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**NEWS BRIEFS**

**20-year-old youth shot dead in Hoshiarpur**

**HOSHIARPUR:** A 20-year-old youth was shot dead by three unidentified motorcycle-borne assailants near Shahpur Ghata village here, the police said on Thursday. Aryan, a local of Sehwan village, was returning from Ludhiana with his relative, Naveen Kumar (27) on Wednesday, Hoshiarpur Superintendent of Police (Investigation) Dr Mukesh Kumar said. Both were travelling in a car after purchasing garments for their shop. They stopped briefly as Naveen felt sick and had to throw up.

**Covid cases below 6k; three deaths in past 24 hrs**

**NEW DELHI:** India's active Covid-19 caseload fell to 5,976 on Thursday, marking the fourth straight day of decline, down from 6,483 the previous day, according to data from the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare. In the last 24 hours, three Covid-related deaths were reported—two from Delhi and one from Kerala. All three individuals were elderly and had pre-existing chronic health conditions like kidney disease and acute rheumatoid arthritis. While the overall national trend remains encouraging, health authorities continue to monitor localised outbreaks, driven in part by emerging subvariants such as LF.7, XFG, JN.1, and the newly detected NB.1.8.1.

The authorities have also advised people to adopt Covid norms like wearing masks in crowded areas and maintaining hygiene and focusing on immunity.

**Air India announces reduction in international flights**

**MUMBAI:** Air India announced that it is reducing international flights on widebody aircraft by 15 per cent "until at least mid-July", officials said on Thursday. The airline operates about 70 international flights daily on its widebody fleet. Multiple factors, including airspace closures of many countries, have increased flying times to and from the west and enhanced checks on Boeing 787s since AI 171 crash last Thursday have reduced twin-aisle availability. In a statement issued late in the evening on Wednesday, the Tata Group-owned airline said there have been disruptions due to the geopolitical tensions in the Middle East, night curfew in airspaces of many countries in Europe and East Asia, and there are ongoing enhanced safety inspections. Necessary cautious approach is being taken by the engineering staff and Air India pilots, it said.

## Israel-Iran war escalates Hospital badly damaged in Israel, Iran's Arak heavy water reactor attacked

UNI TEL AVIV, JUNE 19

Israel's Soroka hospital in Beer Sheva and seven sites in the centre of the country were hit during a ballistic missile attack from Iran on Thursday morning.

Iran fired a barrage of some 30 ballistic missiles early Thursday, scoring a direct hit on Israel's main southern hospital, the Soroka Medical Center. The two other impacts were felt in the central cities of Holon and Ramat Gan that wounded dozens of people, including six in serious condition.

The Magen David Adom emergency service said that a man, 80, and two women, both in their 70s, were among six people seriously hurt. Two people were moderately injured, and at least 42 others suffered light injuries from shock waves and shrapnel at the various impact sites. In addition, 18 people were lightly injured as they scrambled to bomb shelters when sirens went off, Israeli news sites reported. On the other hand Israel on Thursday attacked Iran's Arak heavy water reactor after warning the locals to flee the area. Iranian media reported two projectiles hitting an area near the facility and there were no reports of radiation threats. Explosions were heard in Jerusalem and Tel Aviv as the week-long conflict showed no signs of easing. Israeli strikes have wiped out the top echelon of Iran's military command, damaged its nuclear capabilities.



**Netanyahu says they will pay a 'Heavy Price'**

**TELAVIV :** Israel and Iran continued to attack each other, for the seventh consecutive day on Thursday, with the Israeli military saying it has struck several parts of Iran, including Tehran. The military said at least two drones from Iran were also intercepted. The developments came amid speculation over whether the US will join Israel's bombardment of Iranian nuclear sites. Asked about the US's plans, President Donald Trump told reporters on Wednesday: "I may do it, I may not do it." Senior US officials are preparing for the possibility of a strike on Iran in the coming days, according to a Bloomberg report, a sign that Washington is assembling the infrastructure to directly enter a conflict with Tehran. On Tuesday, President Trump demanded Iran's "unconditional surrender" and warned it could easily assassinate its supreme leader, fueling fears of American intervention. Iran's Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei, however, warned the US of "irreparable damage" if it engage in military action against Iran.

## In a first, Trump says leaders of India, Pakistan ended last month's conflict

AGENCY NEW YORK/ISLAMABAD, JUNE 19

Two "very smart" leaders of India and Pakistan decided to end last month's conflict that could have turned into a nuclear war, US President Donald Trump said after holding a rare luncheon meeting with Pakistan army chief Field Marshal Asim Munir in White House. Trump's comments on Wednesday crediting the leaders of the two countries in ending the May 7-10 hostilities are seen at variance with his claims over a dozen times in the last few weeks that he brokered the India-Pakistan ceasefire deal.

In his remarks to the media Trump said he was "honoured" to meet Munir and that he discussed with the military chief the situation arising out of the Iran-Israel conflict, amid speculations that Washington is looking at using Pakistani military bases in case it decides to launch attacks on Tehran.

Mr. Modi and Mr. Trump were scheduled to meet on the sidelines of the G7 Leaders' Summit in Kananaskis, Canada, but the American President returned to Washington early. Before departing Kananaskis and wrapping up his first visit to Canada in a decade, Mr. Modi had a 35-minute phone conversation with Mr. Trump.

Foreign Secretary Vikram Misri, in a video message from Kananaskis, said Mr. Modi conveyed to Trump that at "no point" during Operation Sindoor was there any discussion, at any level, on an India-U.S. trade deal or any



proposal for mediation by the U.S. between India and Pakistan.

The discussion to cease military action took place directly between India and Pakistan through the existing channels of communication between the two armed forces, and it was initiated at Islamabad's request.

Mr. Modi firmly said India will never accept the mediation of a third party, and there is complete political consensus in India on this matter. Mr. Misri said. Mr. Misri also noted that following the April 22 Pahalgam attack, Mr. Trump expressed his condolences to Modi over a phone call and expressed his support against terrorism.

**A. Sreenivas appointed Chief Electoral Officer of Haryana**

**CHANDIGARH:** A. Sreenivas, Secretary, Energy Department and Managing Director, Dakshin Haryana Bijli Vitran Nigam Limited, has been appointed as the Chief Electoral Officer, Haryana, and Commissioner & Secretary, Election Department, relieving Sh. Pankaj Agarwal of the said charge. An order in this regard was issued by the Chief Secretary Office today.

## Tejashwi lambasts Nitish govt on firing incident outside his residence

AGENCY PATNA, JUNE 19

RJD leader and former Bihar Deputy Chief Minister Tejashwi Yadav on Thursday lashed out at the Nitish Kumar-led state government over the law and order situation in the state after an incident of firing was reported near his residence in Patna. Hitting out at Chief Minister Nitish Kumar, Tejashwi Yadav claimed that the people of the state were not safe alleging a "criminal disorder" of the law and order situation and "anarchy" in Bihar. Yadav said that the criminals in Bihar have become "fearless" and demanded CM Nitish Kumar's resignation. Speaking to mediapersons here, the RJD leader said, "There is a complete rule of criminals in place now. There is no government. Anarchy has set in in the administration and government. Shooting is taking place outside my residence in a VIP area, it had never happened before." Taking a jab at the Nitish Kumar government, Yadav said, "Nobody is safe in Bihar. There is a criminal disorder of the law and order in Bihar. Nitish ji forms laws and sets free those with AK-47.

He supports criminals." "Criminals have become fearless in Bihar, and I am a former Chief Minister, Leader of Opposition in the state assembly, there are residences of the Development Commissioner, many ministers near my residence. Still, such incidents are happening. This is very serious... If the most secure area of the state is not safe and they cannot catch the criminals then Bihar CM Nitish Kumar should resign," said Yadav. Ahead of Prime Minister Narendra Modi's visit to Bihar tomorrow on June 20, Tejashwi Yadav hit out at the centre and claimed that the morale of the criminals was high in the "demonic rule" of the NDA.



## PM Modi arrives in Delhi after concluding three nations visit

AGENCY NEW DELHI, JUNE 19

Prime Minister Narendra Modi arrived in Delhi on Thursday after concluding his three-nation visit to Canada, Croatia and Cyprus. During his visit, PM Modi was warmly welcomed by the people and the Government of Croatia. He expressed his gratitude for the warm welcome and highlighted the visit's significance in ushering in a new chapter in the shared journey of friendship and extensive cooperation between India and Croatia. "Grateful to the people and Government of Croatia for the warm welcome during what has been a truly landmark visit. This visit ushers in a new chapter in our shared journey of friendship and extensive



cooperation." PM Modi posted on X.https://x.com/narendramodi/status/1935432767212224960 On Wednesday, PM Narendra Modi and his Croatian counterpart Andrej Plenkovic held delegation-level talks in Zagreb, with the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) stating that the leaders engaged in

"wide-ranging discussions on various aspects of the bilateral partnership." PM Modi held a meeting with Croatia's President Zoran Milanovic on Wednesday (local time) and discussed the full range of India-Croatia friendship. "Met Mr. Zoran Milanovic, the President of Croatia. Had extensive discussions on the full

range of India-Croatia friendship, including ways to boost linkages of commerce and culture." PM Modi posted on X.https://x.com/narendramodi/status/1935418685004661038 Before visiting Croatia, PM Modi travelled to Canada to attend the G7 Summit. During his visit, PM Modi attended the G7 Summit and met world leaders, including French President Emmanuel Macron and Italian Prime Minister Giorgia Meloni, on the sidelines of the Summit. PM Modi expressed gratitude to the people and government of Canada for hosting a successful G7 Summit and underscored how India remains committed to the cause of global peace, prosperity and security. In a post on X, PM Modi wrote,

**Ludhiana bypoll: Polling comes to end; 49 pc turnout till 5 pm**



**LUDHIANA(SHARMA):** A voter turnout of 49.07 per cent was recorded till 5 pm for the bypoll to the Ludhiana West Assembly seat in Punjab on Thursday, with polling remaining peaceful. Voting came to an end at 6 pm, and the turnout figures might increase once all the data pertaining to polling are received. Officials said polling will continue until the last voter is present inside the polling station.

**Sonia Gandhi discharged from hospital**

UNI NEW DELHI, JUNE 19

Congress Parliamentary Party chairperson Sonia Gandhi was discharged from Sir Ganga Ram Hospital on Thursday after receiving treatment for a stomach-related ailment.

Hospital sources said that Gandhi's health has improved, and she is doing well. She left the hospital for her residence along with her son and Leader of the Opposition in the Lok Sabha, Rahul Gandhi.

According to the hospital, 78-year-old Gandhi is in stable condition. She had also undergone a medical check-up at the hospital last week.



Notably, the former Congress president was admitted to the hospital on Sunday night following complaints of abdominal discomfort.

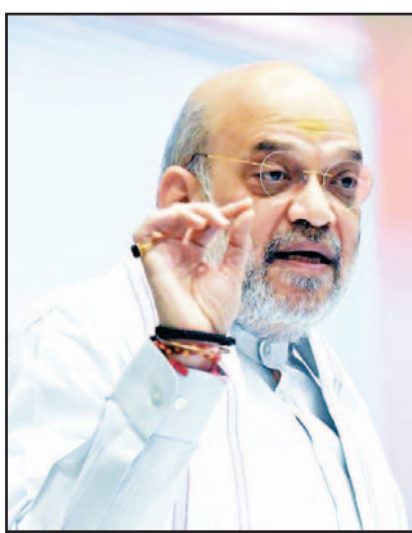
## Those who speak english in country will soon feel ashamed: Amit Shah

AGENCY NEW DELHI, JUNE 19

Stressing the importance of Indian languages as the soul of the nation's identity, Union Home Minister Amit Shah said on Thursday that the time has come to reclaim India's linguistic heritage and lead the world with pride in native tongues.

