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# Free COVID-19 booster dose for adults from July 15

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The government announced on Wednesday that citizens above 18 years of age will be given booster doses free of cost from July 15 for the next 75 days as part of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav celebrations and Azadi Ka Amrit Kaal. The facility will be available at all government centres.

"India is celebrating 75 years of independence. On the occasion of Azadi Ka Amrit Kaal, it has been decided that from 15th July 2022 till the next 75 days, citizens

above 18 years of age will be given booster doses free of cost," Information and Broadcasting Minister Anurag Thakur told the media here.

India's COVID-19 vaccination coverage has exceeded 199.12 crore as per provisional reports till 7 am on Wednesday. This has been achieved through 2,61,58,303 sessions.

COVID-19 vaccination for the age group 12-14 years was started on March 16, 2022. So far, more than 3.76 crore adolescents have been administered the first dose of COVID-19 vaccine. The COVID-19 precaution dose administration for the age

group 18-59 years started on April 10.

The Centre has been making efforts to accelerate the pace and expand the scope of COVID-19 vaccination throughout the country. The nationwide COVID 19 vaccination started on January 16, 2021. The new phase of universalization of COVID-19 vaccination commenced from June 21, 2021. The vaccination drive has been ramped up through the availability of more vaccines, advance visibility of vaccine availability to states and UTs for enabling better planning by them, and streamlining of the vaccine supply chain.



# Emergency declared in Sri Lanka as Rajapaksa flees

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COLOMBO, JULY 13

Sri Lanka Prime Minister Ranil Wickremesinghe on Wednesday declared an emergency and imposed a curfew in the western province of the country as protests intensified following President Gotabaya Rajapaksa's escape to the Maldives.

A state of emergency was declared as protesters came prepared to face tear gas shelling by security forces deployed outside Wickremesinghe's residence. Air patrolling also began around the PM's residence.

Wickremesinghe also ordered the security forces to arrest those acting in a riotous manner, the Daily Mirror newspaper reported. Military personnel used tear gas shells to disperse protesters who scaled the wall to enter the Sri Lankan PM's residence in Colombo.

"We want the PM to resign because as per our constitution if the President resigns, the PM becomes the acting President. People want both of them to leave. Police took action by tear



## Protesters take over office of Prime Minister

**COLOMBO:** As protests intensified in the Sri Lankan capital city of Colombo, protesters who had gathered outside Sri Lanka PM's office have taken over his residence at Flower Road here. Security personnel today resorted to tear-gas shelling to drive away protestors on the streets of Colombo. These reports come as the embattled President Gotabaya Rajapaksa, who escaped to the Maldives, appointed Prime Minister Ranil Wickremesinghe as the interim President of Sri Lanka. Wickremesinghe today declared an emergency and imposed a curfew in the western province of the country as protesters came prepared to face tear gas shelling by security forces deployed outside Wickremesinghe's residence. Air patrolling also began around the PM's residence. The country's opposition leader Sajith Premadasa said that the PM cannot exercise the powers of the President, and cannot declare a curfew or a state of emergency. "PM becomes acting President only if the President appoints him as such, or if the office of President is vacant, or if the CJ in consultation with the Speaker forms the view that the President is unable to act," Premadasa tweeted.

gas shelling. Army troops moved in," said a former advisor to the Sri Lankan Foreign Affairs ministry.

Sri Lankan authorities today confirmed that Gotabaya Rajapaksa had flown to the Maldives with his wife and two bodyguards after full approval of the country's Defence Ministry.

Early today, Gotabaya landed at the Velana International Airport in Male on a Sri Lankan Air Force plane. The Prime Minister's Office also confirmed the development. Shortly afterwards, the crisis-hit island country's Parliament Speaker Mahinda Yapa Abeywardena said that he is yet to receive a letter of resignation from Gotabaya. "We haven't received President Gotabaya's resignation yet, but we hope to get one in a day," Abeywardena told. The 73-year-old had gone into hiding after crowds of protestors stormed his residence on July 9 and he had announced that he will resign on July 13. The country is facing a severe shortage of fuel and other essential supplies.

## Punjab CM orders enquiry into Post matric scholarship scheme scam

SHASHI PAL JAIN  
CHANDIGARH, JULY 13:

The Punjab Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann on Wednesday announced a comprehensive enquiry into the irregularities in the post matric scholarship scheme for nailing the guilty of this heinous crime against students of weaker and underprivileged sections.

"My government is committed for ensuring that oil and truth comes out in this scheme so that embezzlers are punished as per the law", said the Chief Minister.

The Chief Minister assured the people of Punjab that this enquiry will be a bear thread analysis to ascertain every lapse and embezzlement of the public money under the post matric scholarship scheme. He said that these discrepancies are an intolerable crime against the weaker and underprivileged strata of society adding that anyone found involved in this will not be spared and severest of severe action will be taken against

## Centralised portal for admissions in govt colleges launched

**CHANDIGARH:** Taking forward Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann's vision to provide seamless online eco-system to students, The Punjab Government on Wednesday launched the Centralized admission portal for admissions in the Government Colleges of the state affiliated with Punjab, Punjabi and Guru Nanak Dev Universities. Launching the Portal here at the Mahatma Gandhi State Institute of Public Administration (MGSIPA), Minister for Higher Education and Languages Gurmeet Singh Meht Hayer said the state government is working swiftly to ensure our youngsters get all the latest online services making their education and studies related endeavours easier.

them. Bhagwant Mann said that the barbaric embezzlement of the funds under the post matric scholarship scheme has ruined the bright future of millions of Schedule Caste (SC) students by depriving them of quality higher education.

## Automatic weather station comes up in Kedarnath

**RUDRAPRAYAG:** Authorities in Rudraprayag district of Uttarakhand have set up an automatic weather station at Kedarnath for getting round the clock precise weather updates from the Himalayan temple town, officials said on Wednesday. The weather station was established with the help of scientists from IIT-Kanpur, they said. The weather conditions in Kedarnath, which was the epicentre of the 2013 deluge in which hundreds of people died, are precarious changing every minute. The automatic weather station will help keep devotees visiting the temple during the Char Dham yatra updated with the weather conditions of the area, the officials said.

## 14K pilgrims leave Nunwan, Baltal for Amarnath

**SRINAGAR:** Fresh batches of around 14,000 pilgrims left the twin base camps on Wednesday to pay obeisance at the Himalayan cave shrine of Amarnath on Wednesday, officials said. The "Charri Mubarak" or silver mace of Lord Shiva was taken to Pahalgam by Mahant Deependra Giri from the Dashnami Akhara Srinagar on the occasion of Ashad Purnima to perform pooja. More than 1.35 lakh pilgrims paid obeisance at Amarnath till Wednesday morning, officials said. Around 3,000 devotees including women and Sadhus left Nunwan base camp from the traditional Pahalgam route in south Kashmir's Anantnag district earlier in the day for the cave shrine amid cloudy weather conditions.

## SC to hear pleas challenging Agnipath scheme on July 15

**NEW DELHI:** The Supreme Court will hear pleas challenging the Agnipath recruitment scheme for defence forces on July 15. The plea will be heard by a bench of Justices DY Chandrachud and AS Bopanna. Various petitions were filed before the top court challenging the Agnipath recruitment scheme for defence forces. The Central government has also filed a caveat application in the Supreme Court urging it to hear the government in the petitions filed before the top court challenging the Agnipath recruitment scheme for defence forces. A Caveat application is filed by a litigant to ensure that no adverse order is passed against him or her without being heard. Advocate Harsh Ajay Singh has filed a PIL seeking directions to the Centre to reconsider its Agnipath recruitment scheme for armed forces.

## Hry constitutes Backward Classes Commission

BUREAU  
CHANDIGARH, JULY 13

Following the announcement made by Chief Minister, Sh. Manohar Lal, the State Government here today constituted the Haryana Backward Classes Commission afresh in exercise of the powers conferred by sub-sections (1) and (2) of section 3 of the Haryana Backward Classes Commission Act, 2016 (9 of 2016).

Justice Sh. Darshan Singh (Retd) Judge Punjab and Haryana High Court has been nominated as the Commission Chairperson, while Dr. S.K Gakhar, Former Vice Chancellor, Sh. Shyam Lal Jangra and Director General, Welfare of Scheduled Castes and Backward Classes Member Department, Haryana, are nominated as members. Besides this, Sh. Mukul Kumar, Special Secretary, Scheduled Castes and Backward Classes Welfare Department, has been nominated as Member Secretary.

Further, while performing the functions as provided under section 9 of the said Act, the Commission shall undertake the following works including studying the present social, educational and economic conditions of the backward classes in the

## No place for goons and criminals: Manohar Lal

**CHANDIGARH:** Taking serious note on the issue of threats to some MLAs in Haryana, the Chief Minister, Sh. Manohar Lal today convened a meeting of senior police officers



here today. Home Minister, Sh. Anil Vij was also present in the meeting. After taking detailed information about the matter, the Chief Minister directed senior police officers to take immediate action and put criminals behind the bars.

state, studying the representation and participation of backward classes in the Government and benefits and schemes of the Government, assess the benefits provided to the students from backward classes in educational institutions and estimate the employment opportunities available to youth from the backward classes and to recommend measures for enhancement of employment opportunities.

## Reha Chakraborty supplied drugs to SSR: NCB draft charge

**MUMBAI:** Actor Reha Chakraborty used to supply drugs to late actor Sushant Singh Rajput, NCB draft charge said here on Wednesday. Reha was receiving multiple deliveries of ganja from the co-accused, including her brother Showik, and these were handed over to Rajput the Narcotics Control Bureau informed a Special court here hearing the related drugs case linked to the actors death. The Central anti-drug agency informed the court last month while filing the draft charges against the accused and the copy of the same were made available to media on Wednesday in which the court was in-

formed that all the accused entered into a criminal conspiracy between March 2020 and December that year with each other or in groups to procure, purchase, sell and distribute drugs among the "high society and Bollywood". It also said the accused had financed drug trafficking and consumed ganja, charas, cocaine and other narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances without valid licence, permit or authorisation within the Mumbai Metropolitan region. Therefore, they have been charged under relevant provisions of the NDPS Act, including Sections 27 and 27 A (financing illicit traffic and harbouring offenders).

AGENCY  
LONDON, JUL 13

The race to replace Boris Johnson as the Conservative Party leader and British Prime Minister may have just officially begun but it has already made history for its diverse line-up of candidates, including two British Indians.

Frontrunner former Chancellor Rishi Sunak and Attorney General Suella Braverman, both 42, have much in common as UK-born Indian-origin politicians who campaigned for Brexit in the 2016 referendum.

The others vying for the top job at Downing Street on the ballot paper as the nominations closed on Tuesday evening also reflect that diversity in



London-born former minister Kemi Badenoch, 42, of Nigerian origin and Iraq-born Chancellor Nadhim Zahawi, 55, who came to the UK as a refugee when he was 11 years old and his family fled Baghdad under Saddam Hussein.

Trade Minister Penny Mordaunt and Tory backbencher Tom Tugendhat, are both 49 and have a military

## Maha: Six people swept away in rain-hit Nashik

AGENCY  
NASHIK, JUL 13

At least six people were swept away following heavy rains in Maharashtra's Nashik district over the last 24 hours and the body of one of them was found so far, officials said on Wednesday. Heavy showers lashed Peth, Surgana and Trimbakeshwar talukas of the district on Tuesday. In Nashik city, showers were back on Wednesday after taking a break for some hours the previous day. A six-

year-old girl was swept away on Tuesday while she and her uncle were crossing the Alandi river in Dindori taluka. Her uncle swam to safety, but the minor died, a police official said. In Mauje Palshi Khurd village of Peth taluka, one person was also swept away in the Godavari river, government officials said. A person was swept away in a drain near the Godavari river in Shilapur village and another person met with the same fate while crossing the Naar river in Surgana taluka on Tuesday, they said.

## Two British Indians in race for UK PM post

background, with Foreign Secretary Liz Truss, 46, and former minister Jeremy Hunt, 55, completing the list of eight Conservative Party MPs nominated for the race.

Sunak made his pitch to become the first British Prime Minister of Indian-origin with a slick video that referenced the very personal migration story of his rural Africa based Indian maternal grandmother, Sraksha, boarding a flight from Tanzania to build a better life in the UK in the 1960s.

"This young woman came to Britain where she managed to find a job, but it took her nearly a year to save enough money for her husband and children to follow her. One of those children was my mother aged

15, says Sunak, in the video which has been viewed nearly 50,000 since its release last week.

My mum studied hard to get the qualifications to become a pharmacist. She met my dad, an NHS [National Health Service] GP, and they settled in Southampton. Their story didn't end there, but that is where my story began, he says in the voiceover, alongside family pictures of his general practitioner father Yashvir and mother Usha with him as a young boy with his siblings.

The message to the Tory voters being that it represents the face of modern Britain where values of hard work and fairness override factors such as race and background.



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INLD gives equal respect to all classes: Manzoora

**RINKU GONDAR**  
**NISSING:** State President of Gondar INLD Kisan Cell, Phool Singh Manzoora said that INLD is a party which gives full respect to all its workers. On Wednesday, State President of Kisan Cell Phool Singh Manzoora will address INLD workers on 15th July, INLD MLA Abhay Singh Chautala reached Rajput Dharamshala in Sector 8. Phool Singh Manzoora alleged that the coalition government has pushed the state back from the point of view of development. The coalition government has encouraged corruption instead of development. He said that the government has discriminated against the people of the state in every field, but in the INLD government, the interests of the people, including the workers, were protected, but the coalition government has betrayed the people of the state. The INLD party has always been a party of the common man. During the reign of INLD, respect was given to the poor, farmers, businessmen and working class, but under the coalition rule, the people of the state are crying and today the heavy blow of inflation has made people suffer. Manzoora said that now the people of the state are waiting for the elections, so that they can change the coalition government.

127th drug awareness programme under

**ADGP Shrikant Jadhav**  
**SHIV KUMAR SHARMA**  
**KARNAL:** Haryana State Narcotics Control Bureau i.e. NCB Haryana Chief, Additional Director General of Police, Ambala Division and Founder and Provincial President of Prayas Haryana, Shrikant Jadhav, together with students and teachers in the courtyard of Government Senior Secondary School, Devidaspura Sector 5 organised the 127th drug de-addiction awareness programme. People were made aware to stay away from drugs by planting a sapling in the name of effort and took out a cycle tour. The shopkeepers selling tobacco products near the school were asked not to keep tobacco products in future by warning them not to sell them. Under the guidelines of Shrikant Jadhav, Haryana State Narcotics Control Bureau's Awareness Programme and Rehabilitation Sub-Inspector Dr. Ashok Kumar Verma was present as the keynote speaker. The programme was completed under the chairmanship of Balwinder Kaur, the principal of the school, while Karam Chand, a retired sub-inspector and member of Prayas, assisted in the operation of the programme. Sub-Inspector Dr. Ashok Kumar Verma, in-charge of awareness programme and rehabilitation of the Bureau, while addressing the students said that in order to make Haryana state completely drug free.

Campaign to make roads encroachment free

**R K KASHYAP**  
**YAMUNANAGAR, JULY 13**

The Municipal Corporation has launched a campaign to make the city roads encroachment free. Two days ago, the corporation personnel had explained to the shopkeepers not to encroach. Now the team of the corporation has taken action to confiscate the goods of the encroachers. The team of the corporation, while carrying out the encroachment drive on Railway Road, Jagadhri Workshop Road and Chhoti Line, confiscated the goods kept on the road. This action of the corporation caused a stir among the shopkeepers of the city. Some shopkeepers kept their belongings inside themselves after seeing the team of the corporation. The corporation workers warned them that if the goods were kept on the road again, they would be confiscated. On the instructions of Municipal Corporation Commissioner Ayush Sinha, the Municipal Corporation has started a drive to remove the encroachment. Teams have been formed under the leadership of CSI Harjit Singh in Jagadhri zone and CSI Surendra

HARYANA

YUGMARG, CHANDIGARH, THURSDAY, JULY 14, 2022

Canada based company expresses willingness to invest in Hry: Dalal

**BUREAU**  
**CHANDIGARH, JULY 13**

Haryana Minister of Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare and Animal Husbandry and Dairying, Sh. Jai Prakash Dalal said that Canada based Provita Nutrition has expressed its willingness to invest in Haryana. He added that company officials will explore investment opportunities in the state during the month of August.

A delegation led by Sh. Dalal during the visit to Canada visited Provita Nutrition Company in Saskatoon and Saskatchewan province of Canada. He interacted with the management members of the company and apprised them regarding the business friendly environment of Haryana and also invited them to invest in Haryana. The Provita Nutrition Management Company is mainly engaged in livestock, poultry and fish feed and supplements. The Agriculture Minister also assured all possible assistance to



Provita Nutrition.

Members of the delegation led by Sh. Dalal also visited Western College of Veterinary Medicine, University of Saskatchewan, Canada. Members of the delegation had a meeting with senior faculty members from Western College and officials from the Embassy of Canada. During the meeting, it was discussed to find out the mutual interests of the State of Haryana and the Canadian State of Saskatchewan. The meeting discussed HR exchange for Embryo Transfer Technology training in the month of May next year

under which HLDB will nominate 2-3 officers of the department for this training.

The Canadian delegation headed by Sh. Dalal also visited the Rayner Dairy Research Facility at the University of Saskatchewan. He also visited the state-of-the-art facility of 200 Holstein Friesian Cow Dairy Farm with Robotic Milking Parlor at the Dairy Research Centre. Sh. Dalal also visited a dairy farm with modern agricultural management practices and said that a similar modern dairy farm facility for indigenous cows, buffaloes and exotic animals will be explored at the livestock farm in Hisar. The delegation led by Sh. Dalal, which included Commissioner and Secretary, Department of Animal Husbandry and Dairying, Sh. Pankaj Agarwal, Political and Commerce Ambassador of Toronto, Sumanne Krishna, and senior officials of Haryana Livestock Development Board, visited the University of Guelph.

BJP weakening Haryana's claim by demanding separate assembly and HC: Abhay

**RANVIR PARASHAR**  
**CHANDIGARH:** INLD Principal General Secretary and Ellenabad MLA Abhay Singh Chautala accused the BJP coalition government of weakening Haryana's claim on Chandigarh and said that when Haryana and Punjab were bifurcated, Shah Commission was formed, according to which Chandigarh including Chandigarh's 107 Hindi speaking villages were to be given to Haryana. If the Chief Minister of Haryana demands for the creation of a separate Haryana Legislative Assembly, Secretariat and High Court, then he is working to weaken the side of Haryana. In Chandigarh UT, 40 per cent of Haryana cadre IAS and IPS officers are appointed, but the central government has now started appointing AGMUT cadre IAS and IPS officers under a conspiracy, due to which Haryana cadre IAS and IPS officers and less now. The appointment of officers from Haryana has remained negligible and Haryana's claim on Chandigarh is getting weaker.

