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NEWS BRIEFS

'Pavitra Rishta' actor Priya Marathe dies at 38

MUMBAI: Actor Priya Marathe, best known for her work in Hindi and Marathi television shows such as "Pavitra Rishta" and "Kasamh Se", passed away on Sunday after a long battle with cancer. The actor, reportedly battled cancer for over two years and died at the age of 38 at her residence in Mira Road, Mumbai.
In a social media post, Marathe's co-actor and cousin Subodh Bhave penned a heartfelt note in her memory.

Punjab's Schools to remain closed till Sep 3

BUREAU
CHANDIGARH: In the light of prevailing flood situation in Punjab, all government, aided, recognised and private schools in the state will remain closed till September 3, 2025, informed S. Harjot Singh Bains, Minister of School Education, Punjab.
He said that this decision has been taken following the directions of Chief Minister S. Bhagwant Singh Mann to prioritise student safety and well-being during this challenging time.
The Education Minister stated that the state government is taking all necessary measures to mitigate the flood's impact and ensure public well-being. He also urged parents to prioritise their children's safety and security during this tough period and cooperate with the administration by following instructions.
Meanwhile, he exhorted teachers to maintain close contact with the district administration to provide support to the community in need.

Katra admin orders vacation of commercial establishments from vulnerable zones

KATRA/JAMMU: The pilgrimage to Mata Vaishno Devi shrine atop Trikuta hills remained suspended for the sixth day on Sunday owing to inclement weather, even as a senior government official ordered immediate vacation of commercial establishments including hotels in the vulnerable zones for the safety of the pilgrims, officials said.
The yatra to the revered shrine was suspended on August 26, a couple of hours before a major landslide triggered by heavy rains hit the old route, resulting in the death of 34 pilgrims and injuries to 20 others.
Torrential rains have continued in Katra, the base camp for pilgrims visiting the shrine, since early this morning, prompting authorities to inform pilgrims about the suspension of the yatra for the sixth consecutive day.

Hockey: India secure Super 4s spot with 3-2 win over Japan

RAJGIR: The Indian Men's Hockey Team continued their winning form in the Hero Men's Asia Cup Rajgir Bihar 2025 with a 3-2 victory against Japan in their second Pool A fixture at the Rajgir Hockey Stadium, in Rajgir, Bihar on Sunday. Captain Harmanpreet Singh (5', 46') and Mandeep Singh (4') scored goals for India while Kosei Kawabe (38',59') scored a brace for Japan. With this win, India has secured a spot in the Super 4s stage as they progress ahead in the tournament.

Welfare of 2.8 bn people is linked to India-China ties: PM Modi

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India is committed to taking forward its ties with China based on mutual trust, respect and sensitivity, Prime Minister Narendra Modi told Chinese President Xi Jinping as the two leaders held wide-ranging talks on Sunday to reset the bilateral relations.

In his televised opening remarks, Modi said the welfare of 2.8 billion people is linked to cooperation between India and China.

The talks between the two leaders on the margins of the annual summit of the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) in this northern Chinese city came against the backdrop of turbulence triggered by the Trump administration's tariff tussle.

Modi landed here last evening from Japan in the second leg of his two-nation trip. It is the Indian prime minister's first trip to China after the eastern Ladakh border row that began in May 2020.

The prime minister held talks with the Chinese president in October last year in Russia's Kazan, which took place days after India and China reached an understanding to end the standoff in eastern Ladakh.

In his remarks, Modi noted that there is peace and stability along the border following last year's disengagement process, adding that direct flights between the two countries are being resumed.

The prime minister also made a mention of the resumption of the Kailash Mansarovar Yatra.

There was consent between our Special Representatives on border management, he said.

India and China have a framework called the Special Representatives on the boundary question to address issues relating to the border.

"We are committed to take forward our cooperation based on mutual trust, respect and sensitivity," Modi said.

The prime minister also congratulated Xi on China's successful presidency of the SCO.

The specific outcomes of the Modi-Xi talks are not yet known.

Ahead of his trip to Tianjin, Modi said it is important for India and China to work together to bring stability to the world economic order.

In an interview with Japan's The Yomiuri Shimbun, Modi said stable, predictable, and amicable bilateral relations between India and China can have a positive impact on regional and global peace and prosperity.

"Given the current volatility in world economy, it is also important for India and China, as two major economies, to work together to bring stability to the world economic order," Modi said in the interview published on Friday.

Modi's trip to China comes less than a fortnight after Chinese Foreign Minister Wang Yi visited India.

Both countries have to unite : Xi Jinping



TIANJIN: Chinese President Xi Jinping, in his opening remarks during delegation-level talks with Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Sunday, said that it is vital for China and India to be friends and for the "Dragon and the Elephant" to unite.Noting that world is undergoing chaotic churns, Xi said that it is the "right choice" for both China and India - two ancient civilizations, the two most populous countries who are also members of the global South to be friends and good neighbours who enable each other's success, and to have "the dragon and the elephant dance together." Xi said it was a "great pleasure for him to meet PM Modi again and welcome him to China for the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation Tianjin Summit. In his opening remarks at the bilateral meeting with PM Modi, Xi said, "Last year, you and I had a successful meeting in Kazan, and the China-India relationship had resumed and started anew. The two sides have implicitly implemented the important consensus we have agreed, and the bilateral exchanges and cooperation have since made new progress.""The world today is swept by once-in-a-century transformations. The international situation is both fluid and chaotic.

19 NHPC workers trapped as both tunnels of Dhauliganga project blocked



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PITHORAGARH: Nineteen workers of National Hydroelectric Power Corporation Limited (NHPC) were trapped inside a power house on Sunday as a landslide blocked normal and emergency tunnels of Dhauliganga Power Project in Uttarakhand's Pithoragarh, officials said.
Dharchula Deputy District Magistrate Jitendra Verma said that machines have been deployed to remove the debris, and the way will be cleared by evening, after which all the workers will be able to come out.
The path leading to the normal and emergency tunnels of the Dhauliganga power project in Ealagarh area near Dharchula here in the district was blocked due to a landslide caused by heavy rains.
He said that despite the continuous falling of debris, the work of clearing the way is underway with the help of JCB machines of the Border Roads Organisation.
Verma said that all the workers are safe and they will come out after the way to the power house is opened.

Mann Ki Baat: Solar power transforming lives of Indian farmers

NEW DELHI: Prime Minister Narendra Modi, in his radio programme 'Mann ki Baat', on Sunday, emphasised the growing importance of solar power in India's farm sector. He also narrated the story of a woman from Bihar who changed "the fate of her village with a solar pump.""My dear countrymen, these days you must have often seen solar panels shining atop the roofs of houses, on big buildings, in government offices. People now understand its importance and are adopting it with an open mind. The Sun God so blesses our country... so why not make full use of the energy radiated by him," Modi said in his radio address."

FIR filed against Mahua Moitra for derogatory remarks against Amit Shah



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A First Information Report (FIR) was registered against Trinamool Congress legislator Mahua Moitra in Chhattisgarh's Raipur in connection with her alleged derogatory remarks against Union Home Minister Amit Shah, police said on Sunday. Moitra has reportedly said that Union Home Minister Amit Shah's "head should be cut off" for failing to check the infiltration of illegal Bangladeshis into India.Soon after her remarks, an FIR was registered at the Mana Camp police station under Sections 196 and 197 of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS).The FIR was filed at the Mana police station on August 30 based on a complaint filed by a local resident, Gopal Samanto Political leaders slammed Moitra's reported remark and alleged that efforts are going on to "completely change" the demography of Bengal.

Congress leader TS Singh Deo condemned the reported remark against Amit Shah, and told a news agency on Saturday, "I have not read the statement. But Mahua Moitra ji has made some objectionable statements in reference to the Home Minister. This is not right."A day earlier, Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) leader Nitin Nabin told a news agency, "I believe that the use of such words by a woman can help people understand how violent the people sitting in the government today have become and efforts are being made there to change the demography of Bengal and our Home Minister completely is constantly fighting for it, he is fixing those things, so restlessness is visible.

Water level in Beas river further rises, alert issued

ASHISHPURI
KAPURTHALA: In response to the rising water levels in the Beas River, the Kapurthala district administration has issued an urgent appeal for residents in flood-affected areas to move to safer locations. Civil and police officials have been deployed in dedicated teams to go door-to-door, urging people to evacuate immediately. In addition, police personnel are using boats equipped with portable microphones to make strong public appeals in the flooded regions, encouraging residents to shift to safer areas. Deputy Commissioner Amit Kumar Panchal, after water levels in the Beas rose above 2.37 lakh cusecs, alerted the public and appealed for immediate evacuation with the assistance of SDRF (State Disaster Response Force) and the Army.



Heavy rain lashes parts of Jammu region, 8 rescued

JAMMU: Heavy rains lashed on Sunday in parts of Jammu region triggered landslide and cloudburst while eight people have been rescued from flash floods.
The authorities however, have ordered closure of all private and government schools in the region in view of the inclement weather alerts.
Rain showers lashed today in most areas of Jammu region with few spots received heavy to heavy rains. The power supply also remained affected in parts of the region due rains. A weatherman stated that in the evening and late night, there is a possibility of rains in parts of Kashmir as well. "There are chances of cloudbursts, flash floods and landslides in twin regions," he said. Union Home Minister Amit Shah to conduct aerial survey of flood affected Jammu region on Monday.

Two dead, 5 injured in explosion at Lucknow firecracker factory

LUCKNOW: Two people were killed while five others sustained injuries in an explosion that took place at a firecracker factory in Lucknow on Sunday. The blast affected a house in the same compound, leaving the house owner Alam and his wife, Munni, dead, and five others injured. Bomb Detection and Disposal Squad (BDDS) in charge, Hanuman Prasad, said that the high intensity of the blast was due to the large quantity of explosive being produced in the factory.
"The blast was huge, which was caused by the large quantity of explosives being produced in the factory... The large quantity of explosives being produced here was the reason of the severe explosion. Joint Commissioner of Police (JCP) Babloo Kumar said "We received information about an explosion in a house. Relief operation has been undertaken. Wife of the house owner, Alam has died. Their children and children in the neighbouring families are injured... Further investigation is underway..."District Magistrate Vishak G stated that the police team, the Emergency response and the State Disaster Response Force (SDRF) team arrived at the spot upon reaching the information. "Police team, Emergency Response, SDRF team reached the spot. Two people have died. Five people are injured...To ascertain the cause of the explosion and other issues Police and Fire Service teams are here..." the district magistrate told .

CM Mann seeks Rs 60,000 crore stuck with GOI, writes to PM



BUREAU
CHANDIGARH: Punjab Chief Minister Bhagwant Singh Mann on Sunday sought immediate intervention of Prime Minister Narendra Modi to release all funds of state worth Rs 60,000 crore stuck with Government of India.
In a letter to the Prime Minister, Bhagwant Singh Mann apprised him that Punjab is currently grappling with one of the worst flood disasters in decades, impacting about 1000 villages and affecting lakhs of people. The Chief Minister said that heavy monsoon rains, coupled with the release of waters from dams, have caused extensive flooding in seven districts, namely Gurdaspur, Kapurthala, Amritsar, Pathankot, Ferozepur, Fazilka and Hoshiarpur. He said that the situation is still evolving as there is a grave concern that conditions may further deteriorate in the coming days. The Chief Minister said that at present, about three lakh acres of farmland, primarily paddy fields, remain submerged under floodwater, leading to devastating crop losses just weeks before harvest. In addition, he said that there has been a widespread loss of livestock, which is severely impacting rural households whose livelihoods are heavily dependent on dairy and animal husbandry. Bhagwant Singh Mann also apprised the Prime Minister that permanent loss of revenue on account of implementation of GST and transition from VAT Regime is Rs 49,727 Crore for which no compensation has been provided by GoI. Likewise, the Chief Minister said that reduction of RDF and MDF in last few years has ballooned to over Rs 8,000 Crore adding that recently Government of India has also scrapped pMcsy projects in Punjab amounting to 828 Crore.

Haryana players must win maximum medals in 2036 Olympics: CM

BUREAU
CHANDIGARH: Haryana Chief Minister Sh. Nayab Singh Saini called upon the youth to make sports an integral part of their lives and follow the path of discipline, hard work, and dedication like hockey wizard Major Dhyan Chand. He also motivated Haryana players to win the maximum number of medals in the 2036 Olympic Games.

The Chief Minister was addressing the youth during the "Cyclathon" event organized in Kurukshetra on the occasion of National Sports Day.

Before this, the Chief Minister launched the campaign "Swachh Kurukshetra - Mera Kurukshetra, Mera Abhiman" by participating in shramdaan (voluntary labour). In this programme, organized by the Haryana Sports Department, cycling and cleanliness were linked together to inspire youth to stay clean and healthy.



Prior to joining the cyclathon, the Chief Minister also launched the "Mera Kurukshetra, Mera Abhiman" website. People of Kurukshetra can upload photos related to cleanliness on this website and download their certificates.

The Chief Minister inspired youth to stay away from drugs, saying that addiction is an evil that weakens not just an individual but also their family and society. It harms physical and mental health and damages the social fabric.

Paying tribute to Major Dhyan Chand on his birth anniversary, he said that Dhyan Chand is a source of inspiration for young players. His birthday is celebrated as National Sports Day so that players are encouraged to work hard and achieve success like him.

He said that Major Dhyan Chand was a great son of Mother India. Under his leadership, India created a golden history in hockey, which earned the sport the title of "National Game." He led the Indian hockey team to such heights that the country won three Olympic gold medals—something that is a matter of pride for any nation.

The Chief Minister said that the theme of this National Sports Day is "One Hour on the Playground." This does not mean we should play for only one hour today. It means we should dedicate one hour every day to sports to remain physically and mentally fit. Only then can we realize Prime Minister Narendra Modi's vision of "Fit India, Hit India."

Addressing the players, Sh. Nayab Singh Saini said that Prime Minister Sh. Narendra Modi has also set a target of making India a sports superpower in the 2036 Olympics and expressed commitment to hosting those games in India.

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Rotary Club Rupnagar observes national sports day in unique manner

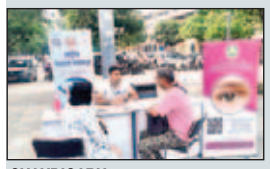
RUPNAGAR (BAHADURJEET SINGH): The Rotary Club Rupnagar celebrated the National Sports Day with the students of Prakash Memorial Deaf & handicapped society, Ropar. Interact Club of the school participated enthusiasticly in the event.The day began with a tribute to the legendary hockey player, Major Dhyan Chand, whose birthday is commemorated as National Sports Day in India.



A student delivered an informative speech on Dhyan Chand's life and achievements, highlighting the importance of sports in developing essential life skills such as teamwork, cooperation, self-reliance, confidence, tolerance, and strength. The speech was given with sign language. The students were reminded that a healthy body possesses a strong mind.The students then participated in various sports events, including races, spoon and marble races, hurdles, three-legged races, and chess.

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PGI Eye Bank celebrates 40th National Eye Donation Fortnight with awareness drive in Sector 17 Plaza



CHANDIGARH: In observance of the 40th National Eye Donation Fortnight, the Postgraduate Institute of Medical Education and Research (PGI) Eye Bank organized an Eye Donation Awareness Counter at Sector 17 Plaza, Chandigarh, today from 5:15 PM to 7:15 PM. This initiative aimed to educate the public about the critical importance of eye donation and to motivate voluntary pledges for eye donation, contributing to the noble cause of restoring sight.

Aman Arora seeks release of Rs 60k crore stalled funds, demands 3-fold hike in flood compensation

CHANDIGARH, AUG 31



After visiting the flood-hit areas in Amritsar district, Punjab Cabinet Minister and Aam Aadmi Party State President Mr. Aman Arora today urged the Central Government to immediately release Rs 60,000 crore stalled funds and also demanded to triple the compensation amount for flood victims in the state.

He, along with PWD Minister S. Harbhajan Singh ETO and MLA S. Kuldeep Singh Dhaliwal, was addressing a press conference at Circuit House in Amritsar, on Sunday, following his visit to flood-affected areas in Ajnala and Ramdas. He assessed the damage caused by the floods and oversaw relief operations carried by district administration. He emphasised the need for immediate action to support the people affected by the floods. He also highlighted the state government's efforts to rescue people, their animals, and belongings, and provide essential supplies like food and medicine. He also attributed the flooding to cloudbursts in hilly areas and stated that a preliminary assessment is underway. Highlighting the dire situation, Mr. Aman Arora stated that approximately 3 lakh acres of farmland, mainly paddy fields, are still submerged under floodwater.

Central Bank of India organises financial inclusion camp at Ahan Kheri, Malerkotla



CHANDIGARH: Central Bank of India, a leading public sector bank, organised a Financial Inclusion Camp at village Ahan Kheri, Malerkotla, as per the directions of the Department of Financial Services (DFS).The camp was graced by the presence of Sh. Vivek Wahi, Executive Director, Central Bank of India, Sh. Arvind Kumar, Zonal Head, Chandigarh, Sh. Ashok Sharma, Regional Head, Ludhiana, Mrs. Rimpy Garg, ADC Malerkotla, Mrs. Babal Jeet, BDPO, Sh. Rajesh Kumar, Lead District Manager, Malerkotla,Sarpanch Sikander Singh Cheema of Ahan Kheri and Sarpanch Kesar Singh of Mehdevi village.During the camp, participants were made aware of various social security schemes of the Government of India, including Atal Pension Yojana (APY), Pradhan Mantri Jeevan Jyoti Bima Yojana (PMJJBY) and Pradhan Mantri Suraksha Bima Yojana (PMSBY). Important topics such as Re-KYC and precautions against digital frauds were also discussed in detail.

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PUBLIC NOTICES

I, Nasib Kaur W/o Late Sh. Bhupinder Singh R/o House No. 124, Village Tagra Kali Ram, Tehsil Kalka, District Panchkula declare that my son Yogesh Singh was out of control. I had evicted him from my movable and immovable property in the year 2017. Now my son Yogesh Singh listens to everything I say and seeing his good behaviour, I again declare my son as the heir of my movable and immovable property. In future, I and my family are with my son.

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We, Rakesh Bansal S/o Sh. Sat Pal Bansal R/o House No-711, Sector - 16, Panchkula , Haryana-134113 and Sandeep Garg S/o Sh. Ram Richpal Garg R/o House Number 798, Sector-7, Panchkula, Haryana -134109, Partners of IVM Pharmacia situated at Plot No-5, Phase IV, Himuda Industrial Township, Bhatolikalan, Tehsil Baddi, Distt Solan, Himachal Pradesh -173205, do hereby declare that we are changing name of our firm From IVM Pharmacia to IVM Pharmacia Private Limited. In case of any objection, you are requested to update us our premises within 7 working days.

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ਮੈਂ ਬਨਾਰਸੀ ਦਾਸ ਪੁੱਤਰ ਸੰਤਾ ਰਾਮ ਵਾਸੀ ਪਿੰਡ ਚੋਹਕ ਕਲਾਂ , ਡਾਕਖਾਨਾ ਲੱਧੇਵਾਲੀ , ਤਹਿਸੀਲ ਵਾ ਜ਼ਿਲਾ ਜਲੰਧਰ ਇਹ ਬਿਆਨ ਕਰਦਾ ਹਾਂ ਕਿ ਮੇਰਾ ਲੜਕਾ ਰਵਿੰਦਰ ਕੁਮਾਰ ਮੇਰੇ ਕਹਿਣੇ ਤੋਂ ਬਾਹਰ ਹੈ । ਇਸ ਲਈ ਮੈ ਇਸ ਨੂੰ ਆਪਣੀ ਚੱਲ - ਅੱਚਲ ਜਾਇਦਾਦ ਤੋਂ ਬੇਦਖਲ ਕਰਦਾ ਹਾਂ। ਮੇਰਾ ਅਤੇ ਮੇਰੇ ਪਰਿਵਾਰਕ ਮੈਂਬਰਾਂ ਦਾ ਇਸ ਨਾਲ ਕੋਈ ਸਬੰਧ ਨਹੀਂ ਹੈ। ਇਸ ਨਾਲ ਕਿਸੇ ਕਿਸਮ ਦਾ ਲੈਣ ਦੇਣ ਕਰਨ ਵਾਲਾ ਆਪਣੇ ਨਫ਼ੇ ਨੁਕਸਾਨ ਦਾ ਖੁਦ ਜਿੰਮੇਵਾਰ ਹੋਵੇਗਾ । ਸੰਬੰਧਿਤ ਨੋਟ ਕਰਨ।

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I, Pawan Deep Kaur D/o Kulwant Singh, R/o Chak Pratapnagar, District Hanumangarh (Rajasthan) declare that I have changed my name from Pawanpal Kaur to Pawan Deep Kaur. In my Matriculation Certificate, my name was wrongly mentioned as Pawanpal Kaur. My correct name is Pawan Deep Kaur. Henceforth, I shall be known as Pawan Deep Kaur for all purposes, records and documents.

524479

We Parmal Singh s/o Gurdit Singh and Gurdeep Kaur wife of Parmal Singh resident of House No. 25/9, Guru Nanak Dev University, Punjab India Pin-144601 do hereby solemnly affirm and declare that our son Dapinder Singh and his wife Shabina Gill presently residing at New York, USA are out of our control so we disown both of them from our movable and immovable properties if any body shall deal with them shall do at his / her own risk and responsibility. We will not be responsible for their any illegal action in future

98706

I, Army No. 4476613A Ex Hav Sukhmander Singh R/o Vpo. Bhagta Bhai Teh-Phul Distt. Bathinda declare that in my army records my father name wrongly entered Jalaur Singh and wrongly entered DOB 11-08-1958 and my mother wrongly entered DOB 09-08-1963. But my father correct name is Jalor Singh and correct DOB is 01-01-1946 and my mother correct DOB is 01-01-1945. So amended my father name & DOB and my mother DOB in my army records.

63372

I Ram Dyal S/o Mehanga Ram,R/o Kothi No.5,Major Bindra Enclave,V. Dhina ,PO Jalandhar Cantt,Distt. Jalandhar have changed my name from Ram Dyal to Ram Dayal. All Concerned may note.

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We, Rajiv Kalra son of Ram Parkash Kalra and Geeta Rani wife of Rajiv Kalra, resident of Ward No. 12, Railway Road, Ahmedgarh Tehsil, Ahmedgarh District, Malerkotla declare that our son Ashish Kalra, daughter-in-law Garima Kakkar Kalra and grandson Gyansh Kalra son of Ashish Kalra, all three are out of our control. Therefore, we exclude these three from our total movable and immovable property. The person who deals with them will be responsible himself. We or any member of our family will not be held responsible.

63372

I, Jatin Grover S/o Rakesh Kumar R/o Talwandi Bhai, District Ferozepur declare that my father's name is written as Rakesh Grover in my school certificate, whereas Rakesh Kumar and Rakesh Grover are the name of the same person. To make related notes.

63372

I have change my old name from Amarjit Kaur and old date of birth 01-06-1955 (Mother of Baghel Singh Service No. 19000585K Rank-Havildar) to New Name Amarjeet Kaur Khera and New date of birth 04-04-1956 to New Vide Affidavit E-Stamp No. IN-PB68969621589627X Dated 29-08-2025

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I, Abdul Alam S/o Abdul Majit R/o Preet Colony Zirakpur Distt. SAS Nagar, Mohali declare that in my daughter school record my name wrongly entered Abdul Aalam and my daughter name wrongly entered Ruksaar. But my correct name is Abdul Alam and my daughter correct name is Ruksar as per Id proofs. Ruksar D/o Abdul Alam & Ruksaar D/o Abdul Aalam is one and same person. Abdul Alam and Ruksar is the real and correct name of me and my daughter.

63372

I, Reena W/O DFR-15502979L Upendra Singh R/O Vill and Post Johan,Tehsil Ambah, District Morena Pin-476111 Madhya Pradesh declares that in my husband army records my name is wrongly recorded as Reena instead of Reena Devi. But My correct name is Reena Devi.

63372

I, Indradeo Singh legally father of army no JC-675459L SUB Anil Kumar Anil R/O Vill Isarve ,PO Kariyadpur, Tehsil Fatehpur, District Gaya, Pin-824232 Bihar declares that in my son army records my name is wrongly recorded as Indradeo Singh instead of Indradev Singh. But My correct name is Indradev Singh.

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I, Jagir Ram Son of Darshan Ram, resident of VPO Sudana, District Jalandhar, Punjab have changed my name from JAGIR RAM to JAGIRI RAM. Please note all concerned.

