



Local residents claim that this is not an isolated incident. They allege that some resort operators are encouraging such events in pursuit of higher profits. Large groups from Delhi, Haryana, Meerut, Gurugram, Noida and other places reportedly visit this region primarily for weekend parties featuring alcohol, DJ nights and even objectionable activities in some cases.

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BEDKHALI NOTICE

I, Mazid Mohammad R/o #1242, Morigate, Manimajra Chandigarh declare that My son Shazad is out of my control. I debar him from all my moveable and immovable properties. If anybody deals with him we will not be responsible.

We, Sham Sundar Arora S/o Des Ram and Kachan Arora W/o Sham Sundar Arora R/o Model Town Tehsil Pehowa District Kurukshetra, our son Sahil are out of our control. We, disown her from all moveable and immovable properties. If anybody deals with her at their own risk.

We, Rachna W/o Atul and Atul S/o Naresh Kumar R/o 6546, OP Lahori Gate Amrik Singh Nagar, Amritsar have declare that our son Pratham and daughter Bhawna are out of our control we disinherit them from our all movable and immovable properties anybody deal with them is his own risk and responsibility.

I, Sukhbir Singh Kaushik S/o Sh. Amrit Lal R/o H.No. 161, New Vishal Nagar, Rohtak Haryana declare that my Bhaskar Kaushik and his wife Gayatri Sharma are out of my control. So I disown them from my all moveable/immmoveable properties. Any body dealing with them at their own risk. I or my family are not responsible for any type of their any legal or illegal acts.

We, Tek Chand Goyal S/o Mohan Lal Goyal and Anjali Goyal W/o Tek Chand Goyal both R/o H. No. 427, Phase-10, Tehsil and District S.A.S. Nagar (Mohali) Punjab, declare that our daughter Prabya Goyal, is out of our control. We disown her from all our moveable/ immmoveable properties. Anybody dealing with her will do so at their own risk.

I Swarn Kaur W/o Ram Kishan R/o Village Nada, Post office Naya Gaon, District SAS Nagar Mohali Punjab inform that my son Paramjit and his wife Yogita are out of my control. I Disown them from my all moveable and immovable properties. Anybody who deals with them will do at their own Risk.

ਅਸੀਂ ਅੰਮਿਤ ਕੁਮਾਰ ਪੁੱਤਰ ਰਜਿੰਦਰ ਕੁਮਾਰ ਵਾ ਰੇਨੂੰ ਪਤਨੀ ਅੰਮਿਤ ਕੁਮਾਰ ਵਾਸੀਆਨ ਮ.ਨੰ. 17581 ਗਲੀ ਨੰ. 1 ਘਨੀਆ ਨਗਰ ਬਠਿੰਡਾ ਖ਼ਿਆਨ ਕਰਦੇ ਹਾਂ ਕਿ ਸਾਡਾ ਲੜਕਾ ਪ੍ਰਿੰਸ ਜੇ ਕਿ ਸਾਡੇ ਕਹਿਣੇ ਤੋਂ ਬਾਹਰ ਹੈ। ਅਸੀਂ ਇਸ ਨੂੰ ਆਪਣੀ ਚੱਲ-ਅਚੱਲ ਜਾਇਦਾਦ ਤੋਂ ਬੇਦਖਲ ਕਰਦੇ ਹਾਂ। ਇਸ ਨਾਲ ਲੈਣ ਦੇਣ ਕਰਨ ਵਾਲਾ ਖੁਦ ਜ਼ਿੰਮੇਵਾਰ ਹੋਵੇਗਾ। ਸਾਡਾ ਜਾਂ ਸਾਡੇ ਪਰਿਵਾਰ ਦਾ ਕੋਈ ਵੀ ਤਾਲੁਕ ਵਾ ਵਾਸਤਾ ਨਹੀਂ ਹੋਵੇਗਾ।

ਮੈਂ ਕੁਲਦੀਪ ਸਿੰਘ ਪੁੱਤਰ ਜਗੀਰ ਸਿੰਘ ਵਾਸੀ ਪਿੰਡ ਗਰਾੜਵਾਲ, ਤਹਿਸੀਲ ਬਾਬਾ ਬਕਾਲਾ ਸਾਹਿਬ, ਜ਼ਿਲ੍ਹਾ ਅੰਮ੍ਰਿਤਸਰ ਬਿਆਨ ਕਰਦਾ ਹਾਂ ਕਿ ਮੇਰਾ ਲੜਕਾ ਲਵਪ੍ਰੀਤ ਸਿੰਘ ਅਤੇ ਉਸ ਦੀ ਪਤਨੀ ਸੋਨੀਆ ਰਾਣੀ ਮੇਰੇ ਕਹਿਣੇ ਕਰਾ ਤੇ ਬਾਹਰ ਹੈ।ਇਸ ਕਰਕੇ ਮੈਂ ਆਪਣੇ ਨੂੰਹ ਤੇ ਪੁੱਤਰ ਨੂੰ ਆਪਣੀ ਚੱਲ ਅਚੱਲ ਜ਼ਮੀਨ ਜਾਇਦਾਦ ਤੇ ਬੇਦਖਲ ਕਰਦਾ ਹਾਂ। ਇਹਨਾਂ ਨਾਲ ਲੈਣ ਦੇਣ ਕਰਨ ਵਾਲਾ ਉਹ ਖੁੱਦ ਆਪ ਜ਼ਿਮੇਵਾਰ ਹੋਵੇਗਾ। ਸਬੰਧਿਤ ਨੋਟ ਕਰਨ

ਮੈਂ ਮਨੋਜਥਾ ਕੁਮਾਰ ਪੁਤ੍ਰ ਕਿਸ਼ਾਨ ਚੰਦ ਨਿਵਾਸੀ ਗਾਂਢੀ ਨੰਬਰ 2 ਨਜ਼ਦੀਕ ਪਟਵਾਰ ਭਵਨ ਰਤਿਥਾ ਜ਼ਿਲਾ ਫਰੇਹਾਬਾਦ ਸਰ੍ਵਸਾਧਾਰਣ ਕੋ ਸੂਚਿਤ ਕਰਨਾ ਹੂੰ ਕਿ ਮੇਰਾ ਲੜਕਾ ਸ਼ੁੱਧਮ ਕੁਮਾਰ ਵ ਪੁਤ੍ਰਵਰ੍ਥੂ ਚੜ੍ਹਾ ਦੋਨਾਂ ਹੀ ਹੁਸਾਰੇ ਕਹਨੇ ਸੇਂ ਬਾਹਰ ਹੈ, ਜਿਹੌਂ ਹੁਸ ਅਪਨੀ ਕਯ-ਅਚਲ ਸੰਪਤਿ ਸੇ ਬੇਦਖਲ ਕਰਨਾ ਹੂੰ। ਭਵਿਥਯ ਮੈਂ ਜੋ ਭੀ ਝੁਕੇਂ ਸਾਥ ਲੇਨਦੇਨ ਯਾ ਕੋਝੀ ਭੀ ਕਾਰ੍ਯ ਕਰੇਗਾ, ਸ੍ਵਯੰ ਜ਼ਿਮੇਵਾਰੀਂ ਹੋਗਾ।

PUBLIC NOTICE

ਮੈਂ, ਵਿਕਾਸ਼ ਦੱਤਕ ਪੁਤ੍ਰ ਐਮ ਪ੍ਰਕਾਸ਼ ਨਿਵਾਸੀ ਗਾਂਵ-ਮੋਰ ਖੇਡੀ, ਤਹਸੀਲ-ਸਾਂਪਲਾ, ਜ਼ਿਲਾ-ਰੋਹਤਕ ਚੋਧੜਾ ਕਰਨਾ ਹੂੰ ਕਿ ਮੇਰੀ ਸ਼ਾਦੀ 18.02.2014 ਕੋ ਪ੍ਰਿਯੰਕਾ ਪੁਤ੍ਰੀ ਮਹਤਾਬ ਗਾਂਵ ਦਿਸ਼ੋਰ ਖੇਡੀ, ਤਹਸੀਲ ਬਹਾਦੁਰਗੜ੍ਹ, ਜ਼ਿਲਾ ਝੱਜਰ ਸੇ ਹੁੰਦੀ ਥੀ, 4 ਜਨਵਰੀ 2017 ਕੋ ਹਮਾਰੇ ਘਰ ਏਕ ਲੜਕੇ ਨੇ ਜੰਮ੍ਯ ਲਿਆ, ਜਿਸਕਾ ਨਾਮ ਦੱਖ ਹੈ। ਸਿਤੰਬਰ 2025 ਕੋ ਪ੍ਰਿਯੰਕਾ ਹਮਾਰਾ ਘਰ ਛੋੜਕਰ ਚਲੀ ਗਈ ਹੈ। ਮੈਂ ਉਸਸੇ ਅਪਨਾ ਸੰਬੰਧ ਵਿਚ੍ਛੇਦ ਕਰਨਾ ਹੂੰ। ਭਵਿਥਯ ਮੈਂ ਝੁਸਸੇ ਲੇਨ-ਦੇਨ ਕਰਨੇ ਵ ਸੰਬੰਧ ਰਖਨੇ ਵਾਲਾ ਸ੍ਵਯੰ ਜ਼ਿਮੇਵਾਰ ਹੋਗਾ।

I, Vir Pal Salhan S/o Mohinder Pal R/o Village and PO Dagana Kalan, Distt. Hoshiarpur Punjab, India, declare that my passport No. R7815853 My wife name has been wrongly mentioned as Promila. But the correct name of my wife in all documents is Promila Salhan. Concerned note.

I, Mukesh Gupta S/o Satpall Aggarwal R/o Street No. 01, W. No 31, Krishna Lane, Central Town Hoshiarpur 146001 Punjab, India, declare that my father was expire. My passport No. P7588776. My father name has been wrongly mentioned as Satpal Aggarwal. But my all documents my father correct name is Satpall Aggarwal Concerned note.

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

I Baldev Singh S/o Jagar Singh vpo Patti Deep Singh, Bhadaur, Tehsil Tapa, (Barnala) hereby state that the Jamabandi (land record) for my land incorrectly lists my name as Hardev Singh S/o Jagger Singh; whereas my correct name is Baldev Singh S/oJagar Singh. I request that this record be rectified.

I, Soma Rani alias Harpreet Kaur W/o Baljinder Singh R/o Village Theri, District Sri Muktsar Sahib, hereby declare that until today I have been known by both the above-mentioned names. I have now changed my name to Harpreet Kaur. Now I shall be known the name of Harpreet Kaur.

I, Vaishali Mother of 15600474L Spr Pawar Sameer residing at Vill. Pawar Vasti Kundalgaon Distt. Nashik (Maharashtra) 413104 have changed my name from Vaishali to Vaishali Bhavrao Pawar and date of birth 25.05.1975 to 02.01.1977 vide Affidavit date 08.07.2026 before notary public Distt. Court Bathinda (PB).

I, Ushabai Mother of 15573860L hav Dinesh Magan Patil residing at Vill. Kavpimpri Distt. Jalgaon (Maharashtra) 425401 have changed my name from Ushabai to Ushabai Magan Patil and date of birth 12.03.1960 to 01.06.1961 vide Affidavit date 08.07.2026 before notary public Distt. Court Bathinda (PB).

I, Vaishali Dinesh Patil Wife of 15573860L hav Dinesh Magan Patil residing at Vill. Kavpimpri Distt. Jalgaon (Maharashtra) 425401 have changed my date of birth 16.12.1984 to 16.02.1984 vide Affidavit date 08.07.2026 before notary public Distt. Court Bathinda (PB).

I, Magan Father of 15573860L hav Dinesh Magan Patil residing at Vill. Kavpimpri Distt. Jalgaon (Maharashtra) 425401 have changed my name from Magan to Magan Gulabrao Patil and date of birth 01.06.1955 to 01.01.1945 vide Affidavit date 08.07.2026 before notary public Distt. Court Bathinda (PB).

I, Army No 1391817F Ex-Nb Sub Harcharan Singh Chahill R/o St. No. 3, Multania Road Bachan Colony Tehsil & Dist. Bathinda. I have changed My wife name from Jagdip Kaur to Jagdeep Kaur and DOB from 25-05-1954 to 01-05-1955 vide Affidavit No IN-PB67544264582098Y dated 07-07-2026.

CHANGE OF NAME

ਮੈਂ, ਰਾਹੁਲ ਪੁਤ੍ਰ ਸੰਦੀਪ ਨਿਵਾਸੀ ਗਾਂਵ ਧੁੱਲੀ ਮੰਗਲ ਝਾਂ ਤਹਸੀਲ ਵ ਜ਼ਿਲਾ ਹਾਂਸੀ ਬਯਾਨ ਕਰਨਾ ਹੂੰ ਕਿ ਮੇਰੇ ਆਧਾਰ ਕਾਰਡ ਮੈਂ ਮੇਰੇ ਪਿਤਾ ਕਾ ਨਾਮ ਰਾਮਨਾਰਾਯਣ ਤਥਾ ਮੇਰੇ ਸਕੂਲ ਦਸਤਾਵੇਜ਼ ਰਿਕਾਰਡ ਮੈਂ ਸੰਦੀਪ ਦੱਜੇ ਹੈ। ਮੇਰੇ ਪਿਤਾ ਕੋ ਉਪਰੋਕਤ ਰਾਮਨਾਰਾਯਣ ਵ ਸੰਦੀਪ ਦੋਨਾਂ ਨਾਮਾਂ ਸੇ ਜਾਨਾ ਜਾਤਾ ਹੈ। ਅਤ:ਰਾਮਨਾਰਾਯਣ ਵ ਸੰਦੀਪ ਦੋਨੋ ਨਾਮੇ ਮੇਰੇ ਪਿਤਾ ਯਾਨਿ ਏਕ ਹੀ ਕ੍ਯਕਿ ਕੇ ਨਾਮ ਹੈ। ਭਵਿਥਯ ਮੈਂ ਉਹੌਂ ਰਾਮਨਾਰਾਯਣ ਉਫੌ ਸੰਦੀਪ ਨਾਮ ਸੇ ਜਾਨਾ ਵ ਪਹਚਾਨਾ ਜਾਏ।

I, Suman Rani Alias Suman w/o Baljeet r/o Khairati Khera, Tehsil & District Fatehabd Haryana have changed my name from Suman Rani to Suman. In future I should be known as Suman.

I, No. 1234316L Hav Tarlok Singh (Retd) son of Sh. Massa Singh resident of Village Chanda Lubana (Now Jhanda Lubana), PO Bhani Main Khan, Tehsil and Distt Gurdaspur, Punjab have changed name of my dependent daughter from Jasbir to Jasbir Kaur. Concerned note.

I, No. 15201495A Ex-Gnr (MACP Nk) Sushil Kumar S/o Sh. Diwan Singh resident of Village and PO – Datarpur Tehsil - Mukerian Distt. - Hoshiarpur (PB) have changed my daughter's name from Sakshi to Sakshi Choudhary. Concern Note.

I, No. 3988252L Ex-Hav (MACP Nb Sub) Satish Kumar S/o Sh. Thakur Singh resident of Village Bariowal PO Bariowal Tehsil Dasuya Distt Hoshiarpur (PB) have changed my daughter's name from Tamana Thakur to Tamanna Thakur. Concern Note.

I Pushpraj s/i Dina Nath r/o h.no 293 ram Nagar Tehsil camp distt panipat declared change my name from Pushp Raj khursija to Pushpraj and in future my name is Pushpraj.

I Parshotam Dass Bansal s/o shiv ji ram Bansal r/o h.no 120 sukhdev Nagar distt panipat declared change my name from Parshotam Dass Bansal to Parshotam Bansal and in future my name is Parshotam Bansal.

I Gitika D/o Pushpraj r/o h.no 293 ram Nagar Tehsil camp distt panipat declared change my name from Gitika khursija to Gitika and in future my name is Gitika.

I, Anita w/o Parshotam Dass Bansal r/o h.no 120 sukhdev Nagar distt panipat declared change my name from Anita to Anita Bansal and in future my name is Anita Bansal.

I, Rakesh Kumar S/o Som Nath R/o VPO Damla, Distt. Yamuna Nagar, declares that Rakesh Kumar, Rakesh Kumar Gupta and Rakesh Gupta all names are mine One and Same Person.

I, Mehruba wife of Irfan resident of Village Mandauli Tehsil Jagadhri Distt. Yamunanagar have changed my minor son's name from Rehman to Abdul Rehman.

I, Neelam Rani W/o Vijay Kumar R/o Hundewala, Yamuna Nagar, Tehsil Jagadhri, Distt. Yamuna Nagar, Haryana -135003, INDIA have changed my minor daughter's name from Niharika to Niharika Kansye.

I, Neelam Rani W/o Vijay Kumar R/o Hundewala, Yamuna Nagar, Tehsil Jagadhri, Distt. Yamuna Nagar, Haryana -135003, INDIA have changed my minor son's name from Yuvraj to Yuvraj Kansye.

I, Meenakshi W/o Sanjeev Kumar R/o 2228, Sector 18, Part -2, Jagadhri, Tehsil Jagadhri, Distt. Yamuna Nagar, Haryana -135003, INDIA have changed my minor daughter's name from Apeksha to Apeksha Tandon.

I, Shamsher Singh, son of Inder Singh and a resident of Mahmudpur (Tehsil Gohana, Sonipat), state that my name is recorded as Shamsher in the documents of my son, Sourabh Attri, whereas it is recorded as Shamsher Singh in his passport. In my own documents, my name is recorded as Shamsher Singh. Shamsher' and Shamsher Singh are the names of the same person.

I, Surinder Kaur widow daughter of Army No 14307584N Ex Naik (Late) Jagmit Singh and W/o Late Sh. Amarjeet Singh at present resident of VPO- Dhin Tehsil-Barara District- Ambala Haryana 133202 Haryana declare that my correct name Surinder Kaur and DOB 08-06-1981.which is mentioned wrongly Rita and DOB 30-05-1980 in the service records of my deceased father.

I, Subhash Sharma S/o Nand Kishor Sharma R/o B-8, Tarloki ki chakki boh (27) Ambala 133021 declared that I have changed my name from Subhash Kumar to Subhash Sharma. This is for all future references.

I, Shiv Dyal S/o Satpal, R/o village Nagal, P. O Nagal Khajuri, Tehsil Jagadhri, Distt. Yamunanagar, declared that in my minor son Aditya Chouhan's 10th certificate his name is written as Aditya Chauhan which is incorrect. while my son's correct name is Aditya Chouhan.

I, Anjna Jindal W/o Parveen Kumar R/o Jindal House Ward No.4, Amloh, Fatehgarh Sahib, Punjab, I have changed my name from Anjna Jindal to Anjana Jindal.

I, 19002210K Nk Deshmukh Pravin Jagdish S/O Jagdishrao Sudama Deshmukh R/O Village Bhera, Tehsil Malegaon, Distt Washim, Maharashtra Declare That In My Army Service Record Name Of My Wife Erroneously Written As Deshmukh Jagdish Whereas His Correct Name Is Jagdishrao Sudama Deshmukh.

I, JC-294073M Sub Raj Kumar S/O Shree Niwas Singh R/O Tenduni, Po Bikramganj, Distt Rohtas (Bihar) Declare That In My Army Service Record Name Of My Wife Erroneously Written As Kiran Bala Whereas Her Correct Name Is Kumari Kiran Bala. All Concerned Please Note.

I, Nirmala, Mother of Army No.13632178F, Rank: NK, Name: Satpute Laxman Dattarao, Presently Serving in 11 Mahar, residing at Isad, Isad Parbhani Gangakhed Maharashtra-431514, I have changed my name from Nirmala to Nirmala Dattarao Satpute, Vide Affidavit Dated 27 June 2026 Before Notary Public Sub-Divn. Rampur Bsr (H.P.)

I, Nikhil S/o Shri. Ramesh Kumar Vasudev R/o House No. 117, Sector-18 Panchkula Haryana have changed my name from Nikhil to Nikhil Vasudev

I, Satpute Dattarao, Father of Army No.13632178F, Rank: NK, Name: Satpute Laxman Dattarao, Presently Serving in 11 Mahar, residing at Isad, Isad, Parbhani, Gangakhed Maharashtra- 431514, I have changed my name from Satpute Dattarao to Datta Govindrao Satpute. Vide Affidavit Dated 27 June 2026 Before Notery Public Sub-Divn. Rampur Bsr (H.P.)

I, K Subramani Father of Army No.4577007L, Rank: Hav, Name: Arun Kumar S, Presently Serving in 11 Mahar, residing at No.12 New Model House Coromandal, Post KGF, Tehsil- KGF, District- Kolar, State- Karnataka-563118, I have changed my name from K Subramani to Subramani K. Vide Affidavit Dated 02 July 2026 Before Notery Public Thangaraj S, Govt. of India, District- Kolar State Karnataka.

I, No JC-781604H Rank Nb/Sub Name Somnath Vasant Dhame presently serving in 8 R&O Flt/ 661 Army Avn Sqn C/o 56 APO, R/O Vill-Davane Mala, PO-Ambethan, Teh-Khed, Dist- Pune, (Maharashtra) declare that correct name and (D.O.B) of my mother's is Baby Vasant Dhame (07.04.1965) which is mentioned wrongly in my army service record as Baby (01.07.1964), so both names and DOB pertain to one and the same person.

I, No JC-781604H Rank Nb/Sub Name Somnath Vasant Dhame presently serving in 8 R&O Flt/ 661 Army Avn Sqn C/o 56 APO, R/O Vill-Davane Mala, PO-Ambethan, Teh-Khed, Dist- Pune, (Maharashtra) declare that correct name and (D.O.B) of my Father's is Vasant Raosaheb Dhame (01.06.1960) which is mentioned wrongly in my army service record as Vasant (01.07.1960), so both names and DOB pertain to one and the same person.

I, Rinku Kumar S/o. Som Singh R/o. # Village Bhul Khერი, Po Jaidhari, Tehsil-Chhachhrauli, Distt Yamunanagar have changed my minor Son name from Gautam to Gautam.

I, Ramesh Kumar S/o Kanwar Bhan, H.No. 2262/11, Gali Vikram, I/s Lohgar Gate, Amritsar, Punjab-143001 have changed my name from Rakesh Kumar to Rakesh Kumar Verma.

I, Manjeet Singh S/o Balkar Singh R/o Jodhe, PO Jodhe, Distt. Amritsar, Punjab-143204 have changed my name from Manjeet Singh to Manjit Singh.

Manju Arora, formerly known as Manju Bala Arora, wife of Sanjay Arora, residing at 154L/1, Model Town, Sonipat, Haryana do hereby declare that I have changed my name from Manju Bala Arora to Manju Arora. Henceforth, I shall be known and identified by the name Manju Arora for all purposes, including all official records and documents.

I, Neeraj Kalra S/o Radha Krishan R/o H.No.31, Sanjay Vihar, Gobindpura, Yamuna Nagar, Distt. Yamuna Nagar, have changed my name from Neeraj Kumar Kalra to Neeraj Kalra. and changed my father's name from Radha Krishan Kalra to Radha Krishan. In future I will be Know as Neeraj Kalra S/o Radha Krishan.

I, Govindhammal legally mother of Selvaraj M presently residing at 2/306-1, Sajjalapatti, Rayakotta, Distt. Krishnagiri, State-Tamil Nadu -635116 declare That I have changed my name from Govindhammal to Govindhammal Murugan vide Affidavit No. IN-PB67878034554229Y dated 08.07.2026 before the court of Bathinda.

I, Murugan legally father of Selvaraj M presently residing at 2/306-1, Sajjalapatti, Rayakotta, Distt. Krishnagiri, State-Tamil Nadu -635116 declare That I have changed my name from Murugan to Murugan Muniyappan vide Affidavit No. IN-PB67874832572252Y dated 08.07.2026 before the court of Bathinda.

I, P Sathya legally spouse of Selvaraj M presently residing at 2/306-1, Sajjalapatti, Rayakotta, Distt. Krishnagiri, State-Tamil Nadu -635116 declare That I have changed my name from P Sathya to Sathya P vide Affidavit No. IN-PB67874001112853Y dated 08.07.2026 before the court of Bathinda.

I, Savita Bareja, W/o Sh. Yashpal, R/o Flat No. G-902, LA Regencia Phase-2 Ansal, Sushant City Panipat, declare that I have changed after my marriage my name from Savita Satija to Savita Bareja.

I, Saksham Uppal S/O Surrender R/O 361/12 Salara Mohalla Rohtak Haryana-124001.Have Changed My Name To Saksham For All Purposes.

I Jyoti D/o Sh, Roshan Lal Ahuja R/o 611/22 Kailash Colony Rohtak declare that Jyoti and Jyoti Ahuja both the name are one and the same person.

I Kulbir Kaur W/o Sh. Suba Singh R/o VPO Hassanpur, Tehsil Thanesar, Distt Kurukshetra, Haryana has changed my name from Kulbir Kaur to Kulwinder Kaur.

I, Sachin S/o Rakesh R/o House No.548 Bir Ghaghar, PO: Chandi Mandir Cantt, Panchkula Haryana, have changed my name from Sachin to Sachin Gehlot.

I Ramesh Kumar S/o Vashudev R/o House no 76 Singha Mori, Ambala City, Haryana 134003 have changed my minor Son name from NAITIK to NATIK

I, Baljeet Singh S/o Mangat Ram R/o Simbla Tehsil Barara Distt Ambala have changed my minor grand daughter's name from Aarzo to Ashu. In future she will be known as Ashu.

I, Ram Diya son of Sh. Ram Kumar R/o VPO Kheri Gangan, Tehsil Hansi, Distt. Hisar (Haryana) declare that I have changed the name of my minor son from Lakshy to Lakshay for future purpose.

I, Reema D/o Subhash Chander R/o VPO Kharia, Distt. Hisar, Haryana-125001 declare that I have changed my name from Reema to Reema Nain for future purpose.

I, Nishu D/o Ramesh R/o Near Ramdev Kumhar Mandir, VPO Kuleri (56), Hisar, Haryana-125047 do hereby declare that I have changed my name from Nishu to Nishu Goswami for future purpose.

I, Naniya W/o Sh. Subhash R/o Chamar Khera, Sub Teh. Uklana Mandi, Distt. Hisar (Haryana). Now I have changed my name from Naniya to Nanhi Devi and shall hereafter be known and called by the name Nanhi Devi only.