Sukhbir Gill appointed National Convener of Anti Corruption

**SHIV KUMAR SHARMA**  
**KARNAL, JULY 13**

National President of Anti Corruption Foundation of India, Narendra Arora, while expanding the national team, appointed Sukhbir Singh Gill, a well-known social worker of Karnal as the national convener. Sukhbir Singh Gill has been a Sub Divisional Officer, Civil Engineer in HUDA and has been working in HUDA State Vigilance. In the national office, National President Narendra Arora handed over the appointment letter to the newly appointed officer Sukhbir Singh Gill and administered the oath to work for the eradication of corruption awareness while living in integrity and dignity of the post. On

this occasion, Sukhbir Singh Gill said that he would work in the dignity of his post and



work for the eradication of corruption, awareness and connect people from all over the country with the objectives of the organisation.

On this occasion, Narendra Arora said that the Anti

Corruption Foundation of India is working for the eradication of corruption awareness in all the states of India. The main objective of the organisation is to make more and more people aware about the eradication of corruption. The main functions of Anti Corruption Foundation of India include organising seminars in educational institutions and other places for corruption eradication awareness, running signature campaigns and oath taking campaigns, organising competitions related to anti corruption, promoting law-abiding among the people, to spread the word of truth and honesty by honouring the conscientious officers of the police and administration department, etc

Man caught with weapons

**RAMAN GUPTA**  
**KAITHAL:** Taking strict action against those possessing illegal ammunition, as per the instructions of SP Maqsood Ahmed, one accused, including 315 bore desi katta, was overpowered by the Kalayat police on Tuesday. Two days police remand of the accused was obtained from the Hon'ble Court for comprehensive interrogation.



bridge, was overpowered. During investigation, 315 bore country-made pistols were recovered from the possession of the accused. The accused was arrested under the Arms Act by HC Suresh Kumar of Kalayat Police, who reached the spot after registering a case in Kalayat Police Station.

NIFAA remembers social workers Manoj on his birth anniversary

**SHIV KUMAR SHARMA**  
**KARNAL, JULY 13**

Manoj Gautam, a young social worker and poet-writer of Karnal, who lost his life in the second wave of Covid, was remembered today by the National Integrated Forum of Artists and Activists (NIFAA) by planting a sapling on his birthday. The planting of saplings was done by Rajbir Sandhu and after that a total of 15 saplings were planted. Manoj Gautam, who made a special identity in the literary world of Karnal for his revolutionary ideology and powerful poems, was also the press secretary of NIFAA. Preetpal Singh Pannu, Founder President of NIFAA said that Manoj Gautam was a youth leader constantly striving for the betterment of the country and society and he had a wonderful ability to show the



society the right path through his writings. His lines on the ongoing dispute between India and Pakistan in the name of religion. "The heart longs to meet, This side as well as the other side, But walls are built on this side, also on the other side."

Manoj also wrote a poem while giving encouragement to everyone during the Corona crisis. "Time is hard, it will pass, the cloud of gloom will dissipate, awaken the power

Awareness programme held against drugs

**SHIV KUMAR SHARMA**  
**SONEPAT:** A one day drug de-addiction programme was held with students and teachers in the premises of Hindu Senior Secondary School under the guidelines and guidance of Haryana State Narcotics Control Bureau i.e. NCB Haryana Chief, Additional Director General of Police, Ambala Division and Founder and Provincial President of Prayas Haryana, Shrikant Jadhav.

Under the guidelines of ADGP Shrikant Jadhav Haryana State Narcotics Control Bureau's Awareness Program and Rehabilitation Sub-Inspector Dr. Ashok Kumar Verma was present as the keynote speaker. The programme was completed under the chairmanship of school principal Shammi Saxena, while vice principal Joginder Sandhu assisted. Sub-Inspector Dr. Ashok Kumar Verma, in-charge of awareness program and rehabilitation of the Bureau, while addressing the students said that in order to make Haryana state completely drug free, NCB had been formed in 2020. ADGP Shrikant Jadhav has also prepared a State Action Plan to make Haryana state drug-free, which is applicable to the entire Haryana. He said that NCB Haryana's helpline number 9050891508 has been run for the entire Haryana, on which any person can give secret information about those selling drugs including charas, heroin, chitta, smack, ganja, chura poppy, drug pills, intoxicant vaccines etc. He said that many people have been made drug-free under the guidelines of Jadhav. At the end of the programme, all the students and teachers pledged not to take drugs in life.



Plantation done by Environment Protection Committee on Guru Purnima: Kanwal Bhasin

**SHIV KUMAR SHARMA**  
**KARNAL, JULY 13**

On Guru Purnima, a plantation was done by Environment Protection Committee Karnal in Sector 13 Park. Committee Chief Pattern Kanwal Bhasin told that plantation programme was started by committee president. Chief Pattern said that weather has become disturbed due to Western Disturbance and wind is not blowing well. Sometimes the sun comes out very bright and sometimes the weather becomes silent. Due to lack of air in the atmosphere, there is humidity. Children and old people are getting worried because due to the humidity, sweat accumulates in the body and allergies keep happening. He told that a simple way to purify the atmosphere is to plant more and more



trees, which will increase the amount of oxygen in the atmosphere, purify the environment and help the common man get rid of the humidity. He also told that single use plastic was banned by government which is a very commendable work. Fruit trees of different species like mango, guava, pomegranate, amla, suhanjana, neem and jamun were planted by the committee members. Committee Chairman S.D. Arora said that at present, mango, guava, pome-

granate, amla, sunhajana, jamun, neem, cirrus, gudhal, gulmohar plants are present in large numbers with the committee. If any school, college, institution or person is required for planting saplings, then they will be given free of cost by the committee. Free Plants Committee head SD Arora Mob. 7988598466, Senior Vice President Ram Ratan Attri Mob. 98120-29928 and General Secretary K.L. Narang Mob 98960-19345 can be contacted.

Kalyan attends programme on Guru Purnima



**SHIV KUMAR SHARMA**  
**KARNAL, JULY 13**

Gharaunda MLA Harvinder Kalyan attended the programmes organised at Guru Brahmmand Ashram Nirmal Vihar and Swami Kalyani Ashram Pingali Chowk Karnal on the occasion of Guru Purnima on Wednesday. On this occasion, Mandal President Subhash Kashyap, Suresh former Sarpanch, Master Satpal, Vikas Kalyan etc. were present. Harvinder Kalyan said that the culture of our country is great, there is a tradition of celebrating every Teej-festival, celebration and festival with great gaiety.

Devotees expressed their reverence for the Guru and took blessings. Similarly, a blood donation camp was organised at Swami Kalyani Ashram Pingali Chowk Karnal, in this programme also the MLA encouraged the blood donors and said that blood donation is a great donation, a drop of blood can save the life of a needy person.

BD-India launches SANKALP

**SHIV KUMAR SHARMA**  
**REWARI:** To support the goal of eliminating Tuberculosis elimination in India by 2025, Becton Dickinson (BD) India has launched SANKALP - a 'Pledge to Fight TB Together'. Launched in Rewari today, Project SANKALP is aimed to be a catalytic effort to further strengthen the existing state machinery for TB diagnosis & management and developing a replicable and sustainable model that can be scaled up in other geographies. To begin with, the project is being initiated in Khol TB Unit (TBU) of District Rewari, with the target to cover a 2.2 lakh population spanning across 38,000 households in 118 villages in Year 1. Having gained learnings from the on-ground experience in Year 1, SANKALP will be subsequently reviewed and scaled up to other TBUs in Rewari over the next 3-5 years. Project SANKALP aims to support TB patients throughout their journey to facilitate early detection and timely management. This will be achieved by bringing the TB diagnostics closer to the patients through a customized SANKALP mobile screening van that is equipped with state-of-the-art diagnostic interventions including CBNAAT, Xray & AI assisted Teleradiology innovation, and blood glucose monitoring for eligible cases (patients) as per the NTEP algorithms & guidelines. The SANKALP team will conduct door-to-door active case finding for increased case detection & notifications, and also focusing on improving awareness within the community and healthcare providers for proper referrals to the programme. Present at the launch of SANKALP, Vishal Taneja, Business Director, MDS & NT, BD India/ South Asia said, "SANKALP is designed to be a proactive intervention that starts from the root-identifying people with tuberculosis symptoms and supporting across the care continuum for positive patient outcomes.



Tree plantation done by BJP Kisan Morcha

**PRITI SAINI**  
**SADHAURA, JULY 13**

Tree plantation was done in village Udamgarh under BJP Kisan Morcha Mandal Sadhaura. Various types of saplings were planted in the programme and the local people took a pledge to protect them.

In the plantation programme, Mandal President Pawan Saini said that just as the completeness of the family is seen from the children, in the same way the house is incomplete without plants. Therefore, plant saplings in the courtyard of every house. District General Secretary Surendra Bankat said that planting saplings brings happiness in our lives. Plants are our friends, and they provide us shade and fruits. Kisan Morcha President Kulwant Singh said that without plants, we cannot even think of breathing because they give oxygen and absorb carbon dioxide from the air. Humans cannot think of living without oxygen. Therefore, we should take a pledge to serve and protect them by planting saplings. Mandal President Pawan Saini, District General Secretary Surendra Bankat, Kisan Morcha President Kulwant Singh, IT cell chief Pankaj Saini Panchram, Gyanchand, Devicharan Bunty, Lakhan, Mamchand, Omprakash and the local residents were present.



Programme held under Anemia Mukta Bharat campaign



**MAINPAL KASHYAP**  
**INDRI:** A programme was organised in the auditorium of the Block Development and Panchayat Officer's office under the Anemia Free India Campaign in which the mid-day-meal in-charge of schools and Anganwadi works etc. were made aware. SDM Dr. Anand Kumar Sharma IAS, CMGGA Tavleen Kaur participated in the programme and gave directions. Block Education Officer Dr. Ramamurthy Sharma presided over. Anemia Mukta Bharat Abhiyan was launched in the district two days ago by District Deputy Commissioner Anish Yadav from Sub-Division Indri. During this, the Deputy Commissioner also inspected the camp set up in the Government Girls Senior Secondary School, Indri under the Anemia-free campaign. After this, about 22 teams of the health department are going to different schools to check the blood of the children and the children who are found to be deficient in blood, the department is giving blood-enhancing medicines to the children and to avoid anemia by the teams. Speaking in the programme organised in the auditorium of the Block Development and Panchayat Officer's office on Wednesday, SDM Dr. Anand Kumar Sharma IAS said that keeping in mind the health of the children, give them nutritious food and according to the guidelines of the government, the prescribed food in schools and Anganwadi.



NEWS AT A  
GLANCESumer Singh Gurjar takes  
over as the Commissioner  
of Rupnagar Division

**BAHADURJEET SINGH RUPNAGAR:** Sumer Singh Gurjar assumed charge as the Commissioner of Rupnagar division at the Commissioner's office. On arrival, he was given a "Guard of Honor" by the Punjab Police contingent. All the senior officers of Rupnagar district were also present on the occasion. On this occasion he was received by Deputy Commissioner Rupnagar Dr. Preeti Yadav and SSP Rupnagar Dr. Sandeep Garg. On this occasion, SDM Rupnagar, Jasveer Singh, DSP Rupnagar Rupinderjit Singh, Tehsildar Jaspreet Singh and other senior officials were present.

Recitation of Sundar Kand in  
connection with Guru  
Purnima organized

**RAJKUMAR SHARMA LUDHIANA:** The recitation of Sundar Kand in connection with Guru Purnima was organized on behalf of Shri Sat Zinda Kalyana Sevak Sabha Circular Road. On this occasion, by praising the glory of Shri Ram devotee Shri Hanuman ji, he pleased the company that came about the glory of the Guru. Especially on this occasion Ramesh Kapoor, Somnath Batra of Ram Prakash Kalanaur Wale Temple Trust, Chairman Chandramohan, Harish Sharma, Lalpat Khurana, Subhash Chandra, Manuraj Sharma, Goldie Sharma, Prince Sharma, Sushil Kumar, Acharya Pandit Shiv Shankar Tiwari, Ramesh Juneja, Ram Kumar, Gobind Ram, Dinanath Sapra, Jagdish Bohra, Bundi Sharma, Hansraj Batra, Rajkumar, Rakesh Arora, Lalit Kumar Chugh, former local councilor Davinder Jaggi, Mohinder Pal Singh, Vinod Sharma, Kunal Sharma, Ramesh Juneja, couple Rawat, Mohinder Lal Batra, Ramesh Juneja, Temple Trust's Pandit Ji Vishal Krishna Sharma, Hansraj Batra, Rajkumar etc.

52 DAV students  
shine in PU merit list

**RAJ SADOSH ABOHAR:** As many as 52 B.Ed (Bachelor of Education) students in DAV College of Education Abohar find their names in the merit list for 3rd Semester exam conducted by Panjab University. Principal Vijay Grover said today that students Parminder Kaur, Arshin and Muskan Khunger got 97 percent marks and have gained second position in the university. Alisha Sethi, Tamanna Saini, Shalini, Ajay Kumar, Palak Preet Kaur, Sanju Kumari, Prince, Neeraj and Shailja scored third position in the merit by securing 96.67 percent marks.

Bhai Vir Singh Chair Punjabi  
University conducts program

**RAWEL SINGH BHINDER PATIALA, JULY 13**

Under the able guidance of Prof. Arvind, Vice-Chancellor, Punjabi University, Patiala, Bhai Vir Singh Chair, European Punjabi Society, U.P. By. Sardar Mota Singh Sarai, the director of the company, was brought face to face. In this face to face program, In charge of Bhai Vir Singh Chair Dr. Harjodh Singh delivered the welcome address. Researcher Rameendep Kaur praised Mota Singh Sarai's personality. The special attraction of the program was the speech of Mota Singh Sarai. Sardar Mota Singh Sarai in his speech apprised about the activities of the European Punjabi Society and said that the aim of the society is to pro-



mote Punjabi mother tongue, literature and culture.

He shared his personal experiences of Punjabi language in foreign lands in which he explained the reason for the original association of the people living abroad with the mother tongue. Famous Writer Prof. Gurbhajan Singh Gill, Chairman, Lok Virasat Academy, Ludhiana, who was the special guest, lauded the services rendered by Mota Singh Sarai for Punjabiyaat, his hard work and dedication. Mota

Singh Sarai was honored with a letter of commendation by Trishanjit Kaur, former Dean, College, Punjabi University. Trishanjit Kaur lauded Mota Singh Sarai's work in delivering books to the right readers at the right time. Sardar Mota Singh Sarai was asked questions by the audience present on the occasion of his excellent journey. Dr. In his thank-you speech, Surjit Singh mentioned Mota Singh Sarai's dedicated spirit, clarity and planning for his work.

AAP govt cracks whip on drug peddlers  
within four months: Malwinder Kang

**GAURAV GOEL CHANDIGARH, JULY 13**

Lashing out strongly at the opposition for defaming Punjab for drugs, Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) on Tuesday said that the drug nexus has been cracked after forming the government within four months and the state government under the leadership of Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann is committed to annihilate drug menace from Punjab.

Addressing a press conference at party headquarter here, chief spokesperson Manwinder Singh Kang said that the AAP government has successfully managed to curtail the flow of drugs into the state by arresting drug lords in the past four months. Appreciating the functioning of Punjab Director General of Police (DGP) Punjab Gaurav Yadav for his pro-active policies against drug smugglers, Kang said that the Punjab government under the leadership of CM Mann is working tirelessly to eradicate drug from Punjab



to make the state again as 'Rangla Punjab'. He said that it is a testament to the AAP government's dogged dedication to drug elimination that the state had arrested 676 drug smugglers/suppliers after registering 559 first information reports (FIRs) under the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances (NDPS) act across the state in the past one week.

Not only this, Punjab police, having a strict stand against drug peddling, had seized 57Kg heroin, 17Kg opium, 25Kg ganja, 7 quintals

of poppy husk, and 2.25 lakh intoxicant pills/capsules among other drugs after carrying out cordon and search operations in drug-affected areas beside laying checking points at vulnerable routes across the state. As many as 32 Proclaimed offenders and absconders in NDPS cases were arrested in the past week, Kang said adding that Punjab Police teams in a joint operation with ATS Gujarat and Central Agencies also recovered 75Kg Heroin from a container at Mundra Port in Gujarat. Reprimanding the BJP government, Kang said that drugs were being smuggled from neighbouring states into Punjab and the central government should intensify its crackdown against it as the AAP government has launched a drive in Punjab to save the future of youngsters.

Reiterating his government's firm government to eliminate drugs from the state, Kang said that those involved in this dastardly trade will not be spared and their properties will be seized.

Vidhan Sabha members can cast vote through  
prescribed form

**CHANDIGARH:** For the purpose of the Presidential Election, the Election Commission of India has fixed the Committee Room 'A' of the Punjab Vidhan Sabha Secretariat, Chandigarh, as the place of poll which will take place between 10.00 am to 5.00 pm, on Monday, the 18th July, 2022 for elected Members of the Punjab Legislative Assembly. Now, the Commission has relaxed the 10 days norms fixed for applying for permission to any elected Member of the Punjab Legislative Assembly to cast his/her vote at the place of polling in Room No.63, Parliament House, New Delhi as well as at any other State Headquarter who are not able to cast his/her vote at his/her own State Headquarter. Giving more details, Assistant Returning officer (ARO) for Presidential Election cum Secretary, Punjab Vidhan Sabha informed that If any elected Member of the Punjab Legislative Assembly is interested to cast his/her vote at New Delhi or at any other State Head Quarter, then prescribed Form in this regard can be had from the ARO which can be entertained even after 10 days before the date of poll, if there is sufficient time available for making necessary arrangements in this regard.

SDIC demands compensation  
for businessman community

**SUMER GARG SANGRUR, JULY 13**

The first meeting of the Executive Committee members of Sangrur District Industry Chamber (SDIC), Sangrur was held under the leadership of its President, Sanjeev Chopra Kitty her last evening. In which the industrialists has demanded that the Punjab government should compensate for the damage caused by an accident like fire, natural calamity and inevitable accidents at the premises of any industrialist or businessman.

In the meeting, the industrialists said that many such accidents had been happened in the past and the victims were not revived from the loss caused due to these accidents, the government was also urged to make a simple policy for the sheller industry and in this regard, the industrialists would soon meet the Food



Supplies Minister. On the occasion, new team of the chamber was announced, Chairman, Dr. AR Sharma; vice chairman, Ghanashyam Kansal; General secretary, MP Singh; Finance secretary, Prem Gupta. Apart from this, Patrons, VP Singh, Vijay Gupta, Meghraj Goyal and KM Gupta; Coordinators, Dimple Garg and Sanjay Goyal; Vice-presidents, Sajeev Sood, Aman Zakhami, Sanjeev Goyal, Rajiv Bansal Makhan, Vitesh Garg, Jatinder Mittal, Jaswant Singh, Sunil Goyal, Bharat Bhushan,

Bhim Sen, Ram Niwas, Sanjay Garg, Swarnjit Singh; Managing Secretary, Gaurav Maghan and Vitesh Goyal; Executive Secretary, Munish Garg, Rajkumar; PRO, Vijay Mohan; Press Secretary, Sushil Kansal and Karamveer Singla and Vishal Garg as Building in-charge.

