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NEWS BRIEF

Tesla begins its journey in India with Model Y launch starting at INR 60 Lakhs

AGENCY
MUMBAI: Tesla has officially entered the world's third-largest automobile market, India, with the launch of its electric Midsize SUV, the Tesla Model Y, priced from nearly INR 60 lakhs. Currently, the Model Y will be the only model available in the country. It will be offered in two variants; Rear-Wheel Drive, priced at INR 60 lakhs, and Long Range Rear-Wheel Drive, priced at INR 68 lakhs. Customers can also opt for Tesla's Full Self-Driving (FSD) package, which adds an additional cost of INR 6 lakhs over the base prices. The Model Y will be available in six colour options, of which Stealth Grey is the only one offered at no additional charge.

Sagar Preet Hooda appointed new DG of Chandigarh Police

AGENCY
NEW DELHI: Dr Sagar Preet Hooda, IPS, has been appointed as the new Director General of Police (DGP) of Chandigarh. A Home Ministry notification said that Dr Hooda, who belongs to AGMUT (Arunachal Pradesh-Goa-Mizoram-Union Territories) cadre has been transferred from Delhi and posted as Chandigarh DGP with immediate effect.

Veteran actor-producer Dheeraj Kumar dies

AGENCY
MUMBAI: Veteran actor-producer Dheeraj Kumar, known for starring in Manoj Kumar's 'Roti Kapda Aur Makaan' and producing hit television shows 'Om Namah Shivay' and 'Adalat', has passed away at a hospital here, a family friend said on Tuesday. He was 79. Kumar was suffering from acute pneumonia and was admitted to an intensive care unit of the Kokilaben Dhirubhai Ambani Hospital. "He passed away this morning at 11:00 am due to pneumonia at Kokilaben Dhirubhai Ambani Hospital. He was unwell and was admitted to the hospital on Saturday as he was having fever, cold and cough. He was admitted to the ICU due to his age," Kumar's close associate and family friend Ajay Shukla, told.

Anti-sacrilege bill sent to select committee of Punjab Assembly for public opinion

BUREAU
CHANDIGARH, JULY 15

Punjab Vidhan Sabha on Tuesday unanimously referred the Punjab Prevention of Crime against Religious Scriptures Bill, 2025 to the select committee of the assembly for seeking the views of all the stakeholders. Taking part in the discussions of the bill on the floor of the Punjab Vidhan Sabha, the Chief Minister said that Sri Guru Granth Sahib ji was the living Guru, who was highly revered by one and all across the globe. Bhagwant Singh Mann categorically said that Sri Guru Granth Sahib ji was a lighthouse of peace and tranquility for the entire mankind and the Punjab government is fully alive to the deep emotional hurt caused by the incidents of sacrilege against the holy granths in the past. He said that it is unfortunate that some forces had even gone to an extent of committing the most heinous sin against mankind through desecration of Sri Guru Granth Sahib Ji. The Chief Minister said that Sri Guru Granth Sahib Ji is an eternal Guru for mankind and no one could ever tolerate this dastardly act. Likewise, he said that Bhagwad Gita, Quran Sharif, Holy Bible and other granths were also respected by humanity for showing a way of life to them.

Punjab Vidhan Sabha pays tribute to athlete Fauja Singh

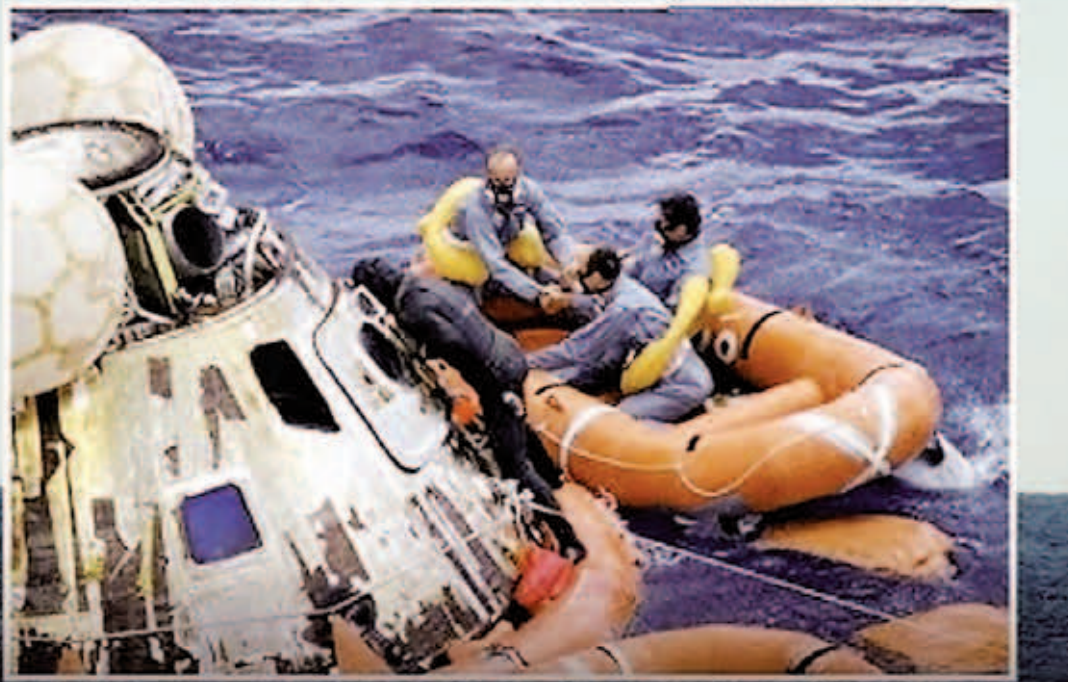
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On a motion moved by Punjab Parliamentary Affairs Minister Dr. Ravjot Singh, the Punjab Vidhan Sabha expressed deep sorrow over the death of eminent Punjabi Sikh runner Fauja Singh and paid tribute to him. Dr. Ravjot Singh expressed grief over the demise of 114-year-old Fauja Singh in a road accident. He said that he was the world's oldest runner who had brought glory to the Sikh community worldwide through marathon races. The Minister said that Fauja Singh Ji will always remain



in our memories. He prayed to God to grant the departed soul a place at His feet and to give the family the strength to bear the loss.

India's space hero Shubhanshu Shukla returns to earth with smile



AGENCY
NEW DELHI, JULY 15

As the Dragon spacecraft carrying astronaut Shubhanshu Shukla returned to Earth after an 18-day stay aboard the International Space Station (ISS), it carried with it more than just scientific data and seed samples, it brought home a story of grit, dreams, and India's growing space ambitions.

Group Captain Shukla, a 39-year-old Indian Air Force officer and test pilot, completed his maiden space voyage as part of the Axiom-4 mission, a commercial spaceflight supported by ISRO and NASA, and operated by Axiom Space.

The journey marked a milestone for India: Shukla is the first Indian to step aboard the ISS and only the second Indian to go into space, following Rakesh Sharma's iconic flight in 1984.

Born on October 10, 1985—just a year after

PM welcomes him with sense of pride

NEW DELHI: Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Tuesday welcomed Group Captain Shubhanshu Shukla upon his return to Earth from the International Space Station (ISS), saying he has inspired a billion dreams through his dedication.

The PM termed the achievement a significant step towards India's Human Space Flight Mission Gaganyaan. post on X, PM Modi wrote, "I join the nation in welcoming Group Captain Shubhanshu Shukla as he returns to Earth from his historic mission to Space. As India's first astronaut to have visited the International Space Station (ISS), he has inspired a billion dreams through his dedication, courage and pioneering spirit." He added, "It marks another milestone towards our own Human Space Flight Mission - Gaganyaan."



Sharma's spaceflight—Shukla grew up in Lucknow in a middle-class family with no direct links to aviation or space. But a childhood visit to an airshow lit a spark.

"As a child, he had once been to an air show and was

fascinated by the speed and sound of the aircraft. That's when he first spoke about flying," his elder sister Suchi Shukla said. "But of course, there was no telling at the time how quickly he would embrace his dream."

5 killed and 17 injured after tempo overturns near Doda

AGENCY
DODA, JULY 15

In a tragic accident, a tempo overturned on the Doda-Bhart road in Jammu and Kashmir on Tuesday, killing five people and leaving 17 others injured, stated officials. Deputy Commissioner Harvinder Singh said that three of the 17 injured were critical and were undergoing treatment. "The accident occurred near Ponda... 5 are confirmed to be dead and 17 are injured... 3 are critical and all are undergoing treatment..." Singh told an news agency. Union Minister Jitendra Singh, upon receiving information of the accident, sent instructions to the District Commissioner to provide all possible medical help and assistance to the injured. He also offered condolences to the bereaved families. "Just now spoke to DC Doda, Sh Harvinder Singh on receiving the information about a private tempo road accident in the vicinity of Bhart village, about 20 to 25 km from Doda city," the Minister's post read. "All possible help and medical aid are being provided."



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PUBLIC NOTICES
I, NEYYALA SWATHIK IS SON of ARMY No. 15334260H Rank HAV. NEYYALA SRINIVAS RAO, PERMANENT RESIDENT of 1-119, KOTHA PETA MAIN STREET KOTHAPETA, KOTABOMMALI, KOTHAPETA, SRIKAKULAM, ANDHRA PRADESH 532195. Hereby declare THAT I HAVE CHANGED MY NAME FROM NEYYALA SWATHIK to NEYYALA SATWIK Due to Wrongly Mentioned in SERVICE DOCUMENTS OF MY FATHER Vide Affidavit Attested by Notary Public (GOVT. OF INDIA) Kindly Correct it.
63372 I, Nasib Kaur am legal mother of No.4489462L , Rank - Sep , Name Avtar Singh presently residing Vill Aspal Kalan PO - Kot Duna, Teh. Barnala, Distt. Barnala, State - PB, PIN-148105. Hereby declare that I have changed my name from Naseeb Kaur to Nasib Kaur Due to Wrongly entered in the Service Record of My Son Vide Affidavit Attested by Notary Public (GOVT. OF INDIA) Kindly Correct it.
63372 I, MEHAKDEEP KAUR am legal dependent of ARMY NO. JC-512071W, RANK SUB, NAME PAPU SINGH permanent resident of MACHAKI KHURD, FARIDKOT, PUNJAB 151212. Hereby declare that I have changed my name from MAHAKDEEP KAUR to MEHAKDEEP KAUR. Both names Pertains to one and the same person. Vide Affidavit Attested by Notary Public (GOVT OF INDIA) Kindly Correct it.
63372 I, ARMY NO. 4482078F RANK HAV, NAME JOGINDER SINGH, UNIT 7 SIKH LI C/O 56 APO permanent resident of VILL JALLIAN, PO RANGARH NANGAL, TEH BATALA, DISTT GURDASPUR, PUNJAB 143505. Hereby declare that I have changed my son's name from HARJIT SINGH to HARJEET SINGH. Both names Pertains to one and the same person. Vide Affidavit Attested by Notary Public (GOVT OF INDIA) Kindly Correct it.
63372 I, KULWINDER KAUR am legal wife of NO. JC-512217Y, RANK SUB, NAME SATGUR SINGH, UNIT 17 INF BDE CAMP Presently residing at LEHAL KHURD, SANGRUR, PUNJAB 148031. Hereby declare that I have changed my date of birth from 05-01-1983 to 01-01-1984. Both DOB Pertains to one and the same person. Vide Affidavit Attested by Notary Public (GOVT OF INDIA) Kindly Correct it.
63372 I, DANDU MAHESHWARI am wife of ARMY NO. 15213197W, RANK L/HAV, NAME D RAVENDRA REDDY resident of 5011637 MARUTHI NAGAR KOTHAPETA, RAYACHOTY, CUDDAPAH, ANDHRA PRADESH 516269. Hereby declare that I have changed my name from DANDU MAHESHWARI to DANDU MAHESWARI. Both names Pertains to one and the same person. Vide Affidavit Attested by Notary Public (GOVT OF INDIA) Kindly Correct it.
63372 I, RAJI KANAGAVALLI IS SPOUSE of ARMY NO. 16113848H, RAIK: L/NK, PERIYASAMY M AND Resident AT 1-1-50, ANDIKARAI KATTUVALAVU ANDIKARAI, POST GONUR, KONUR. TAMIL NADU - 636404, hereby declare that I have Changed My Name From RAJI KANAGAVALLI to R KANAGAVALLI Due to Wrongly entered in Service Record of My Husband Vide Attested by Notary Public (Govt. of India) kindly correct it.
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PUBLIC NOTICES
I Pinki S/o Sh. Mam Chand R/o House no.1574, Street no.4, Guru Nanak Colony, Gill Road, Ludhiana declares that I have disinherited my son Hira Lal from my all moveable and immoveable properties. I shall not be responsible if anybody deals with him.
63372 I, Lakhvir Kaur W/o Sarbjeet Singh R/o Vill: Pharwahi Sub Distt: Dhuri Distt Sangrur, declare that Surinder Kaur W/o Late. Nachhtar Singh R/o Near Railway Fatak, Mohalla Ravidas Nagar, Malerkotla, was my real mother, who was known by two names, Surinder Kaur and Sinder Kaur. Both these names belong to my deceased mother and I will be solely responsible for the information given by me regarding both the above-mentioned names of my mother.
63372 I, Chhinder Kaur W/o Ram Singh R/o Dariapur Distt. Mansa state that my name is recorded as Chhinder Kaur in my documents which is absolutely correct whereas my name is recorded as Shinder Kaur in the School certificate of my son Malkeet Singh which is incorrect. my correct name is Chhinder Kaur.
63372 I, Jarnail Singh S/o Jit Singh R/o Vill: Mangewala Distt. Moga have known by three names Jaila Singh alias Jail Singh alias Jarnail Singh one and the same person.
63372 I Sunita Devi w/o Gurcharan Singh, Village Chandpur, PO Sialba Majri, Tehsil Kharar Distt. S.A.S.Nagar (Mohali) declare that in all documents my name is mentioned as Sunita Devi while my son's Documents my name mentioned as Sunita. Sunita Devi and Sunita is one and same person.
63372 I, No. 281655 Ex-Sergeant Devinder Nath S/o Ram Sarup Chopra R/o Mohalla Pahar Singh Vpo. Rahon Teh- Nawanshahr Distt. SBS Nagar (Pb)-144517, my wife name is Rajni Chopra (as per D/Book & ECHS card) & Rajani (as per sparsh PPO) in Air Force documents but my wife name is Asha Rani Chopra in civil documents. I have changed my wife name from Rajni Chopra & Rajani to Asha Rani Chopra.
63372 I, Gurjot Singh, son of Tirath Singh, holder of Indian Passport No C3346928, issued at Vancouver on 01/11/2024 permanent resident of VPO Alamgir, Kala Sanghian, Pin 144623, Punjab, India and presently residing at 3315 21 Avenue NW, Edmonton, AB T6T 0L1, do hereby change my name from Gurjot Singh to Gurjot Singh Sangha, with immediate effect.
63372 I, Ashok Singh S/o Major Singh R/o 287, Phase-1, Heaven City, Amritsar-I, Amritsar, Punjab-143001, declare that in my son AYUSH JASROTIA school's record, i.e., 10th certificate, by mistake my name is mentioned as Ashok Singh Jasrotia, where as in my Aadhar card and other documents, the same is mentioned as Ashok Singh. I am known by Both names.
63372 I Naresh Kumar Mehta S/o Aasa Nand R/o house no. 90 ward no. 9 Assandh Distt Karnal declare that Naresh Kumar and Naresh Kumar Mehta both are my names. I am the same person in both names. In My Passport my mother's name written is Radha Devi but my mother correct name is luxmi Bai. My Actual DOB is 25/10/1957
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I, PARVEEN KUMAR s/o Ajmer Singh r/o Near Govt School, Village Kaul, District Kaithal (Haryana), have changed my name from PARVEEN KUMAR to PARVEEN. I may please be known by the name of PARVEEN in future. Concerned please note.
84451 I, SUNIL DEVI wife of Parveen r/o Near Govt School, Village Kaul, District Kaithal (Haryana), have changed my name from SUNIL DEVI to SUNIL. I may please be known by the name of SUNIL in future. Concerned please note.
84451 I, Kanta d/o Satish r/o H.no. 443, Ward No. 08, Tehsil Bawani Khara District Bhiwani, 127032 declare that I have changed my name from Kanta to Kanta Devi.
989752 I, Monika Gupta W/o Sumit Gupta R/o House No E-2139 , Ansal Sushant City Tehsil & District Panipat (Haryana)-132103 have changed my minor son's name from Navish Gupta to Rishav Gupta. Concerned Please Note.
84451 I am Balvir Singh S/OGurdev Singh R/O Thullilwal Tehsil, District Barnala has been Changed my name Balbir Singh Please note
524471 I Robin son of Sham Lal resident of village Jarouli Tehsil and District Karnal have changed my name from Robin to Robin Saini. In future I should be known by the name Robin Saini. -All concerned please note
100046 I, Service No- JC433378 A, Rank-Subedar, Name-Avarinder Singh, R/o Singhapura, Barara, Tehsil Barara, Distt Ambala, Haryana-133201, Serving 29, Punjab Regtmant declare that the correct name of my father is Lakhvinder Singh instead of Lakhvinder Singh. Kindly correct my father name as Lakhwinder Singh in my army service records. (Vide affidavit dated 15-07-2025 before notary public Ambala)
78645 I Guralp Kaur W/O Kaur Singh R/o Village Bangi Ruldu Distt Bathinda now I have changed my name Guralp Kaur to Sukhpal Kaur. All Concerned Please Note.
60018 I Sarabjeet kaur w/o Nirmal singh R/o village Nathpura (Distt.Bathinda) have changed my name to Sarabjit Kaur. all concerned note.
524479 I, JC -533596N Rank SUB name Tribhuvan Singh Chauhan of Unit 20 Garh Rif C/o 56 APO that my mother name may be correct in my service record from Subhag Rawati Devi to Saubhagyawati Chauhan.
524479 I, Lakhvinder Singh Sidhu S/o Bagicha Singh R/o Village Hirke, Teh Sardulgarh, District Mansa, Punjab have changed my name Lakhvinder Singh. Sidhu to Lakhvinder Singh. Please note all concerned.
524479 I Kashmir Singh son of Najar Singh resident of village Phoolawal, District Kapurthala, Punjab, India have changed my name from KASHMIR SINGH to SINGH KASHMIR. All concerned please note.
98706 I Harvinder Singh son of Kashmir Singh resident of village Phule wal, District Kapurthala, Punjab, India have changed my name from HARVINDER SINGH to SINGH HARVINDER. All concerned please note.
98706 I, Suman D/O Buta Ram R/O Village Mahil Gaila, Distt. Nawanshahr - 144506, Punjab have changed my name from Suman to Suman Mehra. All note.
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I KHEM Chand Agarwal son of Shri Baisakhi Ram resident of Vyaspur Tehsil Bilaspur District Yamuna Nagar. That my name is Khem Chand Agarwal in my name, Aadhar Card,PAN Card, Driving License etc.My name is being registered as Khem Chand in 10th DMC. That Khem Chand Agarwal and Khem Chand both are my names. I am known by both the names Khem Chand Agarwal and Khem Chand, it is appropriate to consider them as one and the same.
100046 I Surender Kumar son of Shri Sardara Ram resident of House No. 1426, Sector 3, Urban Estate, Kurukshetra, Tehsil Thanesar, District Kurukshetra. My name is Surender Kumar and in my 10th certificate my name is Surinder Kumar . Both Surender Kumar and Surinder Kumar are my names.
100046 I, Rakesh Kumar son of Shri Subhash Chand resident of House No. 67, Ward No. 5, Geeta Colony, TARAORI Tehsil Nilokheri Karnal, hereby give an affidavit that my name was Rakesh Garg and now I have changed my name to Rakesh Kumar. In future I should be known as Rakesh Kumar.
100046 I Ashish son of Vijay Kumar resident of House No. 154 B Ward No. 15 Pehalwan Colony Tarawadi District Karnal Haryana inform that I have changed my name from Ashish to Ashish Dudeja. Please note that I want to be known as Ashish Dudeja.
100046 I, Rinkesh Garg (Aadhaar No. 855772289135) S/o Sh. Harsarup Garg R/o Sangam Market Ladwa, Tehsil Ladwa, District Kurukshetra have declared that my minor daughter Aashvi (Aadhaar No. 726794820410) name is Aashvi Garg in her passport No. P6631091 and other documents, but now her name should be changed from Aashvi Garg to Aashvi in her new passport.
100074 I Sikandar Singh Brar S/o Nand Singh R/O village Harraipur district Bathinda have changed my name Sikandar Singh Brar from Sikandar Singh please note
524479 I, Miss Rani Khatoon D/o Lijayash Khan R/o Isaml Nagar W.No. 1 Lohardaga (Jharkhand) now R/o Post Office Jiwanwal Babri, Jhawar, Distt. Gurdaspur have changed my name from Rani Khatoon to Manjeet Kaur.
63372 I Prince Kumar S/o Narinder Kumar R/o Vill-Shapur Patti Po Jadla, Teh- Nawanshahr Distt SBS Nagar, declare that my given name is Prince and mysurname is Kumar.
63372 I, Kabadh Singh S/o Phoola R/o Vill: Dhadian Teh & Distt. Sangrur have changed my name to Iqbal Singh.
63372 I, Virpal Kaur W/o Gurpreet Singh R/o Vpo. Kot Karor Kalan Distt. Ferozepur have changed my name to Virpal Kaur Khosa.
63372 I, Meena Rani W/o Naresh Singla R/o H.No. 930 W.No. 13 St.No. 2 Parwana Nagar Moga have changed my name to Meena Singla.
63372 I, Shashi Pathak alias Shashi Bala W/o Parveen Kumar Pathak R/o Vpo. Mahil Gaila Distt. SBS Nagar have changed my name from Shashi Pathak alias Shashi Bala to Shashi Pathak.
63372 I Amarjit S/O Surinder Kumar R/O Vill-Bisla Teh-Banga Distt SBS Nagar Punjab India-144505 have changed my minor daughter name from Palvi to Palvi Rani.
63372 I Surinder Kaur W/o Manjit Ram R/o Vill-Mazari Teh-Banga Distt SBS Nagar Punjab India-144505 have changed my minor son name from Prince to Prince Kumar.
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I, Manohar Lal, son of Harvinder Kumar, resident of #340, Ward No. 6-C, Dhobi Ghat Road, Tehsil Dhuri, District Sangrur, have changed my name from Manohar Lal Sharma to Manohar Lal.
50008 I Banita Rani W/o Devrattan Garg R/o #118-b, Near M.p. College, Ward No.4, Mandi Dabwali Distt Sirsa Have Changed My Name To Banita Garg
50008 I Versha w/o Nitya Gopal R/o #1026-B village dariya Chandigarh have changed the name of my minor son from Mohit Gorai to Saurav Gorai
50008 I, Komal Taneja alias Paramjeet Kaur W/o Sh. Gagan Taneja R/o Ward No. 11, Gulab Colony Taraori, District Karnal have changed my name from Komal Taneja alias Paramjeet Kaur to Paramjeet Kaur. In future I should be known as Paramjeet Kaur.
100074 I Gurmeet Kaur Pabla W/o Sh. Sohan Singh Pabla R/o Village Dheru Majra, P.O. Umri, Tehsil Thanesar, District Kurukshetra have changed my name from Gurmeet Kaur Pabla W/o Sh. Sohan Singh Pabla to Gurmeet Kaur W/o Sh.Sohan Singh. In future I should be known and identified by the name Gurmeet Kaur W/o Sohan Singh.
100074 I Sagar Deep S/o Sh. Parvesh Narayan R/o H.No. 222 ZL, Kurari Mohalla, Kalka, Panchkula Haryana have changed my daughter's name from Teeshika to Teerth Deep. In future my daughter's should be known as Teerth Deep.
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63372

