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NEWS BRIEFS

HC to hear Majithia's plea on July 29

CHANDIGARH: The Punjab and Haryana High Court on Tuesday deferred till July 29 hearing on Shiromani Akali Dal leader Bikram Singh Majithia's plea against his arrest and subsequent remand in a disproportionate assets case. As the matter came up for hearing, Majithia's counsels sought three weeks to file an amended plea following which the court granted time and fixed the next date of hearing. Majithia had earlier filed a plea against his arrest.

MNS leaders, activists detained ahead of protest rally in Thane district

THANE: Several leaders and activists of the Maharashtra Navnirman Sena (MNS) were detained by the police on Tuesday ahead of a proposed protest rally in Mira Bhayander town of Thane district. Tensions prevailed in Mira Bhayander as police rounded up protestors who had gathered to participate in the rally proposed by the Marathi Eki-karan Samiti. Chief Minister Devendra Fadnis has maintained that permission had been granted for the rally, in which MNS leaders planned to participate, but the party insisted on a specific route which posed law and order challenges.

Toll collections via FASTags jump 19.6 pc

NEW DELHI: Toll collections across state and national highways through FASTag rose by 19.6 per cent to Rs 20,681.87 crore in the first quarter of 2025-26, as per National Electronic Toll Collection (NETC) data. According to NETC data, the number of toll users also increased 16.2 per cent to 1,173 million in the April-June quarter compared to 1,009.87 million in the year-ago period. The National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) increased toll charges by an average of 4-5 per cent on highway sections across the country from April 1, 2025.

India abstains from voting on Afghanistan at UN

NEW DELHI: India abstained from voting at the UN on a Resolution on Afghanistan saying a "business as usual" approach without new and targeted initiatives is unlikely to deliver the outcomes the international community envisions for Afghan people. The UNGA resolution on the 'Situation in Afghanistan' last night was moved by Germany. The vote was 116 in favour and two against. Twelve countries including India, Russia, China and Iran abstained. India's Permanent Representative to the UN, Ambassador P Harish, said in his speech that any coherent policy to address a post-conflict situation must combine a mix of policy instruments — incentivising positive behaviour and disincentivising harmful actions.

Bharat Bandh today, 25 cr workers to go on strike

Services likely to be disrupted across country

**AGENCY
NEW DELHI, JULY 8**

More than 25 crore workers from sectors including banking, insurance, postal services, coal mining, highways and construction are expected to participate in a nationwide general strike on Wednesday. The strike may disrupt services across the country. A forum of 10 central trade unions and their associates has called for the strike, termed as 'Bharat Bandh', to oppose what they describe as anti-worker, anti-farmer and anti-national pro-corporate government policies.

The forum stated that preparations are underway across formal and informal sectors to ensure the strike's success. Amarjeet Kaur of the All India Trade Union Congress said farmers and rural workers will also join the protest nationwide. Harbhajan Singh Sidhu from Hind Mazdoor Sabha said that banking, postal, coal mining, factories and state transport services will be affected by the strike.

Last year, the forum submitted a 17-point charter of demands to Labour Minister Mansukh Mandavia. The unions said the government has not held the annual labour conference for the past 10 years and continues to make decisions against labour interests. The forum criticised the government's four labour codes, saying they weaken collective bargaining, restrict union activities and favour employers under the pretext of ease of doing business.

It also alleged that current economic policies have led to higher unemployment,



ment, rising prices of essentials, wage depression and cuts in social sector spending on education, health and basic amenities. These factors have increased inequalities and hardships for the poor, lower income groups and the middle class.

The unions accused the government of abandoning the welfare state model and working in the interests of foreign and Indian corporations, as seen in its policy approach. They have been opposing privatisation of public sector enterprises, outsourcing, contractorisation and casualisation of the workforce.

The four labour codes passed by Parliament are said to suppress trade unions, increase working hours, remove workers' rights to collective bar-

gaining and strike, and decriminalise employer violations of labour laws.

The forum demands the government address unemployment, fill sanctioned posts, create more jobs, increase MGNREGA workers' days and wages, and enact similar laws for urban areas. Instead, it says the government is promoting the Employment Linked Incentive scheme to benefit employers.

The unions also criticised government departments for recruiting retired personnel instead of providing regular appointments to youth. This policy, seen in Railways, NMDC Ltd, steel and teaching sectors, harms growth in a country where 65 per cent of the population is under 35 and unemployment is highest among those aged 20 to 25.

Abohar businessman murder case: Two accused shot dead in encounter

**BUREAU
CHANDIGARH, JULY 8**

The Punjab Police gunned down two accused in an encounter late Tuesday evening. The duo allegedly assisted the shooters, who killed Businessman Verma, by helping them flee after the incident.

The deceased have been identified as Jaspreet Singh, a resident of Mardanpur, and Ram Ratan from Patiala. During the exchange of fire, one police personnel was also injured and has been admitted to a hospital for treatment.

According to sources, the two accused had earlier been arrested in a joint operation conducted by the Anti-Gang-



ster Task Force (AGTF) and the Fazilka police. During interrogation, the accused were taken to recover weapons, when they allegedly opened fire on police personnel, prompting a retaliatory action that led to their deaths. Sanjay Verma was fatally

shot outside his showroom near Bhagat Singh Chowk in Abohar when he arrived in his car. Eyewitnesses stated that three assailants arrived on a motorcycle and opened indiscriminate fire as soon as Verma stepped out of his vehicle.

Drug smuggling cartel busted in Bathinda; six held with 40kg heroin

**ANIL VERMA
BATHINDA, JULY 8:**

In a significant breakthrough against trans-border narco-smuggling amidst the ongoing anti-drugs 'Yudh Nashian Virudh' campaign launched on the directions of Chief Minister Bhagwant Singh Mann, Bathinda Police has busted an international drug cartel being operated by foreign-based smuggler with the arrest of its six key drug traffickers and recovered 40 kg heroin from their Toyota Fortuner car, said Director General of Police (DGP) Punjab Gaurav Yadav here on Tuesday.

Those arrested have been identified as

Lakhvir Singh alias Lakha (33), Prabhjot Singh (26), Ranjodh Singh (27), Akash Marwaha (21), Rohit Kumar (25), and Gurcharan Singh alias Guri (27), all residents of Malout in Sri Muktsar Sahib. Accused persons Lakhvir Singh and Prabhjit Singh have criminal background with cases pertaining to Arms Act and NDPS Act registered against them respectively. The development came close on the heels of Amritsar Commissionerate Police busting a drug cartel being operated by Pak-based smuggler Tanveer Shah and Canada-based handler Joban Kaler with the arrest of nine drug smugglers and recovered huge consignment of 60,302 Kg Heroin from near the International Border in Barmer.

Cricketer Yash Dayal booked for sexual exploitation

GHAZIABAD: Royal Challengers Bengaluru (RCB) and Uttar Pradesh pacer Yash Dayal has been booked under Section 69 of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS) on serious allegations of sexual exploitation, physical violence, mental harassment, and cheating under false promises of marriage.

An FIR has been registered at Indrapuram Police Station in Ghaziabad, Uttar Pradesh.

The complaint, filed by a woman from Ghaziabad, outlines a five-year relationship with Dayal.

According to her, the cricketer misled her into believing they would marry and even introduced her to his family, who allegedly accepted her as their "daughter-in-law." She claims this act deepened her trust and made her emotionally vulnerable.

The FIR reads, "For the past five years, the complainant had been in a relationship with the cricketer. He emotionally, mentally, and physically exploited her by falsely promising marriage. Upon realising the deception, she protested, after which she was subjected to physical violence and psychological abuse." The complainant has also accused Dayal of financial exploitation and revealed that he maintained similar relationships with other women. Despite contacting the women's helpline (181) on June 14, she claims the local police failed to take action initially. Now, she has approached the Chief Minister's office seeking intervention.



Punjab, Haryana CMs to meet today over SYL

**BUREAU
CHANDIGARH, JULY 8**

Amid the ongoing tussle between Punjab and Haryana over the release of water from the Bhakra and Pong dams managed by the Bhakra Beas Management Board (BBMB), The Chief Ministers of both states will hold a meeting in presence of Centre on July 9 at New Delhi.

This will be the fourth round of talks between the chief ministers of Punjab and Haryana on the issue in which the Centre is playing the role of a mediator. The matter will be heard by the Supreme Court on August 13. The Union Ministry of Water Resources is making efforts to



Hyderabad family burnt alive in US road accident

**UNI
HYDERABAD, JULY 8**

A tragic road accident in the United States has claimed the lives of a family from Hyderabad.

The victims—Tejaswini, Srivenkat, and their two children—were burnt alive after their car was hit by a truck and caught fire in Green County while they were travelling from Atlanta to Dallas.

According to reports reaching here, the impact of the collision caused the car to burst into flames, leaving no time for rescue. All



four family members died on the spot.

Emergency services, including police and fire brigade teams, rushed to the scene, but the blaze had already consumed the vehicle.

BJP demands public apology from Kharge over remarks on Prez Murmu

**UNI
NEW DELHI:** The Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) today accused Congress President Mallikarjun Kharge of insulting President Droupadi Murmu and disrespecting her tribal identity through derogatory remarks and demanded a written public apology.

At a press briefing here, BJP national spokesperson Gaurav Bhatia also called for Kharge's resignation, accusing him of displaying an "anti-tribal and anti-Dalit" mindset. He further highlighted past instances of disrespect towards former President Ram Nath Kovind by Congress leaders.

"We ask Mallikarjun Kharge to offer a written apology for his distasteful and derogatory remarks against the President of India and former President Ram Nath Kovind, both of whom represent the Scheduled Tribe and Scheduled Caste communities—communities that epitomize hard work and serve as an inspiration for millions of Indians," he added.

Bhatia's remarks came in response to Kharge's statement at an event in Raipur, Chhattisgarh, on Monday, where he raised concerns over deforestation in the state. Kharge had alleged, "They just talk big; we made Murmu ji President of India, we made (Ram Nath) Kovind President. Yes, you did, but for what? To snatch our property? To snatch our jungles? To stop our water? They have done this to snatch our land..."

"The objectionable words that Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge ji has used for President of India Droupadi Murmu ji goes to show that an anti-advansi mentality runs in the DNA of the Congress. They have (also) disrespected former President Ram Nath Kovind — (this is) anti-Dalit mentality," Bhatia alleged.



Parliament panel asks airlines officials about aviation safety, hike in fare

**AGENCY
NEW DELHI, JULY 8**

The Parliament's Public Accounts Committee (PAC) on Tuesday met with top officials from the Civil Aviation Ministry and representatives from major airlines, where the members of the committee raised concerns on the Air India Flight AI-171 crash in Ahmedabad and sudden surge in flight fares from Srinagar to other cities after the Pahalgam terror attack on April 22. Many Members of Parliament claimed that the airlines drastically increased their fares immediately after the attack, which is against the set standards. Among other issues discussed, according to sources, some members of the Opposition parties have demanded a special audit of the Bureau of Civil Aviation Security (BCAS). An MP from



an opposition party demanded a special audit for the Bureau of Civil Aviation Security (BCAS). According to a noting on the Lok Sabha website agenda of today's meeting was to hear Oral evidence of the representatives of the Ministry of Civil Aviation, Directorate General of Civil

Aviation (DGCA), Airports Economic Regulatory Authority of India (AERA), Airports Authority of India (AAI), AAI Cargo Logistics and Allied Services Company Ltd. (AAI-CLAS), Bureau of Civil Aviation Security (BCAS) and other concerned organizations including Airport Op-

erators and Airlines on the subject "Levy and regulation of fees, tariffs, user charges etc. on public infrastructure and other public utilities". Air India CEO Campbell Wilson also arrived at the Parliament House for the Public Accounts Committee (PAC) meeting, to the media after the meeting. Nationalist Congress Party (NCP) MP Praful Patel asserted that there is no need to panic as all airlines, including Air India, follow safety protocols. However, Patel highlighted that there is need of more people in the DGCA as they are facing a shortage of top-level skilled manpower, is paramount. Anyone who flies wants to feel safe and assured that he will reach his destination... Indian aviation is safe. There is no need to be panicking about it. All airlines, including Air India, follow safety protocols.

RAIKOT (GOGI KMAALPURIYA): Lion Club, a famous social service organization of Raikot, conducted glucometer and glucometer strip service at Ayurveda Dispensary Mandir Shivala Kham yesterday evening, speaking on this occasion, the newly appointed head of the club, Dr. Subodh Gupta, Praveen Kansal (Secretary), Treasurer Manish Goyal said that Doctor's Day is being celebrated by the club, under which glucometer and Glucometer strips have been served, he said that free sugar checkup is done here for the needy people, he said that a cake was also cut on Doctor's Day in Temple Shivala Kham today, in which a large number of club members also participated, on this occasion the head of the temple Inderpal Goldi thanked all the Lion Club members who came, on this occasion the head Subodh Gupta, secretary Praveen Kansal, treasurer Manish Goyal.

Besides KK Sharma, MJF Gulshan Mittal, former president Kulwant Singh, Vinod Jain Raju, Rajendra Goyal, Hiralal Bansal, BR Sharma, Subhash Pasi, Dr. Naresh Goyal, Meenu Jain, Dr. Durgesh Sharma, Dr. Vishal Jain, Pawan Verma were mainly present.

NEWS BRIEF

Alliance Club
International District-
119 holds meeting



DALJEET AJNOHA HOSHARPUR: The first quarter review meeting (April-May-June) and the second quarter planning meeting (July-August-September) of Alliance Club International District-119 were held here today at Hotel Shiraz Regency. The meeting was presided over by District Governor Ally, Vivek Sahni. District-119 Guide Ally, Ramesh Kumar, Alliance Club International Advisor Ally, Advocate S.P. Rana, and Director Ally, Ashok Puri were specially present on the occasion. After making call-in-order in the District Advisory Meeting, District Governor Ally, Vivek Sahni welcomed the special guests and district representatives. On this occasion, District Guide Ally, Ramesh Kumar informed that since April 1, Professor Daljit Rai, President Alliance Club Hoshiarpur Unique, and Ally, Ajay Sharda, President Alliance Club Hoshiarpur Greater, along with their respective teams, have given satisfactory performance. He added that by conducting the three meetings of Veteran Runner, District Preview, and District Planning the District has elevated the name of Alliance Club. International Advisor and International Director Ally, Ashok Puri stated that representatives from Alliance Clubs across North India are eagerly looking forward to participate in the International Board meeting scheduled to be held on July 12 at Chandigarh.

Command hospital
Chandimandir achieves
milestone in hematology care



SUMER GARG CHANDIGARH: The press information bureau (defence wing), Gol in a Press release said, "Command Hospital Chandimandir has taken a big step forward in cancer treatment by opening a new hematology centre that offers advanced care for serious blood-related diseases. This modern facility was inaugurated by Lt Gen Manoj Kumar Katiyar, PVSM, AVSM, General Officer Commanding-in-Chief, Western Command, on 10 May 2025. The centre is now fully equipped to treat patients with various types of blood disorders and cancers using the latest medical technology. It also offers special treatments like stem cell transplant (also known as bone marrow transplant) and other modern therapies, all under one roof. On 12 June 2025, the hospital successfully performed its first stem cell transplant on a patient suffering from multiple myeloma, a type of blood cancer.

DC convenes high-level
meeting with Director
Health, Commissioner MC &
other departments



RAKESH JINDAL PATIALA: To review and control the rising cases of vomiting and diarrhoea in the district, Deputy Commissioner Dr. Preeti Yadav on "Tuesday" visited the affected areas of Alipur Arain, Health & Wellness Centre, and Mata Kaushalya Hospital. She also chaired a high-level meeting with Director Health Dr. Hitenra Kaur, Municipal Corporation Commissioner Sh. Paramvir Singh, and officials of the Water Supply and Sewerage Board to assess the ground situation and review the response measures. Dr. Preeti Yadav directed all concerned departments to act promptly and effectively at the ground level to curb the spread of the disease. She emphasized that no negligence would be tolerated and ordered swift preventive action in all hotspot areas of the district.

Chandigarh police nabs 6 proclaimed offenders, including 2 in state cases

BUREAU
CHANDIGARH, JULY 8

In a major crackdown on proclaimed offenders (POs) and absconders, the PO & Summon Staff of Chandigarh Police has successfully arrested six individuals, including two accused in state cases and four in cheque bounce cases under the NI Act.

The operation was carried out under the directions of SSP UT Chandigarh and the supervision of DSP Vijay Singh, with Inspector Sher Singh leading the team. Details of arrests: Sandeep Kumar alias Billa Case: FIR No. 58 dated 21.04.2022 under Section 21 NDPS Act, PS-39 Chandigarh Declared PO by: Sh. Tanveer Singh, JMJC, Chandigarh on 01.07.2025,



Current Status: Produced before Ms. Hargurjit Kaur, JMJC, Chandigarh; sent to judicial custody, Pardeep Kumar Case: FIR No. 98 dated 06.12.2021 under Section 61-14 Excise Act, PS-49 Chandigarh, Declared PO by: Sh. Ajay, JMJC, Chandigarh on 20.02.2024, Current Status: Produced before Sh. Mohit, JMJC, Chandigarh; sent to judicial custody, Kulvir Kaur Case: ICMS/2025/018657 under Section 138 NI Act. Current Status: Produced before Ms. Bhawna Gera, JMJC,

Two habitual bike thieves arrested in Chandigarh; five stolen vehicles recovered

CHANDIGARH: In a major breakthrough, the Chandigarh Police have arrested two habitual vehicle thieves and recovered five stolen two-wheelers from their possession. The arrests were made by a team from Police Post Palsora under Police Station-39, UT Chandigarh.

The operation was conducted under the directions of W/SP Ms. Kanwardeep Kaur (IPS), W/SP City Ms. K.M. Priyanka (IPS), and under the supervision of SDPO South/West Sh. Anurag



Daru (IPS) and SHO PS-39 Inspector Chiranjil Lal. The team included HC Lalit Mohan and officials from PP Palsora, who solved E-FIR No. 00542 dated May 20, 2025, related to the theft of a

two-wheeler from Sector 54. The FIR was lodged by Ram Kishan, a resident of Adarsh Colony, Sector 54, who reported the theft of his Activa (registration number DL9SAP-2341) parked outside his home on the night of May 19. Based on CCTV footage and other investigative inputs, the police traced and apprehended the accused near Government School, Sector 56, on July 6.

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Chandigarh; released on bail Satish Nayyar Case: In Rs. 30

lakh cheque bounce matter - I C M S / 2 0 2 4 / 0 1 1 0 9 6 ,

Murder accused arrested by Chandigarh Police

CHANDIGARH: In a significant breakthrough, Chandigarh Police have arrested Shankar Mahali, the key accused in a recent murder case registered at Police Station Sector-34. The operation was carried out under the directions of W/SP Ms. Kanwardeep Kaur (IPS), with guidance from W/SP City Ms. K.M. Priyanka (IPS) and supervision by SDPO South Sh. Jaswinder Singh. The arrest was made by a combined team from Police Station Sector-34, led by SHO Inspector Satinder, and the District Crime Cell (DCC). The case pertains to FIR No. 94, dated June 25, 2025, under Section 103(1) of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, registered following the discovery of an unconscious woman at a residence in Village Buralal, Sector 45, Chandigarh. The victim, identified as Kulwanti (30), was declared dead on arrival at GMCH-32.



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Ludhiana DC chairs high-level meet on flood prevention strategy



SUKH NAHAR
JAGRAON JULY 8

Deputy Commissioner Himanshu Jain convened a high-level meeting with officials from various departments to review and bolster flood preparedness ahead of the monsoon season.

The meeting saw participation from Additional Deputy Commissioners Amarjit Bains, Shikha Bhagat, and Kulpreet Singh, along with all Sub Divisional Magistrates and representatives from departments including Drainage, Municipal

Corporation, NDRF, PSPCL, Education, PWD, Health, Rural Development and Panchayats, Agriculture, Animal Husbandry, Forest, Water Supply and Sanitation, Police, and others.

DC Jain conducted a detailed evaluation of flood prevention measures such as the upkeep of embankments, drainage systems, and flood barriers. He directed departments to ensure the readiness and strategic placement of essential machinery-such as water pumps, generators, and rescue boats-at flood-prone spots.

Zonal Office, EPFO, Chandigarh organizes press meet on newly launched ELI scheme

CHANDIGARH, JULY 8

The Employees' Provident Fund Organisation (EPFO), Zonal Office (Punjab & Himachal Pradesh Zone), Chandigarh, organized a Press Meet today to provide insights and raise awareness about the recently launched Employment Linked Incentive (ELI) Scheme, approved by the Union Cabinet chaired by the Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi. The ELI scheme has a total Outlay is Rs. 99,446 Crores and it aims to incentivize the creation of more than 3.5 Crore jobs in the country, over a period of 2 years.

The event was addressed by Sh. Rajiv Bisht, Additional Central Provident Fund Commissioner (PB & HP Zone), along with Sh. Amit Singla and Sh. Ritesh Saini, Regional Provident Fund Commissioners at Zonal Office, PB & HP.



In his address, Sh. Rajiv Bisht informed the media that the ELI Scheme is an initiative aimed at boosting employment generation, improving employability, and extending social security coverage, with a special focus on the manufacturing sector. The scheme is designed to support both new entrants to the workforce and employers who create additional jobs.

He further explained that the scheme is structured in two parts:

Scheme Components
Part A - For First-Time Employees:

Applicable to jobs created between 01 August 2025 and 31 July 2027.