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I Dwinder Singh S/o Dhana Singh R/o Village Chhapa,Distt Barnala Have Changed My Name To Davinder Singh

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ਮੈਂ ਅਮਰਜੀਤ ਸ਼ਰਮਾ Amarjeet Sharma S/o ਸਤਪਾਲ ਸ਼ਰਮਾ ਵਾਸੀ ਪਿੰਡ ਮਹਿਮਾ ਸਰਜਾ (ਜਿਲ੍ਹਾ ਬਠਿੰਡਾ) ਨੇ ਆਪਣਾ ਨਾਮ ਬਦਲ ਕੇ Amarjit Sharma S/o Satpal Sharma ਰੱਖ ਲਿਆ ਹੈ, ਸਬੰਧਿਤ ਨੋਟ ਕਰਨ।

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PUBLIC NOTICE

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I Sandeep Kumar S/o Sohan Lal R/o Jhok Hari har, P.O: Jhok hari har, Teh. & Distt Ferozepur. That my passport no. J5591246 that my wife name is written as Aster, which is incorerect, that my wife correct name is Astar Rani.

900011

I Ashok Kumar (Aadhaar No. 920889199920) S/o Sh. Bachna Ram R/o Village Gudhi, Tehsil Ladwa, District Kurukshetra have declared that my father's name in my passport be changed from Bachan Ram to Bachna Ram.

989666

Public Notice

I Gurjt Singh Son of Chiman Singh Rairesident of House No. B-1757, Bajwa Patti, Sanghera Road, Barnala, Teh. & Distt. Barnala- 148101 That a Registry Number 3771 Dated- 08/01/2016 which was in the name of Neelam Bansal W/o Walati Ram R/o- Barnala 1/2 Share & Krishna Devi W/o Kamal Parkash R/o Barnala ½ Share is missing from me on 01/01/2025 at My House Barnala. A report of his disappearance has been lodged at City Police Station Barnala Date-30/08/2025 Whose DDR number is 023860/2025 If anyone finds this registry, please send it to me on my mobile number +91 9872196554.

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LOST & FOUND

I, Harpreet Singh S/o Harjinder Singh R/o Badali Kharar Distt. SAS Nagar declare that i have lost one old sale deed (Document No. 2020-21/34/1/745) from the chain for recently purchased property the details of lost registry is Arazi No. 20-9, 1271/1458, Khasra No. 65559/4754 (20-9) this sale deed was done on the date 15 Oct 2020 has been lost in Kharar Distt. SAS Nagar dated 25-08-2025. If anybody found then contact at my above address/Mobile No. 9501632567.

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LOST & FOUND

Narinder kumar s/o Shri Chiranji lal R/O ward no 5 Nalagarh,Tehsil Nalagarh,District Solan H.P The Deponent executed a sale deed No.1198 dated 08/11/1996 before the sub registrar Nalagarh,Distt.Solan H.P in respect of land measuring 00-13-00 in kh/Kht no.78/85 bearing khasra no. 438/400/273(00-13-00) situated in Village Ghansot pargna&Tehsil Nalagarh,Distt Solan H.P that the original sale deed above mention mentioned has been Lost/Misplaced by the deponent such a Police report was lodged with the Police PS Nalagarh HP on dated 05/04/2024.If found contact M.7018910585

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PUBLIC NOTICE

I, Kuldeep Singh UID No. 4372 6187 0995 S/o Jarnail Singh S/o Atma Singh R/o H. No. 134, Bhai Ki Patti, Daroli Bhai, Tehsil & Distt-Moga, I purchased land measuring 11 m-2 s situated at Moga Mehla Singh area Godhewala (Bedi Nagar Moga) Tehsil &Distt Moga vide sale deed 1743 dt 20/07/2015 and 6734 dt 27/02/2025. That Previous Title deed 4145 dt 16/10/2014, 1937 dt 01/06/2012, 1936 dt 01/06/2012 received from seller is misplaced by me on 04.02.2025 at near Main Bus Stand Moga which I tried to find but could not found. That these 3 original title deeds are not in possession of any bank or any authority. The report of lost Original Title Deed 4145 dt. 16/10/2014, 1937 dt 01/06/2016 and 1936 dt 01/06/2012 has been lodged at Police Station City Moga on 28/08/2025 vide G D No. 026.I have approached the Central Bank of India, to tender the property as security. If anyone has any objection or any claim over such property he/she may inform the Bank within 15 days, in writing along with proof of his objection/claim, within the given period.

63372

I, Sunil Kumar S/o Ashok Kumar R/o Mohalla Sajda, VPO. Mehatpur tehsil Nakodar district Jalandhar Punjab have changed my minor daughter's name from Seerat to Seerat Kaur. All concerned note please.

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I, Sunil Kumar s/o Ashok Kumar r/o Mohalla Sajda, Vpo. Mehatpur tehsil Nakodar district Jalandhar Punjab have changed my minor daughter's name from Khushi to Khushi Kumari. All concerned note please.

514469

I Lokpriya Sehajpal, s/o Jaswant Rai, House No.82. Street No: 10/1, Pirkhana Road, Backside Dr. Tej Ram Hospital, VTC: Raman Mandi, Post Office Raman, Tehsil: Talwandi Sabo, District Bathinda, State: Punjab, Pin Code: 151301. Mobile: 8194988140 do hereby declare on oath that I have changed the name of my son Kranti Sehajpal, s/o Lokpriya Sehajpal, from kranti Sehajpal to Sidhant Sehajpal. All , concerned please note .

60018

I, Gurkamal Kaur D/o Baldev Singh Romana R/o VPO Talwandi Sabo, Tehsil Talwandi Sabo, District Bathinda Her Name Changed To Gurkamal Kaur Romana.

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I, Kuldip Kumar S/o Mohinder Kumar R/o Vpo. Barsian Distt. SBS Nagar have changed my name from Kuldip Kumar to Kudeep Kumar.

63372

I, Harjaspreet Singh S/o Sukhwinder Singh R/o Vpo. Pannu Mazara Nawanshahr have changed my name to Singh Harjaspreet.

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I, Randeep Singh Manghre S/o Nachhatter Singh R/o #465, Prem Nagar Malerkotla, Distt. Malerkotla have changed my name Randeep Singh Manghre to Randeep Singh.

63372

I, Daljit Kaur D/o Nirmal Singh R/o Vpo. Pathlawa Teh-Banga Distt. SBS Nagar have changed my name from Daljit Kaur to Daljeet Kaur.

63372

I, No. 1536845H Ex-Spr Sohan Singh R/o Vpo. Rania Teh-Nihal Singh Wala Distt. Moga (Pb) Pin-142056 declare that i have changed the name of my daughter Raj Preet to Rajpreet Kaur.

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I, Joginder Singh S/o Rattan Singh R/o Park Avenue Colony H.No. 72 Fatehgarh Korotana (Moga) have changed my name to Joginder Singh Pardesi.

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I, Sukhchain Kaur W/o Joginder Singh R/o Park Avenue Colony H.No. 72 Fatehgarh Korotana (Moga) have changed my name to Sukhchain Kaur Pardesi.

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I Amrik S/O Sadhu R/O Vill Marula Po Lehli Kalan, Tehsil And Distt Hoshiarpur Have Changed My Name To Kumar Amrik. Kumar Is My Surname.

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I, Jatinder Singh S/o Baljinder Singh R/o village Bondli, Tehsil Samrala District Ludhiana have changed my name to Singh Jatinder. Singh is my Surname.

63372

I, Preeti Saini W/o Chetram Singh R/o Block No. 6 Quarter No. D, Railway Colony No. 1 Near KVM School City Campus, Ludhiana have changed my name from Priti to Preeti Saini.

63372

I, Sayera Bano W/o Amjad Ali R/o Mohalla Qasaban, Malerkotla Dist. Malerkotla declare that i have changed my name from Sayera Bano to Saira Bano.

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I, Pargat Singh S/0 Ujaggar Singh R/0 Vill and Post Office Tharike Distt Ludhiana Have Changed My Name Pargat Singh to Pargat Singh Grewal.

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I Manjeet Rani W/o Som Nath R/o Ferozepur Kuthala, Malerkotla. Have Changed my name Manjeet Rani to Manjit Rani.

63372

I, Anmolpreet Singh S/o Lakhvir Singh Brar R/o Near Jaitu Road Balahar Vinjhu Distt. Bathinda have changed my name to Anmolpreet Singh Brar.

63372

I, Anju Garg W/o Vishal Garg R/o Gali No. 4/2 W.No. 4 Geeta Bhawan Road Raman Mandi Distt. Bathinda have changed my name to Anju Rani.

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I, Jaspal Kaur W/o Mohinder Singh R/o Vill-Kaddon Teh-Payal Distt. Ludhiana, have changed my name to Jaspal Kaur Mundi.

63372

I, Mohammad Nazir S/o Roshan Din R/o Salim Basti, Malerkotla, have changed my name to Mohammed Nazeer Roshan Din. Please Note It.

63372

I, Sarbjit Kaur W/O Jasvir Singh R/O Village Binjoki Kalan, Tehsi & Distt. Malerkotla have changed my name to Sarabjit Kaur.

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I have change my old name from Karnail Singh (Father of Baghel Singh Service No. 19000585K Rank-Havildar) to New Name Karnail Singh Khera to New Vide Affidavit E-Stamp No. IN-PB68961086671283X Dated 29-08-2025.

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I Ajgar Khan S/o Charanjit Khan R/o Vill. Kalar Majri, Teh. Nabha, Distt. Patiala have changed my name as Emaan.

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I Gurdip Singh S/O Gurdev Singh R/O Village Jagatpur, Post Office Ghamaur,Teshil Balachaur,Distt.Sbs Nagar,Punjab,India,Pin -144521 Have Changed My Name And Shall Hereafter Be Known As Gurdeep Singh.

63372

I Harwinder Singh Dhatt S/o Piara Singh R/o Vpo Dhatt Distt Ludhiana have changed my name to Harvinder Singh.

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I, Koshla Chandel W/o Nardev Singh R/o Vpo. Nangal Nikku Teh-Nangal Distt. Rupnagar have changed my name from Koshla Rani to Koshla Chandel.

63372

I, Parmjit Kaur Somal W/o Lakhvir Singh R/o Vill Maholi Kalan Teh-Ahmedgarh Distt Malerkotla, have changed my name to Parmjit Kaur Boparai.

63372

I, Inderjit Singh S/o Piara Singh R/o W.No. 26 St.No.02 Nachhatar Singh Teacher Colony Teh & Distt. Moga have changed my name from Inderjit Singh to Inderjeet Singh.

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Congress leaders pay tribute to Beant Singh on 30th Martyrdom Day at Doraha



DORAHA (AMRISH ANAND): On the 30th martyrdom day of former Punjab Chief Minister Shaheed-e-Azam Beant Singh, Congress leaders and workers in Doraha paid floral tributes at his statue near Doraha bridge.Led by Chairman Bant Singh Doburji, a large number of Congress leaders and workers attended the interfaith prayer meeting and remembered Beant Singh's fearless leadership in restoring peace and ending militancy in Punjab. Participants offered floral wreaths, raised slogans of "Shaheed-e-Azam Beant Singh Amar Rahe," and pledged to follow his path. Senior Congress leaders including Chairman Bant Singh Doburji, Dr. Aditi Bector, Vinit Ashat, Jasminder jassa,Avtar singh,Ram Parkash, Nacchatar Singh,Mandeep Mangat, Ram Vinayak and several councillors and local dignitaries were present.

NEWS BRIEF

Nihal Singh wala police conductes raid, 50 bullets recovered



JAGRAJ SINGH SANGHA

MOGA: Under the instructions of the Punjab Government and the campaign launched by the DGP Punjab against the bad elements, under the able leadership of Shri Ajay Gandhi SSP Sahib Moga and under the direction of Shri Anwar Ali Deputy Superintendent of Police Nihal Singh Wala, SHO Puran Singh Dhaliwal, Chief Officer, Police Station Nihal Singh Wala, under the supervision of SI Iqbal Singh, a police party including Soma Singh son of Mangat Singh and Gurmeet Singh son of Balbir Singh, residents of Nangal, were arrested and 50 loose white colored bullets were recovered.

Rich tributes paid to Ashwani Sharma's elder brother



SHARANJEET

PATHANKOT: RP Sharma (63), elder brother of BJP Punjab working president and MLA from Pathankot Ashwani Sharma, was cremated at the crematorium in front of the Civil Hospital in Pathankot. On this occasion, many prominent personalities associated with politics, religion and the social world arrived in large numbers and bid farewell to RP Sharma with tearful eyes. The funeral was attended by Bharatiya Janata Party National Vice President Saudan Singh, National Secretary and MLA Dr. Narinder Singh Raina, BJP Punjab State President Sunil Jakhar, Central Parliamentary Board Member Iqbal Singh Lalpura, State Chief Minister Organization Punjab and Chandigarh Minister Srinivasulu, Satish Kumar Sharma MLA from Jammu and Kashmir, former state president Manoranjan Kalia, former state president Shwet Malik, former minister Master Mohan Lal, Former Minister Surjit Jayani etc.

Mohali Press Club celebrates Teej festival



TILAK RAJ

MOHALI: Teej da Mela was celebrated with great pomp by Mohali Press Club at the Community Center in Sector-70. In the fair, women, children and young girls of Sector-70 kept the program alive for 5 hours by presenting Gidda, Bhangra, solo dance and choreography. On this occasion, Bibi Jaswant Kaur, wife of constituency MLA Kulwant Singh and Madam Prabhjot Kaur, Chairperson of District Planning Board, attended the program as chief guests. During this, the chief guests praised the arrangements made by Mohali Press Club and the presentation given on the occasion of Teej.During this, Bibi Jaswant Kaur, wife of MLA Kulwant Singh, said that the preparations of the women and children of Sector-70 reflect their passion for culture, which is evident from the presentation of their program.

Qadian's BJP workers send flood relief supplies to families, animals in Dera Baba Nanak



VERMA

QADIAN: BJP workers from qadian have sent relief supplies to families and animals affected by floods in Dera Baba Nanak. The initiative was led by District Vice President Kulwinder Kaur Goraya, with support from Block President Gulshan Verma. The relief materials included food for people, such as water bottles and biscuits, as well as fodder for livestock. According to Gulshan Verma, the fodder was sourced and prepared by a group of BJP workers. Verma stated that helping those in need during a natural disaster is a civic duty, encouraging people to set aside differences in religion, caste.

Walkathon on cybersecurity awareness by bankers' Club held

SHASHI PAL JAIN
CHANDIGARH, AUG 31



The Walkathon organized by Bankers' Club, Chandigarh at Sukhna lake on August 31, 2025, witnessed enthusiastic participation from Bankers in the region who came together to spread awareness on cyber security. The Bankers Club Chandigarh is a forum of senior bankers based in the city and comprises members from RBI, NABARD, SBI, PNB, ICICI bank, HDFC bank and all banks in the region which have at least one senior officer in the rank of Deputy General Manager.

The walkathon was flagged off by Shri M. Rajeshwar Rao, Deputy Governor, Reserve Bank of India. In his address, the Deputy Governor emphasized the importance of cyber security in the ever-growing digital age. Further, he applauded efforts put in by the Banker's club to organize the walkathon. The event was aimed at spreading awareness about cyber safety, digital hygiene, and responsible online behaviour. Participants carried placards highlighting the need for vigilance in the digital age. Speaking on the occasion Shri Vivek Srivastava, President Bankers' club said, "We are delighted with the overwhelming response. The walkathon has sent out a strong message on importance of cybersecurity in our daily lives. " The event was also graced by Executive Directors from RBI along with ?Shri Vinod Kumar Arya, Chief General Manager, NABARD (Haryana), Smt. Nivedita Tiwari, Chief General Manager, NABARD (Punjab), Shri Neeraj Bharti , General Manager Network-2, State Bank of India, Shri Vimal Kishore, General Manager Network-3, State Bank of India, Shri Lalit Taneja, General Manager, Punjab National Bank and zonal managers of participating institutions. With this outreach the BCC has made its maiden foray in a public facing event.

Cheema urges Union govt to push Haryana to withdraw Court stay on Ghaggar river widening

SUMER GARG
CHANDIGARH, AUG 31



Punjab Finance Minister Advocate Harpal Singh Cheema on Sunday called on the Union Government to fulfill its responsibility to the people and urge the Haryana government to withdraw the stay on Ghaggar River Widening as this would allow the Punjab government to proceed with widening and strengthening the riverbanks to protect its citizens.

During a site visit to the Khanauri headworks to assess the situation, Finance Minister Harpal Singh Cheema emphasized that widening the Ghaggar river is a crucial step, but this effort has been stalled due to a stay order obtained by the Haryana government from the Supreme Court on a section of the river from Makraur Sahib to Karail within Punjab. He said that the Punjab government, led by Chief Minister Bhagwant Singh Mann, is committed to finding a permanent solution to the recurring flood threat from the Ghaggar River. On this occasion, the Finance Minister Cheema reassured the public that there is no need to panic, only to remain vigilant and cooperate with the Punjab government and the district administration. He confirmed that the water level in the Ghaggar River is currently at 743.7 feet, well below the danger mark of 748 feet, and the situation is completely under control.

The minister appealed to the public to support each other during this time. He also urged residents not to believe rumors and to contact their village panchayat or the civil and police administration immediately if they encounter any issues. He affirmed that Punjab government representatives and district officials are present in the field and will ensure no one faces any hardship.

Meanwhile, the Sangrur Deputy Commissioner Rahul Chaba mentioned that for any flood-related concerns, people can contact the district flood control rooms at 87250-29785 (Irrigation Department) and 01672-234196 (District Administration). The district administration has implemented extensive preparations to manage any potential flooding.

Chandigarh police arrests multiple proclaimed offenders and absconders

CHANDIGARH, AUG 31



In a major breakthrough, the PO & Summon staff of Chandigarh Police, under the directions of SSP UT Chandigarh, supervised by Sh. Vijay Singh, Dy.SP DCC, and led by Sh. Sher Singh, Inspector/Incharge PO & Summon staff, successfully apprehended several proclaimed offenders and absconders.

The arrested individuals include Ravi alias Chula, son of Nem Chand, a resident of Mauli Jagran, wanted in a 2022 case under IPC sections and the Arms Act, and produced before court where he was sent to judicial custody. Another state case PO, Sheetal, son of Ramesh Sharma of Village Kajheri, was arrested in connection with a 2019 case of assault and other charges, declared a PO earlier this year, and presented before court. Manish Kumar of Sector 25, Panchkula, facing multiple cheque bounce complaints, was arrested and later released on personal bond by the court. Similarly, Parvesh Bansal of Barnala, wanted in a cheque bounce case, was arrested and sent to judicial custody.

Among others apprehended were Mamta Sood of Sector 38, Chandigarh, arrested in a cheque dishonour complaint and released on personal bond; Gurdeep Singh of Bassi Pathana, Fatehgarh Sahib, who was remanded to judicial custody; and Ranjit Singh of Zirakpur.

DC reviews situation in Phillaur and Gidderpindi as rain lashes flood prone areas

PARAMJIT SINGH
JALANDHAR, AUG 31



Deputy Commissioner Dr. Himanshu Aggarwal on Sunday visited areas adjoining the river Satluj to assess the situation amid the rise in water level, reassuring citizens that there is no cause for panic as the situation remains under control.

Dr. Aggarwal informed that nearly 70,000 cusecs of water was flowing at Gidderpindi, while about 40,000 cusecs was recorded in Phillaur. He pointed out that in 2023, these locations had witnessed water levels exceeding one lakh cusecs, which was much higher than the present situation.

Holding detailed discussions with officials deployed on the ground, the Deputy Commissioner directed them to take all necessary steps to prevent any flood-like situation in the district. He said that the district administration was already fully geared up to deal with any eventuality, with relief centres and essential relief material pre-arranged. The Deputy Commissioner further informed that district-level and sub-division level flood control rooms have been established to keep a close watch over the situation round-the-clock. He directed the concerned officials to ensure seamless coordination among key departments to carry out rescue and relief measures promptly if required.

While underlining that there is no immediate danger of floods, Dr. Aggarwal stressed that field officials must remain completely vigilant. He urged the residents not to panic and assured them of the administration's preparedness.

Guv Prof. Ashim Kumar Ghosh pays obeisance at Gurdwara Nada Sahib

CHANDIGARH, AUG 31

Haryana Governor Prof. Ashim Kumar Ghosh, along with his wife Smt. Mitra Ghosh, paid obeisance at the historic Gurdwara Nada Sahib in Panchkula on Sunday and later inspected the Mother Teresa Saket Orthopedic Hospital.

After visiting Gurdwara Nada Sahib, the Governor said he felt deeply honoured and privileged to have visited this historic and sacred place. He appreciated the efforts of the Gurdwara management for the upliftment of the poor and announced financial assistance of ?1 lakh for the needy. On this occasion, he assured the committee of all possible support and praised the courage and supreme sacrifices of the Sikh community. The Gurdwara Management Committee honoured Governor Prof. Ashim Kumar Ghosh and his wife by presenting a 'Siropa'.

Additional Deputy Commissioner Nisha Yadav, Deputy Commissioner of Police Srishti Gupta, Haryana Gurdwara Management Committee President Jagdish Singh Jinda, religious leader Baljit Singh Daduwal, committee member Swarn Singh Banga Tibba, Head Granthi of the Gurdwara Jagjit Singh, and other dignitaries were present on the occasion. Subsequently, the Governor visited the Mother Teresa Saket Orthopedic Hospital and reviewed the medical services there. He praised the advanced medical facilities being provided in orthopedic treatment, rehabilitation, and trauma management. The Governor also obtained information from the hospital administration regarding medical equipment, infrastructure.

DC Aashika Jain assures timely relief to flood-affected families in Mahilpur

HOSHIARPUR (DALJEET AJNOHA): Deputy Commissioner Aashika Jain on Sunday visited the flood-affected villages of Hakumatpur, Baddon, and Dandia in the Mahilpur area to review the ongoing relief and rehabilitation measures.



During her visit, the DC interacted with affected residents, listened to their grievances, and assured them of timely compensation and assistance from the administration. She emphasized that the Revenue Department is carrying out a detailed assessment of the damages suffered by families, and compensation will be disbursed without delay.

Directing officials to ensure efficiency and transparency, Aashika Jain instructed that no lapses or delays should occur in the survey and relief distribution process. The administration is fully committed to standing by the people in this hour of difficulty. Relief and rehabilitation work must be executed swiftly so that affected families can return to normal life at the earliest, she said. Highlighting the district administration's preparedness, the DC noted that dedicated teams have been deployed in vulnerable areas to respond to any emergency situation. She reiterated that the government's priority is to provide immediate relief and restore normalcy in the flood-hit villages. Accompanying the Deputy Commissioner during the visit were Assistant Commissioner Oishee Mandal and SDM Garhshankar Sanjeev Kumar.

Chandigarh cyber crime police busts major online investment fraud, arrests key accused



CHANDIGARH: In a significant breakthrough against cyber criminals, the Cyber Crime Police Station, UT Chandigarh, has arrested a prime accused linked to two high-value online investment fraud cases, exposing a racket that duped citizens of over ?1.6 crore.

The accused, identified as Deepak (28), son of Suresh Kumar and a resident of Jhajjar, Haryana, was apprehended on August 28 following a raid. His arrest is connected to FIR No. 54 dated May 2, 2025, and FIR No. 79 dated July 15, 2025, both registered under various sections of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita at the Cyber Crime Police Station, Chandigarh.

The operation was led by SP-Cyber Crime, Ms. Geetanjali Khandelwal, IPS, with strategic guidance from DSP A. Venkatesh and close supervision of Inspector Eram Rizvi, SHO, Cyber Crime, Sector 17.

Fraud worth ?1.4 crore through fake trading websites

In the first case, a Chandigarh resident and his wife were cheated of nearly ?1.4 crore through fraudulent trading websites – gomcz.com and wuihdjh.com. Victims were lured via a WhatsApp group named "W6 Stock Uptrend Club," where fraudsters impersonated JM Financial representatives. After offering small initial profits to build trust, the syndicate blocked withdrawals and siphoned funds through multiple bank accounts, including those linked to Deepak.

DAV-8 Panchkula observes National Sports Day



PANCHKULA, AUG 30

As per the guidelines of the District Sports Office, Panchkula, DAV-8 Panchkula paid a heartfelt tribute to the "Hockey Wizard" Major Dhyan Chand on his birth anniversary, observed as National Sports Day across the country.

A special pledge-taking ceremony was organized in the school campus under the supervision of Sports faculty Mr. Ramesh Pandita and Mr. Dinesh Sood. To mark the occasion, a one-hour sports activity session was conducted for Class VII students, encouraging them to participate with enthusiasm and energy.

On this occasion, Principal Mrs. Ritu Dilbagi addressed the young players and highlighted the importance of games in building not just physical strength but also mental fitness. She urged the students to play with joy and imbibe the true spirit of sportsmanship in their daily lives.

The event filled the campus with sporting zeal and reaffirmed the school's commitment in nurturing healthy, disciplined, and spirited individuals.