I, Hemvati Devi M/o Harpal Singh presently residing at Air Force Station, Sirsa Pin Code-125055, Haryana have changed my name from HEMVATI DEVI to HEMAVATI vide Affidavit No. 11779 dated 26.06.2026 at Sirsa.

I, Smt Kashmir Kaur Is Legally Wedded Spouse OfNo. Jc-325296N Ex Sub Maj Lakhwinder Singh R/O Village- Marrar Pati Kamo Nangal, Po- Marrar, Tehsil - Batala, Distt- Gurdaspur, State-Punjab. Have Changed My Name From Kasmir Kaur To Kashmir Kaur And Dob Is 09-07-1957 To 01-01-1952.

I, Smt Santosh W/O No.14333276L Hav Gurmit Lal R/O H.No.219, Behrampur Road, Dinanagar, Po- Dinanagar, Tehsil And Distt- Gurdaspur, State- Punjab. Have Changed My Daughter Name From Jyoti Devi To Jyoti Bala And Date Of Birth 05-09-1994 To 04-10-1995.

I, Mandeep S/o Baljeet Singh R/o House No. 1797P, Sector 16-17, Hisar declare that I have changed the name of my minor son from Shorya to Shorya Singh for all future purpose.

I, Surender Kumar S/o Rattan Singh R/o H. No. 1284, UE-II, Hisar declare that I have changed my name from Surender Kumar to Surender Kumar Bhobria for all future purpose.

I, Anil Dhansoiya S/o Suresh Dhansoiya R/o House No. 2804, Sector 9-11, Hisar declare that I have changed my name from Anil Dhansoiya to Anil Jangra for all future purpose.

I, Prabha W/o Sanjay Kumar Bansal R/o House No. 229, Vakilian Bazar Ward No. 05, Hisar declare that I have changed my name from Prabha to Prabha Bansal for all future purpose.

I, Rajesh Saini S/O Chamanlal Saini R/o Flat No. 29, 2nd Floor, PR-7, Sushma Valencia, Zirakpur, Po: Zirakpur, Dist: SAS Nagar (Mohali), Punjab-140603 declare that name of my minor daughter is wrongly written as Ashmita Saini in my minor daughter Asmita Saini aged 17 years in her CBSE Class 10th Educational Documents. Actual name of my minor daughter is Asmita Saini.

I, Akash S/o Parveen Panghal R/o Maina (72), Po-Maina, Rohtak, Haryana-124021 have changed my name to Aakash Panghal.

I, Kiran W/o Rakesh Kumar R/o Village Kathera, Nangal, Ruppnagar, Punjab-140125 have changed my name to Kulwinder Kaur.

I, Baljit Singh S/o Balwinder Singh R/o Village Jhanda Lubana PO Bhaini Mian Khan Distt Gurdaspur have changed my name from Baljit Singh to Singh Baljit. In future Singh is my surname and Baljit is my given name. Concerned note.

I, Sandeep Kumar S/o Rampal Singh R/o VPO Tangour Tehsil- Shahbad Markanda Distt- Kurukshetra, have changed my minor Daughter's name from Harsita to Harshita.

I, Vikas Kumar S/o Moman Ram Vill.Murtzapur, Kurukshetra have changed my name Vikash Kumar

I, Deepak Kumar S/o Kartar Singh R/o H.No.262, Sector-2, Kurukshetra have changed my Minor Son Name Rishit to Rishit Kumar

I, Deepak Kumar S/o Kartar Singh R/o H.No.262, Sector-2, Kurukshetra have changed my Minor Daughter Name Mishka to Mishka Rani.

I, hitherto Known Ankush wife of Ajay Kumar residing at H.No.49, Ward No.14, Behrampur Road, Gurdaspur, District Gurdaspur, Punjab, Pin-143521 have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as Ankush Kumari.

I, hitherto Known as Abhi Kumar son of Vijaj Kumar residing at Near Pani Wali Tainky, #3/216, Harijan Colony District Amritsar Punjab-143001 have changed my name and Shall hereafter be known as Abhi Sahota.

I, hitherto Known as Kulwinder Singh Heer Son of Pakhar Singh residing at Village Chak Phullu, Post Office Sahungra, Tehsil Garhshankar, District Hoshiarpur Punjab, Pin -144532 have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as Kulwinder Singh.

I, Ramandeep Kaur wife of Sandeep Singh Sohah residing at Patti Washan Ki, Village Vallah District Amritsar Punjab-143501 have changed the name of my minor Son Abhijot Singh SOHAL Aged 14 Years and he shall hereafter be known as Abhayjot Singh Sohah

I, hitherto Known as Mangat Gurleen Kaur Manjit Singh wife of Sukhanpreet Singh residing at Ledhewal, PO Ledhewal, District Amritsar Punjab-143107 have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as Gurleen Kaur Mangat.

I, Nishan Singh S/o Sarmal Singh R/o VPO Kaunke PO Attari District Amritsar have declare that Nishan is my Given name and Singh is my Surname

I, Sanjay Thakur S/O Dharam Pal R/o H.No.1167 Abadi Harnam Singh Chah Raj Wala Putlighar G.T. Road Amritsar Have Change Of My Name Is Sanjay To Sanjay Thakur

I, Buta Singh S/o Pal Singh R/o H.No.3453/15, Gali No.6, Maqboolpura, Amritsar have changed my name from Buta Singh to Boota Singh

I, Rajwinder Kaur Sidhu D/o Gurcharan Singh R/o H.No.233, Gali No.4, Kapoor Nagar, Sultanwind Road, Amritsar have changed my name from Rajwinder Kaur Sidhu to Rajwinder Kaur

I, Abhay Kumar Gupta son of Jagdish Mitter R/o H.No.44-D, Gali No.2, Majitha Road, Gopal Nagar, Near Dr. Manju Gupta, Amritsar have changed my name from Abhay Kumar to Abhay Kumar Gupta.

I, Shiwani Gupta W/o Abhay Kumar Gupta R/o H.No.44-D, Gali No.2, Majitha Road, Gopal Nagar, Near Dr. Manju Gupta, Amritsar have changed my name from Shiwani Gambhir to Shiwani Gupta.

I, Harjit Kaur and Balbir Kaur W/o Jarnail Singh R/o VPO Arjan Manga District Amritsar have declare that above both names are mine one and same person

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I, Vinit Saroha, son of Devender Singh and resident of Village Lawanspur, Tehsil Rai (Sonipat), state that my name was previously recorded as Vinit in all documents, but I have since adopted the surname it Saroha. I have updated my name to Vinit Saroha across all my documents and wish to be known by this name.

US Charges Bishnoi, Goldy Brar in Nijjar Killing; Says Punjab Gang Run From Indian Jail

MONIKA MALIK ■ Chandigarh

US authorities have alleged that jailed Punjab gangster Lawrence Bishnoi operated a sprawling transnational crime syndicate from inside an Indian prison using smuggled mobile phones and internet calling devices, directing murders, extortion, kidnappings and drug trafficking across continents. The explosive claim forms the centrepiece of a sweeping US indictment that charges Bishnoi and fugitive gangster Goldy Brar with orchestrating the June 2023 killing of Khalistani separatist Hardeep Singh Nijjar in Surrey, Canada.

Filed under the multinational Operation Hard Ball, the case targets Punjab-based organised crime networks operating across North America and Europe. The crackdown has led to charges against 37 accused, 24 arrests across the US, Canada, and Europe, and a 50,000 dollars FBI reward for information leading to Brar's arrest.

The indictment portrays the Bishnoi syndicate as a global criminal enterprise with alleged links to targeted killings, extortion, narcotics trafficking, and arms smuggling. It also names jailed Punjab gangster Jaggu Bhagwanpuria and alleges the network expanded far beyond Punjab into Canada, the United States, the United Kingdom, Australia and New Zealand. Investigators claim the organisation relied on encrypted communication platforms and social media to coordinate crimes, issue threats, and project its influence across the Punjabi diaspora, turning regional

criminal gangs into transnational organised crime syndicates.

According to the US Department of Justice, Bishnoi and Brar ordered the assassination of Hardeep Singh Nijjar, who was shot dead by two gunmen outside a Sikh temple in Surrey, British Columbia, on June 18, 2023. The indictment marks the first time US authorities have formally charged the duo in connection with the killing, which had already triggered a major diplomatic dispute between India and Canada after Ottawa alleged links between Indian government agents and the murder — an allegation New Delhi has consistently denied.

Significantly, the US indictment and accompanying press release do not accuse the Government of India, the Research and Analysis Wing (RAW), the National Investigation Agency (NIA) or any Indian government official. The allegations are directed solely at the alleged criminal organisations and their members.

The charges are part of Operation Hard Ball, a years-long multinational investigation targeting three India-linked organised crime syndicates. US authorities said that 24 suspects have been arrested across the United States, Canada and Europe, including 11 in California, while investigations continue against the remaining accused.

Investigators allege Bishnoi controlled the organisation from his Indian jail cell using smuggled phones and internet-based calling devices while simultaneously cultivating a

public image as a nationalist and religious figure. The indictment accuses him of directing assassinations, extortion, kidnappings, drug trafficking and human trafficking despite being imprisoned.

Brar has been identified as the North American head of the network, while Rohit Godara allegedly supervised its European operations.

The indictment also links the syndicate to the November 2023 shooting at the Vancouver residence of a prominent Indian actor-singer and to extortion demands of up to five million dollars from victims in Los Angeles and Thousand Oaks earlier this year. Investigators said gang members used WhatsApp and other encrypted messaging applications to issue threats, demand ransom and coordinate criminal activities.

PUNJAB GANGS UNDER GLOBAL SCANNER

The crackdown extends beyond the Bishnoi network. Jaggu Bhagwanpuria, once a close associate of Bishnoi before becoming his rival, has been named in a separate indictment alleging his syndicate has more than 1,000 members and associates worldwide, including over 100 in the United States. The charges further allege that the network influenced police personnel in Punjab to register false criminal cases against rivals and witnesses. A third indictment targets Ravinder Dhanda and his associates in Canada, accusing them of smuggling hundreds of kilograms of cocaine and methamphetamine across the US-Canada border every week. Authorities said that

the operation resulted in the seizure of nearly 1,000 kilograms of cocaine, one kilogram of heroin, about 40,000 dollars in cash, a dozen firearms, and the execution of 34 search warrants across the Sacramento and Los Angeles regions. Ten accused remain absconding, seven of them in the United States.

FBI REWARD AND PUNJAB CONNECTION

Hours after filing the charges, the FBI announced a reward of up to \$50,000 for information leading to the arrest of Satinderjeet Singh alias Goldy Brar, who has also been placed on the agency's Most Wanted fugitives list. A federal arrest warrant issued on July 1 charges him with racketeering conspiracy, extortion conspiracy and conspiracy to distribute controlled substances.

Brar, a native of Punjab's Faridkot district, is among India's most wanted fugitives and is also a prime accused in the 2022 murder of Punjabi singer Sidhu Moosewala, for which he had claimed responsibility. Indian agencies have designated him a terrorist and linked him to multiple killings, extortion rackets, arms smuggling and cross-border criminal activities. The FBI said Brar has links to California's Sacramento and Fresno areas besides Canada, India and Mexico.

With Bishnoi currently lodged in an Indian prison, any request for his extradition would be governed by the India-US Extradition Treaty, under which India can decide whether to complete domestic legal proceedings before considering his transfer to face trial in the United States.

No Voter Roll, No Mawan Dhiyan Benefit: Mann Links Welfare Schemes to SIR Exercise

PNS ■ Chandigarh

Punjab Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann has made enrolment in the electoral rolls a key condition for continuing to receive benefits under the State Government's flagship welfare schemes, including the Mawan Dhiyan Satkar Yojana, urging every eligible voter to complete the ongoing Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of electoral rolls without delay.

Mann, in a video message released from Bengaluru, where he is on a health and wellness retreat, appealed to Punjabis to submit the prescribed SIR form to ensure their names remain on the new electoral rolls.

US FBI Indicts Punjab SHO in \$400,000 Extortion Case; To Seek His Extradition

MONIKA MALIK ■ Chandigarh

Punjab Police has been pushed into an unprecedented international controversy after the US Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) indicted Tanda Station House Officer (SHO) Gurinderjit Singh Nagra in an alleged cross-border extortion conspiracy, accusing him of attempting to extort 400,000 dollars (around Rs 3.3 crore) from a US-based Indian-origin family by threatening to implicate them in a murder case in Punjab.

The explosive allegations, unveiled during the FBI's multinational Operation Hard Ball, have not only led to Nagra's immediate removal from his post but have also sparked a departmental probe, intensified political attacks on the AAP led Punjab Government and placed the Punjab Police under global scrutiny.

The FBI has named Nagra among 37 accused in three federal indictments targeting India-based transnational organised crime syndicates. The list also includes jailed gangsters Lawrence Bishnoi and Jaggu Bhagwanpuria, besides fugitive gangster Goldy Brar. During a press conference in Los Angeles, First Assistant US Attorney Bill Essayli alleged that Nagra was part of an extortion conspiracy linked to the Jaggu Bhagwanpuria syndicate and announced that US authorities had charged him and would seek his extradition.

Right after the FBI's disclosures, Punjab Police removed Nagra as SHO of Tanda police station in Hoshiarpur district and attached him to the Police Lines pending inquiry. The order, issued by Jalandhar Range DIG Naveen Singla, said that the department had taken serious note of media reports and social media posts referring to the FBI

He cautioned that those whose names are deleted from the voter list after the revision would neither be able to exercise their voting rights nor remain eligible for benefits under the Mawan Dhiyan Satkar Yojana and other government welfare schemes.

Making his message clear, he said only those whose names figure in the revised electoral rolls after completing the SIR process would continue to receive government benefits. He asked people facing difficulties in filling the form to seek assistance from local Aam Aadmi Party volunteers.

Mann said that SIR exercise was being conducted by the Election

Commission of India and appealed to citizens to cooperate with the process to protect their democratic rights. His appeal comes amid the ongoing door-to-door verification by enumerators, which began on June 25. The exercise has also generated controversy after Punjab Chief Electoral Officer Anindita Mitra highlighted incidents of alleged misbehaviour with Booth Level Officers in Patiala and Barnala and appealed to the public to extend full cooperation.

Congratulating women beneficiaries, Mann said his government had fulfilled another major pre-poll promise by transferring financial assistance directly into their bank accounts

under the Mawan Dhiyan Satkar Yojana. Women aged above 18 years have started receiving payment alerts, with eligible beneficiaries getting Rs 1,000 per month and Scheduled Caste women Rs 1,500 per month. Nearly 97 percent of women are expected to benefit under the scheme, backed by a budgetary allocation of Rs 9,300 crore.

The government has also announced that women who registered for the scheme after June 25 will receive a consolidated three-month payment for July, August, and September on August 1, while those who had completed registration by June 25 have already received an advance installment.

US FBI Indicts Punjab SHO in \$400,000 Extortion Case; To Seek His Extradition

suggested that two names would be removed once the agreed payment was received.

The FBI alleged that the victim was threatened that failure to pay would also endanger family members living in Punjab.

MURDER CASE ALLEGEDLY USED AS LEVERAGE

The alleged extortion revolves around the January 15, 2026 murder of Balvinder Singh, owner of Satkartaar Hardware Shop in Miani village under Tanda police station. Balvinder was shot dead by motorcycle-borne assailants while another man, Lakhwinder Singh, sustained injuries. An FIR was registered under murder, attempt to murder and Arms Act provisions. A day after the killing, gangsters Jashal Chambal and Gurlal Rudiana allegedly claimed responsibility through a social media post. The FBI alleged that details of this genuine murder investigation were later used to pressure the US-based family.

OP HARD BALL AND WIDER GANG PROBE

The allegations against Nagra surfaced during the FBI's announcement of Operation Hard Ball, a multinational crackdown targeting transnational organised crime networks operating across India, the United States, Canada and other countries. According to US authorities, the Jaggu Bhagwanpuria syndicate is involved in murder-for-hire, drug trafficking, kidnappings,

extortion, firearms trafficking and other organised crimes. Prosecutors alleged that the organisation relied on corrupt public officials and police personnel in India to intimidate victims and initiate false criminal proceedings for extortion. The US Justice Department has charged the accused with offences including racketeering conspiracy, attempted extortion, narcotics trafficking and firearms violations. However, the indictment remains an allegation and all accused are presumed innocent unless proven guilty in court.

NAGRA DENIES ALLEGATIONS; PUNJAB POLICE AWAITS OFFICIAL COMMUNICATION

Responding to the controversy, Gurinderjit Singh Nagra denied all allegations, saying that videos carrying his name were circulating from the US but he had not received any official information. He maintained that no money had ever been deposited into any of his accounts and described the accusations as baseless, adding that he would respond only after speaking to the investigating agency. Punjab Police also said that it had not received any formal communication from the FBI. DSP Davinder Singh of Tanda said that the department was unaware why the US agency had taken interest in the Miani murder case and suggested that the accused might have approached the FBI to shield themselves from criminal proceedings in India.

Chandigarh Police Arrest Four, Unearth Illegal Arms, Drug Network in Chemist Murder Case

PNS ■ Chandigarh

Expanding its investigation into the daylight murder of a pharmacy cashier in Sector 11 last month, Chandigarh Police has dismantled a cross-border and inter-state network involved in the supply of illegal arms, methamphetamine and Fake Indian Currency Notes (FICN), arresting four more accused, including the alleged main conspirator lodged in Kapurthala Jail.

The latest arrests come nearly a month after 45-year-old pharmacy cashier Janki Das was shot dead at Shri Kumar Medical Hall in Sector 11 on June 13. Investigators had earlier arrested the shooters and uncovered the involvement of Canada-based gang handlers. The latest

breakthrough, police said, exposes the larger criminal infrastructure that allegedly facilitated the murder by arranging weapons, logistics, finances and safe houses while simultaneously operating a narco-terror and counterfeit currency network with cross-border links.

Talking to Reporters, Chandigarh DSP Crime Lakshay Panday said that during intelligence-led raids in Tarn Taran and Amritsar districts of Punjab, the city police teams arrested Akash Kumar alias Mani, Sachin Silvester and Gurmeet Singh alias Badshah, while Dharminder Singh alias Goli alias Balwinder Singh alias HSZ, the alleged kingpin currently lodged in Kapurthala Jail, was formally arrested on a production warrant.

CM Saini meets IKEA India CEO; Assures full support for Company's upcoming projects in Haryana

PNS ■ Chandigarh

Haryana Chief Minister Nayab Singh Saini on Wednesday met a delegation from Sweden led by IKEA India CEO Patrik Antoni with the meeting focussing on strengthening collaboration between Haryana and IKEA and exploring future investment opportunities in the state. IKEA is a Swedish home furnishings company with India as one of its most important growth markets.

During the meeting, Patrik Antoni expressed his gratitude to the Chief Minister for the Haryana Government's consistent support in facilitating the timely execution of construction activities and other related processes for IKEA's projects in Haryana. He also appreciated the

prompt assistance extended by the Chief Minister's Office, the Department of Foreign Cooperation and other concerned departments in expediting routine approvals and addressing the company's requirements.

Antoni conveyed IKEA's keen interest in expanding its presence in Haryana and committed to investing in more new projects. He said Haryana's progressive policies, industry-friendly ecosystem and proactive governance have created a conducive environment for global companies to invest and grow.

Welcoming IKEA's continued interest in the state, the Chief Minister reaffirmed the Haryana Government's commitment to providing a seamless and investor-friendly business environment.

Cong High Command Draws the Line; Baghel Rules Out Leadership Change

MONIKA MALIK ■ Chandigarh

Punjab Congress finds itself at a critical crossroads after the party high command decisively ended speculation over its leadership, with AICC in-charge Bhupesh Baghel on Wednesday declaring that Amrinder Singh Raja Warring will continue as Punjab Congress president despite an intense campaign by a section of senior leaders seeking his replacement.

The development comes as former Chief Minister and Jalandhar MP Charanjit Singh Channi, who had openly challenged the decision, appears to have softened his stand. Baghel has confirmed that he has spoken to Channi, who has now returned to Chandigarh after being out of town and is expected to meet him shortly, raising hopes of a possible breakthrough in the party's biggest internal crisis ahead of the Assembly elections.

Making the high command's position unmistakably clear, Baghel dismissed all speculation about a leadership rethink, saying that Congress decisions are not reversed repeatedly. "This is not a gudda-guddi ka khel," he remarked, asserting that once the high command takes a decision, there is no question of changing it. Flanked by Warring, Baghel

repeatedly maintained that the issue of replacing the Punjab Congress chief simply "does not arise".

The Congress leadership's uncompromising stand follows days of unprecedented organisational turmoil triggered by the July 1 announcement retaining Warring as Punjab Pradesh Congress Committee president while appointing Channi as chairman of the campaign committee for the upcoming Assembly elections. Instead of ending the uncertainty, the move exposed a deep power struggle within the state unit.

Channi and his supporters had argued that the Congress would find it difficult to return to power under Warring's leadership and alleged that the high command had been misled through an incorrect assessment of the political situation. Several sitting and former MLAs backed Channi's claim, while senior leaders gathered in Mohali to press for reconsideration of the party's decision.

However, after the high command's firm response, Channi has noticeably toned down his public position. Breaking his silence for the first time, the former Chief Minister refused to comment on his reported resentment, saying that his only objective was to strengthen the

Congress. He reaffirmed that Rahul Gandhi remained his leader and said that all issues would soon be resolved, adding that he would abide by whatever strategy the party leadership decides.

Baghel revealed that he had spoken to Channi earlier this week. According to him, Channi had informed him that he was away for two to three days and would meet him after returning. Baghel also said senior leader Sukhjinder Singh Randhawa, considered Channi's closest political ally, would also meet him. The proposed meetings are now being closely watched as the first serious attempt to bridge the widening divide.

While dialogue is expected, the past two days reflected the extent of the organisational split. During his five-day Punjab visit, Baghel held marathon meetings with senior leaders, Pradesh Congress office-bearers, district presidents, constituency in-charges, district coordinators, spokespersons and members of various organisational committees to chalk out the roadmap for the Assembly elections and strengthen the organisation down to the booth level.

Yet, Channi, despite heading the campaign committee, and Randhawa, chairman of the party's core

committee, remained conspicuously absent from every official meeting. Their supporters also stayed away, underlining the continuing boycott of platforms where Warring was present.

Sources within the party indicate that the dissident camp — comprising one MP and at least seven sitting MLAs apart from former Ministers and MLAs — has maintained a clear position that it will not share the stage with Warring and instead wishes to place its concerns directly before the high command.

Baghel, meanwhile, made repeated attempts to end the impasse. He first met the Leader of Opposition Partap Singh Bajwa, hoping he could facilitate communication with Channi. Working president Raj Kumar Verka also held a closed-door meeting with the former Chief Minister before Baghel's engagements.

At the same time, the Warring camp used Baghel's visit to demonstrate organisational strength. Leaders loyal to the Punjab Congress chief turned up in large numbers to welcome the AICC in-charge after successive meetings, projecting that the organisation remained firmly behind Warring. Baghel said that all 23 district Congress presidents had endorsed the high

command's decision and congratulated Warring on continuing as state president. They also welcomed the appointments of Raj Kumar Verka, Sukhwinder Singh Danny and Sangat Singh Gilzian as working presidents.

The new working presidents have also been assigned defined organisational responsibilities. Danny will coordinate with AICC secretary Suraj Thakur and oversee 42 Assembly segments, Gilzian will work with Ravindra Dalvi across 45 constituencies, while Verka will coordinate with Heena Kawre and supervise 30 Assembly segments.

Senior leaders offered contrasting responses to the crisis. Partap Bajwa indirectly urged dissidents to accept the leadership's decision, pointing out that the Aam Aadmi Party had still won 92 seats in 2022 despite internal departures. MLA Pargat Singh also cautioned against organisational experiments, saying that Punjab faced a much bigger political battle and this was not the time for photo-op politics or competing narratives.

Even as Baghel continues his outreach by meeting senior leaders individually, including at their residences, the Punjab Congress remains divided between a

leadership determined to move ahead with Warring and a dissident camp that is yet to reconcile itself with the high command's decision. The expected meeting between Baghel and Channi is now seen as the next crucial step in determining whether the party can restore unity before entering the election campaign.

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- That I am posted as stated above. That Sh. Mahinder Pal & Sh. Ram Saroop Gupta & Sh. Ishan Gupta has applied loan facility from our office by way of equitable mortgage of the Property/land measuring 4 Marla having salam share forming part of land bearing Khassra No.7R/27/4(0-4). Situated at Village Sehajda Nangal, H.B No. 335, District Gurdaspur, purchased sale deed dated 15.05.2019 vasika No. 2019-20/147/1/556, duly registered in the office of Sub Registrar, Gurdaspur, from Sh. Joginder Singh S/o Sh. Wadhawa Singh S/o Sh. Punjab Singh resident of B.S.F Road Gurdaspur, Tehsil and District Gurdaspur.
- That Sh. Joginder Singh S/o Wadhawa Singh purchased the land msg. 4 Marla having salam share forming part of land bearing Khassra No.7R/27/4(0-4), situated at Village Sehajda Nangal, H.B No. 335, District Gurdaspur from Sh. Padam Verna S/o Dalip Singh S/o Gian Chand resident of Civil Lines Gurdaspur, District Gurdaspur vide sale deed dated 23.11.2016 Vasika No.2869 duly registered in the office of Sub Registrar, Gurdaspur.
- Sh. Padam Verna S/o Dalip Singh purchased the land msg. 4 Marla having salam share forming part of land bearing Khassra No.7R/27/4(0-4), Situated at Village Sehajda Nangal, H.B No. 335, District Gurdaspur from Sh. Onik Gupta S/o Anil Gupta vide sale deed dated 26.07.2016 Vasika No. 1659, duly registered in the office of Sub Registrar, Gurdaspur.
- That the owners of the property Sh. Mahinder Pal, Sh. Ram Saroop Gupta and Sh. Ishan Gupta have disclosed that in chain of this property previous sale deed dated 26.07.2016 Vasika No. 1659, in favor of Sh. Padam Verna and sale deed dated 23.11.2016 Vasika No. 2869 registered at Sub Registrar, Gurdaspur in favor of Sh. Joginder Singh was lost by them and a lost report bearing GD no. 032 dated 07/07/2026 in Police Station: City Gurdaspur has been lodged by them. That in respect of the above said Property, now Punjab National Bank, G.T Road Gurdaspur is going to allow loan facility to Sh. Mahinder Pal, Sh. Ram Saroop Gupta and Sh. Ishan Gupta Gurdaspur way by of equitable mortgage of the said property. If any person has any objection or interest regarding equitable mortgage of above said property or are having any claim / knowledge of the above said document alleged to have been lost, he/she may file approach and file objections within 7 days before the Branch Manager PNB, G.T Road Gurdaspur. Thereafter, the Bank will allow Loan facility against equitable mortgage of said Property considering the above said previous sale deeds mentioned above to be lost and not deposited with any bank, private agency or person as security and thereafter, the Bank will not entertain any claim/ objection in this regard in respect of above said Property by any other person, later on.