Financial incentive equal to one month's wage (up to Rs 15,000).

Employees with salaries up to Rs 1,00,000 will be eligible.

1st instalment payable after 6 months of service.

2nd instalment payable after 12 months of service.

MCM's Hindi department fosters literary excellence and cultural pride



CHANDIGARH, JULY 8

The Postgraduate Department of Hindi at Mehr Chand Mahajan DAV College for Women stands as a vibrant hub for the promotion and enrichment of the Hindi language. Since its inception, the department has consistently earned accolades through its academic achievements and cultural contributions. With a dynamic team of highly qualified faculty and robust infrastructure, the department has established itself as a centre of excellence in Hindi studies. Dedicated to nurturing literary talent, the department actively encourages students to engage in research, and creative writing, and upgrade pronunciation skills. Students are provided with grants for research

and are encouraged to participate in national and international seminars, fostering a global outlook towards Hindi literature. The department takes pride in its students' consistent success at Youth Festivals and national-level competitions in essay writing, poetry, storytelling, and reading. Alumni of the department have made remarkable strides in diverse fields such as publishing, education, translation, journalism, and as Rajbhasha Adhikaris. Highlighting recent academic success, students Tanu and Shreya brought laurels to the college by securing the first and second positions respectively in the Panjab University M.A. Hindi examinations (2024-25).

Special drive against anti social elements

CHANDIGARH, JULY 8

Under the supervision of Insp. Rajiv Kumar, SHO/PS-31, the team of Police Station Sector 31 got major success by arresting three accused namely 1. Roshan Bhaiya S/o Kalector Singh R/o Village Jhampur, Santosh Enclave Gali No. 4, Mohali, Pb age 19 years 2 month, 2.Ravi S/o Dulare R/o # 27, Phase-2, Ramdarbar Chandigarh age 18 years, and 3. Arun Kumar S/o Pawan Kumar R/o # 1813, Phase-1, Ramdarbar, Chandigarh age 18 years.

BRIEF OF CASE: Case FIR No. 127 dt 8.7.2025 U/S 190, 191 (1), 191 (2), 126 (2), 115 (2), 109, 103 (1), 351 (1), 351 (2) The Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita 2023 PS 31, Chd. It is submitted that this case was registered on the statement of Sh. Gulab S/o Sh. Ramdhari R/o H. No. 1319, Phase-1, Ramdarbar, UT, Chandigarh age 50 years in which he reported that he is living with his family. On 08.07.2025 at about 01.30 AM,

his son namely Tushar and his friend Raman were sitting in Hathi Park Ram darbar, Chandigarh. When he went to call his son, he saw that Ravi, Arun Bawa Roshan Bhaiya and other 4/5 person were quarrelling with his son Tushar and his friend Raman. When his son Tushar and Raman try to escape from quarrel and run on his motor cycle, Ravi, Arun Bawa Roshan Bhaiya and other 4/5 person chased them with sword and other sharp weapon. During escaping, the motorcycle got skid near H. No. 1425, Ramdarbar and his son Tushar and Raman fell down. Ravi, Arun Bawa Roshan Bhaiya and other 4/5 person attacked upon Tushar and his friend with sword, sharp weapon and danda.

Due to this his son Tushar fell down and he was found unconscious and Ravi, Arun Bawa Roshan Bhaiya and other 4/5 persons kept on attacking upon Raman with sharp edged weapons.

ANNAM.AI-IIT Ropar and SVPUAT launch Agritech Innovation Hub to boost tech-enabled farming in UP

DEVINDER SHARMA
RUPNAGAR, JUNE 8

In a landmark move set to transform the face of Indian agriculture, the Agritech Innovation Hub, led by IIT Ropar's ANNAM.AI initiative, was inaugurated today at the College of Technology, SVPUAT, Meerut.

The event marked a major step toward integrating emerging technologies with grassroots farming and aimed at building a sustainable and empowered agricultural future.

The inauguration ceremony witnessed the presence of Union Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan, Union Minister for Skill Development and Entrepreneurship Jayant Chaudhary, and Uttar Pradesh's Agriculture Minister Surya Pratap Shahi, alongside Cabinet Minister for Science and Technology Anil Kumar. The programme featured the launch of the



Agritech Innovation Hub, an Agritech Startup and Technology Showcase, and a live demonstration at the 'Model Smart Farm' set up on the SVPUAT campus. The hub aims to bridge the gap between cutting-edge research and farmers, enabling them to harness innovation for better productivity and resilience.

Union Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan praised the initiative as a shining example of "science for society", emphasizing the government's commitment to integrating AI and emerging technologies in agriculture through academic and policy

support. He lauded the efforts of ANNAM.AI, an AI Centre of Excellence under the Ministry of Education, for its forward-thinking approach.

Minister Jayant Chaudhary said the hub would inspire rural youth and farmers to embrace a technology-driven era of agriculture. UP Agriculture Minister Surya Pratap Shahi called the collaboration between IIT Ropar and SVPUAT a pivotal moment for modernising farming, boosting yields, and enhancing climate resilience.

Cabinet Minister Anil Kumar stressed that the future of Indian farming lies in technology.

Election of Adi Dharam Mission Delhi unit held under leadership of Sant Satvinder Heera

DELHI, JULY 8

A special meeting of the All India Adi Dharam Mission (Regd.) was held at Guru Ravidas Mandir, Sudarshan Park, New Delhi under the leadership of Sant Satvinder Heera, National President of the Mission. Captain B.R. Nair from the UK was also present as a special guest. During the five-hour-long session, followers of the Adi Dharam movement from across India and abroad shared their views and gave suggestions to transform the Adi Dharam movement into a mass movement that reaches every corner of society.

On this occasion, deep concern was expressed over the challenges facing the mission in modern times, growing social discrimination, and increasing incidents of atrocities and disrespect against women. The history of Adi Dharam and the need for collective efforts were also discussed. During the event, in



the presence of a large gathering, the election of the Delhi unit of the Adi Dharam Mission was conducted, and Guru Ravidas Mandir, Sudarshan Park, Delhi, was officially declared the national headquarters of the All India Adi Dharam Mission.

As per the election results: G.C. Salhan was appointed President of the Delhi unit, Hazari Lal, Praveen Dayal, and Banarsi Das were named Vice Presidents, Akshay Bhardwaj was appointed General Secretary, B.S. Sondhi became Secretary, Jaginder Singh Narwal was elected Organizing Secretary, Umar Pal as PRO, William Pal as Media Secretary, Nan-

goli as Secretary, O.P. Dhandas as Treasurer

Manju Adibashi, Mrs. Rani Chopra, and Durga Prasad were appointed as members. National President Sant Satvinder Heera congratulated the newly elected Delhi team and emphasized the need to begin creative efforts with unity, love, and brotherhood for the promotion of Adi Dharam and the reconstruction of the historical places discovered by Guru Ravidas Ji.

He stressed the importance of bringing the Adi Dharam community onto a common platform to intensify the collective struggle for social justice and equality.

Second meeting of task force on de-regulation and compliance reduction

SHASHI PAL JAIN
CHANDIGARH, JULY 8

The second meeting on the Compliance Reduction and De-Regulation exercise initiated by the Cabinet Secretariat, GoI, New Delhi, was convened today at the U.T. Chandigarh Secretariat, Sector-9, Chandigarh. The meeting was co-chaired by Sh. SCL Das, IAS, Secretary, M/o MSME, GoI, New Delhi, and Sh. Rajeev Verma, IAS, Chief Secretary, Chandigarh Administration.

The aim of the meeting was to streamline business regulations and enhance ease of doing business in U.T. Chandigarh. The meeting was convened by Sh. Nishant Kumar Yadav, IAS, Secretary Industries, Chandigarh Administration.

SCL Das, IAS, Secretary, M/o MSME, GoI, New Delhi, has been given the responsibility for driving the de-regulation exercise for U.T. Chandigarh with the Cabinet



Secretariat. During the meeting, he was accompanied by officials from the Government of India, including Smt. Anuja Bapat, Deputy Director General, Ministry of MSME; Smt. Nayantara Sasikumar, Director, Ministry of MSME; Shri Anshuman Kamila, Deputy Director, Cabinet Secretariat; and Shri Darpajit Sengupta, Young Professional, NITI Aayog. Along with Sh. Rajeev Verma, IAS, Chief Secretary, Chandigarh Administration,

the meeting saw participation from all concerned Secretaries, Heads of Departments of stakeholder departments, and other senior officials of Chandigarh Administration, including Sh. Diprava Lakra, Finance Secretary, Chandigarh Administration; Sh. Saurabh Kumar, Secretary Science and Technology and Renewable Energy-cum-Member Secretary, CPCC; Sh. Amit Kumar, Commissioner, Municipal Corporation.

Rationalists oppose proposal for new bus stand



KULJIT SINGH DHINGRA
RAMPURA PHUL, JULY 8

Rational Society unit Rampura has registered strong opposition to the proposal to shift the bus stand in Bathinda. The leaders said that due to the government's anti-people and pro-capitalist policies, the pace of deterioration of the economic condition of the common people is continuously increasing from many sides. The proposed bus stand is being shifted to Malout Road. All the people coming from Rampura Phul and other areas will take more time and more money to go to the court, mini secretariat, Rajindra College, DAV, government hospital, Dhobi

Bazaar, Mall Road and other markets, railway station, stadium. Auto rickshaws, taxis, private cars etc. will increase due to which the traffic problem in the city will become more serious. The new bus stand is not to provide convenience to the people, in fact this proposal is to increase the rates of the land mafia near the new bus stand. For which this push is being done to the people of all Bathinda district. Pro-capitalist policies are already cutting into public facilities. Even further, to benefit the capitalists, they do not hesitate to harass and torture the people, the proposal of the new bus stand is a clear and obvious example of this.

District Magistrate cancels licenses of two travel agencies

SHARANJEET PATHANKOT: District Magistrate Pathankot Aditya Uppal while issuing the order informed that while taking action under the Punjab Travel Professional Regulation Act-2012, Parvesh Kumar son of Raghubir Singh resident of village Padiya Lahri, district Pathankot and Manjit Singh son of Raghubir Singh resident of village Padiya Lahri Pathankot, license number MAMC/221 issued in the name of both whose validity has expired on 18th November 2024 and taking action, the license of the above mentioned travel agency is cancelled. As per the above Act, through another office order, the Punjab Travel Professional Regulation Act-2012, Saina Kalotra, daughter of Sunil Kalotra, resident of Prem Nagar, Pathankot, in whose name the license number M.A./M.C. 2/19 issued had also expired on 1st September 2022, is also cancelled.

BSF and police conduct search operation at bus stand under operation Kaso



SHARANJEET PATHANKOT: Under Operation Kaso, BSF and police have conducted a search operation at the bus stand, among passengers travelling, people waiting for buses and in the parking area. Along with this, strict arrangements have been made for monitoring travel routes. Leading Operation Kaso at the bus stand, SSP Daljinder Singh Dhillon said that the police is continuously conducting search operations and several operations in Pathankot and its surrounding areas to maintain peace in the city and the district and no mischievous elements could carry out any kind of incident. Police teams checked the luggage of the passengers and also checked the identity cards of those who looked suspicious. He said that operations are also being carried out in the border areas in view of the Amarnath Yatra.

Cheques distributed to operators transporting goods during Jinasa season



KULJIT SINGH DHINGRA RAMPURA PHUL: MLA of Rampura Phul constituency Balkar Singh Sidhu distributed cheques worth Rs 4 crore 65 lakh to operators transporting wheat during the Jinasa season. On this occasion, MLA Balkar Singh Sidhu while addressing the truck operators said that they should do the transportation work honestly and if any operator faces any problem, he could meet them at any time. On this occasion, Truck Union President Sher Bahadur Dhalwal and Chairman Mahinder Pal Bholu Sharma jointly informed the media that about 1200 operators work in the Truck Union of Rampura Phul and in Baba Inder Das Truck Union, the work of Lehra Mohabbat Cement Factory is also with the Truck Union of Rampura Phul, apart from the rabi and kharif crops, in which no discrimination is made against any operator. Sher Bahadur Dhalwal assured the truck operators and people associated with this business that every possible effort will be made for the welfare of the truck operators and the operators will be given the full amount due for transportation.

High-Level team led by DC inspects Patiala dump site



RAKESH JINDAL PATIALA: A high-level team led by Deputy Commissioner Dr. Preeti Yadav, along with officials from the Punjab Pollution Control Board and the Municipal Corporation, inspected the municipal solid waste dump site near Sanauri Adda today to review ongoing remediation efforts. Dr. Preeti Yadav directed officials and the agency handling solid waste management to expedite the disposal of legacy waste and ensure full compliance with the Solid Waste Management Rules, 2016. The site is being managed by M/s Sagar Motors, Latur (Maharashtra). During the visit, complainant Sanjeev Kumar, who had earlier approached the National Green Tribunal regarding fires and foul smell from the site, joined the inspection and expressed satisfaction with the improvements. He noted that no fires have occurred recently and the odour has significantly reduced. The joint team confirmed that no garbage burning was taking place. Methane detection meters with fire alarms and a stationed fire brigade vehicle have been installed as preventive measures.

Police thwarts target killings ; Lawrence Bishnoi gang operative held in Jalandhar

JS SODHI
JALANDHAR, JULY 8

In a major breakthrough amidst the ongoing drive to make Punjab a safe and secure state as per directions of Chief Minister Bhagwant Singh Mann, Punjab Police's Counter Intelligence (CI) Jalandhar foiled a target killing plot in Punjab and Madhya Pradesh orchestrated by Lawrence Bishnoi gang with the arrest of its key operative and recovered two pistols from his possession, said Director General of Police (DGP) Punjab Gaurav Yadav here on Tuesday.

The arrested accused has been identified as Himanshu Sood, a resident of Phagwara, Kapurthala. The recovered pistols include one .30 bore China-made PX3 Pistol and one .32 bore pistol along with two magazines and seven live cartridges.

DGP Gaurav Yadav said that preliminary investigation has revealed that the arrested accused Himanshu along with his gang members



was running a inter-state gang under the directions of his Dubai based handler identified as Namit Sharma. The latter is a close aide of gangster Lawrence Bishnoi, he said. "In month of June 2025, accused Himanshu Sood along with his other gang members had fired gunshots at a hotelier Arun in Harid-

war on the directions of his handler Namit Sharma," he added. The DGP further said that the arrested accused Himanshu was further tasked by his handler to eliminate three targets including in Madhya Pradesh, Ludhiana and Kapurthala respectively. CI Jalandhar team successfully dismantled this targeted

killing module, averting a serious threat to public safety, he said.

Sharing operation details, Assistant Inspector General (AIG) CI Jalandhar Navjot Singh Mahal said that the police teams had received reliable inputs about suspect Himanshu, a member of Lawrence Bishnoi Gang, conspiring criminal activities in the state. Acting swiftly, an Intelligence and human-intelligence based operation was carried out leading to the arrest of Himanshu Sood along with weapons near Dakoah railway crossing, Jalandhar, said the AIG, while adding that the suspect was waiting for his accomplice. Further investigations are on and more arrests are likely in coming days, he added.

In this regard, a case FIR No. 37 dated 07.07.2025 has been registered under sections 49, 55 and 61(2) of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS), sections 25 and 25 (IB) (A) of the Arms Act at Police Station State Special Operation Cell (SSOC), Amritsar.

Desh Bhagat Global School shines at The Educator Pinnacle Awards-2025



AJAY MALHOTRA
FATEHGARH SAHIB, JULY 8

In a proud celebration of educational excellence, Desh Bhagat Global School made a remarkable mark at The Educator Pinnacle Awards 2025, held at Guru Nanak Dev Stadium, Ludhiana. The prestigious event brought together leading educators and institutions from across the region.

In a significant achievement, Ms. Indu Sharma, Principal of Desh Bhagat Global School, was honored with the Principal Award in recognition of her visionary leadership and outstanding contribution to the field of education. Adding to the school's accolades, eight distinguished teachers from the institution

were presented with the Best Teacher Award-a testament to their unwavering dedication, innovative teaching practices, and excellence in education.

The event was graced by Cabinet Minister Punjab Mr. Hardeep Singh Mundia, who attended as the Chief Guest. The ceremony was expertly organized by Mr. Manish Gupta and witnessed the presence of prominent principals, directors, educationists, and dignitaries, enhancing the grandeur of the occasion.

In addition to the award presentations, the event featured vibrant cultural performances by students from various schools, showcasing creativity, talent, and the spirit of young learners.

Finance,Local Government Minister engage with employee unions

CHANDIGARH, JULY 8

Punjab Finance Minister Advocate Harpal Singh Cheema, who chairs the Cabinet Subcommittee constituted to address employee grievances, today held a series of meetings with various unions of the Department of Local Government. Local Government Minister Dr. Ravjot Singh joined him in the deliberations, which lasted over three hours.

During the meetings, Finance Minister Cheema attentively listened to the concerns of representatives from the Safae Mazdoor Federation Sewerman Union, Punjab Water Supply & Sewerage Board Outsourced Worker Union, Municipal Mulazam Action Committee, Punjab Water Supply & Sewerage Employees Contractor Workers Union, Punjab Safai Mazdoor Federation, Punjab Fire Sewerman Kachhe Mulazam Union (Contract), and Fire Sewerman Kachhe Mulazam Union (Outsource). Senior officials including Additional Chief Secretary Finance Alok Shekhar, Addi-



tional Chief Secretary Local Government Tejveer Singh, CEO PMDC Deepti Uppal, and Additional Secretary Personnel Navjot Kaur were also present to facilitate the dialogue.

Finance Minister Harpal Singh Cheema directed the Local Government department to prepare a comprehensive proposal to address the primary issues and legitimate demands raised by these employee unions, with the aim of resolving them expeditiously. He further instructed the department to explore extending group insurance coverage to these employees. Assuring the union representatives, Finance Minister Cheema reiterated the Bhagwant Singh Mann-led Punjab Government's unwa-

Bhullar hands over appointment letters to 12 newly-inducted prison officials



GAURAV GOEL
CHANDIGARH, JULY 8

Punjab Jails Minister S. Laljit Singh Bhullar today handed over appointment letters to 12 newly recruited prison officials at a formal ceremony held at his office at Punjab Civil Secretariat, Chandigarh. He was accompanied by MLA Atam Nagar Ludhiana, Sh. Kulwant Singh Sidhu and Sh. Arun Pal Singh, ADGP Prisons.

The newly appointed recruits include 5 JBT Teachers, who will be instrumental in providing education to both the prisoners and their children, thereby contributing towards their rehabilitation and reintegration into society. Besides this, 3 Clerks, 1 Warden and 3 Group-D officials were also appointed. S. Laljit Singh Bhullar

said that these recruitments are part of the ongoing initiative of Chief Minister S. Bhagwant Singh Mann led state government. He said that the Mann government is making historic regular recruitment in the jail department. S. Bhullar informed that these teachers will play a crucial role in educating prisoners and their children and facilitating prisoners' reintegration into mainstream society. He said that the Mann government is modernizing jail infrastructure and improving services for prisoners, including educational, vocational and welfare programs.

While congratulating the newly-inducted employees, the Jails Minister exhorted them to work with great zeal, enthusiasm and dedication.

Notably, S. Laljit Singh Bhullar had handed over the

appointment letters to 15 JBT teachers in January this year, marking the first-ever regular recruitment for these positions in the jail department. "Previously, these teaching positions were filled through temporary arrangements," said the Cabinet Minister, adding that Chief Minister S. Bhagwant Singh Mann's led government has made regular recruitment for the first time in the last three decades. Providing updates on ongoing recruitment initiatives in the Jail department, S. Laljit Singh Bhullar said that out of the recently completed recruitment drive, 738 warders and 25 matrons have already joined their duties. Besides this, the recruitment process for 179 posts of guarding staff, including 175 warders and 4 matrons, is near completion.

Admin with support of Army, conducts exercise to tackle possible flood situation



PARAMJIT SINGH
JALANDHAR, JULY 8

To effectively tackle the possible flood situation, the District Administration, with the support of the Indian Army under the leadership of YSM Commander Brigadier S. Chatterjee, conducted a flood protection exercise on Tuesday at village Talwandi Khurd on the banks of river Sutlej.

Giving further information in this regard, Deputy Commissioner Dr. Himanshu Aggarwal said that apart from the District Administration, teams from the Indian Army, NDRF, SDRF, Punjab Police, Home Guards, Health Department, Fire Brigade, and Red Cross Soci-

ety participated in the Flood Protection Exercise. He informed that during the exercise, the teams demonstrated the rescue and relief operations that would be carried out in a flood situation.

Dr. Aggarwal stated that the objective of this exercise was to strengthen coordination among various departments during emergency situations like floods, enhance their preparedness to deal with emergency situations, and to make people aware of potential risks.

He said that preparation, cooperation, and immediate response during an emergency situation hold great significance, which can considerably reduce potential damage.

Sultanpur Lodhi to undergo major makeover : Dr. Ravjot Singh

CHANDIGARH, JULY 8

Punjab Local Government Minister Dr. Ravjot Singh today announced that Sultanpur Lodhi city will be completely transformed through the dedicated efforts of Mann government, with ultra-modern facilities becoming available to residents. 23 projects of worth Rs.240 crores will significantly enhance the city's living standards, address urban challenges and pave the way for a prosperous future.

