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LOST AND FOUND

I, Bhavin Puri, S/o Rajinder Puri R/o Malan Colony, Giddarbaha, Aadhaar No. 302385956372, have lost my original Pass & Statement of Marks Certificate, Index No. 1224486/065, UID 7657755, Passing Year 2022.

BEDKHALI NOTICE

I, Balbir Singh, son of Chatan Singh, resident of House No. 6/41, Bedsan, Ambala City (Tehsil and District Ambala, Haryana), hereby declare that my son Khushmeet Singh and his wife Harpreet Kaur are out of my control. so i disowned them from my movable and immovable properties. Anybody dealing with them at on their own risk

I, Gurpreet Singh, son of Kuldeep Singh, resident of Khuni Majra, District Mohali, declare that my daughter Simranjit Kaur is out of My control so I disowned from my movable and immovable properties anybody dealing with them at on their own risk

I, Karan Pal, son of Gurbaksh Singh, resident of House No. 97, Gill Colony, Opposite Hanuman Mandir, Village and Post Office Saha, District Ambala, Haryana, declare that our son Vishal Kumar and his wife Diksha are out of My control. so I disowned them from my movable and immovable properties anybody dealing with them on their own risk.

I, Gurdeep Singh, son of Labh Singh, resident of village Haibuana, Tehsil Dabwali, District Sirsa, declare that my wife, Veerpal Kaur, does not listen to me and acts as she pleases. Therefore, I am disinheriting her from all my movable and immovable properties. From today on, anyone who has any transaction or dealings with my wife, Veerpal Kaur, will be held responsible.

I, Jagtar Singh, S/o Surendra Singh, R/O House No. 355, Jat Mohalla, Ward No. 11, VPO Guhla, District Kaithal, disown my son Ranjeet Singh, from all my movable/ immovable property, as he is beyond our control. Anybody deals him at own risk, I and my family, shall not be responsible.

I, Aradhya Jain (Old Name, which is to be changed) Daughter of Sh. Gagan Jain Resident of House No. 15, Ghoda Farm Road, Vidya Nagar, Hisar, Tehsil & Distt. Hisar have changed my name from Aradhya Jain (Old Name) to Pari Jain (New Name).

Mrs. Sarabjit Kaur W/o Mehanga Singh, originally of Village Ladhran, Tehsil Nakodar, District Jalandhar, presently residing at Toronto, Canada, hereby declares that she has disowned her son Surjit Singh Sidhu, his wife Baljit Kaur Sidhu, and their children Karanvir Singh Sidhu and Jaspreet Kaur Sidhu from her movable and immovable properties.

She and her family members have severed all relations with them and will not be responsible for their acts, conduct, or dealings. Any person dealing with them shall do so at his/her own risk. Issued by Jaswinder Pal Singh (SPA Holder) Place: Jalandhar.

I Bhupinder Kumar Kapila S/o Harsarup Chand R/o H-6/12 B, Adarsh Colony Rajpura Distt Patiala declare that my son Yash Kapila and his wife Himani Taneja is out of my control so I evict them all my moveable immovable property anyone dealing with them at their own risk.

I Gajinder s/o Murari H.NO 277 Kachi Colony Dhanas Chandigarh hereby Disown my Son Sagar from my all movable /immovable properties .He is out of my control..If anybody deal with him will do so at own risk /responsibility . I shall not be responsible for his any deeds.

I, Birender Dutt Kothari S/o Sh. Vidhya Datt, R/o House No. 9, Koti (Bahera), Davari Talli, Tehri Garhwal, Uttarakhand-249145, hereby declare that I have disowned/debarred my son Sh. Rajesh Kumar and daughter-in-law Mrs. Monika Badani from my movable and immovable properties and all family relations. I shall not be responsible for any acts, liabilities or dealings undertaken by them in future. Any person dealing with them shall do so at his/her own risk.

ਮੈਂ, ਜੱਤ ਪਾਲ (ਆਧਾਰ ਨੰਬਰ 7518-9040-3612) ਪੁੱਤਰ ਉਤਮ ਚੰਦ ਵਾਸੀ ਪਿੰਡ ਥਾਣੇਵਾਲ, ਡਾਕਖਾਨਾ ਬੰਬੋਹਾਲੀ, ਤਹਿਸੀਲ ਵਾ ਜ਼ਿਲ੍ਹਾ ਗੁਰਦਾਸਪੁਰ ਸੂਚਿਤ ਕਰਦਾ ਹਾਂ ਕਿ ਮੇਰਾ ਪੁੱਤਰ ਰਾਜ ਕੁਮਾਰ ਅਤੇ ਉਸਦੀ ਪਤਨੀ ਪ੍ਰੀਤ ਦੇਵੀ ਮੇਰੇ ਕਹਿਣੇ ਤੇ ਬਾਹਰ ਹਨ ਤੇ ਮੇਰੇ ਨਾਲ ਲੜਾਈ ਝਗੜਾ ਕਰਦੇ ਹਨ ਤੇ ਆਪਣੀ ਮੰਗ ਮਰਜ਼ੀ ਕਰਦੇ ਹਨ ਤੇ ਕੋਈ ਸੇਵਾ ਮੰਗਣ ਨਹੀਂ ਕਰਦੇ। ਮੈਂ ਇਨ੍ਹਾਂ ਤੇ ਇਨ੍ਹਾਂ ਦੇ ਅਪਣੀਆਂ ਸਾਰੀ ਚਲ-ਅਚਲ ਜਾਇਦਾਦ ਤੇ ਬੇਦਖਲ ਕਰਦਾ ਹਾਂ। ਇਨ੍ਹਾਂ ਨਾਲ ਲੈਣ ਦੇਣ ਕਰਨ ਵਾਲਾ ਖੁਦ ਜ਼ਿੰਮੇਵਾਰ ਹੋਵੇਗਾ।

ਅਸੀਂ ਦੇਸਰਾਜ ਪੁੱਤਰ ਲੇਟ, ਦੌਲਤ ਰਾਮ ਅਤੇ ਸੁਨੀਤਾ ਰਾਣੀ ਪਤਨੀ ਦੇਸਰਾਜ ਵਾਸੀਆਨ ਤਲਵੰਡੀ ਜ਼ਿਲ੍ਹਾ ਡਾਕੂ ਵਾਹਰ ਤਹਿ ਤੇ ਜ਼ਿਲ੍ਹਾ ਹੁਸ਼ਿਆਰਪੁਰ ਖ਼ਿਆਨ ਕਰਦੇ ਹਾਂ ਕਿ ਸਾਡਾ ਲੜਕਾ ਸੰਗੀਤ ਰਾਜ ਅਤੇ ਉਸਦੀ ਪਤਨੀ ਪੁਸ਼ਪਾ ਦੇਵੀ ਉਰਫ ਸਪਨਾ ਜੋ ਕਿ ਸਾਡੇ ਕਹਿਣੇ ਤੇ ਬਾਹਰ ਹਨ। ਅਸੀਂ ਇਨ੍ਹਾਂ ਤੇ ਆਪਣੀ ਚਲ-ਅਚਲ ਜਾਇਦਾਦ ਤੋਂ ਬੇਦਖਲ ਕਰਦੇ ਹਾਂ। ਇਨ੍ਹਾਂ ਨਾਲ ਲੈਣ ਦੇਣ ਕਰਨ ਵਾਲਾ ਖੁਦ ਜ਼ਿੰਮੇਵਾਰ ਹੋਵੇਗਾ। ਸਾਡਾ ਜਾਂ ਸਾਡੇ ਪਰਿਵਾਰ ਦਾ ਕੋਈ ਵੀ ਤਾਲੁਕ ਵਾ ਵਾਸਤਾ ਨਹੀਂ ਹੋਵੇਗਾ।

ਹਮ, ਪੁਥਾਾ ਸਿੰਗਲ ਪਤੀ ਸ਼੍ਰੀ ਸੁਰੇਂਦ੍ਰ ਕੁਮਾਰ ਸਿੰਗਲ ਵ ਸੁਰੇਂਦ੍ਰ ਕੁਮਾਰ ਸਿੰਗਲ ਪੁਤ੍ਰ ਸ਼੍ਰੀ ਫ਼ਾਰਕਾ ਪ੍ਰਸਾਦ ਸਿੰਗਲ ਨਿਰਸੀਸੀਗਧ ਮਕਾਨ ਨੰਬਰ 415, ਪੁਰਾਨੀ ਅਨਾਜ ਮੰਡੀ/ਲੋਹਾ ਮੰਡੀ, ਹਿਸਾਰ, ਹੁਰਿਆਧਾ-125001 ਬਯਾਨ ਕਰਦੇ ਹੈ ਕਿ ਹਮਾਰਾ ਲੜਕਾ ਕੰਵਲ ਕੁਮਾਰ ਸਿੰਗਲ ਵ ਤਸਕੀ ਪਤੀ ਸ਼ੇਵਤਾ ਸਿੰਗਲ ਦੋਨਾਂ ਹਮਾਰੇ ਕਹਨੇ ਵ ਸੁਨਨੇ ਸੇ ਬਾਹਰ ਹੈ। ਅਤ: ਹਮ ਅਪਨੇ ਲੜਕੇ ਕੰਵਲ ਕੁਮਾਰ ਸਿੰਗਲ ਵ ਤਸਕੀ ਪਤੀ ਸ਼ੇਵਤਾ ਸਿੰਗਲ ਕੋ ਅਪਨੀ ਚਲ-ਅਚਲ ਸਮਪਤਿ ਸੇ ਬੇਦਖਲ ਕਰਦੇ ਹੈ। ਮਥਿਧਿ ਮੇਂ ਕੋਈ ਭੀ ਯਕਿਨ ਹਮਾਰੇ ਤਕਤ ਲੜਕੇ ਵ ਤਸਕੀ ਪਤੀ ਕੇ ਸਾਧ ਕੋਈ ਲੇਨ-ਦੇਨ ਯਾ ਕ੍ਯਵਹਾਰ ਕਰਤਾ ਹੈ ਤੋ ਤਸਕਾ ਕਹ ਵਖਧੰ ਜਿੰਮੇਵਾਰ ਹੋਗਾ, ਹਮਾਰੀ ਵ ਹਮਾਰੇ ਪਰਿਵਾਰ ਕੀ ਕੋਈ ਜਿੰਮੇਵਾਰੀ ਨਹੀਂ ਹੋਗੀ।

ਮੈਂ, ਬਸ਼ਿਮਲਾ ਵਿਧਵਾ ਸ਼੍ਰੀ ਨਰੇਸ਼ ਕੁਮਾਰ ਨਿਵਾਸੀ ਕਾਥੋਰੇਲ ਤਹਸੀਲ ਆਦਮਪੁਰ ਜ਼ਿਲਾ ਹਿਸਾਰ ਬਯਾਨ ਕਰਤੀ ਹੂੰ ਕਿ ਮੇਰੀ ਪੁਤ੍ਰੀ ਨਿਸ਼ਾ ਮੇਰੇ ਕਹਨੇ-ਸੁਨਨੇ ਸੇ ਬਾਹਰ ਹੈ ਤਥਾ ਅਪਨੀ ਮਨਮਝੀ ਕਰਤੀ ਹੈ। ਇਸਲਿਧਿ ਮੇਂ ਅਪਨੀ ਬੇਟੀ ਨਿਸ਼ਾ ਕੋ ਅਪਨੀ ਤਮਾਸ ਚਲ-ਅਚਲ ਸਮਪਤਿ ਸੇ ਬੇਦਖਲ ਕਰਤੀ ਹੂੰ। ਮਥਿਧਿ ਮੇਂ ਮੇਰੀ ਬੇਟੀ ਨਿਸ਼ਾ ਕੋਈ ਅਸਾਮਾਜਿਕ ਕਾਰਧ ਕਰੇਗੀ ਯਾ ਕਿਸੀ ਸੇ ਲੇਨ-ਦੇਨ ਕਰੇਗੀ ਤਸਕੀ ਕਹ ਵਖਧੰ ਜਿੰਮੇਵਾਰ ਹੋਗੀ। ਮੇਰੀ ਵ ਮੇਰੇ ਪਰਿਵਾਰ ਕੀ ਕੋਈ ਜਿੰਮੇਵਾਰੀ ਨਹੀਂ ਹੋਗੀ।

PUBLIC NOTICE

I, Simer Kaur Wife of No 4449123 Ex Sep Dharam Pal Singh Resident of VPO Tanuli, Teh & Distt Hoshiarpur have changed my name from Simer Kaur to Simar Kaur and my date of birth from 26-1-1960 to 01-1-1956.

I Satwati Devi Mother of 3209785H Sep Sahadev Singh residing at Vill. Paigamvarpur Distt. Moradabad, State UP, Pin 244501 have changed my name from Satwati Devi to Satywati and date of birth 03.06.1967 to 01.01.1959 vide affidavit date 08.09.2026 before notary public Distt. court Bathinda (PB).

I, Jatin Kundu S/o Subhash Kundu R/o H. No. 965 Urban Estate -2 Hisar, Teh. & Distt. Hisar, Haryana 125001 do hereby inform the general public that I have changed the name of my minor son from Pranay to Pranay Kundu. Henceforth, he shall be known and recognized by the name Pranay Kundu for all purposes, including educational, legal, and official records. Further, I declare that my wife, Sushma, has no objection to this name change.

I, Manjit Kaur W/o Jagjiwan Ram R/o VPO. Bhanoki, Teh. Phagwara, Distt. Kapurthala (Pb.) declare that my son's Punjab School Education Board 's 10th Class Certificate wrongly mention as Sagar Chanderh Instead of Sagar Chanderh, Mother Name wrongly Mention as Manjeet Kaur Instead of Manjit Kaur and Father Name Mention as Jagjeevan Ram Instead of Jagjiwan Ram. But Actual Name of my son Sagar Chanderh, mine Manjit Kaur & My Husband name as Jagjiwan Ram.

I, Army No. 15258062F Rank NK, Umesh Davalatti S/o Basavaraj Siddappa Davalatti R/o H.No. 255 Tavag Belagavi, Karnataka-591101 declare that in my army record my father name wrongly entered Basavaraj Davalatti and my mother name wrongly entered Basavva Davalatti. But my father correct name is Basavaraj Siddappa Davalatti and my mother correct name is Basavva Basavaraj Davalatti.

I, Chandra P Mother of No.14643269F, Rank HAV, Name Mahendran G Village Kadaperi, P. O.Tambaram, Tehsil Tambaram, Distt.Kancheepuram, State-Tamilnadu, Pin-600045, of (unit) 758 EW WKSP COY, 5 EW EME BN C/O 56 APO, declare that I have changed my name from G Chendra to Chandra P and date of birth changed from 01-07-1959 to 03-08-1956 as per affidavit No.PF 0033579709.

I P Anantha Lekshmi Mother of 15490000Y Dfr M Padma Kumar residing at # 1-276, Madhava Vilas Kuttakkarai, Thuckalay Distt. Kanyakumari State Tamilnadu,Pin 629175 have changed my name from P Anantha Lekshmi to Anantha Lakshmi and date of birth 01.07.1958 to 12.10.1960 vide affidavit date 08.09.2026 before notary public Distt. court Bathinda (PB).

I P Madhava Dhas Father of 15490000Y Dfr M Padma Kumar residing at # 1-276, Madhava Vilas Kuttakkarai, Thuckalay Distt. Kanyakumari State Tamilnadu,Pin 629175 have changed my name from P Madhava Dhas to Madhava Dhas and date of birth 01.07.1953 to 01.01.1952 vide affidavit date 08.09.2026 before notary public Distt. court Bathinda (PB).

I Madhubi Banerjee Mother of 17007134A Cfn Swapan Kumar Banerjee residing at Vill+ P.O Narayan Barh ,P.S- Sabang, Distt. Paschim Medinipur, State West Bengal, Pin 721144 have changed my name from Madhubi Banerjee to Madhabi Banerjee and date of birth 23.03.1967 to 01.12.1960 vide affidavit date 08.09.2026 before notary public Distt. court Bathinda (PB).

I, Smt. Simar Kaur, mother of No. 2499625P Hav Sarwan Singh, resident of VPO Kacha Pacca, Teh. Patti, Distt. Tarn Taran, Punjab, hereby declare that my Name and Date of Birth have been wrongly recorded in the service records of my son.My Name has been wrongly recorded as Simar Kour instead of Simar Kaur and my Date of Birth has been wrongly recorded as 01 July 1956 instead of my correct Date of Birth 01 February 1955.

I, Sherbir Singh, son of No. 2499625P Hav Sarwan Singh, resident of VPO Kacha Pacca, Teh. Patti, Distt. Tarn Taran (Punjab), hereby declare that my name has been wrongly recorded as Sher bir Singh in the service records of my father, My correct and actual name is Sherbir Singh.

CHANGE OF NAME

I Geeta Rani Bansal W/O Bharat Bhushan Bansal R/O Flat no. 202, T7,Savitry Green 1 VIP Road Near Nirmal Chhaya Zirakpur, district SAS Nagar Mohal, Pb - 140603, have changed my name from Geeta Rani Bansal to Geeta Rani

I KAJAL SINGLA, Adhar No. 408882616444, W/o. PARDEEP KUMAR, R/o.H.NO.15/24, New Patel Nagar, Gali No. 2, Jind Road, Kaithal (136027) Tehsil & District KAITHAL, informs that i have Changed my name from KAJAL BINDLISH to KAJAL SINGLA. Call me KAJAL SINGLA in future.

I Manoj S/O Sh.Dayanand R/O House No # 318, Labour Colony, Bhainsa Tibba, Panchkula, Mansa Devi Sector-5, Haryana - 134114. I Have Changed My Name From Manoj To Manoj Kumar

I, Satish S/O Banwari R/o Pipli Wali Johri, Bhiwani (Haryana)-127021 have changed my minor daughter's name from Suruti to Shurti

I, Vikram Mehala S/o Ran Singh, R/o Chamar kheda, Tehsil Uklana, District Hisar (Haryana), have changed the name of my minor daughter from 'Baby of Pushpa Rani to Yuwansi. In the future, my minor daughter name is to be called as Yuwansi.

I, Vikram Mehala S/o Ran Singh, R/o Chamar kheda, Tehsil Uklana, District Hisar (Haryana), have changed the name of my minor Son from 'Baby Two of Pushpa Rani to 'Samar'. In the future, my minor Son name is to be called as Samar.

I, Onkardeep Singh S/o Sh Ranjit Singh, Vill. Khanpur, PO. Hariana (144208), Distt. Hoshiarpur, Punjab have changed my name from Onkardeep Singh to Bablu and am registering as Bablu S/o Sh. Ranjit Singh, Vill. Khanpur, PO. Hariana (144208), Distt. Hoshiarpur, Punjab on all my documents.

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. vide Affidavit No IN-PB67574424398089Y dt 07-07-26 before Notary public Jalandhar(PB)

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 Raosahab 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. vide Affidavit No IN-PB67573652584877Y dt 07-07-26 before Notary public Jalandhar(PB)

I, Sumit Kumar S/O Sh. Som Parkash R/o House No. 291, Mamta Enclave, Tehsil Derabassi, Dhakoli,SAS Nagar Mohali have changed my name from Sumit Kumar to Sumit Garg.

I Kalawati Devi W/o Keshav Datt Punetha. Resident of Vill. Forti P.O. Lohaghat Dist.Champawat (Utttrakhand) In the Army records of my son Bhuwan Chandra Punetha, My name is written as Kalawati Devi and my D.O.B. is recorded as 04.08.1955 which are incorrect. My correct and actual name Kalawati Punetha and my D.O.B. is 12.10.1960 kindly make the necessary corrections.

I, Kailash Garg S/o Magni Ram R/o H. No. 227 Sector 3, Part 1, Rewari, Haryana declare that I have changed my name from Kailash Garg to Kailash Chander Agarwal for future purpose.

I, Kailash Aggarwal S/o Magni Ram R/o H. No. 227 Sector 3, Part 1, Rewari, Haryana declare that I have changed my name from Kailash Aggarwal to Kailash Chander Agarwal for future purpose.

I, Rajni Bala W/o Sanjiv Kumar Gupta R/o # 120, Sector 16, Panchkula, Haryana declare that I have changed my name from Rajni Bala to Rajni Bala Gupta.

I, Shashi Bhadauria W/o Vijay Singh Bhadauria R/o H.No.1828, Block-A, Urban Estate Teshil & Distt Jind declare that in my son Shaurya school certificate's my name is recorded Shashi. But My all documents my name is Shashi Bhadauria. Shashi Bhadauria and Shashi both of these are my names. Concerned note.

I, Hasina W/O Jitender Kumar R/O Village Kharkhari Makhwan Po Kharkhari Makhwan Teh Tosham Distt Bhiwani State Haryana My Old Name Is Hasina And I Want To Change My Name To Suman.

I, Rotash S/O Surjban R/O Village Pinjokhara Po Garanpura Kalan Teh Tosham Distt Bhiwani State Haryana, Declare That My Old Name Is Rotash And I Want To Change My Name To Rohtash

I, Sukhjinder Kaur, wife of Labhjeet Singh army No. 15200679M Rank HAV, serving in 36 MP Bn NCC, Khandwa, resident of House No. 266, Behak Gujran, Tehsil Zira, District Ferozepur, That my date of birth is wrongly entered as 01 August 1988, That my correct date of birth is 04 January 1990 as per my aadhar and other documents. This is for general public information.

I, Bala Rani W/o Sh. Naib Singh R/o House No. 197, Village Mankian, PO Ramgarh, Panchkula Haryana have changed my name from Bala Rani to Raj Bala.

I, Kamaljit W/o Neeraj Kukreja R/o H.No.168FF, New Housing Board Colony, Near Dadri Gate, Bhiwani have changed my Name from Kamal Jeet Kaur to Kamaljit. in future I will be Known as Kamaljit.

I, No 3972480K Ex NK Name Darshan Singh resident of VPO-Janauri Tehsil and Distt Hoshiarpur (Pb) have change the name & date of birth of my wife from Sushil Kumari to Susheel Kumari and Date of birth from 29-04-1962 to 10-04-1960. Concerned note.

I, Rita Rani W/o Gurcharan Singh R/o H.No.2286, Rajesh Colony, Jagadhri, Distt. Yamuna Nagar, Haryana have changed my name from Rita Rani to Reeta Rani.

I, Anil Kumar Jain S/o Subhash Chand Jain R/o H.No.932, Near Jain Chakki, Model Colony, Jagadhri, Po. Yamuna Nagar, declares tha Anil Kumar Jain and Anil Jain both name one and the same person.

I, Avninder Kaur (Aadhar No.465700226919) W/o Sarabjeet R/o H.No. 148, Netaji Subhash Street, VTC Chhachhrauli, Po. Chhachhrauli, Sub Distt. Chhachhrauli, Distt. Yamuna Nagar, Haryana-135103, have changed my name from Avninder Kaur to Avaninder. Avninder Kaur (also Known as Avaninder from today onward.)

I, Tanya Kapoor W/o Anirudh Wadhwa R/o 306-R, Model Town, Yamuna Nagar, Tehsil Jagadhri, Distt. Yamuna Nagar, Haryana have changed my name from Tanya Kapoor to Tanya Wadhwa.

I, Anju Garg W/o Ratesh Kumar R/o H.No.1502-A, Giri Mandir Wali Gali, Near I.T.I. Modren Colony, Jagadhri. Po.Yamuna Nagar, Distt. Yamuna Nagar Haryana-135001, INDIA have changed my name from Anju Garg to Anju Rani.

I, Misaba D/o Rushmat Ali R/o Sultanpur (255), Yamuna Nagar, Haryana-135102 have Changed my name from Misaba to Misba.

I, Ram S/o Tara Chand, R/o 10, Chanderpuri, Near Shiv Mandir, Machhonda(105), Ambala, Haryana- 133004 India have changed my name from Ram to Ram Chandna

I Mohd Hussain S/O Mohd Latif, House No. 2606, Sector 49-C, Chandigarh have changed my name form Mohd Hussain to Salim Miyan.

I, Nisha W/o Naresh Kumar R/o Flat No. 104, New Generation Apartment, Dhakoli, Zirakpur, Tehsil Derabassi, Distt SAS Nagar, Mohali Punjab, have changed my name from Monika to Nisha.

I, Nisha Devi, wife of Devender Singh R/o Village Kheri Damkan, Tehsil Gohana, District Sonipat, do hereby solemnly declare on oath that my name is recorded as Naresh Kumari' in my educational documents. Nisha Devi and Naresh Kumari refer to the same person. I have now adopted the name Nisha Devi for all future purposes and wish to be known and recognized by this name henceforth.

I, hitherto known as Vivek Sonto of Sh. Balbir Singh residing at H. No. 74, Sector-5, Rohtak, Haryana-124001, have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as Vivek Duhan. It is certified that I have complied with other legal requirement in this connection.

I Nitesh s/o Rajesh r/o Vill. Rajpura Bhain Teh. & Distt. Jind declare that I have changed my name from Nitesh to Nitesh Lohan for all future purposes.

I Krishan Kumar s/o Sube Singh R/o H.No. 106, Ward No. 30, Budha Baba Basti, Bhiwani Road Jind Teh. & Distt. Jind declare that in my all documents my name is Krishan Kumar whereas in my Physical Possession Letter No. Prop/BHS16/5097 and in Allotment No. BHS167495 my name is Kishan Kumar which is wrong. I want to correct my name as Krishan Kumar in place of Kishan Kumar.

I, Parveen Sharma S/o Mohan Lal R/o Village 00 Madlauda Tehsil & Distt Panipat have changed my name from Parveen Sharma To Rudra Vats.

I Neha w/o Ashutosh r/o Uchana Mandi Teh. Uchana Distt. Jind declare that I have changed my name from Neha to Neha Bansal for all future purposes.

I Bhupi Maan S/O Karnail Singh R/o Roop Nagar Gidderbaha Distt Sri Muktsar Sahib Have Changed My Name To Bhupinder Singh Bhupi Maan

I, Gurdeep Singh, son of Harchand Singh, resident of Village Manjoli Sabh, Tehsil Ghanaur, District Patiala, have changed my son's name from Harjash Singh to Harjas Singh.

