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Defamation case against Rahul: Court adjourns hearing till July 14

SULTANPUR : An MP-MLA court here on Wednesday adjourned till July 14 hearing in a defamation case against Congress leader Rahul Gandhi over his alleged objectionable remarks against Union Home Minister Amit Shah. The defamation complaint against Gandhi was filed by BJP leader Vijay Mishra in 2018. Advocate Santosh Kumar Pandey, appearing on behalf of Mishra, said the court was scheduled to examine a witness on Wednesday, but the hearing had to be deferred as the witness did not appear.

MLA Hemant Khandelwal elected MP BJP president

BHOPAL: Legislator Hemant Kumar Khandelwal was on Wednesday declared elected as the new president of the Madhya Pradesh BJP unit in the presence of senior party leaders. Khandelwal was the sole candidate to file his nomination papers on Tuesday for the post of the Bharatiya Janata Party's Madhya Pradesh unit chief.

Govt allows cab aggregators to charge up to 2-times of base fare during peak-hours

NEW DELHI: The road transport ministry has allowed cab aggregators such as Uber, Ola and Rapido to charge up to two times the base fare during peak hours, as against 1.5 times earlier, while for non-peak hours the fare has to be a minimum of 50 per cent of the base fare. The Ministry of Road Transport and Highways in its 'Motor Vehicles Aggregator Guidelines 2025' said "the aggregator shall be permitted to charge a minimum of 50 per cent lower than the base fare and a maximum dynamic pricing of two times the base fare specified under sub-clause (17.1)." Moreover, the base fare chargeable shall be for a minimum of three kilometers to compensate for "dead mileage" -- including the distance travelled without a passenger and the distance travelled and fuel utilized for picking up the passenger(s).

Protesting HAU students end protest after 21 days



HISAR: Protesting Haryana Agricultural University students on Tuesday ended their three-week-long protest after the state government agreed to most of their demands in connection with the alleged June 10 assault. Nalwa MLA Randhir Panihar made a formal announcement in this regard. "The students have lifted the dharna (protest) outside Gate Number 4," Panihar told reporters late at night after holding a meeting with the protesting students.

Dalai Lama spurns Chinese role in choosing successor

UNI BEIJING/DHARAMSHALA, JULY 2

China has lashed out against Tibetan leader Dalai Lama over his comments on appointing his successor to protect the 600-year-old institution of Tibetan Buddhism, saying that only China has the right to appoint the next Dalai Lama.

"The reincarnation of the Dalai Lama, Panchen Lama, and other great Buddhist figures must be chosen by drawing lots from a golden urn and approved by the central government," said Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesperson Mao Ning.

The 89-year-old Tenzin Gyatso had ruled out the legitimacy of any political imposition, stating ahead of his 90th birthday that a successor can only be appointed by the centuries-old traditional practices of Tibetan Buddhism, ruling out any say by China.

Back in 2011, when asked whether the institution will continue, the Dalai Lama said he had no "public discussions" on the issue, leaving much to speculation in the last 14 years.

Taking to X, he said that the institution will continue, after "members of the Tibetan parliament-in-exile, participants in a special general body meeting, members of the Central Tibetan Administration, NGOs, Buddhists from the Himalayan region, Mongolia, Buddhist republics of the Russian Federation and Buddhists in Asia, including mainland China,"

wrote to him asking for its continuation.

"In particular, I have received messages through various channels from Tibetans in Tibet making the

the Office of His Holiness the Dalai Lama.

"They should consult the various heads of the Tibetan Buddhist traditions and the reliable oath-bound



same appeal. In accordance with all these requests, I am affirming that the institution of the Dalai Lama will continue," he added.

"The process by which a future Dalai Lama is to be recognised has been clearly established in the September 24, 2011 statement which states that responsibility for doing so will rest exclusively with members of the Gaden Phodrang Trust,

Dharma Protectors who are linked inseparably to the lineage of the Dalai Lamas. They should accordingly carry out the procedures of search and recognition in accordance with past tradition. I hereby reiterate that the Gaden Phodrang Trust has sole authority to recognise the future reincarnation; no one else has any such authority to interfere in this matter," he said.

Mohali court extends Bikram Majithia's remand by four days


BUREAU CHANDIGARH, JULY 2

A Mohali court on Wednesday extended by four days the vigilance custody remand of Shiromani Akali Dal leader Bikram Singh Majithia, who was arrested in a disproportionate assets (DA) case.

Majithia was produced before the court amid tight security after his seven-day vigilance remand ended on Wednesday.

Speaking to the media after a three-hour hearing, public prosecutor Ferry Sofat said the court extended Majithia's remand by four more days after the Vigilance Bureau (VB) filed an application.

SAD chief Sukhbir Badal, party leaders detained


BUREAU CHANDIGARH: Shiromani Akali Dal (SAD)

chief Sukhbir Singh Badal and other Akali leaders were on Wednesday detained in Mohali, where they had come to express solidarity with party leader Bikram Singh Majithia. Arrested in a disproportionate assets case, Majithia was produced before a court in Mohali after his seven-day vigilance remand ended on Wednesday. Heavy police deployment was made outside the Vigilance Bureau (VB) office and the district court complex in Mohali.

Badal, along with party leaders Sikander Singh Maluka and Parambans Singh Bunty Romana, was detained near the Amb Sahib gurdwara.

Hasina sentenced to 6 months jail by International Crimes Tribunal for contempt of court



UNI DHAKA: Former Bangladesh Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina, who is living in exile in India, has been sentenced to six months in jail by the International Crimes Tribunal for contempt of court.

A three-member tribunal, led by Justice Md Golam Mortuza Mozumder, passed the order today after reviewing a purported leaked phone conversation involving Hasina that circulated on social media last year, Daily Star reported. In the audio clip, Hasina is allegedly heard telling former Gobindaganj upazila chairman Shakil Akanda Bulbul, "I have had 227 cases filed against me, so I have received a licence to kill 227 people." The tribunal considered the statement contemptuous and a direct attempt to undermine the court. Shakil Akanda Bulbul, a leader of the Awami League's banned student affiliate Chhatra League from Gaibandha's Gobindaganj, has been sentenced to two months in prison for his role in the conversation. According to tribunal sources, the sentence will take effect only once the convicts surrender before the court or are arrested by law-enforcers. Once enforced, the sentence will be classified as non-rigorous imprisonment. This marks the first time Hasina has been sentenced in any case since her ouster from office on August 5 last year, in the face of a so-called student-led protest, and her fleeing to New Delhi, India, where she has been staying since then under heavy security.

PM Modi embarks on five-nation visit, to attend BRICS Summit

UNI NEW DELHI, JULY 2

Prime Minister Narendra Modi today embarked on a five-nation visit to Ghana, Trinidad & Tobago, Argentina, Brazil, and Namibia from July 2 to 9, during which he will be attending various bilateral, multilateral and other programmes, especially the BRICS Summit in Rio de Janeiro.

In a post on X, the PM said he is looking forward to interacting with world leaders and discussing ways to make our planet better.

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acting with world leaders and discussing ways to make our planet better.

"Later this evening, I will reach

Ghana, a valued friend in Africa and a key partner in the Global South. The talks with President John Dramani Ma-

SBI to classify RCom loan account as "fraud", name Anil Ambani in report to RBI

AGENCY NEW DELHI, JULY 2

State Bank of India has decided to classify the loan account of beleaguered telecom firm Reliance Communications as "fraud" and to report the name of its erstwhile director -- Anil Ambani to the Reserve Bank of India (RBI), according to a regulatory filing. Reliance Communications in a regulatory filing said that it has received a letter dated June 23, 2025 from the State Bank of India (SBI) to this effect. According to the filing, Reliance Communications (RCom) and its subsidiaries received a total loan of Rs 31,580 crore from banks.



Amarnath Yatra: J&K LG flags off first batch

UNI JAMMU, JULY 2

Jammu and Kashmir Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha today flagged off the first batch of devotees for the pilgrimage to the holy cave of Shri Amarnath here from Bhagwati Nagar Base Camp.

The Lieutenant Governor extended best wishes to all the pilgrims for a safe and blissful journey.

"This sacred pilgrimage is a journey of faith and self-discovery. Wishing all spiritual seekers a safe and comfortable journey to the holy abode of Lord Shiva and deep soul-stirring experience," the Lieutenant Governor said.

Interacting with the media persons, the Lieutenant Governor said that undeterred by terror incidents,



devotees of Bhole Baba are arriving in huge numbers, demonstrating

their immense faith.

"I hope that this year's Yatra will

be even more historic than previous years," the Lieutenant Governor said.

The administration, people of Jammu and Kashmir, Shri Amarnath Shrine Board, J&K Police, and security forces have made elaborate arrangements for the pilgrims, he said. "More than 4,500 devotees set off to the holy Cave Shrine in the first batch for the darshan of Baba Barfani today. Jammu city has come alive with a new vibrancy. The enthusiasm of pilgrims is very high," he said. Eminent spiritual leaders; heads of religious organizations; public representatives; senior officers of civil administration, Police, security forces and Shri Amarnath Shrine Board, prominent citizens, and devotees in large number were present at the Flag-off ceremony.

Two Kanwariyas dead, 13 injured as truck overturns in Tehri Garhwal



DEHRADUN: Two Kanwariyas were killed and 13 others were left injured after a truck carrying 16 pilgrims overturned near Jajal in Uttarakhand's Tehri Garhwal district on Wednesday morning, said officials. Five of the injured have been admitted to AIIMS Rishikesh with serious injuries, and the remaining are being treated in the Narendra Nagar sub-district hospital. "A truck accident took place near Jajal at around 9.30 AM... A total of 16 people were in the truck. 8 have been sent to the Narendra Nagar sub-district hospital... 5 with serious injuries have been admitted to AIIMS. Two pilgrims have died. One is completely stable," Tehri Garhwal CMO Dr Shyam Vijay told ANI. "Our medical teams reached the spot immediately, and it was reported that a truck was found overturned," he added. Meanwhile, the work is being done on a war footing to restore the Yamunotri National Highway damaged by heavy rains and landslides in Uttarakashi district. The washed-out road near Silai Band is likely to open by Tuesday evening. According to a release, work is also underway with heavy machines in Ojri. Seven Pokane and JCB machines are engaged day and night from both sides for the said work. The District Magistrate said that the priority of the administration is to make the road routes smooth as soon as possible and provide all possible assistance to the pilgrims and local citizens.

NEWS BRIEFS

Lions Club & NGO ‘Aasha Di Kiran’ join hands for medical camp in Jagraon

SUKH NAHAR JAGRAON : As in previous years, this year too, on the occasion of the 10th death anniversary of the late Swadesh Chopra—wife of Vijay Chopra, owner of Hind Samachar Group, and mother of Editor Avinash Chopra—a medical camp is being organized. In preparation for this event, a discussion was held today between the office-bearers of the NGO Aasha Di Kiran and Lions Club Mid Town to ensure the success of the camp. During the meeting, the office-bearers of Aasha Di Kiran shed light on their individual responsibilities, and they also appreciated the efforts and support extended by the Lions Club Mid Town. Meanwhile, the members of the Lions Club also reviewed the arrangements being made at the club premises for the medical camp and engaged in meaningful dialogue about its execution. On this occasion, Dr. Rupinder Singh, Jasvir Singh, Lakhbir Singh, and Davinder Singh from Aasha Di Kiran appealed to the people of Jagraon to participate wholeheartedly and benefit from the camp. Lions Club Mid Town Jagraon members, including Lion Charanjit Singh Bhandari (Principal Region Chairman), Lion President Lal Chand Mangla etc.

Chandigarh Police nabs five in Rs. 1.37 crore cyber fraud crackdown

BUREAU CHANDIGARH, JULY 2

Chandigarh Police’s Cyber Crime unit registered a significant breakthrough this week with the arrest of five accused linked to three high-value online frauds. Between March and April 2025, three separate cases (FIR No. 22 dated March 28, FIR No. 21 dated March 26, and FIR No. 39 dated April 19) were registered at PS Cyber Crime, Sector 17, Chandigarh, after victims reported losses totaling over 1.37 crore. Under the dynamic leadership of SP-Cyber Ms. Geetanjali Khandelwal, with guidance from DSP A. Venkatesh and supervision by SHO Eram Rizvi, investigators swiftly identified and cornered the perpetrators. In the first case, 28-year-old Dharmendra Singh was arrested for orchestrating a 1.08 crore demat-trading scam. Complainant Kanav Khanna of Sector 21A had been lured into investing via a fake “BlackRock” trading app and coerced into additional “tax” payments when he attempted to withdraw. Trac-



ing 49 lakh to an Ahmedabad bank account, police raided Barwala (Gujarat) on June 26 and apprehended account operator Madhav Prajapati, who admitted opening the account for a 20,000 commission. In the second case, two Gujarat-based fraudsters, Thakor Gautam Mavaji (24) and Patel Hirenkumar Mukeshkumar (34), were arrested on June 28 for a “FedEx-narcotics” Skype scam. They had tricked Sector 40 resident Satinderpal Singh Chahal into downloading Skype, hijacked his ICICI Bank account, secured a 10 lakh loan, and siphoned off 9.76 lakh into a PNB account.

The third arrest involved 42-year-old Vaghela Pratul of Surat, held on June 27 for laundering funds obtained through a “CoinDCX-8” WhatsApp investment fraud. Victim Vikas Sharma of Manimajra lost 20.88 lakh after paying repeated “processing fees” and was finally blocked by the scammers. Investigation revealed a 32.740 transfer to a Vaghela Enterprise account; subsequent raids in Bharuch yielded Pratul’s arrest.

Punjab emerges as the top performer in the national achievement survey : Bains

SUMER GARG CHANDIGARH, JULY 2

In yet another testament to the Chief Minister, Bhagwant Singh Mann led Punjab Government’s commitment to providing quality education, Punjab has emerged as the top performer in the National Achievement Survey (NAS) 2024, announced Harjot Singh Bains, minister of school education, Punjab. The NAS is India’s most credible and reputed survey to evaluate educational achievements of students. It selects students from Class-3rd, 6th and 9th as samples to evaluate overall education outcomes.

While expressing delight over Punjab’s impressive rankings in the NAS (PARAKH Rashtriya Sarvekshan), Mr Bains shared that Punjab stood first with 80 marks in 3rd-grade ranking, hugely surpassing Himachal Pradesh (74) and Kerala (73). For the 6th grade, Punjab and Kerala are joint top performers with 67 marks each. In the 9th-grade ranking, Punjab outperformed other states & UTs with 57 marks to grab the top spot, he added. Notably, the nationwide survey, conducted by the NCERT in collaboration with States and UTs to assess learning outcomes and identified areas for improvement, with thousands of students participating from across the country.



Sanjeev Arora resigns from Rajya Sabha following election as Ludhiana West MLA

SHARMA LUDHIANA, JULY 2

MP Sanjeev Arora has officially resigned from the Rajya Sabha following his recent victory in the Ludhiana West Assembly by-election. Arora personally met the Chairman of the Rajya Sabha, Jagdeep Dhankhar, Vice President of India at Vice President’s enclave in New Delhi today to hand over his resignation letter. He cited constitutional provisions that prohibit simultaneous membership in both Parliament and a State Legislature after 14 days of Gazette Notification dated which is 24th of June, 2025 regarding election results.

Arora, who served in the Upper House for nearly three years, expressed his deep gratitude to the people of Punjab, fellow Members

throughout his tenure. He acknowledged the valuable experience gained in national legislative processes and lauded the Chairman’s guidance and leadership.



“It has been an honour and privilege to serve as a Member of the Rajya Sabha and contribute to the legislative process at the national level,” Arora stated in his resignation letter. He further extended heartfelt thanks to the Chairman, fellow Members, and the people of Punjab for the trust and support they reposed in him. Arora won the Ludhiana West by-election held on June 19 by a margin of 10,637 votes, following the untimely demise of the sitting MLA.

Punjab Vidhan Sabha Deputy Speaker Rouri seeks blessings of Dalai Lama



SHASHI PAL JAIN DHARAMSHALA : Punjab Vidhan Sabha Deputy Speaker Jai Krishna Singh Rouri met Tibetan spiritual leader His Holiness the Dalai Lama in Dharamshala today and sought his blessings. The meeting took place on the sidelines of the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association (CPA) Region 2 Conference being held at the Himachal Vidhan Sabha, Tapovan, Dharamshala. Secretary of the Punjab Vidhan Sabha, Ram Lok Khatana, was also present on the occasion. Deputy Speaker Rouri said that meeting the Dalai Lama and receiving his blessings was a memorable and inspiring experience for him.

Sri Hindu Takht donates vehicle to collect broken idols, photos and havan materials from temples



SHASHI PAL JAIN KHARAR : A vehicle was made available by Sri Hindu Takht National President Praveen to collect broken Idols, Photos and Havan materials from the temples of Kharar. Giving information in this regard today, Sri Hindu Takht National Preacher Ravinder Sharma said that this has been done so that there is no desecration of religious symbols related to Sanatan Dharma. He said that this vehicle will collect broken idols, broken photos, mother’s chunis and havan materials from all the temples of Kharar and take this material to a suitable place and burn it. When National President Praveen handed over the keys of this vehicle to Ravinder Sharma today, his entire team was present there. He said that efforts will be made to collect this material from the nearby cities as well.

It took 24 hours to cast the main lantern of Shri Ram Temple Kharar



SHASHI PAL JAIN KHARAR : It took 24 hours to install the part of the main lantern of the under-construction Shri Ram Temple in Kharar and the work of installing the lantern started from 5 am yesterday and ended around 5 am today. The work of installing the lantern started after performing the puja early yesterday morning and continued throughout the night. This lantern was installed in an area of 11 thousand square feet, 30 feet above the ground. Earlier, a lantern of more than 6 thousand square feet was installed on June 15. Now the work of building the dome will start here. The main attraction of this program was the kirtan performed by a 147-member women’s sankirtan group called ‘Ram Ji Ki Sena’ from 10 am to 1 pm. The office bearers of this group, Rajni Jain, Parvesh Sharma, Neelam Chaudhary, Rita Jain, Sneha, Sudesh, Goldie, Minki, Vinay Puri etc. gave a great performance in the kirtan. On this occasion, the President of Kharar Nagar Council, Mrs. Anju Chander, also participated as the chief guest. The kirtan was so lively that Mrs. Anju Chander was also forced to dance along with other women and she enjoyed the kirtan with other women for a long time amidst the applause.

