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CUET-UG results announced, 22,000 candidates score 100 percentile

NEW DELHI: The National Testing Agency on Saturday declared the results for the Common University Entrance Test-Undergraduate (CUET-UG), which showed that over 22,000 candidates scored 100 percentile. The maximum top scorers were in English, followed by Biology and Economics. Over 11.11 lakh candidates had appeared for the second edition of the entrance exam. While 5,685 candidates scored 100 percentile in English, 4,850 candidates got a top score in Biology/Biotechnology/Biochemistry, followed by 2,836 in Economics. "The performance of every candidate has been evaluated using the equi-percentile method wherein normalised marks of each candidate have been calculated using the percentiles of each group of students in a given session across multiple days for the same subject," said Sadhana Parashar, Senior Director, National Testing Agency (NTA).

Nadda writes to Chirag Paswan, others to join NDA meeting on Jul 18

NEW DELHI: Several new allies and some former ones, including Lok Janshakti Party (Ram Vilas) leader Chirag Paswan, may attend the BJP-led NDA meeting on July 18 in a show of strength by the ruling alliance amid hectic efforts by the opposition to unite against the Modi government. Union minister Nityanand Rai met with Paswan for the second time in a week, and the LJP(R) also shared a letter written by BJP president J P Nadda to the young leader, inviting him to attend the NDA meeting. Nadda described the regional party as a key constituent of the NDA and a key partner in the Prime Minister Narendra Modi-led government's push for the development and welfare of the poor.

Marathi actor Ravindra Mahajani found dead in Pune; police say 'he died around three days ago'

PUNE: Veteran Marathi actor-director Ravindra Mahajani was found dead at a rented flat in Talegaon Dabhade area near Pune city, police said on Saturday. The 77-year-old yesteryear actor's body was recovered on Friday evening, the police said, adding that it is suspected that he died around three days ago. "We received a call from the neighbours of the flat, where Mahajani was staying alone, informing us about foul odour emanating from his house. We went to the spot and broke open the door of the flat, where he was found dead," a senior official of Talegaon Dabhade police station said.

Union Minister's escort vehicle overturns in Hoshiarpur

HOSHIAHPUR: An escort vehicle of Union Minister Som Parkash skidded off the road and overturned near Fatehpur village about 25 km from here on Saturday. The incident took place when Parkash's convoy was heading towards Kothi village to inspect the flood-affected areas in Chabbewal, police said. Punjab Home Guard Jawan Harmesh Kumar, who was in the escort vehicle, got minor injuries on his left arm in the incident. No one else was reported hurt. A JCB machine moved the car back onto the road, and Parkash safely reached the flood-affected areas and visited several villages including Fatehpur, Kothi, Lalwan, and Hulluwal, police said.

As floodwaters recede in Punjab, Haryana; threat of water-borne diseases looms large

SHASHI PAL JAIN
CHANDIGARH, JULY 15

Floodwaters have started receding in several places of Punjab and Haryana, battered by heavy downpour earlier this week, and relief work is underway in affected areas in both states, officials said on Saturday.

With the threat of water and vector-borne diseases looming large in flood-affected areas, health department officials have been directed to take appropriate steps to prevent any such outbreak, they said.

The officials also said that medical camps have been set up in flood-hit areas and medicines are being distributed to people.

At least 39 people have died in rain-related incidents in Punjab and Haryana. According to official data, 19 people have died in rain-related incidents in Punjab while the death toll in Haryana stands at 20.

Over 22,000 people have been moved to safety from waterlogged localities in various flood-hit districts of Punjab. In neighbouring Haryana,



4,495 people have been evacuated.

Fourteen districts – Patiala, Moga, Ludhiana, Mohali, Jalandhar, Sangrur, Pathankot, Tarn Taran, Ferozepur, Fatehgarh Sahib, Faridkot, Hoshiarpur, Rupnagar and SBS Nagar – have been affected in Punjab.

In Haryana, the number of

districts affected in the recent heavy downpour stands at 13 – Ambala, Fatehabad, Faridabad, Panchkula, Jhajjar, Kurukshetra, Karnal, Kaithal, Panipat, Sonapat, Palwal, Sirsa and Yamunanagar.

District authorities, along with personnel from the Army, Border Security Force and the National

Disaster Response Force (NDRF), were involved in the relief operations. They also distributed dry rations, medicines, drinking water and cattle fodder. The water level in the Hathnikund barrage in Haryana's Yamunanagar was at 54,012 cusecs at 11 am. The flow rate was significantly lower than Tuesday morning's 3.21 lakh cusecs, the officials added.

However, the overflowing Ghaggar river continues to wreak havoc in Khanauri and Moonak blocks in Sangrur district, inundating vast tracts in these areas.

In Patiala district, Shutrana, Samana and Sanour were the worst-affected areas.

Sub-divisional Magistrate, Patran (Patiala), Mandeep Kumar on Saturday said floodwater has started receding from some flood-affected areas.

Meanwhile, authorities in Patiala have started receiving calls for the removal of carcasses of animals in flood-hit areas, the officials said, adding that directions were being issued for their disposal.

Evacuation operation over, 70000 tourists moved out safely: HP CM

DINESH AGARWAL
SHIMLA, JULY 15

The operation to evacuate people and tourists stranded in Himachal Pradesh due to flash floods triggered by heavy rains has been successfully accomplished. Chief Minister, Thakur Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu said that the state government safely evacuated around 70 thousand tourists and now only about 500 tourists have voluntarily decided to stay back in Himachal Pradesh, who were being taken care of and were being provided with food and other essential items. The State Government gave priority to the safety of life of all the tourists, rescue operations were started in the flood affected areas on a large scale and it was successfully completed with the cooperation of all. About 15000 vehicles have been sent out from Himachal Pradesh. Along with this, electricity, water and mobile services have been temporarily restored in 80 percent of the disaster affected areas. Efforts are being made to restore essential services in the remaining areas at the earliest, said the Chief Minister. He had all praise for the people



of the State, various agencies of the Center Government and the State Government, NDRF, Indian Army etc. for successfully conducting the rescue operations. The calamity is massive and the loss due to floods is estimated to be around 8000 crores in the State. The people of the state have faced the fury with a brave heart and the state government fully stands with the people of the state in this hour of grief stated Sh. Sukhu adding that the center government should also help the state government generously as soon as possible.

India, UAE relations have expanded in last few years: PM Modi

AGENCY
ABU DHABI, JULY 15

Prime Minister Narendra Modi was warmly welcomed by the United Arab Emirates President and Ruler of Abu Dhabi Sheikh Mohamed bin Zayed Al Nahyan at the Qasr Al Watan Presidential Palace. Both leaders had extensive discussions covering various aspects of bilateral ties. "Deepening India- UAE Comprehensive Strategic Partnership. PM Narendra Modi was warmly welcomed by UAE President and Ruler of Abu Dhabi HH Sheikh Mohamed bin Zayed Al Nahyan at the iconic Qasr Al Watan Presidential Palace. Extensive discussions between the two leaders covering various aspects of bilateral ties lie ahead,"



Minister of External Affairs spokesperson Arindam Bagchi tweeted. During his meeting with UAE President Zayed Al Nahyan at the Qasr Al Watan Presidential Palace PM Modi said that he is very glad to come to Abu Dhabi and meet the President. "I feel like I am at my second home. I thank you for the cordial

welcome you gave to me and my delegation," said PM Modi. "Our bilateral trade has grown by 20 per cent. For the first time, we have achieved USD 85 billion in trade and soon we will achieve the target of USD 100 billion. If we decide, we can cross this milestone before the G20," said PM Modi. PM Modi

thanked for the invitation to the COP28 and said, "I am thankful for your invitation and I always look for the chance to come here. I have decided to attend the COP-28 Summit in the UAE." Recalling last year's visit, when the UAE President received PM Modi at the airport, PM Modi said, "Last year during my visit, you yourself came to the airport to meet me. There cannot be a greater proof of affinity than the respect that you have given to me. I have always received brotherly affection from you and have always felt your commitment to policies." PM further said that in the last few years, relations between India and UAE have expanded because of a huge contribution from the UAE side.

No land being provided to any non-local under PMAY scheme: LG

AGENCY
SRINAGAR, JULY 15

Jammu and Kashmir's Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Saturday asserted that no land was being provided to any non-local under the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (PMAY) scheme. Sinha said that some people were misleading the people by claiming that land is being given to outsiders. Addressing a function in Baramulla district of Jammu and Kashmir, the LG said some people unfortunately were misleading people by claiming that land is being given to outsiders. "No outsider is being given land in J&K," he said. The Jammu Kashmir government recently approved a proposal for allotment of 5 marla land each to landless families for construction of houses under the PMAY. Atleast two former chief minister of erstwhile state raised their concerns over the policy and categorisation of the landless people.

AGENCY
NEW DELHI, JULY 15

Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal on Saturday said the water level of the Yamuna River is receding slowly and the situation will become normal soon. Kejriwal is expecting that if there is no heavy rain again, then both Water Treatment Plants, Chandrawal and Wazirabad, will be operational by



tomorrow. Taking to

Twitter, Kejriwal wrote, 'The water level of the Yamuna River is slowly decreasing. If there is no heavy rain again, the situation will become normal soon. Started withdrawing water from Chandrawal and Wazirabad water treatment plants. After this, the machines will dry. Both plants will be operational by tomorrow. Please take care and help each other.'

Yamuna water level receding slowly: Delhi CM

Modi urges French industry leaders to look at investment opportunities in India

AGENCY
PARIS, JUL 15

Prime Minister Narendra Modi has urged French industry leaders to look at investment opportunities in infrastructure and other segments of the economy and become part of the Indian growth story.

Addressing the India-France CEO forum along with French President Emmanuel Macron on Friday, Modi highlighted the ongoing economic reforms and the initiatives taken by his government in renewables, startups, pharma, IT, digital payments and infrastructure to foster business.

The Forum consisted of 16 CEOs from the French



side and 24 from the Indian side from diverse sectors, including aviation, manufacturing, defence, technology, and energy, among others. "Prime Minister

encouraged the CEOs to utilise the investment opportunities in India and be a part of India's growth story", India's Ministry of External Affairs said in a release.

Guillaume Faury, Airbus; Henri Poupart Lafarge, Alstom; Peter Herweck, Schneider Electric; Namita Shah, Total Energies; Philippe Errera, Safran; and Paul Hermelin, Capgemini were among the prominent French business leaders who attended the forum.

Hari S Bhartia, Jubilant Life Sciences Limited; Lakshmi Mittal, Arcelor Mittal; Tarun Mehta, Ather Energy; and Amit B Kalyani, Bharat Forge were among the business leaders on the Indian side.

The prime minister acknowledged the role played by these industry leaders in strengthening bilateral relations and promoting economic

cooperation between India and France.

He highlighted India's progress in renewables, startups, pharma, IT, digital payments and infrastructure and the various initiatives undertaken to foster business, the release said.

The Indian government during the last nine years of the NDA rule led by Prime Minister Modi has taken several initiatives to improve ease of doing business. These include relaxing FDI norms, encouraging manufacturing through Production Linked Incentive (PLI) scheme and reducing corporate tax.

Prime Minister Modi was on a two-day official visit at the invitation of French President Macron.

Rahul moves SC for stay on conviction in 'Modi' surname defamation case

NEW DELHI, JULY 15

Congress leader Rahul Gandhi on Saturday moved the Supreme Court against the Gujarat High Court order dismissing his plea seeking a stay on his conviction in a criminal defamation case over his "Modi surname" remark. Gandhi's petition was likely to be taken up for hearing early next week. Following a Surat Court's March 23 verdict convicting him in the defamation case and giving him two-year imprisonment, Gandhi – elected to the Lok Sabha from Wayanad in Kerala in 2019 – was disqualified as an MP under the Representation of the People Act. A stay on his conviction would pave the way for his reinstatement as an MP. Noting that Gandhi was already facing 10 criminal cases across India, Justice Hemant Prachhahak of the Gujarat High Court had on July 7 said there was no reasonable ground to stay the conviction and the Magisterial court's order was "just, proper and legal".



Hry CM accorded approval to contracts and purchases worth Rs 620.88 crores

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA
CHANDIGARH, JULY 15

While presiding over the meeting of High-Powered Purchase Committee (HPPC) and High-Powered Works Purchase Committee (HPWPC) here today, Haryana Chief Minister, Manohar Lal accorded approval to contracts and purchases worth Rs 620.88 crores. Rupees 15.47 crore were saved after negotiations with various bidders. The Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare Minister, J.P. Dalal, Energy Minister, Ranjit Singh, Transport Minister, Mool Chand Sharma and Minister of State for Revenue and Disaster Management Department, Anoop Dhanak were also present in the meeting. Ten agendas of Irrigation, Haryana Vidyut Prasaran Nigam Limited (HVPNL) and Uttar Haryana Bijli Vitran Nigam (UHBVN) in High Powered Purchase Committee and four agendas of Public Works (Buildings and Roads) and Public Health Engineering Department in High-Powered Works Purchase Committee were taken up and all of them got approved. Among different works and purchases which were materialized during the meeting included work of improvement of road by strengthening on Sirsa-Ludesar-Bhadar road in district Sirsa, construction of two lane road from Panchgaon to Farrukhnagar via Jamalpur in district Gurgaon, construction of 100 bedded State Institute of Tuberculosis and Cardiopulmonary Diseases at Ambala City.



CONFAB program held at DPS Public School



RAJPURA 15 JULY (BHUPINDER KAPOOR)
Yesterday's CONFAB- the International Educonnect After International Exchange Programs with children from Italy, France, Germany, Kenya, Belgium and South Africa, DPS Rajpura extended a warm welcome to Student Teachers from Melbourne, Australia under the unique program- Confab. DPS Rajpura has always believed in giving unique experiences to the Dipsties and so it does! Five members visited DPS Rajpura where they were overwhelmed with the warm welcome by children who gave them the experience of the rich culture of Punjab. They savored the cool lassi in the scorching heat! While interacting with the Dipsties via zoom, they discussed about various methodologies of the transaction of the curriculum, in India and abroad. They were taken around a unique exhibition depicting the rich culture and heritage of Punjab. The enjoyed dancing along with the children on the foot tapping beats of Gidhra and Bhangra. Wanting to know and experience much more, they headed towards Amritsar, the soul of Punjab! They thanked the Director DR Gurmeet Bindra and the Principal, Ms Geetika Chandra for the program that offered a two-way learning. "DPS Rajpura will continue to provide unique experiences to its Dipsties", reported Ms Chandra.

Poster Making Competition Organized on World Population Day

AVTAR SINGH BHANWARA
CHANDIGARH Maharishi Dayanand Public School, Daria, Chandigarh, organized a poster making competition on the occasion of World Population Day in collaboration with the Environment Department, Chandigarh. The children expressed through the posters that continued increase in population could result in imbalance in the environment. Students said that a small family was essential for a clean environment. They conveyed the message that glaciers were melting due to the continuous human population on Earth. This would threaten the existence of humans in danger. The environment is being adversely affected due to continuous cutting of trees. Students said that if the population was low then the environment would remain clean. They also stressed upon more planting of trees for a cleaner and safer environment. In Junior category Abhay, Abhimanyu, Ankit and Lovepreet received first, second, third and consolation prizes respectively while in Senior category Ragini, Sakshi, Kajal and Jaspreet- Someya got first, second, third and consolation prizes respectively. On this occasion, the school principal Dr. Vinod Kumar said that the masses were affected by the population. Due to population growth, men were cutting trees at a fast speed. Due to this ignorance, he is endangering his life and others. Control on increasing population is necessary.