I, No. 13760765 X, Rank NK Sulinder Singh, S/O Ranjit Singh, Resident of Village Harse Mansar, Tehsil Mukerian, Distt. Hoshiarpur, Punjab - 144306, have changed the name of my son from VARDaan to VARDaan SINGH. Vide Affidavit No. IN-PB88057468277599Y dated 07/09/2026 before Notary / Executive Magistrate, please correct it.

I, Sanimar Kaur W/o Jaskirat Singh Sidhu R/o Near Telephone Exchange, VTC Majitha, PO Majitha, Distt. Amritsar, Punjab-143601 have changed my name from Sanimar Kaur to Sanimar Kaur Sidhu.

I, AJAY SINGH S/O SH. UTTAM KUMAR father of BABY OF DARSHANA (son Name) R/O NEAR POWER HOUSE, ADAMPUR, TEHSIL MANDI ADAMPUR DISTRICT HISAR, HARYANA, INDIA, have changed my minor son name from BABY OF DARSHANA to DHEERAJ BHAMBU.

I, ROSHANI DEVI (Old Name, which is to be changed) daughter of PIRTHI SINGH resident of VILLAGE KUMHARIA P.O. KUMHARIA, TEHSIL AND DISTICT FATEHABAD, HARYANA, INDIA, have changed my name from ROSHANI DEVI (Old Name) to ROSHNI (New Name).

I, PARMOD SHARMA (Old Name, which is to be changed) son of RAM KISHOR resident of VPO BODON BRAHMANAN, TEHSIL AND DISTRICT HISAR, HARYANA, INDIA, have changed my name from PARMOD SHARMA (Old Name) to PRADUMAN (New Name).

I, Jaiwanti W/o Sh. Dilbagh Singh R/o :- H.No. 1759/31 Kamla Nagar, Rohtak have changed my name Jaiwanti Devi to Jaiwanti for all future purposes.

I, Pappi Khan S/O Guru Murti Rehmat R/O Ward no.06,Cheeka Tehsil Guhla District Kaithal Haryana have changed my name from Pappi Khan son of Rehmat Khan to Pappi Khan son of Guru Murti Rehmat Khan.

I, Paramjeet Kour w/o Dalip Singh R/O Village Gidar windi Tehsil and district Gurdaspur, Punjab, India declare that in my all documents my name written as Paramjeet Kour but some documents my name is written as Inderjeet Kaur. As per Adhaar Card number my name written as my name Paramjeet Kour is correct . That both names Paramjeet Kour and Inderjeet Kaur pertains to one and the same person i.e. myself.

I, Harjit Kaur w/o Paramjit Singh R/o Village Gidar windi Tehsil and district Gurdaspur Punjab India declare that in all my documents my name written as Harjit Kaur but some documents my name is written as Harjeet Kaur. As per my Adhaar Card my correct name is Harjit Kaur. That both names Harjit Kaur and Harjeet Kaur pertains to one and the same person i.e. myself.

I, Parabjot Singh S/o Dilbagh Singh R/o H.No.L-6/1775 Gali No.2, New Shaheed Udhm Singh Nagar, Amritsar have changed my name from Parabjot Singh to Prabhjot Singh

I, Prabhjot Kaur W/o Amardeep Singh R/o H.No.161, Gali No.7, Kot Atma Ram, Sultanwind Road, Amritsar have changed my name from Prabjot Kaur to Prabhjot Kaur

I, Bindu Kumari W/o Harminder Singh R/o 35, Khalsa Nagar, Kot Mit Singh Amritsar have changed my name from Bindu Kumari to Bindu Kaur

I, Navgeet Jangu Purewal alias Navgeet Kaur W/o Amrinder Singh Purewal R/o House No. 1602, Sector 18-D, Chandigarh have changed my name from Navgeet Jangu Purewal alias Navgeet Kaur to Navgeet Jangu.

I, Banesh Kumar S/o Shyam Babu, House No. 1730, Mauli Jagran Complex, Chandigarh have changed my name from Banesh Kumar to Brijesh Kumar.

I Anudeep Kaur W/O Gagandeep Singh Sandhu R/O 2170-C Block Ranjit Avenue Distt Amritsar. Have Changed My Name From Anudeep Kaur To Anudeep Kaur Sandhu

I, Jatinder Singh S/o Yadwinder Singh R/o Narain Garh Bypass PO Chheharta, Amritsar have declare that Jatinder is my Give name and Singh is my Surname

I, Daljit Singh S/o Avtar Singh R/o Basarke, Gumanpura, Amritsar 143105 have declare that Daljit is my given name and Singh is my Surname

I, Gulzar Singh S/o Dalip Singh R/o H No 923, Gali No 5, Dr Het Ram Colony, Naraingarh, Chheharta, Amritsar, Punjab have changed my name from Gulzar Singh to Guljar Singh

I, Pawan Brij Kumar Sarkaria D/o Mohinder Singh Sarkaria W/o Rajinder Singh R/o H.No.5163, Roop Mahal, Ajaib Garh Dr Surat Singh Road, Amritsar have changed my name from Pawan Brij Kaur to Pawan Brij Kaur Sarkaria

I, Paramjeet Singh S/o Balwant Singh R/o VPO Dharar, Distt Amritsar, have declared that Singh is my surname and Paramjeet is my given name. Concerned Note

I, Surajit Kour wife of Lakha Singh R/o Permanent Address Near Talab, Dumri No-4, Kalme Gha, Jharkhand current address Vpo Bhangwan, Teh & Distt. Amritsar India have declare That in some of my documents my name is written as Surajit Kour and some other documents my name is written as Sarwajeet Kaur and I am the same person with both name Surajit Kour and Sarwajeet Kaur. Concerned note

I, Harjinder Kaur W/o Harpal Singh R/o Nazdik Telephone Exchange VPO Majitha Amritsar have declare that Harjinder is my Given name and Kaur is my Surname

I, Jagpreet Singh S/o Balbir Singh R/o Vill Gurchak P.o. Shahzada Teh. Dera Baba Nanak Gurdaspur declare that Jagpreet is my given name & Singh is my Surname

I, Narinder Singh S/o Tarlok Singh R/o L-2/1021 Gali No. 2 New Gurnam Nagar Sultanwind Road Amritsar declare that Narinder is my given name & Singh is my Surname

I, Charanjeet Kaur W/o Sarwan Singh R/o VPO Bahoru Amritsar have changed my name from Charanjeet Kaur to Sharanjit Kaur

I, Parabjot Singh S/o Dilbagh Singh R/o H.No.L-6/1775 Gali No.2, New Shaheed Udhm Singh Nagar, Amritsar have changed my name from Parabjot Singh to Prabhjot Singh

I, Prabhjot Kaur W/o Amardeep Singh R/o H.No.161, Gali No.7, Kot Atma Ram, Sultanwind Road, Amritsar have changed my name from Prabjot Kaur to Prabhjot Kaur

I, Bindu Kumari W/o Harminder Singh R/o 35, Khalsa Nagar, Kot Mit Singh Amritsar have changed my name from Bindu Kumari to Bindu Kaur

I, Gursahib Singh S/o Darshan Singh R/o Village Sarai Amant Khan Tehsil

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CHANGE OF NAME

I, Bhulan Roy Mother of No. 18011376W L/Hav Rajat Roy r/o Vill- Barchatala, P/O- Rayermura Pandabpur G.P, West Tripura 799130 have changed my name from Bhulan Roy to Bulan Roy and Date of Birth from 05.04.1965 to 01.01.1970 Vide affidavit No.IN-PB88003051098534Y Dated 07.09.26 before Notary Public Amritsar

I Sakatar Singh Sandhu Son Of Dawinder Singh Resident Of Village Bagrian, Po Attari, Tehsil And District Amritsar Have Changed My Name To Sakatar Singh

I, Rekha Hastir W/o Sh. Sanjeev Kumar Hastir Resident of 14/635, Tirath Nagar, Verka, Amritsar. I have changed my name from Rekha Hastir to Rekha Sharma. All concerned please note.

I, Chanchulo Devi mother of No 13772013A Hav Sunny Kumar Unit of 11 Jak Rif C/o 56 Apo that in my sons's army service record my name and date of birth has been wrongly entered as Chanchulo Devi 05.01.1964 but my correct name and date of birth is Chanchla Devi 22.12.1971 Vide affidavit No.IN-PB88237539766887Y Dt.09.07.2026 before Executive Magistrate Amritsar

I, Kanwarmeet Singh S/o Narinder Pal Singh R/o B-57, Bhalla Colony, Chhehrtta, Amritsar have changed my name from Kanwarmeet Singh to Kanwarmeet Singh Sandhu

I, Deepak S/o Somnath R/o H.No.314, Gali Mangalpur, Ghanupur Road, Near Pani Wali Tanki, Khandwala, Chheharta, Amritsar have changed my name from Deepak to Deepak Kumar.

I, Anthoniammal R legally spouse of No.JC-388076Y Sub Suresh Kumar A presently residing at # 4375, 11th Cross St Marys Road, N R Mohalla, Distt. Mysore, State- Karnataka- 570007 declare That I have changed my DOB from 03.04.1977 to 03.04.1974 vide Affidavit No. IN-PB88250298064324Y dated 07.09.2026 before notary public district court Bathinda.

I, Hingmire Vijayalaxmi Mahadev legally spouse of No.15272951W L/NK Hingmire Mahadev Prakash presently residing at Vill & PO: Khudawadi, Teh-Tuljapur, Distt. Osmanabad, State- Maharashtra- 413603 declare That I have changed my name from Hingmire Vijayalaxmi Mahadev to Vijayalaxmi Mahadev Hingmire vide Affidavit No. IN-PB88251920756720Y dated 07.09.2026 before notary public district court Bathinda.

I, No.15344643H Hav Ashok Kumar presently residing at Judge Farm, Near Jan Milan Kendra, Mukhiani, Haldwani, Nainital, State- Uttarakhand- 263139 declare That I have changed my minor daughter name from Kumari Kanak Tripathi to Kanak Tripathi vide Affidavit No. IN-PB88251081764952Y dated 07.09.2026 before notary public district court Bathinda.

I Sandip Dagdu presently residing at Palaskheda, Soegaon, Distt. Aurangabad, State- Maharashtra- 431118 declare That I have changed my minor daughter name from Dhruva to Dhruva Sandip Raut vide Affidavit No. IN-PB88201140808279Y dated 07.09.2026 before notary public district court Bathinda.

I, Nayana legally spouse of No.14662738N Hav Raut Sandip Dagdu presently residing at Palaskheda, Soegaon, Distt. Aurangabad, State- Maharashtra- 431118 declare That I have changed my name from Nayana to Nayana Sandip Raut vide Affidavit No. IN-PB88206821082908Y dated 07.09.2026 before notary public district court Bathinda.

I, Raman Kumar S/o Gopi Chand R/o A-569, New Amritsar have changed my name from Raman Kumar to Raman Arora.

I Dharam bir S/o Daya Chnad R/o House No 43/23, Near BR School, Krishn Pura, Panipat, Haryana- 132103, have changed my name to Dharmbir for all future purpose.

I, Raghbir Singh, son of Shri Lakhi Ram, resident of village Kutel, Tehsil Gharaunda, District Karnal, declare that I have changed my name from Raghbir Singh to Raghubir. In future, I will be known as Raghubir.

I, Rina Panda is wife of No. JC-677302K Sub (DVRSPLCVEH) Arijit Patra resident of Kaliapathar, Bankura, West Bengal- 722101 now at 511 ASC Bn, C/o 56 APO have changed my name from Rina Panda to Rina Patra vide affidavit no.IN-PB88248020231148Y dated 07-09-2026, before Notary Public, Amritsar

I, Biren Patra is father of No. JC-677302K Sub (DVRSPLCVEH) Arijit Patra resident of Kaliapathar, Bankura, West Bengal- 722101 now at 511 ASC Bn, C/o 56 APO have changed my name from Biren Patra to Birendra Patra vide affidavit no.IN-PB88248783423380Y dated 07-09-2026, before Notary Public, Amritsar

I Harish Chander Satija S/o Mohan Lal Satija R/o House No G-3, Near Head Post Office, Sarswati Vihar, Panipat, Haryana- 132103, have changed my name to Harish Satija for all future purpose.

I, Pinki Malhan W/o Shri Pardeep, R/o House No. 243, Nand Vihar, Azad Nagar, Hisar, Tehsil & District Hisar, do hereby declare that I have changed my name from Pinki Malhan to Pinki for all future purposes.

I, Pankaj S/o Surender Vill Harsola, Kaithal have changed my name Pankaj Dhull

I, Nishan Singh S/o Daler Singh R/o Ajit Nagar, Adoya, Pehowa, Kurukshetra have changed my Minor Son name Amneet Singh to changed given name Amneet Surname Singh

I Manju W/o Rinku resident of Vill. Pharal po Pharal District Kaithal Haryana 136021 have Changed Given my Name From Manju to Manju devi

I, Narinder Singh S/o Balbir Singh Vill.Bagthala, Kurukshetra have changed my name Narinder Singh Multani.

I, Gurmit Singh son of Mela Singh resident of Village Lamme, PO. Jaid, District Kapurthala, Punjab have changed my name as Gurmeet Singh. All Concerned note

I Harpinder Singh S/o Ajit Singh R/o. # 33646.St.No.21/5 Pratap Nagar Bathinda (PB) have changed my name from Harpinder Singh Virdi to Harpinder Singh.

I, Anil Kumar S/O Sh. Parmal Singh, resident 68/1, village Jangu Majra Tehsil Naraingarh Distt-Ambala Haryana 134203, have changed the name of my minor daughter Anvi to Anvi Muraray.

I, Anil Kumar S/O Sh. Parmal Singh, resident 68/1, village Jangu Majra Tehsil Naraingarh Distt-Ambala Haryana 134203, have changed the name of my minor son Arnav to Arnav Muraray.

I, Prince son of Bal Kishan resident of House No. 447, Ward No. 9, Loharan Chahrke Road, Bhogpur, District Jalandhar, Punjab have changed my name Prince to Prince Arora. Now my given name is Prince and Surname is Arora. All concerned note.

I, Jaipal S/o Veer Singh R/o Rawalwas Kalan (51), Rawalwas Khurd, Sub-Tehsil Balsamand, District Hisar (Haryana) PIN-125001, declare that I want to change my minor daughter's name from Tania to Tania Kalirawana in all my documents.

I, Karnail Singh S/O Prittoo R/O Vpo Gandhran Tehsil Nakodar Distt Jalandhar Have Changed My Name From Karnail Singh To Karnail.

I, Army No. 3203609P Rank:-HAV, MOHAN KUMAR C L S/o LAXME GAWDA R/O Village Chikka Genigere, Post office Doddagenigere Tehsil-Shonthigrama, District-Hassan (Karnataka) Pin-573220, India of Present Unit 5RR, INDIA have changed my name from MOHANA KUMARA C.L to MOHAN KUMAR C.L due to wrong name record in Army service record vide affidavit No. IN-PB88404730831214Y dated 07 September-2026.

I, ANITHA D T wife of MOHAN KUMAR CL R/o Village Chikka Genigere, Post office Doddagenigere Tehsil-Shonthigrama, District-Hassan, (Karnataka) Pin-573220, India of Present Unit -5RR, INDIA have changed my name from D.T. ANITHA to ANITHA D T due to wrong name record in Army service record of my husband vide affidavit No. IN-PB88405838179358Y dated 07 September 2026.

I, Kamaljeet Kaur W/o Paramjit, H. No. 178, Phase-1A, Shivalik Avenue, Naya Nangal (Rupnagar) have changed my name from Kamaljit Kaur to Kamaljit.

I, Paramjit Kumar S/o Najar Ram, H. No. 178, Phase-1A, Shivalik Avenue, Naya Nangal (Rupnagar). have changed my name from Paramjit Kumar to Paramjit.

I, Mohd Aanis S/o Sh. Mohd Abrhim R/o House No. 194, Phase-2, Sector-26, Chandigarh-160019. That I have changed my name from Mohd Aanis to Mohd Anes.

I, Maksood S/o Sh. Mohd Anes R/o House No. 194, Phase-2, Sector-26, Chandigarh-160019. That I have changed my name from Maksood to Mohd Maksood.

I, Satish S/o Amrit Lal R/o H No. 537/5 Rajender Nagar Railway Road, Jind Tehsil and District Jind, Haryana have Changed my minor daughter name from Baby Two of Anu to Rihanshia Jain.

I, Bijender Singh S/o Bhal Singh R/o Ram Nagar Rohtak Road Jind Tehsil and District Jind, Haryana have Changed my name from Bijender Singh to Bijender Kumar.

I, Ishu D/o Army No. 15767046N, Rank NK Name Ajay Kumar R/o VPO Dharoli Tehsil Safidon Distt. Jind, Haryana Pin-126113 declare that my name recorded as Ishu Deswal in the Army records of my father, which I have now changed to name Ishu as per civil documents.

I, Ram Karan S/o Ram Pal R/o Rishi Colony, Choura, Patiala (Punjab) declare that both names Ram Karan & Ram Ratan are mine and of one and the same person.

I, Jaswinder Jit Kaur, W/o Gurinder Singh R/o House No. 55, New Officer Enclave Phase-2, Patiala (Punjab) have changed my name from Jaswinder Jeet Kaur to Jaswinder Jit Kaur and my correct Date of Birth is 25/12/1958.

I, Kamla Devi W/o late Hari Krishan R/o Village Raqba, District Ludhiana have changed my name from Kamla Devi Sharma to Kamla Devi.

I, Harvinder Singh S/o Joginder Singh R/o Village Dugri, PO. Jhingar Kalan, Tehsil Dasuya, Distt. Hoshiarpur, Punjab have changed my name from Harvinder Singh to Harwinder Singh. Concerned Note.

I, Manjit Kaur W/o Manjit Singh Cauli R/o H.No. 44/1, Basti Mithu, Arjan Nagar, Po.Basti Guzan, Jalandhar, Punjab-144002 have changed my name from Manjit Kaur to Manjit Kaur Cauli.

I, hitherto known as Gaganpreet Singh S/o Baljinder Singh R/o Ward No. 8, Sham Chaurasi, Distt.Hoshiarpur, Punjab have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as Singh Gaganpreet.

I, hitherto known as Vikramjeet Shori S/o Dwarka Dass Shori R/o H.No. NJ 90, Mohalla Mohindru, Jalandhar, Punjab-144001, have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as Vikramjit Shorey.

I, Vasu S/o Ashwani Kumar R/o VPO. Narot Mehra, Pathankot, Punjab have changed my name from Vasu to Kumar Vasu (Surname as Kumar)

I, Pardeep S/o Bahadar Ram R/o Village Kahanpur, Po.Raipur Rasulpur, Distt. Jalandhar have changed my name from Pardeep to Pardeep Kumar (Surname as Kumar)

I, Pinky W/o Ranjit Kumar R/o VPO. Mand, Distt. Kapurthala, Punjab have changed my name from Pinky to Pinky Kumari.

I, Rajni Bala W/o Shamsher Singh R/o H.No. 14, Talhan Road, Bhullar Enclave, Dakoha, Distt. Jalandhar have changed my name from Rajni Bala to Harmanpreet Kaur.

I, Gagandeep Singh S/o Dalip Singh R/o H.No. 2, Chanan Nagar, Distt. Jalandhar. I declare that Gagandeep as my given name and Singh as my surname.

I, Ravinder Kaur W/o Sat Pal Dadra R/o VPO. Dhogri, Distt. Jalandhar. I declare that Ravinder as my given name and Kaur as my surname.

I, No.6481318 Ex Nk Dar Singh S/o Nika Singh R/o VPO. Umarwal Billa, Tehsil Nakodar, Distt.Jalandhar 144041, Punjab, have changed my name from Dar Singh to Dara Singh.

I, Pooja Dey w/o Nk Soumen Dey r/o Jirighat Bazar, Jirighat Cha Bagicha Pt I, PO. Jirighat, Distt. Cachar Assam have Das to Pooja Dev vide affidavit attested before Executive Magistrate Jalandhar dt 07.09.2026.

I, Nb Sub Satya Prakash r/o Village Khardauri, PO-Sriduttganj, Distt. Balrampur UP have changed my son's name from Rameshwer Verma to Ayushman Singh vide afiidavit attested before executive Magistrate Jalandhar dt 07.09.2026.

I, Gurdip Singh S/o Labh Singh R/o Village Attu Wala Uttar, Distt. Ferozepur Have Changed My Name from Gurdip Singh to Gurdeep Singh.

I Shashi Kapur S/O Mam Chand R/O H.No.85, Jhigawan (37), Sundrah, Mahendragarh, Haryana-123034, Changed Minor Son's Name Baby Of Manjeet, Aged 9 Years To Atharv S Kapur.

I Sonika W/O Naveen R/O Village Sulchani (69), Hisar, Haryana-125038, Have Changed My Name To Sonika Kharb.

I Naveen S/O Satyanarayan R/O Village Sulchani (69) P.O. Sulchani, Dist: Hisar, Haryana-125038, Have Changed My Name To Naveen Kharb.

I Arshdeep Singh Dhaliwal S/O Kewal Singh Village Sandhuan Wala Urf Chupkiti (Moga) Have Changed My Name To Arshdeep Singh Concerned Note.

I Shinder Pal S/O Roshan Lal R/O Rawal Pindi Tehsil Phagwara District Kapurthala Have Changed My Name To Shinder As Given Name & Pal As Surname.

I Kaushlya Devi W/O Bhagat Ram R/O Street No.2 Shaheed Udhm Singh Nagar Phagwara Distt. Kapurthala Have Changed My Name From Kaushalya Devi To Kaushlya Devi.

I Sunita W/O Sukhdev Singh Nagi R/O Street No.2 Shaheed Udhm Singh Nagar Bhanoki Road Phagwara Distt. Kapurthala Have Changed My Name From Sunita To Sunita Nagi.

I Amandeep Singh Lohat S/O Gurmair Singh R/O Vpo. Akhara Tehsil Jagraon Distt. Ludhiana Have Changed My Name To Amandeep Singh.

I, Khushdeep Singh S/O Narinder Singh R/O Village- Behluwal, Po-Batala -143506, Tehsil - Batala, Distt- Gurdaspur, Punjab, Have Changed My Name Khushdeep Singh To Khushdeep As My Given Name And Singh As My Surname All Concern Please Note.

I, Deepti Verma W/O Sumit Verma. R/O Durgaji Flour Mills Nh-15, New Grain Market Gurdaspur. Tehsil/Distt- Gurdaspur, Punjab, India. Have Changed My Name From Deepti Verma To Deepti.

I Ram Singh S/o Mohinder Singh resident of H No 320/9 Rose Avenue Colony Dera Baba Nanak Road Gurdaspur have changed my name from Ram Singh to Singh Ram concerned note please.

I, KANNAN, son of Sh. Anil Kasana, resident of Flat No. 902, GHS-6A, Sector-25, Panchkula, Haryana-134116, that I have changed my name from KANNAN to KANNAN KASANA

I, Sushila Devi w/o Mohinder Singh Tanwar R/o House No.648/8, Indira Colony, Kurukshetra have changed my name from Mohinder Singh to Mohinder Singh Tanwar. In future I will be known as Sushila Tanwar.

I, Mohinder Singh Tanwar s/o Bharat Singh R/o House No.648/8, Indira Colony, Kurukshetra have changed my name from Mohinder Singh to Mohinder Singh Tanwar.

I, Vachaneshwar Pathak father of No. 16115630P RANK- L/NK Name Dilkhush Kumar Pathak Permanent Resident of Murli, Supaul, Saraigarh, Bhaptiyahi Bihar-852105. I have corrected my D.O.B 01/07/1960 to 01/01/1961.

I, Renu Devi mother of No. 16115630P RANK - L/NK Name Dilkhush Kumar Pathak Permanent Resident of Murli, Supaul, Saraigarh, Bhaptiyahi Bihar - 852105. I have changed my name from Renu to Renu Devi and D.O.B 01/07/1967 to 01/01/1967

I, Rupinder Kaur Sidhu W/o Jagsir Singh R/o Bakhta Patti Poo Sekha Kalan, The- Smalsar, Distt Moga have changed my name as Rupinder Kaur.

I Manjeet Kour W/O Sucha Ram R/O H. No. 6, Street No 14, Shaheed Bhagat Singh Nagar, Phagwara, Distt Kapurthala, Punjab Have Changed My Name Manjit Kaur. All Concerned Note.

I Shikha Rani W/O Satvinder Singh R/O Village Sanchak PO Sansarpur Tehsil Dasuya Distt Hoshiarpur Have Changed my Daughter's From Samriti To Samriti Choudhary .

I Sanjay S/o Jagdish Chander, Plate No. 202 Street No. 6 Smart City Colony, Jassian Road Haibowal Kalan have changed my name from Sanjay to Sanjay Kumar.

I, Gurpreet Singh S/o Raju Singh R/o Vill: Bagrian Kalan Po. Bagrian Teh & Distt. Tarn Taran Pin-143401 declare that my given name is Gurpreet and my surname is Singh.

I, Baljit Kaur W/o Jora Singh R/o VPO Rohno Kalan, Tehsil Kanna (Ludhiana) also known as Babil, these both names are mine, one & the same lady.

I, Diksha W/o Pardeep Kumar Chhabra R/o Chhabra General Store, New Model Town, Amloh Road, Khanna (Ludhiana) have changed my name to Diksha Rani.

I, Ambo W/o Vadhma Ram R/o #15, Bazigar Basti, Amloh Road, Khanna (Ludhiana) have changed my name to Amarjit Kaur.

I Kavita Saxena D/o Raj Narayan and W/o Ashok Kumar R/o H.No.421 North Avenue Bhadron Road Patiala 147001 Punjab have changed my name to Kavita Jindal.

I Jagmeet Singh S/Jagjit Singh R/o H.No.858 Street No. 8 Guru Nanak Nagar Patiala 147001 Punjab have changed my minor daughters name from Prabhsimran Kaur to Prabhsimran and Kaur as surname here in after.