Sd/-
Place: Gurdaspur
Date: 08.07.2026

Pradeep Kaur (Chief Manager)
Punjab National Bank, G.T Road, Gurdaspur

SSS College of Education VPO Hayat Nagar, Gurdaspur

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कार्यालय नगरपालिका ऐलनाबाद जिला सिरसा

सूचना

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PUNJAB AGRICULTURAL UNIVERSITY

E-TENDER NOTICE

Tenders are invited under two bid system for the under mentioned works from eligible Contractors/Agencies/L&C Societies enlisted with any PWD(B&D), CPWD, MES, PUDA/Investment Trusts or any other Punjab Government Undertaking, for electrical work at serial number 1. All details and terms and conditions of tenders, please visit websites <https://www.eproc.punjab.gov.in> and www.pau.edu. Corrigendum/ Addendum/ Corrections, if any, will be published only on the above websites.

Executive Engineer (Electrical)
Punjab Agricultural University, Ludhiana

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LOST NOTICE

The information is that the original title deed number 965/1 registration dated 14/10/2013 in the name of Roshan Lal urf Lila, Dasa, Krishan Chand, son of Chandra Vil, Dhand district kailthal Has been lost somewhere in dated 01/01/2018 in dhand. A complaint number 132280122600380/2026 has been registered. If anybody found above lost sale deed, contact to Piya Rani singla w/o Bunty Singla Vill. Dhand Distt.Kailthal. Mo.9896006271

PUBLIC NOTICE

I, Manotan Sah R/o 398, Naya Gaon Shivalik Vihar, SAS Nagar, Mohali my Original Sale Deed dated 07.12.2017 bearing Vasika no. 237 executed by Sh. Nagpal Thakur S/o Sh. Kanihya Lal in respect of land measuring 00 Kantal 2.90 Marla in favour of Smt. Shabana Naz W/o Sh. Tasleem Ahmed has been lost. If found Contact 7307344444

SALES AND MARKETING NOTICE

For the 100 percent water soluble mixture of Fertilizers

In pursuance of the order no. S.O. 2900 (E) dated 24th October, 2015 and its amendment dated 30th December 2017, issued by Department of Agriculture Cooperation and Farmer Welfare, Ministry of Agriculture and Farmer Welfare, Govt. of India.

M/s Peshibao Wang Private Limited, Registered office: Door No.3 1st Floor PDS Tower Sanjeevini Nagar Kodhagalli Main Road Bangalore, Karnataka -560092 hereby notifies that it intends to sell 100 percent Water Soluble Mixture of Fertilizers Grades as per specifications given below.

Sr. Grades / Specifications	NPK	NPK	NPK
No.	13-40-13	19-19-19	20-20-20
1. Moisture percent by weight, minimum	0.5	0.5	0.5
2. Total Nitrogen percent by weight, minimum	13.0	19.0	20.0
3. Water Soluble Phosphorus (as P ₂ O ₅) % by weight, minimum	40.0	19.0	20.0
4. Water Soluble Potassium (as K ₂ O) % by weight, minimum	13.0	19.0	20.0
5. Total Chloride percent by weight, maximum	1.5	1.5	1.5
6. Sodium as NaCl percent by weight, maximum	0.5	0.5	0.5
7. Matter insoluble in water percent by weight, maximum	0.5	0.5	0.5
8. Lead (as Pb) percent by weight, maximum	0.003	0.003	0.003
9. Cadmium (as Cd) percent by weight, maximum	0.0025	0.0025	0.0025
10. Arsenic (as As) percent by weight, maximum	0.01	0.01	0.01

To know more about doses, method of application and benefits, please contact below given office.

Marketing Office Address and Contact Details: Peshibao Wang Private Limited, Door No.3, 1st Floor, PDS Tower, Sanjeevini Nagar, Kodhagalli, Main Road Bangalore, Karnataka -560092
CIN:U24119KAI998PTC023888 Customer Care No.:080-23636907
Email:peshibao@dammanagro.com, Website: www.dammanagro.com

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Branch Office : (495100) URBAN ESTATE, PHASE-II, JALANDHAR

DEMAND NOTICE U/S 13(2) OF SECURITISATION & RECONSTRUCTION OF FINANCIAL ASSETS & ENFORCEMENT OF SECURITY INTEREST ACT, 2002 (SARFAESI ACT) READ WITH RULE 3 OF SECURITY INTEREST (ENFORCEMENT) RULES 2002.

All of you, the under mentioned persons (Borrowers/Guarantor(s)), were sent Registered Demand Notices under section 13(2) of SARFAESI ACT-2002 of dates mentioned there against hereunder by the 'Authorised Officer' of the Bank, calling upon you all, to pay the amount of demand notice mentioned against account, as on date of notices with further interest till payment within 60(sixty) days of the notice. The said Demand Notice could not be served upon all of you and in certain cases the same were returned unserved. The undersigned being the Authorised Officer of Secured Creditor Bank has reasons to believe that all of you can not be served with the demand Notice ordinarily except by mode of substituted service. Hence, each of you is hereby called upon through this public notice to pay the below mentioned amount with further interest up to the date of payment due against you within 60 days from the date of this publication, failing which, the Bank shall proceed under section 13(4) of the said Act-2002 for taking possession of Secured Assets mentioned herein below and thereafter to sell the same so as to realize the dues with further interest till realization with cost. Guarantor/ Mortgageor(s) due to non payment of dues by the Borrower, guarantee given by them in hereby invoked and you are called upon to pay the entire dues.

Name of the Borrower(s)/Guarantor(s)	Details of Security (All That Part and Parcel of)	Date of Demand Notice	Amount as per demand Notice (Rs.)
Borrower: Shamsher Singh C/O Didar Singh, Address - Flat No. 404, Guru Arjun Dev Colony, Kaulsar Mohalla, Ambhargar, Jalandhar-144801.	Vehicle Maker: Hyundai Motors India Pvt. Ltd. Model name: I20 SPORTS 1.2 KAPPA MT. Body: HATCH BACK, Colour: TITAN GREY, Registration Number: PB 08FP 8069, Chassis Number: MALBH512LRM338790, Engine Number: G4LFRM156069, Reg. Date: 15.01.2025, Reg. with RTO JALANDHAR Punjab, Owned by Mr. Shamsher Singh C/o Didar Singh.	18.06.2026 05.06.2026	Rs. 7,94,855/- (Rupees Seven Lakhs Ninety Four Thousand Eight Hundred Fifty Five the aforesaid, as on 07.06.2026. You are also liable to pay future interest at the contractual rate on onwards, amount together with incidental expenses, cost, charges, etc.w.e.f.08-06-2026.
1. Sh. Gurpreet Singh S/o Sh. Sukhdev Singh (Borrower) - Address : House No. 76, Basti Danishmandia, Ujjala Nagar, Jalandhar-144002. 2. Sh. Gurmukh Singh S/o Sh. Santokh Singh (Guarantor), Address : House No. 404 Ward No. 8, Kaulsar Mohalla, Guru Arjun Dev Colony, Kartarpur (Rural), Jalandhar-144801.	Vehicle Maker : Hyundai Motors India Ltd. Model name : EXTER 1.2 MT KAPPA S, Body: Station Wagon, Colour: Atlas White, Registration Number: PB 08 FM 1411, Chassis Number : MALB281CLRM094435, Engine Number : G4LARM935305, Reg. Date: 02-09-2024, Reg. with RTO JALANDHAR Punjab, Owned by Sh. Gurpreet Singh S/o Sukhdev Singh.	18.06.2026 27.05.2026	Rs. 6,50,777.28 (Rupees Six Lakhs Fifty Thousand Seven Hundred Seventy Seven and Paise Twenty Eight Only) as on 27.05.2026. You are also liable to pay future interest at the contractual rate on the aforesaid amount together with incidental expenses, cost, charges, etc w.e.f. 28-05-2026.

1. Sh. Karan Singh S/o Indraj (Borrower) Address : 1. House No. 302, Near Gurdawara, Jaswant Nagar Jalandhar-II, P.O Garha, 144002. Address : 2. Umara, Khaga, Fatehpur, Uttar Pradesh-212655.	Vehicle Maker : Maruti Suzuki India Ltd. Model name : FRONX DELTA + 6AB, Body: Passenger Car, Colour: Pearl Arctic White, Registration Number : PB 08 FU 6223, Chassis Number : MBHKWD13SSH655082, Engine Number: K12NP4765241, Reg. Date: 02-09-2024, Reg. with RTO JALANDHAR Punjab, Owned by Sh. Karan Singh S/o Indraj.	18.06.2026 11.05.2026	Rs. 8,51,890/- (Rupees Eight Lakhs Fifty One Thousand Eight Hundred Ninety Only) as on 10.06.2026. You are also liable to pay future interest at the contractual rate on the aforesaid amount together with incidental expenses, cost, charges, etc w.e.f. 11.06.2026.
1. Smt. Shiwal (Borrower) C/O Mr. Sonu, House No. 162, Green Park, Jalandhar-1, Punjab -144001. 2. Smt. Harwinder Kaur (Guarantor), Address - C/O Shiv Singh, New Abadi, Panj Dhera, Jalandhar-144010.	Vehicle Maker: Hyundai Motors India Ltd. Model name: I20 MAGNA 1.2 KAPPA MT, Body: Hatch Back, Colour : ATLAS WHITE, Registration Number: PB 08 FK 1431, Chassis Number: MALBG512LRM297056, Engine Number: K12NP4765241, Reg. Date: 25-04-2024 at Jalandhar Punjab, Owned by Mrs. Shiwal.	18.06.2026 13.06.2026	Rs. 6,62,141.29 (Rupees Six Lakhs Sixty Two Thousand One Hundred Forty One and Paise Twenty Nine Only) as on 13.06.2026. You are also liable to pay future interest at the contractual rate on the aforesaid amount together with incidental expenses, cost, charges, etc w.e.f. 14-06-2026.

1. Sh. Suraj C/O Anil Kumar (Borrower), House No. E D 58, Dhan Mohalla, Jalandhar, Punjab -144001. 2. Sh. Dev Raj S/o Sh. Shiv Lal (Guarantor), House No. 26, Shanti Vihar, Maqsoodan Jalandhar, Punjab-144008.	Vehicle Maker : Hyundai Motors Pvt. Ltd. Model name: I20 ASTA 1.2 KAPPA MT, Body: Hatch Back, Colour : Atlas White, Registration Number : PB 08 FL 4446, Chassis Number : MBHHWB13SRE777951, Engine Number : K12NP4489218, Reg. Date: 18-07-2024, Reg with RTO Jalandhar Punjab, Owned by Mr. Suraj S/o Anil Kumar.	18.06.2026 15.05.2026	Rs. 6,37,407.96 (Rupees Six Lakhs Thirty Seven Thousand Four Hundred Seven and Paise Ninety Six Only) as on 19.05.2026. You are also liable to pay future interest at the contractual rate on the aforesaid amount together with incidental expenses, cost, charges, etc w.e.f. 20.05.2026.
1. Sh. Sukhjith Singh S/o Mr Som Singh (Borrower), Address - House No. 227, NR AIMS Public School, Geeta Colony, Jalandhar-144002. 2. Sh. Vishal Kumar S/o Mr. Sudarshan Kumar (Guarantor), Address - House No. 233, Kala Singhra Road, Geeta Colony, Jalandhar-144002.	Vehicle Maker : Maruti Suzuki India Pvt. Ltd. Model Name : Baleno Sigma, Body: Saloon Car, Colour: Prme Grandeur Grey, Registration Number : PB 08 FL 4446, Chassis Number : MBHHWB13SRE777951, Engine Number : K12NP4489218, Reg. Date: 18-07-2024, Reg with RTO Jalandhar Punjab, Owned by Sukhjith Singh C/o Som Singh.	18.06.2026 17.05.2026	Rs. 5,97,339/- (Rupees Five Lakhs Ninety Seven Thousand Three Hundred Thirty Nine Only) as on 03.06.2026. You are also liable to pay future interest at the contractual rate on the aforesaid amount together with incidental expenses, cost, charges, etc w.e.f. 04.06.2026.

1. Smt. Nisha Rani (Borrower) C/O Ramesh Kumar, House No. 31, Kutiya Road, Rastla Nagar, Basti Dhandi Manda, Jalandhar-1, Punjab -144002. 2. Sh. Navjeet Singh S/o Mr. Bhog Ram (Guarantor) Address - House No. 966, Baba Balak Nath Mandir Wali Gali, Rama Mandi, Jalandhar-144005.	Vehicle Maker: Maruti Suzuki, Model Name: Maruti Dezire ZXi CNG 1.2L, Body: Sedan, Colour : Pearl Arctic White, Registration Number : PB 01 EF 5257, Chassis Number : MALPB812LPM586690, Engine Number: MBHCZFE7B3SPL494700, Engine Number: K12NP7388757, Owned by Mrs. Nisha Rani W/o Varinder Kumar.	18.06.2026 13.06.2026	Rs. 6,72,931.62 (Rupees Six Lakhs Seventy Two Thousand Nine Hundred Thirty One and Paise Sixty Two Only) as on 13.06.2026. You are also liable to pay future interest at the contractual rate on the aforesaid amount together with incidental expenses, cost, charges, etc w.e.f. 14-06-2026.
1. Sh. Kajal C/o Parmod Kumar (Borrower), Address - 264, Hardeep Nagar, Near Lamba Pind Chowk, Industrial Town, Jalandhar-144004. 2. Sh. Yogesh (Guarantor) Address - House No. 24, Gali No. 2, Near Durga Da Khoo, New Lassuri Mohalla, Basti Danish Mohalla, Jalandhar-144801. Address - 2: House No. 239, Lassuri Mohalla, Basti Danish Menda, Jalandhar-144002.	Vehicle Maker: Hyundai Motors India Ltd. Model name: CRETA 1.5 MPI MT EX, Body: Station Wagon, Colour: Abyss Black Pearl, Registration Number : PB 08 FG 5257, Chassis Number : MALPB812LPM586690, Engine Number: G4FLPV585034, Reg. Date: 30-11-2023, Reg with RTO JALANDHAR Punjab, Owned by Mr. Jatn Sharma C/o Anoop Kumar.	18.06.2026 08.04.2026	Rs. 8,00,291.42 (Rupees Eight lakhs Two Hundred Ninety One and Paisa Forty Two Only) as on 08.06.2026. You are also liable to pay future interest at the contractual rate on the aforesaid amount together with incidental expenses, cost, charges, etc.w.e.f. 09.06.2026.

1. Sh. Dishant Kumar (Borrower) C/O Anoop Kumar, House No. 08 Basti Sheikh, Noor Enclave, Basti Guzan, Jalandhar, Punjab -144002. 2. Sh. Jatn Sharma C/o Anoop Kumar (Guarantor), Address - House No. 26, New Jalandhar Enclave, Jalandhar-144001.	Vehicle Maker: Hyundai Motors India Ltd. Model Name : Venue 1.2 Kappa MT S, Body: Station Wagon, Colour : Abyss Black Pearl, Registration Number: PB 08 FK 5257, Chassis Number: MALFB81BLRM596875, Engine Number : G4LARM929049, Reg. Date: 08-05-2024 at Jalandhar Punjab, Owned by Mr. Dishant Kumar C/o Anoop Kumar.	18.06.2026 24.04.2026	Rs. 8,34,768.72 (Rupees Eight Lakhs Thirty Four Thousand Seven Hundred Sixty Eight & Paise Seventy Two Only) as on 24.05.2026. You are also liable to pay future interest at the contractual rate on the aforesaid amount together with incidental expenses, cost, charges, etc w.e.f. 25.05.2026.
1. Sh. Gurpreet Singh S/o Sh. Sukhdev Singh (Borrower) - Address : House No. 76, Basti Danishmandia, Ujjala Nagar, Jalandhar-144002. 2. Sh. Gurmukh Singh S/o Sh. Santokh Singh (Guarantor), Address : House No. 404 Ward No. 8, Kaulsar Mohalla, Guru Arjun Dev Colony, Kartarpur (Rural), Jalandhar-144801.	Vehicle Maker : Hyundai Motors India Ltd. Model name : EXTER 1.2 MT KAPPA S, Body: Station Wagon, Colour: Atlas White, Registration Number: PB 08 FM 1411, Chassis Number : MALB281CLRM094435, Engine Number : G4LARM935305, Reg. Date: 02-09-2024, Reg. with RTO JALANDHAR Punjab, Owned by Sh. Gurpreet Singh S/o Sukhdev Singh.	18.06.2026 27.05.2026	Rs. 6,50,777.28 (Rupees Six Lakhs Fifty Thousand Seven Hundred Seventy Seven and Paise Twenty Eight Only) as on 27.05.2026. You are also liable to pay future interest at the contractual rate on the aforesaid amount together with incidental expenses, cost, charges, etc w.e.f. 28-05-2026.

Date : 08.07.2026	Place : Jalandhar	Authorised Officer
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UCO BANK

Vehicle for Sale

UCO Bank, BCS Shimla Branch

Name of the Borrower	Details of Vehicles	Reserve Price EMD Bid Incremental Amount	Detail of Branch Manager
Anil Kumar S/o Ram Chand	Mahindra & Mahindra, Mahindra Thar LX D MT 4WD 4S HR, Model: 2023, Registration No. HP 52D 5611, Engine No.- YKP4A76424, Chassis No.- MA1UJ4YK2P2A18645.	Rs. 11,70,000/- Rs. 1,17,000/- Rs. 60,000/-	Branch Manager Madhu Bala, Mob. No. 8360237529

TERMS AND CONDITIONS: The above mentioned Vehicles seized by UCO Bank is under Sale in its "AS IS" (WHERE IS CONDITION" Public auction will be held on 27.07.2026 from 11:00 AM at UCO Bank BCS New Shimla. For further details, contact Concern Officer mentioned above. (All prices mentioned above are excluding GST).

DATE: 08.07.2026 **PLACE : Shimla** **AUTHORISED OFFICER**

PHYSICAL POSSESSION NOTICE

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

The Authorised ICICI Bank Officer under the Securitisation, Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of the powers conferred under section 13(12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002, issued Demand Notices to the borrower(s) mentioned below, to repay the amount mentioned in the Notice within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said Notice. Having failed to repay the amount, the Notice is issued to the borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described below, by exercising powers conferred on him/her under Section 13(4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the said rules on the below-mentioned dates. The borrower in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the property. Any dealings with the property will be subject to charges of ICICI Bank Limited.

Sr. No.	Name of the Borrower(s)/ Loan Account Number	Description of Property/ Date of Physical Possession	Date of Demand Notice/ Amount in Demand Notice (Rs)	Name of Branch
1.	Pradeep Mann/ Supriti TBPNP00006691354/ TBPNP00006691355/ TBPNP0007049314/ TBPNP00006725392/ LBPNP00007070964/ LBPNP00006696144	Part of House Measuring Area 605 Sq Yard Le 1 Kanal Being 4/365 Share out of 91 Kanal 5 Marla Comprising in Khewat No 47, Khatoni No 51 Salom Kitter 13 Situated in Woka Mauja Sandhpur Within M.C Limits Tehsil And District Panipat Haryana 132103, 05 July, 2026	May 28,2025 / Rs. 1,21,83,322/-	Panipat (Haryana)

The above-mentioned borrowers(s)/guarantors(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: July 09, 2026 Place: Panipat (Haryana) Sincerely Authorised Officer For ICICI Bank Ltd.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, Gyan Kaur w/o Amarjit Singh r/o Gurunanakpura Mohalla, Thanesar, Distt. Kurukshetra have changed my name from Balwinder Kaur to Gyan Kaur. I will be known as Gyan Kaur in the future.

I, Smt. Sunita No. 2883521X, Ex Hav (Late) Indrajit R/o VPO - Bhainawal Kalan, Teh. - Gohana, Distt. - Sonipat (Haryana) have changed the name of my daughter from Rekha Rani to Rekha vide affidavit dated 08 Jul 2026 sworn before Executive Magistrate - Gohana, Distt. - Sonipat (Haryana). In future my daughter should be known as after Rekha.

I, Dharam Pal S/o Sh. Banwari Lal R/o H No. 1938 Urban Estate Tehsil and District Jind, Haryana have Changed my name from Dharam Pal to Dharampal Singh.

I, Nitesh Aggarwal S/o Devinder Aggarwal R/o Flat No.11 Second Floor Alliance Orchid VIP Road Zirakpur, SAS Nagar, Mohali, Punjab, I have changed my name from Nitesh Aggarwal to Nitish Aggarwal.

I, No. 16014565Y Ex Hav Sandeep Kumar S/o Sh. Ram Phool (Name of veteran/serving Soldier as per Service documents), resident of H.No. 1282/11, Rainakpura, Rohtak, Haryana (Address) have changed name of my son from Daksh (Existing Name of Child as per Service Documents) to Daksh Ahlawat (proposed/Adopted new name) vide Affidavit dated 08/07/2026 before Notary Public Rohtak (name and place of the Court).

I hitherto known as Anuj son of Sh. Ashwani residing at House No. 1340/3, Ambedkar Nagar, Rohtak , Haryana- 124001 have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as Anuj Gondia. It is certified that I have complied with other legal requirements in this connection.

I, Vijay Bala Ahlawat (Aadhar No. 2756 0429 5248) W/o Sh. Rajiv Ahlawat R/o VPO Dujana, Distt. Jhajjar, Haryana declare that in my passport my name has been mentioned as VIJAY BALA and my name is VIJAY BALA AHLAWAT in my Adhaar Card, Voter Card and Service Record. VIJAY BALA and VIJAY BALA AHLAWAT is one and the same person. In future I will be known and called as VIJAY BALA AHLAWAT.

I Ashok kumar s/o nder pal, 57 kaku gym amarpuri colony, yamananagar (haryana). That I have changed my name from Ashok Kumar to Ashok Singh.

I, Manmohan S/o Shri Jai Narayan R/o # 111 Near World GYM New Jain Nagar, Tehsil Jagadhri, Distt. Yamuna Nagar(Haryana).That the name of my self Mannmohan & Manmohan Garg 1 pertains to one and same person and there is no dispute regarding the above mentioned both names.

I, Mandeep Singh S/o. Mahanga Singh R/o. # Village Balauli, Po Bilauli, Tehsil-Chhachhrauli, Distt Yamunanagar have changed my minor Son name from Jasdev Singh to Jasdev Singh Johal.

I, Mahesh Prakash Agrawal alias Mahesh Parkash Aggarwal alias Mahesh Parkash Agrawal Alias M. P. Aggarwal S/o Munni Lal Aggarwal R/o H. No. 3437, Sector 40-D, Chandigarh declare that I have changed my name to Mahesh Prakash Aggarwal for all future purpose.

I, Kuljeet Kaur W/o Gurpreet Singh R/o # 30 Khuda Alisher Chandigarh have changed my name to Kamaljeet Kaur.

I, Sweety D/o Jagtar Singh R/o Village Bhankharpur, Bakarpur, SAS Nagar (Mohali), have changed my name from Sweety to Simarjeet Kaur for all future purposes.

I, Rangı Ram Verma S/o Brij Lal R/o 29, Kaimari Road, Near M.P. Ranbir Singh H.No. Gangwa, Raja Ram Garden, Hisar, Tehsil and District Hisar, Haryana (India) PIN-125001, declares that I want to change my name from Rangı Ram Verma to Rangı Ram in all my documents.

I, Ritika Kukkar w/o Kapil Kumar r/o H.No. 111A, Street No.02, C Block, Sirsa (Haryana) speak I have changed my name from Ritika Kukkar to Ritika. I, would like to be known by this name in future.

I, Army No. 14663247K Rank: Hav. Auto Tech 'B' Veh Name: Rajesh Devara, Residing at D. No. 31-52-76, Yadavajaggarajueta, Vadlapudi Post, Gajuwaka Mandal, Visakhapatnam Dist., Andhra Pradesh-530046 have changed my Daughter's name from PARMILA to PARMILA DEVARA. Vide Affidavit No. IN-AP 34653397865964X at District Court, Visakhapatnam.

I, Parul Lotus S/o Rajinder Kumar R/o House No. 28858 Street No. 2D, Partap Nagar, Bathinda (Punjab) declare that Parul is my First Name and Lotus is my Surname.

I, Ritu Makan W/o Amarjeet Singh R/o #2142/1, Sector 45-C, Chandigarh have changed my name to Ramneet Kaur Makan

I, Rajwant Kaur W/o Sarbjit Singh Sandhu, House NO. 242/1, Sector 44 A, Chandigarh have changed my name from Rajwant Kaur to Rajwant Kaur Sandhu.

I, Gurleen Kaur W/o Karanvinder Singh R/o GH 20, Flat 09, Mansa Devi Complex, Sector 5, Panchkula, Haryana 134114 have changed my name from Gurleen Kaur to Gurleen Kaur Dhaliwal

I, Suresnder Pal S/o Ram Sarup, House NO. 1365/1, Sector 30-B Chandigarh have changed my minor son name from Shourya to Charvik Singh

I, Sanjay S/o Gopal Maity, House NO. 2110, Vikas Nagar, Mauli Jagran Chandigarh have changed my name from Sanjay to Sanjay Maity

I, Sarojadevi Ramsingh Gautam W/o Ram Singh, House No. 139, Sector 25-D, Chandigarh have changed my name from Sarojadevi Ramsingh Gautam to Saroja Devi

I, Ramsingh Hiralal Gautam S/o Heera Lal House No. 713, Sector 38-A, Chandigarh have changed my name from Ramsingh Hiralal Gautam to Ram Singh

I Abhishek Sood S/o Sh. Durga Dass, Flat No 69-C Third Floor, Stellar Homes, Kishanpura, Zirakpur, Zirakpur, SAS Nagar (Mohali), Punjab - 140603 have changed my name from Abhishek Sood to Abhishek Tiwari.