Speaking at the book launch of 'Main Boond Swayam, Khud Sagar Hoon', authored by former civil servant, IAS Ashutosh Agnihotri, Mr Shah said, "In this country, those who speak English will soon feel ashamed - the creation of such a society is not far away. Only those who are determined can bring about change. I believe that the languages of our country are the jewels of our culture. Without our languages, we cease to be truly Indian."

"To understand our country, our culture, our history, and our religion, no foreign language can suffice. The idea of a com-



plete India cannot be imagined through half-baked foreign languages. I am fully aware of how difficult this battle is, but I am also fully confident that Indian society will win it. Once again, with self-respect, we will run our country in our own languages and lead the world too," he said.

Outlining the 'Panch Pran' (five pledges), coined by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Mr Shah said that these five pledges have become the resolve of 130 crore people of the country.

"Modi Ji has laid the foundation of the 'Panch Pran' (five pledges) for the Amrit Kaal. Achieving the goal of a developed India, getting rid of every trace of slavery, taking pride in our heritage, staying committed to unity and solidarity, and igniting the spirit of duty in every citizen - these five pledges have become the resolve of 130 crore people. That is why by 2047, we will be at the pinnacle, and our languages will play a major role in this journey," Amit Shah said.

Speaking on the book authored by former civil servant, IAS Ashutosh Agnihotri, the Union Home Minister emphasised that a change is needed in the training of administrative officers.

"A radical change is needed in the training of administrative officers... Rarely are they trained to introduce empathy in our system. Maybe because the British era inspired this training model. I believe that if any ruler or administrator rules without empathy, then they cannot achieve the real objective of governance," Mr Shah said.

He also praised literature, saying that it is the soul of our society. "When our country was consumed in an era of pitch black darkness, even then literature kept the lamps of our religion, freedom, and culture lit. When the government changed, no one opposed it. But whenever someone tried to touch our religion, culture and literature, our society stood against them and defeated them."

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**KISHORI LAL BAINS**  
**UNA:** Dr. Simmi Agnihotri Government Degree College, Haroli, is set to launch seven new academic programmes from the 2025-26 session, marking a significant stride in the institution's educational expansion. With a focus on promoting vocational education, undergraduate courses in BBA and BCA will be introduced, alongside postgraduate programmes in M.Com, M.A. English, M.A. Hindi, M.A. Political Science, and M.A. History. Principal

Prof. Ranveer Dadwal informed that 60 seats each have been allotted for BBA and BCA, while each PG course will accommodate 30 students. So far, 112 students have registered for various programmes, and the admission process is underway. The college already offers BA and BCom courses. Classes for the new academic session will be held in the college's newly constructed building, which has been built at a cost of approximately Rs. 16 crore and is nearing completion.

## NEWS BRIEF

**Dr Pushpendra Verma adopts five TB patients, emphasises collective duty to eradicate disease**



**RAJNEESH SHARMA**  
**HAMIRPUR:** As part of a public health initiative, Dr Pushpendra Verma has adopted five tuberculosis patients and committed to providing them with protein-rich nutrition kits during their treatment. The gesture was appreciated by District Health Officer and District TB Officer Dr Sunil Verma, along with the health department team, who formally welcomed Dr Verma at the event. Addressing the gathering, Dr Pushpendra Verma stated that governments at both the central and state levels have been running several initiatives to make society TB-free. He stressed that eliminating TB is not solely a government responsibility but a shared social obligation. "TB is now a fully curable disease, and we must all come forward to support early detection and treatment," he said. He further encouraged people to get themselves tested using available methods such as chest X-rays, sputum tests, and other modern diagnostic tools, all of which are provided free of cost by the government.

**District-level International Yoga Day celebration to be held at JNV Pehubela**

**KISHORI LAL BAINS**  
**UNA:** The district-level celebration of International Yoga Day in Una will be held on June 21 at Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalaya, Pehubela. The event will begin at 6:30 am and will be organised under the theme "Yoga for One Earth, One Health". Deputy Commissioner Jatin Lal will attend the event as the chief guest. This information was shared by District Ayurveda Officer Kiran Sharma. She stated that the event, being organised by the District AYUSH Department, aims to raise public awareness about the benefits of yoga and promote its adoption as part of a healthy daily lifestyle. During the event, departmental yoga instructors will guide participants through various yoga asanas, pranayama, and light physical exercises.

## HAS probationers call on Governor

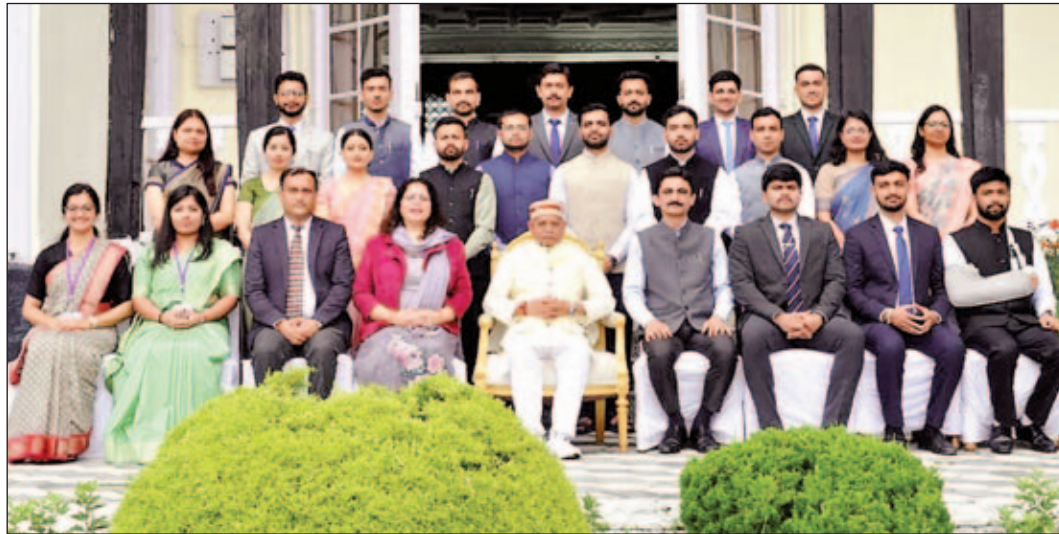
**DINESH AGARWAL**  
**SHIMLA, JUNE 19**

A group comprising two Indian Administrative Services (IAS) officers of 2024 batch and 19 probationers of Himachal Pradesh Administrative Services (HAS) and Allied Services of 2025 batch, presently undergoing professional training at Dr. Manmohan Singh Institute of Public Administration (HIPA), Fairlawns called on Governor Shiv Pratap Shukla at Raj Bhavan today.

Interacting with the trainee officers, the Governor congratulated them on joining the prestigious administrative services and encouraged them to dedicate themselves wholeheartedly to the service of the people.

He said that an administrative officer must always prioritize public interest over personal considerations and work with a sense of duty towards the society. "The spirit of public service should never fade from your mindset," said the Governor.

Underscoring the importance of humility in public life, the Governor remarked, "Public service and their welfare is



supreme. Officers should proceed with the conviction that they are here to serve, not to rule. Such an approach not only benefits the public but also provides immense personal satisfaction, which is most essential."

During the interaction, the trainee officers introduced themselves and shared their experiences with the Governor. They also engaged in discussions

on various administrative and social subjects.

The Governor advised the probationers to stay connected with the grassroots and understand the real issues and concerns of the people they are meant to serve. He said that civil servants should not only perform as administrators but also act as guides, collaborators and friends of the common people.

Earlier, the Director of Dr. MSHIPA, Rupali Thakur briefed the Governor about the structure, objectives and content of the ongoing training programmes. She expressed gratitude to the Governor for his inspiring guidance and support to the young officers. Additional Director of HIPA, Prashant Sirkek and Course Director, Sandeep Sharma were also present on the occasion.

## JPC on 'One Nation-One Election' meets CM and Dy CM



**DINESH AGARWAL**  
**SHIMLA, JUNE 19**

The Joint Parliamentary Committee on the Constitution (One Hundred and Twenty-Ninth Amendment) Bill, 2024 and the Union Territories Laws (Amendment) Bill, 2024, pertaining to the proposal of 'One Nation-One Election', held a meeting with Chief Minister Thakur Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu here today. The Committee, chaired by P.P. Choudhary, was warmly welcomed by the Chief Minister, who honoured the Chairperson and other members with traditional Himachali caps and shawls on the occasion.

The Committee engaged in detailed deliberations on the proposed 'One Nation-One

Election' framework. Chief Minister Thakur Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu and Deputy Chief Minister Mukesh Agnihotri shared the views of the Himachal Pradesh Government during the discussions. Member of Parliament from Hamirpur constituency Anurag Thakur also attended the meeting as a member of the Committee. In an informal interaction with media after the meeting, the Chief Minister said that the Congress Party opposes the Bill, but still we have communicated some suggestions to the Committee with a view to strengthening the democratic fabrics of the country. "We have suggested that a provision be made for holding by-elections in a year to uphold democratic values," the Chief Minister said.

## Governor reviews progress of TB elimination campaign in Himachal

**DINESH AGARWAL**  
**SHIMLA, JUNE 19**

A high-level review meeting on the Tuberculosis (TB) Elimination Campaign was held today at Raj Bhavan. Governor Shiv Pratap Shukla chaired the meeting which was focused on evaluating the initiatives undertaken by the State under the 100-Day TB Mukht Bharat Abhiyan and assessing the state's contribution to the nationwide TB elimination programme launched by the Government of India.

The Governor emphasized the need for regular monitoring at the State and district levels, enhanced community participation and widespread public awareness to ensure the effective implementation



of the campaign. He appreciated the efforts being made by the state government for making Himachal Pradesh a TB-free state and called for more robust strategies besides enhanced public participation. Shri Shukla also reviewed the progress of various district-level initiatives and issued necessary directions to the

concerned officials. He directed to prepare a comprehensive report on the progress of the campaign, which could be presented to the central government to seek additional support.

Secretary, Health Services, M. Sudha Devi briefed the Governor on the key initiatives and ongoing activities aimed at TB elimination in the State.

## BJP submits report supporting 'One Nation, One Election' during parliamentary committee's Himachal visit

**DINESH AGARWAL**  
**SHIMLA, JUNE 19**

During a two-day study visit by the Joint Parliamentary Committee on the 129th Constitution Amendment Bill and the Union Territory Law (Amendment) Bill, 2024 – both related to the proposed 'One Nation, One Election' model – the BJP Himachal Pradesh unit, under the leadership of state president Dr. Rajeev Bindal, submitted a detailed report in support of the initiative.