I Ritu Raj Nayyar Alias Ritu Raj D/o Inder Raj Nayyar and W/o Amandeep Kad R/o House No-585, S.S.T Nagar, Near Chardikala Press, PO- Patiala, Distt-Patiala, Punjab-147001, have changed my name to Ritu Kad.

I Sukhchain Singh S/o Gurcharn Singh R/o Village Phirde Khurd, P.O. Wander Jatana, (Faridkot) have Changed my name to Singh Sukhchain. Sukhchain is my Given name and Singh is my surname.

I M Mathi Kumari Wife of 15490000Y Dfr M Padma Kumar residing at # 1-276, Madhava Vilas Kuttakkarai, Thuckalay Distt. Kanyakumari State Tamilnadu,Pin 629175 have changed my name from M Mathi Kumari to Mathi kumari M vide affidavit date 08.09.2026 before notary public Distt. court Bathinda (PB).

I Service No 15490000Y Dfr M Padma Kumar residing at # 1-276, Madhava Vilas Kuttakkarai, Thuckalay Distt. Kanyakumari State Tamilnadu,Pin 629175 have changed my Minor Daughter name from P M Leshmita Shree to Leshmita Shree P M vide affidavit date 08.09.2026 before notary public Distt. court Bathinda (PB).

I, Priyanka Singh Wife Of No 14832444p, Rank – Hav/Mt, Name Jitendra Kumar Singh Resident Of Village – Chatma Bazar, Post – Chatma Dih, District – Banka, State – Bihar, Pin – 813211, Have Changed My Name From Priyanka Singh (Incorrect Name) And Priyanka Kumari (Correct Name) Vide Affidavit Dt 07 Sep 26, Sworn Before Notary Public, Sat Pal, Pathankot. Please Correct It.

I, kanwar pal S/o Sh.Ram kumar R/o Village kharak khurad p.o.kharak kalan Tehsil and district Bhiwani Haryana Declare that I have changed my grand son name HIYAAN SHARMA to HIMANSHU SHARMA for all future purpose

I, Urmila Devi Mother of No.15495634Y DFR Chotan Kumar resident of Village-Uchi Dih, Post- Ram Karan Pakdi, Tehsil- Chakia, District- East Champaran, State- Bihar, Pin-845416, have changed my name from Urmila Devi to Umravati Devi Vide affidavit No.IN-PB8842054716725Y dated 07 Sep 2026 before notary public Pathankot

I, JC-250171M Ris Shankar Garnaik resident of Village- Purikia, Post- Arahath, Tehsil- Banarpal, District- Angul, State- Odisha, Pin-759128, have changed my name from Sankar Garnaik to Shankar Garnaik Vide affidavit No.IN-PB86755630314595Y dated 02 Sep 2026 before notary public Pathankot

I, Sasikala A spouse of No.14849977N NK/MT Ananda Babu V resident of Village- Sripadanallore, Post- Tempalle, Tehsil-Katpadi, District- Vellore, State- Tamil Nadu, Pin-632515, have changed my name from Sasikala A to A Sasikala Vide affidavit No.IN-PB88419639777684Y dated 07 Sep 2026 before notary public Pathankot

I, Shridhar Father of No.13778845X NK Subrahmanya S Naik resident of Village-Huvinahittlu, Post- Hodke Shirur, Tehsil- Honnavar, District- Uttara Kannada, State- Karnataka, Pin-581338, have changed my name from Shridhar to Shridhar Gopal Naik Vide affidavit No.IN-PB88421697500806Y dated 07 Sep 2026 before notary public Pathankot

I, Mangala Mother of No.13778845X NK Subrahmanya S Naik resident of Village-Huvinahittlu, Post- Hodke Shirur, Tehsil- Honnavar, District- Uttara Kannada, State- Karnataka, Pin-581338, have changed my name from Mangala to Mangala Shridhar Naik Vide affidavit No.IN-PB88420890230666Y dated 07 Sep 2026 before notary public Pathankot

I, Army No: 7243702X Rank: NK Name: Wahule Ananda Kondiba Presently Posted at Unit: 876 At Coy Asc (GS/MA MULES) C/o 56 APO Permanent Address: At Loleshwar, Post: Basmathnagar, Dist: Hingoli, State: Maharashtra, Pin: 431512 declare that in my Service record my Mother name is by Mistakenly mentioned as KAISHALYA BAI but as per Civil/Govt. Documents my Mother Correct name is KAISHALYABAI KONDABA VAVHULE. Vide Affidavit No: 11AA 832482, Dated: 07/09/2026

I, Army No: 7243702X Rank: NK Name: Wahule Ananda Kondiba Presently Posted at Unit: 876 At Coy Asc (GS/MA MULES) C/o 56 APO Permanent Address: At Loleshwar, Post: Basmathnagar, Dist: Hingoli, State: Maharashtra, Pin: 431512 declare that in my Service record my Mother Correct Date of birth is 01/01/1957. Vide Affidavit No: 11AA 832501, Dated: 07/09/2026

I, Army No: 7243702X Rank: NK Name: Wahule Ananda Kondiba Presently Posted at Unit: 876 At Coy Asc (GS/MA MULES) C/o 56 APO Permanent Address: At Loleshwar, Post: Basmathnagar, Dist: Hingoli, State: Maharashtra, Pin: 431512 declare that in my Service record my Father name is by Mistakenly mentioned as KONDIBA but as per Civil/Govt. Documents my Father Correct name is KONDIBA CHANDU WAHULE. Vide Affidavit No: 11AA 832502, Dated: 07/09/2026

I, Army No: 7243702X Rank: NK Name: Wahule Ananda Kondiba Presently Posted at Unit: 876 At Coy Asc (GS/MA MULES) C/o 56 APO Permanent Address: At Loleshwar, Post: Basmathnagar, Dist: Hingoli, State: Maharashtra, Pin: 431512 declare that in my Service record my Father Correct name is BIRBAHADUR GUPTA. Vide Affidavit No: 11AA 832496, Dated: 07/09/2026

I, No: JC-503174N Rank: Nb/Sub Name: Satwant Singh Presently Posted at Unit: 16 Sikh Regt C/o 56 Apo Permanent Address: Vadda Darwaja, Ubhawal, Ubhawal, Dist: Sangrur, State: Punjab, Pin: 148001 declare that in my Service record my Son's name is by Mistakenly mentioned as HARSUKHVEER SINGH but as per Civil/Govt. Documents my Son's Correct name is HARSUKHVEER SINGH DHINDSA. Vide Affidavit No: 11AA 832487, Dated: 07/09/2026

I, Army No: 7243702X Rank: NK Name: Wahule Ananda Kondiba Presently Posted at Unit: 876 At Coy Asc (GS/MA MULES) C/o 56 APO Permanent Address: At Loleshwar, Post: Basmathnagar, Dist: Hingoli, State: Maharashtra, Pin: 431512 declare that in my Service record my Father Correct name is SHANKARI ARUMUGAM. Vide Affidavit No: 11AA 832493, Dated: 07/09/2026

I, Army No: 7243702X Rank: NK Name: Wahule Ananda Kondiba Presently Posted at Unit: 876 At Coy Asc (GS/MA MULES) C/o 56 APO Permanent Address: At Loleshwar, Post: Basmathnagar, Dist: Hingoli, State: Maharashtra. Pin: 431512 declare that in my Service record my Son's name is by Mistakenly mentioned as WAHULE AYUSH but as per Civil/Govt. Documents my Son's Correct name is WAHULE AYUSH ANANDA. Vide Affidavit No: 11AA 832504, Dated: 07/09/2026

I, Army No. 14656038K Rank: Hav Name: Dhuruv Kumar Presently Poste at Unit 519 ASC (Bn) C/o 56 APO Permanent Resident Of Village: Haripur Post: Fudkichak, P.S. Gogri, Jamalpur Distt: Khagaria, State: Bihar, Pin: 851203 declare that in my Service record my Mother name is by Mistakenly mentioned as ASHA DEVI but as per Civil/Govt. Documents my Mother Correct name is AASHA DEVI. Vide Affidavit No: 11AA 832489, Dated: 07/09/2026

I, Army No. 14656038K Rank: Hav Name: Dhuruv Kumar Presently Poste at Unit 519 ASC (Bn) C/o 56 APO Permanent Resident Of Village: Haripur Post: Fudkichak, P.S. Gogri, Jamalpur Distt: Khagaria, State: Bihar, Pin: 851203 declare that in my Service record my Father name is by Mistakenly mentioned as BALMIKI PRASAD SINGH but as per Civil/Govt. Documents my Father Correct name is BALMIKI SINGH. Vide Affidavit No: 11AA 832490, Dated: 07/09/2026

I, ABHISHEK SINGH am Son of No: JC-454007L Rank: Sub Name: Sukhvir Singh Presently Posted at Unit: 2 Haryana NCC Bn Ambala Cantt C/o 56 APO Permanent Address: Village: Binayak Pur, Post: Binayak Pur, Karhal, Mainpuri, State: Uttar Pradesh, Pin: 205268 declare that in my Father Service record my name is by Mistakenly Mentioned as ABHISHEK SINGH but as per Civil/Govt. Documents my Correct Name is ABHISHEK CHAUHAN. Vide Affidavit No: 11AA 832500, Dated: 07/09/2026

I, BIR BAHADUR GUPTA am Father of Army No: 15344689L Rank: Hav Name: Shrawan Kumar Presently Posted at Unit: 57 Engr Regt C/o 56 APO Permanent Address: Village: Inguri Saray, Post: Inguri Bazar, Police Station: Bankata, Teh: Bhatpar Rani, Dist: Deoria, State: Uttar Pradesh, Pin: 274704 declare that in my Son's Service record my name is by Mistakenly mentioned as BIR BAHADUR GUPTA but as per Civil/Govt. Documents my Correct name is BIRBAHADUR GUPTA.

■ States Focus ■



VP RADHAKRISHNAN TO VISIT ARUNACHAL PRADESH

Vice President CP Radhakrishnan will arrive in Itanagar on Tuesday evening on a two-day visit to Arunachal Pradesh, during which he will attend a special session of the Assembly, officials said.

Radhakrishnan is on a four-day tour of Assam, Meghalaya, Manipur and Arunachal Pradesh, which kicked off on Sunday. The vice president will arrive in Itanagar from Manipur's Imphal on Tuesday evening and attend a special session of the Arunachal Pradesh Legislative Assembly the next day, officials said. He will also visit the Assembly gallery-cum-museum. Radhakrishnan's itinerary also includes visits to Nyedrar Namlo (Prayer Hall), the Jawaharlal Nehru State Museum and the Donyi Polo Mission School for the Hearing and Visually Impaired in Itanagar, they said. (PTI)



COMMITTED TO TRANSFORMING MIZORAM INTO DIGITAL STATE: CM

Chief Minister Lalduhoma on Monday said he is committed to transforming Mizoram into a "digital state" with an aim to make governance efficient and services more accessible.

Lalduhoma was speaking at the launch of a series of technology-driven initiatives at the Administrative Training Institute (ATI) here, including the Smart ATI App, Smart Classroom and Digital Learning Laboratory.

"My personal vision and goal is to make Mizoram a digital state. Mizoram is well-positioned to embrace digital governance, given its relatively small population and high literacy rate," the chief minister said. (PTI)

Suvendu announces ₹1 lakh grant for Durga Puja in West Bengal

SAUGAR SENGUPTA
■ Kolkata

West Bengal Chief Minister Suvendu Adhikari on Monday announced a grant of ₹1 lakh to the Durga Puja committees, which is about ₹10,000 less than the previous year. This, besides waiving electricity charges by 100 per cent.

Appealing to the big-budget puja committees to forego their claim to Government grant, Adhikari said, "those Puja committees which are capable of funding their Pujas independently are called upon to waive their claim to the grants."

The Government will organise a Puja-centric programme at the iconic Eden Gardens on Mahalaya day, which Prime Minister Narendra Modi was likely to attend, Adhikari said, adding the programme would include drone and firework displays.



West Bengal Chief Minister Suvendu Adhikari interacts with West Bengal DGP Siddh Nath Gupta during a coordination and security review meeting for the upcoming Durga Puja festival in Kolkata on Monday

The Chief Minister, who announced a two-day State-funded programme before the Pujas, said: "From now on it will be ensured that no Puja committee has to go to the High Court to seek permission to organise Pujas."

The Chief Minister also announced that prizes would be given to the best Pujas based on decoration, theme, idol, environmental friendliness, etc.

Punjab Police bust cross-border camera spy racket

PRAMOD KUMAR SINGH
■ New Delhi/Chandigarh

The shoe shop, which was set up on the road between Ludhiana and Ferozepur, appeared completely ordinary. It opened at irregular times, and two Chinese cameras were directed not towards the cash register but at the highway, six kilometres from Baddowal Cantonment. The login IDs and passwords crossed the border, and live images of Army and paramilitary movements were transmitted. This shop is now one element in a bigger scheme.

Over the last six months, the Punjab Police have dealt with five cases in which internet cameras were used for spying. They arrested 22 of the 23 suspects and seized 11 cameras, solar panels, SIM cards, mobile phones, a router, and an adapter. Eight

first information reports were filed in Kapurthala, Amritsar, Bathinda, Pathankot, Barnala, and Ludhiana under the Official Secrets Act and the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita.

Investigators are now tracking SIM serial numbers, device IDs, cloud logins, and financial transactions. This method is inexpensive, difficult to trace, and easy to deny. Solar-powered 4G cameras that do not require wiring are mounted on poles, shop awnings, and highways. These cameras monitor cantonments, logistics routes, and railway lines. Residents are paid tens of thousands of rupees to install the cameras and provide the login details.

Handlers in Pakistan view the camera feeds through a phone app. If a feed stops working, they send someone to fix the equipment. Payments have increased as their operations have expand-



Representative image

ed. For example, a recruit from Pathankot to Jammu via NH-44 earned about ₹40,000 and received instructions from a contact in Dubai. In Kapurthala, an installer was paid ₹35,000 by a handler known as "Fauji."

In Ludhiana, Rashpal Singh from Gurdaspur, his uncle Akash, and two men from Amritsar, Varinder Masih and

Rohit, reportedly received ₹3 to 4 lakh over several months, with the money sent through hawala. Recruitment happened through Instagram and with help from a fixer in Punjab, who connected local recruits with ISI desks in Dubai. The cameras themselves show the supply chain: many are banned Chinese internet models that are still being cir-

PM Modi to unveil ₹35,000 crore projects in Vadodara

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE
■ New Delhi

Prime Minister Narendra Modi will lay foundation stones, inaugurate and dedicate to the nation development projects worth more than ₹35,000 Crore in Vadodara on Tuesday. He will also inaugurate the Global Fintech Fest (GFF) 2026, one of the world's largest and most influential annual fintech conferences in Mumbai.

Modi will first visit Vadodara, where he will lay the foundation stone and inaugurate and dedicate to the nation various development projects. He will also address the gathering, an official statement said.

Among the projects the prime minister will dedicate to the nation are three important sections of the Western Dedicated Freight Corridor



(WDFC), covering 326 route km and developed at a cost of more than ₹20,700 crore. These include the Sanand (N)-Makarpura, New Umbergaon-New Saphale and New Saphale-JNPT sections.

The direct connectivity of Jawaharlal Nehru Port Authority (JNPA) will facilitate faster movement of EXIM cargo, strengthen connectivity between industrial centres and ports, reduce logistics costs and help decongest Mumbai's railway network.

With the commissioning of these sections, the Dedicated Freight Corridor (DFC) network will stand fully operational across its entire length.

The Prime Minister will also flag off freight train services from New Sanand (North), New Makarpura, New Umbergaon and New JNPT, Mumbai.

In addition, he will flag off a new train service between Vadodara and Tanda Road, benefiting the people of Vadodara, Chhota Udepur

and Alirajpur districts.

Modi will lay the foundation stone for three railway projects spanning 329 km and costing more than ₹9,700 crore. These include the Vadodara-Ratlam third and fourth lines, Miyagam Karjan-Choranda-Malsar gauge conversion and the Vishwamitri-Dabhoi doubling project.

He will lay the foundation stone for three national highway projects costing around ₹1,780 crore. Modi will also lay the foundation stone for and inaugurate various Gujarat Government projects worth around ₹2,600 crore.

In Mumbai, the prime minister will inaugurate the Global Fintech Fest (GFF) 2026, one of the world's largest and most influential annual fintech conferences. The seventh edition of the Global Fintech Fest is being held from September 8 to 11.

Calcutta HC quashes arrest warrant against Mahua

SAUGAR SENGUPTA
■ Kolkata

There was a big relief for Trinamool Congress MP Mahua Moitra when the Calcutta High Court on Monday quashed the arrest warrant against her, issued by a Krishnagar district court, and transferred her case to the special MP-MLA court in Bidhannagar, Kolkata.

The order was passed by the Division Bench of Justice Debangshu Basak and Justice Aryan Dutta.

The district court had, on August 19, issued an arrest warrant against Moitra for not appearing before it despite repeated summons. The TMC leader was summoned after FIRs were lodged against her for allegedly hurting the religious sentiments of some



community.

Moitra had earlier contended that it was becoming difficult for her to appear before the court because of security reasons, as members of the BJP were blocking her path and she feared an attack from them. She had reminded the court of how the TMC leaders were being attacked, and eggs were hurled at them in public.

J&K International Film Festival kicks off in Srinagar

MOHIT KANDHARI
■ Srinagar

The International Film Festival of Jammu and Kashmir (IFFJK) got off to a spectacular start with the traditional rendition of Vande Mataram, followed by the National Anthem, Jana Gana Mana, on the decked-up lawns of Sher-e-Kashmir International Convention Centre, located on the scenic banks of Dal Lake in Srinagar on Monday.

Chief Minister Omar Abdullah, along with a galaxy of Bollywood filmmakers, including Ramesh Sippy, Vidhu Vinod Chopra, SriRam Raghvan and Cinematographer Santosh Sivan, lit the traditional lamp before felicitating them.

Union Minister Dr Jitendra Singh, Punjab Governor Gulab Chand Kataria, Lieutenant Governor Ladakh Vinai Kumar Saxena and Dr Farooq Abdullah also attended the glittering ceremony.

The four-day festival has drawn filmmakers, actors, technicians, academics and film lovers from India and abroad to Jammu and

Kashmir to reconnect the Union Territory with Bollywood and the global film industry.

On the occasion, Chief Minister Omar Abdullah urged distinguished international filmmakers and other dignitaries to send out a clear message that Jammu and Kashmir is open, safe, vibrant and ready to welcome film crews.

He said we are not just opening a cinema event; we are opening a new chapter in the long-storied romance between J&K and the silver screen. He said, Kashmir is not just a location; it is a creative sanctuary, a home for global storytellers.

Earlier, interacting with



media persons before the formal ceremony, filmmaker Vidhu Vinod Chopra described his participation in the International Film Festival of Jammu and Kashmir (IFFJK) as an emotional homecoming, recalling his childhood and education in Kashmir and urging local youngsters to believe in their talent.

Chopra said the festival could provide a major opportunity for young filmmakers and help bring films and filmmakers from across the world to Kashmir. "It is an opportunity for youngsters. I see this festival as an opportunity. So many films and filmmakers can come

here," he said.

Actor Fatima Sana Shaikh, who played wrestler Geeta Phogat in the Bollywood biopic Dangal, on Monday said cultural festivals are important platforms that bring people together, provide opportunities to youth and promote regional cinema.

Speaking to reporters on the sidelines of the event, Fatma said she is excited to attend the festival after a long time.

On regional cinema, Fatima said cinema can help showcase the culture, poetry and artistry of different regions. "Regional cinema is important. Through

cinema, poetry, culture and artistry can be showcased. These things have existed for centuries. Spoken words, artistry and all of this are part of our heritage," she said.

Fatima also said an international film festival could open doors for international filmmakers and create more opportunities for film shoots in Jammu and Kashmir.

"It will open doors for international filmmakers. Film shootings happened here earlier and they are happening now as well. It depends. With an international festival taking place, they will also understand what can be done here and what the people are like," she said.

Atal Dulloo, Chief Secretary, Jammu and Kashmir, in his welcome address, said the festival received an overwhelming response, with more than 1,100 entries from 40 Countries.

He said the festival aims to reconnect Jammu and Kashmir with the global world of cinema and invite filmmakers to explore the region.

Clean air practical goal, not environmental aspiration, says NGT's Justice Shrivastava

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE
■ New Delhi

National Green Tribunal Chairperson Justice Prakash Shrivastava on Monday said clean air is not merely an environmental aspiration but a practical goal that can be achieved through dedicated efforts, proper planning and effective implementation at the ground level.

He was addressing the fifth 'Swachh Vayu Sarvekshan Awards', organised by the Union Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change at the Paryavaran Bhavan here on the International Day of Clean Air for Blue Skies. "Development and environmental conservation are not at cross purposes but can go together while maintaining the quality of life for the citizens. It is the responsibility of each citizen to ensure that generations to come can live in a clean environment," Justice Shrivastava said.

"Clean air is not merely an environmental aspiration but a practical goal that can be

culated after being smuggled through Delhi markets. Because the servers are abroad, sharing a username is sufficient, and there is no need to carry anything across the border physically.

This issue is not limited to Punjab. A case in March at Delhi Cantonment and Sonapat railway station led to an audit by the Union Home Ministry. In April, Delhi Police seized nine solar-powered cameras from locations in Punjab, Haryana, Rajasthan, and Jammu and Kashmir. These cameras had been sending footage for almost three months as part of a network linked to Babbar Khalsa International. One camera in Bathinda, on the road between Malout and Sriganaganagar, operated for months, sending images to people in Pakistan and Canada. Interrogations in Ludhiana showed that the

next planned targets were Ferozepur and Rajasthan.

The three men were arrested before they could install the cameras. Police describe this as a post-conflict surge. After last year's military confrontation, the ISI started using low-cost, ongoing surveillance instead of relying only on human couriers. Hundreds of suspected contacts have been found across the country. Still, the local network includes everyday people such as shopkeepers, cooks, small-time smugglers, and men known in drug or jail circles, who were paid just enough to point a camera at a convoy.

The rest of the investigation is technical. Each seized SIM card and device ID helps trace the next handler, facilitator, or fake shop. Until the entire chain is uncovered, any camera on a Punjab highway remains a mystery.

33% reservation will unlock new avenues for women: Om Birla



Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla inaugurates All-India Capacity Building Workshop on Gender-Responsive Governance in Faridabad on Monday. NCW Chairperson Vijaya Rahatkar was also present

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE
■ New Delhi

Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla on Monday described the 33 per cent reservation for women in the Lok Sabha and State Legislative Assemblies as a historic necessity, asserting that the coming years will witness a new generation of female leaders across political, administrative, and social spheres. He stated that the day is not far when women will account for more than 50 per cent of public services.

Inaugurating a two-day All-India Capacity Building Workshop on "Gender-Responsive Governance" organised by the National Commission for Women (NCW) in Faridabad, Birla emphasised that the focus must now shift from merely providing support and opportunities to enabling women to actively shape policies, programmes, and laws.

Birla stressed that women legislators across the Lok Sabha, State Assemblies, Panchayats, and Municipalities can play a decisive role in ensuring legislation responds to ground-level realities. Highlighting the constitutional commitment to equality and legislative mea-

sures for women's safety, self-reliance, and empowerment, he added that institutions like the NCW play a vital role in identifying emerging challenges and facilitating solutions.

Underlining economic and social empowerment as non-negotiable for national progress, the Speaker noted that India cannot achieve its goal of becoming a developed nation without empowering women, who constitute nearly half the population. He urged women legislators to deliberate on effective policies and schemes to strengthen women economically, particularly those facing deprivation, while calling for cross-legislative sharing of best practices and enhanced legal awareness in vulnerable areas.

Birla observed that sensitivity is a core strength of women's leadership, fostering deeper understanding and a responsive work culture to address social challenges.

The event was attended by NCW Chairperson Vijaya Rahatkar, Haryana Minister of State (IC) for Food, Civil Supplies & Consumer Affairs Rajesh Nagar, and around 200 women legislators representing 20 States and 2 Union Territories.



achieved through dedicated efforts, proper planning and effective implementation at the ground level," he added.

The Swachh Vayu Sarvekshan is an annual assessment of 130 cities covered under the National Clean Air Programme (NCAP), aimed at encouraging healthy competition among cities and promoting measures to improve air quality. Uttar Pradesh's Lucknow topped the Swachh Vayu Sarvekshan Awards among cities with a population of more than 10 lakh, while Madhya Pradesh's Indore and Jabalpur secured the second and third positions, respectively.

The assessment considers

measures taken by cities on road dust, solid waste management, vehicular emissions, industrial pollution, construction and demolition waste management, other emissions (DG sets and commercial establishments), and Information, Education and Communication (IEC) activities. The awards were based on participation and ranking of all 130 cities in three categories – those with a population below 3 lakh, between 3 lakh and 10 lakh, and above 10 lakh.

The process involved self-assessment by cities, approval by the State-level Monitoring Committee, evaluation by the Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB), field verification by independent committees and selection of 10 best-performing cities.

Asserting that clean air was a fundamental need rather than a luxury, the NGT chairperson said the ultimate objective should be to ensure that children can play outdoors without fear of air pollution.

ISRO chief reassures staff over privatisation concerns

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ Bengaluru

Days after some Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) employees raised concerns about privatisation, its chairman V Narayanan on Monday said the space agency remains a Government organisation and dismissed apprehensions. He said the ISRO is working with private companies and startups to expand India's space ecosystem.

His reaction came after nine employee associations at the ISRO wrote to the Chairman on September 4, seeking official clarification on the proposed transfer of its manufacturing and operational functions to private entities.