I, MUKHTIYARI DEVI mother of No 3190759K, Naik Vinod Kumar (Retd), resident of VPO- Picholia, Teh Karnal, Distt- Karnal (Haryana)- 132036 have changed my name MUKHTIYARI DEVI to MUKHTIYARI vide Affidavit dated 08 Jul 26.

I, Vishal son of Shri Satpal, resident of House No. 2305, Durga Colony, Kalika, Panchkula, Haryana, That I have changed my minor son's name from Naitik to Naitik Chaudhary.

I, Navdeep Kaur W/o Manjinder Singh Dhillon r/o H.NO 101, GALI NO 4, LABH NAGAR RAM TIRATH, ROAD, Amritsar have change my name from Navdeep Kaur to Navdeep Kaur Dhillon. After marriage.

I, Deepak S/o Mahender R/o House No. 109, Shyamlal Dhani, Hisar declare that I have changed my name from Deepak to Deepak Goyal for all future purpose.

I, hitherto known as Aruna Beri W/o Ravinder Kumar Sood R/o House No.886, Urban Estate Phase-1, PO.Garha, Jalandhar Punjab-144022, have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as Aruna Sood.

I, Raju Kumar Singh S/o Naganarayan Singh R/o H.No. B-9, 705, Santokhpura, GT Road, Lamba Pind, Jalandhar-144004, Punjab have changed my minor daughter name from Sushma to Taniya.

I, Amandeep Kaur W/o Davinder Singh R/o Vill. Jagpalpur, Po. Ranipur, Teh. Phagwara, Distt. Kapurthala, Punjab have changed the name of my minor son Haragam Singh to Given name as Haragam & Surname as Singh.

I, Amandeep Kaur W/o Davinder Singh R/o Vill. Jagpalpur, Po. Ranipur, Teh .Phagwara, Distt. Kapurthala. Punjab have changed the name of my minor daughter Avneet Kaur to Given name as Avneet & Surname as Kaur.

I, Rup Chand S/o Khazan Chand R/o VPO. Rurka Kalan, Distt. Jalandhar declare that Rup Chand and Roop Chand Salhan is one and the same person.

I, Sunil Kumar S/o Natha Ram R/o H.No. 281, Sodal Road Lathi Mar Mohalla, Jalandhar, Punjab have changed my minor son name from Yuvraj to Yuvraj Kumar.

I, Sunil Kumar S/o Natha Ram R/o H.No. 281, Sodal Road Lathi Mar Mohalla, Jalandhar, Punjab have changed my minor son name from Samuel to Samuel Kumar.

I, Parmod Kumar S/o Natha Ram R/o H.No. B-6-281, Sodal Road Lathi Mar Mohalla, Jalandhar, Punjab have changed my minor son name from Sanchit to Sanchit Kumar.

I, Parmod Kumar S/o Natha Ram R/o H.No. B-6-281, Sodal Road Lathi Mar Mohalla, Jalandhar, Punjab have changed my minor son name from Ishaan to Ishaan Kumar.

I, Suman Gupta W/o Bhola Nath Gupta R/o E.C-375, Killa Mohalla, Jalandhar declare that Suman as well as Suman Gupta is one and the same person.

I, G Krishna F/o Hav/Chef com Garaga Mahesh, serving in unit 52 Engineer Regiment C/o 56 APO have changed my name from G Krishna to Garaga Krishna.

I, G Sathyavathi M/o Hav/Chef com Garaga Mahesh, serving in unit 52 Engineer Regiment C/o 56 APO have changed my name from G Sathyavathi to Garaga Sathyavathi.

I Rajinderpal Singh Johal S/O Nirmal Singh R/O Patti Gurdas, Dhalle Ke (Moga) Have Changed My Name From Rajinderpal Singh Johal To Rajinderpal Singh.

I Veerpal Kaur Johal W/O Rajinderpal Singh R/O Patti Gurdas, Dhalle Ke (Moga) Have Changed My Name From Veerpal Kaur Johal To Veerpal Kaur.

I Pritpal Singh Sanger S/O Jarnail Singh R/O Vpo. Manuke Tehsil Nihal Singh Wala Distt. Moga Changed My Name Pritpal Singh Sanger To Pritpal Singh.

I Garima D/O Sunny Verma R/O 1015 Street No.1/2 Geeta Colony Jagraon Ludhiana Have Changed My Name To Garima Verma.

I Sandeep Singh Sahota S/O Paramjit Singh Sahota R/O Vpo. Roomi Tehsil Jagraon Distt. Ludhiana Have Changed My Name To Sandeep Singh.

I Sukhvinder Singh Dhaliwal S/O Raghvveer Singh R/O H.No.-346/1 St.No.-6R Gurdeep Nagar Jagraon Distt. Ludhiana Have Changed My Name To Sukhvinder Singh.

I Kulveer Singh Chahal Son Of Gurdial Singh R/O Vpo. Chhajajawal Distt. Ludhiana Have Changed My Name To Kulveer Singh.

I, Parmar Madhu Ben Brijeshkumar is legally W/o No. 8037643M Rank LNK (GD) Name Parmar Brijeshkumar Balubhai. Presently Residing at Vill: Itavadi Post- itavadi, Teh: Vijaynagar, Dist Sabarkantha, State: Gujarat, PIN: 383246, That I have changed my name from Parmar Madhu ben Brijeshkumar to Parmar Madhuben BRIJESHKUMAR, hence the affidavit swom before notary Advocate Col. APS Chahal dated 09-07-2026

I, Simran D/o Shiv Kumar Resident of House No. 183 B-1 Plot No. 8, Manohar Colony, Patel Nagar, Hisar declare that I have changed my name from Simran to Simran Preet for future purpose.

I, Ayush S/o Anil Kumar Resident of House No. 174, Manohar Colony, Patel Nagar, Hisar, Tehsil and Distt. Hisar declare that I have changed my name from Ayush to Ayush Singh for future purpose.

I, Shiv Kumar S/o Om Parkash R/o House No. 183 B-1 Plot No. 8 Manohar Colony, Patel Nagar, Hisar declare that I have changed the name of my minor Son from Shubham to Shubham Singh for future purpose.

I, Amneet Virdi W/o Manav Sondhi R/o 1069, Sondhi Street, Yamuna Nagar, Tehsil Jagadhri, Distt. Yamuna Nagar, Haryana -135001, INDIA have changed my name from Amneet Virdi to Amneet Sondhi.

I Amarjit W/o Sham Singh R/o House No. 13455, Street No. 1, Gopal Nagar, Basti Jodhewal, Ludhiana have changed my name from Amarjit Kaur to Amarjit.

I Babbu Rani W/O Kuldeep Kumar, R/O. H.No. 724, Malerkotla Road, Raikot, Distt Ludhiana Have Changed My Name To Somi.

I, Razak Mohamad S/o Ronak Ali R/o Vpo. Kularan, Teh-Samana, Distt. Patiala have changed my name from Razak Mohomoud to Razak Mohamad.

I, Shehnaj W/o Razak Mohamad R/o Vpo. Kularan, Teh-Samana, Distt. Patiala have changed my name from Shanaj to Shehnaj.

I, Rajvinder Kaur W/o Sukhwinder Singh R/o Vill: Jawanda Kalan Teh & Distt. Tarn Taran I have changed my name from Rajvinder Kaur to Rajwant Kaur.

I, Ajay Kumar Singla S/o Bhim Singh R/o Indrapuri Samana Distt. Patiala have changed my name from Ajay Kumar Singla to Ajay Singla.

I, Gurbaksh Singh Shalan S/o Joginder Singh R/o Raikot (Ludhiana) have changed my name to Gurbaksh Singh.

I, Gurnek Singh Deol S/o Jasvir Singh R/o Markhai (Ferozepur) have changed my name to Gurnek Singh.

I Kirpal Kaur W/o Binder Singh Vpo Jangiana Tehsil Tapa, District Barnala have changed my name Pali Kaur.

I Harjit Singh S/O Gurbakhsh Singh, R/O, H. No - 877 C, Ward No 1, Raikot, Distt Ludhiana Have Changed My Name To Harjit Singh Panesar.

I, Manjinder Kaur Wife of No-1481420F Late Hav Avtar Singh R/o Vill: Mand, Po: Teli Chak, Teh Dasuya, Distt Hoshiarpur (Pb) have changed the name of my daughter from Rapinder Kaur to Rupinder Kaur Mand.

I, No 4460284L Ex Hav Bakhshish Singh Son of Pritam Singh Resident of Vill: Bainchan, PO: Chotala, Teh & Distt Hoshiarpur (Pb) have changed the name of my daughter from Manprit Kaur to Manpreet Kaur.

I Sushma Devi W/o Tilak Chand Chauhan R/o House no. 1297/4, Street no.3, Sai Mandir Road, Valley Height Colony, Distt. Hoshiarpur (Pb) have changed my name from Sushma Devi to Sushma Chauhan. Concerned note.

I Satpal S/o Baldev Raj R/o House No. 1174 D, Model Town Extension, Ludhiana have changed my name from Satpal Papneja to Satpal.

I Kiran W/o Satpal R/o House No. 1174 D, Model Town Extension, Ludhiana have changed my name from Kiran Papneja to Kiran.

I, Harpreet Kaur Khangura D/o Nachhattar Singh, W/o Manvir Singh R/o Village Malakpur, Tehsil Khanna (Ludhiana) have changed my name after marriage as Harpreet Kaur.

I, Sukhdeep Singh Dhaliwal, S/o Malkit Singh, R/o Village Dhurkot Ransih, Tehsil Nihal Singh Wala, District Moga (PB), PIN-142055 hereby declare that my name has been changed from Sukhdeep Singh Dhaliwal to Sukhdeep Singh.

I Raju S/o Leela Singh R/o #11-I Jagdish Colony Patiala have changed my name from Raju Singh to Raju.

I Deepak S/o Parsidh Kumar R/o #1371, Near NTC School, Rajpura Distt. Patiala have changed my name from Deepak to Deepak Dhamija. Con. Please Note.

I Lovepreet Singh S/O Sukhwinder Singh R/O Gali Ajit Singh Dairy Wali Kazikot Road Tehsil & District Tarn Taran I have changed my given name to Lovepreet and surname to Singh.

I, Sathyanarayana Father of 15799847H Nk Manikandan S residing at Vill. D.No 84, Seeramaniyur kattuvallavu, Erakondampatti (Po) Mecheri, Mettur Distt. Salem (TamilNadu) 250622 have changed my name from Sathyanarayana to Sathiyananarayan vide Affidavit date 08.07.2026 before notary public Distt. Court Bathinda (PB).

I, Service 15573860L hav Dinesh Magan Patil residing at Vill. Kavpimpri Distt. Jalgaon (Maharashtra) 425401 have changed my minor daughter name from Kirti to Patil Kirti dinesh vide Affidavit date 08.07.2026 before notary public Distt. Court Bathinda (PB).

I, SHILPA KAILASH NARWATE am legally Wedded Spouse of Army No: 16119058K Rank: Spr Name: Narwate Kailash Baburao Presently Posted at Unit: Cme Pune, Maharashtra Permanent Address: Village: Senkud, Post/ Teh: Ahmedpur, Dist: Latur, State: Maharashtra, Pin: 413515 declare that in my husband Service record my name is by Mistakenly mentioned as SHILPA KAILASH NARWATE but as per Civil/Govt. Documents my Correct name is SHILPA KAILAS NARWATE. Vide Affidavit No: 11AA 219454, Dated: 08/07/2026

I, Gurdip Singh S/o Pal Singh R/o Vill. Waraich, Tehsil & Distt. Gurdaspur, Punjab have changed my name from Gurdip Singh to Gurdeep Singh. Concerned Note.

I, Jaswinder Kaur Pabla W/o Avtar Singh R/o Village Thaili Kalan, P.O. Ghanauli, Tehsil & District Rupnagar (Pb) have changed my name from Jaswinder Kaur Pabla to Jaswinder Kaur.

I Daleep Singh Shekhawat S/o Nand Lal Singh Ji R/o Village Gudha Gorji, Jhunjhunu, Gudhagorjijika, Rajasthan-333022 have changed my Son name from Vishwajit Singh to Vishwajeet Singh.

I, Jaswinder Kaur w/o Surinder singh R/o VPo. Ghanauli, Tehsil and District Rupnagar (Pb) have changed my name from Jaswinder Kaur to Balwinder Kaur after marriage.

I, Meenu D/o Late Sh. Karan Pal R/o Village Araipura, Tehsil Gharaunda, District Karnal, Haryana declare that my name is entered as Meenu in all my documents, whereas in my LIC Policy No. 177466181 my name is entered as Meena. Meena and Meenu both are my names.

I, Army No. 2893835-M, Rank HAV., Name Joginder Singh R/o VPO Baroda Tehsil Narwana Disttt. Jind, Haryana Pin-126115 declare that my mother name was earlier Bhohti Devi in the Army records, which I have now changed to name Bohati.

I, BABURAO am Father of Army No: 16119058K Rank: Spr Name: Narwate Kailash Baburao Presently Posted at Unit: Cme Pune, Maharashtra Permanent Address: Village: Senkud, Post/ Teh: Ahmedpur, Dist: Latur, State: Maharashtra, Pin: 413515 declare that in my Son's Service record my name is by Mistakenly mentioned as BABURAO but as per Civil/Govt. Documents my Correct name is BABU NAGORAO NARWATE and Also Correct my Date of birth from 05/03/1963 to 01/01/1961. Vide Affidavit No: 11AA 219378, Dated: 08/07/2026

I, MEENABAI am Mother of Army No: 16119058K Rank: Spr Name: Narwate Kailash Baburao Presently Posted at Unit: Cme Pune, Maharashtra Permanent Address: Village: Senkud, Post/ Teh: Ahmedpur, Dist: Latur, State: Maharashtra, Pin: 413515 declare that in my Son's Service record my name is by Mistakenly mentioned as MEENABAI but as per Civil/Govt. Documents my Correct name is MINABAI BABU NARAVATE and Also Correct my Date of birth from 01/01/1969 to 01/01/1973. Vide Affidavit No: 11AA 219453, Dated: 08/07/2026

I, SAVITA SHARMA is legally Wedded Spouse of Army No: 14661140W Rank: Hav Name: Santosh Sharma Presently Posted At Unit: 22 FD Wksp, EME (Engr Bde) C/o 56 APO Permanent Address: House No: 510, Shair T Gahmar, Sayer, Ghazipur, Zamania, State: Uttar Pradesh, Pin: 232327 declare that in my Husband Service record my Date of birth is by Mistakenly mentioned as 01/12/1983 but as per Civil/Govt. Documents my Correct Date of birth is 01/01/1984. Vide Affidavit No: 11AA 219917, Dated: 08/07/2026

I, SHILPA KAILASH NARWATE am legally Wedded Spouse of Army No: 16119058K Rank: Spr Name: Narwate Kailash Baburao Presently Posted at Unit: Cme Pune, Maharashtra Permanent Address: Village: Senkud, Post/ Teh: Ahmedpur, Dist: Latur, State: Maharashtra, Pin: 413515 declare that in my husband Service record my name is by Mistakenly mentioned as SHILPA KAILASH NARWATE but as per Civil/Govt. Documents my Correct name is MIRABAI SHRIKRUSHNA TIDKE and Also Correct my Date of birth from 01/08/1964 to 01/01/1971. Vide Affidavit No: 11AA 219916, Dated: 08/07/2026

I, MEERABAI am Mother of Army No: 2813053L Rank: Sep Name: Tidke Mahendra Shrikrushna Presently Posted at Unit: 16 Maratha LI, Permanent Address: Mu: Pimparwada, Dharur, PO: Kille Dharur, Dist: Bid, State: Maharashtra, Pin: 431124 declare that in my Son's Service record my name is by Mistakenly mentioned as MEERABAI but as per Civil/Govt. Documents my Correct name is MIRABAI SHRIKRUSHNA TIDKE and Also Correct my Date of birth from 07/03/1969 to 01/01/1973. Vide Affidavit No: 11AA 219915, Dated: 08/07/2026

I, Phoolpati Devi Mother of No.JC-378635K Sub Anuj Kumar Dubey, Village-Dubawal, Tehsil- Phool Pur, District- Prayagraj, State- U.P, Pin- 221505, have changed my name from Pool Patti Devi to Phoolpati Devi vide affidavit No.IN-PB68022970668889Y dated 08 July before notary public Pathankot.

I, HEERA DEVI am Mother of Army No: 18024178k Rank: L/Nk Name: Vijay Samant Presently Posted at Unit: 57 Engr Regt C/o 56 APO Permanent Address: Khetal Sanda Mustazer, Khetal Sanda Mustnagar, Udham Singh Nagar, Uttarakhand - 262308 declare that in my Son's Service record my name is by Mistakenly mentioned as HEERA DEVI but as per Civil/Govt. Documents my Correct name is HIRA SOUN. Vide Affidavit No: 11AA 219457, Dated: 08/07/2026

I, Nirmala Devi W/o Sh. Samunder Singh (D/o Sh.Tek Ram) R/o House No.1004 GF, HBC, Sector-19, Panchkula Haryana-134113, Declare that I have changed my name from Nirmala Devi to Ramal Devi. That my Correct date of birth is 18-06-1969, which is true and correct.

I, Kurshed Bibi is Legally Mother of No: 15591960Y Rank Nk Name Satveer Mohamed Presently Posted at Unit: 110 Engr Regt Permanent Resident of Village Chohla, PO. Malloke, Tehsil Zira, Distt. Ferozepur, Punjab, 142047 declare that in my Son's Service record my name is by Mistakenly mentioned as Kursaid (Old Name) but as per Civil/Govt. Documents my Correct name is Kurshed Bibi (proposed new name). Vide Affidavit No: HF 0008711784, Dated: 22/06/2026

I, RADHESHYAM am Father of Army No: 15345830N Rank: Hav Name: Kripa Sonkar Sharma Presently Posted at Unit: 57 Engr Regt C/o 56 APO Permanent Address: Vill/Post: Dighwat, Teh-Sakaldiha, Dist-Chandauli, State: UP, Pin No: 232108 declare that in my Son's Service record my name is by Mistakenly mentioned as RADHESHYAM but as per Civil/Govt. Documents my Correct name is RADHESHYAM SHARMA. Vide Affidavit No: Vide Affidavit No: 11AA 219914, Dated: 08/07/2026

I, SHRIKRUSHNA am Father of Army No: 2813053L Rank: Sep Name: Tidke Mahendra Shrikrushna Presently Posted at Unit: 16 Maratha LI, Permanent Address: Mu: Pimparwada, Dharur, PO: Kille Dharur, Dist: Bid, State: Maharashtra, Pin: 431124 declare that in my Son's Service record my name is by Mistakenly mentioned as SHRIKRUSHNA but as per Civil/Govt. Documents my Correct name is SHRIKRISHNA ASHRUBA TIDKE and Also Correct my Date of birth from 01/08/1964 to 01/01/1971. Vide Affidavit No: 11AA 219916, Dated: 08/07/2026

I, MEERABAI am Mother of Army No: 2813053L Rank: Sep Name: Tidke Mahendra Shrikrushna Presently Posted at Unit: 16 Maratha LI, Permanent Address: Mu: Pimparwada, Dharur, PO: Kille Dharur, Dist: Bid, State: Maharashtra, Pin: 431124 declare that in my Son's Service record my name is by Mistakenly mentioned as MEERABAI but as per Civil/Govt. Documents my Correct name is MIRABAI SHRIKRUSHNA TIDKE and Also Correct my Date of birth from 07/03/1969 to 01/01/1973. Vide Affidavit No: 11AA 219915, Dated: 08/07/2026

I, Phoolpati Devi Mother of No.JC-378635K Sub Anuj Kumar Dubey, Village-Dubawal, Tehsil- Phool Pur, District- Prayagraj, State- U.P, Pin- 221505, have changed my name from Pool Patti Devi to Phoolpati Devi vide affidavit No.IN-PB68022970668889Y dated 08 July before notary public Pathankot.

I, Vedmani Dubey Father of No.JC-378635K Sub Anuj Kumar Dubey, Village-Dubawal, Tehsil- Phool Pur, District- Prayagraj, State- U.P, Pin- 221505, have changed my name from Ved Mani Dubey to Vedmani Dubey vide affidavit No.IN-PB68023272840982Y dated 08 July before notary public Pathankot.

I, Asha Chavan Ramdas spouse of No.15223908Y NK Chavan Ramdas Fullchand resident of Village- Chikni Tanda, Post- Andur, Tehsil-Tuljapur, District-Dharashiv, State-Maharashtra, Pin-413603, have changed my name from Asha Chavan Ramdas to Aasha Ramdas Chavan Vide affidavit No.IN-PB66755317339358Y dated 05 Jul 2026 before notary public Pathankot.

I, Narinder Kaur Mother of No.4487631H L/Hav Balbir Singh resident of Village- Bakhli, Post- Bakhli, Tehsil-Pehowa, District-Kurukshetra, State-Haryana, Pin-136128, have changed my name from Narinder Kaur to Narender Kaur Vide affidavit No.IN-PB67062911475141Y dated 06 July 2026 before notary public Pathankot.

I, Renuka Mother of No.2813760P Hav Kekan Vijay Mokinda resident of Village- Umrad, Post- Umrad, Tehsil-Shindakhed Raja, District-Buldhana, State-Maharashtra, Pin-443203, have changed my name & DOB from Renuka to Renuka Mokinda Kekan and date of birth from 25 April 1972 to 01Jan 1953 Vide affidavit No.IN-PB63786201522781Y dated 25 June 2026 before notary public Pathankot.

I, Kekan Mokinda Karbhari Father of No.2813760P Hav Kekan Vijay Mokinda resident of Village- Umrad, Post- Umrad, Tehsil-Shindakhed Raja, District-Buldhana, State-Maharashtra, Pin-443203, have changed my name &DOB from Kekan Mokinda Karbhari to Mokinda Karbhari Kekan and date of birth from 10 Jan 1969 to 01 Feb 1965 Vide affidavit No.IN-PB63785381876152Y dated 25 June 2026 before notary public Pathankot.

I, Sugantabai mother of No. 15785543A Hav Ghuge Nandu Tukaram resident of Village- khali Post- Ashvi Bk, Tehsil-Sangamner Dist - Ahmednagar State-Maharashtra, Pin- 413714 have changed my name from Sugantabai to Sugandhabai Tukaram Ghuge Vide affidavit No.IN-PB64811316814814Y dated 29 June 2026 before notary public Pathankot.

I, Tukaram father of No 15785543A Hav Ghuge Nandu Tukaram resident of Village- Khali Post- Ashvi Bk Tehsil-Sangamner Dist - Ahmednagar State-Maharashtra, Pin- 413714 have changed my name from Tukaram to Tukaram Bhikaji Ghuge Vide affidavit No.IN-PB64811141935128Y dated 29 June 2026 before notary public Pathankot.

I, D Samboornam Mother of No.JC-859822W (OCC) NB SUB D Ashok Kumar resident of Village- Sullerumbu

Woman delivers quadruplets in auto; newborns die after ambulance delay

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■ Bhopal

A serious lapse in Madhya Pradesh's emergency health-care system came under scanner after a 28-year-old woman delivered four premature babies inside an auto-rickshaw in Mandla district when a 108 ambulance allegedly failed to reach her in time. All four newborns died, while the mother survived.

The incident occurred on Tuesday in Naiganwa village, where Rajni Sindram, who was around seven months pregnant, developed severe labour pain. Her family said they immediately called the 108 ambulance service, but the vehicle did not arrive despite repeated requests for help.

With Rajni's condition deteriorating rapidly, the family was left with no choice but to hire an auto-rickshaw and rush her to the Ghutas Primary Health Centre with the assistance of an ASHA worker. After providing initial treatment, doctors referred



her to the Bichhiya Community Health Centre for specialised care.

The referral, however, came too late. Before the auto-rickshaw could reach Bichhiya, Rajni delivered four babies one after another inside the vehicle. The accompanying ASHA worker assisted the delivery under extremely difficult circumstances and ensured that the mother reached the hospital safely.

Doctors at the Bichhiya Community Health Centre examined the newborns and

declared all four dead.

Bichhiya Block Medical Officer Anoop Kumar Bharatiya said Rajni was approximately 30 weeks pregnant and the babies were born prematurely.

He said the delivery had already taken place before the woman reached the hospital. The mother was given emergency treatment and her condition is now stable.

Rajni's husband, Dhanesh Sindram, blamed the delay in the Government ambulance service for the tragedy.

"My wife was six to seven months pregnant. We had to take her to hospital in an auto-rickshaw because no ambulance was available. She delivered on the way. All four babies died, but my wife survived," he said.

ASHA worker Manto Singram said she was informed that the family was bringing Rajni in an auto-rickshaw after labour pains started suddenly. She met them en route and helped manage the emergency delivery before they reached the hospital.

The incident has once again exposed glaring shortcomings in the state's emergency medical response system, raising uncomfortable questions about the reliability of the 108 ambulance network.

The deaths of four newborns before they could receive medical care have intensified demands for accountability and a thorough inquiry into whether timely emergency transport could have prevented the tragedy.

Uriamghat tax demand linked to identified miscreants, not Naga community: Pijush Hazarika

TONY DAS
■ Guwahati

The Assam Government on Wednesday clarified that the recent incident involving an alleged demand for ₹110 from households in villages along the Uriamghat border area was the work of a few identified miscreants and should not be associated with the Naga community or the Government of Nagaland.

Replying to a Notice under Rule 54 raised by MLA Nurul Huda in the Assam Legislative Assembly, Parliamentary Affairs Minister Pijush Hazarika said a report from the Superintendent of Police (Border), Golaghat, revealed that two individuals from Hukai Basti in Nagaland's Nuland district visited Rajapukhuri villages under Uriamghat Police Station on June 23.

They allegedly distributed letters to village headmen directing them to collect ₹110 per household as House Tax and Census Tax in the name of NSCN/IMPRN (Nikki).

Hazarika urged people not to generalise the actions of a handful of anti-social elements or blame the entire Naga community, stressing that such assumptions could harm the long-standing cordial relations between the people of Assam and



Nagaland.

The Minister informed the House that the identities of the two accused have been established, but they remain absconding.

