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ED files second supplementary complaint against Unitech Group promoters

NEW DELHI: The Enforcement Directorate (ED) has filed its Second Supplementary Prosecution Complaint (SPC) before the Special Court under the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA) on July 10. The complaint has been filed against Ramesh Chandra and others, including several companies, namely M/s Shivalik Ventures Private Limited, M/s Auram Asset Management Private Limited, M/s Unitech Build Tech Limited, M/s Unitech Golf Resorts Limited, and M/s Ranchero Services Limited. This filing is part of the ongoing investigation into large-scale financial irregularities and money laundering involving Unitech Limited and its directors. The ED initiated its probe on the basis of FIRs registered by the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) and Delhi Police under various sections of the Indian Penal Code (IPC), 1860, and the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988. The accused include Unitech promoters Ramesh Chandra, Sanjay Chandra, Preeti Chandra, Ajay Chandra, and other individuals and entities. This supplementary complaint is a critical part of a broader investigation into the alleged defrauding of over 29,800 homebuyers. These homebuyers had invested their life savings into various housing projects floated by Unitech Limited. According to the ED, the promoters, in collusion with associates, engaged in a massive criminal conspiracy to divert and launder these funds.

Russia to import 1 million skilled workforce from India

MOSCOW: Russia will import up to 1 million workforce by the end of this year to address labour shortage in the country's highly industrialised areas, a business leader said. "As far as I know, by the end of the year, 1 million specialists from India will come to Russia, including the Sverdlovsk region. A new Consulate General is opening in Yekaterinburg, which will deal with these issues," Andrey Besedin, the head of the Ural Chamber of Commerce and Industry, told the Ros-BusinessConsulting (RBC) news agency.

PM Modi condoles demise of B Saroja Devi

NEW DELHI: Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Monday condoled the demise of veteran actor B Saroja Devi, at the age of 87, leaving behind a legacy that spans over six decades in Indian cinema. Known for her versatility and range, she acted in over 200 films across Kannada, Tamil, Telugu, Hindi, and Sinhalese languages, earning her a special place in the hearts of audiences nationwide. In his 'X' post, PM Modi stated that she will be remembered as an "exemplary icon" of Indian cinema and culture. PM Modi mentioned that Saroja Devi's works spanned different languages and covered different themes, which also highlighted her versatile nature. "Saddened by the passing of the noted film personality, B Saroja Devi Ji.

Prof Ashim Ghosh is new Governor of Haryana

President also appoints Governor of Goa and LG for Ladakh
UNI NEW DELHI, JULY 14

President Droupadi Murmu today appointed Prof Ashim Kumar Ghosh as the Governor of Haryana and Pusapati Ashok Gajapathi Raju as the Governor of Goa.

According to a Rashtrapati Bhavan communique, the President accepted the resignation of Brig BD Mishra (Retd) as Lieutenant Governor of Ladakh and named Kavinder Gupta as the LG of the Union Territory.

The above appointments will take effect from the dates they will assume charge of their respective offices, the statement said. Ghosh will be the 19th Governor of Haryana; and he will replace Bandaru Dattatreya, who had been serving in the post since July 18, 2021. Ghosh, a prominent political figure from West Bengal, hails from Howrah and served as the West Bengal BJP state president from 1999 to 2002.

His appointment is being viewed as a strategic move by the Centre, bringing a seasoned organizational hand with roots in Ladakh politics into the constitutional framework of Haryana. His political career spans both academia and grassroots politics. During his tenure as West Bengal BJP chief, the party was still establishing its foothold in a state dominated by the Left Front. Despite limited electoral success at the time, Ghosh was credited with strengthening the BJP's organizational base in Bengal.



Suggestion invited for 'Haryana Vision 2047' document

CHANDIGARH: To plan for Haryana's long-term progress, the Swarna Jayanti Haryana Institute for Fiscal Management is preparing the 'Haryana Vision 2047' document. This vision aims to ensure that Haryana sets new paradigms of development and innovation in the upcoming years. Sharing information in this regard an official spokesperson said that in order to make this document more participatory, a special portal has been developed by the National Informatics Centre (NIC) for active participation of citizens in the public consultation survey. Through this portal, citizens can directly share their ideas, feedback, and expectations, which will help shape this important document. The spokesperson further said that the link to the portal will be shared on the official websites of the BAMS, the Finance Department, CMO and CS, all Deputy Commissioners, and the Vice Chancellors of universities across Haryana. Therefore, all citizens are requested to take part in this survey and contribute their valuable suggestions to help build a better and brighter future for Haryana.

SC agrees to hear plea on 'Udaipur Files' release



NEW DELHI: The Supreme Court has agreed to hear a plea seeking the lifting of the stay over the release of the movie 'Udaipur Files'. The plea was mentioned by Senior Advocate Gaurav Bhatia on behalf of the producer of the movie, who stated that the CBFC has already approved the said film and its non-release is violating his fundamental right. The Delhi High Court recently stayed the release of the movie one day before its official release date. The Delhi High Court on Thursday, July 10, ordered a stay on the release of the film. The stay will remain in effect until the Central Government decides on the revision application filed by Jamiat Ulema-i-Hind against the certification granted by the Central Board of Film Certification (CBFC). A Division Bench of Chief Justice Devendra Kumar Upadhyaya and Justice Anish Dayal passed the interim order while hearing two petitions, one by Jamiat Ulema-i-Hind and another by journalist Prashant Tandon, challenging the CBFC's decision to grant certification to the film. The petitioners argued that the film's release could disturb communal harmony and pose a serious threat to public order, given the sensitive nature of the subject. The Court observed that since the petitioners had been relegated to invoke the revisional remedy under the Cinematograph Act, 1952, the release of the film must remain stayed until a decision is made on their application for interim relief.

Shrine vandalised ahead of Braj Mandal Yatra in Nuh; security tightened

UNI CHANDIGARH, JULY 14

In Haryana's Nuh district, a shrine in Tawadu town was reportedly vandalised late Sunday night, hours before the start of the Braj Mandal Jalabhishek Yatra. The incident took place around 1:30 am and was discovered by caretakers at 5 am on Monday.

Police were informed immediately and senior officials, including the SDM and DSP, visited the site for investigation.

District Commissioner Vishram Kumar Meena stated that the situation remained completely peaceful and under control. He said strict action will be taken against those responsible.



Though the yatra route does not pass through Tawadu, many participants gather from this area. The vandalism is being viewed as an attempt to create fear among the devotees.

The yatra is scheduled to begin from the Nalhadeshwar Temple in Nalhar, passing through Jhirkeshwar Mahadev temple in Firozpur Jhirka and concluding at Shringeshwar Mahadev temple in Shingar village.

In 2023, the Braj Mandal Yatra in Nuh was marred by communal violence, resulting in seven deaths. The 2024 yatra proceeded under strict security.

This year, preparations are being made to conduct it in a grand manner with heightened precautions. Authorities have imposed multiple restrictions to maintain law and order. Internet and bulk SMS services have been suspended in Nuh for 24 hours. Schools and markets remain closed to day.

Robert Vadra appears before ED in Sanjay Bhandari-linked PMLA case

AGENCY NEW DELHI, JULY 14

Robert Vadra, the businessman husband of Congress MP Priyanka Gandhi Vadra, deposed before the Enforcement Directorate (ED) on Monday for questioning in a money laundering case linked to UK-based arms consultant Sanjay Bhandari and some others, official sources said.

The 56-year-old Vadra arrived at the federal probe agency's office located in central Delhi after 11 am. He was accompanied by Priyanka Gandhi Vadra, MP from Kerala's Wayanad Lok Sabha seat.



The businessman's statement was recorded under the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA), the sources said.

Saina Nehwal and Parupalli Kashyap call it quits after 7 years of marriage



UNI NEW DELHI: Shuttlers Saina Nehwal and Parupalli Kashyap, who tied the knot in the year 2018 have officially parted ways. The news of their separation was confirmed after Saina posted a heartfelt note on her Instagram page, it read: "Life takes us in different directions sometimes. After much thought and consideration, Kashyap Parupalli and I have decided to part ways. We're choosing peace, growth, and healing- for ourselves and each other. I'm grateful for the memories and wish nothing but the best moving forward. Thank you for understanding and respecting our privacy during this time."

The couple, once hailed as a power duo in Indian sports, trained together at the Pullulla Gopichand Academy in Hyderabad, and later started dating in 2004. The professional journeys of both the players are marked by remarkable achievements. While Saina made a name for herself by clinching the world no. 1 ranking and a bronze medal at the 2012 London Olympics, Parupalli followed through by winning gold at the 2014 Commonwealth Games and also made it to the BWF top 10 rankings. Saina's historic achievement as the first Indian woman to attain the world no. 1 ranking in Badminton has inspired countless young athletes across the country, also paving the way for future generations to follow in her footsteps.

Axiom-4 capsule undocks from ISS, Shukla to return home today

UNI BENGALURU, JULY 14

In a defining moment for global space collaboration, the SpaceX Dragon capsule undocked from the International Space Station (ISS) today, carrying four astronauts, including India's Shubhanshu Shukla, back to Earth after completing a landmark 18-day mission in orbit.

The undocking, initially slated for 4:15 pm IST, was delayed by about 30 minutes, beginning instead at 4:45 pm IST. The crew is now expected to splash down off the coast of California around 3:00 pm IST on Tuesday, July 15, with weather conditions reported to be favourable.

The capsule will enter the Depart Burn 0 stage before the capsule enters the Depart Burn 1 stage. The capsule will then embark on a journey back to


Earth.

The Axiom-4 mission, commissioned by the Houston-based private firm Axiom Space in collaboration with NASA, ISRO, and ESA, is being hailed as a major leap in commercial and international spaceflight. Alongside Shukla, the Dragon capsule is bringing back veteran NASA astronaut Peggy Whitson, ESA engineer

Slawosz Uznanski, and Hungarian Air Force pilot Tibor Kapu.

The mission had originally been scheduled for a 14-day duration, with a return on July 10. However, splashdown was delayed both due to adverse weather and the need to conclude crucial scientific experiments onboard the ISS. The extra days proved invaluable for research, with the crew completing over

60 experiments spanning human physiology, biotechnology, and sustainability in space. Among the standout studies were investigations into myogenesis (muscle formation), bone degeneration, microalgae viability, stem cell development, and the cultivation of edible sprouts in microgravity, all vital to making deep-space missions feasible and to enhancing medical science on Earth. Before undocking, the astronauts spent more than an hour inside the Dragon capsule, adjusting to the descent environment, a symbolic transition from the weightlessness of space to the gravity-bound journey home. This mission stands out not only for its scientific ambition but also for its geopolitical significance. It reflects a growing shift where public-private partnerships and multinational teamwork are setting the stage for the next generation of space exploration.

I, Sieman Nahar s/o Des Raj r/o Akbarpur Kalan tehsil Nakodar district Jalandhar have changed my minor daughter's name from Aishwin to Aishwin Nahar. All concerned note please.

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LOST & FOUND

I, Harpal Singh S/o Hukum Singh R/o 000 Nathowal Tehsil Raikot, Ludhiana Rural declare that I have lost my Army Canteen Card CM 0000 0853 3922 Army Licence No. 14071. That I tried a lot to find the said document but I could not find it. Lost SR NO- 608182/2025. If anyone finds my documents then contact me at my above address.

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PUBLIC NOTICES

I, Sangeeta is legally wife of No. 15209655K, HAV (W/M) Chhayappa Murennavar of Unit 93 MED Regt. C/O 56 APO Pin 925793, Residing at H.No.35, Dasarwadi, PO Honaga, Tehsil and District Belagavi, Karnataka, Pin 591156. Hereby declare that I have changed my name from Sangeeta to Sangeeta Chhayappa Murennavar. Due to wrongly entered in service documents of my husband. Both names Pertains to one and the same person. Vide Affidavit No. IN-PB53906412326988X Dated 14/07/2025 Attested by Notary Public (GOVT OF INDIA) Kindly Correct it.

I, No. 15209655K, HAV (W/M) Chhayappa Murennavar of Unit 93 MED Regt. C/O 56 APO Pin 925793, Residing at H.No.35, Dasarwadi, PO Honaga, Tehsil and District Belagavi, Karnataka Pin 591156. Hereby declare that I have changed my Daughter's name from Shridevi to Shridevi Chhayappa Murennavar. Due to wrongly entered in service documents. Both names Pertains to one and the same person. Vide Affidavit No. IN-PB53907472247977X Dated 14/07/2025 Attested by Notary Public (GOVT OF INDIA) Kindly Correct it.

I, Yallappa is legally Father of No. 15209655K, HAV (W/M) Chhayappa Murennavar of Unit 93 MED Regt. C/O 56 APO Pin 925793, Residing at H.No.35, Dasarwadi, PO Honaga, Tehsil and District Belagavi, Karnataka, Pin 591156. Hereby declare that I have changed my name from Yallappa to Yallappa Venkappa Murennavar, and Date of birth from 01/07/1953 to 16/02/1948. Due to wrongly entered in service documents of my son. Both names and DOB Pertains to one and the same person. Vide Affidavit No. IN-PB53905734661620X Dated 14/07/2025 Attested by Notary Public (GOVT OF INDIA) Kindly Correct it.

I, AMRITA KUMARI is legally wedded wife of No. 15156211W Hav Kamal Deo Singh, of (unit) 51 Med Regt. C/o 99 APO, residing at (Permanent Address) Bansipur, Banka, State Bihar, Pin 813211. Have changed my name from Amrita Kumari to Amrita Singh. Vide Affidavit Dated 11/07/2025 before Notary Public (GOVT OF INDIA) Kindly Correct it.

I, Kulwant Singh, son of Ranjit Singh, resident of Malleana, Chela Patti Tehsil and District Moga, declare that my son Jagpreet Singh Rai alias Jagga Singh and his wife Sumandeep Kaur alias Suman are out of my control. I disinherited them from my movable and immovable property. Whoever deals with them will be held responsible. I and my family will not be held responsible.

I, Arvinder Kaur W/o No. 1559749A Ex-Spr Major Singh Sara Resident of H.No. 1932 W.No.06 Shaheed Bhagat Singh Nagar Moga Teh & Distt. Moga (PB) Pin-142001, declare that I have changed my name Arvinder Kaur to Arvinder Kaur and my correct date of birth is 05-03-1973.

I, Pooja Tamang D/o Gobinda Tamang r/o Mohalla Guru Teg Bahadur Nagar Nakodar district Jalandhar have changed my name from Pooja Tamang to Pooja Kaur. All concerned note please.

I, Nitin Dhingra S/o Jatinder Kumar R/o # 5151/1 Modern Housing Complex Sector 13 Manimajra , Chandigarh

Declare That I Have Changed The Name Of My Daughter Annaya To Annaya Dhingra

I, Sandeep Singh S/o Pritam Singh R/o Village Chak Padla, Ladana Baba , Kaithal (haryana) Have Changed My Name From Sandeep Singh To Sandeep (given Name) Singh (surname). Concerned Please Note.

I No 15616520Y HAV Dhiman Bairagi R/o Village Shikarpur, District Nadia (West Bengal).Pin-741248. Declare that in my Army Service Record My Son Name Mentioned SAMPAT BAIRAGI Which is incorrect his Correct Name is SAMRAT BAIRAGI. Vide Affidavit.PF0009897788.

I, Ravi Kumar Bakhshi S/o Siriram Bakhshi R/o 51, Jarot Road, Gurunanak Nagar, Sultanpur, Kakru (31), P. O. Kakroo, Distt Ambala, Haryana-134003 have changed my name from Ravi Kumar to Ravi Kumar Bakhshi. In future i may be known as Ravi Kumar Bakhshi.

I, Punam Bakhshi W/o Ravi Kumar Bakhshi H.No-51, Jarout Road, Sultanpur, Gurunanak Nagar, Ambala City, Distt B Ambala, Haryana-134003 have changed my name from Punam Bakhshi to Punam Bakhshi. In future i may be known as Punam Bakhshi.

I, No. 23004225X Rank Naik Ankush S/o Shri Krishan R/o Village and Post office Thua, Tehsil-Alewa, Distt Jind, State Haryana, Pin- 126125 A/P Army Air Defence Records C/o 99 APO declared, in my Army Service record (Part II Order) my mother name mentioned as Sunita. In her aadhar card her name is Sunita Rani which is correct. Kindly correct it in my Army service record.

I, Sukhwinder Singh Dhariwal son of Didar Singh resident of VPO Dhariwal Tehsil Patti District Tarn Taran have changed my name from Sukhwinder Singh Dhariwal to Sukhwinder Singh. All concerned please note it.

I, Kamaljeet Kaur mother of No. 4490756L Naik Aamandeep Singh (unit 19 Sikh Li) and Son of Paramjit Singh R/o Vill: Madpur Teh-Samrala Distt. Ludhiana declare that in my son army record my DOB wrongly entered is 26-12-1972. But my correct DOB is 26-12-1973. So amended my DOB from 26-12-1972 to 26-12-1973 in my son army record.

I, No. 277014 Ex-SGT Niranjani Kumar R/o W.No. 2 Balachaur Teh-Balachaur Distt. SBS Nagar (Pb)-144521, my daughter name is Monica Maheshwari in Air Force documents but my daughter name is Monika Dhamija in civil documents. I have changed my daughter name from Monica Maheshwari to Monika Dhamija.

I, Mandeep Kaur Dhaliwal W/o No. 1481811M Ex-Spr Charanpreet Singh H.No. 1125/06 Inder Singh Gill Nagar Moga Teh & Distt. Moga (Pb) Pin-142001, declare that I have changed my name Mandeep Kaur to Mandeep Kaur Dhaliwal and my correct Date of Birth is 06-05-1969.

I, Santosh Devi Singla W/o Gian Chand R/o Hno. 1097C/11 , Model Town , Dhand Road, Kaithal Distt Kaithal (haryana) Have Changed My Name From Santosh Devi Singla To Santosh Devi .concerned Please Note

I, Kishan Lal Sethi S/o Madan Lal R/o 97-B,New Dashmesh Nagar, Ladowali Road, Jalandhar hereby declare that I have changed my name from Kishan Lal Sethi to Kishan Lal. All concerned to note

I, Shambhu Singh S/o Amrik Singh r/o Mitha Pur,Jalandhar have changed my name from Gurbinder Kaur to Gurwinder kaur

I, Seema Devi W/O Deepak Kumar R/O Village Pahlewal, PO and Tehsil Garhshankar, Distt. Hoshiarpur have changed my minor daughter's name Tanvi to Tanvi Rana.

I, Mumtaj Mohamad S/O Gulam Mohammad R/O Village Garhi Mansowal, PO Binewal , Tehsil Garhshankar, Distt. Hoshiarpur have changed my minor son's name Altaf to Altaf Khan.

I, Rupinder Kaur W/o Simranjit Singh Bajwa R/o H.No. 295 W.No. 1 Kurali Teh-Kharar Distt. SAS Nagar, Mohali have changed my name to Rupinder Kaur Bajwa.

I, Paramjit Singh S/o Ram Diyal R/o Vpo. Moranwali Teh-Gahshankar (Hoshiarpur) have changed my minor daughter name from Mehak to Mehak Kaur.

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I, Jeeta alias Jagjeet Singh S/o Mahinder Singh R/o Garhi Bharti Po Bharta Kalan Teh-Nawanshahr Distt SBS Nagar Pb have change my name from Jeeta alias Jagjeet Singh to Jagjeet Singh.

I Mewa Singh Ghuman S/o Faqir Singh vill Bhumsi Dist Malerkotla have changed my name to Mewa Singh.

I, Lovepreet D/o Hardip Kumar R/o Naiabadi Nawanshahr have changed my name to Lovepreet Kaur.

I, Shalu D/O Ajit Ram R/O Vpo. Mirpur Jattan, Distt Shahid Bhagat Singh Nagar (Nawanshahr) Punjab, Have Change My Name Shalu To Shalu Nafir.

I, Harpreet Kaur Nokwal W/O Gurpreet Singh R/O Patti Rao Ki V.p.o. Baddowal Distt Ludhiana Have Changed My Name Harpreet Kaur Nokwal to Harpreet Kaur.

I, Sukhchain Singh alias Sukhchain Singh S/o Sadhu Singh R/o Vill-Dulwa Kalan Teh -Ahmedgarh Distt Malerkotla I am known by both names. Sukhchain Singh alias Sukhchain Singh both names are my.

I, Yograj S/o Chood Singh R/o Plot No.87 Street No.5 Noorwala Road Inter Vihar Colony Ludhiana Changed Name Jog Raj.

I, Ramesh Chadar S/o Jaswant Singh R/o H.No.342-B St.No.2/7 New Subhash Nagar Jodhewal Ludhiana Changed Name Ramesh Chander.

I, hitherto known as Ramesh Kumar S/o Arjan Ram, Vill. Sidham Mutsadi, Po. Chuheki, Teh. Phillaur , Distt. Jalandhar , Punjab, Pin code- 144039, have changed my name and shall hereafter be known As Harmesh Singh.

I Pushpa Devi W/o Mangat Ram Vill. Mazari P.O. Binewal Tehsil Garhshankar Distt Hoshiarpur (Punjab) have name of my minor daughter from Radhika to Radhika Rana.

I Balbir Chand S/O Sukhdev Chand V.P.O. Hakumatpur Tehsil Garhshankar Distt Hoshiarpur(Punjab) have changed name of my minor son from Daksh to Daksh Kumar.

I Balvan Dass S/O Tarsem Dass Village Pharwahi distt Barnala have changed my name to Balwan Dass.

I, Pohwari Nath S/O Dhaneshwar Singh R/o Ward No. 11, Dr. Ambedkar Nagar, Garhshankar, Tehsil Garhshankar, Distt. Hoshiarpur, Punjab India, declare that my given name is "Pohwari" and in which "Nath" is my surname.

I, Sumit S/o Balwinder Singh R/o Vill: Khatkar Khurd Teh-Banga Distt. SBS Nagar have changed my name to Sumit Singh.

I Joginder kaur W/o Chaman Lal V Thakarki PO Bhanoki Teh Phagwara District Kapurthala I have known as Jogindro Joginder kaur and Jogindro is same person and I were known as these names.

I Rajinder Kaur W/O Hardeep Kumar R/O Mohalla Jagotian, Rahon, Tehsil Nawanshahr, Distt S.B.S.Nagar Punjab India-144517 Want To Change Name Of My Minor Son From Yuvraj Sadhra to Yuvraj Sadhra.

I, Harmanpreet S/o Narinderjit Singh R/o Vill: Hiyatpur Teh-Garhshankar Distt. Hoshiarpur have changed my name from Harmanpreet to Harmanpreet Singh.

I, Sheenam D/O Chander Shekhar R/O H.No. 4871, Lappa Shah Bazar,Tehsil Jagroan, Distt. Ludhiana, Punjab, India Changed My Name To Sheenam Chander.

I Bimla Devi Dhanda W/O Surjit Lal R/O Mallupota Teh. Banga Distt. SBS Nagar Punjab Have Changed My Name Bimla Devi Dhanda To Bimla Devi.

