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CM Mann, Sisodia hold meetings with traders, announce to transform Sangrur as a role-model district in Punjab

BUREAU
SANGRUR/BARNALA, JUNE 18:

Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann on Saturday announced to transform the Sangrur as a 'Model district' of the state by bringing industries, smart educational institutes and hospitals with top-class facilities.

Sangrur was dubbed to be a backward district but now it will be transformed as a model district of Punjab. We will develop smart schools, multi-specialist hospitals and boost industrialisation to generate employment," CM Mann said while addressing a gathering of traders and businessmen here.

Mann along with Sisodia and AAP workers held meeting with Sangrur, Barnala and Sunam segment here.

CM Mann said that the state government would launch 'E-government' a single-window portal to eliminate inordinate delays and corrupt practices in the process for getting approvals to set up a business.

Mann said that this single window portal will hugely benefit the traders and businessmen to avail all government services including getting NOCs, approvals and paying taxes smoothly and transparently.

Stating that 6, 000 acres of panchayat land were freed from encroachment in three months, Mann said that a special crackdown against influential people will be launched soon to remove 60, 000 acres of encroachment



from government lands across the state.

Lambasting opposition leaders for creating uproar over the alleged deterioration of the law and order situation, CM said that Congress and SAD-BJP leaders are bewildered with the functioning of the AAP government and they are trying to malign the clean image of the party with their scurrilous remarks.

He appealed to people to ensure the victory of AAP candidate Gurmial Singh in the bypoll elections. Delhi Deputy CM lauds dynamic working style of CM Mann, says AAP eradicates corruption in Punjab within three months

Lauding the decisive working style of CM Bhagwant Mann for taking pro-people decisions, Deputy Chief Minister of Delhi Manish Sisodia said that corruption has been eliminated from Punjab by AAP to facilitate people and businessmen within three months of governance. Attacking opposition parties of Punjab, Sisodia said that earlier, leaders were focused to fill their coffers and did scams in various schemes but the AAP government under the leadership of Mann is working painstakingly to bring back the lost glory of the state. He said that

new schools, colleges and hospitals would be built across the state and unemployed youths will get jobs. The Mann government has already approved giving over 25, 000 jobs in the state. "I asked Dhaliwal if he is scared for working squarely against mafia to get rid of the encroachment from government lands but Dhaliwal answered that he was made minister by people to clean the mess created by previous venal leaders," this is the spirit of AAP leaders to make Punjab progressive again, Sisodia said while praising Punjab Rural Development and Panchayat Minister Kuldeep Singh Dhaliwal.

Agnipath row: Centre announces 10 pc reservation for 'Agniveers' in paramilitary, PSUs besides other incentives

AGENCY
NEW DELHI/PATNA/THIRUVANANTHAPURAM, JUNE 18

The Centre on Saturday announced several incentives including reserving 10 per cent vacancies in the defence ministry and paramilitary forces for Agnipath retirees as violent protests raged on against the new military recruitment scheme in many states and opposition parties stepped up pressure for its rollback.

Defence Minister Rajnath Singh, however, strongly defended the scheme saying it was brought after wide-ranging consultations and suggested a misunderstanding was being spread for political reasons, while Union Minister Anurag Thakur appealed to the youths to shun violence and come forward for talks, asserting that the government is ready to look into their grievances with "an open mind" and make changes, "if required".

Singh also met Chief of Air Staff Air Chief Marshal VR Chaudhari, Navy Chief Admiral R Hari Kumar and Vice Chief of Army Staff Gen B S Raju and is learnt to have discussed a quick roll-out of the Agnipath scheme and ways to pacify the agitators.

Mobs set ablaze Tare-



gana railway station in Bihar during a bandh on Saturday and vandalised Ludhiana railway station in Punjab, as protesters continued to target railway properties on the fourth day of the stir and blocked roads and rail tracks in several states including West Bengal, Haryana, Rajasthan, Odisha and Uttar Pradesh. Railways cancelled 369 trains on Saturday and passengers faced a harrowing time. Over 200 trains were cancelled a day earlier after the railways faced the brunt of the protests. The agitation also spread to the southern states of Tamil Nadu, Karnataka and Kerala, with aspirants doing push-ups on roads at some places to register their protest. Congress president Sonia Gandhi termed the scheme as "directionless" and said her party

will work for its withdrawal while appealing to the youths to adopt peaceful and non-violent means to fight for their demands. Party leader Rahul Gandhi said Prime Minister Narendra Modi will have to withdraw Agnipath like the farm laws. "He will have to accept the demand of the youth of the country by becoming 'maafiveer' and take back the 'Agnipath' scheme," the former Congress chief said. As army job aspirants staged a protest in Chennai, DMK leader and Tamil Nadu Chief Minister M K Stalin asked the Centre to rethink the scheme. Punjab Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann demanded a rollback and said those who cleared physical tests in the last two years must get a chance to appear in written exams for joining the Army.

Haryana municipal polls on Sunday; 289 polling booths declared 'sensitive', 235 'hyper-sensitive'

BUREAU
CHANDIGARH, JUNE 18

Polling to Haryana's 28 municipal committees and 18 municipal councils will be held on Sunday. The results will be declared on June 22.

While the ruling Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP)-Jannayak Janta Party (JJP)alliance and the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) are fighting these polls on party symbols, the Congress is not fighting the election on the party symbol, but many Congress members have entered the fray as Independents.

While the leaders of the ruling alliance have been wooing the voters on developmental plank and the achievements of the combine, the Opposition has been targeting the BJP-JJP on a host of issues including alleged corruption, unemployment and lack of civic amenities.

On the eve of the polls, Haryana's BKU (Chaduni) leader Gurnam Singh Chaduni, in a video message on Saturday, hit out at the Centre's Agnipath de-

fence recruitment scheme and urged the voters in Haryana municipal polls to "teach the BJP a lesson".

According to officials, the polling will be held for the seats of Polling and members of all wards of 28 municipal committees and 18 municipal councils.

The voting will be held from 7 am to 6 pm, Commissioner, Haryana State Election Commission, Dhanpat Singh said on Saturday.

On June 18 and 19 and on June 22, which is the day of the counting of votes, dry day has been declared in the electoral areas, meaning that liquor shops will remain closed and there will be no sale of alcohol.

Dhanpat Singh said there are a total of 456 wards of 18 municipal councils. There are 12.60 lakh voters in 18 municipal councils, out of which 6,63,870 are male, 5,96,095 female and 35 transgender voters.

He informed that a total of 1,290 polling booths have been set up for the municipal elections, out of which 289

have been declared "sensitive" and 235 "hyper-sensitive". A total of 6,450 polling staff, 82 duty magistrates and 7,087 police officers and employees have been appointed at these polling booths.

Singh said there are 432 wards in 28 municipalities. There are a total of 5,70,208 voters, out of which 3,01,677 are male, 2,68,517 female and 14 are transgender.

A total of 671 polling booths have been set up for the municipality elections, out of which 144 are sensitive and 92 are vulnerable, while 3,355 polling staff, 69 duty magistrates and police personnel in strength have been deployed at these polling booths.

A total of 4,712 EVMs have been distributed for municipal councils and municipalities elections. The police have been directed to carry out additional patrolling and put blockades in the election areas, he said. Adhering to COVID-19 guidelines, the provision of masks and sanitizers has also been made at each polling station.

Sikh man among 2 dead in terror attack on gurdwara in Kabul; 3 attackers killed

AGENCY
NEW DELHI/KABUL, JUNE 18

Afghan Interior Ministry spokesman Abdul Nafi Takor on Saturday confirmed that attackers that stormed the Sikh gurdwara at Kart-e-Parwan area in Kabul have been killed.

Several blasts tore through the gurdwara, killing two persons, including a Sikh, and injuring seven others, while Afghan security personnel thwarted a bigger tragedy by stopping an explosive-laden vehicle from reaching the place of worship of the minority community in the war-torn country.

Takor also confirmed the death of a Sikh man in the gurdwara and an IEA soldier in the crossfire, while seven others were reported injured.

Assailants belonging to ISIS Khurasan had attacked the gurdwara early Saturday morning.

Earlier in the day, Afghanistan-origin Sikhs living in the national capital, said they received calls from Gurnam Singh, president, Gurdwara Karte Parwan, informing them about the attack.

Manjinder Singh Sirsa of the BJP said he has spoken to Gurnam Singh who informed him that the incident occurred at 6 am local time when a granthi was going inside the gurdwara for morning 'parkash' of the Guru Granth Sahib. 'Parkash' is the first prayer in any gurdwara.

Reports also said "hostages were on the second floor of the gurdwara". Puneet Singh Chandhok, president, Indian World Forum, said Gurnam Singh had informed that the terrorists had launched a major attack. He called for immediate repatriation of minorities from Afghanistan.

There were less than 700 Sikhs and Hindus in Afghanistan at the time of the 2020 attack. Since then, dozens of families have left but many cannot financially afford to move and have remained in Afghanistan, mainly in Kabul, Jalalabad and Ghazni. Saturday's incident is the latest targeted attack on a place of worship of a minority community in Afghanistan.

In March 2020, at least 25 worshippers were killed and eight others injured when a heavily armed suicide bomber stormed a prominent gurd-

wara in the heart of Kabul, in one of the deadliest attacks on the minority Sikh community in the country.

India expressed 'deep concern' over the attack, said "monitoring situation". In the latest targeted assault on a place of worship of the Sikh community in Afghanistan, Gurdwara Karte Parwan in Kabul's Bagh-e Bala neighborhood was attacked early Saturday morning and a gun battle lasting several hours between the terrorists and Taliban fighters ensued, said Abdul Nafi Takor, a spokesperson for the Interior Ministry.

The three attackers were killed by the Taliban forces, the Pajhwok news agency reported.

The attack is suspected to have been carried out by from ISIS Khurasan. Taliban forces are gearing to take them on. Many have been killed, but numbers are not known as gurdwara is out of bounds for civilians, says eyewitness to attack.

According to the statement from the Interior Ministry, an explosive-laden vehicle aiming to target the place was thwarted before reaching its goal.