The matter has been communicated to the CRPF, neutral forces and the Border Magistrate at Sarupathar, while police and security agencies have intensified search operations, patrolling and surveillance in the border areas.

According to the latest police

report, no evidence has emerged to suggest that any money was actually collected from villagers.

Hazarika said the law and order situation in the area remains peaceful and is being closely monitored.

Reaffirming the State Government's commitment to the safety of border residents, the Minister said strict legal action would be taken against those responsible and that measures were being strengthened to prevent similar incidents in the future.

Amit Shah speaks to CMs of rain-hit States, assures help

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE
■ New Delhi

Union Home Minister Amit Shah spoke with the chief ministers of Maharashtra, Gujarat, and Jammu and Kashmir on Wednesday to review the impact of heavy rains. He assured them that the Centre would provide all possible help, officials said.

Officials said the home minister called Maharashtra Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis, Gujarat Chief Minister Bhupendra Patel, and Jammu and Kashmir Chief Minister Omar Abdullah. During these separate calls, Shah assured each chief minister that the Centre would offer all possible assistance to handle the rain-related situation, officials said.

Mumbai saw heavy rain on Wednesday, which delayed local trains and made commuting difficult for officegoers. The city had already faced heavy rain over the weekend, but experienced a short break on Tuesday. Long-distance trains to

Gujarat were still disrupted due to waterlogging on the Vasai-Virar section in Palghar district and at several places in south Gujarat.

Train services on the Mumbai-Pune route had not yet fully resumed after landslides hit the Bor Ghat section. Civic officials said Tulse Lake, one of Mumbai's seven drinking water reservoirs, began overflowing late at night because of heavy rain in its catchment area.

The India Meteorological Department (IMD) forecast light to moderate rain in Mumbai and its suburbs throughout the day. Southern Gujarat also received "extremely heavy" rainfall on Tuesday, with the worst affected being Surat district, where five people died in rain-related incidents. In comparison, 2,100 people were shifted from flooded areas to safe locations, officials said.

Kamrej taluka in Surat district recorded 305 mm of rain in just 10 hours ending at 4 pm on Tuesday, officials said. Schools and colleges in the



Pedestrians make their way through a severely waterlogged road following heavy rainfall in Surat Gujarat on Wednesday

Navsari district and Surat remained closed on Tuesday due to heavy rain.

"Extremely heavy rainfall occurred at isolated places in the districts of South Gujarat region, namely Surat, Valsad, Dadra & Nagar Haveli in the last 24 hours," the IMD said in its midday state forecast on Tuesday.

M Nagarajan, Commissioner of Surat Municipal Corporation (SMC), told reporters that about 2,100 people had been moved from different zones to safe shelters. A district disaster management official said

five people had died in rain-related incidents over the past two days.

"Two deaths due to electrocution" Two deaths due to electrocution were reported today, while another person died in the Kamrej area. On Monday, two individuals died from electrocution in the Rander area of Surat," the official had said.

Heavy rainfall struck the upper reaches of Thathri town in Jammu and Kashmir's Doda district on Tuesday, partially damaging several houses, shops and

GUJARAT CM REVIEWS RAIN SITUATION

Gandhinagar: Gujarat Chief Minister Bhupendra Patel reviewed the prevailing rain situation across the state during a Cabinet meeting and directed the administration to remain on high alert as heavy rainfall continues to affect several districts.

Government spokesperson Jitu Vaghani said the Chief Minister will visit the rain-affected districts of Surat and Valsad on Wednesday to assess the ground situation, interact with affected residents, and personally review ongoing relief and rescue operations.

The Chief Minister also instructed local ministers and district in-charge ministers to visit rain-affected areas under their respective jurisdictions.

They have been asked to monitor the preparedness of the local administration, review disaster management measures, and ensure that relief efforts are carried out effectively.

During the Cabinet meeting, the State Government also paid tribute to 11 people who lost their lives in rain-related incidents, including accidents caused by collapsing walls, falling trees, and lightning strikes.

The Council of Ministers expressed condolences to the bereaved families and prayed for the departed souls.

The State Government said it will continue to closely monitor the evolving weather situation and coordinate relief measures in districts affected by heavy rainfall. (PNS)

vehicles.

It was the third similar incident in Doda and Kishtwar districts this week after heavy rain battered the region. Heavy rain in the upper reaches had triggered

flash floods, bringing boulders, mud and debris into Thathri town. The Doda-Kishtwar highway was blocked at Thathri after the flash floods, disrupting traffic in the area.

Congress battles factions ahead of MP's Datia by-election

GIRISH SHARMA ■ Bhopal

With the July 30 by-election to Madhya Pradesh's Datia Assembly constituency fast approaching, the Congress finds itself balancing electoral strategy with internal party dynamics, even as both the Congress and the BJP are yet to announce their candidates.

The bypoll, necessitated by the disqualification of former Congress MLA Rajendra Bharti following his conviction in a decades-old bank fraud case, has emerged as a crucial political contest in the Gwalior-Chambal region.

While nominations close on July 13, the Congress leadership continues to deliberate over a candidate capable of retaining the seat without triggering factional unrest.

In a significant political development, Rajendra

Bharti has publicly conveyed to the party leadership that his family need not be considered for the ticket if the Congress identifies a stronger candidate. He said he would campaign wholeheartedly for any nominee chosen by the party and work to ensure the party's victory.

Speaking over the phone, Bharti said the final decision had been left entirely to the party high command. "It is not necessary that I or my family contest. If the party finds a better candidate, I will support that person with full commitment," he said.

His statement is widely being viewed as an attempt to project party loyalty at a time when the Congress is trying to avoid a repeat of the internal discord witnessed during the 2023 Assembly elections. In that election, the party had initially



declared former Textbook Corporation Vice-Chairman Avdhesh Nayak as its candidate before replacing him with Rajendra Bharti following strong opposition from Bharti's supporters.

With Bharti now stepping back from pressing his family's claim, two names have emerged prominently in Congress circles — Avdhesh Nayak and two-time former

MLA Ghanshyam Singh. Party leaders also indicate that a candidate from the Other Backward Classes could be considered if the leadership believes it would improve the party's electoral prospects.

Political observers believe Bharti's statement serves multiple purposes. It helps present him as a disciplined party leader willing to place organisational interests

above personal ambition, while also reducing the possibility of resistance from rival aspirants during the ticket selection process. At the same time, his political past adds another dimension to the calculations. Bharti has previously switched parties after being denied a ticket and has served as an MLA on a Samajwadi Party ticket, making the Congress leadership cautious about managing competing interests within the organisation.

The bypoll itself was triggered after Bharti lost his Assembly membership following his conviction in a bank fraud case dating back to 1998. The case relates to alleged manipulation of a fixed deposit at the Datia Cooperative Rural Development Bank, where investigators alleged that bank records were altered to

extend the tenure of an FD from three years to 15 years, enabling withdrawal of interest over several years. Bharti, who was then associated with the bank's management, was among those prosecuted.

On April 1, a special MP-MLA court in Delhi convicted Bharti in the 28-year-old case. A day later, the court sentenced him to three years' imprisonment and imposed a fine of Rs 1 lakh. Although the court granted him time to appeal, the conviction remained in force.

For the Congress, the election is more than a routine bypoll. It is a test of its ability to manage factional equations while retaining a constituency it won in 2023. Candidate selection will be critical, as the party seeks to avoid alienating influential local leaders and maintain organisational unity.

Police shoot dead Baruipur gang-rape accused in encounter

SAUGAR SENGUPTA ■ Kolkata

The Suvendu Adhikari Government tended to walk its talk — against sexual attacks on women — dealing out on Wednesday the 'encounter treatment' for Probbash Mondal the prime accused in Baruipur gangrape and murder case even as he "tried to snatch a gun from the policemen, open fire and flee" before being shot dead.

"As he was continuously changing his statements the police team was taking him to the place of occurrence for reconstruction of the crime situation, when he suddenly snatched a gun from a policeman and opened fire... the accompanying policemen immediately fired back in self-defence hitting him in the chest and abdomen," a senior



Security personnel stand guard outside Baruipur Sub-Divisional Hospital, where the body of an accused killed in a police encounter has been kept, in South 24 Parganas district, West Bengal, Wednesday

police officer said.

While Wednesday's was the first death in police firing after many years, perhaps after the naxalite movement of the seventies residents of Baruipur and the family members of the victim received the news contently.

"We have complete faith in Chief Minister Suvendu Babu

...he told us the other day that he will not spare the guilty and give a lesson that would be remembered by the future criminals, we are satisfied that at least one of them has been treated befittingly, as instead of repenting he was shamelessly attacking the police men," the brother of the victim said.

A 12-year-old girl was

waylaid last Saturday by a gang of 5-6 youths at Baruipur, a suburban town south of Kolkata. She was then gangraped and brutally assaulted with several hits on her head. To ensure death, she was stuffed in a gunny bag and thrown into a pond so that she died from drowning. Her post-mortem reports confirmed lethal ante mortem injuries and death by drowning.

The incident triggered widespread outrage, with angry locals blocking the Baruipur-Joynagar Road, setting tyres ablaze and vandalising police vehicles, demanding immediate arrest and stringent punishment for those responsible.

Incidentally Adhikari as an Opposition Leader during one of his campaigns said that the BJP Government

would teach the ultimate lesson to all the rapists adding "we 'deposit' them in the morning and 'spend' them in the evening before producing them in the court."

Meanwhile, senior Congress leader Adhir Chowdhury and TMC leader Mohua Moitra attacked the powers that be in the State for converting Bengal "officially into UP 2.0."

"Isn't it strange that the prime accused and the only witness in the rape and murder case has been shot dead in an alleged encounter... with him many information may have gone forever... it is a blood thirsty day... for the first time in Bengal we have seen an encounter killing. Bengal has officially become UP 2.0" she said wondering why the police could not aim at the feet which was the standard rule.



A joint delegation comprising representatives from the Bodo Sahitya Sabha, United Bodo People's Organisation and Bodo Kachari Welfare Autonomous Council called upon CM Himanta Biswa Sarma

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Editor's
TAKE

Delhi's ridge gets a second chance

Delhi has launched its most ambitious afforestation drive in years but it will mean little unless it is matched by cutting emissions at their source

Delhi's ridge – the northern extension of the Aravalli hills that runs through the capital – has long been called the city's "green lungs." This week, that metaphor was given fresh political weight when Union Home Minister Amit Shah and Delhi Chief Minister Rekha Gupta planted saplings at the Central Ridge and Nanakpura Ridge to launch a campaign to plant 70 lakh trees across the capital, part of a broader push under the "Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam" initiative. The government has also launched a Green Drive Portal letting citizens book plantation slots, request free saplings and register as "Environmental Saviours," with a focus on native, long-living species such as peepal, banyan, neem, arjun and jamun, alongside plans for 100 Oxygen Parks across the city. Crucially, Shah pointed out that 7,784 hectares of the Ridge were notified under the Indian Forest Act back in 1994, but the final notification has never been issued in the three decades since – leaving much of this land legally unprotected and vulnerable to encroachment.

Now, 5,000 hectares have been designated forest area, with a promise to extend legal protection to the entire Ridge. That promise, if kept, matters more than the sapling count. It matters because Delhi's pollution crisis is not seasonal bad luck – it is structural. Vehicular emissions contribute the largest share of the city's local PM2.5 pollution, at over half the total, while neighbouring districts add roughly a third more through dust and industrial emissions carried in from outside Delhi's borders. Winter brings crop-residue burning from neighbouring states, whose smoke gets trapped near the ground by temperature inversions and calm winds, producing weeks-long smog episodes. In 2025, Delhi's annual average PM2.5 concentration touched 99.6 micrograms per cubic metre, making it the fourth most polluted city in the world – a level nearly twenty times the WHO's safety guideline. Summers bring their own hazard, as dust storms and heatwave conditions push AQI readings past 400. This is a year-round, multi-source emergency. Given that, a plantation drive – however large – addresses only one layer of the problem. Trees absorb some particulate matter, stabilise soil, cool micro-climates and, over decades, rebuild an ecosystem that construction and encroachment have steadily eaten into. Delhi residents online have already voiced the obvious worry: past plantation drives have seen saplings die for lack of watering and follow-up care, and choosing hardy but low-value species like babool over biodiversity-rich natives has sometimes done more for optics than ecology.

A three-tier, native-species approach with dedicated maintenance – as this programme promises – is a meaningfully better design, if it is followed through. But real, sustained relief requires enforcing vehicular emission standards, cleaning up industrial discharge, cutting fossil-fuel power generation, and forging real coordination with neighbouring states on crop burning. The 300 electric buses flagged off alongside the plantation drive are a start on the transport front. The Ridge deserves its legal protection and its trees. Delhi's lungs need much more than that.



MANJARI SINGH

Two developments this week show how readily the great powers and multilateral institutions will settle the fate of another conflict in the Middle East. At Lake Lucerne, the United States and Iran agreed a roadmap to wind down the war in Lebanon and built a mechanism to govern the fighting between Israel and Hezbollah, while Israel itself was given no seat at the table. In Geneva, the UN Human Rights Council received a report accusing Israel of the gravest crimes in international law over its conduct towards the children of Gaza. India holds no stake in either battlefield, yet has reason to watch how this second judgment was reached.

The death of a child is the heaviest sorrow a society can carry, and that it is no lighter for the nationality the child happened to hold. A child killed in Gaza is an irreplaceable world ended; so is a child in Tel Aviv, or on a road in the Kashmir Valley. To ask how a child died, and at whose hand, is the seriousness that might protect the next one.

There is another moral question that deserves reflection in India. The massacres of October 7, in which Israeli civilians, including children, were murdered, kidnapped and brutalised, marked the beginning of this war. Yet many voices that now speak with certainty about Israel's conduct had little or nothing to say when those atrocities occurred. Moral concern cannot be selective. A standard that condemns civilian suffering only after one side responds, while remaining silent when the violence that triggered the conflict is unleashed, diminishes its own credibility. One may criticise Israel's actions and still recognise that any serious moral accounting of this war must begin with October 7. To omit that starting point is not impartiality; it is incompleteness.

In 2018 and again in 2019, the Office of the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights issued reports on Jammu and Kashmir that New Delhi rejected as fallacious, tendentious and motivated. The objection was never that Kashmiri suffering was unreal; no honest Indian would say so. The objection was to the UN system. A UN office had assembled unverified figures, relied on interested testimony, set aside the long history of cross-border terrorism, and pronounced a confident verdict on a place it had no standing to judge. Governments in Delhi of every stripe have

The weaponisation of the UN

As the war in Gaza continues to divide global opinion, a new United Nations report accusing Israel of grave violations against Palestinian children has reignited questions not only about accountability, but also about the credibility and consistency of international institutions



more than a million children vaccinated against polio in coordination with the WHO, and the diversion of humanitarian aid by the armed groups themselves. One need not settle any of these to see the difficulty: Each judgment falls the same way, against the accused, and a tribunal whose every doubt resolves in one direction is not weighing evidence. It is ratifying a verdict it brought with it.

There is also a distinction that should matter to a democracy. A democracy carries the means of its own correction: courts that rule against the government, a free press, an electorate that removes it. Israel, whatever one concludes about its conduct, has these institutions; the armed movements arrayed against it offer their people none.

Candour is owed about the forum doing the judging. The human-rights machinery of the United Nations carries a long and uneven record, having seated serial abusers on its councils and trained a permanent focus on one democracy while openly repressive states drew little notice. Such a body has not earned the authority to pronounce final verdicts on a sovereign nation, and the principle does not bend according to which nation stands in the dock. Accountability imposed from outside, on evidence a state was never allowed to test, only imitates the rule of law.

This is the pattern India must recognise, because it was once turned against India itself. A standing body, insulated from accountability, selects a single sovereign state, assembles a record it does not let that state test, and converts a political campaign into the language of law and its gravest charges. The instrument is the human-rights report; the purpose is the weaponisation of the United Nations against an unfavourable state.

Verdicts handed down from Geneva harden the warring and embolden those who profit from grievance; they have never stopped a war or returned a child to a parent. Peace is made by states willing to talk, and made faster when the world resists anointing permanent villains and victims. India's instinct, shaped by its own experience, has favoured dialogue over denunciation. The children of Gaza and of Tel Aviv need a peace two peoples can be helped to build. That is the cause India should keep in view.

held that line since.

That is the lens through which the Gaza report deserves to be read. This Commission is the only standing body in the UN system aimed permanently at a single country, created by a resolution that half the Council declined to support. It rests its conclusions on testimony it cannot independently verify and, in places, on its own previous reports; it reaches determinations on ballistics and military operations for which it has no evident expertise, then dresses them as legal findings, though it is no court and can convict no one. It allowed the accused state ten days to answer a hundred-page document covering three years of war. None of this certifies Israel's account of any single incident. But the report's central claims are precisely the kind an impartial process would treat as contested rather than settled.

Much turns on disputed ground. The Commission's own reports have not kept their ratios of children to combatants consistent. Its treatment of schools and hospitals sets aside a documented pattern of armed groups operating from within civilian sites, the fact that decides whether a strike was a crime or a tragedy of war: weapons recovered from a kindergarten, a tunnel shaft beneath an infant's cot, an attack on the Al-Taba'een site that the report lists without recording that the building had become a base for militants. The account of the Al-Ahli hospital explosion, attributed to Israel within hours, was later contradicted by American, British and Canadian assessments pointing to a misfired Palestinian rocket.

On starvation, the report passes over the

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Elder care is not optional, it is a social responsibility



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2ND OPINION

In India, there was a time when caring for the elderly was not discussed as an option—it was simply a way of life. Respect and regard for ageing parents were not choices, but deeply internalised social norms woven into everyday living. Today, that understanding is steadily weakening. Elder care is increasingly being treated as a matter of choice, shaped by convenience rather than commitment. This shift reflects not just a cultural change, but a deeper gap in how India is preparing for an ageing society.

India is home to nearly 144 million senior citizens, and this number is expected to rise sharply in the coming decades. Yet despite these numbers, programmes focused on improving their living conditions remain strikingly few. As a result, ageing is rarely accompanied by dignity; instead, it is often marked by neglect and invisibility. Equally con-

cerning is the growing proportion of elderly living alone or only with a spouse. These people are more vulnerable to fraud, theft and even violent crime due to limited mobility and predictable routines.

Beyond these visible risks lies a quieter crisis—elders battling illness without support, spending days without meaningful interaction, and in some cases, passing away unnoticed. These are not isolated incidents, but symptoms of a systemic apathy towards elder care. The reasons behind this shift are well known. Migration, expensive urban housing, demanding work lives and changing priorities have reshaped family structures. At the same time, many elderly individuals choose to remain in familiar surroundings, rooted in their communities. What has emerged is a widening gap between generations—not just physically, but emotionally. India is moving away from informal, family-led elder care, but has not built adequate formal systems to replace it. As a result, a growing number of seniors are left to navigate ageing largely on their own. India has legal provisions such as the Maintenance and Welfare of Parents and Senior Citizens Act, 2007, which obligate children to provide for their parents' basic needs. Additionally, the National Policy on Older Persons and schemes under the Integrated Programme for Senior Citizens aim to provide financial security, healthcare access and shelter. While important, such frameworks address only one part of the problem. Care cannot be reduced to obligation alone. It is not just about financial support, but about presence, attention and dignity. Law can enforce duty, but it cannot create

care or emotional security. Many elderly individuals remain unaware of their legal rights, limiting their ability to seek support. At the community level, Resident Welfare Associations (RWAs) can play a far more structured role by maintaining registries of elderly residents living alone, enabling periodic welfare checks, and creating emergency response systems. Such decentralised mechanisms can significantly reduce both isolation and risk. Similarly, the role of local police must move beyond symbolic outreach. Old-age homes are an important part of the solution.

They provide shelter, healthcare and companionship. However, their limited reach and affordability prevent them from becoming a universal solution. There is also significant scope for corporate engagement. Elder care can be meaningfully integrated into Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR), particularly through partnerships with credible non-governmental organisations to build community-based care models. In earlier days elder care was part of a social fabric that ensured continuity between generations.

Rebuilding this fabric requires more than policy—it demands a conscious effort to restore intergenerational bonds. Families, schools and communities must create spaces where younger generations remain connected to their elders. If ageing is to become one of India's defining realities, elder care must move from being seen as a private concern to a shared social responsibility.

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DOWRY DEATHS DEMAND STRONGER SOCIAL AND LEGAL ACTION

The tragic death of 28-year-old Akriti, barely 72 days after her marriage, is yet another grim reminder that the evil of dowry continues to claim innocent lives despite stringent laws. According to her family's complaint, the man she loved and married allegedly became abusive soon after the wedding, demanding dowry, seeking control over her salary, forcing her to quit her job, and subjecting her to relentless physical and mental harassment. Her repeated warnings that her husband might kill her make this case particularly shocking and heartbreaking.

Such incidents expose not only the failure of legal deterrence but also the persistence of regressive social attitudes that treat women as commodities rather than equal partners. While every person involved in such harassment must be brought to justice, the husband

bears the primary responsibility for either protecting or persecuting his wife. The law must ensure swift investigation, speedy trials, and exemplary punishment for those guilty of dowry-related crimes.

At the same time, families, educational institutions, women's organisations, and civil society must work together to eradicate this social evil and create an environment where every woman can live with dignity, safety, and respect after marriage.

The fight against dowry demands uncompromising enforcement of the law, greater social awareness, and a collective rejection of practices that commodify women. Only when society treats daughters with dignity and refuses to tolerate dowry will such tragic deaths finally come to an end.

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Bharat Taxi must build passenger trust

Bharat Taxi has the potential to emerge as a credible, people-centric alternative to app-based cab aggregators, but its long-term success will depend on much more than offering affordable fares. As highlighted in the report, the cooperative model can succeed only if it consistently delivers a safe, reliable, and respectful travel experience.

If drivers engage in the same practices that have frustrated passengers on other platforms—such as refusing rides, demanding extra money, or behaving discourteously—the initiative will quickly lose public confidence. Therefore, accountability must be built into the system from the outset. Transparent, surge-free pricing, digital receipts, and an efficient grievance redressal mechanism should be made mandatory. Since Bharat Taxi drivers are co-owners of the cooperative, repeated misconduct should invite strict disciplinary action, including suspension of membership and loss of cooperative benefits. More importantly, drivers must recognise that every instance of misconduct damages the reputation of the cooperative. Bharat Taxi can become a truly dependable mobility solution only by upholding passenger trust through discipline & professionalism.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

India must closely watch developments in PoK

Pakistan's violent crackdown on protesters in Pakistan-occupied Kashmir (PoK) reflects its growing unease over the rising public demand for basic rights and political freedom. The increasing demonstrations reveal deep public resentment against prolonged political neglect, economic hardship, and denial of democratic rights.

Faced with mounting internal and external pressure, Islamabad appears to be suppressing dissent in PoK instead of addressing the legitimate grievances of its people. Such heavy-handed measures are only likely to intensify public anger and further destabilise the region. India should closely monitor developments in PoK and continue highlighting the human rights situation through diplomatic and international forums. While respecting international norms, New Delhi should extend moral and humanitarian support to the people who are seeking justice, dignity, and fundamental freedoms.

The international community must also take note of these developments and urge Pakistan to uphold democratic values, respect human rights, and refrain from using force to silence peaceful voices.

Social media challenges need urgent action

Social media has become an influential platform for communication and entertainment, but it is also increasingly being misused to spread misinformation and promote dangerous online trends. In recent years, viral challenges have encouraged reckless behaviour, putting countless young lives at risk. Earlier, the infamous 'Blue Whale' challenge was linked to several tragic deaths worldwide. Now, equally hazardous trends such as the 'Momo' challenge and the 'Kiki' challenge have exposed users, particularly teenagers, to unnecessary risks.

The Kiki challenge, which dares participants to step out of a moving vehicle, dance alongside it, and jump back in while being filmed, has resulted in numerous accidents and injuries across countries. The pursuit of online fame through likes, comments, and shares often overshadows concerns for personal safety. Parents, schools, social media companies, and law enforcement agencies must work together to educate young users about the dangers of such trends. Technology platforms should promptly remove harmful content and discourage challenges that threaten public safety. Responsible digital behaviour and stronger content moderation are essential to ensure that social media remains a tool for creativity and communication rather than a source of preventable tragedies.

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Beyond E20: Making India’s ethanol transition truly sustainable

As blending targets rise, the focus must shift beyond percentages alone. The long-term success of India’s ethanol strategy will depend on balancing energy independence with water security, agricultural sustainability, environmental safeguards, vehicle compatibility, and food security



India’s ethanol-blending programme has evolved rapidly over the last decade from a limited effort to blend with petrol to now one of the central pillars for India’s energy security and clean mobility strategy. The country has already achieved E20 blending ahead of schedule, increasing it gradually from 1.5% in 2014. The central government is now preparing for higher blends through the recent notification and recent launch of flex-fuel vehicles (FFVs).

The rationale for ethanol blending has been to reduce fossil oil imports and thus provide a degree of insulation from global oil price volatility, supply shocks and geopolitical disruptions. According to government reports, this transformation has helped save over 71.84 lakh crore in foreign exchange over the years and substituted more than 300 lakh metric tonnes of oil imports. Ethanol blending has thus been positioned as a strategic tool to reduce fossil oil consumption, lower foreign exchange outflows, build domestic fuel resilience and at the same time create additional income for farmers. However, the blending has also been questioned by critiques citing many challenges and thus they need to be addressed for better acceptance of the programme.

On the consumer side, an often-cited challenge is the issue of fuel efficiency and impact of fuel blends on the engine. As ethanol has ~30% lower energy density than petrol, ethanol blends reduce vehicle mileage, particularly for vehicles that are non-E20 compliant. Furthermore, the hygroscopic property of ethanol can lead to moisture accumulation, corrosion of fuel system components, and potential breakdowns of non-compliant vehicles. In this scenario, the recent FFV notification is an important policy step. By introducing engine compliance standards, the government has recognised that higher blending requires compatible vehicle systems.

On the supply side, India’s ethanol ecosystem today remains dominated by first-generation (1G) feedstocks, particularly sugarcane, maize and broken rice. This has generated important gains for the farmers, as sugar mill arrears, historically a major source of farmer distress, have reduced significantly. Because of the rising demand from the distilleries, maize cultivation has expanded. For policymakers, ethanol has become an instrument that simultaneously addresses energy security, rural income generation, and agricultural market stability.