I, Palwinder Kaur Mander W/o Mohandeep Singh R/o Vill: Bassowal Teh-Jagraon (Ludhiana) have changed my name to Palwinder Kaur.
63372 I, Mohandeep Singh Mander S/o Darshan Singh R/o Vill: Bassowal Teh-Jagraon (Ludhiana) have changed my name to Mohandeep Singh.
63372 I Preet S/O Harbhajan Singh Vill Nandan P/O Bassi Purani Tehsil & Distt Hoshiarpur I Have Changed My Name To Preet Kumar.
63372 I, Balwinder Singh S/o Joginder Singh R/o Vill: Ladhana Ucha Po. Ladhana Jhikka Teh-Banga Distt. SBS Nagar have changed my name from Balwinder Singh to Singh Balwinder. I have used Singhas as my surname.
63372 I, Balraj Kaur W/o Malkiat Chand R/o Vpo. Khan Khana Teh-Banga Distt. SBS Nagar have changed my name from Balraj Kaur to Kaur Balraj. I have used Kaur as my surname.
63372 I, Malkiat Chand S/o Rattna Ram R/o Vpo. Khan Khana Teh-Banga Distt. SBS Nagar have changed my name from Malkiat Chand to Chand Malkiat. I have used Chand as my surname.
63372 I, Sunita Rani W/o Hardeep Chauhan R/o Vpo. Khan Khana Teh-Banga Distt. SBS Nagar have changed my name from Sunita Rani to Rani Sunita. I have used Rani as my surname.
63372 I Harjant Singh Chahal S/o Gurdev Singh Village Ghanauri Kalan Tehsil Dhuri District Sangrur Have Changed My Name Harjant Singh Chahal to Harjant Singh.
63372 I Mohammad Nasir S/o Mohd Ishaq R/o House No.123, Ward No. 21, Muhalla Mori Wala, Near Sarhinda Gate, Malerkotla Tehsil & District Malerkotla Have Changed My Name Mohammad Nasir to Mohd Nasar.
63372 I, Paramjit Kaur W/o Pritpal Singh R/o Patti Attari Vpo. Chak Bakhtu Distt. Bathinda have changed my name to Parmjit Kaur.
63372 I Baldev Singh S/o Bant Singh R/o village Badduwal, Teh Dharamkot, Dist. Moga, I have changed my name Baldev Singh to Baldev Singh Sidhu Pamal.
63372 I, Sanjeev Kumar S/o Om Parkash R/o H.No. 77 W.No. 3 Chapplan Wali Gali Moga have changed my name to Sanjeev Bhagria.
63372 I, Shalu D/O Ajit Ram R/O Vpo. Mirpur Jattan, District Shahid Bhagat Singh Nagar (Nawanshahr), Punjab, India Have Changed My Name From Shalu To Shalu Nafri.
63372 I, Bikkar Singh S/o Pal Singh R/o Bharta Khurd Distt. SBS Nagar have changed my name from Bikkar Singh to Singh Bikkar.
63372 I, Kamaljit S/o Resham Lal R/o Vill: Sangatpur Po. Partappura Teh-Phillaur Distt. Jalandhar have changed my name to Kamaljit Singh.
63372 I, Balhar Singh S/o Mehar Singh R/o Vpo. Mandi Teh-Phillaur Distt. Jalandhar have changed my name to Balihar Singh.
63372 I, Chandni D/o Ashok Kumar R/o Vpo. Gohawar Teh-Phillaur Distt. Jalandhar have changed my name to Chandni Kumari.
63372 I, Dalvir S/o Jinder Kumar R/o Vill: Rajpura Po. Apra Teh-Phillaur Distt. Jalandhar have changed my name to Dalvir Singh.
63372 I, Balvir Ram S/o Harbans Lal R/o New Abadi Vpo. Rurkee Teh- Phillaur Distt. Jalandhar my given name is Balvir and surname is Ram.
63372

I Ravi S/o Chhinderpal, Vill. Alamgir, Kala Sanghian, Distt. Kapurthala have changed my name Ravi to Ravi Rattu. Concerned Please Note.
63372 I Boota Singh Sandhu S/O Nishan Singh R/O Ward No. 04 Vpo.Mallan Wala Teh Zira Distt Ferozepur Have Changed My Name Boota Singh.
63372 I, Gagandeep Singh Uppal S/o Balkar Singh R/o W.No. 04 Mallanwala Teh-Zira Distt. Ferozepur have changed my name to Gagandeep Singh.
63372 I Paramjeet Kaur Alias Manpreet Kaur W/o Chamkaur Singh R/o Cheema (Moga) have Changed My Name To Paramjit Kaur.
63372 I, Sanjeeta Kumari W/o Naresh Kumar R/o H.No. Plot No. 236 VIP Enclave Near Gulmohar Extension Dera Bassi Teh-Dera Bassi Distt. SAS Nagar, Mohali have known by both names Sanjeeta Kumari and Sanjeeta one and the same person.
63372 I, Manmeet Kaur W/o Kamaljit Singh R/o H.No. 723 Amardeep Colony Vpo. Khandoli Po. Khandoli Distt. Patiala have changed my name from Angad Singh Cheema to Angad Singh.
63372 I, Ravinder Singh Mavi S/o Swaran Singh R/o Vill: Baraud Sub-Distt: Majri Teh-Kharar Distt, SAS Nagar, Mohali, have changed my name from Harminder Singh to Ravinder Singh Mavi. Henceforth I shall be known as Ravinder Singh Mavi.
63372 I Ranjit Kaur W/o Pritam Singh R/o Vpo Dewatwal Distt Ludhiana declare that my name is Ranjit and my surname is Kaur.
63372 I Davinder pal Singh S/o Malkit Singh R/o Village new Dalla po Tehsil Tehsil jagraon Distt Ludhiana have changed my name to Davinder pal Singh Sidhu.
63372 I Gurvinder Singh Kular S/o Bakhshish Singh R/o Vpo Kular tehsil jagraon Distt Ludhiana have changed my name to Gurvinder Singh.
63372 I Rama Vati Gupta C/o Aspat Gupta R/o H: No B -111-1581 Kacha Malak Road, Basant Avenue Jagraon Distt Ludhiana have changed my name from Rama Vati to Rama Vati Gupta.
63372 I Rupinderjit kaur Sidhu W/o jaspreet Singh Sidhu R/o New Abadi Akalgarh Distt Ludhiana Declare that I am known by both names as Rupinderjit Kaur Sidhu & Rupinderjit Sidhu.
63372 I, Arvinder Singh C/o Swarn Singh R/o VTC Rakauli Po. Jhingar Kalan Sub Distt. Kharar Distt. SAS Nagar have changed my name from Arvinder Singh Saini to Arvinder Singh.
63372 I, Kuldeep Kaur W/o Arvinder Singh R/o Vill: Rakauli Distt. SAS Nagar have changed my name from Kuldeep Kaur Saini to Kuldeep Kaur.
63372 I, Krishan Lal Dawar S/o Ram Lal R/o H.No.158 Sun View Enclave Ayali Kalan, Ludhiana Changed Name Krishan Lal.
63372 I, Parvesh Kumari Dawar W/o Krishan Lal R/o H.No.158 Sun View Enclave, Ayali Kalan Ludhiana Changed Name Parvesh Kumari.
63372 I Kulwinder Singh S/O Tarlok Singh R/O V.P.O Bharta Kalan (S.B.S Nagar) Have Changed My Name Kulvinder Singh To Kulwinder Singh.
63372 I, Gurvinder Singh Bhullar S/o Davinder Singh R/o Vill Bhullar, Dist. Sri Muktsar Sahib, have changed my name to Gurvinder Singh.
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I Rakesh Kumar Boht S/O Amar Singh R/O Rampura Phul (Bathinda) Have Changed My Name To Rakesh Kumar.
63372 I Bhupinder Singh Mann S/O Major Singh R/O Rampura Phu Distt Bathinda Have Changed My Name To Bhupinder Singh.
63372 I Reena Devi W/O Toshar Jairath R/O House No 34 Main Market Nangal Town Ship Teh.Nangal (Rupnagar) Have Changed My Name Reena Devi To Reena Rani.
63372 I, Surjeet Kaur D/o Shankar Dass W/o Kulwinder Chand R/o Village Mallian, P.O. Dyalpur, Jalandhar, Punjab, 144803 changed my name Surjeet as Given Name and Kaur as Surname.
63372 I, Davinder Singh S/O Paramjeet Singh, Village Gunopur, Post Office Saidowal Khurd, Distt Gurdaspur, Punjab 143528, have changed my given name to Davinder and my Surname is Singh.
63372 I, Lali W/O Rajinder Kumar R/O #196, Basantpura Mohala, Nabha, Distt Patiala-147201 have changed my name from Lali to Lata.
63372 I, Rachpal Singh S/O Ajit Singh, R/O Vill Jahadpur, PO Jaito Sarja, Distt. Gurdaspur, Pb. Have Changed My Name Spellings From Rachpal Singh To Rashpal Singh.
63372 I Ram Prakash S/o Gian Chand R/o H.No. 82, Tower Enclave, Phase 2, PO Tower Town, Jalandhar- 144014, Punjab, have changed my name from Ram Prakash to Prakash Ram in which given name Ram and surname as Prakash.
63372 I, Sarabjit Kaur W/O Jamail Singh, R/o Post office Rurki Khas, Tehsil: Garhshankar, Rurki Khas, Hoshiyarpur, Punjab- 144532. have changed my name and shall hereafter be Known as Sharanjit Kaur.
63372 I, Nikhil Gupta S/O Sushil Kumar, R/o Flat No: 606 Tower-v, Jai Puria Sunrise Greens VIP Road, Zirakpur, Zirakpur, SAS Nagar (Mohali), Punjab- 140603, have changed my name and shall hereafter be Known as Nikhil Kumar.
63372 I, Luxmi Gupta Alias Laxmi Gupta W/O Sushil Kumar Gupta, D/O Jagdish Rai R/o Flat No: 606 Tower-v, Jai Puria Sunrise Greens VIP Road, Zirakpur, Zirakpur, SAS Nagar (Mohali), Punjab- 140603. have changed my name and shall hereafter be Known as Luxmi Bala Gupta.
63372 I, Laxmi W/o Anuj Kumar R/o H.No. 2077 Ground Floor Adutpoal Colony Sec-41 C, Chandigarh have changed my name from Rahul to Laxmi.
63372 I Gurjit Singh S/O Balwinder Singh Village. Kishanpur Teh.Payal District. Ludhiana Have Changed The Name Of My Minor Daughter Bhavjot Kaur To Bhavjot Kaur Chahal.
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ਮੇਂ ਸਿਕੰਦਰ ਸਿੰਘ ਬਰਾੜ ਪੁੱਤਰ ਨੰਦ ਸਿੰਘ ਪਿੰਡ ਹਰਚਾਏਪੁਰ ਜਿਲਾ ਬਠਿੰਡਾ ਨੇ ਆਪਣਾ ਨਾਮ ਬਦਲ ਕੇ ਸਿਕੰਦਰ ਸਿੰਘ ਰੱਖ ਲਿਆ ਹੈ। ਸੰਬੰਧਤ ਨੋਟ ਕਰਨ।
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NEWS BRIEF

Lamrin Tech University celebrates World Youth Skills Day



BAHADURJEET SINGH RUPNAGAR: Lamrin Tech Skills University (LTSU), Punjab organized a function on the World Youth Skill Day. World Youth Skills Day is a United Nations-designated observance celebrated annually to recognize and promote the importance of equipping young people with skills for entrepreneurship, employment and decent work. The theme for World Youth Skills Day 2025 was "Youth Skills for Peace and Development".
Dr AS Chawla Vice Chancellor LTSU Punjab elaborated techniques for making lessons more engaging and enriching for students besides providing valuable insights into various instructional materials that can be used for an effective teaching-learning process. He highlighted the importance of identifying the strength of students for enhancing knowledge and skills and encouraged the participants to observe nature to get ideas for solving problems.

Resolving issues of my constituents is top priority: Dr. Raj Kumar Chabbewal



DALJEET AJNOHA HOSHIARPUR: Member of Parliament Dr. Raj Kumar Chabbewal stated that he is always available for the residents of his constituency and makes every possible effort to listen to their problems and resolve them promptly. Every day, he holds a public hearing (Janata Darbar) at his residence office in Hoshiarpur, where he listens to a wide range of personal, social, and administrative grievances from the people. On the previous day as well, after meeting with citizens at his residence, he visited the Chabbewal office and listened to the concerns of the local residents. During this interaction, Dr. Chabbewal not only expressed empathy with the people but also gave strict instructions to officials for immediate resolution of their issues. He emphasized that raising the voice of the people and ensuring the resolution of their problems is his foremost responsibility. Dr. Chabbewal further said that he firmly believes in constant dialogue with the public and strives to understand and resolve real issues through these regular Janata Darbars.

MCM NEP SAARTHII volunteers champion academic reforms under NEP 2020



CHANDIGARH: The NEP SAARTHII (Student Ambassador for Academic Reforms in Transforming Higher Education in India) volunteers at Mehr Chand Mahajan DAV College for Women have emerged as key facilitators in advancing the University Grants Commission's visionary initiative to implement the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020 at the grassroots level. With a commitment to student-centric reform, these dedicated volunteers played a vital role in creating awareness and building understanding among students and parents regarding the transformative academic changes introduced by NEP 2020. Acting as informed intermediaries between the institution and the student community, the SAARTHII volunteers provided hands-on guidance on crucial aspects such as Multidisciplinary Courses (MDCs), Value-Added Courses (VACs), and the newly introduced flexible, credit-based framework. Their efforts have significantly eased the transition to this new academic structure, helping students navigate the broad spectrum of opportunities now available to them. Through workshops, peer mentoring, and counselling sessions.

Bains lambasts Akalis, Congress for desecration, drug crisis in Punjab

SUMER GARG
CHANDIGARH, JULY 15

In a groundbreaking move to safeguard sacred religious scriptures, the Chief Minister, Bhagwant Singh Mann Punjab Government has introduced the Punjab Prevention of offences against holy scripture(s) Bill, 2025, aimed at ensuring the dignity and respect of all religions in Punjab, said Harjot Singh Bains, minister of education and information & public relations, Punjab.
While participating in the discussion on the Bill in Punjab Vidhan Sabha, Mr. Bains highlighted the historic trauma inflicted upon the Sikh community, referencing the attacks on the Golden Temple and Akal Takht. He noted that even today, the scars of those wounds persist in Amritsar, and 41 years after the Sikh genocide, justice remains elusive. He slammed those who claimed to serve the Panth



and protect Sikhism were the same individuals who were drunk in power when 'Angs' of Sri Guru Granth Sahib were violated in the streets. People of Punjab can forgive them for accumulating wealth and building hotels like Sukhvilas in every district, Bains added while stating, "But showing no regard for our Guru's scriptures and

firing bullets at Sanger protesting against desecration, for their own politics, is totally unacceptable."
The minister alleged that previous governments had tacit agreements facilitating drug trade and desecration. He claimed a decade-long conspiracy aimed to divide Punjab, alienate it from spiritual roots, and keep it fragmented,

Sarvpriya Nirmohi honoured by Governor for excellence in radio broadcasting and anchoring



CHANDIGARH : Sarvpriya Nirmohi, a distinguished radio personality renowned for his extensive contribution in radio broadcasting, has been felicitated with the prestigious Award of Excellence in Radio Broadcasting and Anchoring by His Excellency Gulab Chand Kataria, the Honourable Governor of Punjab. The esteemed recognition was conferred during the 6th Entrepreneurs and Achievers Award ceremony, organized by the Media Federation of India (MFI) at PHD House, Sector 31, Chandigarh. During the MFI ceremony, which recognized 31 accomplished individuals across diverse fields, Mr. Nirmohi's outstanding contributions and unwavering commitment to excellence in both radio broadcasting and anchoring were specifically highlighted.