Personalities from the political, social, academic, cultural and film world pay tribute to Jaswinder Bhalla



TILAK RAJ
CHANDIGARH, AUG 31

The Bhog and Antim Ardas (last rites) of renowned comedian and film artist Jaswinder Bhalla, who passed away recently, were held at the local Gurdwara Sahib Guru Tegh Bahadur Sahib, Sector 34. On this occasion, eminent personalities from various fields including political, social, academic, cultural and film world paid tribute to Jaswinder Bhalla. A Vairagmai Kirtan was performed by the Jatha of Joginder Singh Riar.While conducting the memorial service, Bal Mukand Sharma remembered his departed companion by reflecting on the moments spent with Jaswinder Bhalla over the past four decades and his artistic career. He read out the message sent by Prime Minister Narendra Modi. Paying tributes on behalf of the Punjab government, MLA Kulwant Singh read out and shared the condolence message of Chief Minister Bhagwant Singh Mann. He said that with the passing of Jaswinder Bhalla, not only Punjabi films, art, literature and culture suffered a loss but also the agricultural science sector suffered a big loss.Eminent poet and litterateur Prof. Gurbhajan Singh Gill paid tribute.

District Administration teams deployed at ground zero: DC



RAKESH JINDAL
PATIALA, AUG 31

Patiala Deputy Commissioner Dr. Preeti Yadav today once again reviewed the flow of rivers in the district by visiting ground zero. She inspected the water level of the Ghaggar at Devigarh and the Tangri river at Khatauli near Dudhansadhan.

She was accompanied by SDM Dudhansadhan Kirpalveer Singh, Superintending Engineer of the Drainage Department Rajinder Ghai, Executive Engineer Pratham Gambhir, other senior officials, local dignitaries, and representatives of MLA Harmeet Singh Pathanmajra. Interacting with local residents, the Deputy Commissioner said that due to heavy rainfall in the catchment areas of the Ghaggar and Tangri, the water level of these rivers has risen considerably, leading to overflow into fields in several villages. She added that as per the directions of Chief Minister Bhagwant Singh Mann, the entire district administration and machinery are working round the clock at ground zero.

Dr. Yadav said, "We have been continuously monitoring the situation for the last three days, and now the water level has started receding, which is visible in Rajpura and Ghanaur areas.

Punjab's schools to remain closed till September 3 : Bains

SUMER GARG
CHANDIGARH, AUG 31



Harjot Singh Bains, minister of school education, Punjab said, "In the light of prevailing flood situation in Punjab, all government, aided, recognised and private schools in the state will remain closed till September 3, 2025".

He said that this decision has been taken following the directions of Chief Minister, Bhagwant Singh Mann to prioritise student safety and well-being during this challenging time.

The minister stated that the state government is taking all necessary measures to mitigate the flood's impact and ensure public well-being. He also urged parents to prioritise their children's safety and security during this tough period and cooperate with the administration by following instructions. Meanwhile, he exhorted teachers to maintain close contact with the district administration to provide support to the community in need.

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CP's commitment to eradicate drug menace in Jalandhar



PARAMJIT SINGH
JALANDHAR, AUG 31

Taking a decisive step under the Punjab government's anti-drug initiative 'Yudh Nashian Virudh', the Jalandhar Municipal Corporation in coordination with the Commissionerate Police Jalandhar, on Sunday demolished an illegal encroachment belonging to a notorious drug trafficker in Phaggu Mohalla. Commissioner of Police, Smt. Dhanpreet Kaur said that the illegal property of Rahul Kumar @ Chuhi, son of Ashok Kumar, resident of House No. 13, Phaggu Mohalla, near Baba Jagjeevan Singh Chowk, Garha, Jalandhar, has been demolished. Rahul Kumar @ Chuhi and his brother Saurav both are well-known drug smugglers. Rahul Kumar has 5 FIRs registered against him under the NDPS Act and the Excise Act, while his brother Saurav has 2 FIRs under the NDPS Act and 1 FIR of theft registered against him. "This action is a strong message to the drug mafia. By destroying their illegal properties, we are not only enforcing the law but also freeing our neighbourhood from the grip of drugs," said CP Dhanpreet Kaur. She reaffirmed the commitment of the Commissionerate Police to completely uproot the drug network and appealed to the citizens to share information related to drugs through the government's WhatsApp number 9779-100-200.

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Police averts possible attack at security establishments; two BKI operatives held

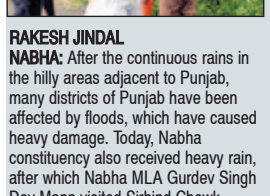


AMRITSAR: In an intelligence-led operation amidst the ongoing drive to make Punjab a safe and secure state as per directions of Chief Minister Bhagwant Singh Mann, Counter Intelligence (CI) Pathankot, CI Ludhiana & State Special Operations Cell (SSOC) Amritsar jointly busted a Babbar Khalsa International (BKI)-backed terror module and thwarted major disruptive activities in the state with the arrest of two operatives, said Director General of Police (DGP) Punjab Gaurav Yadav here on Sunday.

Those arrested have been identified as Sarwan Kumar, a resident of village Malhian in Gurdaspur and Balwinder Singh, a resident of Jakkriya in Gurdaspur. During search, police teams have recovered one Arges hand grenade and one .30 bore star mark pistol along with three live cartridges from their possession.

NEWS BRIEF

North East transporters association meets Assam BJP in-charge Harish Dwivedi



GURDARSHAN SINGH PRINCE

BEAS: A delegation of the North East Transporters Association, led by its national president Harpreet Singh, held a special meeting with Assam BJP in-charge Harish Dwivedi to discuss issues concerning smooth transport operations in the state. Harpreet Singh said that during the meeting, the delegation submitted a memorandum addressed to the Chief Minister of Assam highlighting the transporters' demands. The key demand was the establishment of a dedicated transport hub in Assam, as the state currently has none. The association also sought immediate provision of a government parking facility to ease operational challenges. Dwivedi assured the delegation that he would apprise the Chief Minister of these issues and extend necessary support to transporters.

Dev Mann visits Jhambali Khas Bhadso, Sudhewal, Bhode Saifan and Sirhind Chowk



RAKESH JINDAL

NABHA: After the continuous rains in the hilly areas adjacent to Punjab, many districts of Punjab have been affected by floods, which have caused heavy damage. Today, Nabha constituency also received heavy rain, after which Nabha MLA Gurdev Singh Dev Mann visited Sirhind Chowk adjacent to Nabha constituency and took stock of the flood situation and instructed the officials of the Drain Department to solve the problem wherever there is a problem of weeds. MLA Dev Mann visited Jhambali Khas Bhadso, Sudhewal, Bhode siphons. Talking to reporters in this regard, MLA Dev Mann said that the situation in Nabha constituency is completely under control, no rumors should be believed, wherever any resident of the constituency faces any problem, he can immediately contact them on phone. On this occasion, Tejinder Singh Khaira, Gurdeep Singh Deepa Ramgarh Chairman, Shanky Singla, Sonu Sood, Kamal Bhadson, Ladi Khattra Bhadson, Arsad Khan, Kala Kisaba Wala, Bhupinder Singh Kallar Majri, Jasvir Singh Wajidpur and other office bearers were present with him.

Royal Bandgi to distribute rations to 500 families on Sept 2: Sher Bachajivi



CHET RAM RATAN

NAWANSHAHR: Dedicated to the service of humanity, Lion Club 321D vice president and past governor Rachhpal Singh Bachajivi said that in view of the devastation caused by heavy rains in Himachal Pradesh and Punjab, the Royal Bandgi Lions Club of Begowal, Bhulath, will distribute ration to 500 families on September 2. He added that to encourage youth towards sports and steer them away from drugs, cricket and volleyball kits will also be distributed. In addition, 15 sewing machines will be given to needy girls and widows to help them sustain their families.

Sher Bachajivi said that the Royal Bandgi Lions Club of Begowal has earned recognition at the Lions International level for its outstanding contribution to social service. He reaffirmed his lifelong commitment to serving society.

On this occasion, club president Harvinder Singh Jaid, Lion Sukhdev Raj (former DCT), Lion Pradeep Kumar (club secretary), Lion Phuman Singh (club PRO), Lion Harminder Singh Lamba (DST), Lion Sundar Sham Singh, Lion Dogra, and Dalwari were also present.

Big boost to power supply: Dr. Charanjit Singh inaugurates Rs 1-cr project



SANJEEV TEJPAL

MORINDA: In a major step towards strengthening the electricity infrastructure of Morinda city, Dr. Charanjit Singh, MLA from Sri Chamkaur Sahib constituency, inaugurated development works worth ?1 crore under the Punjab Government's Urban Renewal Mission. The inauguration was held near Kainour Road, Sugar Mill, Morinda. Addressing the gathering, Dr. Charanjit Singh said that the project is part of a larger ?80-crore initiative to improve the power supply system in Morinda. As many as 25 transformers with a capacity ranging from 100 to 200 kilowatts, along with a 300-kilowatt transformer, are being installed across the city. This upgrade is expected to provide significant relief to residents from frequent power cuts. Highlighting the importance of the initiative, the MLA said that the new equipment will enhance electricity supply and efficiency.

14,936 people evacuated from flood-hit areas so far: Mundian

GAURAV GOEL
CHANDIGARH, AUG 31

Punjab Revenue, Rehabilitation and Disaster Management Minister S. Hardeep Singh Mundian, on Sunday, informed that so far 14,936 people have been evacuated to safer places from flood-affected areas across the state.

He said the entire state machinery along with NDRF, SDRF, Army and Punjab Police personnel are working tirelessly round-the-clock to safeguard lives and property. Giving district-wise details, the Cabinet Minister said 1700 people have been rescued in Amritsar, 25 in Barnala, 1599 in Fazilka, 3265 in Ferozepur, 5456 in Gurdaspur, 1052 in Hoshiarpur, 362 in Kapurthala, 163 in Mansa, 115 in Moga, 1139 in Pathankot and 60 people have been rescued in district Tarn Taran.

S. Mundian further said that the number of relief camps has also been increased alongside the evacuation drives. Currently, 122 relief camps are operational in affected districts sheltering 6,582 affected people.

Giving district-wise breakup, the Cabinet Minister said 16 camps have been set up in Amritsar, 1 in Barnala, 7 in Fazilka, 8 in Ferozepur, 25 in Gurdaspur, 20 in Hoshiarpur, 4 in Kapurthala, 1 in Mansa, 5 in Moga, 14 in Pathankot, 1 in Sangrur and 20 in Patiala. All Deputy Commissioners have been directed to ensure availability of essential supplies in these camps, he added.



S. Mundian said that district Amritsar camps are sheltering 170 persons, Barnala 25, Fazilka 652, Ferozepur 3987, Gurdaspur 411, Hoshiarpur 478, Kapurthala 110, Mansa 163, Moga 115, Pathankot 411 and Sangrur 60. While expressing gratitude to NDRF, SDRF, Army, Punjab Police and NGOs for standing firmly with the government in this critical time, the Cabinet Minister informed that at present, 6 NDRF teams are deployed in Gurdaspur and one each in Fazilka, Ferozepur, Pathankot and Amritsar. Similarly, 2 SDRF teams are operational in Kapurthala. The Army, Navy and Air Force have also been pressed into service in Kapurthala, Gurdaspur, Ferozepur and Pathankot while one BSF team each is carrying out relief works in Gurdaspur and Ferozepur. Punjab Police and Fire Brigade are assisting the administration in affected areas of Kapurthala and Ferozepur.

He said that 15 boats in Kapurthala, 12 in Ferozepur and 4 in Pathankot are engaged in evacuations and wherever needed, airlifting operations are being executed.

The Revenue Minister informed that so far a total of 1312 villages have been impacted by floods across Punjab. These include 93 in Amritsar, 26 in Barnala, 21 in Bathinda, 1 in Fatehgarh Sahib, 92 in Fazilka, 107 in Ferozepur, 324 in Gurdaspur, 86 in Hoshiarpur, 55 in Jalandhar, 123 in Kapurthala, 26 in Ludhiana, 4 in Malerkotla, 77 in Mansa, 35 in Moga, 81 in Pathankot, 14 in Patiala, 2 in Rupnagar, 22 in Sangrur, 1 in SAS Nagar, 3 in SBS Nagar, 74 in Sri Muktsar Sahib and 45 in Tarn Taran.

Notorious drug smuggler held with 3.5kg heroin and Rs 2l drug money from Jalandhar



JS SODHI
JALANDHAR, AUG 31

In a major breakthrough amidst the ongoing anti-drugs campaign 'Yudh Nashian Virudh' launched on the directions of Chief Minister Bhagwant Singh Mann, Jalandhar Commissionerate Police has apprehended a drug smuggler and recovered 3.5 kg heroin along with Rs 2 lakhs drug money from his possession, said Director General of Police (DGP) Gaurav Yadav here on Sunday. The arrested drug smuggler has been identified as Manjit Singh, a resident of Jalandhar Enclave near Khambra, Jalandhar. The arrested accused is a habitual drug trafficker with three cases under NDPS act have been registered against him in Punjab and New Delhi.

DGP Gaurav Yadav said that a case has been registered. Further investigation is underway to establish forward and backward linkages in this case to dismantle the entire network, he said. Sharing operation details, Commissioner of Police (CP) Jalandhar Dhanpreet Kaur said that during a special checking, police teams from Special Cell led by Inspector Jaspal Singh had stopped Manjit Singh on suspicion.

Excise dept busts premium liquor refilling racket and seizes illicit alcohol



CHANDIGARH, AUG 31

In a decisive crackdown on the illegal liquor trade, the Punjab Excise Department conducted two major enforcement operations on August 30 in the Ludhiana East Range, leading to the unearthing of a premium liquor refilling racket and the seizure of a substantial consignment of illicit alcohol, including liquor smuggled into the state.

Disclosing the details in an official statement, Punjab Finance, Planning, Excise and Taxation Minister Advocate Harpal Singh Cheema said that the operations were executed swiftly based on specific intelligence inputs and under the direct supervision of Excise and Taxation Commissioner Jitendra Jorwal, along with other senior departmental officers. "Our teams acted with precision to not only seize illegal stock but also to expose a new modus operandi where criminals are endangering public health by refilling premium bottles with low-quality liquor. This is a clear case of fraud and a serious threat to consumer safety, and we will not tolerate it," he asserted. In the first raid, enforcement teams, in coordination with local police, dismantled a sophisticated racket operating in Ludhiana. The accused were found refilling high-end imported liquor bottles—brands including Glenlivet, Johnnie Walker Gold Label, and Chivas Regal—with cheaper Indian Made Foreign Liquor (IMFL) and Punjab Medium Liquor (PML), with the intent to deceive consumers.

Chief Secretary visits flood-affected areas in Amritsar and Pathankot

SHARANJEET
PATHANKOT, AUG 31



Punjab Chief Secretary K.A.P. Sinha said that the state government stands firmly with the people in this hour of crisis and will support them in every difficulty. He said that relief and rescue operations are currently underway. Once the situation returns to normal, a special survey (Girdawari) will be conducted and compensation will be given for every type of loss. He added that Chief Minister Bhagwant Singh Mann has constituted a high-powered committee for relief work, under which three senior officers have been deputed to Amritsar district to supervise and assist in these operations.

Acting on the directions of Chief Minister Bhagwant Singh Mann, Mr. Sinha today visited the flood-affected areas of Ajnala and Ramdas in Amritsar district, and Bamiyal and Narot Jaimal Singh blocks in Pathankot, where he also inspected the Dhussi embankment of the Ravi river. He also reviewed the arrangements made at the relief centre set up in village Chamiyari. Sinha reached villages surrounded by floodwaters to personally assess the situation and interacted with the residents. He also took feedback from the people about the relief provided so far by the district administration. In several villages, he personally distributed relief material to the people and encouraged them to move to safer places. Later, he held a detailed meeting with the district administration and army officials to discuss the rescue and relief strategy and the successes achieved so far. He appreciated the continuous efforts being made by the army personnel, NDRF, police, and civil administration. During his visit to the flood-affected area of Bamiyal and Kolian, he said that excessive water in the Ravi river had damaged the Dhussi embankment, due to which several villages in Pathankot district along the river were affected by floods.

Dr. Baljit Kaur distributes relief material in Fazilka



CHANDIGARH, AUG 31

Punjab Cabinet Minister Dr. Baljit Kaur today visited flood-affected areas near Chand Bhan Drain, village Noor Shah in Fazilka district, where she personally distributed relief material and encouraged the victims. She was accompanied by Fazilka MLA Narinderpal Singh Sawna and former Abohar MLA Arun Narang.

Interacting with the affected families, Dr. Baljit Kaur said that the Punjab Government, under the leadership of Chief Minister S. Bhagwant Singh Mann, is fully committed to assisting flood victims, and there is no shortage of funds for relief operations. She informed that in Fazilka constituency alone, relief material worth more than Rs 70 lakh has already been distributed, which includes 4,558 ration kits and 2,017 bags of cattle feed. Sanitary pads for women and mosquito nets have also been provided. The Minister further stated that Old Age Homes have been opened for flood-affected elderly persons, while relief camps are ensuring all necessary facilities for the displaced.

Ghaggar river under continuous monitoring: MLA Banawali

KULWINDER KARWAL
SARDULGARH, AUG 31



In view of the continuous heavy rains, the Sardulgarh Ghaggar River is being monitored. These views were expressed by MLA Sardulgarh constituency Gurpreet Singh Banawali while visiting the embankments of villages along the Ghaggar River.

They resolved the problems faced by the Panchayats and villagers/city dwellers working on the Ghaggar on the spot, and fulfilled whatever demands were made by the Panchayats and MCs immediately.

The MLA said that the situation is completely under control so far, the Ghaggar has passed peacefully at Sardulgarh in the past few days and the water level in the Ghaggar has also decreased slightly from before. They said Hopefully, Punjab will soon be relieved from this natural disaster. He said that the administration is being fully vigilant. He strongly appealed to all the residents of the constituency to face this disaster by building mutual brotherhood and solidarity in this hour of natural disaster. He said that if the villagers and city residents along the Ghaggar River face any kind of emergency problem related to water, then our team should be contacted immediately.

Gulabsuits celebrates sacred occasion of Guru Nanak Dev Ji's wedding



VERMA
GURDASPUR, AUG 31

Gulabsuits, a name now recognized far beyond India's borders, recently celebrated the sacred occasion of Guru Nanak Dev Ji's wedding. To mark the day, the company distributed sweets and extended its well wishes to its global customer base.The company's international reach is expanding rapidly, with high demand for its popular fabrics—including Burberry, Shushi, Silk, Organza, Handwork, and Pure Cotton—in Canada, the U.S., Italy, Singapore, New Zealand, and Australia. Demonstrating a commitment to community, Gulabsuits and its employees also organized and sent relief materials to flood victims. This charitable act earned them a commendation from the Punjab unit of Jagat Punjabi Sabha Canada.Sandeep Chaudhary, the owner known as Gulab, attributes the company's worldwide fame to the team's relentless hard work.

Vikramjit Bikka appointed as coordinator of trade wing of Rampura Phul constituency



RAMPURA PHUL (KULJIT SINGH DHINGRA) : Vikramjit Singla Bikka has been appointed as coordinator for the trade wing of Rampura Phul constituency. This appointment has been made in an effort to further strengthen business activities in the area. On this occasion, MLA Balkar Singh Sidhu congratulated Bikramjit Bikka on being entrusted with the new responsibility and hoped that he would take the trade wing to new heights. He said that Bikka's long political and business background will prove to be helpful in becoming the voice of the traders of the area. The newly appointed constituency coordinator Vikramjit Bikka thanked party supremo Arvind Kejriwal, Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann, AAP Punjab President Aman Arora, Cabinet Minister, MLA Balkar Singh Sidhu and said that he will work with full dedication for the welfare of the traders of the area. Bikka said that he will soon hold meetings with the traders so that the problems faced in the trade will be resolved by reaching the government.

Continuous rain submerges farmer's paddy crop, loss worth lakhs

DALJEET AJNOHA
HOSHIARPUR, AUG 31



Several days of continuous rainfall have created serious problems for farmers in the region. Arpan Singh, a farmer from village Kotla, reported that due to the heavy flow of rainwater, nearly six of his paddy fields were completely submerged. According to Arpan Singh, he had expected a good income worth lakhs of rupees from this crop, but the waterlogging and flooding in the fields have ruined his entire year's hard work and investment. He said such heavy losses are extremely difficult for any farmer to bear, as their livelihood depends solely on farming.

Cruising from corporate world to writing with finesse; Sirjandeep Kaur Ubha pens 4th novel

GAURAV GOEL
CHANDIGARH, AUG 31



In a near perfect blend of corporate world and literature, the Chandigarh Press Club became witness today to a unique event which saw the release of THE GIRL IN THE COFFEE HOUSE, a mystery novel, her 4th, flowing from the pen of Sirjandeep Kaur Ubha, Head - Strategy and Human Resources at GFB Great Foods Pvt. Ltd.

The Chairman, Punjab Kala Parishad Swaranjit Singh Savi graced the occasion as Chief Guest and appreciated the effort of Sirjandeep made with clarity of thought.Eminent writer and Senior journalist Sarbjit Singh Dhaliwal who presided over the function said that love for literature that runs in the blood of Ubha family, has found resonance in Sirjandeep's writings as well. Sirjandeep while articulating her views opined that it was her Intention to pen the book in a simple and easy to understand language which anyone can read in one go.

Daughter of renowned personality in the academic world and Principal of Khalsa College, Patiala Dr. Dharminder Singh Ubha, Sirjandeep has also shined on the educational galaxy with a Masters degree in Human Resources & Organizational Behaviour from the London School of Economics and Political Science under her belt. Her better half Kunal Raheja is also a big name in the Modelling & Real Estate world.Handling topics as diverse as Psychological Health, Women Empowerment and poems with relative ease, Sirjandeep has earlier penned three novels viz. To Skies and Waters, The Triumph, and Whispers of the Heart.

Dr. Jasleen Kaur, a prominent academician from Patiala, Dr. Jaspreet Kaur from Khalsa College Patiala, D.R. Raheja (Father in Law of Sirjandeep Kaur), Journalist & Poet Deepak Sharma Chanarthal praised the literary creation of Sirjandeep and wished her well.Sports writer Navdeep Singh Gill congratulating Sirjandeep, recounted his close connections with the Ubha family and revealed that the environment in the family is inherently literary which rubbed off on Sirjandeep.The vote of thanks on the occasion was presented by the father of Sirjandeep, Dr. Dharminder Singh Ubha and grand father of writer Prof Achhru Singh Ubha.Prominent among others who were present at the occasion included Jang Bahadur Goyal, Randeep Singh Ahluwalia, Devinder Boha, Paramjit Mann and Pritam Rupal.

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Dehra police seize 363 gm charas

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KANGRA: In a major action against drug trafficking, Dehra police recovered 363 grams of charas and ?94,800 in cash during a raid at a village in Kangra district, officials said on Sunday. Superintendent of Police Mayank Choudhary said a team from Dadasiba police station, acting on a tip-off, raided the residence of Ravi Kumar (44), son of Sardeesh Chand, of Gurniad village in Dadasiba tehsil. The accused was arrested on the spot and a case registered against him under relevant sections of the NDPS Act. Further investigation is underway, the SP added. Police have reiterated their commitment to continuing the anti-drug campaign and appealed to the public to report suspicious activities to help make the region drug-free.

NEWS BRIEF

Former MLA Kamlesh Kumari listens to episode 125 of 'Mann Ki Baat' with party workers



ANIL KUMAR
HAMIRPUR: Former MLA of Bhoranj constituency, Kamlesh Kumari, joined party workers at Booth No. 54, Bhoranj-2, to listen to the 125th episode of Prime Minister Narendra Modi's Mann Ki Baat programme. Speaking on the occasion, Kamlesh Kumari said that this episode was special in many ways. The Prime Minister expressed solidarity with flood-affected people and praised the sporting spirit of those who organised a football tournament in Jammu and Kashmir despite the floods. He also mentioned 'Solar Didi' Devki Ji, who has become self-reliant by installing solar panels. She added that Mann Ki Baat is not merely an address but a platform that brings forth inspiring stories from every section of society. Several senior party workers were present during the programme.

Grand Celebration of Shri Radha Janmashtami Festival at Shiv Mandir, Damtal

PARDEEP SHARMA
INDORA: The festival of Shri Radha Janmashtami was celebrated with great devotion and enthusiasm at the local Shiv Mandir in Damtal. The event was presided over by temple committee president Monika. Treasurer Priya Sharma, along with all the women devotees, actively participated in the celebrations. The program commenced with proper rituals and worship in the temple, followed by the ceremonial offering to the portrait of Radha Ji. The women members shared detailed information about the life of Shri Radha Rani, her devotion, and her unwavering love for Lord Krishna. During the event, devotional hymns and kirtans were also performed, creating a deeply spiritual atmosphere. President Monika expressed gratitude to all the devotees present and said that such religious events not only keep us connected to our culture and traditions but also help in enlightening the younger generation about their religion and values.

CM reviews situation, directs to expedite relief and rescue operations

DINESH AGARWAL
SHIMLA, AUG 31

Chief Minister Thakur Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu today reviewed the situation arising due to incessant rainfall and the damages caused across the state. After arriving at his official residence, Oak Over, around 2 PM today from Chandigarh, he held detailed discussions with the Chief Secretary, who apprised him of the condition in the affected areas and the relief measures being undertaken. The Chief Minister directed to accelerate relief and rescue operations, stating that ensuring the safety of people remains the topmost priority of the government. He assured that the state government stands firmly with every affected family. He also appealed to the public to strictly follow administrative advisories, remain vigilant and avoid venturing near rivers and streams.