While a higher blend beyond E20 for the FFV has the potential to further reduce our fossil oil consumption and thus foreign exchange outflows, the next phase of India’s ethanol programme must be evaluated through a broader ‘systems’ perspective that considers not only energy security but also ecological sustainability and long-term resource resilience. Sugarcane is among the most water-intensive crops cultivated in India and is often grown in regions already experiencing groundwater stress. Its cultivation is supported by significant electricity subsidies for irrigation and high fertiliser inputs.

Maize is also increasingly entering the fuel economy as ethanol demand rises. As more maize is diverted towards ethanol production, domestic availability for poultry feed, starch and other industrial uses becomes tighter, increasing pressure on food-feed-fuel allocation and, in some years, contributing to higher imports. The larger concern here is whether India’s ethanol transition is substituting crude oil import dependence with growing dependence on subsidised groundwater, electricity for irrigation, imported fertilisers and, potentially, feed grain.

Furthermore, while ethanol may reduce tailpipe emissions, a rigorous comparative life cycle assessment (LCA) is essential to account for the full production chain, including fertiliser manufacture and use, groundwater extraction, electricity consumption for



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irrigation, transportation, distillation energy, land-use changes associated with feedstock cultivation, waste generation and treatment, and emissions across the value chain. Only such a cradle-to-grave assessment can determine whether higher ethanol blends deliver genuine net environmental gains under Indian conditions.

The environmental assessment must also extend beyond feedstock cultivation to include waste management. Distilleries reportedly generate large volumes of effluent with significant pollution potential, if inadequately treated. Although regulatory norms mandate treatment and reuse through bio-methanation, concentration or composting, a rapid expansion of ethanol production will proportionately increase waste volumes.

A major concern is also on the long-term impact on agricultural patterns. If ethanol demand continues to incentivise sugarcane and maize cultivation, what happens to crop diversification and soil resilience? Monoculture expansion may improve short-term farmer incomes, but over time weaken ecological stability and increase resource stress, thereby impacting the farmers themselves. There is also an implicit food security dimension. The current policy support still disproportionately favours rapid expansion of 1G infrastructure because it is easier to scale quickly. That may help India achieve blending targets and reduce foreign exchange outflow, but it risks locking into a resource-intensive biofuel pathway with longer term impacts on soil and groundwater. While surplus and waste 1G feedstocks should be used to produce ethanol, any expansion through additional cultivation must be preceded by a comprehensive and rigorous life cycle assessment (LCA).

This is precisely why India must work on prioritising second-generation (2G) biofuels. India generates up to 500 million tonnes of agricultural residues annually, much of which is burned, contributing to severe air pollution. Converting crop residues, municipal waste, and non-food biomass into ethanol offers a far more sustainable pathway than indefinite expansion of first-generation feedstocks. However, 2G ethanol remains commercially challenging due to high capital costs of pre-treatment and lower yields. Going forward, the policy should simultaneously focus on enabling 2G systems through targeted financial incentives, innovation support, technology partnerships, and long-term procurement certainty. The objective should not merely be increasing ethanol percentages but creating a genuinely sustainable low-carbon fuel ecosystem.

While India’s ethanol programme has undoubtedly supported rural incomes, its next phase should be guided by a ‘systems’ perspective rather than blending targets alone. Energy security cannot be separated from groundwater stress, fertiliser dependence, agricultural resilience, waste management, and long-term resource sustainability and security. International experience, particularly Brazil’s, offers valuable lessons but should be interpreted in context. Much of Brazil’s sugarcane cultivation is rain-fed and takes place under agro-climatic conditions that differ from India’s, where irrigation and groundwater extraction play a larger role. Also, Brazil vehicle ecosystem for using blended fuels was simultaneously developed. India’s biofuel strategy must be tailored to its own resource constraints and conditions. Ultimately, the next phase of India’s ethanol transition should be evaluated not only as an energy security initiative, but also as a resource security strategy without impacting the vehicle users.

Litmus test awaits Jan-Suraaj in Bankipur



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Even before the Election Commission of India issues a formal notification for the by-election to Bankipur assembly seat, the political temperature in Bihar-and Patna in particular-has already risen sharply. Political parties have begun a war of words to grab public attention, months ahead of the actual contest.

The seat fell vacant after the BJP’s central leadership elevated Nitin Nabin-winner of five consecutive elections, including once from the erstwhile Patna West constituency before delimitation-to the post of national president. His new responsibilities require him to move to the Rajya Sabha, and he has accordingly resigned from the Bankipur assembly seat, triggering the by-election. The Election Commission is yet to announce the schedule, but parties across the spectrum are already positioning themselves for what promises to be a keenly fought contest.Bankipur is set to be one of the most closely watched contests in Bihar, for two broad reasons.

The first is the possibility that Prashant Kishor himself may contest. His candidature is yet to be formally cleared by Jan Suraaj’s working committee, but the mere prospect has already drawn heavy media attention. If Kishor does enter the fray, a significant section of voters who did not back the Jan Suraaj candidate in the 2025 assembly election could shift towards him this time. His appeal has largely been to professionals, government employees, the middle class and students-precisely the kind of urban, educated electorate that dominates Bankipur, and one likely to respond to his reformist, development-focused pitch.

The real question, however, is whether Jan Suraaj can convert this goodwill into actual votes-a difficult task given the party’s acknowledged weakness in booth-level organisation, an area where the BJP’s decades of grassroots presence give it a considerable head start. Jan Suraaj’s state president Manoj Bharti concedes as much: “Due to lack of skilled manpower, this has been our biggest mistake in the past. But this time around, we have rectified the mistake, strengthened the organisational power and honed up the necessary skills of booth management that could match up with those of BJP.”

The second reason is Bankipur’s status as a BJP bastion since 1990. The father-son duo of Navin Kumar Sinha and Nitin Nabin held the seat continuously from 1995 to 2025. Navin Kumar Sinha won from Patna West in 1995 and again in 2005, serving until his death in 2006. His son Nitin Nabin then won the ensuing by-election and went on to win four more consecutive terms through 2025. After the 2008 delimitation exercise, Patna West was renamed Bankipur.

The father-son duo, both Kayasthas by caste, benefited enormously from the constituency’s social composition, which is dominated by upper castes-Kayasthas alone account for roughly 23 percent of the electorate. This allowed them to build a durable personal support base over three decades. Beyond Kayasthas, the BJP has also drawn steady support from other upper-caste communities-Brahmins, Bhumihars, Rajputs, Vaishyas and Banias-making the seat nearly unassailable.

Manoj Bharti disputes this narrative of invincibility, arguing that voters are tired of the father-son duo and are actively seeking change, accusing them of doing too little for the constituency. He argues that Bankipur’s problem has not been loyalty to the BJP but apathy born of a lack of alternatives. “The people of Bankipur often used to say: what difference will it make whether I cast my vote or not? Nitin Nabin is going to win anyway,” Bharti says, adding that this time voters are showing greater willingness to turn out because they now see a genuine alternative. Bharti backs this with turnout figures: Bankipur has historically recorded voting percentages of just 34 to 39 percent, compared to 52 to 55 percent elsewhere in Bihar-evidence, he argues, of chronic voter disengagement rather than satisfaction with the incumbent. He also criticised the BJP-led state and central governments for failing to invite NITI Aayog members to Bihar to address the state’s economic troubles.

The BJP, for its part, has already begun groundwork. According to Prabhat Malakar, the party’s state media-in-charge, national president Nitin Nabin has held discussions with the president, vice-president and general secretary of each of the committees overseeing Bankipur’s ten electoral wards, to assess ground realities. This was followed by a closed-door meeting involving Nabin, state president and chief minister Samrat Chaudhary at the CM’s official residence. Malakar notes that since key election decisions are made in Delhi, the national president, chief minister and state president will jointly decide on the candidate once the Election Commission’s notification is issued, after which the party’s election committee will make its choice. On the likely candidate, Malakar indicated that the BJP is expected to field a Kayastha, given the constituency’s demographic profile, with names such as Ajay Alok, Sanjay Mayukh and Rituraj Sinha doing the rounds.

He expressed confidence that no rival party poses a real threat, citing the welfare schemes implemented by the father-son duo over the years, including new roads. He specifically highlighted Nitin Nabin’s role in transforming the Mandiri Nala into a covered box drain topped by a two-lane smart road-a project that eliminated foul odour, reduced flood risk in central Patna, and eased traffic congestion.

Malakar also pointed to a broader electoral pattern: the party that wins an assembly seat in a general election typically retains it in a subsequent by-election. Even so, should Prashant Kishor enter the race, retaining Nitin Nabin’s 2025 vote share of 62 percent would be no easy task for the BJP’s candidate, even in victory. Any noticeable dip in that margin would be read as a referendum on the state government’s popularity and the party’s organisational strength-making Bankipur’s outcome a matter of political prestige as much as electoral arithmetic. Unsurprisingly, the BJP is expected to spare no effort in ensuring its candidate wins by a commanding margin.

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US-Iran peace talks fail: Lasting peace in West Asia remains as elusive as ever



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The fragile US -Iran peace process that followed the Memorandum of Understanding at Bürgenstock and Lucerne has collapsed following July 8, 2026, Iranian strike on three commercial vessels in the Strait of Hormuz, including a Qatari LNG tanker and a Saudi crude oil super tanker.

Iran has defended the attacks as assertion of sovereignty in quest for a “new Iranian order” in Hormuz. Despite enduring serious losses in leadership, infrastructure, and civilian lives, Tehran appears emboldened and the theocratic regime has entrenched itself further. This was manifest in global diplomatic acknowledgment in form of large-scale representation from major powers. Iran

clearly appears to be exploiting limits of conventional US-Israel military power to conclude the war in a complex geopolitical theatre, where Iran has so far appeared to enjoy advantages in asymmetric warfare. It is intriguing that a regime that appeared poised to end its half a century long global isolation with removal of all sanctions and offer of a major economic reconstruction programme is seeking squander this opportunity. While an accidental re-ignition of conflict was always expected in the prevailing ambience of distrust, such deliberate confrontation indicates deeper underlying causes. Despite progress on formation of technical working groups on sanctions relief for Iran, agreement on nuclear issues through a closer inspection, and mechanisms to secure maritime traffic through the Strait of Hormuz, as well as de-escalation of tensions in Lebanon, deeper security, ideological and geopolitical faultlines that fueled the war had remained unresolved. It is clear failure of stakeholders to stretch their capacity, commitment and innovation to translate the “agreement on a 60-day roadmap toward a final settlement” into an enduring peace and stability in the region.

American firepower with its formidable surveillance and precision strike capacity, stealth technology, logistics network and overall force projection, backed by Israel’s high tech-intelligence prowess has so far failed to vanquish Iran. Iran has largely held its ground, despite losing almost its entire top political-military leadership, thousands of trained IRGC personnel, almost half of its

air, naval and ground military assets, besides suffering tens of thousands of civilian casualties. Massive infrastructure damage, assessed in hundreds of billions of dollars, and big hits on key economic installations and ports also failed to dent Iran’s spirit. Low-cost high-impact Iranian drones, manufactured and deployed in very large numbers with flexibility, compelled US-Israeli forces to expend interceptor missiles costing 50 to 500 times more. While direct U.S. military losses are estimated only around \$50 billion, with cumulative losses assessed at \$100 billion, the overall threat to American credibility and goodwill in the region and beyond appears profound. Energy production disruptions and infrastructure damage is assessed to have caused estimated GDP contraction to the tune of 3-6 percent for American allies in the gulf. Yet it appears that Iran’s success in low cost war, terms of MoU in Switzerland and global response



to Khamenei’s funeral has emboldened Iran to indulge in an audacity that has tested the patience of Trump .

Why Sustainable Peace Shall Be Difficult

Iranians had always suspected that Trump may use diplomacy as a smokescreen to topple the Iranian regime. Such apprehension is grounded in experiences of the past. US had initiated this war in February, just a day after Omani Foreign Minister had declared that an understanding had been reached between the two sides on all key issues. It appeared that Americans were preparing for the war using diplomacy as a distraction. Even in the current US retaliation, there appears detailed planning. Simultaneously, President Trump’s frequent recourse to high-risk deception, bluff, bullying and unpredictability may be effective bargaining strategy in tactical corporate deals. But these have dented his credibility as a responsible statesman. Iranians cannot be faulted from apprehending a possible renegeing of Trump from terms of MoU signed at Switzerland. Simultaneously, Netanyahu has been the most potent threat to US-Iran peace. His intermittent attacks even after signing of MoU only corroborate this. The very character of Iranian regime poses an existential threat to Israel. But Netanyahu needs to keep the pot boiling in Iran to deflect his potential indictment in corruption charges. He may attempt a more audacious strike on Iran further doom the fate of peace in the region. Further, a degree of indirect Chinese support to

Iranian regime is assessed to have bolstered the latter’s capacities to challenge the combined US-Israeli might. China has appeared clear about its strategic objective to expel US and NATO from whole of Asia. Its proximity with Iran, and even others in West Asia, complicates the search for an endurable peace.

Simultaneously, Iran’s adversaries remain sceptical of Tehran’s long-term intentions. Iranian attacks on strait of Hormuz is likely to further deepen this distrust making the peace more elusive. Many Iranian regime insiders have continued to openly state that a nuclear weapon alone offered a credible deterrence against future aggressions. These are only going to exacerbate anxieties for other gulf states in the region.India and the Emerging Strategic Landscape As one of the world’s largest energy importers, India remains vulnerable to disruptions and instability in the Gulf, which impact energy prices, economic growth and inflation at home. It has not been able to leverage its wider acceptability across internal divides in the region. As a large nation with serious constraints, India needs stronger strategic capabilities, greater institutional agility and a deeply calibrated approach to influence and shape its external surroundings to a certain level. This is an existential necessity in an increasingly interconnected world where geopolitical conflicts and tensions deeply impact development and security far beyond theatres of conflict.

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Tribunal awards compensation to kin of road mishap victim



The Motor Accident Claims Tribunal in Thane has awarded a compensation of ₹31.43 lakh to the family of a man killed in a road accident, while holding him 15 per cent contributorily negligent for staying too close to the vehicle ahead.

In its order on Tuesday, the MACT directed the owner of a tempo involved in the accident and its insurer to jointly and severally pay the amount to the family of victim Rajaram Narayan Mhatre with 9 per cent interest per annum from the date of the petition.

According to the order, Mhatre was driving his Innova behind an Eicher tempo on the Pune-Nashik road on December 25, 2020, when the tempo driver suddenly applied brakes without any signal or indication. Mhatre's car crashed into the tempo, resulting in his death.

While the insurance company argued that Mhatre was solely responsible for the crash as he rammed the vehicle from behind, the Tribunal Member RV Mohite noted that both drivers shared responsibility.

The tribunal also noted that Mhatre did not maintain a "safe distance" between the tempo and his Innova car. Assessing the negligence of the tempo driver at 85 per cent and Mhatre at 15 per cent, the tribunal initially computed the total compensation at ₹36.98 lakh.

After taking into account Mhatre's contributory negligence, it directed the opponents to pay ₹31.43 lakh. (PTI)

Quota benefits: TN moves SC against Madras HC verdict

The Tamil Nadu Government has approached the Supreme Court, challenging a Madras High Court judgment that held a person converting to Islam is not entitled to claim reservation under the Backward Class (Muslim) category solely on the basis of conversion. The appeal has been filed by the secretary to the state Government against the high court's decision, which declared unconstitutional a Government Order (GO) issued on March 9, 2024.

The impugned GO had permitted persons belonging to Backward Classes (BC), Most Backward Classes (MBC), Denotified Communities (DNC), or Scheduled Castes (SC) who subsequently converted to Islam to be treated as BC (Muslim) and obtain community certificates under one of the seven notified Muslim communities for the purpose of availing reservation benefits.

A division bench of Justices GR Swaminathan and PB Balaji struck down the GO and held that it was contrary to binding judicial precedents of both the Supreme Court and the Madras High Court.

The high court had observed that a person converting to Islam could only be treated as a Muslim and could not, by virtue of conversion alone, be classified as belonging to any specific notified Backward Class Muslim community for reservation purposes.

The judgment arose from a petition filed by Sameer Ahamed, who converted from Hinduism to Islam in 2015, with the conversion being notified through a Gazette notification in 2016.

He subsequently married according to Islamic rites and sought a certificate identifying him as belonging to the "Muslim Lebba'i" community to avail reservation benefits. His application was rejected by the tahsildar, prompting him to move the high court. (PTI)

Calcutta HC adjourns hearing in TMC bank accounts' case

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■ Kolkata

The private bank where three bank accounts of the Trinamool Congress party have been debit-frozen filed a report before the Calcutta High Court on Wednesday as per its direction to disclose the corpus held in those accounts.

Taking note of personal difficulty expressed by Solicitor General Tushar Mehta, who is representing the Bidhannagar police in this matter, Justice Saugata Bhattacharyya adjourned the hearing until Thursday.

Hearing a petition by the Mamata Banerjee-led faction of the TMC challenging the debit-freeze of the party's three bank accounts, Justice Bhattacharyya had on July 2 directed the private bank to disclose the corpus held in



those accounts. The court did not open the report which was submitted because the hearing was adjourned.

Bringing to the court's notice that a few more bank accounts of the Trinamool Congress have also been debit-frozen, the Mamata Banerjee-led faction's lawyer Kishore Dutta stated that he will file a supplementary affidavit in this regard on the next date of hearing.

Justice Bhattacharyya said



Delhi court slams CBI, directs defreezing of bank accounts

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■ New Delhi

Observing that the freezing of bank accounts of without a direct link to a crime is "draconian", a Delhi court has directed the CBI to defreeze three accounts of an individual whose son-in-law is an accused in a ₹3-crore bribery case.

Slamming the agency for its "completely arbitrary" action of freezing the accounts, the court said the probe of the alleged offences "cannot be made a tool for harassing ordinary citizenry only because their relatives are suspected of having committed certain offences".

Special Judge Sushant Changotra was hearing the plea of one Gulshan Kumar, moved by his advocate Prateek Som, challenging the freezing of his three bank accounts as illegal.

In an order passed on Tuesday, the court said, "In

the application at hand, the applicant (Gulshan) is the father-in-law of one of the accused."

It said according to the CBI, the applicant was not involved in the entire sequence of events relating to the demand, acceptance or transportation of the bribe amount. The court also said the investigating officer (IO) had not recorded any reasons for freezing the bank accounts.

While the CBI alleged that the applicant aided his absconding son-in-law's concealment, the court observed a discrepancy that the accused was arrested on June 16, yet Gulshan's accounts were not frozen until two days later.

Judge Changotra said, "The investigating agency can proceed to freeze bank accounts of individuals, but it has to be done with the object of safeguarding and preventing the loss of proceeds of crime."



He said that in the present case, there was apparently no connection between the proceeds of crime and the bank accounts of the applicant, and there was not "a whisper of allegation" that accused Prabhat Kumar (Kapoor) had transferred any amount to his father-in-

law's account after an alleged conspiracy meeting on May 14.

On June 2, while rejecting the CBI's plea seeking further custodial interrogation of Haryana cadre IPS officer Deepak Gahlawat, arrested in the alleged bribery case linked to the agency's probe into a fake

drug manufacturing racket, the court had also noted that there were no financial transactions in Gahlawat's bank account after a conspiratorial meeting with other co-accused persons on May 14.

In its order, the court highlighted that before freezing the bank accounts of an individual, the IO must have a reasonable basis to assume that the bank account was used directly or indirectly in receiving or layering the proceeds of crime.

But in this case, the court said that the CBI did not even have the statements of accounts before taking the "arbitrary decision" to freeze them.

"The arbitrary exercise of the above-mentioned discretion in freezing the bank accounts of individuals who do not have any direct or remote connection with the commission of offences is completely dra-

conian in nature, and the investigating agency cannot proceed to arbitrarily attach/freeze/seize the bank accounts or other valuable assets of individuals on their whims," the court said.

Deprecating the action, it said that an investigating agency is bound to act within the four corners of the law and the probe of the alleged offences "cannot be made a tool for harassing ordinary citizenry only because their relatives are suspected of having committed certain offences".

"It is extremely important that such draconian and arbitrary practices are shunned to protect the valuable rights of law-abiding citizens," the court said.

It said that prima facie the freezing of Gulshan's bank accounts was "completely arbitrary and devoid of any plausible explanation".

The court then directed the defreezing of the three bank accounts.

Chhattisgarh HC dismisses plea against Saraswati Vandana prayer directive

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■ Bisalpur

The Chhattisgarh High Court has dismissed a petition against the state's directive introducing the recitation of Saraswati Vandana and Gayatri Mantra in Government schools, noting the order contains no mandatory or coercive direction compelling students to act against their faith. A single bench of Justice Amitendra Kishore Prasad, in the judgment on July 2, termed the petition premature.

The judgment was uploaded on the HC's website on Tuesday.

The petition, filed by three persons, challenged a June 12 circular issued by the state's School Education Department directing all schools under it to conduct a series of daily cultural, educational and value-based activities from the 2026-27 academic session. The circular directed the recitation of the national anthem, national song, deep mantra, Saraswati Vandana, Guru Mantra, Shanti Mantra and accounts of the lives of great personalities during the morning assembly, and the state song, Gayatri Mantra and Shanti Mantra at the close of the school day.

The petitioners claimed the directive violated Articles 14, 21, 25, 28(1), 29 and 30 of the Constitution, arguing that stu-



dents from minority communities could feel compelled to participate in religious practices not belonging to their faith.

Aamir Khan, counsel for the petitioners, submitted in the HC that educational institutions wholly funded by the state cannot enforce prayers associated with a particular religion, as doing so would be contrary to the constitutional principle of secularism.

The petitioners asserted that the chanting of Saraswati Vandana, Gayatri Mantra, Guru Mantra and Shanti Mantra amounts to imparting religious instructions and promoting a particular religion in Government schools, which is constitutionally barred.

Khan argued that compelling students to recite such mantras would infringe upon their freedom of conscience and religion, forcing them either to act against their beliefs or

SC agrees to hear plea filed by CBSE Class XII students from Gulf countries

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■ New Delhi

The Supreme Court on Wednesday agreed to hear a plea challenging the CBSE's March 27 assessment scheme for regular students who were affected by the cancellation of Class XII board examination in Gulf countries due to the Iran-US war.

A bench of Justices KV Viswanathan and Alok Aradhe sought responses from the Centre and the Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) on the plea filed by 30 regular students from Gulf countries.

The bench also sought responses from the Centre and the CBSE on a separate plea filed by a Class XII student from a Gulf country challenging the June 21 notification on the assessment of private candidates affected by the cancellation of examinations.

Advocate Raj Kishor Choudhary, who appeared for the petitioners, told the bench that students were not satisfied with the assessment scheme.

While issuing notice on the petitions, the bench said that a copy of the pleas should also be served on the



office of Solicitor General Tushar Mehta.

It posted the matter for hearing on July 14.

Advocate Vineet Jindal also appeared for the petitioners. The plea filed by 30 students sought quashing of and/or suitably modifying the March 27, 2026 assessment scheme. It also sought a direction to the authorities to adopt a fair, transparent and non-discriminatory evaluation mechanism.

Besides several other directions, it urged that the CBSE be directed to conduct a special fresh examination and special improvement examination for affected students in all subjects, without any restriction on the number of subjects that may be opted for, and to permit such students to retain whichever result is more

beneficial to them.

On June 22, the Centre had informed the apex court that the CBSE has come up with a new policy for the evaluation of private students who were affected by the cancellation of Class XII board examination in Gulf countries due to the war.

The Solicitor General, appearing for the Centre and the CBSE, had said that a fresh all-India policy was framed to address the concerns of similarly situated students affected by the cancellation of examinations in the Gulf countries due to the regional conflict.

The top law officer had said that under the new policy, which was notified on June 21, a distinct formula for evaluating private students appearing for the board exam was developed.

Delhi Extortion case: HC seeks police stand on plea by Sukesh aide

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE
■ New Delhi

The Delhi High Court on Wednesday sought Delhi Police's stand on a petition by a close aide of alleged fraudster Sukesh Chandrasekhar, challenging the framing of charges against her in a ₹200 crore extortion case.

The trial court on June 3 framed charges against Chandrasekhar, Pinky Irani and 19 others for various offences, including under the stringent MCOCA provisions.

Justice Madhu Jain issued notice to Delhi Police on Irani's revision petition assailing the trial court order and granted two weeks to the investigating agency to file its response.

The bench also issued notice on Irani's plea seeking a stay on the trial court proceedings and listed the matter for further hearing on September 10.

Irani's counsel argued that she has been wrongly charged in the case, asserting that there was no basis to sustain the MCOCA provisions against her.

He submitted that MCOCA could be invoked when there is an involvement in an IPC offence, which was admitted to not the case here. MCOCA, or the Maharashtra Control of Organised Crime Act, 1999, is a law enacted to combat organised crime syndicates and terrorism.

The act equips authorities with special powers to track,



intercept and penalise gang-related criminal activities that normal penal codes fail to deter.

Delhi Police's senior counsel opposed the petition and sought time to file response.

The trial court earlier ordered framing of charges

against Chandrasekhar for personating a public servant, extortion, cheating, criminal intimidation, criminal conspiracy, along with IT Act provisions and MCOCA sections for committing an organised crime and possessing unaccountable wealth on behalf of

members of an organised crime syndicate.

Charges were directed to be framed against other accused persons as well for various penal offences, and under the IT Act and MCOCA provisions for committing organised crime.

The police's charge sheet has alleged that Irani used to portray Chandrasekhar as a business tycoon and was instrumental in facilitating his meetings with certain Bollywood personalities.

It has stated that the police had recorded the statements of several people, including Bollywood actors Jacqueline Fernandez and Nora Fatehi. A Chandrasekhar, who is currently in jail, is accused of cheating many people,

including high-profile individuals such as former Fortis Healthcare promoter Shivinder Mohan Singh's wife Aditi Singh.

Police has alleged that Chandrasekhar and his associates reportedly took money from Aditi after posing as Government officials and promising to secure bail for her husband who was in jail in a money laundering case.

Chandrasekhar reportedly persuaded Aditi to transfer money by impersonating as a central Government official over a spoof call while he was lodged in Rohini jail and promised to manage bail for her husband, it alleged.

The high court had granted bail to Irani in the case on October 20, 2023.