The committee, which held discussions at a private hotel in Fagu near Shimla, included prominent members such as committee chairperson P.P. Chaudhary, MP Anurag Thakur, Rajya Sabha MP P. Wilson, and



members Bhuvaneshwar, Rahul Singh, and Jisha James. Dr. Rajeev Bindal was accompanied by former minister Suresh Bhardwaj, MLA Jeet Ram Katwal, media in-charge Karn Nanda, and Shimla district president Keshav Chauhan during the meeting with the committee. Bindal presented a report showing that 1,287 proposals across Himachal Pradesh had favoured the 'One Nation, One Election' model. Dr. Bindal highlighted that a

resolution supporting simultaneous elections had already been passed by the Himachal Pradesh Assembly on 8 April 2010 during the tenure of Chief Minister Prof. Prem Kumar Dhumal. He argued that frequent elections disrupt governance and development due to repeated imposition of the Model Code of Conduct. He emphasised that simultaneous elections at all levels – Lok Sabha, State Assemblies, Urban Local

Bodies, and Panchayati Raj Institutions – would save vast resources and enhance administrative efficiency.

He added that BJP Himachal Pradesh had conducted over 36 conferences across all 12 districts and collected around 1,500 resolutions supporting the reform, including from panchayats, local bodies, universities, law colleges, and legal professionals. These findings were shared with the committee, which reportedly appreciated the comprehensive outreach and data collection effort. Earlier, Leader of the Opposition Jairam Thakur also met the committee and presented his views on the proposed reform.

## BJP marks 11 years of Modi Govt in Thada, highlights India's all-round

**AVINASH CHAUHAN**  
**AMB, JUNE 19**

To mark the completion of 11 years of the Central Government under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, a program was organized under the BJP's Sankalp se Siddhi campaign in Thada village of Panjoa Ladoli Panchayat of Chintpurni Assembly constituency on Thursday. The program was presided over by Mandal President Kipal Singh Thakur, while BJP State Secretary Sumit Kumar Sharma was present as the keynote speaker. On this occasion, former Chintpurni MLA Balbir Singh, District Co-convenor Omkar Nath, District Vice President Vishwajit Patial, OBC Front President Jai Dev Khatta, former Mandal President Ravindra Dwivedi, Nagar



Panchayat President Indu Dhiman, Mandal Vice President Sher Singh, Vijay Kumar Saphehiya, Spokesperson Dr. Vijay Kumar Sharma, General Secretary Kuldeep Singh, Media Incharge Vivek Kumar, the Modi government has given utmost importance to transparency, accountability and spirit of service in its journey from "resolve to accomplishment". Many welfare schemes have been started for the poor, farmers, youth and women. Sumit said that during the

BJP government, new dimensions of development were established in Himachal. The state got gifts like AIIMS, Hydro Engineering College, four-lane, railway project and the fourth Vande Bharat train. India has reached the second position in the world in the roadways sector. Taking the state's Congress government to task, he said that as soon as it came to power, the Congress started closing down the public welfare institutions opened by the BJP government.

## Empowering ASHA workers for mental health advocacy: One-day workshop held in Jhanduta

**AJAY KUMAR UPADHYAY**  
**BILASPUR, JUNE 19**

A transformative one-day capacity building workshop on mental health was conducted in Jhanduta block of Bilaspur district, equipping ASHA workers with crucial knowledge and skills to address mental health challenges at the grassroots level. Spearheaded by HelpAge India and the Red Cross Society, in collaboration with the Chief Medical Officer's Office, the initiative aimed to enhance early identification, first-line support, and community awareness related to mental wellness. Inaugurated by SDM Jhanduta Arshiya Sharma, the event underscored the vital importance of mental health in rural healthcare. She lauded the role of ASHA workers as



the frontline link to the community and highlighted their potential in combating stigma and supporting individuals facing psychological distress. The workshop featured in-depth sessions conducted by clinical psychologist Dr. Jyotsna, who covered identification of depression, anxiety, stress, and special mental health needs among children, adolescents, and the elderly. Practical strategies for early intervention, counseling, and referral mechanisms were also shared. The presence of Tehsil

Welfare Officer Kamal Kant, Red Cross Secretary Amit Sharma, and representatives from HelpAge India added gravitas to the event, reinforcing collective efforts toward building a mentally resilient society. ASHA workers actively engaged in discussions, sharing real-life challenges and gaining practical insights from the expert-led sessions. Their enthusiastic participation demonstrated a strong commitment to championing mental health in their respective areas.

## From Resolution to Realisation: BJP holds 'Sankalp Sabha' in Nalagarh, targets Congress over unfulfilled promises



**ANWAR HUSSAIN**

**NALAGARH:** The Bharatiya Janata Party's Nalagarh Urban Mandal organised a spirited "Sankalp Sabha" on Thursday under the theme Sankalp Se Siddhi (From Resolution to Realisation), with party district president Ratan Singh Pal attending as the chief guest. The event was marked by enthusiasm as BJP workers resolved to take the Modi government's achievements to the grassroots and prepare for a political resurgence in Himachal Pradesh by 2027. Addressing the gathering, Ratan Singh Pal lauded Prime Minister Narendra Modi's 11-year tenure, stating that the country had witnessed unprecedented development under his leadership. "Now, our vision is to make India a developed nation by 2047," he said. Highlighting Nalagarh Urban Mandal's growing prominence among the 13 BJP mandals in the district, Pal said, "This Sabha has given Nalagarh a distinctive identity across the region."

## Over Rs. 3.11 cr assistance provided to 294 beneficiary children under CM Sukh Ashray Yojana in Una

**KISHORI LAL BAINS**  
**UNA, JUNE 19**

Under the Chief Minister Sukh Ashray Yojana, a total of Rs. 3.11 crore has been disbursed in Una district to 294 beneficiary children for social security, education, skill development, and self-employment assistance. This was shared by Deputy Commissioner Jatin Lal during a review meeting of the District Child Welfare and Protection Committee held on Thursday. He informed that by March 31, 2025, Rs. 1.30 crore had been provided as social security. Additionally, up to May 31 this year, Rs. 1.80 crore was sanctioned in 78 cases for education, skill



training, and self-reliance support. Under Mission Vatsalya, Rs. 40.80 lakh was given in 173 cases through the Sponsorship and After Care Schemes during the financial year 2024-25. The deputy commissioner directed officials to ensure the safety and well-being of children living in special care homes. The meeting also reviewed child welfare and protection efforts in the district. Jatin

Lal stated that the government has taken full responsibility for the care of orphaned children up to the age of 27 under the scheme. It has now been expanded to include abandoned or surrendered children and single women. To qualify, the beneficiary's total annual family income must not exceed 25 lakh, and no member of the family should be employed in government service.

## Ranbir Thakur wins gold at World Masters Games, seeks blessings from Prof. Dhumal



**RAJNEESH SHARMA**

**HAMIRPUR:** Ranbir Thakur, a resident of Bhukkar village in Bhoranj Assembly constituency, has brought pride to Hamirpur district and Himachal Pradesh by clinching a gold medal at the international level. He secured the top spot in the 50+ age category in karate at the World Masters Games held in Taipei, Taiwan from May 17 to May 30, 2025. Ranbir Thakur visited Samirpur today to meet former Chief Minister Professor Prem Kumar Dhumal and sought his blessings. Prof. Dhumal congratulated him and said that sportspersons like Ranbir inspire the youth. He added that dedication and consistent effort in any field, especially sports, always lead to success. Present on the occasion were Samirpur BJP Mandal President Abhyaveer Singh Lovely, Bhoranj Mandal President Ashok Thakur, General Secretary Captain Hitler, Mandal Vice President Sanjay Premi, Panchayat Pradhan Meena Premi, and several other notable attendees.

## Garlic processing and value addition key to enhancing farmers' income in Sirmaur

**DINESH AGARWAL**  
**SHIMLA, JUNE 19**

A two-day district-level seminar on 'Garlic Seed Production and Value Addition for Enhancing Farmers' Income in District Sirmaur' commenced today at Dr. YS Parmar University of Horticulture and Forestry (UHF), Nauni. The event is being organized by the Department of Seed Science and Technology under the centrally sponsored MIDH scheme on spices, supported by the Directorate of Arecanut and Spices Development, Calicut (Kerala), Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare, GoI. Around 100 progressive garlic growers from across Sirmaur are participating in the seminar. Welcoming the



participants, Dr. Narender Bharat, Head of the Department, informed that the department has been implementing the project in Himachal since 2015-16. The initiative promotes commercial cultivation of spices like garlic, ginger, turmeric, coriander, and fenugreek through on-farm demonstrations, seed production, technology transfer, natural farming practices, and infrastructure development for seed storage.

As part of the technology transfer efforts, the department organizes four Panchayat-level training programmes and one district-level seminar every year. Highlighting the growing interest in garlic farming, Dr. Bharat shared that the area under garlic cultivation in Sirmaur has expanded from 1,500 hectares in 2015-16 to around 4,000 hectares in 2024, with annual production reaching 60,000 Metric Tonne.

SANAJY AGGARWAL  
DHARAMSHALA :  
Winners of various sessions were awarded with certificates during the one-day International Seminar on the topic "Contemporary relevance of Indian philosophy, culture and traditions in the modern world" organized under the joint aegis of School of Tourism, Travel Management and Hospitality Management, Himachal Pradesh Central University and India Knowledge Consortium (IKC), Himachal Pradesh. One student and one faculty member from each session were awarded for the best presentation. In this, the first session was organized on the topic "Unveiling the foundation of Indian epistemology and Indian thought", in which the chairman was Prof. Prashant Gautam and the keynote speaker was Dr. Mohit Dahiya. The moderator of this session was Prof. Sunil Thakur, the rapporteur was Dr. Chandrashekhar, the coordinator was Dr. Uday Bhan Singh and the co-coordinator was Dr. Chandrashekhar.

NEWS BRIEF

**Volunteers should work towards social change through five transformations: Dr Mohan Bhagwat**  
RAJNEESH SHARMA  
HAMIRPUR: While addressing the trainees at the Karyakarta Vikas Varg Pratham of the Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS), Sarsanghchalak Dr Mohan Bhagwat emphasised that India has been a Hindu nation since ancient times, and it is the Hindu society that has preserved this identity over millennia. He stated that despite invasions by Alexander, the British, and others, the Indian society remained rooted in its culture and values. Providing details of the event, Varg Karyawah Dr Pratap Ji said that Dr Bhagwat was on a four-day visit to the training camp and, on the final day of his visit, he urged every volunteer to engage actively with society on five key areas of transformation in view of the Sangh's centenary. These five themes include social harmony, family enlightenment, environmental conservation, civic duties, and the adoption of a self-reliant lifestyle.

**Major action by police against drug smugglers under 'CASO' operation**



KULDEEP SOOD  
BARNALA: General by the state government With the help of people, action is being taken against smugglers on a large scale. Under which SPH under operation "CASO". The district police under the leadership of Rajesh Chhibber raided the area of city Tapa and nearby village Dhilwan. Launched a search operation. During this search operation, DSP, Tapa Gurvinder Singh, DSP Paramjit Singh Doda and Police Station Chief Sharif Khan were specially present along with the police party. While talking to journalists, S.P.H. Rajesh Chhibber said that to root out the disease of drugs, it is necessary that we first educate our misguided youth. We all have to contribute our bit in this campaign to make Punjab drug free. If we want, the youth can be saved by making Punjab drug free. On this occasion, he severely reprimanded those drug smugglers and said that if any drug smuggler indulges in drugs or if found selling, appropriate action will be taken against him.