Demand letter submitted to Municipal Council President for repair of road leading to railway station Kharar



SHASHI PAL JAIN
KHARAR, JULY 15

Senior Citizens (Sath) Railway Station Kharar, under the leadership of President Kirpal Singh Gill, have submitted a demand letter to the newly elected President of the Municipal Council for the repair of the road leading to the railway station from Badala Road. In this regard, it was

brought to the attention of the President that since the railway station was built, this road has not been repaired again. About 400-500 passengers come and go on this road daily.
Due to the deterioration of the road, the passengers coming to the railway station and the general public are facing a lot of difficulties. He said that now due to the rainy

season, there are deep potholes on the road at places. Sometimes accidents are happening due to falling into these potholes. According to him, the President has assured that this road will be repaired soon. The delegation was accompanied by Senior Citizens (Sath) General Secretary Sital Singh, Treasurer Madan Lal, Ajit Singh and other members.

Cordon and search operations conducted in Mauli Jagran

CHANDIGARH, JULY 15

Keeping in view the forthcoming Independence Day celebrations-2025, the current security scenario, objective to maintain law & order, peace, public tranquility and to curb the criminal / snatching incidents a special search operations (CASO) was carried out in the area of Police Station- Mauli Jagran i.e. Mauli Jagran Colony, on 15-07-2024 at 5:00am, where in special focus was given to check suspicious persons, BCs, History sheeters, jail released and to keep watch on persons involved in NDPS cases.

During this drive around 92 police personnel from Sub-Division North-East and other units of Chandigarh Police were deployed.

The force was assembled at PS-Mauli Jagran, Chandigarh at 05.00 AM and prop-

erly briefed by the SDPO/North-East and SHO PS-Mauli Jagran.

The entire area of Mauli Jagran Colony, was got cordoned off by proper barricading and nakas by police. During CASO search proper verification was made of all BCs, jail releases, repeated offenders, Criminals, Notorious person and Tenant/stranger

Total Force 92
Police Teams & Nakas

House Checked 1074
Bad Characters & Criminals verified 186
Stanger Roll issued 21
Vehicles checked 128
Vehicles Challenged and Impound 10

Persons detained 56

This CASO operation was aimed at reinforcing public confidence and deterring any potential unlawful activities.

Jatinder Pal Malhotra appointed Chairman of Education standing committee – REWA congratulates, hopes for timely resolution of Rural School issues

CHANDIGARH, JULY 15

The Rural Education Welfare Association (REWA), the only registered organization dedicated to the rural areas of Chandigarh, extended congratulations to BJP Chandigarh President Jatinder Pal Malhotra on being appointed Chairman of the Education Standing Committee under the Chandigarh Administrator's Advisory Council.

The organization, committed to supporting low-fee schools that provide quality education to children from underprivileged backgrounds, expressed hope for swift action on long-pending issues. Led by REWA President V. B. Kapil, the association's office-bearers and members met Malhotra and conveyed their best wishes on his new role. During the meeting, they highlighted the chal-



lenges faced by rural schools, including future of these schools and lack of administrative support. The association expressed confidence that under Malhotra's leadership, these long-standing issues will be effectively addressed. In response, Malhotra assured that resolving the problems faced by rural schools will be a top priority. It is worth noting that

the Education Department has recently emphasized the importance of quality education and proper recognition for all schools. Malhotra urged school operators to work wholeheartedly towards improving educational standards, instilling strong values in students, and contributing to the overall development of their institutions.

LUB, apprises Governor about problems of small units



SUMER GARG
SUNAM, JULY 15

A deputation of Laghu Udyog Bharati (LUB), mainly including, Prakash Ji Chandra, all India organising Secretary; Arvind Dhumal, National Vice President of India; Pardeep Mongia, President of LUB, Punjab unit met the Punjab Governor, Gulab Chand Kataria.

The deputationists apprised the Governor regard-

ing the various problems being faced by the entrepreneurs of Laghu Udyog in Punjab. They said that the Laghu Udyog was also popularly known by the name of the cottage industry.

This industry has a very big role in the development of states as well as India. Due to Laghu Udyog the jobless youth gets employment near their home and the government's coffers are filled with taxes by value additions.

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

LK BANSAL
MOHALI, JULY 15

Holy Heart Public School, Mahil 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 involvement. 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.



Teenz celebration at party hall sec35 chd by Golden lioness Pkl Premier club nd Uddan club PDP Manjit Bhambra ji PRO Rani Veena, President PKL premier club.

Officers should fulfill their duties with dedication for I-Day function: DC



DALJEET AJNOHA
HOSHIARPUR, JULY 15

While addressing a meeting regarding the preparations for the district-level Independence Day function to be held at the Police Lines Ground, Deputy Commissioner Ashika Jain instructed all officials to perform their duties with utmost sincerity and responsibility. She emphasized that all assigned duties should be carried out with seriousness and commitment. She further stated that no shortcoming should remain in the arrangements being made at the Police Lines Ground for the Independence Day celebrations.

During the meeting, she issued necessary directions to the concerned officers for various aspects including departmental tableaux, barricading, parking, stage decoration, seating arrangements, cleanliness, distribution of awards and appreciation letters, drinking water, sound system, refreshments, first aid, fire tender arrangements, security, and traffic control. The Deputy Commissioner informed that during the district-level ceremony, freedom fighters will be honored, and distinguished individuals with exceptional achievements in various fields will also be felicitated.

Spl meeting held in Kharar under public relations campaign being run by District Congress Committee



SHASHI PAL JAIN
KHARAR, JULY 15

An important meeting was held in Kharar city today under the public relations campaign being run by the District Congress Committee at the residence of former councilor Malagar Singh.

The meeting was presided over by District Congress Committee President Ranjit Singh Jeeti Padiala. Addressing the meeting, he said that no new development work has started in Kharar city after the Aam Aadmi Party government came to power. He

said that the projects that were started during the Congress government have also remained incomplete.

Jeeti Padiala, especially expressing concern over the failure of the sanitation system in the city, said that due to garbage heaps in many areas of Kharar city, people are facing dirty air and diseases. The city residents have complained many times in this regard but no action has been taken by the government. The neglect of an important city like Kharar exposes the bad policy of the government. He finally said that the District

Congress Committee will reach every house through a public relations campaign and inform the people about the real reality.

On this occasion, former president of Block Congress Committee Kharar Gurinder Singh Gill Badala, former councilor Malagar Singh, Dr. Ragbir Singh Bangar, Surinder Pal Singh, Baldev Singh, Ravinder Singh, Harpal Singh, Sher Singh, Manjit Singh former ETO, Hari Singh, Hardeep Singh Mann, Kulwant Singh, Baljit Singh, Jasbir Singh and Yadwinder Singh etc.

Ludhiana Scientist drives breakthrough immunology research at Ohio State University

SUKH NAHAR
JAGRAON, JULY 15

Dr. Vishal Singh, a biomedical researcher originally from Ludhiana and a former scientist at the Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR), is currently contributing significantly to immunology research



at The Ohio State University (OSU), USA. His primary focus is on autoimmune diseases and inflammatory disorders. Dr. Singh holds a Ph.D. in Biochemistry from the DBT-National Agri-Food Biotechnology Institute (NABI), Mohali, in collaboration with Panjab University, Chandigarh. With more than ten years of experience in the biomedical field, he has developed deep expertise in areas like nanomedicine, nanobiosensor technology.

Saplings planted in courtyard of DCM International School under "Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam" campaign



SURINDER DAMDAMI
KOTKAPURA, JULY 15

Under the "Ek Perh Maa Ke Naam" campaign, at the renowned educational institution of the area, D. C. M. International School Kotkapura, with the support of the school's management committee and Principal Meenakshi Sharma, students and teachers celebrated Van Mahotsav Diwas by planting saplings in the school and nearby areas, while respecting the bond of mothers. On this occasion, students actively participat-

ed in the tree planting campaign by preparing informative charts like "Plant a tree", "Ek Perh Maa Ke Naam", and "Protect the environment" etc.

On this occasion, Principal Meenakshi Sharma said that we should all plant a sapling in the name of our mothers. We should also take a pledge that after planting a sapling, we should not forget it but keep taking care of it so that the saplings planted under this campaign can grow into big trees and give us life. The way a mother takes good care of her child.

Vigilance raids
Majithia's office again;
Amritsar property also
under scanner

CHANDIGARH: In a fresh crackdown under Punjab's anti-corruption campaign, the Vigilance Bureau today conducted another raid at the Majithia-based office of senior Akali leader Bikram Singh Majithia. The team carried out a detailed measurement of the entire office building. Simultaneously, vigilance teams also inspected a property linked to Majithia and his family at Green Avenue in Amritsar. Both raids are reportedly part of an ongoing probe into assets allegedly linked to the former minister, who is currently in judicial custody at Nabha jail till July 19. Sources confirmed that the exercise focused on verifying property records and ownership details, believed to be associated with Majithia's family. During the nearly three-hour-long search operation, officials also recovered a mobile phone and a DVR from the premises, but no incriminating material was reportedly found. Advocate Amanveer Singh, representing Majithia, confirmed that the raid was related to an ongoing investigation into a previously registered case against his client. He added that a bail application has already been filed in the Mohali court, with the hearing expected in the coming days. "The vigilance team was here since 11 am and completed measurement and verification of both movable and immovable assets. No seizure or suspicious item was recovered," Singh clarified, stating the agency was simply completing procedural aspects of the investigation.

Drugs destroy dreams-stay clean:
Romesh Mahajan Project Director
RC-IRCA Gurdaspur



VERMA GURDASPUR: The Red Cross Integrated and Rehabilitation Centre Gurdaspur Organized an Awareness camp under "Nasha Mukat Bharat Abhiyan at Govt sr sec School Village Chahiya Gurdaspur. The seminar was presided over by its Principal Sh. Rajesh Sharma and all teachers were also remain present at that time. The team of IRCA Gurdaspur namely Sh Ramesh Kumar, Counselor, Sh Heera Lal Sh Virgin, male nurses delivered the lectures against drugs. The motive of the seminar was to motivate the students to stay away from drugs and to live a healthy life. They also focused on providing free treatment to youngsters who have indulged into addiction. The team also stressed upon the facilities being provided by RC-IRCA Gurdaspur. The number of beneficiaries were 55.

Musical event In
Motiaz Royal City



BHUPINDER KAPOOR RAJ PURA: Musical Evening was organised in Motiaz Royal city on 13 July Sunday .The audience enjoyed with enchanting performances of 26 participants ,all residents. Hidden talent was discovered in the society .The showcased their skills in mesmerizing evening of music and entertainment. This event was organised by Col BK Sharma Retd ,was praised by one and all. The event had songs comprised of old Bollywood songs,shero shayari and Punjabi poems and Ghazals. The purpose of event was to build up harmony and better bonding amongst residents.A senior most resident Mr BR Kapoor regaled the audience with his sher o shayari and later distributed mementoes to all participants. All performances were appreciated by all residents and expected to organise such events in future also. The anchoring was conducted by Neelam Sharma who enthralled the residents by her oratory skills.

Guru Granth Sahib is Juristic Guru"
Sultanpur Lodhi MLA Rana Inder
Partap Singh demands stricter
punishment for anyone indulging
in sacrilege

CHANDIGARH: Independent MLA from Sultanpur Lodhi Rana Inder Partap Singh today demanded that in the proposed anti sacrilege law, the Punjab Prevention of Offences against Holy Scriptures bill 2025, Guru Granth Sahib cannot be mentioned as a holy scripture because of the fact and its acceptance as a Juristic Guru". The legislator was taking part in the debate in the state legislative assembly after the bill laws tabled in the house for discussion yesterday. According to Rana Inder Partap Singh the sacrilege of Guru Granth Sahib began in 2015 and the respective governments in Punjab failed to deliver justice. "It is my humble submission before all members of the august house that efforts are made to pass a strong law against sacrilege so that in future no one dares to commit heinous crime", said the MLA. "We should not leave any lacunae in passing of this law, and rectify if some shortcoming have cropped up knowingly or unknowingly", said the legislator. "I am not raising any apprehension on the intent on the members of this house.

New Bill a historic move to prevent sacrilege, ensures respect for all religions : Arora

SUMER GARG
CHANDIGARH, JULY 15

The Aam Aadmi Party (AAP), Punjab President and Cabinet Minister, Mr. Aman Arora said that the Chief Minister, Bhagwant Singh Mann led Punjab Government took a historic step to safeguard religious sentiments by bringing the Punjab Prevention of offences against holy scripture(s) Bill, 2025 against sacrilege, while lambasting the Shiromani Akali Dal (SAD) and Congress regime for their inaction in sacrilege cases. During the discussion on the Bill in the Punjab Vidhan Sabha today, Mr. Aman Arora underlined the failure of previous governments, including the Akali-BJP and Congress regimes, to deliver justice in sacrilege cases, particularly the 2015 Bargari, Kotkapura and Behbal Kalan incidents, which involved the desecration of Sri Guru Granth Sahib



Ji. While highlighting the hypocrisy of Congress party, Mr. Aman Arora stated that despite constitution of multiple Special Investigation Teams (SITs) and commissions by previous regimes, none had named the Badals as accused in sacrilege cases. However, after the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) came to power in Punjab, a thorough investigation was initiated. A SIT led by

ADGP, L.K.Yadav submitted a comprehensive challan of over 7,000 pages, naming former Chief Minister Late Parkash Singh Badal, Sukhbir Singh Badal, former DGP Sumedh Singh Saini, and others as accused. The case is currently pending in the Court of Faridkot Additional Sessions Judge. The Badals, who claim to be guardians of Sikh faith, did nothing when Guru Granth

Sahib Ji's sanctity was violated. Even the SAD government sent a weak bill to the Centre in 2016, which was rejected because it only protected one scripture. Now, they have the audacity to question our government's sincerity, said Mr. Arora.

He pointed out that previous governments failed to take action against the main culprits in sacrilege cases, with investigations being delayed or stalled. In contrast, the AAP government has taken a decisive approach, filing chargesheets in all cases and naming individuals, including the Badals , as accused based on investigation findings. While highlighting the key provisions of the Bill, Mr. Aman Arora stated that it prescribes stringent punishments for sacrilege, including 10 years to life imprisonment. The bill, drafted after extensive consultations, defines desecration broadly to include

acts such as tampering, burning, tearing, destruction, and defiling of sacred texts, encompassing scriptures like Sri Guru Granth Sahib, Gutka Sahib, Srimad Bhagavad Gita, Quran Sharif, and Holy Bible, among others. Notably, the bill makes desecration a non-bailable and non-compoundable offense, punishable with a minimum sentence of 10 years and a fine ranging from Rs 5 lakh to Rs 10 lakh. A key aspect of the bill is its inclusive nature, covering all religions and emphasising equal respect for all holy scriptures. He said that the bill also ensures speedy investigation by a DSP or above rank officer, and mandates respectful handling of evidence, prohibiting any disrespect to religious remains. This provision underscores the importance of dignity and reverence in the handling of sacred texts, while ensuring swift justice in sacrilege incidents.

Govt to form comprehensive strategy on stray animal management : Dr. Ravjot Singh

CHANDIGARH, JULY 15

Punjab Local Government Minister Dr. Ravjot Singh on Tuesday announced in the Vidhan Sabha that the state government will bring together various departments and experts on to formulate a comprehensive strategy to address the stray animal menace in Punjab.

The Minister informed the House that the Local Government Department will lead the coordination efforts among all concerned departments and stakeholders to devise an effective action plan. He reiterated the government's commitment to resolving the issue, recalling that the Chief Minister has already assured prompt action during the debate on the Amendment Bill of the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act. Dr. Ravjot Singh highlighted that the department has already implemented "The Punjab Compensation to Victims of Animal Attacks and Accidents Policy,



2023" under which financial relief is provided to families of deceased or those suffering permanent disability due to stray animal attacks. The compensation is disbursed by a committee headed by the Deputy Commissioner of the respective district.

Acknowledging the severity of the issue, the Minister stated that the number of stray animals has increased significantly, often leading to road accidents and public inconvenience. He informed that 1.4 lakh stray animals as per the 20th Livestock Census (21st Census data pending release).

Widening of Ghaggar river and strengthening embankment near village Tiwana under consideration: Goyal

CHANDIGARH, JULY 15

Punjab Water Resources Minister Sh. Barinder Kumar Goyal, while responding to a call attention motion, informed that the proposal to widen the Ghaggar river near village Tiwana in the Dera Bassi and strengthen its embankment is under consideration.

Responding to the call attention motion presented in the Vidhan Sabha by MLA Dera Bassi S. Kuljit Singh Randhawa, the Water Resources Minister said that due to heavy rainfall in 2023, the water level in the Ghaggar at Village Tiwana had risen significantly. Consequently, floodwater from the Ghaggar River inundated the cultivable land on the left bank and erosion caused the ground level to drop by approximately 8 to 10 feet. Subsequently, the department installed stone revetment and studs along a 2500-foot stretch to protect the cultivable land from erosion. To support this revetment, an



embankment was constructed behind it by filling it with soil. He informed that the department spent Rs.5.06 crores on this project. Goyal revealed that heavy rainfall in the Ghaggar's catchment area on June 29, 2025 caused the river's water level to surge suddenly, but the stone revetment remained completely intact. However, the soil embankment behind the revetment suffered some erosion in certain areas. The department immediately took action and completed the embankment

repairs. This restoration work was carried out entirely at the department level. He mentioned that on July 8, 2025, substantial water flow occurred again in the Ghaggar River, but it passed through without causing any damage to the embankment.

The Cabinet Minister reiterated that the proposal is also under consideration to widen the Ghaggar River on the right side near Village Tiwana and utilize the excavated soil to broaden and strengthen the left bank.

DC asks MCJ to clear sewage blockage at Lamma Pind-Jandu Singha Road

PARAMJIT SINGH
JALANDHAR, JULY 15

Deputy Commissioner Dr. Himanshu Aggarwal today visited Hoshiarpur Road to oversee ongoing project of widening and four-laning of this highway. He issued directions to Jalandhar Municipal Corporation to clear sewage blockage on this stretch on a priority basis to ensure proper disposal of rainwater.

Likewise, he also asked Public Works Department (PWD) to complete leveling of road after laying of pipeline under surface water project so that commuter do not face any problem here. The Deputy Commissioner further stressed timely completion of this road stretch as majority of works including shifting of electricity polls have already been accomplished. The DC underscored the urgent need to complete third project at the earliest to



benefit the large number of commuters who use this roads on a daily basis. He highlighted the significance of five kilometers stretch of Lamma Pind-Jandu Singha Road so it widening will ease traffic movement. He also stated that completion of this project will facilitate traffic flow between Jalandhar and Hoshiarpur as a large number of commuters from the city area will be able take this route without going to Rama Mandi for their travel to Hoshiarpur.

Cheema flags missing 'Action Taken' report on 1986 incidents; PVS Speaker announces formation of committee



GAURAV GOEL
CHANDIGARH, JULY 15

Punjab Finance Minister Advocate Harpal Singh Cheema on Tuesday brought to the attention of the Punjab Vidhan Sabha the Justice Gurnam Singh Commission Report on the tragic incidents of the year 1986, a copy of which is in the Vidhan Sabha, but whose action taken part has mysteriously disappeared. He urged the Punjab Vidhan Sabha Speaker, Kultar Singh Sandhwan, to form a committee to locate this crucial report. The Punjab Vidhan Sabha Speaker announces the formation of a committee to find out the missing report.