Speaking to reporters after the inaugural ceremony of the ninth edition of the Bengaluru Space Expo (BSX) here, Narayanan said India's space programme is about 64-65 years old, and that at present



ISRO Chairman V Narayanan with Indian National Space Promotion and Authorisation Centre (IN-SPACe) Chairman Pawan Goenka during the inaugural session of 9th Bengaluru Space Expo 2026, in Bengaluru, Karnataka, Monday

there are 56 space assets in the sky serving the common man of the country, but the need is huge

numbers. Recalling that since the space sector reforms were rolled out six years ago, he said, "we are

supposed to hand-hold the private sector, startup companies, and grow the space ecosystem."

"In fact, whenever a PSLV or a GSLV is lifting off, almost 80 per cent budget is invested in Indian industries. A total of 450 industries are working for us," he said.

On the concerns raised by the employee associations, Narayanan said, "So, surely, my colleagues, whatever they have, is a genuine concern. It is our responsibility to clarify." He clarified that the ISRO is not privatised and remains a Government organisation.

"We are working — it's a Government investment, and we are working there. But the only thing is, we now (have) so many activities. The space ecosystem in the country has to grow and the space economy has to grow," he said.

Responding to a question about different voices within ISRO raising concerns, Narayanan said, "We are

20,000 employees...we will address the employees." He further added that ISRO has a system and it regularly talks to its employees. When asked about scientists resigning from ISRO, he said the space agency has 20,000 employees with over 8,000 scientists. "In the last five-six years, if you take the statistics, somewhere around 150 people per year have resigned. This is normal in any organisation," he said.

He also clarified that the space agency had no shortage of budget and said whatever ISRO needs, the Government has been allotting it.

Meanwhile, speaking to reporters here, Indian National Space Promotion and Authorisation Centre (IN-SPACe) Chairman Pawan Goenka said that everything that they are doing is consistent with the space policy.

Referring to the space policy, he said that the role of IN-SPACe and

NewSpace India Limited (NSIL) is very clearly defined, and there is not even an iota of digression from what is in the Indian space policy. So all the technology transfer that we are doing is as per Indian space policy.

He reiterated the ISRO chief's assertion that the organisation's projects were progressing fully as planned, with no disruption, slowdown, budgetary constraints or shortage of manpower.

He clarified that it is not ISRO versus industry. Instead, it is ISRO and industry taking on the world. "Right now, we are an about USD 8 billion space economy. We are targeting \$44 billion by 2033. That cannot be done with ISRO alone; it cannot be done with industry alone. It has to be industry and ISRO together. ISRO will be supporting in a very big way, as it has been doing in the last several years, and it will continue to support," Goenka added.

Mizoram electoral rolls see 78,442 deletions



PRESS TRUST OF INDIA ■ Aizawl

Mizoram's electoral rolls underwent a significant change during the SIR exercise, with 78,442 names deleted and 39,243 new electors added, taking the state's final voter count to 8.35 lakh, a senior official said on Monday.

The final roll also recorded the state's first third gender elector, alongside 4 lakh male and 4.32 lakh female voters, according to State Chief Electoral Officer @Garima Gupta.

The SIR was launched across all districts on May 20, alongside 15 states and two Union Territories covered in the third phase of the nationwide revision exercise.

Before the Special Intensive Revision (SIR), the state had 8.75 lakh registered electors, all of whom were provided enumeration forms, Gupta said. Of these, 8,28,906 forms were collected, while 46,162 remained uncollected and the voters' names were subsequently deleted, she said.

"The draft electoral rolls published on July 4 contained 8,28,906 electors.

During the claims and objections period, which ended on 2 September, 32,280 more names were removed while 39,243 voters were added, resulting in a net increase of 6,963 electors or 0.84 per cent from the draft rolls, in the final rolls," Gupta told a news conference.

Congress questions delay in proroguing Monsoon Session

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ New Delhi

The Congress on Monday questioned the delay in proroguing Parliament's Monsoon Session, wondering if the home minister is still scrambling for his "super-tainted" two-thirds majority to get the delimitation bills passed.

"Today is exactly 25 days since Parliament was adjourned sine die. But it has still NOT been prorogued," Congress general secretary Jairam Ramesh said in a post on X.

"Normally prorogation takes place 3-4 days after adjournment sine die. But the gap for the Monsoon Session in 2015 was 28 days. That session had been washed out almost entirely over the Lalit Modi issue, but the Modi Government kept the session alive, hoping to bulldoze the GST bills through.



It needed a two-thirds majority in the Rajya Sabha which it did not have.

"As it turned out, the Modi Government was forced to consult more meaningfully with the Opposition and pass the Bills much later," he said. Ramesh said, "The 2026 Monsoon Session has been kept on ventilator because the Home Minister is still scrambling around for his super-tainted two-thirds majority in the Lok Sabha to get the Delimitation Bills

passed. How much longer before he accepts the reality that his politics of threats and intimidation have reached its limit?" "How much longer before he accepts the reality that his politics of threats and intimidation have reached its limit?" the Congress leader said.

The Lok Sabha and the Rajya Sabha were adjourned sine die on August 13.

During the Budget Session on April 17, the Modi Government faced a setback as the Constitution Amendment Bill, involving delimitation for the implementation of the women's reservation in the Lok Sabha and state assemblies, was defeated in the Lower House. Of the 528 MPs who voted in Lok Sabha, 298 voted in support, while 230 opposed it. The bill required 352 votes for a two-thirds majority.

CPI(M) demands immediate halt to privatisation of ISRO

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ New Delhi

The CPI(M) on Monday demanded an immediate halt to what it termed the "privatisation" of the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO), alleging that the move could compromise national security and create dependence on private players in strategically-important areas.

"The Communist Party of India (Marxist) denounces the privatisation of ISRO and demands its immediate halt," the party's Politburo said in a statement.

It said the ISRO's contributions to defence, agriculture, disaster management, weather forecasting and remote sensing are "strategically important for India's economy and security".

"Privatising such a critical, self-reliant institution would create unwanted dependence on the private sector in matters of vital national importance," the party said. The CPI(M) also questioned



recent remarks by IN-SPACE chairman Pawan Goenka that the ISRO would no longer manufacture launch vehicles.

"Pawan Goenka's comments that ISRO will no longer manufacture launch vehicles reveals a sinister design of handing over space research infrastructure built over seven decades by dedicated Indian scientists to private players," it said.

The party claimed that the shift is part of the Indian Space Policy 2023, which opened the space sector to

private players and offered liberal concessions to foreign investment.

It alleged that the policy is being pursued "in the deceptive name of cost-effectiveness in launch operations".

The CPI(M) referred to a report of the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Science and Technology, Environment, Forests and Climate Change presented in March, saying it had expressed "serious concern over the transfer of public assets to private entities, without transparency or

Karnataka rejects Kasturirangan report on Western Ghats

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA ■ Shivamogga

Karnataka Minister Madhu Bangarappa on Monday said the state Government would not allow implementation of the Kasturirangan report under any circumstances and assured people in Malnad that their land, agriculture and livelihoods would be protected.

The Kasturirangan Committee had recommended declaring 37 per cent of the Western Ghats, covering around 60,000 sq km across six states (Gujarat, Maharashtra, Goa, Karnataka, Kerala, and Tamil Nadu), as an Eco-Sensitive Area to balance environmental conservation with development.

"The Kasturirangan report will not be allowed to be implemented under any cir-



Madhu Bangarappa

cumstances. Our Government is committed to protecting every household in Malnad," Bangarappa said while addressing a Congress padayatra and protest in Thirthahalli, demanding that the report be scrapped.

The padayatra, led by former minister Kimmane Ratnakar, began at Binthala and culminated at the Shanthavari

Gopalagowda Rangamandira. Congress workers raised slogans against the BJP and the union Government during the procession. Bangarappa, who holds the School Education and Literacy portfolio, said the Congress had consistently opposed the Kasturirangan report and recalled that a Cabinet sub-committee was constituted on the issue during Siddaramaiah's tenure as chief minister after he entered the Assembly for the first time in 2013. "Based on the recommendations of the committee, the report was rejected outright. The Congress party has opposed the Kasturirangan report from the beginning," he said. The issue was not merely about opposing a notification but about protecting the land, agriculture, livelihoods and future of Malnad, he said.

"The Western Ghats are our pride and environmental protection is necessary. But in the name of environmental protection, we cannot accept any measure that puts the people of Malnad, who live in harmony with the environment, into difficulty," Bangarappa said.

Farmers across Shivamogga and neighbouring Malnad districts are seeking a physical survey and the exclusion of human settlements and cultivated land from the proposed ESA boundaries.

Turning his criticism on the BJP, Bangarappa questioned its leaders' participation in discussions on the issue, asking whether Shivamogga MP B Y Raghavendra and then Udipi-Chikkamagaluru MP Shobha Karandlaje had attended a crucial meeting convened by

the Centre on August 11, 2016.

"Today, the BJP is making big statements on this issue. But did Raghavendra and Shobha attend that meeting?" he asked. Bangarappa said Karnataka had rejected the Kasturirangan report several times and the Legislative Assembly had passed a resolution against it and sent it to the Centre. "Despite this, the BJP Government at the Centre has been issuing notifications repeatedly. Now, the draft notification has been issued for the seventh time, which has caused anger," he said.

He said 139 villages in Thirthahalli taluk had figured in the first six draft notifications, while the latest draft proposed increasing the number to 154. "What is local BJP MLA Araga Jnanendra doing on this issue?" he asked.

Declare Bihar floods a national disaster: Tejashwi to PM

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ Patna

Leader of the opposition in the Bihar Assembly, Tejashwi Yadav, on Monday wrote a letter to Prime Minister Narendra Modi demanding declaration of the state's floods as a "National disaster" and immediate financial assistance of ₹5,000 crore to the State to tackle the situation.

In his letter, Yadav alleged that the "financially bank-



rupt" Bihar Government "persistently failed in taking response, mitigation and adaptation measures" and

was "indifferent" to helping flood victims.

Fed by heavy rainfall, rivers have swelled and inundated 13 districts of Bihar, affecting 27 lakh people, officials said. So far in September, the state received 69.1 mm of rain, which is 55 per cent above normal. Describing flood relief and rescue arrangements made by the NDA Government in the state as "grossly inadequate," Yadav

claimed that the Bihar ministers and the ruling alliance's Union ministers and MPs elected from Bihar appeared "helpless, ineffective and incapable" in the wake of the disaster.

"They have neither been able to get the Centre to declare the severe floods a national disaster nor have they been able to strongly demand a special relief and assistance package for Bihar," he said.

58 lakh records to be displayed, camps for Maratha caste certificates : Patil

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ Mumbai

Maharashtra Minister Radhakrishna Vikhe Patil on Monday said 58 lakh records traced by the retired Justice Shinde Committee will be displayed in gram panchayats, and camps will be organised from September 10 to 17 to help Marathas complete documentation for caste certificates.

Vikhe Patil, who heads the state Government's Maratha reservation sub-committee, directed divisional commissioners and district collectors



Radhakrishna Vikhe Patil

to ensure proper coordination and take the issues concerning reservation seriously. The minister was review-

ing the implementation of decisions taken on the Maratha reservation issue during a virtual meeting with collectors and sub-divisional officers from Dharsiv, Beed, Chhatrapati Sambhajinagar, Parbhani, Hingoli, Latur and Jalna districts of Marathwada.

He reviewed district-wise data on caste verification certificates issued, Kunbi records traced and applications received. The collectors also presented details of the action taken and implementation measures undertaken so far. Vikhe Patil said the

Parbhani district collectorate had published the records it had found, and directed other districts to take similar action and publish details on their websites.

He said that 58 lakh records traced by the retired Justice Shinde Committee will be displayed in gram panchayats, and directed the administrations to make proper arrangements for camps from September 10 to 17 to help Marathas complete the requirements for certificates. Speaking to reporters after the meeting, Vikhe Patil said the state Government

would follow the law while issuing certificates.

"No one is above the law. Certificates will be issued only by following genealogical records and legal rules," he said. Around 3.5 lakh Kunbi certificates have been distributed in Marathwada, he said, adding that the rules would be strictly adhered to while issuing certificates to eligible beneficiaries.

He further said that the Government would hold discussions with Maratha quota activist Manoj Jarange, who is on a hunger strike in Jalna. The Government was

taking steps to provide reservation to the Maratha community without affecting the reservation of any other community, he asserted.

"If some people are deliberately using the language of agitation to oppose Maratha reservation, it is wrong and an attempt to unnecessarily create social tension," Vikhe Patil said.

Responding to Jarange's allegation that the Government was only making assurances on Maratha reservation, the minister said that action had been taken on most of the

demands raised during the previous agitation and efforts were underway to find a way forward on the remaining demands.

The Government has always been ready to discuss the reservation issue with Jarange, he said, reiterating that its stand was to provide reservation to the Maratha community without affecting the quota of any other community.

The issue would be resolved within the legal framework and keeping the interests of all communities in mind, Vikhe Patil said.

Editor's

TAKE

ISRO must evolve, not retreat

As private companies take a larger role in rocket manufacturing, concerns are growing that it could weaken the very institution that built India's space programme

Days after a flawless GSLV launch put another Indian Earth-observation satellite into orbit, nine employee associations of the Indian Space Research Organisation did something unprecedented: they wrote jointly to chairman V Narayanan, demanding clarity on whether the government intends to strip ISRO of its core function building and launching rockets — and hand it to private industry instead. The trigger was a remark by IN-SPACe chief Pawan Goenka that ISRO will eventually stop manufacturing launch vehicles altogether. The unions fear exactly what they said aloud: that India's space agency is being reduced to a "residual R&D boutique", stripped of the SSLV, PSLV and LVM3 production lines, the new Kulasekarapattinam spaceport and 120 of its own technologies, all migrating to private hands with no roadmap explained to the workforce that built them.

This anxiety did not appear from nowhere. Through this year, ISRO has watched more than a hundred scientists — many from the UR Rao Satellite Centre and Vikram Sarabhai Space Centre, several tied to Gaganyaan itself — walk out for the salaries and stock options on offer at Skyroot, Agnikul and Pixxel. The Department of Space had to freeze routine resignation approvals for scientists on strategic missions just to slow the bleeding. Two consecutive PSLV setbacks and a delayed Gaganyaan timeline have not helped morale.

None of this should obscure what ISRO has actually built. It reached Mars orbit on its first attempt, for a fraction of what any other spacefaring nation had spent on the feat. It landed near the Moon's unexplored south pole, a first for any country. Its PSLV once carried 104 satellites into orbit in a single flight, a world record at the time. NavIC, weather forecasting, disaster warning, rural communication and defence surveillance all run on ISRO-built and ISRO-operated satellites. Every private Indian rocket firm flying today exists in a market ISRO created, using talent ISRO trained and technology ISRO de-risked first.

That history is precisely the argument for keeping ISRO at the helm, not retiring it. There is a real case for private industry taking over volume manufacturing of proven vehicles like the SSLV - it frees scientists for harder problems and lets India launch more, faster. But manufacturing capacity is not the same as sovereign capability. Deep-space missions, human spaceflight, strategic and defence payloads, and next-generation propulsion must stay under ISRO's direct control - because private firms are not yet built to carry that risk, and because a nation's space programme is a strategic asset, not a supply chain to be handed off.

The government owes these nine associations, and the country, the plan it has so far declined to publish: which functions move to industry, on what timeline, and how ISRO's scientists are retained, paid and promoted through the transition. Ambiguity, not privatisation, is what is emptying ISRO's corridors. India can build a space economy that includes private industry without hollowing out the institution that made a space economy possible in the first place.

—DAIV

Sifting the wheat from the chaff

The debate over Jauhar in *Padmaavat* has exposed an uncomfortable tendency in contemporary discourse: judging the past entirely through the moral vocabulary of the present. There is nothing wrong with questioning whether a modern film can inadvertently romanticise a practice that constitutional morality rightly rejects today



BHOPINDER SINGH

There are really two separate questions in the controversy over an actor's comments on the Jauhar sequence in *Padmaavat* — what Jauhar meant in its historical context, and what message a modern film depicting it may convey to a contemporary audience.

The latter is a perfectly legitimate subject for debate. But the former cannot be reconstructed entirely through the moral vocabulary of the present.

The fundamental problem with drawing a direct parallel between Jauhar and rape survivors is that it conflates two profoundly different circumstances. Rape is an act of sexual violence forcibly inflicted upon a woman. Jauhar, in the historical context in which it is remembered, was understood as a collective act undertaken by women facing the imminent prospect of capture, sexual violence, enslavement and dishonour following defeat. That does not require us to endorse Jauhar today. It requires us to understand what the act meant to those who undertook it. And this distinction matters.

To say that Jauhar should not be practised today is uncontroversial. Nor should practices such as sati be romanticised or encouraged. Modern constitutional morality, individual liberty and the sanctity of life rightly reject such practices. But rejecting a historical practice in the present is different from denying the historical and cultural ideas that gave rise to it. In fact, there is a much larger principle here — one that applies to every faith and every civilisation.

The entire edifice of religious and cultural belief rests, in varying degrees, upon scriptures, epics, mythologies, oral traditions, poetry and literature. These bodies of work cannot be read as literal, contemporary instruction manuals. Their stories, symbols, metaphors and moral frameworks have been interpreted across centuries, often differently by different generations.

We do not ordinarily insist that every episode in a religious epic must be reproduced literally in modern life merely because it appears in a sacred or revered text. We understand that there is a distinction between the literal act, the historical or mythical narrative, and the philosophical or spiritual idea that generations have derived from it. That same intellectual generosity ought to extend to history.

The Rajput conception of honour, sacrifice



ONE CAN FIERCELY DEFEND ONE'S HISTORY WITHOUT BECOMING UNCIVIL. ONE CAN REJECT A MODERN INTERPRETATION WITHOUT THREATENING THE PERSON MAKING IT. ONE CAN CONDEMN JAUHAR AS A PRACTICE TODAY WITHOUT PRETENDING THAT THE WOMEN WHO UNDERTOOK IT CAN BE UNDERSTOOD WITHOUT REFERENCE TO THE WORLD IN WHICH THEY LIVED

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WISDOM FOR A MEANINGFUL LIFE

The Student Who Became the Wall of Water

In the ashram of Sage Dhaumya lived a devoted student named Aruni. One stormy evening, the sage noticed a breach in the mud wall holding back water meant for the fields. If it widened, the crops that fed the entire ashram would be lost.

Dhaumya asked his students to fix it. Most tried briefly, then gave up against the storm, rain and darkness. Aruni did not return. Worried, the guru went searching and found him lying across the gap, using his own body to hold back the rushing water, enduring the rains, cold and the current throughout the night.

When Dhaumya found him, he was moved, not by the wall that now held, but by the depth of Aruni's surrender. No one had been watching, no reward waited, yet he had given everything anyway.

This is what real learning asks of us: not just understanding with the mind, but proving it through sacrifice when no one is measuring, a wholehearted effort when walking away would be far easier.

This week, take one responsibility you've been given, and instead of doing the minimum, protect it as though it were entirely yours. Notice what changes when you stop asking "is this enough," and start asking "have I given everything I have."

—DAIV

India's new music stars go independent



NAMRATA KOHLI

2ND OPINION

For decades, the route to becoming a music star in India usually ran through cinema. Singers became famous through playback, songs travelled on the back of films, and soundtracks dominated popular listening. That model is now being disrupted.

A new report on India's streaming economy suggests that artist-first music — tracks created and released outside film soundtracks — is rapidly moving into the mainstream. According to Spotify's Loud & Clear India report, half of its year-end top 10 in India in 2025 came from outside film soundtracks, while 90 per cent of tracks on its Daily Top 50 were by Indian artists.

Names such as Anuv Jain, Aditya Rikhari, Kushagra and Faheem Abdullah are emblematic of a generation building audiences around the artist rather than the movie.



Rikhari's independent track Sahiba, for instance, remained No. 1 on Spotify India for more than 11 consecutive weeks.

"A few years back, Indian music was dominated by film music — there were playback singers and film soundtracks," says Dhruvank Vaidya, Head of Music & Podcast, Spotify India. "What we have seen in the last three years is phenomenal growth of artist-first music."

The shift is economic as well as cultural. Royalties generated by Indian artists on Spotify rose 29 per cent year-on-year in 2025, according to the report. The number of artists generating more than ₹1 crore annually grew 21 per cent, while those crossing ₹5 crore have more than doubled since 2023.

The rise of regional India

Perhaps the bigger disruption is coming from language. Telugu music royalties grew more than 120 per cent year-on-year, Marathi nearly 50 per cent, Bengali nearly 40 per cent and Malayalam over 30 per cent. Haryanvi streams

increased almost seven-fold between February 2023 and February 2026.

It reflects a marketplace where artists no longer necessarily have to migrate towards Hindi to find scale. "When you stay true to your culture and art form, you sound authentic," says Vaidya. Young listeners, he adds, relate to the stories and identities of these artists, allowing musicians to build their own fandoms across languages.

And increasingly, those fans may not even be in India. More than 40 per cent of royalties earned by Indian artists on Spotify in 2025 came from listeners overseas. Of the 15 most-exported Indian tracks on the platform, 11 were independent, artist-first releases. Globally, listeners discovered an Indian artist they had never heard before 12.8 billion times during 2025, up 14 per cent year-on-year.

The numbers point towards a fundamental change in the Indian music business. Digital discovery is weakening some of the old barriers of film, geography and language. A singer-songwriter no longer necessarily needs a Bollywood soundtrack to become nationally known; nor does a Malayalam, Haryanvi or Telugu artist have to abandon a regional identity to find a global listener.

Bollywood remains formidable. But for India's next generation of musicians, it is no longer the only stage that matters.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Don't wait for buildings to collapse

The incidence of a fatal building collapse is not merely a reminder for public authorities to keep a check on building safety audits; it is also a gentle reminder for local communities to recognise the dangers of unplanned construction. The building disaster that resulted in the deaths of six identified students, while some others may still remain unidentified, is nothing less than a tragedy.

Such incidents of building collapses are particularly concerning because similar occurrences may be repeated in different parts of India. Unplanned construction, poor building maintenance and infrastructural mismatches are serious urban menaces, especially during the monsoon season.

More than just a responsibility of public authorities, building safety requires citizens to be aware of the seriousness of the matter. Timely maintenance and repairs, as well as adequate architectural planning, are extremely important to ensure the safety of building residents.

We hope that building safety audits will become part of a civic habit. We should all, at an individual level, conduct safety audits of our buildings to help prevent such mishaps.

KIRTI WADHAWAN | KANPUR

EOS-05 boosts space capabilities

The launch of the EOS-05 satellite is a significant step in India's continuing journey in space technology. Earth-observation satellites provide vital information about changes taking place on the ground and can support better management of land, water, forests and other natural resources. The mission reflects India's growing ability to develop and deploy sophisticated space systems. Satellite data has uses beyond space, helping farmers assess crops, monitor water resources, assess disaster damage and support urban planning, environmental monitoring and infrastructure development.

The achievement highlights the need for sustained investment in research, innovation and indigenous technology. Strengthening cooperation among ISRO, educational institutions and private companies can help India develop more advanced satellites and create a larger ecosystem for space-based applications. Building skilled human resources should remain an equally important priority. The real success of EOS-05 will ultimately depend on how effectively its data is converted into public value. With consistent investment and effective utilisation, India's space programme can contribute meaningfully to economic growth, environmental protection and national preparedness.

RUKMA SHARMA | PUNJAB

India-EU partnership gains momentum

Apropos "Belgium hedges against an unpredictable US" (September 7). The growing India-EU partnership is welcome, but its value will depend on how far it moves beyond diplomatic assurances. Europe's search for greater strategic autonomy offers India an opportunity to build a more balanced economic relationship, particularly in defence, technology and clean energy. Yet trade agreements should not become exercises in political symbolism. Both sides must address market access, regulatory differences and the concerns of smaller businesses before announcing ambitious targets. India should seek practical cooperation in areas where European expertise can strengthen domestic capabilities, including renewable energy, advanced manufacturing and research. Belgium's experience in defence production and its role in European institutions could be useful in this regard. At the same time, India must avoid replacing one form of dependence with another. Diversifying partnerships is sensible, but self-reliance requires investment in skills, innovation and competitive industry.

The trade relationship should prioritise jobs, fair competition and mutual economic benefit. Europe must respect India's development priorities.

A MYILSAMI | COIMBATORE

PICTALK



Women from the Dogra community perform rituals during the 'Bachh Dua' festival in Jammu.

PHOTO: PTI

How are India and Japan reimagining energy security?

As geopolitical tensions and volatile fuel markets reshape energy security, India and Japan are turning to domestic renewable resources. Their initiative to develop 1,000 compressed biogas (CBG) plants in India by 2030 combines India’s abundant biomass with Japan’s technology and financing



AKANKSHA JAIN

When people think about the energy transition, they usually picture solar panels, wind turbines and electric vehicles. However, the recent meeting between the Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi and the Japanese Premier Sanae Takaichi in New Delhi suggests that both countries are beginning to see energy security differently. Among the several announcements on bilateral energy cooperation, the launch of the India-Japan Cooperative Biogas for Growth Initiative stands out. The initiative aims to support the development of 1,000 compressed biogas (CBG) plants by 2030 in India. In an era marked by geopolitical uncertainty, volatile fuel markets and increasingly fragile supply chains, the question is no longer simply how to generate cleaner electricity. It is also how to produce the fuels that modern economies will continue to need and to do so from domestic resources.

The crisis in West Asia has underscored the strategic importance of energy security. It has also exposed how the concept itself has evolved through three dimensions. For decades, energy security has been centred on securing uninterrupted supplies of oil and gas. The clean energy transition introduced the second one, focused on technologies, critical minerals and manufacturing supply chains, supply chains that remain concentrated in a handful of countries. A third dimension is now emerging that involves securing domestic renewable resources for reducing dependence on both imported fuels and imported clean-energy technologies. While electricity would power much of the future economy, modern economies cannot run on electrons alone. Industries such as steel, fertilisers, chemicals, shipping, aviation and long-haul freight will continue to depend on molecules for decades. Therefore, a more successful and strategic energy transition should seek where electrons are sufficient, where molecules are indispensable, and how those essential molecules can increasingly be produced from domestic renewable resources.

