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NEWS BRIEFS

CBI books Anil Ambani, RCom in Rs 2,929 crore 'bank fraud' case; searches his residence

NEW DELHI/MUMBAI:

The CBI searched the Mumbai residence of Reliance Communication Ltd. (RCOM) Director Anil Ambani on Saturday after recently registering a case for allegedly defrauding the State Bank of India of Rs 2929.05 crore, officials

Teams of CBI conducted the searches at two locations in Mumbai on Saturday -- the official premises of Reliance Communication Ltd., and residential premises of Anil D Ambani, the agency said in a statement. The CBI registered an FIR on Thursday against Reliance Communi cation Ltd. (RCOM), Mumbai, its Director Anil D. Ambani, unknown public serv ants and unknown others on the basis of the complaint from the SBI, it said.

Animal lovers protest at stray dog shelter in **Delhi's Rohini**

NEW DELHI: (Aug 23) Members of animal welfare organisations and dog lovers staged a protest outside a stray dog shelter in north Delhi's Rohini, alleging cruelty towards the animals and demanding their release in line with Supreme Court directions, police said on Sat-

Level of success is decided by hard work and commitment to profession, not by exam score: CJI Gavai

AGENCY PANAJI, AUG 23

Chief Justice of India (CJI) BR Gavai on Saturday said the level of success in professional life was not determined by examination results but by determination, hard work, dedication and commitment to work, and recalled that he was a bright student but would skip classes

Speaking during the golden jubilee celebration of V M Salgaocar College of Law at Miramar near Panaji, he noted that the legal education system has taken a paradigm shift.

"Don't go by what your ranks are in the examination as these results don't determine what level of success you will lead to. It is your determination, hard work, dedication and commitment to the profession that all matters," he said in his address to the students of the law col

CJI Gavai said he was an outstanding student, but would skip classes. "But

ployment and the state's economy.

Gadkari announces corridor to

link 4 tiger reserves in MP

JABALPUR: Union Road Transport and Highways Minister Nitin Gadkari

on Saturday announced a Rs 5,500-crore four-lane corridor connecting four

tiger reserves in Madhya Pradesh and a Rs 15,000-crore greenfield highway

between Bhopal and Jabalpur. Jabalpur MP Ashish Dubey, state PWD Minister Rakesh Singh and oth-

er MPs from the state had sought a corridor linking the tiger reserves in

the state to promote tourism, he said, after inaugurating a 7-km flyover

Rs 5,500 crore. It will connect Kanha, Bandhavgarh, Panna and Pench re-

serves," the Union minister said, adding that it would boost tourism, em-

"The cost of the tiger corridor has risen from Rs 4,600 crore to about



don't try to imbibe (emulate) us," he add-

He recalled that when he was studying in Government Law College in Mumbai, he used to skip classes and sit on the college's compound wall, depending on the friends who would mark his presence

in the classroom.
"In the last year (of law degree), I had to shift to Amravati as my father was the chairman of the (Maharashtra) legislative council. We did not have a house in Mumbai. When I was in Amravati, I must have gone to the college only about half a dozen times. One of my friends who later on became a judge of the high court, used to mark my presence," the CJI said. CJI Gavai's father, late R S Gavai, founder of the Republican Party of India (Gavai), was chairman of the Maharashtra legislative council from 1978 to 1982. He later became the Governor of Bihar, Sikkim and Kerala. The CJI further said the student who topped the results went on to become a criminal lawver, while the second-rank holder became a high court judge.



State government working for protection and welfare for cows: CM Nayab Singh Saini

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA FATEHABAD, AUG 23

Haryana Chief Minister Sh. Nayab Singh Saini said the State Government is continuously working for the protection and welfare of cows. Along with financial grants for fodder, efforts are being made to make gaushalas self-reliant.

The Chief Minister was addressing a ceremony for distribution of fodder grants to gaushalas at Shri Krishna Gaushala, Badopal in Fatehabad district on Saturday. At the event, the Chief Minister paid floral tributes to Shri Raiendranand Maharai, calling his life a source of inspira-tion, and urged citizens to take inspiration from his life and carry forward social work. In the gaushalas premises, he planted a Triveni sap-ling under the "Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam" campaign to give the message of environmental protection. On this occasion, the Chief Minister handed over fodder grant cheques of 7.2 crore to managers of 67 gaushalas in the district. He said that this year, a total grant of 88.50 crore is

being released for 605 gaushalas of the state. On this occasion, the Chief Minister also announced 21 lakh for the development of village Badopal and declared that the wildlife treatment centre in Badopal will be named after Shri Ragrant of 6.50 crore for pur chasing machines.

jendranand Maharaj. He also announced that six demands raised for the Fatehabad Assembly constituency will be fulfilled after checking feasibility at the departmental level. Agriculture and Farmers Welfare & Animal Husbandry Minister Sh. Shyam Singh Rana, Public Works Minister Sh. Ranbir Singh Gangwa, and Rajya Sabha MP Shri Subhash Barala also announced to give 11 lakh each to the Badopal gaushalas.

The Chief Minister said under the leadership of Prime Minister Sh. Narendra Modi, in the past 11 years, the double-engine government has been working for the protection of the cow, the Gita,

and the Ganga.

Along with financial aid for fodder, gaushalas are also being supported to become self-reliant by providing machinery as per demand. For Panchagavya production, 101 gaushalas have been given a

He said that in the last 10 and a half years, fodder grants worth 358.50 crore have been given. Solar power plants have been installed in 330 gaushalas, and the remaining gaushalas will soon get them. The Chief Minister said that Prime Minister Sh. Narendra Modi has implemented the Rashtriya Gokul Mission for the protection and promotion of indigenous cow breeds.

The Chief Minister stated that till 2014, there were only 215 registered gaushalas in the state with 1.75 lakh cattle. In the past 10 years, the government has increased this number, and currently there are 686 registered gaushalas where 4 lakh stray cattle are being taken care of. In 2014-15, the budget for the Gau Seva Aayog was only 2 crore, which the present government has increased to











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Singer Jyoti Gill's bhajan 'Maa De Lad Lagg Gayi' released

KULJIT SINGH DHINGRA RAMPURA PHUL: Singer Jyoti Gill, who has been in the news for the past two-three months with her hit songs Kaante, Kadar EP, Changge Din, Mata Da Bhajan Gote Wali Chunni, has now released her new bhajan 'Maa De Lad Lagg Gayi'. This



bhajan has been composed by lyricist Jassi Moge Wala through his pen. While this offering has been given musical touches by musician Baman Chand. This bhajan has been filmed by video director Karan Dureja at various locations. Producer Satnam Chhina said that this

under the label of Brand Makers (Yaar Canadian). Producer Satnam Chhina said that the story of the video in this song is the reality of singer Jyoti Gill. Singer Jyoti Gill said that she has worked hard to come in the ranks of established singers.

NEWS BRIEF

Punjab govt should immediately compensate floodaffected farmers: Deol

SARBJOT SINGH SANDHA KHADOOR SAHIB: The floods caused by the rising water level in the Beas River, in which thousands of acres of paddy crops in Goindwal Sahib, Mankadeka, Bhel, Mundapind, Guijarpura, Gharka and many other villages were



immediately

Girdawari of this entire area and provide compensation, these views were expressed by Charaniit Singh Deol, District President of the Indian Farmers Association, while talking to selected journalists. Deol said that this large area of the Mand area of Tarn Taran district of Majha, whose crops have been completely destroyed, has caused great loss to the farmers. He said that this is the time when saints, great saints and devotees of different sects are helping the people trapped in these floods. At this time, the government should also fulfill its duty and immediately provide compensation

Chander Singh takes charge as new secretary of Ismailabad Market **Committee**



YAGYA DUTT SHASTRI PEHOWA: Chander Singh assumed charge today as the new secretary of the Ismailabad Market Committee On the occasion, he assured that farmers and commission agents would not face any difficulties and that all basic facilities would be managed efficiently. He added that, in line with government directives, all arrangements would be completed before the paddy season, and every grain of produce would be procured at the minimum support price. Former president of the **Grain Market Commission Agents** Association and current president of the Rice Millers Association. Rajesh Kansal, along with former secretary Baldev Sharma and Chaudhary Joginder Kajal, welcomed the new secretary.

CM Dhami coordinates relief efforts after Chamoli cloudburst, urges cooperation

AGENCY DEHRADUN, AUG 23

Minister Pushkar Singh Dhami spoke to the public representatives of Chamoli district over the phone and took detailed information about the damage caused by the cloudburst. According to a press statement released from the Chief Minister's office, expressing deep grief over the disaster, the Chief Minister has requested all the public representatives to cooperate with the district administration in relief and rescue operations.

Along with this, he also spoke to the local MLA and expected him to stay on the spot and physically inspect relief and rescue operations. A cloudburst struck the Tharali area of Chamoli district late on

night, immediate relief and rescue operations by the district administration, State Disaster Response Force (SDRF), and police teams. Confirming the incident, CM wrote on X, "Late last night, a tragic report of a cloudburst was received in the Tharali area of Chamoli district. The

SDRF. and police have reached the spot and are engaged in relief and rescue operations. In this regard, I am in constant contact with the local administration and personally monitoring the situation. I pray to God for everyone's

on Friday, issued an orange alert for Uttarakhand, forecasting thunderstorms /lightning and very intense rain at different parts of the state. Meanwhile, The Indian Army promptly responded to the devastation caused by the cloudburst in Uttarakhand's Chamoli district on Saturday. Around 50 army personnel deployed from Rudraprayag to assist in relief operations, according to a statement. Preliminary reports indicate damage to houses and vehicles in the affected area. One young girl has been reported missing. Additionally, a medical team has been mobilised from Joshimath, and Search & Rescue (SAR) dogs with surveillance drones are being moved to the site to assist in locating survivors and providing relief.

Compassion for drug addicts, zero tolerance for drug traffickers – a right step by Punjab police

VERMA GURDASPUR, <u>AUG 23</u>

Today, a delegation of Shiv Sena Balasaheb Thackeray, Bhagwa Sarna, and Sanatan Kranti Dal met with DIG Border Range Dr. Nanak Singh under the leadership of Harvinder Soni, State Vice President of Shiv Sena Balasaheb Thackeray and MP representative. The delegation highly appreciated the anti-drug campaign being conducted under leadership of DGP Gaurav Yadav. On this occasion, Harvinder Soni, Rajinder Sahdev, Saurabh Gupta, Ravi Dhunna, Harjinder Sareen, Karan Puri, Jagjeevan, Vishal Sharma, Hardeep Sharma, and others honored the DIG by presenting him with a bouquet. DIG Dr. Nanak Singh stated that a large-scale campaign has been launched by Punjab Police under the directives of Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann and DGP Gaurav Yadav to combat



drugs in Punjab. emphasized that the policy of Zero Tolerance is being strictly implemented — even if a police officer is found involved in drug selling, supporting traffickers, or using drugs, strict action is taken without exception.

He further stated that the aim is to make Punjab drugfree and fulfill the dream of a "Rangla Punjab." He stressed that public support is essential in this fight. Under this campaign, many major drug traffickers have been arrested, sent to jail, and their properties have been either demolished or confiscated -

until Punjab is completely drug-free. The Hindu leaders present on the occasion pledged their full support in this battle against drugs. They urged the DIG to ensure that no officer shows leniency towards drug dealers, even under political pressure, and that the identity of whistleblowers is kept completely confidential.

They also praised the Punjab Police's rehabilitation policy for drug-affected youth, stating that such efforts prevent social rejection and offer addicts a positive path to recovery.

Annual Sant Samagam and grand kirtan darbar concludes at Seva Panthi Dera Santpura

RAHUL KOHLI YAMUNANAGAR, AUG 23

The annual Sant Samagam and grand kirtan darbar, held in memory of departed saints at Seva Panthi Dera Santpura, concluded with great devotion and splendour. Thousands of devotees thronged the dera, filling the premises with an atmosphere of faith and spirituality.

Sharing details, Mahant Jagmohan Singh said that the event at Seva Panthi Dera Santpura has, for centuries, been a centre of devotion for followers. Lakhs of devotees from across the country and abroad visit to bow before the Lord. The main highlight of the congregation was the maun vrat (vow of silence), considered a special path of spiritual discipline and connection with the divine. and Devotees participated with enthusiasm and experienced



peace of soul. On the final day, August 23, religious preachers like Giani Pinder Pal Singh, Bhai Sukhwinder Singh Dardi, and Bhai Harpal Singh shed light on the teachings of the Gurus. Devotional singers including Bhai Anoop Singh from Una, Bhai Gagandeep Singh from Ganganagar, Bhai Sarabjit Singh Rangeela from Durg, Bhai Harjinder Singh from Srinagar, and Bhai Surender Singh and Nachhattar Singh from Darbar Sahib Amritsar enthralled

congregation with soulful kirtan and Gurbani. The kirtan darbar concluded with a special ardas, after which saints from distant places blessed the devotees. Throughout the event, the message was repeatedly conveyed that true peace and contentment in life can only be attained by chanting the name of the Almighty. Alongside local followers, devotees in large numbers also arrived from Puniab, Harvana, Delhi, Uttar Pradesh, and Rajasthan

Inter-house general knowledge contest showcases students' talent at Gurukul Kurukshetra



HANS RAJ

KURUKSHETRA: An inter-house general knowledge competition was organised today at Gurukul Kurukshetra under the Bal Sabha, where students from all four houses-Tejasvi, Pragati, Kushagra and Medhavi-participated enthusiastically in both junior and senior categories. Participants impressed the audience with accurate and thoughtful answers to questions on general science, current affairs and sports, displaying sharp intellect and knowledge. The event was graced by Gurukul Director Brigadier Dr. Praveen Kumar, Principal Sube Pratap, and the entire teaching faculty. The programme was conducted by coordinator Sunil Ahuja, while NDA Block students took on the role of anchors, earning special appreciation from the audience. In the junior category, Kushagra House secured first place, followed by Medhavi House in second and Tejasvi House in third. In the senior category, Tejasvi House claimed the top spot, with Medhavi House second and Kushagra House third.