Among the prominent, Er. Rajesh Garg, Gora Lal, Vishal Gupta, Amar Singh, Upinder Garg, Rajesh Singla, Prabhat Gupta, Trilochan Singh, Narinder Garg and Amar Gupta were present on this occasion.

DAV College Bathinda:  
A Pioneer in Sports

**ANIL VERMA BATHINDA, JULY 13**

"An athlete cannot run with money in his pockets. He must run with hope in his heart and dreams in his head"- Emil Zatopek. With an objective of giving wings to hope and translating dreams into action, DAV College Bathinda, a major educational hub, along with academics, constantly endeavours to provide the best sports facilities under one roof. This is the only institution in Malwa region with cutting edge infrastructure and facilities, like, 400 mt. running track, basketball court, cricket academy and girls hockey wing. International level cricket ground with newly constructed pitch and rigorous coaching being provided for kabaddi, hockey and cricket have lent the department a status par excellence. The outdoor facilities have specifications as per the field needs and international requirements. Coaching here is provided by the best and recognised trainers and coaches. The unsurpassed sports facilities and rigorous training have enabled the students to proudly go on to represent the college at national and international championships and win accolades. To name a few, Sandeep Narwal and Manpreet Manna, the dedicated kabaddi players, have been conferred with "Arjuna" and "Dhyanchand" award respectively, Baljeet Kaur is the

Sandhwan felicitates Asia book of records  
holder cyclist Gurpreet Singh Kamow

**SURINDER PAL KOTKAPURA, JULY 13**

Punjab Vidhan Speaker S. Kulraj Singh Sandhwan, on Wednesday, felicitated Asia Book of Records holder cyclist Mr. Gurpreet Singh Kamow of Kotkapura here at his chamber in the State Assembly.

Gurpreet Kamow cycled 100-km daily for 100 consecutive days from June 8, 2020 to September 15, 2020, without taking a day break, to inspire people to start cycling for staying fit, resulting in clinching his spot in the Asia Book of Records on June 1, 2022. Congratulating Mr. Gurpreet Kamow and Kotkapura Cycle Riders for this coveted feat, the Speaker said



that Gurpreet Kamow's achievement will inspire many youngsters and aspiring cyclists, who will emulate his path of strive and success. Not only people of Kotkapura, rather whole Punjab is immensely proud of him, he said, while adding that Gurpreet has the potential to rise to be one of the cycling superstars.

Felicitating him with an

appreciation letter and a momento, S. Sandhwan wished him all the success in future endeavours. Notably, 40-year-old Gurpreet Kamow had also won 'Super Randonneur' title in 2021 by cycling 200kms, 300kms, 400kms and 600kms in prescribed time frame. This event was organised by Audax India Randonneurs (AIR).

Delegation of Senior  
Vocational Staff Association  
meets Education Minister

**SANJEEV TEJPAL MORINDA, JULY 13**

A High-Level Delegation of Senior Vocational Staff Association Punjab Meets Education Minister Sardar Harjot Singh Bains at Secretariat Chandigarh, during which the delegation mainly raised the demand for promotion of Vocational Masters backlog. The education minister listened carefully. Mahima Singh, Senior Leader of the Association said that the delegation led by the State President of the Association Tirath Singh Bhatoa in a memorandum submitted to the education minister said that 1225 posts of Vocational Masters have been sanctioned by the Punjab Government with a common seniority list. To fill these vacancies the department had prescribed Degree in Engineering or 3 years Diploma plus 3 years' experience, educational qualification and these appointments were made on the same pay scale as the school lecturer.

Man accused of killing own  
father arrested by police

**JAGRAON (SUKH NAHAR):** A shocking and unfortunate incident has been reported from village Lakha of district Ludhiana (rural) where a person has been accused of murdering his own father. Police filed FIR against the accused on the statement of deceased Jagroop Singh alias Joopa's elder son Davinder Singh alias Manga resident of village Lakha, PS Hathoor. As per the complainant, his younger brother and deceased's younger son Karam Singh alias Nikka had huge differences with their father Jagroop Singh (deceased) and both would argue and fight with each other quiet often. "On 11 July at nearly 9:30 PM at their residence in village Lakha, accused Karam Singh was listening to music on a high voice so, Jagroop Singh asked him to stop the music and go to sleep as it was "late" at night but accused Karam Singh got incited at this and started arguing with Jagroop Singh and picked up "ghotna" (a wooden instrument used in kitchen) in the meanwhile. Accused Karam Singh chased our father Jagroop Singh while he ran out of house to save himself but the accused attacked him with "ghotna" and he fell down," he said. "After this, the accused hit the deceased with "ghotna" several times with an intention to murder him," the complainant mentioned in his statement. The complainant accused that Jagroop Singh succumbed to the injuries and his own son Karam Singh is the killer. SI Hardeep Singh telling more about the case said that police has arrested the accused and filed FIR 58 against him under section 302 of IPC on the statement of deceased's elder son.

## AIPL remains committed to developing green, sustainable urban infra

**SACHIN MOUDGILL / SHARMA LUDHIANA, JULY 13**

Fully aligned with the Sustainable Development Goals Advance India Projects Limited (AIPL), a pioneer in real estate development, launched 'Trees of Joy', a unique plantation drive under which nearly 5000 saplings will be planted at AIPL's upcoming township DreamCity, on Sidhwan canal road.

A host of dignitaries, namely, Sanjeev Arora, MP, Rajya Sabha along with Sant Baba Balbir Singh Seechewal, eminent environmentalist, Padma Shree and also an MP, Rajya Sabha, Justice Jasbir Singh, Chairman, National Green Tribunal, SC Aggarwal, IAS (Retd), Chief Secretary, National Green Tribunal, Prof Gurbachan Gill and Harpreet Sandhu, an eminent author and nature artist, graced the planta-



tion drive. Apprising the esteemed guests about DreamCity Ludhiana, a sustainable green township, Daljeet Singh, Executive Director, AIPL, said: We are committed to bring Green revolution in Ludhiana and it shall not be just confined to our township but shall spread our roots to the other parts of the city to make it greener and cleaner." Sanjeev Arora, MP, Rajya Sabha said, "It is good to note that presently, the real es-

tate companies are coming up with buildings that are certified as green buildings. These buildings are considered very eco-friendly. In-fact, Green Buildings are the need of the hour to promote energy conservation and environmental emission reduction. This matter is also on the agenda of the newly formed AAP government in Punjab because the government fully understands that this is the need of the hour." Terming the 'Planta-

tion drive' a significant step taken by AIPL, Balbir Singh Seechewal, said, "Saving the environment is the need of the hour. We need to plant more trees. We have played havoc with the environment and now it's our duty to increase the green cover. Each one should plant 5 to 6 saplings in his or her area."

Justice Jasbir Singh, Chairman, National Green Tribunal (NGT) said, "It's also the duty of the public to follow waste segregation guidelines for safeguarding the environment. All onus cannot be pinned on the government.

The media should also make people aware of their duties towards the environment." Notably, DreamCity Ludhiana is blessed with concepts and features, which truly position it as a vibrant sustainable township. With lakes, lagoons, rain gardens, swales, the township's landscape catches every drop of

water and reuses it either for irrigation or for recharging the ground water. The township has a seven acres man-made lake - in its center. It is a man-made lake used to collect the surface runoff stormwater. Additionally, the township has approx. 5000 kld capacity of The Sewage Treatment Plants STP's and every drop of this treated water is utilized within the township to ensure zero discharge.

Other urban infrastructure developers must also come forward and get aggressive in promoting a vibrant and green ecosystem. The reason: time is running out very fast, and there is an urgent need to act. It is worth mentioning that DreamCity Ludhiana beautifully incorporates organic farming, natural waste composting facility, reuse of treated wastewater, recycling of garbage, bee farms, butterfly gardens, fruit orchards, and nursery, etc.

'Kisan-Hut' vegetable pakoras  
attract people, prices of green  
vegetables skyrocket

**RAMPURA PHUL (HEMANT KUMAR SHARMA):** The 'Kisan-Hut' at Rampura Phul on the Bathinda-Chandigarh highway has become a center of attraction for the people. Now that the prices of green vegetables have skyrocketed, people have moved to this hut more than ever. Young post graduate farmers Navdeep 'Bali' and Gursharan Singh Sidhu further said that besides cultivating turmeric and other crops, they also produce some agro-based culinary products in their field including chilli powder, hot spices, Gram flour, lassi curd masala, pakoras and vegetables prepared from gram flour Wale masala are also included. He also informed that these agricultural products were in great demand in the regional fairs of Punjab Agricultural University at Ludhiana and Bathinda etc. and in the agricultural fairs of various district headquarters of the agriculture department with the full support of the governments and administrations from time to time.



People upset due to  
bad roads and  
drinking water crisis



UNA: Mining and drug mafia active under protection of power in Una, administration was dwarf in front of Mafia Raj, condition of roads is also bad. It was stated by Puran Chandra, AAP Vice President after reaching Aam Aadmi Party's Parivartan Yatra reached today. AAP workers along with Parivartan Yatra did mass dialogue with the local people. During the public dialogue, the local people told that under the protection of power in Una district, there is a rule of mining and drug mafia. Due to the patronage of power, the administration is also proving to be a dwarf in front of the mafia. The people of the area constantly demand the district administration to take action against the mining and drug mafia but no action is taken against them. Illegal mining is in full swing in Una's Swan river. The government spent thousands of crores for channelization of the Swan river itself, but due to illegal mining, the channelization has also suffered heavy losses. The government's effort to crack down on the mining mafia is insufficient. People complained about illegal mining in Swan to the National Green Tribunal. Reprimanding the government and the administration, the Green Tribunal also constituted a committee to investigate the mining in Swan and ordered the government to take strict action against illegal miners. Even after this, the administration is proving unsuccessful in stopping illegal mining in the Swan river.

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## Jai Ram Thakur blasts Cong over international airport at Mandi

PANKAJ BHARTIYA  
HAMIRPUR, JULY 13

HP Chief Minister, Jai Ram Thakur today blasted the Congress party leader, Mukesh Agnihotri on the delay in the construction of the International Airport at Mandi. Talking to reporters after alighting at Kanjyan helipad on his day-long tour of Bhoranj area of the district, he said the Congress party leader should understand that there was no school building or ground which should be ready in one day only. In fact, this is an international airport and it may take a long time for its completion. He said the construction process takes time. So now the work of airport construction has started on the selected land in Balh area of Mandi district. He



said in the coming time this airport would prove to be very beneficial for the people, which would also boost tourism in the state. At the same time, the chief minister also hit back on the statement given by the Congress leaders in Hamirpur on Tuesday

development done during the last fifty-four months. On the constant attacks being made by Mukesh Agnihotri on him and the BJP, the Chief Minister said, "he was not angry with anyone. Let him speak, people know who is right and who is wrong. Earlier, the Chief Minister reached Bhoranj assembly constituency on a one-day tour. During this, he listened to the public problems of the people and also redressed them. He was received at the Kanjyan helipad by Bhoranj MLA Kamlesh Kumari, District President Baldev Sharma, HRTC Vice President Vijay Agnihotri, Skill Development Corporation Vice President Naveen Sharma and top administration officers and officials of the district.

## Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas to build an Aatmanirbhar Bharat: Kashyap

DINESH AGARWAL  
SIRMAUR, JULY 13



BJP State President and member of Parliament Suresh Kashyap inaugurated the solar light and solar geyser installed at civil hospital Sarahan, Bhureshwar mahadev link road worth 123.53 lakhs, Sub Tehsil Bhawan Narag and 4 rooms of government senior secondary school kotla bharog. Suresh Kashyap also Launched the Health Sub Center in Lana kasar and laid the foundation stone of nature park near Bhureshwar temple. Kashyap said that Jairam Government is doing an excellent job in overall development of Sirmour. Sirmour has seen a steep rise in terms of development and this is because we have a responsive Government in Himachal. BJP leaders are aware of the needs of the local public. Our public representatives are in complete touch with the general public and BJP is committed to the ideals of "Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas, Sabka Vishwas, Sabka

Prayaas" to build an Aatmanirbhar Bharat. The government has been working to ensure basic necessities to all citizens of the country through various programmes and schemes for the holistic welfare of the poor and marginalised sections of society. Congress party only belives in negative publicity this is the only reason they are putting baseless allegations on the performance of the government. He said congress is a divided house and this was also seen in Sirmour where they could not decide on their leadership. MLA Reena Kashyap, Chairman Baldev Bhandari and Mandal president Surender Nehru were also present on this occasion.

## China again upset over Dalai Lama's visit to Leh

SANJAY AGGARWAL  
DHARAMSHALA, JULY 13

After nearly four years, Tibetan spiritual leader Dalai Lama may visit Leh on 15 July. His visit comes at a time when India is facing a military standoff with China in eastern Ladakh. In this tussle, China is also looking at the message of birthday greetings through the prism of diplomacy. It has also objected to Prime Minister Narendra Modi's greetings on the Dalai Lama's 87th birthday. In such a situation, the visit of the Dalai Lama on the very next day of his birthday will certainly increase China's troubles. Because before this, when the Dalai Lama visited Leh in 2018, China was shocked at that time too. These antics



make China forget that Ladakh is the territory of India and the Dalai Lama is its guest. In fact, the relationship between China and the Dalai Lama is hidden in its relationship with Tibet. In the fourteenth century, the Gelug school was established in Tibet to propagate Buddhism, and from there Gendrun Drupa emerged as the first Dalai Lama. Tibetans see the Dalai Lama as both a teacher and a leader. In a way, he is considered as a guide. But in

the meantime the struggle for independence between Tibet and China continued till the 19th century. In 1912, the 13th Dalai Lama declared Tibet independent. But in 1949 communist China invaded Tibet and occupied it in 1951. In view of the repressive policies of China, on 17 March 1959, the 14th Dalai Lama left Tibet and sought refuge in India along with thousands of his followers. And came to India and settled in Dharamsala, Himachal Pradesh. But China did not like India's giving asylum to the Dalai Lama. And this was also an important reason for the Indo-China war in 1962. Since then, the Dalai Lama has been living in exile in India. And India's support to them, keeps knocking China.

## KCC Bank will have a burden of 25 crores with new pay scale

SANJAY AGGARWAL  
DHARAMSHALA, JULY 13

Kangra Central Cooperative Bank is going to issue new pay scale to its employees soon. This will put a burden of Rs 25 crore on the bank annually. The board of directors of the bank has issued its approval regarding the new pay scale and for this the approval of RCS is yet to be received. The new pay scale will benefit 1253 employees of the bank. Along with this, 257 retired employees of the bank will also benefit from this. This benefit will be available to all the officers and employees from the fourth employee to the General Manager. Employees will get the benefit of the new pay scale from January 1, 2016 to June 30, 2022. Under this the arrears liability has been estimated at Rs 88 crore. Whereas with the new pay scale, the bank will have to face an additional financial burden of Rs 25 crore annually. Although the bank has not yet decided on behalf of the bank manager how much dividend will be given to the employees in the form of arrears and how will the arrears be paid. It is being told that after getting the approval of the new pay scale from RCS, the bank manager will decide the status of payment of arrears keeping in mind the financial condition of the bank. The agenda of the new pay scale of the bank was placed in the meeting of the Bank of the Board and this proposal was passed keeping in view the interests of the employees. According to Vinod Kumar, MD of KCC Bank, the employees will be given the benefit of the new pay scale as soon as they get the approval from the RCS.

## 2 Himachal cricketers in CWG squad

HAMIRPUR, JULY 13

Two Himachal cricketers -- Renuka Thakur and Harleen Deol -- will be part of the Indian women's T20 cricket team for the Commonwealth Games in Birmingham, England. Harleen, who hails from Punjab, represent Himachal Pradesh in domestic cricket. She has left a mark in the Indian team with her batting as well as bowling skills. Recently, Renuka showcased her fine form with her fantastic bowling in the three-match ODI series against Sri Lanka. She was adjudged Player of the Match for her four-wicket haul in the second ODI. The Women's T20 Cricket will emulate history

at Birmingham 2022 as the first T20 International played by women, and this will be the first time both the T20 format and the women's game feature at CWG, starting from July 28. India is in Group A with Australia, Barbados, and Pakistan. Sri Lanka, England, New Zealand, and South Africa are placed in Group B. The top two teams from the respective pools will progress to the semifinals. India is scheduled to play three games in the league stage of the tournament starting July 29. "It is a matter of pride for the state that two women cricketers have been selected in Team India. For the first time in the cricket included

in the Commonwealth Games, both the cricketers of the state will play for India," said RP Singh, Vice President of the HP cricket association. The Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) on Monday on Monday to picked the squad for the forthcoming quadrennial event. Squad: Harmanpreet Kaur (C), Smriti Mandhana (VC), Shafali Verma, S. Meghana, Taniyaa Sapna Bhatia (WK), Yastika Bhatia (WK), Deepti Sharma, Rajeshwari Gayakwad, Pooja Vastrakar, Meghna Singh, Renuka Thakur, Jemimah Rodrigues, Radha Yadav, Harleen Deol, Sneha Rana. Standby: Simran Dil Bahadur, Richa Ghosh, Poonam Yadav.

## Farmers advised protection against 'Sundi'



JOGINDER DEV ARYA  
BANGANA, JULY 13

Under chairmanship of Deputy Agriculture Director Dr. Kulbhushan Dhiman, team inspected disease named False Army Warm (Sundi) in maize crop in some areas of Bangana block. This disease was confirmed, and urged the farmers to use Corazin insecticide in time. Spray 8 ml / kanal and your corn and protect crop from outbreak of this disease. Corazin insecticide is available in sufficient quantity with department. District Agriculture Officer Dr. Ramesh Lal, Scientist Dr. Sanjay Sharma from Krishi Vigyan Kendra Una, Subject Matter Expert Bangana Dr. Satpal Dhiman, Agriculture Extension Officer Bangana Ashok Kumar were present.

## Formation of 15 teams in the district for TV survey: Gurudarshan Gupta

SANJAY AGGARWAL  
DHARAMSHALA, JULY 13

Expressing concern about the increasing cases in district Kangra, CMO Gurudarshan Gupta has asked people to follow the corona rules and if symptoms of corona are found, they have been asked to check it immediately in the nearest hospital, so that the corona infected person along with- As well as saving the lives of other people. Addressing the journalists in Dharamsala, he said that there were 314 active cases. He said that so far 64,825 cases of Karona have been reported in district Kangra, while 1249 people have died due to Corona. The infection capacity of Corona was 6 percent, which has increased



to 7 which is a matter of concern for us. He said that those who have not yet taken the corona vaccine, they should get the vaccine done immediately. Regarding TV disease, the CMO said that the Government of India has set a target of TV eradication

by 2025. This survey was done in some selected villages and cities by the Government of India in district Kangra. For this survey 15 teams were formed in the district. These teams went door-to-door in their area to identify people with possible TV symptoms and sent their sputum to the lab for testing. The Chief Medical Officer said that sputum testing is done free of cost at 41 health centers in district Kangra, and 16 state-of-the-art machines for testing the faulty TV inside district Kangra at different places in the district. He told that recently in July in the month a high level team of 8 members of the Government of India had come to the district Kangra to assess the

activities of the TV program! The team of Joint Sportive Supervision visited selected places in district Kangra, interviewed the record verification patients and interviewed the employees of the health department. District Kangra was also rated better by this team in the field of TV elimination and some valuable suggestions were given by this team to the district administration which will prove to be a milestone in making District Kangra TV free in future. In district Kangra, sputum testing is done free of cost at 41 health centers, 16 state-of-the-art machines are available at different places in the district to test the damaged stomach inside district Kangra.