While reviewing the meeting here with senior officials of the headquarters and district, the Cabinet Minister thoroughly assessed the progress of Smart City Project initiatives in Sultanpur Lodhi. Stressing the timely completion of the project, the Cab-



inet Minister said that upon completion, Sultanpur Lodhi's entire landscape will be revolutionized. This transformative project will convert Sultanpur Lodhi into a modern, efficient and livable city, benefiting our citizens and fostering unprecedented development.

Announcing a revolutionary transformation in Sultanpur Lodhi's infrastructure, the Cabinet Minister informed that six projects

worth Rs.29.57 crores, including water supply and sewerage systems, a 4 MLD Sewage Treatment Plant (STP) at Jabowal, solar power installations on government buildings for energy conservation and smart primary schools to enhance the educational framework, have already been completed. He further disclosed that 12 more projects worth Rs.106.71 crores are currently being implemented.

New Ludhiana Passport Seva Kendra launched with enhanced facilities



LUDHIANA, JULY 8

The operational launch of the Passport Seva Kendra (PSK) at Ludhiana, Punjab was successfully conducted on July 7, 2025, by Dr. K.J. Srinivasa, Joint Secretary (PSP) & Chief Passport Officer.

This marks the formal relocation of the existing PSK in Ludhiana from Akash deep Complex, Gyan Singh Rarewalla Market, Ludhiana to the new location at Global Business Park, G.T. Road, Near Jalandhar Bye Pass, Vil-

lage Bhora, Ludhiana, with a significant upgrade in infrastructure and service delivery.

The newly inaugurated PSK Ludhiana is equipped with enhanced facilities designed to handle a higher volume of passport applications efficiently. Key features of the PSK include an optimized process flow, improved amenities for women applicants visiting with infants, and upgraded interiors aimed at enhancing the overall applicant experience.

With 30 shifting Nakas, Jalandhar Commissionerate conducts city sealing drive: CP Dhanpreet Kaur



PARAMJIT SINGH
JALANDHAR, JULY 8

Further bolstering law enforcement, the Jalandhar Commissionerate Police, under the leadership of Commissioner of Police Dhanpreet Kaur, launched a city sealing drive across Jalandhar on Tuesday evening.

Sharing the details, CP Dhanpreet Kaur informed that the special drive was carried out on the directives of Punjab DGP Gaurav Yadav, focusing on ensuring public safety and strengthening the

law and order in the city. Under this initiative, 30 shifting Nakas were set up at various points, with 16 gazetted officers personally monitoring these checkpoints to ensure effective enforcement. The Commissioner of Police herself inspected several Nakas during the operation and reviewed the ongoing checking process. She directed officials on duty to take strict action against any suspected persons identified during the drive, ensuring that no compromise is made in maintaining law and order.

Disclosing identity of minors could invite legal action, says PSCPCR

SUKH NAHAR
JAGRAON, JULY 8

The Punjab State Commission for Protection of Child Rights (PSCPCR) has released an advisory to all media platforms, urging strict compliance with Section 74 of the Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Act, 2015.

This section strictly bans the disclosure of any identifying information of children who are part of legal proceedings-whether they are under care and protection, victims, or witnesses.

Such information includes names, addresses, school details, photos, videos, or any content that could lead to the identification of the child. The Commission emphasized that revealing a child's identity can severely affect their mental health and

emotional well-being throughout their life. In light of this, the PSCPCR has directed all media houses to immediately remove any published, broadcasted, or shared content that reveals the identity of minors involved in such cases.

Furthermore, the Commission has recommended that media organizations educate their editorial teams about child protection laws, adopt child-sensitive approaches in reporting, and conduct thorough pre-publication reviews to ensure compliance. Non-adherence to Section 74 could lead to legal consequences under the Juvenile Justice Act. The PSCPCR has appealed for full cooperation from all media entities to safeguard children's rights and promote ethical journalism.

Bains terms PU's affidavit decision dictatorial, seeks reconsideration

CHANDIGARH (SUMER GARG): Terming Panjab University, Chandigarh's decision of imposing a mandatory affidavit/undertaking for fresh admissions in the 2025-26 session as "dictatorial and arbitrary", Punjab Higher Education Minister S. Harjot Singh Bains shot a letter to the varsity's Vice Chancellor on Tuesday, seeking clarification on the move.

In his letter, S. Harjot Singh Bains, who is an ex-officio Senate member of the 'varsity', asked the Vice Chancellor about the procedure followed in deciding the affidavit conditions and whether the decision was approved by the Senate or Syndicate. S. Harjot Singh Bains stated that many students expressed grave concerns over Panjab University's condition mandating an affidavit for fresh admissions in the 2025-26 session.

They strongly objected to clauses requiring prior permission for protests, restricting it to specific locations only, and undefined terms like "outsider", "stranger", and "ugly" that they deemed unethical and inhumane, he said, while adding that moreover, provisions allowing for admission cancellations, lifelong campus bans without notice or appeal, violate principles of due process and fair procedure embedded in the legal framework.



NABARD, KVK jointly organise plantation programme

SUMER GARG
SANGRUR, JULY 8

To celebrate Van Mahotsav and with an aim to promote environmental conservation and sustainable agriculture, a plantation program was jointly organized by NABARD and Krishi Vigyan Kendra (KVK) Kheri at village Pedni Kalan.

The event witnessed active participation from local farmers and members of Self-Help Groups (SHGs). Various saplings of neem and timber species were distributed and planted across the village. Dr. Mandeep Singh, In-charge, KVK, emphasized the role of agroforestry and tree plantation in enhancing soil health and increasing farm income. KVK experts educated the participants on the importance of tree plan-



tation in preventing soil erosion, improving groundwater recharge, and supporting long-term farm productivity. Manish Gupta, district development manager, NABARD, highlighted NABARD's commitment to climate-resilient initiatives and community development. Mr. Sanjeev Aggarwal, lead district manager, Sangrur, emphasized the importance of community owner-

ship in ensuring the survival and growth of the saplings. The Sarpanch of Pedni Kalan lauded the initiative and encouraged villagers to actively participate in such environmentally beneficial programmes for the welfare of future generations. The program concluded with a pledge by the villagers to protect and nurture the saplings for a greener future.

NEWS BRIEF

Green space parks coming up in five Himachal towns under AMRUT scheme

SHANTI GAUTAM BADDI: Green space parks are being developed in five urban local bodies of Himachal Pradesh under the Atal Mission for Rejuvenation and Urban Transformation (AMRUT) scheme. The towns included in this initiative are Parwanoo, Nalagarh, Baddi, Paonta Sahib, and Sundernagar. A total expenditure of Rs. 2.81 crore is being incurred on the construction of these parks. In Solan district, two green space parks in Baddi have already been completed, while work is underway in Nalagarh. The parks are being designed to include lush greenery, walking paths, and seating arrangements for residents. These spaces aim to offer recreational facilities for all age groups, particularly children and the elderly. As per the breakdown of project costs, Rs. 0.52 crore is being spent in Parwanoo, Rs. 0.37 crore in Nalagarh, and Rs. 0.27 crore in Baddi. Each park is intended to enhance urban livability by promoting environmental well-being and providing accessible leisure spaces within city limits.

43 patients examined in health check-up camp in Baduhi



AVINASH CHAUHAN AMB: A health camp was organized by the MP's mobile health team in Amb's village panchayat Baduhi for the health and blood test of the people. Dr. Shashank Kaushal and his team conducted health check-up of 43 people and blood test and uric acid test of 20 patients. During the health camp, general health check-up and blood test of the elderly, women and children were done free of cost. The team provided treatment advice and also distributed medicines to the patients free of cost. The team included Neelam Staff Nurse, Varinder Lab Technician and Rahul Thakur. Village Panchayat Pradhan Jagdish Ram was present on this occasion.

Two irrigation projects worth Rs. 558 crore for Kangra district gets central clearance

DINESH AGARWAL
SHIMLA, JULY 8

Deputy Chief Minister Mukesh Agnihotri today said that two significant medium irrigation projects worth Rs. 558 crore have been accorded technical approval by the Central Government. These projects would be implemented in the Kangra district and were expected to provide assured irrigation to over 160 villages, directly benefiting thousands of farmers and boosting agricultural productivity in the region.

He said that the Rs. 219 crore Sukhaahar medium irrigation project proposed in Jawali Assembly Constituency has also been approved by the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) of the Ministry of Jal Shakti, Government of India. The



project would provide an irrigation facility to 2,186 hectares of land across 45 villages of Jawali and Shahpur constituencies and approximately 24,120 rural residents would benefit from this project. The area has so far relied on rain-fed farming and faced numerous agricultural challenges due to lack of irrigation facilities. The Deputy Chief

Minister further informed that another Rs. 339 crore medium irrigation project covering parts of Jwalamukhi and Dehra Assembly Constituencies has also received technical clearance. Once implemented, the project would provide irrigation to 116 villages and benefit thousands of farmers in traditionally water-scarce areas.

He said that these projects would not only enhance agricultural production but also generate new employment opportunities for local youth. Skilled workers from the area would be given preference the execution of construction works and technical training would also be provided to engage them in technical works. Shri Agnihotri said that these irrigation schemes would promote groundwater conservation, improve water-use efficiency and support crop diversification, thereby making agriculture more resilient to climate change.

The Deputy Chief Minister said that the process for obtaining financial sanction for these projects had already been initiated and would be expedited to ensure that construction begins without delay.

CM and Dy CM mourn demise of Journalist Sanjay Thakur

DINESH AGARWAL SHIMLA: Chief Minister Thakur Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu and Deputy Chief Minister Mukesh Agnihotri have expressed deep grief over the demise of Sanjay Thakur, Editor of the weekly newspaper Patan Samachar, who passed away Tuesday at the age of 42 after a prolonged illness.

The Chief Minister has conveyed his

condolences to the bereaved family and prayed to the Almighty for peace to the departed soul. He said Sanjay Thakur used to take up issues of the rural areas effectively and his contributions would be remembered for a long time. The Deputy Chief Minister has also prayed for the peace to the departed soul and strength to the aggrieved family to bear this irreparable loss.

State government enhances paramedical seats after 23 years to strengthen healthcare services

DINESH AGARWAL
SHIMLA, JULY 8

The State Government has decided to enhance the number of seats for technician courses in the medical sector after a gap of nearly 23 years. This decision comes in the light of acute shortage of trained technical staff in various health institutions, which has been impacting the delivery of health care services across the State for a long time as the installation of modern machinery requires trained manpower and this decision would go a long way in providing quality healthcare services to the people of the state. A Spokesman of the State Government said here today that the government under the leadership of Chief Minister Thakur Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu, was giving priority for strengthening the health infrastructure in the State to provide specialized medical

services to the people within the State. The spokesman said that, at present, the seats in paramedical staff in government sector are very few and the present State Government has decided to increase these seats in the Indira Gandhi Medical College, Shimla and Dr. Rajendra Prasad Government Medical College, Tanda, district Kangra. He said that the government has enhanced the seat capacity in providing training in courses like B.Sc. medical laboratory technique, B.Sc. radio and imaging, B.Sc. anaesthesia and OT technique from 10 each to 50 seats each per course in Indira Gandhi Medical College, Shimla, whereas the seats in B.Sc. medical laboratory technique, B.Sc. radiology and imaging and B.Sc. anaesthesia and OT Technique has been increased from 18 each to 50 seats each per course, to ensure that youth of the state get training within

the State. He said that the increase will ensure more youth from the state can receive quality training locally reducing dependency on institutions outside the state. The government is also actively creating and filling up posts in the healthcare sector and expanding training opportunities for nursing and para medical staff. He said that this initiative of the government will not only ensure availability of trained manpower within the state but also open new avenues for employment to youth. He said that the present state government is committed to provide specialized and efficient health facilities to the people nearer to their homes. He said that the Chief Minister has envisioned to transforming the State's healthcare system by offering world-class services at par with AIIMS Delhi and this initiative will go a long way in bridging the gap.

CM directs scientific investigation into mysterious apple disease

DINESH AGARWAL
SHIMLA, JULY 8

A delegation of apple growers called on Chief Minister Thakur Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu here today and apprised him of a new disease rapidly spreading in apple orchards, causing significant damage to their crops. The delegation urged the Chief Minister to take prompt action to investigate and control this issue. The growers informed him that the disease was causing apple leaves to turn yellow and fall prematurely, leading to sharp decline in yield.

Taking immediate cognizance of the matter, the Chief Minister spoke with Vice Chancellor of Dr. Y.S. Parmar University of Horticulture and Forestry,



Nauni over the phone and directed him to dispatch the expert teams of the University to the affected areas without any delay. He instructed that the disease be scientifically investigated and that orchardists be educated on preventive and control measures on the ground.

Sh. Sukhu emphasized that the disease was

spreading rapidly and causing financial losses to the growers and it was imperative to address the situation swiftly. He asked the Vice Chancellor to submit detailed report to the state government within seven days so that the appropriate measures could be taken at the earliest.

He assured the delegation the state government remains committed to resolve the issues of farmers and fruit growers on priority and would provide all necessary assistance. He said that apple farming was the mainstay in the economy of the State and thousands of families earn their livelihood from this sector. Principal Advisor (Media) to Chief Minister Naresh Chauhan was also present on the occasion.

MP Mobile Health Vans deliver relief in rain-hit areas of Himachal: Anurag Thakur

BUREAU
SHIMLA, JULY 8

In the wake of heavy rainfall and cloudbursts wreaking havoc across Himachal Pradesh, MP Anurag Singh Thakur's flagship initiative Aspatal – MP Mobile Health Service has deployed medical vans to the flood-affected areas of Dharampur and Thunag. The vans are distributing essential medicines, sanitary pads, and relief materials, offering critical support to disaster-struck communities.

The mobile medical vans were flagged off from Samirpur by former Himachal Pradesh Chief Minister Professor Prem Kumar Dhumal in the presence of dignitaries. Speaking on the



occasion, MP Anurag Thakur said, "Himachal Pradesh has been reeling under severe weather conditions, with

cloudbursts and relentless rain causing widespread damage. Life in many districts has been severely

disrupted, including parts of my Hamirpur constituency. The devastation is heartbreaking, and in view of the urgent need, I have directed the MP Mobile Health Service team to extend its services to the affected areas."

Thakur added that the initiative, under the guidance of Professor Dhumal, has begun active relief operations in Dharampur and Thunag by providing healthcare, distributing medicines, and supplying sanitary pads to women in need. "We are committed to expanding this aid further by sending more mobile health units to remote and affected regions as needed, to share the pain of our people and bring them timely support," he said.

Tributes paid to Virbhadra Singh on his fourth death anniversary

DINESH AGARWAL
SHIMLA, JULY 8

On the fourth death anniversary of former Himachal Pradesh Chief Minister Virbhadra Singh, senior Congress leaders and party workers paid floral tributes at his portrait at the state Congress headquarters, Rajiv Bhawan. The homage ceremony was marked by deep emotion and remembrance of his towering legacy. State Congress president and former MP Pratibha Singh, while addressing the media, said that Virbhadra Singh played a monumental role in shaping modern Himachal Pradesh. She credited him for significant contributions in building road



infrastructure, expanding healthcare services, and ensuring access to basic facilities like education, health, and drinking water in rural areas. Calling him a true people's leader, she

said, "He had immense love for the people and culture of Himachal. He was always devoted to easing people's hardships and remained accessible day and night.

Rajeev Bindal slams Cong govt over inaction in flood-hit areas

DINESH AGARWAL
SHIMLA, JULY 8

BJP state president Dr Rajeev Bindal on Monday launched a scathing attack on the Himachal Pradesh Congress government, accusing it of failing to provide basic amenities like roads, drinking water, and rehabilitation in disaster-affected regions of the state. Addressing a press conference, Bindal said that even after eight days, there has been no serious response from the state administration to address the



widespread devastation caused by heavy rains, especially in Mandi district. He claimed that over 1,000 houses have been damaged—300 to 500 of them completely destroyed—while the remaining have suffered

partial damage. "More than 200 plots of agricultural and orchard land have been completely wiped out, with large boulders rendering the land unusable," he said. Bindal pointed out that water supply schemes under the

Jal Shakti Department have collapsed in the region, and yet, the state government has failed to make even temporary arrangements for drinking water. He added that several key roads in Pandoh and Mandi remain closed with no visible effort by the administration to restore connectivity. "This exposes the state government's lack of seriousness in dealing with the disaster," he said. He demanded that the government make permanent arrangements for those currently living in relief camps.

2.80 lakh saplings to be planted in Una forest division this monsoon

KISHORI LAL BAINS
UNA: As part of an extensive afforestation drive, the Una Forest Division will plant 2.80 lakh saplings during the ongoing monsoon season. Divisional Forest Officer (DFO) Sushil Kumar informed that 13 species including jamun, shisham, khair, amla, and darek will be planted across the district. The recent rainfall has created favourable moisture levels in the soil, making it an ideal time for plantation activities. The plantation will be carried out over 61 hectares of land, with 54 hectares dedicated to large saplings and the remaining 7 hectares to smaller ones. The campaign is being implemented under the Rajiv Gandhi Development Scheme, with support from 17 women's self-help groups (SHGs) and mahila mandals.

Water level of Pong dam increased, people get scared of flood

SANAJY AGGARWAL
DHARAMSHALA, JULY 8

Due to continuous heavy rains in Himachal and water being released from Pandoh dam, the water level of Maharana Pratap Sagar Lake Pong in Kangra district is also increasing rapidly. This time the water level of Pong dam is increasing rapidly as compared to the previous figures. Today, on Tuesday, the water level of Pong dam has been estimated at 1324.08 feet, while the danger mark has been kept at 1390 feet, while water is released as soon as the figure of 1390 feet is touched. Right now the water level of Pong dam is increasing rapidly and looking at the situation, as soon as the water level reaches around 1390 feet, BBMB management can release water from Pong dam into Beas river, but the water



released from the dam wreaks havoc in Mand area as well as Indora and adjoining areas of Punjab. As soon as the rains come, the wounds of these people become fresh. Two years ago also there was devastation in these areas. People's lands, houses, roads leading to homes and bridges were washed away. People spent the night on the roofs of houses and saved their lives. Then people had to be rescued with the help of the army. Army helicopters were also deployed to take people to a safe place. Now there

should be strong arrangements to prevent such a situation from happening again. MP Dr Rajiv Bhardwaj's words Kangra-Chamba MP Dr Rajiv Bhardwaj says that every rainy season and the water released from Pong Dam causes devastation in Mand area and villages of Indora. I have always raised my voice for these people and am still doing so. Orders have been given to BBMB officials and I myself am also keeping an eye on it. The water level of Pong Dam is constantly increasing.

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Tender Type	Tendering Section	Bidding System
Open	Works	Single Bid System
Date of Uploading Tenders	Bid Starting Date	Bid Closing Date/Time
07.07.2025	15.07.2025	29.07.2025

S.No.	Tender No.	Details of Tender
1.	01-GS-ENG-UMB/2025-26	Provision of Art & Culture items for Soft Upgradation/ Improvement of various railway stations under Amrit Bharat Station Scheme over Ambala Division.
	Advertised Value (Rs.)	Earnest Money
	49,19,370/-	98,400/-
	Validity of offer	Period of completion
	60 Days	02 Months

Note: Before bidding, bidder to check for any corrigendum issued against the tender.
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As the loan account became NPA therefore the Authorized officer under section 13(2) of "The Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002" had issued 60 days demand notice to the Borrowers/Co-borrowers/Mortgages/Guarantors (collectively referred as "Borrowers") as given in the table. According to the notice if the borrowers do not deposit the entire amount within 60 days, the amount will be recovered from auction of the mortgage properties/secured assets as given below. Therefore you the borrowers are informed to deposit the entire loan amount along with future interest and expenses within 60 days from the date of demand notice, otherwise under the provisions of 13(4) and 14 of the said Act, the Authorized officer is free to take possession for sale of the mortgage properties/secured assets as given below.

Borrowers to note that after receipt of this notice, in terms of Section 13(13) of the Act, 2002, you are prohibited and restrained from transferring any of the secured assets by way of sale, lease or otherwise, without prior written consent of the secured creditor.

Borrowers attention are attracted towards Section 13(8) r/w Rule 3(5) of The Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 Act that the borrowers shall be entitled to redeem their secured asset upon the payment of the complete outstanding dues as mentioned below before the publication of auction notice, which thereafter shall cease to exist.

