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NEWS BRIEFS

Earthquake of magnitude 4.4 hits Pak areas

ISLAMABAD : An earthquake of magnitude 4.4 on the Richter Scale jolted areas in Pakistan on Saturday, the National Centre for Seismology (NCS) said on Saturday.
According to NCS, the earthquake occurred at a depth of 10 kilometres at 6:53 pm. The NCS stated that the earthquake occurred at latitude 26.11 N and longitude 63.78 E.
In a post on X, NCS stated, "EQ of M: 4.4, On: 14/06/2025 18:53:58 IST, Lat: 26.11 N, Long: 63.78 E, Depth: 10 Km, Location: Pakistan."

CBI arrests EPFO officer in Odisha for accepting Rs 10,000 bribe to approve employer's application

GANJAM: The Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) has apprehended the accused Senior Social Security Assistant (SSSA), EPFO Regional Office, Berhampur, District Ganjam, Odisha, while accepting a bribe of Rs. 10,000/- from the complainant, said the agency. CBI registered a case against the accused on June 12 based on a complaint dated the same date. It was alleged that the accused demanded a bribe of Rs 10,000/ from the complainant to approve the Authorised Signatory Application of the Employer.

PM Modi's visit to Cyprus, Canada, Croatia to strengthen India's growing global engagement, fortify partnerships

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Prime Minister Narendra Modi will embark on a three-nation tour from June 15 to 19, covering Cyprus, Canada, and Croatia, in a major diplomatic outreach spanning the Mediterranean, North America, and Eastern Europe.

At the invitation of Cyprus President Nikos Christodoulides, PM Modi will pay an official visit to the country on June 15-16. This marks the first visit by an Indian Prime Minister to Cyprus since 2002, and only the third since India's independence.

The visit highlights India's strategic pivot towards the India-Middle East-Europe Corridor (IMEC) -- a transformative connectivity initiative aimed at boosting regional cooperation in trade, energy, and digital infrastructure.

While in Nicosia, the Prime Minister will hold high-level bilateral talks with President Christodoulides. Discussions are expected to focus on strengthening defence and maritime cooperation, expanding energy and infrastructure investments and enhancing academic and cultural exchanges.

The two countries are also expected to sign new bilateral agreements, including on digital governance and climate action.

PM Modi will also address a business forum in Limassol, where he will invite industry leaders to explore new opportunities in India's rapidly growing economy.

India and Cyprus share a deep-rooted partnership based on shared values of democracy, rule of law, and a commitment to multilateralism. The visit is set to reaffirm these bonds and deepen India's engagement with the European Union's eastern Mediterranean flank.

Following Cyprus, PM Modi will head to Canada to participate in the G7 Summit (June 15-17), where India will contribute to key discussions on global challenges, including climate change, economic security, technology, and geopolitics. On his return journey, the Prime Minister will visit Croatia. This will be the first ever visit by an Indian Prime Minister to Croatia, marking an important milestone in the bilateral relationship. Prime Minister will hold bilateral discussions with Prime Minister Andrej Plenkovic and meet the President of Croatia Zoran Milanovic. The visit to Croatia will also underscore India's commitment to further strengthening its engagement with partners in the European Union.

Govt sets up high-level panel to examine causes of Ahmedabad plane crash: Civil Aviation Min

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A high-level panel has been set up to investigate the causes of the Ahmedabad plane crash and the investigation is progressing smoothly, the government said on Saturday.

The black box of Air India's Boeing 787-8 Dreamliner plane that crashed on Thursday was recovered from the site on Friday evening.

"Decoding of the black box is going to give in-depth insight into what happened moments before the plane crash," Civil Aviation Minister K Rammohan Naidu said at a briefing in the national capital.

Air India's Boeing 787-8 Dreamliner aircraft, operating a flight from Ahmedabad to London Gatwick, crashed soon after the take-off on Thursday afternoon. Out of the 242 people on board the plane, only one person survived.

The minister said the country has very strict aviation safety standards and robust protocols, and everything will be done to further improve safety.

"Any theory going around the plane crash will be analysed," he added. A high-level multi-disciplinary panel, chaired by the home secretary, will hold a meeting on Monday, and the committee is expected to submit its report in three months.

Haryana Chief Minister Nayab Singh Saini meets industrialists and eminent citizens in Ludhiana



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Haryana Chief Minister Sh Nayab Singh Saini praised the rich legacy of Punjab, describing it as the land of Gurus, Pirs, and Veers—a land that has always played a guiding role in the nation's progress. Addressing industrialists and prominent members of society in Ludhiana, he emphasized that Punjab and Haryana, working together, can make a meaningful contribution toward building a developed India. The All Industrialist Society, Ludhiana, extended a grand welcome to the Chief Minister on this occasion.

Modi government's policies driving equitable growth across India

Sh Saini stated that under the dynamic leadership of Prime Minister Sh Narendra Modi, the country has witnessed unprecedented growth over the past 11 years. He highlighted several landmark decisions, including the abrogation of Article 370, the restoration of peace and progress in Jammu & Kashmir, and the implementation of a hundred percent purchase guarantee to farmers on Minimum Support Price (MSP). These steps, he said, have strengthened national unity and accelerated development. He added that every section of society has benefited from the inclusive policies and schemes of the Modi government.

Chief Minister Sh Nayab Singh Saini stated that to promote industrial growth in Haryana, the government has implemented a single-window system, providing all necessary approvals and facilities under one roof. In the state budget for the year 2025-26, new Industrial Model Townships (IMTs) have been announced in 10 districts.



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Frequent power cuts and voltage fluctuations trouble Sector 8 Housing Board residents

HANS RAJ

KURUKSHETRA: With the summer heat at its peak, residents of Sector 8 Housing Board Flats in Kurukshetra are facing severe inconvenience due to frequent power cuts and fluctuating voltage levels. Locals report that the erratic electricity supply has disrupted daily life and damaged several household appliances including refrigerators, air



conditioners, fans, coolers, and water pumps. Ashok Garg, president of the Jan Kalyan Housing Board Apartment Owners Society, and social worker Satbir Singh stated that the problem stems from a faulty transformer near the flats, which worsens particularly at night. Residents such as Balbir Singh Kadian, Pravesh Verma, Satbir Sharma, Sachin Singla, Ashok Kumar, Suresh Kumar, Ishwar Singh, Jasmer Master, and Suresh Gupta have all suffered appliance damage due to the inconsistent power supply.

NEWS BRIEF

Priyanka secures first position in B. Pharmacy 2nd semester examination

NIRMAL SAINI

RADAUR: Priyanka, a student of Global Research Institute of Pharmacy, Nachraun, has brought laurels to her institution by securing the first position in the B. Pharmacy second semester examination conducted by Pt. Bhagwat Dayal Sharma University of Health Sciences, Rohtak. She scored an impressive 640 out of 725 marks, reflecting her dedication, discipline, and commitment to academic excellence. Principal Dr. Ashwani Kumar stated that Priyanka's achievement is not only a personal triumph but also a matter of pride for the entire institution. She has become an inspiration for her peers through her consistent hard work, focus, and determination. Throughout the semester, Priyanka remained academically active and exhibited exemplary conduct, taking a keen interest in every subject. This result also highlights the supportive and learning-conducive environment of the institute, which fosters both academic and personal growth among students.



Press Club Ferozepur forms new body for 2025-26



RAMESH KASHYAP

FEROZEPUR: Mandeep Kumar Monty became president of the Ferozepur press club and Jagdish Kumar became general secretary. While giving information, President Mandeep Kumar said that a new body has been formed for the year 2025-26, due to which Chairman Gaurav Manik, Vice Chairman Harish Monga, Senior Vice President Naresh Kumar alias Bobby, Vice President Sukhdev Gureja, Chief Advisor Vijay Kakkar, Advisor Madan Lal Tiwari, Treasurer Nirmal Singh Gill, Legal Advisor Ramesh Kumar Kashyap, Office Incharge Anuj Kakkar, Secretary Narayan Dhamija have been appointed.

CM Dhami flags off ITBP's Himadri Trekking Expedition-2025

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Uttarakhand Chief Minister Pushkar Singh Dhami on Saturday participated in the flag-off ceremony of the border-level trekking expedition 'Himadri-2025' organised by ITBP at the Mukhya Sewak Sadan of the Chief Minister's residence in Dehradun.

Earlier on Thursday, Uttarakhand Chief Minister Pushkar Singh Dhami participated in the program organised at Mukhya Sevak Sadan at the Chief Minister's residence and virtually inaugurated the new branches of Axis Bank in Guptkashi and Jyotirmath. The Chief Minister expressed happiness over the launch of new branches of Axis Bank in Guptkashi and Jyotirmath and said that this will expand modern banking facilities in the border areas. "This step will



accelerate financial inclusion as well as regional development. Both Guptkashi and Jyotirmath are important stops of the Char Dham Yatra. Opening of bank branches at these places will help the local people as well as the devotees," he said. He said that the state government will provide all possible help to strengthen the necessary infrastructure of all the banks in the state.

The Chief Minister said that with the cooperation of the Government of India, the work of the rehabilitation scheme is in progress in Jyotirmath at a cost of more than 1700 crores. "Under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, India is moving forward with the resolve of a developed India. This resolve will be fulfilled only when the person sitting at the end can be connected to the mainstream of development," he said.

The Chief Minister said that under the leadership of the Prime Minister, many schemes like Jan Dhan Yojana, Mudra Yojana have been implemented to connect every citizen of the country with banking services.

"More than 55 crore Jan Dhan accounts have been opened in the country. Now, through these accounts, the money of the beneficiaries of any scheme is reaching their accounts directly," he said.

Strict vigil on quality: Dr. Charanjit Singh inspects ongoing works



SANJEEV TEJPAL

MORINDA, JUNE 14

MLA Dr. Charanjit Singh today reviewed the ongoing development projects in Morinda city along with Municipal Council President Jagdev Singh Bhatoa, Executive Officer Parvinder Singh Bhatti, and other officials. The team inspected various sites, including the Old Bassi Road, where several development works are currently underway. Speaking on the occasion, Dr. Charanjit Singh highlighted that projects worth crores of rupees have already been executed in Morinda and many are still in progress. He said the Aam Aadmi Party government, under the leadership of Chief Minister Sardar Bhagwant Singh Mann, has ensured significant development in Morinda and adjoining areas during the past three years.

The MLA made it clear that any negligence in development works, use of substandard materials, or poor construction practices would not be tolerated. He added that strict action would be taken against contractors found guilty of any shortcomings, and such contractors would not receive payment. During the visit to Old Bassi Road, Dr. Singh expressed satisfaction over the quality and progress of the work. He inspected the tiles being used and found them to be as per the agreement, including proper leveling and drainage slope.

Ludhiana girl rescued from Oman Trafficking Ordeal, returns home safely

ARVIND PATHAK

SUTANPUR LODHI, JUNE 14

A girl from Ludhiana district, who had gone to Muscat, Oman in hopes of a good job and a brighter future, has returned safely after a harrowing two-month ordeal. Sharing her traumatic experience at Nirmal Kutia, Sultanpur Lodhi, she revealed that the conditions she faced were nothing short of hell. Her dream of working abroad turned into a nightmare from which escaping seemed nearly impossible. She stated that due to financial hardships at home, she left for Oman in April on a two-year clinical work visa, lured by the promise of a salary between ?30,000 and ?40,000. However, upon arrival, her passport was confiscated and instead of being assigned clinical duties, she was forced into other illegal work against her will. She was threatened with being sold or killed if she resisted. Forced to work day and night with barely any food or rest, her living conditions were inhumane. Not only was she denied the promised salary, but even the money she had taken with her was snatched away. The situation changed when Member of Parliament (Rajya Sabha) Sant Balbir Singh Seechewal contacted the Ministry



of External Affairs. Thanks to his intervention, the girl was successfully brought back home from Oman. The victim's family, who accompanied her, said they were in deep distress during her captivity and had received no help from anyside. They expressed their heartfelt gratitude to Sant Seechewal and demanded strict action against the agent responsible.Speaking on the occasion, Sant Balbir Singh Seechewal emphasized that until the trafficking gangs deceiving and sending girls to such countries are curbed with strong action, these situations will continue. He thanked the Indian Embassy, the Ministry of External Affairs, and everyone involved in bringing the girl home safely.

MLA Jimpa inaugurates tubewell constructed at cost of Rs 29 lakh in Mohalla Central Town



DALJEET AJNOHA

HOSHIARPUR: Taking another important step towards further improving the drinking water facility to the city dwellers, MLA Bram Shankar Jimpa today formally inaugurated the tubewell constructed at a cost of Rs 29 lakh in Mohalla Central Town of Ward No. 31. On this occasion, in a program organized in the presence of local residents and dignitaries, he dedicated this tubewell to the public. On this occasion, MLA Jimpa said that under the leadership of the Punjab Government, continuous efforts are being made to strengthen the basic facilities in Hoshiarpur city. He said that the demand for water increases in summer and in such a situation, the installation of new tubewells will ensure uninterrupted water supply to the people of the area. He said that it is the priority of the government that clean and adequate drinking water is available to the people in every ward. MLA Jimpa said that people in the Central Town area were facing water crisis for a long time. Now with the start of this tubewell, this problem will be permanently solved. On this occasion, Mayor Surinder Kumar Shinda, Deputy Mayor Ranjit Chaudhary, Councilors Monika Katana, Balwinder Katana, Amarjit Sharma, Gurdev Saini, Madan Dutt, Balraj Singh Chauhan, Councilors Dripan Saini, Punit Badhan and Dharamveer Badhan were also specially present.

Sikandar Maluka rejoins SAD, bosts party ahead of Ludhiana West by-poll



ANIL VERMA

BATHINDA: The Shiromani Akali Dal (SAD) today received a major boost with former minister and senior Akali leader Sikandar Singh Maluka rejoining the party in the presence of SAD president Sukhbir Singh Badal here. Welcoming Mr Maluka back into the SAD fold, Mr Sukhbir Singh Badal said the veteran leader had made an immense contribution to the party and that he was confident he would strive to strengthen it further. "We are witnessing a steady comeback of leaders who had left the party for various reasons in the past. Recently senior leaders Sohan Singh Thandal and Anil Joshi also rejoined the party. I'm confident Mr Maluka's comeback will pave the way for complete panthic unity in the coming days". Mr Badal also simultaneously appealed to all Punjabis to come together to strengthen the regional party. Badal also announced that Mr Sikandar Maluka had also conveyed to him that he would immediately join the party's ongoing election campaign for the Ludhiana West assembly by-election.