I Rampy W/o Pardeep Kumar R/o Vpo Boparai Kalan Distt Ludhiana have changed my name form Rampy to Rimpi.

I, Sukhjait Kaur W/o Balwinder Singh R/o Vill-Dakha Teh and Distt Ludhiana, I known by Sukhjait Kaur and Sukhpreet Kaur. I belong to Both names and same name & one name lady.

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I, hitherto known as Ramesh Kumar S/o Arjan Ram, Vill. Sidham Mutsadi, Po. Chuheki, Teh. Phillaur , Distt. Jalandhar , Punjab, Pincode- 144039, have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as Kuldeep Kaur.

I hitherto known as Kuldeep D/o Jiwan Lal, Vill. Sidham Mutsadi, Po. Chuheki, Teh. Phillaur, Distt. Jalandhar, Punjab, Pincode- 144039, have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as Kuldeep Kaur.

I, Balwant S/O Pritam R/O VPO Rurki Khas Tehsil Garhshankar, Distt. Hoshiarpur have changed my name Balwant to Balwant Singh.

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I, No. 23004225X Rank Naik Ankush S/o Shri Krishan R/o Village and Post office Thua, Tehsil-Alewa, Distt Jind, State Haryana, Pin- 126125 A/P Army Air Defence Records C/o 99 APO declared, in my Army Service record (Part II Order) my mother name mentioned as Sunita. In her aadhar card her name is Sunita Rani which is correct. Kindly correct it in my Army service record.

I, Sukhwinder Singh Dhariwal son of Didar Singh resident of VPO Dhariwal Tehsil Patti District Tarn Taran have changed my name from Sukhwinder Singh Dhariwal to Sukhwinder Singh. All concerned please note it.

I, Kamaljeet Kaur mother of No. 4490756L Naik Aamandeep Singh (unit 19 Sikh Li) and Son of Paramjit Singh R/o Vill: Madpur Teh-Samrala Distt. Ludhiana declare that in my son army record my DOB wrongly entered is 26-12-1972. But my correct DOB is 26-12-1973. So amended my DOB from 26-12-1972 to 26-12-1973 in my son army record.

I, No. 277014 Ex-SGT Niranjani Kumar R/o W.No. 2 Balachaur Teh-Balachaur Distt. SBS Nagar (Pb)-144521, my daughter name is Monica Maheshwari in Air Force documents but my daughter name is Monika Dhamija in civil documents. I have changed my daughter name from Monica Maheshwari to Monika Dhamija.

I, Mandeep Kaur Dhaliwal W/o No. 1481811M Ex-Spr Charanpreet Singh H.No. 1125/06 Inder Singh Gill Nagar Moga Teh & Distt. Moga (Pb) Pin-142001, declare that I have changed my name Mandeep Kaur to Mandeep Kaur Dhaliwal and my correct Date of Birth is 06-05-1969.

I, Santosh Devi Singla W/o Gian Chand R/o Hno. 1097C/11 , Model Town , Dhand Road, Kaithal Distt Kaithal (haryana) Have Changed My Name From Santosh Devi Singla To Santosh Devi .concerned Please Note

I, Kishan Lal Sethi S/o Madan Lal R/o 97-B,New Dashmesh Nagar, Ladowali Road, Jalandhar hereby declare that I have changed my name from Kishan Lal Sethi to Kishan Lal. All concerned to note

I, Shambhu Singh S/o Amrik Singh r/o Mitha Pur,Jalandhar have changed my name from Gurbinder Kaur to Gurwinder kaur

I, Seema Devi W/O Deepak Kumar R/O Village Pahlewal, PO and Tehsil Garhshankar, Distt. Hoshiarpur have changed my minor daughter's name Tanvi to Tanvi Rana.

I, Mumtaj Mohamad S/O Gulam Mohammad R/O Village Garhi Mansowal, PO Binewal , Tehsil Garhshankar, Distt. Hoshiarpur have changed my minor son's name Altaf to Altaf Khan.

I, Rupinder Kaur W/o Simranjit Singh Bajwa R/o H.No. 295 W.No. 1 Kurali Teh-Kharar Distt. SAS Nagar, Mohali have changed my name to Rupinder Kaur Bajwa.

I, Paramjit Singh S/o Ram Diyal R/o Vpo. Moranwali Teh-G

Review of cleanliness and other works on Jalandhar-Hoshiarpur road under 'Punjab Road Cleaning Mission'

PARAMJIT SINGH JALANDHAR: For continuous monitoring of the roads, 51 roads have been adopted by the district Deputy Commissioner Dr. Himanshu Agarwal and other high officials. On the instructions of the Deputy Commissioner to implement this mission at the ground level, today, Additional Deputy Commissioner (Rural Development) Vivek Modi reviewed the cleanliness and other necessary works on the Jalandhar-Hoshiarpur road. The Additional Deputy Commissioner instructed the concerned BDPO to ensure cleanliness of the Hoshiarpur road. He also directed the Ex. NHAI to immediately repair the potholes on the entire road. Apart from this, cleaning of the weeds etc. growing between the road dividers should also be ensured.

Kacha teachers union will besiege CM residence: Vikas Sahni

TIKARAJ MOHALI: The state president of the reinstated Kacha Teachers Union Punjab, Vikas Sahni, said in a press note that our Jatavehndi has been struggling for its restoration for a long time. During the Ludhiana by-election of the organization, a meeting was held with Chief Minister Bhagwant Singh Mann on June 15 at Phillaur, in which the honorable Chief Minister Bhagwant Singh Mann asked us to form a committee within 15 days to start the restoration process and for this, the duty of the education department officials was assigned. But even after a month has passed, the Punjab government is still making excuses and it seems that the government is only trying to get votes at that time and after getting votes, the same situation happens as before. During the meeting, the Jatavehndi had promised the Chief Minister that there would be no protests or rallies, but tied up with the government's policy of breaking its promises, the reinstated Kacha Teachers Union has decided that On 21st July 2025, the Education Department will start from Mohali and surround the Chief Minister's residence. On this occasion, Lakhwinder Kaur, Amandeep Kaur, Varun Kherra etc.

Admission begins with overwhelming response at MCM

CHANDIGARH: Mehr Chand Mahajan DAV College for Women, a leading institution in North India, witnessed a remarkable influx of admission seekers on the first day of the admission process for the academic session 2025-26. The college campus was abuzz with enthusiastic aspirants eager to secure admission across a wide spectrum of programs. Renowned for its academic excellence and holistic development of women, MCM continues to be the top choice for students, evident from the unprecedented turnout for admissions to the first semester of B.A., all M.A. programs, Postgraduate Diploma in Mass Communication (PGDMC), and Postgraduate Diploma in Computer Applications (PGDCA). Courses that aim to enhance employability and practical skills- such as PGDMC, PGDCA, Skill Enhancement Courses, Multidisciplinary and Value-Added Courses, and various Add-on programs- were particularly popular among students seeking industry-relevant and future-ready education.

Consent signed between Maharishi Dayananda Public school and Indian Pollution Control Association for plastic waste management



CHANDIGARH, JULY 14

In a significant step towards controlling the growing adverse effects of plastic waste and promoting environmental conservation, a Consent has been signed for the implementation of Project D.R.O.P. (Develop Responsible Outlook for Plastic). The Consent was formally signed by Dr. Vinod, Principal of Schhol and IPCA. It is noteworthy that IPCA is one of the leading environmental organizations in the country, initiated with KIA India Private Limited, and has been making significant contributions in the field of plastic

Mohali police achieves major success in war against drugs

SHASHI PAL JAIN
MOHALI, JULY 14

Mohali police achieved a significant breakthrough in its ongoing war against drugs by arresting two accused with 52 grams of ICE (synthetic drug). This action was carried out under the supervision of Senior Superintendent of Police Shri Harmandeep Singh Hans (IPS), SP (Rural) Shri Manpreet Singh (PPS), SP (Investigation) Shri Saurav Jindal, and DSP Derabassi Bikramjit Singh Brar at a police checkpoint set up near Nagla road, Handesra. Divulging the details, SP (Investigation) Saurav Jindal said that during the checking, the police signaled a Mahindra Thar car (registration number PB-16-H-4215) to stop. Upon seeing the police, the driver stopped the vehicle and threw a transparent polythene envelope from his pant pocket. The driver, identified



as Surjit Singh, son of Karnail Singh, resident of village Beihara, Tehsil Anandpur Sahib, District Rupnagar, along with his accomplice Tarun Kumar Sharma, son of Laxman Sharma, resident of Village Niketen, Lajpat Nagar Part-2, Delhi, tried to flee towards

Ambala Cantt (Haryana) road but were apprehended by the police team on the spot. On opening and checking the polythene packet, 52 grams of ICE were recovered. During interrogation, the accused disclosed that they had brought the drug from Delhi-Noida

Gulab Chand Kataria to preside over anti-drug campaign felicitation ceremony in Sohana on July 16

KHARAR (SHASHI PAL JAIN): Punjab Governor Gulab Chand Kataria will preside over Anti-Drug Campaign Felicitation Ceremony at Rattan Group of Institution Sohana (Mohali). He will participate in the campaign against drugs on this occasion. A large number of Panches and Sarpanches are expected to arrive on this occasion. This program is being organized by Rattan Group of Institutes Chairman Sundar Lal Agarwal, Hardev Singh Ubba and Parvinder Singh Sohana.

Recruitment committee announces final phase of drive



CHANDIGARH, JULY 14

The Recruitment Committee, established at Sri Akal Takht Sahib on December 2, has successfully completed the first phase of its membership drive and has released a program for selecting delegates at both the district and state levels before the election of the president. The committee has requested that circle delegates attend the meeting in their respective constituencies at the designated times so that the election of district and state delegates can proceed

according to their decisions. Only those circle delegates who have submitted their forms will be allowed to participate in the meeting; no others will be permitted. In a statement regarding the upcoming phase, committee members Sardar Manpreet Singh Ayali, Jathedar Gurpartap Singh Wadala, Jathedar Iqbal Singh Jhundan, Jathedar Santa Singh Umaidpur, and Bibi Satwant Kaur expressed their heartfelt gratitude to the Sangat for the love, respect, and support they have received. Accord-

ing to the released schedule, Bibi Satwant Kaur will oversee the delegate election in Dera Baba Nanak Sri Hargobindpur, and Gurdaspur, as well as in Sujampur, Dinanagar, Pathankot and Halka Bhooa on Wednesday, July 23. A session for delegate elections in the Batala, Fatehgarh Churian, and Qadian constituencies is planned for Friday, July 24. Elections for the Vidhan Sabha constituencies of Khadoor Sahib, Jandiala Guru, and Baba Bakala are scheduled for Thursday, July 25. The program will cover all seats in the Sri Amritsar Sahib city on Saturday and Sunday, July 26 and 27, followed by Ajnala, Attari, Rajasani, and Majitha constituencies on Monday, July 28, and the Khemkaran, Patti, and Tarn Taran assembly constituencies on Tuesday, July 29. Additionally, activities in the Majha zone will be completed during this period.

ADC revokes license of tricity immigration consultants

LK BANSAL
MOHALI, JULY 14

Exercising the powers vested under Section 6(1)(e) of the Punjab Travel Professionals Regulation Act, 2012, The Additional District Magistrate Geetika Singh has revoked the license of Tricity Immigration Consultants (SCF No. 15, Govind Vihar, Baltana, Zirakpur, Tehsil Derabassi, District Sahibzada Ajit Singh Nagar). This license was issued on April 22, 2019 (License No. 297/IC) to Raghav Tangri, son of Anil Kumar Tangri, resident of House No. 970, Sector 12-A, Panchkula (Haryana), for operating immigration consultancy and an IELTS coaching institute. The license had expired on April 21, 2024.

Through an email dated June 13, 2025, licensee Raghav Tangri informed the department that he had not

been operating the business for the past three years and requested immediate cancellation of the license issued under the Punjab Travel Professionals Regulation Act, 2012. The Additional Deputy Commissioner stated that the licensee had failed to comply with the terms and conditions of the Act, including non-submission of monthly reports, advertising disclosures, timely responses to official notices, and clarifications. These actions constituted violations under Section 6(1)(e) of the Act, which led to the cancellation of the license with immediate effect.

It was further informed that if any complaint is received in the future against the company, its directors, partners, or the licensee, they will be held fully responsible and liable to compensate for any consequences arising from such complaints.

No nomination filed on first day of elections: ADC

SUMER GARG
SANGRUR, JULY 14

The ADC (D), Sangrur, Sukhchain Singh said that to fill the posts of two Sarpanchs and twenty four Panchs in the district the elections would be held on July 27, the model code of conduct has implemented and no nomination has received on the filling of nomination papers on the first day, today.

The ADC said that two posts of sarpanchs are lying vacant in the village of Palasor under block Dhuri and Mirza Pati Anmol under block Sunam. He while giving the details of villages falls under various blocks said that the post of Panchs are lying vacant in village Badal Khurad, Binber, Fatehgarh Bhadsor, Mehampur, Nagra and Turi in block Bhawanigarh; Pind Dhuri, Samundergarh, Dhura- Dhuri, Palasor in block Dhuri; Kadar



Nagar, Gobindpura Nagri in block Dirba; Rampura, Gobindpura Papra, Khae in block Lehragaga; Bhagwanoura, Khilrian, Bhindra, Mander Khurad, Rupaherhi in block Sangrur; Karonda Andatta in block Moonak and village Fatehgarh in Sunam block, for which the elections to be held.

He added that as per the schedule of elections, the date of filing of the nomination papers has started from July 14 and it would be continued July 17. The applicant can file his / her nomination between 11 AM to

3 PM. The scrutiny of the papers will be held on July 18 and the last date for the withdrawal of nomination papers would be July 19. ADC said that after the completion of polling on July 27, the counting of the voting will be done at the same polling booth.

The maximum election expenses fixed for the post of sarpanch's elections is Rs. 40,000, whereas for the post of Panch's elections is Rs. 30,000. ADC further said, "Returning officers appointed for these elections, includes, SDO, sewerage board for block Bhawanigarh; EO, Nagar Council, Dhuri for block Dhuri; EO, Nagar Council, Dirba for block Dirba; EO, Nagar Council, Lehragaga for block Lehragaga; Xen improvement trust for block Sangrur; EO, Nagar Council, Moonak for block Anndana and EO, Nagar Council, Sunam for block Sunam".

Crime branch arrests six vehicle lifters; recovers 14 stolen vehicles



CHANDIGARH, JULY 14

Crime Branch of Chandigarh Police carried out a special drive against the vehicle lifters and achieved a major success as per directions of Sh Jasbir Singh, SP/Crime under the guidance of Sh. Dhiraj Kumar, DSP Crime and under the supervision of SHO/Inspector Satvinder Singh by arresting 06 vehicle lifters and recovered 14 stolen vehicles.

Apprehension of accused Acting upon the secret information's and on keeping surveillance about 30 police officials of Crime Branch

played major roles and arrested 06 accused from different places of Chandigarh and successfully solved many untraced cases. Accused No 1:- Bikram Ram Singh @ Bikram S/o Darshan Kumar R/o # 16 Near Government School, Village Bansepur District Mohali, Punjab Age 35 years Recovery:- 01 Motorcycle, 01 Luna Make TVS Previous Involvement:- 01 case of theft in PS Sarangpur, Chandigarh Accused No 2:- Budhram S/o Prem Lal R/o # 598 Maloya Colony, Chandigarh, Age 20 years.

Chandigarh police arrest accused with illegal weapon



CHANDIGARH, JULY 14

Chandigarh police achieved major success, under the directions of Ms. Kanwardeep Kaur, IPS, W/SSP/UT, Chandigarh and the close guidance of Ms. K.M. Priyanka, IPS, W/SP/City a dedicated team comprising of Inspector Usha Rani, SHO/PS-IT Park under the close supervision of Sh. Vijay Singh, DSP/N/East, a team of PS-IT Park arrested the accused Mohinder @ Chhota S/o Tulsi Ram and one illegal Kamandir Knife has been recovered from his possession

and case FIR No.60 Dt. 13.07.2025 U/s 25-54-59 Arms Act, PS-IT Park, UT, Chandigarh. On 13.07.2025, ASI Hushinder Kumar 2053/CHG was on patrolling duty, when they reached near Veterinary Hospital, Kishangarh, Manimajra, UT, Chandigarh, they saw one person was coming from the front side, on seeing the police party said person turned back and started walking very fast and suspected that the said person might be carrying some stolen goods or weapons and ASI alongwith police party apprehended the said person.

Significant drug recovery by police station Maloya



CHANDIGARH, JULY 14

As per directions of Ms. Kanwardeep Kaur, IPS, W/SSP/UT, Chandigarh, under the close guidance of Ms. K.M. Pariyanka, W/SP/City Chandigarh and under the supervision of Sh. Anurag Daru, ASP/South, a team of officials of Police Station- Maloya, Chandigarh headed by Insp. Jasbir Singh, SHO/PS-Maloya, the team of Police Station-Maloya got major success by arresting an accused namely Manisha W/o Akash R/o # 2475 Sector-25 Chandigarh Age-25 Years. On this, a case FIR No. 90 dated 13.7.2025 U/S 21 NDPS Act PS Maloya Chd has been registered.

Case FIR No.90 dated 13.7.2025 U/S 21 NDPS Act PS-Maloya, Chandigarh. The above said case has been registered on the complaint of SI.Naresh Kumar 1612/CHG in which he stated that, on 13.7.2025, while he was on patrolling duty along with police party, he reached near RC-I School EWS Colony Maloya Chandigarh, at about 5.45 PM he apprehended a lady namely Manisha W/o Akash R/o # 2475 Sector -25 Chandigarh Age-25 Years and 34.14 gram chhitta (Heroin) was recovered from her possession, which was taken into police possession. Upon this, the present case has been registered.

Chandigarh police arrests multiple proclaimed offenders in major crackdown

CHANDIGARH, JULY 14

In a significant achievement, the PO & Summon staff of Chandigarh Police, under the direction of SSP U.T. Chandigarh and supervision of Dy. SP Vijay Singh, executed a major operation that led to the arrest of several proclaimed offenders (POs) and absconders. The operation was led by Inspector Sher Singh, Incharge PO & Summon Staff.

The following arrests were made: Akash Chandel, resident of Dhanas, Chandigarh, was arrested in connection with FIR No. 11/2021 under Sections 380 and 411 IPC at PS Maloya. He was declared a PO by the court of JMJC Navjot Kaur on May 15, 2025, and has now been sent to judicial custody by Duty Magistrate Kaushal Kumar Yadav. Pappu Kumar, resident of MJ, Chandigarh, was arrested in FIR No. 85/2018 under Sections 68(1)(B) of the Punjab Police Act and 510 IPC at PS MJ. Declared a PO on September 2, 2024, by JMJC Sumit Kahlon, he has been remanded to judicial custody by JMJC Navjot Kaur.



Sukhminder Singh of Baroli village, Mohali, was apprehended in FIR No. 352 dated December 13, 2018, under Sections 379 and 411 IPC at PS 11, Chandigarh. He was also declared a PO by JMJC

Navjot Kaur and has been produced before her court. Tejbir Singh of Yamunanagar, Haryana, was arrested in a cheque bounce case (Complaint No. 16064/2023 under Section 138 of the NI Act). He was released following a mutual compromise by the parties before JMJC Bhawna Gera. Sushil Kumar from Jalandhar, Punjab, was arrested in Complaint No. 3487/2021 under Section 138 of the NI Act.

Yudh Nasheya Virudh – Mohali police demolish illegal construction of father-son duo involved in 12 criminal cases

SHASHI PAL JAIN
MOHALI, JULY 14

In a continued crackdown under the "Yudh Nasheya Virudh" campaign, Mohali Police today carried out a demolition drive in Jujhar Nagar village, under the jurisdiction of Police Station Balongi. The action was taken against a father-son duo involved in 12 criminal cases, including multiple under the NDPS and Excise Acts.

Senior Superintendent of Police (SSP) Harmandeep Singh Hans informed that the operation was conducted as per the standing directions of Punjab Chief Minister S. Bhagwant Singh Mann and Director General of Police, Sh. Gaurav Yadav. The illegal construction was demolished in response to a request by the Department of Rural Development and Panchayats, which had flagged the encroachment on Panchayat land. SSP Hans disclosed that



Malkit Singh, son of Karam Chand, has seven FIRs registered against him from 2018 to 2024. These include two cases under the NDPS Act, three under the Excise Act, and two others under the IPC.

His son, Happy, has five FIRs to his name registered at the Balongi Police Station between 2018 and 2025. These include two under the NDPS Act, one under the Excise Act, and two others under IPC and

the newly introduced BNS (Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita). "The Mohali Police has zero tolerance for drug smugglers who are destroying the future of Punjab's youth," said SSP Hans.

"When the Panchayat Department sought our assistance in reclaiming illegally encroached land, a police team led by DSP Kharar-I, Karam Sandhu, was deployed to maintain law and order

during the demolition."

SSP Hans, who was accompanied by SP (PBI) Ms. Deepika Singh, reiterated the department's unwavering commitment to taking strict action against those involved in drug trafficking.

"This strong and exemplary action is a message to all anti-social elements-anyone involved in this illicit trade will face the full force of the law," he asserted.

Alumnus honoured by NHA for outstanding road rectification work

CHANDIGARH, JULY 14

DAV Public School, Sector 8, Panchkula proudly shares the exceptional achievement of its alumnus Pankaj Panwar, Batch of 2014, who was recently awarded a Certificate of Appreciation by the National Highways Authority of India (NHAD).

Pankaj, representing Mehrotra Builcon Pvt. Ltd., demonstrated extraordinary leadership and commitment in the rectification of the NH-52 stretch at Arjun Baroda. In a span of just three days, his team worked tirelessly round the clock to complete the road construction work, successfully eliminating a long-standing traffic bottleneck and ensuring a smoother commute for the public.

This prestigious recognition was conferred in the esteemed presence of CGM HQ, NHAI RO Bhopal, Shri S.K. Singh Director, PIU Indore, Shri Sumesh Banzal



All NHAI Directors of Madhya Pradesh Hon'ble MP of Indore, Shri Shankar Lalwani ji Pankaj expressed his gratitude and pride on receiving the honour, stating that this achievement is a reflection of his team's unwavering passion for nation-building and infrastructure excellence. Principal Mrs. Ritu Dilbagi extended her heartfelt congratulations to Pankaj Panwar for his commendable work. She appreciated his dedication, calling it a matter of great pride for the DAV fraternity. She also encouraged other students and alumni to take inspiration from such achievements and strive to excel in their chosen fields, contributing meaningfully to the society and the nation.

