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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 said. 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 Communication Ltd. (RCOM), Mumbai, its Director Anil D. Ambani, unknown public servants 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 Saturday.

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) B R 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 college.

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



don't try to imbibe (emulate) us," he added.

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 other 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 here. "The cost of the tiger corridor has risen from Rs 4,600 crore to about Rs 5,500 crore. It will connect Kanha, Bandhavgarh, Panna and Pench reserves," the Union minister said, adding that it would boost tourism, employment and the state's economy.

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 lawyer, 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 Rajendranand Maharaj, calling his life a source of inspiration, and urged citizens to take inspiration from his life and carry forward social work. In the gaushalas premises, he planted a Triveni sapling 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 Rajendranand 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

grant of 6.50 crore for purchasing machines.

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 595 crore.



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EDITORIAL

Superbugs, a public health menace

Indiscriminate 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

India'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 potential of the promising US-



China partnership.

The report mentions that former US Ambassador to the UN, Nikki Haley 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

labour costs. "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 Day with celebration

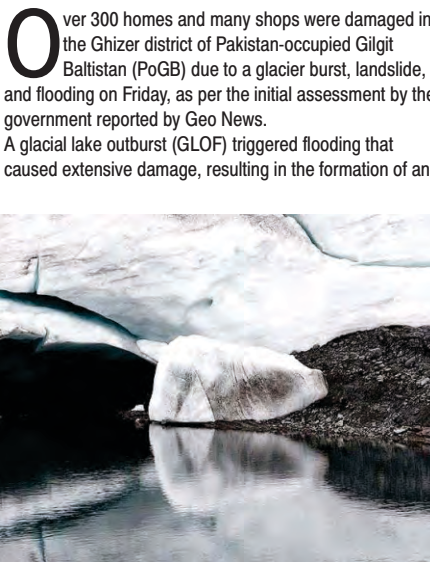


all over Ukraine, who are defending not just one particular direction, but our entire Ukraine," Zelenskyy added. Last week, President Zelenskyy also extended greetings to Prime Minister Narendra Modi and the people of India on the country's 79th Independence Day. He expressed hope that India would play 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 our friends in Ukraine a future marked by peace, progress and prosperity." This comes amid ongoing tensions between Ukraine and Russia over the past three and a half years. Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy also met U.S. President Donald Trump in Washington along with other EU leaders to discuss peace terms with Russia. Earlier, Russian President Vladimir Putin attended a summit in Anchorage, Alaska, aimed at reaching a peace arrangement between the two nations, an effort strongly backed by Washington.

The 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 anthem together. 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!" Ukraine observes its

Independence Day on August 24. Ahead of the occasion, Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy also shared a message on National Flag Day. He wrote his X account, "Today is an important day - a day of one of our strongest emotions: the feeling you get when you are at home, or when you recognise your own people and what comes from your homeland" "This very flag embodies a feeling of deliverance for those we bring back from Russian captivity. When they see the Ukrainian colours, they understand: the evil is over... This flag represents everything dearest to hundreds of thousands of our warriors - men and women from

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



Over 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 yesterday 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 23). 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

A 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 three-room 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 can see "Big Prosperous Champion," Built by a Shanxi merchant, at the end 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 window.

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. He was throat humming...

By Yuan Xin

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

Highlighting 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 style. 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.

ANIL KUMAR HAMPIRPU: The Sub-Divisional Legal Services Authority (SDLSA) organised a one-day legal awareness camp for the transgender community at Hotel Sun Sky, Baelang, under the chairmanship of Surjit 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 their issues legally.

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.

SANJAY AGGARWAL
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

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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 others.

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 Punjab, numerous WhatsApp groups of party workers and supporters have been blocked or shut down by the government. Kang criticized the government for suppressing voices and 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



SHARANJEET PATHANKOT: The meeting of District Pathankot Press Club was held under the chairmanship of President NP Dhawan. In which senior journalist 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 Jagbir 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 HBCH&RC Punjab

GAURAV GOEL
CHANDIGARH, AUG 23

On the second day of the three-day Homi Bhabha Cancer Conclave (HBCC) 2025, Hon'ble Governor of Punjab and Administrator of Chandigarh, Shri Gulab Chand Kataria, inaugurated the state-of-the-art 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,

"Over the past 80 years, Tata 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 facilities."

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 its monthly meeting, jointly with the Dera bassi unit at hotel Lords Eco Inn, Dera bassi, which was attended by 60 members.

Parkash Chander, Rashtriya Sanghatan Samiti LUB, 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 the membership drive, Patiala Unit memorandum, and concerns about pending responses from the head office.

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 de-addiction 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 anew.