Congress Strengthening Drive: AICC observer Bhuvan Kapri shares mantra for organisational revival



KAMAL SHARMA

TARAORI: Bhuvan Kapri, MLA from Khatima (Uttarakhand) and Central Observer of the All India Congress Committee (AICC), stated that the Congress party's ongoing Sangathan Sarjan Abhiyan (Organisation Creation Campaign) marks a new and positive beginning for the party. Addressing a gathering of Congress workers at the Punjabi Dharamshala in Nilokheri, Kapri emphasised that this campaign will foster renewed energy and commitment among Congress leaders, office-bearers, workers, supporters, and the general public. He noted that Congress leader Rahul Gandhi is making innovative efforts to strengthen the party's organisational framework, which is expected to yield significant results. Kapri was warmly welcomed with bouquets by a large number of Congress workers led by PCC delegate Prof. Rajesh Vaidya. During his address, Kapri shared a core mantra for party strengthening and held discussions with party leaders and workers to strategize on reinforcing the organisation.

117 Units of blood donated at Yamunanagar Civil Hospital by International Vaish Federation

RAHUL KOHLI

YAMUNANAGAR, JUNE 14

On the occasion of World Blood Donor Day, the International Vaish Federation organized a significant blood donation camp at Civil Hospital, Yamunanagar, collecting 117 units of blood to support patients in need. The donated blood was formally handed over to the hospital for emergency use. The event saw the presence of several dignitaries, including former Cabinet Minister Kanwar Pal Gurjar, MLA Ghanshyam Das Arora, Haryana Electricity Regulatory Commission member Advocate Mukesh Garg, BJP District President Rajesh Sapra, and former Mayor Madan Chauhan as chief guests. CMO Dr. Manjeet Singh, senior doctor Dr. Divya Mangla, BJP district media in-charge Kapil Manish Garg, and senior BJP leader



Prabha Sagar Jadaudi also attended as special guests. Ramniwas Garg, State President and former Chairman of the Federation, said the primary aim of the camp was to promote voluntary blood donation and assist patients who require urgent transfusions. He emphasized that such efforts reflect the federation's deep sense of social responsibility.

Former minister Kanwar Pal Gurjar praised the initiative, calling it a vital step towards encouraging community engagement in blood donation. MLA Ghanshyam Das Arora highlighted the growing demand for blood during the summer season and encouraged all citizens to participate in such life-saving efforts. Advocate Mukesh Garg underlined the health benefits of blood donation, noting it helps in the regeneration of blood cells and improves donor health.

Air India Flight Crash: BJP Moga holds condolence meet, tributes paid to victims

JAGRAJ SINGH SANGHA

MOGA, JUNE 14

Air India flight AI 171 Boeing 787 going from Ahmedabad to London crashed within minutes of taking off, carrying 242 passengers, out of whom one passenger survived and 241 passengers including the flight staff also lost their lives in this accident and the residential building on which the plane crashed was crowded with resident doctors, where the doctors had come to eat and a large number of them also lost their lives. This accident has shaken the entire country and a wave of grief has spread across the country. Because many families had died in this flight from Ahmedabad to London, which was a very terrible scene. In this hour of grief, tributes are being paid to



those who lost their lives in the accident across the country and prayers are being offered to God for the speedy recovery of those injured in it. In this series, a condolence meeting was organized by BJP District President Dr. Seemant Garg in Moga today. In which tributes were paid to the picture of BJP State Incharge Vijay Rupani and the group paid tributes to those who lost their lives in this accident. On this occasion, District General Secretary Mukhtiar Singh, Senior Leader Nidharak Singh Brar, Mandal President Umakant Singh, Bhupinder Happy, Cashier Khemraj Agarwal, Dharamvir Bharti, Ravinder Grover, S.C. Morcha's Suraj Bhan, I.T. Sleek Mukesh Sharma, Sukhpreet Kaur Bhekha, Shashikant Pandey, Jatinder Chadha, Hemant Sood, Goldie Kaur, Sukesh Sood, Ashish Singla, Rajendra Gaba, Hardev Singh Dagru, Jagsir Singh, Sukhchain Singh, Daljit Singh, Jagsir Singh Landeke, Sushil Paswan, Amanpreet Kaur, Tejveer Singh, Kamal Gharu, Ashish Singla etc. were present.

Blood donation camp organised on World Blood Donor Day by Padho Likho Badho Charitable Trust

RAHUL KOHLI

YAMUNANAGAR, JUNE 14

With the powerful message "A drop of blood can save a life," Padho Likho Badho Charitable Trust organised an inspiring blood donation camp on the occasion of World Blood Donor Day 2025 at Al Rashid Ideal High School, Jagadhri. The event was inaugurated by Chief Guest Choudhary Akram Khan, MLA, Jagadhri, who emphasised that blood donation is not merely a social act but a profound responsibility towards humanity. He urged healthy individuals to donate blood regularly, as it not only benefits the donor's health but also offers a lifeline to someone in need. The camp



witnessed enthusiastic participation from hundreds of youths, social workers, educators, and common citizens, reaffirming that compassion and service are still very much alive. Notably, Aslam Ansari from the organising trust chose to mark his wedding anniversary by arranging this noble event and also planted a tree to commemorate the occasion. Supporting organisations such as Al Rashid Charitable Trust, Jagadhri, and Rakshak Defence Academy, Yamunanagar, contributed wholeheartedly to the initiative. Blood collection was managed efficiently by the skilled team from Shri Maa Blood Bank, with the units collected set to help save numerous lives. The event was hosted by advocate Jabbar Poswal, and at the end of the programme, all donors were felicitated with certificates of appreciation.

DAV College and CRSU to be develop as cleanliness models under Swachhta fortnight: Subhash Chandra

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA

KARNAL, JUNE 14

As part of the state-wide Swachhta Pakhwada initiated on the directions of the Chief Minister, Subhash Chandra, Executive Vice Chairman of the Swachh Bharat Mission Haryana, met with Dr. R.P. Saini, Principal of DAV College and Vice-Chancellor of Chaudhary Ranbir Singh University, on Saturday at the college premises. The discussion centred on developing these academic institutions into model campuses for cleanliness and sustainability.

During the meeting, Subhash Chandra emphasised the importance of creating awareness among students and staff regarding



cleanliness and actively involving them in sanitation drives. He proposed engaging local influencers such as athletes, folk artists, and ex-servicemen to promote the mission of a clean and green campus. He stressed that cleanliness is not only a personal but a collective social responsibility, vital for public health and environmental preservation.

Dr. R.P. Saini shared his institution's commitment to the cause, announcing the launch of a "Green Campus–Clean Campus" initiative. Under this plan, cleanliness levels in departments will be reviewed and rated, with top-performing departments receiving awards. He informed that steps are being taken to make the campus plastic-free and to convert wet waste into compost. A committee will soon be formed to monitor implementation.

Alliance Club Kotkapura distributes equipment to 200 disabled and elderly



SURINDER DAMDAMI

KOTKAPURA: An assessment camp was organized for the differently-abled and elderly at AMG Education, Kotkapura, in collaboration with Alliance Club Kotkapura City 111 and Rudra Asra Center Bathinda. About 200 differently-abled and elderly people participated in this camp. Dr. Sushil, Dr. Ravi, Dr. Gautam Pandey, and Dr. Rekha from Rudra Asra Center specially participated in this camp, and check-ups of the disabled and the elderly were done. During the camp, about 200 devices of disabled and elderly were passed. Chhabeel langar was arranged for the people who came to the camp. On this occasion, former district governor of Alliance Club International, Ali Niranjan Singh Rakhra, who arrived from Shri Muktsar Sahib, said that the disabled and the elderly are being honored by providing them with assistive devices, which is a commendable initiative of the club.

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NEWS BRIEFS

Nayab Saini to Inaugurate Rs. 95 Crore Modern Jail Complex in Rewari Today – Dr. Sumita Misra

CHANDIGARH: Haryana Chief Minister, Sh. Nayab Singh Saini will inaugurate a newly constructed, state-of-the-art jail complex in Fideri village of Rewari district today at 10:00 AM.
The facility has been built at a cost of Rs. 95 crores and is spread over an area of approximately 50 acres. Additional Chief Secretary, Home, Jails Criminal Investigation and Administration of Justice, Dr. Sumita Misra, shared that the new jail complex addresses a longstanding gap in prison infrastructure in Rewari. Until now, the district had only a small jail with a capacity of 65 inmates, leading to the transfer of over 700 prisoners to facilities in Gurugram, Narnaul, and Jhajjar. The new prison has been designed to house around 1,000 inmates, significantly improving the capacity and reducing logistical challenges in prisoner management.

Congress is the party that killed the Constitution: Lal Singh Arya

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA
ROHTAK, JUNE 14

BJP's state level workshop was held on Saturday at Rohtak BJP office Mangal Kamal to celebrate Dr. Shyama Prasad Mukherjee Martyrdom Day, Emergency as Constitution Murder Day and tree plantation campaign. SC Morcha National President Lal Singh Arya and BJP State President Pandit Mohan Lal Baroli also participated in the workshop. Lal Singh Arya and Mohan Lal Baroli told the workers about the ongoing campaigns. Lal Singh Arya counted the achievements of Modi government on this occasion and criticized Congress. SC Morcha National President called Congress the killer of Constitution. He also called upon the workers to plant a tree in the name of mother by planting a tree in the party office. At the same time, BJP State President Baroli called the achievements of Modi government in 11 years historic. He said that in 11 years, India has become strong and powerful under the leadership of PM Modi.



Organization Minister Phanindranath Sharma, State President of SC Morcha, former MLA Satya Prakash Jarawata, State Media Incharge Shamsher Singh Kharak, District Incharge Satendra Parmar, District President Ranveer Dhaka, Workshop Convenor Jawahar Saini, all five co-convenors Nagendra Sharma, Abhimanyu Yadav, Jasbir Dodwa, Charan Singh Tewatia, Nitasha Sihag, convenors and co-convenors of all districts were present in the day-long workshop.

Talking to the media after the workshop, National President of SC Morcha Lal Singh Arya said that Prime Minister Narendra Modi has created a strong and self-reliant India. The Modi government is constantly striving to make India a developed nation. He said that the BJP and the BJP leadership continuously organize creative programs in their campaigns.

Mr. Arya said that 21 June is Yoga Day, 23 June is Dr. Shyama Prasad Mukherjee Balidan Diwas and 25 June is Samvidhan Hatya Diwas. Workshops will be held at the divisional level till June 17 for these three programs. A plantation campaign will also be run at every booth. Yoga Day will be celebrated at the divisional level. In the midst of these programs, tribute meetings will also be held on the martyrdom day of Baba Saheb Ambedkar and Dr. Shyama Prasad Mukherjee. Lal Singh Arya said that there are about 4097 Shakti Kendras in Haryana. Programs will be held at all Shakti Kendras till July 6, in which Chaupals, Mohalla meetings will be held and plantation will be done.

Lal Singh Arya targeted Congress regarding the Emergency. He said that Indira Gandhi imposed Emergency on the country to save her power. Congress held the freedom of the individual hostage.

BJP Core Committee meeting, reviewed the completed programs, prepared the outline of the upcoming programs



SHIV KUMAR SHARMA
NEW DELHI, JUNE 14

Haryana BJP Core Committee meeting was held at Delhi Haryana Bhawan. Chief Minister Naib Saini, Union Minister Manohar Lal, National General Secretary Sunil Bansal, BJP State President Mohanlal Badoli, State Co-Incharge Surendra Singh Nagar, BJP National General Secretary Sunil Bansal, Organization Minister Phanindra Nath Sharma, Central Parliamentary Board member Dr. Sudha Yadav, Captain Abhimanyu, National Secretary Omprakash Dhankhar, Union Minister Rao Indrajit Singh, Sunita Duggal, Subhash Barala, Rambilas Sharma and all the big leaders of Haryana were present in this meeting. First of all, all the leaders expressed condolences on the incident of Ahmedabad plane crash and prayed for the peace of the souls of the deceased. In the meeting, the programs done so far under the program 'Sankalp se Siddhi Tak' were reviewed and the outline of the upcoming programs was prepared. There was an in-depth discussion on taking the achievements of the Modi government in 11 years to every household. There was also a discussion on organizational appointments to be made in the districts. Government schemes and organizational issues were also discussed. Chief Minister Naib Singh Saini gave information about the decisions taken by the government in public interest and the government's schemes in the meeting. While BJP state president Pandit Mohan Lal Baroli also put forward important issues related to the organization in the meeting. All the issues were discussed in depth. Chief Minister Naib Singh Saini emphasized on taking the government's schemes to the people, so that the benefits of government schemes can reach every beneficiary. BJP state president Mohan Lal Baroli said that the process of organizational appointments is going on in the districts. He said that the God-like workers of BJP are making every campaign received from the central leadership successful, which was praised by all the leaders in this meeting. He said that BJP workers are working diligently to spread the achievements of the 11 years of Modi government to the people. Union Ministers Manohar Lal and Rao Inderjit Singh also presented the welfare schemes .

Yaduvanshi school girls create history by winning first place at state-level children's awards ceremony



MANMOHAN SHARMA
HANSI: In a proud moment for the district, the students of Yaduvanshi Shiksha Niketan, Hansi clinched first place at the State-Level Bal Puraskar Distribution Ceremony organized by the Haryana State Council for Child Welfare, held recently in Karnal. The prestigious event saw the presence of Haryana Governor Bandaru Dattatreya as the chief guest and Suman Saini, wife of the Chief Minister, as the guest of honour. The school's students from classes 9 and 10 (Group 3) earned the top spot by performing a vibrant folk piece titled "Main Panihari Jag Se Nyari, Jhoom Jhoom Ke Gaungi". The performance earlier secured first place at both the district-level competition held at Bal Bhawan Hisar and the zonal-level competition in Jind, leading up to their triumph at the state-level finale in Rewari. The victorious students were felicitated with certificates of appreciation and mementoes for their commendable performance. Rao Bahadur Singh, Founder and Chairman of Yaduvanshi Group of Institutions, expressed immense pride, stating, "Our daughters have achieved this feat through discipline, dedication, and confidence.