**Saw missiles, heard bombs in neighbourhood: Indian students recall Iran-Israel conflict horror**

AGENCY  
NEW DELHI, JUNE 19

"We saw missiles in the sky and heard bombs in our neighbourhood... We were petrified", said MBBS student Mir Khalif, his voice still trembling with fear, as he stepped out of the Delhi airport after being evacuated from war-hit Iran under Operation Sindhu. Khalif arrived in the national capital early Thursday in the first evacuation flight carrying 110 Indian students as part of the special operation launched by the Indian government in response to the escalating Iran-Israel conflict. The students, including 90 from Jammu and Kashmir, were moved from Tehran to Armenia earlier this week as explosions and aerial attacks rocked Iranian cities. The rescue was coordinated by the Indian Embassy. Khalif described the experience in Iran as a nightmare.



"We saw missiles and heard bombings. It was a war zone. Our building shook during the attacks. I hope no student has to face what we did," he said. Varta, a student from Kashmir, recalled the fear she lived through. "The situation was quite critical. We were terrified when our neighbourhood was attacked. When the Indian government reached our doorstep, we felt relieved," she said, thanking the Indian Embassy and Armenian authorities for their swift support. Ali Akbar, a student from Delhi, said the destruction was visible everywhere. "We saw a missile and a drone fall from the sky while travelling in a bus. Tehran is in ruins. The images on the news are real, the

situation is very bad," he said. Minister of State for External Affairs Kirti Vardhan Singh reached the Delhi airport to receive the students. Later, in a post on X, he said, "Warmly welcomed home the first group of 110 Indian nationals evacuated from Iran as part of Operation Sindhu, reaffirming India's steadfast commitment to the safety and well-being of its citizens abroad." Singh confirmed that evacuation efforts under Operation Sindhu are ongoing, with more flights scheduled. "Another plane is ready to leave today. We are also evacuating people from Turkmenistan. Our missions are running 24-hour helplines. As the situation unfolds, more flights will follow," he told reporters, thanking the governments of Armenia and Turkmenistan for their cooperation.

**Community participation vital to build drug-free society: Ramkumar Kashyap**



MAINPAL KASHYAP  
INDRI, JUNE 19

Legislator and Government Whip Ramkumar Kashyap emphasized that public participation is crucial in the mission to build a drug-free society. Addressing a large gathering at a de-addiction awareness programme held at a private venue in Indri on Thursday, Kashyap said that drug abuse is derailing the youth and causing irreparable harm to families and society. He asserted that alongside government efforts, public cooperation is essential to eliminate the menace of drugs. "Just as we eradicated polio with public support, we must now

unite to wipe out drugs from our communities," he added. The awareness event witnessed participation from sarpanches, panches, municipal councillors, and villagers from across the constituency. During the programme, attendees were administered a pledge to stay away from drugs. Kashyap stated that drug addiction not only leads to premature deaths among youth but also shatters families. "Drug abuse has no place in a civilised society. It causes deep harm to individuals, families, and the nation at large," he said. He warned that those involved in drug trafficking will not be spared and assured that the identity of informants would be kept confidential.

**Sannihit Sarovar to be made as clean as Amritsar's Golden Temple Pond**

HANS RAJ  
KURUKSHETRA, JUNE 19

Sannihit Sarovar, the sacred water body in the holy city of Kurukshetra, is set to undergo a major cleanliness transformation inspired by the pristine standards of the Sarovar at the Golden Temple in Amritsar. In a key decision taken during the 82nd meeting of the Kurukshetra Development Board (KDB), chaired by Haryana Governor and KDB Chairman Bandaru Dattatreya and Chief Minister Nayab Saini, it was resolved that a team from KDB and the Public Health Engineering Department would soon visit Amritsar to study the cleanliness project implemented there. The decision comes after concerns were raised in the meeting regarding the murky



condition of Sannihit Sarovar's water. In response, it was proposed that Kurukshetra could adopt similar mechanisms used at the Golden Temple to ensure clean and sacred waters for pilgrims. The Governor directed officials to initiate the process and take decisive steps toward making the Sannihit Sarovar spotless and well-maintained. A longstanding dispute regarding the maintenance of sewerage lines around Brahma Sarovar and

Sannihit Sarovar was also addressed during the meeting. It was clarified that although the sewerage network was laid by the Public Health Department with KDB funding, the responsibility for upkeep had remained ambiguous. Now, the Public Health Engineering Department will formally take charge of maintaining these lines, in line with existing arrangements where the PWD handles road maintenance around Brahma Sarovar. Officials argued that the department, being equipped with cleaning machinery, staff, and technical know-how, was best suited for the job. This move is expected to significantly improve sanitation and reduce overflow issues around the sacred ponds.

**BJP workers should work diligently to take policies of govt to people: Dharmveer Mirzapur**



VIJAY KAUSHIK  
BABAIN: Haryana Livestock Development Board Chairman Dharmvir Mirzapur said that BJP workers should work diligently and hard to take the policies of the central and state governments to the people. He said that workers were the backbone of the party due to which the common people were getting direct benefits of the government policies. He said that the work done by the BJP in the country and the state in the last 11 years was much more than the 60 years of tenure of the previous government. BJP has worked to strengthen the poor and weaker sections by working on the policy of Antyodaya. He said that the BJP's triple engine government was working at three times the speed. Government jobs have been given to the youth in the state without any expenditure and without slips, whereas in the first government, bids were placed in the name of jobs and in such a situation, the deserving used to be left out of the line of jobs. Dharmvir Mirzapur was addressing the workshop of BJP workers organized under the program Sankalp se Siddhi and Siddhi se Samridhi.

**Kapurthala Police solve burglary case, recover gold ornaments, car; 4 thieves arrested**



ASHISH PURI  
KAPURTHALA: Kapurthala Police solved a case of burglary — Rs 70 lakh — from a jewellery shop in the town after they arrested four burglars and recovered Rs 8 lakh cash, three kilograms silver, and 4.5 tolas of gold ornaments. Addressing a press conference here today, Senior Superintendent of Police Gaurav Toora disclosed that the police have arrested two thieves identified as Jonny Ferozeppur and Amandeep Singh, and arrested two goldsmiths — Dharampal of Mallewal and Rahul Sharma, to whom the thieves had sold gold ornaments. SSP Toora said the accused Jonny was arrested from Mandi in Himachal Pradesh and total 20 cases has been registered against him in various police station of Punjab while Amandeep Singh was arrested from Kangra with an Xcent car used by the two to commit the crime. Police have nominated three more accused, and police parties have been dispatched to arrest them. The police said four masked armed burglars took away an iron box containing gold and silver ornaments amounting to Rs 70 lakh from a jewellery shop in Kapurthala on June 8 in the early hours.

**Barnala Admin to celebrate Yoga Day on June 21, urges public participation**



KULDEEP SOOD  
BARNALA: District Administration Barnala celebrated International Yoga Day on 21st June under the leadership of Deputy Commissioner Shri T. Benith. It will be celebrated at Baba Gandhi Singh Public School under the banner of M's Yogashala. Giving this information, SDM Barnala Mr. Harpreet Singh Atwal said that this worthy event will be held at 6 am. It will be held from 7:30 pm to 7:30 pm in which various organizations, officials, employees and common people will participate. Will attend. Apart from this, eligible events will be held at different places across the district. He held a meeting with various departments in his office and organized a district level event. Took stock of the preparations and instructed all the departments to perform their responsibilities diligently. He said that under the CM's Yogashala Scheme, the Punjab Government has Free yoga classes are being organized and a large number of district residents are taking advantage of them. He appealed that every resident of the district should make Yoga a part of their lifestyle which will ensure healthy health. Is the root of.

**Modi govt strengthened national highway connectivity in last 11 years: Kanwar Pal Gujjar**

RAHUL KOHLI  
YAMUNANAGAR, JUNE 19

Former Cabinet Minister Kanwar Pal Gujjar, during his address under the Sankalp Se Siddhi programme in various localities of the Jagadhri Assembly segment, including Ward No. 1, Dwariakapuri, Arjun Park, Ward No. 6 Durga Garden, Ward No. 2, and Sector 17, highlighted the Modi Government's achievements over the past eleven years. Receiving a warm welcome at each location, Gujjar stated that under Prime Minister Narendra Modi's leadership, the BJP-led central government has significantly improved the country's national highway connectivity. He noted that initiatives such as the 33% reservation for women in the Lok Sabha and Assembly elections have advanced women's empowerment across India. He further shared that the construction of household toilets under Swachh Bharat Abhiyan brought substantial relief to women, especially those from economically weaker backgrounds. He also noted the government's decision to set up DAP fertiliser plants within India, reducing dependency on imports.



Addressing the challenges of shrinking agricultural land holdings, Gujjar mentioned that the Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi provides direct financial support to farmers. Prominent BJP leaders and workers present during the programme included Mandal President Priyank Sharma, Councillors Reena Rastogi, Ankit Goyal, Arun Kumar, former Councillor Sanjay Rana, senior leader Prabha Sagar Jadoudi, former Mandal President Vipul Garg, Ashok Mehendiratta, youth leader Ankush Goyal, J. N. Kashyap, social media head Jatin Sharma, BJYM District President Nischal Chaudhary, BJP district media in-charge Kapil Manish Garg, BJYM District General Secretary Deepak Sharma, Pradhuman Singh Laddi, and village head Manoj Gupta, among others.

**Online admission process for new academic session starts by Haryana Education Department**

MAINPAL KASHYAP  
INDRI, JUNE 19

The process of online admission for the new academic session 2025-26 has been started by the Higher Education Department Haryana in Shaheed Udhampur Singh Government College Matak Majri Indri Karnal. As per the instructions of the college Principal Dr. Mahendra Singh Bagi, various in-charges of all graduate admission committees have been given necessary instructions to follow the guidelines of the Higher Education Department Haryana. Under which all the admission committees have completed their online verification work. The time from June 18 to 22 has been fixed for correction and removal of



objections in the online application of the students. During this period, students will be able to remove the errors in their online application. Under this process, if a student has filled wrong information in the online application or there is an error in any document, then he will be informed through SMS or call. The merit list will be prepared keeping in mind the reservation policy by adding the marks of the best five subjects of class 12th and the prescribed weight age. The certificates eligible for weight age include NSS merit certificate, NCC 'B' certificate, Bharat Scouts and Guides certificate received from the President, National Talent Award of NSEIC, State or National Sports Certificate, benefit of passing 12th from rural areas etc. A student can get a maximum weight age of 10 marks. The first provisional merit list prepared on this basis will be released on June 25, 2025 so that if the students have any objection before the final merit list is released, it can be rectified. The first final merit list will be released on June 26. Students coming in the first merit will have to deposit the fee from June 27 to 30. The second provisional merit list will be released on July 2.