He said that during the workshop, 180 medical officers from Faridkot, Fazilka, Moga, Bathinda, Sri Muktsar Sahib, and 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

Gold Medal and one Silver Medal.

Their success reflects the growing sporting culture and 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



students shine at every level." Ms. Oshin Mahajan, Director, Partap World School, added, "The dedication and determination of our students are truly inspiring.

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

"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 holistic 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 released the results for its June 2025 examination series, 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 program in Moga, Punjab

SUMER GARG
CHANDIGARH, AUG 23

A spokesperson of the Bureau 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 standards and consumer trust in the 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, BIS officials sensitised jewellers about the significance of mandatory

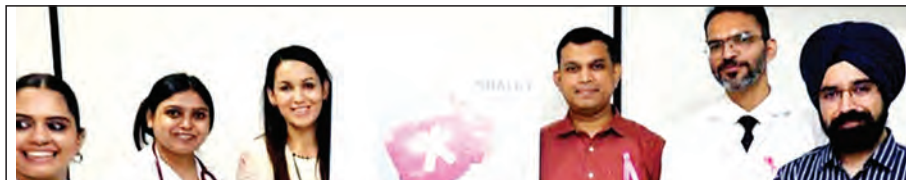


hallmarking of gold jewellery, including, key provisions of the hallmarking order, benefits of hallmarking in enhancing customer confidence & ensuring purity and BIS's initiatives to safeguard consumer interests and promote quality culture.

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

program witnessed active participation from jewellers across Moga, reflecting their keen interest in aligning with BIS standards and 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, transparency and quality in the jewellery industry.

Advanced oncology clinic launched at Mohali



SUMER GARG
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, a 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-

being through multidisciplinary treatment plans. The clinic is not just a facility, it's

a promise to continue caring, healing, and advancing with compassion.

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 Gunayak Singh Sran won the gold medal in the under-19 men's category, bringing glory to the school and the region. On

this occasion, the school 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.

SUKH NAHAR
JAGRAON, AUG 23

The new academic session 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



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 future.

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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 Interest (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 & 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 charges until payment in full within 60 days from the date of notice/ date of receipt of the said notice.
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 possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him/her under Section 13(14) of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the said Rules on this 22nd day of August of the year 2025.
"The borrower's attention is invited to provisions of sub section (8) of section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available to redeem the secured assets"
The borrower/Guarantor/ mortgagors in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of the 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 account No. 9001231641329866 is Rs. 4,06,495/- (Rupees Four Lakh Six Thousand Four Hundred Ninety-Five Only) collectively total amount is Rs. 17,23,051/- (Rupees 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 Kharsa No. 1738/1/2/4(6-0) Comprising Khawat No. 193, Khatauni No. 202, as per the Jamabandi 2015-16 and present Khawat No. 198, Kathoni No. 205, as per Jamabandi 2020-21. Situated at Sitto Road, Near Sitto Railway Gate, Abohar II, Tehsil Abohar, Fazilka, Punjab. Vide Sale Deed Dated 24 Nov 2020, Documents No. 2020-21/54/1/2546. Owned By Mrs. Shalini Verma & Mrs. Savitri Devi Verma.
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West: Vijay Kumar
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Authorised Officer
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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



VIJAY KAUSHIK
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 accelerate development works in Ladwa constituency. Sarpanches shared the problems of their respective villages, to which Gupta assured that he would 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 Singh with addressing Ladwa's concerns.

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



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 large numbers to witness the play 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 Supplies and Consumer Affairs, 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 Hani (Sirsala), Om Prakash (Langaur 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.reps.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-E-Tender-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:** 1,12,96,021.40, **EMD/SD (Rupees):** 2,06,500.00 **1046-PS/25**
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Punjab govt ensuring quality education, healthcare and basic amenities : Cheema

SUMER GARG
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 long-pending 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 growth. 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 occasion.

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



SHIV KUMAR SHARMA
KARNAL, AUG 23

Jathedar Baljit Singh 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

Chandigarh. He was 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 Gurdwar 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 Bhardwaj, Vice President Sanjeev Pabni and the three general secretaries of the 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 economy is strengthening day by day. He also explained to the workers the concept of 'One Nation, One Election'.



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 parents.

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, and teachers. The school management committee once again 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.