## Youth BJP Mandal President died before falling from the roof

SANJAY AGGARWAL  
DHARAMSHALA, JULY 13



Former Yuva Morcha President and BJP worker Sanjay Sandhu of Dharamshala BJP Mandal died suddenly. He had fallen from Lental the previous day and was injured, who was taken to Chandigarh for treatment, where he could not bear the wounds and died. After hearing the news of his death, there is an atmosphere of mourning among his relatives and friends. At the same time, his BJP colleagues are giving peace to the departed soul by sharing pictures taken with him on the internet media. It is being told that he was seriously injured after falling from the house under construction yesterday. In the injured condition, he was taken to Chandigarh for better treatment. But he died

today in Chandigarh Hospital without suffering any wounds. BJP officials have termed it as irreparable loss. Senior BJP workers and office bearers Rajesh Verma, Gayatri Kapoor, Veer Singh and other BJP workers have prayed for the peace of the departed soul. He told that he has lost a great person and a good friend, while MLA Vishal Nehria has also expressed grief over his death by sharing a post on Facebook. He has also remembered his contribution to the party and the organization.

## 400 new trains will start in new rail budget: Ramesh Chandra Ratna



DAULAT CHAUHAN  
JAWALI, JULY 13

Ramesh Chandra Ratan, chairman of the Indian Railway Passenger Service Committee, has said that during tenure of the Modi government, Indian Railways has been modernized and beautified on a large scale. Life line It is also considered Life line. He said that 2 to 2.5 crore passengers travel daily in Indian Railways, so Ministry of Railways has taken many important steps in the last 10 years to expand new railway line and provide better facilities to passengers. Ramesh Chandra said that due to modernization

of railways, WiFi service was started at 8500 railway stations of the country, while electrification is also being done at a fast pace. He said that strict security arrangements have been made for safe travel in trains. With efforts, arrangements have been made for world class stations, and rail coaches, the same fast speed trains like Gatimaan, Vande Bharat, Tejas were started. He said that all the passengers reached their destination safely and comfortably. It has been decided to start 400 new trains, there is a plan to run Vande Bharat trains on many rail routes, along with Bhopal, Gandhi Capital and Bangalore have been given the status of world class stations. Those who are accusing the Prime Minister of selling railways, first look in their pockets and tell what they did for the development of Indian Railways during their tenure, they said that Congress did work of dividing the country and spreading Naxalism. He said that Congress party, which ruled for almost 5 decades by promising to eradicate poverty, could not give anything to the country except poverty and unemployment.

## Guru Ravidas Youth Ekta and Maharishi Balmiki Club organizes Social Awareness Camp



KISHORI LAL BAINS  
AMB, JULY 13

Guru Ravidas Youth Ekta and Maharishi Balmiki Club organized a Social Awareness Camp in Santokhgarh. Co-ordinator of Mission Pay Back to Society Kuldeep Chand addressed gathering of youth and said that 25 percent of underprivileged and vulnerable children will be enrolled in private schools. The disadvantaged category will include Scheduled Castes and Other Backward Classes. Children from Other Backward Classes families will be subject to rights as prescribed by the government. He added that there will be no such income limit for children of the Scheduled Castes.

## Mother-child hospital will be ready in a month: DC

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Better facilities will be provided to the patients in Regional Hospital Una. This was stated by Raghav Sharma, Deputy Commissioner and Chairman, RKS Governing Body, while presiding over the meeting of Rogi Kalyan Committee at Regional Hospital Una on Wednesday. In the meeting, the budget of Rs 1.60 crore for the financial year 2022-23 of RKS was also passed. He said that the Maternal-Child Health (MCH) block under construction at a cost of about Rs 22 crore in the regional hospital complex would be ready within a month. He said that after the construction of MCH block, the dialysis wing running in PPP mode in the third floor of the regional hospital would be shifted to the ground floor. He said that the matter was being discussed for a long time and now it will be brought on the ground floor if proper space is available in hospital. This will benefit patients who come for dialysis. DC said that for convenience of patients in



regional hospital, the number of benches would be increased, while three new private rooms would be prepared for the patients in the hospital. He said that electronic token system would be implemented for the patients to manage the long lines at the OPD, while two vehicles parking space would be provided for the differently-abled patients at the entrance of the hospital. He said that for redressal of the grievances of the patients in the regional hospital, a complaint board would be put up in the Medical Superintendent's office and two rooms would be arranged in the hospital for the attendants accompanying the patients.



Treatment of another female patient suffering from uterine tumor without operation with Ayurvedic medicines



**HEMANT KUMAR SHARMA RAMPURA PHUL:** Dr. Ranju Jindal of Jai Shakti Ayurvedic Hospital, Rampura Phul successfully cured another woman suffering from uterine tumor without any operation with Ayurvedic medicines and cured her of the disease. It is to be mentioned that Dr. Ranju Jindal has already successfully treated many women suffering from uterine tumors. Gurmeet Kaur, a resident of Rampura Phul, said that she had been suffering from uterine tumor for a long time. Despite receiving treatment from various places, his illness could not be cured. Meanwhile, an expert advised him to seek treatment from Dr. Ranju Jindal at Jai Shakti Ayurvedic Hospital. Meanwhile, Dr. Ranju Jindal started his treatment with Ayurvedic system. After taking the medicine for about two months, his medical report was completely cured. Gurmeet Kaur said that now she is completely cured. Dr. Ranju Jindal said that Ayurvedic treatment system can be used to treat serious to serious ailments.

Road accident happened on Dinanagar Narot Jaimal Singh main road



**SURESH KUMAR BHOA:** In front of Lotus International School near Khal bridge located on Dinanagar Narot Jaimal Singh main road, suddenly a truck number pb02 bo 9208 was hit from the front by some unknown vehicle. Giving information about the driver and the cleaner who were admitted to the hospital for treatment, truck driver Avtar Singh, son of Mahinder Singh, resident of Sadhu Kala district, Amritsar said that he was going to the crusher with his truck at around 11:30 in the night. It was that suddenly the overloaded trolley filled with sand from the front became unbalanced while climbing the bridge due to which the tractor trolley hit him face to face due to which he was seriously injured while the tractor trolley driver fled on the spot after seeing him stuck in the truck. He told that information has been given in this regard to the police station Taragarh and on behalf of the station in-charge of Taragarh police station, action has been started by registering a case against unknown vehicle and unknown person.

Ceremony dedicated to martyrdom day of Bhai Mani Singh at Gurdwara Sant Ashram Sahib



**R. SINGH PATHANKOT:** A function was held at Gurdwara Sant Ashram Sahib dedicated to the martyrdom day of Bhai Mani Singh Ji. The langar was used extensively. On this occasion President Gagandeep Singh Sonu, Vice President Balbir Singh, Ramandeep Singh, Hardeep Singh, Navdeep Singh, Nirmal Singh, Jaspal Singh, Dilpreet Singh, Gagandeep Singh, Baljit Singh, Lakhwinder Singh Moti, Rubaldeep Singh, etc. were present.

Guru Purnima celebrated at DJJS amid tight security

**ASHOK KAURA PHAGWARA:** Heavy police arrangements were put in place as the Divya Jyoti Jagrati Sansthan (DJJS) a religious seat headed by Ashutosh Mahraj (clinically declared dead but claimed to be in Samadhi), held its Guru Purnima celebrations on Wednesday in view of the threats by some terrorists against the Sansthan, headquartered in Nurmahal. Senior district officials were supervising security arrangements accompanying by many DSP's. The district police had deployed more than hundreds of police personnel for providing security during the annual function which was held after three years gap. Thousands of devotees form all over the state participated in the celebrations. Union state minister for commerce and industry Som Parkash, Punjab minister of food and civil supplies Lal Chand Kataru Chak, Ludhiana MP R.S. Bittu, Nakodar, Jalandhar central, Zira, Ludhiana AAP MLA's IK Mann, Ramana Arora, Naresh Kataria and Daljit Singh Grewal, SC commission chairman Vijay Sampla RSS, Congress.

# Fully committed to ensure corruption free services: Aman Arora

SHASHI PAL JAIN CHANDIGARH, JULY 13

The State Government led by the Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann is fully committed to provide corruption free services to the residents of urban areas besides ensuring a world class infrastructure in the big cities.

The various wings of the Urban Development department must leave no stone unturned to meet this objective. This was stated here today by the Housing and Urban Development Minister Aman Arora during his meetings with the development authorities of different cities. The Minister also reviewed the functioning of PUDA, GMA-DA, GLADA, Patiala Development Authority (P.D.A.), Bathinda Development Authority (B.D.A.) and the Town & Country Planning during the course of marathon



meetings. In the meeting conducted separately with each development authority, a presentation was made with regard to the concerned authority.

Mr. Arora further said that the past few years have seen the migration from villages and small towns towards the big cities. The population of the cities has grown

exponentially but the amenities have gone from bad to worse.

The Minister directed the officers that considering the population aspect in view of the present circumstances, the emphasis should be on ensuring citizen centric services in a hassle free manner. "Under Punjab Urban Planning, focus must be on availability

DC warns shopkeepers against encroachments

**ABOHAR (RAJ SADOSH):** Dr. Himanshu Aggarwal, Commissioner, Municipal Corporation, Abohar and Deputy Commissioner has appealed to the occupiers of footpaths in Abohar not to stack any goods and let pedestrians use the same. He said that if the people did not clear the footpaths, then the MC would take strict action. Dr. Aggarwal said that the MC has constructed footpaths on both the sides of the road from Malout Chowk to Major Surinder Prasad Chowk for the convenience of the general public. But it has come to notice that many shopkeepers were creating problems for pedestrians by keeping their vehicles or goods etc. there. Also, with the footpaths constructed on both sides of Circular Road and Rani Jhansi Market Road, shopkeepers were creating obstacles for the public.

Agriculture officers raid shops of various fertilizer, pesticide and seed vendors in Majri Block



SHASHI PAL JAIN KHARAR, JULY 13

Under the direction of Dr. Rajesh Kumar Raheja, Chief Agriculture Officer, the team of Block Majri conducted chalking of shops of various fertilizer, pesticide and seed vendors in Majri Block. In the checking team, Dr. Parminder Singh, Dr. Gurpreet Singh and Mr. Shivinder Kumar ATM were present.

Giving more information, Block Agriculture Officer Dr. Gurbachan said that during the checking, Dr. Parminder Singh ADO matched the stock of the

fertilizer dealers with their physical stock and directed them to provide high quality to POU recommended seeds / fertilizers and pesticides. On this occasion, Dr. Gurpreet Singh ADO instructed the pesticide sellers not to sell unnecessary pesticides / fungicides for paddy and maize crop to the farmers. He said that only recommended pesticides / fungicides should be sold to the farmers. During the checking, Dr. Gurbachan Singh also appealed to the farmers to coordinate with the agriculture department and spray as and when required.

Problem of drainage of rain water in Kharar will be resolved soon: Anmol Gagan Mann

SHASHI PAL JAIN KHARAR, JULY 13

"Rains in Kharar constituency cause floods. Meetings have been going on for the last two days with the officials of the concerned department to deal with this important problem and it will be solved soon". The above words were uttered by the Cabinet Minister Madam Anmol Gagan Mann while interacting with media men.

She directed the officers to ensure the drainage of rain water and to supervise the drainage work. She ordered that the work of cleaning of all drains, culverts etc should be done on priority basis so that there is no problem of drainage of water.

Mann said that previous governments in Halqa Kharar had not paid special attention to the problem of storm water drainage. Now the Chief Minister of Punjab Bhagwant Singh Mann is initiating large scale work on rivers, drains and

sewerage flowing through the area. Mann said that teams of Aam Aadmi Party and administration were also inspecting the ground.

She appealed to the people of the constituency to give some time to deal with this problem. They are working hard to deal with these problems. She said that the problems related to rain water in Kharar, Nawangan, Kurali and Majri of Kharar constituency would be rectified soon to alleviate the problems of the people.

Talking about Desumajra School, she said that from time to time the Akali and Congress governments had not paid any attention to improve the condition of schools in Punjab, the Aam Aadmi Party government was committed to the development of education. The schools of Kharar constituency would be rehabilitated soon.

Under this, drainage has also been started in Desumajra Government High School.

Mother, four-year-old son killed in road accident, two family members seriously injured

SHASHI PAL JAIN KHARAR, JULY 13

A mother and her four-year-old son were killed and two another family members were seriously injured in a road accident between a car and a motorbike near Gharuan village on Kharar-Morinda road today.

According to the police, four members of the family were riding on a motorcycle and were coming from Kharar side. Meanwhile a speedy car came from Kharar side and hit the motorcycle from behind. All the motorcyclists fell on the road due to this collision. Sandeep Kaur and her four-year-old son Nishan Singh died in the accident.

The deceased's brother Manpreet Singh, a resident of Maroli Kalan village, told police that his brother-in-law Shingara Singh alias Sankar, his sister Sandeep Kaur, nephew Nishan Singh and Paramvir Singh were riding a motorbike. The motor cycle was hit by the car and they all fell on the road.

The critically injured four were rushed to a private hospital in Gharuan with the help of others, where doctors declared her sister Sandeep Kaur and four-year-old nephew Nishan Singh dead. His brother-in-law Singara Singh alias Sankar and his four-five-month-old nephew



Paramvir Singh are undergoing treatment. In this regard, the investigating officer said that the Gharuan police have registered a case under Sections 279, 304 and 427 against the driver of car number PB10GL1833. Meanwhile, according to the information Nishan Singh, who was four years old, was going to school for the first time today so the family had bought new uniforms and other school goods for him.

Panchayat of Boormajra honours meritorious students

SANJEEV TEJPAL MORINDA, JULY 13

The students of Shaheed Capt. Surjit Singh Memorial Government Senior Secondary School Boormajra who excelled in the field of education were honored by the Gram Panchayat Boormajra and the School Management Committee.

Principal Mr. Avinash Kumar Vohra informed that the Punjab School Education Board has announced the results of 8th, 10th and 12th class. To felicitate the students for their good performance in the results the Gram Panchayat and School Management Committee organized a function at the school to honor all these students. Tanveer Kaur who secured first position from 8th class, Jasmeet Kaur who secured second position and Jogi



Vashisht who secured third position were honored with insignia. Similarly, Kiranjot Kaur with 94.4% marks, Navjit Kaur with 94.3% marks and Ramanpreet Kaur with 92.6% marks were honored. Among the honorees in Class XII are Pinky with 93.2% marks, Rupinder Kaur with 93% marks and Amanjot Kaur with 92.4% marks. Addressing the students,

Sarpanch of the village Sukhdev Singh said that the result of the hard work of the teachers of the school has made the name of the village bright. Among others Amrik Singh Panch, Jagmohan Singh Panch, Mrs. Kuldeep Kaur Chairman School Management Committee, all the teachers and villagers and parents of the students were also present on the occasion.



Banwarilal Purohit, Administrator Chandigarh inaugurating Van Mahotsav Chandigarh 2022 at colony number - 4, Industrial Area phase-1.

Cleaning of drains sewages initiated by Jagraon Municipal council

SUKH NAHAR JAGRAON, JULY 13

Municipal council Jagraon has initiated cleaning of drains and sewages in the city with jetting-cum-suction machine in order to deal with the long-pending problem of inadequate drainage.

The cleaning drive was commenced in the presence of municipal council president Jatinderpal Singh Rana. It is worth mentioning that proper cleaning of drains in Jagraon has not been carried out for 30 years as the government has put a ban on letting sewer men enter drains for cleaning due to the risk involved so the drainage work could not be done properly which would lead to several problems during monsoon. "This time, Jetting-cum-suction machines are being used for cleaning of drains and ex-



penditure on the same with be rupees 42 lakh," MC President Jatinderpal Rana said. He further mentioned that most of the work involved in cleaning of drains in various areas of the city shall be accomplished using the same machines, also, cleaning of drains is being done in the internal areas of city with an expenditure of 28 lakh rupees at the same pace.

People expressed their satisfaction on the

work being done by the municipal council and also thanked MC president and the officials for the initiative.

At this occasion, MC councilors and officials including Ravinderpal Raju, Jarnail Singh Lohat, Satinderpal Singh Tatla, Ankush Dheer, Himanshu Malik, Bobby Kapoor, Snajeev Kakkar, Ramesh Sahota, Rocky Goyal, Jassi Councilor, Jagmohan Singh and others were present.

Jan Kalyan Seva Samiti organises camp



R. SINGH, PATHANKOT, JULY 13

On behalf of Jan Kalyan Seva Samiti, under the chairmanship of Chairman Vijay Passi and President Dr. ML Attri, a camp was organized in the Transport Office for making Learning Driving License. In which the students who filled the application form during the camp organized in various schools and colleges in the past, were tested after completing the paperwork in the transport office.

During this, Chairman Vijay Passi and President

Dr. Attri said that soon the licenses of these students will be made and distributed to them and at the same time they have been made aware to follow the traffic rules.

He said that driving licenses are being made by the society by holding camps from time to time and appeals are also being made to the people, not to let their children drive vehicles until their licenses are made. On this occasion Avtar Abrol, Trilok Trehan, Rahul, Lokesh, Rajan, Vicky, Amit, Jasvir, Manoj, Naresh etc. were present.



**HARPREET SINGH LEHAL**  
**JALANDHAR:** President S. Ajit Singh Sethi and the School Managing Committee Guru Amar Dass Public School Model Town honoured Shri Atma Ram Bharti Principal Blind School Vasant Vihar (near PPR) on his coming to Guru Amar Dass Public School. President S.Ajit Singh Sethi said that he established the Blind school in 1984.He has taught around 150 students in that school till and those students are serving in various government sectors. One of them is serving as a judge.President S. Ajit Singh Sethi, Dr. H.S. Hurria and Ms Renuka Angrish Examination Incharge blessed him to serve humanity in future also.

### Apeejay College students bag top positions in University Exams



**JALANDHAR:** The students of Apeejay College of Fine Arts, Jalandhar boosted the college's pride by being the recipients of gold medals from Guru Nanak Dev University, Amritsar for bagging top positions in University Exams. The students - Parminder Singh (B.Voc. Sound Technology Semester 6 th ), Garinder Singh (B.Voc – E-Commerce & Digital Marketing Semester 6 th ), Vibhuti Sharma (B.Voc-Contemporary forms of Dance Semester 6 th ) and Yashika ( M.Voc. Theatre and Television Semester 4th) were the proud achievers and glory of the college. Principal Dr. Neerja Dhingra congratulated them and wished them luck for their future endeavours.