**MP Naveen Jindal visits Mahatma Jyotiba Phule ITI in Bahlolpur**

VIJAY KAUSHIK  
BABAIN, JUNE 19

Kurukshetra MP Naveen Jindal visited Mahatma Jyotiba Phule Industrial Training Institute located in Bahlolpur on Thursday. On this occasion, he was accompanied by teachers from Gram Panchayat Bahlolpur and members of the team of Naveen Jindal Foundation. On this occasion, the vision of making Mahatma Jyotiba Phule Industrial Training Institute world-class was discussed. On this occasion, the village head Neha Saini, the staff of the training institute and the villagers welcomed MP Naveen Jindal and thanked him for adopting the training institute. MP Naveen Jindal interacted with the students,



staff and villagers of the institute and also had an in-depth discussion about the future prospects of the training institute. MP Naveen Jindal also interacted with the students on this occasion. The students informed MP Naveen Jindal about the problems they were facing in their studies. MP Naveen Jindal instructed the teachers to solve every kind of problem of the students. He took complete information about the various training programs, infrastructure, admission

**SP appeals to public to install CCTV cameras to keep an eye on suspects**

RAHUL KOHLI  
YAMUNANAGAR, JUNE 19

Giving information, the police spokesperson said that Superintendent of Police Surendra Singh Bhauria appealed to the general public to install CCTV cameras to prevent crimes in the district and to keep an eye on anti-social elements. He instructed the station in-charges to keep the information about the CCTV cameras installed in their area on record. Because when a crime occurs, the police first take the help of CCTV footage on a priority basis to identify the criminals so that the criminals can be identified in time and action can be taken against them as soon as possible. In today's time, the use of new



technology is proving to be most effective for the prevention of crimes and crime investigation. Due to the installation of CCTV cameras, there is also fear among anti-social elements. The Superintendent of Police appealed to the general public and said that to prevent crimes all of them should be alert and cooperate with the police by installing CCTV cameras because with the cooperation of the public,

the police can curb every crime. If the general public and the police work in mutual coordination, no criminal can escape the eyes of the police. He said that at some places after committing the crime the criminals vandalize the CCTV cameras and run away. Hence, the police face difficulty in investigating the incident and reaching the criminals. In this regard, all shopkeepers appealed to install at least two cameras outside the shop so that the activities on the road and the suspects can be monitored. If possible, install some good quality CCTV cameras. It has been seen many times that the suspects are visible but due to poor picture quality, it takes a lot of effort to identify them.

**DC Barnala honours state's UG NEET topper Keshav Mittal**



KULDEEP SOOD  
BARNALA: Deputy Commissioner Barnala Shri T Benith IAS inaugurated the UG (Under) at the District Administrative Complex here today. Keshav Mittal (17 years) of Tapa, who stood first in the state in 'Graduate' NEET examination, was felicitated. Deputy Commissioner praised Keshav for securing first position in the state and seventh position in the country. While doing so, he congratulated Keshav and his family. He said that students should adopt a focused approach towards studies and Career prospects should be estimated while choosing an academic stream. He further said that the Punjab Government through the school level as well as District Employment and Business Bureau Career counseling is done so that students can take better decisions regarding their career. On this occasion, Keshav told that he regularly tests his expertise in different subjects. Along with mock tests of different levels, it is also conducting other national level Olympiads.

## NEWS BRIEFS

## Yoga helps in overall development of children's body: Dr Damyanti

MEGHA RAJ LUTHRA KARNAL: Dr Damyanti Sharma said that doing yoga pranayama helps in overall development of children's body. In free yoga camp organized by Divya Yoga Abhyas Mandir Sanstha for all-round development of children at Divya Yoga Mandir, Sector 7, Karnal, experienced yoga gacharya of Satguru Swami Devi Dayal Ji Maharaj taught yoga asanas and pranayama to school children for their physical, mental and intellectual development. Children were made to practice Surya Namaskar with holy mantra of Sun God, so that their digestive system works properly and physical strength can be developed. To increase height of children, Bhujangasana, Dhanurasana, Tadasana and Naukasana were also practiced.

## Large-scale plantation drive on both sides of KMP expressway before monsoon : Rao Narbir



BUREAU CHANDIGARH, JUNE 19

Haryana Environment, Forests, and Wildlife, Minister, Rao Narbir Singh has directed that the plantation work along both sides of the Kundli-Manesar-Palwal (KMP) Expressway should be expedited before the onset of the monsoon. He directed the Haryana State Industrial and Infrastructure Development Corporation (HSIIDC) to prepare and present a concrete action plan. He said that the saplings will be provided by the Forest Department, but their care, protection, and maintenance will be the

full responsibility of HSIIDC. The Forest Department will not hold ownership rights over these plantations.

Rao Narbir Singh was presiding over a coordination meeting of various departments regarding the upcoming Van Mahotsav. He directed the officers to do large scale plantations across the state this monsoon.

It was informed during the meeting that a mass plantation campaign will be conducted across Haryana on July 15. The campaign will run in public spaces, near ponds and rivers, and on panchayat lands. The support of NGOs, social organisations, and industrial groups will be

sought. In urban areas, the responsibility of greening major intersections will be given to industries, and each site will display the plaque of the contributing company.

Rao Narbir Singh said that the plantation along the KMP Expressway will be done in two phases—first from Kundli to Manesar, and second from Manesar to Palwal. He directed officers to submit a detailed action plan by June 26, 2025. In southern Haryana, efforts will be made to promote native species like khejri, rohi-da, jaal, and ronjh by offering support to farmers under specific schemes, he added.

## Jhinda should take care of gurdwaras, not observe anniversary of Emergency: Joga Singh

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA KARNAL, JUNE 19

Joga Singh, a member of the Haryana Sikh Gurdwara Management Committee who has been continuously fighting for the formation of a separate committee for Haryana for the last 21 years, said that Haryana Gurdwara Committee President Jagdish Singh Jhinda has lost his mental balance and is therefore talking nonsense. He said that we all had fought together for a separate committee and Jhinda was made the president of the committee so that he could take care of the gurdwaras of Haryana in the right way, but instead he seems to be talking nonsense. As he said yesterday, we are against the imposition

of the 1971 Constitution by the government. We will observe the Emergency as a Black Day. He said that the Haryana Committee has been formed to take care of the gurdwaras of Haryana and work according to the expectations of the devotees or celebrate Black Day. He asked Jagdish Singh Jhinda how many years have passed since the Emergency, did he observe any Black Day earlier regarding Emergency before? He said that after the Emergency many governments were formed so why is Jhinda remembering the Emergency now, which has no meaning at all. He said that he will strongly oppose this.



## Yoga organized at Little Millennium School

RANVIR PARASHAR KURUKSHETRA, JUNE 19

A grand yoga session was organized at Little Millennium, Sector-3 to commemorate International Yoga Day.

Captain Gurmil Singh, Kewal Krishan and Arvind Sir attended event as chief guests. School's Managing Director Parminder Singh Bath, Director Chesta Saluja, Principal Sunita Arora, Chief Learning Officer Jyoti Khaneja and all teachers, parents and students were present at event. Teachers Jaya and Dajeet conducted "Story Yoga - Chanda Mama" activity for children, in which yoga was presented in an interesting way through a story. Children enjoyed practicing simple yoga postures. MD Parminder Singh Bath urged everyone to definitely participate in the Yoga Maha

Kumbh organized at Brahmasarovar, Kurukshetra on June 21. He especially appealed to make this event historic and successful, being organized under the leadership of the Honorable Chief Minister of Haryana Mr. Nayab Singh Saini and former minister Mr. Subhash Sudha ji. Chief Guest Captain Gurmil Singh, Kewal Krishan and Arvind Sir in their messages said: "Yoga is not just a physical activity but an art of living. When children are involved in yoga from childhood, they become mentally strong and disciplined." Director Chesta Saluja Maam

threw light on theme of Yoga Day "Yoga for One Earth, One Health" and said: "This theme reminds us that a healthy body is first step towards a healthy earth. Through yoga, we not only keep ourselves healthy but also fulfill our responsibility towards society and environment.



## Bharat Vikas Parishad distributes bread and milk in Civil Hospital



SANJAY SHARMA KAITHAL, JUNE 19

Bharat Vikas Parishad, Kaithal completed the noble task of distributing bread and milk to the patients admitted in Civil Hospital, Kaithal. This service program was organized by the courtesy of Rajkumar Mittal, in which many members of the council participated. The programme was organized by Raj Kumar Jindal and co-ordinator was Rahul Garg. On this occasion, Dr. Mukesh Agarwal, Ashwini Agarwal, Bakshish Girdhar, Sushil Latkaniya, Rahul Garg, Rajkumar Mittal, Rajkumar Jindal, Chandragupta Goyal, Pradeep Goyal, Sanjeev Gar were present. Special cooperation in the programme was given by Tilak Raj Deban, to whom the council expresses its gratitude.

## 2927 eligible candidates of Mukhyamantri Awas Yojana Urban will get plots, online booking starts

RAHUL KOHLI YAMUNANAGAR, JUNE 19

Under Mukhyamantri Awas Yojana Urban run by the government to provide houses to tenants and homeless, plots will be given to 2927 eligible candidates of Municipal Corporation area in second phase. To provide plots, government has started online booking on portal of Housing Fall All Department. Applicants who had registered in September 2023. List of those eligible candidates has been sent by government to Municipal Corporation. At same time, eligible candidates have been informed about this by sending a message on their registered mobile number. Last date for online booking of plot has been fixed as July 15. Eligible candidates can book plot by contacting room number 15 of Municipal Corporation office located at Kanhaiya Sahib Chowk. After booking, eligible candidates will be given provisional allotment letters. After which plots will be allotted to the eligible candidates in Municipal Corporation area. Municipal Corporation Commis-

sioner Akhil Pillani said that government has started the Chief Minister Housing Scheme Urban to provide plots and flats to the BPL families of urban areas who do not have their own houses to build permanent houses. To get plots under the scheme, registrations were started by Haryana government on Housing for All Department portal on 13 September 2023. By the last date, 10903 people of Municipal Corporation Yamunanagar-Jagadhari Area had registered to get plots under the scheme. Out of these, a list of 3139 eligible persons was released in the first phase. Those who had booked for plot on the portal of Housing for All Department till 15 February 2024. In June 2024, these eligible persons were given provisional allotment letters by organizing a program at Jagadhari Grain Market. Later, through draw, they were allotted plots of about 30 square yards in Sector 22, 23, 24 and 26



located near Bhatauli and Jai City in Jagadhari. Out of the applicants who registered for the plot in September 2023, the government has now released the list of 2927 eligible persons. All the eligible persons have also been informed about this by sending messages on their mobile. The eligible can book the plot online on the government's Housing for All Department portal. Those who are unable to book can contact room number 15 of the Municipal Corporation office located at Kanhaiya Sahib Chowk and book by checking their name in the list. The last date for plot booking is 15 July 2025. Therefore, eligible should book plot before 15 July. After booking, provisional allotment letters will be given to eligible persons. Later, plots will be allotted to eligible persons in the Municipal Corporation area through draw.

## Two youths arrested with 36 grams of smack



JAIBEER RANA THAMBER

BARARA: The police have arrested two youths with smack. Barara police station in-charge Pramod Rana said that he had received information that two youths of Ugala were coming from Buhawa to Ugala with drugs. The police set up a blockade near Radha Swami Satsang Ghar on Buhawa-Ugala road and stopped them who were riding a bike and searched them. The police recovered 36 grams of smack from them. The youth have been identified as Gagan alias Johnny and Sahil of Ugala. The police have arrested both of them and registered a case against them. Pramod Rana said that he has started taking strict steps against drugs and no drug seller will be spared. He also appealed to the general public to inform him about drugs, the name of the informer will be kept secret.