Himachal Pradesh Public Works Department e-Procurement Notice INVITATION FOR BIDS					
The Executive Engineer HPPWD Shahpur Division on behalf of Governor of HP invites the item bids on percentage rate, in electronic tendering system for following work from the eligible and approved contractors registered with HPPWD as detailed in the table:-					
Sr. No	Name of work	Estimated cost	Earnest Money	Eligible Class of Contractor	Time limit
1	Restoration of Rain damages on various Road under Sub Tehsil Darni on Sali to Khani Bahi KM 0/00 to 9/700 (S.H.)- Construction of RCC Counterfort R/Wall at RD 3/150 to 3/170.)	12,70,856/-	25,500/-	"D"	One Months
2	Landslide Disaster Mitigation on Sali to Khani 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 Darni on Sali to Khani Bahi KM 0/00 to 9/700 (S.H.)- Construction of RCC Counterfort R/Wall at RD 7/220 to 7/235.	8,46,673/-	17,000/-	"D"	One Months
4	Landslide Mitigation on Bhanala to Rulehar KM 0/00 to 22/070 (S.H.)- Construction of 2.00 Metre Span RCC Slab culvert and Protection/ Channelization of culvert at RD 21/210 on Up and down stream.	22,98,296/-	46,000/-	"D"	Two Months
Key dates:- Starting date of downloading bid:- 26-08-2025 Deadline for submission of bid:- 03-09-2025 11:00AM 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.hpender.gov.in The undersigned has right to extend or cancel the bids without declaring any reason thereof. Date of technical opening bid is on 08-09-2025 at 11:30AM.					
HIM SUCHNA AVAM JAN SAMPARK					
Sd/- Executive Engineer, Shahpur Division, HP PWD Shahpur.					
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On behalf of the Governor of Himachal Pradesh					

Five-day Tritiya Sopan testing camp of Bharat 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 camp.


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

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 citizens.



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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- Orthopaedics 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:

1. 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.
2. 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.
3. Dependence on Painkillers: Relying on over-the-counter or prescription medications regularly to manage pain is a warning sign. Long-term use isn't a sustainable solution and may harm other organs.
4. 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.
5. 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



Fresh 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 Bhansali.

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 overflowing 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

cinema as poetry. His films are like timeless 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 storytelling 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, "Happy 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 patch.



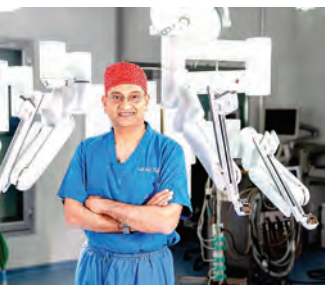
Sakra World Hospital becomes first in Karnataka to cross 550 robotic cardiac surgeries

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 impressive 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 open-heart 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 mobilization, reduced antibiotic use, and smaller incisions - have made this advanced approach the preferred choice for patients from across India 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 recent patient:



"A 78-year-old man from Gulbarga came to us after being refused surgery by multiple major centres, including those in metropolitan 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."

Barnala Achieves Medtech Milestone with Meril's MISSO: 3 Bilateral Robotic Knee Surgeries in a Day

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, mark a 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 long-term 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



has traditionally been limited. 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 world-

class surgical care right here in Barnala, without the need to travel to metro cities." The success of these surgeries underscores the growing adoption of MISSO 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.

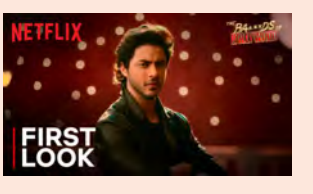
Punjab has been steadily embracing technology-led healthcare, and this adoption of robotic surgery by a Tier 3 city like Barnala highlights its growing momentum. By empowering regional hospitals, the state too is witnessing a movement towards equitable, technology-enabled healthcare for all.

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 generational 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, bohut saara pyaar... aur thoda sa vaar."

The series promises a stylised yet chaotic world, provocative yet rooted. Mark your Calendars — Netflix's The Ba***ds of Bollywood is coming soon!



Yakult Taps Taapsee Pannu as Brand Ambassador

CHANDIGARH: Yakult Danone India Pvt. Ltd., announced the appointment of Bollywood star Taapsee Pannu as its new brand ambassador. Strengthening its commitment to promoting good gut health across India, the company also revealed its ambitious goal of achieving 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 witnessing 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 strategy.

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 routine. 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 Aralummoodu. The company is the result of a strategic joint venture between Kerala Automobiles Limited (KAL), a Government of Kerala undertaking with over four decades of manufacturing heritage, and Lords Automotive 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 Automotive's technological agility, aiming to provide intelligent, 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. Rajeev 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 on the road.

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 often invisible struggles of individuals living with this life-limiting neurological condition.

"At Roche, our mission goes far beyond medicines. We are deeply committed to reimagining how chronic and life-altering conditions like Multiple Sclerosis are perceived, diagnosed, and managed," said Rajni Mehndwani, Managing Director & CEO - India & Neighbouring Markets, Roche Pharma. "With #WalkInMyShoes, we are not just raising awareness, we are igniting empathy, amplifying 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 Vision 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 Photo Awards. "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 excellence. 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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