### Harry Boparai takes charge of new Kotwali Police Station Chief

**RAKESH JINDAL**  
**NABHA:** Harry Boparai has been posted as the new Station House Officer at Kotwali Nabha Police Station. He has also served in Malerkotla and Patiala. Said where the common peopleBy expediting the disposal of petitions, they will get justice without any delay, while the mischievous elements will be nabbed so that the law and order situation is maintained. He said that special measures would be taken to curb drug trafficking with the cooperation of general public as complete eradication of drug trafficking was not possible without the cooperation of general public.

### Merit students of Govt Sr Sec School Mirthal honored



**SHARANJEET PATHANKOT, JULY 13**  
Shaheed Fauji Havildar Jawaharlal Government Senior Secondary School, Mirthal has honored the first, second and third class students of the board class in the session 2021-22. In 8th class Vanshika Bawa came first, Satyam Kumar came second and Vanshika and Prerna came third, Palvi came first in 10th class, Palak Rani came second and Kirandeep Kaur came third and in 12th class came first. Baljinder Kaur in first place in class XII (Non Medical Group) Reena Kumari (Arts Group), Harpreet Kaur (Non Medical Group), Sakshi (Arts Group) and Kunal Sharma (Non Medical Group) and Bandhana (Arts Group). On this occasion Principal Suresh Saini, Lecturer English Sunita Atttri, Lecturer Physics Vimal Kumar, Lecturer Math Sarvjit Singh, Lecturer Political Science Prabhjit Kaur, Science Master Narinder Singh and all the staff of Shaheed Fauji Havildar Jawahar Lal Government Senior Secondary School Mirthal were present.

### Special meetings held to resolve the issues of freedom fighters/wards

**KULDEEP SOOD BARNALA, JULY 13**

As per the directions of the Punjab Government, under the special grievance redressal drive for the freedom fighters / their wards, a meeting was held with the freedom fighters/wards under the leadership of Deputy Commissioner Barnala Dr. Harish Nair today at the meeting hall of the local district administrative complex. The freedom fighters/wards were asked about the difficulties facing them in various departments. The freedom fighters/wards were asked about the difficulties facing them in various departments. On this, the office bearers/representatives of the organizations affiliated with the freedom fighters said that the process of verification of the identity cards of the freedom fighters' wards should



be expedited. He asked the staff of all the departments to provide services to the freedom fighters or their heirs on a priority basis and not to allow them to face any difficulty. Talking to the families of the freedom fighters during the meeting, Deputy Commissioner Dr. Nair said that the district administration of Barnala had launched a campaign to plant 6 lakh saplings on a large scale for which the participation of every section is vital. He strongly appealed to all to support the district administration in this campaign of planting more trees.

# Mumbai continues to reel under severe water-logging due to heavy rainfall

**AGENCY MUMBAI, JULY 13**

As incessant heavy rainfall lashed Mumbai, the city continues to reel under severe water-logging.

The Andheri subway also continues to remain submerged under the rainwaters.

The Regional Meteorological Center of Mumbai on Wednesday predicted that moderate to heavy rain is likely to occur in the city and suburbs for the next 24 hours.

"Moderate to heavy rain in city and suburbs. Possibility of very heavy to extremely heavy rainfall at isolated places. Occasional gusty winds reaching 45-55 kmph very likely," the Regional Meteorological Center of Mumbai said.

It further predicted the possibility of very heavy rainfall is likely to occur in isolated places for the next 48 hours.

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city and suburbs. Possibility of very heavy rainfall at isolated places. Occasional gusty winds reaching 45-55 kmph very likely," the department said.

On Tuesday, heavy rains lashed Mumbai and its suburbs amid an 'orange' alert issued by the India Meteorological Department (IMD). Several parts of Mumbai have been affected

by waterlogging, including the Andheri subway and Bhoiwada, leading to traffic snarls in the city.

Hindamata junction in the city's Southbound has reported 0.5 feet of water being logged.

The administration has, however, requested the commuters to plan their travel accordingly, as the traffic from

### Safai Sevak union holds meeting, to burn govt's effigy on 28-29 July: Arun Gill



**SUKH NAHAR JAGRAON, JULY 13**

A meeting of Safai Sevak union was organized at N.R.M.U office Ludhiana which was participated by the representatives of Jagraon safai sevak union. Talking about the discussions held in the meeting, district president of Union Arun Gill said that the meeting was held in the presence of higher officials in which it has been decided that the unions in their respective areas shall protest against the Punjab government on 28-89 July by burning effigies for not fulfilling long pending demands of the sanitary workers and shall march towards CM's residence in Sangrur on 6 August. "Dismissal of contract system and regularization of workers, giving salaries to workers from government treasury, implementation of equal work-equal pay, to solve pension related issues and several other fair and just demands of the union were discussed and it was decided that further strategies will be formed to compel the government to form fulfill the demands.

### Green Mission Team Punjab honors Umesh Goyal on cracking civil services exam



**SUKH NAHAR JAGRAON, JULY 13**

The Green mission team Punjab honored Umesh Goyal, who has cracked UPSC civil services exam this year with All India Rank 388. The association president Satpal Singh Derhka and Kanchan Gupta in the presence of other members of association, honored Goyal with a bouquet and highly appreciated him for his remarkable journey and tireless efforts. In their respective addresses, they said that Goyal has made the entire city proud by performing excellently and has set an example for several other aspirants from Jagraon. They highlighted the struggle and dedicated efforts of Goyal in his journey of becoming a civil servant and also talked about support extended by Goyal's mother and brother in his attempts. They congratulated him and his family and said that he is an inspiration for several other people aspiring to be civil servants. Umesh Goyal thanked the association for honoring him and said that he shall continue working hard and also encouraged the aspirants saying that hardwork and consistency are the keys to success in civil services examination.

### Samples of 8 medicines failed

**ANWAR HUSSAIN**

**NALAGARH:** Asthma, diarrhea, infection and cholesterol medicines made in Himachal Pradesh have not come up to their standards. In month of June, Central Drugs Standard Control Organization had taken samples of a total of 1096 medicines, out of which 26 samples failed. 8 medicines are made of Himachal Pradesh. Giving information, Additional Drug Controller Manish Kapoor said that show cause notices have been issued to the companies and all have been instructed to withdraw their stocks from market.



## Sandhwan felicitates Asia book of records, holder cyclist Gurpreet Singh Kamow



**SUMER GARG CHANDIGARH, JULY 13**

Punjab Vidhan Speaker, Kultar Singh Sandhwan, on Wednesday, felicitated Asia Book of Records holder cyclist Mr. Gurpreet Singh Kamow of Kotkapura here at his chamber in the State Assembly.

Gurpreet Kamow cycled 100Km daily for 100 consecutive days from June 8, 2020 to September 15, 2020, without taking any break, to inspire people to start cycling for staying fit, resulting in clinching his spot in the Asia book of records on June 1, 2022. While congratulating Mr. Gurpreet Kamow and Kotkapura Cycle Riders for this coveted feat, the Speaker said

that Gurpreet Kamow's achievement would inspire many youngsters and aspiring cyclists, who would emulate his path of strive and success. Not only people of Kotkapura, rather whole Punjab is immensely proud of him, he said, while adding that Gurpreet has the potential to rise to be one of the cycling superstars.

Felicitating him with an appreciation letter and a memento, S. Sandhwan wished him all the success in future endeavours. Notably, 40-year-old Gurpreet Kamow had also won 'Super Randonneur' title in 2021 by cycling 200Kms, 300Kms, 400Kms and 600Kms in prescribed time frame. This event was organised by Audax India Randonneurs (AIR).

## Power Minister inspects Jandiala Guru bus stand

**KULJIT SINGH JANDIALA GURU, JULY 13**

At 7.30 am today Harbhajan Singh ETO Power Minister Punjab conducted a surprise check of Jandiala Guru bus stand. During the checking it was found that Sukhdev Singh, Sub Inspector, was on duty at Jandiala Guru Bus Stand in the morning. The bus was stopped from 7.00 am to 3 pm but the employee was found absent from duty. Following the instructions given by the Power Minister, disciplinary action was taken against the employee. He has been suspended from service under Rule 4 (1) of the Punjab Civil Services (Punishment and Appeal) Act, 1970. During the period of suspension, he was transferred to Punjab Civil Services, Rules Volume-Part. Under Rule 7.2, only Nirbhaya allowance will be



paid and during the suspension its headquarters Punjab Roadways Amritsar. There will be a dip and he will not leave the headquarters without the prior approval of the competent authority. Punjab Roadways / Punjab and PRTC buses to stop school children and passengers at Jandiala Guru Bus Stand. And Mr. Harpreet Singh's duty is from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Disclosing this here today General Manager Punjab

Roadways Amritsar-1 said that under the direction of Power Minister Harbhajan Singh ETO, the people should not face any difficulty and the passengers should be seated in the buses. Has gone General Manager Roadways said that if any bus does not stop on arrival and departure, departmental action will be taken against him on the basis of their report. He said that instructions have been issued to both the inspectors to be punctual in their duties.

## SGPC organises large Gurmat Samagam to commemorate Sant Fateh Singh

**CHARANJIT SINGH ARORA AMRITSAR, JULY 13**

The struggle done by Sant Fateh Singh for the rights and interests of Punjab is a source of inspiration for the Sikh Qaum (community), which can lead to meaningful results in solving the current problems facing the Punjab. This was said by Shiromani Gurdwara Parbandhak Committee (SGPC) President Advocate S. Harjinder Singh, during a large Gurmat Samagam (religious congregation) organised under Dharam Prachar Lehar (Sikh preaching campaign) with the efforts of SGPC member Bhai Gurcharan Singh dedicated to commemoration of Sant Fateh Singh. On this occasion, SGPC President



announced that the life history and contribution of Sant Fateh Singh will be brought before the Sangat by SGPC by publishing literature, so that Punjab's young generation could get information about the struggles fought for the issues of Sikhs and Punjab. "Today, the interests of Punjab are facing many challenges and it is need of the hour to be alert about the same", said S. Harjinder

Singh. He said that the SGPC is conducting awareness among the Sangat against social evils as well as preaching the Sikh faith and it is the duty of all to face the challenges firmly with unity. He alerted the Sangat to beware of tactics such as religious conversion and motivated that every Sikh should make efforts to connect the youth with their faith and history, so that anti-Panth forces could be

thwarted. SGPC President announced financial assistance of Rs 1.25 lakh from the SGPC for assistance in installing solar systems at Gurdwara Nanaksar Dholan. Sharing his views during the Samagam, area SGPC member Bhai Gurcharan Singh thanked S. Harjinder Singh, gurdwara management and the Sangat and also expressed commitment to continue the active Sikh preaching campaign in the constituency. He said religious congregations would be held in every town and by making zones of different villages large Gurmat Samagam and Amrit Sanchar will also be organised. On this occasion, area MLA S. Manpreet Singh Ayali also shared his views with the Sangat.

## Guru Purnima celebrated with pomp in Shail Ashram Sheetalpur, Saraswati Vidya Mandir

**S GAUTAM BADDI, JULY 13**

Guru Purnima was celebrated with great pomp at SAIL Ashram, Shitalpur, Baddi, by the Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh at SV Mandir, Shanti Park, Amravati. Shrimad Bhagwat Katha was organized from seven days ago. Narrator Prakash Chand Shail told that 1 day in a year is celebrated as Guru Purnima. On this day the disciples offer something to the Guru and receive blessings. He told that the Guru is the bridge connecting the soul and the Supreme Soul, passing through which the human soul meets the Supreme Soul. He said that the place of Guru is highest in the life of man, he who serves the Guru attains salvation. Bhagwat Katha was completed by performing Havan and after that Sankirtana started and after



repeated rituals all the people worshiped the Guru and after worshiping the Guru, the Bhandara was started and the Bhandara continued till late evening.



EDITORIAL

Healthcare reforms overdue

The pandemic has exposed India's creaky healthcare system, abysmally low public spending and skewed priorities when it comes to addressing the challenges of infectious diseases. It also laid bare the gaping holes in the 125-year-old Epidemic Diseases Act, which is devoid of provisions for the management of a Covid-like national health emergency. Learning lessons from the pandemic, the country is now finally setting the stage to repeal the anachronistic Act. The proposed National Public Health Act is set to replace the 1897 Act. The new law, the details of which are being finalised, will have an all-encompassing ambit, covering not only epidemics and pandemics but also public health emergencies caused by bioterrorism, natural disasters, chemical and nuclear attacks or mishaps.

This law will empower Central and State governments to enforce preventive measures such as lockdown, masking and quarantine without invoking the National Disaster Management Act. The draft public health Bill has proposed a four-tier system involving public health authorities at the national, State, district and block levels. It is expected that the new law will improve coordination between various authorities and fix the accountability of officials at all tiers. A law to strengthen public health governance is long overdue, but the job will remain half-done as long as the shortage of doctors persists. India's doctor-patient ratio has improved to 1:834, according to the Health Ministry, but it is still inadequate to handle the burgeoning population, especially during a health emergency. The biggest challenge will be to ensure that the new Act makes India's healthcare future-ready.

While the proposed legislation on public health has been pending for years, it has gained momentum in recent months. The issues raised by the State governments and other stakeholders must be taken into consideration while fine-tuning the legislation. The proposed law also provides for the creation of public health cadres at the national and State levels. Along with this, budgetary spending on the healthcare sector must be increased substantially. At present, India's expenditure on healthcare accounts for just 1.17% of the GDP, one of the lowest in the world. It has one of the lowest health workforce in the world.

The pandemic should have served as a wake-up call to revamp the sector on a mission mode. Poor public spending on healthcare is a key hurdle in the fight against infectious diseases. Successive governments in India have ignored the public healthcare system leading to a situation where primary and secondary healthcare centres in most parts of the country lie abandoned or unmanned. Many infectious diseases could be prevented and controlled with a robust public health system and adequately trained public health personnel. The higher public health spending would help in reducing the overall out-of-pocket expense by patients, especially enabling access to healthcare for the poor.

Molecules that boost plant immunity

A new study by Institute for Plant Breeding Research in Cologne, Germany, has uncovered natural cellular components that activate crucial plant immune responses. The findings of the research were published in the journal 'Science'.

These chemicals appear to be tiny messengers designed by plants to activate important defence-control hubs. Using these discoveries, scientists and plant breeders may be able to create chemicals that make plants, including many major agricultural species, more disease resistant.

World food production must double by 2050 in order to feed the anticipated extra 2 billion people living on earth by then. Boosting food production requires increases in the yields of many of our staple crops. To do so, strategies need to be in place to ensure that we can make plants more resistant to microscopic infectious agents, whilst also ensuring that food production is environmentally safe.

Achieving this, in turn, requires a detailed understanding of the plant immune system - the defences that plants mount when confronted with invading microorganisms. Now, in two landmark studies, scientists led by Jijie Chai and Jane Parker from the Max Planck Institute for Plant Breeding Research in Cologne and the University of Cologne, Germany, collaborating with Junbiao Chang's group at Zhengzhou University in Zhengzhou and Zhifu Han and colleagues at Tsinghua University in Beijing, China, have identified



two classes of molecules and determined their modes of action in mediating immune responses inside plant cells.

Their findings pave the way for the design of bioactive small molecules that could allow researchers and plant growers to manipulate - and thereby boost - plant resistance against harmful microbes.

At a molecular level, the main immune strategy employed by plants involves proteins called nucleotide-binding leucine-rich repeat receptors, or NLRs for short. NLRs are activated by invading microorganisms and set in motion protective immune responses.

These immune responses culminate in the so-called hypersensitive response, which involves the restriction of pathogen growth and often strictly demarcated death of cells at the site of infection - akin to amputating a toe to ensure the survival of the body.

One class of NLR proteins, those with so-called toll/interleukin-1 receptor (TIR) domains, which are termed TIR-NLRs (or TNLs), have been shown to relay signals to the downstream immune protein Enhanced Disease Susceptibility 1 (EDS1).

Smaller TIR-containing

proteins also feed signals into EDS1 to potentiate disease resistance. EDS1 functions as a control hub which, depending on the types of other proteins it interacts with, pushes plant cells to restrict pathogen growth or commit to cell death.

Earlier work showed that TNL receptors and TIR proteins are actually pathogen-induced enzymes. Evidence suggested that these TIR enzymes produce a small messenger or messenger(s) that signal to EDS1 inside cells. However, the identities of the precise molecules generated by TNLs or TIRs that stimulate the different immune responses have remained elusive.

Parker and colleagues established that the two functional EDS1 modules leading to immunity or cell death can be triggered by pathogen-activated TNL enzymes inside plant cells. To identify the small molecules produced by TNLs or TIRs and that act upon EDS1, the Chai group reconstituted key components of the signalling pathway in insect cells, a system that allows the production and purification of high amounts of molecules which can then be isolated and characterized.

Using this approach, the authors discovered two different classes of modified nucleotide molecules produced by TNLs and TIRs. These compounds preferentially bound to and activated different EDS1 sub-complexes. Hence, the authors demonstrate that different EDS1 sub-complexes recognize particular TIR-produced molecules, which function as information-carrying chemicals, to promote immune responses.

The TIR immune receptors and EDS1 hub proteins exist in many important crop species, such as rice and wheat, and Jijie Chai points out that "the identified TIR-catalyzed small molecules could be employed as general and natural immunostimulants to control crop diseases." Jane Parker further remarks that "knowing the biochemical modes of action of these small molecules opens a whole new chapter on plant immunity signalling and disease management."

Literature & Health

Gender bias in search algorithms has effect on users

As per a new research, algorithms are quite responsible for exhibiting and amplifying gender bias.

The work, which appeared in the journal Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences (PNAS), is among the latest to uncover how artificial intelligence (AI) can alter our perceptions and actions.

"There is increasing concern that algorithms used by modern AI systems produce discriminatory outputs, presumably because they are trained on data in which societal biases are embedded," said Madalina Vlasceanu, a postdoctoral fellow in New York University's Department of Psychology and the paper's lead author.

"As a consequence, their use by humans may result in the propagation, rather than reduction, of existing disparities," Madalina added.

"These findings call for a model of ethical AI that combines human psychology with computational and sociological approaches to illuminate the formation, operation, and mitigation of algorithmic bias," author David Amodio, a professor in NYU's Department of Psychology and the University of Amsterdam shared.

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"Certain 1950s ideas about gender are actually still embedded in our database systems," Meredith Brussard, author of Artificial Unintelligence: How Computers Misunderstand the World and a professor at NYU's Arthur L. Carter Journalism Institute, told the Markup earlier this year.

Researchers performed Google image searches for the gender-neutral term "person" in two different countries in two analyses—one involving 37 countries and another involving 52 countries—in the countries' dominant language and found that in countries with higher gender inequality, the first 100 search results contained more photos of men-presenting individuals than women-presenting individuals; in the United States were shown Google image search results for unfamiliar job titles that included more men than women, they were more likely to state that they would hire a man to do the job, suggesting that gender inequality is mirrored in internet search algorithms and can lead to biased decision-making, according to the authors.



Times Square screens 'displays' stunning images captured by NASA's Webb telescope

Giving the deepest view of the Cosmos, the first full-colour images from the world's most powerful space telescope were on display at Times Square Screens in New York City on Tuesday.

The images captured on the world's most powerful space Telescope, James Webb Space Telescope were taken from its most powerful observatory ever placed in orbit, NASA revealed.