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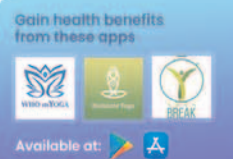
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Shampura PO Singh Pura Tehsil Dera Baba Nanak Gurdaspur in state of Punjab.have changed the name of my minor daughter's M E H R E E N K A U R RANDHAWA AGE 16 YEARS and She Shall hereafter be known as MEHREEN KAUR. 72737 I, hitherto Known as ANJU W/o KISHOR KUMAR R/o, Ward No.148/8, Gobind Nagar Batala Road VPO Gurdaspur Distt Gurdaspur Punjab. have changed my name and Shall hereafter be known as ANJU BALA 72737 I, Hitherto Known As Rawel Singh S/O Joginder Singh R/O Village Akbarpur, Po Begowal, Distt. Kapurthala - 144621, Punjab, India Have Changed My Name And Shall Hereafter Be Known As Kewal Singh. 72778. I, Hitherto Known As Manju Dixit W/O Ashok Dewan R/o A-3 Silver Residency, Near Tv Tower, Nakodar Road, Distt. Jalandhar- 144001, Punjab, India Have Changed My Name And Shall Hereafter Be Known As Ritu Dewan. 72778. I Bikramjit S/O Jog Raj R/O V.p.o Kittna Tehsil Garhshankar (Hoshiarpur) Have Changed My Name To Bikramjit Rattu 72778. I Jagiri Lal, Hereby Declare (With Consent Of My Son Pardeep Kumar),That My Son, Mr. Pardeep Kumar, Is PrIn Canada R/o 26580-30a Ave, Aldergrove. Bc V4w 3c8 Canada Has Changed His Name As Pardeep Kumar Verma. 72778. I Jagiri Lal Hereby Declare (With Consent Of My Daughter-in-law Mrs. Rajni) That My Daughter-in-law Mrs Rajni W/O Pardeep Kumar Is Pr In Canada Residing At 26580-30a Ave, Aldergrove. Bc V4w 3c8 Canada Has Name Changed Her Name A Rajni Verma. 72778. I Jagiri Lal Hereby Declare (With Consent Of My Son Pardeep Kumar And Daughter-in-law Mrs. Rajni) That My Grand Son Mstr Ruhan Son Of Mr. Pardeep Kumar And Mrs Rajni Is Pr In Canada, Residing At 26580-30a Ave, Aldergrove. Bc V4w 3c8 Canada Has Name Changed His Name As Ruhan Verma. 72778. I, Hitherto known as Jatinder Kumar S/o Khushi Masih Kuser R/o H.No. 18, Dhaliwal Enclave, P.O. Ladhewali, Distt. Jalandhar-144007, Punjab, India, have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as Jatinder Kuser. 72778. I, Krishan Lal S/o Prem Chand Vill Harigarh Bhorakh , Pehowa, Kurukshetra Changed Name Kishan Lal. 84661	I, Monika Bindal D/o Jeewan Kumar R/o Maur Mandi (Bathinda) changed my name to Monika Goyal. 63372 I, Rampy Sidhu Brar W/o Bittu Singh Gill R/o Vpo. Sailbrah (Bathinda) changed my name to Rampy Gill. 63372 I, Vijay Kumar S/o Diwan Chand Bansal, R/o Daula Gate, Gidderbaha, Distt Sri Muktsar Sahib (Punjab), have changed my name to Vijay Kumar Bansal. 63372 I, Lovjot Kaur D/o Kawaljeet Singh R/o Dehra Sahib Tehsil Khadoor Sahib Distt tarn taran Have Changed my name Lovejot Kaur Please Note 72737 I, Kawaljit Singh S/o Nirvail Singh R/o Dehra Sahib Tehsil Khadoor Sahib Distt tarn taran Have Changed my name Kawaljeet Singh Please Note 72737 I, Meenakshi W/o Rahul Pushkarna , 794 Gali Telian wali, Namak mandi, changed name from meenakshi to Meenakshi pushkarna 72737 I, Ravdeep Singh S/o Harjit Singh R/o H. No.-M-4a, Green Avenue, Amritsar Have Changed My Name To Ravdip Singh. All Concerned Please Note 72737 I, Priya W/o Ankur Dhawan R/o 73 E-block Ranjit Avenue Amritsar Have Changed My Name To Priya Dhawan 72737 I, Sandip Kumar S/o Gian Chand R/o H No.1 Ranjit Vihar Loharka Road Gali Fariar Institute Amritsar Have Changed My Name To Sandeep Kumar 72737 I, hitherto Known as SONIA KUMARI W/O RISHI KAPOOR R/o. 455, Gali Lajpat Rai Durgiana Abadi Amritsar Punjab. have changed my name and Shall hereafter be known as SONIA KAPOOR 72737 I, hitherto Known as TARUNA ARORA D/o VIMAL KUMAR ARORA W/o PANCHAM SAREEN R/o. 533, Basant Avenue District Amritsar Punjab. have changed my name and Shall hereafter be known as MEGHA SAREEN 72737 I, hitherto Known as DIYA SINGH BRAICH S/O GURSEWAK SINGH R/o. VPO Sukhanand Distt Moga Punjab. have changed my name and Shall hereafter be known DIYA SINGH 72737 I, hitherto Known as GURPREET KAUR BRAR W/O JAGDEEP SINGH R/o.H.No.384, Agwad Wadda Fla, Ghal Kalan, Moga Punjab. have changed my name and Shall hereafter be known as GURPREET KAUR GILL 72737 I, hitherto Known as JASPREET SINGH KHANGURA S/O DALBARA SINGH R/o. Village Leehan, Lihan Bhundri Ludhiana Punjab. have changed my name and Shall hereafter be known as JASPREET SINGH 72737 I, hitherto Known as NAVJOT KAUR BRAR D/O SHINDER PAL SINGH R/o.Village Sangudhaun District Sri Muktsar Sahib Punjab. have changed my name and Shall hereafter be known as MANSEERAT SINGH 72737 I, hitherto Known as NAVJOT KAUR BRAR D/O SHINDER PAL SINGH R/o.Village Sangudhaun District Sri Muktsar Sahib Punjab. have changed my name and Shall hereafter be known as NAVJOT KAUR 72737 I, hitherto Known as SANDEEP KAUR KHANGURA W/O JASPREET SINGH R/o. Village Leehan, Lihan Bhundri Ludhiana Punjab. have changed my name and Shall hereafter be known as SANDEEP KAUR 72737 I, hitherto Known as NAVJOT KAUR DHALIWAL W/O LAKHVIR SINGH HAYER R/o. Takhan Wadh District Moga Punjab. have changed my name and Shall hereafter be known as HARVEER KAUR 72737 I, Hitherto Known As Satya W/O Bhupinder Singh R/o 885-c, Type-1, Hussainpur, Rail Coach Factory, Distt. Kapurthala -144602, Punjab, India Have Changed My Name And Shall Hereafter Be Known As Satwinder Kaur. 72778 I Amandeep Singh S/O Harphool Singh R/O Near Durga Shakti Mandir, Prem Nagar, Kotkapura, Distt. Faridkot -151204 (Pb.) Have Changed My Name From Amandeep Singh To Amandeep Singh Brar. 72778 I, Joginder Singh S/O Chanan Singh R/O Vpo Kakkon Hoshiarpur Have Changed My Name From Joginder Singh To Joginder Singh (Joginder Is My Given Name And Singh Is My Surname) 72778 I Sukhpreet Singh Sandhu S/O Surjeet Singh R/O Vpo Kot Fatta Tehsill & District Bathinda, Punjab Have Changed My Name To Sukhpreet Singh I,Manpreet W/O Rajvir R/O Bhadon, Tehsil Shahkot, Distt. Jalandhar Have Changed My Name After Marriage Manpreet To Manpreet Kaur 72778 I Gurlal Chattha son of Bachitar Singh, village Urlana Khurd, Tehsil Madlauda, Distt. Panipat have changed my name from Gurlal Singh to Gurlal Chattha. 98732 I Lovepreet Sandhu son of Satnam Singh, village Urlana Khurd, Tehsil Madlauda, Distt. Panipat have changed my name from Lovepreet Singh to Lovepreet Sandhu. 98732 I Ashwani Kumar s/o Sh. Chajju Ram R/O , House No.84, Jain Colony, Camp, Yamunanagar that I have changed My Name Ashwani kumar to Ashwani kumar kaushal 100060	I, Ved Prakash S/o Late Sh. Sher Singh R/o Village Unispur Post Office Bairsal, Tehsil Nilokheri, Distt. Karnal Have Changed My Name From Ved Prakash To Ved Parkash. All Concerned Please Note. 100046 I, Mahinder Pal S/o Hari Chand R/o Mandi Road Radaur Distt. Yamunanagar Declare That Mahinder Pal And Mahinder Singh Both Names Are One Person. All Concerned Please Note. 100046 I, Satvir Singh Joshi S/o Ajit Singh R/o Vpo. Singhpura Teh-Kharar (SAS Nagar, Mohali) changed my name to Satvir Singh. 63372 I, Sukhpreet Kaur Mander W/o Navjot Singh R/o Vill: Aloona Miana Po. Aloona Pallah Teh-Payal (Ludhiana) changed my name to Sukhpreet Kaur. 63372 I, Tarndeeep Singh S/o Rajbhinder Singh R/o Phaphre Bhaikae (Mansa) changed my name to Tarndeeep Singh Sidhu. 63372 I, Ram Singh S/o Gurjant Singh R/o Allowal Teh-Nabha (Patiala) changed my name to Abhi. 63372 I, Kashmir Singh S/o Tarlochan Singh R/o #C/542 Gurbakhash Colony Bela Road (Rupnagar) changed my name to Kashmir Singh Bhangu. 63372 I Ramandeep Kaur Brar W/O Bikram Singh Sidhu R/O Dayalpura Mirza Teh. Phul Distt. Bathinda Have The Changed My Name Ramandeep Kaur Brar To Ramandeep Kaur Sidhu. 63372 I, hitherto known as Paramjit S/o Charan Dass R/o Kot Ranjha Teh-Nawanshahr (SBS Nagar) changed my name to Paramjit Singh. 63372 I Monu Singh S/o Suraj Pratap Singh R/o 176 Balli Ka Adda Mirjapur Post-Chet Ganj Mahuaria Mirzapur Uttar Pradesh-231001 have changed my name to Atharva Singh. 63372 I, Jasvir Kaur W/o Harpal Singh R/o Ransia Kalan (Moga) have known by both name Jasvir Kaur and Harjinder Kaur one and the same person. 63372 I, Swaranjeet Kaur W/O Harwinder Singh Sekhon R/O Patti Hammu VPO. Dakha (Ludhiana) Have Changed My Name To Swarnjit Kaur Sekhon. 63372 I Ramandeep Kaur W/O Kuljit Singh Sidhu H.N 222 Pal Master Wali Gali Jamal Wala Baghapurana (Moga) Have Changed My Name To Ramandeep Kaur Sidhu. 63372 I Hitherto Known As Bayan Kaur W/O Gurmit Ram, R/O VPO Moron, Teh. Phillaur, Distt. Jalandhar, Punjab (India) Pin Code 144029 Have Changed My Name And Shall Hereafter Be Known As Bhajan Kaur. 63372 I Gurjot Singh S/O Parminder Singh R/O Amargarh (Bathinda) Have Changed His Name Gurjot Singh To Gurjot Singh Brar. 63372 I Kulwant Singh Muhar S/O Meor Singh R/O VPO Bajakhana (Faridkot) Have Changed His Name Kulwant Singh Muhar S/O Meor Singh To Kulwant Singh S/O Major Singh. 63372	I Kiranjit Kaur Muhar W/O Kulwant Singh R/O VPO Bajakhana (Faridkot) Have Changed His Name Kiranjit Kaur Muhar W/O Kulwant Singh Muhar To Kiranjit Kaur W/O Kulwant Singh. 63372 I Kulwant Singh S/O Major Singh R/O VPO Bajakhana (Faridkot) Have Changed His Minor Boy Child Name Navkamal Singh Muhar S/O Kulwant Singh Muhar To Kulwant Singh S/O Kulwant Singh. 63372 I Pirthi Singh Ailas Prithi Singh S/O Jugraj Singh R/O Near Gurudawara Sahib, Maur, Teh. Kotkapura (Faridkot) Am Known By Two Names As Above. 63372 I, Gaurav Kumar S/O Krishan Lal R/O Ward No. 3, Mudki Tehsil And Distt. Ferozepur Have Changed My Name As Gaurv Kumar. 63372 I , Anil Kumar S/o Dharpal R/o Village Serhada Distt. Kaithal Have Changed My Name From Anil Kumar To Anil (Given Name) Kumar (surname). Concerned Please Note. 84451 I , Bindu W/o Anil Kumar R/o Village Serhada Distt. Kaithal Have Changed My Name From Bindu To Bindu Rani. Concerned Please Note. 84451 I , Anil Kumar S/o Dharpal R/o Village Serhada Distt. Kaithal Have Changed My Minor Son's Name From Garry To Garry Dhull. Concerned Please Note. 84451 I Lovepreet Suman s/o Hargopal VPO Padrana Tehsil Garhshankar Distt. Hoshiarpur declare that my name is Lovepreet and my surname is Suman. 900017 I, Aanchal W/o Parvesh Puri R/o, H.No 1348/39, Street No 6, Haibowal Khurd Ludhiana have changed my name from Aanchal to Aanchal Puri. 50008 I, Rajender Kumar s/o Sat Pal r/o Budhabar, hoshiarpur, punjab have changed my name from Rajender Kumar to Rajinder Kumar vide affidavit dt 20/01/2022 before EM Hoshiarpur and thereafter be called as Rajinder Kumar 900026 I, Jank Raj s/o Bihari Lal r/o Arthewal, hoshiarpur, punjab have changed my name from Jank Raj to Janak Raj vide affidavit dt 10/02/2022 before notary hoshiarpur and thereafter be called as Janak Raj 900026 I , Vikram Singh S/o Om Prakash R/o VPO Reason, Sub Tehsil Nigdhu, District Karnal that I want to write Vikram in my passport given name and Singh surname. 100070 I, Mukesh s/o Sahab Singh r/o village Dhanaura Jatan, Tehsil Ladwa (Kurukshetra) have changed my name from Mukesh to Mukesh Kumar. 52724 I, Sanjeev Kumar s/o nand lal r/o 88- rose Avenue Kapurthala have changed name of my Minor son of jitesh Kumar to Kumar jitesh all concerned kindly note. 98706 I, Dipanshu S/o Kuldeep Singh R/o Village-Bhoot Majra, T e h s i l - L a d w a , Distt.Kurukshetra (HR) have changed my name from Dipanshu to Dipanshu Sohi 98702	I, Mukul Saini S/o Sh. 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Kacha Pakka Vehra Nurmahal (Jalandhar) changed my name to Gulshan Aujla. 63372 I, Kirti D/o Ramesh Chander R/o H.No. EQ 221 Pacca Bagh (Jalandhar) changed my name to Kirti Arora. 63372 I, Jupinder Singh S/o Chhote Lal R/o # 10767 St No 6 Kartar Basti Bathinda have changed my name to Jupinderpal Singh. 63372 I, Jagan Nath S/o Bhagwant Rai R/o 2829 St. No. 1 Near Improvement Office Vishal Nagar Bathinda have changed my name to Jagan Nath Singla. 63372 I, Rajinder Kaur W/O Sukhjinder Singh Sandhu R/O Datta (Moga) Changed Name Rajinder Kaur Sandhu. 63372	I, Navdeep Kaur D/O Sikander Singh R/O Rattian (Moga) Changed Name Navdeep Kaur Khosa. 63372 I Ramesh Rani W/O Sukhwinder Singh R/O Chak Dona Rahime Ke Distt. Ferozepur Have Changed My Name From Ramesh Rani To Ramesh Kaur. 63372 I Sunita W/O Deepak Bholewasia R/O Near Durga Mandir Mamdot Uttar Distt. 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United Colors of Benetton unveiled its new store in Chandigarh