Rahul Gandhi's organization creation campaign will make the Congress organisation stronger: Bhuvan

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA
KARNAL/NILOKHERI, JUNE 14



The Congress party is the oldest party in this country and the party that gave independence to the country and the organization of Congress is strong in the whole country. These views were expressed by Bhuvan Kapri MLA, Central Observer All India Congress Committee and Karnal Incharge while addressing the Congress workers at Punjabi Dharamshala in Nilokheri under the organization creation campaign in Nilokheri. Kapri said that on the instructions of Rahul Gandhi, he will meet all the senior leaders of the District Congress along with all the interested people for the post of District President. He said that people between the age of 35 to 55 years can apply for the post of District President. Only those workers can apply who have been serving the party for the last 5 years. On reaching the program, the incharge was given a warm welcome by the workers. Kailasho Saini, former MP, State Observer Haryana Pradesh Congress Committee, Mr. Mangatram Lalwas, State Observer Haryana Pradesh Congress Committee and Mr. Azad Malik, State Observer Haryana Pradesh Congress Committee were present in the program. The in-charge said that everyone can make separate or group groups to give their suggestions regarding the elections and can talk to them and the observers personally.

Senior leaders of Karnal District Congress and people willing to participate in the election of District Congress President can also meet the observers personally. Former member of Haryana Public Service Commission Dr. Rajesh Vaidya, former member of Haryana Scheduled Caste Commission Advocate Sonia Valmiki, PCC delegate Rajesh Chaudhary, Lalit Butana, Amarjeet Dhiman, Indrajit Gauraya, Dharampal Kaushik and hundreds of Congress workers were present in the program.

Making Jathedar Daduwal the chairman of Dharm Prachar Committee is historic

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA
KARNAL, JUNE 14

Guruparv Prabandhak Committee has expressed happiness on the appointment of the country's well-known international Sikh religious preacher Jathedar Baljit Singh Daduwal as the chairman of the Dharm Prachar Committee of Haryana Sikh Gurudwara Prabandhak Committee. It has been termed as a historic step. Committee President Varinder Singh, General Secretary Inder Pal Singh congratulated Jathedar Daduwal. They have termed this step as a historic step. They said that the members of the committee deserve congratulations for this. They said that Jathedar Daduwal is a spiritual saint of international level. He has also been honoured by the UN as a Sikh spiritual saint. They said that under the leadership of Jathedar Daduwal, the Dharm Prachar Committee of HSGPC will propagate the Sikh religion. Former executive member of HSGPC Guru Prasad Singh said that under the leadership of Mr. Daduwal, Sikhism will be propagated in a historic manner. Those who congratulated Jathedar Daduwal include Gurpal Singh Dooni, Harpreet Singh Narula, Harmeet Singh Happy, Tejinder Singh Dimpy etc.



Saini community to host grand felicitation ceremony for CM Nayab Singh Saini in Babain on July 6

VIJAY KAUSHIK
BABAIN, JUNE 14:

The Saini Samaj Sabha, Kurukshetra, will organize a grand felicitation ceremony in honour of Haryana Chief Minister Nayab Singh Saini on July 6 in Babain. The final preparations for the historic event were made during a special meeting of the community, presided over by Gurnam Singh Saini, President of the Saini Samaj Sabha, at the Kisan Rest House in Babain.



The meeting focused on detailing the program's framework and allocating specific responsibilities to volunteers. Separate teams were formed to oversee stage decoration, reception arrangements, food and water services, security, and traffic management, ensuring the event's smooth execution.

Speaking on the occasion, Gurnam Singh Saini said, "Having a Chief Minister from the Saini community is a matter of immense pride, and it is our collective duty to ensure a warm and memorable welcome." He called upon all community members, especially women, to participate in large numbers and contribute with full dedication and discipline.

Former MP Gurdayal Singh Saini also addressed the gathering, emphasizing that for the first time a member of the Saini community has become the Chief Minister of Haryana, marking a significant milestone. He stressed the importance of enthusiastic and united participation, particularly highlighting the need for greater involvement of women.

NIIELM University conducts awareness drive for farmers on rice crop protection

SANJAY SHARMA
KAITHAL, JUNE 14:



The School of Agriculture at NIIELM University, Kaithal, organized an awareness programme in Gram Panchayat, Block Indri, Karnal district, under the Seed Grant Project titled "Mapping of Hotspots and Host Resistance of Meloidogyne graminicola in Rice-Growing Areas." The session aimed to educate local farmers about effective management strategies to protect their rice crops from Meloidogyne graminicola, a root-knot nematode that poses a serious threat to rice yield.

Dr. Popin Kumar and Dr. Rajeev Pal from the School of Agriculture led the session, sharing crucial insights into identifying and managing nematode infections. Dr. Kumar emphasized the importance of early detection of hotspots and the adoption of resistant rice varieties. "Our goal is to empower farmers with scientific tools and techniques to safeguard their crops and improve productivity," he said. Dr. Rajeev Pal, project advisor, highlighted the role of hotspot mapping in the project's broader objectives. He noted that the initiative aims to develop resistant rice strains and promote eco-friendly pest control methods. "By understanding infection patterns and using resistant seeds, farmers can reduce reliance on chemical pesticides, yielding both environmental and economic benefits," he explained. Farmers were introduced to practical solutions such as soil testing, crop rotation, and the use of bio-control agents.

Elderly woman duped near PNB branch in Pehowa, gold earrings stolen

YAGYADATT SHASTRI
PEHOWA: An elderly woman from Dhanirampura, Kamla Devi, has fallen victim to a clever fraud in Pehowa. In her complaint lodged at City Police Station, Pehowa, she stated that the incident occurred on June 14 while she was out to buy medicines from a doctor. Around 11:30 AM, Kamla Devi was purchasing vegetables near the corner of the lane opposite Punjab National Bank (PNB), Pihowa Branch, when she was approached by a woman, a man, and a boy. The boy handed her a handkerchief and asked her to hold it for a moment. As soon as she did, she began to feel disoriented.



A short while later, she realized that her gold earrings had been stolen. She suspects that the handkerchief contained some substance that caused her brief unconsciousness, during which the culprits managed to take off her earrings unnoticed. Kamla Devi immediately reported the incident to the City Police Station. Based on her complaint, the police have registered a case.

NTPC raises USD 750 Million ECB Term Loan with Bank of Baroda as mandated lead arranger and underwriter

LUDHIANA/CHANDIGARH : NTPC Limited, India's largest power utility and a Maharatna PSU, signed a Facility Agreement to raise an unsecured USD 750 million External Commercial Borrowing (ECB) Syndicated Term Loan facility (Base issue of USD 500 million and Greenshoe option of USD 250 million) with Door-To-Door Tenor of 10 years and Average Maturity of 7 years. Bank of Baroda (Bank) acted as the Mandated Lead Arranger and Underwriter of the transaction for USD 500 million, while HDFC Bank was the Mandated Lead Arranger and Bookrunner for the Greenshoe portion of USD 250 million. The deal was executed through the IFSC Banking Units (IBU) of Bank of Baroda and HDFC Bank in GIFT City, Gandhinagar.

The proceeds of the facility will be utilised towards financing of NTPC's capital expenditure for existing or new capacity addition programmes, including flue gas desulphurisation projects, renewable energy projects (including hydro-based projects) and refinancing of existing External Commercial Borrowing for capital expenditure purposes to the extent the same is in compliance with the end-use or other requirements, as permitted under the ECB Guidelines of Reserve Bank of India.

This landmark transaction reinforces Bank of Baroda's leadership in executing large-scale cross-border financing and reflects its continued commitment to supporting India's infrastructure and energy sectors with world-class financial solutions. Commenting on the occasion, Shri Jaikumar Srinivasan, Director (Finance), NTPC Limited said, "NTPC is spearheading a transformative expansion of its energy portfolio, with a strategic vision to achieve 60 GW of renewable capacity by 2032 and elevate its total installed capacity from 80 GW to 130 GW+. This ambitious trajectory underscores NTPC's leadership in sustainable energy and its dedication to a balanced, future-ready power ecosystem.

Patented natural cure for chronic fungal infections launches in India as Monsoon season begins — Ethniq's Skin Revive

CHANDIGARH : As India enters peak season for fungal infections, a breakthrough in natural medicine is making headlines: Skin Revive, a patented, steroid-free cure for chronic fungal skin infections, developed by Ethniq- a next-generation wellness brand blending food-based tradition with scientific validation.

The innovation comes at a crucial time. According to the Indian Association of Dermatologists, Venereologists and Leprologists (IADVL), fungal infections such as dermatophytosis affect up to 61% of the population in some Indian states, with cases surging during the humid monsoon months. Yet conventional treatments often rely on steroid-laden creams that risk relapse and drug resistance — a growing concern among dermatologists.

Skin Revive took a different path. The formula, granted patent in India and internationally , for its unique composition and mode of action, combines almond extract, coconut oil, eucalyptus oil, and chamomile — processed through special temperature and pressure extraction methods preserves full therapeutic potency. Clinical trials registered with CTRI have demonstrated over 90% efficacy.

"This is the first time a truly patented natural cure for fungal skin infections has been brought to market," said Tajinder Virk, Co-founder of Ethniq. "We built Ethniq to deliver solutions where conventional medicine were not fully effective — by combining the wisdom of food-based remedies with rigorous clinical science. Skin Revive is our first proof point — and only the beginning." At its core, Ethniq was founded to bridge India's ancient food-based healing traditions with modern clinical science, creating natural remedies that are both effective and transparent. The brand is committed to pioneering wellness solutions rooted in nature, backed by rigorous research, and designed for today's health challenges.

Royal College of Art Graduate Sonakshi Presents "Zaat" - a sculptural installation exploring women's hidden histories through metal and memory



CHANDIGARH : The Gallery at British Council, Kasturba Gandhi Marg, will present "Zaat" by Sonakshi, a powerful sculptural installation that unravels matrilineal memory through the language of heirloom, metal, and meaning. The exhibition runs from 11 June through 31 July 2025 as part of Study UK: Creative Connections II. Born in Agra and now based in London, Sonakshi Chaturvedi brings together her expertise in painting, enamelling, and gemology to question how women's histories are remembered—or systematically erased. The exhibition confronts the inherited roles of bride, mother, and grandmother, foregrounding untold longings encoded within craft traditions of the Indian subcontinent. Fresh from completing her MA in Jewellery & Metal at the prestigious Royal College of Art (2024), Sonakshi represents a new generation of artists bridging traditional craft with contemporary artistic practice. Her unique background as both a Graduate Gemologist and researcher with Indira Gandhi National Centre for the Arts (Ministry of Culture) positions her with the requisite capabilities to question the cultural significance of adornment and inheritance in South Asian societies. "Zaat began as a way to fortify my own nostalgia, but it evolved into an act of reclamation—tracing heirloom objects that held the silent resistance of women remembered only as mothers, brides, grandmothers.

Villagers impressed by CM Nayab Saini's simplicity

CHANDIGARH: Haryana Chief Minister Sh Nayab Singh Saini, while travelling from Gorakhpur village in Fatehabad to Ludhiana (Punjab) today, made several impromptu stops in various villages along the route. He interacted with local residents and attentively listened to their concerns. The villagers were pleasan
tly surprised and excited to see the Chief Minister among them. They expressed appreciation for his humble demeanor and approachable nature. Sh Saini enquired about the well-being of the people, engaging warmly with them. Many youths took the opportunity to click selfies with the Chief Minister.



Sh Nayab Singh Saini stopped his convoy at Jandali Khurd, Chandrawal, Bhuna, Lahriya, Tibbi, Kula, and Jakhal villages, where he interacted with the villagers and enquired about their well-being. The Chief Minister stood among the people and spoke to them in a humble and friendly manner. Villagers said that his simple approach and personal connection reflect his down-to-earth and sociable nature.

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The world is the great gymnasium where we come to make ourselves strong.

Swami Vivekananda

Editorial

Exhaustive probe needed as many questions on AI crash

Flying is safer than crossing the street. India's worst aviation incident in recent history, which took lives not only of those seated in the plane but also of medical students in their college hostel and others on the street, does not change the perception of safety even if it does alter the statistical chances of a person dying in an air crash a bit. What we need to know in this horrifying loss of lives is why did Air India's Boeing 787-8 lose altitude so shortly after take-off. Was it a bird hit, erroneous flying, aviation fuel contamination or fuel starvation behind the critical loss of thrust from both engines as suggested by the landing gear still being down and bad configuration of the air flaps while the plane was climbing while airborne for less than a minute after taking off from Ahmedabad?

Only an exhaustive probe will bring out the real reasons behind the crash of another plane made by a company that is increasingly gaining notoriety for dubious safety not only in aircraft but in flights of spacecraft too. Not for a minute should it be assumed that Boeing's old safety record governs fitting planes these days like this 11-year-old aircraft was in the Seattle facility even if it had previously taken off or landed 8,000 times during 41,000 flying hours and is the first ever Dreamliner to crash.

There will be no shortage of leading questions as investigators and probe panels try to fix the exact reasons why this blip in aviation safety occurred. And they will have so much to investigate from different angles though the commander had logged more than 8,000 flying hours and there was no sign of the plane having broken up in midair to suggest any extraneous threat like terror. A plethora of incidents and issues have plagued the plane maker, including a door plug blowing out midair leaving a hole in the fuselage and fatal crashes like the one in South Korea in Dec. 2024 in which 179 passengers and crew died. Yet, it would only be fair to say that finger pointing can wait until all the facts are in along with the two black boxes and those facts are sifted professionally.

A full review of the Dreamliner, including the option of grounding the fleet for them to undergo safety checks, may have to be undertaken regardless of how expensive they prove as Air India has about three dozen of them in operation and even if the airline, a pioneer of aviation in the country, may have followed all protocols faithfully in its operational engineering practices.