Meeting held to discuss Shri Ramlala Committee elections in Jagadhri



YAMUNANAGAR: A meeting of the Shri Ramlala Committee was held in Jagadhri to discuss the upcoming elections and other organizational matters. The gathering focused on the smooth conduct of elections, the committee's functioning, and its future expansion. Candidates contesting under the Trishul election symbol include Gopal Mittal (President), Lalit Gupta (Vice President), Shrikant Garg of Shrikant Metal (Secretary), Dr. Anuj Garg (Treasurer), and Rajeev Bansal, also known as Raju Bardane Wala (Joint Secretary). They assured that the committee's tenure would be maintained and elections held on schedule. The committee plans to introduce a permanent membership register with identity cards bearing photographs and unique membership numbers for both categories of members. As per the Society Act 2012, governing body and general meetings will be convened within the prescribed time frame. Copies of the balance sheet will be distributed to members before the commencement of the annual Ramleela program, as has been the tradition. If elected, the committee intends to create three sub-committees to streamline responsibilities and involve more individuals interested in supporting the Ramleela activities.

Villagers submit memorandum to Subhash Kalsana demanding road construction



GOLDY CHUGH SHAHABAD: Residents of Tangori and Jharoli Khurd villages in Shahabad Assembly constituency submitted a memorandum to BJP leader Subhash Kalsana, urging the construction of a long-pending village road. The villagers said that the 1.75-kilometre stretch from Jharoli Khurd to Tangori has remained unpaved since the beginning, turning into slush during the rainy season and severely disrupting movement. Farmers and schoolchildren, they added, face the greatest hardships due to the poor condition of the road. The villagers pointed out that the route is the main link for local commute and plays an important role in the development of the panchayat area. They requested that the road be concretised at the earliest. Assuring the villagers, Subhash Kalsana said that the process to construct the road would begin soon and their longstanding demand would be fulfilled. Among those present on the occasion were Moti Ram, Karnail Singh, Advocate Mandeep Rawa, Balkar Singh,

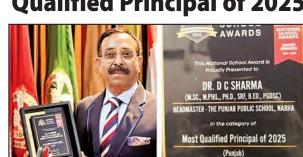
Strict action taken against drunk driving and wrong-lane driving in Indri



MAINPAL KASHYAP

INDRI: Acting on the directives of the Haryana Inspector General of Traffic and Highways, the district police launched a special drive to ensure road safety and prevent accidents under the leadership of SP Gangaram Poonia and DSP (City) Rajiv Kumar. The campaign, led by Traffic Highway Manager Inspector Darshan Kumar, targeted drivers violating traffic rules, particularly those driving under the influence of alcohol and using the wrong lane. During the drive, challans were issued to 29 drunk drivers and 48 wrong-lane drivers. Police officials also warned other motorists present at the spot to strictly follow traffic rules, maintain safe driving speeds, and avoid driving under the influence. SP Poonia stated that such special drives will continue to be conducted regularly to ensure road safety. Along with strict action against violators, awareness programmes will also be organised to educate the public about traffic regulations, aiming to reduce accidents and ensure safety for all road users.

Dr DC Sharma named Most Qualified Principal of 2025



RAKESH JINDAL

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NABHA: In a remarkable personal milestone, Dr DC Sharma, Headmaster of The Punjab Public School, Nabha, was honoured as the Most Qualified Principal of 2025 from Punjab State at the National School Conclave & Awards in New Delhi on August 3, 2025. A veteran educationist with a keen sense of purpose, Dr Sharma has received 26 awards, authored 29 publications, and delivered 30 presentations at national and international platforms. His leadership reflects the ideals of NEP 2020 and the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals. He humbly dedicated the recognition to the guidance of the Chairman, Board of Governors, and Board Members, the hard work of the staff and students, and the unwavering support and cooperation of the parents.

57 drivers fined during drunk and drive campaign in Yamunanagar



RAHUL KOHLI

YAMUNANAGAR: The Yamunanagar Police conducted a special campaign against drunk driving from August 18 to August 22, issuing challans to 57 drivers caught driving under the influence of alcohol. A police spokesperson informed that the drive was carried out under the directions of Additional Director General of Police (Traffic & Highways) Haryana Karnal, Inspector General of Police Ambala Range Pankaj Nain, and under the leadership of Superintendent of Police Kamaldeep Goyal. The campaign aimed to ensure road safety and curb the menace of drunk driving. SP Goyal said the objective of the drive was to take strict action against those who risk their own lives and that of others by driving under the influence, especially during late hours. He added that during the campaign, strict enforcement was carried out, leading to 57 challans being issued against offenders.

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Swift action by administration saves precious life of septuagenarian farmer in flood-hit village

Lakhwinder Singh, and Gurwinder Singh.

SULTANPUR LODHI: The district administration's flood rescue teams demonstrated remarkable efficiency and dedication by saving the life 78-year-old farmer Balwinder Singh in Mand Bhandu Kadaam village on Saturday morning. septuagenarian experienced uneasiness and chest pain amid flood conditions,



prompting a swift response from the administration following a distress call around 7 am on Saturday. The rescue team promptly evacuated Balwinder Singh from the floodaffected area and transported him to a medical camp in Lakh Variya village in ambulance. After receiving primary treatment for high blood pressure and other symptoms, he was shifted to Sultanpur Lodhi Civil Hospital for further care. According to Civil Surgeon Dr. Harpal Singh, the patient is now stable, with his condition steadily improving. Gurdas Singh, the son of Balwinder Singh, expressed heartfelt gratitude to the administration, stating, "The quick help provided by the rescue teams saved my father's life. The

family is deeply thankful for their efforts, he added.

College of Veterinary Science Rampura Phul organises valedictory function of skill development training programme on 'Backyard Poultry Farming'



KULJIT SINGH DHINGRA

RAMPURA PHUL: College of Veterinary Science, Rampura Phul concluded 4 days training programme on Backyard Poultry Farming for Schedule caste community under Skill Development Programme, sponsored by ICAR-NAARM today on 22nd August, 2025. The training programme was organized by the college for the women of schedule caste community to inculcate entrepreneurship skills for starting backvard poultry farming and to provide practical knowledge regarding different aspects of backyard poultry farming. During the course of training programme, the participants also visited organized poultry farms. The trainee women farmers were provided training kits including training compendium on backyard poultry farming in Punjabi language along with RIR Poultry birds, poultry feed and feeder, A total of 30 women from 12 different villages of district Bathinda participated in the training programme and on concluding day, certificates were presented to all the participants. Dr. Kuldip Gupta Dean, COVS, Rampura Phul, motivated the women farmers to make continuous liaison with the college so as to get

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Free eye check-up camp organised at **Government Senior Secondary School** Bilaspur

NITIN SINGLA BILASPUR: A one-day free

eye check-up camp was organ ised today at Government Senior Secondary School, Bilaspur under the aegis of the National Service Scheme (NSS) and with the support of Rotary Club North Zone, Jagadhri. Re-nowned ophthalmologist Dr. Ajay Singh Rana from Yamunanagar conducted eye exami-nations for students, parents, and guardians, and distributed free medicines and spectacles. All NSS volunteers of the school actively participated in the camp, which benefited nearly 650 students and their parents through free eye check-ups Block Education Officer Naresh Pal was the chief guest on the occasion. The camp was inaugurated with a lamp-lighting ceremony by BEO Naresh Pal, Principal Sunita Devi, Rotan Club President Sunil Singla, and other office-bearers. Programme in-charge Lavnesh Ku-mar welcomed the guests, while NSS Programme Officer Ram

Addressing the gathering, BEO Naresh Pal said that under NSS, students are engaging in diverse activities and acquiring new skills. He praised Rotary Club and similar social organi-sations for setting commendable examples by providing such

Naresh proposed the vote of

India making rapid strides in space science: **Union Minister Manohar Lal**

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA KARNAL, AUGUST 23

Union Minister for Power, Housing and Urban Affairs, Manohar Lal, said that India is progressing rapidly in the field of space science. He was addressing the gathering as chief guest on the occasion

of National Space Day at the Mangalsen Auditorium in Karnal on Friday. Haryana Education Minister Mahipal Dhanda was also present at the event.

The Union Minister recalled that it was on this day in 2023 that Chandravaan-3 achieved success, leading to the declaration of National Space Day. 'Space is a vast subject. Nearly 1,500 years ago, Aryabhata had declared that the Earth is round and revolves around the Sun. Our rich tradition of astronomy could calculate full moon, new moon, eclipses, and religious festivals much in advance. Today, Indian scientists are excelling in space research, combining new discoveries with ancient knowledge,

which is truly commendable," he said. Tracing India's journey, Manohar Lal said the country's satellite programme began in the 1960s. In 1963, satellites were transported on bicycles to

the launch pad, while labs were set up under makeshift sheds in pastures. Later, satellites were even carried on bullock carts, drawing mockery from other nations. "But our scientists persevered, and once the Sriharikota launch pad was established, more than a dozen countries began using it. Kalpana Chawla, who



hailed from Karnal, became the first Indian-origin woman to go to space through NASA, and a medical college has been named after her," he said, adding that India has since earned global trust in space missions. He also underlined India's historic contribution of zero in mathematics.

The Minister congratulated ISRO scientists from Karnal Dipanshu Garg and Aishwarya Garg, for their contributions to Gaganyaan-3. He also lauded Shubhanshu Shukla for recently creat-

ing history by reaching the International Space Station. "The globe has become a village. India is advancing further in the solar system, and I urge the youth to actively take part in this journey," he added.

Speaking on the occasion, Education Minister Mahipal Dhanda said, "National Space Day is not just a celebration but a symbol of India's scientific strength, technological progress and aspirations for the future." Paving homage to space icon Kalpana Chawla, he said her legacy continues to inspire young Indians.

Dhanda underlined that India's achievements — from Chandrayaan to Gaganyaan,

Mangalyaan to Aditya L1 — have made the world look up to India with pride. The Haryana government, he said, is encouraging scientific temperament through AI labs, robotic labs, innovation centres and advanced facilities in schools.

Three-day teacher refresher training concludes in Radaur

NIRMAL SAINI RADAUR, AUGUST 23

The three-day teacher refresher training programme, organised under the aegis of the Haryana School Education Project Council with the support of Magic Bus India Foundation, concluded at the BRC office in Kanjun.

The training focused on life skills education and was attended by all BRPs, ABRCs, and teachers trained in life skills,

teachers shared their experiences of the past

along with some newly inducted teachers. Trainer Jitendra Kumar informed that

two years in implementing life skills education and also engaged in discussions to formulate new strategies. Participants were also given suggestions to further strengthen and expand the life skills programme in schools

Water and money must be used wisely: Dr. Chauhan

NILOKHERI: To ensure efficient management of resources and services created under Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchai Yojana 2.0, the Haryana Institute of Rural Development, in collaboration with the National Institute of Rural Development and Panchayati Raj, Hyderabad, will train concerned officials, employees, and rural stakeholders. Sharing details after attending a two-day seminar and workshop in Hyderabad, Dr. Virendra Singh Chauhan, Director of the Haryana Institute of Rural Development, said that under the leadership of Course Director Dr. Hemant Kumar at the Internal Audit Centre of the National Institute of Rural Development and Panchayati Raj, a four-day training program was conducted.

Dyal Singh College celebrates space day

KARNAL: Dyal Singh College, Karnal, celebrated National Space Day with the theme "Arvabhatta to Gaganyaan: Ancient Wisdom to Infinite Possibilities." The event was organized by the NCC Air Wing and the Physics Association to promote scientific curiosity and awareness among students The celebrations began with a screening of a space documentary at 10:00 a.m., followed by a Science Exhibition in Physics Laboratory. Students showcased innovative ideas highlighting various as-

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Sukhbir Pundeer, Ravinder Garg alias Bittu, Harjinder Singh,

BJP District General

Secretary Goldy Saini,

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Rana, Bhupinder Singh

Kaka, Suihbhan Mittal.

Dharamraj Rana along with

many devotees of the gausha-



NCC Air Wing cadets actively contributed by organizing and managing the event. Principal Dr. Ashima Gakhar said, "Such events are essential to develop scientific thinking among students and moti-

vate them to innovate and explore beyond textbooks. The event was successfully coordinated by Dr. Mandeep, CTO-NCC (Air Wing), and Dr. Rubi (President), Dr. Heena (Co-president) of the Physics Association, with enthusiastic participation from students and faculty members. Prof. Rajesh Arora, Dr. Devinder Singh, Dr. Ambika, Ms. Nidhi Jast graced the occasion with their presence. Mr. Yashpal Arora, Mr. Vipin Kumar, and Mr. Ramkaran helped in organising the

NIFA organises blood donation camp as part of silver jubilee celebrations

the annual fair at Jaharveer Goga Pir, the National Integrated Forum of Artists and Activists (NIFA) organised a blood donation camp dedicated to its silver jubilee year. The event was held with the support of residents of Johadmajra village, where villagers enthusiastically participated in blood donation. The camp began with village Sar-

panch Deepak Pal donating blood, who also extended his best wishes for the campaign and termed it a significant achievement for public welfare.

NIFA State President Shravan Sharma said that the organisation, founded 25 years ago by Chairman Preetpal Singh Pannu from Karnal, is now active in all states and union territories. As part of

the silver jubilee year, branches across the country are engaged in social service programmes with the aim of collecting 2.5 lakh units of blood, planting 25 lakh saplings, and motivating 25 lakh youth towards social responsibility and nation-building. Lifetime member Dr. Surendra Dutt and Indri branch president Shiv Sharma motivated youth by highlighting the importance of blood donation. They

said that one unit of blood can

save three lives and also pro-

motes the circulation of fresh blood in the donor's body, helping prevent various diseases. Niru Devi, head of the NIFA Indri Girls Wing, added that the branch would continue to support the campaign by organising blood donation camps in villages and spreading awareness

Gau Sewa Commis-On the occasion, Kashyap informed that the

Haryana government has so

JAIBEER RANA THAMBER

BARARA, AUGUST 23:

crore to gaushalas across the state and assured that the next installment would also be issued soon. He said that

MLA Ramkumar Kashyap presents cheque of Rs



the BJP government is always committed to the service of cow protection.

and drama at Pratap Public School 15.75 lakh to Govind Gaushala Barara Present at the event were Mandal President Dimple

ROHIT LAMSAR TARAORI: Pratap Public School, Taraori, celebrated Senior Citizens' Day with great enthusiasm, highlighting the inval uable role and contributions of elders in society. The event be-gan with an emotional poem recited by students, portraying the struggles of elders and the guidance they pro

vide. This was followed by a stage play that left the audience deeply moved, conveying the message that families and society are incomplete without elders.