CHANDIGARH: Expanding its footprint in Chandigarh city, United Colors of Benetton, unveiled its second state-of-the-art store at Nexus Elante Mall, Chandigarh. With an inviting façade, bold and vibrant Italian fashion, the new store goes beyond the traditional shop concept to offer an ultimate brand experience for adults. Famed Punjabi actress, Avneet Kaur, was present to celebrate the new store opening.

Located in the city's most popular shopping destination, the store is spread over 1800 square feet and is a blend of comfortable and immersive spaces promising an international shopping experience to its customers. The store will cater to Womenswear & Menswear and house garments from their latest Spring Summer 2022 collection with themes such as Endless Seaside, Tropical Escape, Summer Breeze and Color Blast. Benetton store is prominently located on the first floor of the mall, sure to catch one's attention with its stunning high bay window façade.

Commenting on the opening, Avneet Kaur, said,



"I am honored to celebrate Benetton's store launch at Nexus Elante Mall, Chandigarh. Benetton is a brand that I really admire for its timeless aesthetics and philosophy. I believe my personal fashion sense is in harmony with the brand's ethos - high quality fashion with rich Italian legacy. The new collection at the store is strong on pastel hues and brightly colored animalier touches with relaxed fits. Breathable organic cotton is perfect to wear in town or just as easily at the seaside or on vacation".

Ramprasad Sridharan,

Managing Director & CEO, Benetton India, said, "Chandigarh is an important market for us with great fashion-forward sensibilities. With our new store at Nexus Elante, we are committed to bringing high-quality Italian fashion to the customers. The store will prove to be the epitome of an elevated fashion outlook with high-end aesthetics from Benetton. Our expansion plans strategically cater to the demands of our consumers as we are on a mission to enhance and deliver the best in retail experience"

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Since its launch, viewers have been having a gala time watching the young dancing sensations put up some wonderful acts week after week. While the race to the finale has just begun, looks like the contestants are going all out to present their best performances in front of the judges and the audience. However, with Father's Day just around the corner, during the recent shoot of DID L'il Masters, host Jay Bhanushali got really emotional after Sadiya's mesmerizing act made and he revealed how the young performer made him miss his daughter - Tara. The host also went on to reveal how grateful he is to have a daughter like Tara and opened up about his bond with her like never before. As Jay mentioned, "I honestly feel I am blessed to have a daughter like Tara. The first thing that she literally asks me once I am home is if I've eaten something. I believe I must've done some good karma in life to be blessed with a daughter like her. Our love is unconditional, and I will always love her unconditionally. I believe that guys sometimes tend to forget their parents, but girls are the ones who never forget them, especially their fathers. In fact, every girl's first love and first best friend is their father and that's what I am for her, I guess." While Jay's emotional statements will surely make you smile, wait till you watch all the contestants perform in the race to finale weekend!



On International Yoga Day, &TV artists reveal their reasons for practicing Yoga

CHANDIGARH : Indian sages have regarded Yoga as one of the most effective methods of establishing a connection between the body and mind since time immemorial. Every year on June 21st, International Yoga Day is celebrated to highlight its value and how it gives solace to the human body. On this Yoga Day, &TV artists Mouli Ganguly (MahasatiAnusuya), Siddharth Arora (Mahadev) of Baal Shiv, Farhana Fatema (Shanti Mishra) of Aur Bhai Kya Chal Raha Hai?, Himani Shivpuri (Katori Amma) of Happu Ki Ultan Paltan, Vidisha Srivastava (Anita Bhabi), and Aasif Sheikh (Vibhuti Mishra) of BhabijiGhar Par Hai reveal why they practice Yoga and how it helps them mentally, spiritually, and physically. Mouli Ganguly, MahasatiAnusuya and TV's Baal Shiv, shares, "Yoga is a retreat for me amid my stressful life. Lack of exercise, inconsistent sleeping patterns, and bad eating habits are important concerns for actors because they severely impact their physical and mental health. So, my main motivation for yoga daily is to stay on track and maintain my physical fitness. As a regular yoga practitioner, I believe that Yoga and pranayama are among the oldest and most tried and true methods for reaching my goals. Yoga serves as a form of treatment for me. "Wishing everyone a wonderful day of yoga." Farhana Fatema, Shanti Mishra in TV's Aur Bhai Kya Chal Raha Hai? shares, "Yoga has let me explore more wholesome ways to respond to negative emotions. It is the ultimate tool that has helped me cope with life's hard struggles with ease and helped me always remain optimistic and focused. I started doing Yoga to become a better performer. Doing Yoga has improved my body posture, vitality, and focus. I start my daily routine with asanas, pranayama, meditation, and chanting. Yoga is the most organic and productive way to find comfort for my mind and



body. On this yoga day, I urge everyone to include some yoga in their lives for their emotional, physical, and mental well-being. "Happy Yoga Day to all." Himani Shivpuri, Katori Amma in &TV's Happu Ki Ultan Paltan, shares, "To be honest, I enjoy Yoga and spend fifteen to twenty minutes each day doing Lotus pose or trikonasana. I am a diabetic patient, and doing Trikonasana helps me as a medicine and helps me transform this physical pain into my strength. When you are ageing, you do not have to be strong or flexible; it's not about always looking good. But doing Yoga is about self-inquiry. It's about taking time to show up for ourselves in a nurturing and sustainable way. I spend a lot of time meditating, which keeps me calm and makes me feel collected, leading to a productive lifestyle. I never feel more beautiful than when I'm doing yoga". Vidisha Srivastava, Anita Bhabini & TV's BhabijiGhar Par hai, shares, "I remember many people telling me about my anger issue. So, as a cure, I have adapted Yoga as a way of living, making me calm. I began practising Yoga to maintain my inner peace. I love to do Surya Namaskar as it helps stretch the entire body and relaxes my mind. Yoga is a timeless science that is extremely beneficial, and I feel everyone should benefit from Yoga the way I did.

VIP Clothing launches its first franchisee model store in Kochi



CHANDIGARH : VIP Clothing, India's leading Indian iconic brand of innerwear manufacturer has expanded its brick-and-mortar presence with its first ever franchisee model store in the city known as Queen of the Arabian sea, Kochi. VIP Clothing is poised to strengthen its retail presence in the innerwear category with a diverse range of innerwear collections. The new store is spread with a variety of options and offers the latest collection across categories for men and women and kids. It features a diverse range of styles in brands that includes VIP, Frenchie, Feelings, Leader and Brat. Speaking at the store launch, Mr. Sunil Pathare, CMD of VIP Clothing Ltd said, "We are thrilled to announce the opening of a brand-new franchisee store in Ernakulam. As Kerala being the strongest market for VIP Clothing from many years, made us to take a decision of launching the 1st Franchise Model in Kerala. We are pleased with the response and our relationship with the people of Kochi. We hope to open many more stores as a one-stop shopping destination for all your innerwear needs. We plan to expand the VIP Inners exclusive stores in the next 3 years to 100 stores in India." The store is located on the 40/2983, Kalavath Towers, Civil Lane Road, Palarivattom, Ernakulam, Kochi, Kerala - 682025 and is open from 10:00 am to 8:00 pm throughout the week. Besides the new store, the brand presently retails through its website. <https://www.vipinners.com/>

Rohit and Anita supports Pampers #ItTakes2 campaign

CHANDIGARH– Television's favourite couple Rohit Reddy and Anita Hassanandani have always set the right example by being equal parents to their son Aarav. Ahead of Father's Day, the couple supporting the Pampers #ItTakes2 campaign took to social media and spoke about the need for both mother and father to be equally involved in raising a child and spoke candidly about sharing childcare responsibilities.



Pampers #ItTakes2 campaign Pampers-the diaper brand through its new film is trying to raise awareness about the imbalance in parental duties that exists. Even today, caring for a baby is primarily seen as the responsibility of the mother. She is the lead caregiver of the child from the time the baby is born. But due to this generation old conditioning fathers often miss out on the important milestones of their child only to regret it later in life. The new Pampers film draws inspiration from this emotion and an alarming statistic found via a survey done by an independent body that '92% dads regret spending less time with their baby'.

The film demystifies the traditional belief that caring for a baby is only the responsibility of a mother and urges fathers to take charge and leave no room for regret when it comes to bringing up their children. The film's tagline #BaapBannaPadtaHai (One must 'be' a father), highlights the need for new fathers to participate equally in parenting as a child needs both mother and father. Agreeing with the campaign and speaking about parenting norms, Rohit Reddy said, "Fathers often feel that Parental duties like changing a baby's diaper, feeding them, or putting them to sleep don't come easy to them but women are naturals at it. This is not true-the women are learning too (especially first-time moms) but they have no inhibitions about it unlike men.

Speechless! Sonali Bendre on receiving the status of a goddess from a contestants' mother on DID L'il Masters!

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Editorial

Despotic democracy

In 1937 — a decade before the formal declaration of Independence — Indians got a measure of self-rule when governments elected on a limited franchise were formed in the different provinces of the raj. This was seen as a step on the road to full representative government. Shortly after a Congress government was sworn into office in the Madras Presidency, a Tamil intellectual made a remarkable speech about leadership, whose ideas strikingly resonate with the political culture of India today.

The intellectual in question, K. Swaminathan, was at the time a professor of literature at Presidency College. Speaking in 1938 at the Annamalai University, he told the assembled students that there were, in essence, two different kinds of political leaders — those who saw themselves as indispensable and those who did not. He singled out one name in the latter category, writing: “Mr. Gandhi has been deeply concerned and studiously careful these last three or four years to train his successors. His last desire is to make himself indispensable... Neither Jawaharlal Nehru nor Rajendra Prasad would be what they are but for Gandhi; and yet neither is a mere yes-man. Mr. Gandhi could make heroes out of common clay; what can he not make out of native gold? Anything, except mechanical images of himself.”