Threat to blow up Sri Darbar Sahib langar hall



CHARANJIT SINGH ARORA AMRITSAR: An email has created a stir today among the management of Sri Darbar Sahib and the Amritsar police administration. The Shiromani Gurdwara Parbandhak Committee's (SGPC) Internet Department received an email addressed to Sri Darbar Sahib Manager, Sardar Bhagwant Singh Dhadhera. The email threatened to blow up the Sri Guru Ramdas Langar Hall located within the Darbar Sahib complex by 3:00 PM today. After reading the email, Sardar Dhadhera immediately informed SGPC President Advocate Harjinder Singh Dhami, Chief Secretary Kulwant Singh Mannan, and Secretary Sardar Pratap Singh about the matter. In response, Secretary Pratap Singh ordered the deployment of additional staff at all entrances to Sri Darbar Sahib and informed the Police Commissioner of Amritsar. Following this, a heavy police force was deployed at all entry points of Sri Darbar Sahib.

Couple injured in road accident near village Chhajla, admitted to hospital



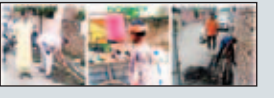
GURMAIL SINGH SANGATPURA LEHRAGAGA : This afternoon a car and a scooter met with an accident after a stray dog came car and the car overturned near village Chhajla on the Lehragaga-Sunam road after climbing on kilometer stone on the side of the road. The scooter riding couple (Avtar Singh and Karnail Kaur) were seriously injured in this accident. People have taken them to the hospital. A person close to the injured, Naranjan Singh, said that Avtar Singh was coming towards Sunam on a scooter with his wife Karnail Kaur when the car was going from Sunam to Jakhal. This accident took place near village Chhajla when a stray dog suddenly came in front of the car. Avtar Singh and his wife Karnail Kaur were seriously injured in this accident. The car overturned after losing control and climbing on a stone on the side of the road. People planting paddy in the fields and passers-by at the scene immediately rushed the injured couple to the hospital.

Skill dev drive empowers youth at de-addiction centre



RAKESH JINDAL PATIALA: In a significant step toward rehabilitating individuals overcoming substance abuse, the Punjab Government has launched a skill development initiative aimed at equipping them with livelihood skills during treatment. As part of this program, a Fast Food Training Course was successfully conducted at the Saket De-addiction and Rehabilitation Centre in collaboration with RSETI Patiala (Rural Self Employment Training Institute, run by State Bank of India) and the District Bureau of Employment and Enterprises (DBEE). Deputy Commissioner Dr. Preeti Yadav distributed certificates to the 25 participants who completed the course and congratulated them on their achievement. She emphasized that such initiatives are key to helping recovering individuals become self-reliant and rejoin the mainstream society with dignity.

MC launches 'Adopt Cleanliness, drive away diseases' campaign



DALJEET AJNOHA HOSHIARPUR: As per the directions of the Department of Local Bodies, the Hoshiarpur Municipal Corporation has launched a cleanliness campaign titled 'Adopt Cleanliness, Drive Away Diseases' under the guidance of Commissioner Jyoti Bala Mattu and Joint Commissioner Sandeep Tiwari. The campaign is being led by Health Branch CSO Deepak Kumar and Sanitary Inspector Sanjeev Kumar Nahar. Municipal Commissioner Jyoti Bala Mattu has appealed to the residents of the city to extend full cooperation in this initiative, stating that the success of this campaign depends largely on public support. She informed that various parts of the city will be cleaned thoroughly under this drive. She strongly appealed to the citizens to ensure that no stagnant water is left in coolers, broken flower pots, or old junk during the monsoon season. She also advised people to clean animal water containers daily and maintain hygiene in and around their surroundings. Additionally, citizens are requested to segregate wet and dry waste at home and hand it over separately to sanitation workers.

Monsoon Day celebrated at Falcon International School

SULTANPUR LODHI (ARVIND PATHAK): Monsoon Day was celebrated at Falcon International School. Meanwhile the students thoroughly enjoyed the first monsoon rain. The arrival of monsoon after summer vacations brought smiles on the faces of the students. The institution's chairman Colonel Ajit Singh Dhillon and director Madam Navdeep Kaur Dhillon welcomed the students to the school after the holidays. On this occasion the school's vice principal Madam Ravinderjit Kaur, Madam Karamdeep Kaur, Madam Sandeep Kaur, Madam Pooja Sahota, Madam Monica and other staff members were present.



Robust arrangements made to tackle flood like situation : Goyal

CHANDIGARH, JULY 14

Punjab Water Resources Minister Sh. Barinder Kumar Goyal today informed the Punjab Legislative Assembly that water reservoir levels in Punjab remain stable and there is currently no flood-like situation in the state. He said that the state government has implemented comprehensive arrangements to address every potential scenario.

Responding to a call attention motion presented by MLA Rana Inder Pratap Singh regarding preventing flood threats in low-lying areas due to rising water levels in reservoirs, Water Resources Minister Sh. Barinder Kumar Goyal disclosed that water levels in major reservoirs remained within safe limits as of July 10, 2025.

He informed that the current level at Bhakra Dam stands at 1590.48 ft compared to 1614.89 ft on July 10, 2023 during the floods of that year. Similarly, the current level at Pong Dam is 1325.48 ft, which was 1350.63 ft on July 10, 2023 during the 2023 floods. He informed that the current level



at Ranjit Sagar Dam is 505.41 meters compared to 520.2 meters on July 10, 2023 during the 2023 floods. The Water Resources Minister stated that all three reservoirs are operating safely with ample buffer from danger levels.

He said that for flood preparedness, the Water Resources Department has proactively executed comprehensive measures to tackle any potential flood situation. He said that the government has allocated funds worth Rs.204.5 crores for flood miti-

gation. Utilizing SDMF, MGN-REGA and departmental funds, 599 projects have been taken up.

He informed that over 4766 kilometers of drains and choes have been desilted/cleaned using departmental machinery. He stated that projects for strengthening embankments have been undertaken under the State Disaster Mitigation Fund (SDMF). 8.76 lakh EC bags have been procured and 2.42 lakh EC bags have been filled and stored across districts.

Assembly unanimously passes Punjab Development Tax Amendment Bill

GAURAV GOEL
CHANDIGARH, JULY 14

The Punjab Legislative Assembly today unanimously passed the Punjab State Development Tax (Amendment) Bill, 2025, and the Punjab Appropriation Acts (Repeal) Bill, 2025, presented by the Punjab Finance Minister, Advocate Harpal Singh Cheema.

This Punjab State Development Tax (Amendment) Bill, 2025, aims to streamline and enhance the efficiency of the Punjab State Development Tax Act, 2018, which mandates a monthly payment of Rs 200 from every income taxpayer, contributing to annual revenue of Rs 190.36 crore during the financial year 2024-25.

The Finance Minister highlighted that representatives of various institutions and organisations had approached him regarding certain practical difficulties in the existing Act passed by the previous Congress government. He said after discussions with the Chief Minister Bhagwant



Singh Mann, several key provisions were designed to simplify compliance and clarify various aspects of the tax framework introduced in the amended bill. "A notable convenience for taxpayers is the introduction of a lump-sum tax payment option, allowing individuals to deposit Rs 2200 once, in lieu of the monthly Rs 200 (annual Rs 2400), thereby simplifying the payment process", he added. Additionally, a new Section 11A is being incorporated into the PSDT Act to fa-

cilitate a one-time settlement mechanism. To address complexities arising from specific circumstances, the bill proposes the inclusion of new Sections 11B, 11C, and 11D within the PSDT Act. These sections will delineate tax payment liabilities in cases involving the demise of a registered individual, the merger of companies, or instances of corporate insolvency. Moreover, to prevent redundant obligations, the bill suggests requiring only a single registration in situations of

dual liability, effectively eliminating the need for separate registrations as both an individual and an employer. Finally, a vital amendment proposes to cap the maximum penalty payable under the Punjab State Development Tax Act, 2018, ensuring that the penalty amount will not exceed the corresponding tax due.

The Punjab Appropriation Acts (Repeal) Bill, 2025 is introduced with the need for the repeal of several outdated and obsolete laws within the state's legislative framework. It has been observed that a large number of Appropriation Acts enacted over the past several years have, in effect, lost their meaning, yet they remain listed on the Statute Books. Furthermore, it has been emphasised that repeal of Appropriation Acts whose terms have ended will in no way have any adverse effect on actions that were validly taken or to be taken in relation thereto pursuant to these Acts as if the said enactments are not repealed by this act.

High-level coordination committee meeting organized



CHARANJIT SINGH ARORA
AMRITSAR, JULY 14

A high-level coordination committee meeting was convened by the Shiromani Gurdwara Parbandhak Committee (SGPC) today to plan commemorative events marking the 350th martyrdom anniversary of the Ninth Guru, Sri Guru Teg Bahadar. The meeting discussed the outline for Gurmata gatherings, seminars, Nagar Kirtans, and other related programs.

A unanimous decision was reached to extend formal invitations to major national and international dignitaries, including the President of India, Prime Minister, Home Minister, Speaker of Lok Sabha, Chief Justice of India, Chief Ministers of various states, and Sikh MPs and MLAs residing abroad.

Briefing the media after the meeting, SGPC President Advocate Harjinder Singh Dhami shared that many spiritual leaders and scholars had presented emotional and valuable suggestions, which will be incorporated into the planning of the martyrdom commemoration. He stated that dignitaries would be invited personally as well as through official letters, with SGPC delegations reaching out directly to them. He further informed that the SGPC will request the Centre and state governments to convene special sessions in honour of the 350th martyrdom anniversary of Ninth Sikh Guru. Universities and academic institutions across the country will also organize seminars focused on Guru Sahib's life and teachings, and his history will be published in multiple Indian languages.

Five-day faculty induction programme for newly recruited teachers at Sri Guru Granth Sahib World University



AJAY MALHOTRA
FATEHGARH SAHIB, JULY 14

Sri Guru Granth Sahib World University, Fatehgarh Sahib, commenced a five-day Faculty Induction Programme for newly recruited teachers on the theme "Reflective Practices and Responsible Pedagogy: Foundation for Academic Integrity." The Induction Programme was coordinated by Dr. Harneet Billing, Head, Department of Education. She introduced the objectives and theme of the programme and highlighted how reflective practices and responsible pedagogy are essential in building a strong foundation for academic integrity and professional growth.

The programme was inaugurated by the Vice-Chancellor Prof. Prit Pal Singh. The Vice-Chancellor emphasized the vital role of teachers in nurturing a culture of reflection, responsibility, and academic integrity.

He encouraged the new faculty to contribute meaningfully to the University's mission of excellence in higher education. Prof. Sukhwinder Singh Billing, Dean Academic Affairs, shared insights into the University's structure, academic policies, and work culture, underlining the importance of aligning pedagogical practices with institutional values and ethical standards. The inaugural session was attended by Prof.(Dr) Navdeep

Kaur Dean Research, Prof. (Dr.) Tejbir Singh Registrar, and Dr. Sikander Singh, Dean Students' Welfare, who addressed the participants on the importance of research ethics, administrative collaboration, and student well-being. An ice breaking session was coordinated by Dr. Monika Airi and Dr. Gagandeep Tiwana where in the participants shared their aspirations and vision of being a teacher. Over the course of five days, the programme will include interactive sessions on curriculum development, assessment strategies, mentorship, research promotion, and institutional responsibilities-preparing faculty to contribute meaningfully to a vibrant academic community.

Garbage crisis deepens in Jagraon, sanitary workers threaten to halt services



SUKH NAHAR
JAGRAON, JULY 14

The issue of garbage management within the Jagraon Municipal Council continues to remain unresolved.

According to Arun Gill, district president of the Safai Sevak Union Punjab, one of the key reasons behind this is that sanitation workers are responsible for collecting garbage from homes and depositing it at designated secondary garbage points. These points are supposed to facilitate proper segregation and handling of the waste. On July 9, 2025, the Jagraon Municipal Council had unanimously passed a resolution to reopen

the previously closed secondary garbage collection points to ensure smooth functioning of the sanitation system. However, despite the official decision, certain councillors and local residents have been opposing the dumping of waste at these designated points, creating significant challenges for the sanitation workers. Today, the sanitation staff informed the Executive Officer of the Municipal Council about the issue and insisted that the secondary points be reactivated as per the passed resolution. They warned that if these points are not reopened and any untoward incident occurs due to garbage mismanagement.

Sandhwan attends fifth state-level Bhangra and Giddha festival

SURINDER DAMDAMI
FARIDKOT, JULY 14

Punjabi culture, Bhangra, Giddha are a rich and invaluable heritage of Punjabis, said Speaker Punjab Vidhan Sabha Kultar Singh Sandhwan during the 5th State Level Bhangra and Giddha Festival organized by Punjab Virasat Bhangra Academy. MLA Gurdit Singh Sekho was specially present on the occasion.

Speaker S. Sandhwan said that our heritage is our pride and our life. Today there is a need to preserve this heritage. He said that thanks to our folk dances, Giddha and Bhangra, not only in India but also in the countries of the world where Punjabis have gone, there, due to culture, a unique identity of Punjabis has been created. He thanked the parents and said



that it is because of their support that the children are learning Bhangra and Giddha. He announced to give Rs. 51 thousand to the academy from his discretionary quota. He said that to make Punjab colorful again, it is very important to organize such cultural programs so that the younger generation can be connected with Punjabi culture.

MLA Gurdit Singh Sekhon congratulated the organizers and said that they have made a great effort to connect the youth with their heritage, which instills a new enthusiasm in the youth. He said that such programs should continue to be organized to preserve Punjabi culture.

Meera Public School goes green: 70 sapling planted on camps

KULWINDER KARWAL
SARDULGARH, JULY 14

Meera Public School, Sardulwala, took a significant Steps towards Environmental Conservation on July 14, 2025 by planting 70 trees on its premises.

The plantation drive, aimed at promoting greenery and reducing carbon footprints, saw the participation of management chairman Mr Vijay Kumar Lehari with school principal Dr. Ram Krishan Yadav. The newly planted trees include a variety of species such as Shisham, Mulberry, Ashoka and other which will not only beautify the campus but also

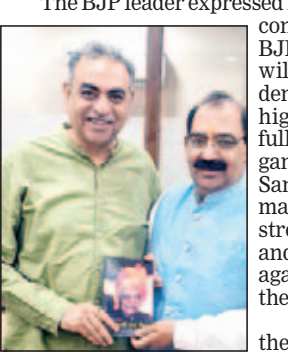
provide shade and fresh air to students and staff members. The initiative is part of the school's efforts to instill envi-



ronmental awareness and responsibility among its students. By involving the students in the plantation process, the school aims to educate them about the importance of trees in maintaining ecological balance.

BJP leader Sanjay Tandon meets Punjab working President Ashwani Sharma

CHANDIGARH : BJP National Executive Member and Co-in-charge of Himachal Pradesh Sanjay Tandon met the newly appointed Working President of Punjab Ashwani Sharma and congratulated him on his appointment as Punjab President. During the meeting, BJP leader Sanjay Tandon also presented a book written by his father Late Balramji Das Tandon to Ashwani Sharma. This book is a book of wisdom for BJP Punjab and a guiding force for the coming generations.



The BJP leader expressed hope that Ashwani Sharma will contribute to strengthening the BJP organization in Punjab. He will live up to the trust and confidence expressed in him by the BJP high command and will work with full dedication to strengthen the organization. During the meeting, Sanjay Tandon and Ashwani Sharma had a long consultation on strengthening the organization and a strategy was also prepared against the anti-people policies of the AAP government.

Sanjay Tandon said that under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, the country is rapidly moving on the path of developed India, but the AAP government of Punjab is formulating anti-people policies, the brunt of which is being borne by the people of Punjab.

Tree plantation drive held under 'Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam' at Golden Group of Institutions, Gurdaspur



VERMA
GURDASPUR, JULY 14

A tree plantation drive was organized at Golden Group of Institutions, Gurdaspur under the environment-focused campaign 'One Tree in Mother's Name'. The event was graced by Chairman Dr. Mohit Mahajan and Chief Administrative Officer T.R. Sharma as the chief guests. The program was held under the leadership of Vishwa Hindu Parishad President Bharat Bhushan Goga. As part of the campaign, various types of

shade-giving and medicinal plants were planted in the college campus. The initiative aimed not only to promote environmental conservation but also to connect the love and respect for mothers with nature through a meaningful gesture.

Speaking on the occasion, Dr. Mohit Mahajan emphasized, "Tree plantation is the foundation of a clean environment and a healthy life." He stressed the urgent need to plant more trees to maintain ecological balance, which is being increasingly disturbed.

Holy Heart School, Mehal Kalan receives 'Shiksha Samman' Award

BALWINDER AZAD
BARNALA DEHATI, JULY 14

Holy Heart Public School, Mehal Kalan, has once again proven its excellence and distinction in the field of education by receiving the prestigious 'Shiksha Samman' during a ceremony organized by Amity University, Mohali. This award is given to institutions that make exceptional contributions to the field of education through innovative learning policies, student-centric approaches, and high-quality management.

This honorable award was proudly received by the school's Managing Director, Mr. Sushil Goel – a visionary leader dedicated to delivering quality education and holistic development. He promotes academic excellence, character building, and community in-



volvement. He dedicated this honor to the entire staff, students, parents, and their collective commitment towards education. Under the strong and visionary leadership of Principal Mrs. Geetika Sharma, the school has set new benchmarks in every domain. She remarked that this award

is not just a recognition, but a shared success of the entire Holy Heart family – made possible through teamwork, trust, and perseverance. The school offers a wide range of facilities including fully air-conditioned classrooms, technology-integrated learning through smart classes, a language lab focusing on students' communication skills, an Olympic-standard swimming pool encouraging health and safety, and a sports complex with expansive fields for games and athletics. Additionally, the school provides lift facilities for student convenience, colorful and secure play areas for young children, a spacious auditorium for plays, competitions, and events.

Exhibition organized by students at Shivalik School



JAGRAON (SUKH NAHAR): A grand exhibition was organized at Shivalik Model School under the leadership of Principal Madam Neelam Sharma and Vice-President Madam Ishita Sharma and Director Sh. D.K. Sharma. In this exhibition, students from Classes 1 to 5 showcased their art and literary work. Students from Classes 6 to 10 presented working models related to Science, Social Studies, Mathematics, English, Physical Education, Sports, Computers, and Punjabi heritage. Teachers and parents also actively participated and supported the event, adding to its charm. The enthusiasm of the students for this exhibition was truly remarkable. In Mathematics, models like the Pythagoras Theorem, 3D shapes, and area of a circle were effectively presented. Similarly, in Science, working models like the process of breathing and lungs were realistically demonstrated. The parents who attended the exhibition expressed their gratitude to the school after witnessing the students' hard work and dedication. Mrs. Sudha Goyal, Dr. Chandar Mohan Ori, Sardar Apar Singh, and Mr. B.K. Sval honored the participating students by awarding them certificates.

NEWS BRIEF

Auckland House boys
qualify for state-level
Chess championship



DINESH AGARWAL
SHIMLA: Two promising students from Auckland House School Boys, Jayesh Thakur and Samarth Gupta, have qualified for the State-Level Chess Championship after their stellar performance at the District Shimla Open Chess Championship 2025, held at Nangal Devi, Theog under the aegis of the District Shimla Chess Association. Jayesh bagged the Gold Medal in the Under-13 category, while Samarth secured the Silver Medal in the Under-17 category, competing against nearly 100 participants from across the district. Their qualification for the state-level competition reflects their sharp intellect and consistent hard work. The school has extended its best wishes to both players for continued success at the state level.

Lecturers Association
launches relief campaign
for disaster victims

AVINASH CHAUHAN
AMB: The Lecturers' Association has started relief work for the disaster victims at the state and district level. Himachal Pradesh State School Lecturers' Association, District Unna has intensified the campaign for relief of the disaster victims. The District President of the Lecturers' Association, Shashi Saini and his team have started this noble work, which is getting the support of a large number of lecturers. The provincial media in-charge of the Lecturers' Association, Rajan Sharma, said that this is a very noble work and in this hour of grief, we all should participate in this noble work. Meanwhile, under the leadership of the State President of the Lecturers' Association, Ajay Negi, the State Executive is also collecting relief in this direction, in which the lecturer colleagues are giving huge support.

CM urges Union Minister for regular flights to Shimla and Dharamshala

DINESH AGARWAL
NEW DELHI/SHIMLA, JULY 14

Chief Minister Thakur Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu called on Union Civil Aviation Minister Kinjarapu Rammoohan Naidu at New Delhi on Monday and held detailed discussions about strengthening air connectivity in the state. The Chief Minister urged the Union Minister to operate Delhi-Shimla-Dharamshala and Dharamshala-Shimla-Delhi flights on a daily basis, highlighting that at present, these flights were operational only three days a week, causing inconvenience to the tourists. He also requested the commencement of night landing facilities at Dharamshala airport. Shri Sukhu apprised the Union Minister about the status of the Kangra airport expansion and sought special assistance for the land acquisition process,



citing its high cost. He mentioned that the issue had also been raised with the Prime Minister during a previous meeting and sought the continued support of the Ministry of Civil Aviation, emphasizing that this would accelerate the region's development. The Chief Minister also requested the construction of four new heliports to further strengthen

air connectivity and boost tourism in the state. Discussions were also held regarding the expansion of Shimla airport. The Chief Minister urged the Union Minister to extend the operational watch hours beyond 1 p.m. at Shimla airport and also proposed the operation of Dornier-type aircraft at Shimla, following the example of the

northeastern states. He emphasized the need to encourage additional operators to start flight services to Shimla. Chief Secretary Prabodh Saxena, Principal Advisor to the Chief Minister Ram Subhag Singh, Principal Resident Commissioner Sushil Kumar Singla and senior officers of the Ministry of Civil Aviation were also present during the meeting.

Former CJI Sanjiv Khanna to be distinguished professor at HPNLU

DINESH AGARWAL
SHIMLA, JULY 14

HPNLU announces the acceptance of the request by Justice Sanjiv Khanna, Former Chief Justice of India, to be the Distinguished Professor at HPNLU, Shimla. Justice Sanjiv Khanna shares a longstanding and distinguished relationship with the University, having previously served as its Visitor. His association has been marked by deep commitment to the cause of legal education and institutional growth. His consent to serve in this prestigious capacity is a matter of great academic significance and pride for the entire HPNLU community. This request was made by Prof. (Dr.) Priti Saxena, Vice-Chancellor, Himachal Pradesh National Law University (HPNLU), Shimla which Hon'ble Lordship has graciously accepted. Justice Sanjiv Khanna, the 51st



Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of India, retired from the apex court on 13th May, 2025, leaving behind a legacy defined by judicial erudition, administrative excellence, and unwavering commitment to justice. Elevated to the Supreme Court of India on 18th January, 2019, Justice Khanna held several prominent positions during his illustrious tenure. With the wealth of knowledge, vast judicial experience, and unwavering integrity that Justice Khanna brings, HPNLU is poised to enter a new era of academic excellence and research

leadership. As Distinguished Professor, his presence is expected to immensely enrich the intellectual environment of the University and inspire generations of legal scholars and practitioners. On behalf of the University community, Prof. (Dr.) Priti Saxena expressed deep gratitude and enthusiasm, stating that Justice Khanna's acceptance to join HPNLU as Distinguished Professor marks not only a great honour but also a transformative milestone for the University, as his wisdom, vast experience, and steadfast commitment to the rule of law will significantly enrich the institution's academic and research endeavours. HPNLU, Shimla warmly welcomes Justice Sanjiv Khanna to its academic fold and looks forward to a fruitful and inspiring association.