Kerala HC issues contempt notice to bureaucrat over sanction order in KSCDC graft case

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■ Kochi

The Kerala High Court on Wednesday issued a contempt notice to a bureaucrat over the contents of a Government order granting sanction to the CBI to prosecute KSCDC officials in a 2015 corruption case.

Justice A Badharudeen said he would not spare the official concerned, as the order granting sanction to prosecute several accused, including former KSCDC chairman R Chandrasekharan, who is also the state president of the Indian National Trade Union Congress, appeared to blame the judiciary. The court was referring to the contents of an earlier sanction order issued by the Government on July 2.



The Government had subsequently issued a fresh sanction order on July 6.

"Both disciplinary and contempt action should be taken against him (the official). I won't spare this man from contempt proceedings. He will be proceeded against. Strict action will be taken. There will be no leniency.

There is no question of accepting an apology," Justice Badharudeen said, referring to the first sanction order.

The court also observed that the official — K Biju — appeared to be trying to save the accused in the case "for reasons known to him".

"That is the dangerous aspect of the order. How can

an IAS officer say such things? He is saying the sanction order was passed because the court said so. It was an order to be issued based on the facts, dehors the prosecution records, and on primary satisfaction on merits. It was not to be issued based on what the court said," the judge observed. The court said that it was not a sanction order but one intended to "target the judiciary and the system".

"It is a very dangerous attitude on the part of the officer," it said, and ordered the personal appearance of the official on the next date of hearing, July 10. The court said the official should state in person why contempt of court proceedings should not be initiated against him.

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India, ASEAN assess progress of FTA talks

India and the 11-nation ASEAN bloc on Tuesday took stock of the progress of talks for the review of free trade agreement in goods between the two sides, the commerce ministry said on Wednesday.

The India-ASEAN free trade agreement in goods was signed in 2009. ASEAN is a key trade partner of India with about 11 per cent share in India's global trade. The progress of talks was reviewed during the 13th ASEAN-India Trade in Goods Agreement (AITIGA) Joint Committee (JC) and related meetings here.

"The Joint Committee provided strategic guidance to the Sub-Committees in their respective areas of work and urged them to expedite the finalisation of the outstanding chapters under the AITIGA review,"it said. Bilateral trade between India and ASEAN reached USD 128 billion in 2025-26. (PTI)

Flipkart scraps ₹1,000 price cap to offer zero commission on fashion

E-commerce marketplace Flipkart has extended its zero-commission policy to include all products within its fashion category, removing the previous price cap of ₹1,000. The move will allow around 90,000 transacting sellers in the fashion segment to retain full margins, Flipkart said in a statement on Wednesday.

Previously, the platform applied the zero-commission policy only to fashion items priced up to ₹1,000.

"By extending this seller-first initiative across the entire fashion category, we are making a long-term investment in our sellers so they can invest more confidently in innovation, assortment expansion and brand building,"Kapil Thirani, Vice President of Flipkart Fashion, said.

Established in 2007, Flipkart has a registered user base of over 500 million and hosts more than 1.4 million sellers on its platform. (PTI)

SEBI amends registration fee rule for FPIs; directs payment in rupee terms

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ New Delhi

Markets regulator SEBI has replaced the existing US dollar-denominated registration fee for Foreign Portfolio Investors (FPIs) with a rupee-based fee structure.

To implement the change, the Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) has amended the rules governing FPIs. The revised provisions will come into effect after six months, SEBI said in its notification dated July 3.

As per the notification, the regulator has revised the reg-

istration fee for Category-I FPIs from \$2,500 to ₹2.3 lakh. Similarly, registration fee for FPIs belonging to Category II has been revised from \$250

Gold falls ₹2,308/10g in futures on strong dollar, higher crude oil

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ New Delhi

Gold futures slumped by Rs 2,308 to Rs 1.43 lakh per 10 grams on Wednesday, tracking losses in global markets as a rally in crude oil rates dented the appeal of the precious metal amid escalating tensions in West Asia.

On the Multi Commodity Exchange, the yellow metal for August delivery declined by ₹2,308, or 1.59 per cent, to ₹1,43,084 per 10 grams in a business turnover of 10,440 lots.

Traders said rising crude oil prices following fresh hostilities in West Asia stoked inflation concerns, strengthening the US dollar and prompting investors to trim exposure

to precious metals.

"Gold prices traded lower in the domestic markets on Wednesday amid renewed geopolitical tensions in the Middle East, and concerns over potential supply disruptions through the Strait of Hormuz boosted oil prices and strengthened the US

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Stock markets slump 2% as US-Iran tensions rise

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ Mumbai

Equity benchmark indices Sensex and Nifty tumbled over 2 per cent on Wednesday after US President Donald Trump said the interim agreement with Iran is over, leading to a sharp rally in crude oil prices.

Besides, investors shifted to a risk-off mode following pre-earnings anxiety over sluggish first-quarter forecasts amid a negative trend in global markets, traders said.

The 30-share BSE Sensex tanked 1,677.12 points, or 2.15 per cent, to settle at 76,503.60. During the day, it plummeted 1,921.69 points, or 2.45 per cent, to 76,259.03.

A total of 3,211 stocks declined, while 1,070 advanced and 173 remained unchanged on the BSE. On similar lines, the 50-share NSE Nifty tumbled 516.65 points, or 2.12 per cent, to end at 23,882.05.

"Indian equity markets witnessed a sharp sell-off as US President Donald Trump declared the interim peace deal with Iran is 'over' following Iranian attacks on commercial vessels in the Strait of Hormuz, reigniting geopolitical tensions and raising fresh

concerns over global energy supplies,"Ponmudi R, CEO of Enrich Money, an online trading and wealth tech firm.

The renewed escalation triggered a sharp rebound in crude oil prices, which surged nearly 7 per cent, sending shockwaves across global

financial markets, he added.

All firms in the Sensex pack ended in the red. InterGlobe Aviation, Maruti, Hindustan Unilever, Bajaj Finance, Kotak Mahindra Bank and Mahindra & Mahindra were major laggards.

Oil marketing companies, paint makers, aviation stocks tumble as crude oil prices jump

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ New Delhi

Shares of oil marketing companies, paint manufacturers and aviation firms ended lower on Wednesday following a sharp surge in crude oil prices amid fresh tensions between the US and Iran.

The stock of Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Ltd tumbled 4.60 per cent, Indian Oil Corporation dropped 3.51 per cent and Bharat Petroleum Corporation Ltd declined 3.20 per cent on BSE.

Among aviation firms, shares of InterGlobe Aviation tumbled 5.02 per cent and SpiceJet declined 3.04 per cent.

The stock of Shalimar Paints

dropped 4.44 per cent, Indigo Paints fell by 4.18 per cent, Asian Paints edged lower by 2.49 per cent, Berger Paints dipped 2.26 per cent and Kansai Nerolac Paints slipped 1.95 per cent.

Crude oil is a key raw material for paint manufacturing companies.

Brent crude, the global oil benchmark, jumped 6.18 per cent to \$78.74 per barrel.

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"Markets witnessed a sharp sell-

off on Wednesday, with benchmark indices posting their steepest single-day decline in over two months amid adverse global cues.The sharp decline was triggered by renewed geopolitical tensions after the US President indicated that the US-Iran peace deal is 'over', reigniting concerns over a prolonged conflict in the Middle East,"said Ajit Mishra — SVP, Research, Religare Broking Ltd.

The escalation pushed Brent crude prices sharply higher, reviving worries over inflation and its potential impact on India's macro-economic outlook, he added.

Ponmudi R, CEO of Enrich

Money, an online trading and wealth tech firm, said, "Indian equity markets witnessed a sharp sell-off as US President Donald Trump declared the interim peace deal with Iran is 'over' following Iranian attacks on commercial vessels in the Strait of Hormuz, reigniting geopolitical tensions and raising fresh concerns over global energy supplies."

Energy markets also came under renewed pressure as the escalating conflict heightened concerns over potential disruptions to crude oil supplies through the Strait of Hormuz, one of the world's most critical energy transit routes, he added.

Rupee tanks 59 paise to close at 95.55 against US dollar

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ New Delhi

The rupee tanked 59 paise to settle at 95.55 (provisional) against the US dollar on Wednesday as the US launched fresh strikes on Iran after Tehran struck three ships in the Strait of Hormuz, pushing up crude oil prices and strengthening the dollar.

The US military attacked Iran early Wednesday after it said Tehran struck three ships in the Strait of Hormuz, part

of an American effort that also revoked the Islamic Republic's ability to openly sell crude oil in the world market. Iran retaliated with strikes targeting Bahrain and Kuwait. Following the strikes, global crude oil prices rose exponentially. Brent crude, the global oil benchmark, was trading higher by 6.16 per cent at \$78.73 per barrel in futures trade.

Weak domestic equity markets further weighed on the local unit, according to

forex traders.

At the interbank foreign exchange market, the rupee opened at 95.15 against the US dollar and traded in the range of 94.98-95.61 during the day. It eventually settled at 95.55 (provisional), down 59 paise from its previous close.

On Tuesday, the rupee appreciated 47 paise to close at 94.96 against the US dollar.

"The rupee opened weaker against the dollar and continued to remain volatile intra-

day... the dollar was bought on dips as the equity markets were down and dollar index was up. Overall, today's rupee weakness was externally driven, mainly by higher crude oil prices, stronger US dollar, and geopolitical uncertainty,"Anil Kumar Bhansali, Head of Treasury and Executive Director, Finrex Treasury Advisors LLP, said.

The rupee is expected to remain in the range of 95.25 to 96.00 on Thursday, he added. Meanwhile, the dollar

index, which gauges the greenback's strength against a basket of six currencies, was trading at 101.13, up 0.11 per cent.

On the domestic equity market front, Sensex crashed 1,677.12 points, or 2.15 per cent, to 76,503.60, while Nifty plummeted 516.65 points, or 2.12 per cent, to 23,882.05.

Foreign institutional investors purchased equities worth Rs 393.19 crore on a net basis on Tuesday, according to exchange data.

ISMA calls E20 petrol safety claims misleading, urges reliance on official data

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ New Delhi

The Indian Sugar and Bio-Energy Manufacturers Association (ISMA) on Wednesday said recent claims about E20 petrol damaging vehicles, attracting insects, invalidating insurance, or involving the direct mixing of sugarcane juice with fuel were 'misleading and factually incorrect'.

The industry body urged that public discourse on ethanol-blended petrol be guided by scientific

evidence, verified data and official clarifications.

The Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas has said India's Ethanol Blending Programme is scientifically

validated, rigorously tested, and continuously monitored, in consultation with oil marketing companies, automakers, fuel testing agencies, and other stakeholders. The government said no incidents of engine failure or vehicle breakdown had been linked to E20 petrol since its rollout.

The ministry said fuel-grade ethanol is produced through industrial processes such as fermentation and distillation and does not resemble its original agricultural feedstock. It is made from multiple sources, including sugarcane juice, molasses, broken rice, and maize, and must meet fuel-quality standards before being blended with petrol, the ministry said.

ISMA said automakers, oil companies and industry bodies including the Society of Indian Automobile Manufacturers (SIAM), the Federation of Indian Petroleum Industry (FIPI) and the Automotive Research Association of India (ARAI) have publicly defended E20, saying concerns about vehicle breakdowns stem from 'hearsay, misinformation and misunderstanding'.

IMF pares India's growth forecast to 6.4% for 2027 fiscal from 6.5% in April

SAGAR KULKARNI ■ Washington

India's economy is expected to grow at 6.4 per cent in fiscal year 2027, a tad slower than the 6.5 per cent projected in April, the International Monetary Fund (IMF) said on Wednesday. The IMF, in its update to the World Economic Outlook (WEO), projected India to grow at 6.7 per cent in fiscal year 2028, an increase of 20 basis points from the 6.5 per cent growth projected in April.

"India remains among the fastest growing major economies, with growth projected at 6.4 per cent supported by strong momentum in

private consumption and services activity,"the IMF said.

"Factors that are underpinning the forecast revisions are basically twofold. On the upside, we have the better-than-expected out turn in the most recent data, but we also have high-frequency indicators through April showing quite a bit of resilience in overall econom-

ic activity,"Deniz Igan, Division Chief (World Economic Studies), told reporters here on projections for India. But these positive effects are then more than offset for 2026 by the higher energy prices in the baseline and in the July update, as well as the greater pass-through of those higher oil prices to prices at the pump in India, she said.

"Moving into 2027, the IMF expects a strengthening of the economy with the energy shock dissipating and medium-term growth being estimated at around 6.5 per cent, and output closing we expect some pickup there," Igan added. (PTI)

Monsoon rains to pick up in July, boost kharif crop sowing: Shivraj

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ New Delhi

Monsoon rains are expected to strengthen in July, aiding the sowing of kharif crops after a slow start to the season, Agriculture Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan said on Wednesday.

The overall rainfall deficit narrowed to 24 per cent in July from 33 per cent in June, Chouhan told reporters after a high-level review meeting.

The number of rainfall-deficient districts fell to 178 from 262 as several parts of the country received good rain in recent days, he said.

The government is closely monitoring the situation in 13 states, including Maharashtra, Madhya Pradesh, Gujarat, Uttar Pradesh, Rajasthan, Karnataka, Bihar, Jharkhand, Telangana, Andhra Pradesh, Punjab, West Bengal and Odisha, Chouhan said.

FROM THE WORLD

BANGLADESH

5 children die in landslide

A landslide caused by monsoon rains killed at least five children as it swept through an Islamic school at a camp for Rohingya refugees in Bangladesh's southeastern Cox's Bazar district, a fire official said. More than 1 million refugees live in the camp. Dollar Tripura, local chief of the Fire Service and Civil Defence, said the landslide hit as children were attending classes. Tripura said they rescued another five injured children but suspected that more could be buried. The rescue operation continued Wednesday evening. Three days earlier, landslides killed at least eight people at Rohingya camps in the area. The weather office in the South Asian nation's capital, Dhaka, forecast more rain in the coming days. (PTI)

UK

Woman hanged gets pardon

The last woman to be hanged in the UK on the charge of murdering her boyfriend was on Wednesday granted a conditional pardon after more than 70 years by King Charles III, on the advice of the British Government. Ruth Ellis shot David Blakely and was convicted of murder after a trial and executed on July 13, 1955. The application for a pardon was brought by four of Ellis' grandchildren on the basis that her culpability was "profoundly" shaped by domestic abuse, trauma and circumstances that were never properly recognised at her trial. The UK has since abolished the death penalty in law. "For 70 years, the family of Ruth Ellis have fought for her story to be heard. We cannot change what happened 70 years ago, but we can recognise that this was an exceptional case," David, Deputy Prime Minister and Justice Secretary, informed Parliament. (AP)

Russian strikes kill 4 in Kyiv; Ukraine hits oil hubs

ILLIA NOVIKOV ■ Kyiv

Russian drones and missiles killed four people across Ukraine on Wednesday in attacks before dawn and at midday, as Moscow kept up its pressure on the capital of Kyiv in the latest phase of the over 4-year-old war. Ukraine struck oil refineries in Russia's Saratov and Tatarstan regions, according to President Volodymyr Zelenskyy, who was in Turkey to meet with US President Donald Trump on the sidelines of the NATO summit. Answering reporters' questions with Zelenskyy, Trump said the US would give licenses so that Patriot air defence systems can be made overseas for Ukraine to counter

Sri Lanka former president Wickremesinghe awaits indictment

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA ■ Colombo

The next hearing in the case of misusing public funds against former president Ranil Wickremesinghe will take place on September 30, a Sri Lankan court announced on Wednesday. Wickremesinghe became the first president to be arrested after he was accused of misusing public funds to attend a graduation of his wife Mithri Wickremesinghe at the Wolverhampton University in the UK in 2023. The former president now awaits indictment as the CID officials told the Colombo Fort magistrate on Wednesday that investigations have been completed and the report forwarded to the Attorney General for further action. The magistrate then fixed the next hearing of the case to September 30. Wickremesinghe was arrested and remanded in August last year. He was released on bail after a week. The prosecutors have argued that the former president attending his wife's graduation was a personal issue and therefore using public funds to attend it was an abuse of state resources.



Rescue workers search for victims after a Russian air attack in Kharkiv, Ukraine

AP

Drone strikes on civilian vehicles kill 20 in Sudan, say rights groups

FATMA KHALED ■ Cairo

Drone strikes on civilian vehicles headed to social gatherings in Sudan have killed over 20 people in recent days, according to rights groups, as the use of unmanned aircraft becomes increasingly common in the north eastern African country's war. A drone hit the outskirts of Khartoum killing 10 civilians, including five women from the same family, as they drove to a wedding, the Sudan Doctors Network said on Wednesday. The medical aid group, which has been tracking violence between the military and the paramilitary Rapid Support Forces throughout the war - which



is in its fourth year - blamed Tuesday's attack on a road west of Omdurman, the sister city of the capital, Khartoum, on the RSF. All of

those on the vehicle, which caught fire, were killed. The group said that the strike "was deliberate and carried out using a guided

drone" and called for the international community to pressure RSF leadership to stop targeting civilians. A separate drone strike on

Tuesday hit a transport vehicle near a water facility in the province, killing two people, according to Emergency Lawyers, which tracks violence in Sudan. The previous day, 13 civilians, including five women, were killed when a drone hit their vehicle as they headed to a wedding in a al-Shaatout town, in North Kordofan province, Emergency Lawyers said. "This attack is part of an escalating pattern of drone attacks on civilians as drones continue to fly over the northern parts of the province... monitoring residents' movements," the group said in a statement. North Kordofan has seen a surge in drone strikes amid

repeated international concerns about the RSF closing in on the strategic city of el-Obeid, which is home to the army's 5th Infantry Division. Drone strikes on the city have destroyed civilian infrastructure, including power facilities and neighbourhoods, and targeted bridges and key supply routes, according to the UN. The war in Sudan, which started in April 2023 after long-simmering tensions between the army and the RSF, has killed at least 59,000 people, displaced some 13 million and pushed many parts of the country into famine. More than 30 million people are in need of humanitarian assistance. (AP)

Jaishankar meets Kuwaiti crown Prince to boost ties

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA ■ Kuwait City

External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar on Wednesday met Kuwait's Crown Prince Sheikh Sabah Al-Khaled Al-Sabah and the two leaders discussed ways to enhance the bilateral cooperation in various fields as well as developments in West Asia. In a social media post, Jaishankar said he conveyed the greetings of Prime Minister Narendra Modi to the Crown Prince. "Deeply appreciate his commitment to take forward our bilateral cooperation. Thank him for his sharing of perspectives on developments in the Gulf," the minister said. In a post on X, the Kuwaiti Foreign Ministry said that the two leaders discussed historical ties between the two countries and ways to enhance bilateral cooperation in various fields. Jaishankar also met his

Kuwaiti counterpart Sheikh Jarrah Jaber Al-Ahmad Al-Sabah and reviewed bilateral ties. They discussed ways to strengthen and develop cooperation in various fields, it added. The two sides also discussed the latest regional and international developments, it added. The Kuwaiti foreign minister also hosted a luncheon in honour of Jaishankar and the accompanying delegation. Jaishankar arrived in Kuwait on Tuesday and was received at the airport by Deputy Foreign Minister Hamad Suleiman Mashaan Al-Mashaan. The minister is on a visit covering Qatar, Bahrain, Kuwait and Oman from July 5 to 10. The Gulf visit comes against the backdrop of fast-evolving political dynamics in West Asia following the signing of an agreement aimed at ending the US-Iran conflict.



Union External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar meets Kuwait's Crown Prince Sheikh Sabah Al-Khaled Al-Sabah

PTI

Berlin court sentences doctor to life for murdering 15 patients under palliative care

ASSOCIATED PRESS ■ Berlin

A Berlin court on Wednesday convicted and sentenced a German doctor to life in prison on charges of murdering 15 of his patients who were under palliative care, in a case involving allegations he torched the homes of victims to try to cover up the crimes. The 41-year-old doctor, who has only been identified as Johannes M in line with Germany's privacy rules, went on trial nearly a year ago at a Berlin state court. Part of an end-of-life care team at a nursing service in Berlin, he was initially suspected of the deaths of four patients. Prosecutors eventually accused him of the deaths of 15 people between September 2021 and July 2024. The Berlin court found the physician administered a lethal mixture of various medications to 12 women and three men, German news agency dpa reported. Murder charges carry a maximum sentence of life in prison in Germany. A ruling of particularly severe guilt - which prosecutors had sought - would mean he wouldn't be eligible for release. The ruling also aligned with the prosecutors' request for a finding of serious guilt and a call for him to face a lifetime ban from practising medicine. After months of silence, the doctor confessed last month to killing a dozen seriously ill



patients during home visits, dpa reported. He claimed he had convinced himself he was doing the right thing and sparing patients suffering and illness. At the close of the trial, he apologised again to the bereaved families, the dpa report said. The doctor allegedly administered an anesthetic and a muscle relaxer to the patients without their knowledge or consent. The drug cocktail then allegedly paralysed the respiratory muscles. The victims' ages ranged from 25 to 94. Most died in their own homes. The suspect was taken into custody in August 2024, and the trial ran from last July through the end of January this year. A special investigation team of police and prosecutors initially investigated 395 cases. In 95, initial suspicion was confirmed and preliminary proceedings began.

54 terrorists, 38 security personnel killed in Balochistan over four days

SAJJAD HUSSAIN ■ Islamabad/Karachi

At least 54 terrorists, 38 security personnel and four civilians were killed during the last four days in various incidents in the restive Balochistan province, the ISPR said on Wednesday. The trouble began on the night of July 4 and 5 when Fitna al Khawarij terrorists attacked the innocent local population in Hanna Urak, Director General Lt Gen Ahmed Sharif Chaudhry of the Inter-Services Public Relations (ISPR), military's media wing, told a press conference at Rawalpindi. The state uses the term Fitna al-Khawarij to refer to the banned Tehreek-e-Taliban Pakistan (TTP) and its affiliates. Four civilians were killed and six injured during that incident, he said. In the second incident, terrorists late Monday night carried out a multi-directional attack on a police check post, set up to guard a



Pumping Station in Mangi Dam in Ziarat district, in which nine policemen, including two station house officers (SHOs), were killed. At least 15 terrorists were killed in a retaliatory clearance operation following the attack, the ISPR DG said. Several police officials were taken as hostages, making the subsequent operation by paramilitary Frontier Corps, army personnel and other law enforcement agencies (LEAs) complicated, he said. (PTI)

Ebola front-line workers in Congo strike over unpaid wages as outbreak spreads

PROSPER HERI NGORORA ■ Bunia

The healthcare workers at the epicentre of Congo's Ebola outbreak are walking off their jobs to protest delays in their payments, threatening efforts to slow the outbreak that officials said continues to spread faster than the response. In Ituri province, the hardest hit among the three provinces in eastern Congo affected by the outbreak, some of the health professionals and other front-line workers said that they've not been paid their wages and bonuses since the outbreak was declared on May 15.



They also alleged they were working with limited gear, and were being treated unfairly by authorities as well as response teams. "Since the Ebola virus disease outbreak was

declared, we've been demanding payment for our work," Dr Biensi Kano, a member of the epidemiological surveillance committee in Ituri's capital, Bunia, told The Associated Press.

Indian envoy meets President of CPIFA

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA ■ Beijing

Indian Ambassador Vikram Doraiswami on Wednesday met Wu Ken, President of the Chinese People's Institute of Foreign Affairs (CPIFA), which focuses on China's exchanges with the international community. Ambassador Doraiswami "expressed his appreciation for CPIFA's contributions to promoting people-to-people exchanges, including through Track II and Track 1.5 dialogues," the Indian Embassy here said in a post on X. CPIFA is one of the oldest Chinese organisations



focusing on public diplomacy and international exchanges to promote friendship, mutual understanding, and dialogue between China and the international community.

Sri Lanka to establish prison in former hospital after riot kills 28



PRESS TRUST OF INDIA ■ Colombo

Sri Lanka has initiated steps to establish a new prison complex at an abandoned hospital near the southern port city of Galle following a two-day riot at the Negombo prison that left 28 people dead, officials said on Wednesday. The violence at the Negombo prison on July 5 and 6 that killed 28 people, including eight prison officials, was triggered by a dispute between rival groups of inmates over drugs. Severe overcrowding became a major factor that prevented authorities from containing the clashes, officials said. The death toll rose from 27 to 28 on Wednesday. The prison at Negombo - a coastal city about 35-odd kilometres north of Colombo - housed around 2,400 inmates at the time of the riot against its sanctioned capacity of 700, the prisoners' rights organisation said.

Trump slams NATO for rejecting Greenland claim

ASSOCIATED PRESS ■ Ankara

President Donald Trump said Wednesday that the US will give a license for its Patriot air defence systems to be made overseas for Ukraine to counter Russian missile attacks, a huge coup for Ukraine which has badly needed the technology in the war now in its fifth year.

Trump made the announcement as he met Wednesday with Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy at the NATO summit in Turkiye, praising him as having “done an amazing job” and “been very effective” in the war.

“We'll give them the right to make Patriots. We'll show them how to do it,” Trump said. Zelenskyy has long



NATO Secretary General Mark Rutte, President Donald Trump and Britain's Prime Minister Keir Starmer during a group photo of NATO heads of State and Government at the NATO summit in Ankara, Turkey

sought more of the defence systems, which are expensive, in high demand and take a long time to manufacture. He has been pressing for Ukraine to be granted a

license to manufacture the technology. Denmark's Prime Minister Mette Frederiksen on Wednesday rejected President Donald Trump's renewed demands

that the US should take control of Greenland from NATO ally Denmark, saying that “Greenland is of course not for sale.”

“We hope that all, includ-

ing all allies, will respect the Greenland people's right for self-determination,” Frederiksen said ahead of a meeting of the leaders of NATO member countries in Turkiye. “We are sovereign States and we need everybody to respect our territorial integrity and our sovereignty.” Trump reopened old wounds over Greenland on the eve of the meeting by insisting that the United States should control the semiautonomous island.

NATO is founded on the principle that its 32 members will defend each others' territory, not threaten to seize it. Frederiksen said Denmark is “ready to defend every inch of NATO including our own territory” in the event of an attack, and would rely on

NATO allies to honor their commitment to defend each other. Iceland's Prime Minister, Kristrunn Frostadottir, said Greenland “belongs to the people of Greenland,” and called for unity among the NATO allies in the face of external dangers.