The first image unveiled earlier showed the galaxy cluster SMACS 0723.

Webb's First Deep Field is a composite made from different images taken at different wavelengths. It was made using images taken with the Near-Infrared Camera (NIRCam). NASA then revealed images of the following targets: Carina Nebula, WASP-96 b (spectrum data), Southern Ring Nebula and Stephen's Quintet. Located 7,600 light-years away, the Carina Nebula is a stellar nursery, where stars are born. It is one of the largest and brightest nebulae in the sky and home to many stars much more massive than our sun, CNN reported.

The "Cosmic Cliffs" are seen in the stunning new image that reveals previously hidden baby stars, which provides "a rare peek into stars in their earliest, rapid stages of formation," according to NASA.

This compact galaxy group, first discovered in 1787, is located 290 million light-years away in the constellation Pegasus. Four of the five galaxies in the group "are locked in a cosmic dance of repeated close encounters," according to a NASA statement.

The Southern Ring Nebula, also called the "Eight-Burst," is 2,000 light-years away from Earth. This large planetary nebula includes an expanding cloud of gas around a dying star. The new observatory is a joint project of the US, European and Canadian space agencies. It has been specially tuned to see the sky in the infrared - that's light at longer wavelengths than can be sensed by our eyes.



POEMS

The Road Not Taken

Two roads diverged in a yellow  
wood, And sorry I could not travel  
both And be one traveler, long I  
stood And looked down one as far as I  
could To where it bent in the undergrowth;

Then took the other, as just as fair,  
And having perhaps the better claim,  
Because it was grassy and wanted wear;  
Though as for that the passing there  
Had worn them really about the same,

And both that morning equally lay  
In leaves no step had trodden black.  
Oh, I kept the first for another day!  
Yet knowing how way leads on to way,  
I doubted if I should ever come back.

I shall be telling this with a sigh  
Somewhere ages and ages hence:  
Two roads diverged in a wood, and I—  
I took the one less traveled by,  
And that has made all the difference.

----BY ROBERT FROST

Do you know wolves sleep like dogs?

According to a recent study, a group of researchers discovered the sleep of the dog's wild counterpart, the wolf for the first time.

The findings of the research by the Department of Ethology from Eotvos Lorand University, Hungary were published in the Scientific Reports.

In the study, fully non-invasive EEG measurements were applied; a harmless procedure, attaching electrodes on the surface of the skin, similarly to human sleep EEG methods.

The increasing interest in canine sleep research stems from its advantages to study the sleep of a domesticated species adapted to the human environment. Evolutionary adaptations to environmental

circumstances - such as sleeping in a protected environment - could have shaped humans' sleep. Thus, similar changes might be expected in the sleep of other species adapted to the human environment. For example, dogs, similarly to humans, sleep more superficially in an unfamiliar environment.

To gain a better understanding of the effects of domestication and cohabitation with humans on sleep phenotypes and physiology, comparing the dog to its wild counterpart, the wolf, offers a unique opportunity.

"Although dog-wolf comparative studies have already been conducted in several areas of research, including behavioural and genetic studies, the neural

processes of wolves remain a largely unexplored field" said Anna Balint, researcher at the MTA-ELTE Comparative Ethology Research Group. "We measured the sleep EEG of seven hand raised, extensively socialised wolves, using the same methodology as has been applied in family dogs. We successfully measured all sleep stages (drowsiness, deep sleep, and REM) that were previously observed in dogs as well."

It may seem surprising that wolves can be measured by EEG the same way as our good old family pets, the dogs. However, by hand-raising and intensely socializing wolves from a very early age, they can be handled and comforted in much the same way as dogs. Wolves were surrounded by familiar people

during the experiments, petting, caressing them until they calmed down, dozed off and eventually fell asleep. Whenever the wolves became aroused, the caretaker and experimenter calmed the wolves by praising and cuddling them until they settled again.

"While young dogs and wolves showed a pretty similar distribution of sleep stages, the time spent in REM seemed to be less in dogs than in wolves, and this difference is even more apparent in the senior animals", describes the results the first author of the publication, Vivien Reicher, PhD student at the Ethology Department of ELTE. "This finding is especially intriguing since the amount of REM sleep has been linked to various different effects including

neurodevelopment, stress, domestication, but also memory consolidation", explains Reicher further.

"Although the sample size in the current study is low and the age distribution of the subjects is too skewed to draw comparative conclusions, it can be considered an important first step in collecting adequate amount of data to properly describe the wolf's sleep" said Marta Gacsi, leader of this project, senior researcher at the MTA-ELTE Comparative Ethology Research Group. "Thus, we suggest that using our reliable, easily applicable methodology in different labs may form the basis of an international, multi-site collection of similar samples, allowing for generalizable scientific conclusions."





Mishtann Foods Ltd Announces Excellent Q1FY23 results

CHANDIGARH: Mishtann Foods Ltd. (BSE: 539594) engaged in manufacturing and marketing of a large variety of rice with a focus on Basmati Rice, and pulses like dal has announced results for Q1FY23. Net profit of Mishtann Foods rose 216.05% to Rs 11.03 crore in the quarter ended June 2022 as against Rs 3.49 crore during the quarter ended June 2021. Sales rose 118.73% to Rs 158.27 crore in the quarter ended June 2022 as against Rs 72.36 crore during the previous quarter ended June 2021. The company has seen good response for Mishtann Salt which had bagged several orders from major retail stores, has Successfully executed these orders and is receiving good response of its salt which has several health benefits. The company has journeyed into uncharted spheres and territories, elevating enroute the industry standards due to stringent quality control practices, is on a growth path with several new plans. Mishtann Foods Ltd. had bagged several orders for its Mishtann brand Salt from major retail stores. The company has journeyed into uncharted spheres and territories, elevating enroute the industry standards due to stringent quality control practices. The company is on a growth path with several new plans.

HDFC Bank Limited signs multi-year software development contract

CHANDIGARH: As part of HDFC Bank Limited's ("Bank") efforts to progressively transform itself into a completely digitalized ecosystem, the Bank has partnered with FYNDNA TechCorp Pvt Ltd ("FYNDNA"). It has signed a multi-year contract with FYNDNA for the development and deployment of several Enterprise-class systems. The intent is to unify customer information, consolidate systems, build resilience in its payment infrastructure, provide cloud-ready, scalable product ledgers and, integrate all of them and enable them to operate with existing solutions and platforms. This is a part of the Bank's objective of forging alliances with Fintech players to offer a new age, digital experience to its customers. This partnership will enable HDFC Bank to respond to changing customer requirements with speed and agility in real time. The Bank will use FYNDNA's expertise to aim for higher availability and consistency in its operations in keeping with the 24 X 7 needs of its customers.

TECNO CAMON 19 series redefines lowlight smartphone photography with pioneering 64 MP

AMRITSAR: TECNO Mobile the premium smartphone brand of TRANSSION India announces the launch of a pioneering and premium, TECNO CAMON 19 series in India, under its camera-focused CAMON product line. The initial phase of the launch will witness two products viz. TECNO CAMON 19 & TECNO CAMON 19 Neo under the series. Keeping up with its segment-first approach the highly anticipated TECNO CAMON 19 features the industry-first 64MP triple rear, with the next-generation RGBW camera sensor and 16MP HDR Selfie Camera, enabling one to click clear and impressive pictures with detailed out delineation. RGBW is primarily the traditional RGBW Lens with white pixels. RGBW white pixel camera sensor technology can accept any light wavelength to increase the sensor's sensitivity and allows 60% more light to travel through the sensor, giving unparalleled low-night photography. Commenting on the launch of the new TECNO CAMON 19, Arijet Talapatra, CEO, and TRANSSION India said,

Tata Motors introduces with exciting new intelligent features

CHANDIGARH/LUDHIANA: In line with its New Forever philosophy, Tata Motors, India's leading automobile manufacturer, today announced the introduction of Nexon EV Prime with high-end, smart features such as the Multi-Mode Regen, Automatic Brake Lamp Activation on Regen, Cruise Control, Indirect Tyre Pressure Monitoring System (iTTPMS), Smartwatch integrated connectivity feature, and Charging Timeout of 110 seconds. Taking the EV ownership experience to the next level, the Company is also extending these new intuitive features to over 22,000 existing Nexon EV owners, through a first of its kind Software Update from Tata Motors. This update will benefit current owners in their journey towards 'Evolving to Electric' by enhancing their drive experience, connectivity and efficiency. Acknowledging the efforts taken by early ambassadors of EVs, Tata Motors is offering the first Software Update to its existing customers, free of charge, from 25th July 2022 at its Authorised Service Centres.

UltraTech mine in HP awarded

S HIMLA: Ten of UltraTech Cement Limited's Limestone mines have been awarded a five-star rating for sustainable mine management, by the Ministry of Mines and Indian Bureau of Mines of which one mine named Baga Cement Works in located in Solan.This was awarded for FY 2020-21, with a total of ten 5-Star rating awards. UltraTech Cement Limited is India's leading cement and ready-mix-concrete Company. UltraTech was awarded at the felicitation ceremony held at the 6th National Conclave on Mines & Minerals (NCMM) on 12th July 2022 at New Delhi. The five-star certificates and trophies were given by Shri. Pralhad Joshi, Hon'ble Union Minister of Parliamentary Affairs, Coal and Mines, and Shri. Raosaheb Patil Danve, Hon'ble Minister of State Railways, Coal and Mines. The respective representatives from the award-winning units were felicitated in presence of the Shri. Joshi, Shri. Danve and other government dignitaries. Conceptualised by the Ministry of Mines, the star ratings are based on adoption of best practices for implementation of Sustainable Development Framework in mining.

7 students of Aakash BYJU'S from Ludhiana and Students from Jalandhar score 99

L udhiana/ Jalandhar : 7 students of Ludhiana and 5 Students of Jalandhar of Aakash BYJU'S have made the institute and the city proud by scoring an impressive 99 percentile and above in the first session of the JEE Mains 2022 Examination. The results were announced by the National Testing last night. This was the first out of the two Joint entrance exams for Engineering scheduled to be held this year. From Ludhiana , The top scorers are Yuvraj Goyal who scored 99.92, Keshav Rai 99.91, Tarshit Sehgal 99.83, Aryaman Angurana 99.67, Mayur Rajpal 99.63, Nischay Verman 99.37 and Divyam Jain 99.03 and From Jalandhar , top scorers are Mayank Mittal with 99.946481, Kanav Goyal 99.2183112, Ronit Shor 99.7617316, Garudh Guptaa 99.9070387 and Abhinav Singh 99.3062717. Congratulating the students, Mr. Aakash Chaudhry, Managing Director, Aakash BYJU'S, said, "We congratulate all the students from Ludhiana and Jalandhar for their exemplary feat. Around 9 lakh students registered for the first session of JEE Main 2022 from across the country.

NEWS/BUSINESS

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Exercises that help you to reduce belly fat

Let's first establish that all bodies, regardless of size, are beautiful. Being slim does not imply being healthy. However, if your belly fat is causing you genuine health problems, the following exercises can help you reduce your belly fat. **BURPEES:** Burpees are one of the most effective exercises to burn belly fat. Burpees are loved by most fitness enthusiasts. They can be intense and you may hate them in the beginning but you know how they say, no pain, no gain. Stand straight with your arms to your side. Your feet should be shoulder-width apart. Now lower down into a squat Next, put your palms on the floor and jump softly into a push-up position. Your feet should be back and your palms in front of you. Jump back, landing your feet outside your hands Quickly jump up, swing, and clap your hands over your head. Come back into the squat position and repeat Planks: A minute in an exam feels like a second, whereas a minute on a plank feels like ten. We understand. However, planks are considered good calorie burners that also enhance strength. Place your forearms parallel to each other at shoulder width. They should be aligned with your shoulders. Place your toes firmly on the ground. Hoist yourself up so that only your forearms and your toes are holding you up. Keep your core rigid and suck in your navel towards your spine.

Make sure you're parallel to the ground. There shouldn't be any kind of arches on your back. Your back shouldn't look like an inward or an outward bow. **Skaters:** Skater lunges improve agility and endurance. A few of these will have you strong and fit in no time.



Stand with your feet wide apart. Now bring your left leg behind your right.

Lower into a lunge, till your right knee almost touches the floor. Come back to the original position and repeat with the opposite leg. **Cardio and Aerobics:** Cardiovascular activities are sometimes referred to as cardiovascular training. And, as the name implies, these activities raise your heart rate. Aerobics or cardio exercises increase the oxygen level in your blood and are popular among fitness lovers. Aerobic and cardio exercises are extremely versatile. They are both low and high intensity, depending on your needs, and the best thing is that you have fun while doing them. Running, swimming, and cycling are the most popular cardio exercises since they burn a lot of calories. However, there are plenty of other options available, our personal favourite being trekking. Zumba: You've probably heard about a lot of individuals trying Zumba to lose belly fat. Zumba is a popular aerobic workout that incorporates Latin music and dance.

Dr Ashok Khanna, Former President, PHDCCI nominated on Board of Trade

Dr Ashok Khanna, Chairman and Managing Director, Khanna Watches Limited and Former President, PHD Chamber of Commerce and Industry has been nominated as Non Official Member on the Board of Trade constituted by DGFT, Department of Commerce, Ministry of Commerce and Industry, Government of India. The Terms of Reference for the Non-Official Members of the Board include providing a platform to State Governments and UTs for articulating State oriented perspectives on Trade Policy, to act as facilitator in implementation of District Export Hub events including sensitization workshops, identification and promotion of identified products, to provide a platform to Government of India for apprising State Governments and UTs about International developments affecting India's trade potential and opportunities , to help State Governments develop and pursue export strategies in line with National Foreign Trade Policy, to facilitate a mechanism for discussion on operationalization of the trade infrastructure; to advise Government of Policy measures for preparation and implementation of both short and long term plans for increasing exports, to examine issues which are considered relevant for promotion of India's foreign trade and for strengthening international competitiveness of Indian goods and services.



PETRONAS announced as Strategic Lubricants Partner for Tata Motors

CHANDIGARH : PETRONAS Lubricants (India) Pvt. Ltd (PLIPL) and TataMotors announced their new partnership todayat a signing ceremony, making PETRONAS Lubricants a strategic lubricants partner for Tata Motors' Commercial vehicles. Speaking on this partnership, Mr. Giuseppe Pedretti, Regional Managing Director – Asia for PETRONAS Lubricants International (PLI) said, "It is a matter of great pride for us to partner with Tata Motors, the leading commercial



vehicle manufacturer in India, from the house of the globally admired Tata Group. We are excited to see how this strategic partnership

helps elevate both PLI and Tata Motors to the next level." Mr. Pranav Bhanage, CEO of PLIPLsaid,"This partnership further strengthens the relationship between our two organizations given that we also supply lubricants for Tata Motors' Passenger vehiclesand is a testimony to the quality of our PETRONAS Fluid Technology Solutions." Mr. Bhanage also highlighted the holistic nature of the partnership which not only pertains to the supply of lubricants forthe After Market channel of Tata Motors,but also in the Research and Development of new lubricants tailored to Tata Motors' evolving needs.

108 Ambulance organizes first responder program for students



ANandpur Sahib: Leading Healthcare Service provider and responsible for handling emergency Accidental cases in Punjab, 108 Ambulance services today organized a First responder program at Government Girls Senior Secondary School, Shri. Anandpur Sahib, District Rupnagar. This type of program was specially organized to make students aware about effective first aid and its importance whenever an emergency occurs. The program was organised in the presence of FRP Trainer Mr.Jaswinder Singh . Cluster Manager Jagdeep Singh and Marketing Manager Deepak Kumar. The Pandemic taught us countless life lessons along with reinforcing the well-known phrase Health is wealth. Keeping this saying in view Zigzita scheduled the training where FRP Trainer Mr. Jaswinder Singh gave a clear understanding on how First Aid in emergency situations like CPR, Heart Attack, Bleeding, Fracture, Snake Bite, Fainting, Choking, and Hypoglycemia, etc. must be given to the patients .

New Hyundai Tucson unveiled in India

CHANDIGARH: Hyundai Motor India Ltd is set to redefine opulence in mobility with the premiere of the all-new Hyundai TUCSON in India on Wednesday. Speaking at the premiere, Unsoo Kim, MD & CEO, Hyundai Motor India Ltd. said, that all-new Hyundai TUCSON will redefine benchmarks for its segment with 29 First and Best in Segment features . With a total of 19 Hyundai SmartSense (ADAS) features, the all-new Hyundai TUCSON establishes a new precedent for the SUV segment. Epitomizing a



space where technology meets luxury, the all-new Hyundai TUCSON has been developed on Global Design identity of Sensuous Sportiness. The all-new Hyundai TUCSON will be the pinnacle of premium manufacturing excellence with the model's production on a dedicated Premium Car Line. The all-new Hyundai TUCSON offers customers an immersive interspace & features segment's longest wheelbase and best in segment length of 4 630 mm. Boasting of the segment's most powerful diesel engine, the all-new Hyundai TUCSON that offers 137 kW of power and 416 Nm of torque Elevating customers' connected car experience, the all-new Hyundai TUCSON features Hyundai BlueLink with over 60 The all-new Hyundai TUCSON has been developed on the tenets of five key pillars: iconic design, premium comfort & convenience, level-next safety, dominant performance and advanced infotainment & connectivity.

North India Iconic Fashion Show on 16th July

CHANDIGARH: SG Productions and Preeti Arora North India Iconic Fashion Show is going to be organized by Entertainment for the first time in Tricity on 16 Saturday at Junglebar, Kalagram, Chandigarh. Participants from all over North India are participating in this event Punjab Himachal Haryana, Jammu and Chandigarh Participants from far and wide are going to be a part of North India Iconic Fashion Show. The special thing about this competition is that the domestic women are also participating in this competition, Miss Mrs and children are participating in this competition. In this, Rajya Sabha MP Sushil



is hosted by Suresh Garg and Preeti Arora. Preeti Arora has been doing such dance commitment fashion shows, singing shows, Queen Teej celebrations, special children's modeling shows etc for the last 7 years. Says that their aim is to give a platform to the budding artists so that they can bring their talent forward, especially the domestic women who spend their whole life only in the hearth, do not find time for themselves.

Gupta ji will be the chief guest and the event will be presided over by Anmol Ratan Sidhu AG of Punjab and Kuljit Singh ji Randhawa, MLA, Derabassi Halka will be the special VIP guest. Dinesh Sardana, MD, Glorify International, will be the chief assistant of this event. Stand-up comedian and actor Deepak Tilley as celebrity comedian will entertain the guests with laughter. The fashion show

Nothing introduced Phone (1)

CHANDIGARH: Today Nothing introduced Phone (1), its first smartphone and the gateway to its future connected and open product ecosystem. Featuring the innovative Glyph Interface, a 50 MP dual camera, refined Nothing OS, 120Hz OLED display and custom-built Qualcomm® Snapdragon™ 778G+ chipset, Nothing Phone (1) delivers speed and a smooth experience for a pre-order introductory price of INR 31,999. With a 200,00+ pre-order waitlist, and bids over \$3,000 USD for the first 100 serialised units, it's one of the most anticipated tech products in years. "We designed Phone (1) as a product we'd be proud to share with friends and family," said Carl Pei, CEO and Co-founder of Nothing. "This simple principle helped us wander off the beaten path, tune into our instincts, and create an experience that hopefully marks the start of change in a stagnant industry."