The Chief Minister said that the Meteorological Department has issued a heavy rainfall alert for the next three days and several parts of the State are currently experiencing torrential rains. He urged people to exercise utmost caution and extend cooperation in helping those in distress. On Saturday, the Chief Minister had conducted an aerial survey of disaster-affected areas in Chamba and Kangra districts.

394 drinking water schemes restored in Chamba: Dy CM



DINESH AGARWAL
SHIMLA: Deputy Chief Minister Mukesh Agnihotri has expressed deep concern over the situation in areas affected by heavy rainfall in the state. He directed the departmental officers to carry out relief and restoration works on a war footing. Jal Shakti Vibhag has suffered a loss of approximately Rs. 100 crore due to the disaster. Out of a total of 487 water supply schemes in the district, 394 have been partially restored, while restoration work on the remaining schemes is being carried out expeditiously. Temporary water supply arrangements are being made by tapping local water sources in the Chamba–Bharmour region. According to departmental estimates, it may take another four to five days to fully restore these schemes. The Deputy Chief Minister appreciated the courage and dedication of the employees engaged in relief and restoration works. He further informed that all 41 employees deployed on duty during the Manimahesh Yatra were safe. Shri Agnihotri assured that the state government would extend all possible assistance to the affected people and concrete measures were being taken to normalize the water supply.

Around 6000 Manimahesh Yatris evacuated and sent back in buses and taxis: CS

DINESH AGARWAL
SHIMLA, AUG 31



Chief Secretary Prabodh Saxena who took a review meeting to enquire about the number of stranded passengers in Chamba, here today stated that as many as 6000 passengers have been picked up in both private and HRTC buses and taxis and have been sent to Nurpur and Pathankot. He said that the HRTC buses were sent to Pathankot on Friday from Kalsuin carrying devotees and 20 buses were sent on Saturday viz: 17 to Pathankot and others to Kangra and Dehra. He said that 60 buses were stationed at Chamba and were being sent as per need and rush of the pilgrims. He said that as per the latest reports approximately 5000 Manimahesh Yatris are left in Bharmour and only around 500 devotees were now left in Chamba who were mainly from adjoining districts of Jammu and Kashmir and would be sent as soon as the Langera road opens for the light vehicles, the work of which was going on war-footing. He stated that the Chamba-Bharmour road had been opened till Kalsuin and Rajera. Apart from this, the 'Jot' road was opened to traffic upto 'Gate'. As far as the situation in Lahaul-Spiti is concerned, the 'Pagal Nallah' has been opened for traffic and heavy vehicle movement was being done towards Kaza. The road to 'Aleo' has been opened and made through for Light vehicles through Rohtang Pass. Four oil tankers have also been moved from Atal tunnel to Keylong after the Pagal Nallah blockade was opened. The road situation in Kullu-Manali is also improving. The left bank has been opened for Manali, the road leading to Banjar has been opened and the communication services restored in the Banjar area, stated Director-cum-Special Secretary, Disaster Management, D.C Rana.

Tehri's of Bilaspur Pomegranate boom under HP Shiva project sparks rural transformation

AJAY KUMAR UPADHYAY
BILASPUR, AUG 31



The pomegranate crop is thriving in Tehri cluster of Barthin, Bilaspur, under the Himachal Pradesh Shiva Project, transforming the lives of 44 farmers and turning the region into a hub of horticultural success. Spread over 100 bighas, the cluster has 8900 saffron variety pomegranate plants, with a target of 60 metric tonnes of production this year. Initiated in 2021 as a pilot on 2 hectares, the project expanded in 2022 into a full cluster over 8 hectares. Many farmers have already earned Rs 1–1.5 lakh from last season's crop, and this year, income is expected to rise to Rs 3–4 lakh per farmer. The saffron variety pomegranate is nearly seedless, rich in juice, thin-skinned, and in high demand. The state government has provided full support through the Shiva Project, with Rs 100 crore allocated for the 2025–26 financial year. Key infrastructure includes drip irrigation, solar fencing, land development, and a 2-lakh-litre water tank for irrigation, ensuring sustainable production. Lift irrigation facilities have also been established to guarantee water supply. Farmers in the cluster, under the Barthin Converging Horticulture Production Marketing Association (CHPMA), have also grown marigolds alongside pomegranates, adding to their income. Technical guidance is being provided through facilitators, cluster in-charges, and field operators deployed by the Horticulture Department. Deputy Director Horticulture Dr. Jagdish Chand Verma stated that 37 such clusters have been established in Bilaspur, with Tehri being the district's only pomegranate hub. Deputy Commissioner Rahul Kumar highlighted the project's role in boosting the rural economy and urged more farmers to benefit from such schemes.

Shahpur suffers loss of Rs 48 crore due to rain: Pathania



SANJAY AGGARWAL
DHARAMSHALA: An important disaster review meeting was held at the rest house of Rait Forest Department under the chairmanship of Shahpur MLA and Deputy Chief Whip Kewal Singh Pathania to assess the damage caused by rain. The MLA informed that so far more than Rs 48 crore has been lost in the rain. He feared that if the rain continues, this figure may increase further. The Public Works Department has suffered the maximum loss of Rs 24 crore, in which a footbridge was washed away and 24 roads were damaged. Jal Shakti Department has suffered a loss of Rs 17.60 crore, which includes a loss of Rs 15.60 crore to irrigation schemes and Rs 2 crore to drinking water schemes. Apart from this, Rural Development Department has suffered a loss of Rs 3.60 crore, Electricity Department Rs 80 lakh, Elementary Education Department Rs 25 lakh and Forest Department Rs 14 lakh. Apart from this, there has been loss under other departments as well.

ABVP congratulates Devesh Modgil on becoming secretary of Hindustan Scouts and Guides Chandigarh



SHASHI JAIN
BADDI: In a meeting held at Panjab University, former Mayor of Chandigarh and senior advocate Devesh Modgil was appointed as the State Secretary of Hindustan Scouts and Guides, Chandigarh. On this occasion, members of the Akhil Bharatiya Vidyarthi Parishad (ABVP) extended their congratulations and best wishes to him and other newly appointed members of the unit. ABVP leaders Gauravveer Sohal, Navdeep Singh, Vishesh Anand Dhaka, Sagar Khatri, and UIHTM Tourism Department DR candidate 2025 Swastik Gautam expressed hope that Modgil will connect more youth with the Hindustan Scouts and Guides. They said his efforts would help realize the vision of "Ek Bharat, Shreshtha Bharat" (One India, Great India) by engaging youth in the national mainstream, making them responsible and aware citizens, and equipping them with skills in community service and disaster management.

All roads will be repaired before Dussehra festival: Pawan Kajal

SANJAY AGGARWAL
DHARAMSHALA, AUG 31



State BJP Vice President and Kangra MLA Pawan Kajal has demanded the state government to get the roads damaged due to heavy rain repaired immediately. Kajal said that due to heavy rains in the area for a long time, the condition of the road from Samela tunnel to Ghurkadi has deteriorated.

Vehicle accidents have become routine due to the large potholes on the road. Kajal said that before Dussehra, all the connecting roads connecting Kangra city and the city will be repaired and made operational provided the weather is clear. While discussing with the delegation from Nichli Dhugiyari village, Pawan Kajal said that if the government does not approve the budget for the repair of roads, then he will get the roads repaired by spending money from the MLA fund. Kajal said that during the tenure of the state government, health services have collapsed. Despite Kangra being the largest tehsil of district Kangra, the government has failed to appoint permanent Tehsildar, Naib Tehsildar here for a long time. Due to which the people of the area are facing problems related to revenue work. Kajal also accused the state government of misleading the people of the state by presenting wrong figures in the Vidhan Sabha.

PM's message of adopting Swadeshi and self-reliant India is a historic and visionary step: Akhilesh Kapoor

ASHISH SHARMA
KULLU, AUG 31



Today, the important message of Prime Minister Narendra Modi was heard by the workers and the public at all the booths of the state through the Mann Ki Baat program. In this episode, BJP state spokesperson Akhilesh Kapoor listened to Prime Minister Narendra Modi's 'Mann Ki Baat' program with the booth committee and workers at booth number 81 of Manali assembly constituency on Sunday. On this occasion, he described the Prime Minister's message of adopting Swadeshi and self-reliant India as a historic and visionary step.

Akhilesh Kapoor said that Prime Minister Modi has said in his address that the dream of self-reliant India will be fulfilled only when every citizen will give priority to local products. Echoing PM Modi's words, he said, "When we adopt Swadeshi goods, we do not just buy goods, but also respect the hard work of the artisans, farmers and entrepreneurs of the country. He said that PM Modi, while especially inspiring the youth, told that the path of modernity and progress passes through the use of indigenous products.

Emphasizing the timing of this message of the Prime Minister, Kapoor said that it has come at a time when there is a situation of 'trade war' between the world's major economies. He cited the growing dispute between the US and China and the instability in the global market and supply chain due to 'Trump Tariff'. He said that in such a situation, Prime Minister Modi's move to take forward the 'Make in India' and 'Start Up India' campaign is a very visionary step.

Stay Calm: MLA appeals to devotees returning from Manimahesh Yatra



PARDEEP SHARMA
INDORA: Malender Rajan, MLA from Indora, has appealed to devotees returning from the Manimahesh Yatra to remain calm and patient amid the difficult situation. He informed that due to heavy rains and landslides, the condition of the travel routes has worsened significantly. In many places, roads have been completely damaged, and currently, no route is entirely safe.MLA Rajan stated that the Himachal Pradesh government is giving top priority to the safety of the pilgrims. Special buses have been arranged by the government to ensure the safe return of all travelers. He urged the devotees to avoid panic and pushing, and to maintain peace.In this challenging time, it is important for everyone to stay united and support both the administration and one another to prevent any unfortunate incidents. The MLA mentioned that the state government is fully active in relief and rescue operations and is providing all possible assistance. Travelers are advised to follow the instructions of the administration and stay away from rumors. He further said that during such natural calamities, only patience, cooperation, and discipline can keep us safe. The Manimahesh Yatra is a spiritual journey and must be completed with devotion and calmness.

Devotees take holy dip in the Dal Lake of Mini Mani Mahesh

SANJAY AGGARWAL
DHARAMSHALA: The holy Dal Lake located in the Naddi area of the world famous tourist city of McLeodganj was seen drenched in devotion and faith on Sunday morning. On the occasion of Radhastami festival, a royal bath was organized here, in which thousands of devotees participated and earned virtue. This religious event started at 5 am in the morning with Vedic chanting and worship. As soon as the first priest took a dip in the lake, the crowd of devotees started taking a dip in the lake with the slogans of 'Jai Shri Radhe-Krishna' and 'Har-Har Mahadev'. The view of Dal Lake looked no less than a spiritual fair. Local people also call this religious event Mini Mani Mahesh Yatra. It is believed that devotees who are unable to reach the difficult Mani Mahesh Yatra of Chamba district, they get the same virtue by taking a bath in Dal Lake here. Due to this faith, the importance of bathing here on Radhastami increases even more every year. On this occasion, Wool Federation President Manoj Thakur performed special worship with the priests. The water brought in a pitcher from the holy Dal Lake was used to perform Jalabhishek of the Shivling of the nearby Shiv temple. During this visit, the entire atmosphere was filled with the sound of bells, blowing of conches and Bhajans and Kirtans. It is to be noted that it rained heavily since morning, due to which the number of devotees was less this time. Still, there was no lack in the faith and enthusiasm of those who arrived. Despite the rain, the devotees took a royal bath by standing in long queues and chanted the praises of the Lord. The administration had made special arrangements keeping in view the safety and convenience of the devotees. Police and Home Guard jawans were constantly deployed so that the crowd could be controlled.

Devotees throng Dibkeshwar Mahadev temple on Radhastami despite heavy rains

SANJEEV MAHAJAN
NURPUR, AUG 31



On the occasion of Radhastami, devotees are visiting the Dibkeshwar Mahadev Shiva temple at Sulayali for the traditional shahi snan (holy bath) and to offer prayers to Lord Shiva. The temple is considered a sacred site where Lord Shambhu himself is believed to have manifested in the form of a natural Shivling. According to local lore, streams of milk once flowed through this cave, and from these streams the Shivling emerged. Even today, water flowing from the cave continuously performs jalabhishek of the Shivling.

Although heavy rains have reduced the number of visitors this year, devoted worshippers are still arriving to bathe, pray, and offer rituals. The temple committee has made arrangements for smooth conduct of the event, including prasad distribution and a community langar. Temple committee president Rajesh Bhardwaj said that the holy bath on Radhastami has, since ancient times, been regarded as equivalent to the Manimahesh snan. Special arrangements were made for women devotees. He cautioned against ignoring administrative advisories after some locals used JCB machines to open a blocked road to the temple despite landslide risks. A vehicle had even gotten stuck and had to be rescued. Devotees expressed their faith and satisfaction with the arrangements. Som Raj said that visiting the temple and offering prayers amidst such facilities was a blessing, while another devotee remarked that despite the rain, they felt spiritually fulfilled after worshipping Lord Shiva. Vikku, another devotee, described Dibkeshwar Mahadev as a deeply sacred and true shrine where pilgrims continued to arrive even in adverse weather.

Skill development and unemployment allowance withheld for a year, youth express anger

ANIL KUMAR
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The suspension of the skill development allowance and unemployment allowance for the past one year has sparked widespread resentment among unemployed youth and training institute operators across Himachal Pradesh.

The scheme, originally launched in 2013 during the tenure of former Chief Minister Raja Virbhadra Singh, was considered a lifeline for youth from poor and underprivileged families. For years, lakhs of eligible youth benefited from the scheme, receiving allowances while undergoing training. However, for the last one year, no payments have been made either to unemployed youth or to those enrolled in training centers.

Advocate Pradyumn Singh, Legal Advisor to Himachal Human Pride Foundation and a Punjab & Haryana High Court lawyer, addressing a press conference, said that the last installment of the allowance was released in November 2024. Since then, no beneficiary has received any payment. He added that due to this, thousands of trainees and unemployed youth are facing severe financial difficulties. Training centers, particularly computer institutes where many of these youths are enrolled, are now on the verge of closure. Singh pointed out that operators have invested lakhs of rupees in setting up these centers, but without regular disbursement of the allowance, their livelihood is at risk. Youth have also expressed frustration, saying the suspension of the allowance has disrupted their education and training. Many students enrolled in private institutions are unable to pay fees and manage other expenses without this financial support.

Advocate Singh alleged that before the elections, the Congress government had described these allowances as a "protective shield" for unemployed youth. However, the delay of over a year has now created a sense of betrayal.

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Ban orders in view of security of Air Force station Barnala

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BARNALA: District Magistrate Barnala Mr. T. Benith IAS, exercising the powers vested in him under Section 163 of the Indian Civil Security Code, 2023, has issued orders prohibiting the use of drones, armed persons, para gliders, para motors, balloons) without permission in any public or private place within a radius of 10 km of Air Force Station, Barnala and up to a height of 5.8 km from the ground level in view of the security of Air Force Station Barnala. It is also clarified here that in view of the guidelines uploaded on the departmental website by the Director General of Civil Aviation regarding the operation of Civil Remotely Piloted Aircraft Systems (RPAS), the Civil Remotely Piloted Aircraft Systems (CRPAs) can be used only after registering the RPA/Drone information on the portal through the web/app based Digital Sky Portal (www.digitalsky.dgca.gov.in) and obtaining the Air Defence Clearance provided by the Air Force Movement Liaison Unit Delhi through the online portal, which is based on No Permission.

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Eye Donation – A blessing for the Visually impaired: Hardev Aasi

DALJEET AJNOHA

HOSHIARPUR: Eye donation is considered the greatest donation, as it is truly a blessing for the visually impaired. It not only provides social and economic strength to the blind but also gives immense self-satisfaction to the donor. These views were expressed by District Public Relations Officer, Hoshiarpur, Hardev Singh Aasi, and Tanda Incharge of the Eye Donation Association, Hoshiarpur, and state awardee Bhai Barinder Singh Masiti, during the awareness campaign organized under the 40th National Eye Donation Fortnight.

On this occasion, Hardev Singh Aasi said that the Punjab Government is fully committed to eradicating blindness. He informed that from August 25 to September 8, Eye Donation Fortnight is being observed in all government hospitals of Punjab. During this period, specialist doctors are not only conducting eye check-ups but also creating awareness among people about eye donation so that blindness can be eliminated from the root.

Bhai Masiti explained that the eyes of a deceased person can be donated within five to six hours of death, and anyone, regardless of age, can donate their eyes—even if they had undergone surgery or used lenses. However, the eyes of patients suffering from AIDS, jaundice, blood cancer, or meningitis cannot be donated. Assistant Public Relations Officers Lokesh Kumar and Rajneesh Kumar Guliani were also present on this occasion.

'Surakshit Beti Abhiyan' launched for safety of women and girls in Ambala Range

RAHUL KOHLI

YAMUNANAGAR: Inspector General of Police, Ambala Division Mr. Pankaj Nain informed that 'Surakshit Beti Abhiyan' has been launched to strengthen the safety of women and girls in District Yamunanagar, Kurukshetra and Ambala. Under this campaign, a dedicated team of police has been visiting various schools and colleges and interacting with the girls and giving them information about their rights, police assistance and raising voice against molestation. Under the campaign, cases have been registered and in seven cases the culprits have been sent behind the bars, Women Police Constables have been deployed at hotspots in plain clothes where they were catching the molesters red handed. Goal and Significance, The aim of the campaign was that every girl should feel safe and can raise her voice without fear. This campaign was not only empowering the girls but also giving a strong message against evils like molestation and exploitation in the society.



Health checkup camp organised



HANSRAJ

KURUKSHETRA: Kids DPS School Mohan Nagar Kurukshetra organised a health checkup camp for students of classes Pre-Nursery to II today in which Dr Tanuj Agarwal (Kilkari Child Care) examined children and counselled their parents. 103 children of school were examined and tips to stay healthy were given. Principal Sakshi Gaba said that a health report card has been prepared for each child and given to them. Weight and height of children were also measured. Dr Tanuj Agarwal told the parents of children that to avoid diseases in changing weather, maintain cleanliness, wash hands frequently, drink boiled or pure water, and prevent mosquitoes from breeding by removing stagnant water outside. Eat healthy food, which includes fruits, vegetables, turmeric, ginger Increased humidity and changes in temperature during rainy season can weaken the immune system, making body vulnerable to infections.

Livasa Hospital Nawanshehar alerts citizens on dengue season

NAWASHAHAR:—With the arrival of monsoon, the risk of dengue fever—a mosquito-borne viral infection—has increased significantly. Livasa Hospital Nawanshehar has urged citizens to stay alert, adopt preventive practices, and seek medical consultation at the first sign of symptoms to avoid life-threatening complications.Dengue, transmitted through the bite of the Aedes aegypti mosquito, is among the most common seasonal infections during this time of year. Typical symptoms include sudden high fever, severe body ache, intense headache, nausea, and skin rashes. If neglected, dengue can escalate into serious conditions such as dengue hemorrhagic fever, liver inflammation, severe bleeding, fluid accumulation, or even organ failure. Highlighting the importance of prevention, Dr. VikasDeep Hans, Associate Director, Internal Medicine, Livasa Hospital Nawanshehar, said,"Most dengue cases can be avoided through simple precautions at home and in the community.

Gangotri, Yamnotri National Highways blocked; CM Dhami assures safety of locals



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UTTARKASHI : Heavy rains in Uttarakhand have left the Gangotri and Yamnoutri National Highways blocked due to debris and boulders. In a post on X, officials informed that the Gangotri Highway was blocked at Dharasu, Netalam Charethi and Bhatwari, further mentioning that roads between Harsil and Dharali and the route from Dharali to Gangotri were operational for vehicles.

"In Uttarkashi district, the Gangotri National Highway is currently blocked at Dharasu, Netala, Charethi, and Bhatwari due to debris and boulders. Efforts are underway by BRO to restore the route. Additionally, the road between Harsil and Dharali is operational for vehicles. The route from Dharali to Gangotri is operational," the post by Uttarakhand DIPR read. Furthermore, the officials also mentioned that the Yamnotri highway was blocked near Silai Band, dilapidated Gaad in Junglechatti and Naardchatti. It was also mentioned that efforts were being made to make routes between Junglechatti and Dabarkot accessible. "The Yamunotri National Highway is blocked near Silai Band, at the dilapidated Gaad in Junglechatti, Banas, and Naardchatti. Efforts are underway to make the route accessible at Junglechatti and Dabarkot. The Barkot-Damta-Vikasnagar National Highway is operational for traffic. The Uttarkashi-Suwakholi-Dehradun Motor Road is operational for traffic. The Uttarkashi-Lambgaon Motor Road is operational for traffic," the post further read. Applauding the efforts of the personnel, Chief Minister Pushkar Singh Dhami in a post on X mentioned that 1,747 roads had been opened while work was also being carried out continuously to clear out other routes blocked due to debris and rain. He further stated that apart from JCB machines deployed on blocked roads, relief had also been provided to people in affected areas.

"Disaster management and relief operations are ongoing at a war footing in the state. Continuous efforts are being made to clear the routes blocked due to heavy rains and debris. In line with the instructions given to officials, 1747 roads have been opened so far, while work is in progress on 80 roads. Traffic has been restored on 95.62% of the roads obstructed by debris and landslides."

Chief Secretary Sinha reviews flood relief operations in Sultanpur Lodhi



ASHISHPURI/ARVIND KAPURTHALA: Punjab Chief Secretary K.A.P. Sinha stated that the Punjab Government will ensure every possible assistance to people affected by floods in the state. While reviewing relief operations today in the flood-affected areas of Kapurthala district at Sultanpur Lodhi, along with Water Resources Department Secretary Mr. Krishan Kumar, he interacted with the residents of Baupur and Sangra.

listened attentively to the demands of the people and assured them that the Punjab Government is making serious efforts to find a permanent solution to protect 16 villages on Baupur Island from future floods.

He said that efforts are being carried out on a war footing to evacuate people safely from flood-affected areas, provide shelter and food, prevent disease outbreaks, and take care of livestock health.

He emphasized that officers and staff involved in relief work must treat their duties as a service to the public.

Mr. Sinha stated that in this challenging time, the administration should prioritize the protection of people's lives and property, and further intensify evacuation operations in the severely affected areas.

Students of Sri Guru Granth Sahib World University participate in SOLVECON

AJAY MALHOTRA

FATEHGARH SAHIB: The students of the Department of Education, Sri Guru Granth Sahib World University, Fatehgarh Sahib, visited Punjabi University, Patiala to participate in SOLVECON 2025, a youth-led initiative designed to foster local change through innovation, learning, and collaboration.



Dr. Harneet Billing, Head of the Department of Education, shared that the students actively engaged in multiple sessions that were both interactive and insightful. A particularly thought-provoking session on the emotional impact of climate change emphasized the psychological consequences of environmental challenges and inspired students to think critically about sustainable practices. In a role-play activity, participants explored real-life scenarios that nurtured empathy, teamwork, and problem-solving skills. Another engaging session on overcoming stage fear equipped students with practical strategies for effective communication, confidence building, and public speaking—skills essential for future educators.

Guru Nanak Khalsa College, Yamunanagar Organizes talent show Talaash 2025



RAHUL KOHLI

YAMUNA NAGAR: The Cultural Committee of Guru Nanak Khalsa College, Yamunanagar, successfully organized the much-awaited Talent Show "Talaash 2025 as per the directions and guidelines of Department of Youth & Cultural Affairs, Kurukshetra University, Kurukshetra.

The event began with the College Anthem and the traditional Lighting of the Lamp ceremony, setting a divine and uplifting tone for the day.

Dr. Tilak Raj, Coordinator of the Cultural Committee, warmly welcomed the worthy Principal, Dr. Pratima Sharma, who graced the occasion as the chief guest.

In her address, Officiating Principal Dr Pratima Sharma lauded the students for their enthusiasm and encouraged them to continue nurturing their talents, reminding them that platforms like Talaash are stepping stones to greater achievements in life. The event featured a variety of cultural performances including Singing, Solo Dance, Group Dance, Mono Acting, Mimicry showcasing the rich talents of the students. Judges Prof. Gurvinder Kaur, Dr. Vinay Kumar, Prof. Kawalpreet Singh, announced the winners for the cultural events. In Solo Dance First Three Positions are secured by Luxmi, Anuj and Shivam respectively. In group Dance Arshdeep Group stood First, Kamaldeep, Gurnit stood Second, and Gurleen group stood Third. While in Singing Category First Three Positions are Bagged By Shivam Rana, Bramjot and Taranjeet respectively. In Instrumental Playing Sameer and Shivam Rana stood First and second prize and in Mimicry Nidish stood first. The Stage Duties were performed by Prof Shiv, Dr. Neha and Prof. Manisha. Coordinator of the event Dr. Tilak Raj along with Co-Coordinator Dr. Payal Lamba congratulated all the winners and participants. During the event Dr. Ashok Khurana, Dr. Pritam Singh Virk, Dr. Sahib Singh, Dr Iqbal, Dr Baljit Singh, Dr. Hemant Mishra, Dr. Catherine, Dr. Sanjay Vij, Dr Rajinder Singh Vohra, Dr. Gian Bhusan, Dr. Neelam Behl, Dr. Anurag, Dr. Neena Puri, Dr. Amarjit Singh and others were present. The event concluded with a heartfelt vote of thanks presented by Dr. Rajinder Singh Vohra Member of Cultural Committee. Sardar Randeep Singh Jauhar, President of the Governing Body & Managing Committee, highlighted the importance of nurturing the holistic development of students and commending the college for organizing such an enriching event.