## Union secures promising assurances from DHBVN MD on biased transfer policy review

MANMOHAN SHARMA HANSI, JUNE 19

In a significant development, a delegation of the HSEB Workers' Union, Head Office Bhiani, met with the Managing Director of Dakshin Haryana Bijli Vitran Nigam (DHBVN) in Gurugram today to raise concerns over alleged discriminatory and inconsistent transfer policies being implemented mid-session. The meeting was held in a cordial atmosphere and led by Union State General Secretary Yashpal Deshwal.

The core agenda of the discussion centred around what the union termed as a biased, arbitrary, and mid-session transfer policy that lacked transparency and fairness.

Deshwal stated that the MD took the union's demands seriously and assured a positive resolution. The union strongly urged that employees transferred under this controversial policy should not be relieved immediately, and efforts should be made to reinstate those who had already been relieved.

Following the meeting, a broad consensus was reached on several key points:

The mid-session transfer policy will be reviewed thoroughly.



Equal opportunity in transfers will be ensured for all employees. All blocked posts will be unblocked. Special exemptions granted under the current policy will be investigated impartially. ALM, LM, and AFM staff will be given preference for postings in their home circles where vacancies exist. Chief Organiser Ashok Sharma confirmed that the MD had instructed departmental officers to re-examine all concerns and prepare a detailed report. He further informed that a follow-up meeting will be held next week to provide a final resolution. Addressing the employees, General Secretary Yashpal Deshwal said that the Managing Director has given a clear and positive assurance to resolve all employee issues. As a result, the union has decided to suspend its on-going agitation until the next meeting. Deshwal also gave special reassurance to ALM and LM workers, affirming that the union will not back down in fighting for their rights.

## Ill effects of diarrhoea have to be informed to people



CHAMAN LAL KARNAL, JUNE 19

Under the Stop Diarrhoea programme started by the Health Department under the chairmanship of Civil Surgeon Dr. Poonam Chaudhary, a special workshop was organised for the in-charge of all the institutions of the district. In this workshop, it was informed that apart from ORS and Zinc, hand washing activities are also to be done under all the points running till July 31. Under this programme, after the opening of schools from July 1, 2025, children have to be told how to keep their hands clean in schools and about the benefits of ORS and Zinc. Under

this program, pregnant women, lactating mothers and small children have to be talked to about hand washing at Anganwadi centers and told about the ill effects of diarrhoea. In this workshop, child health specialist Dr. Naveen Gupta also assured the full cooperation of the Health Department Karnal in this programme by private health institutions, while addressing everyone, he told about the ill effects of diarrhoea and the benefits of ORS. Deputy Civil Surgeon Dr. Shashi Garg asked everyone to contribute actively in this programme and said that we have to fight against diarrhoea in our district Karnal by using zinc in ORS as a weapon and prevent deaths due to diarrhoea.

## Aim of Sankalp se Siddhi programme is to convey achievements of Modi govt to people: Gurjar

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA KARNAL, JUNE 19

An important organisational meeting was held in the BJP office Karnal Kamal under the chairmanship of BJP District President Praveen Lathar regarding the Sankalp se Siddhi programme, in which former Assembly Speaker Kanwar Pal Gurjar was present. In this meeting, the ongoing organisational issues of the party were discussed. In the meeting, special discussion was held on celebrating the Sankalp se Siddhi program at the Panchayat level and taking this campaign to the people. Giving information on this occasion, former Assembly Speaker Kanwar Pal Gurjar said that the aim of this campaign is to convey the achievements of 11 years of the Modi government at the Center to the people and to highlight the failures of the Congress rule.

On this occasion, praising the BJP workers, he said that due to the hard work of the workers from the top leadership of the party to the booth president, Panna Pramukh, the BJP government has been



formed for the third time in the country and the state. Bajjar said that the changes that have come in the country and the state in 11 years under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi have been felt by the people. He said that from giving a safe security cover to the country during the Corona epidemic to bringing back thousands of Indian students safely during

the Russia-Ukraine war shows the strength of the government. After the Pahalgal terrorist attack, it was shown through Operation Sindoor that every force that casts an evil eye on the country will be given a befitting reply. District co-ordinator of the programme Ashok Sukhija and all the divisional presidents were present.

## Do not waste water, rather collect and conserve it: Central Nodal Officer Bhumika Verma

RANVIR PARASHAR KAITHAL, JUNE 19

Under the Jal Shakti Abhiyan, Central Nodal Officer of District Kaithal, Bhumika Verma visited various villages on Thursday and thoroughly inspected work being done by various departments towards water conservation and promotion. Main objective of this visit was to ensure that projects running at ground level are being implemented effectively and are getting the expected results. She appreciated efforts being made by the district administration in this area and gave message of water conservation, public participation, public awareness to the villagers. Team especially visited villages like Francewala, Chakkapadala Chout, Naina, Tik and took stock of the work being done under the Jal Shakti Abhiyan. He inspected the water houses installed by the Public Health Department in Francewala and obtained detailed information. Along with this, he called upon villagers that they can check the quality of water themselves through testing kits. If

sample fails after 24 hours, then inform the Public Health Department about it. Our main objective is to provide taps to every house and clean water in every tap. Here the villagers demanded the installation of new tubes on which he asked the con-



cerned department to prepare an estimate and send it. Apart from this, he also inspected the rain water harvesting system in the school and gave necessary guidelines regarding its proper maintenance. After this, Central Nodal Officer Bhumika

Verma also inspected the water house in Chakkapadala Chout. Along with this, he interacted with the villagers in the Panchayat house. He said that we have to save water and we have to start it from today itself. Use water properly, do not let it go waste. Together we have to take effective steps to conserve water at the ground level. He also said that the village should create a WhatsApp group in which time table and other information related to water supply is shared. To collect rain water, create a rain water harvesting system here, in which the administration will have full cooperation. Along with this, he appealed to the villagers to plant as many trees as possible towards environmental protection. Team of Jal Shakti reached the Government Senior Secondary School of Naina village, where it inspected the kitchen gardening and rain water harvesting system built in school. Belpathar, Chiku, Mango, organic vegetables have been grown in the school.

Editorial

Left out

All over the world, there are more than 272 million children out of school. This alarming finding was presented by UNESCO's Global Education Monitoring Report of 2025, showing 21 million more than the last estimate. Of primary school-age children, 11% are out of school, 15% of the lower secondary age group, and 31% of the upper secondary group. This suggests that older children, probably in developing countries, tend to leave school early either to work, or simply drop out because of disinterest. This is a huge problem in India where the Lok Sabha was informed by the government that 1.17 million children are out of school. India's target according to the National Education Policy is 100% enrolment by 2030. According to the report, fresh enrolment and attendance data account for 38% of the increase in out-of-school children. Girls in Afghanistan, for example, cannot go to high school. Recent United Nations population estimates are also responsible for 62% of the increase.

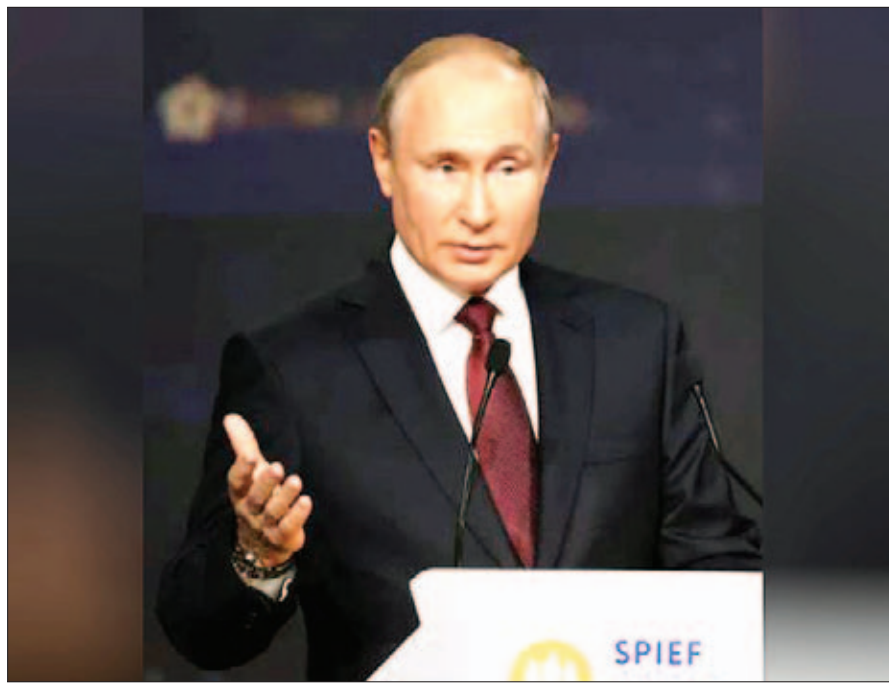
The GEMR, however, uses different methods for its model. If the data are administrative, there is no updated account of enrolment and attendance; the increase in population is considered out of school. If the basis is a survey, then the data are more accurate because countries have their enrolment and attendance for each year. The team imputes values for the years when no data are available. So they may not always be the same as the countries' out-of-school figures. The model also depended on the census because the increase in population is a modifying factor in the final estimate. The report, however, assumes that school-age populations are stable and does not take account of crises and conflicts. These affect attendance and enrolment. Many children did not go back to school in India after Covid. Some had fallen behind, not being able to access lessons digitally; some went to work to help their families which had lost their livelihood; some were left without parents or at least the earner of their household. Conflict may not only reduce attendance, children may leave school by migration to safe zones. But it also makes data collection difficult. But even if the figures in the report are not fully accurate, the picture it gives is of an enormous number of children who would find it difficult to cope in a literate and high-tech age.

# Russia ready to mediate dialogue between Iran, Israel

Russian President Vladimir Putin has said that he is in touch with US President Donald Trump and Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu on the Israel-Iran conflict. He said Russia is prepared to support Tehran's peaceful nuclear development while addressing Tel Aviv's security concerns and that a deal to end fighting between Israel and Iran is possible.

Also, Putin has confirmed Russia's readiness to mediate a dialogue between Iran and Israel in a phone call with President of the United Arab Emirates Mohammed bin Zayed Al Nahyan, the Kremlin said as per state media TASS. "Vladimir Putin confirmed Russia's readiness to provide mediation assistance in promoting dialogue between the parties to the conflict, informing about contacts with a number of foreign leaders in this regard," the Kremlin statement read. Meanwhile, during a meeting with the heads of leading global news agencies in St. Petersburg on Wednesday, Putin said that Russia has engaged in detailed discussions on this issue with both Israeli and US officials, and has communicated proposals to its Iranian counterparts.

In general, it is possible to meet Iran's interests in peaceful nuclear energy and at the same time address Israel's concerns about its national security," he said on the sidelines of the SPIEF 2025 an economic conference in St. Petersburg. Putin also recalled Rus-



sia's involvement in Iran's civilian nuclear program, including the completion of the Bushehr Nuclear Power Plant (NPP) in Iran, which was originally designed by German firms and later completed by Russia's state nuclear corporation, Rosatom. "We are in constant contact with our Iranian partners. Our specialists are working in Bushehr, and we are not leaving. Isn't that support? Iran has not asked us for any other support, and I repeat, we have given our assessments." Putin said as reported by TASS. "I've already

said that: our specialists are working in Bushehr.