CGC Jhanjeri Mohali launches Lions Club Mohali Supreme’s year 2024 - 2025 souvenir



TILAK RAJ MOHALI : CGC Jhanjeri Mohali launched the year 2024 - 2025 souvenir of Lions Club Mohali Supreme, this special souvenir was inaugurated by Honorable Chairman Shri Rashpal Singh Dhalival. Let us tell you that LCM Supreme is an organization (registered), and has been publishing the club’s souvenir every year for the last 5 years, continuing this series, this time the souvenir for the year 2024 - 2025 has been launched by CGC Jhanjeri. On this occasion, eminent dignitaries and club members of LCM Supreme (Regd), LCM Roar and Leo Supreme Club were specially present. In his address at this memorable inauguration ceremony, Honorable Chairman Shri Rashpal Singh Dhalival appreciated the social welfare works of LCM Supreme and said that it is a matter of great pride for us to be associated with such a social service organization. He said that by associating with such social works, every person gets spiritual peace. He said that every person should help the needy in their life in any possible way. On this occasion, Chairman Shri Rashpal Singh Dhalival was honored by the members of LCM Supreme for this special contribution and he thanked CGC Jhanjeri Mohali for supporting their public welfare works. In this occasion CGL Tilak Raj, PMJF, CGL Jagjeet Kaur Kahlon, MJF, Lion Ashok Chuchra, President Lion Parminder Sharma, PRO, Lion Simarjeet Kaur, Leo Yogesh Rana, Dr Ankush Randhawa Social Activist Jassi and other were present in this function.

Kull Sidhu’s DAARO to premiere on Kable One this 4th July

TILAK RAJ MOHALI : Kable One proudly presents its latest original web series, DAARO, starring acclaimed actress Kull Sidhu in a raw, powerful role that promises to leave a lasting impact. Harinder Bhullar, Balwinder Dhalival, Guri Toor, Navi Bhangu, Aman Sutdhar, Mani Kular, Rahul Jungral, Harry Chauhan, and others deliver compelling performances. Directed and written by Ammardeep Gill, the web series will premiere exclusively on 4th July, only on Kable One. DAARO tells the heart-wrenching yet inspiring story of a woman who rises from extreme poverty to demand justice and reclaim her dignity after enduring deep personal loss and betrayal. It’s not just a tale of retribution — it’s a journey of courage, survival, and inner strength. In a remarkable commitment to her character, Kull Sidhu actually lived among poverty-stricken communities to fully embody the role. Her performance is being hailed as one of the most intense and transformative of her career. What sets DAARO apart is its rooted storytelling and complete authenticity. The web series was shot entirely on real locations across rural Punjab, bringing a raw visual realism to the screen that resonates deeply.



CIA staff police arrests two with 257 grams of heroin

GOGI KMAALPURIYA RAIKOT : Under the direction of SSP Dr. Ankur Gupta, Police District Ludhiana Rural, under the leadership of SPD Harkamal Kaur and DSPD Inderjit Singh Boparai, under the campaign launched to control drug smuggling, the IA Staff Jagraon police arrested two smugglers with 257 grams of heroin, a motorcycle, and an iPhone and registered a case at the Sadar Police Station, Raikot. Giving information in this regard, CIA Staff In-charge Amritpal Singh said that CIA Staff ASI Sukhdev Singh along with his colleagues were present at the bus stand of Talwandi Rai village near Raikot during a patrol to check suspicious men. Then the informant informed that Paramjit Singh alias Dharma son of Inderjit Singh and Jaskaran Singh alias Rahul son of Baljinder Singh, both residents of Shaheed Bhagat Singh Nagar, Raikot, who are involved in the business of selling heroin on a large scale in Raikot area. Even today, the above two persons are coming from village Nurpura towards Talwandi Rai on their motorcycle Splendor Plus, color black, number PB 56 E-5422, to sell heroin.



Health Minister Dr. Balbir Singh orders swift action on Patiala urban colonies’ civic issues

RAKESH JINDAL PATIALA, JULY 2

Punjab Health and Family Welfare Minister Dr. Balbir Singh has taken serious note of the lack of basic civic infrastructure in various private residential colonies of Patiala and directed stringent action against the defaulting builders.

Chairing a high-level review meeting with officials of the Patiala Urban Planning and Development Authority (PUDA) and representatives of Resident Welfare Societies from Urban Estate, Kohinoor Enclave, Omaxe City, Friends Colony, and Jaildar Colony, Dr. Singh emphasized that public grievances must be addressed without delay and that officials will be held accountable for any negligence.



Dr. Balbir Singh issued strict instructions to PUDA officials to resolve the infrastructure issues in Omaxe City within one week, and directed that a notice be served to the builder of Kohinoor Enclave for failing to provide essential facilities.

Ajayvir Singh Lalpura stands firm with farmers against land pooling scheme

BAHADURJEET SINGH RUPNAGAR : Ajayvir Singh Lalpura, District President of the BJP in Rupnagar, held a crucial meeting with farmers today in the village of Gurdaspura. In this meeting, Lalpura launched a strong attack against the Aam Aadmi Party’s controversial land pooling scheme. Farmers from several affected villages — including Bada Phool, Samrala, Badi Haveli, Arazi Rupnagar, and Shampura — gathered in large numbers and unanimously called the scheme a conspiracy to loot their land. Lalpura assured the farmers that he is firmly standing like a rock to protect their rights. He stated: “Not even an inch of Rupnagar’s land will be forcibly taken. Acquiring land without farmers’ consent is a direct violation of the Constitution, and we will not tolerate it at any cost.” He accused the AAP government of deliberately implementing the scheme under the Punjab Regional Town Planning Act, 1995 instead of the central Right to Fair Compensation and Transparency in Land Acquisition, Rehabilitation and Resettlement Act, 2013, which mandates four times the compensation and guarantees rehabilitation for affected families. Farmers at the meeting shared their anguish, saying: “Our ancestral land was included in the pooling scheme without informing us. We didn’t receive any notice, nor were there any consultations. We sustain our families through farming — are we now expected to become laborers for people from Delhi?” Lalpura condemned the scheme as an attempt to snatch land from farmers and hand it over to land mafias under a new model of exploitation, without any consent or consultation.

Amandeep Hospital celebrates Doctor’s Day



SHARANJEET PATHANKOT : Amandeep Hospital was celebrated Doctors’ Day under the leadership of the hospital’s Chief Administrator Vijay Thapa. All the doctors of Amandeep Hospital were present on the occasion. During this, cultural activities were performed by all the doctors and humorous and entertaining games were also played. On this occasion, gifts were distributed to the doctors by Chief Administrator Vijay Thapa. Chief Executive Vijay Thapa said that doctors are the real heroes and frontline warriors. There are many such examples when doctors led the fight against Covid and later during the Sandur operation also doctors played their important role. On this occasion, Dr. Neelam Cardiologist, Dr. Navjot Ortho, Dr. Mahendra Pal Neurosurgeon, Dr. Vikar Hussain, Dr. Bhat, Dr. Monica, Dr. Saurabh, Dr. Raghuuraj, Dr. Mushfiq, Dr. Ravneet Singh Randhawa and other doctors were present. On this occasion, the doctors took a pledge that they would continue to provide services to every patient without any discrimination on the basis of caste and religion.

Rotary Club Morinda begins new service year with cow welfare initiative

RADHE SHYAM SHARMA MORINDA : To mark the beginning of the new Rotary year 2025–26, Rotary Club Morinda organised a cow welfare drive at the Radha Krishna Gaushala, where members provided fodder and feed for the cows and participated in hands-on service. Speaking on the occasion, newly appointed president Yashu Sood stated that Rotary Club observes Annapurna Diwas every year on July 1 by distributing food and rations. She added that the club remains committed to organising various social service activities throughout the year for the welfare of the community. Present during the initiative were Club Secretary Dr. Nirmal Dhiman, Colonel Malik Singh, Manjeet Singh Bhatia, Avtar Singh, Madam Kiran Dania, Dr. Sita Ram, Dinesh Bhardwaj, Ashwani Kumar, Goldy, and other club members, who actively took part in the service activity.



NEWS BRIEF

2 drug peddlers arrested with 257 grams heroin

SUKH NAHAR
JAGRAON: Under the anti-drug campaign "Yudh Nashayan Virudh" launched by Ludhiana Rural SSP Dr. Ankur Gupta, IPS, and effectively led by SP (D) Harkamal Kaur and DSP (D) Inderjit Singh of Ludhiana Rural Police, the CIA Staff Jagraon in-charge Inspector Amritpal Singh informed that ASI Sukhdev Singh, along with his team, apprehended two drug peddlers during patrolling. Upon search, 257 grams of heroin was recovered from their possession. A case was registered against them under the NDPS Act at Police Station Sadar Raikot. Giving further details about the accused, Inspector Amritpal Singh stated that the drug peddlers were identified as Paramjeet Singh alias Dharma, son of the late Inderjit Singh, and Jaskaran Singh alias Rahul, son of Baljinder Singh, both residents of Shaheed Bhagat Singh Nagar, Raikot (under Police Station City Raikot). In addition to the heroin, the police also seized a black Splendor Plus motorcycle bearing registration number PB 56 E 5422 from the accused.

We will soon hold big gathering against atrocities of Barnala police: Kattu
KULDEEP SOOD
BARNALA: Shiromani Akali Dal (A) District Barnala General Secretary Gurjant Singh Kattu issued a press note and said that in protest against the misbehavior of social leader Lakha Sidhana by the Barnala police yesterday, a big gathering of people will soon be held and a protest will be held against the Punjab government. Kattu said that social worker Mr. Lakha Sidhana supports our party, due to which the district police has allegedly physically tortured Lakha Sidhana. Mr. Kattu said that Lakha Sidhana told the press through a statement that a few kilometers away from the Handiyaya checkpoint, the Barnala police surrounded his vehicle and forcibly pulled him from his private vehicle and threw him into the police vehicle.

Van Mahotsav 2025 launched in Hoshiarpur, target to plant 30,000 saplings



DALJEET AJNOHA
HOSHIARPUR: As part of the Van Mahotsav 2025 celebrations, a massive plantation drive was launched in various villages of Hoshiarpur district, including Kapahat, Atwarpur, Patiaria, Kot, Patial, and Malot Arniyala Shahpur under the Mahagroval Forest Range. The green campaign was formally inaugurated by Member of Parliament Dr. Raj Kumar Chhabwal, Punjab Cabinet Minister Dr. Rajwinder Singh, and Divisional Forest Officer Singh, IFS, by planting saplings. DFO Amneet Singh informed that during the monsoon season of 2025–2026, the Forest Department aims to plant 30,000 saplings of various species across the region. In addition to this, three community gardens and a sacred grove will also be developed in the villages to promote greenery and environmental awareness among the rural population. Present on the occasion were Forest Range Officer Sanjeev Kumar, Foresters Parminder Singh and Kuldeep Singh, Forest Guards Karanvir Singh and Jagdish Singh, along with village sarpanches and other prominent local residents. This campaign marks a significant step toward environmental conservation, aiming to combat climate change and create a greener, healthier future for the coming generations.

DC congratulates people of Jalandhar on launch of Adampur-Mumbai flight

PARAMJIT SINGH
JALANDHAR, JULY 2

With the launch of domestic air services from Adampur Civil Airport to Mumbai, the administration with the support of Government is now intensifying efforts to secure direct flights to New Delhi to further enhance air connectivity for the region. Congratulating the people of Doaba, especially Jalandhar residents, on the maiden Mumbai flight on Wednesday, Deputy Commissioner Dr. Himanshu Aggarwal said this service would prove to be a game-changer for the NRI and industrial hub of Punjab. He highlighted that passengers can now conveniently access domestic and international destinations through connecting flights such as



Amsterdam, Goa, and Chennai via Mumbai, ensuring better connectivity for travellers. Dr. Aggarwal shared that discussions with airline operators have begun to start flights from Adampur to New Delhi, which would further cater to the travel needs of the entire Doaba region, expecting positive outcomes in coming days. He urged NRIs and the business community to take maximum advantage of the Mumbai flight for their travel needs. He also said various

efforts will be made to make road travel to the Adampur Airport smoother with the guidance of Government of Punjab. On behalf of the Jalandhar administration, SDM Adampur Vivek Modi visited Adampur Civil Airport on Wednesday to mark the occasion of the first flight to Mumbai, expressing confidence that the new connectivity would significantly ease travel for residents and promote economic growth in the region.

Director Sunny Mahajan felicitated by DIG for outstanding contributions to education and holistic development

VARMA
GURDASPUR, JULY 2

In a moment of great pride, Sunny Mahajan, Director of Partap World School Pathankot, PWS Early Years, and Motion Pathankot, was honoured and felicitated by Ms. Sarah Rizvi (IPS), Deputy Inspector General of Police, Udhampur Range. The ceremony recognized his significant contributions to the field of education and his visionary leadership in nurturing academic excellence and all-round student development. Ms. Rizvi lauded the remarkable achievements of Partap World School, which has consistently delivered excellent academic results, outstanding performance in sports, and fostered a culture of holistic education. She also appreciated the school's forward-thinking approach, including modern infrastructure, character-building initiatives, and emphasis on creativity and innovation among students. Partap World School continues to set new benchmarks in holistic education by offering a nurturing environment that balances rigorous academics with co-curricular and



sports activities. Under the guidance of Director Sunny Mahajan, the school has established itself as a leading institution in the region, dedicated to shaping confident, capable, and compassionate individuals. Speaking on the occasion, Director Sunny Mahajan expressed his gratitude: "I am deeply humbled to receive this honour from DIG Sarah Rizvi Ma'am. Her appreciation means a great deal to our team. At Partap World School, our mission has always been to empower students with the knowledge, values, and skills they need to thrive in all aspects of life.

Over 20k drug smugglers held in 123 days

BUREAU
CHANDIGARH, JULY 2

With the war against drugs "Yudh Nashian Virudh" waged on the directions of Chief Minister Bhagwant Singh Mann to eradicate drug menace from state completed 123 days, Punjab Police on Wednesday arrested 156 drug smugglers and recovered 7.8 kg heroin, 3 kg opium and Rs 1.43 lakh drug money from their possession. With this, the number of total drug smugglers arrested has reached to 20,206 in just 123 days. The operation was conducted on the directions of Director General of Police (DGP) Punjab Gaurav Yadav simultaneously in all 28 Police districts of the state. Notably, CM Bhagwant Singh Mann has asked the

Commissioners of Police Deputy Commissioners and Senior Superintendent of Police to make Punjab drug free state. The Punjab government has also constituted a 5-member Cabinet Sub Committee led by Finance Minister Harpal Singh Cheema to monitor the war against drugs. Divulging details, Special DGP Law and Order Arpit Shukla informed that over 220 Police teams, comprising over 1500 police personnel, under the supervision of 91 gazetted officers have conducted raids at as many as 477 locations across the state leading to the registration of 104 first information reports (FIRs) across the state. Police teams have also checked as many as 483 suspicious persons during the day-long operation, he added.

Akali leader Jatinder Singh Lali Bajwa placed under house arrest



DALJEET AJNOHA
HOSHIARPUR: Ahead of senior Shiromani Akali Dal leader and former Punjab Minister Bikram Singh Majithia's court appearance in Mohali, the police administration began placing Akali leaders under house arrest to prevent large gatherings during the hearing. Several senior leaders of the Shiromani Akali Dal were either put under house arrest or stopped en route to Mohali. This morning, the in-charge of Puriharan police post, along with police personnel, reached the residence of Jatinder Singh Lali Bajwa, Senior Vice President and Halka Incharge of Shiromani Akali Dal, Hoshiarpur, and placed him under house arrest. Speaking to the media, Lal Bajwa alleged that the present Punjab government has imposed an undeclared emergency in the state. He said the sole purpose of the government is to defame the Akali leadership, implicate them in false cases, arrest them, and weaken the Shiromani Akali Dal. He further stated that just as the central government misuses its agencies, the Punjab government is also adopting a similar authoritarian approach. Bajwa emphasized that the dedicated and committed workers of the Shiromani Akali Dal will continue to fight for the Panth, Punjab, Punjabi language, and Punjabi identity.

Eye camp organised at Punarjyoti Eye Donation Hospital

KULJIT SINGH DHINGRA
RAMPURA PHUL, JULY 2

The 129th eye examination and operation camp was organized at the local Punarjyoti Eye Donation Hospital under the leadership of the founder of the institution Sant Ram Narayan Giri Ji Maharaj by Mohan Lal Singla Bahadurgarh Wale in the memory of his late son Munish Kumar. Chairman Khadi and Industry Punjab and State Secretary Malwa Jain Inderjit Singh Mann attended this camp as the chief guest while Mahesh Kumar Romy MD SA Aluminium attended as the special guest and Deputy General Manager Punjab Mandi Board Rajnish Goyal attended as the camp director. Regarding the camp, the leader of the



institution, Rakesh Tayal, said that this is the 129th eye examination and operation camp in which eye specialist Dr. Charanjit Singh examined the eyes of about 200 patients and about 100 patients will be selected and lenses will be inserted in their eyes. Chief guest Inderjit Singh Mann cut the ribbon and inaugurated the machines for cleaning black cataracts and spider veins in the eyes at the hospital. Chief guest Inderjit Singh Mann,

seeing the activities of the organization, assured that he would always provide all possible help for the betterment of the organization. Speaking on the occasion, Chief guest Inderjit Singh Mann said that this is a very good initiative of Punarjyoti Eye Donation Society and we should all come together and openly support such organizations. Milvartan Bhandari played the role of Stage Secretary during the camp.