Take proper care of sweet voice and healthy throat says Dr Rishi Pal Gupta

HANS RAJ

KURUKSHETRA: It is very important to take proper care and precautions to keep the voice sweet and the throat healthy. ENT specialist Dr. Rishi Pal Gupta (AIIMS, New Delhi) of Agrawal Nursing Home, Kurukshetra advised the people to be cautious about the health of the throat and voice and not to ignore even a small problem.



Dr. Gupta said that if there was an infection or sore throat, one should immediately consult a doctor. He advised people to speak softly and less during a cold or sore throat, so that the throat can get adequate rest.

Tips to keep your throat and voice healthy

Dr. Gupta gave some useful tips to the citizens to keep their voice safe and sweet: Practice humming, it strengthens and relaxes the throat muscles;

Keep your head and neck straight and stress-free while speaking; Protect yourself from sudden changes in weather or temperature; Avoid dusty and polluted environment; Prevent children from shouting or screaming loudly during sports. Do not consume cold water and cold drinks.

"Voice is our identity" The expert said, "Voice is not only a means of communication, but also our identity. If we take some simple precautions and practice patience, we can keep our voice sweet and clear throughout our life."

Dr. Gupta said that voice care was not only important for singers, teachers or speakers but also for every common man. By adopting the right habits and lifestyle, everyone can keep their voice healthy for a long time.

Mining mafia's dominance proving costly for the state government



NITIN SINGLA

BILASPUR: Even after strict instructions from the District Deputy Commissioner of Yamunanagar, the administration was not able to completely stop those transporting illegal mining material. However, after the instructions of the National Green Tribunal (NGT), checking points were set up in the Yamunanagar mining zone by the Deputy Commissioner of Yamunanagar whose job was to check the bills, e-Ravana and overloading of vehicles loaded with mining material. For some time, illegal mining was stopped to a great extent due to the checking points, which not only increased the revenue of the government but also the villagers living in the mining zone heaved a sigh of relief. But now it seems that the administration has surrendered in front of the arrogance of the mining mafia. Hundreds of dumpers filled with illegal mining material are passing through the nakas of Sultanpur and Mughalanwali villages of Ranjitpur area of the mining zone every day. No employee was present at the checking points seems to have the courage to stop and check these vehicles of mining smugglers who have political patronage.

The situation is such that in front of the convoy of 50/60 trucks filled with illegal mining material, there are henchmen of mining smugglers riding in Scorpio vehicles. If any officer or employee tries to stop them, then these people.

BJP Kaithal Urban Mandal officials listen125th episode of Mann Ki Baat



KAITHAL- (SANJAY SHARMA)- A special event was organized for the 125th episode of Prime Minister's Mann ki Baat program at the establishment of Manjeet Chauhan, media in-charge of BJP Kaithal Urban Mandal. The officials listened to Prime Minister Narendra Modi's 'Mann ki Baat' program in the presence of former district president Munish Kathwad and Mandal president Ayush Garg, who were present as chief guests. In his address, the Prime Minister highlighted the policies and achievements of BJP. He said that the party was taking forward the politics of development along with Hindutva across the country. The PM stressed on adopting swadeshi and the principle of 'Sabka Sath, Sabka Vikas'. It was also told in the program that BJP worked above caste-specific politics. The benefits of the party's public welfare schemes were reaching every section of the society. The Prime Minister called upon the people to have a sense of dedication towards the country and to remain aware. On this occasion, Mandal President Ayush Garg, Media Incharge Manjeet Chauhan, Vice President Karmveer Jangra, Vijay Shastri, CA Satbir Singh, Pradeep Jangra, Rohit Singh, Gaurav Dhiman, Aman and many other workers were present.

Block level science exhibition organized at government senior secondary school, Alhar



RADAUR (NIRMAL SAINI)-- A block level science exhibition was organized at Government Senior Secondary School Alhar. Almost all the state high schools and senior secondary schools of the block participated in the exhibition. Around 70 participants presented their respective exhibits. Environment was the theme of the exhibition. The children prepared and presented models and projects in a very creative and scientific point of view on the subject of environmental protection.

The program was conducted as per the instructions of Block Education Officer Dr. Ramesh Kumar. Shashikant, Sweety, Anil and Vinod Arora played their role as jury members. Partha Kamboj of Government Mahila Vidyalaya Alhar and awarded with a cash prize of Rs 8,000. At the same time, the second prize was won by Jatin Kumar Government Senior secondary Alahar, who was given Rs 6000 as prize. At the same time, the third place was won by Gurudev Government Senior Secondary School, Atawa who was given cash prize of Rs 4000. Consolation Award was won by Anshika PM Shri Vidyalaya Chamraudi, who was given Rs 2000 as prize.

DC Barnala directs shifting families from unsafe houses amid rain threat

KULDEEP SOOD

BARNALA: If any family is staying in unsafe houses in district Barnala, then they should contact the Sarpanch, Patwari, Panchayat Secretary in the villages and EO, MC in the cities so that they can be accommodated in safe places. The residents of the district should be made aware of this as much as possible. This was expressed by Deputy Commissioner Barnala Mr. T. Benith today during an important meeting held with various officials through video conferencing in view of the recent rain. On this occasion, the departmental officials said that all the concerned teams are active in the villages and cities and wherever people are staying in unsafe buildings/kutcha houses, they are being shifted by making appropriate arrangements so that there is no loss of life or property. On this occasion, the Deputy Commissioner reviewed the problem of waterlogging and sewage in urban areas and gave directions to the officials. He also reviewed the water level in the drains and directed to make announcements in the nearby villages in view of the possibility of increase in the water level in Lasara drain due to fresh rain. He took a report on the condition of the roads from the Public Works Department and also directed the National Highways officials to be prepared in view of the possibility of rain in the coming days.



Cyclathon organized in Kurukshetra on National Sports Day, tributes paid to hockey wizard Major Dhyan Chand



DALBIR MALIK

KURUKSHETRA: Haryana Chief Minister Sh. Nayab Singh Saini called upon the youth to make sports an integral part of their lives and follow the path of discipline, hard work, and dedication like hockey wizard Major Dhyan Chand. He also motivated Haryana players to win the maximum number of medals in the 2036 Olympic Games.

The Chief Minister was addressing the youth during the "Cyclathon" event organized in Kurukshetra on the occasion of National Sports Day.

Before this, the Chief Minister launched the campaign "Swachh Kurukshetra - Mera Kurukshetra, Mera Abhiman" by participating in shramdaan (voluntary labour). In this programme, organized by the Haryana Sports Department, cycling and cleanliness were linked together to inspire youth to stay clean and healthy. Prior to joining the cyclathon, the Chief Minister also launched the "Mera Kurukshetra, Mera Abhiman" website. People of Kurukshetra can upload photos related to cleanliness on this website and download their certificates.

The Chief Minister inspired youth to stay away from drugs, saying that addiction is an evil that weakens not just an individual but also their family and society. It harms physical and mental health and damages the social fabric.

Paying tribute to Major Dhyan Chand on his birth anniversary, he said that Dhyan Chand is a source of inspiration for young players. His birthday is celebrated as National Sports Day so that players are encouraged to work hard and achieve success like him.

He said that Major Dhyan Chand was a great son of Mother India. Under his leadership, India created a golden history in hockey, which earned the sport the title of "National Game." He led the Indian hockey team to such heights that the country won three Olympic gold medals—something that is a matter of pride for any nation.

The Chief Minister said that the theme of this National Sports Day is "One Hour on the Playground." This does not mean we should play for only one hour today. It means we should dedicate one hour every day to sports to remain physically and mentally fit. Only then can we realize Prime Minister Narendra Modi's vision of "Fit India, Hit India."

God Bless School tops Chhachhrauli block-level athletic meet



RK KASHYAP

CHHACHHRAULI : Block level athletic competition was organized in Senior Secondary School Chhachhrauli. About 400 students from different schools participated in this competition. God Bless School came first in this competition. Principal Mrs. Shubhneet Kaur congratulated the students and Coach Ashwani Nanda on this victory. School Management Committee's Hemant Kohli, Vikas Sharma and Principal Shubhneet Kaur and Vice Principal Harpreet Singh, Coach Ashwani also thanked and congratulated. The children achieved this feat with their special support and guidance. School Principal Shubhneet Kaur gave information and said that Block level competition was organized in sub division Chhachhrauli.

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Rs 5000 looted from a contractor's employee at knife point

JAIBEER RANA THAMBER BARARA: Last night, miscreants with cloth wrapped around their faces looted thousands of rupees from a contractor's employee at knife point. Immediately after the incident, the police blocked the area and started an investigation. Ramkaran, a resident of village Thanbad, said that he works at a contractor's office in Malikpur village, about one and a half kilometers away from his village. On Saturday night at around 8.30 pm, he started wrapping up his work and was writing the day's accounts on paper. Meanwhile, two youths with cloth wrapped around their faces came and put a knife on his neck. The youths snatched Rs 5090 from him. When Ramkaran protested, the knife slightly touched one of his fingers. But the miscreants fled from there on their bike parked outside. Ramkaran said that the miscreants came on a bike from village Foxa and fled in the same direction. Ramkaran also raised an alarm, but there was no one around. Then he called the contractor and informed him. On receiving the information, Barad police station incharge Pramod Rana reached the spot and investigated. Nearby CCTV cameras were scanned. On Sunday morning, CIA Narayangarh and Barad police station in-charge Pramod Rana along with his team started the investigation.

Youth should move forward by adopting ancient culture and values of elders: Harvinder Kalyan

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA
KARNAL, AUGUST 31

Haryana Assembly Speaker Harvinder Kalyan has called upon the youth to move forward in life by connecting with the ancient culture of the country and adopting the values given by the elders. Participate in sports to stay healthy. Harvinder Kalyan was speaking as the chief guest at the Pratibha Samman ceremony organized by Anmol Bandhan Yuva Seva Samiti (Regd.) at Saini Chaupal in Barsaat village on Sunday. Earlier, Assembly Speaker Harvinder Kalyan listened to the 125th episode of Prime Minister Narendra Modi's Mann Ki Baat programme along with other prominent people at booth number 102 of Kutel village. He honored the students who scored more than 75 percent marks in class 10th and 12th in Barsaat. Later, he flagged off the Shri Radha Ashtami Rath Yatra in Gharaunda.



At the Pratibha Samman ceremony, Harvinder Kalyan motivated the students to move forward in life by working harder in the future. He told the children that after growing up, they should contribute as much as possible for the progress of the family as well as for the service of the society or the nation. He praised Anmol Bandhan Yuva Seva Samiti for working in the interest of the society. He appealed to the committee and the Gram Panchayat to pay special attention to the cleanliness system in the village. Harvinder Kalyan said that when children move forward, there is hard work of their own as well as the penance of the parents behind it. After the formation of the BJP government in the state, jobs are being given to the youth on merit. The government has opened the path of progress for those who work hard. Chief Minister Naib Singh Saini is constantly trying to take the state forward. He wished the children a bright future.

On this occasion, Kalyan informed the villagers about the major development works done in the constituency in the last ten years. He said that Chaupal or Community Centre has been built in almost every village. Construction of Medical University, NCC Academy, Ring Road is going on. 75 new roads, 40 bridges, ITI, Girls College, New Bus Station in Gharaunda, 18 schools have been made Senior Secondary in the constituency. Apart from this, the people of 15 villages have benefited by taking land from the railway and constructing an underpass in Gharaunda. He said that the library will start soon in Barsat. This will benefit the youth. After the rainy season is over, the construction of roads and drains will be started. Every moment of his is dedicated to the progress of Gharaunda. Naresh Saini, Sanjay Saini ,Sunil Mandal President Naresh, Subhash Mahal, Sanju, Jagmal Kashyap, Raju etc. were present.

The resolution of developed India will be fulfilled with the revolution of Swadeshi: Dr. Arvind Sharma



SHIV KUMAR SHARMA
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Cooperatives, Prisons, Elections, Heritage and Tourism Minister Dr. Arvind Sharma said that under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, the country is moving towards becoming an industrial power. Regular use of indigenous products will prove to be a revolutionary change in the direction of establishing the country as a 5 trillion economy. He said that for this goal, from consumers to entrepreneurs, investors and policy makers will have to show unity, only then India will become stronger at the global level.

On Sunday, Cooperatives Minister Dr. Arvind Sharma participated as a special guest in the conclave on the resolution to make India an industrial hub organized under the aegis of India Global Industries Forum at Bharat Mandapam in New Delhi. Addressing the conclave organized in the presence of All India Sampark Pramukh Ramlal, Swadeshi Jagran Manch's National Convenor R Sundaram and other eminent dignitaries, Cooperative Minister Dr Arvind Sharma said that today's India is changing. Today's India gives a strong response to any obstruction on the global stage, from teaching a lesson to anti-national forces. The strength of this change under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi is the people of the country. India today stands at the threshold of a new era. We are emerging as not only a powerful consumer market, but also as a global industrial power. Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh and Swadeshi Jagran Manch have made a major contribution in spreading the idea to the people that industrial development is meaningful only when it is indigenous, self-reliant and inclusive.

Cabinet Minister Dr Arvind Sharma said that big industries are the backbone of our economy, but its real power lies only when they take small and medium industries along with them. If big industries add MSMEs and small enterprises to their supply system, then millions of youth, farmers and local entrepreneurs get its direct benefit, this model gives long-term industrial strength to India. Cooperation Minister Dr Arvind Sharma said that Prime Minister Narendra Modi has taken forward the Make in India campaign with this thinking. If today we use only Indian products and give priority to our industries, then this will give tremendous momentum to our economy.

All mothers of country were insulted from the Congress platform: Dr. Archana Gupta

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA
KARNAL, AUGUST 31

BJP's state general secretary Dr. Archana Gupta said that speaking wrong words about Prime Minister Narendra Modi's mother from the Congress platform in Bihar is an insult not just to one mother, but to all mothers. She said that it is wrong to put the honour and respect of the mothers of the country at stake to win elections. Dr. Archana Gupta was talking to journalists during a press conference in Karnal today. On this occasion, she also targeted Rahul Gandhi. She said that why Rahul Gandhi, who used to jump on every topic and every word, is silent now. She said that Rahul Gandhi should apologise to all the mothers of the country. She said that women are respected and worshipped in India. Governments will come and go, elections will also come and go. The image of the sisters and daughters of the country has always been paramount and will remain so in the future too. Targeting Sonia Gandhi, she said that Sonia Gandhi is also a mother. When the question came on the identity of mothers, Sonia Gandhi also kept quiet.



Cornering the Congress party, Dr. Archana Gupta said that the Congress never respected women nor gave them equal rights. She said that on the other hand, there is a BJP government which fully respects women. Haryana Chief Minister Naib Singh Saini has given a gift of Rs 2100 under Deendayal Lado Laxmi Yojana while honoring mothers, sisters and daughters. The BJP State General Secretary said that during the Congress government, daughters were killed in the womb itself. Congress never cared about daughters, let daughters die in the womb itself. He said that Prime Minister Narendra Modi cared about daughters.

Demand to reduce GST to 5 pc raised in AGM of Ayurvedic Drug Manufacturers Association

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA
KARNAL: In the annual general meeting of Ayurvedic Drug Manufacturers Association of Haryana, a demand was made to reduce GST to 5 per cent on Ayurvedic medicines. It was said there that the Ayurveda sector can play an important role in taking the Prime Minister's call for self-reliant India and indigenous security from resolution to accomplishment, so the government should give more concessions to this sector. Haryana License Authority Dilip Mishra was the chief guest in the annual general meeting of Ayurvedic Drug Manufacturers Association held in a hotel in Karnal. The programme was presided over by State President Anoop Bhardwaj. On this occasion, the chief guest Dilip Mishra said that the history of Ayurveda is millions of years old. It was created by Brahma ji. Ayurveda has been in existence since the origin of the universe. He said that today there is a need to make this sector fast and modern. He said that there is a need to be patient in Ayurveda. He said that the government wants work to be done in this sector to protect the health of the people. Today people in the world are adopting Ayurveda medicines. The export of Ayurveda products is increasing continuously. He said that there is a growth of six to seventy per cent annually. India is exporting Ayurvedic products to more than two hundred countries.



Haryana is becoming a hub of Ayurveda. Haryana ranks first in the world in terms of Ayurveda products. In his presidential address, State President Anoop Bhardwaj said that today the Ayurveda medicine industry needs concession from the government. This sector is completely indigenous. He said that the government should reduce the GST levied on this sector to five percent. So that it can survive easily. He said that in the coming times, this sector will play an important role in export.

Under PM's leadership, we will celebrate festivals with joy by keeping the state clean: CM Nayab Singh Saini



VIJAY KAUSHIK
LADWA: Chief Minister Nayab Singh Saini said that under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, everyone should take a pledge to keep the state clean and celebrate festivals with enthusiasm. He added that an 11-week cleanliness campaign has already been launched across the state and emphasized that the government is working at "triple speed" without pause. Addressing villagers after listening to Mann Ki Baat at Booth No. 195 in Kalal Majra village of Ladwa constituency, the Chief Minister stressed that to make India a developed nation by 2047, people must adopt swadeshi and follow the principle of "Vocal for Local." During the event, the village sarpanch honored him with a traditional turban, and Dr. Keval Krishna's book on the Chief Minister's life was released. CM Saini announced a grant of ₹21 lakh for development works in Kalal Majra. He noted that over the past 10 months, ₹1.01 crore has already been sanctioned for various development projects in the village.

He recalled that his election campaign for the Ladwa constituency had begun in Kalal Majra, which had supported the government with record votes. Responding to 15 demands presented by Sarpanch Kuldeep, the CM assured villagers that the requests would be forwarded to the concerned departments and fulfilled, with no shortage of funds for development.

Highlighting the significance of Mann Ki Baat, CM Saini said that on the last Sunday of every month, PM Modi connects with crores of citizens and shares stories of inspiring young achievers from across the country, motivating others to walk the path of progress. He also mentioned the PM's concern over the recent floods in Jammu & Kashmir, Himachal, and other states.

Grand idol installation takes place in Pran Pratishtha Mahotsav

ROHIT LAMSAR
TARAORI: Today was a historic day of the Prana Pratishtha Mahotsav going on in the Khatu Shyam temple located in Natha Singh Nagar on the railway road of the city. Grand idols of Khatu Shyam Prabhu, Balaji Maharaj and Shiv Parivar were installed by seven pandits amidst complete rituals and chanting of mantras. On this auspicious occasion, a huge crowd of devotees thronged the temple premises since morning and everyone was seen immersed in the devotion of the Lord. During the idol installation ritual, the temple premises echoed with the chants of Shyam's name and bhajans and kirtans. The atmosphere became devotional and the devotees felt blessed after seeing the divine idols. On this occasion, Pramod Bansal, Vineet Bansal and Ashok Bansal, the main conveners of Shri Khatu Shyam Lakhdatar Parivar Charitable Trust, said that this grand event has been possible with the cooperation of the entire city residents. He said that this temple will not only be a symbol of faith but will also become a centre for connecting the society. Many industrialists, social workers, representatives of religious organisations and dignitaries of the city were present in the program of worship and idol installation. A large number of dignitaries including Naresh Bansal, Pankaj Goyal, Sheeshpal Gupta, Rakesh Hans, Ravi Chawla, Krishna Rana, Rajiv, Vijay Singla, Mahesh Singla, Mukesh Garg, Yogesh Midda etc.



Modi's Mann Ki Baat' heard at Yamunanagar



RAHUL KOHLI
YAMUNANAGAR: PM Modi's Mann Ki Baat was heard at District Yamunanagar Assembly Booth No. 76, said former Chairman Haryana Vyapari Kalyan Board Ramniwas Garg. Former BJP President Haryana Vyapari Kalyan Board Ramniwas Garg informed that today respected officials and youth workers of booth no. 76 of Yamunanagar assembly constituency were present in the 125th edition of Prime Minister Narendra Modi's inspirational programme Mann Ki Baat. Former BJP President Haryana Vyapari Kalyan Board Ramniwas Garg said that Prime Minister Narendra Modi's Mann Ki Baat programme has infused new energy in the workers and local citizens at the booth level. District Yamunanagar is continuously uploading 100 per cent of Mann Ki Baat programme on Saral portal. Prime Minister Narendra Modi's address has filled all BJP workers with new enthusiasm. He is very popular among the people.

Karnal records 91% conviction rate in drug-related cases from January to July 2025

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA
KARNAL: Karnal District Attorney Dr. Pankaj Saini said that the Haryana government is strictly implementing narcotics laws with the goal of making the state drug-free and helping society break free from addiction. From January to July 2025, the district recorded an average conviction rate of 91 percent in drug-related cases under the NDPS Act.



50 convictions, 5 acquittals in session courts

Dr. Saini informed that during this seven-month period, out of 55 drug-related cases tried in session courts, convictions were delivered in 50 cases while 5 resulted in acquittals. The convicts were found in possession of large quantities of opium, cannabis, charas, and smack. Four months ago, a special court dedicated to NDPS cases was also set up in Karnal to expedite hearings of cases involving large-scale drug seizures. The establishment of this court has ensured quicker trials and faster sentencing.

Awareness campaigns against drug abuse

Dr. Saini further stated that monthly review meetings are chaired by Deputy Commissioner Uttam Singh, attended by officials from police, prosecution, health, agriculture, drug control, social welfare, and HSNCB. Directions are regularly issued to conduct awareness camps in schools, colleges, and among the general public to highlight the harmful effects of drug abuse.

One Nation, One Election will strengthen national unity: Ashok Sharma

RANVIR PARASHAR
KAITHAL/PUNDRI : State President of Brahmin Khap Ashok Sharma supported national initiative "One Nation, One Election". He said that conducting elections simultaneously will strengthen democracy, public attention will remain focused on development and national unity will be strengthened. Ashok Sharma was addressing a press conference at Shyam Rasoi Restaurant, Kaithal Road, Pundri on Sunday today. On this occasion, State President of Khap Ashok Sharma called for strengthening unity and brotherhood in society. He said that unity of Brahmin society can become an inspiration not only for community but for entire state and country. Ashok Sharma said that maintaining unity of Brahmin society is our first responsibility. When society runs with mutual cooperation and brotherhood, only then education, Employment and welfare schemes succeed and pave way for development. He also said that social unity ensures peace and prosperity, which is essential for the progress of the entire country. Speaking on national issues, Ashok Sharma supported "One Nation, One Election" and said that if elections are held simultaneously across country, democracy will be strengthened, election expenditure will be reduced and public's attention will remain focused on development.

One person's eye donation brings light in the life of 4 people: Dr. Neha Khanduja

MEGH RAJ LUTHRA
KARNAL, AUGUST 31



Madhav Netra Bank's senior member and famous eye specialist Dr. Neha Khanduja said that one person's eye donation brings light in the life of four people. Eye donation is a great deed which involves donating the eyes of a person to his family after his death. She was speaking at a function organised for the eye donation awareness fortnight at Geeta Niketan Senior Secondary School located in Chaura village of Gharaunda. Addressing the school children, she said that every person should pledge to donate eyes, only then we can free our country from blindness. When due to some reasons, the pupil above the black eye ball of our eyes gets damaged, then there is no treatment in medical science yet to fix it, the only option for this is pupil transplantation. Now the pupil of one person can be transplanted to four people. He told the children that when a person dies, eyes have to be donated within six hours. For this, Madhav Netra Bank has to be informed.

In his address, Secretary of Saksham, Dr. TR Manocha told the children and villagers that to keep their eyes safe, they should make it a habit to wake up early in the morning. Stay connected with nature. Do regular yoga and pranayam, use TV and mobile within limits. Fill your own form for eye donation and inspire others to do the same. On this occasion, 70 students of Geeta Niketan School participated in the chart making exhibition competition on eyes. In which the school girls were told about eye protection, eye donation and donation of other organs of the body. On this occasion, the entire staff of Dr. BK Thakur Hospital, social worker Baldev Khurana, Anil Kumar, Megh Raj Luthra and school staff were present.

Along with the eye donation awareness camp, a free eye check-up camp was also organized in Geeta Niketan School. Eye specialist Dr. Neha Khanduja checked the eyes of 170 people.

