. "Now is a great opportunity

for people to start preparing for the 2027 World Cup so it feels like the right time to make way," he said. The veteran of 170 ODIs said Test cricket remains a priority and he is looking forward to the World Test Championship Final in June. "I feel I still have a lot to contribute on that stage," he said. "Now is a great opportunity for people to start preparing for the 2027 World Cup, so it

feels like the right time to make way," he added. Smith leaves behind a stellar ODI legacy built over a period of more than 15 years, since making his debut as a leg-spinning all-rounder against the West Indies in 2010. Over the years, he transformed into one of Australia's most dependable batters, accumulating 5,800 runs at an average of 43.28, including 12 centuries and 35 half-centuries. He also

chipped in with 28 wickets at 34.67.

Tributes pour in from CA Tributes poured in for the star with CA chief executive Todd Greenberg and chairman of selectors George Bailey hailing Smith's immense contribution to Australian cricket. "Congratulations to Steve on an amazing One Day International career during which he has made a vast contribution to Australia's performances in the 50-over format," stated Greenberg. "Right up until his final ODI innings Steve exhibited an incredible ability to accumulate runs in all conditions and his astute leadership has been crucial in the team's ongoing success including the 2015 and 2023 ICC World Cup victories. "We're fortunate Steve still has much to offer in the Test and T20 arenas and I look forward to witnessing the next stage of one of cricket's great careers," Greenberg added. Bailey echoed the sentiment. "We fully understand and support Steve's decision to retire from One Day International cricket.

We still have not played perfect game: Gambhir

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA ■ DUBAI

Not the one to be easily pleased, India head coach Gautam Gambhir said his team is still searching for that "perfect game" despite entering the Champions Trophy (CT) final with an all-win record and he is hopeful that it would come in the summit clash on Sunday. India trounced Australia by four wickets in the first semifinal here on Tuesday, with senior batter Virat Kohli making a well-paced 84.

"See, in international sport, you want to keep improving. You don't say that you've ticked all the boxes. We still haven't played a perfect game. I will never be satisfied with the performances," Gambhir said in the post-match press conference. Gambhir hoped that India can produce that "perfect game" in the Champions Trophy title clash on March 9. "We still have one more game to go. Hopefully, we can play a perfect game. We want to keep



improving, we want to be ruthless on the cricket field but absolutely humble off the field as well," he added. India have taken some bold calls such as playing four spinners, promoting Axar Patel to No.5 and pushing down KL Rahul to No. 6 to suit the team's needs. It may look illogical from outside but for Gambhir they were minor pieces in the grand plans of keeping the players "out of the comfort zone" to extract the best out of them.

"I think cricket is all about being out of your comfort zone, and that is how you grow. If everyone is in their comfort zone, then there is stagnation. So, I believe, and you've seen the results. I know you guys will keep going back to 3-1 in Australia. "But everyone in the dressing room is staying out of the comfort zone be it the coaching staff, be it the players and hopefully we continue to do what is important for Indian cricket," he said.



Praggnanandhaa draws with Shankland in Prague Masters

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA ■ PRAGUE

Grandmasters R Praggnanandhaa and Aravindh Chithambaram continued to remain in joint lead after drawing their sixth-round games in the Prague Masters Chess tournament here.

Praggnanandhaa was held to a draw by Sam Shankland of the United States, while Aravindh split the point with Quang Leim Le of Vietnam to be on four points out of a possible six, on a day when all the games were drawn for the first time in the tournament.

Praggnanandhaa and Aravindh continued to be followed by top seed Wei Yi of China, Anish Giri of Holland, Vincent Keymer of Germany and Quang Leim, all of whom are on three points apiece.

Another half-point behind are the Czech duo of Nguyen Thai Dai Van and David Navara, Gurel Ediz of Turkey and Shankland. With three more rounds to come, Praggnanandhaa holds the edge over Aravindh as he is set to play the next two games with white pieces.

Aravindh, on the other hand, has only one game with white left. The seventh round will be crucial for Praggnanandhaa as he takes on Wei Yi, while Aravindh will meet Anish, who has drawn all his games so far.

Praggnanandhaa was under pressure for some time in the middle game against his American opponent, who played white. The opening featured a regular Italian game and Shankland threw

open the position with a knight sacrifice on the king side. Soon after, Praggnanandhaa had to part with one of his rooks for a minor piece, and what resulted was a very complex position.

Navigating between better and equal thereon, the Indian allowed Shankland to go for a forced repetition and the game was drawn after 43 moves. Playing white, Aravindh faced the Queen's gambit declined – one of the most classical setups for decades now – and had his forces around the centre right from the word go.

However, as the game progressed, Quang Leim remained impregnable, and by the 19th move itself the players had exchanged as many as three minor pieces and two pawns.

The pawn structure took a small turn when Aravindh decided to part with his last bishop for a knight but black had nothing to worry about. The players soon arrived at a rook-and-pawns endgame where the draw was a just result after 32 moves.