Having offered a salutary example, Swaminathan next held out a warning. Thus, he said: “But there are other leaders who do not trust their followers and will allow them no freedom of action, sticklers for a military discipline, preferring automata at their back to free and self-reliant workers by their side. Such leaders are like the tamarind tree, perhaps great in its day and useful in itself, but destructive of life and growth in others. They tolerate no differences, they resent even friendly criticism. They bear, like the Turk, no brother near the throne. And when they go, they leave behind the barrenness of desolation.” What “our country needs to-day and what our hostels can help to produce,” said Swaminathan to the students of Annamalai University in 1938, was a number of political leaders “each a little above the average. I don’t think we shall have much permanent use for a single Superman so much above his fellows that between him and them a deep impassable gulf for ever remain.” I recently came across the text of Swaminathan’s lecture in his papers and read it with a shock of recognition, since the warnings he issued in 1938 are even more — indeed, far more — relevant to the India of 2022, when we have a prime minister who has built around himself what may be — because of the colossal amount of party and government money spent on its making and the sheer number of human beings who participate in it — the greatest personality cult in the history of the world.

Mother encompasses a whole range of emotions

Mother - is not just any other word in the dictionary. It encompasses a whole range of emotions - love, patience, trust, and a lot more. Across the world, irrespective of country or region, children have a special affection for their mothers. A mother not only gives birth to her children, but also shapes their mind, their personality, and their self-confidence. And while doing so, mothersselflessly sacrifice their own personal needs and aspirations.

Today, I feel extremely happy and fortunate to share that my mother Smt. Heeraba is entering her hundredth year. This is going to be her birth centenary year. If my father had been alive, he too would have celebrated his 100th birthday last week. 2022 is a special year as my mother's centenary year is starting, and my father would have completed his.

Just last week, my nephew shared a few videos of Mother from Gandhinagar. A few youngsters from the society had come home, my father's photograph was kept on a chair, there was a kirtan, and Mother was immersed in singing bhajans while playing the manjeera. She is still the same - age may have taken a toll physically, but she is as mentally alert as ever.

Earlier, there was no custom of celebrating birthdays in our family. However, children from the younger generations planted 100 trees to remember my father on his birthday.

I have no doubt that everything good in my life, and all that is good in my character, can be attributed to my parents. Today, as I sit in Delhi, I am filled with memories from the past.



My Mother is as simple as she is extraordinary. Just like all mothers! As I write about my Mother, I am sure that many of you would relate to my description of her. While reading, you may even see your own mother's image.

A mother's penance creates a good human being. Her affection fills a child with human values and empathy. A mother is not an individual or a personality, motherhood is a quality. It is often said that the Gods are made according to the nature of their devotees. Similarly, we experience our mothers and their motherhood according to our own nature and mindset.

My Mother was born in Visnagar in Mehsana in Gujarat, which is quite close to my hometown Vadnagar. She did not get her own mother's affection. At a tender age, she lost my grandmother to the Spanish Flu pandemic. She does not even remember my grandmother's face or the comfort of her lap. She

spent her entire childhood without her mother. She could not throw tantrums at her mother, as we all do. She could not rest in her mother's lap like we all do. She could not even go to school and learn to read and write. Her childhood was one of poverty and deprivation. Compared to today, Mother's childhood was extremely difficult. Perhaps, this is what the Almighty had destined for her. Mother also believes that this was God's will. But losing her mother early in her childhood, the fact that she couldn't even see her mother's face, continues to give her pain.

Mother did not have much of a childhood due to these struggles - she was forced to grow beyond her age. She was the eldest child in her family and became the eldest daughter-in-law after marriage. In her childhood, she used to take care of the entire family and manage all the chores. After marriage too, she picked up all these responsibilities. Despite the onerous respon-

sibilities and everyday struggles, Mother held the entire family together with calm and fortitude.

In Vadnagar, our family used to stay in a tiny house which did not even have a window, let alone a luxury like a toilet or a bathroom. We used to call this one-room tenement with mud walls and clay tiles for a roof, our home. And all of us - my parents, my siblings and I, stayed in it.

My father made a machaan from bamboo sticks and wooden planks to make it easier for Mother to cook food. This structure was our kitchen. Mother used to climb on the machaan to cook, and the entire family would sit on it and eat together.

Usually, scarcity leads to stress. However, my parents never let the anxiety from the daily struggles overwhelm the family atmosphere. Both my parents carefully divided their responsibilities and fulfilled them.

Like clockwork, my father used to leave for work at four in the morning. His footsteps would tell the neighbours that it is 4 AM and Damodar Kaka is leaving for work. Another daily ritual was to pray at the local temple before opening his little tea shop.

Mother was equally punctual. She would also wake up with my father, and finish many chores in the morning itself. From grinding grains to sifting rice and daal, Mother had no help. While working she would hum her favourite bhajans and hymns. She loved a popular bhajan by Narsi Mehta Ji - 'Jalkamalchadi jane bala, swami amaro jasse'. She also liked the lullaby, 'Shivaji nu halardu'.

Mother never expected us, children, to leave our studies and

assist her with the household chores. She never even asked us for help. However, looking at her work so hard, we considered helping her our foremost duty. I used to really enjoy swimming in the local pond. So, I used to take all the dirty clothes from home and wash them at the pond. The washing of clothes and my play, both used to get done together. Mother used to wash utensils at a few houses to help meet the household expenses. She would also take out time to spin the charkha to supplement our meagre income. She would do everything from peeling cotton to spinning yarn. Even in this back-breaking work, her prime concern was ensuring that the cotton thorns don't prick us.

Mother avoided depending on others or requesting others to do her work. Monsoons would bring their own troubles for our mud house. However, Mother ensured that we faced minimum discomfort. In the searing heat of June, she would clamber over the roof of our mud house and repair the tiles. However, despite her valiant efforts, our house was too old to withstand the onslaught of the rains.

During the rains, our roof would leak, and the house would flood. Mother would place buckets and utensils below the leaks to collect the rainwater. Even in this adverse situation, Mother would be a symbol of resilience. You will be surprised to know that she'd use this water for the next few days. What better example than this of water conservation!

Mother was fond of decorating the house and would devote considerable time towards clean-

ing and beautifying it. She would smear the floor with cow dung. Cow dung cakes emit a lot of smoke when burnt. And Mother would cook with them in our windowless house! The walls would get blackened by soot and require fresh whitewashing. This too Mother would do herself every few months. This would give our dilapidated home a scent of freshness. She would also make pretty little clay bowls to decorate the house. And she was a champion in the famous Indian habit of recycling old household items.

I can recall another unique habit of Mother. She would make a glue-like paste with old paper dipped in water and tamarind seeds. She would make beautiful paintings by sticking mirror pieces on the walls with this paste. She would get small decorative items from the market to hang on the door.

Mother was extremely particular that the bed should be clean and properly laid out. She would not tolerate even a speck of dust on the bed. A slight crease meant that the bed sheet would be dusted and laid again. All of us were very careful about this habit as well. Even today, at this age, Mother expects that there should not be a single crease on her bed!

This striving for perfection prevails even now. And though she stays with my brother's and my nephew's families in Gandhinagar, she still tries to do all her work herself at this age.

Her focus on cleanliness is evident even today. Whenever I go to Gandhinagar to visit her, she offers me sweets with her own hands.

Transient ischemic attacks: A stroke is a stroke



On a recent afternoon in Bastrop, Texas, US, Janet Splawn was walking her dog, Petunia, a Pomeranian-Chihuahua mix. She said something to her grandson, who lives with her and had accompanied her on the stroll. But he couldn't follow; her speech had suddenly become incoherent.

"It was garbled, like mush," Splawn recalled a few days later from a hospital in Austin, Texas. "But I got mad at him for not understanding. It was kind of an eerie feeling." People don't take chances when 87-year-olds develop alarming symptoms. Her grandson drove her to the nearest hospital emergency room, which then transferred her to a larger hospital for a neurology consultation.

The diagnosis: a transient ischemic attack, or TIA.

For decades, patients have been relieved

to hear that phrase. The sudden onset of symptoms like weakness or numbness (often on one side), loss of vision (often in one eye) and trouble with language (speaking, understanding or both) — if resolved in a few minutes — is considered "transient". Whew!

But in a recent editorial in JAMA, two neurologists called for doctors and patients to abandon the term transient ischemic attack. It's too reassuring, they argued, and too likely to lead someone with passing symptoms to wait until the next morning to call a doctor or even let a whole week go by before arranging an appointment. And that is dangerous.

Better, they said, to call a TIA what it really is: a stroke. More specifically, a minor ischemic stroke. Until recently, TIAs "were played down", said Dr J. Donald Easton, a neurologist recently retired from the University of California, San Francisco, US, and one of the authors of the JAMA editorial.

But a new virus was isolated, which had never been reported to cause illness in humans. Before that, the virus was detected only once in 1958 in monkeys in a laboratory in Denmark. It was named as the "monkeypox" virus.

Since the 1970s, monkeypox has been reported from 11 countries in Central and Western Africa. The regular outbreaks are reported from these countries where it is considered endemic. Outside the eleven endemic countries in Africa, the virus was the first reported in the United States in 2003, where it entered through import of animals from Africa. During that outbreak, there were nearly 50 cases in humans. Since then, sporadic cases have been reported from the UK, Israel and Singapore as well. However, in May 2022, things appear to

have changed. On May 6, a laboratory-confirmed case of monkeypox disease was reported from Britain. This person had travelled to Nigeria on April 20 and returned on May 3. Since then, until June 12, nearly 1,250 cases of monkeypox have been reported in at least 28 countries across Europe, North America and Australia. Most of these had never reported monkeypox disease.

Monkeypox is a zoonotic disease that spreads from animals to humans. It belongs to the family of smallpox viruses. The incubation period — the time from exposure to first appearance of symptoms — is five to 21 days. Key clinical features include fever, body aches, rashes and swollen lymphatic glands. In settings where the disease is already endemic or a confirmed case

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Anticipating a smattering of small, delightful experiences can be as enjoyable as looking forward to one big event, said Carrie L. Wyland, a social psychologist at Tulane University in New Orleans, US.

"At the end of every day, write down one thing you're excited for tomorrow," she said. "Maybe it's a new book or getting doughnuts or a package you're expecting."

The accumulation of these mini-thrills means you will still reap the benefits of looking forward to something, even if it's not a big-ticket reward, said Christian E. Waugh,

a psychology professor at Wake Forest University in North Carolina, US, who studies anticipation.

"Plus, with the nearer stuff, there's more of a sense it's going to happen for sure," he said.

Future self

Ever walk through a house for sale and immediately picture yourself serving an impressive cheese plate on the beautiful deck, maybe dressed in some sort of fabulous kaffan?

When Torrie Lloyd-Masters, co-founder of the staging business Home At Last, is preparing a house for sale, "we're showing people what their life could be like if they lived here," she said.

Can 'monkeypox' disease develop into a pandemic?

Starting in the mid-1960s, intensive search and case identification was one of the eradication strategies for smallpox. Following those efforts, many countries had successfully brought down smallpox cases to zero.

However, to ensure sustained "zero smallpox status", intensive field search and case investigations were carried out on a regular basis. In Zaire (a country in Africa, now known as Democratic Republic of Congo, or DRC), the last confirmed case of smallpox was reported in 1968. However, as part of eradication efforts, during an intensive search in 1970, in Zaire, a nine-year-old child with clinical symptoms and skin rashes similar to smallpox disease was identified. His sample was collected, which was tested negative for smallpox virus,

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Since the 1970s, monkeypox has been reported from 11 countries in Central and Western Africa. The regular outbreaks are reported from these countries where it is considered endemic. Outside the eleven endemic countries in Africa, the virus was the first reported in the United States in 2003, where it entered through import of animals from Africa. During that outbreak, there were nearly 50 cases in humans. Since then, sporadic cases have been reported from the UK, Israel and Singapore as well. However, in May 2022, things appear to

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Monkeypox is a zoonotic disease that spreads from animals to humans. It belongs to the family of smallpox viruses. The incubation period — the time from exposure to first appearance of symptoms — is five to 21 days. Key clinical features include fever, body aches, rashes and swollen lymphatic glands. In settings where the disease is already endemic or a confirmed case

has been detected, the fever, rashes and swollen glands (lymphadenopathy) should raise suspicion of monkeypox. The disease is mild and self-limiting, but children, pregnant women and people with suppressed immunity are at a higher risk of severe outcomes. There are two clades or strains — West African and Central African (Congo Basin) Clade. The ongoing outbreak is attributable to the West African clade, which is comparatively less dangerous and with a low case fatality of zero to three per cent. In fact, no death has been reported from non-endemic countries in the current outbreak.