Name of the Borrower/ Co-Borrower / Mortgage / Guarantor / Loan A/c No.	Date and Amount of Demand / Notice Under Sec. 13(2)	Description of Mortgaged Property
(Loan A/C No.) L9001060124792381, Vikas Kumar (Borrower), Smt.Suresh Kumari (Co-Borrower)	20-May-25 ₹ 6,74,573/- Rs. Six Lac Seventy-Four Thousand Five Hundred Seventy-Three Only As On 13-May-25	Property Situated At- Khata No 106 Khatouni No 127 Khasra No 815, Near Shiv Temple Hamirpur Hp Barsar, Near Shiv Temple Hamirpur Hp Barsar, Village- Dhatwal(St), Distt- Hamirpur, Himachal Pradesh Admeasuring 102 Sqm
(Loan A/C No.) L9001060125198230, Roop Panwar (Borrower), Smt. Meenu Panwar (Co-Borrower), Tulsi Ram (Co-Borrower)	13-May-25 ₹ 20,30,735/- Rs. Twenty Lac Thirty Thousand Seven Hundred Thirty-Five Only As On 12-May-25	Property Situated At- Flat No. 9, Situated In Basement III/ First Floor Of The Said Building Known As Anand Apartments, Area Measuring 00-00-07 Hectares Out Of Total Land Measuring 00-02-47 Hectares In Khewal/ Khatouni No. 407/623, Khasra No. 2530/1982/920 And 2502/1284/921
Kits 2 Situated At Mohal Basal Patti Kather, Hadbast No. 48, Tehsil And District Solan As Per Computerized Jamabandi For The Year 2014-15 Issued By Lok Mit Kendar Verified /Updated /Signed By Vro Patwar Circle Basal Patwar Circle Basal Tehsil And District Solan HP		
(Loan A/C No.) L9001060125038211, Krishan Lal (Borrower), Smt.Parwati (Co-Borrower), Prem Lal (Co-Borrower), Amit Kumar (Co-Borrower)	15-May-25 ₹ 12,12,057/- Rs. Twelve Lac Twelve Thousand Fifty-Seven Only As On 13-May-25	00-03-92 Hectare Which is 1/50 Share Out Of Total Land Measuring 00-48-91 Hectare Comprised In Khasra No. 202, 203, 204, 205, 206, 207, 208, 209,210,211 Kitta-10, Khewat No. 22, Khatouni No. 25, According To Jamabandi For The Year 2017-18 Situated At Village Khatla, Tehsil Darlaghat, District Solan- H.P. , 00-03-92 Hectare Which Is 1/50 Share
(Loan A/C No.) L9001060130906046, Shammi Kumar (Borrower), Smt. Sunila Kumari (Co-Borrower), Smt.Resha Devi (Co-Borrower)	17-May-25 ₹ 4,97,020/- Rs. Four Lac Ninety-Seven Thousand Twenty Only As On 13-May-25	Property Situated At- Khasra No 1709/1280,1744/1718 Kitta 2, Khatna No 91, Khatouni No 209, Village Kakkar Mouza Bir Baghara, Tehsil- Bamson , Distt- Hamirpur, Himachal Pradesh Admeasuring 172 Sqmtr.

Date : 08/07/2025
Place : Himachal Pradesh

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NEWS BRIEF

BSP state president urges relocation of Thunag horticulture college after disaster

ANWAR HUSSAIN BADDI: Bahujan Samaj Party (BSP) Himachal Pradesh president Vikram Singh Nayar has raised serious concerns about the safety and future of students at the College of Horticulture and Forestry, Thunag, in the wake of recent flash floods that struck the area on the night of June 30. Extending his condolences to the disaster-affected families of Mandi district, Nayar said that political ideologies must take a backseat in times of crisis and all parties—including Congress and BJP—should unite to provide full support to those impacted. He highlighted that the Thunag region and its surrounding 20 km radius have repeatedly faced calamities over the past four to five years, largely due to unscientific construction of link roads and ecological imbalance. Nayar expressed particular concern over the location of various technical and degree colleges in Himachal Pradesh, many of which, he claimed, have been built along rivers and drainage lines without proper environmental assessment.

Pb govt gifts 12 new roads to 17 Villages in Dhuri constituency



RAJESHWAR PINTU DHURI: In a major boost to rural infrastructure, the Punjab Government under Chief Minister Bhagwant Singh Mann has sanctioned 12 new link roads for Dhuri Assembly Constituency, connecting 17 villages. The Rs. 12.89 crore project, with a total road length of 31.16 km, is expected to be completed within four months. Dalvir Singh Dhillon, Chairman of Punjab State Small Industries and Export Corporation, laid the foundation stones during multiple ceremonies. The new roads will link villages including Bugran, Rajomajra, Pedhni Kalan, Ladda, Kanjhia, Salempur, Sultanpur, Dhandiwal, Rangjan, Ghanour Kalan, Ghanour Khurd, Kalerian, Dada Akki, Kumbharwal, and Kattu. Chairman Dhillon said the roads had been long demanded by locals and would enhance connectivity, reduce accidents, and spur local economic activity.

Bihar Cabinet nod for 35% reservation for native women, Rs 100 subsidy for farmers

AGENCY
PATNA, JULY 8

Bihar cabinet on Tuesday approved 43 schemes and projects, including the formation of the Bihar Youth Commission, 35 per cent reservation for women native to the State and Rs 100 diesel subsidy for farmers. Bihar Chief Secretary S Siddharth said, "Today, 43 agendas have been stamped in the Council of Ministers, in which the most important agenda is the formation of the Youth Commission. This commission is related to the youth of 18-45 years, which will have one chairman, two vice-chairmen and seven members." "The beneficiary group related to this includes migrants working and studying outside the State, students pursuing higher secondary education,



students pursuing degree courses, unemployed youth, economically weak meritorious students and any other group of youth on which the Youth Commission deems worthy of intervention." The Cabinet has approved 35 per cent horizontal reservation for women native to Bihar in state government services. "The second important decision related to general

administration is that only women native to the state will be allowed 35 per cent horizontal reservation on all posts in direct appointment in all government service cadres of Bihar state," Siddharth told reporters. Taking into consideration irregular monsoons and drought, a diesel subsidy of Rs 100 crore has been approved for farmers.

"The subsidy will be applicable for paddy, maize, barley, oilseeds and jute crops, and seasonal vegetable and medicinal plants," he said. Apart from this, the cabinet approved a Divyangjan Civil Seva Protsahan Scheme, under which differently abled people will be given Rs 50,000 and Rs 1 lakh on passing the prelims of UPSC and BPSC exams. Under the Road Construction

Department, the cabinet has given the nod to Hisua bypass. Worth Rs 35.29 crore, it will be about 2.9 km long and is expected to give relief against traffic jam at Hisua Bazaar. Earlier today, Bihar Chief Minister Nitish Kumar announced the Bihar Youth Commission stating that move is aimed at providing more employment opportunities to the youth. Sharing a post on X, Nitish Kumar wrote, "I am pleased to inform that with the aim of providing more and more employment opportunities to the youth of Bihar, training them, and making them empowered and capable, the state government has decided to form the Bihar Youth Commission, and today the cabinet has also approved the formation of the Bihar Youth Commission."

Action must be taken at ground level to curb spread of diarrhoea in district: DC

RAKESH JINDAL
PATIALA, JULY 8

To review and control the rising cases of vomiting and diarrhoea in the district, Deputy Commissioner Dr. Preeti Yadav on Monday visited the affected areas of Alipur Araian, Health & Wellness Centre, and Mata Kaushalya Hospital. She also chaired a high-level meeting with Director Health Dr. Hitendra Kaur, Municipal Corporation Commissioner Sh. Paramvir Singh, and officials of the Water Supply and Sewerage Board to assess the ground situation and review the response measures. Dr. Preeti Yadav directed all concerned departments to act promptly and effectively at the ground level to curb the spread of the disease. She emphasized that no negligence would be tolerated and ordered swift preventive action in all hotspot areas of the district. To further strengthen the response, a



committee under the Sub-Divisional Magistrate has been constituted, comprising officials from the Health Department, Municipal Corporation, and Water Supply and Sewerage Board. The committee will identify causes and take targeted action to prevent the spread of the disease. During her field visit, the Deputy Commissioner interacted with patients undergoing treatment at Alipur Araian and Mata Kaushalya Hospital. She advised residents not to consume water from unauthorized or illegal

connections and instead use chlorinated or boiled water, especially during the monsoon season. She appealed to people to seek immediate medical attention from nearby health centers or hospitals if symptoms of vomiting or diarrhoea appear. In the meeting, Dr. Preeti Yadav reviewed the corrective actions being taken by the Municipal Corporation and Water Supply and Sewerage Board to prevent contamination of drinking water, particularly in Alipur Araian.

BJP opposes land pooling policy brought by AAP govt in Punjab

KARANPREET KARAN
BARNALA, JULY 8

The Bharatiya Janata Party has announced its opposition to the land pooling policy of the Aam Aadmi Party government in Punjab. In this regard, today, BJP State Core Committee Member Kewal Singh Dhillon has raised questions on the state government and announced to stand firmly with the farmers. On this occasion, Bharatiya Janata Party State Core Committee Member Kewal Singh Dhillon said that the AAP government is acquiring the lands of the farmers in the name of land pooling scheme. Which is being opposed by the Bharatiya Janata Party. He said that it is the AAP government's plan to acquire 70,000 acres of farmers' land and take a loan from the



World Bank on that land and deposit Rs 1,000 in the accounts of women, which were deposited before the formation of the AAP government. He said that earlier the AAP government has made Punjab poor by providing free electricity. He said that the land pooling scheme being given by the AAP government is a very wrong scheme for Punjab. He said that the AAP government will push as many farmers as possible under the land pooling

scheme. The Bharat Janata Party will also hold protests along with those farmers. He said that the AAP government is a government that misleads the people. First the people of Delhi were misled by Kejriwal and now the people of Punjab are being misled. Regarding the arrest of Majithia, he said that if the cases against him are true, then appropriate action should be taken against him, but if those cases are false, then he should get justice.

Madhubani Art workshop organised at YS Public School for Grade 7 students



KARANPREET KARAN BARNALA: In a creative endeavour to connect students with India's cultural roots, YS Public School conducted a Workshop on Madhubani Art for Grade 7 students. The session was uniquely designed using a projector-based presentation, offering students an engaging experience of learning the history, styles, patterns, and cultural symbolism of the famous Madhubani folk art of Bihar. Students explored the depth of this traditional art form and enjoyed decoding its symbolic patterns and vibrant colours. Speaking on the occasion, Principal Mr. Mohit Jindal said, "At YS Public School, we are not only focusing on academics but also on the overall development of our students. We are committed to making our children brilliant in skills too—be it in art, communication, leadership, or creativity. Such workshops are stepping stones in that journey." Adding to the thought, Vice Principal shared, "When students experience art hands-on, it enhances their imagination, cultural understanding, and confidence. Madhubani art is a powerful medium to help students value tradition while expressing their unique creativity." The workshop witnessed enthusiastic participation and sparked a wave of artistic inspiration among students.

Harsimran Kaur Thind creates history by achieving degree of Black Belt First Don



ARVIND PATHAK SULTANPUR LODHI: Akal Academy International's talented student Harsimran Kaur Thind has brought glory to the school, city and state by achieving the achievement of Black Belt First Don through her determination, hard work and passion for karate. This historic moment came during the National Karate Training Camp organized by Okinawa Gojoryo Akado Sanchin International at Rail Coach Factory, Kapurthala. Hundreds of players from different parts of the country participated in this camp. During the belt examination Harsimran Kaur Thind was the only student who was awarded the international degree of Black Belt First Don. Akal Academy International Principal Madam Gagandeep Kaur and Akal Group Managing Director S. Sukhdev Singh Judge congratulated Harsimran Kaur on this achievement. The competition was conducted under the guidance of Chief Examiner Kanjo Gurpreet Rosie (Sheehan) with Sheehan Jagmohan Vij (World Karate Federation Coach and Referee), Sensai Bharat Yadav (Karate India) and Sheehan Gagandeep Singh acting as examiners.

Youth Against Drugs organises anti-drug awareness programme at ITI Nurpur



SANJEEV MAHAJAN NURPUR: An awareness programme was organised at ITI Nurpur by Youth Against Drugs Noorpur to sensitise students about the dangers of drug abuse. The event saw the presence of Nurpur Sub-Divisional Police Officer Vishal Verma as the chief guest. Addressing the students, SDPO Verma urged them to stay vigilant against the growing menace of drug addiction in society and to take on the role of responsible sentinels in combating this challenge. He engaged in a meaningful dialogue with the students, discussing various social issues and potential solutions, while emphasising the need for a drug-free youth community. The programme highlighted the physical, emotional, and social consequences of drug use. Youths were informed about how addiction damages not only personal health but also their future, families, and the broader society. Motivated by the session, the students pledged to stay away from drugs and to prioritise sports and education in their lives. Speaking at the event, the SDPO said, "Today, drug addiction has emerged as one of the gravest challenges in our society. It is eating away at the foundation of our communities."

Rajesh Dharmani holds high-level review meeting in Bilaspur, sets deadline-driven agenda for district's development push

AJAY KUMAR UPADHYAY
BILASPUR, JULY 8

Urban Development and Technical Education Minister Rajesh Dharmani chaired a crucial district-level review meeting in Bilaspur today, issuing strong directives to expedite key infrastructure and public welfare projects with a time-bound commitment. The meeting, attended by senior district officials including Deputy Commissioner Rahul Kumar, focused on accelerating the pace of ongoing developmental works across Bilaspur. The minister highlighted that the much-awaited 387-meter-long Nand Nagaraon bridge, being constructed at a cost of Rs 54 crore, is slated for completion by October 2025. Emphasizing the importance of timely execution, he



instructed the Public Works Department to ensure the project is completed on priority to facilitate smooth transportation for local residents. Providing updates on healthcare initiatives, Dharmani revealed that the 50-bed hospital in Shri Naina Devi Ji is 95% complete and will be inaugurated shortly. Additionally, the Rs 10 crore IPD building in Ghumarwin is nearing completion and will be operational soon, enhancing healthcare access in the region. In a significant push to improve connectivity, the minister called on the PWD

to link all unconnected settlements with motorable roads. He also disclosed that feasibility studies are underway for the ambitious Luhnu-Rishikesh tunnel project, which will be fast-tracked once the consultant agency submits its preliminary report. With monsoon season underway, the minister directed all departments to remain vigilant and proactive. He specifically instructed the Revenue Department to promptly identify rain-affected individuals and ensure immediate relief and compensation.

Jathedar Lakhwinder Singh Lucky pays obeisance, honored by party workers

DALJEET AJNOHA
HOSHIARPUR, JULY 8

Newly appointed District President (Rural) of Shiromani Akali Dal and Core Committee Member, Jathedar Lakhwinder Singh Lucky, paid obeisance at Gurdwara Shaheeda Ladewal. On this occasion, he was honored with a traditional siropa (robe of honor) by Head Granthi Harbans Singh and Bhupinder Singh as a blessing from the Guru's house. Later, Akali workers from Chabbewal and Garhshankar honored him under the leadership of Jathedar Iqbal Singh Khara and Harpreet Singh Rinku Bedi. During a special conversation with senior journalist Daljeet Ajnoha, Jathedar Lucky expressed his gratitude to the



Shiromani Akali Dal High Command for entrusting him with the responsibilities of District President (Rural) and Core Committee Member. He stated that he is deeply aware of the recent turmoil within the party and is committed to restoring the party's former strength and credibility in the district. He emphasized that those causing harm to the party from within will face strict action. Jathedar Lucky noted that he has previously served the party in several

important positions and has been actively involved since 1990 with complete dedication. He pledged to work towards reviving the party's golden era, similar to that of 1997, and vowed to carry every worker along in this journey. After assuming office, he has visited various areas, listened to the concerns of the workers, and assured them that he will take their issues to the high command for resolution, ensuring no worker faces difficulties and all can serve the party with full devotion.

Nihal Singh Bhullar appointed SAD Moga district President, workers rejoice

JAGRAJ SINGH SANGHA MOGA: Shiromani Akali Dal has appointed former Sarpanch Nihal Singh Bhullar Talwandi Bhangarian as the General (District President) of Moga district for his firm, impartial and always supporting the people in their sorrows and joys. On this occasion, Nihal Singh Bhullar said that he sincerely thanks the party President Sukhbir Singh Badal and the entire high command and will fulfill the huge responsibility entrusted to him with full dedication. The appointment of Nihal Singh Bhullar is causing immense joy among the Akali Dal and Youth Akali Dal workers across the district. Jathedar Tirath Singh Mahla Sanjit Singh Sunny Gill Constituency Incharge Panmukh Patto Bharati Incharge Lok Sabha Constituency Faridkot Rajwinder Singh Dharamkot Buta Singh Darlapura Gurmali Singh Sidhu Dharamkot Ravidev Singh Daupur Kulwinder Singh Chotian Youth Leader Ajeetpal Singh Happy Tatariewala Former Sarpanch Mukhtiar Singh Tatariewala Charanjit Singh Kapure Karanjit Singh Kapure Gurpreet Singh Sangha Dosanjh Canada Manjinder Singh Lali Bhullar Australia Charanjit Singh Dhaliwal Talwandi Bhangaria Youth Leader Gurjant Singh Talwandi Bhangaria, Jagtar Singh Sangha Canada (Dosanjh) Harjinder Singh Canada Talwandi Bhangaria Natha Singh Dhaliwal, Jagtar Singh Bhullar, Giani Chhinder Singh Dosanjh, Mandeep Bhullar, Gurdev Singh Sidhu Talwandi Bhangaria Numberdar Gurcharan Singh Talwandi Bhangaria Mandeep Singh Bhullar congratulated Nihal Singh Bhullar and said that he should stand with him like a rock.



Gulmohar Academy hosts 'Dream to Destination-3'

RAHUL KOHLI
YAMUNANAGAR, JULY 8

Gulmohar Academy successfully organized its annual prize distribution ceremony titled Dream to Destination – Season 3. The event was graced by the presence of Mrs. Suman Bahmani, Mayor of Yamunanagar-Jagadhri, as the Chief Guest, and the renowned dental couple, Mr. and Mrs. Iyer, as the Special Guests. The program commenced with a melodious devotional hymn, "Mujhe Tumne Daata Bahut Kuch Diya Hai" (You, the Giver, have blessed me with so much). During the same event, notable personalities who have significantly contributed to making Yamunanagar a beautiful and meaningful city were honored with the



Yamunanagar Gem Award. Among the awardees were Professor Shalini Chhabra from the Psychology Department of D.A.V. Girls College, Dr. Natasha Bajaj, Associate Professor in the English Department, Dr. Ramesh Agarwal for social service, Vibhor Pahuja from MC Ward No. 8, and Manu Singla from Ward No. 15. Students of Gulmohar Academy were divided into Senior and Junior groups, and 8 students from each group were selected for a

General Knowledge quiz. In the senior category, Sifat Preet Kaur, a student of Class 8 from Sacred Heart Convent Sr. Sec. School, was named Star of the Month, while Riyansh Madan of Class 6 from Sant Nischal Public School was selected as Second Runner-up. In the junior category, Shaurya of Class 5 from Sacred Heart Sr. Sec. School and Jais Pratap of Class 5 from Sant Nischal Public School were awarded Second Runner-up. In the SOF

Olympiads, for outstanding performance in the International Mathematics Olympiad (IMO), students Ishti Verma, Rudra Soni, Divit Singla, Manan Singh Chawla, Mishti Verma, Vihaan Bodhi, Arnav Alag, Vivaan Kansal, and Arnav Singhal were honored with the Gold Medal of Excellence. In the International English Olympiad (IEO), Mishti Verma received the Gold Medal of Distinction, while Advik Arora, Riyansh Jain, Riyana Singla, Abhiraj, and Manan Bansal were awarded the Gold Medal of Excellence. Chief Guest Mrs. Suman Bahmani appreciated the students' general knowledge and other activities, and extended her congratulations to the Gulmohar team and the parents.

Dr. Vivek Gumber of Dhahan Kaleran Hospital saves life of 61-year-old man suffering from heart failure



MANJINDER SINGH BANGA: Dr. Vivek Gumber, Head of the Medical Department at Guru Nanak Mission Hospital Dhahan Kaleran, said that the life of a patient named Pyara Lal, 61 years old, who had only twenty percent pumping capacity due to heart failure, was saved after being kept in the ICU for five days and two days in the HDU ward and given standard treatment with the help of a ventilator (breathing machine). On this occasion, Dr. Vivek Gumber shared information with the media and said that the said patient Pyara Lal was brought to Dhahan Kaleran Hospital for treatment in a very bad condition. The patient's heart function was already low due to which the patient had suffered a heart attack and was having difficulty breathing. The team of doctors immediately good treatment and nursing care in the ICU for the first five days After good treatment, the patient is completely healthy. On this occasion, the patient's family expressed their heartfelt gratitude to Dr. Vivek Gumber, all the medical officers and nursing staff of Guru Nanak Mission Hospital Dhahan Kaleran for saving the life of their patient Pyara Lal by giving good treatment.

NEWS BRIEFS

The grand beginning of Chaturmas festival in Mullana to start from July 10

JAIBEER RANA THAMBER BARARA: On July 10, in Mullana, the beginning of Chaturmas will be celebrated with joy and spiritual gaiety in the holy presence of Sadhvi Ratna Su-viddhi ji and Sadhvi Satvik, disciples of Samata Vibhuti Gurunivarya Shri Sucheta Maharaj. The program will be organized by SS Jain Sabha, Mullana in Jain Sthanak. On this occasion, the followers of Jain religion will do continuous chanting of Maha Mantra for 24 hours from 6 am, which is done for the welfare of all living beings and self-purification. Jain Sabha spokesperson Shripal Jain said that during the Chaturmas period, Sadhvi Ratna Suviddhi and Sadhvi Satvik will benefit the devotees with the Ganga of spiritual knowledge through discourses every day from 8:15 am to 9:15 am. In these discourses, Jain philosophy, introspection, restraint in lifestyle and the importance of good deeds will be highlighted. There is an atmosphere of enthusiasm in the local Jain community regarding this event and a large number of devotees will participate. The organisers have appealed to all the devotees to reach on time.

CMOs directed to reverse track abortions of upto 24 weeks of pregnancy

BUREAU CHANDIGARH, JULY 8

Under the directions of Health and Family Welfare Minister Arti Singh Rao, the weekly meeting of the State Task Force (STF) for Improving Sex Ratio in Haryana was held under the chairmanship of Additional Chief Secretary, Health and Family Welfare, Sh. Sudhir Rajpal here today. The meeting focused on intensifying efforts to curb illegal abortions and further improve the state's sex ratio under the 'Beti Bachao-Beti Padhao' campaign.