Godowns in Cooperative sector - step towards Viksit Bharat



An efficient foodgrain storage system has long been a hallmark of prosperous civilizations. The 'Great Granary' of Mohenjo-daro or the 'Uronarti' Granary of ancient Egypt, revels importance of foodgrain storage for these ancient civilisations, even 4000 years ago with many unresolved curiosities about their network and functionality. Roughly two thousand years later, the Roman Empire institutionalized this network through the creation of Horreum- de-centralized warehouses that became the backbone of its grain distribution network resolved many queries. These structures played a pivotal role in sustaining the population of Rome, then the largest urban centre in the world, by storing grains transported from the fertile Nile Valley via the Port of Alexandria.

The Roman grain supply system endured for over five centuries. Its resilience stemmed from a complex yet effective combination of crop forecasting, weather prediction, remunerative pricing for farmers, and an extensive logistics network. Despite vulnerabilities which would have been many by stretch of any statistical imagination, this system ensured a steady supply of foodgrains even in times of political, economic, or environmental upheaval.

That ancient model offers a valuable lesson: the sustainability of a food system is deeply tied to its storage infrastructure.

This lesson resonates even more in the twenty-first century. A comparative analysis of storage capacity versus grain production shows a distinct pattern of developed nations tending to maintain foodgrain storage that exceeds their annual output. The United States, France, Canada, Russia, China, and Brazil all have storage capacities surpassing production levels.

According to data from the Ministry of Cooperation, the global average storage capacity is 131 percent of annual foodgrain production. In contrast, India's capacity is just around 50 percent, a figure that underscores a pressing shortfall for the world's most populous country. Bridging this gap is essential if India is to achieve the vision of Viksit Bharat by 2047, as envisioned by Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi. Foodgrain storage is not merely a logistical concern; it is a strategic imperative, made more urgent by two powerful contemporary forces. The first is geopolitical instability. Since the end of the Cold War, the world has not witnessed the kind of prolonged uncertainty now generated by ongoing conflicts such as the Russia-Ukraine war and tensions in the Middle East. These disruptions have strained global supply chains and increased the risk of systemic shortages. Any further escalation could have ripple effects across commodity markets, with foodgrains among the most vulnerable. For India, with its vast and growing population, the need for a dependable food buffer is more than prudent- it is essential.

The second is the deepening impact of climate change. What was once a distant concern has now become a lived reality, as India experiences more frequent and severe episodes of extreme weather. These fluctuations have a direct and destabilizing impact on agricultural output. In such a volatile context, building and maintaining a stable reserve of foodgrains is as relevant today as it was in the Roman era.

Recognizing these challenges, the Ministry of Cooperation has launched the World's Largest Grain Storage Plan, a bold initiative that focuses on expanding foodgrain storage capacity through

India's vast network of Primary Agricultural Credit Societies (PACS). With approximately 100,000 PACS spread across the country with more than 13 crores farmers as members, this cooperative-led model holds immense potential. It offers not only a practical solution to the storage deficit but after amendments of PACS's by-laws which now authorised to carry business activities also provide an opportunity to strengthen rural economies, generate employment, and revitalize the cooperative sector, which is a major source of livelihood in India.

A well-functioning storage infrastructure is more than a tactical asset—it is a foundation of food security, economic resilience, and national stability. As India marches toward the centenary of its independence, the construction of godowns through PACS represents a step not only toward addressing logistical gaps but also toward realizing the larger vision of a self-reliant, secure, and developed nation. From the ancient granaries of the Indus Valley to the cooperative warehouses of today, the story of storage is, in many ways, the story of civilization itself.

(Anuj Tyagi, works in Food Corporation of India; views are personal)

Literature & Health

Dealing with acne in hot and humid weather

Acne breakouts are very common in summers as well as during the monsoons because of the hot and humid weather. The high humidity during this season can cause excess sebum production, leading to acne breakouts.

As humidity rises during the rainy season, the skin becomes oily and sticky, inviting dirt. Sweat, too, clogs skin pores, creating a greasy surface that will ultimately result in acne and breakouts.

Acne can happen at any age and not just during puberty. There are various types of acne. Infantile acne can affect a child of age less than one year. It can also affect the middle-aged adults and even the elderly when the sebaceous glands get overactive due to some reason. Acne is caused when sebaceous ducts in the skin are clogged with sebum, a natural oily substance produced by sebaceous glands. When skin pores become clogged, the skin's natural bacteria can cause inflammation and cause acne. Those with acne-prone skin should



maintain a balanced skin-care routine. In order to check or clean the oily skin, some people wash their face many times, sometimes scrubbing vigorously and/or using harsh astringents. However, washing face frequently and aggressively can worsen the acne. This can lead to red, irritated skin.

Acne is of various types. Milder acne can be managed easily by topical creams or medication but severe forms require specific treatment, as otherwise it can cause scars formation.

Natural compound targets tumour metabolism: Study

Scientists in Japan have discovered that a natural compound found in a type of ginger called kencur can throw cancer cells into disarray by disrupting how they generate energy.

According to Osaka Metropolitan University, the finding opens new doors in the fight against cancer, showing how natural substances might help target cancer's hidden energy tricks.

While healthy cells use oxygen to make energy efficiently, cancer cells often rely on a backup method. This ginger-derived molecule doesn't attack that method directly, it shuts down the cells' fat-making machinery instead, which surprisingly causes the cells to ramp up their backup system even more.



For instance, human cells oxidise glucose to produce ATP (adenosine triphosphate), an energy source necessary for life. Cancer cells produce ATP through glycolysis, which does not utilise oxygen even under conditions where oxygen is present, and convert glucose into pyruvic acid and lactic acid.

This method of producing ATP, known as the Warburg effect, is considered inefficient, thus raising questions as to why cancer cells choose this energy pathway to fuel their proliferation and survival.

In search of this energy catalyst, Associate Professor Akiko Kojima-Yuasa's team at Osaka Metropolitan University's Graduate School of Human Life and Ecology analysed the cinnamic acid ester ethyl p-methoxycinnamate, a main component of kencur ginger, and its mechanism of action.

In previous research, the team discovered that ethyl p-methoxycinnamate has inhibitory effects on cancer cells. Furthering their study, the acid ester was administered to Ehrlich ascites tumour cells to assess which component of the cancer cells' energy pathway was being affected.

POEMS

Paper Boats

Day by day I float my paper boats one by one down the running stream.

In bid black letters I write my name on them and the name of the village where I live.

I hope that someone in some strange land will find them and know who I am.

I load my little boats with shiuli flower from our garden, and hope that these blooms of the dawn will be carried safely to land in the night. I launch my paper boats and look up into the sky and see the little clouds setting thee white bulging sails.

Rabindranath Tagore

The Elon-Donald comic soap opera: who'll end on top?

"If it doesn't make sense on earth It might make sense in hell We give these proverbs birth And pretend they serve us well Dispensing wisdom in the hour Words -- the avatars of thought Only expression wields the power Leaving all silence distraught?"

From Jigry Dost to Jig-Jig Dost, by Bachchoo

The quarrel between Elon and Donny is the current week's best comic soap opera. Oh, how we hope that Musket can publicly prove his so-far-unsubstantiated claim, that Donut was a paedophile client of Jeffrey Epstein.'

Gosh, if I was a conspiracywallah, I would claim that Donut knew he was named in the Epstein files, suppressed and destroyed them and had Epstein murdered in jail.

But I am not into conspiracies, so on this one, I hope Musket will muster some evidence to back up what he has said and that self-Trumpet will prove his accusation that Muska-lagao is a drug addict and



have him locked up. Long live the rivalry -- I thought I'd compare it to the falling out of the cousins Yudhisthir and Duryodhan, but I immediately realised that that was, as the Mahabharat intends, wholly on the side of Yudhisthir with D as the villain, whereas in the farce in the United States, both are evil.

The US falling out has absolutely dwarfed, as news, a breach -- albeit temporary -- between two UK political clowns: Nigel Farage, the leader of the rising "populist" political party Reform and its Muslim chairperson, one Zia Yusuf. How "rising" is this political party? One is tempted to call it extreme right-wing, with its anti-immigrant rhetoric, it's support for people who attack asylum-seekers, its wild promises of bettering everything that the voters of Britain may want, its parallel aims of increasing the budgets of things that people care about while cutting taxes for capitalists, etc. It's a party that works on what the Brits call "dog-whistles" -- you get the metaphor. The master whistles a tune or pattern that attracts the pets who come running. The dog whistler is not called upon to indicate how he/she will deliver what was promised in the whistle. Dogs don't hold the whistlers to account -- until of course it becomes clear that the promises were hollow rhetoric with no means of achieving what they promised.

Will the British, or indeed sensible, human, international public stand by if some Reform "fascist" (and there are, I assure you, very many) comes to power and is in favour of the British Navy gun boats sinking asylum seeker rubber-dinghies in the English Channel?

Is the Pope a Muslim? The whistle has, in recent months, sort of worked. In the general election of 2024, Reform ate into the Tory and, marginally, the Labour vote. Then in the 2025 "local" (municipal) elections, they won over 600 seats, displacing very many Tories and a fewer number of Labour Party councillors.

Zia Yusuf, who was chairman at the time of these victories, claims responsibility for them. He boasts that it was he who steered the party to these heights. A byelection for the parliamentary seat of Runcorn and Helsby was held in May and, yes, Reform again beat other contesting candidates and elected Sarah Pochin. In Parliament, Ms Pochin formally demanded that Sir Keir Starmer and Labour immediately pass a law banning the wearing of burqas and the niqab. Zia Yusuf reacted on the social media saying that Ms Pochin shouldn't demand that Labour adopt a policy which Reform had not sanctioned, approved of or adopted. He then resigned as chairman of the party. Mr Yusuf is the son of Sri Lankan immigrants to Britain, his father a doctor and his mother a nurse, both working for the National Health Service. He was a member of the Tory Party before he jumped ship and joined Reform. So why the resignation provoked by Ms Pochin's demand? Was he apprehensive of the reaction of the Muslim community if he went along with it? Did he anticipate a fatwa of some sort?

Apparently not. Two days after his resignation he rejoined the party and even declared he would support a burqa/niqab ban. The bigwigs of Reform told the press that Zia was very instrumental in Reform's plans and that he had only resigned through exhaustion with the heavy duties that the chairmanship imposed on him. So, there's Zia, reconciled with Nigel Farage and back in the fold. (No such hope for a reconciliation of Musk and Trump --too much sewage under that bridge?) Yusuf doesn't return as chairman though. He has now been assigned the role of cutting expenditure of the councils in which Reform has a majority. He's been given the task, in imitation of Elon Musk's role in Trumpistan, of cutting council budgets. Musk called his business the Department of Government Efficiency -- DOGE. Now Zia, a multi-millionaire through being a banker and then serving businesses with their petty footwork as a "concierge" firm, is in charge of cutting Reform council expenditure. This will, as with Muska-lagao's task, start with cutting any programmes on "Diversity" and "Inclusiveness", the pet hates of the dog-whistle supporters who believe that these favour blacks, Asians, Johnny foreigner and other "minorities". Every council in Britain is overstretched financially and in debt. Just as Musk-rat came unstuck and generated untold hatred against his dismissal of civil servants and necessary welfare projects, so a similar fate awaits Yusuffer! Hope and prediction go hand-in-hand.

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Students returned to school after training from NCC camp



AVINASH CHAUHAN
AMB: NCC cadets of Government Model Senior Secondary School Amb returned to the school today after completing their training from the 10-day NCC training camp Pekhubela. NCC caretaker Ganesh Lath said that this camp started on June 4 and concluded. On reaching the school, School Principal Vinod Vaniyal welcomed the NCC cadets and caretaker Ganesh Lath and also gave certificates of this camp to the cadets. On this occasion, NCC cadets planted a sapling in the school under the campaign 'One tree in the name of mother' with the help of the Principal, in which a Gulmohar sapling was planted.

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Professional meet and workshop organised at BJP office Una on completion of 11 years of Modi govt

AVINASH CHAUHAN
AMB: A series of special programmes are being organised by the Bharatiya Janata Party to mark the completion of 11 years (Amrit Kaal) of the Central Government under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi. In this series, a professional meet workshop and exhibition will be organised by the BJP District Una on Sunday, June 15 at the party office. Giving information in this regard, BJP District President Sham Minhas said that the purpose of this event is to make various sections of the society—especially professionals, entrepreneurs, doctors, engineers, lawyers and educationists—aware of the policies and achievements of the government. Also, through this program, opinions and suggestions of these sections will also be obtained, so that the public relations policy of the BJP can be strengthened. Sham Minhas said that in the last 11 years, the Modi government has taken historic decisions that have given a new direction to the country, which include Digital India, Startup India, Atmanirbhar Bharat Abhiyan, GST, and unprecedented reforms in the field of health and education.



Anuj Vashisth of Una's Saloh Ghaluwal Village commissioned as Lieutenant in Indian Army

KISHORI LAL BAINS
UNA: Bringing immense pride to his village and family, Anuj Vashisth, grandson of late Master Raja Ram from Saloh Ghaluwal village in Haroli subdivision, has been commissioned as a Lieutenant in the Indian Army after graduating from the Indian Military Academy, Dehradun. His parents, Suresh Kumar and Sunita Nain, both educators in the Education Department, shared that Anuj was deeply inspired by his grandfather's dream of seeing him serve the nation in uniform. By achieving this milestone, Anuj has fulfilled his grandfather's cherished aspiration.

Guv emphasizes importance of traditional knowledge in scientific research

DINESH AGARWAL
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Governor Shiv Pratap Shukla inaugurated the 12th International Conference organized by the Him Science Congress Association in collaboration with the Indian Council of Forestry Research and Education (ICFRE)-Himalayan Forest Research Institute, Shimla, here today. Addressing the inaugural session, the Governor urged young scientists to embrace the use of Artificial Intelligence while also preserving and integrating traditional knowledge systems. He emphasized that the true purpose of scientific research should be the welfare of humanity, not its destruction.