Gyan Vigyan Mela organized in Shrimad Bhagwad Geeta Vidyalaya

HANS RAJ
KURUKSHETRA : Gyan Vigyan Mela was organized in Shrimad Bhagwad Geeta Senior Secondary School. Students participated in it with great enthusiasm. About 150 students participated in this fair and presented more than 100 models. Students presented food adulteration, water pollution, sensor based models in science and students also made models of trigonometric, functions, regular polygon, algebraic identity, mensuration in mathematics. School Principal Anil Madan encouraged all the students to participate in such activities in future. School teachers Pradeep Kumar, Anuj Walia, Pankaj Garg, Amit Sharma, Sonu Bala and Deepika cooperated in organizing this fair.



Union Minister Manohar Lal to inaugurate 53rd annual meeting of Mayor Council in Karnal

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA
KARNAL, AUGUST 31

The 53rd Annual General Meeting of the Mayor Council will be held from 2 to 3 September at the five-star hotel Noor Mahal in Karnal. This is the first time that Haryana is going to host this prestigious event. Mayors from across the country will gather here to discuss the future development plans of their respective cities and strengthen the role of mayors in urban governance. This conference will be inaugurated by Union Minister of Power, Housing and Urban Affairs Manohar Lal. More than 70 mayors from 21 states are expected to attend this two-day conference. Earlier, the meeting of the Mayor Council was held in Burhanpur, Madhya Pradesh on 13-14 March 2023. On the first day of the conference to be held on September 2, the new executive of the council will also be elected.

Karnal Mayor and convener of this year's conference Renu Bala Gupta said that all the preparations for the conference have been completed by the Karnal Municipal Corporation. She said that this meeting holds special importance because it will also discuss the demand for implementing amendments in Articles 73 and 74 of the Indian Constitution. Renu Bala Gupta said that if the mayor is strong, then the problems of the general public will also be solved more effectively. During the conference, the mayors will share their views and also showcase the achievements of their respective cities. Achievements like the working style of Karnal Municipal Corporation, online portal will be discussed. Especially the third ranking received in the Swachh Survey will be informed. Renu Bala Gupta said, we will present the steps due to which Karnal got this achievement.

Apart from policy discussions, the general assembly of the Mayor Council will also form a new executive committee after deliberations on important issues. The mayors participating in the conference will also be made aware of the cultural and educational heritage of Haryana. This will include a visit to the historic Brahmasarovar, Jyotisar, Bhadrakali Temple and Geeta Gyan Sthal in Kurukshetra. In Karnal, the delegation will visit the National Dairy Research Institute (NDRI), Indoor Sports Complex and other sites, which will give them information about the cultural heritage and development initiatives of the region. On the last day of the conference on September 3, Haryana Assembly Speaker Harvinder Kalyan and the state's Local Bodies Minister Vipul Goyal will also participate. During the conference, Karnal MLA Jagmohan Anand, Indri MLA Ram Kumar Kashyap, Assandh MLA Yogendra Rana and Nilokheri MLA Bhagwan Das Kabirpanthi will also put forth their views.

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Look at the sky. We are not alone. The whole universe is friendly to us and conspires only to give the best to those who dream and work.

A. P. J. Abdul Kalam

EDITORIAL

India's horticulture output leaps to 367.72 million tonnes

India's horticulture sector recorded impressive growth over the past decade, driven by the government's strategy to diversify into high-value agriculture as part of the goal to double farmers' income in the country.

As of August 2025, for 2024-25 (second advanced estimates), horticulture production increased from 280.70 million tonnes in 2013-14 to 367.72 million tonnes. This includes fruit production of 114.51 million tonnes, vegetable production of 219.67 million tonnes, and 33.54 million tonnes from other horticulture crops.

In 2023–24, fruit production rose from 866 lakh metric tonnes in 2014–15 to 1,129.7 lakh metric tonnes, reflecting an increase of about 30 per cent. Vegetable production also grew from 1,694.7 lakh metric tonnes to 2,072 lakh metric tonnes during the same period, marking a rise of 22 per cent. Productivity levels improved as well, with fruits increasing from 14.17 to 15.80 metric tonnes per hectare and vegetables from 17.76 to 18.40 metric tonnes per hectare.

"The horticulture sector has witnessed notable progress over the years through targeted government schemes and initiatives that aim to tackle key challenges while unlocking the sector's full potential. The focus remains on enhancing crop quality, increasing production and improving farmers' access to markets," an official statement issued on Sunday said. The government has been implementing the Mission for Integrated Development of Horticulture since 2014–15. This centrally sponsored scheme aims to ensure the holistic growth of the horticulture sector in all states and Union Territories.

To evaluate the results, several impact assessment studies have been carried out through independent agencies, including NITI Aayog. The Department of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare also undertakes regular monitoring and evaluation of the scheme in different regions. Based on the feedback from these reviews, the scheme has been restructured with changes and new components to address field-level challenges. The key initiatives under the scheme include establishing Centres of Excellence in Horticulture for demonstration and training on the latest technologies in the field, and the Horticulture Cluster Development Programme, designed to make use of the geographical strengths of horticulture clusters.

Besides, a clean plant programme has been launched for providing high-quality, disease-free planting material to strengthen India's position in the global horticulture trade.

Under the Mission for Integrated Development of Horticulture, financial and technical support is also extended to States and Union Territories for a wide range of activities aimed at strengthening the sector. The main interventions include the establishment of nurseries and tissue culture units to produce high-quality seeds and planting material.

GDP surge driving India's growth story



India's strong services activity has helped GDP growth comfortably beat expectations for the second quarter in a row, rising to an impressive high of 7.8 per cent for April-June 2025. India's economy grew at a faster-than-expected annual rate in the quarter to the end of June, boosted by the manufacturing, construction and service sectors. The swift growth in the first quarter of the current financial year further consolidates India's position as the world's fastest growing major economy, officials said.Currently the world's fourth-largest economy, India is on track to become the third-largest by 2030 with a projected USD 7.3 trillion GDP.

This momentum is powered by decisive governance, visionary reforms, and active global engagement, they said. Notably, growth is accelerating, with real GDP expected to rise by 7.8% in Q1 FY 2025-26, up from 6.5% a year earlier.The ascent is powered by strong domestic demand and transformative policy reforms, making India a prime destination for global capital, officials said. With easing inflation, higher employment, and buoyant consumer sentiment, private consumption is expected to further drive GDP growth in the coming months.

Gross Domestic Product (GDP) reflects the size and health of an economy by capturing the total value of goods and services produced within a country. Real GDP, which measures the economy's output after removing the effects of inflation, grew by 6.5% in Q1 of 2024-25. In Q1 of FY 2025-26, real GDP is estimated at Rs 47.89 lakh crore, against ₹44.42 lakh crore in Q1 of FY 2024-25, depicting an impressive growth of 7.8%.In Q1 of FY 2025-26, allied sector, comprising agriculture, livestock, forestry and fishing and mining and quarrying grew by 3.7%, up from 1.5% in the prior corresponding period. Secondary sector, comprising manufacturing, electricity, gas, water supply & other utility services and construction posted strong gains, with manufacturing (7.7%) and construction (7.6%) both crossing the 7.5% growth mark.Tertiary sector recorded a robust 9.3% growth at constant prices, higher than 6.8% in Q1 FY 2024-25."In our view, Q1 numbers reflect the basic resilience of our economy. It reflects strengthening of the momentum in the economy and it is anchored in strong macroeconomic fundamentals. On the supply side, we have seen an all-round growth. On the manufacturing, construction and service side activity, as well as the fact that agriculture side has shown a robust growth," Anuradha Thakur, Economic Affairs Secretary said on Saturday.

"The rabi harvest as well as kharif sowing have been much in excess of the last quarters. We have a good buffer stock. We have had a good rainfall...On the demand side the primary drivers have been domestic and in our economy, net exports don't contribute so much on the demand side," she added. The sharp pick-up in growth in April-June 2025 has been catalysed by the services sector growth hitting a high of 9.3%.

All components of the services sector, such as trade, hotels, transport, communication and services related to broadcasting, financial, real estate & professional services and public administration, defence & other services have been on an upward trajectory. GVA growth, which is seen as a more meaningful measure of activity levels, registered a high of 7.6% in April-June 2025. GVA is arrived at by subtracting net indirect taxes, indirect taxes after adjusting for subsidies - from the GDP.

Notably, India is projected to reach a GDP of Rs. 4,26,45,000 crore (US$ 5 trillion) by 2027 and is on course to surpass Germany by 2028. By 2030, India is set to become the world's third-largest economy with a projected GDP of $7.3 trillion. GST has also promoted price convergence across states, strengthening its role as a national equaliser. Looking ahead, next-generation reforms will be launched in October 2025, aimed at reducing taxes on essentials, easing MSME compliance, and creating a more transparent, citizen-friendly tax system.Inflation situation has shown consistent improvement in the country. In July 2025, India's inflation depicted a clear decline which suggests an increase in the purchasing power, providing relief to households and indicating stability in the economy.India's job market has undergone a profound transformation, mirroring the country's economic evolution from a largely agrarian economy in the pre-independence era to a globally integrated, technology-driven one today, officials said.

Over the decades, employment patterns have shifted in tandem with structural changes in the economy, with the workforce gradually moving from agriculture to industry and, more recently, to services and knowledge-based sectors.India has rapidly emerged as a top global destination for Foreign Direct Investment (FDI), powered by a decade of structural reforms, investor-friendly policies, and rising competitiveness. Backed by improvements in global rankings and strategic initiatives, investor confidence has strengthened. India witnessed a historic USD 81 billion worth of foreign investments in FY24-25 alone.The Government now targets annual FDI inflows of USD 100 billion, up from the five-year average of over USD 70 billion, as India positions itself as a global investment hub amid shifting supply chains.Additionally, India's foreign exchange reserves stood at USD 695.5 billion as of July 18, 2025, having briefly crossed the USD 700 billion mark in the week ending June 27, 2025.Backed by these strong macroeconomic fundamentals, India's growth journey remains in the global spotlight.The International Monetary Fund (IMF) also followed suit, and revised its forecast for India's economic growth to 6.4% for both 2025 and 2026. Earlier in its April 2025 World Economic Outlook, IMF had projected India's GDP growth at 6.2% for 2025 and 6.3% for 2026. S&P Global raised India's long-term sovereign credit rating to 'BBB' from 'BBB-', with the short-term rating upgraded to 'A-2' from 'A-3'.

Italian PM Meloni 'disgusted' after her doctored explicit pics circulated online



Italian Prime Minister Georgia Meloni denounced a porn site that allegedly featured doctored images of herself and other high-profile women, alongside sexist and offensive captions and commentary, CNN reported.The forum, known as Phica - a name based on a slang term "figa" for the word "vagina" in Italian - was shut down by its own managers on Thursday, following a widespread backlash.

The site, which had hundreds of thousands of subscribers at the time of its closure, blamed users for breaking its rules.Subscribers of the adult forum allegedly harvested images of women from social media websites or public sources, before doctoring them and posting them along with misogynistic descriptions.Alongside Georgia Meloni, as reported by CNN, the site also allegedly featured images of her sister Arianna, who is a prominent politician within the Brothers of Italy party as well as other Italian celebrities and politicians.

"I am disgusted by what happened, and I want to extend my solidarity and support to all the women who have been offended, insulted, and violated in their intimacy by the managers of this forum and its users," Meloni told Italy's local media, as quoted by CNN.She added, "It is disheartening to note that in 2025, there are still those who consider it normal and legitimate to trample on a woman's dignity and target her with sexist and vulgar insults, hiding behind anonymity or a keyboard."In an apparent nod to Italy's current laws on revenge porn, Meloni said it has become apparent that "this no longer happens just out of 'revenge,' and that protecting our data and our privacy is increasingly crucial in our times."Italy does have a "revenge porn" law in place, passed in 2019, that makes the "illegal dissemination of sexually explicit images" punishable by up to six years in prison.Her sister Arianna, also speaking to local media, blamed what she described as a "bad habit of a click-through society, where we intrude on private life, we offend, we peek through keyholes, we ruin lives, and we belittle the real, important things that women achieve and conquer with their work day after day," as quoted by CNN.

Pakistan: Short-term inflation rises 3.57 pc amid surge in food prices



Short-term inflation in Pakistan, measured through the Sensitive Price Index (SPI), climbed 3.57 per cent year-on-year for the week ending August 28, primarily driven by a sharp rise in prices of perishable food items, Dawn reported, citing official figures released on Friday.According to Dawn, this marks the sixth consecutive week of inflationary increases. On a weekly basis, the SPI rose by 0.62 per cent, largely due to hikes in the prices of tomatoes, onions, potatoes, chicken, LPG, and wheat flour.Sugar prices also contributed to the rise, with retail rates now between PKR 190 and PKR 200 per kilogram. Meat prices have also been steadily climbing in recent weeks, Dawn reported.While the current inflation pace is slower than last year due to a high base effect, essential food items continue to drive overall costs upward. Most non-perishable items remained stable, except for notable increases in wheat flour and meat.

During the reviewed week, the biggest price hikes were observed in tomatoes (14.98 per cent), wheat flour (12.11 per cent), chicken (3.36 per cent), potatoes (1.52 per cent), mustard oil (1.37 per cent), eggs (1.03 per cent), LPG (0.82 per cent), cooked beef (0.81 per cent), garlic (0.78 per cent), lawn-printed fabric (0.23 per cent), firewood (0.17 per cent), and long cloth (0.11 per cent), seeing that reported by Dawn.Meanwhile, some commodities saw price drops, including pulse mash (0.43 per cent), pulse masoor and pulse gram (0.28 per cent each), bananas (0.12 per cent), vegetable ghee (2.5kg, 0.10 per cent), and onions (0.01 per cent).On an annual basis, the steepest price increases were recorded for ladies' sandals (55.62 per cent), gas charges for Q1 (29.85 per cent), sugar (26.91 per cent), beef (12.99 per cent), gur (12.18 per cent), bananas (11.78 per cent), moong dal (11.74 per cent), firewood (11.47 per cent), and various forms of vegetable ghee and cooked beef, as reported by Dawn.In contrast, some items became significantly cheaper compared to last year, including onions (down by 49.31 per cent), garlic (down by 25.98 per cent), pulse mash (down by 23.39 per cent), potatoes (down by 19.96 per cent), and pulse gram (down by 18.54 per cent). Electricity charges, branded tea, and certain rice and LPG types also saw notable year-on-year declines.

POEMS

All my friends are finding new beliefs

All my friends are finding new beliefs. This one converts to Catholicism and this one to trees. In a highly literary and hitherto religiously-indifferent Jew God whomps on like a genetic generator.

Paleo, Keto, Zone, South Beach, Bourbon.
Exercise regimens so extreme she merges with machine. One man marries a woman twenty years younger and twice in one brunch uses the word verdant;

another's brick-fisted belligerence gentles
into dementia, and one, after a decade of finical feints and teases like a sandpiper at the edge of the sea, decides to die. Priesthoods and beasthoods, sombers and glees, high-styled renunciations and avocations of dirt, sobrieties, satieties, pilgrimages to the very bowels of being ...

All my friends are finding new beliefs and I am finding it harder and harder to keep track of the new gods and the new loves, and the old gods and the old loves, and the days have daggers, and the mirrors motives, and the planet's turning faster and faster in the blackness, and my nights, and my doubts, and my friends, my beautiful, credible friends.

BY CHRISTIAN WIMAN

Why ultra-processed diets make you gain fat even without extra calories: Study



An international team of scientists has now discovered that people gain more weight on an ultra-processed diet compared to a minimally processed diet, even when they eat the same number of calories. The study in humans also revealed that a diet high in ultra-processed foods introduces higher levels of pollutants that are known to affect sperm quality. The findings were published in the journal Cell Metabolism."Our results prove that ultra-processed foods harm our reproductive and metabolic health, even if they're not eaten in excess. This indicates that it is the processed nature of these foods that makes them harmful," says Jessica Preston, lead author of the study, who carried out the research during her PhD at the University of Copenhagen's NNF Center for Basic Metabolic Research (CBMR).To get the best possible data, the scientists compared the health impact of unprocessed and ultra-processed diets on the same person. They recruited 43 men aged 20 to 35, who spent three weeks on each of the two diets, with three months 'washout' in between. Half started on the ultra-processed and half started on the unprocessed diet. Half of the men also received a high-calorie diet with an extra 500 daily calories, while half received the normal amount of calories for their size, age and physical activity levels.They were not told which diet they were on. Both the unprocessed and ultra-processed diets had the same amount of calories, protein, carbs and fats.Men gained around 1 kg more of fat mass while on the ultra-processed diet compared to the unprocessed diet, regardless of whether they were on the normal or excess calorie diet. Several other markers of cardiovascular health were also affected.The scientists also discovered a worrying increase in the level of the hormone-disrupting phthalate cxMINP, a substance used in plastics, in men on the ultra-processed diet. Men on this diet also saw decreases in their levels of testosterone and follicle-stimulating hormone, which are crucial for sperm production."We were shocked by how many body functions were disrupted by ultra-processed foods, even in healthy young men. The long-term implications are alarming and highlight the need to revise nutritional guidelines to better protect against chronic disease." says the study's senior author Professor Romain Barrès from the University of Copenhagen's NNF Center for Basic Metabolic Research, and the Universite Cote d'Azur.

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15,000 Manimahesh pilgrims begin return journey from Bharmour: Dr. Janak Raj

DINESH AGARWAL
SHIMLA: In the wake of landslides, cloudbursts, and washed-away roads that disrupted the Manimahesh Yatra, Bharmour MLA Dr. Janak Raj reached out to stranded pilgrims, assuring them of support and providing updates on ground conditions.

The BJP legislator said that nearly 15,000 pilgrims have now started their return journey on foot from Bharmour and adjoining routes. "So far, the official death toll stands at 11. The situation will become clearer in the coming days, but thankfully there have been no reports of large-scale loss of life or property," he said. Dr. Raj noted that every year around 20–25 devotees sustain injuries on the challenging trek, but this year's natural calamity has made the pilgrimage far more difficult.



NEWS BRIEF

Free genetic tests conducted for 3,059 pregnant women and 1,029 children: DC



JAGRAJ SINGH SANGHA
MOGA: information was shared by Deputy Commissioner Moga, Mr. Sagar Setia said that with the help of this lab, many serious diseases in children can be detected even before birth, enabling timely treatment. He described this project as a revolutionary step for improving maternal and child health in Moga. The primary aim of this initiative is to diagnose genetic disorders at an early stage, save lives, and ensure the well-being of families. He further informed that around 10,000 pregnant women in Moga will undergo HbA2 screening using High-Performance Liquid Chromatography (HPLC) to detect thalassemia disorders. If both partners (husband and wife) are found to be carriers of the genetic disorder thalassemia, then all necessary prenatal tests will be carried out. Under this program, all pregnant women can provide blood samples at the lab to check for thalassemia traits.

MP Dr. Chabbewal allocates Rs. 50 lakh from MPLAD fund for Dhussi , Kukran Dam restoration and flood relief



DALJEET AJNOHA
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Keeping in view the recent floods in Punjab—especially the extensive damage caused in the Hoshiarpur parliamentary constituency, in a proactive step towards supporting disaster management and rehabilitation efforts, the Member of Parliament Dr. Raj Kumar Chabbewal has sanctioned ?50 lakh from the MP LAD fund for flood relief and restoration work in Hoshiarpur district. It is worth mentioning that many areas of Mukerian, Tanda, Chabbewal, Hoshiarpur and Hargobindpur are badly affected by the heavy rains and floods due to excess water released in small dams of the constituency.

The cheque of the special fund of 50 Lakh has been issued to the Deputy Commissioner Hoshiarpur Ashika Jain IAS, to assist with urgent rehabilitation efforts. A major portion of the allocation will be directed towards the strengthening and repair of the Dhussi Dam embankment in the Mukerian assembly constituency and Kukran Dam in Chabbewal assembly constituency which has been severely damaged during the recent floods. The immediate repair of Dhussi dam is critically important and will play a vital role in flood control and protecting nearby villages. Assistant Commissioner Oishee Mandal was also present at the occasion.

The MP stated that this financial assistance is a part of his ongoing commitment to support the people of the region in times of crisis. "The safety and well-being of residents is our top priority. The Dhussi Dam embankment must be reinforced immediately to prevent further flooding and safeguard lives and property," the MP added.

Former MLA Jeet Mahendra Singh Sidhu reaches to assess damage caused by rupture of Lasara drain



KULJIT SINGH DHINGRA
RAMPURA PHUL: Former MLA Jeet Mahendra Singh Sidhu reached to assess the damage caused by the rupture of Lasara drain in village Pitho in Maur assembly constituency. 150 acres of paddy crop and two houses were severely damaged due to the rupture of Lasara drain the previous day. He told the affected farmers that he stands shoulder to shoulder with them. And former MLA Jeet Mahendra Singh Sidhu also said that if the Punjab government had cleaned the drain earlier, then today the farmers would not have faced this problem because extra trees etc. have grown in the drain due to which the water does not move forward and overflows and damages the farmers' crops. When he talked to the farmers, they said that no help had reached them from the administration and with the support of the entire village and the Nagar Panchayat.

Cyclothon rally held in Kaithal on the birth anniversary of hockey wizard Major Dhyan Chand



SANJAY SHARMA
KAITHAL, AUG 31

On the occasion of the birth anniversary of hockey legend Major Dhyan Chand, a cyclothon rally was organised in Kaithal on Sunday. The event was flagged off by MLA Satpal Jamba at Chaudhary Chhotu Ram Indoor Stadium, where he also joined the rally by riding a bicycle.

The rally started from the Indoor Stadium, passing through Sector 21 Chowk, Sector 20 Market, Dhand Road, and Sir Chhotu Ram Chowk before culminating back at the stadium. Youth participated in large numbers, making the rally a success. Addressing the gathering, MLA Jamba said that the aim of the cyclothon was to spread awareness about health and to caution people against the menace of drugs. He said Haryana has emerged as a hub of sports, with the government promoting sports by establishing stadiums, sports nurseries, and yoga centres across the state.

The MLA highlighted that ?1 crore has been released to upgrade Kaithal Stadium, ?30 lakh for facilities at Pundri Stadium, and an additional ?2.06 crore sanctioned to expedite the construction of the kabaddi academy at village Pai. "With better sports infrastructure, youth will participate more actively in sports and bring laurels to the state and the nation," he said.

Deploying CISF at BBMB is direct interference in states' jurisdiction: Prof. Chandumajra



AJAY MALHOTRA
FATEHGARH SAHIB: Former Member of Parliament and Senior Leader of Shiromani Akali Dal Prof. Prem Singh Chandumajra has strongly opposed the Centre's move to deploy the Central Industrial Security Force (CISF) at the Bhakra Beas Management Board (BBMB), calling it a direct attempt by the Union Government to take control of the dams. He said this action is also a violation of the Punjab Reorganization Act. Prof. Chandumajra emphasized that the Punjab Government must take this issue seriously. He urged the state to convene an all-party meeting to devise a joint strategy, exert pressure, and firmly resist the Centre's policy of seizing control of Punjab's Dams. He further pointed out with regret that when the Dam Safety Act was passed in Parliament, none of Punjab's Members of Parliament opposed it, leading to its passage without resistance. "The consequences of that negligence are being felt today," he added. Criticizing the current state leadership, he said that although Punjab's Chief Minister earlier made loud claims, held protests, and demonstrations, now—when it is most crucial to stop this action of the Centre—both the Chief Minister and his ministers seem to have disappeared from the political scene. Advising the Punjab Government, Prof. Chandumajra reiterated that it must call an all-party meeting and present Punjab's case before the Centre, as this is a clear interference in the jurisdiction of the states.

An hour a day is essential to keep the body disease-free: Dr. Himanshu Jain



HANS RAJ
KURUKSHETRA: A free medical camp was organized by D.R. Jain Neurocare and Multispeciality Hospital in village Shadipur. Addressing the gathering, Dr. Himanshu Jain emphasized that everyone must dedicate at least one hour out of 24 to their body to stay healthy. He advised adopting exercise, yoga, pranayama, and walking as part of daily life. Speaking on neurological disorders, Dr. Jain explained that common symptoms include speech impairment, imbalance, stiffness in the body, weakness, memory loss, difficulty in movement, tremors, rigid muscles, and trouble swallowing. Such disorders are often caused by viral, bacterial, fungal, or parasitic infections affecting the nervous system. He highlighted conditions such as Alzheimer's disease, dementia, epilepsy, cerebrovascular ailments like migraine, stroke, and chronic headaches, along with their prevention and treatment methods. The camp, held under the leadership of Dr. Sanjay Sharma, marked the 2027th free medical initiative by the hospital. A total of 106 patients received consultation, checkups, blood sugar and hemoglobin tests, pulse rate monitoring, and free medicines.