FIR filed against MLA Rana Indra Pratap and several supporters for alleged destruction of embankment

ASHISHPURI
KAPURTHALA: The district police of Kapurthala has reportedly filed an FIR against MLA Rana Indra Pratap of Sutanpur Lodhi Assembly constituency and several of his supporters in connection with the alleged destruction of an embankment using an earthmoving machine late Friday night. However, there is no official confirmation of this development at the moment. According to departmental sources, this action has been taken based on a complaint by the XEN (Executive Engineer) of the Drainage

Department. It should be noted that after visiting flood-affected villages in Sutanpur Lodhi on Friday night, MLA Rana Indra Pratap had reportedly used an earthmoving machine to break the embankment, taking into account the problems faced by the people and the potential danger posed by floodwaters in some villages. However, the MLA had also alerted the administration and the Drainage Department about his actions. According to departmental sources, the district police initiated action on Saturday afternoon and registered an FIR, numbered 26, under Sections 277, 430, and IPC 70 of the Canal Act against the MLA and some others.

Ritu Mittal appointed President of 'Rotary Chandigarh City Beautiful'



SHASHI PAL JAIN
CHANDIGARH: Ritu Mittal, a rotary member of 'Rotary Chandigarh City Beautiful' has been appointed President for 2023-24 – she is the first woman to hold the office in the 12 year long history of the organisation. An installation ceremony was held, wherein apart from Ritu Mittal who was elected as President, Ravinder Garg was officially appointed Vice President, Jagdeep Chadda,

Secretary and Vaibhav Garg, Treasurer. Speaking on the occasion, an elated Ritu Mittal expressed her immense gratitude towards the members of 'Rotary Chandigarh City Beautiful'. She also thanked the organisation for giving an equal space to women to lead the office. On her appointment as the first woman President of the organisation, Mittal said, "This landmark decision is a sign of equality and women empowerment.

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Pb govt takes measures to prevent spread of diseases in flood-affected areas: Dr Balbir



BUNNYSODHI
JALANDHAR 15 JULY : Punjab Health Minister, Dr. Balbir Singh, has announced that the state government is fully prepared to prevent the spread of diseases in flood-affected areas and is providing continuous health services. During a review of the health department's performance in Jalandhar and Kapurthala, Dr. Singh expressed his appreciation for the support received from the Indian Medical Association (IMA) and other organizations. In Jalandhar district, 25 medical teams and 16 rapid

response teams have been deployed to provide medical assistance, with 140 beds reserved in different hospitals. Dr. Singh highlighted the increased risk of water-borne diseases as the water level recedes and urged the health department teams to raise awareness and distribute necessary medicines. Under the guidance of Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann, the Punjab government is committed to ensuring continuous health services in the affected areas. Adequate funds have been allocated to combat the spread

of diseases. Dr. Singh appealed to the IMA, private hospitals, and religious institutions to contribute more to public service during this challenging time. The IMA presented the required medicines for the flood-affected areas to Dr. Balbir Singh, who discussed the situation with representatives and doctors from private hospitals. They assured full support to the Punjab government in providing necessary assistance to the affected people. Balkar Singh, Punjab's Minister of Local Government, praised the cooperation of the health department

teams and various organizations, emphasizing the importance of collective efforts in providing relief to the affected population. He reiterated the government's commitment to standing in solidarity with those affected by the floods. Civil Surgeon Dr. Raman Sharma provided an update on the situation in Jalandhar district, stating that medical teams are actively distributing necessary medicines in the affected areas. Additionally, special teams have been deployed for the health care of pregnant women, and efforts are being made to prevent water-borne and vector-borne diseases. A control room has been established, and individuals in need can contact 0181-5007725 for assistance. The meeting was attended by MLA Raman Arora, Deputy Commissioner Special Sarangal, Municipal Corporation Commissioner Abhijit Kaplish, Health Department officials, and IMA representatives. The Punjab government is committed to providing comprehensive health services and ensuring the well-being of the affected population during this challenging time.

Gurbani telecast rights will not be allowed to go in hands of Badal family: CM Mann

AGENCY
CHANDIGARH: Punjab Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann today urged Governor of State Banwari Lal Purohit to give his consent to the proposed Amendment in Sikh Gurdwara Act 1925 for ending the monopoly of Badal family over the telecast of sacred Gurbani from Sri Harmandir Sahib.

In a letter to Governor, Bhagwant Mann bemoaned that one particular Channel owned by a political family has monopolized telecast of Sarab Sanjhi Gurbani from Sri Harmandir Sahib and has been making profits from it.

The Chief Minister said that in order to propagate the teachings of Holy Gurus and ensure the telecast of Sarab Sanjhi Gurbani from Sri Harmandir Sahib freely available to all, 'The Sikh Gurdwaras (Amendment) Bill, 2023' was introduced in Vidhan Sabha.

He said that Section 125-A was inserted in 'The Sikh Gurdwaras Act, 1925' and the state Vidhan Sabha passed it with an overwhelming majority.

However, the Chief Minister said that though Bill was sent for signatures Governor on June 26, 2023 it has not been signed till date.



He said that this amounts to stifling the democratic will of the people of Punjab. Bhagwant Mann apprised the Governor that agreement of SGPC with the said Channel will expire on July 23, 2023.

The Chief Minister said that in case Governor does not give nod to the Bill immediately, it may lead to a situation where millions of devotees across the world will be again deprived of watching the live telecast of Holy Gurbani from Sri Harmandir Sahib.

He said that this will seriously hurt the religious sentiments of the Sikhs across the globe. Bhagwant Mann urged the Governor to sign this Bill at the earliest, so that the telecast of Sarab Sanjhi Gurbani from Sri Harmandir Sahib can be made freely available to all through various channels and Media.

CM Mann releases Rs. 10 crores for repair of flood-affected water supply schemes: Jimpa

C S JOLLY
CHANDIGARH: Water Supply and Sanitation Minister Bram Shanker Jimpa said that Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann has released funds worth Rs. 10 crore for the repair of drinking water supply

schemes affected by floods. He said that the Punjab government is already ensuring the supply of clean water to the flood victims through alternative arrangements, but the pipes, motors or tubewells which got damaged by floods, will be repaired with this amount. The amount has been given from the SDR fund. Jimpa said that currently a large part of the state is under floods and facing clean drinking water problem but under the able leadership of Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann, we are providing potable water to every village of the state. Jimpa thanked the Chief Minister for releasing this amount. Before this, Water Supply and Sanitation Minister Bram Shanker Jimpa had held a meeting with the officials and field staff of the department and directed that there should be no shortage of clean drinking water in the flood-affected rural areas. He had

apprised the instructions issued by Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann that the supply of clean drinking water should be ensured to the flood-affected areas and sufficient quantity of water tankers should be sent to the areas where water cannot reach through pipes.

Kia India Celebrates 1 Million 'Make in India' Production Units with the Roll-out of its New Seltos

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA
AMBALA : Kia India, today celebrated the historical milestone of dispatching one million vehicles from its futuristic manufacturing facility at Anantapur by rolling out the first unit of its newest innovation - The new Seltos. This celebration also marks the production commencement of New Seltos which is one of the most evolved, Safer, and Smarter SUVs to be available in India. The new Seltos comes with a new-age design, 32 safety features including the most-advanced Level 2

ADAS with 17 Features and much-awaited features like panoramic sunroof. It will be available for pre-bookings in India from 14 July 2023 onwards. This significant achievement underscores Kia's commitment to the Indian market and showcases the success of its strategic approach. Unveiling the 1 millionth car, Tae-Jin Park, Managing Director and CEO, Kia India, said, "This is a big moment for us, our employees, and our partners who have lived and supported our journey and helped us in making Kia an integral part of Indian consumer's lives today. We are extremely grateful for their support and the love of our customers.

It is notified for the information of general public and all concerned that as per record of this office SMT. KRISHNA KUMARI is the owner/lessee of COMMERCIAL SCO No. 3, Sector 17, Chandigarh (CP 1119) to the extent of 25.00% share on the basis of Un-Registered Will of Late SMT. KRISHNA KUMARI.

Now, MINOR AGASTYA OM ARORA THROUGH HIS NATURAL GUARDIAN AND HIS FATHER AJAY ARORA has/have applied for the Transfer of Ownership in respect of COMMERCIAL SCO No. 3, Sector 17, Chandigarh, to the extent of 25.00% share held by Late SMT. KRISHNA KUMARI in his/her/their favour, on the basis of Un-Registered Will dated 10/05/2023. If anybody has any information about any other legal heirs of the deceased other than mentioned above, the same may be intimated to the Estate Officer, U.T., Chandigarh, immediately.

If anybody has any objection upon the mutation of the said share in the said property, in favour of the above named applicants, he/she/they may furnish the same in writing (Supported with affidavit duly attested by Magistrate/Notary) in the office of the undersigned within 30 days from the date of publication of this notice, failing which the said share in the said property will be mutated accordingly in the name of above said beneficiary/ies and no further claim whatsoever shall be entertained at any later stage.

Rajiv Tewari, Assistant Estate Officer, Exercising the powers of Estate Officer, U.T., Chandigarh

Demand Notice u/s 13(2) of Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002									
Sr. No	NAME OF THE LEGAL HEIRS OF BORROWER / ADDRESS	CO-BORROWER AND GUARANTOR NAME / ADDRESS	PROPERTY ADDRESS OF SECURED ASSETS	NPA DATE	DATE OF DEMAND NOTICE	OUTSTANDING AMOUNT	LOAN AMOUNT		
1.	1.Mr.Vishal Dhiman S/o Sh Subhash Chand, H No.1279, Huda , Sector 18, Panipat, Tehsil& District Panipat, Haryana-132103 Also At: Mr. Vishal Dhiman S/o Sh Subhash Chand, House No. 92, Gali No. 4, Shiv Nagar, Panipat, Tehsil& District Panipat ,Haryana-132103	2.Mrs.Anita W/o Sh Subhash Chand, H.No.1279, Huda, Sector 18, Panipat, Tehsil & District Panipat, Haryana-132103 Also At: Mrs. Anita W/o Sh Subhash Chand, House No. 92, Gali No. 4, Shiv Nagar, Panipat, Tehsil & District Panipat, Haryana-132103	All Piece & Parcels of Residential Plot No. 1451-P admeasuring 111.56 Sq. Yards i.e.97.50 Sq. Miler situated at Sector 18, Huda, Panipat Tehsil & District Panipat, Haryana. Owned by Mrs.Anita W/o Sh Subhash Chand vide Sale Deed bearing vasika No. 4898 dated 31-08-2018. Boundaries: East: Road West: Plot No. 1550 North: Road South: Plot No. 1530	06-May-2023	05-July-2023	Rs. 37,86,234/- (Rs. Thirty Seven Lakh Eighty Six Thousand Two Hundred and Thirty Four Only)	Rs. 39,81,687/- (Rs. Thirty Nine Lakh Eighty one Thousand Six Hundred and Eighty Seven Only)		
2.	1.Mrs.Monika W/o Mr. Pavan Kumar, T-3, 2nd Floor, Society S 4, Omex City, Bahadurgarh, Tehsil Bahadurgarh, District Jhajjar, Haryana-124507 Also At: Mrs. Monika W/o Mr. Pavan Kumar, House No.12,Mohalla Maliyan, Ward No.6 , KasbaKakore, POKakore, Tehsil Gautambydh Nager, District Bulandshahr Uttar Pradesh -203203 Also At: Mrs. Monika W/o Mr. Pavan Kumar, Flat No. 102, Merton Tower Block-6, Omaxe North Avenue Village Sankhol, Sector-15, Bahadurgarh, Tehsil Bahadurgarh, DistrictJhajjar, Haryana-124507	2.Mr. Pavan Kumar S/o Sh. Rishi Pal, T-3, 2nd Floor, Society S 4, Omex City, Bahadurgarh, Tehsil Bahadurgarh, DistrictJhajjar, Haryana- 124507 Also At: Mr. Pavan Kumar S/o Sh. Rishi Pal, House No.12,Mohalla Maliyan, Ward No.6 , KasbaKakore, POKakore, Tehsil Gautambydh Nager, District Bulandshahr Uttar Pradesh -203203 Also At: Mrs. Monika W/o Mr. Pavan Kumar, Flat No. 102, MERTON Tower Block-6, Omaxe North Avenue Village Sankhol, Sector-15, Bahadurgarh, Tehsil Bahadurgarh, DistrictJhajjar, Haryana-124507	All Piece & Parcels of Residential Flat No. 102 admeasuring 1165 Sq. Feet situated at MERTON Tower Block-6, Omaxe North Avenue Village Sankhol, Sector-15, Bahadurgarh, Tehsil Bahadurgarh, District Jhajjar, Haryana- 124507 owned by Mrs. Monika W/o Mr. Pavan Kumar vide Sale Deed bearing vasika No. 4284 dated 11-12-2020 . Boundaries: East: Road at Ground West: Property of other North: Unit No.103 South: Property of other	11-May-2023	05-July-2023	Rs. 22,31,248/- (Rs. Twenty Two Lakh Thirty One Thousand Two Hundred and Forty Eight Only)	Rs.25,00,000/- (Rs. Twenty Five Lakh Only)		
3.	1. Ms Friends Mfg Co. Through its Proprietor, Mr. Pushpinder Kumar S/o Sh. Ram Saran Dass, Gali No.1, Village Patti Algan, Kaithal, Tehsil & District Kaithal, Haryana - 136027	2.Mr. Pushpinder Kumar S/o Sh. Ram Saran Dass, House No. 365/11, Dhand Road, Govind Colony, Kaithal Tehsil & District Karnal, Haryana - 136027 3.Mr. Rajinder Kumar Malik S/o Sh. Ram Saran Dass, House No. 365/11, Dhand Road, Govind Colony, Kaithal Tehsil & District Kaithal, Haryana - 136027 Also At: Mr. Rajinder Kumar Malik S/o Sh. Ram Saran Dass, M/s friends mfg co. Through its Proprietor, Gali No.1, Village Patti Algan, Kaithal, Tehsil & District Kaithal,Haryana - 136027	All Piece & Parcels of Freehold Residential House No.107 admeasuring 240 Sq. Yards Situated at , Govind Colony, Kaithal, Tehsil & District Kaithal, Haryana - 136027 Owned By Mr. Rajinder Kumar Malik S/o Sh. Ram Saran Dass vide Sale Deed bearing vasika No 559 Dated 29-May-1985. Boundaries as under: East: Indira Gandhi Collage West: Street North: Owner Brother House South: House of other	29-June-2023	01-JULY-2023	Rs.40,27,355/- (Rs. Forty Lakh Twenty Seven Thousand Three Hundred and Fifty Five Only)	Rs. 51,20,000/- (Rs. Fifty One Lakh Twenty Thousand only)		
4.	1.Mr.Atul Bhardwaj S/o Mr. Kamal Kishore Bhardwaj, House No. 19, Jeeven Nagar , Bnak Colony , Karnal Tehsil & District Karnal, Haryana-132001 Also At: Mr. Atul Bhardwaj S/o Mr. Kamal Kishore Bhardwaj, MIG 110, Sector 3,Hemant Vihar, Near Puran Chandra Vidya Niketan, Barra 2, Tehsil & District Kanpur Nagar, Uttar Pradesh -208027 Also At: Ms Kadam Engineering & Inspection Consultants, Through Proprietor , Mr. Atul Bhardwaj S/o Mr. Kamal Kishore Bhardwaj, House No. 19, Jeeven Nagar,Bnak Colony , Karnal, Tehsil& District Karnal, Haryana-132001 Also At: Mr. Atul Bhardwaj S/o Mr. Kamal Kishore Bhardwaj, Flat No. 801 B also Known as 804,JBB Grand, 8th Floor, Tower2-C Karnal, Tehsil & District Karnal, Haryana-132001	2.Mrs.Kanta Bhardwaj W/o Mr. Kamal Kishore Bhardwaj, House No. 19, Jeeven Nagar, Bnak Colony , Karnal Tehsil & District Karnal, Haryana-132001 Also At: Mrs. Kanta Bhardwaj W/o Mr. Kamal Kishore Bhardwaj, MIG 110, Sector 3,Hemant Vihar, Near Puran Chandra Vidya Niketan, Barra 2, Tehsil & District Kanpur Nagar, Uttar Pradesh -208027 Also At: Mr. Atul Bhardwaj S/o Mr. Kamal Kishore Bhardwaj, Flat No. 801 B also Known as 804,JBB Grand, 8th Floor, Tower2-C Karnal, Tehsil & District Karnal, Haryana-132001	All Piece & Parcels of Freehold Residential House No.107 admeasuring 240 Sq. Yards Situated at , Govind Colony, Kaithal, Tehsil & District Kaithal, Haryana - 136027 Owned By Mr. Rajinder Kumar Malik S/o Sh. Ram Saran Dass vide Sale Deed bearing vasika No 559 Dated 29-May-1985. Boundaries as under: East: Indira Gandhi Collage West: Street North: Owner Brother House South: House of otherAll Piece & Parcels of Residential Flat No. 801 B also Known as 804 admeasuring approx. 1899 Sq. Feet situated at JBB Grand, 8th Floor, Tower2-C Karnal, Tehsil & District Karnal, Haryana-132001 owned by Mrs.Kanta Bhardwaj W/o Mr. Kamal Kishore Bhardwaj, vide Sale Deed bearing vasika No. 2871 dated 04-06-2019 . Boundaries: East: Flat No.803 West: Flat No. 830(T2 B) North: Flat No.801 South: Open Area	08-June-2023	07-July-2023	Rs. 30,90,265/- (Rs. Thirty Lakh Ninety Thousand Two Hundred and Sixty Five Only)	Rs.40,00,000/- (Rs. Forty Lakh Only)		
5.	1. M/s Future Soler. Through its Proprietor, Mr. Charanjeet Singh S/o Sh. Gurucharan Singh, 23-A, Virat Nagar P-II, Assandh Road, Panipat, Tehsil & District Panipat, Haryana - 132103	2.Mr. Charanjeet Singh S/o Sh. Gurucharan Singh, House No. 692, Assandh Road, Virk Nagar, Shodapur, Panipat, Tehsil & District Panipat, Haryana - 132103 3.Mr. Gurucharan Singh Virk S/o Sh. Jinda Singh, House No. 692, Assandh Road, Virk Nagar, Shodapur, Panipat, Tehsil & District Panipat, Haryana - 132103	All Piece & Parcels of Freehold Residential Plot No.72, admeasuring 174 Sq. Yards, comprised in Khewat No. 1104 Min/1043, Khatoni No. 1488 Khasra No. 3150/2 (4-6) , 3 Biswa 10 Biswani being 70/1720 share out of Total Land measuring 4 Bigha 6 Biswa, Situated at Shanti Nagar, Panipat, Tehsil & District Panipat, Haryana - 132103 Owned By Mr. Charanjeet Singh S/o Sh. Gurucharan Singh and Mr. Gurucharan Singh Virk S/o Sh. Jinda Singh vide Sale Deed bearing vasika No 2850 Dated 15-07-2014 and vide Sale Deed bearing vasika No.9965 dated 11-03-2016. Boundaries as under: East: Road 226' West: Vacant Plot 126' x 226' North: Road:60'	18-June-2023	01-July-2023	Rs. 1,26,21,269/- (Rs. One Crore Twenty Six Lakh Twenty One Thousand and Two Hundred Sixty Nine only)	Rs.1,61,95,000/- (Rs. One Crore Sixty One Lakh Ninety Five Thousand only)		