Two ward councillors in Moga who were in Congress for long time join AAP

JAGRAJ SINGH SANGHA
MOGA, JULY 2

Due to the work of Aam Aadmi Party and the pro-development thinking of Punjab Chief Minister Bhagwant Singh Mann, current councilor Vijay Bhushan Titu from ward number 16 and councilor Rita Chopra from ward number 11 and their son, social worker Vineet Chopra, who were associated with Congress for a long time, said goodbye to Congress and joined Aam Aadmi Party under the inspiration of former councilor and senior 'AAP' leader Gurminderjit Singh Bablu. Moga constituency MLA Dr. Amandeep Kaur Arora and party workers welcomed them to 'AAP' by donning the Aam Aadmi Party's siropa. On this occasion, constituency MLA Dr. Amandeep Kaur Arora



said that the councilors who joined Aam Aadmi Party after saying goodbye to Congress and Akali Dal for a long time will be given due respect in Aam Aadmi Party. He said that the Aam Aadmi Party family is growing day by day due to the work of Punjab Chief Minister Bhagwant Singh Mann and people are showing great enthusiasm to join the Aam Aadmi Party. He thanked the families who joined the Aam Aadmi Party. On this occasion, Councilor Vijay Bhushan Titu, who said goodbye to the Congress Councilor Rita Chopra from

Ward No. 11 and her son, social worker Vineet Chopra said that they will never forget the honor given by the party and will go door to door to inform the people about the ideology and policies of the Aam Aadmi Party for the propaganda and promotion of the party. On this occasion, Municipal Corporation Mayor Baljit Singh Chani, former councilor and senior AAP leader Gurminderjit Singh Bablu, former councilors Rakesh Kala Bajaj, Sanjeev Narula, Roshan Lal Chawla, Rakesh Midda, senior AAP leaders Jagdish Sharma.

Youth dies in car-motorcycle collision, nephew seriously injured

GURMAIL SINGH SANGATPURA
LEHRAGAGA:

In a horrific accident near Chotian village, a collision between a car and a motorcycle resulted in the death of the motorcycle rider, Sagar Singh (30 years old, resident of Ubha village, Joga police station, Mansa district), while his nephew, Harman Singh (18 years old, resident of Chural Kalan), was seriously injured. According to Assistant Sub-Inspector Ranjit Singh, in-charge of Chotian police post, a speeding car coming from Jakhal towards Lehragaga struck the motorcycle as it was entering the road, engulfing both the rider and the pillion passenger. The car dragged the motorcycle for a considerable distance, causing Sagar Singh's leg to be severed, leading to his death on the spot. Harman Singh was immediately rushed to the hospital. The car driver fled the scene, but the police have seized the vehicle. ASI Ranjit Singh stated that the deceased's body has been kept at the Moonak mortuary, and further action will be taken based on the statements of the family. The body will be handed over to the family after the postmortem.



NEWS BRIEF

Youth attacked in Nalagarh, main accused absconding; villagers demand justice

ANWAR HUSSAIN
NALAGARH: A gruesome attack in Rajpura village of Nalagarh has shaken the region after a young man, Praveen Kumar, was brutally assaulted with sharp-edged weapons by two assailants. According to sources, the attackers had been tracking Praveen's movements for over a week before ambushing him on the Rajpura-Kheda road. He was critically injured in the assault and rushed to PGI Chandigarh, where he remains in the ICU in a critical condition. Praveen's sister and other relatives have alleged that the attackers are continuing to issue death threats over the phone, instilling fear in the entire family and community. In response, hundreds of residents gathered outside the Nalagarh police station, demanding the immediate arrest of all those involved. The victim's father, brother, and sister have appealed to the police for protection and swift action. Meanwhile, DSP Nalagarh Bhishm Thakur confirmed that one of the accused has already been arrested, while the main accused, Karamjeet, is still at large. He assured the public that the police are pursuing the matter seriously and will ensure the safety of the victim's family.

CM inspects damage near Paadchhu bridge in Dharampur area



DINESH AGARWAL
SHIMLA: Chief Minister Thakur Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu inspected the damage near the Paadchhu Bridge in Dharampur area of Mandi district on Wednesday. Recently, water accumulation in the area had created a temporary lake, causing damage to the nearby temple and cremation ground. Local MLA Chandrashekhar briefed the Chief Minister about the situation on the occasion.

CM inspects ongoing works of Hamirpur bus stand

RAJNEESH SHARMA
HAMIRPUR, JULY 2

Chief Minister Thakur Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu today made a surprise visit to inspect the ongoing construction works of Hamirpur bus stand today. Later, while interacting with media persons, the Chief Minister said that efforts were being made to complete the works of the bus stand by next year which has been in limbo for the last 20 years due to paucity of funds. The authorities have been directed to start the construction work of bus stand on war footing with provision of parking facility in the lower floor to facilitate the passengers. Shri Sukhu said that Dr. Radhakrishnan Government Medical College, Hamirpur

Mandi: Death toll rises to 10 , 34 missing amid landslides & cloudbursts



AGENCY
SHIMLA/MANDI, JULY 2

The death toll in Mandi district due to landslides and multiple cloudburst incidents on July 1 has risen to 10, while 34 people remain missing, according to the latest report issued by the Himachal Pradesh State Emergency Operation Centre. The monsoon fury, which has been consistently wreaking havoc in the state for the past three years, has again brought devastation to several regions of

Mandi, especially in the sub-divisions of Karsog, Thunag, Padhar and Gohar. Between June 20 and July 1, the state has reported around 90 people either killed or missing in weather-related incidents. According to the 32-hour situation report released at 8 am on July 2, 10 deaths were confirmed from various parts of Mandi. As many as 34 people are officially reported missing; many are feared trapped under debris or washed away by flash floods. Five people have sustained injuries, and over



370 have been rescued or evacuated, with 11 still stranded. Rescue teams from NDRF and SDRF have been deployed at Karsog, Gohar, and Thunag, where severe cloudbursts caused destruction of homes and public infrastructure. Among the worst-affected areas are Siyanj, Gohar reported 9 people washed away, with 2 bodies recovered and 7 still missing. Parwara and Talwara village reported two missing from a family, with one body recovered. Thunag and Pakrair

areas together account for 17 missing and two deaths. Several locations including Kutti Bypass, Old Bazaar Karsog, and Bada in Gohar also reported fatalities and multiple missing cases. With National Highway-305 blocked, and damage reported to 24 houses, 12 cowsheds, and one hydroelectric project, the state continues to grapple with monsoon-triggered destruction. Relief operations are underway but hampered by accessibility challenges in hilly terrains.

CM Sukhu receives grand welcome in Bhoranj, praises KKC state chairman Rajeev Rana's grassroots connect

ANIL KUMAR
BHORANJ, JULY 2

Chief Minister Thakur Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu was accorded a warm and enthusiastic welcome in Bhoranj during his visit to inspect disaster-affected areas in the Dharampur Assembly constituency. As his motorcade passed through Dho village in Bhoranj, hundreds of workers gathered under the leadership of Rajeev Rana, State Chairman of the K a m g a r - K a r m a c h a r i Congress (KKC), to greet the Chief Minister with traditional fervour, floral bouquets, and resounding slogans. During the interaction, Rajeev Rana apprised the Chief Minister of the pressing concerns of



unorganised workers, villagers, women, the elderly, and those affected by recent calamities in the region. He also urged the Chief Minister to implement region-specific welfare schemes to address local needs effectively. CM Sukhu appreciated Rajeev Rana's dynamic public outreach and acknowledged the dedication of KKC

workers. He encouraged them to continue working in the public interest, which instilled a renewed sense of energy and commitment among the attendees. The event reflected not only the strong public support for the Chief Minister but also demonstrated KKC's solid grassroots network and its connection with the common people.

CM visits disaster-affected families in Dharmapur, assures full support

DINESH AGARWAL
SHIMLA, JULY 2

Chief Minister Thakur Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu today visited the disaster-hit Syathi village of Laungani Panchayat in Dharampur, Mandi where he met and interacted with the families affected by the recent cloudbursts, listened to the woes of the victims, shared their grief and reviewed the relief and rehabilitation operations being carried out by the district administration. As many as 61 people have been affected by the cloudburst, which caused significant damage to homes, cowsheds and livestock. The



district administration has provided immediate assistance of Rs. 1.70 lakh as financial aid, ration, tarpaulins and other relief material. Speaking with the affected families, the Chief Minister said that the Government stands firmly with all the affected and

assured of all possible assistance. He directed the administration to ensure the best possible arrangements for the affected. A special relief package will be given to help rebuild damaged houses and enhanced compensation will also be provided for loss of livestock, including cows,

goats and sheep, as well as for destroyed cowsheds, the Chief Minister assured. Recalling the frightening incident, the villagers narrated their sorrows and told that the entire village was swept away all of sudden and they even do not have a place of land left to pitch tents for shelter. Many of us narrowly escaped death and were eyewitness to the horrifying incident. "I assure that if the government land was available nearby it will surely be allotted to those who lost their homes and in case the land nearby falls under forests, the matter will be taken up with the Union Government", remarked the Chief Minister.

Congress synonymous with corruption, crime and hooliganism: Trilok Kapoor

SANAJY AGGARWAL
DHARAMSHALA, JULY 2

Strongly opposing the attack on two NHAI officials by Rural Development and Panchayati Raj Minister of the Congress government Anirudh Singh, the newly elected member of the Bharatiya Janata Party National Council Trilok Kapoor said that the Congress government has resorted to violence in a fit of frustration. Congress is synonymous with corruption, crime and hooliganism. Strict action should be taken against all the culprits including the minister in this case. The law is equal for all. In this incident, the minister and other people have openly violated the law by taking it into their own hands and such people should not be forgiven under any circumstances. Trilok Kapoor



said that the Chief Minister of the state should immediately remove such a minister from the post of minister, because Anirudh Singh, who reached the post of minister on the strength of the public, has no right to remain a minister. He said that such an act against an officer performing his official duties is also seen to be endangering the safety of the public. He said that Jindal, the officer who was beaten up, said that the minister attacked him with a

water jug on his head and when Yogesh came forward to rescue him, he was also attacked and both were bloodied. He said that it is unfortunate that a minister has committed such an incident in the country. Is this the system change of Sukhu government? Bharatiya Janata Party National Council member Trilok Kapoor said that ever since Sukhu government has come to power, the law and order of the state has already deteriorated. The ministers of the government are attacking the officers by taking the law into their own hands. He said that Congress has been known for hooliganism since the beginning. Earlier, a police officer of Himachal was transferred because he filed a case against the wife of a Congress MLA in Himachal.

Heavy rains cause Rs. 24 crore damage in Hamirpur; roads, water, and power services disrupted



RAJNEESH SHARMA
HAMIRPUR: Incessant rains have wreaked havoc in Himachal Pradesh's Hamirpur district, swelling local rivers including the Beas and triggering landslides, road blockages, and infrastructure damage. As per initial estimates, the district has suffered losses worth nearly Rs. 24 crore due to damage to roads, electricity infrastructure, drinking water schemes, and private property. According to the Public Works Department (PWD), around 33 roads were blocked, most of them in the Tauni Devi division. However, quick response teams managed to restore connectivity on 30 of these routes. Roads including Sujanpur-Sandhol and Sujanpur-Nadaun, which were briefly shut due to landslides and rockfall, have been reopened. Other critical link roads—such as those from Tikker via Chamarda Jattan Dhar, Garne Da Galu to Kutheda, and Uhal to Hindu Di Dhar via Jandru—have also been cleared for traffic. PWD Superintending Engineer Vijay Chaudhary confirmed that the department has incurred losses of around Rs. 7.7 crore in the last 24 hours alone.

Nadda slams state govt for underutilizing central funds, reaffirms Centre's commitment to Himachal's recovery

AJAY KUMAR UPADHYAY
BILASPUR, JULY 2

BJP National President and Union Health Minister JP Nadda, during his Bilaspur visit on Wednesday, made a scathing critique of the Himachal Pradesh Congress government, accusing it of failing to effectively utilize the financial aid provided by the Central Government for development and disaster recovery. Addressing the media, Nadda emphasized that the Centre has extended unwavering support to Himachal Pradesh, releasing funds worth nearly Rs 5,000 crore for recovery and reconstruction from natural calamities. He pointed out that despite this generous assistance, the state government has not been able to fully utilize the funds or complete key infrastructure projects. Nadda assured that the



Centre remains committed and will continue aiding the state, especially in light of the recent rain-induced damages in Mandi and other regions. Expressing sorrow over the lives lost due to the recent heavy rains, Nadda prayed for peace for the departed souls and strength for their families. He further criticized the Congress-led state administration for its inefficiency under the Ayushman Bharat scheme. Of the Rs 360 crore released, only Rs 78 crore has been spent so far, with only six out of the proposed 73 block units completed and 14 currently under tender

process. He also revealed that critical care units sanctioned for Rekonpiya, Ghanwadal, Mandi, Paonta Sahib, Tanda, and Rohru remain largely incomplete, with only two nearing completion. Moreover, only Rs 1.28 crore of the Rs 521 crore allocated under the 15th Finance Commission has been spent. Under the JICA project, Rs 1,138 crore has been sanctioned, including Rs 113 crore as loan, yet progress remains minimal. Nadda urged the state government to act in the interest of the people and expedite the utilization of the relief funds.

Assault on officers is possible only in Congress rule: Balveer Chaudhary



AVINASH CHAUHAN
AMB: Former BJP District President and former Chintpurni MLA Balveer Chaudhary said during a press conference that some people have lost their temper and the promises made to the people by which Congress came to power, those promises and intentions are clearly visible. He said this while addressing the journalists today in the BJP office located in Amb subdivision of Una district. He said that assaulting officials has become common in the Congress party's rule. He said that in Shimla, a National Highway Authority official was beaten up in a planned manner. At that time, the administration was also present there but the fear of the leader made them mute spectators. Now an FIR has been registered. We demand that strict action be taken against these people. So that people's faith in the legal process remains intact. He said that development work in the state is completely stalled, not even a single brick has been laid anywhere in the name of development and they are patting their backs by inaugurating the works done during the BJP regime. On this occasion, BJP District President Unna Sham Minhas, Chintapurni Mandal General Secretary Kuldeep Thakur were present with him.

CM announces slew of development projects for Dhaneta; locals express gratitude

RAJNEESH SHARMA
HAMIRPUR, JULY 2

During his two-day visit to the region, Chief Minister Thakur Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu unveiled a series of developmental initiatives for Dhaneta, earning widespread appreciation from local residents. Addressing a gathering at the Government Senior Secondary School in Dhaneta, the Chief Minister announced the introduction of co-educational CBSE curriculum at the school, along with the commencement of science stream classes. He further declared that new courses—B.Ed. and BCA—will be introduced at the Dhaneta Government College, providing students with enhanced higher education opportunities within their region. For the benefit of local farmers, the Chief



Minister announced the opening of a new agricultural procurement centre in Nadaun, aimed at making crop procurement easier and more accessible. In the healthcare sector, a major boost came with the upgradation of the existing Primary Health Centre in Dhaneta to a Community Health Centre. CM Sukhu also assured the appointment of doctors to ensure quality medical services are made available closer to residents' homes. Local residents, panchayat representatives,

and elected members welcomed the announcements and extended heartfelt thanks to the Chief Minister. District Council member Sanjay Chaudhary, Gram Panchayat Dhaneta Pradhan Madhubala, BDC member Kanchan Dhiman, ward members Kishore Sharma, Renu Bala, Anita Chadha, Bharat Bhushan Kapil, former Zila Parishad member Parsaram Dhiman, and others including Ranjit Guleria (Bhadrun Panchayat), Yashpal Sharma (Berhad Panchayat), and several other locals joined in expressing their appreciation. They collectively praised CM Sukhu for his visionary leadership, stating that he is earnestly working toward transforming the Nadaun Assembly Constituency into a model region.

NEWS BRIEF

Classes of Kendriya Vidyalaya Nandpur to operate temporarily at Behd Jaswan School: DC



KISHORI LAL BAINS
UNA: Deputy Commissioner of Una, Jain Lal, on Wednesday visited the Government Senior Secondary School at Behd Jaswan to inspect preparations for temporarily hosting the classes of Kendriya Vidyalaya Nandpur. He was accompanied by SDM Amb, Sachin Sharma, along with officials from the education department and district administration. During the inspection, the Deputy Commissioner confirmed that until the permanent building of Kendriya Vidyalaya Nandpur is constructed, its classes will be conducted on the premises of the Behd Jaswan school.

Language Dept. invites applications for Punjabi literature, poetry singing contests



DALJEET AJNOHA HOSHIARPUR: As per the directions of the Director, Language Department, Punjab, the District Language Office, Hoshiarpur is organizing Punjabi Literature Creation and Poetry Singing Competitions this year as well, continuing the annual tradition. Students wishing to participate can submit their registration forms, duly attested by their school in-charge, by July 7, 2025, either by visiting the District Language Office in person (Mini Secretariat, Third Floor, Room No. 307-308, Hoshiarpur) or via email. Providing details about the competitions, District Language Officer Jaspreet Kaur and Research Officer Dr. Jaswant Rai stated that the aim of these competitions is to promote interest in the Punjabi language, literature, and culture among students.

CJM Dr. Iram Hasan inspects drug prohibition center in Civil Hospital

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA KARNAL: Under the guidance of District and Sessions Judge and chairman of District Legal Services Authority Ajay Kumar Sharda, CJM Dr Iram Hasan inspected the intoxication prohibition center set up at the Civil Hospital on Wednesday. Seven patients were admitted in the prohibition of



drug addiction center. During the inspection, CJM Dr Iram Hasan reviewed the medical facilities being provided to the drug addiction center patients. He interacted with the patients and their families and encouraged them to restart a new life from here and motivated them to stay away from drugs in future.

No linkage between COVID-19 vaccine and sudden deaths: Health Ministry

AGENCY
NEW DELHI, JULY 2

Studies by the Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) and National Centre for Disease Control (NCDC) have established that there is no direct link between COVID-19 vaccination and the reports of sudden deaths in the country. According to a press release by the Union Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, the matter of sudden unexplained deaths has been investigated through several agencies in the country. These studies have conclusively established that there is no direct link between COVID-19 vaccination and the reports of sudden deaths in the country. Studies by the Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) and



National Centre for Disease Control (NCDC) affirm that COVID-19 vaccines in India are safe and effective, with extremely rare instances of serious side effects. Sudden cardiac deaths can result from a wide range of factors, including genetics, lifestyle, pre-existing conditions, and post-COVID complications. As per the release, the ICMR and NCDC have been working together to understand the causes behind sudden unexplained deaths, especially in young adults between the ages of 18 and

45 years. To explore this, two complementary studies were undertaken using different research approaches—one based on past data and another involving real-time investigation.