The Governor lauded the organizers for initiating thoughtful and futuristic discussions on critical topics like environmental conservation. He remarked that science and technology must align with local traditions, indigenous wisdom, and nature to be truly meaningful. "As we enter a new era of technology, it is crucial to link our rich heritage of knowledge with modern innovation. Conferences like this were a step in that direction," he said. "If we can inspire our younger generation to research and value our National legacy, India can play a decisive role in global well-being," he added. The Governor also expressed concern over rising pollution level in the hill state and said that such challenges can be addressed through traditional ecological wisdom. Citing the example of indigenous advancements, he stated that India's fully indigenous BrahMos missile system is a testament to the importance of research in knowledge systems. He expressed hope that scholars from diverse scientific disciplines would use this platform to present research outcomes that address contemporary issues related to innovation, sustainability, and societal needs. The Governor also spoke about the ill effects of drug abuse during his address.

On the occasion, the Governor released the official publication of the Him Science Congress Association and felicitated Kumari Osheen and Shaveen Chorta with the "Choffla Award." Delivering the keynote address, former Chairman of the Punjab Pollution Control Board, Prof. Adarsh Pal Vig emphasized that economics and environment should go hand in hand in development models. He noted that while economics has received due attention, environmental protection has lagged behind, despite being a priority.

Dharti Aaba campaign from 15th to 30th June: Jagat Singh Negi

DINESH AGARWAL
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Tribal Development Minister Jagat Singh Negi said that to ensure welfare of the tribal community the Dharti Aaba Tribal Village Development Campaign will be launched from 15th to 30th June in tribal dominated villages. About 1,17,040 tribal people from 270 villages in 10 districts will benefit from various government schemes. The core objective of the campaign is to reach eligible tribal-dominated beneficiaries and ensure their inclusion in over 35 central and state-sponsored public welfare schemes through block level village camps.

A special campaign will be launched in selected, where service camps will be held to provide services like Aadhaar update and registration, ration cards, Ayushman cards, caste certificates, and other necessary public services, he said. He said that many ministries have been included under this campaign such as Rural Development, Power, Renewable Energy, Health and Family Welfare, Petroleum and Natural Gas, Women and Child Development, Education, AYUSH, Telecommunications, Skill Development and Entrepreneurship, Electronics and IT, Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying, Panchayati Raj, Tourism, and Tribal Affairs.

Workshop on SFURTI Scheme held in Una to empower traditional artisans

KISHORI LAL BAINS
UNA, JUNE 14



A one-day workshop on the SFURTI (Scheme of Fund for Regeneration of Traditional Industries) was organised on Friday in the conference hall of the District Rural Development Agency (DRDA), Una, with the aim of economically empowering and making traditional artisans self-reliant. The event witnessed participation from over 60 traditional artisans along with panchayat heads, deputy heads, and other local representatives from various regions.

The workshop was organised under the initiatives of the Himachal Pradesh government to support traditional crafts and rural industries. Key contributors to the successful execution of the event included K.L. Verma, Project Officer, DRDA Una; Dr. R.K. Dogra, CEO of Swan Mahila Federation; Ajay Kumar and Snehlata from Jagriti Foundation; event coordinator Shaurya; and Akshay Singh (Resource Person) and Akhil (Manager) from the District Industries Centre, Una.

Master Trainer Vivek provided an in-depth presentation on the SFURTI scheme, which is being implemented with support from the Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSME) and NABARD Consultancy Services (NABCONS). The scheme aims to organise artisans and rural industries into collectives and provide them with technical assistance, design innovation, marketing support, branding, training, infrastructure, and access to wider markets. These efforts are directed toward enhancing their income and making them competitive at the global level.

BJP terms Sujanpur MLA's first year in office as disappointing



RAJNEESH SHARMA
HAMIRPUR: The Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) unit of Sujanpur has strongly criticised the one-year performance of the constituency's sitting MLA, calling it disappointing and devoid of tangible achievements. Addressing a press conference, BJP Mandal President Jaswant Thakur and Tauni Devi Mandal President Professor Vikram Rana accused the Sujanpur MLA of political ambiguity and misleading the public. The BJP leaders questioned the MLA's allegiance, alleging that he changes stance based on company — appearing as a Congress MLA among Congress leaders and portraying himself as a BJP supporter among BJP workers. "The people of Sujanpur are confused about which party he actually represents," the leaders said. Criticising his first year in office, they claimed that the MLA has merely taken credit for projects initiated by former MLA Rajinder Rana and has done little of his own. "In one year, all we have seen are false promises and empty statements," said the BJP representatives, who went as far as to rate his tenure a zero out of ten. They questioned why the MLA has not made public any documents or reports detailing the development work he claims to have done — particularly in areas like beautification of Sujanpur.

Sonalika Tractor Industry donates tractor to Una District Administration



KISHORI LAL BAINS
UNA: In a notable gesture under corporate social responsibility, Sonalika Tractor Industry, Hoshiarpur, donated a DI-47 model tractor—worth approximately Rs. 7.5 lakh—to the Una district administration on Friday. The tractor is expected to support both mining inspections and agricultural operations in the region. Jitendra Singh, HR Manager of the company, formally handed over the vehicle to Deputy Commissioner Jatin Lal at the DC office premises. Superintendent of Police Amit Yadav, District Red Cross Society Secretary and CPO Sanjay Sankhyan, and agricultural scientist Saurabh Sharma from the Agricultural Research Sub-Centre, Akrot, were also present at the occasion. Expressing gratitude to the company, DC Jatin Lal stated that the tractor would prove useful in various activities of the Agricultural Research Sub-Centre at Akrot and would also assist the police department in administrative tasks like mining inspection. He added that such collaborations between the administration and industrial bodies not only enhance resource availability but also accelerate public welfare efforts.

3-day International Film and Art Festival starts at Devlok in Manali

ASHISH SHARMA
KULLU, JUNE 14



Himachal Pradesh's second International Film and Art Festival was inaugurated on Friday evening at Devlok, located 15 miles between Kullu and Manali. The festival was inaugurated by Vivek Bhatia, Director of Himachal Pradesh Tourism Development Corporation.

Vivek Bhatia, in his address, congratulated the organizers for this grand event and said that such events give a new identity to Himachal Pradesh. This also encourages the young and energetic filmmakers of Himachal Pradesh as their art is showcased through it. The state government is trying to encourage those conducting such activities. Film and Art Festival founder Raja Singh Malhotra and Anurag Senior welcomed all the guests and said that the second season of this festival is being organized right now, but in future it will be made a flagship festival of the state and organized on such a large scale that people will be seen trying to attend it. Rain wreaked havoc at the inauguration of the function. Although this entire function was to be held under the open sky, but due to rain it had to be organized in a hall. But there was no decrease in the enthusiasm of the artists who came to participate in the film festival. While the rain showers were falling outside, the artists inside were entertaining the people by being lost in their own tune.

One form of the film festival was also seen in which 60-year-old Thakri Devi, a resident of Burua village, reached to watch the film with an oxygen concentrator.

MLA Sudhir Sharma files defamation case against SP Sanjeev Gandhi

SANAJY AGGARWAL
DHARAMSHALA, JUNE 14



BJP MLA from Dharamshala assembly constituency Sudhir Sharma on Friday filed a defamation case against IPS officer and then SP Shimla Sanjeev Gandhi in Dharamshala court. Sudhir Sharma reached the court with evidence. He has alleged that Sanjeev Gandhi deliberately tried to damage the public image of the MLA through a press conference, which was not only based on false and baseless allegations but was also motivated by political malice.

According to the complaint, during a press conference held in Shimla on May 23, 2025, SP Sanjeev Gandhi claimed before the media that he had objectionable and criminal evidence against MLA Sudhir Sharma. He alleged that Sudhir Sharma was behind the joining of six Congress MLAs to the BJP in March 2024 and he induced these MLAs to change the party by bribing them.

Not only this, Sanjeev Gandhi also alleged that MLA Sharma made the live streaming of the hearing of a suicide case (Bimal Negi case) in the Himachal Pradesh High Court viral on social media with the aim of embarrassing and humiliating him (Sanjeev Gandhi). MLA Sudhir Sharma has said in his complaint that all the allegations made in the press conference are baseless, irresponsible and defamatory. He clarified that the live streaming of the High Court proceedings was done with the permission of the court and it was not edited or tampered with in any way.

Parliamentary Committee on Rajbhasha call on Governor



DINESH AGARWAL
SHIMLA: The First Sub-Committee of the Parliamentary Committee on Rajbhasha today called on Governor Shiv Pratap Shukla, at Raj Bhavan, today. During the interaction, the members apprised the Governor of their visit to Himachal Pradesh and the ongoing inspection of the use of Rajbhasha in various Central Government offices. The Sub-Committee is on an official tour of Shimla and its surrounding from June 11 to 15, inspecting Central Government institutions to assess compliance with the Rajbhasha policy. The Committee comprises 30 Members of Parliament which includes 20 from the Lok Sabha and 10 from the Rajya Sabha and is chaired by the Union Home Minister. The Committee is mandated to inspect the use of Hindi in Central Government offices across the country and submit its report to the President of India. On the occasion, the Governor honoured the members of the Committee by presenting them with traditional Himachali shawls, caps, and saplings as a token of respect and appreciation.

UNDP and DEST&CC visit to Adani Cement Plant, Barmana

DINESH AGARWAL
SHIMLA, JUNE 14



A joint delegation from the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and the Department of Environment, Science, Technology & Climate Change (DEST&CC), Government of Himachal Pradesh, visited the Adani (ACC) Cement Plant, Barmana on 13th June 2025. The visit was part of the ongoing consultations for the preparation of the State Human Development Report (SHDR) with a thematic focus on climate change. The team engaged with more than 150 participants, including project-affected families, Gram Panchayat representatives, truck union members, women farmers, Self-Help Groups (SHGs), and local skilled and unskilled workers, to understand the human development challenges and climate change impacts in the region. Mukesh Saxena, Chief Manufacturing Officer, Adani Cements North, welcomed the delegation and briefed them on the plant's sustainability and community engagement initiatives. He informed the team that the plant's energy consumption has been reduced by over 10 MW, with increasing reliance on solar and wind energy. The plant has implemented advanced environmental technologies, including glass baghouse filters, a waste heat recovery system, and air quality and meteorological monitoring systems.

Himachal to set benchmark in safe drinking water and sanitation

DINESH AGARWAL
SHIMLA, JUNE 14



During the last two and a half years, the State Government has been taking major strides to ensure clean and safe drinking water for every household in Himachal Pradesh. Under various ambitious projects, both in rural and urban areas were witnessing up-gradation and modernization of infrastructure so as to provide every household with round the clock clean drinking water. These initiatives were reinforcing the commitment of state government towards ensuring health and well-being of the citizens.

Under the directions of Chief Minister Thakur Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu the state government has decided to start the 'Mukhya Mantri Swachh Jal Shodhan Yojana' with an initial budget of Rs. 80 crore received in the first phase. This initiative would deploy advanced technologies like Ozonation (waste water treatment), UV filtration, RO and nano-filtration to purify water for both domestic and commercial use. This would significantly reduce waterborne diseases and enhance the quality of life.



Additionally, Drinking Water Treatment Plants would be established in Jawalamukhi, Jaswan, Pragpur and Dehra of Kangra district during the next financial year at a cost of Rs. 43 crore. To monitor water quality in real time, sensor-based systems were being installed in 291 schemes across 10 districts. The government also plans to set up one State-level and 14 district-level NABL-accredited water testing laboratories. Up till now 71 water testing laboratories has been set up in the State.

Similarly under the 'Rural Drinking Water Up-gradation Project' a provision has been made to provide uninterrupted water supply to as many 20,663 households in rural areas. Funded by NDB, the total project cost amounts to Rs.745 crore with state share of Rs.148 crore. Similarly, under the Rural Drinking Water, up-gradation and Livelihood Project of over Rs. 1,062 crore was being invested to install 79,282 Functional Household Tap Connections (FHTCs) in 2,471 settlements across 10 districts. Nearly 43 percent of this work has been completed. To tackle the challenges of harsh weather conditions in cold regions, the Government would initiate work on 20 Water Supply Schemes in Lahaul-Spiti district at a cost of Rs. 27 crore under the antifreeze and winter water supply Schemes. Similarly, six schemes worth Rs. 72 crore would be implemented in Kinnaur district.

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Bhog of Sri Sukhmani Sahib Path held at residence of Chairman Jassi Sohianwala



NABHA (RAKESH JINDAL): At the local Sri Guru Teg Bahadur Nagar, the Chairman of the District Planning Board Patiala, Jassi Sohian Wala, leader of Aam Aadmi Party Halqa Nabha, the Bhog of the Bani of Sri Sukhmani Sahib Ji was held at the residence of his son Gurveer Singh on the occasion of his birthday. After the Bhog, Sant Baba Pyara Singh Sirthale Wale delighted the Sangat through Katha Kirtan and connected the Sangat with Gurbani. During the function, Punjab's Rural Development and Panchayat Minister S. Tarunpreet Singh Saund and the Chief Spokesperson of the Punjab Campaign Against War Narcotics Mr. Baltej Pannu, besides a large number of Sangat participated.

NEWS BRIEF

Online form filling process for admission to class 6 in Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalaya Talwandi Madho has starts

PARAMJIT SINGH

JALANDHAR: The selection examination for class 6 in Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalaya Talwandi Madho for the year 2026-27 is to be held on December 13, 2025 in various examination centers of the district, for which applications have been invited online from interested and eligible candidates. Deputy Commissioner Dr. Himanshu Agarwal, giving more information in this regard, said that the last date for application is July 29, 2025 and the prospectus is available on the website of the Vidyalaya https://navodaya.gov.in/nvs/nvsschool/JALANDHAR/en/home. He said that interested students can do their free registration on the portal https://navodaya.gov.in and https://cbseitms.rcil.gov.in/nvs. Dr. Agarwal said that only those students who are permanent residents of Jalandhar district will be eligible for the exam. The student will have to prepare his/her new photograph, signature, signature of parents and Aadhaar card details/residential certificate in JPG format, the size of which should not exceed 10 to 100 KB, and upload it on the portal.

Frequent accidents along Bist Doab Canal and surrounding areas



DALJEET AJNOHA

HOSHIARPUR: The Bist Doab Canal, constructed in 1956, was initially built with high mud embankments (narrow pathways) on both sides. These embankments ensured the safe passage of small and medium vehicles along the canal road. At that time, heavy vehicles were prohibited from using the canal road. There were five iron gates installed between Garhshankar and Adampur — located roughly one kilometer ahead of Garhshankar, at the bridge near village Posi, near Kot Fatuhi, close to Mehtiana bridge, and another near the railway line beyond the village Damuda.
To cross these points, drivers had to inform the stationed canal staff, who would then unlock the heavy iron gates to allow passage. The embankments were regularly maintained by appointed workers, who shaped the slopes in a way that minimized the risk of accidents.