Prime Minister National Apprenticeship Fair successfully organised at ITI Naihariya

AVINASH CHAUHAN
AMB, JULY 14

Under the Pradhan Mantri National Apprenticeship Promotion Scheme, as per the instructions of the Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship, Government of India and Directorate of Technical Education, Himachal Pradesh, the Pradhan Mantri National Apprenticeship Fair was successfully organized on Monday at Government Industrial Training Institute, Naihariyan. In this fair, apart from ITI passed trainees in various trades, 10th and 10+2 passed students with vocational subjects also came to register their names for apprenticeship. The importance of apprenticeship in skill development and employment generation was highlighted in the fair. 54



candidates and 17 establishments participated in the fair. Trainees from three private industrial training institutes also participated in this fair. In his address, Principal, Government Industrial Training Institute, Una, Anshul Bhardwaj said that the Pradhan Mantri National Apprenticeship Fair aims to bridge the gap between theoretical education and practical skills by providing a platform for interested apprentices to connect with leading industries and employers. He said that the event showcased various

sectors including manufacturing, technology, services and others that offer apprenticeship opportunities that can pave the way for promising careers. During the event, the attendees had the opportunity to attend interactive sessions by experts, registration process for candidates and establishments. The Apprenticeship Fair provided meaningful support to the participating candidates and establishments who identified talented individuals and recognized the potential of apprenticeship.

CM meets Union Finance Minister, urges for an increase in borrowing limit of Himachal



BUREAU
NEW DELHI: Chief Minister Thakur Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu called on Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman at New Delhi on Monday. During the meeting, the Chief Minister apprised her of the financial situation of Himachal Pradesh and urged for increasing the borrowing limit of Himachal Pradesh. He informed about the massive losses incurred due to recent heavy rains and flash-floods in the state and urged the Centre to provide assistance to the state. He also held detailed discussions about issues concerning the Ministry. Chief Secretary Prabodh Saxena and Principal Advisor to the Chief Minister Ram Subhag Singh accompanied the Chief Minister.

Gujarat tourist dies in paragliding accident

SANAJY AGGARWAL
DHARAMSHALA, JUL 14

The body of the Gujarat tourist who died in the accident during the takeoff of a tandem flight at the new paragliding site of Bangotu in Dharamshala was handed over to the family after conducting a post-mortem on Monday. The deceased tourist has been identified as 25-year-old Satish Rajesh Bhai, son of Rajesh Bhai from Ahmedabad, Gujarat. The youth died on Monday night while undergoing treatment at Tanda Medical College after being seriously injured in the accident. On the other hand, the seriously injured pilot Suraj, a resident of Dharamshala, is undergoing treatment and is currently out of danger. ASP Kangra Hitesh Lakhnpal said that the body of the deceased youth has been handed over to the family after the post-mortem. He said that the condition of the pilot injured in this accident is stable and he is undergoing treatment. This accident took place at the Bangotu paragliding site yesterday when the pilot was flying during a tandem flight. As soon as the flight took off, the pilot and the young tourist fell down into the ditch due to which they were badly injured. This site was seen only for activities till now. Permission to fly was not granted by the tourism department. In such a situation, flights were being operated from the said site without permission. Once again, due to a major accident, the pilots have also come under the scanner.

State Oversight Committee reviews activities in prisons and correctional homes

DINESH AGARWAL
SHIMLA, JULY 14

A meeting of the State Oversight Committee was held under the chairmanship of Rajeev Kumar, Project Director of the H.P State AIDS Control Committee here on Monday. The meeting included a detailed discussion and review of the activities being undertaken in prisons, correctional homes and other closed settings for the period April to June, 2025-26. Rajeev Kumar informed that the state government has directed to ensure testing for HIV, Syphilis, TB, Hepatitis, and other infections for every inmate across all jails. This initiative aims to achieve the 95-95-95 targets



set by NACO and to strengthen the overall health of prisoners. He further emphasized the importance of establishing robust coordination between prison authorities and health services to ensure timely care for infected inmates and to further improve healthcare services within the state's correctional facilities.

Representatives from various departments, including Prisons and Correctional Homes, Police, State Women and Child Development, National Health Mission (TB), State Hepatitis Control, all sections of the State AIDS Control Department, the Disha Team and the supporting partner institution HLFPPPT, participated in the meeting.

Mission Vatsalya to benefit 76 children in Chamba district: DC

BALKRISHAN PRASHAR
CHAMBA, JULY 14

Deputy Commissioner Mukesh Repaswal said that currently 76 children are being benefited under Mission Vatsalya across Aspirational Chamba District. He said that under this scheme, Rs four thousand are being provided every month to the concerned family for the education of the children. The Deputy Commissioner said this here today while presiding over a district-level meeting of the Purpose and Upbringing Approval Committee and Criminal Damage, Relief and Rehabilitation Board. He said that since the target is to benefit 100



children across the district under Mission Vatsalya, all the concerned officers should ensure to take necessary steps to achieve the set target. Mukesh Repaswal also directed the officers to take effective steps to benefit maximum number of orphans, children of widowed women and other needy children in the district under the Mission Vatsalya.

In the meeting, the Deputy Commissioner gave final approval to benefit 13 new children under the scheme as approved by the District Child Protection Unit Chamba and Child Welfare Committee. The proceedings of the meeting were conducted by the District Program Officer, Women and Child Development, Kamal Kishore Sharma.

Hamirpur Press Club reaches Thunag with relief material for flood victims



RAJNISH SHARMA
HAMIRPUR: In a gesture of solidarity and compassion, the Hamirpur Press Club team reached Thunag in Mandi district with relief materials for those affected by the recent cloudburst and flooding in the Seraj region. Former Chief Minister Jai Ram Thakur received the relief supplies at Thunag and ensured their distribution among the affected families. Earlier, SP Hamirpur Bhagat Singh flagged off the two vehicles carrying the relief material. He appreciated the Press Club's initiative, calling it a noble and commendable effort. President of the Hamirpur Press Club, Dinesh Kanwar, and General Secretary, Surendra Katoch, said this was just the beginning and the effort would continue. "We are receiving calls from many people who want to contribute more relief material."

Congress party promoting mafia culture in state: Bikram Thakur

SANAJY AGGARWAL
DHARAMSHALA, JUL 14

Former Industry Minister and Jaswan Pragpur BJP MLA Bikram Thakur has said that to promote the mafia culture in the area, the Congress party has put forward a leader who has been rejected by the public twice. He said that now this defeated leader is trying to gain political influence by calling himself the brother-in-law of the Chief Minister, which is not only ridiculous but also an insult to the people of the area. Bikram Thakur said in sharp words that now family relations have become the basis of politics in Congress instead of public service. Even after losing the election, if someone is distributing contracts and transfers only by showing his relationship with the Chief Minister, then



it is directly corruption and power brokerage. He alleged that under the protection of the Congress government, transfer mafia and contractor lobby are being given a free hand in Jaswan Pragpur. Now, closeness is dominant here, not merit. And the one who is getting contracts by calling himself a relative of power, is actually dealing with the area. The former minister said that when he was in the government, work was done to connect backward areas

like Jaswan Pragpur with the mainstream of development. TMC office, TMC office, roads, drinking water schemes, health services - all these are the gifts of BJP rule. But as soon as the Congress government came to power, it de-notified them under the politics of hatred, which made it clear that they are not concerned with the convenience of the public but with their political frustration. Bikram Thakur said that those who repeatedly make baseless allegations against him should first prove themselves in the court of the public. The person who should sit at home after losing the election is now running a mafia rule in the government corridors. Has having relations with the Chief Minister now become an undeclared qualification in the Congress?

IOCL Una organises health awareness camp in Bathri village under Swachhta Pakhwada



KISHORI LAL BAINS
UNA: As part of Swachhta Pakhwada 2025 and the Government of India's Mission LIFE (Lifestyle for Environment), Indian Oil Corporation Limited (IOCL) Una's Northern Region Pipelines unit organised a special health awareness camp today in Bathri village. The objective of the camp was to promote early detection and prevention of serious diseases such as tuberculosis (TB). The camp was inaugurated by District TB Officer Dr. Vishal Thakur, in the presence of IOCL Una's Operations Manager, Anchit Gupta. Dr. Thakur informed that the free camp, conducted in collaboration with Regional Hospital Una and IOCL, facilitated X-ray screenings for over 300 rural residents. He described the initiative as a crucial step toward delivering quality healthcare to rural communities and ensuring timely diagnosis of TB. "Cleanliness is everyone's responsibility, and such efforts play a key role in preventing diseases like TB," he said, emphasizing the importance of expanding access to preventive healthcare as a vital part of social responsibility. Anchit Gupta noted that IOCL Una, through community-based initiatives, is not only contributing to national health missions but also reinforcing its broader CSR commitment to environmental protection, public welfare, and inclusive sustainable development.

Aggarwal community to plant over 5 million saplings across India: Sumit Singla

SHANTI GAUTAM
BADDI, JULY 14

The national core committee meeting of the Akhil Bhartiya Aggarwal Sangathan was held recently at Shri Agrasen Sansthan in Jodhpur, Rajasthan, with participation from state heads and members representing 22 states and union territories. The meeting began with a ceremonial lamp lighting by Rajasthan High Court Justice Manoj Kumar Garg. Distinguished guests included Ghanishyam Ojha, National President of Laghu Udyog Bharati; National Chairman Pradeep Mittal; National President Sushil Gupta; and Executive President R.N. Gupta, among others. Sumit Singla, the Himachal Pradesh State President of the organization and CEO of the renowned pharma company Curetech



Group, appreciated the successfully hosting the event with meticulous arrangements for transport, stay, and meals. He announced that the next such meeting will be hosted in Himachal Pradesh and Chandigarh in March-April next year. The focus will be on educating the Aggarwal community on social reform and honoring administrative officers associated with the community. He lauded the Delhi Government for appointing Rekha Gupta as Chief Minister and nine legislators from the Aggarwal community. Singla also pledged active participation from the Himachal unit in the

national "One Tree in Mother's Name" plantation drive and emphasized encouraging sports among the youth with the institution of the Ratan Awards. Under Singla's leadership, Curetech Group has planted over 300,000 trees in recent years. He has received over 1,700 national and international accolades including honorary doctorates and recognition from the World Book of Records, UK. The group has also organized dozens of blood donation camps, supports a gaushala, offers free medicines and langar for the needy, and sponsors a national cricket team for differently-abled athletes.

Nominations for elections for vacant posts of 1 Sarpanch and 16 Panches begin

KULDEEP SOOD BARNALA: According to the election schedule issued by the State Election Commission, the election of 1 Sarpanch and 16 Panches in Barnala district will be held on July 27. The Model Code of Conduct has been



implemented in these villages. District Election Officer Barnala Mr. T. Benith said that the process of filing nominations has started from today and July 17 will be the last date. Nominations can be filed from 11 am to 3 pm. The scrutiny of nomination papers

will be held on July 18 and the last date for withdrawal of nominations is July 19. District Barnala, Sarpanch will be elected in Chhanna Gulab Singh Wala and Panches will be elected for Ward No. 1, Ward No. 3 in Patti Zaid Bhoys.

NEWS BRIEF

Sub-Inspector Sukhwinder Singh honored with cash prize of Rs. 10,000

GOGI KMAALPURIYA RAIKOT: Dr. Ankur Gupta, IPS, Senior Superintendent of Police, Ludhiana (Rural), Punjab Government and Hon'ble Director General of Police, Punjab Chandigarh to make Punjab drug free, during the special campaign "War Against Drugs" launched to control drug smugglers and anti-social elements, under the able leadership of Hon'ble Deputy Inspector General of Police, Ludhiana Range, Ludhiana, the investigating officer Sub-Inspector Sukhwinder Singh was honored with a certificate of appreciation, rank-1 and a cash prize of Rs. 10,000 for his good performance under the NDPS Act by conducting good investigations and recovering more cases, in order to encourage the investigating officers to work with more interest against drugs and other employees also make an important contribution to making Punjab drug free under this campaign.

Children of Jogi Nath, who passed 12th honored



KULDEEP SOOD BARNALA: Children of Jogi Nath living in 22 acres of slums in Barnala were honored. Giving information about this, social worker Bhan Singh Jassi Pedhani said that 3 daughters and 1 son of Jogi Nath passed the 12th examination. On the occasion of the honor ceremony, the children were jointly honored by Manager Surjit Singh Thikriwal, Gurjant Singh Sona, Mac: Manjit Singh, Ka: Khushiya Singh, Progressive Senior Citizen (Regd.) Barnala leader S. Sukhwinder Singh Bhandari. He said that despite the challenges, we will continue the resolve to educate the children of the poor and serve the needy people. With the support of generous donors, a mission of educating poor children and setting up free sewing centers in the memory of martyr Mata Gujar Kaur is being run in Shepur, Barnala, Brahmin Majra, Salam Basti, Sirhind, Patiala and many other places.

BJP set to launch a nationwide campaign “Kalam Ko Salaam” on July 27

AGENCY NEW DELHI, JULY 14

The BJP Minority Morcha is set to launch a nationwide campaign "Kalam Ko Salaam", on July 27, to pay tribute to the former President Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam, popularly known as the "Missile Man of India", on his 10th death anniversary. The party will organize various district-level programs across the country under the leadership of Minority Morcha National President Jamal Siddiqui. As part of the "Kalam Ko Salaam" campaign, the Minority Morcha will honour talented youth from minority communities with the "Dr. Kalam Startup Youth Award 2.0". This award will be given to young individuals who have started their own enterprises through innovation, exceptional skills, and



entrepreneurial spirit, and who serve as inspiring examples for society. Preparations for the campaign are already underway. To review the preparations, BJP National General Secretary and Minority Morcha In-Charge Dushyant Gautam has called a review meeting on July 16, 2025, at the BJP Headquarters

in Delhi. Minority Morcha National President Jamal Siddiqui will chair the meeting, and it will include national office bearers, executive members, state presidents, general secretaries, and media in-charges. A social media workshop is also scheduled for July 17. Speaking to the media,

Jamal Siddiqui stated that the "Kalam Ko Salaam" campaign aims to honour Dr. Kalam's contribution to India's development and to pay homage to him. He emphasized that the BJP values all individuals who have risen above caste and religion to strengthen the nation. He added that Prime Minister Modi is committed to giving a distinct identity to talented youth from minority communities. He said, "Minority youth entrepreneurs can apply for the 'Dr. Kalam Startup Youth Award 2.0' through the official BJP Minority Morcha website. To facilitate the nomination process, links and QR codes will also be shared on the Morcha's social media platforms, allowing applicants to directly access the nomination page or apply by scanning the QR code.

1 lakh plants to be planted under Manav Utthan Seva Samiti plantation drive

KAMAL SHARMA TARAORI, JULY 14

With the inspiration of spiritual guru Shri Satpal Ji Maharaj, Manav Utthan Seva Samiti started a plantation campaign. One lakh saplings will be planted by Manav Utthan Seva Samiti in the state which started from Karnal. Saplings were planted in Sector-8, 9 and 32 under the leadership of District President of Manav Utthan Seva Samiti Pradeep Gupta. On this special occasion, many dignitaries including Mahatma Antarmukhi Bai Ji, Mahatma Subdra Bai Ji, District Head Pradeep Gupta, Grain Market Head Subhash Gupta, Naresh Garg, Ram Singh Dua, Sachin Garg, Surendra Kamboj, Rajindra Fauji, Sunita Devi were also present. District President of Manav Utthan Seva Samiti Pradeep Gupta planted saplings at different places along with everyone. He told



that the goal of the initiative was to plant 1,00,000 saplings and contribute to the protection and promotion of the environment of the state. Mahatma Antarmukhi Bai Ji, Mahatma Subdra Bai Ji asked the people to pledge to protect the saplings. He said that plantation was very important for the protection of nature. One tree is equal to 10 sons, so we should plant trees in as many quantities as possible. Due to the end of greenery, severe heat and many incurable

diseases have started spreading. If we want happiness in our lives, then we have to come forward to plant trees. He said that to maintain the balance of nature and humanity, we have to take care of the plants, so that the coming generations get a green environment. He told that plantation was not just about adding trees, but about adding life. Pradeep Gupta said that plants were not just a symbol of greenery, but they were the basis of life.

Additional SP inspects Kanwar Yatra route, gives necessary instructions to police

RAHUL KOHLI YAMUNANAGAR, JULY 14

Police spokesperson Chamkaur Singh informed that as per the instructions of SP Surendra Singh Bhoria, Additional SP Amarendra Singh checked the duty of the policemen engaged in Kanwar duty on Monday so that the Kanwar Yatra runs safely and smoothly. He also inspected the camps built for the Kanwar pilgrims. Apart from this, he inspected the Yamuna and its surrounding areas and took stock of the situation there. During this, he gave instructions to the policemen on duty to ensure tight security and divert the route as per the need. The Superintendent of Police said that the Kanwariyas should not face any kind of problem during the Yatra.



The personnel and officers engaged in their security arrangements should perform their duty with devotion and dedication. Strict arrangements have been made by the police administration so that the Yatra can be completed peacefully. A large number of police force has been deployed on the Kanwar Yatra route, while police patrolling is also being done continuously. Jal will be offered on 23rd July. The

Superintendent of Police strictly instructed the ambulance and fire brigade personnel deployed for the safety of the Kanwariyas to remain alert. The traffic policemen were instructed that there should be no traffic jam during the padayatra of the Kanwariyas. He also inspected the camps made for the Kanwar Yatra. The camp operators were given strict instructions regarding cleanliness.

32 BLOs trained in 5th Batch at Barnala, certificates distributed



KULDEEP SOOD BARNALA: Under the training program of BLOs in Assembly Constituency-103-Barnala, 32 BLOs in the 5th batch were trained at Red Cross Bhawan Meeting Hall Barnala. On this occasion, training was given by Mr. Kuldeep Singh, Mr. Manmohan Singh, Mr. Prince, Mr. Sonu Goyal Master Trainers. During the training, BLOs solved 10 marks paper. At the end of the training, certificates were distributed to all BLOs by Kamaljit Singh Saad, Superintendent Office, Sub Divisional Magistrate, Barnala under the leadership of Mr. Harpreet Singh Atwal. On this occasion, Mr. Vikas Goyal Election Clerk, Mr. Barinderjit Singh, Mr. Amandeep Singh, Mr. Hardeep Singh, Mr. Jaspal Singh Election Staff were present.

Inter-house indoor games competitions organised at Akal Academy International

ARVIND PATHAK SULTANPUR LODHI: During the summer season inter-house indoor games competitions were organized at Akal Academy International to continue the sports activities among the children. In these competitions, different games were organized for the children of



different classes. On this occasion Managing Director of Akal Group S. Sukhdev Singh Judge, Vice President S. Kulwinder Singh made children aware about sports. Principal Madam Gagandeep Kaur honored the winning children by giving away prizes. Snake and Ladder game was organized for the children of classes 3 to 5 in which Himanshu Rana of Nile House won the first place and Kirpajit Singh of Amazon House was the runner-up. Ludo competitions were organized for the children of classes 6 to 8 in which Gurnoor Singh of Thames House won the first place and Navraj Singh of Ganga House was the runner-up. In the carrom board competitions, Ekamjit Singh of Thames House won the first place and Akashdeep Singh of Ganga House was the runner-up. In the Hand-fighting competition of ninth and tenth class students Gurkirat Singh of Amazon House stood first and Navroop Singh of Nile House was the runner-up.

State Level painting competition on August 12

RAHUL KOHLI YAMUNANAGAR: Deputy Commissioner Parth Gupta said that the State Level Painting Competition was being organized by the Department of Art and Cultural Affairs with the objective of providing a platform to the creativity and imagination of school students on August 12. This event was a commendable initiative to promote the creative expression of students. He called upon the teachers of the district to encourage the students to participate in this competition. DIPR Dr. Manoj Kumar said that the competition has been divided into two categories. The first category is for the age group of 6 to 10 years whose subject will be painting based on story telling and the second category is for the age group of 11 to 16 years whose subject will be painting based on My Vision. This event will be held on August 12 at Yavanika Garden, Sector-5, Panchkula. He said that attractive prizes would be given in each category. The first prize will be of Rs 7100, second Rs 5100 and third Rs 2100. Apart from this, five consolation prizes will also be given. Application process started The last date for application to participate in the competition is fixed as July 12, 2025. Information can be obtained by scanning the QR code for the application form. For more information, the department's email ID can be contacted at artandculturalaffairs@y@gmail.com.



HSNCB organises special anti-drug awareness campaign at Government High School, Pansara

RAHUL KOHLI YAMUNANAGAR, JULY 14

A special anti-drug awareness campaign was organized by the Haryana State Narcotics Control Bureau (HSNCB) Unit Ambala at Government High School Pansara, Yamunanagar on Monday. The program was conducted under the guidance of Haryana NCB Chief and Director General of Police Mr. O P Singh (IPS), leadership of Superintendent of Police Mr. Mohit Handa and under the direction of Deputy Superintendent of Police Mr. Jagbir Singh. The objective of this campaign was to alert the youth about the dangers of drugs and spread public awareness against drugs in the society. During the program, Inspector Mahroof Ali, in-charge of the unit, said that



the state government and the Narcotics Department were constantly working with the resolve of a drug-free Haryana. He said, "Drug addiction is not just a problem of one person, but of the entire society, which can be eradicated only by working together." In the program, Assistant Sub Inspector Phool Kumar and Principal of the school Mr. Pradeep Singh addressed the students and staff and highlighted the ill effects of drugs and its social, physical and mental impact. He said that drug addiction made a person's future dark. ASI

Phool Kumar said, "Haryana Government and HSNCB are not only resorting to law against drug abuse, but are also creating a mass movement. Our aim is to make every person aware and play the role of a sentinel against drug abuse." He further informed about the major initiatives of HSNCB like "Namak Lota Abhiyan", "Cyclothone Abhiyan", E-Pulje and "Nasha Mukht Jeevan - Nayaab Jeevan (Beckett Challenge)" and said that these initiatives have taken the form of a strong mass movement against drug abuse.