Students honour elders through poetry

A student, while delivering a speech, described elders as the most precious treasure of life. The atmosphere of the programme remained positive and inspiring throughout.

Principal Vikas Uttreja, in his address, said that senior citizens are the foundation of our lives and deserve respect and gratitude. School Director Hani Choudhary and Director Pithi Choudhary emphasised the importance of spending time with elders and caring for their needs. They further suggested that elders' voices should not be limited to respect alone but should also be included actively in policy-making and

Description of Mortgaged Property

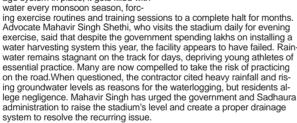
Awareness Program on Prevention of **Mosquito-Borne Diseases at IGMMV Kaithal**

SANJAY SHARMA KAITHAL: A Four days awareness program from August 18 to August 21 on the prevention of mosquito-borne diseases was organized today in the Seminar Hall of Indira Gandhi (P.G.) Mahila Mahavidyalaya, Kaithal under the joint initiative of the Health Department, Red Cross Society Red Ribbon Club, and the NSS unit of the college. Adding more information, Sh.Ram Bahadur

Khurania, President, Governing Body stated that the program aimed to spread awareness among students regarding mosquito-borne diseases such as dengue, malaria, and chikungunya, which usually rise during the ason due to water stagnation. On this occasion Healt perts Shamsher Singh(Epidemic Specialist), Gurvinder Singh (Malaria Specialist) and Raj Singh(Health Inspector) sensitized the students about causes, symptoms, and precautionary measures to control mosquito breeding and emphasized the importance of cleanliness and hygiene. The experts also guided the students about early symptoms, timely medical consultation and the role of community participation in controlling the diseases. Dr. Aarti Garg, Principal and Ms. Shweta Tawar, Principal Incharge, Evening Session were also present and motivated the students to actively participate in the campaign

Waterlogging in Sadhaura stadium disrupts practice, residents demand drainage system

SADHAURA: The Sadhaura sports stadium has once again been submerged due to monsoon waterlog-ging, causing severe inconvenience to local residents, athletes, and youth practicing running. Located adjacent to the bypass road, the sta-dium is nearly five feet lower than the road level. With no proper drain age system in place, it gets filled with



AU SMALL FINANCE BANK LIMITED (A SCHEDULED COMMERCIAL BANK)

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Whereas, The undersigned being the Authorized Officer of the AU Small Finance Bank Limited (A Scheduled Commercial Bank) under the "Securitization and

Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest [Act, 2002 (54 of 2002)] and in exercise of powers conferred under section 13 (12) read with rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued demand notice on the date as mentioned below calling upon the borrowers to repay the amount mentioned ir the said notice within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice as per the details given in below table 13(2) Notice Date & Amount

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(A/c No.) L9001061121891468 Smt.Urmila (Co-Borrower & Legal Heir of Late Shri Gajraj - Borrower)	18-Mar-25 Rs. 352497/- Rs. Three Lac Fifty-Two Thousand Four Hundred Ninety-Seven Only 18-Mar-25	All that part and parcel of residential/commercial property Land/Building/Structure and fixtures PROPERTY SITUATED AT- KHASRA NO- 68//9/2, 68//12, 68//19/1, JIVAN NAGAR, NEAR PAL PUBLIC SCHOOL, TEHSILBALLABHGARH, DIST-FARIDABAD, HARYANA. Admeasuring 226 Sqyds	20-Aug-25
(A/c No.) L9001060118368983 & L9001060822844637 Rajesh Kumar (Borrower), Smt.Savita Devi (Co-Borrower), Ram Rattan (Co-Borrower)	18-Oct-23 Rs. 796485/- Rs. Seven Lac Ninety-Six Thousand Four Hundred Eighty-Five Only & Rs. 218915/- Rs. Two Lac Eighteen Thousand Nine Hundred Fifteen Only 17-Oct-23	All that part and parcel of residential/commercial property Land/ Building/ Structure and fixtures Property situated at- Khasra No.20/1/2/2(0-17), Khewat no.51 32 Khatoni No.62, Rect.No.16, Kitta 1, Kanwar Kheri, Tehsil Thanesar, District Kurukshetra, Haryana Admeasuring 271-Square Yard	19-Aug-25

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Date & Date



HARYANA-INDIA

Reserve Earnest Date & Place of Tender

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Co-Borrowers/ Guarantors/Mortagors	Dues As on	13(2)Demand Notice	Poss- ession	Property	Price For Property	ı For	Time of Auction	Open & Auction at Aavas Financiers Ltd.
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SANJAY KUMAR, PINKI SHARMA (AC NO.) LNBDG17523- 240305415	Rs. 1587043/- DUES AS ON 20-08-2025	7 NOV 24 Rs. 1429544/- DUES AS ON 04-NOV-24	28 JUL 25	NEW PATEL PARK, RAILWAY LINE PAR WITH MC LIMIT BAHADURGARH, SUB REGISTRAR BAHADURGAR, DISTRICT-JHAHHAR HARYANA ADMEASURING 65 SQ. YARDS,	Rs. 1728700/-	Rs. 172870/-	AM TO 01.00 PM 27	1ST FLOOR, PLOT NO 11/12, GALI NO 2, DAYANAND NAGAR, NAJAFGARH ROAD, OPP. BUS STAND, BAHADURGARH, PIN CODE - 124507, HARYANA- INDIA
VIKRAM GILL, SOHANU GILL, REKHA REKHA (AC NO.) LNTHN00522- 230250277	Rs. 818199/- DUES AS ON 20-08-2025	8 AUG 24 Rs. 676265/- DUES AS ON 07-AUG-24	4 JUL 25	PROPERTY SITUATED AT WARD NO.1, KHEWAT NO. 1311, KHATONI NO. 1788, VILLAGE SAMAIN, TEHSIL- TOHANA. FATEHABAD, HARYANA PIN-125120 ADMEASURING 223.75 SQ.YD	Rs. 899349/-	Rs. 89934.9/-	01.00 PM 27	OFFICE NO . 68A/1/3, 1ST FLOOR, ABOVE AXIS BANK, CHANDIGARH ROAD, TOHANA, PIN- 125120.

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RR Kabel Launches a series of future-ready wires

LUDHIANA- RR Kabel, a leading manufacturer of wires and cables in India, has announced a series of next-generation wire solutions crafted to address the evolving demands of Indian homes and infrastructure in an era marked by rising temperatures and increasing electrical loads. The new product line features Superex Green HR+FR, and Firex LS0H-EBXL—each engineered to deliver superior safety, performance, and sustainability across diverse applications.

mes grow smarter and temperatures rise due to global warming, wires must evolve too", said Mr. Rajesh Kabra, Executive Director, RR Kabel. "Our new range is built not just for today's demands—but to anticipate the challenges of tomorrow, from higher temperatures and heavier electrical loads to greater safety and environmental responsibility.

Integrating advanced Heat Guard Technology with stringent REACH and RoHS compliance (free of 245+ harmful chemicals), Superex Green stands out as one of India's few eco-conscious wires

designed for safety and sustainability. This HR + FR wire tolerates temperatures up to 85°C, ensuring thermal resilience alongside electrical safety. Designed with Advanced Class 2 conductor, it delivers improved mechanical durability and lower energy losses, making it suitable for high-load applications and long-term performance. Engineered with 100% Pure Electrolytic Copper for superio r conductivity, it also features anti-pest protection for long-term durability and a unique green packaging that reinforces its eco-friendly positioning

Cambridge June 2025 Exam Results: Soaring Demand for International Education

CHANDIGARH: Cambridge International Education has unveiled the results of its June 2025 examination series, showing a remarkable increase in demand for international education. More than 680,000 students worldwide participated in the June exams, reflecting a 9% rise compared to the previous year. In India alone, over 4,680 students received their Cambridge IGCSE and O Level results today, which is a 7% increase in entries from last year

The growing trend of seeking international education is attributed to the rapidly changing technological landscape

the escalating impact of climate change, and shifting geopolitical circumstances. This year, the total number of exam entries globally reached nearly 1.7 million, showcasing a 7% increase from June 2024, with a 5%

growth noted in India. Cambridge IGCSE and O Level results showed that over 21,600 exam entries were recorded in the June 2025 series, with popular subjects including First Language English, Physics, Chemistry, Mathematics, and Biology. Similarly, the Cambridge International AS & A Level results released on 12 August indicated that more than 5,300 students from 230 schools in India are on a path to prestigious universities and career prosects, boosted by over 12,900 entries for these exams

Cambridge conducts three examination series annually in India, allowing schools to select the cycle that best meets their students' needs. While the March series remains the largest, with an 11% increase in entries this year, June is also a favored option among schools. Rod Smith, Group Managing Director for International Education at Cambridge, stated, "In a time of uncertainty, the awareness and perspective that an international education provides is essential." He congratulated the students and emphasized the importance of education that equips learners to thrive in a rapidly changing world. Vinay Sharma, Senior Vice President for International Education in South Asia, expressed pride in the hard work and success of Cambridge learners in India

with a Cooling Fan - OPPO K13 Turbo Pro 5G and OPPO K13 Turbo 5G LUDHIANA: OPPO India has officially launched its latest innovation, the

and the K13 Turbo 5G. Notably, these are the first smartphones in India to incorporate a built-in cooling fan, setting new standards for smartphone thermal management. Tailored for gamers and power users, this series promises exceptional performance, featuring OPPO's proprietary Storm

Engine for optimized cooling, ensuring peak processing capabilities during intense gaming sessions. The OPPO K13 Turbo Series boasts remarkable specifications, including a robust 7000mAh battery with 80W SuperVOOCTM fast charging and a vibrant 1.5K AMOLED display. The K13 Turbo 5G is competitively priced starting at ₹27,999, available in three striking olors: White Knight, Purple Phantom, and Midnight Maverick. The K13 Turbo Pro 5G, starting at ₹37,999, offers racing-inspired designs in Silver Knight, Purple Phantom, and Midnight Maverick. Consumers can begin pre-booking the smartphones from today, with sales commencing on August 15 for the K13 Turbo Pro and August 18 for the K13 Turbo 5G via

adopters can benefit from discounts of ₹3,000 and flexible EMI options Savio D'Souza, Head of Product Communications at OPPO India em-

OPPO launches India's Only Smartphones

PPO K13 Turbo Series 5G, which includes the OPPO K13 Turbo Pro 5G

Flinkart, OPPO's e-store, and other retailers, Early

phasized the series' commitment to high performance, noting that the cooling technology effectively reduces device temperatures during heavy usage, enhancing overall user experience. Flipkart's Vice President Smrithi Ravichandran added that these devices cater to the grow ing demand for smartphones that support mobile gaming without compromising performance. In addition to the K13 Turbo series, OPPO introduced the Enco Buds 3 Pro, a state-of-the-art TWS offering rich sound quality and an impressive battery life of up to 54 hours. Priced at ₹1,799, the earbuds will be available from August 27, 2025, marking another significant addition to OPPO's product lineup

said loan accounts about tender inter se bidding sale on the above mentioned date. The property will be sold, if their out standing duesare not repaid in full. Date: 24-08-2025 **Authorised Officer Aavas Financiers Limited** SUNDAY, AUGUST 24, 2025

Opinion

Nothing in life is to be feared, it is only to be understood. Now is the time to understand more. so that we may fear less.

Marie Curie

EDITORIAL

Superbugs, a public health menace

ndiscriminate use of antibiotics has created a major public health menace in India. Unfortunately, the widespread problem of superbugs - the bacteria that have become resistant to antibiotics due to overuse — is not being addressed by policymakers with the seriousness it deserves. India is turning into a global epicentre of antimicrobial resistance. The AMR is a condition when microbes, which are exposed to high-grade antibiotics, become used to them over time and resistant to them. This makes treating common infections difficult, increasing the risk of severe illness and death. The resistance also makes them ineffective for preventing secondary infection during surgeries and managing chronic infections. As a result, the microbes become superbugs. A recent study by PGIMER, Chandigarh, has shown that this problem is widespread in Indian hospitals, calling for urgent changes on how we use life-saving drugs. The survey, covering eight major hospitals across India, analysed data from 3,974 patients. It has been found that six out of 10 patients admitted to large hospitals were on antibiotics. Many of these medicines were from the "last-resort" category, meant to be used only when nothing else works. Worse, in many cases, they were prescribed without proper lab tests. This is problematic as overuse and misuse of antibiotics make bacteria stronger and harder to kill. Once they become resistant, common infections turn into life-threatening ones. The PGI study shows that hospitals themselves are becoming breeding grounds for such drug-resistant bacteria. India has no public database of mortality caused due to antimicrobial resistance

The latest study only confirms what is already known through smaller studies and patient experiences — that germs in our hospitals are turning harder to treat. Unfortunately, governments have failed to act firmly against the vast market of fake and substandard medicines, which are freely available. Infections caused by certain resistant bacteria are now common in the ICUs of our hospitals. Some show resistance to more than 70 per cent of the strongest antibiotics. When these superbugs strike, patients need longer treatment, costlier drugs, and often face higher chances of death. Families are pushed into debt, and hospitals are stretched to the limit.