**Glyph Interface:** Nothing like you've seen before, the Glyph Interface is a new way of communicating to help minimise screen time. Unique light patterns made up of 900 LEDs indicate who's calling and signals app notifications, charging status and more.



Truecaller launched new app Open Doors



KARNAL: Truecaller, the world's leading global communications platform, launched a brand new app for safe, secure and private audio conversations: Open Doors. The app is a labour of love, built over many months by a dedicated international team. After building Truecaller that safeguards people in their digital lives, and the free app Guardians for personal safety, the Swedish company is now setting sights on a new target: enabling fun, impromptu, global private conversations. Open Doors will be completely free to use and available globally on the Google Play Store & Apple App Store. The app works seamlessly across both smartphone platforms. "Thanks to Truecaller being in 13 years in the business, we've spent a great deal of time learning about how people communicate, said Nami Zarringhalam, Co-founder of True Software Scandinavia AB.

Audi launches the new Audi A8 L in India

CHANDIGARH: Audi, the German luxury car manufacturer, today launched its flagship sedan, the new Audi A8 L in India. Powered by a 3.0L TFSI(petrol) engine, generating 340hp and 500 Nm of torque, the new Audi A8 L goes from 0-100 kmph in 5.7 seconds. The new Audi A8 L provides a benchmark for 'Vorsprung durch Technik' – with a new design language and a host of luxury features and technology options. Mr Balbir Singh Dhillon, Head of Audi India, said, "The Audi A8 L is a symbol of no compromise transport and the latest model brings in even more glamour, comfort and technology. With the new Audi A8 L we are offering our discerning customers greater choice and wider personalization options as well. The Audi A8 L Celebration Edition and Audi A8 L Technology are designed to finely reflect our customers' personalities."



## NEWS AT A GLANCE

**Trainers from Europe are at LPU to train LPU faculty and delegates from 5 countries**



**HARPREET SINGH LEHAL**  
**JALANDHAR:** Lovely Professional University (LPU) has commenced weeklong training where trainers from Europe are training LPU faculty and delegates from 5 other countries. This training is being conducted under the European Union and Erasmus+ programme cofunded project. During the opening hours of the training sessions, Dr Aman Mittal, LPU's Vice-President and Head of the Division of International Affairs, apprised delegates about LPU and its various activities vis-à-vis internationalization of higher education and unique global understanding. For these sessions, international trainers of relevant expertise will be Dr. David Blay Tapia; Dr. António Rosado; Dr. Rita Cordovil; Dr Costas Tsouloupas; Dr George Aghamias; and, Dr. Angelos Vlachogiannis. Only a few days ago, LPU had also endeavoured to launch an important website for European Union's Billions-funded ERASMUS+ Project at the campus, which was virtually witnessed by more than 30 distinguished participants from both the European and Asian partner institutions. LPU emerged as the only university from India to be designated the lead coordinator.

## Pratibha Singh visits bereaved families, expresses grief over bus accident in Kullu



**DINESH AGARWAL**  
**SHIMLA, JULY 13**

Congress President MP Pratibha Singh today consoled the families of the bereaved people who were killed in the tragic bus accident in Kullu district's Sainj Valley which comes under her parliamentary constituency Mandi. She personally provided cash relief to the affected families. Praying for the peace of the departed souls, she said that she herself and the Congress party stands with them in this hour of grief. She said that Congress will provide all possible help to the affected

families. Earlier, Pratibha Singh, while inspecting the site of the bus accident, expressed concern over the poor condition of the road. She said that special attention should be paid to the clogged roads due to rain. She stressed on the need for maintenance and improvement of roads in this area from time to time to the officials of Public Works Department and Hydroelectric Project Officers in Sainj Valley. She said that special safety measures should be taken by identifying accident prone areas. She also asked the project officers to cooperate in this work. She said that parapits



should be installed on the road side to avoid any accident.

Pratibha Singh also asked the power project officers to constitute a quick disaster force in this area so that there is no delay in relief work in future in case of any such calamity or accident.

Pratibha Singh while expressing displeasure with the officials of NHPC and Power Corporation said that it is a matter of great sadness that those who gave their land to build these projects when they needed it, and during the time of calamity, no help was available to them on time.

Pratibha Singh also ordered the officials of the local Public Works Department to identify the black spots on the Sainj Shanshar road. She also asked to put crash barriers on the roads built under the Pradhan Mantri Gramin Sadak Yojana and put them in the scope of work. She also directed the officials of the Transport Department to run additional buses for the remote and inaccessible areas. During this, Pratibha Singh also announced to give 2 lakh from her MP fund for the construction of a road in the inaccessible Panchayat Gada Parli on the demand of the local people.

## MLA Manuke holds meeting with block officers



**SUKH NAHAR**  
**JAGRAON, JULY 13**

In order to work for the development of villages and to boost the pace of progress of villages in constituency Jagraon, MLA Saravjit Kaur Manuke conducted a meeting at block office in the presence of all concerned officials including B.D.P.O Satinder Singh Kang. In the meeting, MLA Manuke instructed the concerned officials to take necessary initiatives for cleaning of drains, repair of dilapidated streets and lanes, plantation of trees, construction of parks and playgrounds and to practice afforestation at unused property of panchayats. "Special seminars and camps to be organized to know about the problems of people in a better way, to spread awareness among people about use of rain water, a list to be prepared of

houses which are on the verge of collapsing so that necessary steps can be taken to provide shelter to the people," Manuke said while issuing instructions to the officials. Discussions regarding last year expenditure of the department and Mgnrega activities were also held in the meeting. Manuke further said that people of constituency Jagraon have shown great trust on her and it is her duty to fulfill every promise made with the people. B.D.P.O Satinder Singh Kang assured that he and his team shall leave no stone unturned to solve the problems faced by the people and every step will be taken to eliminate the inconveniences. At this occasion, Balwinder Kaur, Boorh Singh, Pritam Singh, Adv Karam Singh Sandhu, secretary Baljinder Singh, Nirmal Singh, Balwant Singh, Puneet Garg, Harjinder Singh, Daljeet Singh, Narinderjeet Singh and others were present.

## Kanwar Pal announces Rs 11 lakh to Daksha Prajapati Dharamshala

**PRITI JAIN**  
**SADAURA, JULY 13**

Education Minister Haryana Kanwar Pal said that Haryana Government has done the work of connecting every section with development. He said that Prajapati Samaj has achieved its achievement on the strength of its hard work. The minister announced a grant of Rs 11 lakh to Daksha Prajapati Dharamshala from the voluntary fund. He was speaking on Maharaj Daksha Prajapati Jayanti at Daksha Prajapati Dharamshala located at Kapalmochan on Wednesday. He first offered flowers to the picture of Maharaja Guru Daksha Prajapati and wished everyone a happy birth anniversary. He said that today youth are getting jobs on the basis of merit. Due to the closure of spending slips, children from poorest families are getting jobs. He said that



to promote the skills of children studying in government schools, a target has been set to distribute 7 lakh free tabs at a cost of Rs 1000 crore. Earlier this target was 5 lakh tabs. Tab distribution work is going on continuously. He said that now the people of the state are getting the benefits of the government's scheme through family identity cards. To increase the income of the family whose income is up to 1.80 lakh, Antyodaya fairs have been organized in the state. In these fairs, people are called by the officials and after asking them loans are

being provided to run self-employment. He said that now one will not have to make rounds of offices for old age, caste proof, yellow card, Ayushman card. Now the benefits of all the schemes are being received at the doorstep. The minister said that the government has also made a special plan for the welfare of the backward classes. Chief Minister Manohar Lal has constituted Mitti Kala Board. The formation of this board will especially benefit Prajapati society, they will be given training by the board.

## Without Guru, it is not possible to attain knowledge: Puja



**NIRMAL SAINI**  
**RADAUR, JULY 13**

The festival of Guru Purnima was celebrated with pomp at Global Heritage International School. On this occasion a seminar was organized in the school. By feeding food to the elders in the old age home of Baba Bansi Wala, the children took their blessings. Principal Pooja Kamboj presided over the programme. Describing importance of the program, teacher Sonu Prajapat said that in the present era, not only has there been a huge difference in the field of education, but there is also a great difference in the thinking of the students towards the teachers. In such a situation, it is very important to tell the glory and importance of Guru to the children from the very beginning. Without Guru, it is not possible to attain knowledge, said Puja.

## Tata Pravesh Dealership launched in Haldwani for Doors & Windows by Tata Steel

**HALDWANI, JULY 13**

Tata Pravesh, the new stalwart brand in Tata Steel's portfolio, launched its dealership at KR Glass & Plywood, Seesh Mahal, Near Saint Theresa School, Bareilly Nainital road, Haldwani here today, to offer the complete range of stunning and strong home solutions including steel doors to windows and ventilators. Mr. Jogendra Singh Rautela, Mayor, Haldwani was the chief guest on this occasion. Rajat Garg, Dealership Owner, Haldwani, Tata Pravesh, said, "Each product of Tata Pravesh has the strength of steel and the beauty of wood. The cutting-edge products are long lasting and ensure ultimate security for a house. Combining the strength of steel and the beauty of wood, Tata Pravesh doors and windows offer complete peace of mind to its users in terms of price, quality, durability and



security." The doors are manufactured from high grade steel using state-of-the-art technology to ensure supreme resistance to fire and other hazards commonly experienced in the case of wooden doors. Engineered to perfection, every product is uniform in quality and finish, the texture resembles that of real wood. The outlet provides accessories, conditional delivery, installation and warranty. It gives a one stop solution for all wall opening needs. Tata Pravesh (from the house of Tata Steel) has introduced a wide range of sturdy and stunning steel doors suitable for all kinds of residential and commercial

requirements. With the advanced sublimation technology, the doors are adorned with premium wood grain finish and are less prone to damage, cracks, peeling, bowing, and warping. Made from superior quality galvanized iron sheets with a Honeycomb paper filling, Tata Pravesh doors are robust and long-lasting while offering the look and feel of a traditional wooden door. With our wide range of commercial doors, we cater to establishments like private and public offices, schools, hospitals, factories, warehouses, retail spaces, hotels and more, across the country.

## Need to strengthen Synergy and Coordination for Publicity of Govt Schemes anf Initiatives: ADG

**CHANDIGARH, JULY 13**

Inter Media Public Coordination Committee(IMPCC) meeting for the month of July 2022 was organised today at UT Guest House , Chandigarh by Press Information Bureau, Chandigarh, Government of India. The meeting included various units of Ministry of Information and Broadcasting, besides State and Central Government departments of UT Chandigarh and state of Haryana. The meeting was chaired by Shri Rajinder Chaudhry, Additional Director General (Region), Ministry of Information and Broadcasting, Government of India, Chandigarh. Chaudhry in his opening remarks emphasized the need to sustain synergy, cooperation, coordination and work consistently to strengthen public awareness campaigns on various public interest issues in the states of Punjab, Haryana and UT Chandigarh., with focus Vaccination and new initiatives , achievements and schemes that benefit people at large. He also underlined the need of utilizing Social Media, that can play an important role in reaching out to the masses through platforms such as microblogging site Twitter and others like Facebook, Instagram and Whatsapp, in today's time when social media has carved its own niche as digital technology that can disseminate information to the people in the fastest way.

## Number of trees decreasing continuously is matter of concern for all of us: Vipin Sharma

**NIRMAL SAINI**  
**RADAUR, JULY 13**

Elite Mining Corporation Gumthala B-17, which is mining in Yamuna river, planted about one thousand fruit-bearing, shady and ornamental plants in Gumthala's government school, Yamuna temple and cremation ground. Company's partners Vipin Sharma and Kamal Shukla said that environmental protection is the need of the hour. The number of trees decreasing continuously is a matter of concern for all of us. We are continuously cutting trees to fulfill our needs. This is a matter of concern for all of us. We have to stop this and plant more and more trees. He appealed to everyone to plant saplings on special occasions of their lives. At the same time, the company's manager Arjun Singh said that every year company conducts a plantation campaign in village during rainy season. Along with planting saplings, free saplings are also distributed to the villagers, so that they can also plant saplings at their homes.



## Celebration of Guru Purnima held in Doon Public School



**NARESH GARG**  
**LADWA, JULY 13**

The festival of Guru Purnima was celebrated in Ladwa's Doon Public School on Wednesday. School Principal Dr. Anita Sharma told that on the occasion of Guru Purnima festival in the school, all the teachers and students worshiped and anointed Saraswati. He said that the Guru leads the students on the path of progress by dispelling the ignorance, illuminating and disseminating the knowledge. We need to impart sanskar and social knowledge along with bookish knowledge to the students. Director, Prof Vivek Sharma said that the students should respect their parents and teachers and follow the path shown by them.

## IELTS centers and social worker Sandeep Garg strongly condemns firing on Chaitanya Center



**LADWA (NARESH GARG):** All the IELTS centers of Ladwa closed their centers in protest against the indiscriminate firing by two masked youths at Chaitanya IELTS center on Tuesday afternoon and Sandeep, the owners of all the ielts centers and social worker of this incident. Garg strongly condemned and demanded the government to arrest the youths who fired outside the Ielts center at the earliest. Rajeev Sharma and Harnek Singh, owners of Chaitanya IELTS Center also condemned the incident.

## Traffic Police Nabha cuts off challans of traffic violators

**RAKESH JINDAL**  
**NABHA, JULY 13**

SSP Patiala, SP Traffic Harwant Kaur, DSP Traffic under the direction of Karanveer Singh and DSP Nabha Davinder AtriNabha Police under the leadership of Traffic Incharge Baljit Singh has started a campaign to ensure strict observance of traffic rules where unlicensed vehicles and crackers in the market including Bolta are being paid in front of shops. Any kind of trafficMr. Nabha Baljit Singh, Traffic Incharge said that while the challans of the violators of traffic rules have been deducted on a large scale, he appealed to the people of the city and the passers-by to take care of themselves and the society. They must follow the traffic rulesHe said that if any person was found violating the traffic rules, he would not be spared. He was accompanied by ASI Hardeep Singh, ASI Kuldeep Singh and Constable Satgur Singh.



## Action against Non Profit Organisation for supplying poor quality Take Home Ration

**RN KHERA**  
**CHANDIGARH, JULY 13**

In U.T. Chandigarh, 3 ICDS Projects comprising of 450 Anganwadi centres are functioning in peripheral areas, colonies and slum areas for disbursing Supplementary Nutrition, Pre-school non-formal education, Nutrition & health education, Immunization, Health check-up and, Referral services. Supplementary Nutrition Programme plays a vital role to improve the nutritional and health status of ICDS beneficiaries' i.e. Children in the age group of 6 month - 6 years, Pregnant Women & Lactating Mothers. To prepare and supply the Supplementary Nutrition Food in all the 450 Anganwadi Centres, 4 Non Profit Organization (NPOs) have been engaged by the Department. The Child Development Project Officers, Lady Supervisors and Block Team POSHAN Abhiyaan are deputed to visit the Anganwadi Centres and kitchens of NPOs on daily basis to check the quantity and quality of food.

## Big cleanliness drive in P'kula to make it plastic, encroachment and slum free

**RAJENDER KHATRY**  
**PANCHKULA, JULY 13**

Haryana Legislative Assembly Speaker Gian Chand Gupta on Wednesday held a meeting with the top officials of Panchkula district and gave strict guidelines to review Panchkula's plastic-free, encroachment-free and slum-free campaign. In the meeting, it was decided to start a cleanliness campaign on a large scale. For this, a strategy will be prepared with voluntary organisations by holding a big meeting at PWD Rest House in Panchkula on 23rd July. Legislative Assembly Speaker Gian Chand Gupta,



who is engaged in fulfilling 7 concerns in Panchkula city, held a meeting with Mayor Kulbhushan Goyal and top officials of Panchkula administration on Wednesday and took details of the implementation of many concerns including encroachment free. Giving concrete guidelines to remove encroachment in the meeting,

he discussed extensively about the cleanliness campaign. A meeting will be held on 23rd July at PWD Rest House in Panchkula to plan the complete cleanliness campaign. During the meeting, Municipal Commissioner Dharamveer Singh said that Panchkula was declared plastic free from July 1. Municipal

corporations and police teams are conducting surprise raids in every market of the city. 1260 raids were conducted in the last 12 days. During these raids 318 challans were issued. Haryana Pollution Control Board regional officer Virendra Punia said that a campaign has been started in schools to make children aware of cleanliness and plastic. Lectures are being organized by sending special speakers in the morning prayer meetings. Vidhan Sabha Speaker Gian Chand Gupta said that proper arrangements would also have to be made for the disposal of illegally used plastic products.



## SHORT TALKS

During the first ODI on Tuesday, Virat was replaced by batter Shreyas Iyer here at the Kennington Oval.

Coming to the match, a blistering partnership between Rohit Sharma and Shikhar Dhawan and a six-wicket haul by Jasprit Bumrah guided Team India to a 10-wicket win over England in the first ODI of the three-match series here at the Kennington Oval.

Rohit smashed 76 runs off 58 balls while Shikhar scored 31 runs off 54 balls to help the Men in Blue chase down the target of 111 runs in just 18.4 overs.

# ICC Men's Rankings: Bumrah regains No.1 spot in ODIs

## Need to prioritise format of global event: Bumrah on workload issue

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India seamer Bhuvneshwar Kumar has surged seven places to a career-best seventh position after a haul of three for 15 in the second T20I in Birmingham while Mehdi Hasan (up two places to 15th), England's Chris Jordan (up six places to 18th) and India leg-spinner Yuzvendra Chahal (up two places to 19th) are others in the top 20. Harshal Patel (up 10 places to 23rd) and Bumrah (up six places to 27th) have also progressed.