Addressing the Punjab Assembly during discussions on the Punjab Prevention of Crime Against Religious Scriptures

Bill, 2025, Finance Minister Harpal Singh Cheema this missing part of Justice Gurnam Singh Commission's report will enable the people of Punjab to ascertain the truth behind the 1986 incidents, understanding the actions of those involved at that time, and see the reality of their descendants' current actions.

Finance Minister Harpal Singh Cheema mentioned the historical events to underscore the importance of the proposed legislation and the need for accountability. He stated that historically, whenever the Shiromani Akali Dal led government or a religiously aligned government came to power in Punjab, there were attempts, either directly or through conspirators, to desecrate the Guru Granth Sahib, aiming to destabilise the state. He cited the tragic incident of February 2, 1986, during a Shiromani Akali Dal tenure, when five sacred Birs were set ablaze at Gurdwara Sahib Guru Arjan Dev ji in Nakodar. He further recounted the events of February 4, 1986, when four youths – Ravinder Singh Littran, Balbir Singh Ramgarh, Jhirmal Singh Gursiana,

St. Warriors school achieves ICSE affiliation up to 10+2 level

VERMA
GURDASPUR, JULY 15

In a historic milestone for education in the region, St. Warriors School has proudly secured ICSE (Indian Certificate of Secondary Education) affiliation up to the 10+2 level, marking a new chapter of academic excellence and opportunity for students in this remote area.

The school has officially opened admissions for Medical, Non-Medical, and Commerce streams, offering a broad academic spectrum for students aiming to pursue careers in science, healthcare, business, and technology. Addressing the gathering of parents, students, and well-wishers, Principal Mr. Paramvir Singh extended heartfelt congratulations to the entire community. He stated, "The mission of St. Warriors School has always been to ensure that quality education reaches every corner of this region. With this affiliation, we are not only expanding academically, but also reinforcing our commitment to nurturing talent,

character, and competence in our students." He further emphasized that the school is striving for the all round development of the students and applauded the role of the teachers in preparing the students in various fields including sports.

Chairman Mr. Sajjan Singh, in his address, reflected on the school's inspiring journey. "St. Warriors School was founded in 2016 with a noble vision to bring quality education to an area that had long been deprived of standard academic institutions. Over the years, we have grown steadily, driven by dedication and the support of the community. With this new affiliation, we are confident of even better results and outstanding performances by our students in various academic and extracurricular fields," he said. Director Mr. Sarwan Singh also shared his commitment to creating a world-class learning environment. "We are fully committed to equipping the school with modern infrastructure, including state-of-the-art science and computer labs, smart classrooms, a well-stocked library.

Beas village panchayat announces cash reward for reporting drug peddlers



BEAS (GURDARSHAN SINGH PRINCE): Taking a significant step in the fight against drugs, the Beas village panchayat in Amritsar district has launched a bold initiative to curb the drug menace. Under the leadership of Sarpanch Surinderpal Singh Laddoo, a major awareness rally was held today, during which the panchayat announced a reward of ₹5,100 for anyone who helps catch a drug peddler on the spot. The identity of the informant will be kept strictly confidential.

Speaking to reporters, Sarpanch Surinderpal Singh Laddoo said the move aims to empower citizens to take an active role in ridding their village of drugs. "If any individual helps apprehend a drug trafficker within Beas, they will be rewarded with ₹5,100 in cash, and their name will not be disclosed," he stated. The initiative is in alignment with the Punjab Government's broader campaign against drugs, which seeks to protect the youth and dismantle the drug network across the state.

Election schedule for 31 vacant posts of Panchs in Pathankot district released

PATHANKOT (SHARANJEET): The State Election Commission today released the election schedule for filling up the vacant seats of Sarpanch and Panch in the district. Giving information, Hardeep Singh Additional Deputy Commissioner (J-cum-Development) said that as per the schedule issued by the State Election Commission, voting to fill the vacant posts of 31 Panches in district Pathankot will be held on July 27. According to the election schedule, the process of filing nominations has started from July 14 and July 17 will be the last date.

During which nominations can be filed from 11 am to 3 pm. Scrutiny of nomination papers will be held on July 18 and the last date for withdrawal of nominations is July 19. Voting will be held on July 27. The counting of votes will be done at the polling stations immediately after the completion of voting on the same day. Videography of the nomination process, polling and counting will be ensured as per the instructions of the Commission.



State paid heavy price for disconnecting from sacred Kali Bein -land of origin of Gurbani: Sant Seechewal



ARVIND PATHAK
SULTANPUR LODHI, JULY 15

Environmentalist Sant Balbir Singh Seechewal, while congratulating the devotees on the 25th anniversary of the sacred Kali Bein, said that they had achieved what once seemed impossible.

Extending his wishes on the eve of the 25th anniversary, he reminded people how, 25 years ago, the same Kali Bein that people avoided by covering their noses is now

a place where everyone bows their heads with reverence. He stated that the people of Punjab, by cleaning a river with their own hands, have shown the entire nation how to take care of rivers and water bodies.

He added that Punjab has suffered greatly by severing its spiritual and ecological connection with the sacred Kali Bein — the site graced by the presence of Guru Nanak Dev Ji and the origin of Gurbani.

Punjab police sportspersons shine at World police games in USA with 32 Gold Medals

J S SODHI
JALANDHAR, JULY 15

Thirteen athletes from Punjab Police who represented the Indian Police team at the World Police Games held in Birmingham, USA (June 26–July 7, 2025) were felicitated at PAP Headquarters, Jalandhar.

The event was graced by ADGP M.F. Farooqui, Chief Sports Officer, Punjab Police, and Sports Secretary Navjot Singh Mahal.

The contingent, comprising athletes, judokas, archers, swimmers, and wrist wrestlers, secured an impressive tally of 32 gold, 16 silver, and 11 bronze medals. Among top performers were L/HC Kiranpal Kaur with 8 golds and L/HC Veerpall Kaur with 4 golds in athletics. Archery, swimming, and wrist



wrestling also saw dominant wins. In addition, nine sportspersons from Punjab Police Central Sports participated independently and clinched 21 medals including 10 golds. The ADGP congratulated the players for their ex-

emplary performance and encouraged them to continue excelling. Sports Secretary Mahal assured continued training camps and dietary support for athletes to help them prepare for future international events.

NEWS BRIEF

Entire gram panchayat
Chawdi quits over
opening of wine shop

AGENCY SHIMLA: In a rare and strong show of protest, the entire body of gram panchayat Chawdi in development block Seoni, district Shimla, has tendered its resignation following the opening of a wine shop at Khera village despite local opposition and the subsequent lodging of FIRs against protesting women. In a letter addressed to the district panchayat officer, dated July 10, the pradhan, deputy pradhan, and all seven ward members expressed deep anguish over the state government's decision to permit the opening of the wine shop from July 1. The panchayat had unanimously passed a resolution against it in its meeting on June 24, citing adverse social and cultural impacts on the community. The letter accuses the excise and taxation department of disregarding local sentiment and using coercive means, including the filing of FIRs against women who were peacefully opposing the shop. It states that the shop's operation has stirred unrest in the village, affecting peace and dignity, particularly of women and school-going children. "We feel betrayed by the administration and no longer wish to be a part of a governance system that disregards the will of the people," the letter states.

'Youth Empowerment
through AI and Digital
Skills'



AVINASH CHAUHAN
AMB: On the occasion of World Youth Skills Day, an inspirational program was organized by "Mera Yuva Bharat, Una (HP)" under the aegis of Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports, Government of India, in collaboration with Chintapurni Vikas Samiti, Amb. The chief guest of the program was the Nagar Panchayat chairperson, while senior councillor Mrs. Nareesh Kumari, senior councillor Anusuya Rani, councillor Mrs. Anjali Sood, district coordinator of Mera Yuva Bharat Mr. Pradeep Kumar, and chairman of Chintapurni Vikas Samiti Mr. Shadi Lal were present as special guests.

CM calls on Gadkari, seeks support for repair of damaged roads



BUREAU NEW DELHI, JULY 15

Chief Minister Thakur Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu called on Union Minister for Road Transport and Highways Nitin Gadkari at New Delhi today and apprised him of massive damages caused by flash floods in the state and sought support for repair and reconstruction of damaged roads. He also urged for including few roads in PM Gati Shakti Yojana.

Sukhu also updated the Union Minister about the delays in National Highway projects due to various reasons and requested to address the delays at the earliest and to start construction works on the same. Chief Minister also stressed upon adopting tunneling in the NH road projects and discussed about the roads of strategic importance which have been already raised with defence ministry and urged for speedy action on them.

Urges FC Chairman for continuation of Revenue Deficit Grant

DINESH AGARWAL
SHIMLA: Chief Minister Thakur Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu met Dr Arvind Panagariya, Chairman 16th Finance Commission at New Delhi today and sought co-operation of the Finance Commission for strengthening the financial condition of the state. He said that state government was following the path of fiscal prudence and was one of the best performing states in the country on various parameters including sustainable development goals. He urged the Commission to support the state in its recommendations keeping in view the financial condition of the state. Chief



Minister said that hill states incur a much higher expenditure as compared to other states. He said that devolution to a hill state should be at least twice than their share of population. He requested for continuation of Revenue Deficit Grant (RDG) keeping in view topographical disadvantages and limited scope for raising revenue.

CM approves power infrastructure plan to resolve Kangra crisis

AGENCY KANGRA, JULY 15

Himachal Pradesh Road Transport Corporation Vice Chairman Ajay Verma has assured that a permanent solution to the power issues plaguing Kangra city and nearby rural areas will be implemented soon. Ajay Verma announced that Chief Minister Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu has approved a power infrastructure development plan worth Rs 22.67 crore to resolve the persistent electricity problems in the region. Under the plan, 18 new transformers will be installed and 13 existing ones will be upgraded. A new 33 KVA substation will be constructed at Daulatpur at a cost of Rs 11 crore, which is expected to significantly improve electricity supply to Kangra city and adjoining villages. An additional Rs. 90 lakh will be spent on upgrades at the Sheb substation. To eliminate the overhead wiring clutter in Kangra city, an integration project worth Rs 1.75 crore will be undertaken. The city will also be divided into four zones for better power management, and new streetlights will be installed as part of a beautification initiative. Ajay Verma also said that proper lighting arrangements will soon be made



at the Kangra bus stand. He urged the police administration to maintain a regular night presence at the bus terminal for the safety of passengers and informed that security guards will soon be deployed there. Recently, all CCTV cameras at the bus stand were repaired, and further steps will be taken to ensure public safety, he added. Recently a girl was harassed by a group six people at Kangra bus stand at 11.00 pm and it was following intervention of the Additional Superintendent of Police the Kangra Police swung into action and arrested the accused persons.

HPTDC's revenue crossed 100 crores, then how are the hotels in loss: Trilok Kapoor

SANAJY AGGARWAL DHARAMSHALA, JUL 15

After drowning Himachal Pradesh in a debt of 30 thousand crores in its two and a half years of misrule, Sukhu government has now expressed strong reaction on Sukhu government handing over 14 hotels of Himachal Tourism Corporation to private hands. Himachal Pradesh Bharatiya Janata Party's state general secretary Trilok Kapoor said that the Congress government is bent on selling government properties by making false claims of economic crisis. He said that the government had earlier sought time from the state High Court to recover 18 hotels from losses, but the government failed in its efforts and now the government is again preparing to hand over 14 hotels to private hands.



Trilok Kapoor said that among these 14 hotels, there are many such hotels which are also seen by tourists as the heritage of the state, selling which is not logical. He said that the state government has misled the High Court along with the public. For this, the Chief Minister should resign from his post. Sukhu has completely failed in running the government. He said that even before this Sukhu government had prepared a false report and shown 18 hotels in loss so that by handing over the hotels to private hands, his favourites

could be appeased. Kapoor said that thousands of employees working in the hotels are afraid of losing their jobs again. Regular and irregular employees will fall completely into the quagmire of unemployment. He said that HPTDC Chairman RS Bali is talking to the government to reconsider this matter and is accusing his own government that complete information about these hotels was not given in the cabinet meeting, whereas the government can earn better revenue by renovating the hotels itself.

Kuldeep Pathania visits Mahakal temple after Presiding Officers' Committee meeting



DINESH AGARWAL
SHIMLA: Himachal Pradesh Vidhan Sabha Speaker Kuldeep Singh Pathania visited the sacred city of Ujjain after attending a one-day meeting of the Committee of Presiding Officers held in Bhopal, the capital of Madhya Pradesh. During his visit, he offered prayers at the Mahakal Temple along with presiding officers from various states and bowed before Lord Mahakal. Vidhan Sabha Secretary Yashpal Sharma accompanied him. The meeting in Bhopal was convened following the formation of a committee by Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla to explore ways to strengthen legislative committees. The committee, comprising representatives from seven state legislatures, is chaired by Madhya Pradesh Vidhan Sabha Speaker Narendra Singh Tomar. At the conclusion of the session, it was unanimously decided that the next meeting of the committee will be hosted by the Rajasthan Legislative Assembly within the next two months to continue the discussions with greater depth and relevance.

Excessive increase in water bills is injustice to public: Govind Thakur

ASHISH SHARMA KULLU: BJP State Vice President and former minister Govind Singh Thakur, while attacking the state government, said that the excessive and inhuman economic burden that the Congress government has put on the people of the state through the Jal Shakti Department in the form of water rates is an open injustice to the public. On Tuesday, the Bharatiya Janata Party, along with the locals of the city, staged a strong protest on the Mall Road of Manali. During this, the party representatives sent a memorandum to the Chief Minister of the state and the Jal Shakti Minister through the Sub-Divisional Officer (Civil) and demanded that the huge bills sent to the consumers should be revised immediately. Also, the process of imposing three-month bills together should be abolished and it should be issued on a monthly basis, so that there is no unnecessary financial burden on the consumers. Govind Singh Thakur launched a scathing attack on the Congress government and said, "Instead of giving relief to the public, this government is breaking their back. By increasing the water rates from double to five times, the Congress has made it clear that its priority is not the welfare of the poor people, but only to increase its revenue collection. This decision is completely anti-people and anti-poor."



Rainwater menace ends in Panjavar with Rs. 10 crore drainage project under way

KISHORI LAL BAINS UNA, JULY 15

The longstanding problem of rainwater flooding in Panjavar village of Haroli Assembly constituency is finally being addressed, thanks to a Rs. 10 crore project initiated by the current Congress government. The construction of a 5.5-kilometre-long concrete drainage channel is nearing completion, offering a permanent solution to the annual havoc caused by monsoon runoff. Previously, the area suffered severe flooding each year as rainwater from surrounding forests and nullahs would inundate homes and farmlands, leading to extensive damage to crops



and property. Although the previous government had announced a stormwater drainage project for Panjavar, the commitment never materialised on ground. A Rs. 2 crore promise by then-Chief Minister Jairam Thakur remained unfulfilled, leaving residents disappointed. The situation took a turn after the Congress government

assumed office. Panjavar village residents, led by Gram Panchayat Pradhan Neelam Mankotia and District Congress President Ranjit Rana, brought the matter to the attention of Deputy Chief Minister Mukesh Agnihotri. Responding swiftly in public interest, the Deputy CM directed the Jal Shakti Department to initiate work on the long-pending project.

DC Jatin Lal promotes environmental awareness through plantation drive at NRSTC Ghaluwal

KISHORI LAL BAINS UNA, JULY 15

A special plantation programme was held at the Non-Residential Special Training Centre (NRSTC) in Ghaluwal on Tuesday, under the aegis of the Education Reform Committee, Ispur. Deputy Commissioner Una, Jatin Lal, attended the event as the chief guest and planted saplings to promote the message of environmental protection. Speaking on the occasion, the Deputy Commissioner emphasized that planting trees is only the first step — their proper care and protection is equally important. He stressed the collective responsibility of all sections of society in maintaining ecological balance. Jatin Lal



informed that plantation drives are being carried out at all 11 NRSTC centres across Una district, with approximately 70 saplings being planted under the initiative. The aim is to instil a sense of sensitivity and commitment towards nature among children. Following the plantation, the DC held a heartfelt interaction with the students of the NRSTC centre. Seated on the floor with the children, he engaged them in

conversation about their dreams and aspirations. While some expressed a desire to become doctors, others wished to pursue engineering. He encouraged them to study sincerely and progress with dedication and discipline. The event also featured engaging poetry recitations on environmental protection by students Sudha and Ruby, which won praise from the audience.

School will get lot of facilities after becoming PM Shri Vinod Vaniyal



AVINASH CHAUHAN
AMB: On Government Model Senior Secondary School Amb becoming PM Shri, badges and stickers were distributed to the students in the school. On this occasion, the school principal Vinod Banyal told the students that becoming PM Shri will bring many benefits to the school and it is a great honour for us. He informed that under the PM Shri scheme, the school will get various facilities and resources, which will provide students with better education and development opportunities. The Principal motivated the students to take advantage of this opportunity and make their future bright. On this occasion, a special program was organized in the school, in which students participated and expressed their views. The Principal said that this is an important achievement for the school and we have to make continuous efforts to achieve our goals.

Paragliding has become mere business, in which there is no guarantee of life

SANAJY AGGARWAL DHARAMSHALA, JUL 15

Who is ultimately responsible for the accidents happening despite strict rules on paragliding in the district. Even in the year 2022, a helper pushing a glider in Bir Billing, Kangra, got stuck in the rope, due to which the balance of the glider got disturbed, due to which 2 youths fell from a height of 25-30 feet and died on the spot. After this accident, the Tourism Department had banned paragliding across the district. That is, the administration and the tourism department wake up only after accidents. The administration has come into action after the death of a Gujarat youth in paragliding on Sunday. In January 2025, a young woman from Gujarat died in a paragliding accident. This girl died after falling from a height due to harness failure during



the flight. In 2021, an accident also happened with a tourist at Indranag paragliding site, in which he was seriously injured. If we see, the local paragliding pilots do not have all those safety facilities, which can protect both the pilot and the tourist during an accident.

Dharamshala paragliding has become just a business in which there is no guarantee of life. The Tourism Department has completely banned paragliding in the entire district from 15 July to 15 September. The Tourism Department has taken this

tough decision in view of the rainy season. District Tourism Officer Vinay Dhiman, while giving information, said that like every year, this time also paragliding activities have been suspended in the valley due to safety reasons. Vinay Dhiman said that during the rainy season, there is heavy and uncertain rainfall in the area, due to which the take-off site Billing and landing site Cure become slippery. This situation becomes risky for both the pilots and the tourists. In such a situation, the administration has taken this decision as a precaution. He said that this decision will be applicable to all types of flights including tandem flights. According to the tourism department, during this time the number of tourists in the Bir-Billing area will decrease, due to which the valley may look somewhat deserted.

Dalai Lama will go from Leh to Zanskar by special plane

SANAJY AGGARWAL DHARAMSHALA, JUL 15

Tibetan spiritual leader Dalai Lama will go from Leh to Zanskar on July 19. From Leh, he will leave for Zanskar in a special plane, where preparations are being made for his grand welcome between Padum helipad and Karsha Photang.

Dalai Lama's press secretary Sandup said that at present Dalai Lama is on rest. After this, according to the scheduled programs, he will leave from his residence Jiwetsal. The Tibetan spiritual leader will have a day of rest on July 20. On July 21, he will inaugurate the Kargon Summer Mega Symposium. Where he will meet the local people. July 22 has been reserved for specially invited guests. He said that Dalai Lama will have a special education session with these people. On July 23, there is a program to go to Dujin Phutang. Here he will lay the foundation stone of Chorten Charung Khashor. This will be a new step. After this, he will participate in other programs here. He said that after taking a full day's rest at Karsha Photang on July 24, he will meet people at Karsha Photang on July 25 and educate them. He will return to Leh on July 26.