BeeYoung marks its entry in Punjab & Chandigarh



CHANDIGARH : BeeYoung, India's first crafted strong beer, a locally brewed barley-based lager marks its entry in Punjab & Chandigarh. The brand has teamed up with Uncle Jacks for a sumptuous tribute to National French Fry Day on 13th July 2023.

To engage with the audience, both brands conducted a fun giveaway contest on their social media platforms. The participants engaged in the contest and shared their favourite memories of enjoying beer and fries with loved ones. On National French Fry Day, the top six winners with the most entertaining stories were announced and rewarded with exciting BeeYoung X Uncle Jacks hampers.

"With BeeYoung beer's smooth, citrusy flavours complementing Uncle Jacks golden crunchy fries, the winners undoubtedly had a delightful and satisfying experience. It's a great way to celebrate the occasion and as BeeYoung beer marks its entry in Punjab and Chandigarh market, providing another reason for people to enjoy and beat the summer heat.", said Mr. Abhinav Jindal.

Crafted Supremacy: The new BMW X5 debuts in India

CHANDIGARH : The new BMW X5 was launched in India today. Locally produced at BMW Group Plant Chennai, the car is available in both petrol and diesel variants at all BMW India dealerships.

Targeted design modifications, state-of-the-art equipment, mild-hybrid technology, upgraded engines



and clear progress in digital technology mark out the next stage in development of this successful BMW model in the luxury Sports Activity Vehicle segment.

Mr. Vikram Pawah, President, BMW Group India said, "There are no limits to confidence when you're driving the new BMW X5. The most powerful car in the segment, the new BMW X5 is distinctive and imposing. Exuding a dominating road presence, its confident stature leaves a lasting impression. The newly crafted luxurious interiors underscored by state-of-the-art technology provides an unparalleled elegance that makes the new BMW X5 as convenient and compelling as ever. It has all the ingredients required to strengthen its position as the global market leader in its segment. The new BMW X5 not only demands high standards but lives up to them earning your respect with every mile of the journey." The locally produced new BMW X5 is available in two petrol and two diesel variants. The ex-showroom prices are:

- BMW X5 xDrive40i xLine INR 93,90,000
- BMW X5 xDrive40i M Sport INR 1,04,90,000
- BMW X5 xDrive30d xLine INR 95,90,000
- BMW X5 xDrive30d M Sport INR 1,06,90,000

Price prevailing at the time of invoicing will be applicable. Ex-showroom prices inclusive of GST (incl. compensation cess) as applicable but exclude Road Tax, Tax Collected at Source (TCS), RTO statutory taxes/fees, other local tax cess levies .

The most-anticipated SUV is here: New Seltos pre-bookings opens

CHANDIGARH : Kia, India's leading mass premium carmaker, today announced the commencement of bookings for the New Seltos from 14th July 2023. The new Seltos is the most-anticipated SUV in India, unveiled on 4th July'23. Kia also announced high-priority bookings via the 'K-Code' program which ensures shorter delivery time to all bookings done with K – code. The K-code can be generated by existing Seltos owners from the Kia India website and 'My-Kia app to upgrade their Seltos or gift their K-code to other prospective customers. Notably, the exclusive K-Code can only be applied to the bookings made through the Kia India website, www.kia.com/in, and is only applicable on 14th July. Bookings for the new



Seltos can also be made at any authorized Kia dealerships in the country starting at 12 am on 14th July '23. Kia aims to strengthen its play in the mid-SUV segment with the new Seltos as the outgoing Seltos became Kia's best-selling product innovation with more than 5 lakh sales in just 4 years. The latest innovation comes with segment-best features – 32 safety features, including Level ADAS (17 features), a dual-pane panoramic sunroof, a stunning design, and the most powerful 160PS engine. Kia has also launched a stylish India-exclusive Pewter Olive colour in the new Seltos range to accentuate the SUV stance.

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“It is in the habit of Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal to blame others” : Vij

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA
CHANDIGARH, JULY 15

Haryana Home Minister Sh. Anil Vij criticized Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal, accusing him of having a habit of blaming others. He said that it is the nature of water that it will flow from higher to lower areas, and Delhi is located downstream from Hathini Kund.

Sh. Vij was replying to a question regarding Kejriwal's statement that Haryana has deliberately released water towards Delhi, regarding the rising water level of the Yamuna in Delhi today.

The Home Minister said that in our state (Haryana) too, water has come from outside from Himachal Pradesh and Punjab, but we are not blaming. He said that we are trying to arrange this water.

“Kejriwal ji is very sensible and intelligent, he should change the

nature of the water itself, the water should not come down but go up” – Vij



Taking a dig at Delhi Chief Minis-

ter Arvind Kejriwal, he said, “Kejriwal ji is very sensible, very intelligent, he should change the nature of the water flow, the water should not come down but go up.

Same amount of water has come in the cities and villages of Haryana on the banks of Yamuna – Vij

Responding to a question regarding the statement of Delhi's PWD minister, he said that our (Haryana's) cities and villages on the banks of the Yamuna river have also received the same amount of water. He said that Delhi is only 6 km, after leaving Delhi Yamuna water goes to Haryana only, otherwise will we deliberately release water in our own

districts.

Shoolini University Opens Admissions for 2023 Batch of India's First Undergraduate Research Program - SRP

CHANDIGARH : Shoolini University, India's top research-based institution, is delighted to announce the commencement of admissions for its highly sought-after Summit Research Program (SRP). SRP is India's first undergraduate research program that empowers students to pursue research in emerging areas and cultivates their potential as professional scientists, academicians, and entrepreneurs.



The Summit Research Program (SRP), introduced by Shoolini University in 2016, signifies the university's commitment to providing exceptional research-driven education. While the university has a strong track record in research programs for Ph.D. students, the SRP extends the opportunity to undergraduate students. The SRP degree program is highly recognised for its research and patent outputs. It has options of BTech in biotechnology, and food technology. The university also offers a B Pharma SRP program. An elite research program at the undergraduate level, SRP focuses on developing curious minds and making students industry and academia ready. Saurabh Kulshrestha, Dean of Research and Development at Shoolini University, expressed his perspective on the program, stating, “The Summit Research Program is one of the most transformational programs for research in India.

World Gold Council Announces the last chapter of India Gold Market Series titled 'Gold Investment Market and Financialisation’

CHANDIGARH : World Gold Council today announced the last chapter of their India Gold Market Series, titled 'Gold Investment Market and Financialisation'. As per the report, India, recognised as one of the world's largest gold bar and coin markets, possesses a thriving investment demand for gold. The allure of gold lies in its safe-haven appeal and the flexibility to convert it into jewellery at a later stage. The landscape of the gold market is evolving due to various factors, including the government's efforts to 'bank the un-



banked', increased usage of banking services, and heightened awareness of financial products. These factors have the potential to impact future demand for gold bars and coins.

Somasundaram PR, Regional CEO, India, World Gold Council said, “The quantum of gold held by Indian households, accumulated over centuries, has potential to play a significant economic role in a new growing India. Even as traditional demand drivers seem to face headwinds due to demographic shifts, digital thrust to financial inclusion, changing role of women in society and stronger tax compliance, gold is resilient due to its multiple traits addressing many social and economic needs. The manner in which India has woven gold in its milieu speaks a lot about practical household wisdom, which can be equally tapped for financialising vast stocks of gold in the emerging economic context. Gold itself, amidst the turmoil of the pandemic, has reinforced its role as a reliable, high performing asset class in times of crisis and this is bound to provide opportunities to use gold to increase overall risk appetite in the economy.

Water stagnation in house or neighborhood is the first source of dengue mosquitoes: Dr. Gurpreet Singh Dang

PATIALA : With the arrival of the monsoon season, the risk of dengue fever increases due to the favorable breeding conditions for mosquitoes. Dr. Gurpreet Singh Dang, Senior Consultant, Internal Medicine, Manipal Hospital, Patiala says that “dengue is a mosquito-borne viral infection transmitted primarily by the Aedes mosquito. Water stagnation in house or neighborhood is the first source of dengue mosquitoes. However, by following some preventive measures, you can reduce the risk of dengue during the monsoon.”

Dr. Gurpreet Singh Dang also highlights some essential tips to consider:

1. Eliminate mosquito breeding sites: Mosquitoes breed in stagnant water. Regularly inspect your surroundings for any potential breeding sites, such as empty containers, flower pots, discarded tires, and blocked drains. Empty and clean these areas to prevent water accumulation and eliminate mosquito breeding grounds.
2. Use mosquito repellents: Apply mosquito repellents containing DEET, picaridin, or other recommended ingredients on exposed skin areas. Use mosquito repellent creams, lotions, or sprays, especially during dawn and dusk when mosquitoes are most active.
3. Wear protective clothing: When outdoors during peak mosquito activity, cover your skin as much as possible by wearing long-sleeved shirts, long pants, socks, and closed shoes. This helps reduce mosquito bites and the risk of dengue infection.
4. Keep doors and windows screened: Install window and door screens or use mosquito nets to prevent mosquitoes from entering your home.



Voice of the needy known as Madadgaar

CHANDIGARH: Helpful, founder of Madan Yadav social worker organization ONEWAY FOUNDATION “service to mankind”has been engaged in serving the people for the past many years, during Carona time and lockdown, all the volunteers of One Way Foundation have run a campaign *No one sleeps hungry* for migrant and needy people 700 families Till the time there was a lockdown, together with the associate of the organization, food items, water bottle, medical services were provided to them. Full cooperation was given by the organization in helping to reach the needed goods and home.



In that difficult time, the servicemen also contributed fully in delivering oxygen cylinders to the patients. Awareness camps are organized at various places by the organization under the leadership of Vice President Mr.

Raghuvinder Yadav.Mata ji Harbans kaur & Suman Bhardwaj Free Medical Camp Keeps the camp organized in association with doctors to keep healthy Blood donation camp is also organized by the organization.

which medicines, food, wheelchairs, tests and financial assistance are given to the needy patients. Many needy patients are operated by the organization. Awareness camps are organized by the organization for the skills of children. Children are also given copy pencils and other preparation tools free of cost so that no child remains uneducated. The institution also gives full support in the marriages of girls of needy families. In order to save the environment, programs like plantation are also organized by the organization, so that people can cooperate in saving the environment. Sandeep Kumar, Bharti, Dalip Bhardwaj, Ram Bhavan, Ram Suresh Maurya, Rambadan Mukhiya, Rajkumar Maurya, Shaileendra Kumar, Sameerti, Ashok Kumar, Arvid Kumar, sujata and all the associates of the organization always supported in the work of public welfare by the organization.

How can hypertension affect the heart?



This adaptation is an attempt to compensate for the increased workload. However, over time, it can lead to impaired heart function, heart failure, and an increased risk of cardiovascular events.