Manav Sewa Uttam Sewa Sanstha organized blood donation camp



RAKESH JINDAL

NABHA: Dedicated to the deceased of Ahmedabad plane crash, Manav Sewa Uttam Sewa Nabha in collaboration with Samvad Group Nabha organized a massive blood donation camp dedicated to World Blood Donor Day at Hanuman Mandir, Bathindian Mohalla, Nabha. The chief guest of this camp, Advocate Reet Iqbal Singh Majail, specially attended. In this camp, blood was collected from the donors by a team of doctors of Life Line Blood Bank Patiala. During the camp, Civil Surgeon Dr. Sanjay Goyal, Advocate Reet Iqbal Mazail, Samvad Group Director Rajesh Dhingra, Chief Servant of the organization Vikas Mittal and all the members honored the blood donors and the personalities who came by giving them tokens of appreciation. After honoring them, they jointly said that we all should donate blood from time to time. Because even a drop of blood can sometimes prove effective in saving someone's life. He said that donating blood to a person suffering from an accident or blood shortage is no less than a virtue.

Gurdaspur unites for life-saving cause: Blood donation camp marks World Blood Donor Day



VERMA

GURDASPUR: In a significant display of community spirit, the Gurdaspur District Administration, led by Deputy Commissioner Dalwinderjit Singh IAS, hosted a blood donation camp at Guru Gobind Singh Public School today, commemorating World Blood Donor Day. The event brought together officials, donors, and community leaders to promote the life-saving act of blood donation. The camp officially opened with the presence of Chief Guest Dr. Harjinder Singh Bedi IAS, Additional Deputy Commissioner (G), and special guests S. Jaswinder Singh Bhullar IAS, Sub-Divisional Magistrate Dinanagar, and Arjun Awardee Rupinderpal Singh PCS, Sub-Divisional Magistrate Kalanaur. Dr. Bedi passionately articulated the importance of the act, asserting that "donating blood is a great donation, we can save many human lives by donating blood." He extended his gratitude to everyone who stepped forward, particularly acknowledging the NCC cadets.

Mohinder Bhagat lays foundation stone of road to be built at cost of Rs 23 lakh

JS SODHI
JALANDHAR, JUNE 14



Punjab Horticulture, Freedom Fighters and Defence Services Welfare Minister Mohinder Bhagat today inaugurated the construction of a road from Nakodar Road Deol Nagar to Ekta Gas Agency in Ward No. 41 of Jalandhar West constituency at a cost of Rs 23 lakh.

Addressing the gathering on the occasion of laying the foundation stone of the road, Cabinet Minister Mohinder Bhagat said that the construction of this road will greatly benefit the people of the area and other commuters. He said that the Punjab government led by Chief Minister Bhagwant Singh Mann is working day and night for the development of the state. He said that like the entire state, there will be no shortage of funds for any development work in Jalandhar too. Bhagat said that the development of Jalandhar is his priority and more such development initiatives will be launched in Jalandhar in the coming days.

He said that the Punjab government is emphasizing on providing high-quality basic amenities to the people of the state including roads, water supply, street lights, sewerage etc. He directed the concerned officers to complete the road work within the stipulated time and as per the set standards, saying that no compromise will be tolerated with the quality of the road. He also directed the officers to ensure personal supervision of the construction works so that the road work could be completed on time. On this occasion, Councilor Shabnam Duggal, Ayub Duggal, Block President Amit Suman, Booth President Gulzari Lal Kaul, Siddharth, Vicky, Ravi Suman, Mintu Suman, Kulwant Rai, Anil Kumar Minya and many other dignitaries were also present. Cabinet Minister Mohinder Bhagat laid the foundation stone of the road to be built at a cost of Rs 23 lakhs He said, the construction of the road will greatly benefit the people of the area and other commuters.

DAC is on path to power revolution : Cheema

SUMER GARG
DIRBA, JUNE 14



Under the sincere efforts of Cabinet Minister to GoP, Harpal Singh Cheema, Dirba assembly constituency (DAC) is setting new benchmarks of development. Along with promoting the education revolution and connecting individual farms with canal water, Dirba constituency is now leading the electricity revolution. Regarding this, Mr. Cheema informed that priority is being given to improving electricity infrastructure to meet the electricity needs of DAC.

A 66 KV grid has been commissioned in village Khadial at a cost of ?3.50 crore, and a 66 KV grid has been constructed in village Karyal at a cost of Rs 3 crore, which will be commissioned soon. Additionally, a 66 KV grid is being constructed in the village Dhandoli Kalan at a cost of ?4 crore, which is expected to be completed and commissioned within the next 5 months. The minister said that with the commissioning of these three grids, there will be a significant improvement in the electricity supply in Dirba constituency, benefiting both domestic and agricultural sectors. The Khadial grid will improve the electricity supply in villages Khadial, Ratolan, Chatte, Bigadwal, Taranjikhera, and Mahilan, while also providing relief to the Sunam, Sular, and Kular Khurd power houses. Similarly, the Karyal grid will improve the electricity supply in villages Karyal, Dirba, Khetla, Dhuharh, Baras, Sihala, and Sajuman, while also providing relief to the 66 KV Dirba, Munshiwala, and Dayalgarh power houses.

Cheema said that the area's development is a top priority, and a 66 KV grid sub-station at Dhandoli Khurd has been approved. This grid will benefit the agricultural and domestic consumers in the area, including villages Dhandoli Kalan, Janal, Chhahad, Sular, Kemper, Sangtiwala, and Bhai Ki Pashaur. The commissioning of these grids will provide direct or indirect benefits to over 40 villages in the area. Additionally, a 20 MVA power transformer, which was 25 years old and in a dilapidated condition.

Digital push in Punjab: Easy registry system to ensure transparency, efficiency



MORINDA (SANJEEV TEJPAL): In a significant move towards enhancing citizen services, Deputy Commissioner Varjit Walia conducted an inspection visit to Morinda Tehsil to review the ongoing preparations for the launch of the Easy Registry System in the district.

Speaking during the visit, DC Walia stated that the Punjab Government, under the leadership of Chief Minister Bhagwant Singh Mann, is committed to providing efficient, transparent, and citizen-friendly services. As part of this initiative, the Easy Registry System—aimed at simplifying the process of land and property registration—is set to be launched soon in Rupnagar district. The Deputy Commissioner explained that with this system, people will no longer have to endure long queues, run from office to office, or depend on middlemen. "The entire process, from documentation to approval and payment, will be available on the citizen's mobile phone. The system will be quick, transparent, and user-friendly," he said.

Further elaborating, he shared that help can also be availed from trained service assistants, who can be requested to visit homes via helpline number 1076. This will particularly benefit rural families, senior citizens, working professionals.

10 day Naval NCC residential camp at Partap World School begins today

VERMA
GURDASPUR, JUNE 14





In a moment of immense pride for Pathankot and Partap World School (PWS), a 10-day Naval NCC Residential Camp has officially commenced on the school campus.

The camp, organized by the 2 PB Naval Unit NCC, Amritsar, is being held from 15th to 24th June 2025, bringing together over 500 Naval cadets of the SD/SW and JD/JW wings from various schools and colleges across Punjab. Led by Commanding Officer, Cdr N. Nishant, the camp is being conducted with full support from PI staff, Civilian Staff, Associate NCC Officers (ANOs), Caretaker Officers (CTOs), and other distinguished dignitaries.

The cadets were warmly welcomed at PWS, which has been meticulously prepared to host this large-scale and prestigious event. The camp is designed not just for physical training and discipline, but also for holistic development and experiential learning. Over the course of these 10 days, cadets will engage in a diverse range of activities including First Aid Training, Boating Sessions, Fire Drills, Motivational Talks, Leadership and Team-Building Exercises, Sports Competitions, Cultural Performances, and Various Inter-Unit Competitions.

These activities are aimed at enhancing cadets' practical skills, teamwork, leadership qualities, and cultural understanding—key attributes of future-ready citizens and leaders.

Speaking on the occasion, Mr. Sunny Mahajan, Director, Partap World School, stated:

We are proud to host this prestigious camp and contribute to the vision of empowering our youth with discipline, courage, and service. Our campus is fully equipped and ready to support this impactful initiative."

Ms. Oshin Mahajan, Director, added:

"It's an honour for our school and city to host cadets from across Punjab. This camp is a true reflection of our belief in nation-building through experiential learning and leadership exposure."

Ms. Subhra Rani, Principal, expressed:

"Our faculty, staff, and students are thrilled to support and learn from this unique opportunity. We are committed to ensuring the smooth and successful execution of the camp." Commanding Officer, Cdr N. Nishant, shared his thoughts:

"We are grateful to Partap World School for their outstanding support and preparations.

I am confident this camp will be a memorable and transformational experience for every participating cadet." As the camp officially begins today, Partap World School extends its best wishes to all cadets and officers for a successful, enriching, and inspiring journey ahead.

Food safety team checks, collects 8 samples of food and drinks

JALANDHAR (PARAMJIT SINGH): As part of the series of steps being taken to prevent adulteration of food and drink, the Food Safety Team Jalandhar collected samples of food and drink as per the instructions of Commissioner Food and Drug Administration, Punjab Dilraj Singh.

The team led by Assistant Commissioner Food Dr. Harjot Pal Singh and Food Safety Officer Prabhjot Kaur collected 8 samples of cow milk, buffalo milk, desi ghee, curd, mustard oil, tea leaves, pulses, spices etc. from Nakodar, Shankar and Jamsher.

The Assistant Commissioner said that these samples have been sent to the State Food Laboratory for analysis. He said that the inspection campaign will be continued in the future as well to ensure that the city residents get safe, healthy and pure food.

IIT Ropar ranked 12th in IIRF's top engineering institutes in India 2025

BAHADURJEET SINGH
RUPNAGAR, JUNE 14



The Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Ropar has achieved a remarkable milestone by securing the 12th position in the Top Engineering Colleges in India 2025 ranking released by the Indian Institutional Ranking Framework (IIRF).

This prestigious ranking, which evaluates over 2,500 institutions across India, underscores IIT Ropar's growing stature as a powerhouse of academic excellence, cutting-edge research, and innovation. The institute's ascent to #12 reflects its strong performance across seven key parameters: Placement Performance, Teaching Learning Resources & Pedagogy, Research (Volume, Income, and Reputation), Industry Income and Integration, Placement Strategies & Support, Future Orientation, and External Perception & International Outlook.

The institute has once again showcased its exceptional standards in academic and research pursuits, highlighting its unwavering commitment to fostering innovation and promoting interdisciplinary collaboration. Through its strategic partnerships with industry leaders and active engagement with funding agencies and government entities, the institute has established itself as a premier destination for aspiring students. Its reputation for excellence has made it one of the most sought-after institutions in the country, attracting not only top-tier talent but also significant support from corporate partners eager to collaborate on cutting-edge projects and initiatives.

The Indian Institutional Ranking Framework (IIRF) evaluates over 2,500 institutions across India, assessing them on parameters such as faculty quality, research output, industry collaboration, infrastructure, and student satisfaction.

IVF & YBDS organise blood donation camp on WBDD : Singla



DABWALI (SUMER GARG): On the occasion of World Blood Donor Day by the International Vaish Federation (IVF) and Youth Blood Donation Society (YBDS) jointly organised a blood donation camp at Agrawal Dharamshala here today. Sarvpreet Sethi, president of the institution, said that the camp, which was organized under the guidance of blood donation pioneer, Surinder Singla.

The 56 great personalities voluntarily donated blood, mainly including, Baba Pramod Garg along with both his young sons Loveish Garg, Avish Garg & Puneet Dhamija donated blood with his wife Anita Dhamija. While wishing all the blood donors, who reached the camp, the officials of the institution while celebrating the world blood donation day (WBDD) said that on today's holy day, we should resolve to donate blood to themselves and young generations. A team of experienced doctors from the blood bank of the general hospital under the guidance of Dr. Harsimran Singh worked to collect blood units. All blood donors were honored by giving them appreciation letters and souvenirs.

AIMS Mohali celebrates two decades of honoring life-saving blood donors

MOHALI (LK BANSAL) : Dr. B.R. Ambedkar State Institute of Medical Sciences (AIMS), Mohali, marked World Blood Donor Day 2025 with a heartfelt tribute to the selfless act of voluntary blood donation, in line with this year's global theme — "20 Years of Celebrating Giving." The event was graced by Dr. Sunita Bhagat, Joint Director, Blood Transfusion Services, PSACS, as the Guest of Honour. She emphasized the crucial role of blood banks in the public health system and the PSACS blood donation and transport van played a key role in facilitating blood collection from student donors during the camp.



Dr. Bhavneet Bharti, Director Principal of AIMS Mohali, led by example as she recounted her own journey as a blood donor, which began on her 18th birthday as a first-year medical student. Since then, she has donated blood more than 50 times, inspiring generations of students with her consistent commitment to saving lives. She also shared a personal tribute to her father, who had worked closely with Dr. J.G. Jolly, the founding figure of India's voluntary blood donation movement. A poignant highlight of the event was the address by Mrs. Vanita Sahni, who shared the remarkable life story of Padma awardee Mrs. Saroop Kishen, with whom she had the privilege of working closely. A trailblazer in India's voluntary blood donation movement, Mrs. Kishen's charismatic leadership.

World No Tobacco day observed at Khalsa College, Dumeli



HOSHIARPUR (DALJEET AJNOHA): Sant Baba Dalip Singh Memorial Khalsa College, Dumeli — an educational institution run under the aegis of the Shiromani Gurdwara Parbandhak Committee — observed World No Tobacco Day with great enthusiasm.