KU first in Haryana to launch stipend-based apprenticeship degree programmes

DALBIR MALIK KURUKSHETRA, JULY 14

A meeting was held at Kurukshetra University on July 14, 2025, to formally announce the launch of the Apprenticeship Embedded Degree Programmes (AEDP) for the academic year 2025-26. On this occasion, Vice-Chancellor Prof. Som Nath Sachdeva formally launched the flyer highlighting the key features of the AEDPs, in the presence of Registrar Dr. Virender Pal, Dean, Academic Affairs, Prof Dinesh Kumar, AEDP Coordinator Prof. Manjula Chaudhary, and other university officials attending the meeting. Speaking at the event, Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Sachdeva said that the event marked a significant step forward as Kurukshetra



University became the first university in Haryana to introduce such UGC-compliant, stipend-based apprenticeship degree programmes. Prof Sachdeva added, "The UGC has rightly emphasized the need for higher education to be more skill-intensive and industry-integrated. These programmes at Kurukshetra University reflect that vision by combining academic rigor with real-time industrial exposure, thus preparing students for meaningful careers." AEDP Coordinator, Prof

Manjula Chaudhary informed that Kurukshetra University is inviting online applications for four undergraduate programmes: B. Com. (Professional) under the Department of Commerce, BMS (Event Management) under the Department of Tourism and Hotel Management, BCA (Industry Linked) offered in collaboration with CITA RUSA under the Department of Computer Science & Applications, and B.Sc. (Medical Lab Technology – MLT) under the Department of Biochemistry at IIHS.

Naveen Jindal Foundation organises medical camp at Nirmal Saini Janta Public School



NIRMAL SAINI RADAUR: A medical camp was organized by the Naveen Jindal Foundation at Nirmal Saini Janta Public School. A team of medical vans and doctors reached the camp on behalf of Naveen Jindal Foundation and distributed free medicines after examining the health of students and staff members. All the students and staff members of the school took advantage of the camp. The program was chaired by school chairman Mukesh Shastri. Mukesh Shastri said that this was a very good effort of MP Naveen Jindal who were providing such medical facilities in rural areas. All the tests were being done free by the medical team and medicines were being provided free on the spot as much as possible. People of every class took advantage of this. He said that Naveen Jindal participated extensively in such social work. His work was very commendable. On this occasion, Dr. Pramod, Neeru, Chetan and School Staff members Ruby Kamboj, Akhil Kamboj, Neha Sharma, Himanshu Sharma, Pooja, Shobha and Nisha were present in the medical team.

Punjab Bhawan Canada gives first Arjan Singh Memorial Award to Mastuana Sahib Secretary Jaswant Singh Khaira

BALWINDER AZAD BARNALA DEHATI, JULY 14

Punjab Bhawan Surrey (Canada) honored Akal College Council Mastuana Sahib Secretary Jaswant Singh Khaira, who has made indelible contributions in the field of literature, art, service and education, with the S. Arjan Singh Bath Memorial Award during a gathering. Inaugurating the event during the stage conducted in a beautiful manner by Baljit Sharma, social worker A.P. Singh Baba said that the Sukhi Bath, the operator of Punjab Bhawan Surrey, started the annual award in the memory of his father S. Arjan Singh Bath with S. Jaswant Singh Khaira, which is an important achievement of this area. Renowned litterateur Mohan



Sharma Congratulating Khaira on receiving this award, he expressed the hope that this award started by Punjab Bhawan every year will continue to be given to deserving personalities. President of Punjabi Sahitya Sabha Dhuri Mool Chand Sharma, General Secretary of Malwa Likhari Sabha Sangrur Sukhwinder Singh Lote, President of Malwai Lokdhara Manch Dalbar Singh Chatthe and President of Central Punjabi Lekhar Sabha (Sekhon) Pawan Harchandpuri praised Sukhi

Bath for starting this award for literary and social services and termed the selection of Jaswant Singh Khaira for this award as appropriate. The event was graced by Dr. Harpreet Kaur Khalsa President S. Basant Singh Khalsa Memorial Trust Sangrur, Dr. Jyoti Gupta Dr. Rasinder Kaur Principal Akal Collegiate School Sangrur, Harjit Singh Dhingra Director Dhi Punjab Manch, Kulwinder Kaur Dhingra President, Dhi Punjab Manch, Mrs. Shashi Bala, Siyasat Singh Gill.

Dr. Ashish Aneja honored with ‘Best Doctor in Community Service Award’

DALBIR MALIK KURUKSHETRA, JULY 14

Dr. Ashish Aneja gives priority to health awareness and selflessly serves the common man as a true doctor, has once again emerged as an example in the medical field. Dr. Aneja, who works as an administrator and senior medical officer at Kurukshetra University Health Center was honored with the title of Best Doctor in Community Service and Diabetes Awareness Award by Jitendra Singh, Minister of State for Science and Technology and Geology in the Government of India. In the huge gathering of the Indian Medical Association, Dr. Ashish Aneja was the only doctor from Haryana



who was selected for the award. It is worth mentioning that the above felicitation ceremony was organized in Delhi on Sunday on the occasion of Doctors Day. During this, Minister of State Jitendra Singh arrived as the chief guest. He praised Dr. Aneja for the free treatment given to patients of diabetes and other health problems through camps.

MLA Anil Goyal also congratulated Dr. Aneja and praised the work of IMA wholeheartedly. IMA National President Dr. Dilip Bhanushali, former National President Dr. R. V. Ashokan, Dr. Anil Kumar J Nayak, General Secretary Dr. Sarbati Dutta, Treasurer Dr. Piyush Jain along with a large number of state level officials and members were present in the function.

NEWS BRIEFS

TB awareness campaign conducted

HANS RAJ KURUKSHETRA: As per instructions of District Red Cross Society Chairman and Deputy Commissioner Neha Singh, TB awareness campaign was conducted in Sannihit Sarovar Labor Chowk, Brahmasarovar and Chanarthal Colony. Workers and common people were made aware about TB under leadership of TB Coordinator Anjali. District Red Cross Secretary Dr. Sunil Kumar called upon social organizations and dignitaries to come forward to adopt financially weak TB patients by becoming Nikshay Mitra. Other people will also be inspired to become Nikshay Mitra by their inspiration. People from every section of society should become Nikshay Mitra for financially weak TB patients. Under Nikshay Mitra Yojana, any capable person, public representative, officer, businessman or institution can help TB patients. People from all sections of society are coming forward and adopting TB patients through Nikshay Mitra Yojana and are cooperating in every possible way to cure them which will help TB patients recover soon. He said that Nikshay Mitra Yojana is a great example of social participation. TB Coordinator Anjali said that under guidance of Haryana Red Cross Society State General Secretary Mahesh Joshi, general public is being made aware.

Lions Club Karnal Central organises ‘Vriksharopan Abhiyan’

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA KARNAL: Lions Club Karnal Central organised ‘Vriksharopan Abhiyan - A Commendable Step Towards Environment’ in OPS Vidya Mandir Sector 13. Under the leadership of the club’s president Mohan Lodhi, all the members planted saplings on the school premises. Fruitful, shady and all medicinal plants were planted. The members took a pledge to take care of the saplings they planted. From time to time the members will come to the school to see these plants. On this occasion, Pradhan Mohan Lodhi said that the threat of global warming is looming over the world. Natural disasters are occurring due to excessive axing of trees. Rainfall is decreasing due to interference with nature. He said that we all have been reading since childhood that it is from trees that we get oxygen and medicines necessary for life, despite this we are not aware. We should fulfill our duty and plant one sapling on every happy occasion. Lions Club Karnal Central will run a plantation campaign in different areas this month. On this occasion, Secretary Vishal Bhutani, Treasurer Subhash Bansal, Project Chairman Amit Chaudhary, Co-Chairman Rahul Bhatnagar, Councillor Monica Garg, Nominated Councillor Gaurav Nagpal, Naveen Batra, Sikandar, Karma, Binnu Arora, Rajiv Bhutani, Ajay Saini, Ajay Goel, Rajesh Saini, Manjeet Singh, Pankil Goel, Jaspreet and Shashank were present.

Future soldiers plant saplings in Jayaram Sainik School and pledge to protect

HANS RAJ KURUKSHETRA, JULY 14

Inspired by Brahmaswaroop Brahmachari, head of Shri Jayaram institutions operating across country, a tree plantation program was organized in Kesari Devi Lohia Jayaram Public School and Jayaram Sainik School under Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam campaign. Future soldiers of country planted saplings with great enthusiasm and devotion. In this special program organized in school premises, cadets also pledged to serve nature by planting saplings. Administrative Officer of Jayaram Sainik School Subedar Major Suresh Kumar told cadets that through this campaign we are showing our love and duty towards nature and trees. School Principal Anju Agarwal highlighting importance of trees said that planting a sapling is to protect life. When this tree grows, it will give us shade and clean air like a mother’s blessing. He also took a pledge from all cadets that they will take regular care of plants planted by them and will grow them like a family member. At end of program, all cadets gave the message of protecting the environment and took a pledge that they will grow trees planted by them by giving them love and service.

CM holds review meeting on Ganaur India International Horticulture Market

BUREAU CHANDIGARH, JULY 14

Haryana Chief Minister Sh Nayab Singh Saini on Monday visited the India International Horticulture Market (IIHM) at Ganaur in Sonapat district to review ongoing development and inspect the arrangements on-site. He held a review meeting with officials from the Marketing Board Administration, the construction company and the District Administration, directing them to expedite the construction work and ensure the project is completed within the stipulated timeline.

The Chief Minister said that this ambitious project would serve as a key platform, providing national and international market access not only to farmers in Haryana but also to producers of fruits, vegetables, flowers, fish, poultry, and dairy products across the country. Strategically located on National Highway-44, the market also benefits from excellent connectivity to international airports.

He informed that the project was initiated by acquiring 544 acres and 2 kanals of land at an estimated acquisition cost of Rs 220 crore. The total project cost is estimated at Rs 2,595 crore. So far, approximately 45 percent of the construction has been completed, and Rs 689 crore has already been released.

The Chief Minister informed that the international market will feature a total covered area of 50 lakh square feet, with an annual handling capacity of 20 lakh tonnes. It will include parking facilities for 14,907 cars and 3,305 trucks and trolleys. Additionally, 17 marketing and trading sheds along with 13 other modern buildings will be constructed. He directed the Steering Committee to expedite the work and ensure that farmers benefit from this project at the earliest. The Chief Minister directed to ensure necessary arrangements for solar energy in the market. Officials informed him that 28 MW of solar power has been planned for the final phase of the project. In response, the Chief Minister said that this capacity be increased further to enable the market to become self-sufficient in energy.

The Chief Minister also directed that work on the rainywell system be started promptly to ensure timely water supply within the market. He also instructed the



authorities to repair the existing sewerage system, treat the wastewater generated by the market, and promote its reuse. Sh Nayab Singh Saini said that the objective is to develop this market into an ideal horticulture center equipped with world-class facilities, serving the interests of farmers and boosting agricultural exports. The Chief Minister directed the construction company to prioritize both quality and timely completion of the work. He said that this horticulture market will not only stand as a symbol of a modern marketing system but will also significantly enhance farmers’ incomes. Cooperation Minister Dr. Arvind Sharma, Agriculture and Farmers Welfare Minister Shyam Singh Rana, MLA Krishna Gehlawat, Devendra Kadian, Chief Principal Secretary to the Chief Minister Rajesh Khullar, OSD to the Chief Minister Virendra Badkhalsa etc.

Awareness camp held under Road Rules, Life Tools



SHIV KUMAR SHARMA KARNAL: An awareness camp was organised today at PM Shri Government Senior Secondary School for Boys and Girls, Prem Nagar, courtesy of the Police Department, under the guidance of District and Sessions Judge and Chairman of District Legal Services Authority, Ajay Kumar Sharda.

Chief Judicial Magistrate and Secretary of District Legal Services Authority, Dr. Iram Hasan said that as per the orders of HALSA Panchkula, awareness camps and challan drives are being organized at various places and schools of the district under the “Road Rules, Life Tools” campaign. Para legal volunteers Puja and Agya Pal, Inspector Roshan Lal, Sub-Inspector Surendra Kumar and Rajesh Bala motivated the staff and students to follow traffic rules. They gave information about the National Lok Adalat to be organized on September 13. Along with this, they were made aware about paying the pending cases and challans in the court through the National Lok Adalat.

Street and drains will be constructed in Jadodi village of Ward 1 at Rs 8 lakh: Mayor

RAHUL KOHLI YAMUNANAGAR, JULY 14

Municipal Corporation will construct lanes and drains in Jadodi village of Ward No. 1 at a cost of Rs 8 lakh. Mayor Suman Bahmani inaugurated construction of lanes by breaking a coconut along with Ward Councillor Reena Rastogi. Mayor said that these lanes of village were very damaged. Now construction of lanes in village will be done by Municipal Corporation. Construction of lanes will make way of people of village easier and problem of water drainage will be solved. Mayor said that our aim is not only to get construction work done, but to provide basic facilities to every ward. These development works will give relief to the public from problem of water drainage and ensure a better standard of living. Construction of lanes and roads will provide easy way to residents of area. She gave strict instructions to concerned agencies and contractors to use high quality material in these development works. Compromise on quality will not be tolerated. Mayor said that drinking water, paved streets, drains, sewer lines, elec-

tricity are basic needs of all citizens. We are making efforts to fulfill all these needs. Our effort is to make arrangements for paved streets, drains, electricity, drinking water in every regular colony. These facilities will be provided as soon as possible in all regular col-



onies which do not have these facilities. MLA Ghanshyam Das Arora said that he is continuously working in coordination with corporation and administration to ensure that people of area get all facilities. City residents will soon get gift of many projects including River Front on banks of Western Yamuna Canal, beautiful park in nine acres area.

Officers should deal with public complaints seriously: Jagmohan

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA KARNAL, JULY 14

Karnal MLA Jagmohan Anand heard the problems of the common people at BJP office Karna Kamal during Janta Darshan on He immediately resolved the problems and also gave instructions to the officials in this regard. He said that the officials should take the problems of the common people seriously and solve them immediately. Anand said that the public has elected him and sent him to the Assembly due to his work. It is his responsibility to complete his work with priority. He said that any person can meet him directly with his problems. Employees are present at his camp office every day to take complaints. Regular follow-up is also done of the complaints received there. He said that any person associated with Karnal Assembly can meet him directly during Janta Darshan and give his complaints.

MLA Jagmohan Anand also met the members of newly formed BJP executive at BJP office Karna Kamal. Along with this, he also



had a discussion with the nominated councilors. He sent best wishes to everyone. He discussed various issues of the city and issues of the organisation. He said that the Haryana government is working on the basic mantra of ‘Haryana Ek-Haryanvi Ek’ without any discrimination. He said that Development work is being done in every area of the state. Jagmohan Abadd congratulated the nominated councilors for discharging their responsibilities with diligence.

DAV Police Public School students secure place at state level by winning 6 gold, 3 silver medals in Karate tournament

RAHUL KOHLI

YAMUNA NAGAR: Students from many DAV schools participated in DAV cluster level Karate tournament held in Ambala. 17 players from DAV Police Public School Jagadhari also participated in Under-14 and Under-17. Dhruv and Jhalak in Under-14 girls and Parminder Singh in boys won gold medals and Mannat, Tamanna and Nancy won gold medals in Under-17. Silver medal winners were Jas and Gurnoor in Under-14 boys and Vaishnavi in girls. All winning students have also been selected for state level competi-



tion of DAV. Students received training under leadership of teacher Neha Verma and achieved a great victory. Principal Anoop Kumar Chopra, congratulated and wished all winning students and teacher Neha Verma. Principal advised students selected at state level to work hard and while giving his blessings for victory, said that school is proud of such talented students. All students have brought laurels to their parents and school. Hard work of students and practice day and night has resulted in victory.

Last rites of journalist Rohit Lamsar’s mother on July 16

KAMAL SHARMA

TARAORI: Journalist Rohit Lamsar’s mother Kamala Rani completed her earthly journey and merged into the feet of God. Prayer meeting and last rites for her soul’s peace will be performed on Wednesday, July 16 from 1 to 2 pm at Shiv Shakti Satsang Bhawan near Nagar Kheda in Taraori city. On her demise, BJP Mandal Taraori Rice Millers and Dealers Association, Shri Hanuman Seva Samiti, Bharat Vikas Parishad Branch Taraori, BJP Mandal Nilokheri, Taraori Journalist Unity Manch, Arhatiya Association Taraori, Bharat Vikas Parishad Branch Padwala, Haryana State Vyapar Mandal, Railway Passengers Welfare Association, Shri Sanatan Dharma Sabha, Shiv Shakti Sankirtan Mandal, Jai Bharat Yuva Mandal, Garment Association Taraori, Raahgiri Team Taraori, Lakshya Janhit Society, Vyapar Mandal Taraori, besides representatives of several religious, social and political organisations of the city expressed condolences and consoled the family.



Demand for special law for protection of teachers

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA

KARNAL: In an emergency meeting of Karnal Independent Schools Association (KISA) today, more than 250 principals and management representatives of all CBSE affiliated private schools of Karnal district participated. This meeting was called in the backdrop of the recent brutal murder of a school principal in Hissar. Which was addressed in detail by Dr. Rajan Lamba and Kuljinder Mohan Singh Bath from the school organisation. It was unanimously decided in the meeting that the Haryana government will be demanded to bring the “Teacher and School Staff Protection Act” soon and get it passed in the Haryana Assembly without delay, so that the safety, dignity and self-respect of teachers, principals and other staff working in schools can be ensured. Essential points passed in the meeting, which will be implemented immediately in all schools: Zero tolerance policy adopted towards any kind of violence or threat on school staff, in serious cases, it will be mandatory to register FIR immediately, orientation programmes on moral education, self-discipline and respect for teachers will be organised every month for students, affidavit will be taken from parents to take responsibility for the good conduct of their children, teacher and Staff Security Committee, (TSPC) will be formed in every school, in case of indiscipline, the process of immediate suspension and investigation will begin. Any kind of indiscipline will not be tolerated by the schools, immediate action will be taken.



MLA Rana thanks Manohar Lal, Saini and Anil Vij for bus stand sub depot

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA KARNAL, JULY 14

Assandh MLA Yogendra Rana on Monday formally started the operation of Assandh bus stand of Haryana Roadways. He flagged off buses from Assandh to Karnal and Jind. During this, MLA Yogendra Rana was welcomed by Roadways General Manager Karnal Kuldeep Singh and other Roadways officials by garlanding him on reaching the Assandh sub-centre bus stand premises. Yogendra Rana, while addressing the general public present there, said that the proper operation of Assandh sub-centre bus stand will increase the connectivity of Assandh with other places, which is very beneficial for the people of this area. Now bus facilities will be easily available to go from Assandh to other places. He thanked Karnal MP and Union



Minister Manohar Lal and Haryana Chief Minister Nayab Saini for giving this gift to Assandh.

The MLA said that at present 25 buses have been allotted to the sub-centre Assandh, which will operate on 26 routes daily. These will provide better service on the

local routes from Assandh to Delhi, Amritsar, Yamunanagar Haridwar, Shamli, Gohana and Assandh sub-division. He said that bus services will also be increased as per the demand and requirement of the general public so that the general public does not face any kind of inconvenience.

The MLA told the Karnal General Manager of Haryana Roadways that in view of the special faith of the devotees in the month of Sawan, bus service should be started from Assandh to Haridwar so that more number of devotees can go to Haridwar. He said that the people of Assandh are his family.

On this occasion, Karnal General Manager of Roadways Kuldeep Singh, TM Roadways Rohtas Jangra, S.S Suresh Rathore of Assandh Sub Center, Municipality Chairperson Sunita, Vice Chairman Rajinder Dhingra, BJP District Vice President Sanjay, Assandh Mandal President Himanshu Chhabra, Ramavtar Jindal, Amrjeet Chhabra, Amit Rana, Dr. Bootiram, Brijlal Takkar, Narendra Narwal Vinay Rana, Kaliram Bindal, and others were present.

BLOs are the backbone of the election process: SDM Ashok Munjal

MAINPAL KASHYAP INDRI, JULY 14

A one-day training camp was organised for BLOs (Booth Level Officers) and supervisors under the National Training Programme of the Election Commission in the auditorium of the local BDPO office on Monday. On this occasion, Election Registration Officer and SDM of Indri Assembly constituency Ashok Munjal, while addressing the training session, said that BLOs and supervisors are the backbone of the election process. A transparent and accurate election process is ensured only by their hard work and honesty. SDM Munjal said that India is the largest democratic country in the world and the entire election process here is conducted on the basis of the voter list. It is the responsibility of the BLO to add the names of all eligible persons to the voter list by conducting door-to-door surveys and remove the names of the dead or those who have moved out of the area on time.



During the camp, master trainers Arun Sharma, Shashi Bhushan, Vedpal, Pawan Kumar Kalri and Aditya and Pankaj from the Election Office informed the BLOs and supervisors about their duties, responsibilities and technical aspects of election work. They were explained the detailed procedure for filling Form 6 (for adding names of new voters), Form 6A (for NRIs), Form 7 (for deleting names) and Form 8 (for correction in details). The SDM also clarified that every voter in

the assembly constituency should be 18 years of age or above and should be a permanent resident of Haryana. He urged the BLOs to thoroughly check the information given in each form so that no mistake is made.

He said that the Election Commission of India conducts revision campaigns from time to time, in which claims and objections are invited from citizens. This campaign is successful only when the BLOs perform their duties with full devotion.

Editorial
Parched world

In this International Year of Glaciers' Preservation 2025, we must ask whether we can truly secure our urban futures without protecting the glaciers that silently sustain them. Glaciers are our planetary thermostats and water towers. Known as the 'Water Towers of Asia', the Himalayas feed 10 major river systems, sustaining over 1.9 billion people. But this lifeline is melting fast. According to the International Centre for Integrated Mountain Development, the Hindu Kush-Himalaya region could lose up to two-thirds of its glaciers by 2100 under a high emissions scenario. Even if global warming is kept to 1.5°C, a third of the ice mass will still disappear. Urban emissions are part of the problem. Black carbon, largely emitted from diesel engines, brick kilns, and biomass burning in urban and peri-urban areas, accelerates glacial melting. Coupled with global greenhouse gas emissions, of which cities contribute up to 70% despite occupying just 2% of the Earth's surface, this is a recipe for disaster. The impact? Drying springs, destabilised hill slopes, rising Glacial Lake Outburst Floods, and increasing out-migration from the Himalayan belt.

Delhi, Lahore, Kathmandu and Lhasa depend heavily on glacier-fed rivers; yet they are emission hotspots, accelerating their own vulnerability. The World Bank estimates that urban populations will double by 2050, with nearly 70% of humanity living in cities. This growth will spike demand for water, energy, and infrastructure — amplifying emissions, raising local temperatures, and ultimately altering precipitation cycles in ways that imperil glacier-fed rivers.

GLOFs are among the deadliest impacts of glacier retreat. These can travel at high velocities, wiping out infrastructure and communities within minutes. Integrating glacier monitoring, real-time early warning systems, and fusing forested riverbanks into city planning are thus imperatives.

Trees are celebrated as carbon sinks. Mosses, often overlooked, are climate allies too. According to a 2023 study in Nature Geoscience, mosses can sequester four times more CO2 per unit area than mature trees. They thrive on concrete surfaces, making them ideal for urban rooftops, vertical walls, and heat-stressed zones. Unfortunately, many cities view moss as untidy and remove it for aesthetic reasons. This must change.