3 youths die in drain mishap, migrants worst affected under BJP rule: Ex-MLA Neeraj Sharma



SHIV KUMAR SHARMA
FARIDABAD: Former MLA from NIT-86, Neeraj Sharma, has held the BJP government responsible for the tragic death of three migrant youths in the recent Gauchhi drain accident, calling it a result of gross negligence. He said this was the same drain where safety grills were installed during the tenure of late former minister Pandit Shiv Charan Lal Sharma (2009–14), but in the last 11 years of BJP rule those grills disappeared and were never replaced. Sharma added that during his tenure as MLA, he repeatedly raised concerns about the dangerous condition of the Gauchhi drain by writing to the Chief Minister and officials and also speaking in the Assembly, but his warnings were ignored. "Migrants have suffered the most under BJP rule," he said. "Be it demonetisation, the COVID-19 pandemic, or now such accidents – migrant workers and their families have always been the worst affected. Now migrants must ask themselves how safe their lives and future are under this government." He expressed deep sorrow that even after this heart-wrenching tragedy, no representative from the BJP government had visited the bereaved families. Neeraj Sharma has written to the Haryana Chief Minister with two key demands: A compensation of Rs. 1 crore each for the families of the three deceased migrant youths. Registration of a case under Section 103 of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (murder) against the responsible officials of Faridabad Municipal Corporation who removed the safety grills and failed to reinstall them.

Divya Jyoti Jagrati Sansthan organises Bhaj Govindam bhajan evening in Kaithal



SANJAY SHARMA
KAITHAL: Divya Jyoti Jagrati Sansthan organised a Bhaj Govindam bhajan evening in Kaithal, where disciple of Shri Ashutosh Maharaj Ji, Sadhvi Garima Bharti, shed light on the deeper meanings behind the divine pastimes of Lord Krishna. She explained that Krishna's leelas manifest on two levels – the external, worldly plane and the internal, spiritual plane. While the external leelas are visible in the physical world, the real essence can be experienced by a seeker through deep meditation within. The purpose of Lord Krishna's incarnation in human form, she said, was to awaken the formless divine within every soul. The Sansthan, apart from being a spiritual organisation, also works as a social body dedicated to addressing issues in society. Through initiatives like the Kamdhenu Cow Protection and Promotion Project, it seeks to revive the cultural importance of the cow in Indian society. Referring to Krishna's leela of subduing Kaliya Naag, Sadhvi Bharti highlighted how it symbolises the need to confront social evils directly rather than remain passive. She emphasised that the youth, endowed with strength and zeal, must be awakened and inspired to eradicate social ills and contribute to building a noble society. Citing examples of Swami Vivekananda, Swami Ramtirth, Bhagat Singh, and Chandrashekhar Azad, she reminded that youth have always been at the forefront of societal transformation.

Sham Nursing Home organises Ganesh Bhajan Sandhya on Ganesh Chaturthi



JAGRAJ SINGH SANGHA
MOGA: MD of Sham Nursing Home Dr. Sham Sundar Garg, Nina Garg, Dr. Seemant Garg, Dr. Monika Garg, Samarth Garg, Imani Garg installed Lord Ganesh Ji in their house in Parwana Nagar on Ganesh Chaturthi and after performing puja every day, Bhajan Sandhya was organized. In which Bhajan singer Sukhdev Sanwara enchanted the devotees who came to the religious function by singing Bhajans of Lord Ganesh Ji. On this occasion, the devotees sang Dandiya and Ganpati Bappa Morya. And after the aarti, they offered Prasad and took the blessings of Lord Ganesh Ji. Today, Sunday, the idol of Lord Ganpati Ji was immersed amidst the chants of Ganpati Bappa Morya. On this occasion, Dr. Seemant Garg thanked the doctors and dignitaries of the city and said that it is our good fortune that we get the opportunity to remember Lord Ganesh Ji every year and seek his blessings. An Akhand Langar was also organized on this occasion.

Frequent changes in weather have a bad effect on health: Dr. Aneja



DALBIR MALIK
KURUKSHETRA: Senior Medical Officer, Administrator and Arogya Bharti member Dr. Aneja said that when weather changes frequently, frequent changes in humidity and temperature are also noticed. These are all such things, due to which health can be affected. Especially, it can cause more problems for those who are already suffering from respiratory problems. When there is a sudden change in weather, problems like cold and cough become very easy. When there is a lot of rain, risk of fungal infection increases due to this. Also, mosquitoes also increase these days, due to which cases of dengue and malaria are also seen to increase. Dr. Aneja said that common diseases that occur when weather changes, some diseases become more common during weather changes. These diseases can affect people of all age groups, but children, elderly and people with weak immunity are more at risk. Problem of cold and flu is most common as weather changes. Feeling cold or sudden drop in temperature increases risk of infection in body. Symptoms: Runny or blocked nose, sore throat, sneezing, mild fever, headache and body ache. Due to fluctuations in temperature, viruses become more active, which increases viral infection.

Dr. Subhash Thoba leads flood relief efforts in Dera Baba Nanak



VERMA
QADIAN: In response to the devastating floods in the border areas of Dera Baba Nanak, social worker and former Punjab Minority Commission member Dr. Subhash Thoba has initiated a comprehensive relief operation. The floods have left many families homeless, destroyed crops, and created a severe shortage of food and animal fodder. Dr. Thoba and his team are focusing on delivering critical aid to the affected communities. They have distributed medicines and clean drinking water, which are crucial for preventing the spread of waterborne diseases. He has also supplied juice and biscuits to help sustain children and the elderly, who have lost the ability to cook in their homes. A major concern for villagers has been finding fodder for their livestock, as the fields are completely submerged. Recognizing this urgent need, Dr. Thoba has provided dry fodder and bangles, offering much-needed relief to the affected farmers. Dr. Thoba is urging the public to unite and help the flood victims. "The unity of society is the biggest support for these families in times of crisis," he stated.

Alumni are the timeless legacy of every institution: VC KUK



DALBIR MALIK
KURUKSHETRA: The Department of Library Science, Kurukshetra University organised the Second Alumni Meet in the Senate Hall on Sunday, where Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Som Nath Sachdeva, as the Chief Guest, emphasized that alumni are the priceless legacy of every academic institution, continuously contributing to its holistic growth. Prof. Sachdeva urged students to draw inspiration from the experiences of their seniors and to move forward in their careers with honesty, dedication, and commitment. Prof Sachdeva emphasized that such platforms provide alumni an opportunity to reconnect and relive their cherished memories. On this occasion, Vice-Chancellor Prof. Som Nath Sachdeva honoured members of the department's first batch (1969)—Dr. Sewa Singh, Dr. Jasmer Singh, Dr. R.K. Bansal, and Dr. Krishan Gopal—for their outstanding contributions to the field of Library Science.

Vimukti Diwas observed in Simbalwal village of Ladwa constituency



VIJAY KAUSHIK
LADWA: Vimukti Diwas was celebrated on Sunday in Simbalwal village of Babain block, Ladwa constituency. The chief guest at the event was BJP Mandal Babain president Vikas Sharma of Jalkheri, while the programme was presided over by Haryana Banjara Samaj state president Subedar Major Kishori Lal. On this occasion, floral tributes were offered at the statue of Baba Lakhhi Shah Banjara. Speaking on the occasion, Subedar Major Kishori Lal said that in 1871, the British imposed the Criminal Tribes Act on nomadic communities in India. However, on August 31, 1952—five years and sixteen days after India's independence—the Government of India repealed the Act, providing major relief to these communities. He added that since the BJP came to power at the Centre and in Haryana, nomadic communities have been given the recognition and respect that had long been denied to them.

City resonates with chants of 'Bole So Nihal, Sat Sri Akal' as Nagar Kirtan marks Guru Granth Sahib Parkash Utsav



SHIV KUMAR SHARMA
KARNAL: A grand Nagar Kirtan was organised today from Gurdwara Singh Sabha, Model Town, on the occasion of the Parkash Purab of Sri Guru Granth Sahib. The beautifully decorated palki carrying Guru Granth Sahib became the centre of devotion for the large gathering of devotees. The procession featured Gatka groups, ragis, dhadi jathas, and kirtani jathas singing hymns in praise of the Guru, captivating the devotees along the route. The Panj Pyare, walking ahead of the palki, drew reverence from the sangat, while devotees showered flowers on the holy procession. Women were seen sprinkling water on the road ahead of the palki as a mark of devotion. The Nagar Kirtan began with an ardas and the honouring of the Panj Pyare with siropas outside Gurdwara Singh Sabha, Model Town.

Science quiz competition held at SMS Memorial Public School



ROHIT LAMSAR
TARAORI: A science quiz competition was organised at S.M.S. Memorial Public School, Tarawadi, in which students from classes 8 to 12 participated with great enthusiasm. They demonstrated their knowledge, logical reasoning, and quick-thinking abilities. The competition was divided into several rounds, including objective questions, rapid-fire questions, visual-based questions, and special questions related to various branches of science. Participants answered impressively on topics ranging from physics, chemistry, and biology to the latest scientific inventions and experiments. School Principal Dr. Vibha Kaushik, addressing the students, said that learners should not remain confined to textbooks but must connect science with practical life.

Havan and feast held at Nagar Kheda in Yamunanagar's village Sudhail



RAHUL KOHLI
YAMUNANAGAR: Like every year, havan and feast were organized today at Nagar Kheda by Nagar Kheda Seva Samiti with cooperation of all villagers in Yamunanagar's village Sudhail. Village resident Arjun Sudhail said that all villagers and devotees took advantage of virtue by offering sacrifices in the havan and a huge feast was organized by the villagers after bhajans at Dada Kheda. Villagers said that village is settled due to infinite grace of Dada Kheda. We all villagers respect Dada Kheda. All villagers cooperated. Kheda Baba was prayed to keep his infinite grace on villagers.

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Vishvas Foundation President from Chandigarh Tricity receives National Social Icon Award 2025 in Jaipur

CHANDIGARH: Vishvas Foundation, a social organization of Chandigarh Tricity, which has been continuously contributing towards social service and social change, was honoured with the country's prestigious National Social Icon Award 2025 with the blessings of Gurudev Shri Swami Vishvas Ji. This honor was given to only 15 selected social workers across the country, out of which Sadhvi Neelima Vishvas, President of Vishvas Foundation, was awarded the first prize. Rishi Saral Vishwvs, Rajinder Gulati and Manjula Gulati from Vishvas Foundation were present on this occasion. This grand ceremony was organized at S.S. Jain Subodh PG College, Jaipur on the occasion of the fourth foundation day of Youth Social gram Foundation. Dr. Arun Chaturvedi, Minister of State, Finance Commission, Government of Rajasthan and Mrs. Manju Sharma, MP, Jaipur were present as chief guests at the function. On this occasion, the principal of the college, Prof. Renu Joshi said that such programs inspire the entire society to fulfil social responsibility. The function was conducted by Youth Social gram Foundation's founder Yogesh Chaudhary and co-founder Amit Bhardwaj and program organizing committee's chairman Dr. Vishal Gautam. At the end of the program, chief guest Dr. Arun Chaturvedi and MP Manju Sharma said that such awards inspire the young generation to make a positive contribution to the mainstream of society.

NEWS BRIEF

Godrej Enterprises Group (GEG) launches SafeLog, smart IoT solution to transform forklift operations with enhanced safety and efficiency

Chandigarh: In a strategic move to accelerate digital transformation in industrial operations, the Material Handling Equipment (MHE) business of Godrej Enterprises Group (GEG) has launched SafeLog – Vehicle Monitoring System, an advanced IoT-enabled solution designed to elevate safety, efficiency, and reliability in forklift operations. It enables proactive maintenance and data-driven decision-making, helping businesses maintain high safety standards while optimizing overall cost of ownership. SafeLog is seamlessly integrated into GEG's forklift range and is purpose-built to address the growing complexity of industrial operations.
Anil Lingayat, Business Head, Material Handling Equipment, Godrej Enterprises Group, said, "SafeLog reflects our commitment to building intelligent, connected solutions for the material handling industry. It enables proactive maintenance, enhances safety, and delivers measurable value to our customers. With innovations like SafeLog, we continue to support the 'Make in India' vision while helping industries elevate their operational standards."
By delivering real-time operational insights, maintenance alerts, and intelligent fleet analytics, it empowers businesses to reduce unplanned downtime by 10% and improve asset utilization by 15% across warehousing and intralogistics

Community Kitchen Held

Panchkula: Purushottam Das Rungta Charitable Trust organised the 180th Community Kitchen, or 'Ann Bhandara' in Industrial Area Phase-1, Panchkula with great reverence and a spirit of service. On this occasion, food was distributed to the needy. Trust founder Amitabh Rungta said that making children take part in an 'Ann Bhandara' could be an effective medium to build their character as this can instill a sense of responsibility, discipline and philanthropy in children. He said that parents should inspire their children to actively cooperate in such efforts as this will also develop a sense of service in children. Rungta further said that through such events, children learn that one should be sensitive towards the weaker sections of the society and that it is the duty of every citizen to help them.

A strategic partnership with Reliance Industries to build Llama- based enterprise AI solutions

CHANDIGARH/LUDHIANA: Today, we are announcing our intent to form a strategic joint venture (JV) with Reliance Industries Limited[1] (RIL), aimed at developing enterprise AI solutions built on Llama for Indian enterprises. Quote from Mark Zuckerberg, CEO, Meta, "We're excited to deepen our partnership with Reliance to bring the power of open-source AI to Indian developers and enterprises. Through this joint venture, we're putting Meta's Llama models into real-world use, and I'm looking forward to Meta expanding its footprint in the enterprise space as we unlock new possibilities together."

Campus Activewear Announces Kriti Sanon as the Face of its Women's Category

LUDHIANA/ AMRITSAR: Campus Activewear, one of India's leading Sports and Athleisure footwear brands, has announced National Award-winning actress Kriti Sanon as the new face of its Women's Category. The association marks more than a brand–celebrity partnership—it reflects Campus' vision to shape the future of the women's footwear segment in India, building on the strong growth it has witnessed in the past year.

Thums Up and Biryani, Together at Their Most Toofani

CHANDIGARH/LUDHIANA:: Thums Up, Coca-Cola India's iconic billion-dollar brand, today launched its latest campaign "Biryani Ek Nahi, Do Haath Se Khaate Hai", starring Bollywood superstar Shah Rukh Khan and Telugu cinema legend Jagapathi Babu. This campaign is an ode to the perfect biryani experience, transforming it into an immersive ritual free of distractions. It's about slowing down, savoring every flavor, and truly living the moment.

Tata Motors launches the all-new Winger Plus, setting new benchmarks in premium passenger mobility

CHANDIGARH/LUDHIANA: Tata Motors, India's largest commercial vehicle manufacturer, launched the all-new 9-seater Tata Winger Plus, a premium passenger mobility offering designed for staff transportation and the growing travel & tourism segment. The Winger Plus offers passengers a more comfortable, spacious and connected travel experience, while enabling fleet owners to achieve higher efficiency and profitability with lower total cost of ownership.

Samsung Launches Most Affordable Galaxy Book5, Bringing Accessible AI-Powered Computing to India

CHANDIGARH: Samsung, India's largest consumer electronics brand, today launched the new Galaxy Book5, an AI-powered laptop designed to enhance productivity and creativity. Featuring a 15.6-inch full HD display with anti-glare technology and a 61.2Wh battery with up to 19 hours of video playback, the Galaxy Book5 is available in India starting today in multiple configurations.Galaxy Book5 comes with advanced AI features to elevate user experience. The AI Photo Remaster enhances image quality using a powerful NPU, while AI Select enables users to search anything, anywhere, anytime.

IHH Plans to Add 2000 New Beds in India by 2028; Unveils New Brand Identity

AMRITSAR/LUDHIANA: Multinational healthcare provider IHH Healthcare plans to add around 2,000 new beds in India by 2028, the company said in a release as it unveiled a new brand identity with the aim to bring greater clarity and cohesion across its international network. In India, IHH through Fortis Healthcare and Gleneagles Healthcare has a combined network of 35 hospitals and over 5,000 beds in 11 states. Globally, it has 140 healthcare facilities, including more than 80 hospitals across ten countries.

Canara bank organised Mega financial inclusion saturation camps across Punjab



LUDHIANA: Canara Bank concluded a two-day Financial Inclusion Saturation Camp, led by its Regional Offices at Jalandhar and Ludhiana, aimed at promoting financial literacy and strengthening customer engagement across villages in Punjab.

The Regional Office Jalandhar organized Financial Inclusion Saturation Camps on Friday at Village Dagham under the Garhshankar Branch and Village Sanghe Khalsa under the Uppal Khalsa Branch.

Continuing the initiative on Saturday. The Regional Office Ludhiana also conducted Mega FI Saturation Camps at Gram Panchayat Salana and Gram Panchayat Kotla Bajwara, District Fatehgarh Sahib.

The events were graced by R P Jaiswal, GM, Head Office Bengaluru, Manoj Kumar Das, GM, Ved Prakash, DGM, Circle Office Chandigarh and Vishwajeet Singh Raghuvansi, Regional Head, Jalandhar, M S Moti, Lead District Manager, Jalandhar, R C Meena, Regional Head, Ludhiana, Suman Sahota, Lead Bank Manager, Dist. Fatehgarh Sahib. Local leaders, including MLA Jai Kishan Rouri, Prince, Sarpanch Baljit Kaur, Panchayat member and other also attended the camp.

Speaking at the event, RP Jaiswal elaborated on various Financial Inclusion products such as PMJDY, PMSBY, PMJJBY, APY and SSA, encouraging all the participants to enroll in these financial security schemes. He also gave detailed presentations on Canara Bank offerings like Canara Angel and Canara Aspire. Manoj Kumar Das emphasized the importance of Re-KYC/CKYC of savings bank accounts to get hassle-free banking services. He highlighted the active role played by Canara Bank in reaching customers and the timely disposal of claim settlements under the PMJJBY and PMSBY schemes.

At the Dagham camp, cluster branches Garhshankar, Mahilpur and Kot Fatuhi sourced 35 PMJDY, 50 PMSBY, 12 PMJJBY and 7 APY applications, while at the Sanghe Khalsa camp, cluster branches Uppal Khalsa, Nurmahal and Kot Badal Khan sourced 60 PMJDY, 160 PMSBY, 25 PMJJBY and 10 APY applications.

Ludhiana camps witnessed participation from over 200 customers from nearby villages. During the programme, more than 100 enrollments under PMSBY, 55 under PMJJBY, and 45 under APY were completed, along with the updating of 12 Re-KYC cases.

Chandigarh Minority Department's new team announced



CHANDIGARH: Chandigarh Minority Department organized a grand press conference at Hotel KC Residency, Sector 35C. On this occasion, the new team (office bearers) of the department was officially announced.
The program was presided over by Chandigarh Congress President H.S. Lucky and Minority Department Chairman Asif Chaudhary. Senior Congress leaders, officials and media representatives participated on this occasion.
On this occasion, Harmohinder Lucky said that the team we have formed today will make 35 councillors next time on the basis of its good work. He said that our work is being appreciated every day.
Chandigarh Congress President Lucky said that the Minority Department has always worked to strengthen the voice of the minority community and the newly announced team will take this mission further.
At the same time, Minority Chairman Asif Chaudhary said that the Congress party believes in taking everyone along. The formation of the new team is a big step towards connecting youth, women and every section of the society with the organization.
During the program, the list of office bearers of the new team was released, which includes Mohammad Usman Treasurer, Mohammad Shamim, Shahnawaz Malik, Samshid Ahmed, Haji Mohammad Abid, Dawood Ahmed Vice Chairman, Advocate Mohammad Zeeshan and Imran Khan General Secretary, Qasim Ahmed, Shaban Sheikh, Mohammad Akbar, Ghulam Nabi and Manzoor Ahmed (Jule Khan) Secretary, Mohammad Iqbal, Mohammad Irfan, Mohammad Furqan and Mohammad Abid Joint Secretary, Imran Mansoori Spokesperson and Zeeshanul Haq Social Media Incharge.
On this occasion, the new team resolved that they will continue to strive to protect the interests of the minority community, make a concrete action plan on issues like education, employment and health, connect youth and women with politics and strengthen the spirit of brotherhood and social justice.
The program concluded with a pledge by all the office bearers to strengthen the organization and work together to serve the society.

Over 100 donate blood at camp organised by Bihar Foundation & Purvanchal Welfare Association



CHANDIGARH, The Bihar Foundation and Purvanchal Welfare Association in collaboration with Punjab National Bank, organized a successful Blood Donation Camp at the Community Centre, Sector 35, Chandigarh. The camp witnessed enthusiastic participation, with over 100 donors contributing to the cause of saving lives. The donated units will be distributed through certified blood banks to patients in need across the region.
Satnam Singh Sandhu, Member of Rajya Sabha and Chancellor of Chandigarh University, graced the event as Chief Guest and lauded the initiative as a symbol of humanity and unity. Dr. Rupesh Kumar Singh, President, Bihar Foundation, highlighted the importance of collective responsibility in healthcare.
Those who attended the event include Pallav Singh, Treasurer and Subodh Singh, a dedicated member of the chapter.
Representing the Purvanchal Welfare Association were D.K. Singh, President; U.K. Singh, Senior Vice President and Rajendra Singh, Chairman of the Chandigarh unit.

Manan leads Altruistian to win; Tarannpreet's fifer powers Panchkula Bashers



CHANDIGARH: Altruistian showcased an all-round performance to defeat Talanoa Tigers by five wickets on the third day of Chandigarh Premier League (CPL) T20 encounter played at the Sector 16 Cricket Stadium on Saturday.
Opting to bat first, Talanoa Tigers posted 157/6 in their allotted 20 overs. Opener Nehal Pajni top-scored with a fluent 58 off 41 balls while unbeaten Abhishek Singh (31 off 21) and Hardik Chowdhry (23 off 13) added crucial late runs. For Altruistian, Paras Kumar (2/13) and Rahul Singh (2/24) bowled disciplined spells to restrict the Tigers.
In reply, Altruistian chased down the target in 18.2 overs with 58/5. Skipper Manan Vohra led from the front with a blazing 56 off 30 balls (7 fours, 2 sixes). He was well supported by Gurtaj Singh Bains (49 off 44) and Gaurav Puri (30 off 21). Manan Vohra was adjudged Man of the Match.
After a setback in their opening match, Panchkula Bashers bounced back strongly to register a six-wicket victory over Dr Morepen Dazzlers in the second match of the day. Opting to bat first, Dr Morepen Dazzlers were rattled by Tarannpreet's fiery spell of 5/9 in three overs and folded for 112 in 18.4 overs. Bhagmender Lather (25 off 25), Dipender Kush (22 off 26) and Aayush Sikka (20 off 26) offered brief resistance while Jashanjot Singh Pannu's cameo (18 off 7) added late runs.
In reply, Panchkula Bashers chased down the target comfortably in 16.3 overs with skipper Ankit Kaushik (48 off 50 balls) and Marky Panchal (26 off 16). Karan Singh added 22 runs. For Dazzlers, Sukrant Sharma (2/13) bowled impressively.

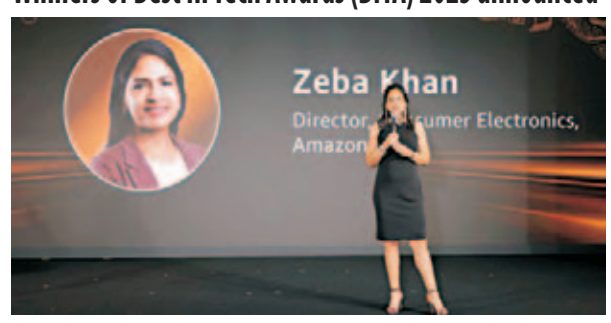
Infinix HOT 60i 5G Goes on Sale at 9,299, Offering True 5G, 6000mAh Battery & Flagship-Level AI

CHANDIGARH : Infinix, a new-age smartphone brand, announces the sale of its latest HOT 60i 5G, on Flipkart and nearest retail stores. Priced at ₹9,299, the HOT 60i 5G combines true 5G connectivity across all networks, a massive 6000mAh battery, and flagship-grade AI features, making it a future-ready device for students, professionals, and first-time 5G users. The HOT 60i 5G introduces Ultra Link "No Network Call" technology, enabling device-to-device calls even without mobile coverage. Powered by the MediaTek Dimensity 6400 5G processor with a 470K+ AnTuTu score, the device ensures smooth performance for gaming, streaming, and productivity.



With 8GB RAM (4GB Internal + 4GB Virtual) and 128GB storage expandable up to 2TB, users get seamless multitasking and ample space for apps, media, and work files. The device is equipped with a 6000mAh battery, offering up to 128 hours of music playback and 41.2 hours of calling even with heavy usage like gaming, streaming, and multitasking. Its durability extends across 1600 charging cycles (over 4 years of reliable use). An 18W Type-C fast charger is included in-box, alongside reverse wired charging that lets users power accessories or other devices on the go.