The meeting highlighted the recent success of government initiatives: Haryana's sex ratio improved to 904 till July 7 this year, up from 903 in the corresponding period last year.

The Additional Chief Secretary emphasized the need for stringent enforcement against illegal abortions, instructing officials to take strict punitive measures, including revoking the licences of doctors found complicit. In one such case, two nursing homes were sealed in Nuh district over illegal abortion practices. Further, all Chief Medical Officers (CMOs) have been asked to take action

against BAMS doctors and quacks engaged in illegal abortion activities and submit a report every week.

Officials informed that consistent field-level efforts have led to a noticeable rise in birth registration figures for June as compared to May. To further strengthen the drive, the Additional Chief Secretary directed senior officers to collabo-



rate with ASHA and Anganwadi workers to identify and register unregistered children, particularly in slum and low-income areas of Palwal, Nuh, Gurugram, and Faridabad. The goal is to complete all pending registrations within one month.

In a parallel effort to curb illegal practices, the ACS instructed CMOs to

initiate reverse tracking of abortions conducted upto 24 weeks of pregnancy. The aim is to identify the medical practitioners involved in such procedures and initiate strict action in cases of violations. A comprehensive procedure for reverse tracking has already been shared with all CMOs.

Regarding the regulation of IVF centres, the task force decided that couples with one or two living female children seeking another child through IVF must obtain prior permission from the District Appropriate Authority.

The meeting was also informed that due to an intensified crackdown on illegal Medical Termination of Pregnancy (MTP) centres, around 500 such centres have been shut down across the state. This has also led to a significant decline in legal MTPs over the past two months.

The Woman and Child Development Department shared that awareness campaigns under the 'Beti Bachao, Beti Padhao, initiative are being actively carried out in public parks, and telecom companies are being engaged to disseminate the message through mobile alerts.

BKU (T) protests over shortage of urea fertiliser

PRITI SAINI
SADHAURA, JULY 8

Regarding the shortage of urea fertiliser, Bharatiya Kisan Union Tikait Group demonstrated and raised slogans against the government outside the Market Committee Rest House in Sadhaura Grain Market. According to the information received, the farmers demonstrated and raised slogans regarding the difficulties in getting urea fertilizer. Janak Raj Pando, Block Head of Bharatiya Kisan Union, said that it is the failure of the government that farmers do not get fertilizer on time. Along with this, where fertilizer is available, farmers are also given some other items along with the fertilizer, due to which farmers are suffering financial loss. Giving an ultimatum to the government till July 11, the farmers said that if they do not get fertilizer within the stipulated time, then



they will be forced to protest by staging dharna and blocking the road, for which the government will be responsible.

He said that on one hand the government talks about doubling the income of the farmers and on the other hand it is unable to provide fertilizer and seeds to the farmers on time, due to this compulsion, farmers have to protest and protest.

Alishal welcomed after winning 2 silver medals in Karate International Championship

MEGHRAJ KUTHRA
KARNAL, JULY 8

Village Mohana's Alisha, who won two silver medals in the recently held South Asian Karate Championship, was given a grand welcome on reaching Karnal Railway Station. This championship was held in Colombo, Sri Lanka on 5-6 July. She won two silver medals in different categories. Railway Protection Force employees, led by Northern Railway Mazdoor Union Secretary Mahinder Singh, welcomed her by garlanding her and giving her bouquets. RPF SHO Surinder Kumar, Roma, Sonia, Sushma, Omprakash, Mahesh, Harish and others



were present among the Railway Protection Force staff at the station. Alisha said that her goal is to bring glory to the country by winning a gold medal. She gave a message to the youth that

they should stay away from drugs and focus on their work related to sports. Besides the Rod community, other organisations will also honour this daughter of the Rod community.

SDM takes strict note of early leave, attendance gaps at Govt Sanskrit school

MAINPAL KASHYAP
INDRI : On instructions of Haryana Government Chief Minister Naib Saini, SDMs of the district will now regularly inspect schools. Under this, SDM of Indri Ashok Munjal along with his team today conducted a surprise inspection of Government Model Sanskrit Primary School located in Indri. During this, many shortcomings were revealed, for improvement of which concerned officials will be informed. SDM Munjal went to class and asked various questions to children, but many students faced difficulty in giving correct answers. Some flaws were also found in attendance register of school, where records of many students were incomplete. Inspection also revealed that children were given leave before time in school, especially Bal Vatika teacher had given leave before normal time. Although work of some staff members was commendable, questions were raised on efficiency of many other employees. SDM has decided to send a letter to District Elementary Education Officer regarding these shortcomings, so that necessary steps can be taken towards improvement. This inspection is part of School Improvement Program being done under orders of Chief Minister, which aims to improve level of education and to improve learning environment of children. He said that a surprise inspection was conducted of Government Model Sanskrit Primary School where many flaws have been found in class, work of some staff members was commendable.



Businessmen's interest always safe in BJP government: Archana Gupta

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA
KARNAL, JULY 8

State General Secretary of BJP Mrs. Dr. Archana Gupta has said that the state government always takes care of the traders. During the 11-year tenure of the BJP in Haryana, traders have been kept free from exploitation and bureaucracy. He said that BJP has always given priority to the interests of traders. She reached the timber market under Bir Lumber Pratishthan under Ek Bharat Shrestha Bharat Abhiyan. He was accompanied by the State Pradhan of BJP Business Cell Saurabh Chowghary and District President of BJP Praveen Lathar. He said that traders have been with BJP since the time of Jana Sangh. He said that businessmen can play a huge role in making India a better India. Anil Jain delivered the welcome speech. He welcomed everyone on arrival here. On this occasion, State President of BJP Business Cell Saurabh Chowghary said that BJP has always honoured the



businessman of the state. He said that all businessmen respect BJP. He said that he has no complaints with the government. On this occasion, District President Praveen Lathar said that Ek Bharat Shrestha Bharat campaign is going on in the state. Traders have always been ahead for the unity and integrity of the nation. Yogesh Goyal welcomed

everyone on this occasion. He said that everyone is standing with the BJP and the government. Rajan Jain, Suresh Jindal, Yogesh Gupta, Amit Gupta, Rajesh Jain, Mukesh Bansal, Sanjeev Bansal, Pankaj Jain, Manjit Singh, Gorav Mittal, Ravindra Jain, Roshan Lal Bansal, Chetan Lal, Saurabh Jain, Anil Jain were present on this occasion.

Gurgaon's Ruchika Singh shines on Global Stage in USA: Wins Bronze at World Police Games

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA
GURUGRAM, JULY 8

Ruchika Singh, a dedicated officer of the Uttar Pradesh Police and resident of Gurugram, achieved a remarkable performance by winning a bronze medal in the 400-meter race at the World Police and Fire Games 2025, marking a moment of pride for India and the M3M Foundation. Her outstanding performance came after successfully qualifying through three rigorous heats. The podium finish is a testament to not only her strength and stamina as a sportswoman but also her determination to represent India and the Indian Police forces at the highest level.



Ruchika is a beneficiary of 'Lakshya', the flagship sports program of M3M Foundation, which is committed to identifying, nurturing, and supporting sporting talent across the country, especially among underrepresented and service communities. Dr. Payal Kanodia, Chairperson & Trustee, M3M Foundation, expressed her pride saying, "Ruchika's achievement is a shining example of how discipline, dedication, and support can shape

champions. Under our Lakshya program, we are proud to back talents like her who bring glory to India while serving the nation in uniform".

A resident of Gurugram, she was selected by the UP Police in 2020. Known for her relentless dedication and athletic prowess, Ruchika has consistently brought laurels to the nation. She has previously secured multiple medals at national and inter-state police athletics championships, showcasing her speed and stamina across sprint events. Her consistent performance and commitment to excellence make her a role model for aspiring athletes, especially women in uniform. Her latest achievement stands as a powerful symbol of discipline, resilience, and national pride. The World Police and Fire Games are an international platform that

brings together law enforcement personnel from across the globe to compete in various sporting disciplines. Ruchika's win is a testament to the spirit of Indian women athletes and the growing impact of sports development programs supported by institutions like M3M Foundation. With this milestone, 'Lakshya' continues to reaffirm its mission of turning grassroots aspirations into global accomplishments.

Five pillars necessary to make any society strong, organised and sensitive: Harendra

NIRMAL SAINI
RADAUR, JULY 8

A seminar was organised by the NSS unit in PM Shri Government Senior Secondary School, Jathlana. In which, topics like environmental protection and social harmony were discussed, the role of student power in the direction of Panch Parivartan nation building. XEN Thermal Power Plant and District Union Driver Harendra Singh was the keynote speaker in the programme. Sunil Kamboj was the chief guest. School Principal Sangeeta Rani presided over the program. The program was inaugurated with Saraswati Vandana and lighting of lamps. During this, a message was given to keep the environment green by planting trees in the school premises. Harendra Singh said that Panch Parivartan means organisation, service, harmony, culture and ownership. These five pillars are necessary to make any society strong, organized and sensitive. If today's youth imbibes these values, then the nation will automatically move towards progress. He called upon the students to prepare themselves as future leaders who will give direction to the country.

Chief guest Sunil Kamboj said that or-



ganisations like ABVP connect the student force working for nation building with discipline, leadership and social consciousness. If students are organised and understand social responsibility, then no change is impossible. Principal Sangeeta Rani said that such programmes play an important role in bringing awareness among students towards national interest, social service and environment. Stage director Dr. Prashant Sharma said that the objective of the NSS unit is not limited to service work only, but also to develop leadership, communication and thoughtfulness in students. Topics like Panch Parivartan not only strengthen the social structure of the nation, but also provide constructive direction to the student force.

MC to take action against defaulters of property tax

RAHUL KOHLI
YAMUNA NAGAR, JULY 8

Municipal Corporation is in mood to take major action against property tax defaulters. Municipal Corporation has made preparations to seal properties of



property tax holders of more than one lakh rupees. MC has issued notices to 2800 property owners of property tax of more than one lakh rupees. More than 30 crore rupees property tax is due on them. If property tax is not paid, MC will take action to seal property. This information was given by Municipal Corporation Commissioner Akhil Pilani. He has appealed to the property tax holders to pay their property tax on time. Government is giving a discount of 10 percent on depositing property tax by July 31. After deadline, entire property tax along with entire interest will be recovered. Property holders to whom notices have been issued. If they do not deposit the tax on time, their property will be sealed. Commissioner Akhil Pilani

said that notices have been issued to defaulters of property tax of more than one lakh rupees under subsection (1) and (2) of section 113 and section 130 of Haryana Municipal Corporation Act-1994. Municipal Corporation has made separate categories of property tax defaulters of one lakh to five lakh rupees, five lakh to ten lakh and more than ten lakh rupees. After issuing the final notice, preparations will be made to seal them. Property tax holders are appealed to deposit their property tax to avoid sealing action. Property tax defaulters include properties of big influential people including big malls, cineplexes, industries, educational institutions, hospitals, automobiles, rice

mills, marriage palaces of city. Corporation workers are giving notices to property owners by visiting their properties. If a person is not found on his property, then notice is being pasted on his wall or gate. Many property owners kept avoiding receiving them. Somehow corporation workers have got the notices received. Even after giving no-

tice, if the property holder does not deposit property tax, action will be taken to seal his property. Property holders are appealed to deposit their property tax on time. Defaulters should take notice seriously and pay outstanding tax otherwise action will be taken to seal the property. There are 215468 properties in Municipal Corporation area. Number of such property holders is not less who have not paid property tax for many years. Crores of rupees of property tax are pending on defaulters. These include residential, commercial, vacant plots, government offices etc. Property holders can deposit their tax with 10 percent discount till 31st July. Efforts are being made by the Municipal Corporation to recover property tax as much as possible. Municipal Commissioner Akhil Pilani said that government is giving 10 percent discount on depositing the property tax till 31st July. Property holders should deposit their property tax before 31st July and take advantage of government scheme. No exemption will be given after 31st July and the entire property tax will be collected along with full interest. Property of those who do not pay the tax will be sealed.

Students felicitated for hard work and amazing achievements

CHAMAN LAL
KARNAL, JULY 8

Karnal International School celebrated the Academic Achievement Awards for the session 2024-25 with great pride and enthusiasm. The event was organised under the inspiring guidance of Chairman Col. Arun Dutta and Principal Garima. Students from Nursery to Class 12 were felicitated for their sincere hard work and amazing achievements, making the occasion a true celebration of dedication and hard work. The day began with the sacred Om sound and Sanskrit Shlokas, which lent a calm and positive atmosphere to the ceremony.

The Chairman congratulated all the award winners and motivated each student to have faith in their unique talents and abilities. He reminded everyone that every student is special and has priceless qualities and a unique personality hidden in them. He beautifully con-



necting it with the school motto "Krin-vanto Vishwa Maryam" and the Indian

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Editorial

Necessary toolkit

In April, the Supreme Court cleared the way for the University Grants Commission to implement its long-awaited Promotion of Equity in Higher Education Institutions Regulations, 2025. Heralded as a progressive leap toward institutional justice, the notification came in the wake of decades of systemic caste discrimination and months after a powerful legal petition led by Radhika Vemula and Abeda Tadv, the mothers of Rohith Vemula and Payal Tadv, whose suicides laid bare the entrenched violence of caste in India’s universities. While the legal sanction is welcome, some lingering questions haunt the academic corridors: how far can a notification go? How might the proposed national caste survey contribute in uprooting these deep social hierarchies within higher education?

The UGC’s new regulations are not merely bureaucratic rewordings of older, toothless guidelines. For the first time, non-compliance comes with tangible consequences, such as funding cuts, potential derecognition, and mandatory Equity Committees with SC/ST and female representation. Additionally, a National Task Force on student suicides and mental health is to oversee the policy’s implementation. However, the caution raised by Indira Jaising, senior advocate for the petitioners, is pertinent. By clubbing caste discrimination with other forms of abuse like ragging, bullying, and sexual harassment, the regulation risks masking the specificity and structural depth of caste-based exclusion. Earlier drafts had explicitly named practices like the denial of caste certificates, humiliation during viva exams, and withdrawal of fellowships as indicators of caste violence in campuses. Their quiet omission is not merely a redaction; it’s a political retreat.

This is where the proposed caste survey can act as a powerful complement. If implemented with political will and academic integrity, the survey could provide the data necessary to both expose and confront caste injustices that regulations alone cannot address.

A comprehensive caste survey would offer updated, disaggregated data on educational attainment, socio-economic background, dropout rates, and institutional representation of SCs, STs, OBCs, and other marginalised communities. This allows for a far more targeted equity framework that revisits reservation policies, reevaluates the creamy layer within OBCs, and builds support mechanisms. For example, what if universities had to publish ‘diversity dashboards’, transparently displaying the representation of caste groups among students, faculty, and administrators? What if grievance redressal mechanisms were not generic but rooted in lived caste-based vulnerabilities? Data can shame institutions into action and guide them toward corrective interventions.

Trade by Threat

US President has again turned to tariffs as a pressure tool in trade negotiations, a report by the Global Trade Research Initiative (GTRI) has said that Trump is using tariffs not to build partnerships, but as a tool to force countries into compliance. According to GTRI, Trump’s trade strategy is based on pressure tactics rather than cooperation, turning trade deals into one-sided forced pacts.

The report said that Trump’s approach avoids traditional Free Trade Agreements (FTAs) rules that are based on mutual tariff cuts and reciprocal benefits. Instead, his strategy demands that partner countries reduce tariffs and commit to buying U.S. goods, while the U.S. offers no similar concessions in return. These deals are signed under pressure and lack fairness, GTRI noted. GTRI said, "Trump’s trade strategy circumvents traditional Free Trade Agreements (FTAs), demanding tariff cuts and purchase commitments from partner countries without reciprocal U.S. concessions."

One of the key points highlighted in the report is that no trade deal under Trump offers long-term certainty. Even after signing an agreement, countries remain vulnerable to fresh tariff threats. For instance, Trump recently announced a 10 per cent tariff threat on BRICS nations, including



India, citing their "anti-American policies." This shows the political and unpredictable nature of U.S. trade actions under Trump.

India has already submitted its final trade offer and is expected to conclude a deal with the U.S. soon. However, the GTRI report warned that this agreement may not protect Indian exports from future unilateral tariff hikes. The report said that even if a deal is signed, Indian exports may continue to face a minimum 10 per cent additional levy. This is because the 26 per cent surcharge imposed in April on Indian goods might not be fully withdrawn. "Even if a deal is struck, Indian exports may still face a minimum 10 per cent additional levy,

making it a pressured compromise, not a true partnership," GTRI stated. President Trump has extended the deadline for countries to sign trade deals from July 8 to July 31. After this, starting August 1, countries that do not comply may face country-specific tariffs of up to 40 per cent. India is among the countries that have received formal tariff warning letters from the U.S. administration. The report also noted that these new tariffs will be imposed over and above the existing Most Favoured Nation (MFN) rates, but will not apply to sectors like steel, aluminium, autos, and auto parts that already face separate duties. For example, in Japan’s case, proposed tariffs on products like

pharmaceuticals, semiconductors, books, smartphones, energy, and copper will remain at 0 per cent. Meanwhile, steel and aluminum will continue at 50 per cent, autos and auto parts at 25 per cent, and other products will see tariffs rise from 10 per cent to 25 per cent. GTRI pointed out that Trump lacks the Fast Track Trade Authority from Congress, which means he cannot legally reduce MFN tariffs. Instead, he is offering to roll back only the "Liberation Day" tariffs imposed in April using emergency powers. However, a U.S. federal court has already ruled these tariffs unlawful, and the case is currently under appeal, making the legal basis for these tariffs uncertain.

Literature & Health

US revokes foreign terrorist designation of Syria's HTS

The US has revoked the Foreign Terrorist Organisation (FTO) designation of Hay’at Tahrir al-Sham (HTS), a Syria-based organisation which had ties with al-Qaeda and was also a front of al-Nusrah. In a statement issued by the US Department of State on Monday, Secretary of State Marco Rubio stated that the decision was made in alignment with US President Donald Trump’s promise to deliver sanctions relief to Syria following the fall of Bashar al-Assad’s regime in December last year. According to the statement, the revocation of the FTO comes into effect from today, July 8.

The decision came in recognition of the dissolution of HTS and the new Syrian government’s efforts to combat terrorism. "In line with President Trump’s May 13 promise to deliver sanctions relief to Syria, I am announcing my intent to revoke the Foreign Terrorist Organization (FTO) designation of al-Nusrah Front, also known as Hay’at Tahrir al-Sham (HTS), under the Immigration and Nationality Act. This revocation will be effective tomorrow, July 8," the statement



read. In late January, HTS was disbanded, and its fighters were integrated into the formal Syrian military and security services, as reported by Al Jazeera. The action builds on the momentum of the June 30 Executive Order 'Providing for the Revocation of Syria Sanctions' by the US, which aimed to foster a stable, unified, and peaceful Syria under President Ahmed al-Sharaa’s leadership. "Tomorrow’s action follows the announced dissolution of HTS and the Syrian government’s commitment to combat terrorism in all its forms. This action also builds on the momentum of the June 30 Executive Order 'Providing for the Revocation of Syria Sanctions' and recognises the positive actions taken by the new Syrian government under President Ahmed al-Sharaa. This FTO revocation is an important step in fulfilling President Trump’s vision of a stable, unified, and peaceful Syria," the statement added. As per Al Jazeera, the HTS was labelled a "terrorist" organisation by the US back in 2018 because of its previous connections to al-Qaeda.

12 Nepalis, 6 Chinese reported missing in flood along Nepal-China border

A total of 18 people, including 12 Nepali and six Chinese nationals, are missing in the flood along the Nepal-China border, local officials confirmed to ANI. The massive flood in the Lhendekhola that flows towards Nepal from Tibet along the border with Nepal on Tuesday morning has washed away bridges and vehicles.

The flood has also swept out sections of the Pasang Lhamu Highway, cutting off vehicular access to Rasuwagadhi and severely disrupting connectivity in Rasuwa district. "18 people, including 3 Police Officials, 9 public, and 6 Chinese nationals, have been confirmed missing after the flooding incident. A search and rescue operation has been initiated,



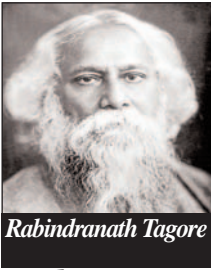
but the weather has become the main problem," Druba Prasad Adhikari, Assistant Chief District Officer of Rasuwagadhi, confirmed to ANI over the phone. According to authorities, the flood caused by intense rainfall blocked the Syafirubesi-Rasuwigadhi section of the highway under Gosainkunda Rural Municipality-2,

triggering landslides and severe road erosion. The disruption has hindered both transportation and ongoing rescue operations in the affected areas. The Armed Police Force (APF) Nepal reported that the Bhotekoshi River’s surging waters also swept away eight electric vehicles from an EV charging station in Timure.

POEM

Salutation

In one salutation to thee, my God, let all my senses spread out and touch this world at thy feet. Like a rain-cloud of July hung low with its burden of unshed showers let all my mind bend down at thy door in one salutation to thee. Let all my songs gather together their diverse strains into a single current and flow to a sea of silence in one salutation to thee. Like a flock of homesick cranes flying night.