As with most other viral diseases, the treatment is based on symptoms. A new drug against monkeypox, Tecovirimat, was approved in early 2022 and is

available in some countries. Two other antiviral drugs, Cidofovir and Brincidofovir, are in clinical trial stages.

The smallpox vaccine is known to have up to 85 per cent effectiveness against monkeypox. However, with the eradication of smallpox in 1980, vaccination for the general population was stopped.

Therefore, those born before eradication on who received the smallpox vaccination may have some protection against monkeypox. As immunity declines with time, it is difficult to say how much protection they have.

Currently, some smallpox vaccine stockpiles have been maintained, in the United States and some countries in Europe, to respond to any unexpected event such as an outbreak from labora-

tory spread or bioterrorism. However, smallpox vaccine stocks are not widely available and not available in India either. A specific monkeypox vaccine (MVA-BN; named after Modified vaccinia Ankara — Bavarian Nordic strain) was approved in the year 2019 but is not widely available. Limited stocks are available in some countries.

In today's world, the spread of a disease from one part of the world to another part is entirely possible as we have witnessed with the Covid-19 pandemic. In the ongoing monkeypox outbreak, it will not be surprising if one or more cases are reported from India as well. A number of new viruses have emerged and re-emerged in India in the past few years — including Nipah, Zika and West Nile virus.

Explosive device detected, defused in J&K's Baramulla

SRINAGAR: Security forces on Saturday detected and defused an explosive device in Jammu and Kashmir's Baramulla district. Sources said an explosive device was detected by the troops of 30 Rashtriya Rifles on Baramulla-Handwara road in the morning. "Bomb disposal squad was called in and the suspicious object was defused without causing any damage. Traffic on the highway was later restored," the sources added.

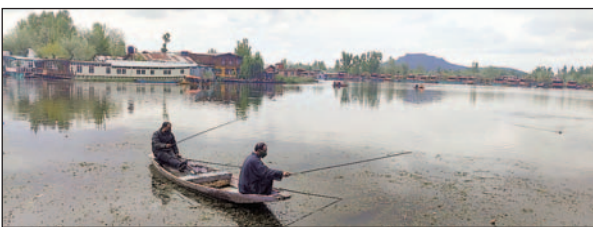
TN: Rejuvenation of Pandeswaram lake to conclude by October

CHENNAI: The 200-acre Pandeswaram lake rejuvenation project in Tiruvallur district of Tamil Nadu will be completed by October 2022. The lake is getting spruced up after years of neglect. The Tiruvallur district administration in association with Water Resources Department of Tamil Nadu and an NGO, Environmental Foundation of India, have come together for the rejuvenation of the lake. The lake is among the 75 water bodies that are being restored by Tiruvallur district administration under the 'Oor Koodi Urani Kappom' scheme of Tamil Nadu government. The Jal Shakti Mission of the Central government is also chipping in for the project. The weeds inside the water body are being removed and the bund area of 2.1 km is also being strengthened. During the rejuvenation of the lake, the weir that allows surplus water to flow out of the lake would be repaired and maintained. Encroachments are removed and the boundary of the lake will be demarcated. The lake has been a source of irrigation and supports brick kiln industries in the area. Environment Foundation of India officials told IANS that the lake, after proper rejuvenation, could be a source of water supply to the adjoining municipal corporations. The NGO is planning to provide eight subsurface pockets or recharge shafts for optimum water storage.

India's new Covid cases rises to 13,216

NEW DELHI: India on Saturday recorded a significant increase with 13,216 fresh Covid-19 cases in the last 24 hours, against the 12,847 infections registered the previous day, according to the Union Health Ministry. Also in the same period, there were 23 new fatalities which took the nationwide death toll to 5,24,840. The active caseload increased to 68,108, accounting for 0.16 per cent of the country's total positive cases. The recovery of 8,148 patients in the last 24 hours took the cumulative tally to 4,26,90,845. Consequently, India's recovery rate stands at 98.63 per cent. While the daily positivity rate slightly jumped to 2.73 per cent, the weekly positivity rate stood at 2.47 per cent. Also in the same period, a total of 4,84,924 tests were conducted across the country, increasing the overall tally to over 85.73 crore. As of Saturday morning, India's Covid-19 vaccination coverage exceeded 196 crore, achieved via 2,52,66,330 sessions. Over 3.56 crore adolescents have been administered with a first dose of Covid-19 jab since the beginning of vaccination drive for this age bracket.

Erratic weather in J&K, Ladakh till June 21



SRINAGAR, JUNE 18

Weather remained partly cloudy with light rain in Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh during the last 24 hours, as the India Meteorological Department said on Saturday that generally cloudy weather with intermittent rain is likely during the next 24 hours. "Generally cloudy with intermittent rain/snow over higher reaches, passes etc. from today till June 21 and improvement thereafter." "Avoid orchard spray till June 22. Rain may lead to shooting stones in vulnerable area. Watch and drive carefully... weather erratic till June 21 in J&K, Ladakh and Himachal Pradesh," said Sonam Lotus, IMD Director. Srinagar had 15.1, Pahalgam 10.4 and Gulmarg 6 degrees Celsius as the minimum temperature on Saturday. Drass in Ladakh had 6.3, Leh 6.6 and Kargil 9.2 degrees Celsius as the minimum temperature.

Agnipath row: Security beefed up at railways stations, trains cancelled in TN

CHENNAI, JUNE 18

As the protests against Central Government's army recruitment scheme 'Agnipath' saw attack on railway property, the Southern Railway has increased security at all major stations across Tamil Nadu, including Chennai Central, Tiruppur, Coimbatore, Madurai, Salem, Jholarpet, Arkonam. The Tamil Nadu Police have cordoned off the main road in Chennai leading to the Army



officers mess and other army installations. Small protests are being witnessed at Kancheepuram and Kumbakonam areas.

The Tamil Nadu Police are also on high alert over intelligence inputs that several

youth from Jharkhand, Madhya Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh and Bihar are employed in the garment units of Tiruppur.

These youths could lead some attacks against railway stations and railway properties in the wake of arson and burning of trains in several northern states, as per the inputs. A youth was killed in police firing at Secunderabad following protests on Friday and therefore, the Tamil Nadu Police and Railway Protection

Force are not taking any chances. Riot control vehicles are on standby at major railway stations and the Fire department is also being alerted at all major railway station premises. The trains have been cancelled from Chennai Central railway station due to the Agnipath issue. Tamil Nadu is relatively calm over the Agnipath issue and except for Tiruppur, there have not been any other instance of protests in the state.

2.6% employees let go due to poor performance: Unacademy

NEW DELHI, JUNE 18

Edtech platform Unacademy on Saturday said that a small fraction of its workforce (2.6 per cent) has been asked to go as part of performance improvement programme (PIP). Sources earlier told IANS that nearly 150 employees (2.6 per cent) from Unacademy's PrepLadder team were laid off. A company spokesperson told IANS that "the departure of these employees is a result of the PIP, which is a standard practice in all organisations".

"Unacademy has not conducted any layoffs, and we strongly deny the information as it is factually incorrect," the spokesperson added.

The company said the affected employees have been given generous severance and support, like "garden leave" for the duration of notice period, additional payout equivalent to two months' salary, extension of existing medical/insurance coverage till mid-July and assistance in outplacements.

Unacademy had acquired Chandigarh-based PrepLadder, a leading post-graduate medical entrance exam preparation platform, for \$50 million in 2020.

Founded by Deepanshu Goyal, Vitul Goyal and Sahil Goyal in 2016, Pre-

pLadder prepares students for medical examinations and provides access to education services and preparation material for exams such as NEET PG, AIIMS PG, NEET SS, and FMGE.

In April, Unacademy laid off nearly 600 employees, contractual workers and educators, about 10 per cent of its 6,000-strong workforce across the group.

The company said it discussed and parted ways with the identified people, in accordance with their respective contracts.

Started as a YouTube channel in 2010, Unacademy is one of the largest learning platforms with a growing network of 60,000 registered educators and over 62 million learners.

With education being imparted in 14 Indian languages to learners across 10,000 cities, Unacademy Group comprises Unacademy, Graphy, Revel and CodeChef.

Unacademy has entered the physical tuition centre market, and is at loggerheads with India's premier coaching centre Allen Career Institute (ACI) that has alleged that the edtech platform poached teachers from its institutes. Unacademy is opening a coaching centre in Kota and has reportedly hired several teachers from Allen institute.

BENGALURU, JUNE 18

As per directions of the Karnataka High Court, the state government has submitted a report, saying that no permanent license -- allowing use of loudspeakers in religious or other places -- has been given, and it is valid for only two years, sources said on Saturday. The state government said that the use of loudspeakers is not allowed between 10 p.m. and 6 a.m. except for special occasions. The government told the court that the provision of the use of loudspeakers is given as per Rule 5 (1) of the Noise Pollution (Regulation and Control), 2000, and Section 37 of the Karnataka Police Act, 1963. On special



religious and cultural occasions, the permission is given for using loudspeakers between 10 p.m. to 12 a.m. for up to 15 days. It has also been brought to the notice of the High Court that since unauthorised use of loudspeakers was rampant, a meeting was held under the chairmanship of Chief

NEW DELHI, JUNE 18

The uproar in the states of the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC), over alleged "blasphemy" in India has died down as suddenly as it had begun. This is not surprising. Those who express alarmist views do so out of an incomplete understanding of relations between India and the Gulf. Certainly, the Gulf states matter tremendously to India. But equally, the Gulf countries have prospered from the endless supply of Indian blue and white collar workers to the region. Eight million Indians live in the Gulf countries, constituting the largest expatriate populations in many of them. They send back hefty remittances of around 60 billion USD, forming a significant portion of India's foreign exchange. However, these Indians do not live in the Gulf states on the largesse of these states. They



put in back-breaking labour to turn the deserts into gleaming icons of modernity. Because of the large pool available, their willingness to work at wages that locals and others would not, and their ability to keep a low profile and not be politically involved in the affairs of these states ensure that they remain the more preferred labour recruits. In fact, Indians came to be increasingly preferred to Arab labour in the GCC states, after

Why India-GCC ties will not be hit by blasphemy controversy

the invasion of Kuwait by Iraq and the support it got from Palestinian immigrants there. Over the years, different considerations have attached themselves to different groups, for instance many Shiite Lebanese suspected of being supporters of Hezbollah, were deported from a number of GCC countries. These countries abhor and strictly forbid any type of demonstration or mobilisation by expatriate communities

who outnumber indigenous population in many of the GCC states. A case in point is the demonstration by Pakistanis in support of Imran Khan recently in Mecca, and the more recent demonstration by expats in Kuwait against "blasphemy" in India deportation awaits all of them. India and the GCC states, particularly the UAE, Bahrain, and Saudi Arabia, today share close ties and cooperation in almost every sphere, especially in energy, trade, military, defence, counter-terrorism. Even Kuwait, some of whose citizens have been amongst most severely critical of the current Indian administration, and which is the only GCC state that Prime Minister Narendra Modi has not yet visited, opened the office of a defence attach? in Delhi in 2020, testifying to growing ties, encompassing sensitive areas including defence.

One arrested, 18 detained during Agnipath protest in Delhi

NEW DELHI, JUNE 18

Delhi Police have arrested one person and detained 18 others while they were protesting against the Agnipath defence recruitment scheme. Deputy Commissioner of Police (Dwarka) M Harsh Wardhan said at around 10.45 a.m. on Friday, 50-60 young boys came from Khaira Mode side towards the Dhansa bus stand near the gate of MCD office. They were shouting slogans to withdraw the scheme. The protesters were moved to one side of the road so that traffic movement did not get disturbed. They were also asked to disperse peacefully. "Later one person namely Surender Sharma alias Fauji joined the protest and started to instigate the protesters by inflammatory speech," the DCP said, adding the said man also got into a scuffle with police personnel. The protesters were then immediately dispersed to maintain law and order. Eighteen active protesters were detained at the spot and they were booked under preventive action, said the official. The police registered an FIR under sections 186 (Obstructing public servant in discharge of public functionsA), 353 (Assault or criminal force to deter public servant from discharge of his duty) and 332 (Voluntarily causing hurt to deter public servant from his duty) of the Indian Penal Code against Surender Sharma and arrested him.