The first study, conducted by ICMR's National Institute of Epidemiology (NIE), was titled "Factors associated with unexplained sudden deaths among adults aged 18-45 years in India - A multicentric matched case-control study." This study was carried out from May to August 2023 across 47 tertiary care hospitals in 19 states and Union Territories. It looked at individuals who appeared to be healthy but died suddenly between October 2021 and March 2023. The findings have conclusively shown that

COVID-19 vaccination does not increase the risk of unexplained sudden death in young adults. The second study, titled "Establishing the cause in sudden unexplained deaths in young," is currently being conducted by the All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS), New Delhi with funding and in collaboration with ICMR. This is a prospective study aimed at determining the common causes of sudden deaths in young adults. Early analysis of data from the study indicates that heart attacks, or myocardial infarction (MI), continue to be the leading cause of sudden death in this age group. Importantly, no major changes in the pattern of causes have been observed when compared with previous years.

MC acquires 15 tractor trolleys for garbage collection

RAHUL KOHLI
YAMUNANAGAR, JULY 2

The Municipal Corporation has acquired 15 new tractor trolleys to lift the garbage collected after cleaning. On Wednesday, Mayor Suman Bahamani flagged off the tractor trolleys from the Municipal Corporation office in the presence of Municipal Corporation Commissioner Akhil Pilani. Five tractor trolleys will be deployed in each zone of the Municipal Corporation for lifting garbage. With the arrival of new tractor trolleys, the Municipal Corporation area will get rid of the heaps of garbage after cleaning and the heaps of silt coming out of the drains.

Mayor Suman Bahamani said that under the cleanliness system, three zones have been created in the Municipal Corporation. Zone and zone one included one to seven wards, zone



two included eight to 15 wards and zone three included 16 to 22 wards. Cleaning work was done under the leadership of Chief Sanitation Inspector Harjeet Singh in Zone one, Chief Sanitation Inspector Vinod Benival in Zone two and Chief Sanitation Inspector Anil Nain in Zone three. Garbage will be collected from the houses and shops of all 22 wards through tractor trolleys. Apart from this, the cleaning of streets, roads and public places is done by

corporation workers. Employees collect garbage after cleaning. Earlier, there was less resources to lift the garbage after cleaning. Due to which there was a problem of lifting garbage from everywhere every day. To solve this, the Municipal Corporation had decided to buy new tractor trolleys. Now the Municipal Corporation has bought 15 new tractor trolleys. Which were flagged off and sent to all three zones on Wednesday.

ENT check-up camp organised at New Happy Public School, Sudhail

RAHUL KOHLI
YAMUNANAGAR, JULY 2

A special ENT (Ear, Nose, and Throat) checkup camp was organized at New Happy Public School, Sudhail with the aim of promoting awareness about overall health among students. The purpose of the camp was to identify commonly occurring ENT-related issues in children and to provide timely guidance and intervention where needed.

Dr. Chavi Mehta from Sureshta Hospital, Yamunanagar, and Dr. Rishav Garg from Garg ENT Centre offered their expert services during the camp. Both doctors conducted the checkups in a friendly and approachable manner, which made students feel comfortable and encouraged their active participation.

The doctors examined students for issues such as hearing difficulties, tonsil inflammation, throat irritation, nasal congestion, allergies, infections, and earwax build-up. Students showing any signs of such problems were given appropriate advice, and in some cases, further consultation or treatment was recommended.



In addition, the doctors shared practical yet effective tips with the students on maintaining ENT hygiene, such as avoiding loud noises, timely treatment of infections, drinking plenty of water, maintaining cleanliness, and not taking any medication without proper consultation. After the camp, a health note was sent to parents, informing them about the outcomes of their child's checkup. Children who required follow-up care were given clear guidance regarding the next steps.

Condition and safety of journalists in India is alarming: Sindhwani, Chaudhary

BUREAU DHURI: The Press Federation of India has expressed serious concern over the deteriorating condition of journalists in India, their declining safety, and the government's indifference. In a joint statement, the Federation's Chairman Vivek Sindhwani and President Advocate Rajeshwar Chaudhary said that journalists, who are considered the fourth pillar of democracy, are now deprived of their fundamental rights. They pointed out that in recent years, there has been an increase in attacks, false cases, and threats against journalists. Hundreds of grassroots-level journalists are working without any security or government accreditation. Many have even lost their jobs due to their reporting.

Chairman Vivek Sindhwani demanded that the government immediately implement a National Journalists' Protection Law and establish Media Welfare and Advisory Boards at the district level in every state to ensure that journalists' grievances and issues are heard and resolved fairly. He further stated that the situation has become so dire that ordinary journalists are struggling to manage even their basic living expenses. As a solution, he urged the government to launch a special pension scheme, health insurance, and housing plans for media personnel. The Press Federation of India has announced that if the government does not pay attention to the demands of journalists soon, a national-level protest will be launched.



ADG NCC, Cheema meets with Haryana EM to boost NCC activities



SUMER GARG CHANDIGARH: The press information bureau (defence wing), GoI in a press release said, "Maj Gen JS Cheema, Additional Director General NCC Directorate Punjab Haryana Himachal Pradesh & Chandigarh (PHHP&C), met with Mr Mahipal Dhand, Education Minister (EM), Haryana to discuss various NCC-related activities in the state. The meeting was attended by senior officials, including Gp Cdr Ambala, Brig Rohit Sehgal, and Mr. S Narayanan (IFS), directorate of higher education, Haryana. The meeting focused on key initiatives, including the establishment of a State Cell at the Directorate, raising a new NCC unit in Sirsa, and setting up a new NCC training academy for Rohtak Group. The minister expressed his full support for these proposals, acknowledging the importance of NCC in shaping the youth. He said that recently, Haryana demonstrated its commitment to NCC's nationwide expansion plan by giving concurrence to 9248 cadet vacancies.

Ten-day personality development program concludes at RR Bawa DAV College for Girls, Batala



VERMA BATALA: Ten-day Personality Development Program was organized at RR Bawa DAV College for Girls, Batala under the aegis of Principal Dr. EktaKhosla. The objectives of this Program were to build self-confidence of students, enhance their self-esteem and improve their overall personality. The Program aimed at grooming the students through sensitizing them about proper behaviour, socially and professionally in both formal and informal circumstances. The course was designed to teach Communication Skills, Life Skills, Etiquette and Personal Behaviour etc. Students were also trained through practical sessions for Basic Cooking, Stitching, Designing. They also participated in grooming sessions focused on body language, hair and skin care. Students also participated in Yoga, Aerobics, Swimming and Dance sessions. At the end of the program all the students gave feedback about Ten Day Personality Development Program. Principal Dr. EktaKhosla extended her felicitations for the successful completion of the Personality Development Program.

IVF will honor meritorious personalities with 'OP Jindal' award : Singla

SUMER GARG
DABWALI, JULY 2

The International Vaish Federation (IVF), Punjab and Chandigarh will organise 5th annual big musical reception and honor ceremony program between 10 AM to 2 PM on 5 July in the auditorium of Mahatma Gandhi State Institute of Public Administration Punjab, Sector 26 Chandigarh, in which hundreds activists of Agarwal/Vaish Samaj from Punjab and Haryana will participate.

The Cabinet minister to the Govt of Punjab Barindra Goyal, who will join the event as Chief guest, start the program with the light of lamp before the statue of Maharaja Agrasen. The program will be organized under the chairmanship of the National investigation Agency to GoI and the former Director General of Punjab Police, Dinkar Gupta IPS; the founder of the IVF & Retd Justice of Supreme Court, Ashok Bhan; Patron, Justice SN Aggarwal; Patron, Justice RK Garg; Patron, JB Goel IAS (Retd); Dharampal Gupta, IAS (Retd); Patron, Dr. BC Gupta, IAS (Retd); Justice, RC Gupta and Justice, L.N. Mittal will join the event.



In this grand program, Shreya Garg, who has obtained 99.4% marks in CBSE 12th grade examination, will be honored with the OP Jindal Award and the famous Punjabi artists will present patriotic and operation Sindhoo as well as social songs, Punjabi Bhangra. Punjab Pradesh, President of IVF, Surinder Singla and Chandigarh President, Raj Kumar Gupta in a joint statement said that in the program, 15 youths of Agarwal/Vaish Samaj, who passed the examination of Union Public Service Commission-2024 will be honored with Agarwal/Vaish Samaj's Shiromani world famous Udyogpati 'OP Jindal Award'.

RSS volunteers visit Dehradun and Haridwar under Van Vihar

MEGH RAJ LUTHRA
KARNAL, JULY 2

A one-day Van Vihar program was organized by the Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh. About 60 volunteers from Kamal Madhav Nagar visited Dehradun and Haridwar under the Van Vihar program. During this, the volunteers hoisted the flag and held a branch. After this, the volunteers participated in fun programs. In Dehradun, all the volunteers took a bath in Sahastradhara. Giving information about the Van Vihar program, Madhav Nagar Karyavah Bharat Bhushan Chugh said that the Van Vihar program is organized every year by the workers of the Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh. Under this, all the volunteers go out



together. During this, while their knowledge is enhanced through sports etc., physical and mental development also takes place. For the program, the city executive contacted all the settlements for a month and registrations of volunteers were done. About 60 volunteers participated in the program. He told that the volunteers held a branch in front of the saffron flag. He said that during the Van Vihar, all the volunteers saw the major places of Dehradun

and while returning, they also took a bath in the Ganga in Haridwar. Giving information about the organization, Co-City Incharge Rajiv Popli said that the Sangh is completing its 100 years from this Vijaydashmi. Despite being a hundred years old, the Sangh is working with a youthful power and thinking. In this centenary year, 6 points of expansion of work and Panch Pran have to be completed.

National Doctors' Day celebrated at Soni Eye Care Centre, Doraha

AMRISH ANAND
DORAHA, JULY 2

"National Doctors' Day" was observed with great reverence at Soni Eye Care Centre, located on Araichan Road, Doraha. The celebration was held under the guidance of Senior Dr. Rhibhu Soni and Senior Dr. Rubina Soni. To mark the occasion, the hospital staff gathered for a cake-cutting ceremony to express their joy and appreciation for the medical profession. Addressing the staff, Dr. Rhibhu Soni shared insights about the significance of National Doctors' Day. He stated that the day was first celebrated in India on July 1, 1991, to honour Dr. Bidhan Chandra Roy for his remarkable



contributions to the field of medicine. Dr. Soni highlighted that Dr. B.C. Roy was a renowned physician, educator, freedom fighter, and statesman. He dedicated his life to healing countless individuals and served as an inspiration to many. In recognition of his invaluable service, Dr. B.C. Roy was conferred with India's highest civilian award, the

Bharat Ratna. To commemorate his legacy, July 1st is celebrated as National Doctors' Day across India. Dr. Soni further stated that doctors are regarded as "next to God" because of their role in saving lives and serving humanity. He emphasized the respect and admiration that society holds for the selfless service of doctors.

Narsingh Das Public School honours doctors of community health centre on National Doctors' Day

KAMAL SHARMA
TARAORI, JULY 2

On the occasion of National Doctor Day, doctors of Community Health Center Tarawadi were honored. This honor was given by Munish Mittal, Vanshika, besides students Karna, Vanshika, Khushmeet, Ramanpreet and Aditi from Narsingh Das Public School Tarawadi. Staff members and children reached the government hospital of Tarawadi city. They cut the cake with all the doctors and staff and wished them Happy Doctor's Day. On behalf of Narsingh Das Public School, Tulsi plant was also distributed while wishing the doctors well. On this occasion, Munish Mittal said that doctors were dedicated to the service of humanity as they



were life givers. Hence, their respect was very important. He said that doctors were an important part of the society. Doctors were not only life givers but were also dedicated to the service of humanity. He told that honoring them on Doctor's Day by Narsingh Das Public School Tarawadi was an effort to express

gratitude on behalf of the society. On this occasion, SMO apart from Dr. Kailash Garg, Dr. Shivani, Dr. Vinay, Dr. Chand Singh, Dr. Nipun, Munish Mittal and Vanshika from the school staff and students Karna, Vanshika, Khushmeet, Ramanpreet and Aditi along with others were present.

School security guard dies after being hit by tipper



JAGRAJ SINGH SANGHA MOGA: A speeding tipper hit a motorcycle near Moga-Jalandhar Highway No. N-71 early this morning. As a result, the motorcycle driver died on the spot after falling under the tipper. The motorcycle driver was a resident of the nearby village Badduwal and was working as a security guard at the nearby SDC School. He was going to school on his duty today too. The tipper driver fled after the accident. The police have started searching for him. According to the information received, at around 7 am, the deceased Baldev Singh, son of Darbara Singh, resident of Badduwal, was going to his duty at the school on his motorcycle. When he reached Highway No. N-71 near the AC Sheller, a speeding tipper coming from Jalandhar hit him, due to which he fell under the tipper and was crushed. The said youth died on the spot. Police PCR team's Superintendent Daljit Singh, who reached the spot, said that he had received information from the police control room Moga that a road accident had taken place at this place and an unidentified body was lying there.

NEWS BRIEFS

Protest by electricity workers in Indri, voice raised against privatisation in UP

MAINPAL KASHYAP
INDRI: All Haryana Power Corporation Worker Union held a strong demonstration in Indri Electricity Board against the privatisation of the electricity department in Uttar Pradesh. This demonstration was chaired by Mahesh Mehta and conducted by Sanjeev Malik. In the program, state leader Malkit and Block Pradhan Senti Kamboj addressed the employees. Senti Kamboj said, "The decision taken by the Uttar Pradesh government to hand over Purnvanchal and Dakshinanchal Discom to private hands will not only lead to the layoff of more than 50,000 employees and engineers, but it will also lead to a huge increase in electricity prices." He further said that the employees and engineers of Uttar Pradesh have been struggling against this decision for the last four months and will not allow it to be implemented under any circumstances. During this demonstration, the electricity employees of UP further strengthened their unity and struggle. More than 5,000 electricity employees, engineers, farmers and members of labour organisations attended the massive rally held in Lucknow on 9 April and the massive panchayat held in Lucknow on 24 June.

Manesar to host first-ever two-day national conference on urban local bodies

BUREAU CHANDIGARH, JULY 2

In a first, two-day National Conference on the theme 'The Strong Role of Urban Local Bodies in Constitutional Democracy and Nation Building' is scheduled to be held on July 3 and 4 at the International Centre for Automotive Technology (ICAT) in Manesar, Gurugram district. The arrangements for the successful hosting of the event have been completed. Haryana, with its rich cultural heritage, is fully prepared to extend a grand welcome to delegates from across the country.

Divulging more details in this regard, Deputy Commissioner, Sh. Ajay Kumar said that the conference will be inaugurated on Thursday, July 3, by Lok Sabha Speaker Sh. Om Birla. Haryana Vidhan Sabha Speaker Sh. Harvinder Kalyan has been consistently reviewing the preparations.

The Secretary General, Lok Sabha, Sh. Utpal Kumar Singh will also be present during the inaugural session. The session will also be graced by the presence of Haryana Chief Minister, Sh. Nay-

ab Singh Saini, Union Minister for Housing and Urban Affairs, Sh. Manohar Lal, and Haryana Urban Local Bodies Minister Sh. Vipul Goel.

The Deputy Commissioner further informed that Mayors, Commissioners,



and other representatives from Municipal Corporations nationwide will participate in the conference. The objective of the event is to make urban governance more effective, inclusive, and innovation-driven, thereby contributing to the vision of "Viksit Bharat 2047." On the first day of the conference, best practices adopted by leading Indian cities-Bhubaneswar, Coimbatore, Indore, Lucknow, Pune, Surat, and

Visakhapatnam will be presented. Following this, five workshops will be held on different sub-themes, including, the role of Urban Local Bodies as the foundation of democracy, Developing ideal practices and codes of conduct for council meetings,

Local bodies as engines of inclusive development, Strengthening municipal governance, Innovation hubs to improve citizen quality of life and public service delivery, Empowering women, preparing them for leadership roles in society and politics as builders of 21st century India. Sh. Ajay Kumar further stated that on Friday, July 4, the programme will include group presentations on sub-themes, an informal dialogue with the Lok Sabha Speaker, and a concluding session. The closing session will be attended by Deputy Chairman, Rajya Sabha Sh. Harivansh, Haryana Governor, Sh. Bandaru Dattatraya, and Deputy Speaker, Haryana Vidhan Sabha Dr. Krishan Lal Middha. He said that this conference will not only define the future direction of urban governance in India but also strengthen the country's democratic and developmental journey.

Anti Corruption Foundation of India gets National Prestige Award

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA KARNAL, JULY 2

Anti Corruption Foundation of India, the country's number one organisation working for corruption eradication awareness throughout India through Corruption Free India Campaign and Satyanshtha Shapath Abhiyan, was honoured with the National Prestige Award by The Universal Media. The Foundation received this honour along with celebrities from different fields of the country in a programme organised in Delhi. The Foundation's National Supremo Narendra Arora and International Chairman Pawan Sharma received the National Prestige Award from film actress Esha Deol for excellent work in the field of corruption eradication awareness. On this occasion, Esha Deol praised the work of the Foundation. On this occasion, Narendra Arora said that the Foundation has been working for corruption eradication awareness for the last eight years.

He said that the Anti Corruption Foundation of India is working for awareness against corruption across the country. The foundation's team is located in all the states of the country. Through the Corruption Free India campaign, the foundation organises speech, slogan, drawing, essay etc. competitions on the title of Corruption Free India in educational institutions, signature campaigns are run



and through the Satyanshtha Shapath Abhiyan, people are administered the oath of integrity and they are made to fill the forms of the oath of integrity. He said that the foundation spreads the message of living life with truth and honesty across the country. He said that the Anti Corruption Foundation of India has been honored by the World Book of Records London UK for excellent work in the field of corruption eradication. He said that the foundation is doing special work throughout India for corruption eradication awareness. The foundation has administered the oath of integrity to millions of people, for which special campaigns are being run.