Poorly treated waste from drug factories and hospitals adds resistant bacteria to our water and soil. These germs find their way back into our food and environment, creating a vicious cycle. Doctors must avoid unnecessary prescriptions and follow strict antibiotic rules. Providing proper sanitation, clean water and increasing public health expenditure, and better regulating the private health sector are necessary to reduce antimicrobial resistance. Though India launched the National Action Plan on Antimicrobial Resistance (NAP-AMR) in 2017 to combat the growing threat of AMR, there are several challenges in its implementation. particularly in ensuring rational use of antimicrobials and strengthening infection control practices. AMR-related illnesses can strain healthcare systems and lead to significant economic losses due to prolonged treatment and longer hospital stays.

For US, India is the only partner to counter Chinese dominance in Asia: Report

ndia's geography, economy, and demographic trajectory position it as the "only realistic counterbalance" to Chinese dominance in Asia, a report highlighted on Saturday. "In the shifting chessboard of 21st-century geopolitics, the Indo-Pacific has emerged as the decisive arena for global power. For the United States, containing Beijing's ambitions requires more than naval patrols and economic sanctions; it demands a partner with scale, proximity, and political legitimacy. Among all contenders, India stands alone," Stacey Glaser wrote in One World Outlook.

India, the report details, is uniquely situated to challenge Beijing's reach as it shares a 2100-mile land border with China and sits astride the Indian Ocean — through which a significant share of global trade, including China's energy imports, must pass. Unlike US allies such as Japan or Australia, India can influence both continental and maritime theatres in any strategic equation, it states.

"India's economic rise is not merely a domestic success story; it is a geopolitical asset. A stronger Indian economy broadens New Delhi's ability to fund military upgrades, withstand Chinese coercion, and present itself as a viable alternative hub for trade and investment," writes Glaser.

However, trade disputes, policy mismatches, and divergent strategic instincts threaten to undermine the full



India partnership.

The report mentions that former US Ambassador to the UN. Nikki Halev has been vocal about the issues and has warned that undermining decades of US India economic cooperation is a 'strategic disaster". She had singled out recent tariff disputes, such as the Trump administration's steep import duties, as "self-inflicted wounds" that risk driving India toward

China and Russia.

"The reality is that both nations need each other. For Washington, India is the only partner in Asia with the scale and democratic credentials to credibly balance China. For New Delhi, US capital, technology, and market access accelerate its growth and help diversify away from Chinese supply chains. Disagreements over trade policy must be seen in the context of

this larger, strategic necessity," the writer emphasises in the

One World Outlook report. India's most enduring advantage over China may be its people, Glaser asserts, citing that with a median age of just 29 and a 2025 population estimated at 1.44 billion, India's labour force is both youthful and expanding. China, by contrast is aging rapidly, with shrinking workforce numbers and rising

"India's economic rise is not merely a domestic success story it is a geopolitical asset. A stronger Indian economy broadens New Delhi's ability to fund military upgrades, withstand Chinese coercion, and present itself as a viable alternative hub for trade and investment." the report titled 'Partner. Not Pawn: India's Place in America's Asia Playbook' details

Ukrainian Embassy in Delhi marks National Flag Daywith celebration

Independence Day on August 24.

Ahead of the occasion.

Zelenskyy also shared a message on

account, "Today is an important day

emotions: the feeling you get when

National Flag Day. He wrote his X

Ukrainian President Volodymyr

a day of one of our strongest

comes from your homeland"



he Ukrainian Embassy in New Delhi on Saturday celebrated its National Flag Day with a flag-hoisting ceremony and cultural gathering

Dressed in traditional white attire, members of the embassy hoisted the blue-and-yellow national flag and sang the Ukrainian national Sharing the moment on X

(formerly Twitter), the embassy wrote "Today we proudly celebrate the Day of the National Flag of Ukraine . May it always fly high as a sign of Ukraine's unwavering spirit and commitment to peace. Glory to Ukraine! Glory to the Heroes!"

people of India on the country's 79th Independence Day. He expressed hope that India would play an important role in global peace efforts,

especially in ending the ongoing war. Prime Minister Modi responded with warm wishes, thanking Zelenskyy for his greetings. In a post on X, he wrote, "Thank you President Zelenskyy for your warm greetings. I deeply value the joint commitment to forging even closer ties between India and Ukraine. We earnestly wish

not just one particular direction, but

Last week. President Zelenskyy

our entire Ukraine, " Zelenskyy

also extended greetings to Prime

Minister Narendra Modi and the

prosperity. This comes amid ongoing tensions between Ukraine and Russia over the past three and a half

our friends in Ukraine a future

marked by peace, progress and

you are at home, or when you Ukrainian President Volodymyr recognise your own people and what Zelenskyy also met U.S. President Donald Trump in Washington along "This very flag embodies a with other EU leaders to discuss feeling of deliverance for those we peace terms with Russia. Earlier, bring back from Russian captivity. Russian President Vladimir Putin When they see the Ukrainian colours. attended a summit in Anchorage, they understand: the evil is over... Alaska, aimed at reaching a peace This flag represents everything arrangement between the two dearest to hundreds of thousands of nations, an effort strongly backed by our warriors - men and women from

Glacier burst and floods devastate Ghizer in PoGB, 330 homes damaged as artificial lake forms

ver 300 homes and many shops were damaged in the Ghizer district of Pakistan-occupied Gilgit Baltistan (PoGB) due to a glacier burst, landslide. and flooding on Friday, as per the initial assessment by the government reported by Geo News. A glacial lake outburst (GLOF) triggered flooding that caused extensive damage, resulting in the formation of an



artificial lake vesterday morning. Numerous villages were inundated, leading to significant financial losses; however, there were no reported casualties, according to Geo News An earlier report from the district administration indicated that the water level in the temporary lake created by the calamity has started to go down, alleviating concerns of additional destruction. The flooding impacted a total of 330 houses across the villages of Tildas, Miduri, Mulaabad, Hawks Thangi, Rawshan, and Goth, with numerous shops incurring substantial losses.

Yasin, the Additional Deputy Commissioner (ADC) of Gupis, stated that there is an urgent need for tents, food supplies, and other essential relief items for the families displaced by the disaster. Officials confirmed that water is now flowing out of the artificial lake through a natural spillway, which is helping to lower its level and reduce the risk of erosion in the surrounding low-lying areas.

Senior official Sher Afzal from Ghizer mentioned that some homes upstream remain submerged, but the feared inundation of thousands more has been mitigated since the spillway was opened. He warned, however, that it will take time for the floodwaters to recede from homes that have already been affected, as reported by Geo News. The landslide, accompanied by a sudden glacial lake outburst (GLOF), wreaked havoc in the villages of Rawshan and Tildas early Friday morning. An artificial lake over seven kilometres long flooded farmland and washed away parts of roads. Locals claim that approximately 80% of Raushan village was destroyed. Authorities have cautioned that the natural dam at Raushan is still precarious and may breach under excessive pressure. The Pakistan Meteorological Department (PMD) has issued a high alert for glaciated areas, anticipating further rainfall beginning today (August

The disaster in Ghizer adds to a series of glacial lake outburst floods (GLOFs) that have hit northern Pakistan this season, with four confirmed incidents already damaging homes, crops, and transportation links in the valleys of PoGB and Khyber Pakhtunkhwa. Experts warn that increasing temperatures are hastening glacier melt. raising the likelihood of such occurrences in the future, as reported by Geo News.

POEMS

Geliao Street

little lane, 220 meters long, 6.3 meters wide. Twenty-six years ago, I biked past the west side of Xilituzhao, Then again, thirteen years later, at the Lantern Festival. The ruins of "Geliao" Street, a threeroom house, With a tile roof and collapsing mud walls, In the middle of the tar road, weeds grow. Through tiles, sprouting grass on walls, Time bends here, unable to go straight, And locals at Hohhot call it: Geliao.

A voice blasts at twilight when I get close to the wall: Warning: please leave this guarded area. Warning: please leave this guarded area

A street with one passerby, or two. Is there a difference? Under the weight of tiles, the window bends And twists, still holding up time. From the roof I an see "Big Prosperous Champion," Built by a Shanxi mer of Qing Dynasty. Then it was turned into a housing complex for rent, Water dripping from the tiles. Can't make an icicle on the collapsing

My family moved here from the middle kingdom twenty-six years ago, Rented one of the nine rooms here. The northern wall is too fragile to be touched or knocked. Father and Mother followed the Shanxi merchants in the 1990s. Rented a small stand in the market. Now Father wears a fur coat. Eating dumplings with the flavor of De Shun Yuan. Mother still sells her handmade insoles at the Five Towers market. She kept her stand open till noon on New Year's Eve. Geliao Street is surrounded by the last standing houses, I go out in my pink snow boots, though it's only 41°F.

The Year of the Ox and its spring surrounded my past On the merchant street of an old city. The well that quenched the Qing Emperor's thirst. —Flowing Jade of Soul Spring The wind blows from the northeast. Twenty-six years ago, a fourteen-year-old teen In the warm twilight walked past the stands: For weddings and funerals, fabric, antiques, Old furniture, wolf skin, cloths, deer heads, Rattles, rocks from Alxa Desert, dumpling diner, Tea house, odds and ends store, uneven stone slabs

By Yuan Xin

Over 600 gather in Malaysia to celebrate India-ASEAN cultural harmony

ighlighting the cultural ties between India and -ASEAN countries, a special cultural event with a gathering of over 600 people, titled 'Celebrating India-ASEAN Cultural Harmony', featuring music and dance, including the dramatic retelling of Ramayan, was held in Kuala Lumpur. This event was part of the continuing celebrations of India's 79th Independence Day as well as Malaysia's Chairmanship of the ASEAN bloc for the current year

According to the Indian High Commission, during the cultural programme, the Bharat Club members performed Malaysia's Joget Dance, Coconut Dance and Bamboo Dance, which are popular in several countries in the ASEAN region and also a dance drama with a dramatic retelling of a

timeless tale from the epic Ramayan.

Additionally, a vibrant costume show from various states in India, celebrating its rich diversity through a tapestry of tradition and

The programme was organised by the Indian High Commission and Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose Indian Cultural Centre (ICCR) in collaboration with Bharat Club in Kuala Lumpur.

It was held under the Promotion of Cultural Ties with Diaspora (PCTD) scheme of the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) at Shantanand Auditorium, The Temple of Fine Arts in the Malaysian Capital.

YB Tuan M. Kulasegaran, Malaysian



Deputy Minister in the Prime Minister's Department (Law & Institutional Reform), attended the programme as the Chief Guest of Honour. More than 600 guests,

including the diplomatic community from member states of ASEAN, senior Malaysian government officials, prominent Indian community members, and Bharat Club Kuala Lumpur members, along with leaders of community and cultural organisations, and representatives from business and media, attended the event, the Indian High Commission mentioned.

Welcoming the guest, Indian High Commissioner to Malaysia B.N. Reddy, underscored the importance of a comprehensive strategic partnership, cultural connections and harmony between India and Malaysia, as well as with the wider ASEAN region.

"Under Malaysia's chair of the ASEAN, this special event highlights the deeply cherished bonds between

India and Malaysia as well as other countries in Southeast Asia region," the Indian High Commission posted on X.

Furthermore, the Indian High Commissioner appreciated the Indian diaspora in Malaysia for promoting and preserving Indian culture and traditions.

He also thanked Bharat Club Kuala Lumpur for serving as a cultural bridge between Indian professionals in Malaysia and Malaysians over the last 50 years.

The Deputy Minister Kulasegaran congratulated the Indian High Commission for organising the vibrant event, which not only showcased the rich cultural heritage of India but also

highlighted the shared traditions and deep-rooted civilisational ties between India and ASEAN countries.

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Tried to take advantage of schemes in wrong way

DHARAMSHALA: District Labor Welfare Officer, Dharamshala, Kangra, Lokesh Kumar, while giving information here today, said that this year a verification and investigation campaign was conducted by the District Welfare Office Kangra. In this campaign, it was found that some persons have tried to take advantage of the schemes in a wrong way. During the investigation, irregularities were found in the

registration of 135 laborers, which included double registration and wrong documents. All these cases have been canceled with immediate effect and action is also being taken against those who have done wrong registration. He said that the main objective of Himachal Pradesh Building and Other Construction Workers Welfare Board is to provide the benefits of education, health and welfare schemes to registered laborers and their families.

NEWS BRIEF

Nagar Panchayat Amb aids cancer patient **Harman with** compassionate support



AVINASH CHAUHAN AMB: All the councillors and officers of Nagar Panchayat Amb have united and set an example of humanity. They have fulfilled their responsibility towards the society by providing financial help for the treatment of Harman who is battling cancer. Nagar Panchayat Chairperson Indu Dhiman said that Harman is suffering from a serious illness and his treatment is costing a lot. In this difficult time, all the councillors and officers of Nagar Panchayat voluntarily collected money and gave it to Harman's family, so that there is no hindrance in his treatment Harman's father also got emotional and thanked the Nagar Panchayat for this support and appealed for further support from the society. He said that this help for his son's treatment is a ray of

SDLSA organises legal awareness camp for transgender



ANIL KUMAR **HAMIRPUR:** The Sub-Divisional Legal Services Authority (SDLSA) organised a one-day legal awareness camp for the transgender community at Hotel Sun Sky, Baelag, under the chairmanship of Suriit Thakur. district vice president of Vishwa Hindu Parishad. Advocate Sanjeev Thakur informed the participants that several government schemes and facilities are available for the transgender community, which they are entitled to avail. He added that if members of the community require assistance anywhere, they can approach the Legal Services Authority free of cost to resolve

Bilaspur DDMA revokes toll suspension, allows

BILASPUR, AUG 23

The District Disaster Management Authority (DDMA), Bilaspur, has revoked its previous order dated August 20, 2025, which had temporarily suspended operations at the Baloh and Maura Toll Plazas on the four-lane National Highway-21 due to adverse road conditions including landslides and falling boulders.

According to the revised order issued from the DDMA Bilaspur, toll collection will resume effective August 23, 2025, but only on the reduced road length of 48.935 kilometers. This reduction comes after inspection by multiple Sub-Divisional Magistrates and the National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) officials determined that certain sections of the highway, approximately 0.83



kilometers, remain under repair and only two lanes are currently

functional instead of four.