2. Risk of coronary artery disease: High blood pressure damages the inner lining of blood vessels, promoting the accumulation of plaque. This can result in the narrowing and hardening of the arteries, a condition called atherosclerosis. When the coronary arteries that supply blood to the heart muscle become narrow or blocked, it can lead to chest pain (angina), heart attacks, or other



coronary artery disease (CAD) complications.

3. Weakening of the heart muscles: Hypertension can weaken the heart muscles, leading to a condition known as cardiomyopathy. This can result in reduced pumping ability, compromised heart function, and an increased risk of heart failure. Cardiomyopathy can also increase the risk of arrhythmias (abnormal heart rhythms) and sudden cardiac arrest.
4. Risk of stroke: Hypertension significantly increases the risk of stroke, which occurs when there is a disruption in blood supply to the brain.

Kia records segment's highest first-day bookings with 13,424 pre-orders of the New Seltos

CHANDIGARH : The most-anticipated launch of the year, New Seltos has recorded the segment's highest first-day bookings with 13,424 pre-orders within 24 hours. Out of these, 1,973 bookings were done using the K-Code which was a special program to expand the Seltos community by giving existing Seltos owners special access to unlock a world of high-priority delivery for the new potential buyers. Kia has set a new segment-best record with these bookings as it surpassed first-day booking numbers for recent launches done in the mid-SUV segment. The outgoing Seltos has emerged as one of the core brands for Kia India, contributing over 50% to its overall business with sales of over 5 lakh units.

Gurugram based Manipal Hospital organizes OPD for expert consultation on spine and orthopedic disorders

REWARI : Manipal Hospital, Gurugram will be organizing a special OPD for spine disorders in association with Naithani Neuro and Spine Hospital, Rewari on 18th and 19th July. The OPD will provide expert consultation and treatment for various spine disorders including slipped disc, scoliosis, spinal cord injuries, and spinal tumors. Renowned Senior Consultant and Head of Spine Surgeon, Dr. Arun Bhanot and Dr. Pranshul Bishnoi, Consultant, Orthopedics from Manipal Hospital, Gurugram, will be available for consultation and diagnosis from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. at Naithani Neuro and Spine Hospital located at R-36, Model Town, Capitan Sahab Wali Road, Rewari, Haryana.

Addressing this issue, Dr. Arun Bhanot, Senior Consultant and head of Spine Surgeon, Manipal Hospital, Gur-



ugram said, “As a doctor, I cannot stress enough the significance of routine examinations for spinal diseases. Ignoring symptoms like chronic back pain or tingling in the limbs can eventually result in far more serious issues. Early diagnosis of spine problems enables less invasive therapies and can avert long-term damage. Keep in mind that prevention is always preferable to treatment.”

Highlighting the ortho issues Dr. Pranshul Bishnoi,



Consultant Orthopaedics, Manipal Hospital, Gurugram has said “Orthopaedic problems frequently start with symptoms that seem insignificant, such as numbness, muscle aches, sudden stiffness, and swelling, or recurrent joint discomfort. But without the right care, these symptoms can get worse over time instead of getting better. It is imperative to treat these issues with constant therapy and advice.

Poster Making Competition Organised on World Population Day

CHANDIGARH: Maharishi Dayanand Public School, Daria, Chandigarh, organized a poster making competition on the occasion of World Population Day in collaboration with the Environment Department, Chandigarh.

The children expressed through the posters that continued increase in population could result in imbalance in the environment. Students said that a small family was essential for a clean



environment. They conveyed the message that glaciers were melting due to the continuous human population on Earth. This would threaten the existence of humans in danger. The environment is being adversely affected due to continuous cutting of trees. Students said that if the population was low then the environment would remain clean. They also stressed upon more planting of trees for a cleaner and safer environment.

In Junior category Abhay, Abhimanyu, Ankit and Lovepreet received first, second, third and consolation prizes respectively while in Senior category Ragini , Sakshi, Kajal and Jaspreet -Someya got first, second, third and consolation prizes respectively.

Blenders Pride Reserve Collection, the most premium Indian whisky, achieves 1 million cases milestone

CHANDIGARH :Seagram's Blenders Pride Reserve Collection, an exquisite offering from the house of the iconic Blenders Pride, and the most premium Indian whisky has achieved a remarkable milestone of selling over 1 million cases in a year (Jul'22 to Jun'23). It is the 1st brand in its price segment at the top-end of Indian whiskies category to sell over a million cases (becoming the 3rd largest brand in the category), with an impressive growth of 30% (CAGR) in annual sales over the last 3 years.



Today's young consumers have become increasingly discerning in nature and seek more refined experiences, leading to rising premiumization in whiskies. Blenders Pride Reserve Collection is the hallmark of this premiumization trend, as it continues to grow much faster than the 'Indian Premium whisky' category as well as other brands in its price segment, as indicated in the IWSR 2022 report. Contributing more than 11% volume to Blenders Pride portfolio, it has become the destination Indian whisky brand for those seeking an elevate taste profile. This is testament to discerning young consumers gravitating towards this delectable whisky and willing to pay a higher price for its luxuriously indulgent taste.

The Finance and Central Bank Deputies meeting begins in Gandhinagar

CHANDIGARH : Under India's G20 Presidency, the Finance and Central Bank Deputies (FCBD) meeting is being convened from July 14 - 18, 2023 in Gandhinagar. The two-day meeting is being co-chaired by Ajay Seth, Secretary, Department of Economic Affairs, and Dr. Michael D. Patra, Deputy Governor, of RBI. The G20 members and other partner countries will share views on major global economic challenges during this meeting. On the first day of the meeting, the delegates deliberated on strengthening Multilateral Development Banks (MDBs) in a roundtable session. The focus of the meeting is to deliberate on the outcome document ahead of the New Delhi G20 Leaders' Summit.

This outcome document will present the work done under the different work streams of the G20 Finance Track and the FM-CBG's guidance on the way forward. The discussions from this meeting will be carried forward to the 3rd G20 Finance Ministers and Central Bank Governors (FMCBG) meeting which is scheduled to take place in July. Union Finance and Corporate Affairs Minister Nirmala Sitharaman and Reserve Bank of India (RBI) Governor Dr. Shaktikanta Das will jointly chair the meeting.



Editorial

On way to the moon, with India's prayers

India's pride in taking another 'moonshot' is in the air now and a spacecraft is on its way to a lunar orbit. It was always believed that a good start is half the job done, but in this case the far trickier part remains. Landing the rover on the surface of the moon is the challenge ahead whose result we will not know until about August 23 when the sun rises on the moon for a long lunar day.

If the lessons of Chandrayaan-1 and 2 have been learnt and have led the redesigning on the drawing board, there should be room for much optimism on this mission succeeding in soft-landing the lander, with its four engines with throttles, and containing the rover whose exploratory journey on the moon will last just one lunar day or 14 earth days.

A soft landing is all too critical considering it is a necessary precursor to sending Indian astronauts to the Moon, aboard the much-anticipated Gaganyaan mission. There was a well of sympathy for our dedicated scientists when the Chandrayaan-2 crash landed in 2019 as this difficult mission that only three nations — the US, Russia, and China — have cracked thus far is known to be hazardous.

What they have done to give themselves a better chance now is impressive, with the lander having been endowed with stronger legs and the mission additional ability to scout sites and pick an ideal landing spot somewhere near the Moon's south pole. Even so, there is no knowing how effective it is until the soft landing is achieved.

Chandrayaan-3's lander has hazard detection and avoidance systems based on cameras for safe landing and for the rover to then move on the Moon's surface. All improvements are based on the experience of the first two missions in 2008 and 2019. On the first it was possible only to let the spacecraft thud on to the surface and on the second a navigation malfunction in the propulsion system led to the crash landing that rendered the lander and rover useless whereas the orbiter continued its lonely journeys around the Moon and contributed invaluable scientific data.

It is fingers crossed as the nation with an array of projects on the anvil — from a mission to the Sun to joining Nasa in sending astronauts to the International Space Station strives to validate its capabilities and satisfy its aspirations to be the next big player in space after the old and new superpowers and claim its place in the forefront of scientific developments.

We Maharashtrians are the most "khardus" people on earth. I suspect nobody likes us. I mean... I also think we don't like ourselves, forget others! There's something almost perverse about the Maharashtrian psyche: While we always puff our chests with pride in public and go into the "Me, Marathi" mode with non-Maharashtrians, there is zero sense of unity... no feelings of kinship, leave aside love for fellow Maharashtrians.

I watched a mixed-up but charming film titled Satyaprem ki Katha recently. It was goofy, immature and pretty idiotic. But the Gujjus in the hall loved it! Why? Because it was about Gujjus...

And they enjoy being all things Gujju. They identify as "Gujjus", and that identity is a matter of great "gaarav" for them, a badge that unites all the various factions within the community. Not so for Maharashtrians. The first thing we do is look for faults: our differences. Next, we focus on caste hierarchies. Feel superior to our neighbours.

Turn up our noses at mixed gatherings where lesser beings are also present. Make snarky remarks about all and sundry. Naturally, we aren't the most popular folks to hang out with. And it's not like we hang out with our



own kind either... we hate everybody. Besides, who qualifies as being our own kind... mere apne? Not even blood relatives!

Take that, Ajit Pawar. It's safe to conclude Maharashtrians trust no one. Not even their own shadows.

The Marathi Manos is a strange beast: neither fish nor fowl. But, my goodness, don't ask about the conceit component. We call it parochial pride in our identity: "Intellectual Warriors". But it is something else. We love jhagdas... provided we win the round. We make poor, sore losers: right now,

the biggest loser in Maharashtra seems to be Sharad Pawar. But don't be fooled. He is by far the shrewdest politician in India. And the toughest. Those who are writing him off gleefully need to revisit the well-documented Sharad Pawar saga. The Strongman has seen them come and go... and seen off most contemporaries. He ain't going anywhere. Don't expect Saheb to walk off into the sunset anytime soon.

If there's one politico who's an expert at buying over the harshest adversaries, it is Pawar. This fighting spirit is tied to sound commer-

cials -- bijness. Money not just talks, it hollers.

Maharashtrians aren't good with money. They aren't "born business people", like, say, the Marwaris or Sindhis. Plus, they are notoriously kanjoos.

But they sure as hell know one attribute that's a pre-requisite for survival in challenging environments: self-interest. Nobody is really thinking about Maharashtra's interest at the moment. The fight is over the spoils. How to divide up the massive loot accumulated over decades. Just like the Gandhi family: only more loot, ac-

cording to estimates of the Pawar wealth. If Sonia Gandhi has had to worry about an adventurous son-in-law all her political life, Sharad Pawar has been blessed... or burdened... with an ambitious nephew. Both Robert Vadra and Ajit Pawar have outlived their respective uses. And both Sonia and Sharad refuse to quit. The debate isn't about gender or age. It's about control and perception. Are they still in charge of their flocks? Or are they just hanging on to the keys of the tijori like mean-spirited, semi-senile Daadimas in extended joint families. In that sense, Sonia Gandhi must have been a Maharashtrian in her last life... she shares the same characteristics with our NCP chieftain when it comes to playing power games.

Maharashtrians don't have "jigri dosto". I sometimes feel that classic song "Dost, dost na raha... pyaar, pyaar na raha..." was composed by a Maharashtrian for Maharashtrians as an anthem for Maharashtrians.

In reality, the song from the 1964 movie Sangam was sung by Mukesh and pictured on Raj Kapoor (both non-Maharashtrian). It had elements of victimisation and martyrdom. Betrayal and self-pity. The lyrics are still popular and resonate with millions. Perhaps it will offer

a bit of comfort to Sharad Pawar as he licks his wounds and gets nostalgic about Praful Patel.

Hectic haggling is afoot... who gets what and when. Patel's major handicap is his surname. There's an insurmountable hurdle right there: how can a Patel from Gujarat aspire to be anything but an aide to a Maratha? Which self-respecting Maratha would accept Praful Patel as the boss of the party... a worthy successor to Pawar, regardless of the man's ability or performance? His closeness to the Pawar parivaar is what propelled suave Praful's career. He was seen as a confidant, a powerhouse, a loyal ally. But Patel must have known all along he'd reach this far and no further. The grassroots party worker, steeped in caste and hierarchies, never did accept an "outsider" like Patel as leader. He didn't enjoy a political base, despite his high-profile persona and reputation as a dynamic doer. Let's overlook the Air India fiasco, for now.

It's said today, now the rift is wide open, that Patel was kept on ice for years by the BJP top brass when he was begging for an appointment to meet the bosses and tell them he was ready to jump ship and abandon his mentor.

Literature & Health

Possibly carcinogenic: WHO on artificial sweetener aspartame

The World Health Organisation's cancer research arm on Friday classified artificial sweetener aspartame, widely used in foods and beverages like diet cokes, as possibly carcinogenic, citing "limited evidence" for its carcinogenicity (potential to cause cancer) in humans.

Aspartame widely used since the 1980s in foods and beverages, including diet drinks, chewing gum, gelatin, ice cream, yogurt, breakfast cereal, toothpaste and medications such as cough drops and chewable vitamins

The WHO's International Agency for Research on Cancer (IARC) and the Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO)'s Joint Expert Committee on Food Additives (JECFA) kept current daily recommended dosages of aspartame in foods and drinks unchanged at 40 mg per kg of body weight saying proof of the product causing cancer in humans was limited and moderate intake was safe. The IARC has four levels of classification to rate cancer causing products—Group-1: definitely carcinogenic with sufficient evidence of cancer in humans; Group-2A: probably carcinogenic with limited evidence of cancer in humans, but sufficient evidence in experimental animals; Group-2B: possibly carcinogenic with limited evidence of cancer in humans and less than sufficient evidence in animals; and Group-3: not classifiable for cancer.

A 70-kg adult would need to consume over 9–14 diet soft drink cans (containing 200 or 300 mg of aspartame) to exceed



acceptable daily intake, assuming no intake from other food sources

Aspartame has been placed in Group-2B category alongside gasoline engine exhaust, occupational exposure as hairdressers or barbers and lead. Group-1 includes tobacco smoking, solar radiation, alcoholic beverages and ionising radiation. Group-2A features emissions from high temperature frying, DDT, consumption of red meat and night shift work. Simply put, consumers with moderate intake of diet cokes and other aspartame-containing products needn't worry. "Data evaluated indicates no sufficient reason to change the previously established acceptable daily intake (ADI) of 0–40 mg/kg body weight for aspartame and it is safe to consume within this limit per day," the IARC said.

With a can of diet soft drink containing 200 or 300 mg of aspartame, an adult weighing 70kg would need to consume more than 9–14 cans per day to exceed the acceptable daily intake, assuming no other intake from other food sources.

I have lost my sense of taste

Only the wearer knows where the shoe pinches. Well, that's true, at least in my case.

For months, I was struggling post-Covid. Little did I know that there were many others, too, who were wearing the same maker's shoe. Whether it is the maker (of the virus) to be blamed or your toe (body), nobody knows.

I kept fighting that lonely battle for months, but when I thought it was becoming unbearable, I resolved to seek medical help. After almost four months of my continuous struggle post-Covid, I finally consulted a doctor when I started facing a plethora of problems after contracting this disease.