Rabindranath Tagore

New tech tracks blood sodium without needle: Study

Scientists have developed a new method to monitor sodium levels in the blood without drawing a single drop. By combining terahertz radiation and optoacoustic detection, they created a non-invasive system that tracks sodium in real-time, even through the skin. The approach bypasses traditional barriers, such as water interference, and opens up the potential for fast and safe diagnostics in humans. Accurate measurement of blood sodium is essential for diagnosing and managing conditions such as dehydration, kidney disease and certain neurological and endocrine disorders.

Terahertz radiation, which falls between microwaves and the mid-infrared region of the electromagnetic spectrum, is ideal for biological applications because it is low-energy and non-harmful to tissues, scatters less than near-infrared and visible light and is sensitive to structural and functional biological changes. "For



biomedical applications, terahertz spectroscopy still faces two key challenges: detecting molecules other than water in complex biological samples and penetrating thick tissue layers to enable detection inside the body," said research team leader Zhen Tian from Tianjin University

in China. "By adding optoacoustic detection, we were able to overcome these challenges and demonstrate the first in vivo detection of ions using terahertz waves. This is an important step toward making terahertz-based techniques practical

for clinical use," added Zhen. In Optica, the flagship journal of Optica Publishing Group for high-impact research, researchers describe their new multispectral terahertz optoacoustic system and demonstrate that it can be used for non-invasive, long-term monitoring of sodium concentration in live mice without the need for labels. Preliminary tests performed with human volunteers were also promising.

"With further development, this technology could be used to monitor sodium levels in patients without the need for blood draws," said Tian. "The real-time sodium measurements could be used to safely correct imbalances in critical patients while avoiding dangerous neurological complications that can occur when sodium levels rapidly change," added Tian. To test their new system, the researchers showed that it could measure increases in blood sodium levels in blood

vessels under the skin of living mice on the millisecond timescale for over 30 minutes.

These measurements were taken from the ear, with the skin surface cooled to 8 °C to dampen the background optoacoustic signal from water. The researchers also demonstrated that the terahertz optoacoustic system could quickly distinguish between high and low sodium levels in human blood samples. Finally, they noninvasively measured sodium ion levels in the blood vessels of the hands of healthy volunteers.

They found that the detected optoacoustic signal from sodium was proportional to the amount of blood flow under the skin surface, even though measurements were collected without any skin cooling. Although further work is required, these results suggest that the system may be helpful for non-invasive, real-time monitoring.

Pay special attention to cleanliness during rainy season: SDM

MAINPAL KASHYAP
INDRI: SDM Ashok Kumar Munjal has appealed to the public to pay special attention to cleanliness around and inside the houses, because flies and mosquitoes breed in summer and rainy season, to preserve cleanliness is very important.



He said that mosquitoes spreading malaria are born in stagnant dirty water, while mosquitoes spreading dengue are born in clean water. All people should clean water tanks thoroughly from time to time and keep them completely covered. He said

that it is important to know about the symptoms and prevention of dengue and malaria. Citizens should keep water tanks clean in homes. Keep cleaning regularly so that mosquitoes do not breed in coolers, refrigerator trays, or junk lying on the roofs.

NEWS BRIEF

Sunderkand will be organized on July 10



RAHUL KOHLI
YAMUNANAGAR: On July 10, the musical Sunderkand recitation is being organized 8-30 to 12-30 in the morning to commemorate Guru Parv in Yamunanagar. Shri Sankatmochan Balaji Seva family will recite the Sundar Kand with Ludhiana. Girdhari Lal Kohli, secretary of Shri Raghunath Temple Trust, gave this information. He told that Sankirtan Bhajan will be held from July 9 night. The next day Sunderkand will be recited from 8-30 in the morning. The event will include all the servants and Ludhiana Seva families who will recite the musical Sunderkand. More and more devotees participate in this event.

Kaithal Half Marathon to be flagged off by CM, district residents should participate more: DC



RANVIR PARASHAR
KAITHAL, JULY 8

DC Preeti said that the Half Marathon being organized in Kaithal on 13 July will be flagged off by Chief Minister Naib Singh Saini. Runners will run with message of Chief Minister Naib Singh Saini of Drug Free Haryana with basic mantra of Leave Drugs Behind, Run With Kaithal. Chief Minister's effort is that entire state should be healthy and our youth should stay away from social evils like drugs. To create awareness about this, a Half Marathon is being organized in Kaithal on 13 July. Chief Minister himself has chosen Kaithal for an event like Half Marathon.

People of state including Kaithal district are appealed to participate in it enthusiastically and become a part of health awareness campaign.He told that the marathon will be organized in three categories. Which includes 21 km, 10 km and 5 km Fun For Run. So far, about 53000 people have registered for Kaithal Half Marathon and this registration is likely to increase in coming time. Thousands of participants including players, students, officers, employees, public representatives, progressive farmers, youth, people associated with social and religious organizations will take a step together against drug addiction.

First idol installation anniversary celebrated with fervour at Jagadguru Brahmanand Ashram in Kaithal



SANJAY SHARMA

KAITHAL: The first idol installation anniversary at Jagadguru Brahmanand Ashram, Kaithal, was celebrated with great enthusiasm and spiritual devotion today. The event witnessed a large gathering of members from the Road community and esteemed personalities from across Kaithal district. Among the chief guests were Pundri MLA Satpal Jamba, Municipal Council Chairperson's representative Suresh Garg, Zila Parishad Chairman Karambir Kaul, Kailash Bhagat, District Bar Association President Sandeep Sharma, senior advocate Mandeep Singh, Satbir Mehla, and Principal of RKSD College. All dignitaries received the blessings of the Guru during the event. A community feast (bhandara) was also organised by the ashram's executive committee to mark the auspicious occasion.

Financial aid distributed to three beneficiaries in Ladwa



VIJAY KAUSHIK

LADWA: Vice-Chairperson of the Haryana State Council for Child Welfare, Suman Saini, stated that Chief Minister Nayab Singh Saini's government is committed to the upliftment of every section of society through various welfare schemes. She emphasised that the state government is functioning under the "Antyodaya" principle, ensuring benefits first reach the last person in the queue. Most schemes are aimed at those with an annual income below Rs. 1 lakh. Speaking at a programme held at the PWD Rest House in Ladwa, Suman Saini handed over financial assistance cheques amounting to Rs. 6 lakh to three beneficiaries from the Ladwa constituency. Two individuals received Rs. 50,000 each under the Petty Grant Scheme, while a woman beneficiary was granted Rs. 5 lakh under the Mukhyamantri Kisan evam Khetihar Mazdoor Jeevan Suraksha Yojana. She informed that Kavita Rani, a resident of village Ghisarpurdi under Babain Market Committee, received the Rs. 5 lakh assistance due to an accident while engaged in agricultural work. Additionally, Babbi Kaur and Ram Kumar were provided with Rs. 50,000 each as part of the state welfare initiatives.

Naveen Sankalp health camp held in Badarpur village at the initiative of MP Naveen Jindal



VIJAY KAUSHIK

LADWA: Under the leadership of Member of Parliament Naveen Jindal, a Navin Sankalp health camp was organised in Badarpur village to provide essential health services to the public. These camps are part of a broader initiative across the Kurukshetra parliamentary constituency, aimed at ensuring accessible healthcare. The camp featured a mobile medical unit where MBBS doctors provided consultation, check-ups, and free medicines. Facilities for blood and urine testing were also provided. In total, 138 individuals received free medical consultation and medicines at the camp. Dharamveer Singh, in charge of MP Navin Jindal's parliamentary office, said that the health camps are part of the Swasth Kurukshetra Abhiyan, run by the Navin Jindal Foundation. Alongside health checkups and medicine distribution, participants were also informed about healthy lifestyle practices and the Navin Jindal Yashaswi Scholarship Scheme.

Guru Purnima festival will be celebrated on July 10

HANS RAJ
KURUKSHETRA: Preparations are going on for the Guru Purnima Festival at Shri Jaiaram institutions operating across the country and Sri Jaiaram Vidyapeeth on the banks of Brahmasarovar in Kurukshetra. Rajesh Singla, media in -charge of Shri Jaiaram institutions, said that on the occasion of Guru Purnima, like every year, festival will be celebrated with great pomp in Shri Jaiaram institutions this year. On July 10, on the occasion of Guru Purnima, Sri Jaiaram Annakshetra Trust will give the message of human service and welfare to all servants and devotees according to Brahmachari Guru traditions at Rishikesh. It is noteworthy that Jaiaram institutions operating in various states of the country are working in various fields like spirituality, education, health, culture and cow service. Mr Singla said that on Guru Purnima, the first Brahmawarop Brahmachari will first perform the tradition by paying homage at the feet of Brahminal Puja Devendra Swarop Brahmachari along with the first Adi Guru Jaiaram and other gurus.



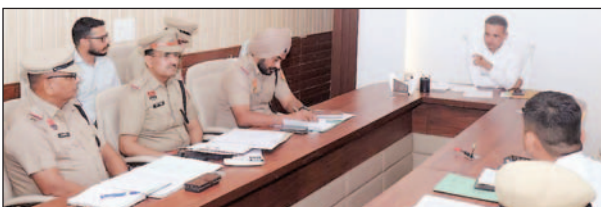
Van Mahotsav week starts in Shri Jayaram Educational Institute



HANS RAJ

KURUKSHETRA: If the children are aware, then there will be possibilities of improvement in the society too. With this objective, Van Mahotsav week is being celebrated in DSB International Public School, established in Niwarsi, Kurukshetra, with the inspiration of Brahmawarop Brahmachari, the supreme head of Shri Jayaram institutions and chairman of Shri Jayaram Educational Institute, to promote environmental awareness and environmental protection among the students. Various activities including plantation campaign, poster and slogan competitions, environmental message rally and role-play performance have been included in the Van Mahotsav week program of the school. Under the Van Mahotsav week, DSB International Public School students are participating in these activities with enthusiasm. The children demonstrated their creativity and knowledge about the current conditions of the environment and the importance of trees and plants in such a way that all the onlookers were surprised. The plantation campaign remains the main attraction of the programme in Van Mahotsav week. Along with the students, teachers were also inspired by planting trees in the school premises. School Principal Renu Raghav said that the aim of the school is to create a sense of responsibility and environmental awareness among the students.

IGP Ambala Divisioni Pankaj Nain reviews security measures to tight noose on crimes



RAHUL KOHLI

YAMUNANAGAR: Inspector General of Police, Ambala Division, Pankaj Nain IPS on Tuesday interacted with all the CIA in-charges, anti-narcotics cell in-charge and all the security agents of Ambala district and reviewed the action being taken to deal with the incidents of violent crime in Ambala district. After the review, the following instructions were given. All the security agents were instructed to meet 100-100 police friends made in their respective police station areas and collected information about crimes and criminals. Police friends who can provide useful information to the police department should be given appropriate reward. On the lines of the manager police station, all the CIA in-charges and in-charge anti-narcotics cell were also instructed to make 100-100 police friends. Police station managers should get high quality CCTV cameras installed as soon as possible at the places identified for CCTV cameras in their respective police station areas. In charge Anti Narcotics Cell, Ambala was ordered to visit the drug-affected villages and wards along with the drug de-addiction team formed under the drug-free campaign and identify the drug smugglers and take action against them.

Horticulture University works to encourage horticulture across state: Prof. Suresh Malhotra

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA

KARNAL: Farmers were using at every level the latest technology for farming, science level information with quality plant and seeds, for this, Maharana Pratap Udyan University Karnal has been working at every level. The Vice Chancellor of the University of Horticulture, Prof. Suresh Malhotra told the scientists who provided the latest information related to horticulture to the farmers through the exhibition at the 32nd Mango Fair held at Yadavindra Garden in Pinjore. He said that the garden university was pursuing research work according to the different climate of the state so that farmers can be provided special information about their area-wise horticulture crops. Which crops will prove to be more beneficial in their area besides research was being done according to their areas. Apart from this, MHU is using every platform to



provide world -class information to the farmer brothers, such as agricultural fair in every region of the state providing information to farmers by setting up exhibition plots, giving information about government schemes. In this direction, Vice Chancellor Prof. Suresh said that an exhibition stall was set up by the Directorate of Education of MHU Karnal from July 4 to 6.

BJP government betrayed BPL families: Renu Bala

NITIN SINGLA

BILASPUR: Sadhaura MLA Renu Bala has said that it was highly condemnable that the BJP government of the state has taken more than 6.36 lakh BPL families out of the poverty line and deprived them of food supply and other government benefits. This decision showed that the BJP government made false promises to the poor before the elections and now snatched their rights as soon as the elections were over. In a statement issued to the media, Renu Bala has said that the maximum numbers of BPL card were removed in Faridabad, Panipat and Karnal districts of the state. A total of 20,266 cards have been cancelled in Faridabad alone. These figures showed that the BJP government was following an anti-poor policy. In just three months from April to June, 6.36 lakh families were suddenly declared rich which was a ridiculous and illegal decision. Now the government was claiming that in the month of June, there were 48 lakh families in the state whose income was less than Rs 1.80 lakh. In May this figure was 49.22 lakhs. In three months the government has cancelled 6 lakh 36 thousand 136 BPL cards. The maximum number of ration cards cancelled in the month of May was 3.27 lakhs while 15502 ration cards were cancelled in Panipat; 15059 in Karnal; 14501 in Ambala; 12698 in Sonapat, 7896 in Sirsa and 10278 in Kurukshetra. Renu Bala has asked the BJP government of the state whether the families with an annual income of Rs 1.80 lakh became prosperous for the government now and raised a question- can inflation, medicine, education and daily needs be met with this income?



Delegation of private school association honours new District Education Officer



HANS RAJ

KURUKSHETRA: On Tuesday, a delegation of Private School Association, under the chairmanship of Pradhan Meva Ram, honored the new District Education Officer, Vinod Kaushik, by feeding him sweets and presenting him with a bouquet of flowers. The Private School Association informed the District Education Officer about the various problems being faced by the schools such as getting the money for 134 A Chirag and the problems being faced in RTI and asked to work together with the Education Department. The District Education Officer Vinod Kaushik assured to resolve the problems being faced by the private schools. On this occasion, Union Patron BP Tomar, Vice President, Vikram Sharma, Secretary, Lekhranj Treasurer, Akhil Verma Legal Advancer, Rakesh Nandal Press Spokesperson, Uma Shankar, Mamachand, Deepak, Omprakash, Vijay Sharma, Brij Sharma, Manjeet, Sanjeev Pandey and Narang were present.

Officials should complete all arrangements for rainwater drainage: MLA Vinod Bhayana

MANMOHAN SHARMA
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MLA Vinod Bhayana directed the officials of the departments concerned to complete all the arrangements for drainage of rainwater so that people did not face any kind of problem during the monsoon season.

Bhayana was presiding over a meeting of officers of various departments at the local Public Works Department rest house on Monday. He told the officers of the concerned departments that wherever the condition of the streets in the city found to be bad after

Speaker reviews arrangements of Chamba's Minjar fair



BALKRISHAN PRASHAR

CHAMBA: Presiding over a meeting regarding the arrangements of upcoming International Minjar Fair, HP Vidhan Sabha Speaker Kuldeep Singh Pathania held detailed discussions with the district officers about the cultural programs to be presented during the fair including expenditure and income, sports, medical facilities besides necessary repairs in Kala Kendra and Manjri Garden. On this occasion, the Speaker said that the well-known and historical and internationally renowned Minjar Fair of Chamba district is a symbol of the identity and pride of Chamba district in the country and abroad. Pathania directed all the administrative and departmental officers of the district to perform their respective responsibilities related to the preparations of Minjar Fair with honesty and seriousness and ensure that there is no lack in the management of the system during the fair. On this occasion, he informed that four Himachali, two Punjabi and two Bollywood cultural evenings would be organized during the Minjar Fair. He said that an opportunity should be provided to present a glimpse of the local culture in the Minjar Fair and to provide maximum platform to Himachali artists.

Congress will start 'Bhagidari Nyay Maha Sammelan' at Talkotra Stadium on July 25

MANMOHAN SHARMA

HANSI: The Congress Party and Leader of the Opposition Rahul Gandhi have repeatedly pointed out the absence of OBCs in India's power structure such as Supreme Court judges, high-ranking civil servants, media authorities and the corporate sector. Mr Rahul strongly believed that the presence of OBC category in the highest authority positions was imperative to realize the dreams of Mahatma Phule, Mahatma Gandhi, Nehru and Babasaheb. Senior Congress leader Yogendra Yogi, former chairman of Haryana Hair Art and Skill Development Board said that the Congress party has always fought against injustice. Today, we have to fight for the social, educational and economic upliftment of the marginalized sections. Yogi said for this a strong and vibrant OBC movement was necessary. He said that the OBC leaders of the Congress party were gathering at Talkatora Stadium in Delhi on July 25 at 10 am to announce this new beginning. He called upon the people of the backward class that their presence in this Bhaagidari Nyay Maha Sammelan will be very important in uniting and making the OBC class across the country aware. Giving further information, Mr Yogi said that the honorable Congress President Mallikarjun Kharge and Leader of Opposition in Lok Sabha, Rahul Gandhi will be the main speakers in the Maha Sammelan. Yogi said that the party leadership has formed a 24-member advisory committee in coordination with the National President of OBC Department Dr Anil Jaihind, which included Chief Minister Mr Siddaramaiah, former Chief Minister of Karnataka Ashok Gehlot, Bhupesh Baghel, Narayan Sami, Haryana in-charge BK Hariprasad, Sachin Pilot, Captain Ajay Yadav.



laying the water supply pipeline ensured that they were repaired as soon as possible. Any kind of laxity in this work will not be tolerated. He has given instructions to expedite the work, especially mentioning the streets of Dhatarwal Hospital, Ward No. 3 and Ward No. 14. He said that in areas where water supply

pipeline leakage was found, it should be repaired immediately so that people continue to get supply of clean drinking water. The MLA instructed to continue the work related to Bhakra line without any hindrance. If any kind of ground difficulty or administrative problem arose during this work, informed immediately.

Amazon India announces Prime Day 2025 Deals

Chandigarh : 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.

Shakti Pumps (India) Limited Successfully Closes QIP Issue, Raises Rs 292.60 Crores

Chandigarh: Shakti Pumps (India) Ltd. is pleased to announce that it has successfully closed its Qualified Institutions Placement (QIP) issue to institutional investors, raising Rs 292.60 crores. The QIP issue received an overwhelming response from existing and new prominent institutional investors, demonstrating their confidence in the company's future growth prospects and the overall performance. The proceeds from the QIP will be utilized for establishing a greenfield high efficiency solar DCR cell and solar PV modules manufacturing plant in Pithampur, Madhya Pradesh, through its subsidiary, Shakti Energy Solutions Limited, with a production capacity of 2.20 GW. The in-house manufacturing of solar DCR cells will enhance backward integration and allow greater control over the entire value chain, thereby benefitting the company. The QIP issue was priced at the SBI floor price of Rs 965.96, and the proceeds will further strengthen the company's financial position, enabling it to pursue its strategic objectives.

Sonalika registered highest ever Q1 overall sales of 43,603 tractors

Chandigarh, Sonalika Tractors registered a new record breaking performance in FY'26 with the highest ever Q1 overall sales of 43,603 tractors during Apr-Jun'25. The significant leap forward is a testimony of the brand's promise of 'Dum Aage Badhe ka' for every farmer and the state-of-the-art engineering capabilities across the 20-120 HP tractor segment. Monsoon across the country is witnessing a significant increase in the Kharif sowing season compared to last year's estimates. Sonalika ensures every farmer gets a product that fits his requirement as per crop and soil needs. The company boasts of 400+ highly skilled engineering specialists that leverage every detailed farmer feedback to develop the most advanced technology-powered tractors. Every heavy duty Sonalika tractor is developed using state-of-the-art robotic & automation technologies to meet highest quality standards.

Mahindra FURIO 8 delivers Guaranteed Highest Mileage and Highest Profit in LCV category

Jalandhar: Mahindra's Truck and Bus business (MTB), part of the Mahindra Group, announced the commercial launch of the Mahindra FURIO 8 – a modern range of Light Commercial Vehicle trucks, backed by the unique guarantee of "Get the Highest Mileage or Give the Truck Back." Speaking on the occasion of this new range introduction, Mr. Vinod Sahay, President – Trucks, Buses, CE, Aerospace & Defense, Member of the Group Executive Board, Mahindra Group, said, "The launch of the new Mahindra FURIO 8 range of LCV trucks with the guarantee, 'Get The Highest Mileage or

Toyota Kirloskar Motor Unveils Exclusive 'Prestige Package' for the Urban Cruiser Hyryder

Chandigarh/Ludhiana: Reinforcing its commitment to enhancing customer delight, Toyota Kirloskar Motor (TKM) has introduced a limited-period 'Prestige Package' for its popular self-charging hybrid SUV – the Urban Cruiser Hyryder. Thoughtfully designed to elevate the SUV's already bold and sophisticated appeal, this exclusive accessory bundle offers customers an added layer of style, presence, and functionality for everyday driving. At the heart of the Urban Cruiser Hyryder is a first-in-segment self-charging strong hybrid electric powertrain that intelligently combines petrol and electric power for exceptional fuel efficiency and smooth, silent performance.