When we speak of melting ice, we often picture the Arctic or the Antarctic. But the Himalayas are melting faster, and their impact sare seeping into urban drains, dry taps, and agricultural losses. The Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change's Sixth Assessment Report warns that cryospheric changes in high mountain regions will have irreversible impacts on water availability, directly affecting cities downstream.

Opening India's dairy sector to US could cause loss to farmers

Opening India's dairy sector to US imports could result in an annual loss of Rs 1.03 lakh crore to Indian dairy farmers, according to a recent report by the State Bank of India (SBI).The report cautioned that the move would significantly impact the livelihoods of small dairy farmers, as the US dairy sector is heavily subsidized.SBI stated, "If the dairy sector is opened up, price of milk in India is likely to drop by at least 15 per cent which could cause potential annual loss of Rs 1.03 lakh crore to dairy farmers."

The report pointed out that agriculture and dairy continue to be key sticking points in trade negotiations between India and the United States.One of the major concerns raised by SBI is the risk posed to the livelihood of Indian farmers if the dairy sector is opened up to US competition. This could also increase India's milk imports by approximately 25 million tonnes annually.The dairy sector in India plays a critical role in the rural economy, contributing about 2.5-3 per cent to the national Gross Value Added (GVA), which amounts to around Rs 7.5-9 lakh crore.It also provides direct employment to nearly 8 crore people, translating to one job for every Rs 1 lakh



contributed to GVA.

The report mentioned that a 15 per cent drop in milk prices would not only reduce farmer incomes but also weaken the sector's overall contribution to the economy.After accounting for the cost of inputs such as feed, fuel, transport, and unpaid family labour, the estimated GVA loss would be around Rs 0.51 lakh crore.However, the report also highlighted potential gains if India and the US strengthen trade ties in other areas.For instance, India currently exports less than USD 1 billion worth of high-value agricultural products such as organic food and spices to the US, but there is potential to expand this to over USD 3 billion based on US demand.Fruits and vegetables like mangoes, litchis, bananas, and okra could see higher exports if sanitary and phytosanitary (SPS) bans are lifted.Additionally, the removal of non-tariff barriers could boost the export of Ayush products and generic medicines by USD 1-2 billion.Other benefits may include easier visa rules, increased outsourcing opportunities, US investments in cold storage and precision farming, and lower costs of agricultural inputs like feed, machinery, and veterinary products.The report concluded that while opening up the dairy sector could lead to broader economic and strategic cooperation with the US, the adverse impact on millions of Indian farmers should not be ignored.

Literature & Health

India's used-car volume to grow 8-10% in 2025-26

The sales volume of used cars in India is expected to cross 6 million units this fiscal driven by value-conscious demand, rising digital adoption and better access to finance, the credit rating agency Crisil Rating said in a report. This has lifted the used-to-new ratio in car sales to 1.4 from less than 1 five years ago, with the volume growing more than twice as fast.

After a tepid 5 per cent volume growth seen between fiscal 2017-24, used vehicle sales grew at a strong 8 per cent last fiscal and is poised to grow up to 10 per cent this fiscal too, said the credit rating firm.The market value of these used cars is estimated to be around Rs 4 lakh crore, nearly matching that of new car sales. The organised play-



ers in the segment have been incurring high operational cost towards refurbishment, logistics and financing as the sector is in an expansion mode, resulting in continued cash losses. However, strong revenue growth is expected to drive breakeven at the operating profit level over this and the next fiscal. Until then, credit profiles of play-

ers will largely depend on timely fund-raising and sustenance of adequate liquidity to support growth. Anuj Sethi, Senior Director, Crisil Ratings said, "The improvement in the used-to-new car sales ratio to 1.4x from under 1.0x five years ago signals a structural shift, driven by rising consumer confidence and digital adoption.

Broadening young minds: From local visits to global vision

True learning begins the moment students step beyond their comfort zones and into the real world. At our school, we're not just teaching subjects—we're preparing futures. With this vision, we have initiated a series of immersive educational experiences to expose our students to the systems, skills, and possibilities that await them beyond the classroom.

In recent months, our students participated in guided visits to LIC offices, local banks, post offices, and the traffic police station. These engagements allowed them to witness how these institutions function and how vital roles are carried out with professionalism and civic responsibility. Observing real-world operations made them more aware, confident, and inquisitive.

A significant highlight was the interaction with the Student Welfare Department of Guru Nanak Dev University (GNDU). Here, students gained valuable insights into degree programs, job-oriented diplomas, and various career options that align with their interests and ambitions. For many, this was the first time they viewed higher education as an achievable and exciting journey.

To elevate their understanding



even further, we welcomed renowned experts from India and abroad:

Ms. Manveen Kaur, a psychologist from Tata Consultancy Group, emphasized mental clarity, emotional resilience, and career clarity among teenagers.

Ms. Jasmine Buttar, a computer expert from the United States, introduced students to global advancements in the tech industry and encouraged them to dream big in the digital world.

Mr. Navjashan, an international mentor from Canada, broadened their perspective on studying and working abroad.

Additionally, cybercrime specialists, English language experts, computer professionals, and career coun-

selors held dedicated sessions on modern-day challenges and emerging fields—from digital safety to communication excellence.

The essence behind all these initiatives was clear:

To unlock the minds of our students from local limitations and push them toward global aspirations. They must not be confined by the boundaries of their town or social biases. Instead, they should rise with confidence, awareness, and a fire to pursue the extraordinary.

"The future belongs to those who believe in the beauty of their dreams." - Eleanor Roosevelt

"Arise, awake, and stop not till the goal is reached." - Swami Vivekananda

We at PM Shri Government Senior Secondary School, Beas, remain committed to shaping not just scholars, but empowered individuals—ready to navigate a changing world with clarity, courage, and ambition.

By Shri Rajeev Kapoor
Principal, PM Shri Government Senior Secondary School, Beas, District Amritsar

POEM

Monday Mornings

Monday mornings, oh so slow. Wake up, rise, and let the energy glow. Monday mornings, new horizons bright. Weekend memories, fun in sight. Monday mornings, sluggish start ups. Coffee kicks in, and the heart starts pumps. Monday mornings, lethargic start. Wake up, stretch, and let the energy spark. Monday mornings,a monotonous access. Lets get armed and armoured to achieve success. Sleepy eyes, fresh beginnings, lingering weekend blues. Determining oneself to colour new canvas with brightening hues. The alarm clock screams. Evoking us to fulfill our dreams. The morning light creeps in. Promising a day to rise and win."

By:-
Harpreet kaur Barnala

Visionary & effective administrator Er. Ravinder Singh Saini appointed new member, Punjab State Electricity Regulatory Commission

In a move that reflects both recognition of merit and a commitment to administrative excellence, the Punjab Government has appointed Er. Ravinder Singh Saini as the new member of the Punjab State Electricity Regulatory Commission for a five-year term. His appointment marks a significant milestone in a distinguished career that spans nearly four decades of dedicated service in the power sector.

Born on July 1, 1965, in New Delhi, Er. Saini hails from a values-driven family—his father, Sardar Ajmer Singh, and his late mother, Smt. Mohan Kaur, instilled in him the foundations of integrity and service. He completed his schooling at Khalsa School (Lajpat Nagar) and Government Model School (Vivek Vihar) before earning a B.Sc. (Hons.) in Mechanical Engineering from the prestigious Re-



gional Engineering College, Rourkela (now NIT Rourkela) in 1986. Er.Ravinder Singh Saini joined the Punjab State Electricity Board now Punjab State Power Corporation Limited as an assistant engineer on May 6, 1987, and rose to the topmost technical post of Engineer-in-Chief, eventually serving

as Director Commercial and Director HR of PSPCL between March 1,2023 and March 28, 2025. During this period, he held dual charge with remarkable effectiveness, earning the admiration of colleagues and stakeholders alike.

During his tenure as director human resources PSPCL undertook a massive recruitment drive, inducting 5,704 highly qualified young professionals across technical and non-technical cadres through a fair, transparent, and merit-based system—infusing new energy into the corporation. Numerous consumer-friendly initiatives were launched during his tenure to facilitate economically weaker power consumers of punjab and improve billing, metering, and grievance redressal mechanisms.

Over a 36-year-long career with PSEB/PSPCL, Er. Saini has left an

indelible mark across key domains—distribution, commercial, enforcement, technical audit, generation, and IT. His stints as xen in Rupnagar and Lalru, senior xen (Enforcement and Technical Audit, Mohali), Chief Engineer (South Zone Distribution), Chief Engineer (Technical Audit & Inspection), and Chief Engineer (IT) speak volumes of his versatility and deep institutional knowledge.

One of his most notable contributions has been ensuring uninterrupted electricity to more than 1 crore consumers across Punjab, particularly during critical peak demand periods like paddy seasons and summer months from 2022 to 2025. Thanks to his proactive planning and timely interventions, more than 14 lakh agricultural and consumers of all categories got reliable power supply without major

outages.

Mohali district, known for its rapid urban growth, saw substantial improvements in its power infrastructure under his watch. Punjab's Smart Metering initiative was first implemented in Mohali city, enabling consumers to monitor usage, pay bills, and register complaints digitally—ushering in a new era of transparency and efficiency.

His role in PSPCL's acquisition of the GVK thermal plant stands as a landmark achievement, marking one of the rare instances where a privately-owned thermal plant was successfully brought under government control—enhancing PSPCL's energy security and generation capacity.

Having worked closely with Er. Saini for over 15 years, I can personally attest to his commit-

ment and human approach. I recall an instance from March 2,2023, when I met him to discuss a pending departmental promotion. After a brief discussion, he assured me with calm confidence, "Manmohan Singh, you will go home today with your Deputy Secretary appointment order." True to his word, I received my promotion by 5:00 PM the same day—a testament to his decisive leadership.

In recognition of his longstanding service, strategic foresight, and commitment to consumer-centric reforms, the Punjab Government has rightly entrusted Er. Ravinder Singh Saini with this pivotal role in the electricity regulatory framework of the state.

Manmohan Singh
Public Relations Expert Former Deputy Secretary (Public Relations), PSPCL

NEWS BRIEF

DC will plant trees in PHC center of village Rampur Road: Kapil Kumar



YAGYA DUTT SHASTRI PEHOWA: Sub Divisional Officer Civil Kapil Kumar said that to keep environment green and alive, every person should plant as many trees as possible. Keeping environment safe is essential for human life. He said that a program will be organized in view of environmental cleanliness on July 15 in village Rampur Road of sub division Pehowa. Deputy Commissioner Kurukshetra Neha Singh will plant trees in the Primary Health Center of village Rampur Road with her own hands. She will also inaugurate gym built in village. She will also listen to problems of villagers.

Sultanpur MLA urges immediate strengthening of weak points and temporary embankments along Beas River

GAURAV GOEL
CHANDIGARH, JULY 14

Member of Legislative Assembly from Sultanpur Lodhi, Rana Inder Pratap Singh, today expressed serious concern in the Punjab Vidhan Sabha over the growing threat of floods and the poor condition of embankments along the Beas River. Speaking during the zero hour, the MLA revealed that in the past six months, he has identified 12 to 15 critical locations between Harike and Dhillwan where the embankments are alarmingly weak and highly susceptible to breaches during rising water levels in the reservoirs of the Dams.

“It is a matter of urgent public importance that increase in water levels in the dams due to heavy rainfall in Himachal Pradesh leads to consequent danger of flooding in Punjab,” said the MLA, who speaking during the call attention motion



asking the government to take corrective steps to avoid floods. Rana Inder Pratap Singh informed the house that these vulnerabilities were shared in detail with the concerned deputy commissioner and the Cabinet Minister, and formal reminders were also sent to the respective departments. “However, no concrete steps were taken, even at the sites most in need of urgent reinforcement. He emphasized that all required

repair and strengthening work could have been efficiently executed under the MGNREGA (NREGA) scheme, yet the situation remains unaddressed,” he said. During the discussion, the MLA also raised three supplementary questions, pressing the Punjab Government to act with seriousness and urgency on the issue of flood management and riverbank protection.

Citing a specific example,

he reminded the House that during the previous flood season, an isolated embankment spanning nearly 125 acres near the Goindwal bridge had obstructed the natural water flow. As a result, all the water pressure converged at a single point, increasing the risk of a breach. He urged the Punjab government to undertake desilting in this area to prevent a similar crisis from occurring again. He further sounded the alarm over ongoing illegal mining activities within the embankment zones, particularly in areas where temporary structures have been erected by locals. Such unauthorized activity, he warned, is aggravating the flood risk and must be urgently addressed.

Rana Inder Pratap Singh questioned whether the Punjab Government has held any serious discussions or devised a strategic plan over the past six months to tackle this pressing issue.

Health department on alert as risk of dengue and malaria rises with onset of monsoon

MAINPAL KASHYAP
INDRI, JULY 14

With rising humidity and stagnant water accumulating due to the monsoon, the threat of mosquito-borne diseases such as dengue, malaria, and chikungunya has increased significantly. In response, the Health Department has gone into alert mode, launching awareness campaigns and door-to-door health checks to prevent outbreaks.

Senior Medical Officer (SMO) of the Civil Hospital Indri, Dr. Sandeep Abrol, conducted an inspection of the hospital on Monday, interacted with patients, and assured them of quality treatment. He directed all doctors and staff to ensure complete attentiveness in treating patients.

Dr. Abrol emphasized that diseases like dengue and chikungunya are primarily spread through the bite of the Aedes mosquito, which breeds in clean, stagnant water and is most active during the daytime. He highlighted that household items like coolers, water tanks, and flowerpots become prime breeding grounds during this season.

To strengthen surveillance, the department has deployed 55 ASHA workers across the area. These teams are conducting household visits to identify suspected cases and educate residents on preventive steps. They are advising people on the importance of cleanliness and simple precautions to avoid mosquito breeding.

Dr. Abrol listed common symptoms of dengue and chikungunya including high



fever, headache, pain behind the eyes, joint pain, nausea, vomiting, and fatigue. He urged residents not to ignore such signs and to get a blood test at the nearest health center instead of self-medicating. The health department has appealed to the public to observe a “Dry Day” every Sunday by emptying and drying all water containers, coolers, vases, and tanks in their homes. The use of mosquito nets and repellents has also been strongly recommended.

Dr. Abrol clarified that no serious cases of dengue, malaria, or chikungunya have been reported in the Indri region so far. However, the department remains fully vigilant, with routine field visits and community outreach continuing to ensure early detection and prevention. “Cover clean water containers, empty and clean them weekly, wear full-sleeve clothes, use mosquito nets and repellents, and consult a health center immediately if any symptoms appear,” he advised.

Weekly grievance redressal camp held at Vyaspur SDM office



NITIN SINGLA
BILASPUR: Sub-Divisional Magistrate (SDM) of Vyaspur, Jaspal Singh Gill, presided over a public grievance redressal camp at his office located in the mini-secretariat on Monday. The camp was held to listen to and resolve citizens’ concerns directly. SDM Gill informed that, as per the Haryana government’s directives, such resolution camps are being held every Monday and Thursday from 10 AM to 12 noon at the sub-divisional level. Administrative officers are present to address various issues on the spot. Citizens can bring up matters related to the Parivar Pehchan Patra (Family ID), ration cards, government welfare schemes, police department issues, Panchayati Raj, and other administrative concerns. SDM Gill stated that problems which can be resolved immediately are addressed on the spot, while other matters are directed to the concerned departments for timely action. During Monday’s camp, one grievance was received, concerning Parivar Pehchan Patra, electricity, ration card, and social security pension schemes. The matter was forwarded to the relevant department for swift redressal.

'Special Culture Zone', 'Spiritual City' to be built in 500 acres

HANS RAJ
KURUKSHETRA: A new spiritual city will be built in Jyotisar, preaching place of Geeta. A glimpse of culture and spirituality of every state will be seen in the spiritual city. Special Culture Zone (SCZ) will also be built. Naib government has started process of making Jyotisar a spiritual city. An amount of Rs 376 crore has been approved for this. Applications for land will be sought from farmers through the e-Bhoomi portal. Land will be allotted to every state of the country, along with this a special culture zone will be established, in which every activity of Mahabharata war will be shown. Draft for preparing a new spiritual city at Geeta Sthal Jyotisar was prepared in the 82nd annual meeting of Kurukshetra Development Board in presence of Governor and KDB Chairman Bandaru Dattatreya and Chief Minister Naib Saini. Giving green signal to draft, an amount of Rs 376 crore has been approved for spiritual city by Chief Minister Naib Saini. Land will be acquired through e-Bhoomi portal and after this land will be allotted for building from various states of country, national and internationally renowned institutions. There is a plan to build a building of every state on the lines of Statue of Unity located in Kevadia of Gujarat state. These buildings will show culture, spirituality and art of respective state. Food and dishes of those states will also be prepared, so that devotees visiting Kurukshetra do not have to face any inconvenience in accommodation and food. A special culture zone will be created in spiritual city to be built at Geeta Sthal Jyotisar, in which there will be live glimpses of Mahabharata war.



Avleen Kaur wins first prize in Hindi elocution contest at Pratap Public School



KAMAL SHARMA
TARAORI: A Hindi elocution competition was organised at Pratap Public School, Tarawadi, aiming to foster love for the Hindi language and to enhance students’ oratory skills. The school’s Director, Pithi Chaudhary, and Principal, Vikas Utreja, were warmly welcomed at the event. Students from Classes 1 to 10 participated in the competition, delivering powerful, emotional, and logical speeches. Their confidence, articulation, and awareness of national issues were clearly reflected through their performances. In Class 1, Avleen Kaur secured the first position, followed by Yuvika and Ishriti, while Ayanash and Hariansh received consolation prizes. In Class 2, Anvi came first, Jugraj second, and Vidanshi third, with Bhavishh receiving a consolation prize. Class 3 winners included Aashirya in first and Dhruv Chauhan in second place. In Class 4, Tina secured first and Yuvana Gupta second place. From Class 5, Mishri Tyagi stood first, Vanika second, and Ishan, Shubham, and Kritika jointly secured third. In Class 8, Manyu and Aarohi Tyagi jointly took first place, followed by Bhuvika and then Sahibaa Kanrra. In the senior classes (9 and 10), Deepanshi Garg won first prize, Sandhya Rana was second, and Priyanka and Tejaswi Singh shared third place. Principal Vikas Utreja praised the participants for their impressive ideas and performances, stating that such events provide students a platform to express their thoughts and build essential communication skills.

Women representatives should fulfil their duties with conviction: Nirmal Bairagi



PARDEEP MEHTA
NILOKKHERI: Chairperson of the Haryana Backward Classes Welfare Corporation and senior BJP leader Nirmal Bairagi called upon women elected representatives to rise to their responsibilities with confidence and dignity. She was addressing a thought-sharing session at the Haryana Institute of Rural Development, where she spoke about the challenges faced by women in public roles and the ways to tackle them. Presiding over the session was the newly appointed Director of the institute, Dr. Virendra Singh Chauhan. Upon arrival, Bairagi congratulated him on his appointment and extended her best wishes for his tenure. Recalling her own journey in public life, Bairagi said she began her career as a sarpanch in the 1990s and was the first woman to hold that position in her village after the new Panchayati Raj Act came into force. She stressed that sincerity and a sense of duty are enough to overcome challenges in the workplace.

Monthly satsang held at Guru Ravidas Ashram in Ladwa; Sudesh Kataria emphasizes spiritual upliftment through devotion



VIJAY KAUSHIK
LADWA: A monthly satsang was held at Shri Guru Ravidas Ashram on Mustafabad Road, where the program commenced with the aarti of Guru Ravidas Ji. Former Media Advisor to the Chief Minister, Sudesh Kataria, graced the occasion as the chief guest and was warmly welcomed with garlands by Mahatma Gurpal Das. Addressing the gathering, Kataria said that listening to satsang helps cleanse sins accumulated over several lifetimes and brings one closer to liberation. He emphasized drawing inspiration from the life and teachings of Guru Ravidas Ji, who showed the path of devotion and righteousness. A large number of devotees attended the satsang, which concluded with a grand community meal (bhandara). Guests were honored with shawls and mementoes. Among those present were Sanjeev Kumar, Ajeeb Singh, Binder Bhura, Eemna Kataria, Roopa Devi, Kirna Devi, Krishna Devi, Rekha Rani, Manisha Rani, and Manjeet Rani.

Worshipping Lord Shiva in Sawan brings special results



YAGYA DUTT SHASTRI
PEHOWA: Mahant Tej Nath of Guru Gorakhnath Dham said that month of Sawan is considered very special in Hinduism. Especially Mondays falling in Sawan are very important. He was addressing devotees during a discourse at Guru Gorakhnath Dham here. He said that Monday is most favourite day of Lord Shiva. Worshipping Lord Shiva in his favourite month of Sawan has a different significance. Lord Shiva becomes happy with just a pot of water and blesses his devotees. According to scriptures, Lord Shiva sits on earth with Mother Parvati in this month. He said that in this month, Lord Shiva should be anointed with milk, curd, honey, Belpatra, Dhatura.

Free eye check-up camp organised at Gurdwara Dukh Bhanjansar, village Khukhrana



JAGRAJ SINGH SANGHA
MOGA: A camp for free eye drops was organized at Gurdwara Dukh Bhanjan Sahib village Khukhrana in collaboration with Dukh Bhanjan Sewa Society Khukhrana. Giving information on this occasion, Chief Sewadar Sant Baba Resham Singh Ji said that for the welfare of all, a camp for eye drops was organized on Monday, July 14. He said that this camp was organized with the support of the Punjab Government and Shankara Eye Hospital Ludhiana. Eye medicines were given to the devotees who reached the camp in large numbers and the patients who were to get drops were taken to Shankara Hospital. On this occasion, check-ups of the patients were done under the guidance of Dr. Pooja Rani. He said that this service is being done absolutely free of cost for the welfare of the patients. On this occasion, a large number of devotees from all over the area participated and got their check-ups done. On this occasion, Dr. Makhan Singh of Amir Chand Mallan, Jagtar Singh Jira, Sukhjinder Singh Udhm Singh Calcutta, Giani Parminder Singh Baljinder Singh Sekho, Club President Jaspreet Singh Jassa Nachhattar Singh Secretary, and a large number of social workers were present.

India has full potential to become global winner: Prakash



SHIV KUMAR SHARMA
KARNAL: India today stands on the threshold of becoming a global leader, said Prakash Ji, the keynote speaker at a programme organised by the Karnal chapter of Laghu Udyog Bharati. Speaking on the occasion, he emphasised that success in today’s world hinges on the control of global resources. “The world is engaged in a race to control resources, and India, with its massive market and potential, can make the world bow at its feet if its people unite,” he said, urging small industries in the country to work with the spirit of cooperation. The event also marked the announcement of new office-bearers of the Karnal chapter. Arvind Dhumal, National Vice President of Laghu Udyog Bharati, presided over the event, while State President Shubb Adesh Mittal, Radheshyam Choyal (Technical Head, Swavalambi Bharat Abhiyan), industrialist Bhushan Goyal, and Chamber President Sushil Jain attended as special guests. A major highlight of the programme was the launch of My SBA, India’s first portal aimed at connecting job providers and job seekers. Alongside, Laghu Udyog Bharati’s new portal LEAP was also inaugurated.