When I caught the infection, I had high-grade fever for almost two weeks, became extremely weak and lost appetite soon after. The day my report came positive, my head was heavy, I caught a severe cold and lost my sense of smell and taste. I thought it was temporary and would go away, but to my shock and disbelief, even after more than two years, it lingers on. I stay alone away from my family. Cooking for myself in such a situation was all the more troublesome. Sometimes, I



would wake up in the middle of the night with my heart pounding 120 beats per minute and my legs shivering. I found it difficult to somehow find my ground, literally.

What's food without any flavour? I have been a foodie all my life. I used to enjoy cooking, eating out, trying out different dishes and cuisines. But eventually, that love for food started fading away. After a month or so, when I started gaining my strength back, I used to have the urge to eat proper meals, but I just could not swallow anything. The very sight of food was nauseating and distressing. I would still force myself to eat but I used to feel full midway after

forcing a few morsels inside. Gradually, I noticed that even though I could make out what's sweet, salty or sour, flavours and aroma that tickle our taste buds were not there anymore. I stopped enjoying my food and my cravings died a sudden death. I would just imagine the flavour in my head and ate whatever I was able to so as to have some strength for my body.

Certain food items felt disgusting. The taste of several things, including capsicum, guava (one of my favourite fruits) and peanuts, felt like paint or turpentine. I couldn't explain all this to my peers, thinking they would make fun of me.

A sordid tale in UK as top BBC presenter lands in huge scandal

"The heart is merely a muscle
It cannot be broken
But lovers say it can
To feel its pain as a token
Of the suffering that's caused
When continuity breaks
Through jealousy, betrayal
Or emotional earthquakes..."

From Khali Pilee Bom, by Bachchoo

Huw Edwards, the chief and respected presenter of the BBC's flagship Ten O'clock News, a singular summary of the world each day, is now reported to be in a mental health institution. He was suspended from his duties on Sunday, July 9, and was absent from the programme for the next few days as the result of a national scandal that has preoccupied Britain for the past week. For five days the dramatis personae involved remained anonymous and now only Huw Edwards' identity has been revealed by his wife who said her husband has suffered for 20 years



under stress and depression. His shameful acts, she said, are the products of this sad mental state.

Edwards has been, gentle reader, the most respected celebrity presenter on the national broadcaster and I have watched his presentation admiringly for decades. Now it's all over for him and I'm sorry.

The story that emerges is a sordid, perhaps pitiable one. Let me recall it:

At the end of last week, The Sun newspaper, a scandal sheet of the yellow press, broke a story that could further its constant preoccupation with attacking the BBC. The story caused national intrigue. The people involved weren't named by The Sun, which only said that a prominent BBC presenter was involved in soliciting lewd pornographic pictures from a young person, whose gender was not specified, and that this presenter had paid the young person £35,000 over the years. The moth-

er of the young person, concerned that this "victim" had used the money to become a crack cocaine addict, lodged a complaint with the relevant BBC department. The Sun reported the date of the complaint and implied that the BBC was complacent about it as it had not dismissed or suspended the presenter.

When the story was published and picked up by other newspapers and reported by the BBC itself, Edwards was suspended, pending a BBC investigation, even though his name didn't appear in the reports.

When the BBC announced that the unnamed presenter had been suspended and so would not appear on his programme, scores of BBC radio and TV presenters who happened to be on holiday, reasonably concluded that their absence would cause listeners or viewers to conclude that they were the suspended, alleged offender.

Several of them scrambled to deny that they were -- on their Twitter, etc, accounts and some even reached for their lawyers and publicists to say "It's not me, I swear!"

A radio presenter called Jeremy Vine gave a TV interview which called on the unnamed presenter to "out" himself so as to stop, out of decency and compassion, the speculation about other colleagues of his being the suspects in his case.

Then things, gentle reader, get curi-ouser and curi-ouser. A lawyer who was representing the young person involved told the media and the BBC that the whole story was rubbish and no such exchange of money and photographs took place. The parents of the alleged "model" insist that they have passed solid evidence to the contrary to The Sun.

And then more emerges.

Another young individual, again age and gender unspecified, tells the media

that he or she was approached on a dating app by the same presenter who at first didn't identify himself, then proposed meeting and, when he did identify himself and amazed his contact who might have revealed his identity, the presenter abused and threatened this potential date.

The threatened party assured the media that the threats were scary.

The BBC said it couldn't reveal the presenter's identity for legal reasons, but on Wednesday, after five days of scandal and news turmoil and speculation, Huw Edwards' wife identified him as the presenter in question. What is amusing is that The Sun, till 2015, used to run a famous "Page 3" on which it featured nude women and, before the 2003 law which made the publication or exchange of lewd photographs of people under 18 illegal, featured 16-year-olds in nude poses with double-entendre captions.

Application for 1,411
seats in State Board
of Technical
Education till July 19

SANJAY AGGARWAL
DHARAMSHALA: 1,411 seats are still vacant after the first phase of counseling for polytechnic institutes by the State Board of Technical Education. Most of the seats are vacant in electronics and civil engineering. To fill these seats, the second phase counseling process will be started by the Board of Technical Education. The counseling will be held on July 21, while the selected candidates will be able to get their documents verified by July 25. Secretary, Board of Technical Education, Dharamshala, RK Sharma said that the counseling process for 13 engineering courses is going on by Himachal Pradesh Board of Technical Education in 16 government and eight private polytechnic institutes of the state. The counseling process of the first phase has been completed. He said that after this candidates have not been found for 1,411 seats for courses in polytechnic institutes. Sharma said that applications have been invited by the Board of Technical Education till July 19 for the second phase of counseling to fill these seats. After this there will be online counseling on 21st July. And the remaining seats will be displayed on the website on the same day. The Secretary said that those candidates who did not appear in the polytechnic entrance exam in May can also take part in the second round of counseling process. He said that the second round of counseling process has been started to fill the vacant seats in polytechnic institutes. Candidates can apply till July 19 to take part in this process.

Counselling for UG
& PG Programmes
rescheduled

SHIMLA, JULY 15

Due to incessant rains in Himachal and flooding in various parts of the country, Dr YS Parmar University of Horticulture and Forestry, Nauni has postponed the date of counselling for admission to undergraduate and postgraduate programmes for the Academic Session 2023-24 for normal seats as well as self-financing seats. The University will conduct offline counselling for admission to UG normal seats on July 24 and self-financing seats on July 25 at 10.00 AM in the Dr. L.S. Negi Auditorium located at the main campus at Nauni. The cut-off percentage for both the counselling(s) and vacant seats position will be uploaded on July 15. The 1st and 2nd round of counselling for admission to the Master's Programme of the university will take place on July 27 and August 4 respectively. The date of registration for continuing students will be between July 27-31 and the classes will commence from August 1.

BJP leader Shanta Kumar
lauds Sukhu govt

PALAMPUR JULY 15

Former Chief Minister of Himachal Pradesh Shanta Kumar on Friday lauded the state government and all its employees for the relief and rescue efforts and the rehabilitation of thousands of flood-hit people. He also praised Chief Minister Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu for his effective action. He has written a letter to the Chief Minister Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu with a special request that maximum help should be given first to the poorest of the poor flood victims. The senior BJP leader assured the state government that help will also come from the Government of India, but he appealed to the people of Himachal to contribute and cooperate for relief. Shanta Kumar said, "I am sure that the people of Himachal will give full cooperation to bring the state out of the present disaster." He has also sent a cheque of Rs one lakh on his behalf to the Chief Minister along with his letter.



HIMACHAL

YUGMARG, CHANDIGARH, SUNDAY, JULY 16, 2023

Expedite implementation of center
sponsored schemes: CM

DINESH AGARWAL
SHIMLA, JULY 15

The development works should be expedited so that its benefits could reach the people well within time as dilly-dallying of development works for months together is the root cause of corruption. This was stated by the Chief Minister, Thakur Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu while presiding over the state-level meeting 'DISHA' here today. He instructed the officers to work vigorously for the remaining period of this calendar year to endow the benefits of development to the eligible beneficiaries and also gave instructions to prepare a performance index of every department besides reviewing the various center sponsored schemes being implemented in the state. While reviewing the projects of the National Highway Authority of India (NHAI), the Chief Minister



emphasized for refurbishing and aligning the Shimla-Parwanoo National Highway (NH) and directed the state authorities to keep this road open for the ensuing apple season. As far as Kiratpur-Manali NH is concerned single lane has been opened for traffic, he said. The Shimla-Mataur NH will also be made four-lane in times to come, he said. Speaking on the occasion, he said that special focus would be laid on construction of tunnels and bridges adding that two tunnels

would be made between Shalaghat and Nauni. He also directed the concerned department to work towards slope protection to reduce the risks of landslides, wherever required. A detail Project Report (DPR) of Taradevi bypass is also being prepared, said he. A sum of Rs. 1290 crore has been spent in the state under Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee (MGNREG) Act in the year 2022-23 and 81.15 lakh working days have been created. He also

Two houses and 5 cowshed washed away in
torrential rain

SHIMLA: The torrential rain washed away two houses and five cowshed in Goru Dug village of Lag valley, Kullu district administration confirmed on Saturday. District Magistrate Kullu Mr. Ashutosh Garg said due to cloudburst in Goru Dug under Past Patwar circle of Lagvalley two houses and five cow sheds were washed away. Hee said no loss of life was reported in this incident. The revenue team have left for the spot to assess the damage. IMD Sound Yellow alert in the state Saturday. Heavy downpour in the Lag wally inflated water level od Sarabri rivlut and local people are being issued warning to stay away from the spated Khad or Nalaha.

Stay away from electric
poles & lines in rainy season:
Power board warns people



AGENCY
HAMIRPUR, JULY 15

In order to prevent accidents due to electric current during the rainy season, the officials of the Electricity Board Limited have appealed to all the citizens to take precautions and stay away from the electric poles and power lines. A spokesman of the power board today appealed to all the people to maintain proper distance from electric poles and lines. He said everyone should avoid touching electric poles during the rainy season, do not tie cattle with these poles, do not hold any social or private function under electric lines and

maintain proper distance from new buildings to electric lines. The assistant engineer of the power board said if there is sparking on the pole in the rain and water is filled nearby, then avoid going through that path or in the water and do not climb the trees adjacent to the power line. If any power line has become loose due to rain and has come close to the ground, immediately inform the electrical personnel or junior engineer. The Assistant Engineer said there should not be encroachment around transformers and poles and only good quality electrical equipment should be installed in the house.

Water supply partly restored in Hamirpur

HAMIRPUR, JULY 15

People in various parts of the district on Saturday heaved a sigh of relief when drinking water started flowing through their taps. There was no water in the town for the last six days due to the washing away of the huge pipes connecting its source with the water supply scheme of Hamirpur town.

However, many townsmen said they received muddy water today and that it was unfit for drinking. They demanded that they be provided with neat and clean water for drinking purposes. For want of water in taps, it was being sold through private tankers at a cost of one thousand seven hundred per tanker, and that too was not available to the common

man. In the absence of tap water, the people were rushing to the wells and hand pumps to fetch the water for their needs, but that was also insufficient for them. The worst affected were those living on the top floors on rent. Feeling the pinch of water shortage in the town, local MLA, Ashish Sharma and President of the local Civic body, Manoj Minhas came to the rescue of the people and provided water through tankers to the people from their own funds so that there was no water problem for the people. Meanwhile, the Jal Shakti Department has appealed to all the residents of the district to take special precautions to prevent water-borne diseases during the rainy season. The department's superintendent

engineer, Neeraj Bhogal, said during the rainy season there is a possibility of water bodies getting dirty, and sometimes the water becomes muddy. Although the Jal Shakti Department is determined to provide clean drinking water to all the people, in spite of this, there is a possibility of water-borne diseases spreading in the rainy season. Therefore, all the residents of the district must boil drinking water for at least 20 minutes during this season. This kills all types of bacteria present in the water. He said if the water becomes cloudy due to heavy rains, it can be filtered through a cloth and kept in a separate bucket or other vessel. After filtering, the fine soil is stored under water in a bucket or vessel. After

filtering, this water can be boiled and used for drinking. This water will be completely safe. Neeraj Bhogal appealed to the residents of the district to regularly clean the water storage utensils and the tanks of the house. He said water utensils should always be kept covered. The Superintending Engineer said the department has also given field testing kits to all gram panchayats for sampling and testing of water. By contacting the panchayat offices, the residents of the district can also get the water or the water sources in their respective areas tested. He has also appealed to all the residents of the district to take precautions and cooperate with the Jal Shakti Department.

JP Nadda assures full support to
HP people from central govt

AGENCY
BILASPUR, JULY 15

All India BJP chief, JP Nadda has assured the people of Himachal Pradesh that adequate help would be given to them by the central government to mitigate their sufferings caused by heavy rains and flash floods. Talking to reporters at Bilaspur last night after a day-long hectic tour of the flood-ravaged areas of Mandi and Kullu districts, Nadda said here last night that the central government has also released the second installment of 181 crore rupees to the HP government. Nadda said that earlier the central government had released Rs 180 crore in the first installment from the



National Disaster Response Fund, and now within a few days the second installment has been released to the state government. Overall, so far, a grant of 361 crores has been issued by the Central Government. JP Nadda said that he was very worried about the condition of the state, adding that he now wanted to work for the

settlement of Himachal. A lot of damage has happened in Himachal.

In Himachal, people's homes and shops have been destroyed in Mandi, Kullu, and Manali. He said," I myself have seen this scene, due to which he is very worried. He said that whenever the Himachal government demands or

sends anything in relation to this disaster, it will be fulfilled on a priority basis. He has also said that he is seeing such a tragedy for the first time in Himachal. It should be noted that due to the tragedy in Himachal, the burden of debt has increased on the Himachal government". Although the grant being issued by the centre will reduce the burden on the Himachal government somewhere, JP Nadda also talked about providing all possible help to the Himachal government after a complete tour. JP Nadda also said that Union Minister Anurag Singh Thakur will remain in Himachal for a few days. In such a situation, he will keep taking updates on all this loss and disaster.

SJVN to contribute Rs. 2 cr to HP CM
Relief fund to assist State Govt. in
relief measures: N L Sharma

DINESH AGARWAL
SHIMLA, JULY 15

Chairman & Managing Director, SJVN, Nand Lal Sharma, today informed that SJVN will contribute an amount of Rs. 2,00,00,000 (Rs Two Crores) towards H.P. Chief Minister Relief Fund. Nand Lal Sharma stated that the financial assistance by SJVN will help the people affected by rainfall and resultant floods that had hit various parts of the Himachal Pradesh earlier this week. Heavy rains & cloud bursts have triggered flooding, landslides, home and bridge collapses which have severely disrupted access even to basic amenities. Nand Lal Sharma said that SJVN will always remain in forefront in assisting the government's efforts in relief measures. "We stand by the people of the state in this hour of distress and express our solidarity and support to the ongoing relief and rehabilitation efforts. We hope that the funds will aid the people as they rebuild their lives in the aftermath of the recent floods. I also appeal everyone to generously donate to help the needy to tide over the calamity, said Sh. Sharma. He also expressed grief over the loss of life and property due to landslides and flash floods. Earlier, the employees of SJVN have voluntarily donated their one-day salary to CM Relief Fund amounting to Rupees 55,00,000/- (Fifty-Five Lakh) approximately.