Govt pushes for HPTDC HQ shift to Dharamshala, seeks adjustment of outsourced staff

AGENCY SHIMLA, JULY 15

Himachal Pradesh Government has taken a step forward in relocating the headquarters of the Himachal Pradesh Tourism Development Corporation (HPTDC) from Shimla to Dharamshala, directing the Tourism Department to ensure adjustment of outsourced employees before the final shift.

A formal communication to this effect, dated July 14 and signed by Special Secretary (Tourism) Vijay Kumar, confirms the Cabinet's approval of the proposal during its meeting on June 28.

The letter, addressed to the Director of Tourism and Civil Aviation, seeks details of the building where the headquarters will be moved in Dharamshala. It clearly

states that outsourced staff must be accommodated in other HPTDC offices still operating from Shimla before the shift is implemented.

This decision, however, has stirred fresh unrest within the HPTDC workforce and drawn criticism over the government's alleged heavy-handedness.

Many employees view the move as abrupt and lacking transparency, especially when the corporation is already facing internal tensions over privatisation plans.

HPTDC Chairman R.S. Bali recently refuted claims that the Board of Directors (BoD) had approved handing over 14 loss-making units to private entities. His statement contradicts earlier reports, deepening the rift between the board, employees, and

the state government.

Chief Minister Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu tried to downplay the situation, asserting that only senior officers would be relocated to Dharamshala. However, employees fear the shift could be the beginning of a larger overhaul that sidelines the workforce in Shimla.

The state's handling of HPTDC affairs has also come under judicial scrutiny. In recent months, the Himachal Pradesh High Court rebuked the government for its opaque functioning and mismanagement in tourism operations.

As discontent brews within the corporation, the shifting of its head office to Dharamshala has become another flashpoint in the ongoing friction between HPTDC employees and the state administration.

Red Cross IRCA Gurdaspur holds anti-drug awareness camp at Chahiya School

VERMA GURDASPUR: The Red Cross Integrated and Rehabilitation Centre Gurdaspur Organized an Awareness camp under "Nasha Mukat Bharat Abhiyan at Govt sr see School Village Chahiya Gurdaspur. The seminar was presided over by it's Principal Sh. Rajesh Sharma and all teachers were also remain present



at that time. The team of IRCA Gurdaspur namely Sh Ramesh Kumar, Counselor, Sh Heera lal Sh Vipin, male nurses delivered the lectures against drugs. The motive of the seminar was to motivate the students to stay away from drugs and to live a healthy life. They also focused on providing free treatment to youngsters who have indulged into addiction.

NEWS BRIEF

Rahul Saini assumes charge as new Municipal Secretary of Nilokheri

PRADEEP MEHTA
NILOKHERI: Rahul Saini, recently transferred from Hisar, has taken charge as the new Municipal Secretary of Nilokheri following the transfer of his predecessor Ajit Arora to Taraori. Speaking about the challenges ahead, Saini



underlined the need for public cooperation to ensure effective municipal governance. He stressed that maintaining cleanliness in the town is a shared responsibility and appealed to residents to dispose of their waste only in designated garbage collection vehicles. "Nilokheri is a well-organised town, and we must work together to keep it that way," Saini stated. Addressing the issue of encroachments, he made a direct appeal to shopkeepers in Gol Market, urging them not to display goods outside their shop boundaries. "Shopkeepers must operate within their designated limits. Encroachments will not be tolerated," he said firmly. Saini expressed confidence that with active participation from citizens, Nilokheri can continue progressing in a clean and orderly manner.

Amritvarsha in memory of Satguru Bachandas Ji Maharaj on July 20

JAIBEER RANA THAMBER MULLANA: Amritvarsha program will be organized on Sunday, July 20 in the holy memory of Satguru Bachandas Ji Maharaj at Shri Guru Ravidas Maharaj Ashram located on



Mullana-Targail Road, Mahant Laxmi Prakash Maharaj, the chief sevadar of Shri Guru Ravidas Ashram, said that a large number of devotees from different areas will participate in this program organized by Brahmmin Mahant Bachandas Ji Charitable Society, Kirtani and bhajan groups will sing in the glories of Guru Ravidas Ji. A feast will also be organized for the devotees. Mahant Ji said that while monthly satsang was held every month in the ashram, thousands of devotees reach the annual program and receive the blessings of Guruji.

Yogi sets 10% contribution to national economy target by 2026

AGENCY LUCKNOW, JULY 15

Describing the state's economic journey as a transition from "possibilities to results," Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath said this transformation reflected the vision of Viksit Bharat under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi. He stressed that Uttar Pradesh's economic growth is no longer just reflected in statistics, but has become a testament to real, on-ground change. The CM conducted a comprehensive review of UP's economic landscape, development framework, and revenue sources during a high-level meeting held here on Monday late evening.

According to the data presented in the meeting, Uttar Pradesh's Gross State Domestic Product (GSDP) reached Rs 9.6



lakh crore in 2024-25, an impressive 80 per cent increase from 2020-21. During the same period, the state's contribution to the national economy has risen from 8.4 per cent to 8.9 per cent.

Terming this a significant milestone towards building a self-reliant Uttar Pradesh, the Chief

Minister emphasized the need to devise a focused strategy to raise the state's share to 10 per cent by 2026. Highlighting a structural shift in the economy, he noted the growing contribution of the manufacturing and service sectors, while the agriculture sector's share is gradually declining. He

described the 'Make in UP' model as the cornerstone of Uttar Pradesh's industrial strategy for the coming decade and directed officials to promote the establishment of new industrial units, particularly in rural and semi-urban areas.

During the agriculture sector review, it was reported that food grain production is expected to touch 722 lakh metric tonnes in 2024-25, an increase of 100 lakh metric tonnes compared to 2020-21. However, productivity disparities remain across districts. For instance, wheat productivity has reached 46 quintals per hectare in some regions, while in others it lags around 30 quintals. Terming this gap as an imbalance, the Chief Minister instructed that targeted interventions, such as technical support and farmer awareness campaigns, be undertaken to bridge the divide.

PR Department holds exhibition on completion of 50 years of Emergency



SHIV KUMAR SHARMA KARNAL, JULY 15

On completion of 50 years of imposition of emergency, information, Public Relations and Language Department on Tuesday organized an exhibition on the subject of Murder of Constitution in the local small secretariat campus. Mayor Renu Bala Gupta visited the exhibition as the chief guest. People who reached the secretariat also visited the exhibition. This exhibition will continue for a month. Through the exhibition, the tortures given during the Emergency and the role of democracy guards were

being displayed in the exhibition. Speaking to reporters, Mayor Renu Bala Gupta, on this occasion, said that this exhibition today reminded about the black chapter of June 25, 1975, when the emergency in the country was imposed for political reasons. During this time people were tortured, they were forcibly sterilized and their fundamental rights were violated. She said that during the Emergency, many leaders including the heroes of the country like Jayaprakash Narayan, Narendra Modi and Atal Bihari Vajpayee had played an important role and inspired the people to move forward.

DC Parth Gupta urges to conserve water for life

RAHUL KOHLI YAMUNANAGAR, JULY 15

Deputy Commissioner Parth Gupta said that water was an important source for every living being and no living being can survive without water. Life without water cannot be imagined therefore water was our life. He said that water was necessary not only for humans but also for animals and plants. Nowadays, underground water is continuously declining, due to which water problem is found not only in villages but also in cities, says he. At present, only a few percent of potable water is available. Water is a natural resource therefore water should be used wisely. The continuous misuse of water and the habit of wasting it unnecessarily has put humans



and animals at risk. The Deputy Commissioner said that they should use water wisely. We should not waste water. If we see a tap open without any reason, it should be closed immediately. People yearn for every drop of water. Use as much water as necessary. As soon as it rains, rainwater should be collected at one place. This process is called rainwater harvesting. He said that water was no less than nectar

for all living beings. There is still time for us to conserve water and save it from getting polluted. He said that they have to keep the earth green for their future generations and to keep this using water properly and saving it is the most important demand of the time. He said that they have to stop exploiting water and think what they will leave for their future generations. If there is no water to drink, what will happen to our future generations, this is a matter worth thinking about. The governments of the country and the state are making every effort to save water. Therefore, the general public should also understand the importance of water and every person should be aware about water.

Nine students selected in placement drive for B. Pharmacy final year students



NIRMAL SAINI

RADAUR: Pharmacy drive was organized for B. Pharmacy final year students of Global Research Institute of Pharmacy Nachaun. Director Sales and Marketing Neelakshi Sharma, HR Head Ravindra Singh and area sales manager Sukhdeep Singh reached the college for the selection process from Janotis Pharmaceuticals Private Limited Panchkula. Screening tests and personal interviews were held for the selection process. Nine students Aamir Hussain, Arzu Garg, Aniket Chaudhary, Devendra Sharma, Pritam Kumar, Raunak Pandey, Sameer Salmani, Sanyam Kamboj and Subhishish Nayak were selected as Medical Representatives in the placement drive. They were placed on an annual package of more than three lakh rupees from the company. Principal of the institute, Dr. Ashwani Dhingra said that the institute was committed to give its students quality education as well as practical experiences related to industry. The drive was successfully conducted in collaboration with the training and placement cell and faculty members who guided and encouraged the students.

Plants distributed by DAV School Patran



BHUPINDERJEET MAULVIWALA

PATRAN: The famous educational institution of Patran area, DAV Public School Patran distributed more than 650 plants as per the guidelines of Deputy Commissioner Patiala and District Education Officer Patiala. The Principal of the school, Navdeep Vishisht, while giving information, said that under Mission Hariyali 2025, the school dedicated these plants to the 350th martyrdom day of 'Sri Guru Tegh Bahadur Ji' and under the 'One plant in the name of mother' campaign. While distributing the plants the students were specially motivated to take care of the plants after planting them. He said that before distributing the plants, all the teachers of the school gave detailed information to the students especially about the maintenance of the plants. On this occasion, *Principal Navdeep Vishisht* told the students the benefits of planting plants and appealed each and everyone to plant as many plants as possible.

Apprentice-ship fair in Government ITI, 59 trainees shortlisted



KARANPREET KARAN

BARNALA: An apprenticeship fair was organized in Government ITI Barnala under the "Prime Minister National Apprenticeship Fair" campaign. This fair was organized under the guidance of Director Technical Education Industrial Training Department Munish Kumar IAS and Principal Harpal Singh under the guidelines of the government. During this fair, students from various government and private institutions participated, including leading reputed companies of the area Trident Yarn, Trident Home Textiles, PRTC Trident Lotus Home Textiles Trident Paper and Chemical Limited ,Gobind Coach Bhadaur, Standard Corporation Ltd Handiya, New Maur Agriculture Works Handiya, Gobind Motors Private Limited Bhadaur, Max Automobiles Handiya. On this occasion, the in-charge of the fair, S. Azadwinder Singh, informed the students about the Apprenticeship Act 1961. On this occasion, many youth were selected for apprenticeship according to their qualifications. A total of 170 students participated in this fair, including 40 girls. A total of 59 participants were shortlisted.

Rs 1 crore incentive for Village with most solar plants by Aug 4: Zila Parishad Chairperson

DALBIR MALIK KURUKSHETRA, JULY 15

Zila Parishad Chairman Kanwaljit Kaur said that the village with a population of more than five thousand in the district, which would install the maximum number of solar plants by August 4, will be given an incentive of Rs one crore by the central government. She was addressing the officers and members while presiding over the 125th meeting of the Zila Parishad at the local Panchayat Bhawan on Tuesday. She said that there were 21 villages in the district with a population of more than five thousand which can install these solar plants. Apart from this, she said about the Pradhan Mantri Surya Ghar Muft Bijli Yojana that under this scheme, a subsidy of four thousand is being given for



solar street lights and a subsidy of Rs 78,000 is being given on solar plants of more than three kilos. She told the members to take advantage of these schemes and promote it in the concerned villages. Chairman Kanwaljit Kaur told in the meeting that an amount of Rs three crore has been received through stamp duty, development works be done under this amount. She asked all the members one by one about the development works that which development work wanted to get done under this amount. In the meeting, the

Panchayat wanted to plant trees in Diwana village of Pehowa. This request was passed unanimously in the meeting. E-rickshaws will be given in every ward by August 5 and work will be started soon for this. In the meeting, the members said that the street lights installed in the villages were not working properly. On this the Chairman directed the Executive Engineer of Panchayati Raj to talk to the concerned agency and get the lights repaired as soon as possible.

Spiritual culture is soul of Bharat: Dr Manmohan Vaidya

DALBIR MALIK KURUKSHETRA, JULY 15

Kurukshetra University's Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Studies Centre and Vivekananda Vichar Manch jointly hosted a Faculty Symposium and Dialogue on "Bharat ki Bhartiya Avdharna" in the Senate Hall on July 15. The keynote speaker, Dr. Manmohan Vaidya (Akhil Bharatiya Karyakarni member of the Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh) described spiritual culture as the soul of Bharat and emphasized that it is this deep-rooted spiritual and folk-cultural identity that gives Bharat its unique place on the global stage. Dr. Vaidya remarked that Bharat's spiritual legacy is reflected not only in its traditions but also in its



ethical and cultural approach to commerce and social life. In the presidential address, KU Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Som Nath Sachdeva highlighted that the essence of "Bhartiyata" lies in cultural diversity.

Prof Sachdeva also stated that Bharat is a land of multiple cultures and that unity in this diversity is Bharat's defining identity. Prof. Sachdeva emphasized

that the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020 has given rightful place to Bhartiya culture, languages, and values in mainstream education. Director, the Ambedkar Studies Centre, Dr. Pritam Singh welcomed the dignitaries and emphasized the Centre's ongoing role in contributing meaningfully to nation-building and social transformation.

Lokhit Manch holds 7th Divyang check-up camp at Ancient Shri Vishnu Bhagwan Temple



MANMOHAN SHARMA

HANSI: Social organisation Lokhit Manch organised 7th Divyang Check-up Camp. Programme coordinator Narendra Bhayana Bhajji Hotel and Kapil Bansal jointly informed that in this camp organised in premises of Shri Vishnu Bhagwan Temple located in Chaupata Bazar, disabled persons were examined and their measurements were taken for prosthetic limbs by Lala Devi Chand Grover Free Artificial Limbs Manufacturing Workshop run by Bharat Vikas Parishad, Vivekanand Branch. Bharat Vikas Parishad Provincial Service Head and LCI Cycle Pvt. Ltd. Kamlesh Garg, Managing Director, State President of State Grain Traders Association Ram Avatar Tayal, Vishnu Bhagwan Temple Trust Secretary Praveen Bansal and Manager Pandit Ratan Lal Sharma were specially present. While praising program, he said that Lokhit Manch is always engaged in social work for which organization's president Advocate Dharamveer Rateria and entire team of Lokhit Manch deserve congratulations.

Shoolini University gets UGC Category-1 status, joins Elite Group of India's top autonomous institutions

DINESH AGARWAL SOLAN, JULY 15

In a major recognition of academic excellence, Shoolini University of Biotechnology and Management Sciences, located in Himachal Pradesh's Solan district, has been granted Category-1 status by the University Grants Commission (UGC) under its Graded Autonomy Regulations, 2018. This places the university among the most autonomous and high-performing institutions in the country. The UGC's decision was taken during its 591st Commission Meeting, following a proposal submitted by the university. The university has been placed in the top category after fulfilling the criteria laid out in the UGC's autonomy framework, which includes maintaining a position among the top 500 universities globally in the Times Higher Education World University Rankings. With this classification, Shoolini University joins a select group of Indian higher education institutions eligible for a wide range of academic and administrative freedoms. These include starting new courses



and departments, launching off-campus centres, and establishing international collaborations—without seeking prior approval from the UGC. Prof. P.K. Khosla, Founder Chancellor of Shoolini University, expressed pride on achieving Category-1 status in the university's first-ever application under the Ministry of Education.

"This distinction provides us greater autonomy in research and access to enhanced grants. With this momentum, I envision Shoolini University evolving into an institution on par with Oxford in the coming decade.

Lions Club Banga Simran organises cancer awareness-cum medical camp: Meenu Bhutta

MANJINDER SINGH BANGA, JULY 15

Lions Club Banga Simran, as per the instructions of District Governor Lion V M Goyal of 321-D, as per the directions of Chief Guest Former District Governor Lion Harish Kumar Banga, under the guidance of Club Administrator Lion Dheeraj Kumar Makkar, under the chairmanship of the Chartered President Lion Meenu Bhutta, taking forward the chain of social service, with the special support of Club Joint General Secretary and Club Cancer Awareness Chairman Lion Dr. Gurmeet Singh Mintu and Lion Lady Vanita Kumari, organized a free cancer awareness-cum medical check-up camp and a free full body blood test camp at Shri



Guru Ramdas Charitable Hospital Banga. During which the residents of the nearby villages and the city took advantage of this camp. On this occasion, the chief guest, former District Governor Lion Harish Banga Ji, praised the camp and said that the dedication of Lions Club Banga Simran is more towards medical services which is commendable. On this occasion, the Region Chairman Lion Kuldeep Bhushan Khanna Ji also

attended as the Guest of Honor On this occasion, club members Sharandeep Dosanjh, Ramandeep Singh, Harnek Singh, Rohit Chopra, Kamaljit Rai, Sonia Rai, Priya Chopra, Amarjit Singh Nora, Seema, Amarjit Singh Nagra, Kulwinder Kaur, Balwinder Kaur, Sunpreet Dosanjh, Labhdeep Singh, Harmanpreet Kaur, Sudhir Kumar, Kamaljit Kaur, Jasvir Sangha, Kuldeep Singh Rana etc. were present along with the club's chartered president.

NEWS BRIEF

Mayor inspects Kirti Nagar drain, directs officials to find solution



RAHUL KOHLI
YAMUNA NAGAR: Mayor Suman Bahamani is visiting every ward and making arrangements for drainage to prevent waterlogging during rains. Due to this, Mayor Suman Bahamani reached Kirti Nagar of Ward No. 9 with officials of Engineering Branch and Public Health Department. She inspected drain passing through Kirti Nagar behind Teji Sports Complex. Investigation revealed that drain water was overflowing and going into Teji Sports Complex. Mayor Suman Bahamani also talked to Haryana Olympic Association Vice President Bharat Bhushan Juyal and District Sports Officer Shilpi Gupta. They also gave detailed information to Mayor Suman Bahamani about problem of drain water going into sports complex. Mayor Suman Bahamani directed the officials of Engineering Branch and Public Health Department who came on the spot to solve this problem immediately. During this, Mayor Bahamani also inspected Teji Sports Complex along with Haryana Olympic Association Vice President Bharat Bhushan Juyal and District Sports Officer Shilpi Gupta. Mayor Bahamani directed officials of Public Health Department to get sewerage line near Kirti Nagar and Teji Sports Complex cleaned by machine, so that problem of waterlogging does not arise due to sewerage blockage. He said that problem should be resolved soon, so that players do not face any kind of inconvenience. He also directed officials to repair all sewerage lines of Municipal Corporation area and clean them properly. Officials of Engineering Branch of Municipal Corporation were instructed to put nets on drains going into sewerage and repair damaged drains. Mayor Suman Bahamani said that it is our constant endeavor to strengthen facilities of sports complexes and that youth get a healthy and positive environment to practice. To keep citizens healthy, Municipal Corporation has installed open gyms in all the parks, where citizens and youths practice daily and maintain physical fitness. Mayor Suman Bahamani said that it is our endeavor to make city beautiful, clean and hygienic. Citizens should also come forward in making city clean and hygienic. Do not throw garbage in open and in drains. Keep area around you clean. By this we will become clean and will be safe from diseases.