The order read, "Whereas, during the inspection it has been noted that certain sections of the National Highway are still under repair, and only two lanes are

functional instead of four lanes. It has also been mentioned in letter no. NHAI/PD/PIU-Mandi/Toll Plaza/31/1552 at Para No. 5 received from Project Director, NHAI, PIU-Mandi. As per the current situation, the toll fee shall not be collected for these damaged sections (which is said National Highway) until they are repaired completely. The total road length eligible for toll collection is now reduced to 48.935 Kms for Maura Toll Plaza, excluding the aforesaid stretches undergoing repair work." The order directs the NHAL Maura Toll Plaza management, and other concerned authorities to ensure toll charges are levied solely on the operable, safe sections of the highway pending full repair. "This order will come into effect with the condition that NHAI and the concerned authorities, including the Maura Toll Plaza management are directed to ensure that toll collection is initiated on the reduced tollable length only. In addition, adequate signage display helpline numbers along with traffic management measures are to be put in place for the safety and convenience of the public," read the order.

TCP department issues notification to address parking crisis in Shimla

AGENCY SHIMLA, AUG 23

In a move aimed at resolving Shimla's long-pending parking woes, the Town and Country Planning (TCP) Department has issued a notification proposing to allow the use of building basements for parking facilities beyond the permissible Floor Area Ratio (FAR). The decision is expected to benefit thousands of residents across the city who have long struggled with the lack of adequate parking. The government plans to grant approvals for construction in heritage and green areas of the capital, subject to strict conditions. According to the notification, plots measuring 0.25 to 0.50 bigha will be allowed to construct parking spaces for two vehicles, while those ranging from 0.50 to 1 bigha may provide up to four. Similarly, bigger plots up to 1.5 can accommodate six

vehicles, while owners of even larger plots will be required to create parking for more vehicles proportionately. TCP officials said that permissions would be granted only after payment of a fixed fee, ranging from Rs. 5,000 to Rs. 7,500 per vehicle space. This fee structure has been finalised to discourage haphazard parking and ensure that proper facilities are created within residential and commercial establishments. The department also clarified that violations of these provisions, particularly unauthorised basement construction, could invite penalties of up to Rs. 1 lakh. In addition. occupancy certificates would not be issued unless parking norms were strictly complied with. The new rules are being viewed as a significant step to reduce roadside parking in Shimla's congested areas,

where traffic chaos has worsened in

Brahmakumari Ashram, Amb organises blood donation camp on World Brotherhood Day

AVINASH CHAUHAN AMB, AUG 23

On the occasion of World Brotherhood Day, a special blood donation camp was organized by Brahmakumari Ashram, Amb. This camp was inaugurated by SDM Amb Sachin Sharma by lighting a lamp.

Dr. Kiran, the keynote speaker at the event, highlighted the importance of blood donation and said, "Blood donation is a true service to humanity and it not only saves the lives of the needy but also strengthens the spirit of unity and brotherhood in the society."

Many social workers and youth of the area participated enthusiastically in the camp. Members of Brahmakumari



organization important role in making the camp successful. Suresh Bhardwaj, founder of Tidy Sober Tomorrow Foundation, said that 20 blood donors from our organization participated in this blood donation camp -Dhiman, Vijay Seema Kumar. Ravi Dutt, Anil, Pankaj, etc. SDM Sachin Sharma in his address lauded

the efforts of the organisation and said, "Such events play an important role connecting the society and encouraging the spirit of service." 30 blood donors donated blood. At the end of the camp, certificates and thank you letters were also given to the blood donors. Brahmakumari Asha, Rita and Harjeet were specially present on this occasion.

IRG holds special awareness camp in Baddi schools



SHANTI GAUTAM

BADDI: The Institute for Research and Growth (IRG), in collaboration with Glenmark Foundation under the RCH project (Reproductive Child Health), organized special awareness programmes in three schools of Baddi block — Government Primary School Bilawali, Government Primary School Malpur, and Government Middle School Malpur. The objective was to educate children on balanced diet, personal hygiene, and the harmful effects of plastic. During the sessions, children were guided on incorporating nutritious food in daily meals, the importance of regular hand washing and personal hygiene, and the risks posed by plastic to health and the environment. More than 200 children also underwent MUAC (Mid-Upper Arm Circumference) assessment to evaluate their nutritional status. Interactive quizzes and group activities made the sessions engaging for the students.

Bilaspur leads the way in TB eradication, honours TB-Free Panchayats

recent years.



AJAY KUMAR UPADHYAY

BILASPUR: In a remarkable step towards public health transformation, the Bilaspur district administration, Deputy Commissioner Rahul Kumar, honored the representatives of 29 TB-free panchayats at a special event organized by the Health and Family Welfare Department at Savings Bhawan. In a proud moment for the district, 11 panchayats achieved TB-free status for the second consecutive year and were elevated to the Silver Category, receiving a silver statue of Mahatma Gandhi. These panchayats included Gatwad, Lanjata, Marhana, Maihari Kathla, Salon Uparli, Kothipura, Baihal, Lahri, Road Jaman, Tarsuh, and Toba Sangwana. Additionally, 18 new panchayats were honored in the Bronze Category for achieving TB-free status for the first time. Deputy Commissioner Rahul Kumar commended the efforts of panchayat representatives and health workers, calling it a proud achievement for Bilaspur. He emphasized the importance of grassroots participation in eradicating TB and urged representatives to run sustained awareness drives, promote early diagnosis, and ensure timely treatment at the panchayat level.

Shoolini University researcher files patents for first-of-its-kind health products from Himalayan tribal medicinal plants

their issues legally.

SOLAN: In a major breakthrough for sustainable healthcare, Dr. Radha, Assistant Professor and In-Charge of the Herbarium and Drug Museum at ological Environmental Sciences, Shoolini University, this year in 2025 has filed four patents for pioneering plant-based health products and eco-friendly extraction methods developed from Himalayan medicinal plants. This is the first time traditional tribal remedies from the region have been scientifically validated transformed into modern, additivefree functional foods and natural antimicrobial solutions. Among the filed patents is a nutrient-enriched jam made from Bombax ceiba flowers and apple pulp. Packed with dietary fibre, phenols and flavonoids, the jam draws



on the flower's antioxidant and anti-inflammatory properties and is entirely free from artificial preservatives and colourants. Another patent application covers a ready-toserve drink made from Bombax ceiba flower extract, blending the plant's traditional cooling and restorative qualities with modern food science to deliver bioactive compounds in a convenient format. Two of the patents involve innovative extraction methods for medicinal plants. One is for Prinsepia utilis leaves, producing extracts rich in natural compounds that can fight harmful bacteria, including drugresistant strains—marking the first time this Himalayan plant has been shown to have such effects.

China's repression continues in Tibet over the Dalai Lama



SANJAY AGGARWAL

DHARAMSHALA: China's repression continues in Tibet over the Tibetan religious leader Dalai Lama. Apart from Tibet, his followers celebrated his birthday on a large scale all over the world. China had imposed so many restrictions in Tibet that people could not even celebrate his birthday openly. According to a report, Chinese officials had deployed a large number of police in Karje Monastery, due to which Buddhist monks and nuns were confined within the monastery premises. They were barred from participating in any kind of public or community ritual. According to the report, Chinese officials also monitored any kind of ritual in homes and strictly banned burning of smoke to suppress the centuries-old religious practice of burning juniper branches. The Chinese administration not only increased surveillance on Tibetans, but also monitored communication with those who are in exile, as well as detained some people. China's repression cycle on Tibet has been continuing like this for the last several decades. The Chinese army is constantly torturing the Tibetan people living in Tibet. Tibetan monasteries are being damaged. Many types of restrictions have also been imposed on Buddhist monks by China. Overall, even today China is bent on violating human rights in Tibet. The whole world knows the kind of barbarism that China has done to the residents of Tibet since its occupation.

Auckland House School for Girls organises firstof-its-kind cervical cancer vaccination drive

DINESH AGARWAL

SHIMLA: In a pioneering step towards preventive healthcare, Auckland House School for Girls organised its first-ever Cervical Cancer Vaccination Drive at Indira Gandhi College (IGMC), Shimla. The initiative witnessed enthusiastic participation with more than 120 students, aged 9 years and above, receiving the HPV vaccine. The vaccination drive was the result of a health awareness workshop held two months ago by Dr. Alok, where parents, teachers, and students were

about

sensitised

importance of vaccination in preventing cervical cancer and ensuring a healthier future. Speaking on the occasion, Principal Ms. Smaraki Samantaroy said, "At Auckland House School, the health and well-being of our children matters more than anything else. This vaccination drive was organised at concessional rates because for us, it is not about business but about safeguarding the lives of our students. As a responsible institution, we are equally committed to the health of our students and society at large. After all, when a woman is healthy, she safeguards the well-being of an entire family." She also expressed her gratitude towards IGMC staff for making it a grand success. The school's initiative reflects its dedication to not only academic excellence but also holistic development, nurturing healthy and responsible citizens for tomorrow.

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PM Shri School Amb student Akarsh secures NIT Hamirpur seat, makes region proud



AVINASH CHAUHAN AMB, AUG 23

PM Shri Government Senior Secondary School Amb's student Akarsh son of Mahendra Pal has brought laurels to the school and the region by securing a seat in the Chemical Branch at NIT Hamirpur with hard work and dedication. The school's Principal Vinod Vanyal congratulated Akarsh, his parents and all the teachers including spokesperson Banwari Lal Bhogal, Jyoti Chauhan, Anika, Satish, Neha on this achievement. He said that Akarsh has been a very hardworking student in studies since the beginning and has been consistently performing excellently in sports as well. Last year this child had won a silver medal in the state level sports competition, which is a proof of his versatile talent. The Principal expressed confidence that students like Akarsh will bring glory to the school and the region in the future too. Motivating all the students, he said that learning from Akarsh's achievement, they should also set high goals in life and keep working continuously to achieve them.

Rajiv Gandhi Van Samvardhan Yojana paves way for rural development with environmental conservation

KISHORI LAL BAINS UNA: The government's Rajiv Gandhi Van

Samvardhan Yojana is dedicated to both environmental protection and rural empowerment. The scheme aims to turn barren and unused forest land into green while

employment



opportunities for local communities. Implemented in a planned manner across the state, it places special emphasis on community participation in forest management. In Una district, the scheme is progressing rapidly. DFO Una, Sushil Rana, informed that registered women's groups, youth clubs, selfhelp groups, and other community organizations are being involved in afforestation activities. Each group is allotted 1 to 5 hectares of land for plantation and its maintenance for five years. For every hectare, groups receive financial assistance of up to Rs. 1.20 lakh, along with incentive payments based on plant survival rates. If more than 50 percent survival is ensured, an additional Rs. 1 lakh is provided. Plantation is being carried out across all forest ranges in Una, along with maintenance of

old plants and replacement of damaged ones.

BJP MLA Randhir Sharma slams Congress governance, calls for readiness ahead of Panchayati Raj Polls



AJAY KUMAR UPADHYAY

BILASPUR: A meeting of the Sri Naina Devi Ji Mandal was held today at the Circuit House under the leadership of Mandal President Nand Lal Thakur. The gathering saw the special presence of MLA of the constituency, Randhir Sharma, who was warmly honored upon his reappointment as the BJP's media department in-charge. Addressing the Mandal workers, Randhir Sharma discussed key organizational strategies and urged everyone to gear up for the upcoming Panchayati Raj elections. In a sharp critique of the Congress-led state government, Sharma said the people of Himachal Pradesh are feeling betrayed by the hollow promises of the Congress party.

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SUNDAY, AUGUST 24, 2025

Punjab

Gulab Chand Kataria expresses Deep grief over Mandiala LPG tanker tragedy **CHANDIGARH:** Punjab Governor and Administrator UT Chandigarh Shri Gulab Chand Kataria, has expressed profound grief over the tragic LPG tanker explosion that occurred near village Mandiala on the Jalandhar-Hoshiarpur road, claiming two lives and injuring several

In his message, the Governor said, "I am deeply pained to learn about the tragedy that has taken away innocent lives and caused injuries to many. My heartfelt condolences go out to the

families who have lost their loved ones in this devastating mishap. I pray for strength and solace for the bereaved families in this hour of immense sorrow.

NEWS BRIEF

Kejriwal's AAP accused of shutting down whatsApp groups: Kang SUMIT KUMAR

KHARAR: Senior Congress leader Jagmohan Singh Kang alleged that since the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) took power in Delhi and Puniab, numerous WhatsApp groups of party workers and supporters



blocked or shut down by the Kang criticized the government for suppressing

democratic dissent in Punjab and other regions. He claimed this reflects an authoritarian approach aimed at silencing opposition. Kang urged authorities to stop these actions and uphold freedom of expression and democratic values.

Spl meeting of District Pathankot Press Club - discussion on problems of journalists



PATHANKOT: The meeting of District Pathankot Press Club was held under the chairmanship of President NP Dhawan. In which senior iournalist Bharat Bhushan Dogra, member of Punjab Chandigarh Journalists Union, specially attended. It was informed in the meeting that the State Working Committee of Punjab and Chandigarh Journalists Union has decided to observe National Press Day and the martyrdom fortnight of Shaheed Kartar Singh Sarabha, the father of Punjabi journalism, in all districts from November 16 to November 29 and to organize the state conference of the organization in Barnala on November 29 Barnala District President Jagsii Singh Sandhu has been entrusted with the responsibility of convenor of the State Conference Preparatory Committee. It was also decided that memorandums related to the demands of journalists will be given to ministers, MLAs and

MPs of all districts

Guv inaugurates robotic-assisted cancer surgery at HBCHERC Punjab

GAURAV GOEL CHANDIGARH, AUG 23

On the second day of the three-day Homi Bhabha Cancer Conclave (HBCC) 2025, Hon'ble Governor of and Administrator of Chandigarh, Shri Gulab Chand Kataria, inaugurated the state-of-theart Robotic-Assisted Cancer Surgery facility at Homi Bhabha Cancer Hospital & Research Centre (HBCH&RC), Punjab.