This is where the India-Japan partnership becomes strategically important in addressing their complementary energy security vulnerabilities. With over 90% of its crude oil and nearly all its LNG sourced from overseas, Japan’s energy insecurity remains overwhelmingly molecular and import-dependent. In addition to the risks of geopolitical vulnerabilities, this also contributes to annual greenhouse gas emissions of approximately 994 million tonnes of CO₂-equivalent, the key barrier to Japan’s 2050 net-zero target. Under this partnership, Japanese public and private entities provide finance, advanced technologies and equipment to support CBG projects in India. The resulting emission reductions are quantified, verified and authorised as Internationally Transferred Mitigation Outcomes under Article 6.2 of the Paris Agreement. These mitigation outcomes are allocated between India and Japan according to their agreed financial and technological contributions, with Japan applying its authorised share towards its Nationally Determined Contributions and, where applicable, voluntary corporate climate commitments. For Tokyo, supporting renewable gas projects is also a way to diversify future energy options while advancing its international decarbonisation commitments.

India, meanwhile, faces a dual challenge of energy security and systemic decarbonisation. It imports nearly 90 per cent of its crude oil requirements and around 50 per cent of its natural gas demand, while its rapidly expanding clean energy transition remains heavily dependent on imported solar modules, battery technologies and upstream processing of critical minerals.

In other words, India’s vulnerabilities extend across both molecules and electrons. Since CBG is produced from domestic feedstocks — cattle dung, agricultural residues, municipal organic waste and industrial biomass —CBG simultaneously addresses energy security, waste management and methane emissions while creating value from domestic resources.

Unlike crude oil, LNG or battery minerals, its feedstock cannot be monopolised by distant producers or disrupted by maritime conflict. Also, unlike several emerging energy carriers like hydrogen that still require new supply chains and infrastructure, CBG can leverage existing gas networks. The partnership is also economically complementary. India possesses one of the world’s largest and



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most diverse biomass resources, generated by its extensive agricultural sector, livestock population and growing urban organic waste streams. Japan, meanwhile, brings technology through precision engineering and project financing.

Rather than competing in the same segment of the value chain, the two countries bring different strengths to building a regional renewable gas economy. More importantly, this cooperation leverages India’s existing GOBARdhan programme and the National Dairy Development Board’s extensive cooperative network, providing an institutional foundation for scaling feedstock collection, avoiding the starting-from-scratch route. But none of this suggests that scaling compressed biogas will be straightforward. India’s principal constraints lie less in technology than in systems integration.

Countries routinely map their coal reserves, oil fields and critical mineral deposits because they are recognised as strategic assets. Biomass resources deserve similar treatment. Crop residues, cattle dung, food waste and organic municipal waste constitute dispersed but significant domestic energy reserves in the form of residual and renewable carbon. This biomass is geographically dispersed, seasonal, variable in quantity and quality, and generated by millions of small producers. Establishing transparent pricing mechanisms, village-level aggregation centres and reliable collection systems, while ensuring that its qualitative characteristics for digestion are maintained, will be as important as constructing digesters themselves. While this complicates logistics, it also makes domestic energy supply inherently more resilient by reducing dependence on single points of failure.

Another, more manageable challenge is the infrastructure. Pipeline connectivity, gas compression facilities and assured offtake remain essential for commercial viability. Without investment in downstream infrastructure, new plants risk becoming underutilised assets. The third challenge is market development. Stable pricing mechanisms, harmonised gas quality standards, stronger carbon market incentives and recognition of digestate as a valuable fertiliser are necessary to improve project economics. India’s experience with renewable energy offers an important lesson. Rapid expansion of solar generation often outpaced transmission infrastructure, leading to curtailment and stranded capacity in some regions. The CBG sector should avoid repeating this mistake by investing as much in logistics and distribution as in plant construction.

One underappreciated aspect of CBG is renewable carbon. While renewable electricity will power much of the future economy, many industries will continue to require carbon-containing fuels and feedstocks. Biomethane addresses this need by providing not only renewable methane but also renewable carbon, making it more than just another low-carbon fuel. Produced from agricultural residues, livestock waste and organic municipal waste, it can be integrated into existing gas infrastructure while reducing methane emissions, producing organic fertiliser and creating rural economic opportunities.

The significance of the India-Japan biogas partnership therefore extends beyond the number of plants it builds. It reflects a broader shift in energy security, from dependence on imported hydrocarbons and vulnerable clean-energy supply chains towards greater reliance on domestically produced renewable fuels. By combining India’s abundant biomass resources with Japan’s technological expertise, this partnership offers a model for strengthening energy security, accelerating decarbonisation and building resilient energy systems across Asia.

Listen to the body before it demands grace



PRATIKSHA VATS

For years, I treated my body like an unpaid intern - working it to the bone, demanding endless overtime, and offering very little gratitude in return. If I felt a migraine creeping in at my desk, I didn’t pause; I swallowed two painkillers, washed them down with an espresso, and kept typing. If my shoulders were hitched up to my ears in stress, I just considered it the tax for being a responsible adult.

I convinced myself I was fine because I was still standing. I was proud of my ability to “push through”. But what I failed to realise — and what took years of burnouts to understand — is that pushing through isn’t strength. It is a slow, silent borrowing against a bank account that will eventually go bankrupt.

We live in a culture that conditions us to treat our physical frame like a high-performance vehicle — always pushing for more mileage, faster turnarounds, and higher output. We measure our worth by our productivity, demanding relentless efficiency from a living being we rarely stop to thank. When the dashboard lights on our health start flashing, our instinct isn’t curiosity or care; it’s annoyance. We view physical exhaustion as an inconvenience and pain as an enemy to be silenced. We cover the check-engine light with tape, swallow another coffee, and keep driving.

What we fail to realise is that the body is not an opponent to overcome or a machine to run into the ground. It is the most loyal companion you will ever have.

Long before a sudden collapse, a hospital bed, or a heavy medical diagnosis forces us to pull over, the trouble has already begun in the quiet spaces of our daily lives. The break doesn’t start in the cells; it starts as an internal atmosphere. It begins with the invisible weight of internal and external pressure, relentless overthinking, perfectionism, and a background noise of harsh, unforgiving self-talk. We carry an endless list of shoulds: I should be doing more, I shouldn’t be tired yet, I can’t let anyone down.

The body is an exceptionally attentive, sensitive audience to this internal dialogue. It doesn’t distinguish between a real external threat and the threat of your own stressful thoughts. Every time you force yourself past your limits out of fear, guilt, or obligation, your nervous system registers the alarm. Day after day, your body absorbs the weight of these thoughts.

The mind can only hold a burden for so long before it hands the weight down to the physical frame. The body holds your unspoken anxiety in a tight, nervous stomach, stores your unaddressed grief in a heavy chest, and carries your relentless rush in tense joints and elevated blood pressure.

When people finally fall ill, they almost always pinpoint the start of their trouble to just a couple of months ago - the moment the fever broke out, the back seized up, or the fatigue became paralysing. But if you sit with them and ask them to look closer, you discover a deeper truth: the body had been knocking for years. It knocked as a lingering tension headache you ignored. It knocked as a persistent gut issue you dismissed as bad food. It knocked as a sudden, unexplained fog over your concentration, a bout of restlessness, or months of tossing and turning in your sleep. But in our rush to achieve, produce, manage the outside world, and survive, we ignore the knock.

The body is fiercely loyal; it rarely fails without warning. It speaks to us first in quiet, gentle whispers. But when its quiet whispers are ignored long enough, it has to speak louder. And when its shouts are continually bypassed, it simply pulls the emergency brake.

When that brake is pulled, a wave of shock, grief, and betrayal usually follows. We feel angry at our bodies for failing us right when we needed them most. The heart-breaking irony is that our bodies never intended to betray us. They knocked because they were trying to survive us. They forced a full stop because it was the only way left to save our lives from our own relentless pace.

It does not have to reach a crisis for us to change this narrative. Healing, longevity, and true emotional peace begin with a simple, radical, and gentle shift in perspective: recognising that your body is not a machine to be driven into the ground, but the most devoted partner you will ever have in this life. It has carried you through every heartbreak, every late night, every deadline, every milestone, and every silent storm you have ever weathered. It has fought for your survival every single second of your life without you ever having to ask.

We must learn to sit down and listen before our bodies are forced to scream. Listening doesn’t require a grand, complicated retreat. It starts with a simple, intentional act of quiet stillness. Sit for a while without judgement, without rushing to “fix” anything, and without demanding that your body perform for you. Close your eyes for five minutes and ask your physical self a simple question: How are you actually doing? Notice where you are holding your breath. Unclench your jaw. Drop your shoulders away from your ears. Feel the quiet weariness in your bones that you’ve been sweeping under the rug for months. Acknowledge the physical debt you have accumulated. Your body does not just need basic maintenance; it needs reward. It deserves to be pampered, rested, and thanked for its relentless loyalty. A reward doesn’t have to be grand or elaborate. It can be an extra hour of restorative sleep without guilt, a warm bath without a phone nearby, a slow walk in nature where the only goal is to feel the air in your lungs, or a deep, unfiltered breath that fills your chest completely. Sometimes, the greatest reward you can offer is simply telling yourself, “We have done enough for today. You can rest now.”

Stop waiting for a lab test, a diagnosis, or a doctor’s warning to grant yourself permission to rest. Step off the treadmill of constant demands, offer your body the grace, kindness, and gratitude it has earned, and listen to its gentle voice — long before it has to stop you in your tracks. If you don’t pick a day to rest, your body will pick it for you.



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What the Jauhar debate reveals about our fear of complex agency



PRIYANKA CHATURVEDI

Recently, there has been a conversation. A controversy. Over a movie scene from almost a decade ago. An apples-to-oranges comparison made in an attempt to sound like a staunch feminist. But the take is so problematic that it does a huge disservice to women. And yes, it is important enough to debunk it, lest it become an ill-informed idea to propagate - about an act of jauhar in the 14th century to a rape survivor in the 21st-century context.

There is a peculiar irony in some contemporary conversations about women’s agency. We say we want women to have the right to choose. And then, when some women in history made that choice — a decision that we find uncomfortable in this day and age — we decide that they could not possibly have been making choices at all, but were coerced into it.

Let us begin with something that should require no qualification whatsoever: A woman who survives rape has a right not just to live, but to thrive. And not just to live, but to live a life of dignity.

She does not become impure, dishonoured, damaged or less worthy of love, marriage,

motherhood, work or happiness. The shame and criminal act is that of the accused who has committed the crime, and the dishonour is for him to bear — our laws must ensure that.

I can’t imagine I have to literally spell it out because some made it about a rape survivor choosing life over death, by comparing the 21st-century nation-state situation, which is constitutionally governed with recourse available, to a 14th-century princely statehood choice, where women chose jauhar — choosing death over life in the face of impending defeat, captivity and sexual violence.

Firstly, they are not the same choice, if it isn’t already obvious.

But in case it still isn’t obvious to some brainwashed idea which was spoken recently and is being justified repeatedly — in one case, a woman is subjected to violence against her will. In the other, we are talking about women confronted with an extraordinarily brutal circumstance in which they knew capture could mean enslavement, sexual violence and the loss of control over their own lives and bodies. You can find that choice tragic. But to say that the women who chose jauhar were simply victims of patriarchy is not just misplaced but also an insincere argument.

Worse still, equating jauhar to sati, as though they were interchangeable manifestations of one identical practice. They were not.

Sati was associated with the death of a widow following her husband’s death on the same funeral pyre as her husband, an abhorrent



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idea developed within particular social and cultural contexts. Jauhar belonged to the context of war, siege, defeat and anticipated captivity.

One was connected to widowhood — the other to warfare.

Sati was not just abolished but identified as a criminal act against women once India became a republic. And rightly so.

If we flatten every historical practice involving women’s bodies into one convenient category called “patriarchy”, we stop understanding history and start using history as a prop for contemporary arguments.

Talking of contemporary history, not too long ago, in 2014, during the genocide in Iraq’s Sinjar region, many Yazidi women and girls chose to take their own lives rather than submit to systematic rape, torture and forced conversion by ISIS militants.

after an assault she did not choose. A woman who chose jauhar, in the historical circumstances, was choosing death rather than anticipated captivity and violence.

Those are radically different circumstances. One simple fact: a woman’s agency does not disappear simply because we dislike the choice. We cannot say a woman is empowered when she makes the choice we approve of and brainwashed when she makes the choice we don’t.

I would rather ask a much harder question. Why is it that all through history, a woman’s body has been made a battlefield on which victorious armies asserted power?

Why is it that women have had to contemplate death as an alternative to captivity?

Those are profoundly feminist questions. And it isn’t definitely an illiterate argument that we have been subjected to.

The idea that a rape survivor’s honour is destroyed by sexual violence against her is itself an obscene form of victim-blaming.

But does defending the right of a rape survivor to live require us to declare that a woman who chose jauhar was wrong to make that choice?

A woman who survives rape in the 21st century or earlier is choosing life

The tragedy of jauhar, or in the case of Yazidi women, is not that women chose death. Perhaps the tragedy is that the world in which they lived gave them only that one terrible choice to deal with. The question should not be of the women but the mindset of such invaders who looked at women as acquisitions to do as they pleased with them.

Also, to put sati, jauhar and rape survivors into one basket is to construct a contemporary analogy out of three profoundly different circumstances.

Sati was a practice that needed to end. Which we did.

Similarly, women who chose jauhar should not have their agency erased merely because we, living centuries later, would make a different choice. Rape survivors have an absolute right to live. No woman should ever be told that her life is less valuable because of sexual violence.

There is no contradiction in holding all three positions. In fact, I would argue that this is what a genuinely feminist reading of history demands.

The goal of feminism cannot be to tell women what the correct choice is. It must be to build a world in which women have choices that do not involve choosing between their lives and their dignity.

That is the world we should be fighting for. Not rewriting the choices of women who lived in another one.

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Justice Mohapatra sworn in as chief justice of Chhattisgarh HC



Justice Krushna Ram Mohapatra, a senior judge of the Orissa High Court, was sworn in as the chief justice of the Chhattisgarh High Court here on Monday.

Chief Minister Vishnu Deo Sai, senior cabinet ministers and state officials attended the ceremony at Lok Bhavan where Governor Ramen Deka administered the oath of office to Justice Mohapatra.

Born on April 18, 1965, Justice Mohapatra holds a BA LLB degree and enrolled as an advocate with the Orissa State Bar Council in February 1988. He spent 26 years practising across diverse legal fields, including civil, criminal, service, and constitutional matters.

He also served as Additional Standing Counsel for the state of Odisha and the Orissa Public Service Commission, and represented institutions, including Central Cooperative Banks Limited (Keonjhar), Neelachal Ispat Nigam Limited, Bank of Baroda, and the National Institute of Open Schooling under the Ministry of Human Resource Development.

Justice Mohapatra was elevated as a judge of the Orissa High Court on April 17, 2015.

His appointment fills the vacancy created by the retirement of former Chief Justice Ramesh Sinha on September 4. Justice Sanjay Kumar Agrawal had briefly served as the Acting Chief Justice of the High Court from September 5. (PTI)

Removal of TMC billboard: SC asks to raise contentions before HC



The Supreme Court on Monday asked the TMC to raise its contentions over the removal of the party's signboard from its office at Camac Street in Kolkata before the high court.

The top court asked the Calcutta High Court to expeditiously decide the petition filed by the All India Trinamool Congress, also known as the TMC, challenging the Kolkata Municipal Corporation's removal of the billboard from the party's office there. A bench comprising Chief Justice Surya Kant and justices Joymalya Bagchi and V Mohana disposed of the plea filed by the TMC. At the outset, Solicitor General Tushar Mehta, appearing for the state government, raised a preliminary objection to the appeal. "My learned friend should not be excited," senior advocate Kapil Sibal, appearing for the TMC, said. The law officer took strong objection to Sibal's submission. "You should not have used this expression... it is just for the media, just because it is a political matter..." the solicitor general said. Sibal said that the billboard was removed without any notice, and the board of Haldiram's, functioning on the ground floor, was not touched. The CJ said the matter is still pending before the high court and remedial orders can be passed there.

"Just because the board was removed, it does not mean the matter has become infructuous... if it is found to be wrongly removed, there can be a mandatory order for restoration," the bench said. It said that the high court can be requested to decide expeditiously.

"In our view, the interim order dated August 28, 20206 has not decided pending issues on merits. Since the High Court is seized of the matter, and there are tentative observations made in the order, the parties are granted liberty to raise their respective contentions before the High Court. We request the High Court to determine all issues that arise for consideration expeditiously," the top court said in the order and disposed of the plea. The controversy relates to the removal of an allegedly unauthorised billboard bearing TMC signage from the building at 9, Camac Street in south Kolkata by the Kolkata Municipal Corporation (KMC), with police assistance. (PTI)

SC allows West Bengal govt to file report on questioning of Abhishek's PA in land-grab probe

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The Supreme Court on Monday permitted the West Bengal government to file a detailed investigation report in a sealed cover in support of its claim that Sumit Roy, personal secretary of TMC leader Abhishek Banerjee, was not cooperating with the police in the ongoing probe in the Salboni land-grab case.

Earlier on August 31, the top court had asked the state government to produce records pertaining to the interrogation of Roy. It had also extended Roy's protection from arrest until the next hearing.

On Monday, Solicitor

General Tushar Mehta, appearing for the state government, told the bench of Chief Justice of India Surya Kant and Justices J Joymalya Bagchi and J V Mohana that he wanted to file a "detailed interrogation" report of Roy.

"On the last date, a query was (made) whether he was confronted with the issue of large cash deposits. There was detailed interrogation and he remained elusive. I have the transcript. It can be posted tomorrow or the day after," the law officer said.

The submissions were made when the counsel for Roy sought a pass-over of the hearing on grounds that senior advocate Gopal Sankaranarayanan was

Justice Mehta's fresh salvo rocks Rajasthan HC

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In a fresh salvo at Rajasthan High Court judge Sanjeev Prakash Sharma, the Supreme Court's Justice Sandeep Mehta has sent a fourth letter to CJI Surya Kant, accusing Sharma of interfering in an internal judicial enquiry, breaching confidentiality and abusing administrative powers.

Justice Mehta had earlier written three letters on August 2, 10 and 17, accusing Sharma, the then acting chief justice of the Rajasthan High Court, of "maladministration", "malpractices", "nepotism" and "favouritism".

Justice Sharma, who went on leave following a protest by a group of advocates outside his courtroom, had termed the allegations against him as baseless.

Chief Justice of India Surya Kant had, on August 26, said that Justice Mehta's allega-



Justice Sanjeev Mehta (left) Rajasthan HC jude Sanjeev Prakash Sharma (right)

tions against Sharma cannot be adjudicated in the public domain and the judge "must be given a fair opportunity" before any conclusion is reached. In his fourth letter dated August 30, Justice Mehta, whose parent high court is also the Rajasthan High Court, claimed he has "further information" and "material" regarding arbitrary, dubious and patently

"high-handed" acts of Justice Sharma.

Justice Mehta has alleged arbitrary rule changes, judicial interference in a land dispute and broader corruption and administrative breakdown at the Rajasthan High Court.

He said a complaint committee of the High Court was constituted to enquire into the allegations against

a judicial officer who was accused of displaying indecent pictures of a fellow lady officer on his mobile phone.

"Two Resolutions of the committee dated May 21, 2026 and July 9, 2026 clearly record that the Acting Chief Justice (Justice Sharma) has made direct intervention in the enquiry proceedings, hampering the indepen-

State's view on appointment of HC judges not binding on Union Govt: Ex-law minister

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■ New Delhi

Former Union law minister Ashwani Kumar on Monday said the controversy over the appointment of the Chief Justice of Punjab and Haryana High Court should have been avoided as it negatively impacts inter-institutional and Union-State relations. In a statement, he said that while the views of state governments are sought on the proposed appointment of High Court judges, they are not binding on the Union Government or the President of India.



"The controversy over appointment of the Chief Justice of the Punjab and Haryana High Court ought to have been avoided. It impacts negatively on inter-institutional and Centre-state relationships," Kumar said in the statement. Noting that the constitutional position and established practice with regard to the appointment of Judges of the High Courts are firmly established, the former law minister said, "While the State Governments concerned are

asked for their views on the proposed appointments as High Court judges, their views, while entitled to weight, are not binding on Union Government or President."

"Consultations with state govts concerned do not mean concurrence of the state govt," he claimed. "Withholding of views by the concerned state govt in the matter of appointment of High Court judges could also impact the inter-se seniority amongst the judges of High Courts," he also noted.

Will fix date in marital rape petitions after Union Govt's stand on issue: SC

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■ New Delhi

The Supreme Court on Monday said it will await the stand of the central government on a batch of petitions concerning the criminalisation of marital rape before fixing a suitable date for hearing on the issue.

Senior advocate Indira Jaising mentioned a petition related to the prosecution of a husband for marital rape before a three-judge bench headed by Chief Justice Surya Kant, urging that the batch be listed for a date in November.

Jaising, who appeared for the wife, said although the matters are scheduled to come up for hearing on Wednesday, the Centre was yet to file a substantive reply and that the parties were also yet to exchange the petitions. "Union has not filed a reply, except a preliminary objection.. I am asking for a fixed date of hearing in November. We have not exchanged the petitions. We don't know the commonal-



ity or differences," the senior counsel said.

"Matter is listed on Wednesday. Union will appear. We will see what they say and then we will fix a suitable date accordingly," the bench, also comprising Justices Joymalya Bagchi and V Mohana, said.

Senior advocate Karuna Nundy, appearing for another petitioner, said the matter may be fixed on any date to ensure the completion of pleadings.

The court was told that the batch pertains to constitutional validity and interpretation of the provisions concerning marital rape in the criminal law.

vides protection to a husband against prosecution for forcible sexual intercourse if the wife is an adult.

Later, it also issued notice to the Centre on a similar plea challenging the BNS provision on the issue.

The newly enacted laws - the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita (BNS) and the Bharatiya Sakshya Adhinyam -- came into effect from July 1, 2024, replacing the IPC, CrPC and the Evidence Act.

One of pleas is related to the Delhi High Court's split verdict of May 11, 2022 on the issue. The appeal has been filed by a woman, who was one of the petitioners before the Delhi High Court.

While delivering a split judgement, high court judges Justice Rajiv Shakdher and Justice C Hari Shankar had concurred on granting the petitioners a certificate of leave to appeal in the Supreme Court as the matter involved substantial questions of law which required a decision by the top court.



Justice Ashwani Kumar Mishra was sworn in as the Chief Justice of Punjab and Haryana High Court here on Monday, a day after the Mann govt objected to his appointment and urged the Centre to stop oath-taking ceremony.

Justice Mishra (57), who had been functioning as the acting chief justice of the high court since June, was administered oath by Punjab Governor Gulab Chand Kataria at the Lok Bhavan. The oath-taking ceremony was attended by Haryana Governor Ashim Kumar Ghosh, Haryana Chief Minister Nayab Singh Saini, Haryana Assembly Speaker Harvinder Kalyan, Akali MLA Ganieve Kaur Majithia and Punjab Chief Secretary K A P Sinha.

However, Punjab Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann was not present at the ceremony.

In July last year, Justice Mishra was transferred from the Allahabad High Court to the Punjab and Haryana High Court. He assumed charge as Acting Chief Justice of the high court here on June 1 this year, following the elevation of Justice Sheel Nagu to the Supreme Court. The Centre notified Justice Mishra's appointment on Saturday, about a month after Supreme Court Collegium had recommended his elevation.

On Sunday, the Mann gov-

ernment convened an emergency meeting of the cabinet against the Centre's decision. The state cabinet passed a resolution, asking the Centre not to move forward with the administration of oath to Justice Mishra till the state government's concerns are adequately addressed.

The Mann government claimed that appointment of Mishra as chief justice of the high court was done without awaiting state govt's views bypassing Constitutional norms and set procedures.

Delhi HC rejects Hindutva influencer's plea against arrest



Security personnel deployed outside the Patiala House Courts ahead of the hearing of social media influencer Swatantra Bhardwaj in an alleged assault case, in New Delhi

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE
■ New Delhi

The Delhi High Court on Monday dismissed a plea by Hindutva influencer Swatantra Bhardwaj against his arrest in connection with the alleged assault on the father of a student activist during a protest at Jantar Mantar. A bench of Justices Navin Chawla and Ravinder Dudeja said Bhardwaj was remanded to custody pursuant to trial court's judicial orders and he can challenge his arrest before the court concerned.

The counsel for Bhardwaj contended that even a single day's custody is illegal, saying the FIR does not exist in the eyes of law. He argued that this was one of the FIRs related to the Cockroach Janta Party (CJP) protest that were quashed by the Supreme Court.

However, the counsel for Delhi Police said Bhardwaj was produced through video conferencing before a sessions judge on Saturday and was sent to one-day police custody. On Sunday, he was virtually produced before a duty magistrate and was remanded to one-day judicial custody. On Monday, he was again produced before a special judge virtually and has been sent to 14 days in judicial custody.

"He is in custody in pursuance to judicial orders, so where is the question of habeas corpus or illegal custody. Once there is a legal

order, they can challenge it before the court concerned," the police counsel contended.

On instructions from SHO of Parliament Street police station, the counsel said this FIR has not been quashed by the Supreme Court.

The counsel for the complaint apprised the court that provisions under the SC/ST Act have also been invoked against Bhardwaj in the FIR.

The court noted that while Bhardwaj's counsel argued that the FIR has been quashed by the Supreme Court, this ground was not raised in the petition. "You have not raised this ground in the petition. Even if we issue notice on the petition, what reply the State would have filed," the bench said, adding that "we fail to understand how this prayer is sought in the habeas corpus petition". The plea filed on behalf of Bhardwaj's father Randhir Kumar Jha was mentioned before a bench of Chief Justice Devendra Kumar Upadhyaya and Justice Tejas Karia for urgent hearing in the morning. Bhardwaj was detained in Bulandshahr on September 4, hours after the CJP staged a protest outside the Parliament Street police station here demanding his arrest over the alleged assault. Delhi Police has added provisions of the SC/ST (Prevention of Atrocities) Act and criminal intimidation to the FIR against Bhardwaj over the alleged assault on Sanjay Kumar, the father of a teenage student activist, during CJP-led protest at Jantar Mantar in June.