The college's Red Ribbon Club and National Service Scheme (NSS) jointly organized a poster-making competition and a slogan-writing contest dedicated to the theme of tobacco prevention. Around 20 students actively participated in the event. The competitions witnessed tough competition among the participants. In the poster-making competition, First Prize was won by Sandeep Kaur (B.A. Part I) Second Prize went to Kiranpreet Kaur (B.A. Part I) Third Prize was again bagged by Sandeep Kaur (B.A. Part I) In the slogan-writing competition, First Prize was shared by Jaspreet Kaur (B.A. Part I) and Tarandeep Kaur (10+2 Arts) Second Prize went to Parminder Kaur (B.A. Part I) Third Prize was awarded to Raveena Ghera (10+2 Arts).

Empowering futures: Value added courses at MCM under NEP

CHANDIGARH (GAURAV GOEL): In line with the transformative vision of the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020, Mehr Chand Mahajan DAV College for Women, Chandigarh, has embraced a forward-looking academic approach by integrating Value Added Courses (VACs) into its curriculum. These courses are designed to enhance the core academic structure with practical, and interdisciplinary learning, equipping students with tools to thrive in a dynamic and competitive world.



Recognising that academic knowledge must be complemented by life skills and career-oriented capabilities, MCM has curated a rich bouquet of VACs that go beyond traditional syllabi. Under the NEP framework, the college offers VACs in diverse domains, including: Philosophy of Swami Dayanand Saraswati, Human Rights, Digital Governance, Governance for Sustainability, Indian Traditions and Values, Nutrition and Fitness, Basics of Computer Applications, Health and Wellness, Sports and Fitness, Health Economics, Literature and New Media, Children's Literature, Financial Literacy, Consumer Law, Vedic Algebra, Fundamentals of Solar Energy and Applications, Physics in Everyday Life, Basic Laboratory Techniques, Nursery and Gardening, and Chemistry in Every Day Life.

'CM's Yogashala' is proving beneficial for the people: Deputy Commissioner

SURINDER DAMDAMI
KOTKAPURA, JUNE 14



Under the CM's Yogashala launched by the Punjab government led by Chief Minister Bhagwant Singh Mann, yogashalas are being set up at various places in the district and the residents of the district are getting the benefit of free yoga classes. This information was given by Deputy Commissioner Poonamdeep Kaur.

Giving more information in this regard, the Deputy Commissioner said that expert yoga trainers have been deployed under the CM's Yogashala who make people aware of the importance of yoga and teach them the correct methods of doing yoga. Yoga trainer Rahul Verma said that under the CM's Yogashala, people were made to practice yoga at Guru Nanak Colony Faridkot, which is proving to be effective for people in maintaining their health. The Deputy Commissioner said that for those who are interested in learning yoga, the Punjab government has set up a helpline number 76694-00500, on which people can give a missed call to arrange free yoga classes in their locality. Apart from this, registration can also be done on cmdiyogsala.punjab.gov.in.

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Punjab advocate general MS Bedi calls on Hon'ble Governor

CHANDIGARH; Shri Maninderjit Singh Bedi, Advocate General of Punjab, paid a courtesy visit to the Hon'ble Governor of Punjab and Administrator of Union Territory, Chandigarh, Shri Gulab Chand Kataria, at Raj Bhavan today. During the meeting, discussions were held on various legal and administrative matters concerning the State of Punjab. The Hon'ble Governor appreciated the role of the Advocate General in upholding the rule of law and providing legal guidance to the State Government. The visit was marked by cordial interactions and mutual goodwill.



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Hindu Welfare Board submits memorandum regarding Insolvent Temple Management Act

KULJIT SINGH DHINGRA
RAMPURA PHUL: As per the directions of Hindu Welfare Board Chairman Mahant Ravi Kant Muni, a memorandum regarding the demand for Insolvent Temple Management Act (Hindu Temple Act) was submitted to the administrative officers of Rampura Phul Sub-Divisional today in various divisions under the leadership of District Bathinda President Satpal Sharma. The memorandum was presented by Board Convener Mandeep Sharma. In which a legal framework was demanded for independent, transparent and religious management of Hindu temples and religious institutions in Punjab. On this occasion, Navneet G.C.A., Dr. Parmod, Advocate Akash Kaushal, Joni Chauhan, Abhijit, Kavish, Councilor Suraj Rajora, Joginder Singla, Ravi Sunaria, Sanjeev Tanwar, Ranjit Mukerian, Pawan Chauhan, Virbhadra, Sachin, Baba Amandeep Gir, Anil Garg, Ravi Sunaria, Sanjeev Tanwar, Ranjit Mukerian, Pawan Chauhan, Rajiv Singla, Parminder, Rajinder Tiwari, Gogi Bawa, Sunish Garg, Atul Goyal, Rocky Bansal, Mohit Kohli, Pankaj Goyal, Sanjeev Garg etc. were present.

Punjab Govt and AAP registers strong objection to 'One India One Election' proposal: Cheema

GAURAV GOEL
CHANDIGARH: Registering strong objections of the Punjab Government and Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) to the 'One Nation One Election' proposal tabled by the BJP-led central government, the Punjab Finance Minister Harpal Singh Cheema on Saturday described it as a direct assault on the fundamental structure and spirit of the Constitution of India as framed by Babasaheb Dr. Bhim Rao Ambedkar.

Addressing a press conference at Punjab Bhawan after attending a meeting convened by the Joint Parliamentary Committee under the chairmanship of P.P. Choudhary, Punjab Finance Minister Harpal Singh Cheema said that he, along with AAP State President Aman Arora, completely rejected the move.



"This proposal by the BJP-led Union Government is a hidden agenda designed to destroy the federal structure of the nation as enshrined in the Constitution of India, meticulously architected by Baba Saheb Dr. Bhim Rao Ambedkar," said Finance Minister Cheema.

Referring to the amendments in the proposed Bill, Finance Minister Cheema said that the suggested amendments would effectively render the tenures of state assemblies subject to the discretion of the Union Government, an alarming overreach incompatible with the federal framework enshrined in the Constitution. He said that this bill will further encourage the misuse of Article 356 and 360 by the Union government.

As per section 5 of part 2, If the Election Commission is of the opinion that the elections to any Legislative Assembly cannot be conducted along with the general election to the House of the People, it may make a recommendation to the President, to declare by an order, that the election to that Legislative Assembly may be conducted at a later date. Citing this amendment, Finance Minister Harpal Singh Cheema said that the BJP's One Nation One Election concept would ultimately backfire, as it would enable the Union Government to conduct state elections at its convenience a year or two after general elections, rather than fulfilling the purpose of the proposal as being publicized.

Calling for a united stand to preserve the federal ethos and institutional autonomy of the states, Cheema emphasized that such unilateral proposals risk destabilizing the balance of power essential to India's democratic fabric. He said that the One Nation One Election bill proposed by the BJP is a calculated move to eliminate regional parties that represent diverse cultures, languages, and regions, and serve as the backbone of Indian democracy.

Reaffirming the unwavering commitment of the Punjab Government and Aam Admi Party to upholding the Constitution, the Finance Minister said that the state government and AAP will also oppose this bill in writing to protect the rights of the states against centralized overreach.

Congress Leader Baljinder Bunty Joins AAP



SHARMA
LUDHIANA: The Congress party faced another major setback in the Ludhiana West Assembly constituency. Congress leader Baljinder Singh Bunty left his old party and joined the Aam Aadmi Party on Saturday. Bunty's inclusion in the party is expected to provide a significant boost to AAP candidate Sanjeev Arora in the upcoming by-election on June 19.
Baljinder Singh Bunty previously served as a congress councilor for Ludhiana's Ward No. 72. A professional engineer, he has held several positions within the Congress party, including in the Youth Congress.
AAP Punjab Working President Amansher Singh Shery Kalsi, Ludhiana West candidate Sanjeev Arora, AAP Punjab General Secretary Harchand Singh Barsat, Cabinet Minister Mohinder Bhagat, and MP Rajkumar Chabbewal formally welcomed Baljinder Bunty into the AAP family.
On this occasion, Sanjeev Arora praised Bunty and expressed confidence that together, they would transform Ludhiana into a clean and developed city, making its residents proud of their hometown. After joining The party, Baljinder Bunty stated that he was inspired by the policies of the Aam Aadmi Party and the work done by the AAP government in Punjab over the past three years.

BBMB Marks World Blood Donor Day with Health & Donation Camps



CHANDIGARH: Bhakra Beas Management Board celebrated the World Blood Donor Day 2025 through various initiatives. Under the able guidance of Chairman Shri Manoj Tripathi, blood donation camps was organised at Nangal project stations of BBMB. A free health check up camp was also organized at the BBMB Board Secretariat Office, Chandigarh. The slogan of this year's World Blood Donor Day campaign is - "Give Blood, Give Hope." According to which every healthy person can save someone's life by donating blood. The Health check up camp was kick started with an oath taking ceremony wherein the importance of blood donation was highlighted and the employees pledged to regularly donate blood to the best of their abilities. Various tests like blood sugar, blood pressure and bone mineral density check-up were done during the health camp. A general physician, dietician and orthopaedic doctor were also present for consultation. Over 100 BBMB employees availed benefits of the camp. The camp was organized with an aim of highlighting the importance of regular health check ups in leading a healthy life. During the camp, the employees were also encouraged to take up yoga as a regular practice in their day to day lives.

Valedictory function of summer camp organized by child welfare council, Punjab



SHASHI PAL JAIN
SAS NAGAR: The Valedictory Function of the Summer Camp organized by the Child Welfare Council, Punjab from June 2 to June 14, 2025, was held today at Bal Bhawan, Mohali. Smt. Geetika Singh, Additional Deputy Commissioner (General), SAS Nagar, graced the occasion as the Chief Guest. Also present were Smt. Prajakta Avhad, Chairperson of the Child Welfare Council, Punjab, Mrs. Ratinder Brar, Treasurer of the Council, and Dr. (Mrs.) Pritam Sandhu, Secretary of the Council.
A total of 41 children actively participated in the camp.

Over the course of the camp, they engaged in various enriching activities including Yogasanas, Art and Craft sessions, and Music classes. The music sessions featured the recitation of Sarasvati Vandana, Gayatri Mantra, and Mool Mantra. On the concluding day, the children gave impressive performances showcasing what they had learned during the camp.

The function began with a warm welcome to the Chief Guest, followed by a brief report presented by Dr. Pritam Sandhu, who highlighted the objectives and activities of the camp.

While addressing the gathering, Smt. Prajakta Avhad encouraged the children to participate in creative and positive activities that foster holistic development. She emphasized the availability of diverse career options today and urged children to make the most of emerging opportunities.

Sikander Singh Maluka returns to Akali Dal



ANIL VERMA
BATHINDA; Former Punjab minister and senior leader Sikander Singh Maluka, who separated from the Shiromani Akali Dal, has returned home. He has rejoined the Akali Dal. On this occasion, Akali Dal President Sukhbir Singh Badal welcomed him. Former cabinet minister Dr. Daljit Singh Cheema, former Rajya Sabha member Balwinder Singh Bhunder and other senior party leaders were present when he joined the Akali Dal. After rejoining the Shiromani Akali, Sikander Singh Maluka said that for the last few months I have been away from the Shiromani Akali Dal and political activities, but my heart beats for the original party Akali Dal and I have never considered myself separate from the Akali Dal.

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सर्वसाधारण को सूचित किया जाता है की ग्राम पंचायन के अंतर्गत समय-समय पर निम्न निर्माण सामग्रियों की वित् वर्ष 2025-2026 में विकास कार्यों के निष्पादन हेतु आपूर्ति के लिए प्रतिष्ठित/अधिकृत विक्रेताओं व सप्लायर में मोहरबद् निविदाएं केवल पेजीकृत डाक माध्यम द्वारा आमंत्रित की जाती हैं। निविदाएं दिनांक 18.05.2025 को सांय 5:00 बजे तक कार्यालय ग्राम पंचायत में स्वीकार की जाएंगी व दिनांक 23.06.2025 को प्रातः 11:00 बजे निविदादाताओं या उनके द्वारा अधिकृत प्रतिनिधियों व कमेटी सदस्यों के समक्ष खोली जाएंगी।
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RD Classes students got excellent result in NEET-25



CHANDIGARH: Himak Baghla is city topper with 663 marks and 28th All India Rank Like every year, this time also the students of RD Classes have won the NEET results in which Hemank Baghla has topped the city by scoring 663 marks out of 720 and got All India 28th rank. Apart from this, 50 students of RD Chemistry Classes have scored good marks in NEET with Riyansh Singla scored 648, Pehlaj Singh scored 618, Rudraksh scored 592, Rupanshi scored 592, Rishit Goyal scored 595, Diptanshu 592, Tanisha 562, Reejul 562, Ravneet 557, Riya 556, Shehjot 551, Arham 573, Divyansh Arora 535, Gurkamal 527, Parisha Taneja 531, Moksh 522, Noorpesh 522. Professor Ravinder Garg said that like every year, this time also the children of RD classes in Bathinda secured good marks as well as rank in neet exam. Professor Ravinder Garg said that Himank Bagla will get admission in India's top medical college AIIMS. Prof Garg said that usually medical students consider chemistry a difficult subject. , but the subject taught by him was very difficult. Any topic is such that children show interest in studying and understanding it, due to which every year the children of RD classes achieve good ranks in NEET and JEE. He congratulated the children and their parents for this achievement.

Inspection of Chemist Shops Conducted in Sector 37, Chandigarh

CHANDIGARH; An inspection drive was conducted at chemist shops in Sector-37, Chandigarh by Ms. Isha Kamboj, HCS, Sub-Divisional Magistrate (South), along with the Drug Inspector. The inspection was carried out as per the directions of the Deputy Commissioner, UT Chandigarh.The purpose of the inspection was to ensure compliance with regulatory norms, including the proper installation and functioning of CCTV cameras, maintenance of online stock records of medicines, verification of valid drug licenses, adherence to Schedule H1 requirements, and accurate record-keeping of drug purchases and sales.