The prestigious conclave, being held at the campus of Narsee Monjee Institute of Management Studies (NMIMS), Chandigarh, has brought together leading oncologists, researchers, and healthcare experts from across the country to deliberate on the latest innovations in cancer treatment, care, and prevention. The ceremony was graced by Shri Gulab Chand Kataria, Hon'ble Governor of Punjab and Administrator of



Chandigarh, as the Chief Guest. During the event, he inaugurated Robotic-Assisted Cancer Surgery at HBCH&RC Punjab. Commending the hospital's contributions to cancer care in the region, the Governor said,

past 80 years, Tata "Over the Memorial Centre has carved out a unique identity in the field of cancer treatment worldwide. With the alarming rise in the number of cancer patients in our country, the expansion of TMC has become a necessity. Today, there are nine centers established across India, two of which are in Punjab—a region that was in dire need of such advanced

LUB, Punjab state executive meeting held at Dera bassi



SUMER GARG **CHANDIGARH, AUG 23**

The state executive meeting of Laghu Udyog Bharati (LUB) Punjab has organised it's monthly meeting, jointly with the Dera bassi unit at hotel Lords Eco Inn, Dera bassi, which was attended by 60 members.

Chander, Parkash Rashtriya Sanghatan Samiti while sharing glimpses of the meeting said that the first session featured senior officials from ESIC. who shared new MSME schemes and assured active support for concerns raised.

Axis Bank executives also introduced MSME-focused

banking opportunities. The second session began with the lit of light a floral tribute to Bharat Mata. Key discussions included membership drive, Patiala Unit memorandum, and concerns about pending responses from the head

A major highlight was the Dera bassi unit's achievement, submitting a cheque of ?1,20,000 from 40 new memberships, crossing 150 members, and assuring the enrollment of 50 more members by year-end.

Capacity building workshop for drug deaddiction launched at Baba Farid University

SURINDER DAMDAMI **KOTKAPURA, AUG 23**

A five-day capacity-building workshop on drug abuse and management of drug-related diseases was inaugurated at the Senate Hall of Baba Farid University of Health Sciences, Faridkot. Punjab Health Minister Dr. Balbir Singh attended the workshop as the chief guest. MLA Gurdit Singh Sekhon, Deputy Commissioner Poonamdeep Kaur were also specially present on the

occasion. This workshop has been organized by the Cluster Resource Centre of Guru Gobind Singh Medical College and Hospital, Faridkot under the National Action Programme for Drug Demand Reduction. Its main objective is to provide better knowledge and skills in the field of mental health and de-



addiction services to the medical officers of different districts.

Chief Guest Health Minister Dr. Balbir Singh in his address said that "The fight against drugs is not just a challenge but a social responsibility. By making medical teams experts, the Punjab government is achieving great success in the health sector.

He said that while the Punjab government is pulling the youth out of the mire of drugs, it is also providing them with skill training for their rehabilitation so that they can start their lives

He said that during the workshop, 180 medical officers from Faridkot, Fazilka, Moga, Bathinda, Sri Muktsar Sahib, Ferozepur districts are being given special training for five days each in six batches.

He appealed to all the doctors, nursing staff, and the common people to actively participate in this campaign of the Punjab government

Partap World School students strike Gold at district Fencing Games 2025-26



VERMA GURDASPUR, AUG 23

Students of Partap World School, Pathankot, brought laurels to the institution at the 12th Fencing District Games 2025-26, held at Army Public School, Pathankot. In the competition, Arshi Thakur (Under-17) secured a Gold Medal, while Riya (Under-19) achieved an outstanding performance by winning one



Their success reflects the growing sporting culture excellence being nurtured at the school. On this achievement, Mr. Sunny Mahajan, Director, Partap World School, said, "Sports play a crucial role in shaping discipline and confidence in children. We are committed to providing world-class infrastructure and training facilities to ensure our



inspiring. These victories will encourage many more children to actively participate in sports and aim for excellence." Ms. Subhra Principal, Rani, World School, congratulated the winners and remarked.

Advanced oncology clinic

"The medals won by Arshi and Riya are a result of their hard work and the collective efforts of our staff and coaches.

We are proud of their achievement and look forward to greater milestones." Partap World School continues to focus on education by balancing academics with sports, ensuring students are prepared to excel both in the classroom and on the field.

Cambridge June 2025 exam results highlight rising demand for **International Education**

LUDHIANA: Cambridge International Education has revealing a significant surge in interest for international education. Over 680,000 students participated globally, marking a 9% increase from the previous year.

In India, more than 4,680 students received their Cambridge IGCSE and O Level results, reflecting a 7% rise in entries. Rod Smith, Group Managing Director, emphasized the importance of international education in these uncertain times, while Vinay Sharma acknowledged the commitment of Cambridge learners in India. The demand for skills promoting critical thinking and global awareness is also evident, with Global Perspectives courses seeing a remarkable 17% increase this year. With 5,507 schools worldwide participating in this series, Cambridge remains a trusted leader in international education, catering to nearly two million students annually.

Factors driving this trend include advancing technology, climate change, and shifting geopolitical dynamics. This year's total global exam entries reached nearly 1.7 million, with India contributing to a 5% growth. Notably, over 21,600 exam entries were recorded for Cambridge IGCSE and O Levels, highlighting popular subjects like First Language English, Physics, and Mathematics.

Cambridge AS & A Level results, expected on August 12, show over 5,300 students preparing for prestigious universities, complementing more than 12,900 exam entries. Cambridge continues to adapt its offerings, with an 11% rise in March entries and a growing preference for the June series among schools.

BIS organises Jewellers awareness

SUMER GARG

A spokesperson of the Bureau standards jewellery sector.

The program was organised under the guidance of Mr. Vishal Tomer, head, BIS Chandigarh branch office (CHBO). The event commenced with a warm welcome address and a briefing on the objectives of the programme by Mr. Harsh Sonkar, deputy director, BIS CHBO. During the session, officials sensitised jewellers about significance of mandatory

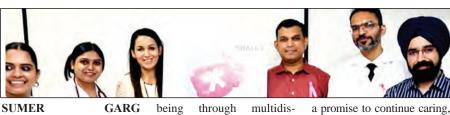


hallmarking jewellery, including, provisions of the hallmarking order, benefits of hallmarking in enhancing customer confidence & ensuring purity and BIS's initiatives to safeguard consumer interests and promote quality culture.

The interactive session also addressed queries from jewellers, ensuring better clarity on compliance requirements hallmarking procedures. The

program witnessed active participation from jewellers across Moga, reflecting their keen interest in aligning with standards contributing to consumer protection. The BIS will continue to engage with stakeholders through awareness initiatives across the region, reinforcing its commitment to building a strong ecosystem of trust,

launched at Mohali



CHANDIGARH, AUG 23

A state-of-the-art oncology clinic was launched at Shalby hospital Mohali today. The clinic was launched by Deep Inder Kaur Shergill, philanthropist and social worker, who is actively associated with several cancer awareness initiatives. The clinic is designed to provide holistic cancer care, with a strong focus on early diagnosis, prevention, and personalized treatment. While speaking on the occasion, Dr. Ashwani Kumar Sachdeva senior consultant surgical oncology said that the clinic is equipped to address both physical and mental well-

ciplinary treatment plans. The healing, and advancing with clinic is not just a facility, it's compassion.

AU SMALL FINANCE BANK LIMITED (A SCHEDULED COMMERCIAL BANK)

Regd. Office :- 19-A, Dhuleswar Garden, Ajmer Road, Jaipur-302001, CIN L36911RJ1996PLC011381

APPENDIX IV [SEE RULE 8(I) POSSESSION NOTICE] Whereas, The undersigned being the Authorized Officer of the AU Small Finance

Bank Limited A Scheduled Commercial Bank under the "Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002' and in exercise of Powers conferred under Section 13 read with the Security Interes (Enforcement) Rules, 2002, issued demand notice dated 04/06/2025 vide Ref. No. CB/SAR/13-2/AGR/JUNE-2025/02 Loan Account Nos. 2406239659849080 8 9001231641329866 calling upon the Borrower/Guarantor/ Mortgagors M/S. SHIVA TRADERS THROUGH IT'S PROPRIETOR MR. KULDEEP SONI (Borrower MRS. SHALINI VERMA W/O MR. KULDEEP SONI (Guarantor/Mortgagor) MRS. SAVITRI DEVI VERMA W/O MR. SURINDER KUMAR (Guarantor, Mortgagor) to repay the amount mentioned in the notice being is for loan Account No. 2406239659849080 Rs. 12.58.634/- (Rupees Twelve Lakh Fifty-Eight Thousand Six Hundred Thirty-Four Only) and for loan account No. 9001231641329866 is Rs. 3,75,036/- (Rupees Three Lakh Seventy-Five Thousand Thirty-Six Only) collectively total amount is Rs. 16,33,670/- (Rupees Sixteen Lakh Thirty-Three Thousand Six Hundred Seventy Only) as on 04-06-2025 aggregating total due (which includes principal, interest, penalties and all other charges) with further interest and

The borrower/ mortgagor having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower/mortgagor and the public in general that the undersigned has taken ossession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him/her under Section 13(4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the said Rules on this 22nd day of August of the year 2025.

charges until payment in full within 60 days from the date of notice/date of receipt of

"The borrower's attention is invited to provisions of sub section (8) of section 13 or the Act, in respect of time available to redeem the secured assets"

The borrower/Guarantor/ mortgagors in particular and the public in general hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of the AU Small Finance Bank Limited for an amount of for loan Account No. 2406239659849080 Rs. 13,16,556/- (Rupees Thirteen Lakh Sixteen Thousand Five Hundred Fifty Six Only) and for loan accoun No. 9001231641329866 is Rs. 4,06,495/- (Rupees Four Lakh Six Thousand Fou Hundred Ninety-Five Only) collectively total amount is Rs. 17,23,051/- (Rupee Seventeen Lakh Twenty-Three Thousand Fifty One Only), as on 13 August 2025 and further interest & expenses thereon until full payment

DESCRIPTION OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES

All That Part and Parcel of Commercial Property, Shop Measuring 2 Marla i.e., 600 Sq. Ft., which is 2/120 share of the **Total Land Measuring 6 Kanal** in Khasra No 1738/1/2/4(6-0) Comprising Khewat No. 193, Khatauni No. 202, as per the Jamabandi 2015-16 and present Khewat No. 198, Kathoni No. 205, as pe jamabandi 2020-21, Situated at Sitto Road, Near Sitto Railway Gate, Abohar II Tehsil Abohar, Fazilka, Punjab. Vide Sale Deed Dated Dated 24 Nov 2020 Documents No. 2020-21/54/1/2546. Owned By Mrs. Shalini Verma & Mrs. Savitr Devi Verma.

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program in Moga, Punjab

CHANDIGARH, AUG 23

of Indian Standards (BIS) said here today that the BIS has conducted a Jewellers awareness program in Moga, Punjab. The program aimed to create awareness among jewellers regarding the importance of hallmarking, quality consumer trust in the

transparency and quality in the jewellery industry.

Mount Litera Zee School Rampura wins gold medals in shooting competition

KULJIT SINGH DHINGRA RAMPURA PHUL, AUG. 23

Mount Litera Zee School affiliated to CBSE Delhi organizes some activities to instill new enthusiasm and new consciousness in the children and bring out the hidden talent in them so that the students can develop mentally, physically and intellectually. In the course of this series, it is a matter of pride for Mount Litera Zee School Rampura that the school's talented players have participated in the district-level shooting competition and the players have proved their skill in this tremendous competition due to their intelligence. The



students have brought glory to the school and their parents by performing talentedly in the shooting competition. In this competition, Aksneer Kaur won the gold medal in the under-14 women's category, Sahilpreet Kaur won the bronze medal in the under-19 women's category and Gurnayak Singh Sran won the gold medal in the under-19 men's category, bringing glory to the school and the region. On

this occasion. chairman Gagan Bansal, general secretary Namita Bansal and the school principal Geeta Pillay congratulated the students and said that they are making every possible effort for the all-round development of the students and will continue to try to help the students who perform well in every possible way so that they can become good players as well as good human beings.

'Teej Tarang' celebrated at LR DAV College, Jagraon with Festive Zeal **SUKH NAHAR**

JAGRAON, AUG 23

2025-26 at LR DAV College, Jagraon, commenced on a vibrant note with the celebration of 'Teej Tarang' for girl students. The day began with an auspicious havan yajna attended by Principal Dr. Anuj Kumar Sharma, Sh. Raj Kumar Bhalla, IQAC Convener Subhash Chand, Dr. B.B. Singla, Sh. Sonu Jain, Mrs. Sushma Kumari along with staff members. A cultural programme was organised, where Mrs. Supriya Khurana, Principal of Sanmati Vimal

The new academic session



Jain Senior Secondary School, Jagraon, graced the occasion as the Chief Guest. In his address, Principal Dr. Sharma highlighted the importance of celebrating festivals, while Dr. Kunal Mehta, EMA Convener,

shared the mythological significance of Teej. Mrs. Khurana, an alumna of the college, reminisced about her student days and inspired the girls to imbibe values from their teachers for a brighter

SUNDAY, AUGUST 24, 2025



INLD gears up for Devi Lal's birth anniversary, Abhay Chautala to address workers' meet in Karnal on August 25

INDRI (MAINPAL KASHYAP): The Indian National Lok Dal (INLD) has intensified preparations for the birth anniversary of former Deputy Prime Minister Chaudhary Devi Lal, scheduled to be observed on September 25 in Rohtak. As part of these preparations, INLD supremo Abhay Singh Chautala will address a key workers' conference on August 25 at Jat Dharamshala in



Karnal, which will see participation from party workers of Karnal, Indri, and Gharaunda constituencies.