UltraTech Limestone Mine awarded 5-Star rating by Indian Bureau of Mines

SHIMLA: Thirteen of UltraTech Cement Limited's Limestone Mines were recognised for excellence in sustainable mining by the Indian Bureau of Mines, Ministry of Mines, for FY 2023-24 at an award ceremony held on 7th July 2025 in Jaipur, Rajasthan. Of the mines that won the prestigious 5-Star recognition, one was the Baga - Bhagat Limestone & Shale Mine, part of Baga Cement Works, UltraTech's Integrated Manufacturing Unit located in Solan, Himachal Pradesh. This marks the fifth consecutive year the unit has won the prestigious 5-Star recognition. Baga Cement Works' efforts towards water harvesting within their mining area, green belt development, community engagement, and their adoption of several close by villages all helped set the unit apart from others. Twelve of UltraTech's Limestone mines received a 5-Star rating, and one was conferred the highest distinction of being awarded a 7-star rating for exceptional work towards 'Green Mining', making it the only mine conferred with a 7-star rating in the limestone mining category in the country. UltraTech's endeavours in driving excellence in mining are in line with the Indian Bureau of Mines' goals towards sustainable.

Don't Just Shop During Prime Day, Outsmart It with Amazon Pay

SHIMLA: Prime Day 2025 is just around the corner, running from July 12 to 14 2025, and this year, it's bigger and better with 72 hours of exclusive deals, new launches, and blockbuster entertainment. But if you're a smart shopper, you know there's more to a deal than just the offers especially when you use Amazon Pay. From travel and big-ticket buys to daily essentials and gift cards, here's how you can stretch every rupee and unlock even more value this Prime Day. Make Every Big Buy Prime Harder for You: If you're planning to purchase electronics, home appliances, or fashion during Prime Day, paying with the Amazon Pay ICICI Bank Credit Card can make a real difference. Prime members get an always-on 5% cashback, and during Prime Day, they also receive an additional 5% instant cashback turning already great deals into even better ones.

Need for awareness, immunization against Respiratory Syncytial Virus in India

RNKHHERA CHANDIGARH : Medical experts in India are calling for urgent attention to Respiratory Syncytial Virus (RSV), a highly contagious but under-discussed cause of lower respiratory tract infections in infants and children under five.

RSV, often mistaken for a mild seasonal cold, accounts for ~ 3.6 million hospitalizations and ~ 100,000 deaths in children under five each year globally. India, with the largest birth cohort of ~ 25 million newborns annually, contributes significantly to this burden. The impact is particularly severe during the country's monsoon and early winter months, when neonatal ICUs experience a surge in admissions. Alarminglly, even healthy, full-term infants across all socio-economic backgrounds often require oxygen or ventilator support due to RSV-related complications. Therefore, raising awareness among parents and healthcare professionals about available preventive measures is critical to reducing the disease's toll on younglives.



Dr. Vasant M. Khalatkar, Current National President, Indian Academy of Pediatrics (IAP), said "RSV remains a significant threat to infant health, and while hygiene measures like handwashing are essential, they're often not enough—especially for babies under one year. With the recent World Health Organization (WHO) recommendation for long-acting monoclonal antibodies (mAb) and India enabling access to these solutions, we now have vital tools to protect our youngest. Palivizumab has been available for high-risk infants, offering protection through monthly

dosing during the RSV season. Now, with the arrival of Nirsevimab—a single-dose, long-acting antibody that provides season-long protection—we're seeing a major advancement. Administered shortly after birth or during routine follow-ups, these preventive options can greatly reduce RSV-related hospitalizations and shield infants from serious complications like bronchiolitis and pneumonia. Prevention, timely awareness, and parental engagement are critical to reducing RSV's impact across India."

Dr. Cesar Mascarenas, Head of Medical International Region, Sanofi, commented "We have long been working to close critical gaps in prevention by advancing science-driven solutions that align with evolving global recommendations, including those from the WHO. Addressing RSV burden in India with advanced preventive care is the need of the hour. Strengthening awareness, improving access to protective interventions, and enabling timely immunization are essential steps in reducing the impact of RSV and safeguarding the health of future generations."

Tata Motors launches Ace Pro: India's Most Affordable 4-Wheel Mini-Truck, starting at Rs. 3.99 lakh

ROHTAK/GURUGRAM / FARIDABAD : Tata Motors, India's largest commercial vehicle manufacturer, creating a new milestone in cargo mobility with the launch of the all-new Tata Ace Pro, heralding a transformative era in small

commercial vehicles sales touchpoints across the country or on Fleet Verse, Tata Motor's online sales platform. To make ownership of the Tata Ace Pro convenient, Tata Motors has collaborated with leading banks and NBFCs to offer



hassle-free financing solutions, including quick loan approvals, flexible EMI options, and enhanced funding support, tailoring to diverse customer needs. Launching the Ace Pro, Mr. Girish Wagh, Executive Director, Tata Motors, said, "The launch of Tata Ace had revolutionised cargo mobility in India. Over the past two decades, it has successfully empowered more than 25 lakh entrepreneurs to become a symbol of progress and possibility. With the

all-new Tata Ace Pro, we are building on this legacy with renewed purpose for a new generation of dreamers. Engineered for stability, safety, and profitability, the Ace Pro unlocks greater earning potential to fulfil the ambitions of aspiring entrepreneurs ready to take charge of their future."

Samsung QLED TVs Redefine Home Entertainment with Real Quantum Dot Tech, Knox Security, and Cadmium-Free Innovation



CHANDIGARH: Samsung, India's largest consumer electronics brand, is redefining the home entertainment experience with its industry-leading Quantum Dot technology, setting a new benchmark for picture quality and color precision. Designed to deliver richer, more lifelike visuals, this breakthrough innovation enhances brightness, contrast, and color accuracy, transforming the way content is experienced. Democratizing premium visual display innovation and experience for the Indian consumers, whether it's a blockbuster film, an intense gaming session, or a high-energy sports match, this technology by Samsung elevates smart home living and lifestyle. What makes a QLED TV a Real QLED is its ability to deliver 100% color volume powered by Quantum Dot technology, ensuring vivid, precise, and consistent picture quality.

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

SHIMLA: 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 Program (Bharat NCAP) - India's most comprehensive vehicle safety

Innova HyCross is designed to ensure crash safety and structural rigidity. In addition to its solid architecture, the HyCross is equipped with an array of active and passive safety features that make it one of the safest vehicles in the industry. Varinder Vadhwa, Vice President, Sales-



evaluation framework. This milestone marks the company's unwavering and inherent focus on delivering ever-safer mobility solutions to its valued customers. 5-star safety ratings were received for both Adult and Child Occupant protection. Built on the Toyota New Global Architecture (TNGA) platform, the

Service-Used Car Business, said that at Toyota Kirloskar Motor, safety is the fundamental pillar of our product development, manufacturing process, and also our customer-first approach. The Innova HyCross embodies this commitment, delivering a mobility experience where ownership experience is just as important as performance and comfort. The 5-star Bharat NCAP rating for the Innova HyCross is a recognition of this philosophies it assures our customers that they are not only investing in advanced and sustainable mobility but also one of the safest vehicles.

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ROHTAK : Mahindra's Truck and Bus business (MTB), part of the Mahindra Group, announced the commercial launch of the Mahindra FURIO 8 – a modern range of Light Commercial Vehicle trucks, backed by the unique guarantee of "Get the Highest Mileage or Give the Truck Back."



Manufactured at Mahindra's world-class facility in Chakan, Maharashtra, the Mahindra FURIO 8 comes in two variants: 4-Tyre Cargo and 6-Tyre Cargo, catering to diverse business applications in the LCV segment. Designed to deliver higher profitability, the FURIO 8 offers best-in-class mileage, higher payload capacity, and a state-of-the-art cabin for optimal comfort, convenience, and safety. Given its unbeatable package of benefits, FURIO 8, is designed to deliver the highest profits in its category. Hence the proclamation, Truck Badlo, Taqdeer Badlegi". Speaking on the occasion of this new range introduction, Mr. Vinod Sahay, President – Trucks, Buses, CE, Aerospace & Defense, Member of the Group Executive Board, Mahindra Group, said, "The launch of the new Mahindra FURIO 8 range of LCV trucks with the guarantee, 'Get The Highest Mileage or Give the Truck Back', will help our customers earn the highest operating profit from their FURIO 8 in this category. The new truck series sets new benchmarks of excellence and customer-centricity while reflecting our serious commitment to the segment and confidence in our products". Dr. Venkat Srinivas, Business Head, MTB & CE, added, "Mahindra FURIO 8 is engineered to deliver higher earnings, lower Total Cost of Ownership (TCO), minimal maintenance, and unmatched safety, comfort, and convenience – ensuring profit, peace of mind and higher prosperity for our customers."

FURIO 8 also comes with Double Service Guarantees: 36-hour guaranteed turnaround

Vikrant Massey Inspires LPU Students During "Voices of Bharat" Event

J S SODHI JALANDHAR: Celebrated actor Vikrant Massey visited Lovely Professional University (LPU) for the "Voices of Bharat" event, leaving a lasting impression on thousands of students with his humility, inspiring career journey, and thought-provoking



insights. Reflecting on his deep-rooted connection with LPU, Massey said, "My close relatives have studied and are currently studying here. I've seen this beautiful, green campus virtually for years and always wondered

what it would feel like to be here—and today, I finally experienced it." Tracing his journey from television to film, he shared, "I started acting at 16 and after a decade in television, I knew I wanted more. I took a leap of faith. It wasn't easy, but it was absolutely worth it." Highlighting the value of continuous growth, he emphasized, "Just like you update your phones, update yourself. Education is not just about academics—it's about becoming better humans." The event was graced by LPU's Founder Chancellor and Member of Parliament Dr. Ashok Kumar Mittal, and Pro Chancellor Dr. Rashmi Mittal. Dr. Mittal praised Vikrant's honesty and grit, adding, "His journey is a lesson in courage, self-belief, and constant evolution." Massey also offered a glimpse into his upcoming film Aankhon Ki Gustakhiyan, based on Ruskin Bond's "The Eyes Have It," developed in collaboration with the Blind Association of India.

Major General J.S. Cheema Inspects NCC CATC-40 Camp at CT Group



J S SODHI JALANDHAR : Major General J.S. Cheema, General Officer Commanding, visited the NCC Group Headquarters and the CATC-40 Camp underway at CT Group of Institutions, Shahpur Campus. He was welcomed with a ceremonial Guard of Honour and Quarter Guard Salute by the cadets. During the inspection, he observed the camp's ongoing training activities, including a simulated section formation attack, and

interacted with cadets, trainers, and Associate NCC Officers. Praising the discipline, food, and logistical arrangements, he honored top-performing cadets and staff for their exemplary contributions. Colonel Vinod Joshi, Camp Commandant, presented an overview of the camp's sessions, which included a disaster response lecture by the SDRF team, a fire safety demo by the Fire Brigade, and a special health session for girl cadets by a gynaecologist.

Bank of Baroda Waives Charges on Non-Maintenance of Minimum Balance in Savings Accounts

CHANDIGARH/LUDHIANA : Bank of Baroda (Bank), one of India's leading public sector banks, has announced a significant customer-friendly initiative by waiving charges on Non-Maintenance of Minimum Balance in all standard Savings Accounts, with effect from July 1, 2025, reinforcing its commitment to its customers. With this, customers will not incur any charges for any shortfall in the Monthly Average Balance in their Savings Accounts. The waiver is not applicable on Premium Savings Account schemes. Beena Vahed, Executive Director, Bank of Baroda said, "Removing minimum balance charges reflects Bank of Baroda's ongoing commitment to our customers, making banking more accessible for all. It further strengthens our efforts to deliver inclusive, value-driven banking services to our customers."

Preparations underway for smooth conduct of Kanwar Yatra in Vyaspur

NITIN SINGLA/SAVITA BILASPUR: A high-level meeting was held at the Sub-Divisional Office in Vyaspur to chalk out detailed arrangements for the upcoming Kanwar Yatra, scheduled from July 11 to 22. The meeting was chaired by Sub-Divisional Magistrate (SDM) Jaspal Singh Gill and attended by police officials, administrative officers, and representatives of social and religious organisations planning to set up Kanwar service camps. DSP Harvinder Singh, block development and panchayat officers from Vyaspur and Sadaura, senior medical officer Dr. Sama Parveen, and officials from all concerned departments were present. The meeting focused on ensuring the safety, convenience, and smooth movement of Kanwar pilgrims. Key directions issued during the meeting included preparation and inspection of route maps, barricading near Kanwar camps, ensuring smooth traffic flow, and deploying PCR vehicles to prevent mishaps. Restrictions were placed on the use of high-volume loudspeakers and DJs on vehicles. Cranes would be on standby to assist in emergencies during the yatra. All local station house officers were



directed to coordinate with sarpanches and village secretaries to prepare a list of Kanwar pilgrims. SDM Gill instructed that only pre-approved Kanwar camps would be allowed, with permissions for loudspeakers and site locations to be obtained in advance. Camps must be located at least 200 feet from the road, with signage placed 100 meters ahead. Adequate lighting, fire safety equipment, and proper electrical wiring are to be ensured at all sites. To prevent traffic disruption, camps and community kitchens are prohibited near bus stands, and parking must be arranged away from roadways. Volunteers at each camp must undergo police verification, and separate sanitation facilities for men and women will be provided. Arrangements for clean water,

medical supplies, and first aid are to be made, with a complete ban on intoxicants, including bhang. Officials were also instructed to raise public awareness encouraging devotees to carry identity proof, avoid carrying weapons, and comply with DJ height limits of 10 feet. Roadside along the yatra route will be cleared of overgrown shrubs, high-tension wires inspected and adjusted if sagging, and electric teams deployed to monitor connections. Reflective signboards will be installed for night-time visibility, and road repairs completed before the yatra begins. Designated pedestrian paths will be marked, with a 1-metre-wide yellow reflective line along the roadside. Sandbags will be placed along these lines to prevent vehicle encroachment.

British Council invites Indian students for Study UK Pre-departure briefing

CHANDIGARH: The British Council, UK's international organisation for educational opportunities and cultural exchange is inviting students from India to join the Study UK Pre-Departure Briefing on Tuesday, 29 July 2025 from 3.00 p.m. – 5.00 p.m. (IST). This virtual event is tailored for students who have received an offer to study at a UK higher education institution. The virtual briefing session will offer practical guidance and expert advice on key aspects of preparing for life and study in the UK. From navigating student



visa applications and exploring accommodation options to hearing first-hand insights from UK alumni, the session aims to equip students with the confidence and knowledge needed for a successful academic journey. Representatives from UK universities and BUILA will also be present, offering students direct insights and a deeper understanding of the UK higher education experience. Key topics to be covered during the briefing include: Preparing for travel to the UK – Tips on packing, budgeting, travel arrangements, and adjusting to life abroad. Health, safety, and wellbeing – Information on accessing UK healthcare services, insurance, and mental health support for international students. Visa application process and Q&A – Representatives from UK Visas and Immigration (UKVI) will offer up-to-date information on the student visa process and answer student queries. Alumni and student insights – Current students and recent graduates will share their live experiences of studying in the UK, offering practical advice and guidance.

SMIORE honored with Seven Star Rated Mine award

CHANDIGARH: The Sandur Manganese & Iron Ores Limited (SMIORE) has been honoured with the distinguished Seven Star Rated Mine award in recognition of our outstanding efforts and best practices in green mining by the Ministry of Mines, Indian Bureau of Mines, for its exemplary performance during the year



2023-24. The award has been instituted by the Indian Bureau of Mines (IBM). SMIORE is the only mine from South India and the first among the three selected Seven Star Rated Mines in the country. Additionally, acknowledging its commitment to sustainable development at its Kammathur Iron Ore Mine in Sandur Taluk, Ballari District the company has been awarded the Five Star Rating for the year 2023-24. The

mine spans an area of 1,860.10 hectares. These awards, instituted by the Indian Bureau of Mines (IBM), aim to promote sustainable mining and recognize exemplary practices that set new benchmarks while meeting key performance parameters. Bahji A. Ghoshade, Managing Director, SMIORE said that a decade of excellence and recognition by the fraternity reinforces our commitment to sustainable development, environmental stewardship, safety, technological innovation, and community engagement in the areas we operate. We strive to safeguard the social, economic, and environmental welfare of present and future generations. I am immensely proud of our team, who have consistently delivered excellence in this critical facet of our operations. Their dedication is evident in SMIORE's remarkable achievement of the prestigious Five Star Rating each year since its inception - a distinction that has now culminated in the highest honour of the Seven Star Rating.


Bayer launches Felujit for Sheath Blight control in Paddy cultivation

Hararyana – Bayer, a global enterprise with core competencies in the life science fields of agriculture and healthcare, announced the launch of Felujit, an innovative fungicide designed to provide protection to all plant parts against sheath blight in paddy cultivation. The product will be available across key rice-growing states in the country starting from July. As the agricultural sector grapples with increasing challenges from pests and diseases, Felujit, with its unique formulation combining Penflufen and Tebuconazole, is set to transform the way farmers manage this persistent disease that has origins in the soil. It effectively inhibits the growth of sheath blight by its dual mode of action throughout the entire body of the plant upon application, providing farmers with a reliable solution that enhances crop yields and quality. A single spray of Felujit offers superior efficacy that lasts more than twice the current market standards. This means farmers can achieve effective disease control without the burden of multiple applications, saving both time and labor costs. "Felujit is a highly effective solution for farmers, offering excellent control over sheath blight while streamlining their farming practices. Given the critical role of paddy in global food security, our innovation empowers farmers to manage disease effectively with fewer applications,

Bandhan Mutual Fund Launches Bandhan Multi-Factor Fund

Chandigarh : Bandhan Mutual Fund has announced the launch of Bandhan Multi-Factor Fund, an open-ended equity scheme investing based on an adaptive and evolving multi-factor quantitative model theme. The fund offers investors diversified exposure by blending four time-tested investment factors – Momentum, Value, Quality, and Low Volatility – into a single portfolio. The New Fund Offer (NFO) opens on Thursday, 10 July 2025 and closes on Thursday, 24 July 2025. Investments in the Bandhan Multi-Factor Fund can be made through licensed mutual fund distributors, online platforms, or directly via https://bandhanmutual.com/nfo/bandhan-multi-factor-fund/ Commenting on the launch, Vishal Kapoor, CEO, Bandhan AMC, said, "As markets become increasingly dynamic, investors need strategies that can adapt and remain resilient through cycles. Multi-factor investing has emerged as a compelling equity strategy, especially in a market where no single factor consistently leads across all conditions. Momentum tends to perform well in bull markets, value during recoveries, quality in slowdowns, and low volatility in uncertain phases. By combining these factors, the Bandhan Multi-Factor Fund aims to reduce reliance on any one factor and enhance overall risk-adjusted returns."





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CORRIGENDUM
In account Varun Enterprises E-Auction notice was published on 16.06.2025 in the "Yugmarg" (English Circulation) and "Rozana spokesman" (Hindi Circulation) both Chandigarh Edition newspaper for E-auction of mortgaged properties to be held on 17.07.2025. In the said e-auction notice in the description of the immovable property with respect to property mentioned in Lot No. 71, Basant Vihar, Nasrali, Mandi Govingi Garh, Distt. Fateh Garh Sahib, standing in the name of Mr. Ramesh Kumar Bansal son of Mr. Ram Gopal Bansal.
All other terms and conditions of the sale remain unchanged.
Place : Chandigarh
Date : 09.07.2025
Sd/-
Authorised Officer

IN THE HON'BLE DISTRICT CONSUMER
DISPUTES REDRESSAL FORUM-II
AT VISAKHAPATNAM
C.C.68/2025
BETWEEN:
DR. SURAPATHI SANKARA RAO
...COMPLAINANT
AND
STATE LEVEL BANKERS COMMITTEE
& 4 OTHERS
...OPPOSITE PARTIES

SUMMONS
To,
OPPOSITE PARTY NO.1:
STATE LEVEL BANKERS COMMITTEE,
(HARYANA)PUNJAB NATIONAL BANK,
PNB HOUSE,3rd FLOOR, SECTOR -17 B,
CHANDIGARH.
OPPOSITE PARTY NO.5:
PRINCIPAL NODAL OFFICER,
SH PULIN KUMAR PATNAIK,
GENERAL MANAGER, CUSTOMER CARE
CENTRE, PLOT NO. 5, INSTITUTIONAL
AREA, SECTOR-32, GURUGRAM
(HARYANA)-122001

Please take notice that above named Complainant has instituted the above Consumer Complaint against you seeking Recovery of Rs.86,980.81 (Rupees Eighty Six Thousand Nine Hundred Eighty One and One Paisa Only), with respect to his Loan Account with number 04620021000564213 of the Punjab National Bank and for other reliefs and the matter stands posted to **06-08-2025** for your appearance. Therefore, you are hereby summoned to appear before the Hon'ble Forum either in person or through duly instructed Advocate on **06-08-2025 at 10:30 A.M** in the above Forum to answer all material questions, failing which the matter will be heard and determined in your absence, ex parte as per Law. (By Order of the Hon'ble Forum)

ARVIND P. DESHMUKH & S. SAI KIRAN,
Advocates, Visakhapatnam,
Cell: 9346028070, 7207155607



Chief Minister Thakur Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu being presented a cheque of Rs. One Crore by Director (Personnel), SJVN Ltd. Ajay Kumar Sharma towards Chief Minister Relief Fund at Shimla.



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Publication of Notice regarding possession of property u/s 13(4) of SARFAESI Act 2002
Notice is hereby given under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (54 of 2002) and in exercise of powers conferred under section 13 (12) read with rule 9 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002, a demand notice was issued on the dates mentioned against each account and stated hereinafter calling upon them to repay the amount within 60 days from the date of receipt of said notice.
The Borrower having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the Borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of power conferred on him/her under section 13(4) of the said Act read with Rule 9 of the said Act on the dates mentioned against each account.
The Borrower in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of the Axis Bank Ltd for an amount and interest thereon.
The borrowers attention is invited to provisions of Sub-section (8) of Section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available to redeem the secured assets.