Sushruta Jayanti celebrated with specialized surgical OPD camp



PANCHKULA: On the occasion of Sushruta Jayanti, a special Indoor OPD Camp was organized on 15th July by the Department of Shalya Tantra at OPD No. 104. The camp catered to patients suffering from Samanya Shalya Roga, Guda Roga, and Asthi-Sandhi-Marma Roga. The camp was inaugurated by Prof. Satish Gandharve (Dean I/c), Prof. Prahalad Raghuv, and Dr. Gaurav Gard (DMS), under the guidance and blessings of Honourable Vice Chancellor Prof. Sanjeev Sharma and Dean Prof. Gulab Pammani. Special services such as Free Bone Mineral Density (BMD) Testing and Free Biomechanometry Testing were provided to patients. The BMD test helped assess bone health, with expert advice on diet and lifestyle changes to prevent osteoporosis. The Biomechanometry test detected early signs of nerve damage and neuropathy, with dietary and preventive care guidance offered accordingly. A total of 125 patients benefited from the free tests, surgical consultations, and personalized health counseling. The camp paid tribute to Acharya Sushruta, the pioneer of surgery, by spreading awareness and providing accessible Ayurvedic surgical care.

Street play organised to curb fraudulent migration



CHANDIGARH: The Central Bureau of Communication, Chandigarh, Ministry of Information & Broadcasting, in collaboration with the Protectorate of Emigrants (PoE), Chandigarh, Ministry of External Affairs, organized a street play this afternoon near the Passport Seva Kendra, Industrial Area, Phase 2, Chandigarh. The street play, themed "Surakshit Jayen, Prashikshit Jayen", aimed to create awareness among passport applicants and passport holders about safe and legal avenues for overseas employment, the utility of the Ministry of External Affairs' flagship eMigrate portal (www.emigrate.gov.in), and important Do's and Don'ts for those seeking overseas employment, work visas, and work permits. Around 100-150 awareness pamphlets were distributed to the gathered audience to further reinforce the message. More such plays will be organized in the coming months across the region in collaboration with the Central Bureau of Communication to reach a larger audience, and spread awareness on this crucial subject. Through the street play, the following

Tree felling NOC process to be simplified in State

CHANDIGARH, JULY 15

Haryana Forest Minister, Sh. Rao Narbir Singh has directed the officers of the Forest Department to ensure that there is no unnecessary delay in issuing No Objection Certificates (NOCs) for tree felling/inspection related to public or private projects. He said that any objections raised against such applications should be recorded at once to maintain transparency and prevent repeated inconvenience to the public.

Rao Narbir Singh was presiding over a review meeting of the Forest Department held at Haryana Niwas, Chandigarh on Tuesday.

The Forest Minister also directed officers to simplify and make the tendering process more transparent. He issued directions to the DFOs against monopolizing the work allocation under tenders and asserted that prior ap-



proval at the ministerial level will be mandatory before any purchase. He also proposed studying the tender systems of Delhi and other states to adopt best practices in Haryana. Rao Narbir Singh directed the department to provide detailed records of all saplings planted since the formation of the state. He highlighted that implementing Prime Minister, Sh. Narendra Modi's campaign "Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam"

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should be a top priority for the Forest Department. He also directed annual rotation and maturity assessment of saplings in all departmental nurseries to ensure improved plantation outcomes.

The Minister directed that a minimum of 10 percent of Kabuli Kikar trees along road-sides be removed annually and replaced with more suitable species. He stressed that

the Forest Department should avoid planting or procuring water-intensive trees like Eucalyptus in the future. However, he said that farmers will not be restricted from planting eucalyptus on private land.

Rao Narbir Singh noted that the current pit digging rate of Rs. 24 per pit is too high and should be revised. He called for greater emphasis on plantation activities under agroforestry, the Green India Mission, and for promoting wood-based industries.

The Minister directed the officers to bring about a positive change in their working style so that people can clearly perceive improvements in the functioning of the Forest Department. Additional Chief Secretary, Sh. Anand Mohan Sharan, Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, field DFOs, and other senior officers also remained present in the meeting.

'My Swavalambi Abhiyan' will be first eco-system of its kind in world



SHIV KUMAR SHARMA
KARNAL, JULY 15

Radheshyam Choyal, IT technical head of Swavalambi Bharat Abhiyan said that he is going to give the world's first eco-system of its kind, through which lakhs of youth will be able to connect with employers at one time and talk about employment. He said that he has made this portal multi-dimensional. Through this, the youth will be connected with self-employment and self-reliance. He said that lakhs of volunteers have joined Swavalambi Bharat Abhiyan. Its aim is to make employment providers for the youth. He said that the aim of



Swavalambi Bharat Abhiyan is to provide work to every hand. India has to be made a hub of the manufacturing sector.

He said that he started his business journey 33 years ago. He was a graduate in commerce. He had no connection with technology. He developed more than 33 technologies and patented them and sold these technologies to 27 countries. There is no dearth of talent in India. It needs to be recognized and used at the right place. He was speaking at a programme organised by Swalambhi Bharat Abhiyan and Swadeshi Jagran Manch at Krishna Mandir Sector 14.

A special meeting was organised here under Swadeshi Suraksha and Swalambhi Bharat Abhiyan. This meeting was presided over by Mayor Renu Wala Gupta. On this occasion, Satish Chawla of Swadeshi Jagran Manch, head of senior citizen dimension Suresh Puri, industrialist Gurvaksh Manchanda, Vijay Setia, BJP district president Praveen Lathar, SP Chauhan addressed the people present. On this occasion, the programme was conducted by Shruti Kamboj. Mayor Renu Wala Gupta said that today there is a need to make the country Swadeshi. Every family must be Swadeshi and self-reliant.

NIILM varsity holds seminar on 'Sustainable Development and Energy Security'



SANJAY SHARMA
KAITHAL, JULY 15

A two-day national seminar on the topic "Sustainable Development and Energy Security - An Interdisciplinary Approach" was inaugurated at NIILM University Kaithal under the joint aegis of the Centre for Professional Development and Department of Economics.

The programme began with the lighting of the lamp by the guests. Dean Academics Professor R.K. Gupta delivered his welcome address in honour of the guests. Professor R.C. Kuhad, former Vice Chancellor, Central University of Haryana, attended the program as the chief guest. In his keynote address, he said that in today's time, sustainable development and

energy security are two important topics that play an important role in shaping our future. Sustainable development means that we preserve resources for future generations while meeting our current needs.

Energy security means that we depend on reliable and sustainable sources to meet our energy needs. To achieve sustainable development and energy security, we need to adopt an interdisciplinary approach. This will include the collaboration of experts from various fields such as science, technology, economics, sociology, and policy making. We have to develop new and innovative ways to promote renewable sources of energy such as solar energy, wind energy, and hydroelectric energy.

BJP govt giving protection to scamsters: Shamsher Singh Gogi



SHIV KUMAR SHARMA
KARNAL, JULY 15

Senior Congress leader and former MLA Shamsher Singh Gogi has said that the Election Commission is working for BJP in the country, and the Election Commission should work for the country. He said that the Aadhaar card is working as a document in all works in the whole country, but the Election Commission is not accepting it. On this occasion, Congress leaders Rajendra Kalyan, Lalit Butana, Indrajit Goraya, Rajendra Balla, Jeet Ram Kashyap, Advocate

Pradeep Sharma, Arun Punjabi, Omprakash Saluja, Vinod Poswal, Sunil Bastara, Sunhara Valmiki, Rajkiran Sehgal, Anil Sharma, Rajat Lathar, Jatin Agarwal and many other Congress leaders were present. He said that most corruption cases in the state and the country are being done by the BJP governments.

No investigation is completed. Shamsher Singh Gogi was talking to journalists at the Public Works Department Rest House today. He said that there has been a chair scam of lakhs of rupees in Assandh.

He said that the tender was of Rs 46 lakh. The chair was fixed for 50 kgs, but the chair received was 32 kgs. He said that he had raised this matter a month ago. But no investigation has been done yet. In response to a question, he said that Karnal has been included in the top fifteen cities of the country, but there are heaps of garbage in front of his house for the last three months. The cleaning workers are not coming. Long grass has grown. He said that the names of more than six and a half lakh BPL families have been deleted in the state.

Gargi Aneja wins gold medal in Taekwondo

KAMAL SHARMA
TARAORI, JULY 15

The promising daughter of the city, Gargi Aneja, recently performed brilliantly and won the gold medal in the Open Martial Arts Taekwondo Tournament held in Kurukshetra. Gargi Aneja started taking Taekwondo training from Athletic Sports Academy SMS School Taraori and recently received the yellow belt. In this tournament, Gargi Aneja fought a total of 4 matches and won all of them.

In one of these, she won by knockout and in the other two, she won the matches with an impressive lead. In the final match too, Gargi Aneja completely dominated the opponent player and in the end won the match by landing an accurate kick on the head and won the gold medal.

This victory of Gargi Aneja is a proud moment not only for herself but for the en-



tire Taraori. Her achievement has given a message to all the girls of Taraori that every girl should know self-defence and fighting. Anmol, director of Athletic Sports Academy, said that Gargi Aneja winning the gold medal is a matter of pride for the city.

He proudly congratulated Gargi Aneja and reiterated his resolve to groom many such talented players in the future.

SDM challans 12 vehicles during checking on Dosarka- Panchkula Highway

JAIBEER RANA THAMBER
BARARA, JULY 15

SDM Shashwat Sangwan of Barara on Tuesday raided the Dosarka Panchkula Highway to catch overloaded vehicles. With the help of gunman Dharamveer, he stopped several trucks and checked them and also the papers.

The trucks and other vehicles whose papers were not found to be correct were seized by the police. SDM Shashwat Sangwan and RTA Ambala Sushil checked trucks on Dosarka Panchkula Highway. During this, he stopped a dozen trucks on the highway and questioned the truck drivers and checked their papers. During this, he also checked the goods loaded in the trucks. Many truck drivers could not show their documents on the spot and irregularities were found in many other vehicles. RTA Ambala issued challans of Rs 8 lakh 17 thousand against these truck drivers on the spot. During this, many trucks were also seized by the police. During the investigation, the documents of the vehicles were found incomplete, on which legal action was taken. SDM Shashwat Sangwan



said that accidents are happening due to overloaded vehicles.

If the drivers carry sand, then the vehicle should be covered with tarpaulin, sand or soil lies otherwise they cause accidents for those walking on the road. Due to this, motorcyclists have to face a lot of trouble and accidents happen.

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Vehicle with HP number plate seized while dumping garbage

PRITI SAINI
SADHAURA, JULY 15

According to the information, on Monday late evening, a vehicle with Himachal number plate was caught by Council for Representative of Ward No. 11 Ashok Nambardar and his companion Bagga Singh while dumping banana peels and garbage on the vacant land of Sadhaura Nadi-panchayat near Sadhaura Tehsil Office.

Ashok Nambardar said that he was sitting at his shop and someone informed him that a vehicle had come to dump the garbage. When he reached the spot, the vehicle was already emptied. When he questioned the driver of the vehicle, he said that the banana peels belonged to a banana trader of Sadhaura itself and he had sent them to



dump them here.

On receiving the information, the Sarpanch of Yasin Majri also reached the spot and asked the driver to pick up the peels from there, otherwise the driver agreed to it and took all the banana peels back in the vehicle.

Student of DAV Public School, Sadhaura, Trishtha wins bronze medal



PRITI SAINI
SADHAURA, JULY 15

Trishtha, a class four student of DAV Public School, Sadhaura, has brought laurels to the school by winning a bronze medal in gymnastics while participating in the DAV National Sports Cluster level competition held at DAV Public School, Ambala City. Sandeep Taya, Physical Education Professor of the school, said that Trishtha participated in this competition for the first time and was successful in winning a bronze medal by participating in such a competition from a small town. Apart from this, Trishtha also qualified for the upcoming zonal level competition. On this occasion, the Principal of the school, Ajay Kumar Sharma, while congratulating Trishtha, said that this achievement is a matter of pride for the school. He motivated Trishtha to perform even better in the upcoming competitions and also congratulated her parents.

Demaged road invites acc accidents villagers waiting for repair



MAINPAL KASHYAP
INDRI, JULY 15

Village Kalsaura-Bibipur Brahmana-Halwana road has been in a dilapidated condition for last two years, but till now no concrete steps have been taken for its repair. There is lot of anger among local villagers about this road damaged during flood. Villagers told that during flood in Yamuna river in year 2023, both sides of this road were washed away due to which middle part of road has become very narrow and un-

safe. Walking on road is not free from danger especially for big vehicles. While taking side, many times vehicles reach verge of overturning in fields. No major accident has happened so far, but situation is such that a serious accident can happen anytime.

Local people have informed concerned departments about this many times, but till now there has been no hearing. Villagers say that condition of road is getting worse day by day, but responsible department is turning a blind eye.

Make environment safe by planting trees under Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam campaign: DC

YAGYA DUTT SHASTRI
PEHOWA, JULY 15

Deputy Commissioner Kurukshetra Neha Singh said that Prime Minister Narendra Modi had started Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam campaign on occasion of World Environment Day. Objective of this campaign is to get rid of increasing global warming in present time and to keep future of this earth safe.

Plantation has been done in Primary Health Center of village Ramgarh Road today. DC, senior BJP leader Jai Bhagwan Sharma DD, SDM Kapil Kumar and DSP Nirmal Singh planted trees in plantation program. Representative of village Sarpanch Jaiprakash Mehla and SDM Kapil Kumar welcomed DC and senior BJP leader Jai Bhagwan Sharma by pre-



sending flowers on their arrival at village Ramgarh Road. DC said that it is duty of all of us to protect environment. It is not that only planting trees is enough. It is also essential to plant trees and take care of them and nurture them like your children by considering them a responsibility. After planting trees, they have to be watered and taken care of continuously.

Plantation program should not be a formality but a responsibility. She appealed to people present that there should be a tree in every house. Trees should be planted all around house so that our participation towards environmental protection is ensured. She said that government is always ready to promote a greener and more sustainable future for coming generations.

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Editorial

New vision

The recent five-nation trip took Prime Minister Narendra Modi to three continents spread over tens of thousands of miles. While the visits to Brazil for the BRICS Summit and to Trinidad and Tobago and Argentina were all significant, there was a deep symbolism to the manner in which Mr Modi bookended his travels, starting out in Ghana and returning to Africa with a trip to Namibia. New Delhi, of course, has never abandoned Africa. But it has, far too often, shown interest in deepening its engagement with the continent, only to then get distracted, undermining its own previous efforts. In Namibia, Mr Modi laid out what amounts to a fresh vision for India's relations with Africa. And the timing could not be more critical. At a time when China's deep influence in the continent is facing pushback in some African nations and the United States of America appears to be openly pitching for a neocolonial approach, India's long history with several African nations, coupled with its softer touch, could give it an edge. It is already a major trading partner of several African countries and has offered billions of dollars in concessional loans. Generations of young Africans have studied in India.

Yet, India has also been guilty of relegating ties with the continent to the sidelines at times. For instance, New Delhi has not held an India-Africa Summit since 2015 even though China, the US, Turkey, Japan, Russia and South Korea have all held such conclaves. Rebuilding India's influence on the continent will come with its own challenges. China has been Africa's largest trading partner for over a decade and is also a major investor. The meeting between the presidents of Gabon, Senegal, Guinea-Bissau, Liberia and Mauritania and the US president, Donald Trump, in Washington last week also made it evident that African nations know that American investors can bring cash that no one else can match. But some African countries have renegotiated mining deals with Beijing amid concerns that they are not benefiting enough from the relationship. Meanwhile, Mr Trump has been brazen about the fact that he is primarily interested in African minerals. In contrast, Mr Modi's assertion in Namibia that India is not looking to compete but build together might resonate well with Africa's people and leadership. Indeed, India cannot and does not need to do a China or an America in Africa. It just needs to keep its eyes on the ball. Slow and steady can win the race.

India to become a global employment epicenter

India to become a global employment epicenter as the global labour market is undergoing rapid transformation, with rising demand of skilled workers across economies as ageing population in many countries and businesses are adopting digitisation, according to a report by Crisil Intelligence."

The global labour market is undergoing rapid transformation, with demand for skilled workers rising sharply across advanced as well as emerging economies because of ageing population in many countries and businesses looking to adopt and scale up digitalisation." noted the reportThe report also highlighted that while some countries are witnessing rising unemployment, many employers across the world continue to face challenges in finding skilled workers.It stated "India to become a global employment epicenter..., the global labour market is undergoing a contradictory situation, where some countries are experiencing rising unemployment even as employers struggle to find skilled workers".

The primary reason for this paradox is the growing demographic divergence. High-income countries are experiencing rapid population ageing due to sustained decline in fertility rates and rising life expectancy.This has resulted in a high dependency ratio of elderly people in the working population, further deepening the skills short-



age. On the other hand, lower- and middle-income countries are seeing a demographic expansion, with a rising number of young individuals entering the workforce.

According to the International Monetary Fund's World Economic Outlook, by 2050, these countries are expected to contribute nearly two-thirds of the global workforce entrants.

The report also mentioned that India, with 65 per cent of its population under the age of 35, finds itself in a

unique position to bridge this global skill shortage.

The country has the potential to supply surplus labour and fill the talent gaps in high-income nations.However, Crisil's report also cautioned that India's labour market faces serious challenges, particularly in the form of under qualification and widespread skill gaps.As per the Periodic Labour Force Survey, less than half of India's graduates are considered fully employable, and only 4.4 per cent of the workforce

has received formal vocational training

This indicated that despite having a large workforce, the issue of inadequate skill development has become endemic in the country.

The report outlined that India must urgently address the structural gaps in its skilling ecosystem. By doing so, the country can not only improve domestic employment and productivity but also contribute to bridging the global skills shortage.

Literature & Health

Taiwan reports Chinese military incursions around its territory

Taiwan's Ministry of National Defence (MND) said that it detected 26 Chinese military aircraft, seven naval vessels, and one official ship operating around Taiwan until 6 am (local time) on Tuesday.According to Taiwan's MND, 21 out of 26 sorties crossed the median line and entered Taiwan's northern, southwestern and eastern Air Defence Identification Zone (ADIZ).In response to China's action, Taiwan's armed forces deployed aircraft, naval ships, and coastal missile systems to monitor the situation.

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northern, southwestern and eastern ADIZ. We have monitored the situation and responded," Taiwan's MND posted on X.On June 28, Taiwan President Lai Ching-te highlighted China's use of influence warfare and military intimidation aimed at annexing Taiwan as part of its broader "great rejuvenation of the Chinese nation" policy and expanding hegemony in the western Pacific, Taipei

Times reported.He warned that this threat would persist regardless of changes in Taiwan's government leadership.

While addressing DPP's national congress in his role as party chairman, Lai identified the greatest challenge in domestic politics as the opposition-controlled legislature has bypassed proper procedures, passed bills contradicting the Constitution.

Survey reveals Pakistan's PTI govt losing support in KP

Public dissatisfaction is rising sharply in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa (KP) just months into Chief Minister Ali Amin Gandapur's tenure, as a recent Gallup Pakistan survey reveals deep frustrations over governance, services, and economic prospects, Geo News reported.According to Geo News, the province-wide survey, conducted between February and March 2025 with responses from 3,000 individuals, highlights critical gaps in basic public services.