Ward No. 3 member Sohanlal installs cold water cooler

PRITI SAINI

SADHAURA: Giving information, Block Committee Ward No. 3 member Sohanlal said that hundreds of people from the area reach Sadhaura Tehsil office every day to get their work done. Often people have to face problems due to lack of cold water in the summer season. Keeping this in mind, he has installed this water cooler in the tehsil premises from his own funds. He said that I consider myself fortunate



that I got the opportunity to do this work again. Apart from this, Sohanlal has installed water coolers at many places for the people of the area. Advocate Mahendra Singh Paharipur, who was present on the occasion, expressed happiness over

the installation of a water cooler and said that now people will get cold water to drink and it is a big relief for the common man. He thanked Sohanlal for this work and said that Sohanlal has been doing many such social welfare works quietly without any noise. Advocates Mahavir Singh Sethi, Narendra Saini, Chandrabhan, Baburam Nambardar, Ashu Bakshi, Mohit Gombhar, Hritik Adalkkha, Bhishma Chugh and others were present on the occasion.

BIS conducts enforcement raid at M/s Punch Ratna Fasteners Pvt. Ltd., Unit III, Rohtak

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA

ROHTAK: The Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS), Haryana Branch Office, conducted an enforcement raid on 1st July 2025 at the premises of the distributor M/s Punch Ratna Fasteners Pvt. Ltd., Unit III, located at 7th-8th KM Stone, Jind Road, Village & P.O. Titoli, Rohtak - 124001, Haryana.

During the raid, the firm was found to have a stock of non-ISI marked Hexagonal Head Screws and Hexagonal Head Bolts, which fall under the scope of the Bolts, Nuts and Fasteners (Quality Control) Order, 2024. A search and seizure operation was carried out by a BIS team comprising Mr. Niraj Kumar Mahato, Deputy Director, and Mr. Anant Kumar, Deputy Director. A total of 360 non-ISI marked items were seized from the manufacturer. These products were found to be in violation of the QCO.

The enforcement action was successfully executed by the Haryana Branch Office as per the planned objectives. The operation achieved its primary goals of ensuring compliance with BIS standards and identifying violations of the Quality Control Order. Sh. Ramesh K., Director & Head, Haryana Branch Office, stated that legal action will be taken against the offenders under the Bureau of Indian Standards Act, 2016. The violations fall under Section 17(1) of the BIS Act, which is punishable with imprisonment of up to two years, or a fine of not less than ₹2,00,000.



Public service is resolution of BJP govt: Jagmohan Anand

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA KARNAL, JULY 2

Karnal MLA Jagmohan Anand on Tuesday met Chief Minister Nayab Singh Saini at his Chandigarh residence Sant Kabir Kutir and discussed in detail about the development works going on in Karnal assembly constituency and future development plans. On this, Chief Minister Nayab Singh Saini assured MLA Jagmohan Anand that the pace of development of Karnal assembly constituency will be further accelerated. The MLA along with members of various delegations of Karnal informed Chief Minister Nayab Singh Saini about the public problems and essential demands related to Karnal, the Chief Minister listened to these issues with sensitivity and also immediately directed the concerned officials to resolve them.

MLA Jagmohan Anand thanked Chief Minister Nayab Singh Saini on behalf of the entire public of Karnal



and said that the Chief Minister not only gave his valuable time to the families of Karnal, but the intimacy, affection and respect he gave is very inspiring for everyone. He said that the Chief Minister's connection with the people of Karnal is not just a formality, but a lively feeling of

participating in their happiness and sorrow. His guidance and protection constantly inspires us. Chairperson Megha Bhandari, Corporation Councillor Sankalp Bhandari and members of various delegations were present on this occasion.

Cheistha Kochhar Award Presented at Ashoka University Convocation

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA

SONEPAT: The spirit of Cheistha Kochhar's compassion and kindness was celebrated at the Young India Fellowship 2025 Convocation, where Pushpinder, this year's recipient, remarked, "Cheistha's compassion and kindness still echo in the campus."

The annual Cheistha Kochhar Award, now in its second year, was presented in a moving ceremony attended by Cheistha's parents, who were invited on stage to confer the honor. The convocation was preceded by a tree plantation ceremony and a visit to the HDFC Library, where attendees were shown the dedicated Cheistha Kochhar Corner-featuring a collection of her books, graciously donated by her family. Pramath Sinha and Karan Bhola were recognized for their thoughtful invitation and meticulous organization of the event, which underscored the enduring impact of Cheistha's legacy.

Events like these, instituted voluntarily, bring warmth and hope to all who knew Cheistha, ensuring her legacy continues to inspire future generations. Late Cheistha Kochhar was a young and dynamic student who was doing her Philosophy (PhD) at the prestigious London School of Economics and Political Science (LSE), who lost her life in London in a tragic accident on March 19th, 2024.



Govt celebrating birth anniversary of great men at state level: Praveen Lathar

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA

KARNAL: With the aim of taking the glorious stories of saints and great men to the people, the Haryana government will organise a state level function of Maharaja Daksh Prajapati Jayanti in Bhiwani on July 13. In this regard, Cabinet Minister in Haryana Government Ranbir Singh Gangwa addressed a press conference at Circuit House Karnal today. On this occasion, Karnal BJP District President said that the state level Guru Daksh Jayanti function is being organised in Bhiwani on July 13. District President Praveen Lathar said that since the BJP government has been formed, the birth anniversaries of all great men are being celebrated in the state and Maharaja Daksh Prajapati's birth anniversary will be celebrated in Bhiwani on July 13. The District President appealed to all the workers to participate in this programme with great enthusiasm for its successful organisation. He said that the Haryana government under the leadership of Chief Minister Nayab Singh Saini



is taking all sections of the society along. The birth anniversaries of all the great men are now being officially celebrated by the state government, spreading the message of unity and awareness in the society. He said that protecting the rights of the DSC community is the priority of the government. Now the youth of the society are getting selected in government jobs without recommendation, without expenses. On this occasion, Karnal Mayor Renu Bala Gupta, District Council Chairman Sohan Singh Rana and other dignitaries were present.

Appeal to shopkeepers and street vendors to support MC Administration-Ahuja

PARDEEP MEHTA NILOKHERI, JULY 2

Due to increasing encroachment in the city

day by day, the situation of jam in the market is not hidden from anyone. Many shopkeepers have kept their goods outside up to 50 feet. Looking at the situation of traffic jams, the question arises: where should the street vendors go? Recently, the Municipal Corporation carried out an encroachment campaign in the market and has removed many sign boards and goods lying outside.

However, efforts are on by Municipal Corporation Chairperson Sanmeet Ahuja to find some solution soon. But there is a special appeal from his side to the shopkeepers to keep their goods inside the shops and not create a situation of

encroachment outside. Otherwise, the Municipal Corporation will also issue a challan for the goods lying outside and the goods lying outside will be confiscated. On the other



hand, the street vendors in Gole Market say that it is a question of livelihood for the poor people, so give us a designated place, otherwise let our carts and stalls remain here till then.

Manavta Jan Shakti Foundation serving needy by organising camps: Praveen Rana

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA

KARNAL: Manavta Jan Shakti Foundation organised a free health check-up camp in village Padhana. The health of the patients was examined by experienced doctors of Arpana Hospital, Saggu Dental Clinic Nilokheri. 227 people who reached the camp got their health checked and expressed their gratitude to the doctors and all the members of the organization. At the same time, the team of doctors examined ophthalmology, bone disease, gynecology, dental disease, and general health. At the same time, the blood sugar, blood pressure and all other tests of the patients were done free of cost and medicines were also provided free of cost. In the camp, social worker and Sarpanch representative Praveen Rana openly praised this noble work of the organisation and said that Manavta Jan Shakti Foundation is working for the public welfare of humanity. For this, he expressed his gratitude to the founder of the foundation, Hardeep Rana. He said that serving people by organising such camps for the needy and sick is a duty of service. He appealed to all and said that we all should keep participating in this noble work and serve the needy people. On this occasion, founder Hardeep Rana, Sarpanch representative Praveen Rana, Head of Grain Market Tarawadi Subhash Gupta, Kuldeep Chauhan Bijna, Rajbir Rana, Anuradha Kamboj, Sujita Mann, Naresh Chauhan, Sarpanch Ashish Rana, Urmila Taya, Seema Paswan, Tamanna Bahl, Kuldeep Rana, Dhoom Singh Rana, Nain Singh etc.



Guru Daksh Prajapati Jayanti celebration in Bhiwani on July 13: Ranbir Gangwa

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA KARNAL, JULY 2

Haryana's Public Works and Public Health Engineering Minister Ranbir Gangwa said that a state-level Guru Daksh Prajapati Jayanti celebration will be organised in Bhiwani on July 13. On this occasion, Haryana Chief Minister Nayab Singh Saini will participate as the chief guest. Invitations are being sent to every corner of the state for the successful organisation of the Jayanti celebration and people will reach the Jayanti celebration in large numbers with great enthusiasm and drums. Cabinet Minister Ranbir Gangwa was addressing the people present in a meeting organised at the local PWD Rest House on Wednesday. On his arrival in Karnal, Minister Ranbir Singh Gangwa was welcomed by the Prajapati community by giving him a bouquet of flowers and wearing a turban. BJP District President Praveen Lathar, Mayor Renu Bala Gupta and members of the delegation of

Valmiki Samaj, Subhash Bumbak Pradhan, Raghubir Gagat, Roshan Lal Samra, Karna Azad and Anil Chanalia also welcomed the Cabinet Minister with a bouquet of flowers.

On this occasion, Minister Ranbir



Singh Gangwa invited to the Guru Daksh Prajapati Jayanti celebrations to be held in Bhiwani July 13 and said that under the leadership of Chief Minister Naib Singh Saini, the state government is celebrating the birth anniversaries of great

men as a government program, by organising these celebrations, the work of spreading information about the biographies of great men to the people is being done, due to which every society is feeling proud. He said that the opposition government has discriminated against the needy and backward class people. The posts in the backlog departments used to remain vacant, but after the BJP government came, the recruitments were completed on the backlog seats. He said that the government has also changed the direction and condition of recruitments. Youths are now getting jobs on merit basis without any slip or expense.

On this occasion, Mayor of Karnal Municipal Corporation Renu Bala Gupta and District President of BJP Praveen Lathar invited all the people present for the state level Guru Daksh Prajapati Jayanti and assured the Minister that a large number of people from Karnal will participate in the Jayanti.

EDITORIAL

GST, a tumultuous journey

Overcoming initial scepticism, technical glitches and political differences, the Goods and Services Tax (GST) regime has come a long way and has proved largely beneficial for the country. As the bold indirect tax reform completes eight years of implementation, the occasion calls for an honest appraisal and the introduction of further reforms. There is a strong case for simplifying compliance, reducing the number of tax slabs to three, and broadening the base by bringing petroleum products under the GST purview. At present, petroleum products remain subject to central excise duty and State Value Added Tax (VAT). They can be brought within the ambit of GST only upon a specific recommendation by the GST Council, comprising Finance Ministers from the States and the Centre. However, the primary concern of the States is that subsuming these commodities under GST would lead to a revenue shortfall. The GST was originally conceived by the Congress-led UPA government years before its actual rollout on July 1, 2017. Gross GST collections have doubled over the last five years to touch a record Rs 22.08 lakh crore in 2024-25, according to official data. Gross GST collections in 2024-25 rose 9.4 per cent year-on-year with an average monthly mop-up of Rs 1.84 lakh crore. In comparison, total GST collections stood at Rs 11.37 lakh crore in 2020-21. The rise reflects the increasing formalisation of the economy and improved tax compliance.

The robust growth is attributed to timely reforms, simplified procedures, and upgrades to the GST portal, which have helped taxpayers comply with ease. Since its rollout, the number of active registered taxpayers has more than doubled, from 60 lakh at inception to over 1.51 crore as of April 2025. The GST Council determines tax rates and policies under the four-tier rate structure of 5, 12, 18, and 28 per cent. Special rates apply to items like gold, diamonds and jewellery, while a compensation cess is levied on select goods to make up for States' revenue losses following GST implementation. It is estimated that the GST, which subsumed a cascade of 17 central and State taxes and 23 cesses, has helped reduce the overall tax burden on goods and services, saving households around 4 per cent on monthly expenses. Undoubtedly, the GST has been the most transformative indirect tax reform undertaken in independent India. It warranted a complete reset of one of the world's largest economic systems. The system has now reasonably stabilised. The overall experience has been positive, with tax compliance rising significantly and numerous businesses being brought into the formal economy. The success of GST is a fitting tribute to the spirit of cooperative federalism, despite political and ideological differences. While there is scope for further simplification, a single GST rate is an impractical idea, given the vast diversity of consumers in India.

Employment linked incentive scheme

The Union Cabinet, led by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, has approved a new scheme called the employment-linked-incentive">Employment Linked Incentive (ELI) Scheme to promote job creation and improve social security on Tuesday. According to the cabinet briefing, the scheme is designed to help both first-time workers and employers, with a special focus on the manufacturing sector.

The ELI Scheme aims to create over 3.5 crore jobs in two years, with a total budget of Rs 1 lakh crore. Out of this, 1.92 crore first-time employees are expected to benefit.

These are people who are entering the workforce for the first time. They will receive one month's wage (up to Rs 15,000) as a financial incentive, given in two instalments. The first installment will be provided after six months of employment, and the second after twelve months, along with the completion of a basic financial literacy program. To encourage saving habits, a part of this amount will be deposited in a savings account that can be withdrawn later. Employers will also receive incentives for hiring new workers. Companies hiring additional employees will get up to Rs 3,000 per new worker per month for two years.

In the case of



manufacturing companies, the benefit will extend up to four years. Employers with fewer than 50 employees must hire at least two additional workers to qualify, while those with 50 or more must hire at least five. The new employees must earn up to Rs 1 lakh per month to be eligible under the scheme. Payments under the scheme will be made directly to the bank accounts of the workers and employers. Employees will receive their

incentives via Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT) using the Aadhar-based payment system, while employers will receive payments in their PAN-linked business accounts.

For every new employee earning up to Rs 10,000 per month, the employer will receive a monthly incentive of up to Rs 1,000. The exact amount may vary as it will be calculated proportionally based on the employee's wage within this slab.

If the new employee earns more than Rs 10,000 and up to Rs 20,000 per month, the employer will receive a fixed incentive of Rs 2,000 per employee per month. For employees earning more than Rs 20,000, up to a maximum of Rs 1 lakh per month, the employer will be eligible to receive a monthly incentive of Rs 3,000 per additional employee.

This wage-based incentive structure aims to encourage businesses to hire more

workers, especially in the formal sector. The government expects this part of the scheme to help generate employment for approximately 2.60 crore people over the next two years, significantly boosting job opportunities across various sectors.

The government believes the ELI Scheme will not only help create jobs but also bring more people into the formal workforce.

NASA astronaut Anil Menon to embark on his first International Space Station



NASA astronaut Anil Menon has been assigned his first mission to the International Space Station, serving as a flight engineer and Expedition 75 crew member, NASA said in its official statement.

According to NASA, Menon will launch aboard the Roscosmos Soyuz MS-29 spacecraft in June 2026, accompanied by Roscosmos cosmonauts Pyotr Dubrov and Anna Kikina. After launching from the Baikonur Cosmodrome in Kazakhstan, the trio will spend approximately eight months aboard the orbiting laboratory. During his expedition, Menon will

conduct scientific investigations and technology demonstrations to help prepare humans for future space missions and benefit humanity.

Selected as a NASA astronaut in 2021, Menon graduated with the 23rd astronaut class in 2024. After completing initial astronaut candidate training, he began preparing for his first space station flight assignment. Menon was born and raised in Minneapolis and is an emergency medicine physician, mechanical engineer, and colonel in the United States Space Force. He was born to Indian and

Ukrainian parents, tje NASA statement added. Menon holds a bachelor's degree in neurobiology from Harvard University in Cambridge, Massachusetts, a master's degree in mechanical engineering, and a medical degree from Stanford University in California. Menon completed his emergency medicine and aerospace medicine residency at Stanford and the University of Texas Medical Branch in Galveston. In his spare time, he still practices emergency medicine at Memorial Hermann's Texas Medical Center and teaches residents at the University of Texas' residency program. Menon served as SpaceX's first flight surgeon, helping to launch the first crewed Dragon spacecraft on NASA's SpaceX Demo-2 mission and building SpaceX's medical organization to support humans on future missions. He served as a crew flight surgeon for both SpaceX flights and NASA expeditions aboard the space station.

Lost or redefining? the modern teenager's search for identity

In the ever-evolving landscape of the 21st century, today's teenagers are navigating a world more complex than ever before. Social media, rapid technological advancements, and mounting societal pressures have created an identity crisis unique to this generation. Often labelled as "lost," they are not simply disconnected or uncertain—they are grappling with an overwhelming array of choices, expectations, and influences that make self-discovery more challenging than in previous generations. Rather than being adrift, they are in the process of redefining their place in an increasingly unpredictable world.

The teenage years have always been a time of self-discovery, shaped by identity, relationships, and societal expectations. However, in today's hyperconnected world, concerns have grown that teens are more adrift than those before them. Is this just a recurring generational complaint, or is there something deeper at play?

In the past, pathways to adulthood were more clearly defined. Education, career choices, and social expectations followed structured norms that provided a sense of direction. While not everyone followed these paths, they at least offered a guiding framework. Today, however, teenagers face an overwhelming number of choices in nearly every aspect of life. The pressure to make the "right" decisions—about careers, education, and even personal identity—can be paralyzing. Instead of a single roadmap to success, they must navigate a maze of endless possibilities, often without clear guidance.

One of the most significant sources of this pressure is social media. Platforms like Instagram, TikTok, and Snapchat act as curated highlight reels, showcasing carefully filtered moments of success, beauty, and happiness. This constant exposure to idealized realities fosters an endless cycle of



comparison, making many teenagers feel as though they are falling behind. When every scroll reveals someone who seems to have their life perfectly figured out, it's natural to wonder: Why don't I feel the same way?

Social media offers unprecedented opportunities for connection and self-expression, it also distorts self-perception, fuelling anxiety and self-doubt. Many teens aren't truly lost—they are struggling to find authenticity in a digital world that often rewards illusion over reality. The pressure to curate a flawless online persona can lead to feelings of inadequacy, loneliness, and a fear of missing out. At the same time, these platforms can also serve as spaces for advocacy, self-discovery, and meaningful connections, complicating their impact on teenage identity.