PIOTECH

PGIMER marks 63 years with vision for AI-driven healthcare

Artificial Intelligence will fundamentally transform healthcare by augmenting the capabilities of doctors, enabling greater knowledge, efficiency and reach, Prof Ajit Kumar Chaturvedi, Vice-Chancellor, Banaras Hindu University, Varanasi said on Monday.

Addressing the 63rd Institute Foundation Day celebrations of PGIMER, Chandigarh as chief guest, Chaturvedi described Post Graduate Institute of Medical Education and Research as a “true national asset” and lauded its pioneering contributions to healthcare, education, research and innovation.

Delivering the Foundation Day address on “AI in Healthcare”, Prof Chaturvedi described PGIMER as a “true national asset” and lauded its pioneering contributions to healthcare, education, research and innovation.

“PGIMER Chandigarh is, without doubt, a true national asset” not limited to one region, but making a significant contribution to healthcare, education, research and innovation across the country. I congratulate each and every member of the PGIMER family for this remarkable journey and for keeping the institution at the forefront of Indian healthcare,” he said.

Emphasising that AI should be viewed as an enabler rather than a replacement for medical professionals, Chaturvedi said, “The most successful healthcare deployments today are not examples of AI replacing doctors. They are examples of AI helping doctors perform at their best.”

Vice Chancellor of the BHU noted that AI had moved beyond being a technological novelty and was making deep inroads into healthcare, research and decision-making.

“AI is no more something like a fashionable toy or something that is a status symbol. It has made very deep inroads in the market, and naturally, we cannot be just watching it from a distance,” he observed.

Highlighting its potential to process vast volumes of medical information, he said AI could assist doctors in extracting information from clinical records, pathology reports and scientific literature.

(PTI)



When AI takes over the daily UPI payments

India’s UPI revolution may take another leap as AI agents handle small payments for us



RAJESH SETH

For millions of Indians, paying for something has become almost an unconscious act. Buying vegetables from the neighbourhood vendor, we scan the QR code. Paying the kirana store, we scan the QR code. Taking an auto or an Uber, we pay through UPI. Visiting the chemist, restaurant or even the doctor, we reach for our phone rather than our wallet.

In less than a decade, UPI has transformed the way India pays. According to NPCI data, UPI processed a record 24.51 billion transactions worth ₹29.82 trillion in August 2026, nearly 800 million transactions every day or 9150 transactions every second.

India has not merely embraced digital payments; it has emerged as a global pioneer in instant retail payments. UPI has made paying small amounts of ₹50, ₹200 or ₹500 effortless. It is now very difficult to find smaller denomination currency notes in the market or even with bank tellers.

And now something even more significant is on the horizon.

Payments by AI Agents

A Reuters report last week said India is preparing a framework that could allow AI agents to make small UPI payments without requiring users to approve individual transactions. The initial focus is expected to be on low-value, routine purchases, with users setting rules and spending limits in advance.

This may sound like a small technological refinement. It isn't.

UPI changed the way Indians make payments. Agentic AI could change the way Indians decide to make them.

Today, if you want to buy groceries, you



open Google Pay, PhonePe or another UPI app on your mobile phone, scan the merchant's QR code and approve the payment. Tomorrow, you might simply tell your AI agent: “Keep my weekly grocery spending below ₹2,000 and ensure the usual household items are replenished.”

The AI could potentially identify what is needed, compare available options, place the order and make the UPI payments, all within the conditions you specified.

The same principle could apply to dozens of mundane transactions with commands like “Pay my electricity bill when it becomes due” or “Book my Uber to the airport if the fare is below ₹600”.

How much discretion can we give AI Agents

For the consumer, the important change is not that the payment becomes faster. Rather, that the consumer no longer needs to initiate every transaction.

This could be particularly useful for small, repetitive and predictable payments.

Instead of remembering bills, monitoring prices or repeatedly approving routine purchases, we could delegate these tasks to an AI agent. Elderly consumers, busy professionals and small business owners could benefit from having routine purchases handled automatically. This also changes the role of the consumer from authorising each transaction to setting the rules under which an AI agent (or a machine) can transact for us securely.

There is, however, a new question: how much financial discretion are we prepared to give the machine?

Suppose the AI orders a product that is cheaper but not the one we normally buy. Suppose it interprets “usual groceries” differently from us. Suppose an online platform manages to influence the agent into



choosing a more expensive product. Or suppose the AI makes a perfectly logical decision that we simply would not have made.

And what happens if the transaction is fraudulent or the agent makes a mistake?

These are not merely technical questions. They are questions of trust, accountability and consumer protection.

Safeguards for AI Agents

The proposed framework is reportedly expected to incorporate safeguards such as spending limits, identity checks, audit trails and rule-based payments and also expected to address liability,

The objective should not be to create an AI with unrestricted access to our bank accounts. It should be to create an AI that operates within clearly defined boundaries: what it can buy, how much it can spend, when it can spend and when it must ask its (human) master.

India is particularly well placed for this next stage because the digital payment infrastructure is already in place. UPI has accustomed hundreds of millions of Indians to trusting a QR code with their money. The next step is

considerably more ambitious: trusting an algorithm to decide when and how that money should be spent.

That is the real significance of agentic payments.

The future of digital payments may not be about making it easier for us to tap “Pay”. It may be about making it possible for us to say, “You take care of it.”

The challenge will be ensuring that when the machine acts on our behalf, it never forgets whose money, and whose trust, it has been given.

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The century of the checker & will it matter for India’s story?

A machine has finished the most famous proof in mathematics in eleven days. The next decade belongs to whoever can tell the truth from output



NISHANT SAHDEV

Sometime around 1637, a French lawyer named Pierre de Fermat was reading a Greek textbook and had a thought. He noted it in the margin.

The claim was simple enough for a schoolchild. You can easily find whole numbers where $3^2 + 4^2 = 5^2$. Try the same with cubes, or fourth powers, or anything above the square, and you will never find any. Then Fermat added the most famous sentence in the history of mathematics. He had discovered a marvellous proof, he wrote, but this margin was too narrow to contain it.

He was almost certainly wrong about having the proof. He was spectacularly right about the margin.

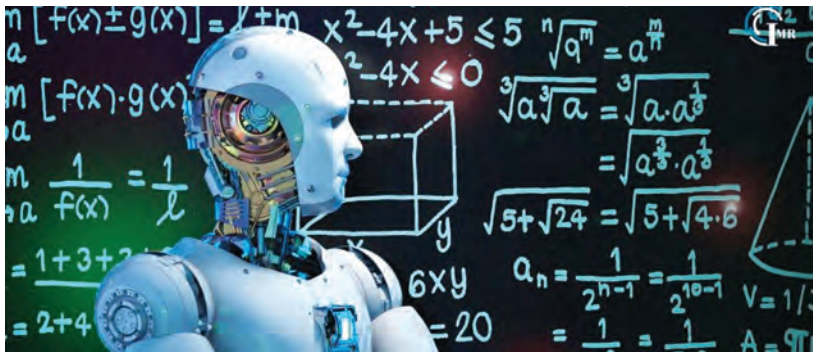
It took 358 years. Andrew Wiles finally settled it in 1995, and even then the first version had a hole in it that took another year and a collaborator to patch. What he produced was a document of well over a hundred pages, written in the compressed dialect of modern number theory, which perhaps a few hundred people on earth could genuinely evaluate. That is how mathematics has always worked. A proof is a piece of writing. It becomes true-for-the-community when enough qualified humans have read it and nodded. Last month, it has a change.

Eleven days

In the early hours of 7 August, a small team at the American AI lab Anthropic pointed several dozen copies of a language model at Wiles's proof and asked it to write the whole thing out in a language called Lean. Eleven days later, working largely without human direction, the machines were done.

To understand what “writing it out” means, think about giving someone directions. A human mathematician writes directions the way a local gives them: take the second left after the temple, you can't miss it. Everyone who knows the neighbourhood follows perfectly. Lean is not a local. Lean is a machine that has never been to your city and refuses to take a single step you have not specified. Every “it follows that”, every “clearly”, every move a specialist would unpack silently in their head has to be written down and justified.

That is why a proof of a hundred-odd pages came out the other end at 13 million lines of code. Along the way the system proved 30,300 supporting statements, of which about 29,500 ended up in the final chain, and produced roughly six billion words of output. The finished object is more than five times the size of Mathlib, the shared library that the world's Lean community has been



assembling for over a decade. Lean then checked the entire structure and accepted it, relying on nothing beyond its three basic assumptions. A separate check confirmed that the thing proved was the real Fermat statement and not a convincing lookalike.

Kevin Buzzard, the Imperial College mathematician who in 2024 launched a five-year funded project to do exactly this job with human volunteers, called it extraordinary. He is not a man given to hype about machines.

Nobody is going to read it

Here is the part that should make you sit up. That 13-million-line file will never be read by a human being. Not skimmed, not spot-checked, not taught. It is not written for us. Its only reader is a program.

We have therefore arrived somewhere genuinely new: a mathematical certainty that no mind comprehends. For four hundred years, “we know this is true” and “somebody understands why” were the same sentence. They have just come apart.

The instinct is to find this frightening. I think the more useful reaction is to ask where the trust went, because it did not disappear. It moved, and it got smaller.

Everything in that gigantic file rests on one small program at the centre of Lean called the kernel, a few thousand lines of code whose only job is to check that each step really follows. We have effectively swapped a jury of a hundred distracted experts for a single very careful judge. That is mostly an upgrade. It is also a concentration of risk, and concentrated risk fails in a particular way. Last summer, a soundness bug in that kernel briefly allowed a bogus “disproof” of a famous unsolved problem to sail through verification before anyone noticed. It was found and fixed. But it is worth saying plainly: machine-checked does not mean beyond doubt. It means the doubt has been squeezed into a smaller, more inspectable place.

A physicist’s confession

I should admit that in my own field this stopped being news around 1985.

Nobody reads a climate model line by line. Nobody reads the code behind a lattice simulation of the strong nuclear force, or the pipeline that turned raw detector counts into the Higgs boson. These are millions of lines written by hundreds of people across decades, and no single human has ever held one in their head. Physics learned to live with it. We trust results by re-deriving them independently, by running rival implementations, by demanding that two groups who dislike each other get the same number, and by publishing an error bar on everything.

Mathematics was the last discipline where one person could, in principle, verify the whole chain personally. That was always its special dignity. It has now joined the rest of us, and it will need to import our habits: independent reimplementations, adversarial checking, and a culture that treats verified-but-unexplained as a real but partial kind of knowledge.

What the machine did not do

It did not discover anything. This matters, and the coverage has mostly missed it.

The system followed Wiles's route. Its dependency graph closely tracks the original argument. It walked on a road that had been surveyed for it by an 86-page technical blueprint written by human mathematicians, over a decade of accumulated Mathlib groundwork, and a coordination tool built by a research group at Columbia. Its first attempt failed outright. Early runs collapsed because the parallel agents lost track of what had already been proved and kept redoing each other's work.

So the honest sentence is not “AI proved Fermat's Last Theorem in eleven days.” It is: the walking became astonishingly fast, and the map is still ours. Eleven days of machine time sits on top of twenty years of human scaffolding that nobody is going to write a headline about.

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Add to cart, courtesy AI



ROHIT YADAV

For nearly a century, the Indian shopper was won through noise. The biggest hoarding on Linking Road, the catchiest radio jingle, the celebrity endorsement during a cricket match, or the sponsored listing at the top of a shopping app all influenced what eventually landed in our shopping carts. Advertising was never just a business function. It shaped what we noticed, what we trusted and, ultimately, what we bought. That familiar world is now beginning to change, and artificial intelligence is quietly leading the shift.

The clearest glimpse of this future came recently from Glance, an Indian AI platform that has made shopping undergo transformation since the rise of e-commerce. Unlike an online marketplace, Glance does not sell products. Instead, it learns what a user likes, understands their preferences, studies their previous purchases and recommends products that best fit their needs.

Just as online shopping replaced many visits to physical stores, AI assistants may now replace much of the searching, comparing and decision-making that consumers currently do themselves. Instead of opening multi-



products, compares alternatives and identifies the best value. These are precisely the functions that advertising has traditionally influenced. As AI performs them itself, the importance of advertising in shaping purchase decisions naturally begins to decline.

The consequences for brands are profound. Companies have always spent heavily to remain in consumers' minds because familiarity often translates into sales. But an AI assistant does not remember brands the way people do. It has no emotional attachment to a familiar logo or a celebrity endorsement. It can compare thousands of products within seconds and recommend whichever best matches the customer's needs. That means a relatively unknown Indian manufacturer could suddenly compete with a global brand if its product offers genuinely better quality or value. In this new environment, success will depend less on creating memorable campaigns and more on building products that deserve to be recommended.

This is not a distant trend unfolding somewhere in Silicon Valley. If anything, India appears unusually well prepared for it. A widely cited Capgemini study found that 41 percent of Indian consumers already use AI-driven shopping tools, while another 40 percent plan to start soon. That means more



than eight out of every ten Indian shoppers are either already using AI or are ready to let AI influence their buying decisions. No other country in the survey reported a higher figure. In this story, India is not simply adopting a global trend. It is helping shape it.

That advantage is not limited to consumer behaviour. India also has an institutional head start. Long before agentic shopping became a global conversation, the country had already built the Open Network for Digital Commerce (ONDC), a Government-backed protocol designed to do for online retail what UPI did for digital payments. Instead of forcing sellers to compete for visibility within a handful of dominant platforms through expensive

advertising, ONDC allows any buyer application to discover any seller connected to the network.

By 2026, ONDC had expanded to several hundred thousand sellers, more than a hundred buyer applications and operations across hundreds of towns and cities. A kirana shop in a tier-three town can now be discovered by a customer sitting in Pune without paying hefty advertising fees simply to become visible. India reached this point through digital public infrastructure long before AI shopping became mainstream. As agentic shopping grows, that early investment could become one of India's biggest competitive advantages.

For India's millions of small and medium enterprises, this convergence between AI and ONDC could be transformative. Many have spent years arguing that rising digital advertising costs make it difficult to compete with larger companies. If AI recommends products chiefly on the basis of quality, value and customer satisfaction, smaller businesses could finally compete on more equal terms. A well-made kurta from a local manufacturer or a competitively priced insurance policy from a lesser-known company could stand alongside products from much larger brands without first having to win an expensive advertising battle.

Advertising, though, is not disappearing, and it would be misleading to suggest otherwise. Every interaction with an AI system requires substantial computing power, known as inference cost, and someone ultimately has to pay for it. Advertising has long funded free digital services, and AI will be no exception. The real change lies in what advertising looks like. Instead of focusing only on attracting human attention, brands will increasingly have to ensure that AI systems understand their products accurately through reliable information about quality, pricing, delivery performance and customer satisfaction. Some technology experts have begun describing this as agent-to-agent optimisation, where a brand's AI effectively communicates with the consumer's AI assistant. In that world, structured and trustworthy product information becomes just as valuable as a memorable tagline once was.

The implications extend beyond individual brands. If AI assistants can discover, compare and recommend products independently, even online marketplaces could lose some of the influence they currently enjoy. Much of their power today comes from helping consumers search through millions of products. When an intelligent assistant can perform that task instantly on behalf of the shopper, the marketplace becomes less central to the buying journey. That represents a meaningful shift for India's digital commerce ecosystem, where a handful of platforms have long shaped product discovery and the advertising economy built around it.

There is, all the same, one reason to remain cautious. The companies building AI shopping assistants are businesses too, and businesses need revenue. Today's neutral recommendation engine could become tomorrow's sponsored recommendation if commercial incentives begin influencing what AI suggests to consumers. The technology promises a more level playing field, but that promise will only hold if transparency and fairness remain central to how these systems operate.

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BUILDING A HEALTHIER INDIA: THE POWER OF NUTRITION

‘ILLNESS TO WELLNESS’ CONFERENCE HIGHLIGHTS NEED FOR NUTRITION AWARENESS, FOOD SAFETY AND COMMUNITY-LEVEL ACTION FOR A HEALTHIER NATION



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India's growing emphasis on preventive health-care is placing nutrition and food safety at the heart of efforts to help citizens stay healthy and reduce the long-term burden of disease, said Shri Rajit Punhani, Chief Executive Officer, Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI), while addressing the 'Illness to Wellness' Conference on Healthy Nutrition for a Healthy Nation.

Speaking on FSSAI's role in this transition, Shri Punhani highlighted the Authority's efforts to combine food-safety regulation with consumer education and behavioural nudges. He cited initiatives including Eat Right School, Eat Right Campus and Eat Right Thali, along with consumer awareness campaigns, as part of efforts to encourage informed food choices.

Shri Rajit Punhani said, "There is a clear shift in the public-health landscape towards prevention, and food sits right at the centre of this transition. While ensuring that food is safe, wholesome and compliant remains FSSAI's fundamental responsibility, empowering consumers with the right information to make informed choices is equally important. Through initiatives such as Eat Right School, Eat Right Campus, Eat Right Thali and consumer awareness campaigns, we are using education, information and behavioural nudges to make nutrition awareness part of everyday life. This requires collective action, with government, healthcare, academia, civil society, industry and consumers working together to make informed food choices more accessible, affordable and convenient."

The 'Illness to Wellness' Conference on Healthy Nutrition for a Healthy Nation, organised by the Illness to Wellness Foundation, brought together policymakers, healthcare professionals, nutrition experts, educators and representatives from industry and civil society to deliberate on strengthening nutrition awareness, food safety and community-level action.

Mr. Anil Rajput, Chairperson, Advisory Council, Illness to Wellness Foundation, said, "The foundations of a healthy nation are laid much before illness takes a person to the hospital, and nutrition must be at the heart of this transition from illness to wellness. India's nutrition landscape requires us to look beyond food availability towards nutritional security, ensuring access to food that is safe, affordable, diverse and appropriate to individual needs. It is not out of place to mention that the salt, sugar and fat requirements differ across people, regions and activities. Their needs differ and we must remain mindful of that, while creating awareness in the larger section of society. The way forward lies in promoting awareness based on science, balance, moderation and informed choices. Building a healthier India is a shared responsibility, requiring the collective efforts of government, healthcare professionals, schools, responsible industry, civil society, media and communities."

Delivering the keynote address, Mr. Rajesh Bhushan, Former Secretary, Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, Government of India and Chairperson, Governing Council, Illness to Wellness Foundation, said, "Nutrition cannot be addressed through isolated interventions;



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it requires a life-cycle approach beginning with pregnancy and continuing through the first 1,000 days, early childhood, school years and adulthood. The challenge is not only to create awareness but to translate that awareness into healthy behaviour, particularly in rural and underserved communities. Our frontline health workers, Anganwadi systems and schools provide an important institutional network through which nutrition interventions can reach families at scale. We already have programmes and guidelines in place; the priority now must be effective implementation, continuous monitoring and the use of practical behavioural approaches that help people make healthier choices."

The inaugural session highlighted the importance of strengthening nutrition outcomes across different stages of life, with discussions covering maternal, child and adolescent nutrition, anaemia and malnutrition, food safety and

nutrition standards, safe and nutritious food choices, and the role of different stakeholders in taking national nutrition priorities to the grassroots.

Further, taking the discussion ahead, Dr Zoya Ali Rizvi, Deputy Commissioner, National Health Mission, Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, Government of India, said, "The real impact of nutrition programmes will come from taking information to the grassroots and listening to the needs of communities. Our 10.5 lakh ASHAs and Anganwadi workers are the backbone of this effort, and strengthening communication through their insights can help translate awareness into meaningful action."

Dr. Sanjay Kumar Mattoo, Joint Commissioner & Additional Deputy Director General, Central TB Division, Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, Government of India, said, "Malnutrition remains one of the biggest health challenges facing our society and has a close bearing on

the fight against tuberculosis. Addressing this challenge requires a collective effort from all stakeholders, including the government, health-care system, media, parents, schools and communities, to strengthen awareness and support effective action against malnutrition and TB."

The conference also featured three focused sessions that explored the role of nutrition across different stages of life and its linkages with disease prevention and public health.

The first session, "Poshan Jan Andolan: Awareness to Action for Healthier Women, Children and Families," focused on translating nutrition awareness into sustained action, with discussions around breastfeeding and complementary feeding, anaemia and micronutrient deficiencies, balanced and affordable diets, and the role of technology, media and communities in driving behaviour change.

The session was moderated by Dr. Jitender

Nagpal, Senior Consultant, Paediatrics, Sitaram Bhartia Institute of Science and Research, Delhi, and featured insightful perspectives from a distinguished panel comprising Dr. Zoya Ali Rizvi, Deputy Commissioner, National Health Mission, Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, Government of India; Dr. Manjari Chandra, Founder, Manjari Wellness and Senior Consultant, Nutritional Medicine, Max Healthcare and Everhope Oncology; Dr. Pulkit Mathur, Joint Secretary, Nutrition Society of India and Professor, Department of Food & Nutrition and Food Technology, Lady Irwin College, New Delhi; Dr. Smriti Pahwa, Director - Scale Up, Arogya World; and Dr. Satish Koul, Principal Director & Unit Head - Internal Medicine, Fortis Medical Research Institute (FMRI), Gurugram.

The second session, "Healthy Schools, Healthy Children: Safe Food, Better Nutrition, Brighter Futures," examined the need for safe and nutritious food environments for children and ways to strengthen the implementation of food and nutrition guidelines at the school level. The discussion covered healthy school canteens, food safety and hygiene, safe food-handling practices, making nutritious choices accessible and appealing to children, and the role of parents in reinforcing healthy eating habits at home.

The session was moderated by Dr. Latika Bhalla, Senior Consultant, Adolescent Paediatrics, Sir Ganga Ram Hospital, and brought together participation from Dr. Kumud Khanna, Former Director, Institute of Home Economics, University of Delhi and Former National Vice-President, Nutrition Society of India; Dr. Charu Dua, Chief Clinical Nutritionist, Amrita Hospital, Faridabad; Mrs. Alka Singh, Principal, Air Force Golden Jubilee Institute, New Delhi; Ms. Anjali Malik, Principal, Jaypee Public School, Noida; and Fr. Jose Stephen, Principal, Rosary Senior Secondary School, Kingsway Camp, Delhi.

The third session, "Nourishing Health, Ending Disease: Strengthening Nutrition for a TB- and Anaemia-Mukt Bharat," focused on the relationship between malnutrition, anaemia and tuberculosis, including early identification and management of anaemia and nutritional deficiencies, nutrition support for TB patients, and improving access to iron, folic acid, protein and micronutrient-rich foods.

The session was moderated by Dr. Preeti Khanna, National Program Manager - Health and Nutrition, Project Concern International (PCI) India, and discussion brought together insights from Dr. Sanjay Kumar Mattoo, Joint Commissioner & Additional Deputy Director General, Central TB Division, Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, Government of India; Dr. Sukriti Gupta, Senior Consultant, Haematology Oncology & Bone Marrow Transplant Unit, Artemis Hospital; Ms. Ishi Khosla, Member, Advisory Council, Illness to Wellness Foundation and Chief Nutritionist and Founder, Celiac Society of India; Ms. Kalpana Gupta, Clinical Nutritionist - Nutrition and Dietetics, Max Smart Super Speciality Hospital, Saket; and Dr. Rajesh Kesari, Member, Advisory Council, Illness to Wellness Foundation and Member, National Executive Committee, RSSDI.

The conference concluded with a call for continued collaboration among government, healthcare professionals, schools, communities, civil society, responsible industry and other stakeholders.



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FM Sitharaman discusses trade with IMF’s Dy MD

Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman on Monday met IMF Deputy Managing Director Nigel Clarke and discussed bilateral engagement as well as the outlook for the Indian and global economies. During the meeting, Sitharaman and Clarke discussed India-IMF relations and appreciated India's role in supporting the South Asia Regional Training and Technical Assistance Center (SARTTAC). Both sides emphasised the importance of continued India-IMF engagement in strengthening macroeconomic cooperation, supporting sound policies and contributing to greater regional and global economic resilience.

Gold falls ₹650 per 10g in Delhi amid weak global cues

Gold prices began the week on a muted note, falling ₹650 to ₹1,60,250 per 10 grams in the national Capital on Monday as a bearish global trend weighed on domestic sentiment. The yellow metal of 99.9 per cent purity had ended at ₹1,60,900 per 10 grams on Friday. However, silver remained unchanged at ₹2,40,500 per kilogram (inclusive of all taxes) for the second straight session, according to local traders. "Gold remained under pressure after stronger-than-expected US jobs data increased expectations of a September Fed rate hike, with markets now awaiting this week's Producer Price Index and Consumer Price Index data for further policy clues," said Gaurav Garg, Head of Research at brokerage platform Lemonn.

Sensex drops 382 points amid elevated crude prices

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE
■ Mumbai

Benchmark stock index Sensex dropped by 382 points on Monday due to selling in metal, IT and oil and gas shares amid rising crude prices, escalation in US-India hostilities and fears of a US rate hike.

The 30-share BSE Sensex dropped 382.62 points, or 0.50 per cent, to settle at 76,132.81, with 23 of its constituents ending lower and seven with gains. During the day, it declined 544.91 points, or 0.71 per cent, to a low of 75,970.52. The 50-share NSE Nifty declined 118.55 points, or 0.50 per cent, to end at 23,779.15, dragged by losses in Infosys, Reliance Industries and State Bank of India.

Among the 30 Sensex firms, Infosys fell the most by 3.81 per cent. Tech Mahindra fell

by 1.96 per cent, Tata Steel by 1.85 per cent, Bajaj Finserv by 1.57 per cent, UltraTech Cement by 1.41 per cent and Tata Consultancy Services by 1.28 per cent.

Larsen & Toubro, Bharti Airtel, Maruti and Power Grid were among the winners.

Crude oil prices breached USD 97 per barrel due to fresh US-Iran attacks in the Strait of Hormuz. Global oil benchmark Brent crude gained more than 1 per cent to trade at \$97.41 per barrel.