Clear apple growing areas' roads
before season starts: CM

AGENCY
SHIMLA, JULY 15

Himachal Pradesh Chief Minister Thakur Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu on Friday directed the public works department to clear roads and take up restoration works in apple-growing areas of the state. Addressing a meeting of officers about restoration work Chief minister said that they should ensure to clear the roads in apple growing areas before the onset of the season besides exploring the possibility of alternative routes to export apple produce from these areas.

The Chief Minister also directed to keep Theog-Rampur, Theog-Hatkoti, Rampur-Kinnaur, Chhaila-Neripul and Oddi Rampur via Kotgarh roads functional with the adequate



deployment of men and machinery for the smooth passage of the traffic. He sanctioned Rs. 50 crore to the Public Works Department to purchase the machinery. He said it was expected that there would be about 2 crore apple boxes in the state during the current season which is less as compared to last

year's season due to adverse weather conditions. Sukhu said the Superintending Engineer PWD would be the nodal officer for monitoring the smooth functioning of these roads and he would report on a daily basis to Principal Secretary PWD regarding the status of the roads. He said that there would be no paucity of funds for repairing the roads and PWD shall commence all the restoration works immediately. The Chief Minister directed that adequate police personnel be deployed in the key locations so that smooth plying of vehicles could be ensured during the apple season. He also spoke with the district administrations of Mandi, Kullu, Solan, Kinnaur, Chamba and Sirmaur and took stock of the ongoing restoration work.

CM Sukhu flags off Kaushal Rath

DINESH AGARWAL
SHIMLA, JULY 15

Chief Minister, Thakur Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu flagged off a Skill Van (Kaushal Rath) on the occasion of World Youth Skills Day from his official residence Oak Over here today. He also announced launching of the new batch of training of 15000 candidates of Himachal Pradesh in niche areas like Robotics, Artificial Intelligence (AI), Virtual Reality (VR), Aviation, Hospitality etc. It is pertinent to mention here that Memorandum of Understanding (MoUs) worth Rs. 58.67 crore were signed for these training programmes during April-June 2023. He said that Himachal Pradesh Kaushal Vikas Nigam (HPKVN) would ensure



participation of women candidates also in these high value training programs. Chief Minister also flagged off the second skill van from Rubber Chemical & Petrochemical Skill Development Council (RCPSDC), which aims to appraise and support candidates working as tyre fitter service mechanics, who

have extensive experience but lack formal certification. He said that the skill van would provide an opportunity for these individuals to undergo short-term training and obtain recognized certificates, which will validate their skill set in the market. This skill van will travel to all parts of the state for the next 2 to 3 months covering

the target group. He said that the objective of 'Kaushal Rath' was to create awareness among the youth of the state about various fully sponsored training programs being run under HPKVN. He said that this innovative initiative would reach out to young people in all districts and provide them with valuable information and resources to enhance their skills. The skill van is a mobile unit equipped with state-of-the-art facilities and resources dedicated to promoting skill development. It travels across different districts, making stops in communities, assembly constituencies, Panchayat, Blocks, ITIs, Government Offices, Schools, Colleges, Major Market Areas and Private Training Institutes reaching out to a wide range of young individuals.

NEWS AT A GLANCE

**Central University of Punjab
organizes Invited Talk on 'China's
Strategic Outreach in Central Asia:
Challenges and Opportunities'**



ANIL VERMA
BATHINDA: The Department of South and Central Asian Studies at the Central University of Punjab, Bathinda (CUPB) recently organized an invited talk on 'China's strategic outreach in Central Asia: Challenges and Opportunities' by renowned expert Prof. Jagmeet Bawa. Prof. Jagmeet Bawa, the Head of the Department of Political Science at the Central University of Himachal Pradesh, in his enlightening talk highlighted the strong historical and cultural linkages between Central Asia and India, with the existence of the Silk Route present here from 3rd century BC to the 15th century AD, which played a vital role in the economic and cultural development of both regions. However, after 15th century political instability, the emergence of new states, and conflicts along the Silk Route made the route unsafe for trade purposes. Emphasizing the strategic importance of Central Asia, Prof. Bawa explained that the region presently comprises five Central Asian republics: Uzbekistan, Kazakhstan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, and Kyrgyzstan. He elaborated at length on China's growing presence in Central Asia through its Belt and Road Initiative (BRI) and highlighted the economic, political, and security dimensions of China's engagement.

**Bhagwan Valmiki Sabha
felicitates newly appointed
President of Youth Congress,
Rishu Adiya**



DALJEET AJNOHA
HUSHIARPUR: Bhagwan Balmiki Sabha organized a simple but effective function, in which Rishu Aadiya, the newly appointed President of the Youth Congress of Legislative Assembly Constituency Hoshiarpur, was specially honored by Bhagwan Balmiki Sabha. On this occasion, Rishu Adia said that he got this post with the blessings of senior Congressman Vishwanath Bunty. The representatives present on the occasion included Tarsem Lal Adia Babbu, Tarsem Lal Hans, Surinder Dewan, Surinder Bhatti and Chintu Hans etc.

**Northern Railways
cancels several trains
due to water-logging
along tracks**

NEW DELHI: Due to heavy rain and water logging along the tracks of several of its routes, Northern Railways has temporarily cancelled some trains, while some have been diverted and short-terminated as well, said Northern Railways in its press release issued on Friday. The cancelled trains, which were scheduled to depart from their respective stations on Saturday, include Ambala -Amb Andaura- Ambala Special JCO, Firozpur- Jalandhar Cantt - Firozpur Special JCO , Jalandhar Cantt-Hoshiarpur - Jalandhar Cantt Special JCO. Diverted trains that are scheduled to depart on Saturday include Jammu Tawi- Jodhpur Express, Dehradun-Amritsar, Dehradun -Saharanpur. Some of the trains that are scheduled to depart on 16 July and 17 July are also cancelled or diverted or short-terminated. Those who have planned to travel by train on the Northern Railways routes can access the information from the official website of Northern Railways. On Thursday, the General Manager of the Northern Railway told that due to the flood-like situation.

Arora congratulates 13 cadets of MRSAFPI, for joining NDA & IMA

**SUMER GARG
CHANDIGARH, JULY 15**

As many as 13 cadets of Maharaja Ranjit Singh, Armed Forces Preparatory Institute (MRS, AFPI), SAS Nagar(Mohali) have made it up to prestigious defence academies including National Defence Academy(NDA), Cadet Training Wings(CTWs) for the Technical Entry Scheme (TES) and Indian Military Academy(IMA) in the last month. Cadet Manpreet Singh is among the top 20 candidates for the TES entry. While congratulating these candidates on joining the various academies to become defence officers, Punjab employment generation, skill development and training minister, Mr Aman Arora said that with joining of these 13 cadets, a total of 216 cadets of this institute have joined different service training academies since the inception of the Institute. At least 141 alumni of this Institute have also been



commissioned as officers in the defence services. He said that Chief Minister, Bhagwant Mann led Punjab Government is committed to fulfil the aspirations of sons and daughters of Punjab, who want to join the defence services.

**SP MLA Dara Singh Chauhan
resigns from UP assembly**

LUCKNOW, JULY 15

Samajwadi Party (SP) MLA from Ghosi assembly seat in Mau district and former minister Dara Singh Chauhan on Saturday tendered his resignation from the Uttar Pradesh Legislative Assembly. Principal Secretary Pradeep Dubey said that MLA from Ghosi seat Dara Singh Chauhan met Vidhan Sabha Speaker Satish Mahana and tendered his resignation from the lower house. It is being said that Dara Singh has also resigned from SP, but it has not been confirmed by the party. Though Chauhan has not specified the reason behind his resignation it is being speculated that he may join Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) and contest Lok Sabha polls due next year. It may be noted that Dara Singh served as Forest Minister in the first tenure of Yogi Adityanath government. He, however, quit BJP before the 2022 assembly elections and joined SP. He raised the banner of revolt along with two more ministers Swami Prasad Maurya and Dharm Singh Saini. Currently Swami Prasad is SP MLC and national general secretary of the party. Chauhan started his political career from Bahujan Samaj Party (BSP), which sent him to Rajya Sabha twice first in 1996 and then in 2004. He also contested the 2019 Lok Sabha poll from Ghosi seat as BSP candidate and was later appointed as the Leader of the Party in the lower house.



**AMRIK SINGH
AMRITSAR, JULY 15**

Under the leadership of Chief Minister Punjab Bhagwant Mann, all the ministers and MLAs are visiting the villages of their respective constituencies to ensure cleaning of the drains so that the water can be drained properly and the people do not face any kind of difficulty due to rains. Public Works and Power Minister Harbhajan Singh ETO expressed these views after visiting the rain-affected villages.

Interacting with the media while visiting Narayangarh village, He said that the culvert built on the Narayangarh drain will be rebuilt by the Public Works Department as it



past 1.5 years, we have organised 17 programmes for the distribution of appointment letters, during which we have given out appointment letters to more than 55,000 youths."

He said that over 6 lakh appointments have been made over the last six years and no one has questioned the recruitment process. "Due to the fairness and transparency of the recruitment process, not even a single

recruitment case is currently pending in court. There is transparency in the functioning of the State Staff Selection Commission," he said. The CM emphasised that a society that respects its talent always remains ahead in its development. "Uttar Pradesh is moving towards development today," he said. He said that prior to 2017, the youth of UP were disappointed. "When the youth used to go outside the

Pb govt providing all possible relief to flood affected people: MLA Sherry Kalsi

**VERMA
BATALA, JULY 15**

Punjab Chief Minister Sh. Bhagwant Singh Maan himself is visiting the flood affected areas and providing all possible relief to the flood affected people. This expression Amansher Singh Sherry Kalsi, MLA Batala. He listened to the problems of the residents of the constituencies under the 'LokMilni' program this morning and gave directions to the officials of the concerned departments to solve them. Speaking on the occasion, MLA Sherry Kalsi said that the Punjab government is committed to provide the benefit of welfare schemes and development work in the state to the people and big steps have been taken by the government for public interest. Talking about the flood affected areas in



Punjab, MLA Sherry Kalsi said that the Chief Minister of the Punjab, ShBhagwant Singh Mann, is visiting the flood affected areas and all possible help to the people has been ensured. He said that last days Cabinet Minister Kuldeep Singh Dhaliwal also visited Gurdaspur district and took stock of the advance arrangements made by the officials to deal with the

flood. MLA Sherry Kalsi further said that solving the problems of the residents of Batala constituency is their first priority and no one will be left behind in development works. He said that the promises made to the residents of Batala are being fulfilled and the historical and religious city of Batala will be made a model constituency in terms of development.

Langar services performed by Shaheed Baba Deep Singh Sewa Welfare Sewa Society Raji Nabha

**RAKESH JINDAL
NABHA, JULY 15**

Shaheed Baba Deep Singh Welfare Service Society Raji Nabha, which has been helping the needy families in the Vidhan Sabha Constituency Nabha and surrounding areas for a long time, has been the anchor for the heirs of PGI Hospital Chandigarh distressed patients for the past nine years. Bhai Amandeep Singh Lovely member Pritpal Singh Amarjot Singh Goldie Antara Preet Singh jointly informed about the carrying services. That the services of milk, bread, rope, water, candles, biscuits, rice and medicines for all the victims at Patiala have been provided with the grace of



reviewed the health facilities provided to the patients. He also inspected the Dengue Ward and the Krasna Lab. He visited the ward and inquired about the condition of the admitted patients and got information about the medicines given to them. He asked all the officials, doctors and paramedical staff to provide better health services to the common people, adopt loving attitude towards the patients and instructed to take seriously the patients who come to the health institution during any kind of emergency.

DC issued guidelines to face challenges, after water receding



**SUMER GARG
MOONAK, JULY 15**

AAP MLA from Lehra Gaga, Virender Goyal; Deputy Commissioner (DC), Sangrur, Jitendra Jorwal and SSP, Surendra Lamba during an emergency meeting at Hamirgarh regarding the damage and health precautions due to floods in the villages of Moonak sub-division discussed the current situation and the possible challenges that may arise after the water level recedes. On the occasion, DC said that the officials of the health department and animal husbandry department need to be more alert as the water level will start to decrease by tomorrow evening, to prevent mosquito-borne diseases in advance by continuous fogging in Khanauri and the active steps should be taken to destroy the larvae. He has also issued

guidelines about the removal of dead animals, proper treatment of sick animals, provision of green fodder and feed, inspection of water supply lines, water testing, ensuring power supply after low water level and the availability of medicines etc. The DC instructed the officials of the agriculture department to conduct a survey of the water-affected areas and take stock of the damaged paddy and make arrangements to prepare paddy plantlets in sufficient quantity, so that paddy plantlets can be made available to the needy farmers for replanting. He instructed the officials of the revenue department and the agriculture department that the Girdavari process should be implemented jointly, as it's order was given by the Punjab Government and no deserving case should be deprived of compensation.

Checking done by administration in IELTS centers open in 16 acres of Barnala created panic



KARANPREET KARAN
BARNALA: There was panic in checking IELTS centers opened in 16 acres of district Barnala, which show the young generation of Punjab the beauty of foreign countries, a large number of students present were also questioned! Suddenly raids were conducted by ADC Sukhpal Singh and his team of Barnala district at different places on IELTS Centre, Coaching Centre, Immigration Center and Visa Offices. ADC Sukhpal Singh and SDM Office under the orders of DC Barnala by Barnala Administration. IELTS was raided at the Immigration and Visa Center along with the administrative officers and employees including the team of IELTS. During the raid, IELTS and various other centers running without NOC without license were sealed due to lack of permanent registered number NOC with many centers. Outside of which notices were pasted and orders were given to present necessary papers. As part of dynamic action taken, 11 different centers were closed in 16 acres of Barnala. And it has been raided at IELTS Center across Punjab. Barnala's ADC Sukhpal Singh and his team arrived along with the team to raid the notices without approval, without license, etc. Notices were pasted and sealed on eleven centres, including Prime Visa, Vision Way Visa. He said that all the notice holders have been given seven days time so that they can present the papers.



Guru Sahib and the support of the Sangat after offering prayers at the Guru Ghar. It was said that the servicemen went door to door to the families in need in the water of about four to five feet and delivered other necessary items including water. Outside the gate of PGI Chandigarh

OPD, outside the gate number 2 and in the small PGI sector 32, the Langar services continue continuously. Antal Singh, Rashman Deep Singh, Gurpreet Singh, Kaka Kartarpuria, Pammi Guru Nanak Poora, Mani Rohta, Maninder Singh Rana, Soni Duldhi etc. were present.

After evacuating peoples safely, administration focuses on helping out farmers

ASHISHPURI/PAWANKALIA
KAPURTHALA: After successfully saving the human lives in the flood-affected areas of Sultanpur Lodhi, now district administration has put full focus to take care of the livestock besides providing seeds/sapling to the farmers for next crop. It is worth mentioning that more than 450 people stuck in the flood have been safely evacuated. Deputy Commissioner Captain Karnail Singh said that residents of nearby villages have played a significant role in relief operations during this natural disaster, for which the administration will remain indebted to them. Farmers were being provided seeds namely 1509 , PR -126 and 1692 Basmati varieties for sowing the next crop, and the people of nearby villages have come forward to support this initiative, he added. Meanwhile, Chief Agriculture Officer Dr. Balbir Chand informed that more than 200 quintal of dry fodder (silage) was distributed in affected villages, 25 quintals of feed has also been sent from Phagwara block, which was being distributed among the cattle owners.