National Congress, Azad Gomantak Dal's role to be included in Goa history textbooks

PANAJI, JUNE 18

The contributions of Azad Gomantak Dal, a local armed revolutionary group, National Congress (Goa) and other freedom fighters will be included in the coastal state's history textbooks, Chief Minister Pramod Sawant said on Saturday. "NCERT syllabus is getting changed next year, incorporating Goan syllabus along with it, we will include contributions of Azad Gomantak Dal, National Congress (Goa) and others (freedom fighters) in



history textbooks," Sawant added while celebrating the 'Goa Revolution Day'. He said that along with Ram Manohar Lohia, Azad Gomantak Dal, National Congress and others had started movements against

the Portuguese colonial rule. The Chief Minister added that Goa was liberated after 14 years of India's independence. "In 1955, many freedom fighters from across the country, gathered at the borders of Goa to fight against the Portuguese. Some of their names were not registered as freedom fighters, however, we are in process to include their names as Goan freedom fighters and also to register them as national freedom fighters," Sawant said, adding that the state

government has spoken to the Union Home Ministry in this regard. He said that nearly 70 freedom fighters, who lost their lives fighting against the Portuguese rule in 1955, their names and history will be displayed on the memorial at Patradevi in north Goa. Sawant urged students to visit the Aguada jail (now converted into a museum), where freedom fighters were kept captive by the Portuguese, to know the history of Goa. "History will be displayed there and will be shown in a picture form.

86 held after Friday violence in Patna, 7 coaching centres under the scanner



PATNA, JUNE 18

Following massive violence in Patna on Friday, district administration has arrested 86 people for their alleged involvement in arson at Danapur railway station. The officials are also investigating the roles of operators of coaching centres, 7 of them are on the radar of the district administration. The agitated youth set Farakka Express train on fire at Danapur railway station on Friday and also blazed a car adjoining a fuel station. Chandrashekher Singh, the District Magistrate of Patna said: "We have arrested 86

youths related to violence in Danapur railway station and Didarganj toll plaza. The operators of 7 coaching institutes are also on the radar of the district administration. We have put security forces on high alert. If necessary, we will not hesitate to stop internet services in Patna. The government on Friday suspended the telecom and internet services in 12 districts of Bihar and it will continue till Sunday. Apart from Chandrashekher Singh, Manavjeet Singh Dhillon, the SSP of Patna carried out flag march on Patna streets to restore normalcy.

NEWS AT A
GLANCE

Congress appoints Pawan
Khera as Chairman, Media
& Publicity

NEW DELHI: The All India Congress Committee on Saturday appointed Senior Congress leader Pawan Khera as the Chairman of Media and Publicity in the new communication department. He has been appointed with immediate effect. "Congress president has approved the appointment of Pawan Khera as Chairman of Media and Publicity in the new communication department with immediate effect", said an official communication from the All India Congress Committee in the name of Congress General Secretary K.C. Venugopal. Earlier, Congress leader Khera, showing his dissatisfaction when he was not made a contender for Rajiya Sabha election, had tweeted "Shayad meri tapasya mein kuch kami reh gayi (Maybe something fell short of my penance)". However, as the tweet started gathering support on social media from other Congress workers and supporters, the party spokesperson added a clarification as he tweeted: "Congress gave me my identity".

Ex-K'taka CM
Yediyurappa gets bail
in de-notification case

BENGALURU: A special court on Saturday granted bail to former Karnataka Chief Minister B.S. Yediyurappa in the Bellandur de-notification case. Yediyurappa had appeared before the court here on Friday regarding the case. His counsel had moved a petition seeking bail for the BJP strongman. The court had directed the prosecution to submit objections. The petition against Yediyurappa was filed by Vasudeva Reddy, a resident of Bengaluru, in 2013. He had alleged that Yediyurappa during his tenure as the Deputy Chief Minister, had de-notified 4.30 acres of land which was acquired for IT Park by the Karnataka Area Industrial Development Board (KIADB). Earlier, the Special Court in Bengaluru had ordered the registration of a criminal case against the BJP strongman in March. The Special Judge B. Jayantha Kumar had issued summons regarding the case lodged against him in 2013. The judge had stated that there was sufficient material to register a special criminal case against the accused. The court observed that the complainant had made a prima facie case against the accused. The notification has been done despite the opinion of Karnataka Industrial Area Development Board (KIADB) CEO, the law department, the Advocate General and the Additional Secretary (Mines) not to de-notify the land, the court had observed. "It can't be said that Yediyurappa has done the de-notification in exercise of his lawful powers," the court said. His bail comes as a big relief in the wake of the 2023 Assembly elections. Yediyurappa is throwing his weight behind his son Vijayendra and trying hard to secure a position in the party. After the denial of ticket to Vijayendra for the MLC elections, Yediyurappa had announced that his son would contest elections.

Five dead, 36 injured
in road accident in
MP's Shahdol

BHOPAL: At least five people were killed and 36 injured after a mini-truck carrying a marriage party overturned in Madhya Pradesh's Shahdol district. Driver of the speedily driven mini-truck, carrying around 50 people, lost control over the vehicle at a u-turn, due to which it overturned late Friday night, police said. "Four people died on the spot while one succumbed to his injuries during treatment at a hospital. However, the driver of the vehicle and the groom are safe," the police added. "Of the injured, condition of six people is critical. The injured are being treated at the government hospital in Beohari area. The accident was caused due to high speed and overloading of the vehicle," said a police official.

CPI-M in a fix in Kannur after support grows for axed secretary

THIRUVANANTHAPURAM,
JUNE 18

Kannur is the stroghold of the CPI-M in Kerala as the party has the maximum number of members, sympathizers and followers in this district. This is also the home district of Kerala Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan, party state secretary Kodiyeri Balakrishnan, LDF convener and senior CPI-M leader, E.P. Jayarajan, and a horde of other leaders. The Kannur lobby is considered the most powerful in the state for CPI-M which does not have any opposition within the party. However, the party has been left red-faced in its most powerful district after Payyannur area secretary of the party, C.V. Kunhikrishnan,



was removed from the post. Kunhikrishnan had given a detailed complaint to the party district committee over allegations of misappropriation of funds that was collected for the construction of the party building. He had also alleged

misappropriation of election funds and swindling of funds collected for party martyr Dhanraj. The allegation was pointed against CPI-M Kannur district secretariat member, T.I Madhusoodanan who is also presently the Payyannur MLA of the party.

Payyanur is one of the strongest CPI-M constituencies and Kerala Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan got elected from the seat in 1996 and went on to become the state minister for electricity in the then E.K. Nayanar cabinet. The allegations had rocked the Payyannur area committee of the party with a large section of the area committee members supporting Kunhikrishnan who is considered an upright party leader. While CPI-M did not bring out an official communication on the action taken against the party leaders, Kunhikrishnan resigned from the director board membership of Vellore cooperative bank.

Rajnath chairs top-level meeting with
service chiefs amid Agnipath protests

AGENCY
NEW DELHI, JUNE 18

Defence Minister Rajnath Singh on Saturday chaired a top-level meeting with service chiefs in Delhi amid massive protests over Agnipath scheme.

The crucial meeting of the Defence Minister with the service chiefs was held shortly after the Union Home Ministry on Saturday announced 10 per cent reservation for Agniveers in the recruitment of CAPF and the Assam Rifles.

The three service chiefs have reportedly expressed confidence about the scheme through which youngsters will be recruited into the Army, Navy and the Air Force for a period of four years. Army chief General Manoj Pande said the scheme will provide an opportunity to the youth and the ongoing resistance is because they are not properly informed.

The Indian Army said a notification will be issued in the next two days while the Indian



Air Force announced to begin the recruitment process from June 24. The Indian Navy has said the process will begin very soon.

Earliere in a series of tweets, the Home Minister's Office said that "The Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) decides to reserve 10 per cent vacancies for recruitment in CAPFs and Assam Rifles for Agniveers, completing four years under the Agnipath Scheme announced by the Government of India, led by Prime Minister Narendra Modi".

It also said that "The MHA also decides to give 3 years age relaxation beyond the prescribed

Agnipath protest continues in Bihar,
stone pelting in Patna's suburb

PATNA: Amid the call for Bihar bandh against the central government's Agnipath scheme for recruitment in military services, incidents of violence continued across several districts on Saturday. protesters are demanding a rollback of the scheme. The violent mob set an observatory of Aryabhata college located near Taregana railway station in Masaurhi in Patna's suburb on Saturday. The mob also pelted stones at the police party on the road adjoining Taregana railway station. The protesters pelted stones at the police team in

Jamui. Earlier, violent agitators set 4 vehicles on fire in Jahanabad. Over one thousand protesters with sticks in hand and chanting Jai Shri Ram in Katihar, marched on the streets. In Saharsa, a large number of youth holding batons took to the streets and forced traders to close their shutters of their shops. Meanwhile, Patna police deployed force and RAF Jawans in and outside the BJP office located on Beer Chand Patel Path. In the last four days, properties of BJP leaders and officers are being targeted by violent agitators.

upper age limit to Agniveers for recruitment in CAPFs & Assam Rifles. Further, for the first batch of Agniveer, the age relaxation will be for 5 years beyond the prescribed upper age limit."

Meanwhile, Defence minister Rajnath Singh had on Friday urged the agitating aspirants to start preparing for the recruitment as the process will begin soon.

K'taka II PUC results : 61.88% clear
exams, girls outshine boys

BENGALURU, JUNE 18

Girls outshone boys in the Karnataka 2nd PUC exams this year, while overall pass percentage was 61.88 per cent. The result was announced by the Karnataka Pre-University Examination Board on Saturday.

State Education Minister B.C. Nagesh said girls secured 68.72 per cent while boys 55.22 per cent.

As many as 6,83,563 students have appeared for examinations and 4,22,966 candidates have passed.

The minister stated that the dates for supplementary exams would be announced by the end of this month.

Highest pass percentage in the state was recorded from Dakshina Kannada (88.02) while Chitradurga district registered the lowest pass percentage 49.31.

Shwetha Bhimashankar Bhairagond from Ballary and Madivalara Sahana from Kottur in Ballary district which is considered as the one of the backward



districts in the state have got first rank in arts. Both have scored 594 marks out of 600. Neelu Singh, Akash Das, Maanav Vinay Kejriwal from Bengaluru, Neha B.R. from Chikkaballapur district have got first rank in Commerce stream. All of them got 596 marks. Simran Sesha Rao from Bengaluru has got first rank in Science stream with 598 marks.

The exams were held amid hijab row between April 23 and May 18 in the state. Many students did not appear for examinations protesting denial of permission to wear hijab.

Huge unspent money by Bengal's panchayat
bodies deterrent for fresh allocation

KOLKATA, JUNE 18

Huge unspent money received by the three tiers of panchayat system in West Bengal during 2021-22 on account of the 15th Finance Commission has left no room for the state government to protest despite not a single penny under same head has reached the state exchequer during the first two and half months of the current financial year of 2022-23. Highly placed state finance department sources told IANS that the huge unspent money to the tune of around Rs 2,670 crore by the three tiers of panchayat system namely Zilla Parishad, Panchayat Samitis and Gram Panchayats in the last



financial year of 2021-22 has been carried forward to the current financial year of 2023. Hence, no fresh fund allocation under the 15th Finance Commission had been made during the first two and half months of the current financial year and because of the unspent funds in the last financial year which is carried over to the current financial year, the state

government is also not in a position to raise alerts over non-allocation of fresh funds. Explaining the nature of allocation under Finance Commission, a top official from the state finance department said that as per rule till the end of the 14th Finance Commission period, 90 per cent of the state's allotment was made for the three tiers of the panchayat system,

while the remaining 10 per cent was allotted to the different state government departments. However, since the beginning of the 15th Finance Commission, the distribution ratio was slightly changed to 85 per cent for the panchayat tiers and the remaining 15 per cent for the different state government departments. Repeated attempts to reach out to the state panchayat minister, Pulak Ray failed as his mobile phone was constantly out of range. It is learnt that of the three tiers of the panchayat system, the performance as regards to the unused funds was for the 3,343 Gram Panchayats, whose total unspent fund in 2021-22 was to the tune of Rs 2,077 crore.