"Markets remained under intense selling pressure on Monday, extending the ongoing corrective phase amid persistent geopolitical concerns and fear over a possible US interest rate hike," Ajit Mishra, SVP – research, Religare Broking.

"Indian equity markets ended lower as elevated crude oil prices and persistent

Air India must rebuild safety, trust: Chandrasekaran

ASHOKE RAJ ■ New Delhi

Air India must restore passenger confidence, strengthen safety standards and improve financial discipline as it enters a new phase under incoming Chief Executive Officer and Managing Director Tewolde Gebremariam, Tata Sons Chairman and Air India Chairman N Chandrasekaran said on Monday.

Addressing employees at a town hall, Chandrasekaran introduced Gebremariam, who will succeed Campbell Wilson as the airline's chief executive. Chandrasekaran said rebuilding trust among passengers would be one of Air India's most important priorities. He said the airline should aim to have a safety record that is "better than the best".

He identified safety, customer confidence, operational performance and cost control as the key priorities for the airline's next phase. He also called on employees to develop greater awareness of costs across the organisation.

The comments come as Air India faces significant operational and financial challenges. Chandrasekaran said the airline had experienced a particularly difficult period over the past 18 months because of geopolitical tensions, airspace restrictions, fluctuations in fuel prices and the fatal AI171 accident.

The June 2025 crash of an Air India Boeing 787 shortly after take-off from Ahmedabad claimed 260 lives and resulted in extensive scrutiny of the airline's safety practices. The carrier has also faced regulatory concerns related to operational and compliance procedures.

Air India's financial performance has added to the pressure on the management. The Air India Group reported a loss of more than \$2 billion in the financial year ended March 2026, compared with about \$1.13 billion a year earlier, according to Singapore Airlines, which holds a 25.1 per cent stake in the enlarged group.

The airline has remained loss-making since the Tata Group took control of Air India in January 2022.

Chandrasekaran has said the transformation of Air India could take between five and 10 years. The Tata Group has undertaken extensive investment in aircraft, cabin upgrades, technology and the integration of Air India with Vistara.

The group also has more than 500 aircraft on order, creating substantial future expenditure while the airline works to improve its financial position. Air India has been considering measures to defer some aircraft deliveries as it seeks to manage costs.

Gebremariam, who previously headed Ethiopian Airlines Group, said Air India had a strong heritage and significant potential.

"If we do the right things at the right time, the sky is the limit," he told employees.

In reference to US President Donald Trump's "Make America Great Again" slogan, he also said, "We will Make Air India Great Again."

Gebremariam said he had first encountered Air India while working in Mumbai in the 1990s and remembered it as one of the leading airlines in the industry. He said his objective would be to help restore the carrier's position.

Safety, he said, would be the foundation of that effort. "Safety-first culture has to be the number one priority," Gebremariam said, while encouraging employees to raise concerns when they identify potential risks.

"If something is not right, it should be stopped," he said. He also stressed the importance of improving day-to-day operational performance. According to Gebremariam, punctual flights, reliable baggage handling and clean aircraft would be essential to improving the customer experience.

"We need to minimise disruptions and when they do occur, handle them professionally and take care of our customers," he said.

The new CEO said Air India had already undergone considerable groundwork but warned that further progress would depend on the workforce. "We cannot bring about meaningful change without

the commitment of our people," he said. Gebremariam was appointed to lead Air India on August 5 after a selection process overseen by a board committee. He becomes the second foreign chief executive to head Air India since its privatisation. He spent more than 36 years with Ethiopian Airlines, joining the carrier in 1985 and eventually becoming its group chief executive in 2011. He remained in the role for more than a decade, during which the airline expanded its fleet, network and cargo operations.

His tenure also included major crises. In 2019, Ethiopian Airlines Flight 302 crashed shortly after take-off from Addis Ababa, killing all 157 people aboard. Following the accident, Ethiopian Airlines grounded its Boeing 737 MAX aircraft before similar measures were adopted by regulators in major aviation markets.

Gebremariam now takes charge of an Air India that is considerably larger and more complex than the airline that existed before the Tata Group takeover. His immediate task will be to improve reliability and safety while addressing persistent losses and managing an ambitious fleet expansion. The airline is also facing fresh scrutiny following an incident involving an Air India A320 flying from Phuket to

New Delhi on August 4, and in the past planes accident and Ahmedabad crash is also under investigation.

Outgoing CEO Campbell Wilson, who oversaw Air India's transformation after the Tata Group takeover, told employees that the airline's transformation would continue under the new leadership. Wilson said he would remain Air India's "biggest cheerleader from the sidelines" and expressed confidence in Gebremariam's ability to lead the airline.

During Wilson's tenure, Air India completed the merger with Vistara and consolidated Tata Group's airline operations. The carrier also began a major fleet renewal programme. Tata Group acquired Air India from the Indian government in January 2022.

Singapore Airlines later acquired a 25.1 per cent stake in the enlarged airline group, with Tata Sons retaining control. For Chandrasekaran, Air India's revival remains a major project as he prepares to step down as Tata Sons chairman when his current term ends on February 20, 2027. For Gebremariam, the immediate challenge will be to turn years of investment and restructuring into improved safety, operational reliability, passenger confidence and sustainable finances.

Goyal promises 100% funding for medical device testing

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE
■ New Delhi

Commerce and Industry Minister Piyush Goyal on Monday pitched for development of high-quality medical devices for global customers, and said the Government is ready to provide 100 per cent fund for the acquisition of testing equipment.

Addressing two events of the pharma industry in New Delhi, he said domestic firms should bring technology partnerships, encourage joint ventures, and invite global innovators and large pharma companies to India.

"We must develop a critical component ecosystem by strengthening our domestic capabilities with high quality. We must create shared testing infra facilities where these equipment can be tested, benchmarked to the best in the world, certify and demonstrated to global

customers. "From BIS (Bureau of Indian Standards), we are willing to support 100 per cent cost of the best testing equipment for your equipment...100 per cent Government of India will fund the acquisition of testing equipment...demand from us, there is no proposal from you. And we'll set up the most modern labs," Goyal said.

He also called for improving design, copyrights, patent laws, and the IPR (intellectual property right) ecosystem so that interna-

tionally people look up to come to India and India can become a global hub of innovation because the country has a huge cost advantage. "We must bring technology partnerships, we must have better buyer and seller relationship, we must encourage joint venture...We must co-design, and co-develop licence wherever required...look for joint R&D centres with other countries," he added.

The minister further called upon insurers and health-tech companies to build products and platforms that make the patient journey more seamless, and ensure timely reimbursements.

He suggested the industry to train and certify caregivers and develop a skilled workforce capable of providing healthcare of international standards; and encourage more hospitals to publish honest and transparent treatment packages.

BMW India launches first locally produced i5 LWB

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■ New Delhi

BMW India has launched the first-ever i5 Long Wheelbase (LWB), marking a significant step in the German automaker's local electrification strategy. The sedan is BMW's first locally-produced electric model and only its second electric car to be manufactured in India, rolling off the line at BMW Group Plant Chennai, with deliveries starting immediately.

The i5 LWB is priced at ₹79.6 lakh (ex-showroom), with BMW India Financial Services offering EMIs starting at ₹79,999 per month and a 55 per cent guaranteed buyback after four years. An exclusive First Edition, limited to 99 units, sold out entirely before the official launch.

Hardeep Singh Brar, President and CEO, BMW Group India, called the launch a defining statement of the company's India strategy, combining electrification with long-wheelbase luxury.

With local manufacturing now anchoring its EV push, BMW is betting that Indian buyers are ready to pay a premium for chauffeur-driven electric luxury.

Sebi extends deadline for Angel Funds to comply with accredited investor mandate

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■ New Delhi

Markets regulator Sebi on Monday extended the deadline for existing Angel Funds to comply with the accredited investor mandate by nearly seven months to March 31, 2027.

The move comes after representations from the Alternative Investment Fund (AIF) industry seeking additional time for Angel Funds to comply with the revised regulatory framework.

Earlier, Angel Funds registered with the Securities and Exchange Board of India (Sebi) on or before September 10, 2025, were required to implement the accredited investor mandate by September 8, 2026. In a circular, the regulator said

these funds can now continue to offer investment opportunities to non-accredited investors until March 31, 2027, subject to a limit of 200 such investors.

However, from April 1, 2027, these Angel Funds will not be allowed to accept contributions from non-accredited investors

for investment in an investee company.

Sebi clarified that existing investors will continue to hold their investments already made in the Angel Fund in accordance with the terms of the private placement memorandum (PPM) and other fund documents.

RBI mops up ₹6 lakh crore in 2 auctions with mixed response

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■ Mumbai

The Reserve Bank of India on Monday mopped up over ₹6 lakh crore of excess funds from the banking system in two auctions, which saw an underwhelming response from banks despite surplus liquidity. The 30-day variable rate reverse repo (VRRR) auction announced last week received a tepid response from banks, and the central bank announced another auction in the first half of the day.

As against ₹7 lakh crore of notified amount, the first auction received a tepid response, with bids of just over ₹2.59 lakh crore being received for the 30-day VRRR, according to an official statement.

The bids for the 30-day VRRR were accepted at the cut-off and weighted average rate of 5.24 per cent, according to the RBI. Soon afterwards, the RBI announced an overnight VRRR auction with a notified amount of ₹5 lakh crore, which was completed at 1130 hrs.

Market response to the second auction was a tad better, with bids of ₹3,53,390 crore received, which amounts to over 70 per cent of the notified amount, indicating that lenders are comfortable parking funds for a shorter tenure.

Rupee falls 7 paise to close at 94.50 against US dollar

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■ Mumbai

The rupee fell 7 paise to close at 94.50 (provisional) against the American currency on Monday as surging crude oil prices and global headwinds offset the support from strong FCNR dollar inflows.

Forex traders said the rupee saw modest gains in initial trade on foreign inflows, but a negative trend in domestic equities and rising crude oil prices weighed on investor sentiment.

At the interbank foreign exchange market, the rupee opened at 94.40 against the US dollar. During the day, the local unit touched an intraday high of 94.38 and a low of 94.50. The rupee finally settled at 94.50 (provisional), down 7 paise from its previous close.

On Friday, the rupee settled higher by 8 paise at 94.43 against the US dollar.

"The Indian rupee traded flat to positive on foreign inflows and a

soft dollar. However, a weak tone in domestic markets and a surge in crude oil prices capped sharp gains," said Anuj Choudhary, Research Analyst, Mirae Asset ShareKhan.

According to Choudhary, the rupee is likely to trade with a positive bias on optimism over foreign inflows and a weak dollar.

"Iran said that the deal with Oman regarding the Strait of Hormuz is in its final stages. This may ease crude oil prices, which may further support the rupee. However, tensions between the US and Iran may continue to pressurise the rupee at higher levels. Investors may now focus on inflation data from the US and India," he said.

Meanwhile, the dollar index, which gauges the greenback's strength against a basket of six currencies, was trading at 98.90, lower by 0.27 per cent.

Brent crude, the global oil benchmark, was trading higher by 0.58 per cent at \$96.84 per barrel in futures trade.

On the domestic equities market front, Sensex dropped 382.62 points to settle at 76,132.81, while Nifty fell 118.55 points to 23,779.15.

JLR to cut around 4,000 jobs globally in next two years

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE
■ New Delhi

Tata Group's British luxury car-maker Jaguar Land Rover (JLR) on Monday said it will reduce its global workforce by around 4,000 roles over the next two years.

The company, a subsidiary of Tata Motors Passenger Vehicles Ltd, said it is targeting approximately £1.7 billion of savings over the next two years to reduce its break-evens towards 300,000 units. JLR currently employs 43,000 people globally.

The savings are designed to enhance JLR's ability to deliver sustainable profitable growth, against the backdrop of increasingly competitive and rapidly changing markets and continuing geo-political uncertainty.

The programme will reduce organisational complexity, and underpin the commitment to

invest between £15-18 billion in electrification, digital technologies, advanced manufacturing and enhanced customer experiences over the next 5 years.

"As a result, JLR will reduce its global workforce by around 4,000 roles over the next two years. The reduction, which is not expected to impact direct manufacturing jobs, will be achieved through voluntary means wherever possible," a regulatory filing by Tata Motors Passenger Vehicles said.

Innovation can take ayurveda to new heights, says Jadhav

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE
■ New Delhi

Union Minister of State (I/C) for Ayush and Union Minister of State for Health & Family Welfare, Prataprao Jadhav, addressed the curtain-raiser press conference for the 11th Ayurveda Day 2026 at the National Media Centre, New Delhi. The event marked the commencement of the nationwide campaign leading up to Ayurveda Day. The main Ayurveda Day celebrations will be held on 23 September 2026 in Nagpur, Maharashtra, with "Ayurveda for a Healthier Tomorrow" as its theme, reflecting the vision of connecting India's rich Ayurvedic heritage with the evolving healthcare needs of the future.

In his address, Union Minister Prataprao Jadhav highlighted that the world is increasingly looking towards preventive healthcare, healthy lifestyles, nutrition, wellness and holistic health, areas where India has a rich tradition and experience. He emphasised that Ayurveda Day is not merely



an occasion to celebrate India's heritage, but an opportunity to connect this heritage with the health requirements of the future. In line with the vision of Viksit Bharat under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Prataprao Jadhav highlighted the need for a healthcare approach where health goes beyond treatment of disease and encompasses healthy habits, appropriate diet and daily routines, mental balance and harmony with nature. Jadhav emphasised the important role of the media

in disseminating accurate, evidence-based and simple information on Ayurveda to the public. He called upon the media to support the campaign and take the message of Ayurveda to homes, schools and colleges, young people including Gen Z, and rural and urban communities. Professor Sanjeev Sharma, Vice-Chancellor, National Institute of Ayurveda (NIA), Jaipur, highlighted the key features of Ayurveda Day 2026, which will focus on evidence-based Ayurveda, research and innovation,

integrated healthcare, and community wellbeing and sustainable living. He also outlined the major programmes planned for the occasion, including the National Dhanwantari Ayurveda Awards 2026, along with key initiatives such as new programmes at NIA Jaipur, safety dossiers on medicinal plants, Standard Treatment Guidelines for skin diseases, a report on the Ayush Services Sector, and Ayush Vision 2030, besides exchange of MoUs and other activities. The Curtain Raiser programme was also attended by Alarmelmangai D, Joint Secretary, Ministry of Ayush; Satyajit Paul, DDG, Ministry of Ayush; Dharendra Ojha, Principal DG, PIB; senior officials of the Ministry of Ayush, Central Council for Research in Ayurvedic Sciences (CCRAS), All India Institute of Ayurveda (AIIA), Delhi, National Institute of Ayurveda (NIA), Jaipur, and Morarji Desai National Institute of Yoga (MDNIY); and representatives of the media, among others.

CBI chargesheets Reliance ADA Group in ₹9,000 crore scam case

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE
■ Mumbai

The CBI on Monday filed a supplementary chargesheet against three ex-executives of the Reliance ADA Group in connection with the ₹9,280 crore Reliance Commercial Finance Ltd scam case, the agency said in a statement. The latest action came against the firm's group managing director Amitabh Jhunjhunwala, Reliance Capital chief financial officer Amit Bapna, and Reliance Infrastructure Ltd company secretary Ramesh Shenoy. The agency named 14 more entities in the supplementary chargesheet filed before a special CBI court in Mumbai. "The CBI has filed the first supplementary chargesheet today in the Reliance



Commercial Finance Ltd. (RCFL) case... including three executives of the Reliance ADA Group, namely Amitabh Jhunjhunwala, Group Managing Director of the Reliance ADA Group; Amit Bapna, CFO, RCL; and Ramesh Shenoy, Company Secretary, Reliance Infrastructure Ltd," an agency spokesperson said in a statement. The list of accused by the

CBI includes eight companies - Reliance Power Ltd, Big Flicks Pvt Ltd, Reliance Big Entertainment Pvt Ltd, Reliance Communications Ltd, Kunjibihari Developers Pvt Ltd, Reliance Venture Asset Management Pvt Ltd, Reliance Broadcast Network Ltd and Reliance Telecom Ltd. Six bank officials associated with Bank of Baroda, Punjab National Bank and

Indian Overseas Bank are also named as accused, the spokesperson said in a statement. No immediate reaction was available from the company. "The accused have been chargesheeted for offences of criminal conspiracy, criminal misappropriation and cheating under the IPC, along with offences under the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988," the spokesperson said. In its chargesheet, the CBI said that its probe has so far revealed that funds borrowed by Reliance Commercial Finance Ltd were allegedly diverted to the extent of ₹6,229.54 crore through intermediary and conduit entities to various Reliance ADA Group companies. The diversion, it said, violated the terms and conditions

GAIL, Petronet LNG host MC Plus Hyderabad Connect

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE
■ Hyderabad

GAIL (India) Limited, India's integrated energy major, Petronet LNG Limited, and MC² Foundation, in association with IITC Incubator of IIT Hyderabad, organised 'MC² Plus IGNITE Hyderabad Connect' at IIT Hyderabad. Anil K Khandelwal, former CMD, Bank of Baroda, delivered the keynote address. The event was graced by Deepak Gupta, Chairman & Managing Director, GAIL (India) Limited, Akshay Kumar Singh, MD & CEO, Petronet LNG Limited, Professor BS Murty, Director, IIT Hyderabad and Ayush Gupta, Director (HR), GAIL. Speaking on the occasion, keynote speaker Anil K Khandelwal said that innovation dies quietly in fearful organisations. True transformation is never driven by a single initiative; it is built through a culture of customer-centricity, technology, experimentation and continuous learning. Addressing the gathering at the MC² IGNITE event, Deepak Gupta, CMD, GAIL, said that India is at a "remarkable inflexion point", with rapidly growing energy



requirements alongside its ambition to become a developed economy, ensure affordable and reliable energy, build globally competitive industries and meet its climate commitments. Speaking on the occasion, Akshay Kumar Singh, MD & CEO, Petronet LNG Limited, said, "MC²+ Ignite in connecting India's energy indus-

try with the startup and innovation ecosystem, with a focus on leveraging digital technologies such as AI, advanced sensors, robotics and digital twins to make LNG infrastructure smarter, safer, more reliable and efficient." Speaking in the program, Professor BS Murty, Director, IIT Hyderabad shared, "IIT Hyderabad has always placed

innovation at the forefront of its academic and research ecosystem, with a strong focus on translating ideas into solutions that create meaningful impact for society and the nation." Addressing students and start-ups, Ayush Gupta, Director (HR), GAIL, said, "MC²+ Ignite would not only fund innovative ideas but would empower innovators to shape India's energy future. The event also featured an engaging panel discussion on innovation and the startup ecosystem, moderated by Murali Talasila, Ground Game Health, with participation from Vaibhav Kaushik, Nawgati, G Prasad Babu, GCRS, Mileshe Dongre, EyeROV, Varun Kumar, Detect Technologies, Bhuvanesh Kumar Sharma, VDT Pipeline Integrity Solutions Pvt Ltd and Vishwas Chandra Khan, Vasitars. Speaking at the event, Sandeep Maheshwari, CEO, MC² Foundation, said that MC² Plus is India's flagship energy innovation accelerator, envisioned by the Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas (MoPNG) in collaboration with leading energy-sector organisations.



Delegation of employees from various public sector banks, led by Girish Arya, Bharatiya Mazdoor Sangh (BMS) calls on Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman on Monday in Delhi

BSES bags 3 awards at Bharat Electricity 2026

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE
■ New Delhi

BSES won three prestigious awards at the Bharat Electricity Leadership Honours, held as part of Bharat Electricity, POWERGEN India & Indian Utility Week 2026, spotlighting leadership, operational excellence and sustainable innovation in the power distribution sector. The awardees were selected by an eminent jury of power-sector leaders and experts, and the awards were presented by Shripad Yesso Naik, Minister of State for Power and New & Renewable Energy, Government of India. Ghanshyam Prasad, Chairperson, Central Electricity Authority, was also present on stage.



Amal Sinha, Director & Group CEO, BSES, was named 'Distribution Leader of the Year', recognising a leadership journey marked by vision, institution-building and transformative impact. Under Sinha's leadership, BSES has continued to move beyond the conventional role of a power distribution utility,

with a growing focus on clean energy, battery energy storage, digital intelligence, grid resilience and consumer-centric innovation. BRPL, meanwhile, was named 'State Distribution Utility of the Year' for its sustained focus on operational excellence, reliability, technology-led transformation

and consumer service. BRPL also received the 'Best Sustainable Power Distribution Project of the Year' award for its pioneering 1 MVA SF₆-Free Underground 11 kV Substation. Abhishek Ranjan, CEO, BRPL, accompanied by Team BRPL, received both awards on behalf of the company. Amal Sinha joined the team on stage for the 'State Distribution Utility of the Year' recognition. Together, the three awards underline BSES' continuing journey of transformation, with leadership, innovation, sustainability and operational excellence at the heart of its efforts to build a safer, smarter, greener and future-ready power distribution network.

ONGC chairman selection: 7 candidates in second round

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE
■ New Delhi

Seven candidates shortlisted for the top job at State-run Oil and Natural Gas Corporation (ONGC) are likely to appear before a search-cum-selection committee this week, as the Government moves ahead with choosing a successor to Chairman and Managing Director Arun Kumar Singh, people familiar with the selection process said. The second round of interviews comes after 18 applicants were screened on August 18, with the field subsequently narrowed to seven. The selection process has drawn attention over a one-off relaxation in the age eligibility criterion, allowing candidates up to 59 years of age — a departure from the existing 58-year limit and the recent relaxation to 60 years in the case of State-run power producer NTPC, as well as ONGC, in 2022. Oil India Ltd Chairman and Managing Director Ranjit Rath, who is seen as a



frontrunner, is among those shortlisted. Rath, 54, is making a second attempt at the ONGC top job after being shortlisted last year, when the <Government opted instead to extend Singh's tenure. The other shortlisted candidates include ONGC Videsh Ltd Managing Director Rajarshi Gupta, 59; ONGC Director for Technology and Field Services Vikram Saxena; ONGC Director for Strategy and Corporate Affairs Satyam Kumar; OVL Director for Operations Dulal Halder; MRPL Director (Finance) Devendra Kumar and Indian

Oil Corporation Director (Marketing) SP Shrivastava, according to people familiar with the process. The Government earlier relaxed the age criterion for the ONGC appointment, allowing applications from candidates who had not attained 59 years on the date of occurrence of the vacancy — December 7, 2026, when Singh's extended tenure ends. Under the existing norms, the upper age limit is generally 58 years for internal candidates and 57 years for external candidates, while the superannuation age for public-sector executives is 60. Gupta's shortlisting has raised questions because he will be about 59 years and five months old on December 7, making him ineligible under a literal reading of the 59-year condition in the advertisement. Candidates who chose not to apply because they would cross the age limit by the date of vacancy could challenge the selection process if Gupta is ultimately appointed, the people said.

Bank of India felicitates Green Warriors at 121st Foundation Day

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE
■ Thiruvananthapuram

As part of the celebrations marking the 121st Foundation Day of Bank of India, the Bank of India, Thiruvallam branch organised a special outreach programme to felicitate the Green Warriors - members of the Hariitha Karma Sena, in recognition of their valuable contribution towards maintaining a clean and sustainable environment. As part of the programme, the Hariitha Karma Sena members were felicitated and provided with QR tags, as an initiative to promote awareness about digital banking and cashless transactions among the community. The initiative aims to encourage the wider adoption of secure and convenient digital payment methods and strengthen financial and digital awareness at the grassroots level. The programme was



chaired by Neil Suresh, Branch Manager, and Sudheesh Achuthan Nair, Chairman, BNV Hospital, was the chief guest of the programme. Rajimol, Secretary, Hariitha Karma Sena, Punchakkari Ward, expressed her gratitude to Bank of India for this thoughtful gesture and for recognising the valuable services rendered by the Bank of India. She appreciated the Bank's continued support and initiatives, which have encouraged and helped the Hariitha Karma Sena members to strive

towards becoming one of the best-performing Hariitha Karma Sena units". The programme highlighted the Bank's commitment to extending its services beyond traditional banking and actively engaging with local communities through meaningful outreach initiatives. The contribution of the Hariitha Karma Sena members towards waste management, environmental cleanliness and sustainable development was also acknowledged and appreciated.

Scapia, Axis Bank launch co-branded credit card



PIONEER NEWS SERVICE
■ New Delhi

Scapia and Axis Bank on Monday unveiled the Scapia Axis Bank Credit Card, designed for digitally savvy, travel-first consumers. Available on Mastercard and RuPay networks, the card brings payments, rewards and travel together through the Scapia app, enabling customers to spend, book travel and redeem rewards seamlessly. Cardholders can earn up to 20% rewards on eligible travel bookings and up to 10% on eligible everyday spends. Rewards can be redeemed

across flights, stays, visas, experiences, shopping and more on the Scapia platform. The card also offers zero forex markup, Smart Forex capability and airport privileges across lounges, dining and premium retail. With no joining or annual fee, customers can access fully digital onboarding and card management through the Scapia app. Anil Goteti, Founder and CEO, Scapia, said, "With one app to spend, book trips, and earn rewards, we aim to make travel more rewarding and seamless. Together with Axis Bank, we can bring this experience to more Indians across the country."