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**Inviting applications for the National Awards for Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities for the year 2021 and 2022 through 'online'**

S.No.	Category of Award and eligibility	No. of Awards
1.	<b>Sarvshresth Divyangjan</b> (सर्वश्रेष्ठ दिव्यांगजन) (Belonging to any filed or activity i.e. Education/ Health/Employment/Art & Culture/Sports/Creative work/Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities/Social service / etc. - <b>a Role Model</b> ) - Open to all persons with disabilities having any of the 21 specified disabilities under the RPwD Act.	06 (03 for Male and 03 for Female) Cash component of Award: Rs. 2.00 lakh each
2.	<b>ii) Shresth Divyangjan</b> (श्रेष्ठ दिव्यांगजन) <b>a.</b> Locomotor Disability - (Locomotor, Muscular, Disability, Dwarfish, Acid Attack Victims, Leprosy Cured, Cerebral Palsy) <b>b.</b> Visual Impairment - (Blindness, Low Vision) <b>c.</b> Hearing Impairment - (Deaf, Hard of Hearing, Speech & Language disability) <b>d.</b> Intellectual Disability - (Mental Retardation, Mental Behavior, Specific Learning Disability, Autism Spectrum Disorder) e. Any specified disability except the disabilities mentioned from Sr. (a) to (d) above. (Developmental Disorder, Disability caused due to Blood Disorder, Hemophilia, Thalassemia, Sickle Cell Diseases, Chronic Neurological Conditions, Multiple Sclerosis, Parkinson's Disease, Multiple Disability) However, if suitable person(s) in any one or more of these sub-categories are not found, the awards may be given to additional person(s) in other sub-categories. (In the fields of employment/ self-employment, health/sports, art, culture drawing, painting, music, or any other type of creative work, empowerment of persons with disabilities.)	10 (1 for Male and 1 for Female in each of the five categories (a) to (e) ).  Cash Component of Award: Rs. 1.00 lakh
	<b>ii) Shresth Divyangjan Bal/Balika</b> (श्रेष्ठ दिव्यांग बाल/बालिका) (In any of category of specified disabilities under the RPwD Act) - (In the field of art & culture drawing, painting, music, or any other type of creative work etc.) Children with disabilities up to the age of 18 years.	2 (1 for male and 1 for female) (upto age of 18) Cash Component of Award: Rs. 1.00 lakh
3.	<b>Divyangjano Ke Liye Karyarat Sarvshrestha Vyakti</b> (दिव्यांगजनों के लिए कार्यरत सर्वश्रेष्ठ व्यक्ति)	1 Award: Rs. 1.00 lakh
4.	<b>Divyangjata Ke Kshetra Mein Sarvshrestha Punarvas Pashevar</b> (दिव्यांगता के क्षेत्र में सर्वश्रेष्ठ पुनर्वास पेशेवर)	1 Award: Rs. 1.00 lakh
5.	<b>Divyangjata Ke Kshetra Mein Sarvshrestha Anusandhan / Navpravartan / Utпад Vikas</b> (दिव्यांगता के क्षेत्र में सर्वश्रेष्ठ अनुसंधान / नवप्रवर्तन/ उत्पाद विकास)	1 Award: Rs. 1.00 lakh
	<b>Sarvshresth Divyangjan</b> (सर्वश्रेष्ठ दिव्यांगजन) (Belonging to any filed or activity i.e. Education/ Health/Employment/Art & Culture/Sports/Creative work/Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities/Social service / etc. - <b>a Role Model</b> ) - Open to all persons with disabilities having any of the 21 specified disabilities under the RPwD Act.	

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1.	Divyangjan Sashaktikaran Hetu Sarvshrestha Sansthan (दिव्यांगजन सशक्तिकरण हेतु सर्वश्रेष्ठ संस्थान) (Private organization, NGO)	1 Award for providing comprehensive Rehabilitation services 1 Award for Inclusive Education (institutions providing or promoting inclusive education)
2.	Divyangjano Ke Liye Sarvshrestha Niyokta (दिव्यांगजनों के लिए सर्वश्रेष्ठ नियोक्ता) (Govt. organisation/ PSEs/ Autonomous bodies/ Pvt. Sector )	1 Award
3.	Divyangjano Ke Liye Sarvshrestha Placement Agency (दिव्यांगजनों के लिए सर्वश्रेष्ठ प्लेसमेंट एजेंसी) excluding Govt. / State Govt/ Local Bodies	1 Award
4.	Sugamya Bharat Abhiyan Kay Karyanvayan / Badhamukta Vatavaran Kay Srijan Mein Sarvshrestha Rajya / UT / Zila (सुगम्य भारत अभियान के कार्यान्वयन/बाधमुक्त वातावरण के सृजन में सर्वश्रेष्ठ राज्य/संघ राज्य क्षेत्र / जिला)	1 Award
5.	Sarvshrestha Sugamya Yatayat Kay Sadahan / Soochana Avem Sanchar Prodyogiki (सर्वश्रेष्ठ सुगम यातायात के साधन/ सूचना एवं संचार प्रौद्योगिकी) Govt./Private organisation	1 Award
6.	Divyangjano Kay Adhikar Adhinyam/UDID Avem Divyang Sashaktikaran Ki Anay Yojanaon Kay Karyanvayan Mein Sarvshrestha Rajya /UT/Zila (दिव्यांगजनों के अधिकार अधिनियम/विशिष्ट दिव्यांगता पहचान पत्र एवं दिव्यांग सशक्तिकरण की अन्य योजनाओं के कार्यान्वयन में सर्वश्रेष्ठ राज्य/ संघ राज्य क्षेत्र/ जिला)	1 Award for State/UT and 1 Award for District
7.	Divyangjano Kay Adhikar Adhinyam Kay Apne Rajya/ UT Mein Karyanvayan Mein Sarvshrestha Pradarshan Rajya Divayngjan Aayukta (दिव्यांगजनों के अधिकार अधिनियम के अपने राज्य/ संघ राज्य क्षेत्र में कार्यान्वयन में सर्वश्रेष्ठ प्रदर्शन करने वाले राज्य दिव्यांगता आयुक्त)	1 Award
8.	Punarvas Sevawon Ke Liye Pesheyay Taiyar Karnewali Sarvshresth Sansthan (पुनर्वास सेवाओं हेतु पेशेवर तैयार करनेवाली सर्वश्रेष्ठ संस्थान)	1 Award

## **E-TENDER NOTICE**

DPR-HP-2391/2022-2023

**HIMACHAL PRADESH  
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT**

DPR-HP-2385/2022-2023

**HIMACHAL PRADESH  
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT  
NOTICE INVITING TENDER**

No	Name of Work	Estimated Cost (Rs.)	Earnest Money (Rs.)	Cost of Tender From (Rs.)	Time limit	Eligible Class of Contractor
1.	RRD on Talyar Pingla Thona Sarkaghat road Km. 11/0 to 22/645 (SH-Construction of PCC Retaining wall at RD.17/465 to 17/475 & C/o Toe wall and wing wall both side at RD. 17/465)	325679	6600	350	Two Months	"C&D"
2.	RRD on T.P.T.S. road Km.11/0 to 22/645 (SH- Construction of PCC Breast wall at RD. 19/870 to 19/890).	321895	6500	350	Two Months	"C&D"
3.	RRD Kalkher Leda Sundernagar road Km. 0/0 to 13/800 (SH-Construction of PCC Retaining wall at RD.2/705 to 2/725)	234196	4700	350	Two Months	"C&D"
4.	RRD on Mandi Rewalsar Kalkher road Km. 11/500 to 19/00 (SH-Dressing of berms and cleaning of drain etc. in Km. 11/500 to 19/00)	180880	3700	350	Two Months	"C&D"
5.	Construction of Kandi Mod to Soyara bridge road Km. 0/0 to 2/0 (SH-C/o 900mm dia Hume pipe culvert at RD.0/465, with wing wall & Edge wall at RD.0/225 to 0/245) Under SCDP	331341	6700	350	Two Months	"C&D"
6.	Improvement of Balok spot on Galma Majhiyali road Km. 0/0 to 9/00 (SH-C/o PCC R/wall at RD.6/360 to 6/370 and 6/615 to 6/625).	321618	6500	350	Two Months	"C&D"
7.	RRD on various roads under Rewalsar Sub-Division HP.PWD., Rewalsar (SH-Hiring of Tipper for carriage of muck, Debris etc.) Leda Section	154744	3100	350	Two Months	"C&D"
8.	Construction of Kalkher Galoo to Naundhar upper Dibhri Lower Dibhri Bhaut Sidhyani road Km. 0/0 to 5/0 (SH-C/o Breast wall at RD.3/290 to 3/310) Under OTMNP.	351484	7100	350	Two Months	"C&D"
9.	Addition and Alteration in operation theatre at 8th floor under SLBS Govt. Medical College & Hospital at Nerchowk. (SH- Construction of wash rooms, instrument washing area and pantry alongwith creation of window in HOD room, main glass door to dialysis room) Job No.2	378503	7700	350	Three Months	"C&D"
10.	RRD on Ratti Meramast Leda road Km. 0/0 to 14/580 (SH-C/o PCC R/wall at RD. 9/850 to 9/862.50).	257234	5200	350	Three Months	"C&D"
11.	Construction of Bhura Stoh Dhoul road Km. 0/0 to 1/800 (SH-Construction of PCC Breast wall at RD.0/493 to 0/501) Under SCDP	139673	2800	350	Two Months	"C&D"
12.	RRD on various roads Under Chakkur Sub-Division HP.PWD., Nerchowk (SH- Hiring of Tipper for carriage of muck & potch work material) (Nerchowk Section)	207480	4150	350	Three Months	"C&D"
13.	Additional and Alteration work in the additional accommodation for Divisional Office Nerchowk on First floor of existing Junior Engineer quarter (Type-II) at Nerchowk Distt. Mandi (HP). (SH-Providing and Fixing wall paneling, curtains, almirah, computer table side table and wire gauge shutters).	182296	4000	350	Two Months	"C&D"
14.	RRD on Mandi Gogal Chail Chowk Janjohali Chhattai Rana Ka Bag road Km. 0/0 to 16/190 (SH-Construction of PCC U-Shape drain at RD.9/840 to 9/890) and extension of culvert at RD.9/880).	391103	8000	350	One Month	"C&D"
15.	RRD on Galma Majhiyali road Km. 0/00 to 9/00 (SH-Construction of PCC Breast wall at RD. 7/635 to 7/645).	146884	3000	350	Two Months	"C&D"
16.	A/R & M/O on Various bridges under Ratti Section HP.PWD. Nerchowk (SH- Painting on Soyra & Moholla Bridges).	102736	2100	350	One Month	"C&D"
17.	Construction of link road from Gas Godawan to Chukran Gram Panchayat Lower Rewalsar Km. 0/0 1/700 (SH- R.O.F. in Km. 1/435 to 1/700).	366775	7500	350	Two Months	"C&D"
18.	Construction of link road from Kothi-Thapla-Bhout-Serharka-Lagda-Hawanoo-Dalmoo-Bag and C/o Culvert on Garmouli Khad (Portion Kothi-Thapla-Bhout) Km. 0/0 to 3/500 Under SCSP (SH- Providing and Laying WBM G-I in Km. 2/0 to 2/250 & 2/750 to 3/035).	412491	8500	350	Two Months	"C&D"
19.	RRD on Rewalsar Dhiundhar road Km. 0/0 to 6/0 (SH- C/o PCC Retaining wall at RD. 2/610 to 2/620).	229446	4600	350	Two Months	"C&D"
20.	Construction of Protection wall on back side of HPPWD Sub-Division Building at Rewalsar (SH- C/o Protection wall in C.C. 1:5:10 at RD. 0/0 to 0/010).	134101	2700	350	Two Months	"C&D"
21.	RRD on various roads under Chakkur Sub-Division HP.PWD., Nerchowk (SH-Hiring of Tipper for carriage of muck & Patch work material) (Gagal Section)	207480	4150	350	Three Months	"C&D"
22.	Addition and Alteration work in intern Girls Hostel in the SLBS Govt. Medical College & Hospital at Nerchowk (SH-Construction of hut at main gate of interns hostel for security post).	156483	3200	350	Three Months	"C&D"
23.	Construction of Ratti to Troh road Km. 0/0 to 5/00 (SH- Providing and Laying Kharanja stone soling and C.C. pavement in Km. 0/060 to 0/108).	190347	3900	350	Two Months	"C&D"
24.	RRD on Reur Durgapur road Km. 0/00 to 4/00 (SH- Construction of PCC Breast wall at RD.2/810 to 2/825).	196684	4000	350	Two Months	"C&D"
25.	Construction of Horticulture Development Office building at Nerchowk Tehsil Bahi Distt. Mandi H.P. (SH-Supplying and filling in ninth with river sand/filter media).	65122	1400	350	One Month	"C&D"

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# Madhuri Dixit goes down memory lane, celebrates 25 years of 'Mrityudand'

Bollywood actor Madhuri Dixit took a trip down memory lane as she celebrated 25 years of her film 'Mrityudand'. "Feels like yesterday. Gotta always strive to do our best. The journey continue... stay tuned," captioned the 'Dhak dhak' girl on Instagram. In the sling of pictures, Madhuri Dixit shared vintage clips of the film. In the first picture, the actor shared a monochrome photo of her younger days where she sported a bindi and supposedly draped a saree, looking stunning. The second picture revealed veteran actors Shabana Azmi and Priety Zinta. Madhuri looked like a Bengali bride in the next picture, wearing a red-coloured saree and golden jewellery. She exuded elegance and grace. 'Mrityudand' was a timeless classic. The film, helmed by Prakash Jha, revolved around the story of three women dominated by a patriarchal society and their struggles to overcome it. Madhuri is quite active on social media, sharing pictures and videos of herself and her family - husband Shriram Mahadev Nene and kids Arin and Ryan Nene. Meanwhile, the ageless beauty, Madhuri, is gearing up for the release of her Amazon Original movie 'Maja Maa', which is helmed by

Anand Tiwari and produced by Amritpal Singh Bindra. 'Maja Maa' is slated to release in the later part of the year. A short teaser was also unveiled lately and it gave an idea that the film is a conventional entertainer, revolving around a family. The project also stars Gajraj Rao, Ritwik Bhowmik, Rajit Kapur, Barkha Singh and Simone Singh. Recently, on the occasion of her 55th birthday on May 15, the Bollywood diva gave a surprise to her fans, as she released her second single track 'Tu Hai Mera', dedicated to all her fans. In the video, Madhuri expressed gratitude to her fans for their dedicated support over the years.

# Aamir Khan suffers knee injury during 'Laal Singh Chaddha' shoot



Aamir Khan has given his everything to 'Laal Singh Chaddha'. Ahead of the release of the film, a source close to the actor shared that he suffered a knee injury while shooting a long-running sequence in the film. However, Aamir continued the shoot after taking a medical aid. He underwent physiotherapy and took painkillers to avoid the pain that was caused while running. Aamir did not want to waste a single minute as the shooting of the film already got delayed due to the pandemic. Helmed by Advait Chandon, 'Laal Singh Chaddha' is an official Hindi adaptation of the Academy Award-

winning 1994 film Forrest Gump, which had Tom Hanks in the lead role. It is scheduled to release on August 11 this year. Kareena Kapoor Khan and Mona Singh are also a part of the film. A few weeks ago, Aamir unveiled the film's trailer which took viewers on a joyride of emotions. The almost 3-minute-long trailer gave a glimpse into the fascinating and innocent world of Laal Singh Chaddha, the film's protagonist. His slow-witted approach and childlike optimism are the driving force of the movie. In the trailer, Aamir's calming voiceover and his eyes-wide-open look gave flashbacks to his mannerisms from Rajkumar Hirani's 'PK'. It showed multiple picturesque locations, exhibiting the Indian heritage in its tranquil form. Aamir's cute chemistry with Kareena is great and Mona Singh also looked seamless in the role of the protagonist's mother.

# Aishwarya Rai Bachchan celebrates 20 years of 'Devdas'

There are some movies that you watch, enjoy, and then forget about as soon as you leave the theatre. Then there are films that linger in your thoughts for years after you've seen them. Sanjay Leela Bhansali's 'Devdas' is one such movie that is forever etched in people's hearts. Released on July 12, 2002, 'Devdas' is a remake of late legendary actor Dilip Kumar's film of the same name. It starred Shah Rukh Khan, Aishwarya Rai Bachchan and Madhuri Dixit Nene in the lead roles.

Tuesday, Aishwarya took a stroll down memory lane and shared her She captioned the post with left many fans nostalgic. commented, "One of the repeat." "How time social media user Aishwarya's husband the post and that too saga was based on Chattopadhyay revolves around Mukherjee life goes his family him from ying o, (Aishwarya). He then turns to alcohol and seeks refuge with a prostitute dramukhi i). Apart storyline, from the including 'Silsila Ye Ka', Dola Re were also appreciated remain among many.



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# Britney Spears flaunts curvaceous body in naked pool pictures



American singer and sensation Britney Spears, on Wednesday, dropped some steaming hot pictures from her naked pool day. Taking to Instagram, the 40-year-old singer captioned the post, "Keep swimming ... keep swimming" followed by a swimming and a surprised face emoticon. In the first picture, the 'Toxic' singer, struck a side nude bold pose inside her pool. In the second picture, the singer stunned everyone, as she can be seen posing her uncovered back. Soon after the 'How I roll' signer dropped these jaw-dropping pictures, fans flooded the comment section with heart-eye and fire emotions and praised the American singer for her ultra-boldness. One of her fans commented, "Is that a mermaid?" followed by heart-eye emoticons. The 'Baby one more time' singer recently got hitched to her long-time boyfriend Sam Asghari in a close intimate wedding ceremony. This is not the first time that she shared her bold photos or videos on her socials, the singer recently dropped a topless video on her Instagram, from her honeymoon, in which she could be seen covering her private body parts with her hands.



# James Franco returns to acting four years after sex-misconduct allegations

James Franco, who stepped away from acting following a series of allegations of sexual misconduct four years ago, is back in action. As per The Hollywood Reporter, Franco is all set to play one of the lead roles in Danish director Bille August's post-World War II coming-of-age drama Me, You, adapted from the novel Tu, Mia by Erri De Luca. Franco will star alongside Tom Hollander and Daisy Jacob, with principal photography set to take place in Ischia starting in September. For the unversed, in January 2018, five women accused Franco of inappropriate and sexually exploitative behaviour, while four of them were students at his acting school Studio 4, which was soon closed. Two of the students filed a lawsuit in 2019 alleging that classes existed mainly to create a way for Franco and his associates to take advantage of young women. In 2021, Franco and associated entities agreed to pay \$2,235,000 to resolve the lawsuit.

In December 2021, Franco broke his silence about the sexual misconduct allegations levelled against him. On SiriusXM's 'The Jess Cagle' podcast, he addressed the allegations, confessing that he had slept with his students. "Look, I'll admit I did sleep with students. I didn't sleep with anybody in that particular class. But, over the course of my teaching, I did sleep with students and that was wrong." He added, "But like I said, it's not why I started the school and I wasn't the person that selected the people to be in the class. So it wasn't a 'master plan' on my part. But yes, there were certain instances where, you know what, I was in a consensual thing with a student and I shouldn't have been." Franco also opened up about why he was silent for so long. "In 2018, there were some complaints about me and an article about me. And at that moment I just thought, 'I'm gonna be quiet. I'm gonna pause.' [It] did

not seem like the right time to say anything. There were people that were upset with me and I needed to listen," he explained. He even addressed his history of drug abuse and sex addiction. The actor said, "Once I stopped using alcohol to sort of fill that hole, it was like, 'Oh success, attention -- this is great. And so, in a weird way, I got addicted to validation. It's such a powerful drug. got hooked on it for 20 more years, and the insidious part of that is that I stayed sober from alcohol all that time. I went to meetings all that time. I even tried to sponsor other people. And so in my head, it was like, 'Oh, I'm sober. I'm living a spiritual life.' Where on the side, I'm acting out now in all these other ways. And I couldn't see it." He stated that he was "completely blind to power dynamics or anything like that, but also completely blind to people's feelings." The Oscar nominee opened his acting school, Playhouse West Studio 4, in 2014 before it closed in 2017.