Beyond social media, today's teenagers face immense academic and career pressures. The traditional formula for success—school, college, stable career—is no longer a guaranteed path to security. Rapid advancements in automation and artificial intelligence are transforming industries, leaving many young people uncertain about their futures. The pressure to excel, outperform

peers, and secure an ideal future leads to stress and burnout. The fear of failure—whether academically, socially, or personally—has become a defining feature of modern adolescence.

Additionally, teenagers grapple with shifting societal norms and evolving definitions of identity, success, and personal fulfilment. They are more socially aware than previous generations, engaging with issues like climate change, mental health, and social justice. However, this heightened awareness also comes with the burden of responsibility, adding another layer of pressure to an already complex journey.

It's easy to claim that today's teenagers are more unmoored than previous generations, but this perspective overlooks the evolving nature of adolescence itself. Every generation has faced unique societal, economic, and personal struggles. What distinguishes today's youth is not the extent of their struggles but the unprecedented speed at which they must navigate challenges, shaped by rapid technological, cultural, and economic transformations.

Rather than being lost, today's teenagers are exploring uncharted territory. They face more ambiguity, greater pressure, and an overwhelming influx of information. Feeling uncertain is understandable—but uncertainty is not the same as failure. Instead of viewing them as a disoriented generation, we should recognize that they are in a period of profound transformation. With the right support, understanding, and the freedom to explore their identities without the burden of perfection, today's teenagers are not directionless—they are in the process of being found.

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POEMS

The Power Of Poetry

Poetry is a thought, a burst of light,

Turns wars into peaceful delight.

Poetry lights the midnight sky.

Poetry makes the heart reply.

Poetry heals the pain we got.

Poetry reveals the lesson life taught.

Poetry is a world of boundless sea.

Poetry is branch of literary tree.

Poetry gives message so deep.

Poetry has the power to teach.

Poetry plays the game so hard.

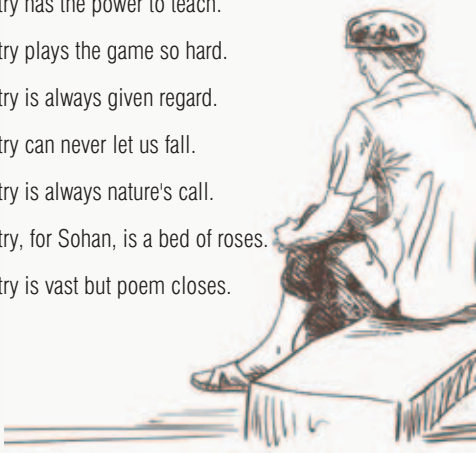
Poetry is always given regard.

Poetry can never let us fall.

Poetry is always nature's call.

Poetry, for Sohan, is a bed of roses.

Poetry is vast but poem closes.



By :— Sohan Singh Barnala

High-quality diet during childhood may reduce risk of developing inflammatory bowel disease

A high-quality diet starting from the age of one may reduce the chance of developing inflammatory bowel disease, according to a big long-term study published online in the journal Gut. Plenty of fish and vegetables and minimal consumption of sugar-sweetened drinks at this age may be key to protection, the findings indicate.

A linked editorial suggests that it may now be time for doctors to recommend a 'preventive' diet for infants, given the mounting evidence indicative of biological plausibility. Cases of inflammatory bowel disease (IBD), which includes Crohn's disease and ulcerative colitis, are increasing globally. Although there is no obvious explanation for this trend, changes in dietary patterns are

thought to have a contributory role, because of their impact on the gut microbiome. While various studies have looked at the influence of diet on IBD risk in adults, there is little in the way of research on the potential influence of early childhood diet on risk. In a bid to plug this knowledge gap, the researchers drew on survey data from the All Babies in Southeast Sweden study (ABIS) and The Norwegian Mother, Father and Child Cohort Study (MoBa). ABIS includes 21,700 children born between October 1997 and October 1999; MoBa includes 114,500 children, 95,200 mothers, and 75,200 fathers recruited from across Norway between 1999 and 2008. Parents were asked specific questions about their children's diet when they were aged 12-18 months and 30-36 months. The final analysis included dietary information for 81,280 1-year



olds: 11,013 (48% girls) from ABIS and 70,267 (49% girls)

from MoBa. Diet quality, gleaned from measuring intake

of meat, fish, fruit, vegetables, dairy, sweets, snacks, and

drinks, was assessed using a modified version of the Healthy Eating Index (HEI) scoring system, adapted for children. The weekly frequency of specific food groups was also assessed. Higher diet quality—a higher intake of vegetables, fruit, and fish, and a lower intake of meat, sweets, snacks, and drinks—was reflected in a higher HEI score. The total score was divided into thirds to indicate a low, medium, or high quality diet.

Data on age at weaning, antibiotic use, and formula feed intake were also reported at age 12 (ABIS) and 18 months (MoBa). The children's health was monitored for an average of 21 (ABIS) and 15 (MoBa) years from the age of 1 until 31 December 2020-21. During this period, 307 children were diagnosed with IBD (131 with Crohn's disease; 97 with

ulcerative colitis; and 79 with unclassified IBD). The average age at diagnosis was 17 (ABIS) and 12 (MoBa).

Medium and high quality diets at the age of 1 were associated with an overall 25% lower risk of IBD compared with a low quality diet at this age, after adjusting for potentially influential factors, such as parental history of IBD, the child's sex, ethnic origin, and education and co-existing conditions in the mother. Specifically, high fish intake at the age of 1 was associated with a lower overall risk compared with its opposite, and a 54% lower risk of ulcerative colitis in particular. Higher vegetable intake at 1 year of age was also associated with a reduced risk of IBD. On the other hand, consumption of sugar-sweetened drinks was associated with a 42 per cent heightened risk.

NEWS BRIEF

Mohinder Bhagat reviews horticulture progress, stresses farmer awareness on latest technologies

BUREAU CHANDIGARH : The Punjab Government, led by Chief Minister Bhagwant Singh Mann, is making continuous efforts to expand the horticulture sector and boost the state's agricultural economy by promoting crop diversification and enhancing farmers' income. To assess the progress of horticulture initiatives, Horticulture Minister Mr Mohinder Bhagat held a review meeting with senior officers of the department at the Punjab Civil Secretariat, Chandigarh, on Wednesday. During the meeting, Director Horticulture Mrs Shailender Kaur apprised the Minister of the various ongoing schemes and initiatives being implemented to promote horticulture and uplift farmers' livelihoods. She shared updates on projects aimed at improving crop productivity, introducing advanced technologies, and facilitating better market access for horticultural produce. The minister directed the department to ensure that farmers are regularly informed about the latest technologies, government schemes, and best practices through training programs, awareness camps, and digital platforms.

RSS volunteers visit Dehradun and Haridwar under Van Vihar program



SHIV KUMAR SHARMA KARNAL: One -day Van Vihar program was organized by the Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS). Around 60 volunteers of Karnal Madhav Nagar visited Dehradun and Haridwar under the Van Vihar program. During this time, the volunteers put a branch and after this, the volunteers participated in the programs of fun. In Dehradun, all the volunteers took a bath in Sahastradhara. Giving information about the Van Vihar program, Madhav Nagar Karyava Bharat Bhushan Chugh informed that the Van Vihar program was organized every year by the workers of Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh. Under this, all the volunteers went out to visit together. During this time, where they were enlightened through sports there was also physical and mental development. For the program, the city executive was approached by the city executive in all settlements and registrations of volunteers were done. Around 60 volunteers attended the program. He said that volunteers set up a branch in front of the saffron flag. He said that during Van Vihar, all the volunteers saw the prominent places of Dehradun and came back and took a bath in the Ganges in Haridwar.

Traffic police fines bullet bike rider Rs. 32,500 for violation near Majra Pyaau

MANMOHAN SHARMA HANSI: In a strict move against traffic violations, the Narnaud Traffic Police, under the direction of Superintendent of Police Amit Yashvardhan (IPS), issued a fine of Rs. 32,500 to a bullet motorcycle rider for creating noise pollution through a modified exhaust, commonly known as “bullet patakha.”

Traffic Incharge Ramniwas of Narnaud shared that during routine checking near Majra Pyaau, a bullet motorcycle was stopped for document verification. Upon inspection, it was found that the bike was producing loud firecracker-like noises. Based on this violation, a fine of Rs. 32,500 was imposed on the rider. SP Amit Yashvardhan urged the public to strictly follow traffic and road safety rules to ensure not only their own safety but also the safety of others. He emphasized that violating traffic norms is not just a legal offence but can also prove to be life-threatening.



Hero MotoCorp to hold mega placement drive at ITI Bharapur on July 4



PREETI SAINI SHAHZADPUR: Hero MotoCorp Ltd., the leading two-wheeler manufacturer, will conduct a Mega Campus Placement Drive at Govt. ITI Bharapur on Thursday, July 4, 2025. The drive is open to ITI pass-outs (2021–2024) from across India. According to Placement Officer Mr. Rakesh Kumar, both male and female candidates from all recognized technical trades with 10th + ITI (NCVT/SCVT) qualification are eligible. The selection process starts at 9:30 AM at the campus, with on-the-spot evaluation and recruitment. Selected candidates will be offered either a Fixed-Term Contract with a salary of Rs. 16,209/month or Apprenticeship at Rs. 16,100/month, along with benefits like medical, uniform, and canteen facilities. Applicants must carry original certificates, resume, Aadhaar, and PAN card.

Plant at least one sapling in life: Inderpal Singh

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA KARNAL: Jathedar Inderpal Singh, General Secretary of Guru Parv Prabandhak Committee said that planting trees is necessary in the era of increasing pollution. For this, it is necessary that we plant as many trees as possible. He said that the way the number of vehicles is increasing, many types of poisonous

gases are going into the atmosphere. Today there is a shortage of oxygen. Therefore, we should at least plant one tree in our life. He said that on the birthdays of children, on the anniversary of marriage, in the memory of parents on their death anniversary, trees should be



planted and their memories should be preserved. He said that the responsibility to protect the environment is not fulfilled only by planting trees, but their care should also be ensured. Take complete care of the plant you plant, a plant gives you fruits and shade throughout life.

No compromise on quality, complete development works on time, says Ranbir Gangwa



because the public interest was paramount and there should be no discrimination in development works. He asked the officials to check the works of the contractor and only after satisfaction in the development work, gave it NOC and the SDOs and JEs of both departments should be especially in the field and also check the quality of the works.

The minister said that by the end of June, the roads which have been left patchwork due to some reason should be repaired so that no accident happened because life was very valuable. He

told the officials that the development works that were going on should be completed by the month of December. He gave clear instructions to the officials that to resolve such problems in places where rainwater could not be drained, prepared proposals and estimate and sent it to the headquarters so that it can be approved in time.

Giving information in the meeting, SE Abhishek of Public Works Department said that the work of patchwork was to be done by the contractors on 475 km long roads of the district, out of which the patchwork has

been completed on 417 km and this year, out of 223 roads of Karnal Circle, 104 roads were given the administrative permission, the work will be started soon, the work will be launched on this, the minister said that the minister said that the minister said that the work will be sent soon. On this occasion, SE Vikas Sangroha of Public Health Engineering Department informed that under the Mahagram scheme, the ongoing works in Nigdu, Ball and Kunjpura will be completed within time. On this, the minister said that the work that was started under the Mahagram scheme should be completed. The minister told the officials that it was time for rain, all types of drains and sewer should be completely clean so that the drainage of water can be done completely. He said that whenever the officers put STP, water tank and pipe line, then in view of the future plans, they should not have any inconvenience in the future.

Waterlogging in Premnagar Colony sparks anger among residents

JAIBEER RANA THAMBER BARARA, JULY 2

Heavy rain has led to severe waterlogging in Premnagar Colony, situated under the Barara railway flyover, causing major distress among residents. Locals including Kamal Barara, Amamath, Rajwant Singh, Balram, Kanta, Rajni Devi, Rajrani, Suman Rani, and Bimla Rani said that rainwater from across Barara flows through the Shani Mandir area and accumulates under the railway culvert, eventually flooding their colony due to lack of proper drainage.

Residents reported that rainwater has entered their homes, damaging household items and leaving the streets submerged. The stagnant water has also raised concerns about the spread of waterborne diseases and the presence of aquatic creatures. Many residents lamented that despite investing their life savings into building homes here, they now face significant losses due to poor civic infrastructure. They have appealed to the municipal authorities for a permanent drainage solution.

Kamal Barara explained that the colony falls under Wards 12 and 14. One of its main access routes, which passes near the Naamcharcha Ghar from beneath the railway overbridge, is currently flooded. Another critical route through the grain market (Anaj Mandi) has been closed by mandi officials, further compounding the colony's isolation.



This route had previously served as a vital link to the main market, especially when the other access route is waterlogged.

Residents have demanded that proper drainage be arranged for the water accumulating under the railway culvert and that the Anaj Mandi route be reopened to restore accessibility to the colony.

Barara Municipal Council Chairman Rajat Malik said, “We are making efforts to resolve the drainage issue in Premnagar Colony. A JCB has been deployed to help remove the water, and a permanent drainage solution will be implemented.

DSB International Public School observes National Doctors’ Day with gratitude visits



HANS RAJ KURUKSHETRA: Under the aegis of Shri Jairam Educational Institutions and inspired by the revered Brahmaswaroop Brahmachari Ji, DSB International Public School, Nivarsi, celebrated National Doctors’ Day with a heartfelt tribute to the selfless service of medical professionals across the country. On this occasion, students visited Verma Hospital and Dr. Har Bhagwan Memorial Hospital to personally express their gratitude to the doctors. Through their visit, they not only thanked the doctors for their relentless dedication to saving lives but also gained deeper insight into the noble values of medical service and sacrifice. The students warmly acknowledged the tireless efforts of doctors who work day and night to protect human life. The visiting doctors, in turn, appreciated the thoughtful initiative by the school, stating that such gestures promote empathy and respect towards healthcare professionals among the younger generation. Principal Renu Raghav educated the students about the vital role of doctors in society and emphasized the importance of recognizing their contributions, especially on National Doctors’ Day.

Workshop held to make history teaching more engaging for students



VIJAY KAUSHIK LADWA: A two-day CBSE workshop on making history education more engaging and student-friendly was conducted at Sugni Devi Arya Girls’ Senior Secondary School, Ladwa. The programme saw participation from nearly 60 principals and teachers representing schools from across Sonipat, Panipat, Karnal, Kurukshetra, Yamunanagar, Jagadhri, Radaur, Bilaspur, Shahabad, Ambala, Pinjore, Kathal, and Ladwa. The sessions were led by CBSE-appointed resource persons Praveen Kumar (M.Phil. in History, Political Science, and Psychology; researcher from Mithapur, Ambala) and Acharya Balram (PGT History, Ramkrishna Paramhans Sr. Sec. School, Madina, Rohtak). The workshop, inaugurated with a traditional lamp-lighting ceremony, focused on strategies to make historical content more interesting and relevant for students. Emphasis was laid on linking classroom topics with local contexts and real-life experiences. Educators explored new techniques to address challenges in history teaching and discussed ways to ensure deeper understanding among students.

MLA hears problems of people and give necessary instructions to officials

KAMAL SHARMA TARAORI, JULY 2

MLA of the constituency Bhagwandas Kabirpanthi said that development works were being done at a rapid pace under the rule of Bharatiya Janata Party. Record-breaking development was taking place under the leadership of Haryana's successful Chief Minister Nayab Saini. From development works to the implementation of schemes, there has been a lot of speed under the rule of the BJP government. Due to which the standard of living of the people was improving. MLA



of the constituency Bhagwandas Kabirpanthi was listening to the problems of the common people at his residence in Taraori. He also gave strict instructions to the officials of the concerned department to solve the problems. MLA Bhagwandas Kabirpanthi said that people

would not be allowed to face any kind of trouble.

Every problem will be solved on priority. Kabirpanthi said that if they compared the Congress rule and the BJP rule, then the BJP government has done thousands of times better work.

Ladwa Rotary Club bags seven awards at district felicitation event



VIJAY KAUSHIK LADWA, JULY 2

In a recognition of its impactful service and leadership, the Ladwa Rotary Club won seven prestigious awards during the annual award distribution ceremony organised by Rotary District 3080. The ceremony, held at a private venue in Jagadhri, was graced by District Governor Rajpal Singh as the chief guest. Club secretary Durgesh Goyal informed that under Zone-10, the Best Club Award for the year 2024–25 was presented to Club

President Naresh Garg. Five other members — Vikas Singhal, Rakesh Khurana, Amit Singhal, Deepak Singhal, and Sanjeev Jindal (President 2025–26) — were recognised as Best Rotarians for their contributions. Addressing the gathering, DG Rajpal Singh lauded the innovative initiatives undertaken by the Ladwa Rotary Club during Naresh Garg’s tenure and emphasised Rotary’s commitment to community service. He congratulated all award recipients for their dedication to social welfare. Also present on the occasion were Rajesh Miglani, Arun Karudwal, and other notable dignitaries.

Chicago open varsity honours social worker Harmeet Saluja with doctorate degree



CHARANJIT SINGH ARORA

AMRITSAR: Dedicated to the service of humanity, Sardar Harmeet Singh Saluja has been honored with a Doctorate Degree by Chicago Open University, USA. The degree was conferred upon him during a brief yet impactful ceremony held at the Constitution Club of India, New Delhi. Harmeet Singh Saluja considers serving humanity and helping the underprivileged as his supreme duty. In collaboration with international organizations, he has organized camps in various schools to inspire children about environmental awareness, education, and hygiene. Along with school children, he launched a campaign to plant trees at various religious places, aiming to instill the message of serving humanity beyond caste and religion. During the COVID-19 pandemic, Saluja selflessly served all sections of society, rising above religious and caste lines. He sanitized temples, mosques, gurdwaras, churches, and provided essential household items and cooked meals to those in need. He also arranged vaccination camps at various schools and religious institutions. In recognition of his extensive community service, he has previously been honored by several social welfare organizations. Now, Chicago Open University USA has acknowledged his interfaith harmony work at the international level by awarding him the Doctorate degree.