Their total number may reach 600 [people]. We are not leaving," Putin said at a meeting with heads of the world's leading news agencies, organized by TASS. The Russian state media report further cited Putin as saying, "It seems to me that it would be right for everyone to look for ways to stop the hostilities and find ways for all parties to this conflict to reach an agreement with each other in order to ensure both the interests of Iran, on the one hand,

in its nuclear activity, including peaceful nuclear activity, of course. I mean both peaceful nuclear energy and peaceful nuclear energy in other areas. And to ensure the interests of Israel from the point of view of the unconditional security of the Jewish state."

Putin further pointed out that Israel's strikes against Iran had led to a consolidation of Iranian society around the country's leadership. Today, society in Iran, "despite all the complexity of the ongoing domestic political processes," is uniting around the country's leadership: "This is almost always the case everywhere, and Iran is no exception," the Russian President Putin said. During his press conference on Wednesday, when asked what Moscow would do in the event of a targeted assassination of Iran's Supreme Leader Ayatollah Khamenei, Putin refused to even entertain the premise, calling it a "scenario I won't even discuss."

Russian media outlet RT reported. In an address to the nation, Khamenei rejected President Trump's call for surrender in the conflict with Israel, and warned any US strikes on Iran will have "irreparable consequences."

"Intelligent people who know Iran, the nation and the history of Iran, will never speak to this nation in the language of threats, because the Iranian nation cannot be surrendered," Ayatollah Khamenei said in a televised address as reported by New York Times."

# Literature & Health

## PM Modi pays tribute at Zagreb's Monument to the Homeland

In a gesture underscoring mutual respect and shared historical values, Prime Minister Narendra Modi, along with his Croatian counterpart Andrej Plenkovic, paid tribute at The Monument to the Homeland in Zagreb on Wednesday, honouring brave soldiers and reinforcing the deep cultural and emotional ties between the two nations.

"The Monument to the Homeland holds immense importance to the people of Croatia. A short while ago, laid a wreath there," Prime Minister Modi posted on X. Monument to the Homeland in Zagreb stands as a powerful symbol of Croatia's struggle for independence and is dedicated to those who sacrificed their lives for



the nation.

Building on the spirit of this shared respect and remembrance, Prime Minister Modi later met the President of Croatia, Zoran Milanovic, laying the foundation for a renewed partnership between the two nations. According to the Min-

istry of External Affairs (MEA), the leaders reiterated their commitment to strengthening India-Croatia ties across trade, technology, and cultural cooperation, and expressed their shared commitment to democratic values and global peace.

## CNG demand in India may grow along with EV adoption, despite policy pressure

Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) could continue to grow as an auto fuel in India, even as electric vehicle (EV) adoption gathers pace across key states, according to a recent report by Nomura.

The report highlighted that state governments, especially Delhi and Mumbai, are expected to roll out aggressive EV policies to address the problem of rising air pollution. While this could put some pressure on the growth of CNG, analysts believe both fuel types could still co-exist in the coming years. It stated, "CNG as an auto fuel could grow alongside EVs... EV policies by states to continue pressuring CNG growth." The report added that Delhi, which had already banned



diesel vehicles older than 10 years nearly a decade ago, may now consider placing restrictions on CNG vehicles as a next step in its clean fuel transition. The state is seen to be intensifying its focus on cleaner mobility solutions to tackle worsening air quality.

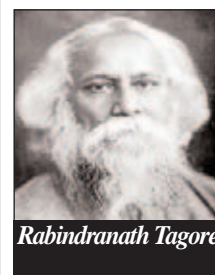
In contrast, Mumbai, being a coastal city, usually records better air quality index (AQI) levels. In the short term, the EV policy fo-

cus in Mumbai could shift more towards reducing the use of liquid fuels like petrol and diesel, rather than targeting CNG. The report noted that this could work as a policy tailwind for both CNG and EV adoption in Mumbai. Further, the report mentioned that the ongoing High Court-monitored committee on EV adoption in Maharashtra includes participation from Mahanagar Gas Limited (MGL).

## POEM

### My Polar Star

I have made You the polar star of my existence; never again can I lose my way in the voyage of life.



Rabindranath Tagore

Wherever I go, You are always there to shower your beneficence all around me. Your face is ever present before my mind's eyes. If I lose sight of You even for a moment, I almost lose my mind.

Whenever my heart is about to go astray, just a glance of You makes it feel ashamed of itself..

Rabindranath Tagore

# India's sports fans are getting smarter

Something thrilling is happening in Indian sports, and no, it's not just about what's on the pitch. It's about the fans. They're evolving. Fast. What used to be a game of hearts is now also a game of minds. And at the centre of this shift? Data. We're living through a data-powered renaissance. Not just in business, but in fandom. From fantasy leagues to real-time sports trading, Indian fans are rewriting the rules of engagement, and they're doing it with logic, stats, and an infectious hunger to understand the game better. Welcome to the era of the 'fanalyst', the fan who doesn't just cheer but challenges, critiques, and calculates.

From Noise to Nuance Let's be honest, cheering is still great. But what's even better? Reading a match like a chessboard. Calling the next play before the commentator. Understanding the why behind every move. That's the new high. And it's all thanks to data becoming widely available and deeply integrated into our sports culture. Globally, sports analytics has gone mainstream. According to studies, teams using data analytics have improved win rates by up to 15%, and advanced video analysis has boosted individual performance metrics by nearly 20%. What was once a secret weapon is now a basic necessity. A turning point in how the world viewed data in sport came with Moneyball. The now-iconic film, and the true story behind it, showed how the Oakland A's used statistical models to outsmart



richer teams by identifying undervalued talent. The team changed baseball, and the movie changed how millions of people understood analytics. The Data-Driven Indian Fan Is Here! In India, the revolution is happening on our phones. Affordable smartphones and dirt-cheap data have turned everyday fans into real-time analysts. From Pune to Patna, fans are tracking

form stats, pitch reports, and player trends. They're building fantasy squads with surgical precision. They're second-screening with live dashboards and engaging with sports trading platforms that reward brain over bias. India's mobile-first economy is the perfect launchpad. GPS and biometric data, once reserved for elite athletes, now inform match previews on fan plat-

forms. Globally, teams using wearables have seen up to a 30% reduction in injuries and a 10% boost in high-impact plays. That same intelligence now lives in every fan's pocket. Even global legends are in on this evolution. Cristiano Ronaldo, for instance, uses WHOOP, a wearable that tracks his sleep, recovery, and HRV—to fine-tune his training. If he's not fully recovered, he pulls back. If the data shows he's primed, he pushes forward. His use of analytics ensures longevity and peak performance, proof that even greatness relies on insight. This Isn't a Trend. It's a Movement. This isn't just a cool way to watch a game; it's a mindset. A mental workout.

A firehose of insight, intuition, and intelligent risk-taking. Every delivery, timeout, or substitution becomes an opportunity to analyse and adapt. Modern fans aren't waiting for the post-match wrap-up; they're shaping it in real time. Even talent scouting has changed. Recruitment strategies backed by analytics have shown a 22% improvement in identifying long-term performers.

It's no longer about gut feel, it's about data-backed decisions. And fans are taking note, becoming their own scouts and statisticians. The Content Has Levelled Up Too! The broadcast world isn't sleeping on this. Commentary has changed. It's sharper, more inclusive, and richer in context. Real-time graphics, heatmaps, probability meters, and player impact scores are be-

coming standard. Social content has evolved too; data-backed takes dominate timelines, and even memes come with stats. Crucially, we're seeing the rise of regional and localised commentary, bridging the analytics boom with local language and culture, so that fans in Bhubaneswar and Bengaluru both get a data-rich experience in their dialect.

And let's not forget sports trading. A fast-paced format where fans apply predictions on the fly. It's not just about foresight, it's about real-time adaptation. It's chess meets adrenaline. One smart move can turn into a win. One misread becomes a learning curve.

The action never stops, and neither does the thinking. This Is the Fan India Deserves! We've entered a golden age where fans aren't on the sidelines anymore. They're in the dugout, the war room, the control tower. They're not just reacting, they're influencing. With every stat they read, every prediction they make, they're elevating the sport and themselves.

This isn't just sports engagement. It's sports evolution. And it's happening right here, right now, in the hands of every Indian with a smartphone, a data pack, and the will to know more. Fandom has grown up.

The fan is now a fanalyst. And this story is just getting started. (ANI)Disclaimer: Puneet Dua is the Chief Marketing Officer and Co-Founder at SportsBaazi. The views expressed in this article are his own.









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# Glamour

## Dhanush, Nagarjuna's socio-drama 'Kuberaa' gets UA certificate, film to hit theatres today



**D**hanush starrer 'Kuberaa' has received UA certificate from the Central Board of Film Certification (CBFC), making this socio-drama eligible for a wide range of viewers. The film is slated to release in theatres worldwide on June 20. Taking to their X handle, the makers of 'Kuberaa' shared the certification and the runtime of the movie. The film will have a duration of 181 minutes. This socio-drama is expected to be a roller coaster ride for the viewers as it will consist of stellar performances from the lead cast of Dhanush, Nagarjuna and Rashmika Mandanna. Jiam Sarbh also plays a prominent role in the film. The movie has reportedly undergone several cuts to receive the UA certificate. "181 minutes of drama, emotion, love, greed, thrill, and everything in between! #Kuberaa - A complete U/A socio-drama that promises a fresh cinematic experience," wrote the makers of 'Kuberaa' on X. <https://x.com/KuberaaTheMovie/status/1935216853183504395>

The trailer then unfolds the rising tensions between Nagarjuna, Jim Sarbh, and the government as they desperately try to track down Dhanush, who appears to hold the power to disrupt their game of money and greed. Rashmika Mandanna is expected to play Dhanush's love interest in the film, as shown in the trailer. Rashmika Mandanna's character appears to be emotionally vulnerable as she warns Dhanush about the unshakable control of the rich and powerful. The music of Devi Sri Prasad adds a mysterious touch to the film, leaving the audience with more questions than answers after the trailer. The film is jointly produced by Suniel Narang and Puskar Ram Mohan Rao under the banner of Sree Venkateswara Cinemas LLP and Amigos Creations Pvt Ltd.

### Nagarjuna hails Sekhar Kammula and Dhanush at grand pre-release event



The pre-release event of Kuberaa witnessed an evening of heartfelt tributes, cinematic pride, and collective excitement, as the film's cast and crew gathered in Hyderabad ahead of its highly anticipated release. Speaking at the event, Nagarjuna Akkineni expressed deep admiration for his co-star Dhanush, calling it an "honour" to share screen space with the National Award-winning actor. "Dhanush, it was fantastic working with you. I feel it's an honour. I've seen your films, and I saw you on the sets—the way you get into the character is just outstanding. God bless you with much, much more glory and success," Nagarjuna said. Shifting focus to the soul behind the film, Nagarjuna reserved his highest praise for director Sekhar Kammula. "To talk about Kuberaa, I remember only one person—Sekhar Kammula. This is not my film, not Dhanush's film, not Rashmika's film, not anyone else's film. It's only Sekhar Kammula's film. All of us are characters in his story," he stated, lauding the filmmaker for stepping out of his comfort zone to craft something truly distinctive.