A staggering 74 per cent of respondents reported no access to clean drinking water or education, while 63 per cent lacked healthcare access. Conditions in southern and rural KP were even worse, with 66 per cent de-



prived of gas and 49 per cent facing unreliable electricity.The survey found limited progress in infrastructure. While PTI's past term saw improvements in roads, only a minority of respondents have observed any new projects since the 2024 elections. Notably, 49 per cent of PTI voters said no development had occurred in

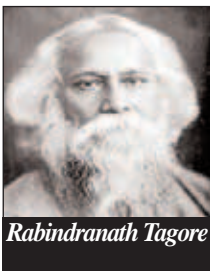
their area, Geo News reported. Corruption remains a major concern. Over half of those surveyed alleged misuse of development funds, and 71 per cent supported investigations into corruption, a sentiment echoed even by PTI supporters. Nearly half also believed corruption in government departments had worsened.Unemployment (59 per cent) and lack of opportunity (67 per cent) topped economic anxieties.

Most citizens were unaware of government-led economic programmes, and 73 per cent believed hiring is based on favouritism over merit.Although 58 per cent expressed satisfaction with security, 57 per cent, especially in southern KP, continued to fear terrorism.

POEM

Sleep-Stealer

Who stole sleep from baby's eyes? I must know. Clasp her pitcher to her waist mother went to fetch water from the village near by. It was noon. The children's playtime was over; the ducks in the pond were silent.



Rabindranath Tagore

The shepherd boy lay asleep under the shadow of the banyan tree.

The crane stood grave and still in the swamp near the mango grove. In the meanwhile the Sleep-stealer came and, snatching sleep from baby's eyes, flew away. When mother came back she found baby travelling the room over on all fours. Who stole sleep from our baby's eyes? I must know.

Rabindranath Tagore

Maternity insurance cover in health insurance plans

Pregnancy is one of the most impactful and joyous events in a woman's life. From conception to birth, the journey is filled with joy, excitement, and a certain anxiety, and therefore, she must be prepared for what it entails, at least when it comes to financial prudence. A key component of the financial plan is securing a comprehensive health insurance policy that covers maternity, which can significantly alleviate the financial strain associated with childbirth.Since not all health insurance plans have maternity coverage, it is wise to opt for a policy that offers such benefitsto ensure financial freedom during pregnancy. From delivery charges to pre-and-post natal expenses, maternity can be an expensive experience for those who are not covered by health insurance.

Maternity Cover Under a health insurance policy, maternity cover protects expecting mothers and their newborn babies. So, expenses related to pregnancy, delivery, and postnatal care are covered under maternity covers. Men can also

opt for the inclusion of maternity covers for their spouses as a part of their medical insurance policy or as a part of a family-floater health policy.

Maternity covers have an age range, and females from 18 to 45 years of age can only opt for this coverage. Women who are already pregnant cannot raise a claim for that particular pregnancy. Moreover, certain policies do not include coverage for more than two births, hence, it is very essential to read the policy wordings before opting for a specific health insurance.

Maternity Waiting Period The maternity waiting period is the minimum time that a policyholder has to wait to raise a pregnancy claim. Health insurance policies have a mandated waiting period when it comes to maternity coverage. This period varies depending on the insurance provider but usually ranges from 9 months to 6 years. Hence, it is important to note the waiting period before starting the journey to parenthood.

Maternity Coverage Sub Limits Policies often have specific limits

for normal and caesarean deliveries and the coverage might range from Rs 30,000 to Rs 75,000, depending on the insurer. Some policies impose sub-limits on room rent during hospitalization. For instance, the coverage might be restricted to a certain percentage of the sum insured for a normal room or a single private room. Moreover, sub-limits may also apply to expenses related to newborn care, such as vaccinations or treatment for congenital conditions. Vaccinations might be covered up to a certain proportion of the sum insured.

Benefits and Inclusions under Maternity Insurance Covers

Here are the following aspects that are covered by maternity covers included in the health insurance policies:

Financial Freedom: Maternity insurance policies in India cover hospitalization costs, delivery expenses (both normal and caesarean), and other medical expenses related to pregnancy. This ensures that families are not burdened by unexpected medical bills during childbirth

Protection from Unexpected Maternity Expenses: While everyone expects a smooth pregnancy, it is wise to be prepared for complications.Some health policies also cover complications that may arise during pregnancy or delivery. Hence, maternity covers offer coverages for any unforeseen complications or emergencies that might arise.

Pre-and-post Natal Check-ups: Many Indian health insurance providers include coverage for prenatal consultations with gynaecologists, routine medical tests, and postnatal care. This ensures that both the mother and baby receive adequate medical attention before and after delivery.

Workplace Gap Coverage:While some employers offer maternity benefits, that may not be sufficient to cover all expenses.

Having an insurance that covers maternity bridges this gap by offering comprehensive coverage for maternal care, including expenses not covered by workplace benefits

Newborn Baby Benefits: Maternity covers in India often includes new-

born benefits, such as coverage for congenital conditions, essential vaccinations, routine check-ups, and hospitalization due to illnesses or delivery complications. Some policies also cover neonatal care and extend coverage for the baby's first year, ensuring financial support for unexpected medical needs. These benefits reduce the financial burden on parents and provide essential healthcare for the baby during its crucial early stages.

Maternity Benefit for Working Women

Depending on the company, the maternity benefit for working women varies. While some companies cover maternity costs as soon as the woman becomes an employee, some companies have a rule that mentions that the woman has to serve as an employee for at least 80 days within the 12 months leading up to their due date. Some corporates also provide benefits for the newborn.

Moreover, a government-mandated 6-month period leave is granted to pregnant women in India. This can include the time frame both before and

after childbirth. For more details, it is advisable to read the benefits outlined in the Maternity Benefit (Amendment) Act, 2017.

Conclusion In conclusion, maternity insurance serves as an essential tool to provide financial security and peace of mind during one of the most transformative phases of a woman's life. With coverage extending to delivery, pre-and-postnatal care, and newborn expenses, these policies alleviate the financial burden of pregnancy while ensuring comprehensive care.

By addressing unforeseen medical costs and bridging gaps in workplace maternity benefits, such policies empower women to focus on their health and well-being during this critical journey. As maternity-related expenses continue to rise, opting for a suitable maternity insurance plan is not just a prudent choice but a vital step towards a worry-free and joyous motherhood experience.

Mr. Bhaskar Nerurkar Head – Health Administration Team, Bajaj Allianz General Insurance

Arhtiya Association of Jagraon elects new president

SUKH NAHAR
JAGRAON: Arhtiya Association Jagraon conducted a crucial meeting today in the presence of its members. In the meeting, the members unanimously declared Azadwinder Singh (Azad Mangat) as the president of association. Additionally, a 13 member committee too was formed. The committee members



took oath to put forward the issues of arhtiyas before government in a loud manner and to get their issues resolved with immediate effect. At this occasion, Mohan Singh Mangat, Charanjeet Singh, Deepak Pallan, Jaspreet Singh, Paramjeet Singh, Gupreet Singh, Amarpreet Singh, Harpreet Singh and others were present.

NEWS BRIEF

Hakam Rooreke's song collection 'Nanad Daya Veera' launched



KULDEEP SOOD
BARNALA: Malwa Sahitya Sabha Barnala organized a literary event at the local Punjab ITI. In which lyricist Hakam Singh Rooreke's song collection 'Nanad Daya Veera' was launched and a discussion was held. While reading the pamphlet about the song collection, Dr. Surinder Singh Bhattal said that Hakam Singh Rooreke has presented Punjabi culture well in his songs. His songs are close to realism, talking about relationships, traditional food, Punjabi attire and every topic related to agriculture. Dr. Kamaljit Singh Tibba said that the qualities like natural beauty and purity in the songs make the writer Rooreke a unique lyricist among the present-day lyricists. Dr. President of Malwa Sahitya Sabha Sampuran Singh Talwalia said that this book introduces Punjabi heritage and beautifully describes relationships and rituals. Apart from these, Buta Singh Chauhan, Teja Singh Tilak, Jagraj Dhaula, Kanwarjit Bhattal, Bhola Singh Sanghera, Jagtar Jazeera, Darshan Singh Guru.

GAURAV GOEL
CHANDIGARH, JULY 15

Punjab Chief Minister Bhagwant Singh Mann on Tuesday said that the state government will adopt no leniency towards the 'Jarnails' who were the perpetrators behind the genocide of youth through the curse of drugs.

Participating in the debate over the issue of Yudh Nasheyana Virudh, the Chief Minister said that said that the Jarnails who had patronized the drug trade have already been put behind bars. He said that these leaders not only used to patronize drug trade across the state but ironically they even sold/ supplied the drugs in their official government vehicles. Bhagwant Singh Mann said that in the past no one had previously dared to arrest these affluent leaders, but now his government has done so and they will have to pay the price for their sins.

The Chief Minister

United Dalit Morcha Punjab draws up plans for preparations of Barnala State Convention



KULDEEP SOOD
BARNALA: A meeting of United Dalit Morcha Punjab, formed on the basis of various organizations, was held under the chairmanship of labor leader Gurdeep Singh Kali. In which a plan was drawn up for the success of the state-level convention held at Barnala Tarksheel Bhawan on August 3 to intensify the agitation on other Dalit issues including the implementation of the Land Demarcation Act and the duties of the leaders were assigned. Addressing the meeting, Bhagwant Singh Samao, core committee member of the United Dalit Morcha and state president of Mazdoor Mukti Morcha Azad Punjab, and state coordinator of Hashiya Lok Dal, Dr. Kashmir Singh Khunda said that the previous governments and the current AAP government have used about 40 percent of the SC community of Punjab only as a vote bank. Similarly, the central BJP government is determined to prove this class as foreigners in its own country. The Dalit class is being subjected to all kinds of atrocities and oppression everywhere. The constitutional rights of Dalits are being abolished. The leaders said that such humiliation will not be tolerated now. They said that the United Dalit Morcha will build organizational strength for the implementation of the Land Demarcation Act and for Dalit rights.

Executive Director, Bank of India Subrat Kumar holds town hall meeting at Chandigarh



BUREAU
CHANDIGARH: Bank of India, a leading Public Sector Bank has organized a Town Hall Meeting on 15th July, 2025 at Chandigarh. The event was conducted in the gracious presence of Executive Director, Bank of India Shri Subrat Kumar along with Field General Manager Chandigarh Shri Anil Kumar Verma, Zonal Managers and other dignitaries of Zones under Field General Manager Office Chandigarh. More than 350 staff members including Branch Managers across all cadres from Tri-City and surroundings branches attended the meeting. Executive Director addressed the staff members and apprised them of key business position of the Bank and further mentioned Bank's Corporate Goals and Vision for the coming years. In his address he said that Bank is fully committed and has aligned its goals and strategies with the ongoing economic reforms process to achieve sustainable growth and contribute towards nation building process. He also expressed satisfaction about Bank's commitment and progress in the Financial Inclusion Schemes of Govt. of India.

Guru Kashi University inks MoU with University of Florida for Global Research Collaboration

ANIL VERMA
BATHINDA: Guru Kashi University has signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the Global Food System Institute, University of Florida (USA) to enhance international research and knowledge exchange. The MoU was formalized by Registrar Prof. (Dr.) Piyush Verma and University of Florida Associate Director, UF Research Elizabeth Keeter under the guidance of Vice Chancellor Prof. (Dr.) Rameshwar Singh. This partnership will facilitate joint research initiatives in agriculture, food security, and sustainable development while providing enhanced global opportunities for students and researchers through collaborative projects, workshops, seminars, and conferences. Dr. Singh emphasized that this collaboration will enable students and researchers to access state-of-the-art facilities and transform innovative ideas into reality while contributing to societal welfare. The partnership aims to benefit academic and professional growth through shared expertise and resources between both institutions.



assured the house that exemplary punishment will be ensured for these leaders so that no one ever dares to commit this sin again. He quipped that now Nabha Jail has become the synonym of 'Chitta' as those who had introduced this drug to Punjab are now lodged in this jail. Bhagwant Singh Mann said that known for their opulence-acquired through illegal means, these leaders are now

demanding facilities in the jail. The Chief Minister categorically said that those responsible for laying the pyres of youth in Punjab don't deserve any sort of comfort in jail as they have to pay for their misdeeds. He said that a thorough enquiry has reflected that these leaders have amassed huge wealth through the drug trade adding that strictest punishment will be ensured to them for this crime.

Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam: District Education Officer launches campaign in schools



KULDEEP SOOD
BARNALA: Under the guidelines of the Punjab Government and under the leadership of Deputy Commissioner Barnala Mr. T. Benith, a campaign to plant saplings has been launched in Barnala district. Under this, a target of planting a large number of saplings in the district has been set under the "One Tree in the Name of Mother" campaign. Nodal Officer Harjit Singh Maluka said that the campaign was launched by District Education Officer S. Suninder Singh from Government High School Bhaini Jassa. He said that this campaign is being run on a large scale in all schools till September 30. He said that the Government of India has set a target of planting more than 19 lakh saplings in the state of Punjab and efforts are also being made by the Punjab Government to plant maximum number of saplings.

Medical assessment camp held for 114 children with disabilities under Samagra Shiksha

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA
KARNAL: A special medical assessment camp was organised at the local civil hospital under the aegis of the Haryana School Shiksha Pariyojna Parishad and chaired by District Project Coordinator Jyotsna Mishra of Samagra Shiksha. A total of 114 children with disabilities from various blocks including Karnal, Nissing, Gharaunda, and Assandh attended the camp along with their teachers and guardians. District Project Coordinator Jyotsna Mishra stated that the objective of the camp was to evaluate the physical, mental, and educational needs of the children. A team of doctors conducted detailed check-ups and provided medical certificates to the children. Recommendations were also made for assistive devices and teaching-learning materials to support their education and well-being. The event was coordinated with the active support of Assistant District Project Coordinator Pawan Kumar and ABRCs Yugal Kishore, Lalit, Vinod, and Meena, along with accountant Amit and Rajeev. Special educators including Amit Pawar, Suresh, Surjeet, Mukesh, Meenakshi, Renu, Seema, Meena, Meenu, Sheetal, Purushottam, and Pramod Chahal also played a crucial role in the success of the camp.



Maharshi Kashyap Sabha in Ladwa dissolved after successful Jayanti celebration: Triloki Kashyap

VIJAY KAUSHIK
LADWA, JULY 15

The Maharshi Kashyap Sabha, Ladwa, which was constituted with the primary aim of organizing a grand Maharshi Kashyap Jayanti celebration, has been officially dissolved. The announcement was made during a community meeting held at Jindal Park, where the Sabha's Vice President Triloki Kashyap informed the media that with the successful completion of its objective, the Sabha has now been disbanded.

Speaking to reporters,



Triloki Kashyap said, "The Sabha was formed solely to organize the Maharshi Kashyap Jayanti in Ladwa. That purpose has been fulfilled with the grand state-level celebration held on May 24, which was graced by Chief Minister Nayab Saini as the chief guest and organized under the leadership of Indri MLA

Emergency was dark chapter in Indian democracy: Jyoti Saini



SANJAY SHARMA
KAITHAL: BJP district president Jyoti Saini on Tuesday described the Emergency imposed in 1975 as a dark period in the history of Indian democracy, calling it a time when citizens' rights were trampled, press freedom was suspended, and opposition voices were brutally silenced. She emphasised that the younger generation, unaware of the harsh realities of the Emergency, is now being introduced to that truth through exhibitions and awareness campaigns. Saini was speaking to the media after inaugurating a special exhibition held at the Mini Secretariat in Kaithal, organised to mark 50 years since the imposition of Emergency. A parallel exhibition was also held at Dr. Bhimrao Ambedkar Government College. She said that commemorating Emergency as "Constitution Betrayal Day" serves as a reminder of how fundamental rights enshrined in the Constitution were suppressed overnight on June 25, 1975, under the regime of then Prime Minister Indira Gandhi.

Seva Trust UK distributes Plateifalt tablets at AYUSH University Hospital



DALBIR MALIK
KURUKSHETRA: Seva Trust UK, in collaboration with Shri Krishna AYUSH University, Kurukshetra, distributed Plateifalt tablets to patients at the university's Institute of Ayurvedic Studies and Research (Hospital) as part of a community health initiative. On the occasion, representatives of the Trust met with Vice Chancellor Prof. Vaidya Kartar Singh Dhiman and Registrar Prof. Vaidya Brijendra Singh Tomar, commending the university's ongoing efforts in promoting traditional systems of medicine and public health. Prof. Dhiman expressed gratitude for the Trust's contribution, stating that such efforts by social service organisations further strengthen the university's mission of compassionate and accessible healthcare. Registrar Prof. Tomar also praised the Trust's initiative, calling it inspirational and beneficial for patients in need. Medical Superintendent Prof. Vaidya Rajendra Singh Choudhary explained that Plateifalt is an Ayurvedic formulation used particularly during illnesses like dengue, viral fever, and other infections where a decrease in platelet count is observed.

CM Saini ensures fast-track development in Ladwa constituency: Suman Saini

VIJAY KAUSHIK
LADWA, JULY 15

Haryana State Council for Child Welfare Vice Chairperson Suman Saini stated that Chief Minister Nayab Singh Saini is paying special attention to the development of Ladwa constituency. She announced that development works worth Rs. 51 lakh have been completed in villages Sunaria, Sanghor, and Ghisarapadi under the Babain block, executed by the Panchayati Raj Department.

Suman Saini shared these updates while addressing the media during an open public meeting held for the first time at the Farmers' Rest House in Babain. She revealed that overall development projects worth Rs. 12.7 crore are underway across the Babain block, and residents will soon witness tangible progress. She highlighted specific projects such as the construction of roads worth Rs. 27.7 lakh in Ghisarapadi, a firmi (peripheral road) in Sunaria costing Rs.



12 lakh, and a chaupal (community hall) in Sanghor at Rs. 12 lakh. She further informed that additional works amounting to Rs. 55 lakh are ongoing, covering drainage, drinking water, toilets, and PVC pipelines in various villages. Speaking about larger infrastructure, Saini said that the Marketing Board is investing Rs. 6.69 crore in upgrading Babain's grain market with new roads, drainage systems, and canteen facilities. Moreover, the Uttar Haryana Bijli Vitran Nigam

is working on electricity improvements worth Rs. 2.51 crore, while the Public Health Department is spending Rs. 2.85 crore on drinking water infrastructure. In the open durbar, over 100 citizens presented grievances, which will be marked and forwarded directly to the Chief Minister's office for timely resolution. Suman Saini stated that CM Saini himself will review the progress on these issues. She assured residents that with regular open courts in Ladwa, they no longer need to travel to Chandigarh to get their problems addressed.

Kalash yatra marks grand beginning of Shrimad Bhagwat Katha in Taraori



KAMAL SHARMA
TARAORI: In the sacred month of Sawan, a grand seven-day Shrimad Bhagwat Katha Gyan Yajna commenced at the Agrawal Dharamshala in Taraori with an overwhelming gathering of devotees. The event began with a vibrant Kalash Yatra, which started from the town square and culminated at the Agrawal Dharamshala located in Semen Bazaar. Led by Kathavachak Acharya Shri Krishna Ji Maharaj of Vrindavan the procession saw hundreds of women carrying sacred pots (kalash) on their heads, expressing their devotion with enthusiasm. The town echoed with devotional chants of "Jai Shri Radhe," "Hari Bol," and praises to Lord Krishna, creating a spiritually charged atmosphere. The Kalash Yatra, enriched with devotional songs and religious tableaux, drew significant attention from the townspeople. The Katha venue was beautifully adorned with flowers and decorative hangings, setting a reverent tone for the event. Acharya Shri Krishna Ji Maharaj inaugurated the first day of the Katha, narrating the divine tales of Lord Krishna and imparting spiritual teachings on devotion, righteousness, and life values. Social worker Ranjeet Bhardwaj highlighted the importance of such events, calling them a source of peace and spiritual awakening for the community.