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Celebrating Healing Hands: Fortis Ludhiana Marks 'National Doctors' Day 2025 with Gratitude

Ludhiana : Fortis Hospital Ludhiana celebrated National Doctors' Day 2025 with gratitude and respect for the doctors who work tirelessly every day to care for patients and save lives. Doctors' Day is observed across India to recognize the dedication, sacrifices and commitment of doctors who remain at the frontline of healthcare. At Fortis Ludhiana, the occasion was marked with heartfelt celebrations that brought together doctors, nurses, management teams, and staff members to express appreciation for the doctors' efforts and the hope they bring to countless families. Speaking on the occasion, Dr. Vishavdeep Goyal, Zonal Director, Fortis Hospitals Ludhiana, said: "Doctors' Day reminds us of the deep trust that patients place in us every day.

Amazon India announces Prime Day 2025 Deals

Amritsar/Ludhiana :- Amazon India today announced the most anticipated Prime Day 2025 deals, exclusively for Prime members. Starting from 12:00 AM on July 12 to 11:59 PM on July 14, shoppers can look forward to 72 hours of non-stop shopping, unbeatable deals, and blockbuster entertainment. Whether you're looking to upgrade your tech, refresh your wardrobe or home, Prime Day brings fantastic savings across categories including Smartphones, Consumer Electronics, TVs, Appliances, Amazon Devices, Fashion and Beauty, Home and Kitchen, Furniture, Everyday Essentials, and much more. It's the perfect time to shop, indulge, and make the most of your Prime membership with offers curated specially for Prime members. Customers can save big with 10% savings on payments using ICICI Bank Credit & Debit cards, SBI Credit Cards and EMI transactions on ICICI Bank Credit Cards and SBI Credit Cards.*

Škoda Auto India achieves its highest-ever half-yearly sales

Mumbai: Škoda Auto India is keeping its foot on the accelerator as it celebrates its 25th anniversary in India and 130th year globally. With 36,194 units sold in the first half of 2025, Škoda Auto has achieved its highest half-yearly sales in its 25-year history in India. Ashish Gupta, Brand Director, Škoda Auto India, said, "Our landmark half-yearly sales reflect the strong acceptance of Škoda products and services by customers in India. Our customers love to explore the world around them every day. With the addition of the Kŷlag in our portfolio, we now enable their journeys even more through an SUV For Everyone", as well as our sedan offering.

Toyota Innova HyCross Secures 5-Star Safety Rating Under Bharat NCAAP

CHANDIGARH/LUDHIANA: In a significant testament to Toyota Kirloskar Motor's (TKM) uncompromised commitment to safety, the much-appreciated Innova HyCross has been awarded a 5-star safety rating under the Bharat New Car Assessment Programme (Bharat NCAAP) — India's most comprehensive vehicle safety evaluation framework. This milestone marks the company's unwavering and inherent focus on delivering ever-safe mobility solutions to its valued customers.

Hero MotoCorp Dispatches 5, 54 Lakh Motorcycles and Scooters in June 2025

CHANDIGARH/LUDHIANA: Hero MotoCorp, the world's largest manufacturer of motorcycles and scooters, dispatched 553,963 motorcycles and scooters during June 2025. This translates into a 10% growth over June 2024. The company recorded 3.94 lakh VAHAN* registrations, reflecting sustained demand across urban and rural markets. The onset of monsoon across most parts of the country and positive economic outlook are expected to accelerate demand in the lead-up to the festive season.

Steamhouse India files Confidential DRHP with SEBI for IPO

GURUGRAM : Steamhouse India, India's first company dedicated to centralized steam supply for industrial clients, has filed a confidential draft red herring prospectus (CDRHP) with the Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) for an initial public offering (IPO). While the issue size hasn't been disclosed in the public intimation on July 01, 2025, sources expect the issue size to be between Rs.500-700 crores. Built on the industrial legacy of Sarojoo group, the company was founded in 2014 and is headquartered in Surat. Led by Vishal S Budhia, its chairman and managing director, Steamhouse India is spearheading the revolution in the industrial steam sector and serves over 167 clients across the country.

Asian Paints' Apcolite All Protek redefines Gold Standard in Interior Paints with Breakthrough 'Lotus Effect Technology'

GURUGRAM : Indian homes that are always active and full of life, creating a growing need for interiors that not only beautiful but can also withstand stains over time. No one understands this better than Asian Paints. With decades of experience in transforming Indian homes, the country's leading name in paints and décor now introduces its latest innovation, Apcolite All Protek powered by Lotus Effect Technology. This cutting-edge premium interior paint offers superior stain repellency, flame resistance, and refined aesthetics — all designed for modern living. Speaking about the launch, Mr. Amit Synglie, MD & CEO, Asian Paints Ltd. said, "At Asian Paints, we spend a lot of time understanding how homes are evolving, and our innovations are built around what today's consumers truly need.

Sony India redefines 'Cinema is Coming Home' experience with the launch of new BRAVIA Theatre System 6 and Bar 6 soundbars

Chandigarh/Ludhiana : Sony India today expands its BRAVIA Theatre portfolio with the launch of two new immersive soundbars: the BRAVIA Theatre Bar 6 (3.1.2ch soundbar with a wireless subwoofer) and the BRAVIA Theatre System 6 (5.1ch home theatre system with Wireless Rear speakers). Engineered to bring cinematic audio home, these soundbars deliver powerful surround sound, seamless BRAVIA TV integration and intelligent sound technologies designed to elevate every movie night, game and concert experience. Sunil Nayyar, Managing Director, Sony India said, "With the BRAVIA Theatre System 6 and Bar 6, we are delivering a truly cinematic experience right into the heart of Indian homes. These products offer the best of technology and innovation — offering a powerful 1000W immersive sound experience along with Dolby Atmos and wireless convenience. As Indian consumers increasingly demand richer audio-visual experiences, we are confident that this range will set a new benchmark in the premium home entertainment segment."

UTCA strengthened its formats with the appointment of fielding and bowling coaches



RN KHERA CHANDIGARH: In a major step toward enhancing performance across formats, the UT Cricket Association (UTCA) has announced the appointment of bowling and fielding coaches for both men's and women's teams for the ongoing 2025-26 season. The development was shared by UTCA President Sanjay Tandon while addressing the Under-21 and Under-19 players

during their orientation programs ahead of their new zonal domestic season. Tandon acknowledged the exceptional performances of UT's Ranji Trophy squad and other format teams in recent years but emphasized the need to further bolster fitness and skill-specific areas, particularly bowling and fielding. "There has always been scope for improvement in these departments. With the addition of these

specialized coaches, we expect our teams to perform with greater consistency and competitiveness," he said. The newly appointed coaches will be actively involved throughout the domestic season, focusing on refining players' technical skills and physical preparedness. Tandon also stressed the importance of discipline and strong technique which he believes are key differentiators in modern

competitive cricket. "Today's emerging talents have intensified the competition. To stay ahead, players must master three core strengths — technique, discipline and fitness," he added. Earlier, UTCA Secretary Devender Sharma underlined the success of Gully Cricket with the inclusion of six players from the recently concluded tournament in the under 19 team for domestic seasons.

BSP leader demands compensation for flood-hit farmers in Bilaspur



NITIN SINGLA BILASPUR: Bahujan Samaj Party (BSP) leader and former candidate Brijpal Chappar, accompanied by Lalaram Mamchand Kataria, visited several flood-affected villages in Bilaspur district, including Bhamboli, Bhambol, Rajpura, Landora, Kotkhana, Gadola, and Balchappar. During the visit, they interacted with local farmers and residents to assess the extent of damage caused by recent flooding. At a gathering in Balchappar village, Brijpal Chappar criticized the administration for negligence in infrastructure planning. He stated that during the construction of the Kail-Ambala highway, no proper culverts were built for water drainage at critical points. As a result, rainwater from the upper regions of Himachal and Bilaspur accumulates in this area, flooding

large swathes of agricultural land. "Due to poor drainage infrastructure, several feet of water remain stagnant in the fields, destroying standing crops across hundreds of acres," Chappar said. He called this the district's most pressing issue and one that continues to affect both farmers and residents year after year. Chappar urged the state government to conduct an official survey of the affected areas and provide fair compensation to the farmers. He also stressed the urgent need for a long-term drainage solution to prevent future crop losses. Among those accompanying him on the visit were Kamal Singh, Gaurav Joda, Manish Gurjar, Surender Gurjar, Harjeet Singh, Manjeet Singh, Ramcharan, Mamchand, Lalaram, Krishnalal, Sukhbir Singh, Pradeep Kumar, and Jasvir Singh.

Sminu Jindal Urges Inclusive Planning in Sports as India's Disability Cricket Team Debuts at Lord's



CHANDIGARH : Sminu Jindal, Founder-Chairperson of Svayam, addressed an international audience today at Lord's Cricket Ground, where India's national team of differently abled cricketers is set to participate for the first time. The upcoming match on this iconic pitch marks a historic moment for disability sport in India and draws attention to the need for accessible infrastructure across global sporting arenas. Speaking at the venue, Jindal highlighted the importance of embedding accessibility into India's sporting future. "We are supporting efforts to standardise design features across sports facilities; from signage and entry points to movement-friendly pathways. These measures are already being aligned with the country's bid for the 2030 Commonwealth Games and the 2036 Olympics," she said. As Founder-Chairperson of Svayam, an organisation working across sectors to improve access for persons with reduced mobility, Jindal used the occasion to emphasise the wide impact of inclusive planning. She cited tourism, employment, and grassroots participation as areas that benefit directly when barriers are removed. From the transformation of Qutub Minar into India's first accessible UNESCO monument to Svayam's ongoing partnerships with para-sports bodies, her work has consistently focussed on real-world application. "Our journey in sports began in 2021 and has expanded steadily; from the Tokyo Paralympics to national events like the Khelo India Para Games. Today, we are proud to see the Indian team step onto this field at Lord's. It is progress built on years of effort," she added.

Padmini Kolhapure Channels Real-Life Motherhood in Powerful Role as Rajmata in Prithviraj Chauhan

CHANDIGARH : Sony Entertainment Television's grand historical Chakravarti Samrat Prithviraj Chauhan continues to captivate audiences with its gripping portrayal of the making of a legendary child king. With compelling storytelling, grandeur and emotionally layered characters, the show sheds light on the formative years of one of India's most iconic rulers, and the powerful women who shaped his journey. Among them, one towering presence is that of Rajmata, essayed by veteran actor and timeless icon Padmini Kolhapure whose strength, grace, and unwavering guidance become the backbone of the young king's growth. Known for her versatility, Padmini Kolhapure brings depth and soul to the character of Rajmata, not just as an actor, but as a mother. Portraying the royal matriarch is become an intensely personal experience, one that stirred memories of her own journey through motherhood. As she embodies Rajmata's unwavering strength, quiet sacrifices, and fierce protectiveness, Padmini finds herself reliving the deeply emotional moments that define a mother's love. The onscreen bond between Rajmata and the King often mirrors her own relationship with her son, reminding her that whether royal or real, motherhood is built on the same pillars of unconditional love and quiet resilience.

Vanishka wins runner-up title in TV Reality show

PREETI SAINI SADHAURA: Vanshika, a student of DAV Public School, Sadhaura, won title of 2nd Runner-up in KKHD (Kis Mein Kitna Hai Dum) TV Reality Show. Dhuri, Sangrur - We are extremely pleased to announce that Vanshika, a class 9 student of DAV Public School, Sadhaura has won the title of 2nd Runner-up in KKHD (Kis Mein Kitna Hai Dum) TV Reality Show. Show, hosted by Varun Bansal, saw tough competition among participants, but Vanshika's exceptional talent and dedication earned her a deserved place on the podium. Varun Bansal: "We are thrilled to have opportunity to witness Vanshika's talent on our reality show. Her dedication and hard work have paid off, and we wish her all the best for her future plans." KKHD TV Reality Show aims to provide talented individuals with an opportunity to showcase their talent and compete with best. Show features various challenges and competitions that test participants' abilities and motivate them to excel. Principal of DAV Public School, Sadhaura Dr. Ajay Kumar Sharma and school staff congratulate Vanshika on her achievement. We are proud of her achievement and hope she achieves success in her future endeavours.

One day Biomedical Waste Management Seminar organized

NIRMAL SAINI RADAUR: A one day Biomedical Waste Management Seminar was organized at Global Research Institute of Pharmacy Nacharon. Aim of program was to make students aware of safe and effective disposal of waste in health and medicine related fields. Seminar was led by Dr. Akash Jain and Jasmine Choudhary. Dr. Akash Jain gave a presentation on process of classification, separation and treatment of biomedical waste. Detailed information was also given about the standard procedures to be followed in laboratories, hospitals and pharmacy setups to reduce the hazards to health and environment. Dr. Jasmine Choudhary, Associate Professor, Maharishi Markandeshwar University, discussed the practical and legal aspects of waste management. She

Drains and sewers are being cleaned continuously throughout city: Kapil Kumar

PEHOWA (YAGYA DUTT SHASTRI): Sub-Divisional Officer Civil Kapil Kumar said that no problem of water logging or water drainage will be allowed anywhere during rainy season. Continuous cleaning work is being done throughout city. Cleaning work is being reviewed by going to field with officials of concerned departments. Wherever any deficiency is seen, it is being rectified. SDM Kapil Kumar said that cleaning of drains and desilting of canals is being done to prevent waterlogging in sub-division during monsoon season. Continuous review of ongoing projects for flood control is also being done. He said that many works are being done to make city clean. Cleaning work of city is being done continuously by cleaning staff of Municipal Office. To make city clean, officers and employees have to carry forward cleanliness campaign with full hard work and honesty in future also. Under this cleanliness drive, social and religious organizations of city are also cooperating fully. He appealed to common citizens to not throw garbage of homes and shops at any dumping site or on roadside but to dump garbage only in tippers coming door to door.

GOLDY CHUGH SHAHABAD MARKANDA : Rotary Club celebrated Doctors Day and Chartered Accountants Day with great pomp at Ambience Resort on Ladwa Road. 50 doctors and 4 chartered accountants were felicitated for their excellent work. Special medical checkup camp was organized at Siddharth Hospital, in which 192 patients were tested for blood sugar, BP Dr Sukhveer Singh Mahala, Director of Haryana Health Service was present as the chief guest in this program. Dr Nitin Gupta of Neelam Hospital was the guest of honor, while Dr Praveen Garg A.D. Gandhi participated as a special guest. Rotary Club President Dr R.S. Ghuman welcomed all guests and appreciated their work done in interest of society. Stage was conducted efficiently by Dr S S Ahuja. Chief guest Dr Sukhvir Singh Mahala motivated all doctors and said that duty of a doctor is not only to examine patients but also to guide them towards a healthy life by giving them proper treatment. He said that doctors are backbone of society and their contribution can never be forgotten. Coordinator of program Dr Deepak Sharma introduced all guests and shared information about their work. He said that it is most important to take advice from a doctor when you are sick. Rotarian Vikram Gupta thanked all attendees and refreshments were served to everyone.

Birla Opus paints celebrates Indian heritage through the power of colour

CHANDIGARH : Building on its core philosophy of 'Duniya Ko Rang Do', Birla Opus Paints, housed under Aditya Birla Group's Grasim Industries, launched their new brand campaign, a heartfelt national initiative that brings India's timeless monuments to life, beginning with the iconic Gateway of India, revealing how the power of colour can rekindle pride, beauty, and transformation across the nation. Building on the success of the premiere campaign that introduced the Opus Boy, the new campaign — Celebrating Colours of India, is an evolution of 'Duniya Ko Rang Do' narrative, taking the vision further, revealing the power of colour to transform not just spaces, but perspectives, at every scale. Continuing with the animated approach, the heartwarming film reintroduces the Opus Boy in an attempt to colour the world around him and spread joy, deepening the premise of transformation through colour. By reimagining iconic monuments, the campaign showcases how beauty can open avenues of wonder and storytelling. While our monuments already stand tall in history and grandeur, this artistic reimagination is an effort of creative celebration and an extension of the brand's core philosophy, 'Duniya Ko Rang Do' - inviting audiences to see familiar structures through a renewed, more colourful lens. Commenting on the film launch, Rakshit Hargave, CEO, Birla Opus Paints said, "Following the impactful messaging and audience response from our previous campaigns, we are incredibly proud to introduce our new communication that celebrates India's heritage by reimagining possibilities of transformation through vibrant colours and patterns.

Bank of Baroda Wins Prestigious Award at National MSME Impact Awards 2025 by India SME Forum

Chandigarh/Ludhiana: Bank of Baroda (Bank), one of India's leading public sector banks, has bagged the Gold Award under Public Sector Banks category at the "National MSME Impact Awards 2025" organised by the India SME Forum, which is India's largest not-for-profit organisation for Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs), representing over 98,200 MSME members (including 9,400-women entrepreneurs). The award was presented by Shri Kalraj Mishra, Former Hon'ble Union Minister of MSME & Former Governor of Rajasthan and Chief Patron India SME Forum in recognition of Bank of Baroda's significant contribution towards promoting ease of doing business for entrepreneurs and enhancing access to credit for Micro, Small, and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs). On behalf of the Bank, Shri Madhur Kumar, Chief General Manager (MSME Banking, Co-Lending and Supply Chain Finance) received the prestigious award at a ceremony held in New Delhi. Banks were evaluated on a broad set of strategic and operational criteria, including but not limited to presence of a dedicated MSME Branch, y-o-y growth in number of loans (%), growth in average loan amount (%), average CGTMSME Loan size (Lakh), number of policies/financial products for Women/SC/ST, direct feedback and satisfaction ratings from MSMEs.