### R Maan unveiled his romantic duet 'Jawani' — A playful ode to young love

**A**fter winning hearts with his distinctive voice and relatable storytelling, singer-songwriter R Maan returned with his romantic single, Jawani. The vibrant duet celebrated the innocence, excitement, and sweet uncertainty of first love. Jawani unfolded as a light-hearted conversation between two young lovers, capturing the playful back-and-forth of teasing, flirting, and discovering new emotions. With its catchy melody, breezy lyrics, and infectious energy, the song told the story of a young man enchanted by a girl — her grace, her laughter, and her effortless charm. Beneath its cheerful tone lay the subtle tension of falling too fast, with the ever-present fear of heartbreak, lending the track depth and relatability. "Jawani" was about that beautiful in-between stage — when everything felt new and exciting, but there was still a bit of hesitation stepping into love. It was fun, flirty, and a little vulnerable," said R Maan. The song's visuals perfectly matched its mood, bringing the chemistry between the lead pair to life through playful banter, stolen glances, and cinematic moments reminiscent of a romantic comedy. Jawani offered a visual and musical experience that resonated with anyone who had ever felt the thrill of young love.



### Ronit Roy as king someshwar ascends the throne in Sony Entertainment Television's historical drama chakravarti samrat Prithviraj Chauhan

**CHANDIGARH** : Sony Entertainment Television's grand historical epic Chakravarti Samrat Prithviraj Chauhan continues to captivate audiences with its powerful storytelling, grand visuals, and strong performances. Chronicling the remarkable journey of one of India's most legendary rulers, the show now gears up for a landmark moment, the Rajya Abhishek of King Someshwar played by the talented Ronit Roy, marking a significant turn in the legacy of the Chauhan dynasty. Following the untimely demise of his elder brother, King Someshwar steps forward to shoulder the immense responsibility of the kingdom. Known for his unwavering principles, righteous nature, and strategic acumen, King Someshwar is a man deeply rooted in values and committed to justice. As he is crowned king, the kingdom looks to him with hope and reverence, setting the stage for a new chapter in the royal lineage of Ajmer. Talking about the track, Ronit Bose Roy shared, "Portraying King Someshwar has been an incredibly enriching experience for me — not just as an actor but as a person. He's a man of profound integrity, who carries the weight of the kingdom with quiet strength and wisdom. The Rajya Abhishek sequence is an emotional milestone in the show, and it hit me on a very personal level. As an actor, I've always been drawn to roles that challenge me internally, and this one definitely did. I remember standing on set during the coronation scene, with the grand costumes, the heavy crown, the chants echoing around — and for a moment, there was complete stillness. It transported me. It didn't feel like a scene being shot.



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### Royal Stag Barrel Select Shorts launches 'for the select ones' — a new campaign featuring Rajkumar Rao and Patralekha



**PANIPAT** : Royal Stag Barrel Select Shorts, the critically acclaimed platform for India's finest short film storytelling— unveils its new thematic campaign, For the Select Ones, featuring celebrated artists Rajkumar Rao and Patralekha. Conceptualised by FCB NEO, the campaign is a tribute to those who, in their journey to success, consistently make thoughtful choices— striving for refinement and knowledge while staying true to their values and aspirations. Rooted in the brand's philosophy of success, the campaign film is a cultural and artistic showcase — reaffirming Royal Stag Barrel Select Shorts' commitment to original, purposeful, and distinctive narratives. Over the years, the platform has collaborated with India's most celebrated artists and filmmakers—Sujoy Ghosh, Anurag Kashyap, Neeraj Ghaywan, Dibakar Banerjee, and Tigra Anshu Dhulia—each contributing distinct, thought-provoking stories that reflect a refined artistic lens. By bringing together Rajkumar Rao and Patralekha—both known for their differentiated choices and compelling performances—the campaign deepens the brand's emotional connection with its audience. Their journeys embody the essence of what it means to be Select. Speaking on the campaign, Kartik Mohindra, Chief Marketing Officer, Pernod Ricard India, said: "Royal Stag Barrel Select Shorts has evolved into creating an ecosystem that brings world-class narratives to curious and discerning audiences, thus becoming the destination for short films in India. With our new thematic campaign, For the Select Ones, we continue this next chapter of our brand's select storytelling journey by celebrating those who embody success through their distinct choices."

### Strike the perfect chord: Grab exciting World Music Day deals on Amazon.in starting 21st June 2025

**CHANDIGARH**: This World Music Day, upgrade your listening experience with top deals across consumer electronics on Amazon.in. Customers can avail 75% on a wide selection of products including headphones, speakers, soundbars and musical instruments from popular brands including boAt, JBL, Noise and more. Additionally, customers can avail up to 10% instant discount on SBI credit card EMI transactions with maximum savings of INR 1,250\* (terms and conditions apply). Make the most of these deals and head over to Amazon.in starting 21st June 2025.

## Boman Irani on success, failures of actors in Indian film industry

**A**ctor Boman Irani debuted in the film industry at the age of 44 and directed his first feature film, Mehta Boys, at 65. Widely regarded as one of the 'late bloomers' of the Indian film industry, the actor strongly opposed the general notion that the early or late success of Indian artists depends on the flow of opportunities in Bollywood. In an interview with ANI, Boman Irani said that the actors are responsible for their early and late success in Bollywood. He highlighted the importance of the craft and hard work of the actor for the "late or early bloom" in the film industry. "I don't think Bollywood is responsible for late bloomers. Bollywood, or the Indian film industry, is not responsible for late bloomers or early bloomers. It is up to the individual to be responsible for their bloom. You make your own luck, they say, right? I just tell people who come with dreams, sure, come with dreams. But, at the same time, come with craft," said Boman Irani. Boman Irani is popular not just for his impeccable comic timing but also for his impressive versatility as an actor, evident in the diverse roles he has portrayed -- from the authoritarian

college director Virus in '3 Idiots' to the shrewd businessman Kishan Khurana in 'Khosla Ka Ghosla'. Drawing inspiration from his life, the 'Munna Bhai' actor advises the young and upcoming artists to work on their craft to succeed in any field. He

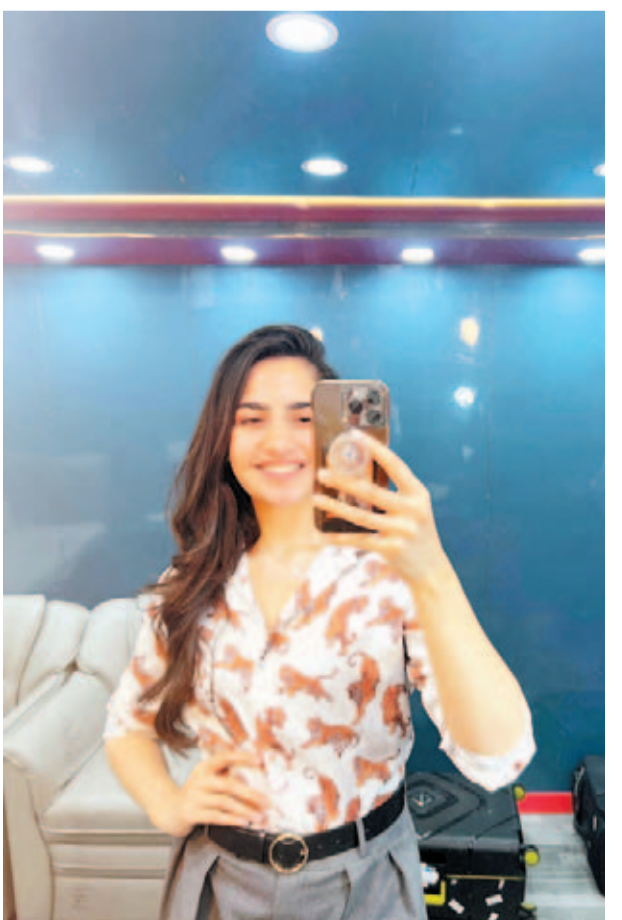


says that the "heartbreak" is inevitable for those artists who refuse to hone their acting skills and just focus on their "good looks" to achieve fame in the film industry. "Work on your craft. Don't say I want to become an actor. I tried a lot. I went to au-

ditions, and I auditioned here and there. That you have to do. But what did you bring to the auditions? What training did you do? You went to drama school, and even if you didn't go, what did you do in self-training? Which pictures did you watch? Which acting books did you read? Which videos did you watch? How much have you rehearsed? If you don't rehearse, if you say, you look beautiful, I will get a job. That is, you will always be heartbroken. So, this is what I am saying, make your own luck. Don't expect Bollywood to do anything for you," said Boman Irani. Irani is popularly known for his films such as '3 Idiots', 'Lage Raho Munna Bhai', 'Munna Bhai MBBS', 'Khosla Ka Ghosla', 'Dunki' and many others. Meanwhile, Boman Irani will be next seen in the film 'Detective Sherdil' on Zee5, which stars Diljit Dosanjh, Diana Penty, Banita Sandhu, Ratna Pathak Shah and more. Irani will play the role of a businessman who gets murdered, prompting an investigation from actor Diljit Dosanjh. The movie is set to stream from June 20. He will also be seen in the film 'Tanvi The Great', which is directed by Anupam Kher and stars debutant Shubhangi Dutt in the lead role.

### "Tiger Tiger Burning Bright" — Rukmini's teaser sparks NTR-Neel film buzz

**A**ctor Rukmini Vasanth set social media abuzz on Thursday morning with a cryptic Instagram post that fans believe confirms her being a part of the highly anticipated NTR-Neel project. The actor shared a mirror selfie from what appears to be a vanity van, captioned "Tiger Tiger Burning Bright..." While it might seem like a casual line, NTR Jr. fans instantly caught the reference. "Tiger" is one of the most iconic nicknames, and the cheeky caption has reignited speculation that Rukmini is officially part of the epic action drama directed by Prashanth Neel. <https://www.instagram.com/p/DLEesJg-SkS3/?igsh=MTZ5bThke-jz6MDhxnNg==> Rumours about Rukmini's association with the film have been doing the rounds for weeks, and this post has only added fuel to the fire. Though the makers have yet to drop an official cast announcement, this clever social media tease might just be the unofficial confirmation fans have been waiting for.



### When love doesn't listen, turn up the sass with Simran Choudhary's 'Sayyan Na Maane'

**CHANDIGARH**: Not every love story is tragic. Some just need a beat drop, a side-eye, and a killer hook. Folk-pop innovator Simran Choudhary returns with her latest track 'Sayyan Na Maane', a sonic blend of sass, soul, and sheer storytelling power. Known as the voice behind the internet's most-loved songs like Aje Na Jaa & Rehle Mere Kol, Simran is steadily crafting a genre of her own, one that feels like home, yet hits with a global beat. Simran — who writes, composes, and stars in her own music videos, continues to be the hero of her own story in Saiyyan Na Maane, which is more than just a song — it's a statement. The old-school nostalgia through the folk beats, while dressed in a contemporary pop aesthetic, is impossible to ignore. Think rolling your eyes, owning your mood, and turning up the volume. The sound of a woman tired of chasing mixed signals, choosing instead to dance through the drama. While talking about the track, Simran shares, "We've all had that one person who just won't listen, no matter how loud you love them. This



song is my way of saying 'fine, don't listen' but I'll still love you in my own way." She further adds, "Sayyan Na Maane is for every girl who's ever felt unheard or sidelined. Don't be disheartened when they ignore you, but own your story, and remember that the mic's still in your hand." As it happens, the track made its debut just in time for World Music Day, with a special preview hosted at the Meta office. With infectious energy and vibe, 'Sayyan Na Maane' is a girl's playful wink to the universe — she chats, she teases, she glows with love, spinning stories of a stubborn beloved who keeps her waiting yet forever owns her heart.

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