Arshdeep's body
found after it swept
away in floods

ASHOK KAURA PHAGWARA : The body of 22-year-old Arshdeep Singh, a resident of Mundi Chohian village, who was swept away in floods on July 10 was found yesterday. He had returned from Greece. He was living with his mother in the village. He was a farmer by profession. He is survived by his mother, father, and two siblings. All of them are settled abroad except their mother. According to Arshdeep's paternal uncle, he had dropped his mother at a nearby village so that she could be safe. "After he dropped her at a safer place, he went back to take his clothes from his home at Mundi Chohian village. His bike got stuck in floodwater. The moment he got off the bike, he was washed away in the fast water current," said Kulwant Singh, his paternal uncle. The Lohian Khas police have registered a missing report in this connection.

Three Shahkot residents
arrested for attacking
police officer

ASHOK KAURA PHAGWARA : The Shahkot police have arrested three local residents on the charge of attacking a police officer. Investigating Officer (IO) Balbir Chand said that the accused have been identified as Karan son of Roshan, Sandip alias Katta son of Satpal and Soni son of Sokha residents of Mohalla Bagh Wala, Shahkot. IO said that Assistant sub-inspector Sukhwinder Singh said in his statement that he was performing his duty at a Naka and signalled the accused to stop who were riding a motor cycle (PB08-CQ-2717) but instead of stopping at Naka the accused assaulted him and tore his uniform and fled away. IO said a case under sections 353 (assault or criminal force to deter public servant from discharge of his duty), 186 (obstructing public servant in discharge of public functions), and 34 (committing crime with common intention) of the IPC has been registered against the accused.

July 31 last date for admission in
vocational courses conducted by
Red Cross Society: DC

DALJEET AJNOHA HOSHIARPUR: Deputy Commissioner-cum-Chairperson, District Red Cross Society, Komal Mittal said that while many social welfare schemes are being run by the District Red Cross Society to help the needy, disabled persons,

vocational training centers are also being run for the students. The Deputy Commissioner said that vocational courses like Beauty Parlour, Fashion Designing,

English-Punjabi Typing, Punjabi Short Hand and Computer are being conducted by the District Red Cross Society, in which the student can stand on his own feet by enrolling. She told that the last date for admission in these courses is July 31, 2023 and interested candidates can inquire personally from Monday to Friday from 9 am to 5 pm at the Red Cross office, Civil Line Hoshiarpur. Apart from this, information can be obtained on phone numbers 79737-99983, 94643-62567, 01882-221071. Komal Mittal said that the main objective of these vocational courses is to promote quality education. She informed that the minimum qualification for these courses is 10th, 12th pass.

Shri Gauri Shankar Seva
Mandal dispatches truck of
ration for Amarnath Yatra



SUKH NAHAR JAGRAON: Shri Gauri Shankar Seva Mandal Jagraon sent another truck containing ration for service of Amarnath pilgrims. The Mandal has been successfully running 14th bhandara at Chandarkot, Ramban in Jammu and Kashmir for Amarnath pilgrims. The bhandara commenced on July 1 with the commencement of Amarnath Yatra. The pilgrimage was halted for sometime due to bad weather and during this time, the association ensured availability of every facility to the devotees of Lord Shiva. Looking at the enthusiasm of the pilgrims, association dispatched another convoy of essentials for Ramban to ensure successful conduct of the bhandara. President of association Vivek Gupta said that the bhandara is conducted every year with unconditional support of the members of association and residents of Jagraon. "Members of the association find themselves blessed to be able to serve the pilgrims of Lord Shiva every year with the help of devotees."

PUNJAB

YUGMARG, CHANDIGARH, SUNDAY, JULY 16, 2023

DC Ashika Jain exhorts Senior
Officials to Monitor Health Activities

SHASHI PAL JAIN MOHALI, JULY 15

To protect residents from Water-borne diseases, which are on the rise post floods, the deputy commissioner, Aashika Jain has deputed three topmost functionaries of her team to monitor the health activities in their respective areas.

As per these orders, the ADC (General), Paramdeep Singh has been assigned with the task of Mohali Sub Division while ADC (Urban Development) Damanjit Singh Mann to oversee Derabassi Sub Division along with the urban area of Kharar. Similarly, ADC (Rural Development) Amit Bamby to observe the rural area of Sahibzada Ajit Singh Nagar district.

Expressing apprehension of breaking out of waterborne diseases like diarrhoea and cholera besides vector borne diseases Dengue and Malaria, she cautioned the offi-



cers Incharge to coordinate with health, MCs and Public Health Department to take immediate action in case of any spread of the diseases arises. She added that post floods, it is common practice to contagion water borne and vector borne diseases due to waterlogged problems, impure water and mosquitos, so we

Bhagwant Mann should leave politics, focus on helping
flood-affected people of state: Dr. Deepak Jyoti

FATEHGARH SAHIB (AJAY MALHOTRA): The Chief Minister of Punjab should leave politics and focus on the problems of flood-affected people of the state, because there are many other platforms to do politics and at this time the people of Punjab do not need politics but help, because people have suffered a lot due to this flood. These views were expressed today by BJP's in-charge of Bassi Pathana constituency, Dr. Deepak Jyoti, during a conversation with the media after contacting the flood-affected people of the constituency. Dr. Deepak Jyoti said that he is constantly in touch with the flood-affected people whose troubles are not getting any less. She said that the farmers, poor laborers and traders of Bassi Pathan constituency have been badly affected due to flood. Dr. Deepak Jyoti talked about the loss caused to the farmers by the paddy crop has been completely destroyed.



should be careful to protect our residents from these diseases by taking preventive measures in time. She also appealed to the residents not to intake water directly, first boil it and then cool down for a particular time to kill the bacteria.

Making an appeal to the residents to use chlorine tablets to disinfect drinking water, she added that following the emergence of diarrhoea cases at Balongi, robust sampling of water has been ordered as per SOP for early detection.

72 years old person bravely
counter two young robbers
and injured them



MANJINDER SINGH BANGA, JULY 15

Darshan Singh aged about 72 years injured two 25 years old robbers of village malpur arkan who were tried to loot him on the point of datar last evening. Darshan Singh acted very bravely and injured both the young robbers with his sickle and apprehended them with the help of other persons. On this brave action of Darshan Singh S P Bhagi Rath Singh Meena said that SBS Nagar Police salute to his Bravery.

Jhanda Yatra will leave Sitasar
Mandir for Geeta Bhavan



SUMER GARG SUNAM, JULY 15

The local Shri Bala Ji Khatu Sham Seva Samiti (SBJKSSS) organised a meeting here today. In the meeting the members of the SBJKSSS said that the samiti is organizing a grand Jagran on September 2, in which bhajan samrat, Mr. Kanhaiya Mittal from Chandigarh will come.

Before the jagran, a huge saffron color Jhanda yatra will be organised, in which 3100 persons will carry flags, which will be brought here, after touching the temple of Hanu-mangari in Ayodhya and twenty four hours before the jagran, Ram Ram recitation path will be started at the site of Jagran. The spokesperson of SBJKSSS said that the Ram Darbar Ayodhya Bhavan, which

will be decorated at the time of Jagran here will be worth to see. On this occasion, Vidya Jyoti Gau Seva Mission of Salasar, which also has been passed through the India will be brought to Sunam for the first time. Swami Krishan Nand and Swami Ajay Anand will held a meeting with the hindus, regarding the protection of cows and to awake hindutva among them.

Harsimrat K Badal appeals to union HM to depute
NDRF for rescue, relief operations in Budhlada

ANIL VERMA BATHINDA, JULY 15

Former union minister and Bathinda MP Harsimrat Kaur Badal today appealed to union home minister Amit Shah to depute NDRF personnel to conduct rescue and relief operations in Budhlada and Sardulgarh constituencies following major breaches in the embankments of the Ghaggar river near Chandpura in Budhlada and Rorki in Sardulgarh.

In a statement here, the Bathinda MP also castigated the Mansa district administration for failing to take requisite steps to strengthen the Bundh. "I had visited the area near the Chandpura dam following an appeal by residents on July 13 and also rang up the deputy commissioner to inform that



the water level at the spot was increasing at a rapid pace and that urgent efforts were needed to strengthen it. Unfortunately nothing was done for two days following which the embankment breached early today morning. "Now with a forty foot breach in the embankment, flood waters are threatening 35 villages in its vicinity and the Budhlada and Baretta areas are expected to be severely affected". She said similarly the Ghaggar had also breached at Rorki due to which around 12 vil-

lages of Sardulgarh were threatened.

Appealing to the chief minister Bhagwant Mann to direct the civil administration to take urgent steps to close the breach besides undertaking relief measures, Mrs Harsimrat Badal said "there are widespread reports that the Punjab government machinery is not reaching flood affected people in time. Due to this the suffering of the people has increased ten times. The chief minister must review the situation immediately and take necessary action to mitigate the suffering of the people". She also made a fervent appeal to allocate all funds earmarked for advertising - which are in hundreds of crores - for flood relief measures besides calling for an end to photo ops.

Health Minister stops deployment of ambulances with
Ministers, VIPs; asks to use in flood affected areas

BAHADURJEET SINGH RUPNAGAR, JULY 14

Punjab Health & Family Welfare and Medical Education & Research Minister Dr. Balbir Singh on Saturday ordered all the civil surgeons to stop deployment of ambulances with Ministers and VIPs except Chief Minister of Punjab. All these ambulances should be deployed in flood affected areas, he said.

Chairing a meeting of district administration and representatives of Indian Medical Association and religious and social organisations at the committee room of the Mini Secretariat here, Dr. Balbir Singh said that Chief Minister S. Bhagwant Mann led Punjab Government is trying its best to provide the best health facilities in flood affected areas. Medical camps are being or-



ganised by the government with the support of non-government organisations to save people from diseases and medicines are also being provided free of cost to the patients. He said that instructions have also been issued to all the civil surgeons that essential medicines should be delivered to the people stranded in deluge through boats, and ambulances should be deployed

near flood affected areas so that if need arises, there should not be any difficulty in transporting patients to hospitals.

Appealing the representatives of the Indian Medical Association and other organisations, Dr Balbir Singh said that they should deploy medical staff in the flood-affected areas with ambulances along with medicines and also support in providing other essen-

tial services if required.

President of Indian Medical Association Rupnagar Dr. Bhanu Pratap Parmar apprised the Health minister that four ambulances along with medical staff will be sent immediately under the supervision of the civil surgeon. The Minister also urged the representatives of religious and social organisations that apart from medical services, maximum help should also be given to the district administration in providing ration and other essential items so that everyone in need can be helped.

While talking to the media, on the question of shortage of doctors, Dr Balbir Singh said that the department has already recruited 550 house surgeons, out of which 10 house surgeons have been appointed for emergency services in Rupnagar district.

28 cases settled on spot
in State Lok Adalat



HOSHIARPUR (DALJIT AJNOHA): State Lok Adalat has been organized today in the district by the District Legal Services Authority on the instructions of the Punjab State Legal Services Authority. In this Lok Adalat, cases related to settlement of motor accident claims, land acquisition and domestic disputes were kept. Giving information, CJM-cum-Secretary, District Legal Services Authority, Aparajita Joshi said that under the leadership of District and Sessions Judge-cum-Chairman, District Legal Services Authority, Dilbag Singh Johal, Additional District and Sessions Court has been set up in the Lok Adalat in the district.

CS, Revenue, K.A.P Sinha visits flood-
affected areas of district Patiala

RAWEL BHINDER PATIALA, JULY 15

The Special Chief Secretary, Revenue, Punjab, K.A.P Sinha, visited the flood-affected areas of District Patiala on Saturday. He inspected the relief and rescue operations being carried out by the district administration.

K.A.P. Sinha took stock of the current situation in the district while visiting Patran, Badshapur, and other areas of the district. He has held a meeting in SDM office with District Administration, where Divisional Commissioner Arun Sekhri and Deputy Commissioner Sakshi Sawhney explained the whole flood situa-



tion to the Special Chief Secretary. He also interacted with the people who have been displaced by the floods and are staying in relief camp at Badshapur. He assured them of all possible assistance from the Punjab Government and expressed his sympathy for their plight. The Special Chief Secretary praised the efforts of the

district administration, the police, the army, the NDRF and the NGOs for their swift and coordinated response to the disaster. He said that the Punjab Government under the leadership of Chief Minister Mr Bhagwant Mann is committed to providing relief and rehabilitation to the flood victims.

DC, SSP visits villages affected
by Sutlej water



FEROZEPUR (RAMESH KASHYAP): Deputy Commissioner Mr. Rajesh Dhiman and SSP Bhopinder Singh Border affected by Sutlej water. A large number of villages including Gatti Rajo, Tendiwala, Bhakra, Jallo were visited. Meanwhile, he heard the difficulties of the people of the villages of the constituency and said that the Chief Minister. According to the guidelines of Bhagwant Singh Maan, we always stand with the people and they will not be allowed to face any kind of problem. Meanwhile, he directed to provide animal feed, dry ration, medicines etc. in the concerned villages for the help of the people. He said that orders have been given to the relevant authorities for the repairs of the roads that need to be done. He ordered Axion Drainage to strengthen the embankment along the Gatti Rajo bridge so that the water does not flow to the

Ashok Arora elected president, Ajay Passi Secretary of
Rotary Club Kotkapura

KOTAKPURA (SURINDER DAMDAMI): A special meeting of Rotary Club Royal Kotkapura was held at Hotel Blue Hill. During this meeting election of new club executives was held. Ashok Arora was elected president of Rotary Club Royal while Ajay Pasi elected as General Secretary and Pardeep Chopra as a cashier. On this occasion president Ashok Arora divulged that the social activities of the club will be continued as earlier. He said that the new projects are also under consideration in the coming year. On this occasion Varinder Arora Director Baba Milk, Raman Manchanda Manchanda Sweet House, Sanjeev Chopra, Sandeep Kataria, Dr Manvir Gupta, Rakesh Silika, Deepak Ahuja, Harish Gandhi, Surinder Jindal, Subir Chopra and Vakesh Arora were also present.



People expresses
satisfaction over Punjab
govt's relief work: FM



SUMER GARG MOONAK, JULY 15

Under the guidelines of Chief Minister of Punjab, Bhagwant Mann today, Cabinet Ministers Harpal Singh Cheema & Aman Arora along with MLA, Barinder Goyal visited the flood affected areas of Moonak and expressed satisfaction over the relief work being carried out by the district administration. Cheema said that the Chief Minister himself, every minute is taking information about the situation of the affected areas & the relief work

and today he himself is making contact with the flood victims by administrative officials, army and NDRF personnel from the villages through boats. He has gone to the houses and people have expressed the satisfaction over the relief work of Punjab Govt. On this occasion, Cabinet Minister Aman Arora said that soon the Punjab government under the leadership of Chief Minister, Bhagwant Mann will prepare such a comprehensive plan that can provide a suitable solution to the natural calamities faced every year during the monsoon.