STEM-DLD workshop organized at Sugni Devi Arya Girls Sr Secondary School

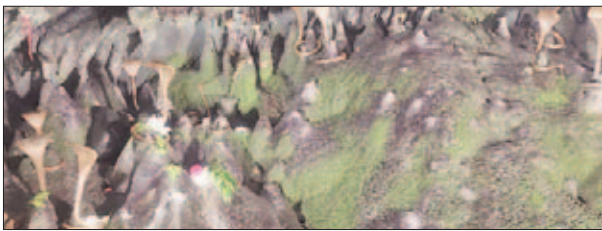


VIJAY KAUSHIK
LADWA: Sugni Devi Arya Girls Sr. Sec. School, in collaboration with CBSE COE Panchkula, organized a STEM-DLD workshop to promote scientific literacy and foster 21st-century skills among educators. Subject expert Mohit Dua, Assistant Professor at NIT Kurukshetra, addressed the teachers and introduced integrated approaches to teaching Science, Social Studies, and Computer Science. He explained how interdisciplinary methods can enhance classroom engagement and learning outcomes. Dua also offered insights into emerging fields such as Artificial Intelligence, Robotics, and Drone Technology. Principal Pooja Chhabra expressed gratitude to the resource person, reiterating the school’s commitment to providing quality education and modern skills to its students.

Devotees throng ancient Dibkeshwar Mahadev temple in Suliali on first Monday of Sawan

SANJEEV MAHAJAN
NURPUR, JULY 14

With the onset of the auspicious month of Sawan, devotees flocked to the ancient Dibkeshwar Mahadev Shiv Cave Temple in Suliali from early morning on the first Monday to offer prayers to Lord Shiva. The temple, believed to be thousands of years old, houses a naturally formed Shambhu Shivling and holds immense religious significance. Legends say that in the Satyug era, a tunnel from this sacred cave extended all the way to



Haridwar, and traces of milk streams once said to have flowed from the Shivling are still visible today. The holy month of Sawan began on July 11 and will culminate on August 9. Worshipping Lord Shiva during this period is considered especially beneficial for the fulfillment

of wishes and the removal of hardships. Speaking to the media, temple priest Dinesh Giri said, “The month of Sawan is especially dear to Lord Shiva. Devotees who perform sincere prayers and rituals during this time are blessed with peace and prosperity.”

Galaxy Group Goyal International (P) Limited organises Bhoomi Pujan for construction of Dharamshala in Ayodhya

KAMAL SHARMA
TARAORI, JULY 14

Shri Ram Seva Sadan Trust organized Bhoomi Pujan and foundation stone laying ceremony for the construction of Dharamshala in Ayodhya. This auspicious event symbolizes the commencement of construction work in a total area of 14,000 square yards near Lord Shri Ram Jannabhoomi, Ayodhya. A large number of dignitaries participated on this occasion. The Bhoomi Pujan construction work was inaugurated by Galaxy Group Goyal International



Pvt. Ltd. Chairman Vinod Goyal, Vijay Goyal, Krishna Goyal, Munish Goyal, Seema Goyal, Rajni Goyal, Samridhi Goyal. He said that earlier he had the honor of being a ‘Brajvasi’ and now he got the pride of being an Ayodhyavasi. This Dharamshala will be helpful in providing convenient and

affordable accommodation to the devotees coming to Ayodhya, which will make it easier for them to have darshan of Lord Shri Rama. During this, representatives of dignitaries and social-religious organizations Galaxy Group Goyal International Pvt. Ltd. wished good luck.

Orient cables (India) limited files DRHP with SEBI

GURUGRAM : Orient Cables (India) Limited is a manufacturing company with a primary focus on networking cables and passive networking equipment, operating for nearly two decades and catering to high-growth industries including broadband, telecom, data centres, renewable energy, smart building automation/ security, system integration, FMEG and automotive. The company manufacture a diverse range of products, under the following broad segments- Networking Cables and Solutions; Specialty Power, Optical Fibre Cables and Solutions; and Other Allied Products.

Over 7.2 lakh youth trained through HDFC Bank Parivartan's Skill Development and Livelihood Enhancement Programmes

CHANDIGARH/LUDHIANA: On the occasion of World Youth Skills Day, HDFC Bank today highlighted a significant milestone, of having skilled over 7.2 lakh youth across India since the inception of the Bank's CSR programme, Parivartan. The Bank currently has over 70 active projects in the area of Skill Development across different states, covering multiple sectors including IT/ITES, retail, healthcare, manufacturing and agriculture. HDFC Bank Parivartan's skilling initiatives span across urban and rural areas in several states, including Andhra Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, Delhi, Goa, Gujarat, Haryana, Himachal Pradesh, Karnataka, Kerala, Lakshadweep, Maharashtra, Mizoram, Odisha, Punjab, Rajasthan, Telangana, Uttar Pradesh, Uttarakhand, and West Bengal.

Toyota Kirloskar Motor announces Six airbag as a standard and a New Accessory package "Prestige edition" in Glanza

CHANDIGARH/LUDHIANA: Toyota Kirloskar Motor (TKM) today announced two significant updates to its hatchback, the Toyota Glanza, aimed at further strengthening safety and enhancing overall customer value. Reinforcing its commitment to safety, all variants of the Toyota Glanza will now come equipped with six airbags as standard, offering comprehensive protection for both the driver and passengers. Loved for its premium styling and fully loaded technology features, the Toyota Glanza continues to be a preferred choice among first-time car buyers, young professionals, and urban commuters. Winning hearts for its stylish design, fuel efficiency, and hassle-free ownership, the inclusion of six airbags as standard is expected to further strengthen its appeal while ensuring peace of mind for every customer.

Tata Motors Begins Delivery of 148 Advanced Starbus EVs

CHANDIGARH/LUDHIANA: Tata Motors, India's largest commercial vehicle manufacturer, today announced the commencement of deliveries for an additional 148 advanced Tata Starbus electric buses to the Bengaluru Metropolitan Transport Corporation (BMTCL). This latest deployment builds on the successful operations of 921 electric buses in the city, further strengthening Bengaluru's commitment to sustainable urban mobility. The fleet will be operated and maintained by TML Smart City Mobility Solutions Ltd., a wholly owned subsidiary of Tata Motors, under a 12-year contract. Mr. Anand S, Vice President and Head – TML Smart City Mobility Ltd. & Commercial Passenger Vehicle Business, Tata Motors, said, "It is a momentous occasion as we commence deliveries for yet another fleet of

Škoda Auto hits a 300 in India

Chandigarh/ Ludhiana – Škoda Auto is reving to new heights as it celebrates its 25-year legacy in India, and 130 years globally. Earlier this month, the brand achieved its highest half-yearly sales ever in H1 2025. In yet another achievement, the company has now crossed 300 customer touchpoints, catering to customers across 172 cities in India. Providing an unmatched customer experience is central to Škoda Auto's India growth strategy. The rapid network expansion reflects this, along with the strong momentum the brand is building across India. Commenting on the achievement, Ashish Gupta, Brand Director, Škoda Auto India, said, "Our growing network shows our product range more accessible to customers, while enabling smarter, faster service with consistent quality, across the country. With a strong emphasis on growing together and getting closer to customers, a large part of our expansion has been undertaken with Škoda Auto's long-term dealer partners in India, while also bringing new partners with a proven track record of customer centinity.

Motorola Launches moto g96 5G

Motorola, a global leader in mobile technology and India's leading AI smartphone brand, today announced the launch of the moto g96 5G – the first in a series of smartphones of the year and the true successor to last year's best-selling smartphone under ₹20,000, the moto g85 5G. Redefining the sub ₹20,000 segment, the moto g96 5G brings flagship-level features, including a segment-best 144Hz 3D curved pOLED FHD+ display with IP68 underwater protection, a segment-best 50MP OIS Sony LYTIA™ 700C camera powered by moto AI and 4K video recording from all lenses, and a segment-leading Snapdragon® 7s Gen 2 processor with an AnTuTu score of over 650K. It also boasts a premium vegan leather design, is ultra-slim and lightweight, and comes in four Pantone-coloured colours with a 3500mAh battery offering up to 42 hours of runtime. The moto g96 5G features in-built 8GB RAM + 256GB of storage, and is available at an effective starting price of just ₹17,999 (₹1+128GB variant). The moto g96 5G sets a new benchmark in its segment with the segment's leading 144Hz 3D Curved pOLED display, paired with IP68 underwater protection for the first time on a g series smartphone. The 6.67" FHD+ pOLED display delivers a bright, vivid, and immersive viewing experience with latest Display Colour Boost technology, 10-bit colour depth, and 100% DCI-P3 colour gamut for lifelike cinematic visuals. With a peak brightness of 1600nits.

Reimagining EV Ownership: Tata Motors introduces Lifetime HV Battery Warranty for Curvv.ev and Nexon.ev 45 kWh

Chandigarh: As part of its consistent efforts to remove barriers to electric vehicle adoption in India, Tata Motors – the leader of India's electric vehicle revolution and the nation's leading SUV manufacturer – today announced the introduction of Lifetime HV Battery Warranty for the Curvv.ev SUV Coupe and the Nexon.ev 45 kWh. The Lifetime HV Battery Warranty, first introduced with the recently launched Harrier.ev, received widespread appreciation from consumers nationwide. Encouraged by this positive response, the company has now extended this offering to existing and new first-time customers of two of its most popular SUVs. Talking about the benefit of Lifetime HV Battery Warranty to the customer, Mr. Vivek Sivatsa, Chief Commercial Officer, Tata Passenger Electric Mobility Ltd., said, "By democratising premium EV technology, we have played a significant role in advancing India's EV category's exponential growth.

ISB Hosts Governance Summit 2025 on mega trends and policy shifts



L K BANSAL MOHALI : The country's leading minds in governance, policy, and industry converged at the third edition of the Governance Summit 2025, organised by the Bharti Institute of Public Policy (BIPP) at the Indian School of Business (ISB). The theme for this year's Summit was "Megatrends and Policy Shifts: Charting India's Future."

Setting the context for the Summit, Professor Ashwini Chhatre, Associate Professor and Executive Director, Bharti Institute of Public Policy, ISB, said, "The true megatrends of our time emerge not from technology alone, but from the dynamic interplay of

technology, policy, markets, and culture. The biggest lesson to learn from the history of technology is that it always leaves the core behind, and it always increases inequality. It is imperative that we focus on safety nets on social security as the most important policy. Charting India's future is no longer metaphorical — with geospatial and computational tools, providing us with both the opportunity, as well as the caution necessary when dealing with vast amounts of information."

Addressing the gathering, Sujeet Kumar, Hon'ble Member of Parliament (Rajya Sabha), said, "The Governance Summit has firmly established itself as

the go-to platform for bold policy ideas and rigorous policy action reviews. This year's theme resonates deeply with the transformative agenda of building a Viksit Bharat by 2047, a vision being relentlessly pursued under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi ji. As India navigates the four defining megatrends, i) the AI tsunami and digital revolution, ii) sustainable and inclusive development, iii) geopolitical reordering, and iv) the future of work shaped by our demographic dividend, our governance frameworks must evolve to be agile, inclusive, and anticipatory."

Sanjeev Singh, IRS, Chief Commissioner of Income Tax

and Asok Kumar G, IAS (Retd.), former Special Secretary, Government of India and a visiting faculty at IIT Kanpur and IIM (A) delved into the complexities of AI governance and cybersecurity, the transformative potential of digital public infrastructure, and the imperative of regulatory preparedness in the digital age during a panel discussion on Digital Governance.

The highlight of the summit was the launch of the book "Lakhpati Kisan: Transforming Agriculture-Based Livelihoods for Smallholder Farmers in India" - the third volume in the book series, "Innovations, Practice, and the Future of Public Policy in India."

Haryana teen develops smart tree health device 'Trevive' to combat climate change

CHANDIGARH : At a time when climate change, deforestation, and soil degradation continue to threaten ecosystems across the globe, a 17-year-old student from Haryana who is also an aspiring environmental engineer, has



stepped forward with a promising solution. Abeer Rohan Gosain, a Class XII student, has designed 'Trevive', a low-cost, Internet of Things (IoT) -powered system that monitors the health of trees and plants in real time.

His work has already earned a Design Patent and three Copyrights from the Government of India, formalizing the uniqueness of both the device's hardware and its proprietary software algorithms.

Explaining how Trevive works, Abeer said, "Using a suite of sensors, Trevive collects plant data like soil conditions, air temperature, soil moisture, humidity, pH, electrical conductivity, and vital nutrients like nitrogen (N), phosphorus (P), and potassium (K). This data is transmitted via Bluetooth Low Energy (BLE) to a multilingual, voice-enabled mobile app available on both Android and iOS."

Abeer has written to senior officers including Secretary, Department of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare, Government of Haryana, Chandigarh. Says Abeer, "What I really want for Trevive and my sensors is that they be used by the state's forest department, agroforestry communities, and NGOs."

According to him, "What really excites me is how Trevive turns complex environmental data into something simple and actionable. It doesn't just tell you that soil moisture is low. It tells you your tree is at risk and needs watering. That clarity is crucial."

Data is sampled every ten minutes to conserve battery, and the information is uploaded to the cloud for remote monitoring and analytics. This allows timely alerts and decision-making, even in large-scale plantations or remote agricultural zones.

Notably, in its pilot phase, Trevive was deployed on more than 2,240 trees across different regions of India. The results were compelling: a 35 per cent improvement in tree health, more than 740 trees saved from drying out, and alerts triggering corrective action within 48 hours in over 90 per cent of critical cases.

NapTapGo, supported by Balmer Lawrie, launches India's largest pod hotel in Amritsar

KOLKATA/AMRITSAR: Balmer Lawrie & Co. Ltd., a Mini Ratna Public Sector Enterprise under the Ministry of Petroleum & Natural Gas, has announced the launch of India's largest pod-style budget hotel in Amritsar through its startup portfolio company, NapTapGo. Located just an 8-minute walk from the Golden Temple, NapTapGo Amritsar marks a transformational step in Indian hospitality by offering tech-enabled, hygiene-focused budget accommodations in one of the country's most visited spiritual destinations. This milestone underscores Balmer Lawrie's



feature attached washrooms. Emphasizing hygiene and technology, the property boasts fully automated check-in, AI-powered housekeeping, and IoT-enabled sanitation monitoring systems. Designed to meet the needs of Amritsar's heavy tourist influx—over one lakh on weekdays and two lakh on weekends—the hotel represents a new benchmark in affordable and smart accommodations. The launch of NapTapGo Amritsar aligns with various government initiatives promoting tourism and pilgrimage in religious cities. By expanding lodging capacity near the Golden Temple, the project strengthens urban infrastructure to support heritage and spiritual travel. It also complements the government's vision of increasing clean, affordable hospitality options, while supporting the broader goals of Startup India and Make in India missions. As a hometown, tech-led hospitality startup, NapTapGo exemplifies innovation, fosters local employment, and encourages entrepreneurship in India's tourism and hospitality sector.

sustained commitment to empowering innovative Indian startups, following its equity investment of ₹1 crore in NapTapGo through its Startup Fund, announced in January 2025. With 56 pods, NapTapGo Amritsar is now the largest pod hotel in India, and the first in the country to offer pod-style rooms specifically designed for groups and families. It is also the world's first pod hotel to

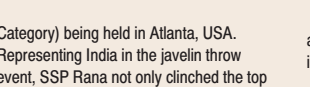
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spot but also set a new record, making his mark on the global stage. Known for his discipline and dedication in both service and sport, SSP Rana's achievement is being celebrated across the police fraternity and sports circles. Competing against veteran officers from across the world, he demonstrated extraordinary skill, strength, and focus — earning applause from spectators and fellow participants alike. This achievement highlights the excellence and multi-dimensional talent within Punjab Police. SSP Rana's victory sends out a powerful message of fitness, commitment, and national pride. The Punjab Police department expressed immense joy at this accomplishment, calling it a "moment of honour for the entire force and the state."

SSP Daljit Singh Rana continues to inspire young officers by proving that age is no barrier when passion and discipline meet. His gold-medal win stands as a shining example of India's growing impact in international arenas.

Punjab Police's SSP Daljit Singh Rana wins gold at international police games in Atlanta

CHANDIGARH: In a proud moment for India and the Punjab Police, Senior Superintendent of Police (SSP) Daljit Singh Rana has won a gold medal at the International Police Games (Veterans Category) being held in Atlanta, USA. Representing India in the javelin throw event, SSP Rana not only clinched the top



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Adani Foundation at ACC Gagal revives water source for irrigation in Tikri village

SHIMLA : ACC, the cement and building material company of the diversified Adani Portfolio, along with the Adani Foundation, has enabled a significant water management breakthrough in Tikri village under the Dhounkothi-Panigra Watershed Project. A dysfunctional water source was revived with a newly constructed tank, expanding its capacity from just 3,000 litres to 70,000 litres—ensuring a steady water supply for irrigation and daily needs. Before the intervention, residents faced acute water shortages during summers, with the limited supply drying up and affecting both farming and daily life. Farmer Harinder Singh Thakur recalls how irrigation was nearly impossible during the Rabi season. Today, with the new tank and a rejuvenated step-well nearby, he's irrigating 1 hectare of wheat and planning to grow cash crops and vegetables to strengthen his family's security, with an additional income of Rs. 15,000. Harinder is among the seven farmers in Tikri who have benefitted through this rejuvenation project. This timely intervention showcases ACC and the Adani Foundation's commitment to long-term water security and sustainable agriculture.

Jindal IVF's Fertility Preservation Program Offers New Hope to Cancer Patients

CHANDIGARH: Jindal IVF, a leading institute in Assisted Reproductive Technology (ART) and In Vitro Fertilization (IVF) in North India, is making remarkable strides in oncofertility care through its robust Fertility Preservation Program. Designed to support cancer patients in safeguarding their reproductive potential before undergoing treatments like chemotherapy or radiation, the program has already benefited over 150 individuals across the region. Currently, Jindal IVF offers oocyte freezing, embryo freezing, and sperm cryopreservation. These techniques are particularly vital for patients diagnosed with cancers such as breast, endometrial, rectal, and early ovarian tumours, as well as for individuals

facing age-related fertility decline. Married women opt for embryo storage, while sperm freezing has emerged as a lifesaving option for men with testicular cancer, lymphoma, or chronic myeloid leukaemia. The majority of patients seeking fertility preservation are between 18 and 30 years old and are referred to Jindal IVF soon after early-stage cancer diagnosis, allowing timely intervention before treatment begins. So far, over 100 young men have accessed sperm freezing, and around 50 women have undergone oocyte cryopreservation at the centre. Notably, embryo preservation has become a routine offering for eligible married women aiming to safeguard their fertility before

initiating cancer treatment. Commenting on the importance of oncofertility care, Dr. Sheetal Jindal, Senior Consultant and IVF-PGT Specialist at Jindal IVF, said, "A cancer diagnosis does not signify the end of one's dream of parenthood. Through our fertility preservation program, we provide patients with medical, emotional, and ethical support as they navigate both survival and the hope of a family. Our early adoption of oncofertility solutions and ongoing collaboration with oncology experts uniquely position us to offer timely, compassionate care to those facing dual battles—against disease and the loss of fertility."

Flipkart Celebrated Gourmet Food Discovery at Food Fest 2.0

CHANDIGARH/ AMRITSAR: Flipkart successfully hosted the second edition of Food Fest 2025, an immersive celebration of India's evolving food culture. The event brought together celebrated chefs, top creators, iconic brands, and food enthusiasts from across the country, reaffirming Flipkart's commitment to shaping the future of gourmet food discovery and commerce in India. The Flipkart Food Fest 2.0 witnessed exceptional scale and traction, drawing over 25,000 footfalls, with 40+ engagement zones, 10 brand launches, 30+ brand showcases, over 100 million online impressions and visits, and more than 1000 pieces of original content created by influencers and attendees. Anchored in gourmet food discovery and

brand visibility, the best featured new launches from brands such as Sugar Free, Dabur, Happilo, Saffola, and more. High engagement moments, including immersive brand experiences and content-led activations, spotlighted Flipkart's rapidly growing food and beverage category, positioning it as a key destination for gourmet food discovery. From engaging food stalls and gourmet tastings to live creator conversations, the on-ground experience was curated to drive immersive brand engagement. Interactive sessions such as the Mixology Masterclass by Cocktail Company, The Perfect Coffee Brewing Session, and the high-energy Flipkart Masterchef Challenge enabled hands-on experience, allowing them to engage directly with emerging

food trends and brand narratives in a fun, interactive format. At the heart of the experience were celebrated chefs Pooja Dhingra and Ranveer Brar, who captivated audiences with a live MasterChef's culinary class. Chef Pooja Dhingra showcased modern Indian desserts with accessible techniques to aspiring home bakers. Chef Ranveer Brar took the spotlight with a high-energy cooking session, demonstrating regional flavours reimaged through a contemporary lens. Acclaimed comedian Rahul Subramanian brought his signature wit to the stage through stand-up comedy, while music band Rosemary & The Herbs added flair to the celebration with an electrifying performance that brought energy to the amphitheatre.

Aviva India Launches 'Aviva Bharat Bal Vikas Yojana'

CHANDIGARH: Aviva India announced the launch of its latest life insurance offering - Aviva Bharat Bal Vikas Yojana, a Non-Linked Non-Participating life insurance savings plan aimed at helping families in rural and semi-urban India build a secure future for their children. With premiums starting at just Rs. 1,000 per month, the plan combines guaranteed maturity benefits and life cover, helping families confidently plan for milestones like higher education, skill development, or even starting a small business. The plan offers a minimum entry age is 3 years, and the maximum entry age is 50 years, with policy terms ranging from 12 to 30 years and a maturity age of up to 80 years, making it suitable for a wide range of life stages and financial goals. Its flexible premium payment options—monthly, quarterly, half-yearly, or annually—make it easier to fit into diverse household budgets. Commenting on the launch, Vinit Kapahi, Chief Marketing Officer, Aviva India, said that Aviva Bharat Bal Vikas Yojana is built around real, everyday aspirations of families beyond metro cities. It's a simple, goal-oriented plan for parents who wish to protect and nurture their children's dreams, without the complexities often associated with financial products.

Arbitrage Funds Gain Ground Amid Market Swings: Tata AMC

PANIPAT: Arbitrage Funds are gaining traction as an investment option amid equity market volatility, particularly for those seeking low risk investment opportunity. By capitalising on price differences between the cash and futures markets, these funds seek to perform better in turbulent conditions, giving fund managers greater scope for intra-month trading opportunities.