Delhi Court denies bail to Satyendar Jain in money
laundering case

NEW DELHI: A court here on Saturday rejected the bail application of Delhi Health Minister Satyendar Jain, who is under the custody of the Enforcement Directorate (ED) since May 31, in an alleged money laundering case. Special judge Geetanjali Goel rejected the bail plea. On June 14, the special CBI court in the national capital had reserved its order on the bail application after hearing the arguments of the ED and defence counsel. A day earlier, the Minister's custody to the ED had been extended by two weeks. On May 31, a day after Jain's arrest, the same bench had sent him to the agency's custody till June 9 which was further extended to five days. He was rushed to a nearby hospital after he complained of uneasiness while leaving the Rouse Avenue Court, just after the court hearing on June 9. The Minister was taken to the ED headquarters when he felt uneasy outside the court and was eventually hospitalised.

Local MP govt erects concrete
walls to further divide
violence-hit communities

KHARGONE, JUNE 18

In the Muslim-majority settlement of Khasakhwadi in Khargone, Madhya Pradesh, the religious divide that's prevalent in the country has taken a new, quite literal turn. Here, a reinforced concrete wall, about 30ft wide and 15ft high, is being constructed to divide Khasakhwadi from the 'zamindar' locality, just one of the many being put up in the area. Bifurcating the areas based on religion was seemingly the solution that the district administration came up with to maintain peace, following the communal riots that broke out during Ram Navami celebrations in Khargone in early April. Residents of gathered near the barricades under the scorching sun to question the propriety of this administrative decision, only to be turned away with no concrete answers. They remain concerned about the optics and also the practical difficulties the walls throw up. Durreya Abdul Hussain, who's been a resident of the area for eight months, voiced his worries over this communal

demarcation created soon after the curfew was lifted. "How is this a suitable way to stop the enmity between two communities? This will only fuel hatred among people. The administration should have thought of the consequences before building the wall in Khasakhwadi. Who will solve the problems people are facing now?" Here, Hussain alludes to the lack of access to civic and emergency services that have been hindered since this construction. The direct road to their homes is now blocked, and residents are forced to take a much longer, alternative route.

Talking to 101Reporters, Mohammad Sayeed Khan held the administration liable for the situation in Khasakhwadi. "People on both sides will have to face problems because of this wall. It will be difficult to get people to a hospital in case of any serious illness, as this was the most accessible route to commute." The residents had approached the collector to voice their concerns and attempt to put a stop to the construction, but their pleas went unheard.

Odisha CM to visit Italy, Dubai; to meet Pope

BHUBANESWAR, JUNE 18

A high-level delegation of Odisha government led by Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik will visit Rome and Dubai. Patnaik left for New Delhi on Saturday, from where he will lead the delegation to Rome on June 20, the Chief Minister's Office (CMO) said. The delegation comprises Chief Secretary Suresh Mohapatra, secretary to Chief Minister (ST) V.K. Pandian, principal secretary, food and civil supplies, V.V. Yadav, principal secretary, industries, Hemant Sharma and resident commissioner in New Delhi, Ravi Kant. The CMO said that the World Food Program (WFP) has extended an invitation to Patnaik to visit its headquarters in Rome and share the transformative initiatives of Odisha in the field of food security and disaster management. "From



being dependent on others for its food security, Odisha has transformed itself into a food surplus state adding to the country's public distribution system. From the severe loss faced during the super cyclone of 1999, Odisha is now a model in disaster management acknowledged by the United Nations," it said. Patnaik will meet the executive director of WFP, David Beasley and the senior leadership of WFP. He will have detailed discussions

on Odisha's partnership with WFP and future projects which will further help the state in ensuring food security in a sustainable manner. During his stay in Rome, the Chief Minister will meet His Holiness Pope Francis in The Holy See, Vatican. Further, Patnaik will also meet the Odisha diaspora from various parts of Europe. He will discuss the possible ways to engage with the diaspora in promoting the art and culture

of Odisha and also enabling them to partner in the state's transformational journey. On his way back, Naveen will meet investors from the Middle East and adjoining regions in Dubai. He will extend an invitation to the potential investors to come and invest in Odisha and assure them all the support and facilitation by the state government. He will also have one-on-one meetings with some big investors from the region. A high-level industrial delegation from Odisha will also be present during the investors meet for possible partnerships with the foreign investors. The Chief Minister will meet the Odia Diaspora from the Middle East in Dubai and discuss with them Odisha's transformational journey over the last two decades and invite them to partner with the state government.

Pragya Thakur claims she
received death threat on phone

BHOPAL, JUNE 18

Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) MP from Bhopal, Pragya Thakur has claimed to have received assassination threat over a phone call from unidentified caller posing as an aide of Dawood Ibrahim's brother - Iqbal Kaskar.

An audio clip has surfaced on social media where Thakur can be heard having a telephonic conversation with an unidentified caller. During the conversation, the caller warned Thakur that she would be assassinated for allegedly targeting Muslims.

In the viral audio clip in which Thakur talked with the unidentified caller (as claimed) for one-and-half minutes, she kept asking him why she would be assassinated. "Ok, you want to kill me, but let me know why you want to kill me?" Thakur is heard saying in the audio. The caller is heard saying that he has to inform her and that "you will get to know soon." Thakur repeated her question as to why she would be killed, to which the caller replied: "I am informing in



advance and you will know it soon."

Thakur repeated yet again: "Tell me why you want to kill me, I want to know." The caller replied: "We won't leave you. When our man kills, he will tell you why." "Come and kill me", she said adding, "If you have guts, then come and show it." Bhopal police said that an FIR has been registered against the unidentified caller and further investigation is underway.

Single leadership issue rocks AIADMK,
OPS to meet supporters

CHENNAI, JUNE 18

The impasse in the main Tamil Nadu's opposition party the AIADMK, is continuing ahead of the party general council meeting scheduled for June 23. O. Panneerselvam and K. Palaniswami factions are keen that their leader emerge as the single leader of the party. While the post of opposition leader was granted to K. Palaniswami, the party Chief Co-ordinator's post was given to O. Panneerselvam. However the party has been under a dual leadership and several leaders have criticized this arrangement stating that AIADMK has lost its fighting



spirit due to this. Following widespread criticism at all party forums it was decided to call the general council meeting of the party on June 23 and to take a decision on the same. There are reports that a majority of party functionaries are supporting

the candidature of Palaniswami as the single leader of the party and that under him party would function unitedly. This suggestion was however not welcomed by those owing allegiance to Panneerselvam, feeling that he may be

sidelined. The AIADMK has been in the throes of conflict between the second rung leaders close to both OPS and EPS and two power centres have already emerged in the party. Meanwhile, former Deputy Speaker in the Lok Sabha and senior leader of the party, S. Thambidurai has taken an initiative and met both OPS and EPS to break the stalemate and sources told IANS that this may work out for the party. Panneerselvam will be meeting his supporters at Chennai on Saturday ahead of the general council meeting and to garner support for him to emerge as the single leader of the party.

I learned that we can do anything, but we can't do everything... at least not at the same time. So think of your priorities not in terms of what activities you do, but when you do them. Timing is everything.

Dan Millman

Pakistan energy crisis: Karachi markets to shut at 9 pm to save electricity

KARACHI: The vibrant nightlife in Pakistan's biggest city Karachi has been hit with the Sindh province government directing all shopping malls, markets, wedding halls and restaurants to close down early to save fuel and energy. The move by the provincial government on Friday was aimed to overcome the energy crisis in the country that has also affected Pakistan's economy. We are facing an ongoing energy crisis emergency and we need to take measures which might not be popular but necessary to control the situation, Home Secretary Dr Saeed Ahmed Mangnejo said. Mangnejo said that all markets, bazaars, shops and shopping malls would have to close by 9 pm while wedding halls and restaurants have also been instructed to shut down by 10.30 pm. Karachi, being a cosmopolitan city, is famous for its nightlife with restaurants, markets, malls, cineplexes, wedding halls all remaining outlets open till late into the night.

SHORT TALKS

Kshitiz Sharma, a student of Aakash+BYJU'S from Chandigarh branch tops HPBOSE

SHIMLA / HAMIRPUR: Kshitiz Sharma, a student of Aakash+BYJU'S from Chandigarh branch, the national leader in test preparatory services has made the institute proud by securing the first place in the Himachal Pradesh Board of School Education (HPBoSE). Kshitiz has scored 98.6% in the Class XII board examination. The results of the same were declared yesterday. Kshitiz is currently enrolled in a crash course at Aakash Institute, Hamirpur.

Aakash Chaudhry, Managing Director, Aakash+BYJU'S, said: "We are delighted at Kshitiz's stupendous feat in HPBoSE 2022 examination. Our study materials are carefully crafted to hone students' understanding of the fundamental subjects to score impressive marks in examination. It is the constant endeavor of Aakash+BYJU'S to improve the overall learning ability and educational performance. I wish Kshitiz more success for the future."

A total of 87,871 appeared for the HP board Class 2022, of which a total of 93.91% of students have cleared the examination.

HRTC partnered with Paytm

DHARAMSHALA : One97 Communications Limited that owns the brand Paytm, India's leading digital payments and financial services company, today announced that it has partnered with the Himachal Road Transport Corporation (HRTC) to offer an exclusive 10% instant discount on online bus ticket bookings on its app for all the routes operated by HRTC. The offer is aimed at giving users the convenience of booking bus tickets online at discounted rates as demand for domestic travel continues to see an upward trend across the country. With this offer, users can book tickets for all types of HRTC buses – ordinary, ordinary express, Himtarang Non-AC, Himmani Deluxe, Hingaurav AC and Himsuta AC – to popular destinations connect by HRTC bus service including Shimla, Dharamshala, Kullu, Manali, Mandi, Delhi and Haridwar.

Paytm spokesperson said, "Himachal Pradesh has always been a popular go to destination for travellers. In view of this and in partnership with Himachal Road Transport Corporation, we are offering an instant discount of 10% to make traveling more convenient for our users with seamless ticketing services." Paytm users can book bus tickets online for 10 state transport corporations with unique offers, ranging from cashbacks to discounts.

Allen Career Institute forays into ed-tech

CHANDIGARH: Allen Career Institute (ACI), the pioneers of organized coaching for students in India, today announced its foray into ed-tech with the launch of its maiden digital arm, Allen Digital Pvt. Ltd. The Company, which has pioneered coaching for entrance examinations such as JEE (Advanced & Main) and NEET (UG), aims to dramatically improve learning outcomes for students in India and beyond, through their new digital venture.

With the belief that circumstances should not hinder a student's career aspirations, Allen Career Institute is planning to revolutionize how career coaching is imparted today with a blend of digital and offline learning options. Allen Digital will enable students throughout their preparation by providing mentor support, online and offline support, career counseling and psychological counseling. Additionally, along with the launch of this platform, along with the flagship courses for IIT-JEE and NEET preparation, the Institute will also provide a curated range of non-science courses in short-term, long-term, workshops, and crash course formats.

Bangladesh decides to shut shops, markets after 8 p.m.

DHAKA: Bangladesh Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina has asked concerned authorities to take necessary measures to shut down shops, shopping malls and markets across the country after 8 p.m. every day in an effort to save power. The instruction was given in a circulation signed by Director General (Administration) Md Ahsan Kibria Siddiqui of the Prime Minister's Office on Friday night, reports Xinhua news agency. The notification aims at saving power and energy against the backdrop of worldwide continued price hike in power and energy price. Secretaries of ministries and divisions concerned, such as public security division, commerce ministry, energy and mineral resources division, local government division, power division, industries ministry, Department of Inspection for Factories and Establishments, all the divisional commissioners, deputy inspector generals of police, deputy commissioners and superintendent of police of all divisions and districts, have been asked to execute the order strictly in line with section 114 of the Bangladesh Labour Law-2006.