“We have threats coming from outside the alliance,” Frostadottir said. “Russia is their biggest threat when it comes to these NATO allies. We need to focus on us and how we stick together.”

NATO Secretary-General Mark Rutte said from Ankara on Wednesday that he believes the United States is fully committed to the military organization, and praised Trump for taking forceful action against Iran overnight.

Court to rule on final challenge to T&T's gay sex ban in UK



DANICA COTO ■ San Juan

A nearly 10-year battle for gay rights in Trinidad and Tobago could end Wednesday at a final appeals court in England. Supreme Court judges in London will hold a hearing on a landmark human rights case that could decriminalise gay sex in the eastern Caribbean nation, potentially setting a precedent for the largely conservative Caribbean region. The case was filed in February 2017 by Jason Jones, who argues that so-called “buggery” laws in the twin-island nation that date from the colonial era and prohibit gay sex are unconstitutional. Those found guilty could receive up to five years in prison. Opposing Jones are Trinidad and Tobago's Government, backed by the country's Council of Evangelical Churches and its largest Hindu organisation, Sanatan Dharma Maha Sabha.

The case has wound its way through several courts. In April 2018, Trinidad's High Court found the laws unconstitutional, but a local appeals court partially reversed that ruling in March 2025. In July of that year, Trinidad's Court of Appeals allowed Jones to seek a ruling from the final court of appeals in England. Now, the case is before the Judicial Committee of the Privy Council, and activists across the Caribbean are closely watching the outcome. In 1991, the Bahamas decriminalised homosexuality, while the UK Government repealed such laws in 2001 in Anguilla, the British Virgin Islands, the Cayman Islands, Montserrat and the Turks and Caicos Islands. Recently, judges have struck down similar laws in Barbados, Dominica, St Lucia and Antigua and Barbuda. Gay sex, however, remains a crime in Grenada, Jamaica, Trinidad. (AP)

UN urges west to engage Afghanistan to avoid instability

ASSOCIATED PRESS ■ Athens

It is crucial for Western nations to engage with Afghanistan to prevent the country from sliding back into instability that could have repercussions far beyond its borders, two top United Nations officials said. “The lesson of (the) recent past is that ignoring Afghanistan is not a good thing to do,” the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, Barham Salih, told The Associated Press in an interview Tuesday alongside the head of the United Nations Development Program, Alexander De Croo, during a joint visit to the country. Although many challenges and difficulties remain, “it's wiser to engage, to support and promote the right type of policies to making sure that Afghanistan remains safe and secure,” Salih said, speaking via video link. “Without it, I think we may well risk instability, with all the implications of that instability,” whether that is drugs, extremism, criminal activity or the movement of refugees, he said.



PM Modi lands in Australia on second leg of foreign visit

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA ■ Melbourne

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Wednesday arrived in Australia on the second leg of his three-nation tour during which he will hold talks with his Australian counterpart Anthony Albanese and interact with the Indian diaspora.

“Landed in Melbourne, Australia. This visit will add vigour to the India-Australia Comprehensive Strategic Partnership,” Modi said in a post on X soon after his arrival.

Modi, who was warmly received at the airport by senior officials of the Australian Government and was accorded a ceremonial guard of honour, said he was looking forward to his talks with his Australian counterpart. “I will also have the opportunity to interact with the Indian diaspora, which is an important pillar of our partnership,” he said.

During his visit, PM Modi will co-chair the 3rd Annual Summit with PM Albanese and engage with various



Prime Minister Narendra Modi being welcomed by members of the Indian community on his arrival in Melbourne, Australia

stakeholders to further deepen the India-Australia Comprehensive Strategic Partnership across all sectors of mutual interest, the Ministry of External Affairs spokesperson Randhir Jaishwal said.

Upon his arrival at the hotel in

Melbourne, PM Modi received a rousing welcome from the Indian community members, with chants of “Modi-Modi” and “Vande Mataram”. “The weather in Melbourne may be cold but the warmth of the welcome from the Indian communi-

ty was truly unforgettable. Their affection and unwavering bond with India continue to be a source of immense joy and pride,” he said in another post on X.

He witnessed performances, including a special fusion between the Australian didgeridoo, an ancient wind instrument developed by indigenous Australians, and the Indian tabla, a 10-piece symphony orchestra presentation of ‘Maa Tujhe Salaam’ and a Kathak performance.

“Witnessed a truly exceptional musical performance featuring Australia's ancient Didgeridoo and India's Tabla. The harmony between these two timeless instruments beautifully reflected the deep cultural connect between our two nations,” Modi said. He praised Ron Murray and Sam Evans for their dedication to preserving and celebrating musical traditions. Modi said the Australian-India Orchestra's soulful presentation of ‘Maa Tujhe Salaam’ was wonderful.

China allocates millions in new disaster relief after storms, landslide

KEN MORITSUGU ■ Beijing

China allocated millions of dollars in additional relief funding for disaster-hit areas Wednesday after severe storms destroyed homes and displaced thousands of people and a landslide killed 21 forestry workers.

The central Government allocated 50 million yuan (\$7.4 million) to restore roads, schools and other facilities in central China's Hubei province and another 20 million yuan to help rebuild homes and resettle residents there, State media said. Eleven people died and hundreds were injured Monday



night in violent thunderstorms and rare tornadoes. The Government also allocated 30 million yuan (\$4.4 million) to Gansu province, where the landslide buried the forestry workers. The money came on top of 100 million yuan (\$14.7 million)

allocated earlier for schools, hospitals, transport and other infrastructure in southern China's Guangxi region, where severe flooding inundated cities and stranded residents after heavier-than-expected rainfall from a tropical storm.

Lu Xiaofei, who works in Shenzhen, a tech hub near Hong Kong, said her brother's family was stuck at his house in Lu village in Qintang district. His brother was with his wife, his 9-month-old baby, their parents and grandfather.

“The water in the house is over one person's height. They have to all move to the second floor. The power has been out since yesterday morning, and now they don't have running water, either,” Lu told The Associated Press in a phone interview.

Lu said her brother told her that the water level rose

last night and their situation was so dire that drinkable water would be running out soon, and local authorities had not reached out to them. Many villagers nearby were facing the same challenges, she said.

Others called for help on social media, showing videos of their flooded surroundings and highlighting their lack of resources.

Reservoirs were breached or burst after Tropical Storm Maysak hit Guangxi, sending torrents of water into towns and cities. Six people were reported dead and about 1,30,000 have been evacuated. (AP)

Pakistan teams locates wreckage of missing plane in Arabian Sea

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA ■ Karachi

Pakistani search and rescue teams on Wednesday located and identified the wreckage of a private cargo aircraft that went missing with five crew members on board a day earlier, officials said.

The Pakistan Navy and the Pakistan Maritime Security Agency (PMSA) have successfully located and identified the wreckage of K2 Airways Cargo B737, which was declared missing last night, the Pakistan Airports Authority (PAA) said in a post on X. The wreckage was



Representative Photo

recovered from 53 NM South of ORMARA, it said, adding that efforts are underway to find the missing crew

members.

The Boeing 737 cargo aircraft, operated by Karachi-based private airline K2

Airways, vanished from radar on Tuesday night after it was seen descending rapidly and making a sudden change in direction during the flight. The PAA earlier said that contact with the aircraft was lost at 09:21 pm (local time) on Tuesday, about 300 kilometres west of Karachi. The aircraft went missing while flying reportedly at an altitude of 34,000 feet. The aircraft was carrying five crew members — Captain Muhammad Rizwan Idris, First Officer Faisal Mahmood, Loadmaster Muhammad Taufiq Khan, Engineer Arif Siddiqui and Engineer Muhammad Hamid.

The aircraft reportedly had remained in Sharjah for about 10 days after developing a technical fault. The PAA earlier said that the cargo flight reported a navigational system issue at 09:18 pm (local time) on Tuesday and was promptly guided by Karachi Area Control Centre (ACC).

“However, at 09:22 pm (local time), the aircraft was observed on radar rapidly descending with a rapid heading change.

Subsequently, radar contact and communication were lost approximately 155 NM west of Karachi,” it said.



Consul General of India in New York, Binaya Pradhan visiting INS Sudarshini in New York

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Funeral procession begins in Najaf for Iran's late Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei

QASSIM ABDUL-ZAHRA ■ Najaf

Funeral processions for Iran's late Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei began on Wednesday in the Iraqi city of Najaf with thousands of mourners present.

The Islamic Republic's days-long funeral for Khamenei began Saturday, with authorities shutting down streets, airspace and daily life in Tehran as mourners commemorate the life of the man who led Iran for decades with an iron fist while confronting the West.

His body will later be taken from Najaf to the city of Karbala before returning to Iran.

Khamenei was killed in late February in wide-scale US and Israeli strikes on Iran. He was among several senior Iranian leaders killed in strikes during the war. He was 86. Talks between



Mourners carry the coffin of the late Iranian Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei during funeral prayers held as part of the dayslong funeral ceremonies at the Holy Jamkaran Mosque in Qom, Iran

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the United States and Iran appear to be on hold until after the burial.

However, strikes from both sides in the Persian Gulf Tuesday and into Wednesday raised risks that the interim agreement to end the monthslong war that engulfed the Mideast could break down.

The US military attacked Iran early Wednesday after it said Tehran struck three ships in the Strait of Hormuz, before Iran launched retaliatory strikes on Kuwait and Bahrain.

Khamenei's body arrived Tuesday in Najaf, considered one of the holiest of cities for millions of Shiite Muslims worldwide. Mourners holding portraits of the late supreme leader welcomed the body and senior officials escorting it, including Iranian President Masoud Pezeshkian and Foreign

Minister Abbas Araghchi.

The body was placed in a casket draped in the Islamic Republic's flag and encased in glass.

Some supporters performed self-flagellation on the streets, while others waved Iranian as well as red and black flags symbolising mourning and revenge.

Muhammad Taqi al-Hakim, a senior scholar at the Najaf seminary, led the funeral prayers at the Shrine of Imam Ali, the Prophet Muhammad's cousin and son-in-law.

As the coffin was carried into the shrine, large crowds of mourners pushed and shoved their way to get close to it.

Some threw themselves onto the casket, as the al-Hakim struggled to control the crowd, urging the pallbearers to carry it closer to the ground for fear it might fall.

“We, the people of Iraq, will

remain a thorn in the eyes of the enemies,” said Jaafar Jawad, a funeral attendee. “(His body arriving here) is the greatest possible honour, and God willing, we will be loyal and repay a little of his debt in the holy city of Najaf.”

The body is expected to arrive later Wednesday in Karbala, a holy city for Shiite Muslims where the Imam Hussein, the grandson of the prophet, was killed in 680 AD. Abdul Mahdi al-Karbalaee, a representative of Iraq's top Shiite religious authority, will lead the prayers at the Imam Hussein Shrine.

Iran's new supreme leader, Ayatollah Mojtaba Khamenei, has yet to make an appearance in the funeral ceremonies, which are unfolding over several days.

He is believed to be in hiding after reportedly being wounded in the airstrike that killed his father.

BRIEFLY

Naomi Osaka laments sore feet and getting old



Sure, Naomi Osaka is a four-time Grand Slam champion who also impresses with her fashionable outfits. On Tuesday, she sounded like the rest of us. The plantar fasciitis was acting up. She's working too much. "I'm just getting old," Osaka said. The 28-year-old Osaka's Wimbledon run and fashion show ended in a 7-6(4) 6-4 loss to Karolina Muchova in the quarterfinals of the grass-court Grand Slam.

Osaka, a former No. 1 player, had ousted top-ranked Aryna Sabalenka in the fourth round – with arguably some of her best tennis since returning from maternity leave – but couldn't find her rhythm Tuesday against her Czech opponent. "It's hard because I played so well in my last match, then today I just feel like I didn't play well at all and I didn't have any energy," said Osaka, who despite the loss still had her best result at the All England Club by reaching the quarterfinals. "I could feel it coming because I've played way more matches than I usually do before a Slam," she added. "I just wanted to try that to see the rhythm, you know? Obviously it worked out well. But I think I probably won't do that again. But yeah, I would say it was like an accumulation of playing two weeks straight without a day off."

(AP)

A Cairo coffee house erupts, then goes silent



The small coffee house in Cairo turned into a tiny stadium. Several hundred people, mostly men and boys as young as 7, gathered around wall-mounted screens ahead of the kickoff whistle. The scene played out across the soccer-mad nation as Egypt faced the defending World Cup champion in the round-of-16 fixture in Atlanta. It was a historic day for millions of Egyptians even after their national team's adventure reached its end with Tuesday's 2-3 loss to Argentina. "It's a brutal scenario," Ahmed Saadany, a teacher, reflected after the game. "The journey shouldn't have ended that way." With their own star Mohamed Salah, Egypt reached the round of 16 by beating Australia 4-2 on penalty kicks after a 1-1 draw in the round of 32 on Friday. The Pharaohs advanced to the knockout stages – their first ever – after securing the second place in the Group G, behind Belgium.

(AP)

Messi leads Argentina to 3-2 comeback victory over Egypt



JAMES ROBSON ■ Atlanta

Lionel Messi did it yet again at this year's World Cup.

The Argentina great scored another goal – his eighth of the tournament – and led his team to an improbable 3-2 victory over Egypt on Tuesday despite trailing by two with only 11 minutes of regulation time to play.

The defending champions will next face either Switzerland in the quarterfinals on Saturday in Kansas City, Missouri.

Messi, who was in tears after the final whistle, scored his record-extending 21st goal at the World Cup in the 83rd minute to level the score at 2-2.

Enzo Fernandez scored the winning goal in stoppage time to complete one of the great World Cup comebacks. Cristian Romero started the rally in the 79th minute.

"This is a phenomenal group that never gives up," Fernandez said. "Four years have passed since Qatar, and we've come to enjoy another World Cup - and we

want to win it again. That's what we're aiming for."

Argentina had trailed 2-0 on goals from Yasser Ibrahim and Mostafa Zico.

Messi also missed a chance in the first half when his penalty kick was saved by Egypt goalkeeper Mostafa Shobeir. He later hit the post when the score was 1-0.

Argentina is bidding to become the first team to win back-to-back titles since Brazil did so in 1958 and 1962. "I'm so emotional," Argentina coach Lionel Scaloni said. "What a group of players, brother." For much of the game, it looked like it would be a painful exit for the 39-year-old Messi in what might be the last of his six World Cups.

Egypt took a surprising lead in the 15th minute when Ibrahim got ahead of Lisandro Martinez to meet Marwan Attia's cross and head the ball into the bottom corner.

Argentina was quickly given the chance to level the match when Haissem Hassan tripped Nicolas Tagliafico in the box moments later. Referee Francois Letexier

pointed to the penalty spot and Messi stepped up with an expectant crowd waiting for him to score.

Shobeir had other ideas, diving to his left to block the shot for Messi's second penalty miss of the tournament after also failing from the spot against Austria in the group stage.

Despite being the all-time leading scorer at World Cups, Messi has now missed four of eight penalty kicks at the tournament.

After Messi hit the post later in the half, Shobeir pulled off another great save to stop Julian Alvarez from close range.

Egypt thought it had doubled its lead in the second half when Mostafa Zico finished off a sweeping attack. But the wild celebrations were cut short when a foul earlier in the move was confirmed on video review and the goal was disallowed. That second goal for Egypt did come in the 67th from a similar break, and this time Zico's effort counted. It just wasn't enough.

(AP)

EU lawmakers call for investigation into FIFA boss

ASSOCIATED PRESS ■ Brussels

Dozens of European lawmakers are gathering support to launch an investigation in the European Parliament of FIFA boss Gianni Infantino over his involvement in the decision to permit US striker Folarin Balogun to play despite an earlier red card.

Balogun was shown a red card during the US victory over Bosnia-Herzegovina on July 1, which normally would make him ineligible to play in team's next game, but FIFA lifted his suspension for a match on Monday after US President Donald Trump intervened with Infantino on behalf of the 25-year-old striker.

European Parliament lawmakers Barry Andrews, Lara Wolters and Niels Fuglsang said in a joint statement that FIFAs decision to "change the rule on red card sus-



pensions mid-tournament is a disgrace and a perversion of justice."

"Once again, we've seen

Infantino and FIFA surrender to the demands of the Trump administration," the statement said. The lawmakers are asking the

national football associations of the EU countries to spur the FIFA Ethics Committee to investigate Infantino and whether pressure

FIFA HAS SAID THE LIFTING OF THE SUSPENSION WAS A DECISION OF A DISCIPLINARY PANEL

from the Trump administration was a factor in the lifting of the suspension, as well as "other potential breaches of political neutrality" like awarding Trump the FIFA Peace Prize.

FIFA has said the lifting of the suspension was a decision of a disciplinary committee.

The lawmakers said that 35 colleagues have so far signed the letter. "The beauty of sport is that it is based on impartial and transparent rules. When Infantino allows political pressure to determine who gets to play, this sense of fairness goes out the window," they said.

Ruben Vargas sends Switzerland to World Cup quarterfinals



ANNE M PETERSON ■ Vancouver (Canada)

In a match with few fireworks, the Swiss were patient against the Colombians and their enthusiastic fans.

After a scoreless draw, Ruben Vargas converted the decisive penalty and Switzerland advanced to

the World Cup quarterfinals, beating Colombia 4-3 in a shootout on Tuesday.

Switzerland will face defending champion Argentina on Saturday at Arrowhead Stadium in Kansas City, Missouri. Argentina defeated Egypt 3-2 earlier in the day.

Switzerland had not reached the quarterfinals of a World Cup since hosting the tournament in 1954. And the Swiss were short-handed Tuesday without young midfielder Johan Manzambi, who was injured in training on Monday.

Vargas, who has scored two goals in the World Cup, also left Monday's training early but came on in stoppage time at the end of regulation.

In the shootout, Colombia defender Davinson Sanchez's penalty attempt hit the crossbar and Switzerland goalkeeper Gregor Kobel saved an attempt by Cucho Hernandez.

FIFA President Gianni Infantino was among those at BC Place, where the sellout crowd of 52,497 was overwhelmingly clad in yellow in support of Colombia.

"They had the crowd on their side, so it was a tough game for us," Kobel said. "We know we had some stretches of the game where we had to defend and stay strong mentally. Obviously we had a few players missing so, yeah, it was a big challenge for us."

Colombia failed to qualify for the last World Cup in 2022. Los Cafeteros made the quarterfinals at the 2014 tournament in Brazil, defeating Uruguay in the round of 16 before losing to the host country 2-1.

"The dream was enormous," Colombia midfielder John Arias said. "The country showed us that it believed in us, that it lived every moment with us, and I think that only makes the pain even greater." (AP)

Lionel Messi scores his eighth goal, takes lead in Golden Boot race

MAURA CAREY ■ Atlanta

Lionel Messi let the tears flow at the final whistle, succumbing to emotion after Argentina conjured up an incredible two-goal comeback to beat Egypt 3-2 on Tuesday and advance to the World Cup quarterfinals.

Argentina's three goals came in the final 11 minutes of regulation and injury time. Messi played a direct hand – or foot – in two of them.

Messi helped get Argentina on the board in the 79th minute, assisting on Cristian Romero's header. Four minutes later, he levelled the match at 2-2, drilling a shot past Egypt goalkeeper Mostafa Shobeir. A sold-out crowd at Mercedes-Benz Stadium, and no one was surprised it was Messi who paved the way to victory.

"Watching Leo run the way he does, just pushing himself further every day – I just told him that he deserved it. He's our role model, our guide – the one who helps us at all times," Argentina forward Lautaro Martinez said.



Djokovic outlasts Auger-Aliassime after more than 5 hours to reach Wimbledon semifinals at age 39

ANDREW DAMPF/KEN MAGUIRE ■ London

Side to side. Corner to corner. Novak Djokovic kept pushing Felix Auger-Aliassime back and forth along the Centre Court baseline at Wimbledon to retrieve one shot after another.

Finally, on the 22nd shot of a grueling rally deep in a fifth-set super tiebreaker, Auger-Aliassime had a forehand in the middle of the court. Under normal circumstances it might have been just the shot he was looking for.

Not this time. Not after five hours of battling with the 39-year-old Djokovic.

Auger-Aliassime, a 25-year-old Canadian with one of the top-rated forehands on tour, had nothing left in his tank. He sprayed his forehand wide to give Djokovic a 9-4 lead. Then both players bent over in exhaustion and leaned on their rackets. Djokovic, while he was bent over, still found energy to encourage the crowd to cheer louder, waving his right arm for more noise.

One point later, the longest quarterfinal in Wimbledon history – at 5 hours and 15 minutes – was finished. "These," Djokovic said, "are the kind of moments that I still play tennis for." Djokovic, the seven-time Wimbledon champion, prevailed 7-6 (10), 3-6, 6-3, 6-7 (4), 7-6 (4) on Tuesday to set up a semifinal against defending champion Jannik Sinner.

"I'm still able to battle these young guys that have 15 years less than me," Djokovic said. "I'm able to beat them at the tightest possible scoreline. ... In a sense, it is really a nice surprise. But at the same time, I always have the highest expectations for myself."



Djokovic continues to break records as he chases a 25th Grand Slam title. He's reached a record-setting eighth consecutive Wimbledon final four – moving him one ahead of Roger Federer for most consecutive men's singles semifinal appearances at the grass-court tournament.

"We know, because we've seen him so much, but it's so impressive that he does it time and time again," Auger-Aliassime said. The match ended just before the All England Club's 11 pm curfew took effect.

To celebrate, Djokovic raised his arms high and wide and took in the applause as he walked to the net to shake hands with Auger-Aliassime. Then Djokovic performed a little elbows-to-knees dance. He often mentions that his daughter, who was watching in the players' box, tries to teach him moves.

Later, Djokovic was asked to compare himself with another 39-year-old still performing at the

highest of levels: Lionel Messi of Argentina.

"It would be nice to play 90 minutes like him," Djokovic said of the soccer great.

Rematch with Sinner Sinner spent less than half the amount of time on court as Djokovic did when he beat Jan-Lennard Struff 7-5, 7-6 (4), 6-3 much earlier in the day on No. 1 Court.

Sinner beat Djokovic in straight sets in last year's Wimbledon semifinals; and Djokovic outlasted the Italian over five sets in the last four of this year's Australian Open.

"I wish it was finals, so I don't need to worry about how the body will feel tomorrow," Djokovic said. "I was telling the kids to go to sleep after the fourth (set) but they didn't want to listen. I'm glad they stayed because it was honestly one of the best matches I was part of on this court in my career."

Djokovic does get two days off before Friday's semifinals.

Medical time outLate in the first set, Djokovic dealt with what appeared to be a lower-leg issue. He took a medical time out and a trainer tested the stability of his left ankle and calf before massaging his calf muscle.

Djokovic had earlier leaned over to stretch his leg by pulling back the tip of his sneaker. He also stretched while standing at the back wall.

There was more stretching the rest of the way, too - especially late in the fifth set.

"It was really anybody's game in the super tiebreak in the fifth," Djokovic said.

Djokovic opposes roof closure Djokovic objected to the decision to close the Centre Court roof at 7:40 p.m. after Auger-Aliassime won the second set to level at a set apiece.

Djokovic told Wimbledon tournament referee Denise Parnell that they could squeeze in another set before the natural light faded.

(AP)



Grounded Preeti Pawar eyes CWG boxing gold

APARAJITA UPADHYAY ■ New Delhi

Nothing in life is certain and plans do not always work out the way one hopes. India's young boxer Preeti Pawar learnt that lesson early in her career, which is why she heads into Commonwealth Games with confidence from a stellar run of results but without taking anything for granted. The 22-year-old bantamweight (54kg) boxer has emerged as one of India's brightest boxing prospects over the last three years, overcoming setbacks while steadily adding medals to her resume. Making her senior World Championships debut in 2023, Preeti impressed despite bowing out in the pre-quarterfinals. She bounced back later that year by winning a bronze medal at the Hangzhou Asian Games and securing a quota for the Paris Olympics. Her Olympic campaign, however, was disrupted after she contracted Hepatitis A just



before the Games. Despite the illness affecting her preparations, she still reached the Round of 16. The experience has made her more measured in her outlook. "At the Commonwealth Games I want to perform my best and get a medal for India...a gold. Let's see what will happen because some-

times we plan something but it doesn't go our way," Preeti said. Following a long break after the Olympics, Preeti returned to international competition in style, winning gold at the 2025 World Boxing Cup Final before claiming silver at Boxam Elite International tournament in Spain. (PTI)

Tulika Maan eyes CWG gold to add to Birmingham silver



HARDIK SHARMA ■ New Delhi

Commonwealth Games silver medallist judoka Tulika Maan, who made a first-round first-round exit at the Paris Olympics, is determined to put that disappointment behind and upgrade the colour of her medal in upcoming CWG in Glasgow. Maan's Olympic campaign ended in heartbreaking fashion after she lost her opening women's +78kg bout to Cuban great Idalys Ortiz in just 28 seconds in Paris Olympics two years back. "Paris was like a black day for me," Maan told PTI on the sidelines of the Indian contingent's kit unveiling and send-off ceremony here. "Making a comeback

from there was very difficult because I knew the pressure was there. But it's okay. Because of my family, I am ready for the 2026 Commonwealth Games." The Delhi judoka had claimed silver in the +78kg category at the 2022 Commonwealth Games in Birmingham after going down in a hard-fought final to Scotland's Sarah Adlington. Asked if she was looking to improve on that result, Maan made her intentions clear. "Yes, for sure. It's not that I have to, I want to change it," she said. "Hopefully, I will win the gold. It will be a blessing for me because I will finally get the moment that I wanted in Birmingham."



Happy to announce that Ankit Mehra S/o Ashok Kumar and Nitika Talwar D/o Naresh Kumar got married on 03 June 2026 at Shiv Mandir Railway Crossing, Chheharta, Amritsar we thank everyone who joined us on this important day of our lives.

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Need to adapt better, reset will take time: Gautam Gambhir

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA ■ Nottingham

India's T20 squad is in transition following a "reset", declared head coach Gautam Gambhir as he attributed the horrendous

run in the ongoing tour of UK to an acute lack of game awareness and failure to read the conditions correctly. India slumped to their heaviest-ever T20I defeat in terms of runs, losing by 125

to England in the third T20I on Tuesday. The visitors are now 0-2 down in the five-match series. "We just haven't played well," Gambhir said at the post-match press conference here.

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