"In the current environment, arbitrage funds are uniquely positioned to capture the potential benefits of market volatility while shielding investors from direct equity risks. Elevated rol spreads and sustained volatility have enabled arbitrage funds to deliver reasonable returns, even as traditional income avenues have become less attractive. For investors seeking equity tax returns, arbitrage funds offer a suitable proposition," said Sailesh Jain, Fund Manager, Tata Asset Management. According to data from the Association of Mutual Funds in India (AMFI), arbitrage funds attracted Rs 43,077 crore between April and June 2025, surpassing inflows into other hybrid and equity categories. This surge underscores investor preference for instruments that can deliver relatively reasonable returns while minimising equity risk during periods of heightened uncertainty. However, profit is not guaranteed. Reflecting the broader industry trend, the Tata Arbitrage Fund too, saw inflows of Rs 5,217 crore between April and June 2025, with nearly Rs 10 crore coming from Panipat. The fund had assets under management of Rs 14,274 crore as of June 30, 2025. The environment is especially conducive for arbitrage strategies, as elevated volatility and strong rol spreads have opened potential return opportunities. The Reserve Bank of India's recent easing measures—cutting the repo rate by 50 basis points and the Cash Reserve Ratio by 100 basis points—has further boosted the appeal of arbitrage funds over traditional fixed income avenues. The upcoming corporate earnings and a positive monsoon outlook are also expected to lift market sentiment.

Bandhan AMC Celebrates 25 Years of Serving Investors

Ludhiana : Bandhan AMC Limited, one of the leading asset management companies in the country celebrates 25 years in the Indian mutual fund industry, marking a legacy built on trust, innovation and unwavering commitment to helping savers become investors. To mark this milestone with its investors and partners, Bandhan AMC presents 'Raju Bhaiya Ki Kahani', a nostalgic, music-led film that reflects the journey familiar to many: from saving to investing with confidence. Told through a heartfelt jingle and evocative animation, it celebrates the progress of everyday investors over the years. Scan the QR code in the photo to watch the film. 25 Year Journey | Raju Bhaiya Ki Kahani - https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kqF570J0u4 Speaking on this celebration, Mr. Vishal Kapoor, CEO, Bandhan AMC, shares, "As we mark 25 years of our journey, we are proud of the role we have played in helping millions of savers become investors. From our origins as ANZ Grindlays Mutual Fund to Standard Chartered Mutual Fund to IDFC AMC to now becoming Bandhan AMC, every milestone has been a testament to our commitment to

financial inclusion, innovation and investor-centricity. While we celebrate this legacy, we remain focused on the road ahead—dedicated to empowering investors, expanding access to prudent financial solutions and redefining what is possible. We are deeply grateful to our investors, partners, employees and all stakeholders for their enduring trust and support throughout the years." Over the last 25 years, the organisation has been a pioneer in innovation, being the first to introduce products such as Short-Term Fund, Government Securities Fund, Dynamic Bond Fund, Medium Term Fund and roll-down structures in debt schemes. It has also embraced next-generation strategies like Artificial Intelligence led PMS products and Machine Learning based investment frameworks through offerings like NEO Equity PMS. Beyond product innovation, the company has played a vital role in investor education, launching well-received campaigns like One Idiot, Return of One Idiot, Dattay Raho, and Be Smart - Stay Invested, which have helped spread financial awareness across the country.

Nothing Phone (3) and Nothing Headphone (1) Now On Sale in India

KARNAL / SONIPAT – London-based technology company Nothing today announced that two category-defining products will be available for purchase across India, starting today at 12 noon - Nothing Phone (3), its first true flagship smartphone, and Nothing Headphone (1), its debut over-ear audio product. Both products reflect Nothing's vision to reimagine consumer tech with intentional design and bold innovation. Nothing Phone (3) introduces groundbreaking innovations that set new standards in the smartphone industry. The device features a pro-grade triple camera system, including a class-leading 1/1.3" main sensor for rich low-light shots, lossless optical zoom and cinematic 4K 60fps video across all lenses with full optical image stabilisation. A vibrant 6.67" AMOLED display with ultra-narrow bezels, and a powerful Snapdragon® 8s Gen 4 chipset, all wrapped in a premium modular design. The revolutionary Glyph Matrix allows users to receive key information at a glance and engage with playful experiences like Flip to Record and Glyph Toys. The Phone (3) features a new tri-column layout with a redesigned R-gate shape that improves ergonomics, while the front features uniform 1.87 mm bezels, 16% slimmer than Phone (2), framing a sharper, more immersive AMOLED screen. Nothing Headphone (1) marks Nothing's entry into the over-ear audio category. Developed in collaboration with KEF, it combines expressive design with precision engineering. From the custom 40 mm dynamic driver to the real-time Spatial Audio with head tracking.



Martial Arts Champion Ekam Veer Singh Dies in Tragic Road Accident

CHANDIGARH: The Budo Kai Du Mixed Martial Arts Federation of India is deeply saddened to announce the untimely demise of its international player, Ekam Veer Singh, who tragically lost his life in a road accident today. The accident occurred near Phaguwala Kenchhya on the Bathinda-Chandigarh Highway due to a tyre burst. Ekam was the son of a Punjab Police DSP, currently posted in Patiala. Ekam Veer Singh was set to represent India at an international tournament in London on July 17, a testament to his exceptional talent and dedication to the sport. Federation President Sharanjeet Singh, expressing deep sorrow, said, "It is truly shocking to lose such a promising young athlete in this tragic manner. Ekam was a bright star of the martial arts world, and his demise is an irreparable loss to the entire sports fraternity, especially martial arts in India." His coach, Ravinder Pal Sharma, remembered Ekamveer as a world-class athlete who had brought immense pride to the country and the federation. "Ekam won numerous gold and silver medals on the international stage. His contribution to the sport was remarkable. The void his loss has created can never be filled. We stand with his family in this hour of grief." Throughout his career, Ekam received wide recognition for his achievements. He was honoured with an appreciation letter by Punjab Vidhan Sabha Speaker Kultar Singh Sandhwan, who commended his outstanding contributions to martial arts. Mohali SSP Amit Sharma had also praised and felicitated him during a public function, acknowledging his discipline, commitment, and international success.

Kushal Tandon says fan entered his house without permission, calls it ‘not okay’

Television actor Kushal Tandon has shared a concerning incident with his fans, revealing that a fan entered his home “without permission” while he was not there. The actor, who is best known for his work in popular shows like ‘Barsatein - Mausam Pyaar Ka,’ ‘Beyhadh,’ and ‘Ek Hazaron Mein Meri Behna Hai,’ took to his Instagram Story on Saturday to address the situation. In a detailed note, Kushal expressed how “deeply unsettling” the experience was, especially since his parents now live with him. He also went on to speak about the importance of “privacy” and “personal boundaries,” reminding fans that while he values their love and support, entering his house is unacceptable.



“Hey everyone, Today, something happened that I need to talk about. While I was out, a fan entered my home without permission. I want to make it very clear -- this is not okay,” Kushal said. “My parents live with me now, and their safety and peace matter more than anything. I understand the love, and I’m grateful for the support, but crossing personal boundaries like this is deeply unsettling.” “Please respect my privacy and my space, especially now that my family is living with me. Let’s keep the love alive -- but with mutual respect and understanding. Thank you for listening. Kushal,” he further added.

ZEE5 Announces World Digital Premiere of Blockbuster Punjabi Sequel ‘Saunkan Saunkanay 2’ on July 25

CHANDIGARH : Get ready for another dose of rib-tickling comedy! ZEE5 today announced the World Digital Premiere of the much-anticipated Punjabi film Saunkan Saunkan 2. Building on the phenomenal success of its predecessor, the sequel dives deeper into the quirky, lovable world of its characters—delivering even more laughter, drama, and the charm that won audiences over the first time. Reinforcing ZEE5’s ongoing commitment to regional storytelling, Saunkan Saunkan 2 arrives as a true cinematic treat for viewers. If you missed watching the film in theatres, catch the Saunkan Saunkanay 2 exclusively on ZEE5 from July 25. Directed by Smeep Kang, Saunkan Saunkan 2 brings back the signature chaos and humour that made it a fan favourite. After a stellar theatrical run and glowing reviews from both critics and audiences, the film is now set to premiere exclusively on the platform. The sequel picks up the story with a fresh lens, navigating the hilariously unpredictable lives of its protagonists as they face new twists, turns, and tangled relationships. With witty dialogues and memorable performances, the film captures the unique spirit of a Punjabi household. Saunkan Saunkanay 2 picks up with a quick recap, narrated by the ever-frustrated Nirmal Singh—caught between his two quarrelsome wives, Naseeb Kaur (Sargun Mehta) and Kiranjit Kaur (Nimrat Khaira), who also happen to be sisters. With constant chaos at home, even their mother-in-law (Nirmal Rishi) can’t take it anymore and is the mastermind behind getting a third wife for her son. Enter Monica Bellucci—an Italian woman played by Sargun Mehta in a double role. When Nirmal brings her home, the feuding wives unite to reclaim their husband, resulting in a series of hilarious attempts and escalating drama. As the village gets swept up in the madness, the stage is set for a laugh-out-loud comedy of marital mayhem.

“What is wrong with you people?” Kelly Osbourne reacts to rumors of her dad Ozzy “dying”

The personality and singer Kelly Osbourne slammed rumours that her father, Ozzy Osbourne, is “dying”, reported the New York Post. Kelly posted a video on her Instagram Stories addressing online claims that her famous father is near death, amidst his various health struggles. “So, there’s this video going around on social media, and it’s supposed to be my dad, but it’s AI,” Kelly informed her fans, as per the outlet. “And it has a voice like my dad’s David Attenborough or something,” she said, adding, “And it starts out saying, ‘I don’t need a doctor to tell me that I’m going to die. I know I’m going to die.’” “What..is wrong with you people?” Kelly added. “Why would you spend your time making a video like this?,” according to the New York Post. The former ‘Fashion Police’ host clarified that Ozzy is “not dying,” as per the outlet. “Yes, he has Parkinson’s, and yes, his mobility is completely different than it used to be,” Ozzy and Sharon Osbourne’s daughter said, “but he’s not dying. What is wrong with you?”

She also reacted to the rumour that her parents had a “suicide pact,” which Sharon spoke about

over 15 years ago. “That..., my mum said to get attention one time,” Kelly said, adding, “And my dad’s not dying. Stop,” reported the New York Post. In 2007, Sharon said, “Ozzy and I have absolutely come to the same decision. We believe 100 per cent in euthanasia, so we have drawn up plans to go to the assisted suicide flat in Switzerland if we ever have an illness that affects our brains.” “If Ozzy or I ever got Alzheimer’s, that’s it - we’d be off,” Sharon added, as per the outlet. Ozzy confirmed his Parkinson’s diagnosis in 2020. He has also gone through multiple surgeries in recent years, including for a debilitating spinal injury in 2019, according to the New York Post. In November 2023, Ozzy said he has “at best 10 years left” to live, as per the outlet. Ozzy, who is now confined to a wheelchair, recently played his final concert with Black Sabbath at Villa Park in Birmingham, England, according to the New York Post. Kelly Osbourne is engaged to Sid Wilson. Wilson, who is a member of the heavy metal band Slipknot, proposed to Kelly during Ozzy Osbourne’s final concert with Black Sabbath at England’s Villa Park on Saturday, July 5.



A First for India: Wimbledon salutes Indian cinema with a Thalapathy Vijay Jana Nayagan inspired post for winner Jannik Sinner



It Doesn’t Get Any Bigger Than This:Thalapathy Vijay’s Jana Nayagan makes history as India’s first film to be honoured by Wimbledon after its epic Sinner-Alcaraz match. In an unprecedented crossover of cinema and sport, Wimbledon has paid tribute to Indian cinema for the very first time — honouring Thalapathy Vijay and his upcoming film Jana Nayagan. The occasion? One of the most legendary Wimbledon finals ever, where Jannik Sinner emerged victorious in an electrifying clash against Carlos Alcaraz.

As the crowd roared and Centre Court witnessed history, Wimbledon’s official social media handle dropped a surprise post that sent fans into a frenzy. The visual mirrored Jana Nayagan’s iconic Republic Day poster, with Sinner striking a powerful selfie pose with his trophy — echoing Vijay’s own image in the film’s teaser art. The post was aptly captioned “The First Roar,” inspired by the thunderous BGM composed by Anirudh Ravichander.

This marks the first time Wimbledon has saluted an Indian actor and film — making Jana Nayagan the first Indian cinematic reference to be immortalized by the historic sports institution.

Produced by Venkat K. Narayana under KVN Productions, Jana Nayagan is gearing up for a global release on January 9, 2026, just in time for Pongal. The film is especially significant as it marks the grand finale in Thalapathy Vijay’s illustrious film career.

Actors reveal their unique on-set rituals that power their performances!

CHANDIGARH: For actors, stepping into character is more than slipping into costume or reciting lines; it’s a deeply personal ritual that often begins well before the cameras roll. From calming the mind to preparing the voice, each artist finds their unique rhythm to get into character. &TV artists open up about their distinctive pre-shoot habits that help them stay focused, energized, and performance-ready. These include Geetanjali Mishra (Rajesh from Happu Ki Ultan Paltan) and Soma Rathod (Amma Ji from Bhabiji Ghar Par Hai). Geetanjali Mishra aka Rajesh from Happu Ki Ultan Paltan shares, “Before every shot, I make it a

point to walk barefoot on the studio lawn for a few minutes. While it might seem unconventional, this simple practice helps me feel grounded and connected to the environment. It brings a sense of calm and clarity, especially before diving into the high-energy scenes we shoot. I once read about the concept of ‘earthing,’ walking barefoot on natural surfaces to reduce stress, improve mood, and restore balance. Over time, it has become



my ritual, almost like pressing a reset button before I fully immerse myself in the character of Rajesh.”

Soma Rathod aka Amma Ji from Bhabiji Ghar Par Hai shares, “One of my rather unconventional yet effective pre-shoot rituals are drinking ice-cold water with plenty of ice cubes, right before stepping onto the set. It often surprises people, especially early in the morning, but for me, it’s an essen-

tial part of my preparation. The cold water helps clear my throat and allows me to slip more effortlessly into Amma Ji’s distinct, high-pitched voice. It gives my vocal tone sharpness and adds the dramatic edge the character demands. Beyond that, it also instantly refreshes me and helps regulate my body temperature under the intense studio lights. While I am careful not to overdo it, this simple practice has become a trusted and effective part of my routine.”

Watch Happu Ki Ultan Paltan at 10:00 PM and Bhabiji Ghar Par Hai at 10:30 PM, every Monday to Friday, only on &TV!

PM Modi pays tribute to Kota Srinivasa Rao

Prime Minister Narendra Modi extended his condolences to the family of veteran Telugu actor and former MLA Kota Srinivasa Rao, who passed away on Sunday morning in Hyderabad. He was 83. PM Modi remembered the actor for his “riveting” performances and social service throughout his over four-decade-long career. While paying tribute to the late Telugu actor, PM Modi wrote on X, “Anguished by the passing of Shri Kota Srinivasa Rao Garu. He will be remembered for his cinematic brilliance and versatility. He enthralled audiences across generations with his riveting performances. He was also at the forefront of social service and worked towards empowering the poor and downtrodden. Condolences to his family and countless admirers. Om Shanti.”

Earlier, Tripura Governor Indra Sena Reddy Nallu expressed deep grief and extended heartfelt condolences to the family of veteran Telugu actor Kota Srinivasa Rao after the actor’s demise. In an official statement, the Governor described the demise as an “irreparable loss to the Telugu film industry.” Expressing his shock and sorrow, Govern-



nor Reddy said, “The demise of the renowned actor Kota Srinivasa Rao, who won the affection of cinema audiences with his versatile roles, is deeply saddening. His artistic contributions to the fields of cinema and theatre over nearly four decades, and the roles he portrayed, will remain unforgettable.” Governor Reddy Nallu recalled the actor’s legacy in Indian cinema, particularly in Telugu films, where he left a lasting impression through a wide range of powerful performances, especially as a villain and character artist. “The numerous memorable roles he played will forever stay etched in the hearts of Telugu audiences,” he added. Apart from his contribution to cinema, the Governor also acknowledged Kota Srinivasa Rao’s service in

public life. The late actor was elected as an MLA from Vijayawada in 1999, further underlining his commitment to the people. Governor Reddy concluded his message by offering his profound condolences to the bereaved family and praying for strength and peace during this difficult time. Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu also condoled his death, calling it an “irreparable loss” to the Telugu film industry. In a post on X, CM Chandrababu Naidu said, “The demise of the renowned actor Kota Srinivasa Rao, who won the affection of cinema audiences with his versatile roles, is deeply saddening. His artistic contributions to the fields of cinema and theatre over nearly four decades, and the roles he portrayed, will remain unforgettable. The numerous memorable roles he played as a villain and character artist will forever stay etched in the hearts of Telugu audiences.” Apart from the politician, the film fraternity also expressed their grief, sorrow and extended their condolences to the Rao’s family after his unfortunate demise.

Flipkart Celebrated Gourmet Food Discovery at Food Fest 2.0 with Ranveer Brar, Pooja Dhingra and iconic brand launches

GURUGRAM : Flipkart, India’s homegrown e-commerce marketplace, successfully hosted the second edition of Food Fest 2025, an immersive celebration of India’s evolving food culture. The event was held on July 8 and 9 at the Flipkart campus in Bengaluru, and the fest extended online through a curated sale between July 5 to July 10, offering shoppers access to gourmet food collections, new launches, and limited-time offers across top brands. The event brought together celebrated chefs, top creators, iconic brands, and food enthusiasts from across the country, reaffirming Flipkart’s commitment to shaping the future of gourmet food discovery and commerce in India.



The Flipkart Food Fest 2.0 witnessed exceptional scale and traction, drawing over 25,000 footfalls, with 40+ engagement zones, 10 brand launches, 30+ brand showcases, over 100 million online impressions and visits, and more than 1000 pieces of original content created by influencers and attendees. Anchored in gourmet food discovery and brand visibility, the fest featured new launches from brands such as Sugar Free, Dabur, Happilo, Saffola, and more. High engagement moments, including immersive brand experiences and content-led activations, spotlighted Flipkart’s rapidly growing food and beverage category, positioning it as a key destination for gourmet food discovery. Nishant Dalal, Senior Director - Consumables (Beauty, FMCG & Healthcare), Flipkart, said, “With Food Fest 2025, we are not just celebrating food, we are building a new era of gourmet food discovery, storytelling, and community-led commerce. We aim to make Flipkart the go-to destination for every Indian, whether they are searching for inspiration, indulgence, or innovation. This fest brought together creators, chefs, celebrities, brands, and customers in a shared celebration of taste and technology. As Flipkart continues to reimagine e-commerce by blending technology, entertainment, and lifestyle, we remain committed to building platforms that foster deeper customer engagement, category innovation and sustainable growth for our partners.”

Sharad & Niharika explore Delhi’s Chandni Chowk ki Galliyan while shooting for Tumm Se Tumm Tak



CHANDIGARH: Zee TV’s recent fiction offering Tumm Se Tumm Tak brings to audiences a love story that dares to cross boundaries of age, class, and social expectations. At its heart lies the emotionally nuanced bond between Aryavardhan (Sharad Kelkar), a successful 46-year-old entrepreneur, and Anu (Niharika Chouksey), a 19-year-old girl from a modest background. Their journey is filled with internal conflicts, external pressures, and the slow unfolding of trust, love, and respect. What makes this story even more compelling is the rich, real-world backdrop it’s set in — the ever-bustling, deeply soulful city of New Delhi.

The decision to shoot extensively in Delhi wasn’t just for visual appeal — it was a conscious creative choice. From the narrow bylanes of Chandni Chowk to the grandeur of India Gate and the historic charm of Qutub Minar, Delhi added depth and authenticity to the scenes. The cast and crew didn’t just film in the city — they lived it. Amid long shoot days and emotional scenes, Sharad and Niharika also indulged in the capital’s iconic street food and explored its cultural gems. From trying sodas, jalebis, aloo puri and crispy parathas in Paranthi Wali Gali, to taking kulhad chai breaks near Qutub Minar, the tang of chaat and enjoying chilled lassi to beat the summer heat, Delhi’s food trail became a shooting highlight in itself and it all became a memorable part of their shoot diaries.

Talking about his experience, Sharad Kelkar shared, “Shooting in Delhi was an experience I’ll always carry with me. Every location, from the chaos of Chandni Chowk to the timeless calm of Qutub Minar, brought its own unique energy to our scenes. I remember shooting near India Gate; there was this moment during an emotional scene where I completely stopped thinking like Sharad I was Aryavardhan.

Popular actor Nasir Khan joins Tumm Se Tumm Tak as Aryavardhan’s trusted confidant

CHANDIGARH: Staying true to its legacy of telling progressive and emotionally layered stories, Zee TV’s latest fiction offering, Tumm Se Tumm Tak, is already making waves with its bold and emotionally layered narrative. At the core of this unconventional love story lies a poignant bond between two individuals from vastly different worlds—Anu, a free-spirited 19-year-old from a modest background, and Aryavardhan, a 46-year-old self-made business tycoon known for his discipline, restraint, and emotional control. As their bond deepens, the story challenges societal expectations and questions long-held beliefs about age, love, and acceptance. Brought to life by Niharika Chouksey and Sharad Kelkar, Anu and Aryavardhan’s characters are portrayed with depth, vulnerability, and emotional nuance. Adding a powerful layer to the narrative is the character of Jhenda, played by veteran actor Nasir Khan—Aryavardhan’s most trusted confidant and a long-time associate of the Vardhan Group. Jhenda is a man of sharp intellect, unflinching loyalty, and deep secrets.



This Prime Day, make every moment stylish with Amazon Fashion and Beauty

CHANDIGARH : Prime Day is back — and it’s bigger, better, and more fashionable than ever! From July 12th to 14th, Amazon Prime members can indulge in 72 hours of non-stop fashion and beauty discoveries. No more fashion FOMO — this is the moment to refresh your wardrobe, restock your beauty cabinet, and make every day a style statement. Whether you’re a trend chaser, a conscious shopper, or just love a great deal, Amazon Fashion and Beauty has something for everyone — all with the promise of a wide selection, great value, fast delivery and easy returns. Customers can also explore fresh styles, premium accessories, trending looks, and exciting new product launches from top brands like CaratLane, Lavie Signature, Urban Jungle, Symbol Premium, Titan Raga, and more. This year Prime Day also includes new drops in gold and diamond jewellery, featuring delicate stackables and versatile everyday pieces from brands like CaratLane. To make seasonal shopping even easier, the specially curated Monsoon Store brings together fashion and beauty picks perfect for this time of year — all at up to 60% off. Prime members can unlock some of the event’s most exciting deals during the exclusive 8PM to midnight Limited Time Offers—crafted for those who never miss a steal. One of the most exciting launches this Prime Day is the Safari x boAt Tracker Luggage — a stylish, tech-enabled travel essential that blends Safari’s iconic design with boAt’s smart tracking technology.

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