NEWS BRIEF

Dev of Ladwa constituency will not be hindered: Shiv Gupta



LADWA: A meeting of all sarpanches of the Ladwa Mandal was held today at the PWD Rest House under the chairmanship of Mandal President Shiv Gupta. The main agenda of the meeting was to discuss ways to shared the problems of their respective villages, to which Gupta assured that he would

accelerate development works in Ladwa constituency. Sarpanches raise these issues with the Chief Minister to ensure speedy resolution and development. Sarpanch Association President Pramod Kumar and Vice President Anil Sharma said it was a matter of pride that their Chief Minister is also their MLA, and that he has entrusted his wife Suman Saini and OSD Mahendra

Grand Ramleela to be stages in Ladwa from **Sept 9: Rocky Sharma**

Singh with addressing Ladwa's



VIJAY KAUSHIK LADWA: The oldest Ramleela committee of Ladwa, Jai Bharat Kala Manch, will stage a grand Ramleela performance on September 9, Tuesday, at Sangam Market near Sugni Devi School. The committee has been actively engaged in religious and social activities for years, staging Ramleela in a spiritual and traditional manner inspired by Lord Ram. This year too, the performance will be held in the same sacred spirit, and residents of Ladwa and nearby villages have been urged to attend in and gain spiritual merit.

FIR registered in electricity connection case; impartial probe to ensure strict action against guilty: Rajesh Nagar



DALBIR SINGH MALIK KURUKSHETRA: Haryana Minister of State for Food, Civil Rajesh Nagar, said that an FIR has been registered in the electricity connection case, and now police officials will conduct a fair investigation to ensure strict action against those found guilty. He added that three police investigation officers, who took seven months just to register the FIR, would also face questioning by the DSP for the delay. The Minister was addressing the monthly meeting of the District Public Relations and Grievance Redressal Committee at the new Mini Secretariat auditorium on Saturday. Earlier, newly appointed Deputy Commissioner Vishram Kumar Meena welcomed the guests and gave detailed insights into the agenda and complaints. The Minister informed that 14

complaints were presented before the committee, out of which six were resolved on the spot. Three complaints are pending in court, while the remaining five were directed to be resolved quickly by the concerned officials. He further ordered that the dumping site at Brahmasarovar be shifted with immediate effect. During the hearing of complaints from Sharda Rani (Sirsala), Om Prakash (Tangaur village), Som

Prakash (Vishnu Colony), and Mukhtiar Singh (Naissi Dera).

NORTH WESTERN RAILWAY

E-Tender Notice Sr. Divisional Electrical Engineer/TRD North Western Railway, Bikaner for & on behalf of the President of India invites E- tenders for the following work. 1. Complete details of tenders can be seen on Website No.: http://www.ireps.gov.in, 2. Date & time of closing of e-tenders: 18.09.2025 at 15.00 hours, 3. Date & time of opening of e-tenders: After 15.00 Hrs on 18.09.2025, Tender Notice No.: 13-TRD-BKN-ETender-2025-26, Name of work: TRD modification work in c/w Development of Ballast depot at Sadulpur over Bikaner Division Approx Cost of the work 12,96,021.40, EMD/SD (Rupees): 2.06.500.00 1046-PS/25

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Punjab govt ensuring quality education, healthcare and basic amenities: Cheema

DIRBA, AUG 23

Cabinet Minister to GoP, Harpal Singh Cheema today inaugurated development works worth Rs 4.38 crore in Ramgarh Jawandha village of the Dirba assembly constituency (DAC). The projects include Rs 62 lakh for paving the village phirni; Rs 1.28 crore for link roads to Sunam, Lehragaga and Kohrian; Rs19.07 lakh for Govt high school works, Rs 37.50 lakh and Rs 12 lakh for sewerage projects, Rs 22.66 lakh for a canal pipeline, and Rs 2.19 crore for a new road to Chhajli. The minister also announced an additional Rs 21

lakh for sewerage. Cheema said that these longpending demands are now being fulfilled and assured that all works will be completed on time. He added that under the leadership of Chief Minister, Bhagwant Singh Mann, the Punjab Government is ensuring quality education, healthcare and basic amenities for the people. He



further said that to steer youth away from drugs, playgrounds, gyms and stadiums are being developed in villages. The government is focusing on drainage of wastewater and transparent development of facilities like community halls, libraries,

streetlights and paved streets. The minister noted that roads

across the constituency are being upgraded at a fast pace, as good connectivity is vital for regional

He urged villagers to monitor construction works themselves and promptly report any shortcomings.

'All development works are being carried out with a long-term

vision so that people can benefit for years to come," Mr. Cheema said, adding that efforts are underway to make Dirba one of Punjab's leading constituencies. Besides others, OSD, Tapinder Singh Sohi, officials of various departments, dignitaries and villagers were present on the

Martyrdom anniversary of Guru Tegh Bahadur Ji will be historic: Dadduwal



SHIV KUMAR SHARMA KARNAL, AUG 23

Baljit Jathedar Dadduwal, head of the Dharma Prachar Committee of the Haryana Sikh Gurdwara Management Committee and Shiromani Akali Dal Azad, said that the Sikh community today needs unity above all. He stressed that forgetting internal differences, everyone should work to uphold the dignity of Sikhism and its great traditions.Dadduwal was accorded a warm welcome by the Sikh Sangat of Karnal at JhilMil Dhaba while he was on his way from Delhi to

accompanied by former HSGPC executive member Guru Prasad Singh Ji and Gagandeep Kaur from Gurugram. The welcome was organized by Barinder Singh, president of the Gurpurab Committee, along with General Secretary Inderpal Singh, Shifatbar Singh, and Ashok Mehta of JhilMil Dhaba. The Sikh Sangat congratulated Jathedar Dadduwal on being honored recently by the Sikh community in Canada. Earlier, he was also felicitated in the United States with the "Best Parent Award.

Workshop meeting of BJP workers held in Bilaspur

SADHAURA (PRITI SAINI): A workshop meeting of the Sadhaura Assembly's Pabni Kalan Mandal was organised at the PWD Rest House, Bilaspur. Former MLA Chaudhary Balwant Singh attended as the chief guest, along with District Council Chairman Ramesh Thuska, Bilaspur Block Committee Chairman Kamal Modi, Pabni Mandal President Deepak Bhardwaj, Vice President Sanjeev Pabni

Mandal. Addressing the booth presidents and workers, Deepak Bhardwaj spoke about upcoming programmes and called upon them to actively participate in all party activities at their respective booths. Former MLA Chaudhary Balwant Singh discussed the BJP's welfare policies in detail and emphasised the need to take these schemes to the people. He said that under the leadership of the BJP, the country is progressing globally and the

and the three general secretaries of the economy is strengthening day by day. He

also explained to the workers the concept of 'One Nation, One Election'.

Scouts and Guides begins in Chamboh

ANIL KUMAR HAMIRPUR, AUG 23

A five-day third sopan testing camp of the Bharat Scouts and Guides was inaugurated today at Government Senior Secondary School, Chamboh. So far, 290 scouts have registered for the

The camp was inaugurated by the school principal, Dr. Ran Singh Chauhan, who attended as the chief guest. State Assistant Commissioner Satish Rana, District Commissioner Narendra Guleria, District Training Commissioner Naresh Kumar, District



Development Coordinator Surinder Kumar, Deputy Training Commissioner Ramesh Kumar and trainers from various schools will guide the participants on the finer aspects of scouting. Speaking on the occasion, the chief guest said that scouting ensures

Five-day Tritiya Sopan testing camp of Bharat

the holistic development of students. It instills patriotism, self-reliance and teamwork among them.

He urged the scouts to adopt in their lives whatever they learn at the camp and serve the nation as enlightened

Raghav shines in district-level swimming competition

KAITHAL (SANJAY SHARMA): At the district-level swimming competition held on August 23, 2025, at Shemrock Public School, Kaithal, Raghav, a

bright Class XI student of Indira Gandhi Public School, secured first place in both the 50-metre freestyle and 200-metre freestyle events, winning gold medals and bringing pride to his school and The school management committee's president, J. B. Khurania,

and Principal, Mrs. Ranju Gupta, congratulated Raghav and his parents, stating that out of nearly 150 participants from across the district, Raghav's dedication and hard work enabled him to achieve the top position, making him an inspiration for other students. Raghav dedicated his success to his parents, coach, The school management commit congratulated him and expressed confidence that he would continue to showcase his talent at the state and national levels, further bringing glory to the school.



Gauri Shankar seva samiti organizes 5th 'Nanak Shak' ceremony, celebrating tradition of Kanyadaan

GURDASPUR (VERMA): Gauri Shankar Seva Samiti, known for its dedicated service to society, marked another milestone with the successful organization of the 5th 'Nanak Shak' program on August 23 at Malhan House, Shastri Nagar, Pathankot.

The event, led by the committee's founder Mr. Sanjeev Malhan, was held in honor of the fifth collective kanyadaan* ceremony a tribute to the enduring tradition of respecting and supporting daughters during their marriage. This spiritually significant event was dedicated to the late Seva Singh Sekhwan and was conducted with the blessings of national saint Acharya Shri Sanjay Muni Ji, Bhagat Satish Chandra Ji, Sabi Baba Ji, and Patron Bhagat Kunal Ji. Chief guests Mr. Surinder Mahajan and Mr. V.K. Kapoor graced the event and praised the

committee's continued efforts in preserving cultural values. Mr. Sanjeev Malhan shared that Gauri Shankar Seva Samiti has been selflessly serving the community for years. Through traditions like Nanak Shak, they aim to keep social values alive and pass them on to future generations. He added that the gifts given to the brides on behalf of "Nanak" are offered with deep devotion and love. He also announced that the traditional mehndi ceremony for the brides will be held on September 3, inviting all respected community members to join. The guests and community leaders, including Himanshu Goyal, Surinder Kumar Mahajan, Vinay Vig, and others, appreciated the Samiti's dedication. They emphasized that while many traditions are being forgotten today, the Samiti is not only preserving them but also inspiring the younger generation to embrace them. Hundreds of locals and devotees participated, calling the event an emotional and inspiring experience. The program highlighted how collective efforts can bring about positive change in society.

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1	Restoration of Rain damages on various Road under Sub Tehsil Danni on Salli to Khari Bahi KM 0/00 to 9/700.(S.H Construction of RCG Counterfort R/wall at RO 3/150. to 3/170.)	12,70,856/-	25,500/-	*D*	One Months
2	Landslide Disaster Mitigation on Salli to Khari Bahi KM 0/00 to 9/700. (S.H.: Construction of RCC Counterfort R/wall at RD 6/180 to 6/210.	17,89,857/-	36,000/-	*D*	Two Months
3	Restoration of Rain damages on various Road under Sub Tehsil Darini on Salli to Khari Bahi KM 0/00 to 9/700.(S.H Construction of RCC Counter fort R/wall at RD 7/220 to 7/235.	8,46,673/-	17,000/-	*D"	One Months
4	Landslide Mitigation on Bhanala to Rolehar KM 0/00 to 22/070.(S.H.: Construction of 2.00 Metre Span RCC Slab culvert and Protection/ Chanelization of culvert at RD 21/210 on Up and down stream.	22,96,286/-	46,000/-	-0.	Two Months

Date of opening of technical bid: - 03-09-2025 11:30AM

The bidders are advised to note other details of tender form the Departmental website; www.hg The undersigned has right to extend or cancel the bids without declaring any reason thereof. Date of tech sigal opening bid is on 06-09-2025 at 11 30AM.

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Doctor Explains: 5 Signs Your Hip Joint May Need Surgical Intervention (THR)

PATIALA: Your hip joint plays a crucial role in everyday movement, from walking to sitting and even sleeping comfortably. Over time, wear and tear, injuries, or underlying health conditions like arthritis can severely affect the hip, leading to chronic pain and disability. When conservative treatments like physiotherapy, medications, or injections no longer offer relief, surgical intervention such as Total Hip Replacement (THR) may become necessary Dr. Vishav Goyal, Consultant- Orthopedics Joint Replacement & Arthroscopic Surgery, Manipal Hospital, Patiala, explains the key indicators that signal when it's time to consider surgery. Here are five key signs your hip joint may need surgical attention:

Persistent Hip Pain: If you experience constant pain in your hip, groin, or thigh, especially during or after physical activity, it could be a sign that the joint is severely damaged

Limited Range of Motion: Struggling to move your leg sideways, rotate the hip, or walk without stiffness could indicate joint deterioration. If putting on shoes or bending down has become difficult, surgery may be the next step.

Dependence on Painkillers: Relying on over-the-counter or prescription medications regularly to manage pain is a warning sign. Longterm use isn't a sustainable solution and may harm other organs.

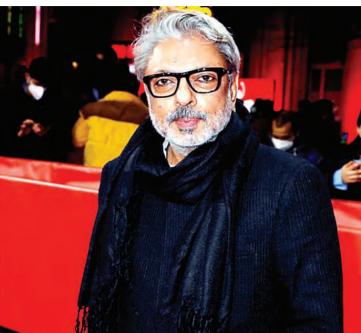
Difficulty in Daily Activities: When simple tasks like climbing stairs, getting out of a chair, or walking short distances become painful, it's time to consult a specialist.

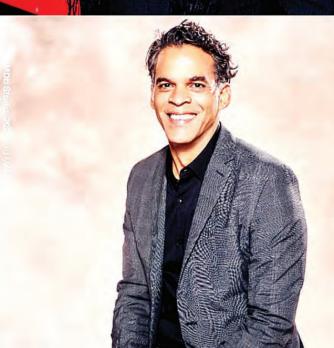
Sleep Disruptions Due to Pain: Hip pain that keeps you awake or wakes you up during the night should not be ignored.

Total Hip Replacement (THR) is a procedure where the damaged hip joint is replaced with an artificial one, restoring mobility and significantly improving quality of life. The surgery is safer and more advanced, with minimally invasive techniques that reduce hospital stay and speed up recovery.