Challan drive awareness camp organised under 'Road Rules, Life Tools'

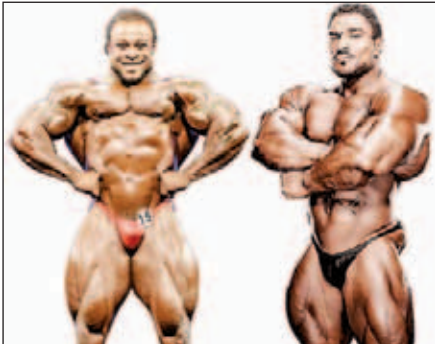


SHIV KUMAR SHARMA
KARNAL: Awareness camp was organized at Kutel, Uncha Samana, Dahan Jagir, Government Senior Secondary School and Government High School, Kambopura on Tuesday under the guidance of District and Sessions Judge and District Legal Services Authority Chairman Ajay Kumar Sharda. Chief Judicial Magistrate and Secretary of District Legal Services Authority (DLSA) Dr Iram Hasan said that as per the order of Harsa Panchkula, awareness camps and challan drives were being organized in schools including various places in the district under the campaign "Road Rules, Life Tools". In this episode team of Para Legal Volunteer Pooja and Anga Pal, Rajeshlata, Inspector Roshan Lal and Sub Inspector Surendra Kumar organized an awareness camp. The team motivated the staff and students present to follow the traffic rules and a challan drive was organized outside the school. During this time, the public was also informed about the National Lok Adalat to be held on September 13 and made aware about the pending cases and challans in the court through the National Lok Adalat.

William Bonac and Roelly Winklaar to meet bodybuilding fans for first time in Pathankot on July 17: Rishabh Mahajan

VERMA
GURDASPUR, JULY 15

Two international bodybuilding legends, William Bonac and Roelly Winklaar, are set to visit Pathankot, India, for the very first time. This historic event will take place on July 17 at 2 PM at Iron Rush Gym, located near Medical Hospital, Dalhousie Road, Pathankot. Organized by NeuX, the event will be free to attend. Sharing details, Rishabh Mahajan, owner of Iron Rush Gym, and Lalit Kumar, the head trainer, said that this event is not just a milestone for Pathankot but an inspiring moment for fitness enthusiasts across Punjab and Himachal Pradesh. For the first time, bodybuilding fans will get a chance to meet such renowned international athletes up close. William Bonac, famously known as "The Conqueror", is a top contender in the



Mr. Olympia competition and has consistently placed in the top 5. Roelly Winklaar is globally admired for his massive physique and powerful presence and commands a huge following among fitness lovers around the world.

NEWS BRIEF

Sillverton Industries Limited files DRHP with SEBI

URUGRAM | Sillverton Industries Limited is engaged in manufacturing and marketing of eco-friendly specialty paper, serving a diverse spectrum of end-use industries through its integrated operations. Company's comprehensive range of paper-based products comprise of (i) writing and printing paper, (ii) kraft paper, (iii) cupstock paper, and (iv) other specialised grade papers. Our product offerings find applications in (i) retail, corporate, educational and government sectors; (ii) packaging, FMCG and secondary packaging; (iii) food & beverage packaging, secondary and liquid packaging for quick service restaurants; and (iv) label and stationery solutions; and (v) the packaging for the pharmaceutical sector among others. Sillverton Industries Limited has filed its Draft Red Herring Prospectus ("DRHP") with market regulator Securities and Exchange Board of India ("SEBI").

Arbitrage Funds Gain Ground Amid Market Swings: Tata AMC

URUGRAM | 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 become less attractive. For investors seeking equity tax returns, arbitrage funds offer a suitable proposition," said Sailesh Jain, Fund Manager, Tata Asset Management.

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PGIMER Hosts Skin Donation Awareness Symposium on World Plastic Surgery Day

CHANDIGARH: On the eve of World Plastic Surgery Day, the Department of Plastic Surgery at PGIMER, Chandigarh, organized a Skin Donation Awareness Symposium to raise awareness about the critical role of skin donation in burn care. The event also celebrated the wider mission of plastic surgery in restoring, reconstructing, and rebuilding lives. The symposium was inaugurated by Dr. Vipin Kaushal, Medical Superintendent, PGIMER, as the Chief Guest, who commended the department's proactive approach in promoting skin donation and public education. Ms Jaspal Kaur, Chief Nursing Officer, PGIMER, was the Guest of Honour and emphasized the indispensable role of nursing officers in facilitating awareness and donor motivation at the grassroots level. World Plastic Surgery Day, observed annually on July 15, is a tribute to the specialty's transformative power. While often misunderstood as purely cosmetic, Plastic Surgery is deeply rooted in

reconstructive work—addressing complex challenges like severe burns, traumatic injuries, congenital anomalies, facial reconstruction, hand surgery, and post-cancer reconstruction. The specialty operates at the intersection of form and function, helping patients regain not just their physical appearance, but also dignity, confidence, and quality of life. Speaking about the event,

Dr. Atul Parashar, Head, Department of Plastic Surgery highlighted how PGIMER has consistently led advancements in burn care, skin banking, and reconstructive surgery. He said that a major gap persists in the availability of donated skin—a resource that is often the difference between life and death for patients with Major burns. He informed that donated skin acts as a temporary biological dressing

— protecting raw wounds, minimizing fluid loss, preventing infection, and allowing time for healing or further surgery. Yet, despite the need, awareness about skin donation remains limited, particularly in India. Dr. Parmod Kumar, Professor of Plastic Surgery and Nodal officer of PGI Skin Bank informed that more than 250 Nursing officers of PGI participated in the Symposium.



introduction of categories like Ramen, Breakfast Sandwiches, Thalis, and Dunkables. Crafted for every kind of day, from breakfast and chai breaks to dinners, dates, and midnight viewings, the drop stays rooted in SOCIAL's DNA of serving hearty, innovative meals with its signature twist. Sharing his thoughts on the latest food drop, Riyaaz Amlani, Founder & Managing Director of Impresario Entertainment & Hospitality Pvt. Ltd., said, "When we started SOCIAL, the goal wasn't just to serve food and drinks, it was to build spaces where people feel a sense of belongingness. That idea has shaped everything we have done. Over the years, we have watched how India eats evolve; faster, more fluid, more expressive. With this drop, we are not just following that change, we're leading it with food that's bold in flavour, playful in format, and rooted in how people actually eat today. These aren't just trendy plates, they are thoughtful, hearty, and designed to match every moment: from a solo chat to a shared Matcha, a Toast-E-Galawati to an Avocado Toast, a Nihari Prashant to a Kinchi Momo Ramen, and a Tokyo Pinja Meringue Sandwich when the mood strikes. More than anything, they carry forward the one thing that's never changed for us: the feeling that you belong here."

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SOCIAL Launches Bold New Plates Across Its All-Day Menu

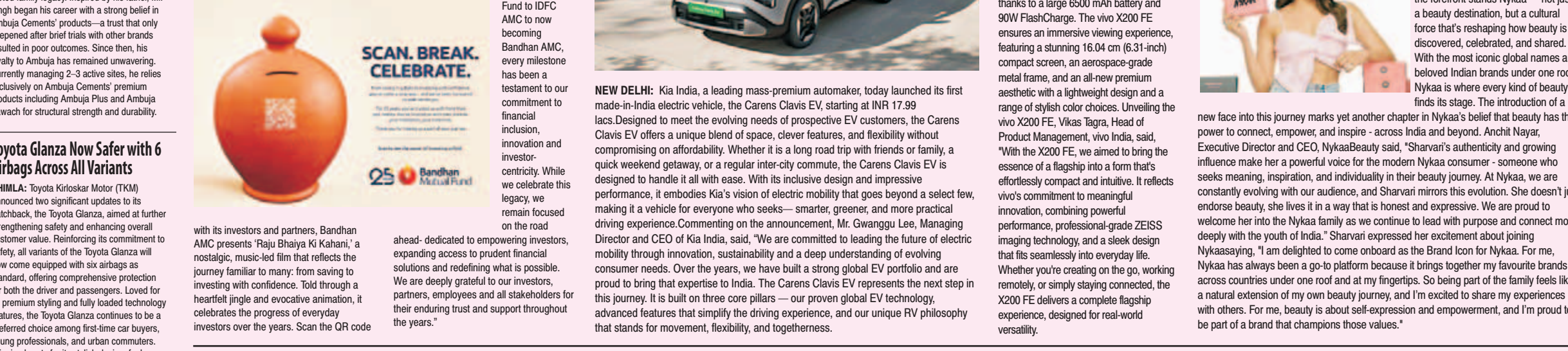
CHANDIGARH: SOCIAL unveils its boldest food chapter yet, a vibrant lineup of an all-day menu that delivers inventive flavour, introduces fresh formats, and spotlights presentation-forward plates alongside its cult favourites. Dubbed as The Big Drop, this launch is SOCIAL's way of bringing more to the table, inspired by the communities, cravings, and culinary shifts shaping how India eats today. The new drop includes offerings across categories like Breakfast, Snacks & Chaat, BOSS Burgers, Munchies, Substantials, Desserts, Beverages, and more. It brings new energy to the table with the

introduction of categories like Ramen, Breakfast Sandwiches, Thalis, and Dunkables. Crafted for every kind of day, from breakfast and chai breaks to dinners, dates, and midnight viewings, the drop stays rooted in SOCIAL's DNA of serving hearty, innovative meals with its signature twist. Sharing his thoughts on the latest food drop, Riyaaz Amlani, Founder & Managing Director of Impresario Entertainment & Hospitality Pvt. Ltd., said, "When we started SOCIAL, the goal wasn't just to serve food and drinks, it was to build spaces where people feel a sense of belongingness. That idea has shaped everything we have done. Over the years, we have watched how India eats evolve; faster, more fluid, more expressive. With this drop, we are not just following that change, we're leading it with food that's bold in flavour, playful in format, and rooted in how people actually eat today. These aren't just trendy plates, they are thoughtful, hearty, and designed to match every moment: from a solo chat to a shared Matcha, a Toast-E-Galawati to an Avocado Toast, a Nihari Prashant to a Kinchi Momo Ramen, and a Tokyo Pinja Meringue Sandwich when the mood strikes. More than anything, they carry forward the one thing that's never changed for us: the feeling that you belong here."

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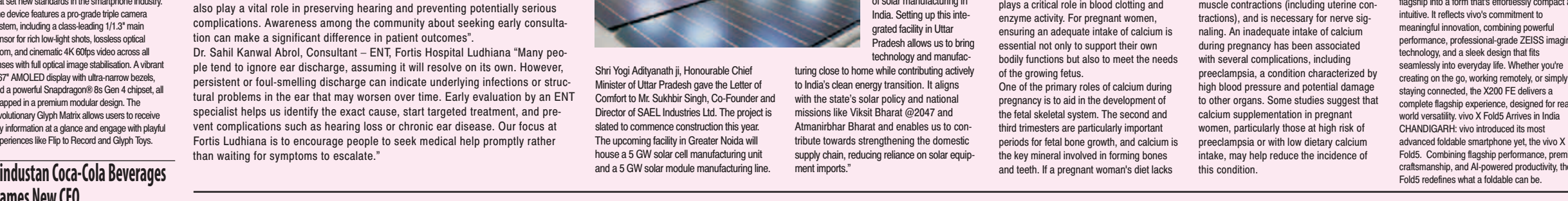
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YAGYADATT SHASTRI
PEHOWA: In a continued effort to bring essential healthcare services to people's doorsteps, the medical van run by the Naveen Jindal Foundation reached the villages of Ishak and Bakhli on Tuesday. Under the supervision of Dr Purn Mal, the team conducted health checkups for 75 villagers and distributed free medicines. Additionally, eight individuals underwent complimentary lab tests. Sarpanch Balvinder Ishak said the initiative is part of MP Naveen Jindal's vision to reduce the burden of expensive healthcare by making medical facilities accessible in rural areas. "This initiative is proving especially beneficial for women and the elderly who often cannot make frequent visits to hospitals," he said. Besides providing free medicines, the mobile medical team also sensitised people about early detection and prevention of diseases.

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA
KARNAL Haryana Urban Local Bodies Minister, Sh. Vipul Goel said that the state has achieved a proud milestone in the field of cleanliness. In the Swachh Survekshan 2024-25, Karnal and Sonipat have been selected for national honours.

The award ceremony will take place on July 17 at Vigyan Bhawan in New Delhi. The President of India, Smt. Droupadi Murmu, and Union Housing and Urban Affairs Minister, Sh. Manohar Lal will present awards in various categories. Haryana will be represented by Chief



Minister, Sh. Nayab Singh Saini and ULB Minister Sh. Vipul Goel.

Urban Local Bodies Minister, Sh. Vipul Goel shared this information on Tuesday. Sh. Goel said that Karnal has earned a spot among the top 15 cleanest

cities in the country, a proud moment for the entire state. Sonipat will be honoured with the prestigious Ministerial Award for cleanliness. These recognitions reflect Haryana government's consistent commitment and innovative efforts in taking forward Prime Minister, Sh. Narendra Modi's vision of the Swachh Bharat Mission.

Under the leadership of the Chief Minister, Sh. Nayab Singh Saini and Urban Local Bodies Minister, Sh. Vipul Goel, the state has focused on public awareness, use of new technology, and strong

on-ground execution to make the cleanliness drive impactful. In the recent state budget for 2025-26, plans were made to equip all municipalities and councils with modern machines such as vacuum suckers, tree trimmers, shredding machines, sweeping vehicles, patchwork machines, and water sprinkling units. The proper use of these tools has played a big role in improving the sanitation standards in Haryana.

Over the last 10 years, Haryana has scientifically processed around 69 lakh metric tonnes of waste out of 101 lakh metric tonnes

from 75 old dumping grounds. Through this, 109 acres of land has been reclaimed and is now being developed into green zones, parks, and community spaces.

Sh. Goel recently visited NTPC's Green Coal Plant in Varanasi. Inspired by the model, he said that the state plans to set up similar plants in Haryana. These facilities will help convert daily solid waste from cities like Faridabad and Gurugram into 400-500 tonnes of green coal, leading to better waste management, environmental protection, and energy innovation.

Three Haryana Govt Colleges to be named after Azad Hind Fauj martyrs, freedom fighter

CHANDIGARH: The Haryana Government has decided to honour martyrs and a freedom fighter from the Azad Hind Fauj by naming three government colleges after them. Chief Minister Nayab Singh Saini has given administrative approval to the naming of three colleges.

Haryana Education Minister, Mahipal Dhanda said that the Government Women's College in Bawani Khara will be named after the late Thakur Sh. Shambhu Singh, a freedom fighter from the Azad Hind Fauj and the Chief Minister has also approved naming the Government College, Kharak (Bhiwani) after Martyr Gajendra Singh.

Notably, on March 7, 2018, Sh. Gajendra Singh, who served as an Assistant Commandant in the 134

Battalion of the Border Security Force, was martyred while valiantly fighting Naxals near the Maspur village in the Natala Reserved Forest area of Kanker District, Chhattisgarh. In recognition of his bravery, he was awarded the Gallantry Medal on January 26, 2021.

Additionally, the Haryana Government has given administrative approval to name the Government College, Sampla (Rohtak) after Martyr Rai Singh, who laid down his life while protecting the nation on the India-Pakistan Line of Control in Rajouri, Jammu, on November 20, 2016.

This initiative by the Haryana Government is a mark of deep respect and honour for the supreme sacrifice made by the martyrs and freedom fighters.

Officers must prioritize resolving public grievances promptly: Cabinet Minister

CHANDIGARH: Public Health Engineering and Public Works Minister Sh. Ranbir Gangwa said the Haryana government is working on a policy of zero tolerance towards corruption and will not tolerate it at any cost.

Speaking to media persons at the Secretariat on Tuesday, Sh. Gangwa emphasized that the government's primary goal is to ensure citizens receive quality basic services. Referring to the 42 officials and employees of the Public Health Department in Rohtak who have been charge-sheeted, he said these actions were taken in connection with irregularities in civil construction works.

"I am closely monitoring both departments," said the Minister. "All officers have been directed to resolve public grievances on priority

and within fixed timelines."

Responding to questions about drainage arrangements during the monsoon, the Cabinet Minister stated that robust systems have been put in place, including the deployment of additional pump sets. Department officials have also been instructed to take immediate action if public complaints arise regarding waterlogging or drainage issues.

Road Repair Work Completed Across Haryana The Minister stated that the PWD maintains a total of 30,664 kilometers of road network across the state. As per the target set till June 15, potholes across the entire stretch have been filled. Of these, 14,000 kilometers fell under the DLP (Defect Liability Period), and necessary patchwork was completed.

Review of security measures done for effective control over crimes



RAHUL KOHLI
YAMUNANAGAR: Inspector General of Police, Ambala Division, Pankaj Nain IPS, today interacted with all the CIA in-charges, in-charge anti-narcotics cell and all security agents of district Yamunanagar and Kurukshetra in the office and reviewed the action being taken to deal with the incidents of violent crime in district Yamunanagar and Kurukshetra. After the review, the following instructions were given. All security agents were instructed to meet 100-100 police friends made in their respective police station areas and collect information about crimes and criminals. Police friends who provide useful information to the police

department should be given appropriate reward. On the lines of the manager police station, all CIA in-charges and in-charge anti-narcotics cells were also instructed to make 100-100 police friends. The police station managers should install high quality CCTV cameras at the places identified for CCTV cameras in their respective police station areas as soon as possible. The in-charge anti-narcotics cell, Yamunanagar and Kurukshetra were ordered to visit the drug-affected villages and wards along with the drug de-addiction team formed under the drug-free campaign and identify the drug smugglers and take action against them.

NRAI and ISSF academy sign historic MoU to launch ISSF certified coaching courses in India



New Delhi: The National Rifle Association of India (NRAI) has entered into a partnership with the ISSF Academy, the official coaching and education wing of the International Shooting Sport Federation (ISSF), to bring ISSF certified coaching courses to India. The Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was signed in New Delhi today, attended by Mr. Kalikesh Narayan Singh Deo, President, NRAI, Dr. Vesa Nissinen, Director, ISSF Academy, K. Sultan Singh, Secretary General, NRAI, Ms. Karoliina Nissinen, CEO, ISSF Academy, Mr. Pawankumar Singh, Director, NRAI Education Program and Mansher Singh, Member, ISSF Shotgun Coaches Committee, marking a significant step towards building a structured and globally benchmarked coaching education system in the country. The collaboration will enable Indian coaches to access world-class training within the country, reducing the need for international travel and making advanced learning more accessible across regions. It will also contribute to strengthening the grassroots ecosystem of Indian shooting by developing a larger pool of qualified coaches, equipped with modern techniques and global best practices.

Monthly meeting of Vishwa Hindu Parishad held

BILASPUR (NITIN SINGLA): Monthly meeting of Vishwa Hindu Parishad District Jagadhari was held at Panchmukhi Hanuman Mandir Basatiyanwala. Meeting was mainly guided by District President Ashok, District Secretary Rajinder Panwar Jaidhari and Provincial Archak Purohit Pramukh Shyam Sundar. Rajinder Panwar Jaidhari said that on occasion of this Janmashtami, VHP will celebrate its 61st Foundation Day with great pomp and show in all units in entire district up to block and village committees. VHP (Know Ramayana) will provide Ramayana exam booklets to children from 1st to 6th class with this message. Ramayana exam will be organized in month of December. At present, values have been neglected due to which human life has become problem-ridden. Today, most of boys and girls of Hindu families, being unaware of thoughts, behaviour and rituals of Hinduism, get trapped in vicious cycle of immorality even before reaching youth. Therefore, it has become very important to impart knowledge of Hinduism to new generation by developing practice of rituals in an interesting environment from childhood.

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