Poetry Anthology- 'Dr. Vinod Kumar Sharma's Famous Poems' Released at MCM



CHANDIGARH: The poetry collection titled "Dr. Vinod Kumar Sharma's Famous Poems" was formally released in a ceremony held at Mehr Chand Mahajan DAV College for Women. Officiating Principal Ms. Neena Sharma officiated the release of the book. Edited by celebrated literary figure Prem Vij, the collection brings together a selection of Dr. Vinod Kumar Sharma's acclaimed poetic works. Present on the occasion were the author Dr. Vinod Kumar Sharma; editor Prem Vij; Dr. Sarita Mehta, visiting from the United States; Raj Vij, to whom the book is dedicated; social worker K.K. Sharda; musician Somesh Gupta; educationist Anju Modgi; Ashish Mudgal; Sarabjit Kaur; and Dr. Anju Lata. In her address, Ms. Neena Sharma congratulated Dr. Sharma on the publication and remarked that

the book would be cherished by Hindi poetry enthusiasts for its emotional depth and accessible language. She lauded the editor's role in curating the work with such care. Editor Prem Vij noted that while Ms. Sharma has published 28 poetry collections to date, only a portion could be included in this particular volume. "This book will serve as a valuable resource for students and researchers of Hindi literature. The poems are marked by their simplicity, sincerity, and emotional resonance," he said. Speaking on the occasion, Dr. Vinod Kumar Sharma reflected on his literary journey, reaffirming poetry as his favoured genre. He shared that his work continues to be well-received on national and international platforms, including television, radio, and literary forums.

Govt should immediately rollback back hike in power rate : Garg



HISAR: Mr. Bajrang Garg, the provincial president of Haryana Pradesh Trade Board and former chairman of Haryana CONFER, after talking to businessmen and industrialists said, "The Haryana government is forcing the industrialists to migrate from the state, due to the increase in electricity rates. The government has done the work of robbing the pockets of industrialists by increasing the prescribed fee from Rs 165 to Rs 290. Due to the increase in electricity rate, the economic burden of about Rs 2300 crore will extra fall on the industrialists". He said that the government should immediately rollback back the hike in

power tariff for the welfare of public interest and the progress of industry in the state. He further said that industries has earlier had a rate of Rs 7.60 per unit electricity, which has been increased to Rs 7.95 per unit, while the government is buying electricity from solar plant at Rs 2.95 per unit and selling electricity to the consumer at Rs 7.95 per unit, net earning to the government is Rs 5 per unit. Mr Garg said that when the industrialist takes the electricity connection, the power transformer, poles, wires and the entire security of the electricity department paid by him. After that there is no cause to take the fixed charge, hence for

the promotion of industry in Haryana, the government should not charge any fees from industrialists. Bajrang Garg said that the government has also increased electricity prices of tariffs in residential and commercial sectors. Earlier, a bill of about ₹2519 usually came for the use of 501 units of electricity bills, now a bill of ₹3800 will come on 501 units of electricity consumption. The government should withdraw the increase of electricity rates with immediate effect, while businessmen, industrialists and the general public are already fed up with the burden of new taxes imposed by the government.

Dr. Aneja selected in London Book of World Records for his contribution in field of diabetes and health

DALBIR MALIK KURUKSHETRA: University Health Center Administrator and Senior Medical Officer Dr. Ashish Aneja is going to get another achievement. In view of his commendable contribution in health sector, Dr. Aneja will be awarded Best Doctor in Community Service and Diabetes Awareness Award. This honor has been confirmed to be given to him by Indian Medical Association. Award program will be held in second week of July in country's capital Delhi. Regarding award, Vice Chancellor Dr. Somnath Sachdeva encouraged Dr. Aneja by congratulating and wishing him. Dr. Ashish Aneja has organized more than 500 health camps for needy people in health centers, sectors, colonies, towns, camps, villages and various places in the city for last eight years. Along with OPD, free medicines were also distributed to patients in the camps. Special thing was that during this time many types of expensive tests were also made available absolutely free of cost by calling specialists. These included tests like HB, sugar, BMD, ECG, spirometry, neuropathy and cancer etc. which were done at expensive rates, in which the common man saved lakhs of rupees. It is important to mention that Dr. Aneja has also been awarded Best Doctor in Diabetes Care Award, GAPIO Leadership Award, Unnat Bharat Saswastri Health Ratna Award and Iconic Personality from Research Society of Study of Diabetes in India (RSSDI). Along with this, the award and appreciation certificate of the Government of India was also given by the DC and CJM of Kurukshetra. He was also selected among top 20 health care experts of India in 2022 by Fame Finders. Dr. Ashish Aneja is also involved in research work.

Priyanka Chopra shares fun BTS moments from ‘Heads of State’ sets

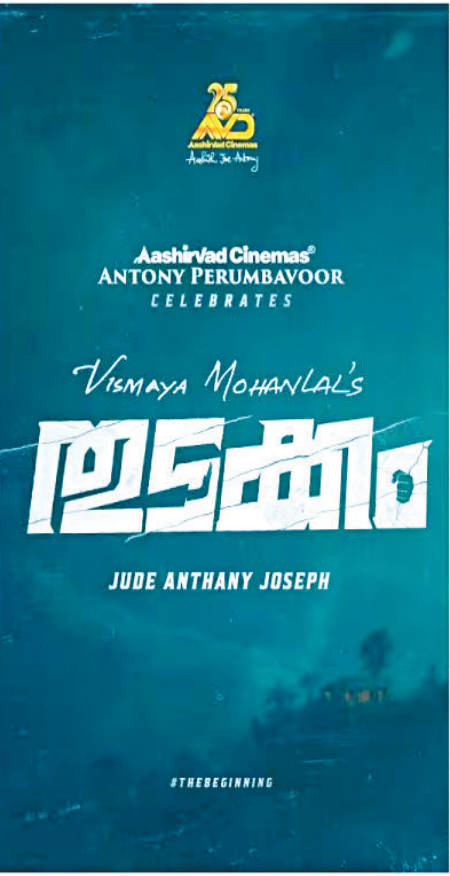
Actress Priyanka Chopra offered her fans a behind-the-scenes glimpse from her upcoming Hollywood film ‘Heads of State’. Taking to her Instagram handle, Priyanka shared a video that perfectly captured her journey in ‘Heads of State’. Along with Priyanka, the film also stars Idris Elba and WWE superstar John Cena in the lead roles. The ‘Fashion’ actress treated her fans with the never-before-seen photos from the film ‘Heads of State’. It featured the group picture of the movie lead cast, a snap of Priyanka showcasing bruises and several fun moments of the actress with her daughter Malti. The reel captures Priyanka in her element—suited up as MI6 agent Noel Bisset—showcasing her effortless command over high-octane action and her undeniable screen presence. The actress also seems to flex her fit physique as the MI6 agent Noel Bisset in the post.

<https://www.instagram.com/p/DLkrb4TSMCJ/> The film is helmed by Ilya Naishuller, the filmmaker behind Hardcore Henry (2015) and Nobody (2021). It is an action-packed comedy about the U.S. President (played by John Cena) and the UK Prime Minister (played by Idris Elba), who must set aside their rivalry to thwart a global conspiracy and save the world -- if they can work together. Carla Gugino, Jack Quaid, Stephen Root, Sarah Niles, Richard Coyle and Paddy Considine also play crucial roles in ‘Heads of State’. The trailer received a thumbs-up from the fans. Reacting to the video, a netizen commented, “Woah it looks interesting.” “Can’t wait for this film,” another one wrote. Official synopsis of the film read, “In the action-comedy Heads of State, the UK Prime Minister Sam Clarke (Idris Elba) and U.S. President Will Derringer (John Cena) have a not-so-friendly and very public rivalry that jeopardizes their countries’ “special relationship.” But when they become the targets of a powerful and ruthless foreign adversary—who proves more than a match for the two



leaders’ security forces—they are begrudgingly forced to rely on the only two people they can trust: each other. Ultimately allied with the brilliant MI6 agent Noel Bisset (Priyanka Chopra Jonas), they must go on the run and find a way to work together long enough to thwart a global conspiracy that threatens the entire free world.” ‘Heads of State’ will be released on Prime Video on July 2.

Mohanlal’s daughter Vismaya to enter film industry with ‘Thudakkam’



Veteran actor Mohanlal’s daughter Vismaya is all set to make her acting debut with Jude Anthony Joseph’s Thudakkam. Taking to social media, Mohanlal expressed excitement over his daughter’s first film, which will be produced by Antony Perumbavoor under the banner of Ashirvad Films, which has always been associated with Mohanlal films. He shared the first look poster of

the film and sent her the best wishes. His post read, “Dear Mayakutty, may your “Thudakkam” be just the first step in a lifelong love affair with cinema. #Thudakkam Written and Directed by Jude Anthony Joseph and Produced by Antony Perumbavoor, Aashirvad Cinemas #VismayaMohanlal.” As soon as he shared the update, fans chimed in the comment section and wished Vismaya good luck. “Waiting

for the movie, congratulations,” a social media user commented. “Best wishes,” another netizen wrote. Mohanlal married Suchitra in 1988, and they have two children - actor Pranav and Vismaya. Mohanlal’s son, Pranav Mohanlal, made his debut as a child actor with a minor role in Onnaman (2002). Years later, in 2022, he made his debut as a lead star in the romantic drama Hridayam.

Roopam Sharma makes a dramatic entry in Kumkum Bhagya as Sonalika

CHANDIGARH: Zee TV’s beloved show Kumkum Bhagya continues to engage viewers with its emotional depth and unexpected twists. Just as Shivansh (Namik Paul) and Prarthana (Pranali Rathod) begin to move beyond resentment and form a genuine bond, a blast from the past threatens to disrupt everything. What started as a revenge-driven marriage has slowly grown into quiet care—until Sonalika walks in, full of hope, unaware of the storm she’s about to face. Popular television actress Roopam Sharma enters the show as Sonalika, Shivansh’s ex-fiancée—completely in the dark about his marriage to Prarthana. Returning during a festive family pooja, she expects a warm reunion but is met with a truth that shatters her world. Adding to the drama, Roopam steps into a grey-shaded role, where Sonalika’s presence doesn’t just stir emotions but sparks tension and chaos in the couple’s fragile new bond. With unresolved feelings, Sonalika is all set to turn their world upside down, bringing twists that promise to keep viewers on the edge of their seats. Roopam Sharma said, “I’ve been watching Kumkum Bhagya, and to now be a part of this iconic show feels surreal. Joining the cast has been an incredibly rewarding experience, especially because I get to play a character like Sonalika—she’s not your average girl-next-door. She walks in with love and longing, but what makes her stand out is the emotional baggage she carries and the storm she’s about to unleash.”



Zee TV stars say NO to Plastic and YES to sustainability this international plastic bag free day

BUREAU CHANDIGARH: International Plastic Bag Free Day, observed on 3rd July, is more than an awareness date; it’s a reminder to embrace conscious living, question convenience, and commit to choices that protect our planet. For decades, single-use plastic has seeped into every corner of our lives — from grocery runs to everyday essentials — but the tide is turning. More and more people are choosing reusables, making small shifts that together create a meaningful difference. On this occasion, Zee TV artists like Nausheen Ali Sardar from Vasudha, Anushka Merchande from Saru, Ayushi Khurana from Jaane Anjaane Hum Mile, Abhishek Malik from Jamai No. 1, Namik Paul from Kumkum Bhagya, and Aaryya Babbar from Jagriti-Ek Nayi Subah reflect on the little habits they’ve embraced in their personal lives — each a step towards sustainability, each a reminder that real change begins at home.



Nausheen Ali Sardar, who



bringing along a backpack feels natural. It’s one of the simplest switches we can make, yet its environmental impact is significant. Today, many of us on set consciously carry our own backpacks on the sets of Vasudha. What began as a small personal effort has grown into a shared habit, and a quiet reminder that even amid the rush of shoot life, we always have the choice to be more mindful.”



Anushka Merchande, who essays the role of Anika in Zee TV’s Saru said, “Some of my fondest childhood memories involve walking to the market with my mom and nani, carrying these colourful cloth bags made from old sarees and shirts. Each bag had a story — maybe once a festive kurta or dad’s old office shirt. Back then, I thought it was just a cute, old-school habit. But now, I understand it was sustainability — deeply ingrained, quietly practiced. I carry those memories with me every day. I still fold two cloth bags and tuck them into my backpack. It’s not just about reducing



plastic. For me, it’s about honouring the wisdom of women who shaped me. On International Plastic Bag Free Day, I’m reminded that we don’t need to look far for solutions — sometimes, they’ve been in our homes all along. Change starts from within, and with what we choose to carry, literally and metaphorically.”

Ayushi Khurana who essays the role of Reet in Zee TV’s Jaane Anjaane Hum Mile said, “My shift away from plastic began with one thought that wouldn’t leave me: ‘Something I used for five minutes could harm the earth for hundreds of years.’ It was a startling realisation. After that, I started keeping a set of reusable foldable cloth bags in my car and handbag. What surprised me was how easy it actually was. I used to think sustainability meant sacrifice, but it’s just a habit shift. As actors, we are constantly seen on screens and in people’s lives. I think that visibility comes with responsibility. If I can influence even a few people to rethink their habits, that’s a win. This International Plastic Bag Free Day, I urge everyone to take that first step. The planet needs us, and it begins in our homes, in our cars, and in our choices.”

Abhishek Malik, who essays the role of Neel in Zee TV’s Jamai No. 1 said, “International Plastic Bag Free Day is a much-needed reminder that change doesn’t always have to be big or dramatic — it can begin with something as simple as saying no to a plastic bag.”

Sharad Kelkar & Niharika Chouksey’s Tumm Se Tumm Tak gets a soulful title track by Javed Ali & Palak Muchhal



CHANDIGARH: Zee TV has long been a pioneer in storytelling, delivering thought-provoking narratives that challenge societal norms and redefine relationships. With its latest fiction offering, Tumm Se Tumm Tak, the channel presents a fresh and deeply moving love story that dares to go beyond traditional expectations. After unveiling the lead cast—Sharad Kelkar as the dignified and charismatic Aryavardhan, and Niharika Chouksey as the free-spirited and tender-hearted Anu—the channel now elevates the excitement surrounding the show with the launch of its mesmerizing title track and its music video. After announcing Sharad Kelkar and Niharika Chouksey as the lead pair—Sharad playing the composed and mature Aryavardhan, and Niharika as the lively and warm-hearted Anu—Zee TV now builds anticipation with the release of the show’s title track and music video. The track adds a unique emotional layer to Tumm Se Tumm Tak, offering a glimpse into Anu and Aryavardhan’s love story. Featuring heartfelt vocals by celebrated singers Javed Ali and Palak Muchhal, the song captures the spirit of the show through its poignant lyrics and soulful melody. The chemistry between Sharad and Niharika in the video only adds to the intrigue around their story. That’s not all—for Sharad, this marks his first-ever music video for a television show after years in the industry—an experience he describes as grand, magical, and emotionally resonant. For Niharika, it is a special milestone as her music video debut, adding a personal sense of excitement to the project. Sharad Kelkar said, “After so many years in the industry, I’ve finally shot my first music video for a television show, and it’s been a truly wonderful experience. The video has been directed by my dear friend Siddharth and choreographed by the incredibly talented Devang. When you’re working with such a passionate and skilled team, the entire process becomes even more enjoyable.”

Unapologetic and Unstoppable—Hungama OTT Unleashes its Latest Crime Drama Badass Begum

MUMBAI: Hungama OTT, one of India’s leading digital entertainment platforms, launched its riveting new original series, Badass Begum, on 26th June 2025. Anchored in a world of power, deception, and dangerous ambition, this crime drama offers an unflinching look at a woman who defied her origins to become a force within Mumbai’s underworld. The series boasts a compelling cast featuring Divyaa Agarwal, Ankit Gera, and Akshay Dogra in pivotal roles. Set in the backdrop of Mumbai’s criminal underbelly, Badass Begum unravels the layered and often conflicting legacy of Urvashi Rajee—a woman whose name still stirs admiration, fear, and curiosity. Was she pushed into a life of crime by circumstances and the lure of comfort? Or did she rise through the ranks with calculated intent, turning every challenge into a stepping stone? More than just a gangster, she ruled her world like a queen amidst chaos, leaving behind a story that’s as haunting as it is unforgettable. Speaking about the launch, Siddhartha Roy, CEO of Hungama Digital Media, said, “We’re committed to bringing stories that feel real, rooted and relevant. Badass Begum is a bold crime drama set in the 1980s — driven by strong characters and an authentic narrative. It’s part of a larger effort to offer diverse storytelling that connects with viewers across generations.” Divyaa Agarwal, who takes on the role of Urvashi Rajee, shared, “Urvashi Rajee is unlike any character I’ve played before. She’s unapologetic, vulnerable, and relentlessly driven. She is not your typical gangster, and that’s what makes her incredibly fascinating. Badass Begum challenged me emotionally and creatively, and I can’t wait for audiences to experience her journey.”



Kirdar hue shadyantra ka shikaar!



CHANDIGARH: In &TV’s Happu Ki Ultan Paltan and Bhabiji Ghar Par Hai, Daroga Happu Singh and Vibhuti Narayan Mishra have fallen victim to a conspiracy. About Happu Ki Ultan Palatan’s upcoming track, Geetanjali Mishra aka Rajesh shares, “Bimlesh (Sapna Sikarwar) has gone to her mayka and taken up a new job, leaving Benni (Vishwanath Chatterjee) irritated and restless in her absence. Upset and emotional, he begins throwing tantrums, claiming that if Bimlesh doesn’t return soon, he will start an affair with someone else. Desperate and frustrated, Benni confronts Happu Singh (Yogesh Tripathi), who reassures him with a bold promise that he will bring Bimlesh back. And if he fails, he is willing to change his name. Taking this promise quite literally, Benni gets an affidavit drafted declaring that Happu Singh will officially be renamed ‘Tilchatta Singh’ if he cannot bring Bimlesh back. This leaves Happu terrified, especially when Benni starts threatening Rajesh (Geetanjali Mishra) and her mother Awdheshhiya (Urmila Sharma), though neither of them budge. Katori Amma (Himani Shivpuri) warns that mere threats won’t work, and real action is needed. Meanwhile, a quirky case lands at the police station involving a wife troubled by her tone-deaf husband. Sensing an opportunity, Happu convinces the woman, Surili, to pretend to be Benni’s love interest, hoping this act will save him from the dreaded name change. In return, Happu promises to scold her husband thoroughly. However, things take an unexpected turn when Happu learns that Surili’s husband is the brother of the Police Commissioner (Kishore Bhanushali), and tensions rise. Benni brings Surili home, but Awdheshhiya and Rajesh still don’t react, though deep down, both are extremely nervous.”

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