NOTICE TO APPEAR/ATTEND PROCEEDINGS OF DLM&SFC-LDH
Through this Publication This is for Constructive Notice for respondent **SRI GANPATI EXPORTS PRIVATE LIMITED, 1ST FLOOR, 25, B2B BLOCK, LIG FLATS, JANAKPURI, WEST DELHI, DELHI- 110058**, to appear in person or through Authorized representative before the **District level Micro & Small facilitation Council Ludhiana, District Industries Centre, Ludhiana** on **dated 16.06.2025** by **MOHINI FABRICS, PLOT NO. 187/1, RAHON ROAD, VILLAGE BAJRA, LUDHIANA, PUNJAB-141007** U/s 18(1) of MSME Act 2006 bearing **Reference No. MSEFC/DIC/02/24/2951.** If respondent still fails or omits to appear as above then arbitration proceedings shall be conducted as per section 23 & 25 of Arbitration & Conciliation Act and award shall also be passed on the basis of evidence before it.
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Name of Work	App. Cost	Bid Security	Period of Completion	Dt. of closing & opening
Gradient verification of yards and section using LIDAR survey technology. (RPJ-BTI-SGNR).	₹ 45,79,846	₹ 91,600	02 Months	07.07.2025
TRR(P) 1.59 TKM in SRE Yard, P.F. Line No. 1, 2 & Center Line at Saharanpur and Deep screening work in c/w TBR-13.769 TKm in Khanalampura (KJGY) Yard in the section of SSE/P.Way/SRE under ADEN/SRE.	₹ 82,84,786	₹ 1,65,700	09 Months	07.07.2025
Balance work for Through Turnout Renewals with CS, CMS, TWS in the section of ADEN/PTA under SR.DEN-II/UMB and Balance work of TRR & other miscellaneous works in the section of SSE/Pway/PTA under Sr.DEN-II/UMB.	₹ 80,75,377	₹ 1,61,500	09 Months	07.07.2025
Replacement of steel Girder with PSC slab along with strengthening of substructure to make it fit for 25T loading for Br. No. 26 (DN line), span 3x8.22 m at KM 14/28-26 (14.612) on RPJ-BTI Section.	₹ 1,81,17,069	₹ 2,40,600	08 Months	07.07.2025
Development/Upgradation of Park in Old Railway Colony in the section of SSE/W/E/UMB under ADEN/UMB.	₹ 40,06,216	₹ 80,100	04 Months	07.07.2025

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Three Punjab daughters commissioned as flying officers in IAF

SUMER GARG
CHANDIGARH; Mai Bhago Armed Forces Preparatory Institute (AFPI) for Girls, SAS Nagar (Mohali) added another feather in its cap, as three of its alumni, Harnoor Singh, Kritee S Bisht and Alisha, have been commissioned as Flying Officers in the Indian Air Force (IAF), after successfully passing out from the Air Force Academy, Dundigal (Hyderabad), today. The passing out parade was reviewed by Chief of Air Staff, Air Chief Marshal Amar Preet Singh, PVSM, AVSM. Flying officers, Harnoor Singh and Alisha have been commissioned in the education branch, while flying officer Kritee S Bisht has been commissioned as a Flight Controller in the administration branch of the air force.



Flying officer, Harnoor Singh is the daughter of Mr. Vikram Singh Bains, who is Principal in a Government School and hails from Pathankot.Flying Officer Kritee S Bisht is the daughter of Sh. Shakti Sharan Singh, who is a Senior Engineer at PACL, Nangal. Flying Officer Alisha is the daughter of Sh. Sunil Dutt, who is a teacher in a Private School and hails from Jalandhar. While congratulating the three lady cadets on their remarkable feat, Punjab employment generation, skill development and training minister, Mr. Aman Arora said their success will undoubtedly inspire more daughters of Punjab to pursue careers in the defence services. He highlighted the state government's commitment, under Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann's leadership, to support the aspirations of young women who aim to join the defence forces as commissioned officers. Notably, the Punjab Government established an NDA Preparatory Wing for Girls at Mai Bhago AFPI in July 2023, with the second batch currently undergoing training. Director of Mai Bhago AFPI, Major General Jasbir Singh Sandhu, AVSM (Retd.), expressed delight over the commissioning of three alumni as flying officers, stating that this achievement will further energise the state government's efforts to encourage more girls to join the armed forces. He extended his warm wishes to the newly commissioned lady officers for a bright future in the IAF.

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Imtiaz Ali announces new film with Diljit Dosanjh, Naseeruddin Shah, Vedang Raina, Sharvari

After 'Amar Singh Chamkila', filmmaker Imtiaz Ali and actor Diljit Dosanjh have now reunited for a new film, which will also star Naseeruddin Shah, Vedang Raina and Sharvari. As per a press note, the project will go on floors in August 2025 and hit the theatres on Baisakhi 2026. A.R. Rahman and Irshad Kamil have also come on board to enhance the film's musical aspect in collaboration with Imtiaz Ali. Expressing excitement about the yet-to-be-titled film, Imtiaz Ali quoted legendary poet Momin Khan Momin's couplet, "Tum mere paas hote ho goya, Jab koi doosra nahin hota' ('You are with me, however, When there is no one else') "

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Further, Imtiaz said, "Momin Can love really be lost? Can home be taken away from someone's heart? This film has a big heart. It has a large canvas, yet is very personal. It is a story of a boy and a girl, but also a country. Wish us well as we dive into the currents of this dynamic story, we hope to emerge next year with a touching cinematic experience in a theatre near you." Sharvari is also quite excited to work on Imtiaz Ali's film. In an Instagram post, she expressed, "What an incredible surprise to see this announcement happen on my birthday! Best birthday ever! @imtiazaliofficial sir, I have manifested to be directed by you ever since I've dreamt to be an actor.. This will be the most amazing learning experience for me.. It is an honour to be a part of your vision... Thank you for choosing me.. It feels so special to be a part of this dream team @naseeruddin49 @diljitdosanjh @vedangrainaEeeeppp!!! So excited for this new journey." While not much film has been disclosed, the announcement was enough to surprise the fans.

Watch Barrister Babu break free Monday onwards on COLORS Rishtey!



Chandigarh: One of Indian television's most bold and revolutionary dramas, Barrister Babu, is all set to break stereotypes once again as it returns to screens Monday onwards at 7:20 PM on COLORS Rishtey, now available on DD Free Dish. Originally aired on COLORS in 2020, the show quickly became a fan-favourite for its strong social message, pre-independence setting, and the heartwarming bond between a young girl and her progressive mentor-turned-husband. At the heart of this powerful story is Bondita, played by the talented child actor Aurra Bhatnagar, whose inspiring journey from a child bride to a barrister remains one of Indian TV's most iconic transformations.

Panther Drops 'Manwa': A Sun-Kissed Love Song for the Summer

After cementing his place as one of Indian hip-hop's most raw and honest voices, Panther returns with a refreshing twist in "Manwa", a vibrant summer anthem that marks a new chapter in his artistic journey. Written and performed by Panther, "Manwa" is a dreamy romantic track, a sonic detour from his usual introspective and gritty bars. Infused with the flavor of the UP dialect, it blends regional soul with global sound, making it both unique and universally relatable. The music video, shot against the breezy, sun-drenched backdrops of Thailand, captures the innocence, charm, and adrenaline of young love. It's a feel-good ride — colorful, carefree, and bound to make you smile. The video is set to release later this week.

"Manwa is a love letter," Panther shares. "This was honestly out of my comfort zone, but that's what made it exciting. I'm usually in my zone with hard-hitting rap, but this time I just wanted to follow the feeling. Love's got this crazy power to shake you up, and I wanted the track to feel like that. I hope my fans connect with this side of my music as much as they do with my raps."

Manwa is a bold declaration of Panther's growth, versatility, and willingness to push his own creative boundaries. Whether you're daydreaming about someone or just living your best single life, Manwa is that feel-good, windows-down, volume-up kinda song that'll stay on repeat.



The Great Indian Kapil Show, Season 3 brings back the OG laugh riot with Navjot Singh Sidhu



Chandigarh : Brace yourselves — the thoko taali is back and so is Navjot Singh Sidhu! The Great Indian Kapil Show, on Netflix, kicks off its third season on June 21 with a twist audiences didn't see coming: the original laughter king returns to his rightful place — on the throne, right next to laughter queen Archana Puran Singh! Yes, you read that right. It's now a two-judge comedy court, and the verdict is unanimous — double the laughter, double the trouble, and definitely double the taaliyaan. Netflix and Kapil promised fans earlier this month that 'Har Funnyvaar Badhega Humara Parivaar' and keeping that promise they have made the comedy family bigger by bringing Sidhu Paaji into the fold. Additionally this time around fans won't just be in the audience — they'll be on stage too, as Superfans get their moment in the spotlight. Not only do they get time with Kapil Sharma on the same stage, they also get to enjoy Sidhu's signature shayari, roaring laughs, and his classic nok-jhok with Archana that promises to steal the show.

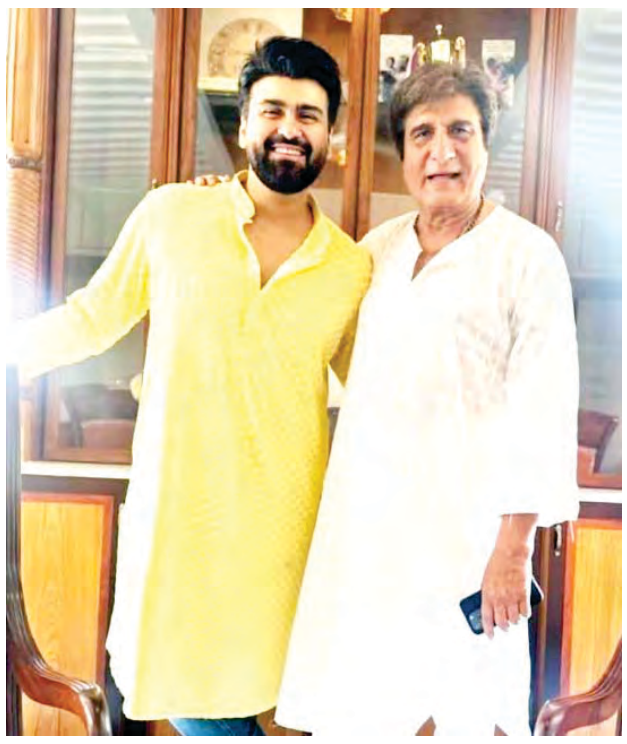
Talking about Sidhu paaji's iconic return, Kapil Sharma shared his excitement saying, "Humne promise kiya tha ki Har funnyvaar badhega Humaara parivaar and I'm so excited to have Sidhu paaji part of the family along with Archana ji to enjoy all the chutkules, the shayaris and masti. The mahaul is set, so stay tuned because this season jokes aur laughter dono ho gayein hain triple!!!"

Zee TV artists salute their real-life superheroes this Father's Day

Chandigarh: Father's Day is a celebration of the profound role fathers play in shaping who we are and who we strive to become. With their steady hands and open hearts, fathers nurture resilience, teaching us to rise after every fall and face life's challenges with strength, patience, and courage.

This year's theme, "Fathers: Nurturing Resilience and Shaping Futures," beautifully captures this enduring influence. Whether through wise words or silent sacrifices, fathers lead by example, quietly instilling values that stand the test of time.

To daughters, they are protectors and pillars of strength; to sons, they are the blueprint of integrity and perseverance. Above all, fathers are the unsung architects of tomorrow, shaping lives with unwavering love and purpose. To mark this special day, Zee TV actors—Aarya Babbar from Jagriti – Ek Nayi Subah, Namik Paul from Kumkum Bhagya, Anushka Merchande from Saru, Aishwarya Khare from Bhagya Lakshmi, and Abhishek Sharma from Vasudha—open up about the quiet strength, life lessons, and unconditional love they've received from their fathers.







Aishwarya Khare, who essays the role of Lakshmi in Zee TV's Bhagya Lakshmi said, "When I moved from Bhopal to Mumbai, everything was unfamiliar—the city, the people, the struggle. But one thing remained constant—my father's belief in me. He's never been someone to say too much, but his actions have always spoken volumes. After I won an award for Bhagya Lakshmi, I found out he had put up a huge poster of me outside our house in Bhopal. That quiet, proud gesture gave me the courage to dream bigger.

Aarya Babbar, who essays the role of Kalikant Thakur in Zee TV's Jagriti-Ek Nayi Subah said, "For me, Father's Day is a quiet honour to the man who taught me the most important things without ever spelling them out. Long before I knew what words like 'resilience' or 'integrity' meant, my father, Raj Babbar, was already showing me what they looked like. Not just in his career, but in the way he treats people, holds space for others, and lives by his principles.

Namik Paul, who essays the role of Shivansh in Zee TV's Kumkum Bhagya, said, "Father's Day, to me, is about honouring the strength that doesn't seek applause. My father has always led by example—not through lectures, but through the way he lives his life with integrity, patience, and grace under pressure. As a kid, I would watch him navigate setbacks without bitterness, always with grace and purpose—and now, as an adult, I realise how powerful that example was. He shaped my mindset far more than he'll ever realise. Whether I'm facing rejection or success, his influence reminds me to stay rooted. That's his gift to me—resilience that runs deep. This Father's Day, I salute him and every father who shows up without fuss, every single day."

Anushka Merchande, who essays the role of Anika in Zee TV's Saru, said, "Some bonds do not need daily conversations or constant proximity — they thrive on presence, love, and shared moments that leave a lasting mark. My father and I share one of those bonds.

He lives in Doha, and while we may not see each other often, every time he visits, it feels like no time has passed at all. But somehow, every time we reconnect, we pick up exactly where we left off. There's this one tradition that has stood the test of time—video calling over breakfast on Father's Day, sipping chai together,' thousands of miles apart. I still remember the time he flew down just to attend my school play, even though he had to catch a return flight the very next morning. That small act made me feel seen and validated.

Abhishek Sharma, who essays the role of Devansh in Zee TV's Vasudha, said, "My relationship with my father has never needed grand words. We've built it on everyday conversations, shared jokes, and plenty of friendly banter during cricket matches. I still remember the day he handed me my first cricket bat—not because I asked for it, but because he noticed I couldn't take my eyes off the game. Later, when I shifted paths from cricket to acting, he didn't flinch.

He just stood beside me, like always. We still break down matches over phone calls, but now those calls also include reviews of my performances. He never sugarcoats, never exaggerates—but when he says, 'Well done,' it carries weight. This Father's Day, I want to thank him for being my quiet cheerleader, my critic, and my constant—all rolled into one."

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