In the Challengers section, the fortunes of Divya Deshmukh did not change as she suffered another defeat and was pushed to the sole last spot among 10 players. Vclav Finel defeated Divya in a rook-and-minor-piece endgame leaving the Indian on 1.5 points.

Jonas Buhl Bjerre of Denmark regained the joint lead by beating Marc'Andria Maurizzi of France. The Dane shares the top spot with Nodirbek Yakubboev of Uzbekistan.

Sreesanth backs India to win Champions Trophy final

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Team India simply looks unstoppable, exuding confidence, energy and dominance and World Cup-winning former India pacer Sreesanth feels no side can stand in their way in the Champions Trophy final on Sunday.

The Rohit Sharma-led side trounced reigning world champions Australia by four wickets in the first semifinal here on Tuesday to make it four wins out of four in the ICC showpiece.

"They now await the winners of New Zealand and South Africa for the Sunday's summit clash.

"Doesn't matter who the opponents are in the final – India are going to win," the 2007 T20 World Cup and 2011 ODI World Cup winner told PTI Video.

"There is so much positive energy. They are playing some wonderful cricket. The way



Virat Kohli anchoring the chase, the way Shreyas Iyer has stepped up – let's just keep our fingers crossed."

Sreesanth also emphasised the importance of staying grounded.

"Let's be humble in our process. That's what Mahi bhai (MS Dhoni) used to say – one of the best captains I've played with.

"Even Sourav Ganguly used to say the same. Dada always used to say, let's be humble and trust the process. That's exactly what the Indian team

is doing... Gautam (Gambhir) bhai is doing a great job," he observed.

Mohammad Shami, returning after a 14-month injury layoff, has once again emerged as India's leading wicket-taker in a world tournament, claiming eight wickets. He shares the top spot with New Zealand's Matt Henry, both having taken eight wickets. Shami was the highest wicket-taker in the 2023 World Cup, with 24 wickets, where India finished as runners-up to Australia. That tournament

marked his last appearance before the injury layoff.

"Shami 'one of the biggest fighters. I remember seeing him bowl at the nets. I used to tell him, 'Shami, you will go a long way', and I like it a lot because of the way he has upgraded himself.

"Playing for the country, forgetting the past, looking ahead, even after coming back from injury and doing well, getting the wicket in the first over..."

Sreesanth also believes India's domination in world cricket has well and truly arrived.

"Absolutely, there's no doubt that India will dominate world cricket for years to come. The talent pipeline is incredible – from domestic cricket to Under-19 tournaments to women's cricket, the system is flourishing. We have to thank the BCCI and Jay Shah for building such a strong foundation. The support system, the sponsorships, the structure – India are well ahead of the rest of the world."



Trying to get my rhythm, says Shami

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA ■ DUBAI

Mohammed Shami conceded that operating as India's lone front-line pacer after coming back from a lengthy injury layoff has been a heavy "responsibility" but said he is trying to regain his "rhythm" to suit the team's needs in the ongoing Champions Trophy (CT).

Throughout the ICC showpiece here, Shami has shared the new ball duties with either Harshit Rana or Hardik Pandya because of the injury-forced absence of Jasprit Bumrah.

Rana is still learning the ropes, while Pandya is an all-rounder and delivering 10 overs in an ODI is not precisely his territory. Shami has so far picked eight wickets in the tournament.

"I am trying to get my rhythm back and contribute more for the team. It is a responsibility when there are no two proper fast bowlers and I have to shoulder more responsibility," Shami said in a mixed zone interaction after India's semifinal victory over Australia here on Tuesday night.

Shami said his workload is heavier without Bumrah steaming in at the other end but he is trying to give more than a 100 per cent to the role. "There is a load when you are the one main fast bowler and the other is an all-rounder. You have to pick wickets and lead from the front.

"I have become used to this load and am trying my best to make it easy for others and

give more than 100 per cent," he said. Shami was sidelined for over a year with an ankle injury that he picked during the 2023 ODI World Cup. The veteran said he is now ready to shoulder the responsibility of bowling long spells.

"The trust debate ends when you get selected in the team. I don't think that one should worry about his fitness too much. We just need to put in the effort and see how your body takes it. After all, we are labourers.

"I am now ready to bowl long spells. Short spells are anyways easy – 6 balls or 12 balls – and in limited-overs cricket it doesn't matter whether it's 10 or six overs," he noted.

The 34-year-old has bowled his full quota of 10 overs against Bangladesh and Australia, while he bowled just eight and four overs against Pakistan and New Zealand respectively in the earlier matches, primarily because spinners bowled nearly 35 overs in those games. Being at one venue helped me

Shami said it is an advantage for him that all of India's Champions Trophy matches are being played in Dubai. "It has definitely helped us because we know the conditions and the behaviour of the pitch. It is a plus point that you are playing all the matches at one venue.

"The main thing is to gauge the conditions and know how the pitch behaves because you are playing at one venue and you can get to know it well," he said.