Russia will use nuke weapons to defend sovereignty: Putin

LONDON: Russian President Vladimir Putin said his country was not threatening the world with nuclear weapons, but warned that Moscow "will use such weapons to defend its sovereignty".

He made the remarks on Friday while addressing the St. Petersburg International Economic Forum.

When asked to comment on the West's allegations about the threat of a nuclear war and a Third World War, the President said: "Where does it come from? From their own statements. Now and then irresponsible politicians would blurt out something like that, even high-ranking politicians..."

"Are we supposed to stay silent? We are responding correspondingly. As soon as we respond, they would pick on our words and say: look, Russia is threatening us. We are not threatening anyone, but everyone should know what we have and what we will use to defend our sovereignty. These are obvious things."



Regarding Russia's ongoing war in Ukraine, Putin claimed that the legal side of the invasion, which Moscow calls "special military operation", fully complies with international law.

"When a territory is separated from a state, it is not necessary to ask permission from the central authorities," Ukrayinska Pravda quoted the President as saying as he recalled the ruling of the UN International Court of Justice on

Kosovo.

"In this case the Republics of Donbas did not have to ask permission from the Kiev authorities. They declared their independence. In this regard, did we have the right to recognise them or not? Of course we did. We did that. We signed a mutual assistance agreement with them, and in accordance with this agreement, as well as with Article 151 of the UN Charter, we provide them with

military assistance.

"Did we have the right? We did, in full compliance with the UN Charter. Whether people like it or not. We did it ourselves and set a precedent. Therefore, our actions are absolutely legitimate," he added. While acknowledging that "military action is always a tragedy", Putin however said that the Ukraine war was a "necessary measure".

Speaking about the numerous sanctions imposed on Russia by the West in the wake of the war, the President leader they were "mad and thoughtless".

"The economic blitzkrieg against Russia had no chance of succeeding from the very beginning," the BBC quoted Putin as saying.

While saying that the restrictions were "more harmful" to those who imposed them, he claimed that the European Union could lose more than \$400 billion because of its sanctions against Russia.

SpaceX fires several employees who criticised CEO Elon Musk



Tesla chief Musk is currently closing a USD 44 billion deal to buy Twitter.

Earlier Musk said that the takeover of Twitter Inc is temporarily on hold due to the calculation of fake accounts in it.

"Twitter deal temporarily on hold pending details supporting calculation that spam/fake accounts do indeed represent less than 5 per cent of users," Musk tweeted tagging a media report.

Musk's announcement came before the opening of trading in the American stock exchanges.

In the pre-market trading, Twitter Inc share price crashed to USD 37.10, which is 17.7 per cent lower than its previous day's close.

Musk reached an agreement with Twitter on the acquisition of the social network for USD 54.20 per share in a transaction valued at approximately USD 44 billion in late April. He later said that he would like to revolutionize Twitter's role in public debate as "free speech is the bedrock of a functioning democracy, and Twitter is the digital town square where matters vital to the future of humanity are debated."

Balkar Sidhu's Punjabi book - Sassi Punnu's English version unveiled



CHANDIGARH The Narrators, a performing arts society in association with Punjabi Lekhak Sabha Chandigarh and Punjab Sangeet Natak Academy organised a 'Launch-Cum-Art Lit Adaptation' event of a book based on a play written by famous Punjabi playwright Balkar Sidhu - 'Sassi Punnu'. The play 'Sassi Punnu' written by Balkar Sidhu originally in Punjabi and encapsulated in a book has been

translated by The Narrators in English, and the translated version of the book was unveiled at the event.

A unique Art-Lit Adaptation of a few scenes from the book 'Sassi Punnu,' authored by Balkar Sidhu, which was designed and directed by Nisha Luthra, founder-director, The Narrators, marked the event, attended by the who's who from the world of art and literature associated with the region.

"The art lit adaptation of a few important scenes from 'Sassi Punnu' touches upon different facets of human emotions and sentiments. Balkar Sidhu, being the president of Punjabi Lekhak Sabha, Chandigarh, and Vice Chairman of Sangeet Natak Academy, is working hard for the revival of folk tales and culture. This play is a fine example of his noble ambitions," said Nisha Luthra, whose art direction conveyed the essence of the play succinctly and effectively.

Balkar Sidhu said, "The book launch was unique as it was accompanied by a very creatively designed art lit adaptation directed by Nisha Luthra based on the play written by me. I am happy that the English translation of 'Sassi Punnu' is now available and this will help the iconic love folklore spread to a wider audience not only in the region but even in other parts of India and even the world."

Get ready to meet Babbu Maan and Binu Dhillon in their classic Avatars today on Zee Punjabi

CHANDIGARH: Get ready for an entertaining Saturday this week with Zee Punjabi where you will get to watch the two most entertaining Punjabi movies, Baaz at 1 pm, and Band Vaaje at 8:30 pm.



Baaz, a Babbu Maan starrer is scheduled to entertain you at 1 PM with its thrilling and crisp story of an honest policeman who goes beyond lengths against a corrupt businessman, along with a sweet blend of love story. The story turns

upside down when his only witness turns back on him. Apart from the legendary Babbu Maan, it also includes the beautiful Pooja Verma and Yograj Singh in the lead roles.

On the other hand, Binu Dhillon and Mandy Takhar will entertain the audience with their laughter ride in 'Band Vaaje'. The story is based on the story of two lovers, with international borders as their enemy. The amusing irony is

how Binu Dhillon gets married to his lover, Mandy Takhar. Now, whether they get married or not is the twist worth watching, so don't forget to watch Band Vaaje at 8:30 PM only on Zee Punjabi.



Real estate group AIPL believes in adopting CSR Practices, plans to expand its scope in Punjab



CHANDIGARH: Showing its commitment of giving back to the roots and firm up Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) ecosystem in Punjab, AIPL -Advance India Projects Limited, one of the most respected real estate developers, has joined hands with charitable organizations like Sikh Humanitarian Society and Shri Guru Granth Sahib Vidya Kendra to impart free education to needy children.

AIPL is perhaps the only realty sector developer which organizes community kitchens on its sites for

construction workers & office staff, catering to 2000 plus people every day.

"CSR is very close to our heart. It is an integral part of our mission statement and is non-negotiable. At AIPL, we believe in giving back to society and walk the talk to grow inclusively. We are focusing a lot on expanding the scope of our CSR in Punjab where our footprint is majorly increasing due to our delivered

ongoing, and upcoming real estate developments," said Pankaj Pal, Group Executive Director, AIPL.

"We are committed to increasing investment levels in Punjab and our CSR initiatives too will grow in tandem with our investment goals in the state," Pal said further.

From playing a vital role in supporting education and upbringing of children of below poverty line with multiple NGOs like Nirmal Ashram - Rishikesh, Sikh Humanitarian Society, Nirmal Education Society and Shri Guru Granth Sahib Vidya Kendra to make an educated and prosperous India, AIPL does quite a bit in the CSR arena.

According to Pal, AIPL also supports organizations like The Earth Saviour, Gurugram, Handicapped Children Rehabilitation Association (HCRA) with a common vision to improve living standards of differently challenged and underprivileged people of the society. "We at AIPL follow a holistic approach.

IIFL Finance launches 'Gold Loan Mela' with gift for all customers

KARNAL: IIFL Finance, one of India's largest non-banking financial companies has launched exciting offers on Gold Loan with 'Gold Loan Mela' for all customers between 15th June, 2022 and 30th July 2022. The prizes include a luxurious international trip for a couple. Besides, assured gifts will be given to each customer who takes gold loan from IIFL Finance's 2400+ gold loan branches across India during the 45 day period. Speaking on the launch of 'Gold Loan Mela Offer' Mr. Manish Mayank, Zonal Head, Gold Loans, IIFL Finance said, "IIFL Gold loan has been able to connect with millions of customers across India through its transparent dealings and best gold loan rates. As economy and businesses are coming back to normal, to show gratitude we are offering an opportunity to all customers to benefit from our 'Gold Loan Mela' offer, where gifts worth crores are up for grabs." Along with attractive gifts featuring IIFL Finance Brand ambassador Rohit Sharma, IIFL Finance also offers gold loans at one of the lowest interest rates with a commitment of quick processing of loans in just 5 minutes, maximum loan value and easy digital payment options.

Father's Day special! Celebrate the first hero of your life on Antakshari 2 today

CHANDIGARH: A protector, a friend, and the first superhero of every child, let us all celebrate this Father's Day on the sets of Antakshari 2 with an evening dedicated to that one special person in our lives.

A mother plays a vital role in our lives, but so does a father who sacrifices his desires and makes his children's happiness his own the entire life. Today, Antakshari 2 will not only boost the enthusiasm of the contestants but also of the hosts of the show as Master Saleem and Misha Sarawal will get a surprise gift when their fathers will come forward and share their heartfelt feelings about our lovely hosts with all the viewers. A special episode on a very special Father's Day is the perfect mix you definitely don't want to miss. So, make sure all of us laugh and sing whole-heartedly with our father on today's Antakshari 2 episode at 7:00 PM only on Zee Punjabi.

My father, my superhero



and Rohitashv Gour (Manmohan Tiwari, Bhabinjhar Par Hai) talk about their special bond with their fathers and their superhero qualities.

Aan Tiwari, aka Baal Shiv in &TV's Baal Shiv, shares, "My father is my best friend. We enjoy spending as much time as possible together. He drives me to the sets of Baal Shiv and assists me in rehearsing my dialogues. When I make a mistake, he corrects me but never scolds me. My mother and I plan to cook his favourite cuisine on Father's Day because he is my superhero."

Farhana Fatema aka Shanti Mishra in &TV's Aur Bhai Kya Chal Raha Hai? shares, "My father is my greatest strength and best superhero. He is the best dad ever because, despite being from a conservative family, he has always supported and inspired all women in the house to achieve their

aspirations. He taught me how to ride a bike, climb a tree, and encouraged me to participate in sports. He also believed in me and encouraged me to pursue acting. Happy Father's Day to all the amazing dads who constantly encourage and assist their children in reaching their goals."

Yogesh Tripathi, aka Daroga Happu Singh in &TV's Happu Ki Ultan Paltan, shares, "I loved my father more than anything. He was my mentor, a friend, and the one who stood with me even when I failed. My father instilled in me the ability to be self-assured and pursue my goals. He was always a superhero to me, through thick and thin. Before getting my big break in television, I started performing in street plays and theatres, but I owe my career to him because of his unwavering moral support.

"Health, Harmony and Happiness: A Yogic Way" Special program organized by Govt Yoga College Chandigarh

CHANDIGARH: In prelude to the celebrations of 8th International Day of Yoga, Government College of Yoga Education and Health, Sector 23A, Chandigarh in collaboration with Ministry of Information and Broadcasting Chandigarh Outreach Bureau and ICSSR North Western Regional Centre, Panjab University and Department of Social Welfare, Chandigarh Administration organised a programme Health, Harmony and Happiness: A Yogic Way.

Dr. Sapna Nanda, Principal of the college while welcoming guests and congratulating the participants

quoted that yoga is a means to unite and outreach the community for reaping the holistic health benefits of this ancient tradition of India.

Chief guest of the occasion Prof. Sanjay Kaushik, Director ICSSR while emphasising the importance of health in one's life laid stress on the eminent role of yoga in leading a happy and healthy life.

Ms. Sapna, Deputy Director, Ministry of Information and Broadcasting, Chandigarh Outreach Bureau acknowledged the concerted efforts of all the collaborating institutions for organising the event and also



shared her vision to spread the message of yoga through various activities and measures. Dr. Sarita

Godwani, Consultant, Poshan Abhiyan, Department of Social Welfare emphasised the role of

yoga for the health of children and women. The yoga asana demonstration was given by Shivani and Tanya of B.Ed. Yoga.

The events of the programme were slogan writing/poster making, Yoga quiz and Yoga asana competition which were successfully conducted and there was an enthusiastic participation from students as well as anganwadi workers and the prizes were given to the winners of all the events. The prizes of the programme were sponsored by Ms. Sapna, Deputy Director, Ministry of Information and Broadcasting, Chandigarh Outreach Bureau.