NMDC to begin commercial coal production next quarter

ABHISHEK SONKAR
■ New Delhi

State-owned NMDC will start the commercial production of thermal coal by October-December period and looks to sell around 1 MT of the dry fuel within FY27, said Amitava Mukherjee, Chairman of India's largest iron ore mining player. Under the Ministry of Steel, Hyderabad-based NMDC alone caters to the country's 20 per cent need of iron ore — a key raw material needed to produce steel. In an interview to PTI, Mukherjee said the company has drawn a road map up to 2030 to diversify its mining operations to support the Government's vision of Viksit Bharat. "Right now, we are 99.9 per cent an iron ore company. We aim to help the growing industries in the country with maximum of their mineral needs," the chairman said, adding that



this year the company will begin the commercial mining of thermal coal and targets to sell a maximum of 1 MT of the commodity to potential buyers. "We have reached the coal seam (of Tokisud North coal mine), and the production will start by next quarter," the chairman said. The company will also start developing a coking coal mine within FY27 to begin production as early as FY28, he said. "So this year, NMDC will have coal to offer apart from iron ore, and going forward maybe from next fiscal coking

coal too," Mukherjee said. While thermal coal is used to generate power, coking coal is another important raw material used to manufacture steel. NMDC had earlier won the Tokisud North coal mine with reserves of 52 MT and Rohne coking coal block with 191 MT reserves in Jharkhand in an auction conducted by the coal ministry. Mukherjee said the Tokisud North coal mine has an annual peak rated capacity of 2.3 million tonnes (MT) and the Rohne coking coal block has an 8 MT peak rated capacity. (PTI)

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WORLD

LEBANON

Israeli airstrikes kill 9

Israel's air force carried out two strikes early Monday on a southern Lebanese village, killing at least nine people, including women and children, Lebanon's Health Ministry said. The ministry said one of the strikes hit a building, killing eight people including a child and two women. It added that 11 people were also wounded, including four children and two women. The ministry added that another strike on a car in the village killed a paramedic with the Lebanese Islamic Risala Scout Association and wounded two others. The strikes came amid a new round of escalation between Israel and Hezbollah. (AP)

PAKISTAN

16 people killed in road accident

Sixteen people were killed and over 70 injured in separate road accidents in Pakistan's Punjab and Sindh provinces, officials said on Monday. The first incident took place in Rahim Yar Khan district, some 600 km from Lahore, on Sunday. Seven persons died and over 50 were injured when a tractor trolley carrying wedding party guests collided with an overspeeding trailer at Sardar Garh area, Punjab Emergency Services Rescue 1122 spokesperson Mohammad Farooq said. The injured were shifted to the Sheikh Zayed Medical College Hospital and the Mianwali Qureshian Hospital in Rahim Yar Khan, where the condition of five of them is stated to be critical, officials said. The second accident occurred at Thal city in Sindh's Jacobabad district when a passenger bus en route to Lahore veered off the road due to overspeeding and rammed into a tree. "Nine passengers were killed and 20 others injured in the accident. (PTI)

Nepal observes national mourning as 5,000 remain missing

SHIRISH B PRADHAN
■ Kathmandu

Nepal on Monday observed a national day of mourning on the 13th day of the Rasuwa flash flood disaster, honouring more than 1,340 people who lost their lives in one of the country's deadliest natural disasters in recent history. Nearly 5,000 people remain missing, including 589 foreign nationals, after the flash floods struck Rasuwa, bordering China, and adjoining districts on August 26 following an ice-rock avalanche in the high Himalayas, causing widespread loss of life and extensive damage to infrastructure in northern and central Nepal. The Government declared September 7 a national day of mourning to honour the victims of the catastrophic



floods that swept through Rasuwa, Nuwakot, Dhading and other areas along the Bhotekoshi and Trishuli river systems. The mourning is being observed on the 13th day

after the disaster, in keeping with the traditional Hindu practice of marking the thirteenth day following a death. The day is regarded in many Hindu communities as an

important period in the mourning period, when rituals are performed to honour the deceased and mark the conclusion of the formal period of mourning.

"The national flag will be flown at half-mast at Government offices across the country and at Nepali diplomatic missions abroad," the Ministry of Home Affairs said in a statement issued on Sunday. The devastating floods caused massive loss of life and extensive destruction of homes, roads, bridges, hydropower projects, Government offices and other critical infrastructure. Search and rescue operations are continuing in the worst-affected areas, including hydropower project tunnels, with security personnel and specialised international rescue teams engaged in efforts to locate missing people and recover bodies. The disaster has displaced at least 32,000 families, completely destroyed around 7,500

houses and severely disrupted livelihoods and essential infrastructure across central Nepal. The Government has mobilised the Nepali Army, Nepal Police, Armed Police Force and other agencies for search, rescue, relief and recovery operations. Specialist teams from neighbouring countries, including India, have also joined efforts to rescue people believed to be trapped in hydropower tunnels. Meanwhile, the Government has declared Tuesday (September 8) a public holiday to mark Gen Z Martyrs' Day. On the same day last year, Gen Z-led protests erupted in Kathmandu against a Government decision to ban social media platforms, alleged corruption and what protesters described as the ostentatious lifestyles of the children

of influential politicians and officials. The agitation turned violent after security personnel opened fire near the Parliament building, killing 72 people, including children, and eventually forcing then-prime minister K P Sharma Oli to resign. The developments led to the dissolution of Parliament and the collapse of the Government led by the CPN-UML and Nepali Congress. A caretaker Government was subsequently formed and fresh parliamentary elections were held on March 5 this year. The polls brought the Gen Z-backed Rastriya Swatantra Party (RSP), led by Rabi Lamichhane, to power with an almost two-thirds majority, with former Kathmandu mayor Balendra Shah becoming prime minister. (PTI)

Belgian-Chinese man to face trial over espionage



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■ Brussels

A Belgian-Chinese man has been taken into custody on suspicion of industrial espionage after allegedly transferring trade secrets about semiconductor production to China, Belgian prosecutors said Monday. Prosecutors said the 52-year-old man, who was born in Beijing but lived in Belgium, was detained on May 10 as he was about to board a flight in Brussels to the Chinese capital. The man, who was not named, is being held in prison while he awaits trial. The man worked in a senior research position at a company named BelGaN that specialises in making gallium nitride semiconductors, used in electric vehicles, satellites, radar systems and for electronic warfare. The company, which employed around 400 people, was declared bankrupt in July 2024. Prosecutors said investigators suspect the man was working at the same time as the head of a Chinese company doing similar kinds of work.

Bangladesh, India to discuss resumption of stalled cross-border passenger train services

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
■ Dhaka

Bangladesh and India are expected to discuss this week the resumption of the cross-border passenger train services that have remained suspended since the violent unrest in 2024 that toppled prime minister Sheikh Hasina's Government, officials here said on Monday.

According to officials, Bangladesh Railway officials will hold a two-day meeting with their Indian counterparts in Dhaka from Tuesday to discuss restarting the Maitree, Bandhan and Mitai Express services and the possibility of introducing a new route.

"We are set to discuss matters relating to re-launching of the railway services - Maitree, Bandhan, and Mitai Express - in the IGRM (Inter-Governmental Railway Meeting) starting tomorrow," a Bangladesh railway official familiar with the development said. The Maitree Express connects Dhaka with Kolkata, the Bandhan Express links Khulna with Kolkata, while the Mitai Express previously connected Dhaka with New Jalpaiguri. Both Kolkata



and New Jalpaiguri are situated in West Bengal. Bangladesh is expected to propose a new train route connecting Rajshahi in the country's northwest with Kolkata, said the official who wished to remain anonymous. Bangladesh is also likely to propose that the Maitree Express operate between Dhaka and Kolkata via the newly constructed Padma Bridge instead of the Jamuna Bridge. "If both sides agree, the Maitree, Bandhan, and Mitai Express trains could resume operations by next month," the official said, adding that Indian railway authorities were also interested in restarting the services. The official said both countries would need clearance from their respective foreign, home and other relevant ministries before the passenger services can be resumed or a new route

Philippine lawmaker charged with corruption

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■ Manila

A Philippine lawmaker and former speaker of the House of Representatives was charged Monday for allegedly pocketing millions of dollars in kickbacks from flood control projects in a widening scandal concerning vital public construction to shield communities from typhoons. Rep Martin Romualdez, a cousin and former political ally of President Ferdinand Marcos Jr, and others are facing plunder charges at the anti-graft court Sandiganbayan. "The amount involved here is 7.4 billion pesos (\$118 million), and this has been divided in various transactions where the money was used," Ombudsman Jesus Crispin Remulla, whose office filed the charges, told a news conference.



Indian held in Moscow, wife alleges

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
■ Moscow

An Indian woman has alleged that Russian police detained her husband in Moscow and pressured him to join the Russian army, prompting the Indian Embassy to seek consular access to him.

Sneha Gupta, who identifies herself as an advocate on her Instagram profile, made the allegations in an appeal video posted on September 6. She identified her husband as Chandan Gupta, an engineer from Kanpur, and said they were living in Moscow on his "highly qualified specialist" visa issued through a Noida-based company where he worked.

Gupta alleged that Russian police took her husband into custody around 12.30 am on Sunday and that he was being held despite having committed no wrongdoing. She further alleged that her husband was being pressured in detention to join the Russian armed forces, claiming that shortage of personnel in the Russian military had led to attempts to recruit foreign nationals.

Her allegations could not be independently verified. In her video appeal, Gupta said the family has a 10-year-old son and that she was distressed as she did not speak the local language and was unsure how to deal with the situation. She appealed to Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath and the



Indian Government to intervene and help secure her husband's release and safe return. The Indian Embassy in Russia said on September 6 that it was in touch with Gupta and local authorities over the matter. "We have seen a social media post by an Indian national regarding her husband. We are in touch with her and the local authorities in the matter. As per law enforcement authorities, it is a legal matter and they are looking into it. The Embassy has also sought consular access," the embassy said in a post on X. The case comes amid India's continuing efforts to secure the discharge and return of its nationals who have been recruited into the Russian armed forces. Last week, the Ministry of External Affairs said 227 Indian nationals had been recruited into the Russian armed forces, of whom 139 were discharged and 51 had died. The ministry said India remained engaged with Russia for the early discharge and return of the remaining Indian nationals.

EU chief inaugurates \$232 million Greenland package as tensions heighten with Trump claims

LORNE COOK ■ Brussels

European Commission President Ursula von der Leyen unveiled on Monday a 200-million-euro (\$232 million) investment package for Greenland, as the European Union seeks to boost its relations with the vast island. "Greenland can count on the EU," von der Leyen said, after signing an EU-Greenland declaration with Prime Minister Jens-Frederik Nielsen and Danish Prime Minister Mette Frederiksen. Greenland is a semi-autonomous territory of NATO ally Denmark. The EU has increased its focus on Greenland since US



President Donald Trump began insisting that the United States should take control of the island for security reasons. Von der Leyen said the investment partnership "will create new opportuni-

ties and a strong and engaged EU in both Greenland and the Arctic, because Greenland is a strategic ally and a trusted friend." It aims to help Greenland improve education and fisheries, internet

connectivity, hydropower systems, and the use of critical raw minerals. Funds are also earmarked for better housing, support for small businesses and sustainable tourism. Trump's persistent claims on the island raised sovereignty concerns and pushback from Greenlandic and Danish leaders and heightened tensions among thae NATO partners. Denmark and seven of its European allies sent a small group of military personnel to island in January, publicly for military exercises focused on strengthening Arctic security, but with intention of showing support for Greenland's sovereignty.(AP)

UK Government condemns anti-immigrant demonstrators after Channel crossing protests

ASSOCIATED PRESS ■ London

The British Government on Monday condemned the "intimidating and thuggish behaviour" of anti-immigrant demonstrators who converged on a port in southern England where migrants were brought ashore after crossing the English Channel. Hundreds of protesters, many dressed in dark clothing and wearing masks, faced off with police in Portsmouth late Sunday in an attempt to prevent lifeboats from bringing the migrants to land. They then tried to block buses carrying the new arrivals to a processing facility for asylum seekers. "The



PM Andy Burnham

right to peaceful protest is fundamental to our democracy, but it must never cross a line into disorder," the Government said in a statement. The Portsmouth

protest came a day after hundreds of masked anti-immigration protesters blocked roads leading to Britain's busiest ferry port of Dover on Saturday, clogging traffic and disrupting travellers as well as cargo vehicles heading for France. Both groups appeared to be led by Daniel Thomas, an ally of veteran far-right activist Stephen Yaxley-Lennon, better known as Tommy Robinson. Successive UK Governments have struggled to stop people - more than 40,000 last year - making the dangerous journey across one of the world's busiest shipping lanes. The issue has been depicted as a crisis by

politicians including Nigel Farage of the hard-right party Reform UK, and has been used as a rallying point by anti-immigration activists. Prime Minister Andy Burnham's Government says stepped-up law enforcement cooperation between Britain and France has helped reduce the number of people making the crossing so far this year by more than 40% compared with 2025. The boat carrying about 140 people to Portsmouth had left early Sunday from Normandy, far west of the beaches near Calais where most departures have taken place - making it a much longer and riskier journey.

Charismatic candidate propels German far-right party to victory

GEIR MOULSON ■ Berlin

Irich Siegmund, a charismatic 35-year-old who gave the far-right Alternative for Germany a friendly face and combined promises of a better future with a touch of nostalgia, has led the party to its strongest showing yet. The party surged to a resounding victory in Sunday's regional election in the eastern state of Saxony-Anhalt, but fell just short of a majority as it seeks to form the first far-right state Government since World War II. Siegmund's face was everywhere in posters for Alternative for Germany, or AfD, in a campaign whose motto was "everything is possible." At campaign events, supporters - some of them



wearing T-shirts bearing his image - queued at length for a selfie and a few words with the candidate. Although his party is known for its pro-Russian and anti-immigration positions and other radical

stances, Siegmund has avoided making extreme statements and presents himself as a man of the people. But while that appeals to voters who might otherwise be put off by AfD, he is also uncompromis-

ing, insisting after the election that the party won't "throw our positions overboard for coalitions." Siegmund studied business management and used to sell air fresheners. But he is no political novice: after

a brief period as a member of the centre-right Christian Democratic Union of current Chancellor Friedrich Merz when he was younger, he joined AfD. He has been a lawmaker in the state legislature in Magdeburg for 10 years and the co-leader of AfD's parliamentary group there since 2022. He built a social media following as a critic of restrictions imposed during the COVID-19 pandemic. Alongside his image as a young and energetic politician, Siegmund has frequently harked back to the past. He said during the campaign that voters want "the old, safe Germany back." Born on October 25, 1990, weeks after German reunification, he has also catered to lingering nostalgia for life in

communist East Germany among some voters - notably with campaign rides on Simson mopeds, which were produced in the east. On Sunday, he arrived at the polling station in his hometown of Tangermunde on one of the machines. AfD's use of the mopeds has drawn criticism from the Simson family, whose Jewish ancestors were expropriated by the Nazis in the 1930s and fled to the US. The party's regional branch in Saxony-Anhalt is one of several classified by the domestic intelligence agency as a proven right-wing extremist group. Siegmund was a participant at a 2023 meeting in Potsdam at which a prominent member of the extremist Identitarian Movement

presented his "remigration" vision for deportations of immigrants - a gathering that drew large protests when it came to light a few months later. Siegmund was removed as head of the state legislature's social affairs committee, though he disputed any wrongdoing and said his presence didn't mean an endorsement. During a recent television debate, incumbent state governor Sven Schulze was asked whether Siegmund is a right-wing extremist. "I don't want to judge that as far as he personally is concerned, and I can't either," Schulze replied. "But I know who he surrounds himself with." The governor added that there were "very extreme people" in Siegmund's orbit. AfD vehemently rejects accu-

sations of extremism. Last month, Siegmund said that "no one here needs to be afraid, quite the contrary. Every honest person in Saxony-Anhalt will benefit from an AfD-led Government." Siegmund "manages to come over as likeable, open, always smiling," said Wolfgang Merkel, a political science professor with the WBZ Berlin Social Science Centre, adding that he avoids the often abrasive and overtly provocative or ideological language of some other prominent AfD figures. "He is avoiding major conflicts at present; that doesn't have to mean that he is a moderate or conservative. He isn't," Merkel said before the election. He said that "whether he can govern is something he still has to prove. (AP)

Duleep Trophy: Kishan's 270 leads East Zone to 708 against South Zone

G UNNIKRISHNAN ■ Chennai

Ishan Kishan battled humid conditions to construct a monumental 270, reminding the selectors of his red-ball credentials and propelling East Zone to a mammoth 708 on the second day of the Duleep Trophy final against South Zone here on Monday.

Kumar Kushagra too struck his sixth first-class hundred (101, 132b), a

shining support act for Kishan's epic, spanning 522 minutes and 334 balls across nearly two days.

South Zone will start fresh on the third day after plucking the final East Zone wicket in the closing minutes of the day. But the most compelling story of the day was of Kishan, whose effort came in the presence of three national selectors. Unfortunately, he could not join an elite club of batters

who have scored triple hundreds in Duleep Trophy — Raman Lamba (1987) and Gagan Khoda (2001), but that would not take any sheen out of his knock.

There was something very Virender Sehwag-esque in his innings - the dazzling warmth, the effort-less yet brutal acceleration and the innate canniness not to squander the benevolence of conditions. Kishan's first 100, which



came on the opening day, arrived in 122 balls but he took 148 balls for the second hundred.

The slowdown was not forced by an exceptional spell or a tough pitch but a more deliberate attempt to wear down the bowlers, and to give his side the best chance to put on board a total much beyond the opponents' reach. The second first-class double hundred of his career came

in 270 balls, when he drilled part-time spinner Devdutt Padikkal for a boundary through the covers.

The only time he looked in discomfort was when left-arm pacer CV Milind managed to ping on his abdomen, which needed a quick medical attention.

But the self-imposed lid on his batting came soon after going past the double century. He raced to 200 to 250 in just 31 balls. Spinners

Shreyas Gopal and Tripurana Vijay suffered most in this Easterly Jet Stream, getting carted for two sixes each.

Kishan blasted 94 runs off 100 balls off Shreyas while Vijay leaked 70 runs off 88 balls, underlining the left-hander's domination. As it was on first day, pulls and drives remained his core run-making shots as 22 fours were made off them. (PTI)

You get limited chances in Tests so nothing taken for granted: Padikkal

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA ■ Chennai

Aware that it is not easy to cement a place in the Indian Test XI amid "limited opportunities", Karnataka batter Devdutt Padikkal says he is not taking anything for granted despite back-to-back hundreds in the tour of Sri Lanka.

Due to regular No.3 Sai Sudharsan's foot injury, Padikkal got the chance to play two Test matches in Sri Lanka and he grabbed it with both hands by scoring 328 runs in three innings.

"You get limited oppor-

tunities these days, and it's not very easy to cement a place in a side. Nothing is taken for granted. For me, personally, I just want to keep scoring runs and keep contributing to wins for the Indian Test side.

As long as I'm doing that, I'm sure I'll have my place," Padikkal told JioStar.

"As long as I am scoring runs, I think it always benefits the side. Test cricket is not the easiest format, as we all know, so you have to keep performing day in and day out."

Had Sudharsan not been injured, doors wouldn't have opened for Padikkal, who had last played for India in Perth in November 2024.

Europe still untapped market for cricket: Santner

DEVARCHIT VARMA ■ Mumbai

Europe still remains an untapped market for cricket and playing in tournaments like the European T20 Premier League is in a way a contribution to the growth of the game, New Zealand's Mitchell Santner said on Monday. Santner is leading the Edinburgh Castle Rockers in the inaugural edition of the ETPL with his team perched atop the points table with five wins and a no result in six matches so far.

"Growing the game is the most important part. It's a very untapped market in Europe for cricket. If that takes off, that is going to be awesome,"



Santner told PTI in an exclusive interaction.

"... whatever we can do to try to do that. Playing for New Zealand is still a great thing; I'm still really proud to do that and if we can grow the game and these kind of franchise leagues outside of that, that's perfect." (PTI)

India-Japan match important step in cricket's drive to become global: Saikia

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA ■ New Delhi

BCCI secretary Devajit Saikia on Monday said the historic one-off T20 International between India and Japan this month will be a significant moment in cricket's journey to become a global sport by connecting to a new audience.

India and Japan are set to lock horns for the first time in a historic T20I in Japan on September 22, ahead of the men's cricket competition at the Asian Games in Aichi-Nagoya. The Games will start on September 19.

The match will be played at the Sano International Cricket Ground in Tochigi Prefecture. Played under the banner of the Suzuki Cup, it will commemorate the 75th anniversary of India-Japan diplomatic relations.

Saikia said the match is an effort of ICC chairman Jay Shah to take cricket to newer territories. "Cricket's global journey is being shaped by moments that take the game beyond its traditional boundaries. The India-Japan T20I match on 22nd September,'26 is one such moment taking international cricket to Japan, connecting with a new audience and strengthening the game's presence in a region with immense potential," Saikia wrote on 'X'.

"It is also an opportunity to recognise the vision and groundwork laid by Shri Jay Shah during his tenure as BCCI Secretary, and now as ICC Chairman, in placing the global growth of cricket firmly at the heart of the sport's future.

"From expanding cricket into new territories to building a stronger pathway towards the Olympic movement, the ambition has always been clear: make cricket more accessible, more inclusive and truly global," he added.

Saikia said BCCI is committed to working towards making cricket a global sport.

"India-Japan is more than a cricket match. It represents the direction in which our sport is moving from a global ambition to a global reality," he said.

"The journey has begun. And there is much more to come." Ranked No.1, India are the reigning T20 World Cup champions, while Japan are placed 41st in ICC T20 rankings. The match will also help India acclimatise to Japanese conditions and give them valuable game time to fine-tune combinations and build momentum ahead of the Asian Games.



Gyaneshwari eyes new personal best at Asian Games after Glasgow silver

APARAJITA UPADHYAY ■ New Delhi

Commonwealth Games silver medallist weightlifter Gyaneshwari Yadav is hoping to carry her Glasgow experience into this month's Asian Games, where she has set her sights on bettering her personal best.

The 23-year-old from Chhattisgarh produced personal bests in both the snatch and clean and jerk for a total of 199kg (88kg+111kg) that handed her a silver medal in the 53kg category at the Glasgow Games in July.

"The preparation is going good. I want to get my personal best there. I had given my personal best of 199kg at the Commonwealth Games and I will try and improve on that. "We haven't got a lot of time, just a month," Gyaneshwari told PTI in an interaction facilitated by SAI.

"I will try to improve in snatch. Even if I'm able to improve 1kg each in snatch and 1kg clean and jerk, it will be an achievement for me. For an athlete, getting a personal best is a huge thing."



Gyaneshwari, who is training at the Netaji Subhas National Institute of Sports in Patiala, also hopes to use the experience of competing at the Commonwealth Games to her advantage in Japan. "The experience of CWG I will use in Asian Games," she said.

However, she will face stiff competition at the Asian Games, where traditional powerhouses such as China, South Korea and North Korea will be vying for the podium.

The Asian Games are scheduled to be held across Aichi-Nagoya, Japan, from September 19.

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PCB starts inquiry concerning conduct on tour of England

The Pakistan Cricket Board on Monday said it has initiated an internal inquiry amid spiralling media speculation of disciplinary violations during the ongoing tour of England from where seven players were called back after massive losses in the first two Tests. In statement that did not any specify violation or the individuals involved, PCB's media head Aamir Mir announced that the Board has initiated the inquiry owing to the media reports.

"The Pakistan Cricket Board has initiated an internal disciplinary inquiry following media reports concerning discipline and conduct, which are currently being reviewed internally," he said.



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Bank of India Chandigarh Zone Celebrates 121st Foundation Day with Spirit of Public Service and Social Responsibility
Established on 7 September 1906 in Mumbai, Bank of India began its journey with a single office, a paid-up capital of ₹50 lakh and 50 employees. Nationalized in 1969, the Bank has, over the years, established itself as a prominent public sector bank with a strong presence in India and abroad. As on 31 March 2026, the Bank had 5,511 branches in India and 22 branches overseas, with an international presence across 15 countries and five continents. With a glorious legacy spanning more than a century, the Bank continues to strengthen its commitment towards modern banking technology, financial inclusion, customer service and social responsibility. Bank of India, Chandigarh Zone celebrated its 121st Foundation Day on 7 September 2026 with enthusiasm and fervour under the guidance of Shri Anil Kumar Verma, Field General Manager, and Shri Rajesh Ranjan, Zonal Manager. A series of activities reflecting the Bank's spirit of public service, social responsibility and environmental consciousness were organised on the occasion. The celebrations commenced with an Ardas, seeking divine blessings for the continued progress and success of the Bank. This was followed by a balloon release and tree plantation drive. The tree plantation initiative conveyed a strong message of environmental conservation and the collective responsibility towards building a greener and healthier future.



Law Alumni Golf Championship-2026 Brings Legal Fraternity Together Beyond the Courtroom
Chandigarh: The Legal Fairways Foundation, in association with DLF organised the inaugural Law Alumni Golf Championship (LAGC) 2026 -inter-law school alumni golf championship at Chandigarh Golf Club (CGC). The championship brought together lawyers, judges, corporate counsel and legal professionals from leading law schools and universities across the country at the CGC. As many as 18 leading law schools and universities participated in the inaugural edition. Amardeep Singh Sukhija, President, The Legal Fairways Foundation, said: "The championship was conceived as a unique platform to foster sportsmanship, camaraderie and lifelong professional relationships among members of the legal fraternity beyond the courtroom." Tarun Vir Singh Lehal, Vice President, said, "The response to the first edition has been extremely encouraging. Golf provides the perfect setting for interaction, fellowship and healthy competition, and we look forward to making LAGC a larger and more inclusive national event in the years ahead."



Director (Projects) Mr. Rajesh Kumar Chandel did Nathpa Jhakadi Hydro Power Station Visits.
Director of SJVN (Projects) Mr. Rajesh Kumar Chandel, 1500 of SJVN on September 6, 2026 MW - Nathpa visited the Hydro Power Station. The main purpose of the tour was to review the position of power generation in the project, along with the overall stock of production efficiency, operational system, maintenance activities and security standards. Project chief Shri Rajiv Kapoor welcomed the Director (Projects) of Directors (Projects). On this occasion, senior officials and employees were present. During the tour, Mr. Chandel inspected various important places of the project and received information about the activities related to power generation, plant operations and maintenance arrangements. He inspected the Hydro Plant including Power House, Control Panel direct observation of the current operating status and production system. Project Chief Shri Rajiv Kapoor gave a detailed presentation on the current state of power generation, the availability of machines, maintenance functions and various technical and operational aspects of the project. During this time, the effective operation of the project, effective use of production capacity and the proceed period of the forthcoming period was also discussed.



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