Vaibhav Raj Gupta on wanting to explore two opposite poles of Indian cinema - Sanjay Leela Bhansali & Vikramaditya Motwane







resh off the acclaim for his intensity in Mandala Murders, actor Vaibhav Raj Gupta isn't slowing down; he's dreaming bigger, bolder, and broader. With the grit of experience behind him and the fire of aspiration ahead, Gupta reflects on the kind of cinematic journeys he wishes to embark upon next. At the top of his wishlist are two filmmakers who, in many ways, represent the two opposite poles of Indian cinema: Vikramaditya Motwane and Sanjay Leela Bhan-

For Vaibhav, the attraction lies not in the names themselves, but in the contrasting worlds they create for actors While Motwane's cinema is celebrated for

its rooted emotions, stripped-down realism, and subtle power, Bhansali's is known for its grand visual poetry, epic romance, and timeless characters.

He says, "I want to romance the extremes of cinema: Motwane's realism and Bhansali's grand poetry. On one hand, Vikram sir's cinema has this quiet ferocity; it's stripped of spectacle but over-flowing with truth. He creates worlds where the silences breathe, where the smallest gesture between two people can feel like an earthquake. That impact, that honesty, is something I want to live through as an actor because it forces you to be completely vulnerable.

He adds, "And then there's Bhansali sir, who, for me, is the very definition of

less operas where grandeur meets aching intimacy. The way he stages romance against the backdrop of music, dance, and architecture is so immersive that you remember them forever. Romance, especially, is something I want to explore in

his world, because he doesn't just show two people in love, he elevates love itself." If Mandala Murders proved his mettle in darker, intense narratives, his longing to explore romance and lyrical story telling reveals a new side waiting to be discovered. And while he's dreaming of these extremes, audiences won't have to wait too long because a few projects are already in the pipeline for him.

Karan Wahi shares candid photos wish Asha Negi on her birthday

MUMBAI : Actress Asha Negi turned a year older on Saturday, 23rd of August, and her long time friend Karan Wahi marked the occasion with an affectionate post that celebrated their decade old enduring bond.

Taking to Instagram, Karan shared a bunch of cute photos of them together and captioned it as, "Happpy Birthday @ashanegi To Another year Filled with Love,Laughter and Happiness. Baaki Dunia ka Effort ek taraf, humara Aalas Ek Taraf Main Asha Karta hu ki is saal hum 3 din zaada milenge aur Ek Trip Aur pleaseeee." In the pictures, we can see both Karan and Asha at their goofy best.

Reflecting on their journey, Asha Negi and Karan Wahi have known each other for more than a decade now. The actress has always described their friendship as one that has stood the test of time, distance and survived all ups and downs.

The two share a deep level of friendship and are often seen partying together and sharing fun moments on social media.

Asha Negi and Karan Wahi first met on a flight to South Africa for an award show, back in 2012. Actor Rithvik Dhanjani was their common friend and Asha was dating Rithvik for almost 8 years.

Long ago, both Karan and Asha during an interview had admitted that their initial interactions were quite casual and lacked respect. It all started on a not-so-nice note with unfiltered conversations and a somewhat rocky



Sakra World Hospital becomes first in Karnataka to cross 550 robotic cardiac surgeries

CHANDIGARH: Sakra World Hospital proudly announces a landmark achievement becoming the first hospital in Karnataka to perform over 550 robotic cardiac surgeries and the fastest centre worldwide to reach this milestone, as validated by official Da Vinci surgical system data. This feat was accomplished in under

three years, with an im pressive year-on-year growth of 40%, placing Sakra at the forefront of global innovation in minimally invasive cardiac care.

Robotic cardiac surgery is transforming the treatment of heart disease. While conventional openheart surgery typically requires 8–10 days of hospital stay and 2–3 months for full recovery, patients at Sakra undergoing robotic cardiac procedures are often discharged within 3-4 days, with most returning to normal life in just 2-3 weeks. The benefits minimal pain negligible blood loss, faster mobili smaller incisions - have made this advanced approach the preferred choice for patients from across In-

dia and abroad Over the past three years Sakra has built one of India's most sought-after robotic cardiac surgery programs. Approximately 30–40% of patients come from outside Bangalore, including around 10% from international destinations. The program has successfully treated patients ranging from 15 to 84 years of age, delivering consistently safe, precise, and

life-changing outcomes.
Highlighting the human impact of this technology, Dr. Adil Sadiq, Director and Head - Cardio Thoracic and Vascular Surgery (CTVS) at Sakra World Hospital Bengaluru shared the story of a re-

"A 78-vear-old man from Gulbarga came to us after being refused surgery by multiple major ropolitan cities. He had severely reduced heart pumping power, was frail, had kidney issues with a single functioning kidney, and was not fit for angioplasty. Despite the risks, our team took on the challenge using robotic surgery. The procedure was successful, he recovered well, and was able to return home

something that would have been nearly impossible with conventional surgery. Stories like his are why we push the boundaries of what's possible." Dr. Adil added, "Crossing the 550 robotic cardiac surgery mark faster than any centre globally is a remarkable achievement, reflecting the exceptional skill, dedication, and innovation of our entire cardiac team This milestone is more than just a number - it stands as a testament to the precision, teamwork, and patient-first approach that define our practice. We are immensely proud of this accomplishment and remain committed to pushing the

frontiers of cardiac surgery for the

benefit of every patient who walks

through our doors.'

LUDHIANA: In a remarkable achievement for regional healthcare, Dr

Anshul Garg of Bhim Nursing Home in Barnala has successfully performed three bilateral robotic knee replacement surgeries in a single day using MISSO, India's first indigenously developed robotic knee replacement system by Meril. The procedures, led by Dr. Garg, marka significant step in bringing metro-level healthcare technology to patients in smaller cities. This accomplishment significantly benefits the patients by increasing surgical accuracy, accelerating recovery, reducing postoperative pain, and improving longterm mobility. What makes this milestone particularly noteworthy is that it took place in a Tier-3 city like Barnala, where access to such advanced technology



Barnala Achieves Medtech Milestone with Meril's

MISSO: 3 Bilateral Robotic Knee Surgeries in a Day

has traditionally been limit-

Commenting on the milestone, Dr. Anshul Garg said: "The integration of MISSO robotic assistance allows us to achieve unmatched accuracy in knee replacement surgery. Our patients benefit from faster recovery, reduced pain, and an improved quality of life. Most importantly, they can now access worldclass surgical care right here in Barnala, without the need to travel to metro

The success of these surgeries underscores the growing adoption of MIS-SO in regional hubs, reflecting Meril's mission to democratize advanced healthcare under its 'Saksham Bharat' initiative. By empowering mid-sized hospitals with next-generation medtech, MISSO is steadily bridging the gap between urban and

non-urban healthcare delivery in India.

Puniab has been steadily embracing technology-led healthcare, and this adoption of robotic surgery by a Tier 3 city like Barnalahighlights its growing momentum. By empowering regional hospitals, the state too is witnessing a movement towards equitable, technology-enabled healthcare for all

Netflix's The Ba***ds of **Bollywood: First Look at Aryan Khan's Directorial Debut!**

MUMBAI: "Picture toh saalo se baaki hai, lekin show, toh ab shuru hoga." Netflix and Red Chillies Entertainment Pvt. Ltd. today unveiled a first glimpse of the highly anticipated series The Ba***ds of Bollywood, marking Aryan Khan's directorial debut. It's



fun, filmy, aur thoda zyaada! A voiceover ushers in a romantic Mohabbatein-esque vibe only to close with a stinging rejoinder, kicking off that oh-so-familiar Hindi film nostalgia. But what seems like a soft homage quickly flips into something sharper and louder. The voice may remind you of Shah Rukh Khan, but the tone? All Aryan. With this first glimpse, debut director Aryan Khan signals his arrival, setting the tone with fresh intent and a novel cinematic take.

Set against a filmy backdrop, the first glimpse signals a genera-tional shift, where the romance of the past meets the vision of a new storyteller. The Ba***ds of Bollywood is a genre-defying series that blends self-awareness with cheeky humour. Aryan takes centre screen for the first time, teasing his debut series acclaiming, "Bollywood - jisse aapne saalon se pyaar bhi kiya aur vaar bhi kiya, main bhi wohi karunga, bohot saara pyaar... aur thoda

The series promises a stylised yet chaotic world, provocative yet rooted. Mark your Calendars — Netflix's The Ba***ds of Bolly-

Yakult Taps Taapsee Pannu as Brand Ambassador

Yakult Danone India Pvt. Ltd., announced the appointment of Bollywood star Taapnew brand ambassador. Strengthening its commitment to promoting good gut health across India revealed its ambi-



ing double-digit growth every year until 2030. Since its entry into India in 2008, Yakult has expanded to nearly 700 cities across the country, successfully pioneering the probiotic dairy drink category and creating greater awareness around gut health. With India wit-nessing a paradigm shift toward healthier food and beverage choices, the demand for probiotics and functional foods is on the rise, making the country a crucial market for Yakult's growth strat

Speaking on her association with the brand, Taapsee Pannu, Bollywood Actor & Yakult Brand Ambassador, said, "I'm really happy to be part of Yakult's journey in promoting good gut health. My family has been enjoying Yakult for years, especially my mom, and I've seen first-hand how small, consistent habits can make a big difference. I truly believe that good health starts in the gut, and Yakult is such an easy, tasty way to include that in our daily rou-tine. I'm excited to help spread this message and encourage more people across India to embrace a healthier lifestyle."

KAL Lord's Technologies Inaugurated to Drive India's EV Future

AMBALA: KAL Lord's Technologies Pvt. Ltd., a next-generation electric mobility company, marked its official inauguration at the Kerala Automobiles Limited (KAL) factory premises in Aralu-moodu. The company is the result of a strategic joint venture be

tween Kerala Automobiles Limited (KAL), a Government of Kerala undertaking with over four dec-ades of manufacturing heritage, and Lords Automative Private Limited, one of India's most agile and innovative EV brands. KAL Lord's Technologies Pvt. Ltd. blends KAL's engineering depth with Lords Automative's technological agility, aiming to provide in-

telligent, sustainable, and cost-effective transportation for India and emerging global markets. The company will produce electric scooters, electric bicycles, and electric tri-scooters, serving both rural and urban needs.

Speaking at the event, Sri. P. Rajeeve emphasised the role of such public-private partnerships in accelerating India's electric mobility revolution and contributing to sustainable industrial growth. With this launch, KAL Lord's Technologies Pvt. Ltd. is set to become a driving force in shaping India's clean energy future

Roche Pharma India presents Walk In My Shoes

CHANDIGARH: Millions globally and ~2 lakh people in India live with a life-limiting neurological condition called Multiple Sclerosis (MS). The disease affects their central nervous system, depriving them of their ability to perform simple everyday tasks like walking cooking, bathing or the strength to hold a child. Their day-to-day struggle remains hidden and performing everyday tasks can feel like scaling an invisible mountain.

One can't see and feel the burden MS patients carry. To bring a spotlight on MS, Roche Pharma India, in collaboration with the Multiple Sclerosis Society of India (MSSI) presents Walk In My Shoes - a public health awareness initiative to highlight the c invisible struggles of individuals living with this life-limiting neuro logical condition.

"At Roche, our mission goes far beyond medicines. We are deep ly committed to reimagining how chronic and life-altering conditions like Multiple Sclerosis are perceived, diagnosed, and managed," said Rajji Mehdwan, Managing Director & CEO - India & Neighbouring Markets, Roche Pharma. "With #WalkInMyShoes we are not just raising awareness, we are igniting empathy, ampl fying patient voices, and driving meaningful change across the healthcare ecosystem. By partnering with MSSI, we are uniting science with compassion to break the silence around MS, champion timely intervention, and push for an inclusive, patient-centric approach where no individual living with MS is left behind. This is not just a campaign-it's a clarion call to action."

vivo Unveils First Mixed Reality Headset and **New Imaging Strategy at 30th Anniversary**

CHANDIGARH: vivo marked its 30th anniversary with the vivo Vi-

sion Launch Event & Imaging Grand Ceremony. At the event, the company unveiled its first mixed reality (MR) headset, vivo Vision Discovery Edition. This launch marks a significant milestone in vivo's exploration of spatial computing and immersive technology. Leveraging its extensive expertise in imaging, sensors, and display technologies, vivo has methodically addressed critical engineering challenges in MR devices, particularly in perception, interaction, and computational performance. vivo Vision Discovery Edition is the first MR product developed by a smartphone manufacturer in China, positioning vivo as the first Chinese company to operate within both the smartphone and MR product sectors. At the event, vivo also announced a comprehensive upgrade to its imaging technology strategy and imaging culture ecosystem and revealed the winners of the 2025 vivo VISION+ Mobile PhotoAwards. "Today, we are here in Chang 'an, where vivo's dream began. We are not here to revisit past milestones, but to witness how vivo has forged its own path over thirty years of hard work and perseverance. It's a path of passion fueled by technology and rooted in humanity. It's about working together for mutual benefit. Above all, it's about putting users first and perfecting our products! Our aim is to let 'technology illuminate beauty', and our goal is to reach every user. As for how long we will walk this road? We're committed to a century long journey toward a business that endures!" said Hu Baishan, Executive Vice President & COO at vivo President of vivo Central Research Institute

Bandhan Bank launches 'Legacy Account' on 10th Anniversary

CHANDIGARH: Bandhan Bank, one of India's fastest-growing universal banks, announced the launch of its premium product the Legacy Savings Account, designed for affluent customers seeking an elevated and privileged banking experience. The launch coincides with a significant milestone, as the Bank completes 10 years of operations and banking excellen The Legacy Savings Account comes with a World Elite Mastercard debit card that provides access to both domestic (including companion access) and international airport lounges, Taj Epicure membership, complimentary movie and event tickets, and golf sessions at select clubs. Customers with a Legacy Savings Account will also enjoy exclusive privileges such as dedicated relationship managers, lifetime discount on locker rentals, and expert consulting services to support travel, medical, educational, legacy, and estate planning needs. The product further offers a wide array of lifestyle, travel, and financial benefits.

Speaking on the occasion, Mr. Partha Pratim Sengupta, MD &

CEO, Bandhan Bank, said, "As Bandhan Bank completes 10 years, it is truly a moment of pride and gratitude. With the launch of the Legacy Savings Account, we are entering the next decade with a renewed commitment to deliver innovative solutions and world-class experiences, while staying rooted in our purpose of inclusive and sustainable growth.



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