GLAMOUR

“Aradhna is unique when compared to my previous characters” - says Shivangi Joshi

Quintessentially, monsoons set the stage for love to flourish, but Sony Entertainment Television’s “Barsatein-Mausam Pyaar Ka” is all set to bring viewers a stormy romance drama that explores the clash of two headstrong individuals – Reyansh and Aradhna. Set in the milieu of a newsroom, this intriguing narrative sees the passionate duo lock horns as they find themselves entwined in a complex web of emotions. Kushal Tandon returns to television as Reyansh Lamba, a heartbreaker with an enigmatic personality, while Shivangi Joshi portrays Aradhna Sahni, a determined and ambitious young woman with a passion for journalism. Despite knowing better, Aradhna is attracted to the suave and irresistibly charming Reyansh Lamba and thus begins their turbulent love story. Produced by Balaji Telefilms, the show airs every Monday to Friday at 8:00 p.m.

Excited to be playing a new avatar in an intriguing love story, actress Shivangi Joshi talks about her upcoming show and more in a candid chat.

Tell us about your role in the show?

I play the role of Aradhna Sahni, an aspiring journalist. Brimming with ideas and dreams, Aradhana possesses a constant sparkle in her eyes and wants to make a mark in the field of journalism. Curious by nature, Aradhna is sharp and intelligent; yet despite seeing the red flags, she falls for the elusive Reyansh Lamba, who is also her boss. This is something that many people would be able to connect with.

How does it feel to play the role of a journalist on the show? What are the special preparations you underwent for the same?

It's an honour for me to play the role of a journalist. While researching for the character, one thing that I learnt is that journalism is one of the most challenging professions. To stay on their toes all the time and be updated about literally everything is quite a task. I have been interviewed so many times, but now when someone interviews me, I observe their mannerism and the way they articulate a question, and I try to incorporate the same in my character. While prepping for the role, I spoke to some of my journalist friends and had an extensive conversation about their day-to-day lives. I hope I can do justice to this character.

Kushal and you are a unique pairing. How has your experience been working with him so far?

It's been a great experience working with Kushal. We have a lot of similarities actually. Fun fact, we both are not fond of chai and we have not even tasted it. Off-screen, he cracks a lot of jokes and on screen, he is a very serious actor. I know that many people in the industry were saying that they didn't expect Kushal and me to be paired together, but after the first promo, everyone gave great feedback. The pairing, the show, and its premise are all very new and fresh. You have typically played roles which characterized you as a housewife. Now, you are playing a character who is a woman unto her own. How did the shift happen?



Aradhna is unique when compared to my previous characters. On the day that this character was narrated to me, deep down I felt a connection with her, and I said yes to the show in an instant! I could relate to her characteristics and, somewhere, I knew that the audience would also feel the same. I can't wait to hear what the viewers have to say about this stormy romance drama.

What are the key takeaways from your character Aradhna?

For me, the key takeaway from Aradhna would be being straightforward and speaking out my heart. In real I am an overthinker, whereas Aradhna does not think twice before talking and I really admire that quality about her.

Mohit Dagga, the Scent-Sational actor’s collection of 100+ perfumes!

Perfumes can communicate, create the ideal ambience, become an integral part of one's identity, work their enchantment on the mind, and leave a lasting impression that is hard to forget. Whether it's the appeal of luxury, the desire to feel refreshed, or the quest for a signature scent, people are enamoured by perfumes' transformative and intoxicating nature. Speaking of which, television actor Mohit Dagga, currently seen as Ashok in &TV's family drama Doosri Maa has a strong affinity for perfumes and finds them captivating.



He firmly believes that fragrances go beyond simply providing a pleasant scent. To him, perfumes hold the key to revisiting cherished memories and special moments, invoking feelings of happiness and nostalgia. Mohit shares his fascination with Perfumes, saying, "Perfumes have always held a special place in my heart. Ever since I was a child, I've been captivated by delightful scents, and as I grew older, my fascination with using and collecting

perfumes grew stronger. My day feels incomplete without spritzing that magical mist over my body. I have turned collecting perfume bottles into a full-blown hobby! I have more than 40 bottles in rotation, and I've amassed over 100 bottles from around the globe. And each perfume bottle I acquire carries a unique memory with it. Every fragrance captured in these bottles brings back personal moments from the past. Those special memories come alive whenever I spray them as if I'm reliving the first time, I wore that perfume. It's like stepping into a time machine, where the power of scent transports me to cherished moments. And that's not all! I have a special wardrobe solely dedicated to housing my perfume collection. It's a treasure trove of scents, ranging from warm and woody to oriental and fresh. My collection has it all! So, you see, my love for perfumes is more than just enjoying pleasant smells. It's a journey filled with nostalgia, personal memories, and the joy of exploring various captivating fragrances. It's a delightful adventure that always makes me smile."

Lagega twist ka tadka!



CHANDIGARH : In &TV's Doosri Maa, Happu Ki Ultan Paltan and Bhabiji Ghar Par Hai, viewers will get to see some new twists and turns. About &TV's Doosri Maa track, Krishna shares, "Krishna (Aayudh Bhanushali) tries to prevent Mahua (Manisha Arora) from selling exam papers but his efforts go in vain. Bansal notices and notifies Kamini (Priety Sahay). The police officers arrive and arrest Mahua for the crime, which she claims Krishna informed them about. As a result, Arvind (Mayank Mishra) erupts in wrath, slaps Krishna, and tells him to be taken to the police station rather than Mahua, who is pregnant. Krishna informs Yashoda (Neha Joshi) that he overheard Kamini and Bansal saying that many sadhus are going to the mandir, but Mahua was selling question papers when he arrived. Yashoda guesses that this was Kamini's plan. To demonstrate this, she enters Kamini's room and captures their conversation about planning against Mahua. Later, Arvind enters the house and informs Kamini that getting bail for Mahua is extremely difficult, to which Yashoda suggests that we seek assistance from Randheer (Darshan Dave)."

In &TV's Happu Ki Ultan Paltan, Daroga Happu Singh shares, "Katori Amma (Himani Shivpuri) and Rajesh (Kamna Pathak) visit a temple and pray for Happu's (Yogesh Tripathi) growth. But Katori Amma insults a beggar, and he curses that Happu will get demoted. Meanwhile, Kamlesh (Sanjay Choudhary) saves Commissioner's (Kishore Bhanushali) life and impresses him. He then promotes him to Inspector and downgrades Happu to Constable. Kamlesh starts torching Happu after becoming his senior. Katori Amma advises arranging Kamlesh's engagement with Kate (Gazal Sood) to rescue Happu from his torcher. However, Commissioner arrives and stops the engagement, and reveals a truth about Kamlesh." About &TV's Bhabiji Ghar Par Hai, Vibhuti Narayan Mishra shares, "Upon hearing from Pandit Rampahal, Ammaji (Soma Rathod) becomes aware of the danger threatening Angoori's (Shubhangi Atre's) life. To protect her, Manmohan Tiwari (Rohitashv Gour) must flirt with other women and make Angoori jealous. Simultaneously, Vibhuti, Tillu (Salim Zaidi), Teeka (Vaibhav Mathur), and Saxena (Saananand Verma) come to know about a "Naughty Girl Gang," a group of girls who entertain affluent businessmen for monetary gain. In a bid to acquire quick funds, they decide to disguise themselves as members of the "Naughty Girl Gang" and appoint David Chacha (Anup Upadhyay) as their manager. Tiwari then asks David Chacha to arrange for this girl gang to visit his house to make Angoori jealous and safeguard her life.

Hrithik remembers his “Daduji” Roshan on his 106th birth anniversary

Actor Hrithik Roshan, in the early hours of Friday, penned a long note and remembered his grandfather, late music director, Roshan, on the occasion of his 106th birth anniversary.

Taking to Instagram, Hrithik shared a throwback picture and captioned it, "Today marks the 106th birth anniversary of my Daduji - Roshan, whose name I inherit. Although I never had the honor of meeting him, learning from him or physically experiencing his love, I am blessed with a priceless treasure: his work... his music. Legends have a way of transcending time through their art. His songs are the foundation of the Roshan family's journey and I am immensely proud to be a part of his extraordinary lineage." Roshan was known for his songs like 'Khayalon mein KisiKe', 'Main Dil Hoon Ek Armaan Bhara', 'Na toh karvaan ki talaash hai', 'Aapne Yaad Dilaya', 'Laaga Chunari Mein Daag' and many more.

"Celebrating my Daduji's immortal legacy through one of my favourite songs by him. I celebrate this song even more because my Daduji never got to celebrate its success... he passed away soon after he recorded this brilliant track. He was 40 years old," the caption concluded.

Soon after he dropped the post, fans flooded the comment section with red hearts and fire emoticons.

"Roshan Legacy," a fan commented.

Another fan wrote, "He was so great composer that generations can learn the pure music by his outstanding work."

"My mom was and still is a fan of his work," a fan wrote.

Roshan, father of music director Rajesh Roshan and filmmaker Rakesh Roshan, passed away in 1967.

Meanwhile, talking about the 'Krishh' actor's work front, he will be next seen in the upcoming aerial action thriller film 'Fighter' opposite Deepika Padukone.

Debparna Goswami’s act dedicated to Sudha Chandran’s life, leaves the ace actress nostalgic on India’s Best Dancer 3

This Saturday, Sony Entertainment Television's homegrown dance reality show 'India's Best Dancer 3' will be celebrating the spirit of womanhood in the 'Ladies Special' episode. Honouring some of India's 'super-women' and their manifold skillset, the contestants, along with their choreographers will pay tribute to inspiring personalities like Major Priya Jhingan - Lady Cadet No 1 and silver medalist from the first batch of 25 lady officers who were commissioned in the Indian Army, Rajani Pandit, India's first female detective, and Sudha Chandran - veteran dancer and actress.

Contestant Deeparna Goswami, along with choreographer Tarun Raj Nihalani will present a magnificent dance act narrating the inspiring journey of Sudha Chandran to the songs - 'Nachdi Phira' and 'Ya Devi Sarvabhuteshu'; earning them a standing ovation.

Moved by the performance, Sudha

Chandran will express her gratitude to the duo by giving them an idol of Natraj and a pair of ghungroo. Complimenting the act and talking about her challenging journey, Sudha Chandran shared, "I feel proud that, being a woman, I did this. People usually say, "what can women do?" Arey, aurate hi toh ye kar sakti hai! Nari shakti bohot hi khatarnaak hai. People do talk about my journey, but today - my journey, of those three years, and the memories which I kept locked inside me suddenly passed through me. I saw my father in your performance. I remember after the accident when doctors told me, "You will lose your leg", my father walked into the room and said, "I will be your leg". And I asked him - till when, can you give me some guarantee. He then promised me, saying, "I will walk with you till the day you become successful and reach the peaks of success" and he kept his

promise. He saw my success and I always say, for any child, there is no greater gift to give your parents than your success. Never lose hope, keep going every day and fulfil all your dreams. I follow this till today and keep telling myself 'I am the best.' Terence Lewis will go on to talk about the emotional connection he has with Sudha Chandran, saying, "When this incident happened with Sudha ji, I was around 5 or 6 years old. My oldest sister, who was a classmate of Sudha ji, came back from school one day and told us about the accident; we were all shaken. During our evening prayers, we would all come together and pray for her. I remember for the longest time, my father would say one prayer especially for her recovery. When Sudha ji got the Jaipur Foot, we all celebrated, and it was a very emotional moment for us."

On his birthday, Yogesh Tripathi reflects on his remarkable journey in the entertainment industry!

Yogesh Tripathi, currently seen as Daroga Happu Singh in &TV's gharelu comedy Happu Ki Ultan Paltan. The funny potbellied Happu Singh, with his incredible comic timing, Kanpuria quirks and dialect, has made viewers laugh like none other, making him an audience favourite. With his extraordinary acting talent, he has amassed a huge fan base and touched the hearts of millions of viewers. In a heartfelt discussion on his birthday, the actor ardently talks about his love for acting and reflects on his remarkable journey in the entertainment industry.

1. How are you celebrating your birthday this year?

On my birthday, I prefer the company of loved ones and indulging in tasty food. What better way to celebrate being a food lover than by enjoying the finest culinary treats? I have given my wife a list of dishes I want, and she's excited to fulfil my gastronomic wishes. Afterwards, we will visit a nearby mall where the kids can have fun in the game zone, returning memories of my childhood. Finally, we will gather with a few close friends at our favourite restaurant for the celebration.

2. What are your plans with your on-screen family of Happu Ki Ultan Paltan?

My on-screen family feels like an ex-

tended family to me. We have been together for four years, and the celebration would not be complete without them. Surprisingly, I don't have to organise anything for them because they take the initiative to plan and surprise me every year. Whether it's my co-stars or the crew, everyone has consistently made me feel extraordinary on my birthdays. Since I will be shooting this year, I eagerly await to witness how the day unfolds on their sets and how they create lasting memories to make this birthday unforgettable.

3. What led you to choose acting as your career?

My passion for acting has been with me from a young age. During my school breaks, I discovered my true calling when watching movies with my mother for countless hours. The realisation struck me, and I knew deep down that pursuing a career in acting was my ultimate desire. This led me to venture to Lucknow, where I immersed myself in theatre and street performances, such as Nukad Natak, for several years. It was there that my journey as an actor began to take shape.

4. How do you personally define success as an artist?

As artists, we aim to engage and leave a lasting impression on our audiences. When we receive applause



in response, we know we have achieved success. I realised this when

my portrayal of Daroga Happu Singh gained immense popularity. Currently, he is the only character in the television industry appearing simultaneously in two shows. This accomplishment as an artist is truly significant and fills me with pride.

5. What aspect of acting brings you the most enjoyment?

Bringing smiles to my audience is my greatest joy. It's not just about silly faces, expressions, or jokes. It's about crafting relatable moments and dialogues that resonate deeply. Our show, Happu Ki Ultan Paltan, has accomplished this wonderfully. Each character's unique personality and catchphrases have connected beautifully with the audience, providing endless entertainment. We feel incredibly fortunate to have been a conduit for spreading immense joy and laughter in the lives of our viewers.

6. Which role in your career has been your favourite so far?

It undoubtedly is the character of Daroga Happu Singh! The role has given me the priceless gifts of recognition, wealth, and the unwavering adoration and encouragement of the audience, fulfilling every artist's deepest aspiration. I am

fortunate to have this opportunity, and I will strive to maintain my utmost efforts in captivating and entertaining my viewers.

7. Any challenges you come across with a highly popular character?

Although comedy in acting may appear effortless, creating an unforgettable character like Daroga Happu Singh involves numerous factors. Portraying comedy on-screen is always challenging, particularly when maintaining perfect comedic timing amidst retakes. Humour can only be partially mastered, but we strive to reach our best as artists. Additionally, shooting for extended hours while wearing prosthetics and a moustache can be challenging, but I have grown accustomed to them. I love preparing for my role, getting ready in hair and makeup, and eagerly waiting for the director to say, "Action!"

8. Did you ever think the cameo in the show would get you this long?

I was thrilled to be chosen for a cameo in Bhabiji Ghar Par Hai. Working alongside talented actors I admired on TV was an incredible feeling. Little did I know that this role would become a defining moment in my life and give me so much fame. It was pure luck that I landed the role of Daroga Happu Singh, and I am grateful that it came my way.