Sr. No.

Name of Borrower/ Guarantor/Address

Date of Demand Notice

NPA Date

Date of Possession

Amount Outstanding

1.

1. Mr. Jagtar Singh S/o Banta Singh, Village Chhan Ghoga, P.O. Jasraur, Tehsil Ajnala, Amritsar-143102. Also at: Mr. Jagtar Singh S/o Banta Singh Punjab Police, 9th Batalavi PAP Mail Mandi, Opp. 100R Road, Amritsar-143102 Also at: Mr. Jagtar Singh S/o Banta Singh House No. 41, Bhagat Naam Dev Colony, Tehsil Ajnala District Amritsar-143102
2. Mrs. Gurwinder Kaur W/o Jagtar Singh, Village Chhan Ghoga, P.O. Jasraur, Tehsil Ajnala, Amritsar-143102 Also at: Mrs. Gurwinder Kaur W/o Jagtar Singh House No. 41, Bhagat Naam Dev Colony, Tehsil Ajnala District Amritsar-143102

Description of mortgaged Property- All that part and parcel of the Residential Property/ House No. 41, measuring total area 5 Marlas being 5/152 share of total land area of 07 Kanal- 12 Marla comprised in Khasra No.71/118 (7-12), Khewat Khatoni No. 115/182, 104/133 as per Jamabandi for the year 2008-2009, situated at Bhagat Naam Dev Colony Tehsil Ajnala District Amritsar registered in the name of Mrs. Gurwinder Kaur w/o Jagtar Singh Vide Sale Deed having Vaska No. 2238 dated 27-07-2012. **Boundaries (As per Documents), East:** Gali 18 ft. **West:** House of Kamal Singh, North: House of Ranjit Singh **South:** Plot
Date: 09.07.2025, Place: Amritsar
Sd/- Authorised Officer, Axis Bank Limited

DIRECTORATE OF PUNJAB STATE LOTTERIES
DRAW TIME: 06:00 PM ONWARDS DRAW DATE: 08/07/2025
RESULT OF PUNJAB STATE DEAR 10 DIAMOND TUESDAY WEEKLY LOTTERY

MRP Rs 10/- Per Ticket											
1st Prize Amount (10)Rs.10,000/-, Common to all series (On last 4 digits)											
(Seller Prize Amount Rs.500/-, Total Prize Amount Rs.10500/- each)											
7517											
2nd Prize Amount (10)Rs.2000/-, Common to all series (On last 4 digits)											
(Seller Prize Amount Rs.200/-, Total Prize Amount Rs.2200/- each)											
9773											
3rd Prize Amount (100)Rs.500/-, Common to all series (On last 4 digits)											
(Seller Prize Amount Rs.50/-, Total Prize Amount Rs.550/- each)											
0555	2310	2833	3582	5298	6433	7042	8004	8559	8620		
4th Prize Amount (100)Rs.200/-, Common to all series (On last 4 digits)											
(Seller Prize Amount Rs.20/-, Total Prize Amount Rs.220/- each)											
0544	3298	3374	4599	6418	7114	7269	8264	9727	9847		
5th Prize Amount (2000)Rs.100/-, Common to all series (On last 4 digits)											
(Seller Prize Amount Rs.10/-, Total Prize Amount Rs.110/- each)											
0010	0029	0043	0067	0133	0147	0164	0417	0539	0543		
0572	0607	0621	0649	0823	0957	0989	1027	1050	1107		
1113	1128	1271	1299	1304	1375	1469	1552	1576	1742		
1777	1789	1836	1963	1970	1980	2018	2096	2147	2221		
2222	2224	2253	2256	2321	2362	2400	2662	2665	2769		
2809	2917	2998	3086	3226	3323	3395	3480	3572	3665		
3721	3771	3772	3810	3847	3876	3877	3878	4033	4060		
4095	4141	4153	4163	4176	4190	4253	4295	4345	4418		
4424	4459	4471	4478	4500	4535	4643	4651	4735	4772		
4781	4813	4837	4859	4908	4961	4989	4991	5137	5217		
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6480	6557	6564	6635	6682	6695	6746	6761	6777	6806		
6875	6921	6939	7188	7220	7229	7320	7484	7581	7603		
7660	7742	7963	7974	8051	8098	8215	8243	8277	8339		
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9617	9624	9759	9771	9780	9804	9865	9868	9875	9932		

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Kindly check the final result with Official Gazette Notification

DIRECTORATE OF PUNJAB STATE LOTTERIES
Draw Time: 06:00 PM ONWARDS DRAW DATE: 08/07/2025
RESULT OF PUNJAB STATE DEAR 100 MONTHLY LOTTERY

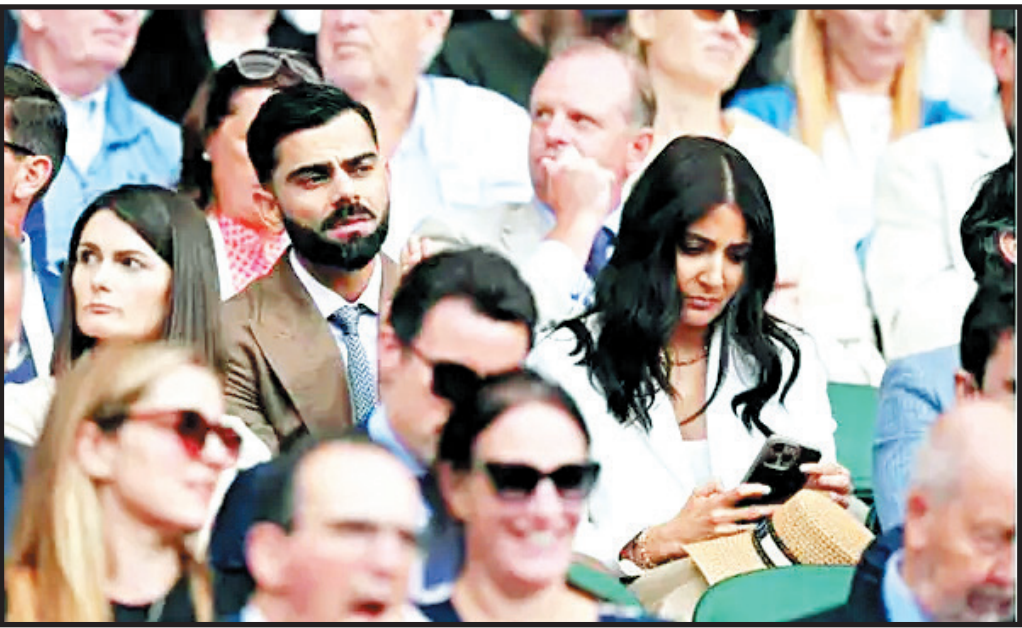
RESULT OF PUNJAB STATE DEAR 100 MONTHLY LOTTERY											
MRP Rs 100/- Per Ticket											
1st Prize Amount (1) Rs. 15 Lakh (On 5 digits with series)											
(Seller Prize Amount Rs. 1 Lakh + Sub Stockist Prize Amount Rs. 25 Thousand, Total Prize Amount Rs. 16.25 Lakh)											
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2nd Prize Amount (50) Rs. 9,000/- (On last 4 digits)											
(Seller Prize Amount Rs. 900/-, Sub Stockist Prize Amount Rs. 100/-, Total Prize Amount Rs. 10,000/- Each)											
0929	1696	3018	5454	6557							
3rd Prize Amount (100) Rs. 5,000/- (On Last 4 digits)											
(Seller Prize Amount Rs.500/-, Sub Stockist Prize Amount Rs. 50/-, Total Prize Amount Rs. 5,500/- Each)											
0024	0595	1221	3944	4287	6453	6478	7188	7675	7778		
4th Prize Amount (100) Rs. 2,000/- (On last 4 digits)											
(Seller Prize Amount Rs. 200/-, Sub Stockist Prize Amount Rs. 20/-, Total Prize Amount Rs. 2,200/- Each)											
0263	0468	2261	4382	4439	4529	6560	6943	6998	9079		
5th Prize Amount (100) Rs. 1,000/- (On last 4 digits)											
(Seller Prize Amount Rs. 200/-, Sub Stockist Prize Amount Rs. 20/-, Total Prize Amount Rs. 1,220/- Each)											
1238	2307	3888	4249	5255	6021	7592	7688	9308	9456		
6th Prize Amount (4000) Rs. 200/- (On last 4 digits)											
(Seller Prize Amount Rs. 50 /-, Sub Stockist Prize Amount Rs. 20/-, Total Prize Amount Rs. 270/- Each)											
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Virat Kohli, Anushka Sharma spotted at Wimbledon

Star cricketer Virat Kohli, along with his wife and actress Anushka Sharma, were spotted at the centre court of the ongoing tennis tournament, Wimbledon, on July 7. The couple was there to witness Novak Djokovic's thrilling round of 16 win against Australia's Alex de Minaur in the Wimbledon 2025 Championships. Virat and Anushka arrived as spectators for the match between one of the greats of tennis, Novak Djokovic, and rising star Alex de Minaur. In photos going viral on the internet, Virat and Anushka were seen sitting in the stands alongside other spectators. The Indian cricketer donned a brown blazer for the outing while Anushka looked elegant and classy in a white blazer. The thrilling tennis match ended in another wing for Novak, a step forward for the Tennis legend to clinch another Wimbledon title to his name. Kohli took to Instagram to share his excitement, posting a heartfelt story for Djokovic.

Last year, the Indian ODI cricket team captain Rohit Sharma also attended the Wimbledon tournament to watch the semifinal clash between Daniil Medvedev. Kohli, who recently retired from Test cricket, was in London following his triumph with Royal Challengers Bengaluru in the Indian Premier League (IPL) in June 2025. Coming to the match



between Novak and Alex, the seven-time champion secured his berth in the final eight with 1-6, 6-4, 6-4, 6-4 in a contest that lasted for three hours and nineteen minutes. Last year, De Minaur had to withdraw before his quarter-final clash against Djokovic at SW19 due to a hip injury he sustained in his fourth-round win against Arthur Fils. De Minaur had dropped just one set en route to the Round of 16, but his run ended on a frustrating note. He steamrolled past Djokovic in the opening set, but the 26-year-old couldn't convert the break-point opportunities to turn around his fate. The limited errors from Djokovic kept things in his favour in the second and third sets. In the fourth set, he

rallied from 1-4 to earn a spot in the quarter-finals. After sealing his 101st victory, the 24-time Grand Slam champion is three victories away from a record-extending 25th title. If Djokovic wins Wimbledon, the 38-year-old will go level with Roger Federer's tally of eight titles on the grass-court major.

Sidharth Malhotra remembers Kargil War hero Captain Vikram Batra on 26th death anniversary

Actor Sidharth Malhotra paid a heartfelt tribute to Kargil War hero Captain Vikram Batra on his 26th death anniversary. Batra, who laid down his life during the Kargil War in

1999, is remembered across the nation every year on July 7 for his courage and sacrifice. Sidharth, who portrayed Captain Batra in the 2021 film 'Shershaah', took to social media to remember the brave soldier. The actor shared a series of throwback photos of the late Captain. One of the pictures shows Batra posing in uniform against a backdrop of rocky mountains, while another is a close-up showing his strong yet calm expression. Along with the pictures, Sidharth wrote a caption that read, "To Captain Vikram Batra, your story continues to move and inspire us. Thank you for showing us the meaning of true strength. Remembering you today, on the day you gave everything for the nation."

Captain Batra was a valiant officer of the Indian Army. On July 7, 1999, during the Kargil conflict between India and Pakistan, he was killed in action. For his unmatched bravery, he was posthumously awarded the Param Vir Chakra, India's highest military honour. The day is now observed as Balidan Diwas, meaning the Day of Sacrifice, in his memory. Sidharth's portrayal of the war hero



in Shershaah received praise from audiences and critics alike. Directed by Vishnu Vardhan and produced by Dharma Productions, the film also starred Kiara Advani in a key role and was released on Amazon Prime Video.

On the work front, Sidharth Malhotra is gearing up for his next film Param Sundari, where he stars opposite Janhvi Kapoor. The film directed by Tushar Jalota and produced by Maddock Films.

Vijay Deverakonda's 'Kingdom' gets new release date



After much delay, Vijay Deverakonda's much-awaited film Kingdom finally has a confirmed release date. Fans who have been waiting for the film can now mark their calendars as Kingdom is set to hit theatres worldwide on July 31. Vijay, on Monday, shared a special promo announcing the new date. The 44-second promo shows him first as a police officer and then as a prisoner trying to survive behind bars. The clip includes intense action scenes, bullets flying, and Vijay's character fighting against the odds. Along with the teaser, he wrote, "July 31st. Worldwide. Let our Destinies unfold." Take a look <https://x.com/TheDeverakonda/status/1942216438376460485> The film has already seen multiple changes in its release schedule. It was first set for a May 30 release and later postponed to July 4. The makers had to reschedule due to tensions between India and Pakistan at the time, which made it difficult for them to carry out promotions. "To our dear audience, we wish to inform that the release of our film Kingdom, originally set for May 30, has been rescheduled to July 4. We explored every possibility to stick to the original date, but recent unforeseen events in the country and the current atmosphere have made it difficult for us to move forward with promotions or celebrations," read an earlier statement by makers.

The inspiring journey of Assistant Director Gurdeep Singh: A rising star behind the camera

In the dynamic world of cinema and music, where stars shine on-screen, the brilliance behind the lens often goes unnoticed. Gurdeep Singh, born on June 5, 1987, is one such name steadily earning recognition as a passionate and visionary Assistant Director in the Punjabi entertainment industry.

A Career Built on Craft and Commitment
With a strong eye for detail and an innate sense of cinematic rhythm, Gurdeep Singh has contributed to the success of numerous Punjabi music videos and film projects. Over the years, he has collaborated with prominent production houses across India, leaving a distinct mark through his behind-the-scenes excellence.

Among his noteworthy contributions are several chart-topping Punjabi songs including: "Biceps", "Karma Topper", "Padayi Shaddi", "Ustaad" – a widely celebrated hit by Singhjeet. These projects not only reflect Gurdeep's strong command of visual storytelling but also highlight his expertise in set coordination, timing, and crew management – all critical skills for any successful assistant director.

Eyes on the Future
In a recent interview, Gurdeep Singh revealed that he is actively involved in multiple upcoming Punjabi film projects, aiming to bring more fresh, engaging, and culturally rooted stories to the screen. Known for his calm demeanor, sharp technical knowledge, and collaborative spirit, Gurdeep has become a sought-after name among directors and producers alike.

A Name to Watch in Indian Filmmaking
Gurdeep's journey from a passionate film enthusiast to a trusted assistant director is a testament to hard work, learning, and an unbreakable love for cinema. As the Punjabi entertainment industry continues to evolve and gain global reach, dedicated professionals like Gurdeep Singh play an essential role in shaping its future – one frame at a time. With growing experience and an expanding portfolio, Gurdeep stands as a promising figure in the Indian film and music production scene – someone whose work behind the scenes brings every on-screen moment to life.



Saanand Verma's Inspiring Journey from Rejection to Respect after winning hearts as Anokhe Lal Saxena!

CHANDIGARH: &TV's Bhabiji Ghar Par Hai has introduced audiences to many iconic characters, and one such character is Anokhe Lal Saxena, portrayed by the immensely talented Saanand Verma.

Known for his wild antics and the ever-viral catchphrase "I like it," he has not only entertained millions but also inspired countless fans with Saanand's off-screen journey of resilience. Sharing a poignant turning point from his struggling days, Saanand Verma aka Anokhe Lal Saxena said, "There was a time I approached one of the popular Bollywood directors for a role. Unfortunately, he spoke to me rather rudely, rejected me outright, and said some hurtful things. That experience stayed with me for years. But life has a funny way of turning things around. After Bhabiji Ghar Par Hai became a hit and Saxena Ji gained recognition, the same director called me, this time with warmth in his voice. He invited me over for dinner and shared how his family, especially his kids, are huge fans of my character. That moment was surreal. Today, we share a great bond." He adds, "It was a powerful reminder that no rejection is final, and the universe always circles back with something better. That day, I truly felt how talent and resilience eventually find their way to the spotlight—or in my case, to the dinner table of someone who had once turned me away. It was emotional, humbling, and honestly, I like it!" Watch Saanand Verma as Anokhe Lal Saxena in Bhabiji Ghar Par Hai, every Monday to Friday at 10:30 PM, only on &TV!



Ishankk Salluja surprises fans with his first-ever Sardar look in Vasudha

CHANDIGARH: Zee TV's Vasudha has been keeping audiences hooked with its gripping narrative filled with love, loyalty, and hidden motives. As the story progresses, viewers are in for a major twist when Avinash (Ishankk Salluja) and Vasudha (Priya Thakur) take matters into their own hands to uncover the truth behind Megha's (Mandeep Kaur) intentions. With the Chauhan family placing complete trust in Megha as the prospective bride for Devansh (Abhishek Sharma), Vasudha and Avinash set out on a secret mission—one that demands not just courage, but a disguise.

In a striking and unexpected turn of events, Avinash and Vasudha go undercover, with Avinash disguising himself as a Sardar to get closer to the truth. What makes this sequence especially impactful is Ishankk Salluja's complete transformation—sporting a full beard, traditional turban, and an unmistakable Punjabi swag. It's a first in his on-screen career and a far different look from his usual, making it a standout moment in the show. The transformation wasn't just cosmetic. Ishankk dove deep into the preparation, fine-tuning his dialect, understanding cultural nuances, and working closely with the costume and makeup teams to ensure every detail felt authentic. His commitment to getting it right brought a new layer of realism and depth to Avinash's character.

Speaking about his transformation, Ishankk Salluja said, "Slipping into the disguise of a Sardar for this sequence was exciting and very different from anything I've done before in Vasudha. In fact, this is the first time in my career that I am portraying the role of a Sardar on screen, which made the experience even more special. What made it more meaningful is that it was a decision driven by Avinash's love for his family. The look, the mannerisms, everything was planned carefully to ensure the audience believes in this transformation."



On Guru Purnima, Zee TV actors reflect on the ones who taught them life's greatest lessons

CHANDIGARH: On the auspicious occasion of Guru Purnima — a day dedicated to expressing gratitude towards our Guru in life, teachers, and guiding forces, we turn the spotlight on its beloved actors as they pay heartfelt tributes to those who have shaped their personal and professional journeys. Whether it's a parent, coach, spiritual teacher, or a director who helped uncover a deeper truth, the stories shared by these actors serve as beautiful reminders of the impact a true Guru can have. On this special occasion, Zee TV actors like Priya Thakur from Vasudha, Mohak Matkar from Saru, Aarya Babbar from Jagriti – Ek Nayi Subah, Aarchi Sachdeva from Kumkum Bhagya, and Ayushi Khurana from Jaane Anjaane Hum Mile share their thoughts, memories, and tributes to the guiding lights who have inspired and empowered them.

Ayushi Khurana, who essays the role of Reet in Zee TV's Jaane Anjaane Hum Mile said, "For me, Guru Purnima has always been about one person — my mother. She has been my first teacher, my fiercest cheerleader, and the person who laid the foundation for every value I



hold dear. As a child, I vividly remember her saying, 'No matter how big your dreams are, your feet should always stay grounded.' That single line has been my compass through every high and low. She taught me that kindness is strength, that hard work beats talent when talent doesn't work hard, and that staying true to yourself is the greatest lesson of all. Even now, before any big audition or shoot, I pause and think, 'What would Mom say?'



That voice of hers — wise, encouraging, and unwavering — lives in me. Every Guru Purnima, I make it a point to spend the day with her. We usually visit a nearby temple together and then I take her out for lunch — it's my little ritual to say thank you to the woman who gave me not just life, but also the tools to live it meaningfully. She is and always will be my guiding light."

Priya Thakur, who essays the role of Vasudha in Zee TV's Vasudha, said, "This Guru Purnima, my heart is filled with gratitude for the mentor who helped me grow far be-



yond what I believed I was capable of — my director Arvind Babbar ji. He didn't just guide me through the complexities of portraying Vasudha; he helped me explore uncharted depths within myself. One of the most transformative moments came during a shoot. The scene wasn't working, and I could feel doubt creeping in. Instead of giving me notes or criticism, he just sat beside me, quietly asked questions, and held space for me to find the truth in the character. That day, I didn't just understand the scene better—I understood my character and her lay-

ers better. He believed in me even when I struggled to believe in myself. He's been a true mentor who not only shaped the performance, he helped shape the person behind it. On this day that honours our teachers, I am filled with gratitude for the guidance that helped me become who I am, both on and off the screen." Mohak Matkar, who essays the role of Saru in Zee TV's Saru, said, "Guru Purnima always brings me back to a quiet afternoon in our school's modest dance room. Most students had left, but my dance teacher stayed back just for me. That day, she introduced me to the elegance and emotion of classical dance — not through rigid instruction, but through storytelling and feeling. Every mudra was more than a movement — it carried a legacy, a mood, a memory. As I prepared for my first solo stage performance, riddled with nerves and self-doubt, she stood by me with unwavering calm, holding space for me just like family. Today, when I dance — even in front of the camera — I hear her voice in my rhythm, feel her posture in mine, and remember her grace in every step."

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