You cannot build pressure on Kohli: Agar

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA ■ NEW DELHI

Batting stalwart Virat Kohli can be a bowler's nightmare when on song and his repertoire of strokes make it nearly impossible to "build pressure on him", said Australian spinner Ashton Agar following another masterclass from the Indian ace in the Champions Trophy semifinal.

Kohli added to his match-winning unbeaten century against Pakistan in the group stage by slamming a fluent 84 against Australia in Dubai to guide India into the final of the marquee tournament.

"It is not the damage that he can do to the fence, it's just the fact that you cannot build pressure on him. So it's really hard to get him out in a sense. You never really feel like you're on top of him unless the ball is really spinning. And you don't get a lot of pitches in one-day



cricket like that," left-arm spinner Agar, who has taken 79 wickets across formats for Australia, said on ESPNcricinfo's Match Day.

Kohli's ability to find the gaps and squeezing ones and twos with ease too drew praise from the Australian cricketer, who said that for a bowler it's really "frustrating".

"That's the frustrating part about bowling to him. He has this fantastic ability to hit your best ball, the top of

middle stump, slightly spinning away, he holds the bat's face slightly longer than other batters do, opens it in the last second, and hits it in the cover point gap. He's probably the best in the world at doing that and he's very difficult to build pressure on."

Agar added that Kohli was the fulcrum around which the Indian team built the innings to overcome Australia. "India batted around Virat

beautifully. The guys who came in kept pushing the rate and allowed Virat to do his thing, hit the odd boundary and just keep ticking over. I saw a stat that Virat has scored the most singles since the year 2000, which is phenomenal. It was a bit of a masterclass from him and all the batters contributed nicely."

Kohli's effort included 56 singles and four twos, indicating his exemplary fitness level.

Former India cricketer Sanjay Manjrekar added, the fact that Kohli is able to find the gaps despite five fielders inside the circle is a testament to his mastery over batting.

"Now you have five fielders inside the circle, so it's not easy as it used to be -- like during our times -- when you had four fielders. Very rarely has he hit the ball straight to the fielder and hasn't got a run," said Manjrekar.

Playing fearless cricket while remaining calm has worked for me: Rahane

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA ■ MUMBAI

Kolkata Knight Riders captain Ajinkya Rahane has credited his success in the Indian Premier League and domestic T20s to playing "fearless cricket" while remaining calm.

The 36-year-old topped the batting charts in the previous edition of the Syed Mushtaq Ali Trophy with 469 runs, including five half-centuries, at a strike rate of 164.56. His aggressive approach also paid off in the IPL where he was the batting mainstay for Chennai Super Kings in the last two editions.

"It was always about being an anchor and the others would play around me. (But the) last 2-3 years, it's always about playing with freedom, fearless cricket and go out and back my game," Rahane, the brand ambassador of Skillhub Online Games Federation, said here on Tuesday.

"I am trying to do that (play fearless cricket) but it's (also) about following my processes and routines and staying loyal and truthful to the game.

Rahane, who led Mumbai into the Ranji Trophy semifinal and scored 467 runs, said he would carry the confidence from domestic cricket into the upcoming edition of the IPL.

"For me, personally, batting-wise I am doing really well. Syed Mushtaq Ali Trophy was really good for me, I had a really good domestic season. So, I am really confident about myself," he said.

"It is just about staying in the moment, staying calm and keep backing myself, not to think too much ahead and not to think about the past. It's always about improving and enjoying my game," he added.

Rahane felt that India's victory in the Champions Trophy semifinal in Dubai on Tuesday could also be attributed to the side not



dwelling into the past record against Australia in the knockouts of ICC tournaments. Before Rohit Sharma's side won the match by four wickets, India had never beaten Australia in the knockouts of ICC tournaments since the quarterfinal of the 2011 World Cup in India.

India had lost to Australia in the 2015 Cricket World Cup semifinal, the 2023 World Cup final and the 2023 World Test Championship final.

"Very happy that India has won the semifinal against Australia and have entered the final. I want to congratulate the team and I am sure they will do well in the final," Rahane said.

"What happened in the past is gone, the team must be thinking about the present and their aim was to beat Australia... To beat them in the semifinal.

"Obviously, what has happened in the past keeps playing on the mind but, as a cricketer, your

mind is always in the moment, in the present, to do well in that game to win the match," Rahane said.

Rahane, who has been appointed KKR captain ahead of the upcoming IPL season, said he would like the defending IPL champions to keep it simple.

"Our team is really good, everyone is playing really well. We had a camp in Mumbai, all the domestic players were here but international players are also playing which is really good," he said.

"We won the championship last year but again this year it is about starting from the scratch, starting from zero. T20 is a funny format and IPL is a challenging tournament.

"I am happy and humbled to be captain of the KKR team. We would like to keep it simple, take one game at a time and stay in the moment and enjoy the format," Rahane added.