Winners of Best In Tech Awards (BITA) 2025 announced



SHIMLA: The winners of the Best in Tech Awards (BITA) have been announced today. The awards celebrate India's best-performing consumer technology products across multiple categories, recognizing gadgets that have demonstrated exceptional performance and earned genuine consumer trust in the marketplace. Samsung Galaxy S25 Ultra wins Smartphone of the Year, while Apple secures most browsed smartphone recognition, OnePlus, Sony, Canon, HP, and Xiaomi among other major winners across camera, audio, computing, and entertainment categories. The recognition process draws from comprehensive market data and customer feedback across India's technology landscape. Products achieving recognition have demonstrated consistent performance through various market indicators and consumer satisfaction metrics, reflecting authentic user experiences and preferences. Consumers increasingly rely on trusted sources for guidance on their tech purchases, especially during key shopping periods," said Zeba Khan, Director – Consumer Electronics, Amazon India. "BITA serves as a reflection of products that have genuinely earned recognition through real-world performance and customer satisfaction. These awards highlight technology that India has tested and embraced, while acknowledging our brand partners who consistently deliver excellence."

Historic Paryushan Festival Begins at Siddhavad Tirth, Palitana

PALITANA: An unprecedented and historic Paryushan festival has commenced at Shri Siddhavad Tirth, situated at the foothills of the sacred Shatrunjay Hill. The celebrations are being held in the specially created Takshashila Nagari under the theme "Reside within yourself – Chaturmas at Siddhavad." Guided by 175 Jain monks and nuns, nearly 1,100 devotees will observe extraordinary spiritual disciplines, including 21 hours of daily silence and a complete renunciation of mobile phones for almost two months, until Bhadarva Sud 4. Participants will also dedicate six hours each day to religious study (Swadhyay).
The festival, titled "Know the Self, Experience the Self," is being organized under the inspiration of Acharya Hemvallabhsurishwarji, along with Panyas Labdhivallabhvijayji Maharaj and Panyas Yashratnavijayji Maharaj. It is being supported by the Hiralaxmiben Khantilal Shah family of Mumbai.
Pankajbhai Shah, head of the family, expressed that in the serene environment of Siddhavad and in the presence of revered gurus, devotees will experience profound realizations of the soul through austerities.
Addressing the gathering, Acharya Hemvallabhsurishwarji Maharaj said: "True happiness is not found in the outside world—it lies within. The most pitiful sight is when a powerful soul, instead of realizing its strength, becomes helpless, begging before the senses for worldly pleasures."
On this occasion, Gujarat Home Minister Harsh Sanghavi and Jain leader Deepakbhai Bardoli were present. The Home Minister praised the discipline of devotees for renouncing mobile phones, while Shasanratna Kumarpaal V. Shah lauded the resolve of silence and the rejection of unnecessary speech, describing silence as "nature itself."

Jairam Thakur, Dr. Bindal and Siddharthan listen to PM Modi's Mann Ki Baat

SHIMLA/SIRMAUR/SOLAN: Senior BJP leaders across Himachal Pradesh joined in to listen to Prime Minister Narendra Modi's Mann Ki Baat broadcast on Sunday. Leader of Opposition Jairam Thakur heard the program at Fagu, state party president Dr. Rajeev Bindal at Nahan, state general secretary Siddharthan at Kotkhai, general secretary Sanjeev Katwal at Shimla, vice president Bihari Lal Sharma at Karsog, Vipin Parmar at Sulah, and Dr. Rajeev Bhardwaj at Nurpur. Jairam Thakur said that the Prime Minister's concern over the massive losses caused by heavy rains reflected his deep sensitivity towards Himachal and other affected states. He added that the Centre has left "no gap" in extending help to the state — be it in the form of ₹5,125 crore financial support or restoration of damaged roads.



State BJP president Dr. Rajeev Bindal highlighted that PM Modi lauded the role of NDRF and SDRF teams in disaster relief. He pointed out that in Himachal too, SDRF teams played a crucial role during the Manimahesh Yatra. Despite road and communication breakdowns, SDRF personnel remained on the ground and rescued over 3,000 pilgrims, including 15 who were saved from life-threatening situations. Bindal said that for the 2025 Manimahesh Yatra, three SDRF teams from Kangra were initially deployed on August 15. Later, they were reorganized into two units — one with 16 personnel at Dhanchho and another with 18 at Hadsar — to carry out rescue operations effectively.

PGIMER Organizes National Nutrition Conference on Sports and Health

CHANDIGARH: On the occasion of celebrating 'Poshan Mah', that is National Nutrition Month 2025, Department of Dietetics, PGIMER, Chandigarh, organized a one day Annual National Nutrition Conference on the theme "*Nutrition for Sports, Exercise, Performance and Health" ,*The theme for this year's National Nutrition Month is , "Nutritious Food for All, From Children to Elderly". As the theme emphasizes the importance of healthy eating habits across all age groups, the conference topic rightly fitted into the objective of any individual's comprehension of nutrition for fitness and health , including that of sports enthusiasts.



The goal of this conference was to introduce nutritional strategies tailored to the specific needs of any individual who wants to enhance performance outcomes and mitigate the risk of nutrition-related deficiencies and injuries. Being the Organizing Chairperson of the conference, Dr. Nancy Sahni, Chief Dietician & Head of the Department, emphasized the relationship between nutritional science and exercise performance, muscle recovery and improved endurance. Mr.BN Behra, senior dietician, Dept. of dietetics, PGI was the organizing secretary of the same.
The program was inaugurated by Prof. R.K. Ratho, Dean (Academic), Sh. Pankaj Rai, Deputy Director (Admn.) and Prof. Vipin Kaushal, Medical Superintendent and Head, Department of Hospital Administration, PGI, Chandigarh.
Recognized experts and proficient speakers in the field of sports nutrition disseminated knowledge and dispelled doubts regarding nutrition supplements/ food choices to improve physical and mental ability of the body to compete, to prevent injury and fasten recovery. Questions of audience from throughout the world related to the theme were taken via on line portal as well and addressed to in panel discussion by experts from field of nutrition, orthopedics, gastroenterology , physical medicine and rehabilitation as well as psychiatry. More than 400 delegates attended the conference. It was a huge success.

MP and LPU Chancellor Dr. Ashok Kumar Mittal Extends Relief to Flood-Affected Families

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JALANDHAR: Punjab has recently faced severe flooding after intense rainfall submerged large parts of the state. In response, Lovely Professional University (LPU) launched a major relief initiative spearheaded by Dr. Ashok Kumar Mittal, Member of Parliament (Rajya Sabha) and



Founder Chancellor of LPU. Dr. Mittal personally visited the affected areas of Kapurthala to oversee the distribution of essential supplies to over 600+ affected families. The on-ground execution of the relief drive was mobilized by a team of dedicated LPU staff, NSS volunteers, and NCC cadets, who actively coordinated the provision of comprehensive aid, including relief kits and critical assistance to communities in urgent need.
SDM Major Irwin Kaur, DSP Hargurdev Singh, ADC Varinder Pal Singh Bajwa, SP(D) Prabhjot Singh Virk, and Halka Incharge Sardar Sajan Singh Cheema also joined the distribution drive. Dr. Mittal assessed the damage firsthand and interacted with displaced families. "The scale of this disaster has imposed unimaginable hardship on our community," he stated. At such a time, it is not just about extending aid, it is about standing together, restoring hope, and ensuring that no one feels abandoned. Punjab has always shown resilience, and together we will rise above this calamity." Dr. Mittal further emphasized the critical need for long-term strategies, stating, "While providing immediate relief is imperative, this calamity underscores the necessity for enhanced disaster preparedness, robust infrastructure, and stronger community networks to mitigate future risks." The widespread disaster has shaken the entire state, but it has also inspired resourceful individuals and volunteers to step forward in solidarity. The university has established a formal channel for ongoing support. Those wishing to contribute to the relief efforts can donate essential supplies or funds through the Division of Student Welfare of LPU.

Punjab Press Reporter Welfare Foundation organised blood donation camp in collaboration with social welfare organisations

Zirakpur: Punjab Press Reporter Welfare Foundation organised a blood donation camp in Zirakpur in collaboration with all the social welfare organisations of Tricity. Giving information in this regard, State President of Punjab Press Reporter Welfare Foundation Sukhwinder Singh Saini said that a large number of blood donors participated in this camp and a large number of leaders and social welfare organisations reached to encourage them. He said that Vishwas Foundation, Tri City Ladies Group, Soil to Soul Sanstha, Samajsewak Foundation, Road Safety Sanstha Panchkula, Nayi Kiran Welfare Association, Hindi Sanchar Group, Budo Kai Do Mixed Martial Arts Federation of India, M Care Hospital, Baba Deep Singh Shri Sukhmani Seva Society, Mahila Mandal Zirakpur, Mahant Samaj Zirakpur, Media Mantraa PR and Advertising and other social welfare organisations supported this great work. On this occasion, former MLA NK Sharma, Congress leader Deepinder Singh Dhillon, BJP leader Sanjeev Khanna, Gurdarshan



Singh Saini, SMS Sandhu, Zirakpur councilor Teji Sandhu, Navtej Navi, Neha Sharma also reached. Vishwas Foundation Panchkula and M Care Hospital Zirakpur made a special contribution in this blood donation camp. On this occasion, blood donors were honored with gift certificates. Press Club and all social organizations, leaders, journalists, officials and all the residents of Zirakpur also contributed by donating blood. District President of Punjab Press Reporter Welfare Foundation Mukti Sharma gave further information and said that on this occasion all the journalists of Dera Bassi constituency participated enthusiastically. On this occasion Manoj Rajput, Ranveer Singh, Gurjeet Singh, Sanjeev Puri, Sukhwinder Sukhi, Dhami Sharma, Dev Sharma, Mukesh Chauhan, Binder Singh, Amar Sharma, Ranjeet Mann, Priya Sharma, Parminder Singh, Hardeep Singh, Ramesh Arora, Vinod Gupta, PS Mitha, Raman Janeja etc were present.

Tvs motor company expands tvs raider super squad line-up

MANDI: TVS Motor Company, a global leader in two and three-wheeler manufacturing, today announced the addition to the TVS Raider Super Squad Edition. Drawing inspiration from two of Marvel's most iconic characters, Deadpool and Wolverine, this latest edition infuses bold design and attitude into the TVS Raider, taking the Super Squad range to the next level. This refreshed edition showcases dynamic new decals inspired by legendary Marvel characters, Deadpool and Wolverine reinforcing the motorcycle's unique identity in the 125 cc segment. The new TVS Raider SSE comes packed with speed and purpose with a powerful 3-valve engine, best-in-class torque of 11.75 Nm @ 6,000 RPM, and a suite of tech-led features, the Super Squad Edition will now also get the iGO assist with Boost Mode for enhanced acceleration and GTT (Glide Through Technology) for seamless low-speed manoeuvrability and enhanced fuel efficiency .It also features a fully connected reverse LCD cluster with 85+ features, combining cutting-edge innovation with a thrilling ride experience.



TVS Raider became India's first motorcycle to launch Marvel-themed editions, debuting with Iron Man and Black Panther in August 2023. These variants captivated young riders with their distinctive superhero-inspired styling and dynamic performance. Strengthening its successful collaboration with Marvel.

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Rain washes out Day Four of Chandigarh Premier League

Chandigarh, The fourth day of the Chandigarh Premier League being organised by the UT Cricket Association at the Sector 16 Cricket Stadium was washed out due to persistent rain which led to the abandonment of both scheduled matches. The morning clash between Altruistians and Capital Strikers followed by the encounter between Chandigarh Kings and Dr Morepen Dazzlers could not take place.

As a result, both teams in each fixture shared one point each. Chandigarh Kings and Capital Strikers currently lead the points table with two wins from three matches while Dr Morepen Dazzlers and Talanoa Tigers are still hunting for their first victory.

Talanoa Tigers will face Capital Strikers while Panchkula Bashers will take on Chandigarh Kings on Monday. The league has no provision for reserve days except for the final which is scheduled for September 13.

Duleep Trophy final to be telecast live

Bengaluru, Aug 31 (UNI) After a strong backlash from fans over the lack of broadcast coverage, the BCCI has confirmed that the final of the Duleep Trophy 2025 will be telecast live.

The Duleep Trophy, which kicked off India's 2025-26 domestic season, saw its quarterfinal matches at the Centre of Excellence (CoE) in Bengaluru go untelevised, triggering widespread criticism on social media for sidelining domestic cricket.

BCCI secretary Devajit Saikia assured fans that the summit clash, scheduled September 11-15 at the CEG Ground in CoE, will be televised live. "We have an agreement with our broadcaster to ensure live telecasts of 100 days of domestic cricket. The BCCI gives utmost importance to domestic cricket, which is why almost all Indian players are in action in these matches," Saikia said. The ongoing tournament has already produced remarkable performances, including Auqib Nabi's five-wicket haul, Jharkhand spinner Manishi's six wickets, and centuries from Ankit Kumar, Yash Dhull, Ayush Badoni, Danish Malewar, Rajat Patidar, Shubham Sharma, and Yash Rathod. Fans, however, have had to follow these feats without live telecasts. The BCCI will also trial its new "serious substitution rule" during the competition, marking a first for the tournament.

Swiatek rallies past Kalinskaya into US Open fourth round

New York, Aug 31 (UNI) Defending champion Iga Swiatek survived a scare to storm into the fourth round of the 2025 US Open after a dramatic 7-6(2), 6-4 win over No. 29 seed Anna Kalinskaya at the USTA Billie Jean King National Tennis Center here on Saturday. Swiatek, who struggled with her serve early, fell behind 1-5 in the opening set as Kalinskaya capitalized on 15 unforced errors and a low first-serve percentage from the world No. 2. Swiatek fought back as Kalinskaya faltered on crucial points, including four set points at 5-2 and several double faults. Swiatek ultimately clinched the set in a tiebreak, 7-2, after a pivotal seven-shot rally. The second set remained tight until the ninth game, when Kalinskaya's 11th double fault allowed Swiatek to seize the lead, eventually serving out the match at 6-4. "I just focused on simple things and tried to be more solid," Swiatek said on court. "It's easy to panic, but I didn't." Swiatek will next face No. 13 Ekaterina Alexandrova in Round 4. A win would keep Swiatek on track to become the first woman since Serena Williams in 2012 to win both Wimbledon and the US Open in the same year and mark her seventh major title.

India's Global Sports joins historic Globa l Pickleball Alliance to launch world's first Pro Tour, drive international expansion

Mumbai (Maharashtra) [India], August 31 (ANI): In a massive development for professional pickleball, India's Global Sports joined the Association of Pickleball Players (APP), Canadian National Pickleball League (CNPL), European Pickleball Federation (EPF), Australia's National Pickleball League (NPL), Pickleball England, and Vietnam's Pickleball D-Joy to form the world's first global alliance, set to accelerate the sport's worldwide growth. Leading pickleball's explosive revolution in India since its founding in 2021, Global Sports has sparked a nationwide frenzy through its innovative 360-degree ecosystem, expert coaching, and thrilling flagship events like the star-studded Indian Open and Monsoon Pickleball Championships, captivating global talent, celebrities, and communities while evolving the sport into a vibrant lifestyle phenomenon ready for worldwide expansion. This collaborative coalition brings together established leaders in the pickleball community to establish a cohesive.

Men's Hockey Asia Cup: India secure Super 4s spot with 3-2 win over Japan



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RAJGIR : The Indian Men's Hockey Team continued their winning form in the Hero Men's Asia Cup Rajgir Bihar 2025 with a 3-2 victory against Japan in their second Pool A fixture at the Rajgir Hockey Stadium, in Rajgir, Bihar on Sunday.

Captain Harmanpreet Singh (5', 46') and Mandeep Singh (4') scored goals for India while Kosei Kawabe (38',59') scored a brace for Japan. With this win, India has secured a spot in the Super 4s stage as they progress ahead in the tournament. The match also marked an important milestone for Indian goalkeeper Krishan B Pathak as he celebrated his 150th international game.

India made a bright start to the first quarter, scoring two back-to-back goals in the first five minutes to assert their dominance. In the fourth minute, Sukhjeet Singh collected the ball on the baseline and played a perfect pass to Mandeep Singh (4') as he beat his marker in front of the goal and finished it into the net to open the scoring, as per a Hockey India press release.

In the very next minute, India won their first Penalty Corner of the day, and after two retakes, Captain Harmanpreet Singh (5') fired a powerful shot that struck the Japanese goalkeeper's foot and went into the goal to increase the home side's lead. Japan too won a Penalty Corner in the 13th minute, however, it didn't amount to anything.

Japan improved upon their performance in the second quarter as we saw end-to-end action between the two sides, but India's resilient defence ensured the lead remained intact. In the 19th minute, Japan came close to scoring as Ryosuke Shinohara dribbled down the middle and fired a backhand shot which went narrowly wide. Japan won their second penalty corner in the 24th minute, but Jarmanpreet saved it on the line and cleared it away for a retake, which was eventually stopped by India. India won their second penalty corner towards the end of the first half, but Amit Rohidas couldn't find the target with his drag flick.

Japan found their first goal in the third quarter as Kosei Kawabe (38') did well to collect a difficult pass inside the circle and followed it with an angular shot, finding the bottom right corner past the keeper. After the goal, Japan had a spring in their steps as they started attacking aggressively in search of an equaliser, but India ensured their controlled the possession and tempo of the game to not give away another goal. With just seconds left in the quarter, India won a crucial Penalty Corner, which was converted beautifully by Captain Harmanpreet Singh (46') through the goalkeeper's legs to reclaim the two-goal cushion for India.

In the opening minutes of the final quarter, Japan won a Penalty Corner but were met with two incredible back-to-back saves by Indian gaolkeeper Suraj Karkera. Moments later Abhishek did well to find space inside the circle from the right as he struck a strong backhand shot towards goal but it was saved well by the Japanese keeper. In the dying moments of the match, Japan's Kosei Kawabe (59') struck his second goal of the day as he won the ball on the rebound inside the circle and scored past the keeper to reduce the deficit. Captain Harmanpreet Singh was given a yellow card in the final minute as India were down to 10 men, but they slowed down the proceedings and held their ground to protect the slim lead and emerge victorious.

India will take on Kazakhstan in their next match in the Men's Asia Cup, Rajgir, Bihar 2025, on Monday, September 1.

"Your unflappable temperament and ability...": PM Modi writes to Pujara hailing his cricketing career after retirement



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NEW DELHI: Prime Minister Narendra Modi wrote a letter of appreciation to Cheteshwar Pujara after the former India batter announced his retirement from all forms of cricket, calling him a reminder of the "beauty" of Test cricket.

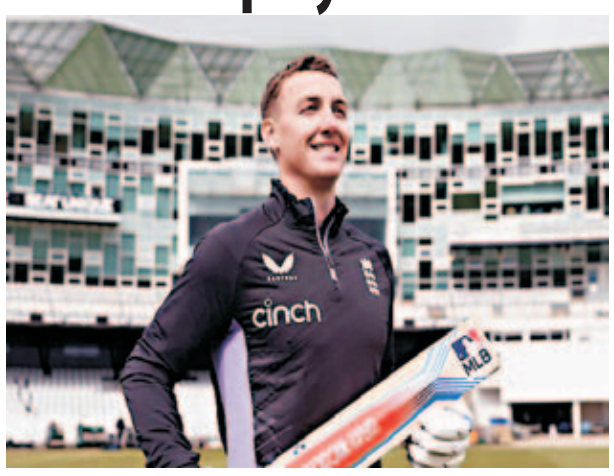
The former India batter on Sunday shared the letter through a post on X, saying, "I was honoured to receive a letter of appreciation on my retirement from our Honourable Prime Minister. The warm sentiments expressed are much appreciated. While I venture into my second innings, I cherish every memory on the field and all the love and appreciation I have received. Thank you, Sir."

In his message, PM Modi praised Pujara's temperament and his contribution to Indian cricket. "Dear Cheteshwar, I learnt about your decision to retire from all forms of cricket. Following the announcement, there has been an outpouring of appreciation from the fans and the cricketing fraternity about your remarkable achievements. I convey my heartiest congratulations and warmest greetings on a spectacular cricketing career. In an age dominated by shorter formats of cricket, you were a reminder of the beauty of the longer format of the game," PM wrote.

He highlighted Pujara's role in India's historic wins in Australia. "Your unflappable temperament and ability to bat long hours with great concentration made you the fulcrum of the Indian batting line-up. Your outstanding cricketing career is dotted with moments of remarkable skill and resolve, especially in challenging conditions overseas. For example, fans will always remember instances like the Tests in Australia, when you laid the foundation for India's historic first-ever series win on Australian soil," PM said.

Standing tall against one of the most potent bowling attacks, you showed what it meant to shoulder responsibility for the team. There have been many series victories, centuries, double centuries and accolades in your career. But no numbers can capture the sense of calm that your presence gave to fans and teammates, that the team's fate was in safe hands. This is truly your abiding legacy that goes beyond mere numbers," he added.

Brook praises Crawley, Cox; says every in-form player is in mix for England



AGENCY

LONDON: Harry Brook, a part of England's domestic white-ball competition, The Hundred, motivated his fellow Northern Superchargers teammates Zak Crawley and Jordan Cox to build on their recent performances and push for a place in England's ODI and T20I setups.

England have gotten off to a winning start in their new white-ball era after Harry Brook took over the captaincy in April, defeating West Indies in both the ODI and T20I series, as per the ICC website.

Both Cox and Crawley, who are the highest and third-highest run-getters in this season of the Hundred, respectively, haven't been included in the squads against Ireland and South Africa.

However, Brook was full of praise for both batters and stated that every in-form player was still in the mix.

"Everybody's in the mix: whoever does well," Brook was quoted as saying by ESPNCricinfo."Crawley obviously has the attributes that we're talking about: putting pressure on the bowlers with their good and bad balls; he can manipulate the field really well; he's good against fast bowling, and he's good against spin."

"He's got all the attributes to play white-ball (cricket) for England. It's the same with everybody. Everybody's been talking about Jordan Cox: he's obviously an unbelievable player. You've just got to keep on doing it, and be as consistent as you can for a long period of time, it's good to have competition (for places)," he added.

PM Modi interacts with Rasmita Sahoo, Moshin Ali from Khelo India Water Sports Festival during Mann Ki Baat



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NEW DELHI : During the 125th edition of Mann Ki Baat on Sunday, Prime Minister Narendra Modi highlighted the success of the country's first-ever Khelo India Water Sports Festival, held at the scenic Dal Lake in Srinagar.

To give listeners a closer experience of the event, PM Modi also interacted with two participants, Rasmita Sahoo from Odisha and Moshin Ali from Srinagar.

"To bring to you the experience of this event, I thought of also speaking to two players who participated in it. One of them is Rasmita Sahoo from Odisha and the other is Moshin Ali of Srinagar," the Prime Minister said.

Rasmita Sahoo, an accomplished canoeing player, shared her journey into the sport.

"I am a canoeing player. I joined sports in 2017 with canoeing and have participated at the national level, in National Championships and National Games. I have won 41 medals, 13 Gold, 14 Silver and 14 Bronze," she said.

Recalling how she discovered the sport, Rasmita added, "I come from a village where there are no sports activities. Boating was taking place in a nearby river, so my friends and I went swimming. While we were swimming, we saw a canoeing-kayaking boat passing by. I didn't know anything about it, but I found it very interesting. I immediately went home and told my father that I wanted to join this sport."

Moshin Ali, a local athlete from Srinagar, expressed his delight over winning gold.

"I am very happy that I won a Gold Medal in the Khelo India event, which took place for the first time here in Kashmir. People are discussing it frequently. The entire family is happy. Everyone in Kashmir calls me a Gold Medalist," he said.

Mohsin won the gold in the K-1 1000m men's kayaking event.

The family of Mohsin struggles to make ends meet, yet his family encourages him to participate in water sports events. The SAI centre, located at Nehru Park inside Dal Lake, is playing a major role in transforming the careers of water sports athletes.

Mohsin has been training at the SAI's Nehru Park Centre and honing his skills under the guidance of SAI's water sports coaches.

"He said, abbey jaa naa...": Ishant recalls hilarious banter with Virat before his maiden Test fifty



AGENCY

NEW DELHI : Indian pacer Ishant Sharma recalled scoring his maiden Test half-century against the West Indies back in 2019 at Kingston and how he faced some teasing from his close friend and teammate Virat Kohli, who jokingly asked him to just "play the ball".

Ishant spoke about this hilarious banter and his first-ever batting milestone in international cricket on the official X handle of the Gujarat Titans (GT).

Speaking on his half-century, Ishant said, "Oh, that is a special one. Scoring my first 50 against the West Indies. I was very relaxed. I think that was in Jamaica. I was very relaxed, talking to Virat, putting my feet up on the table. And he said, what are you going to do? I said, I'm going to bat. I said, I'm going to score runs. He was laughing and said, "Abbey Jaa Na". Obviously, being a Delhi boy, we played together since childhood. Under 17s, we started playing together. And then he said, go man, just stand there and play the ball. (Hanuma) Vihari will score runs."

Recalling his partnership with Vihari, Ishant said that he told Vihari to play his normal cricket and vowed not to "throw his wicket". He also recalled how tired and sweaty he was after batting for 60 balls, something he did not experience much while bowling at such a fast pace.

"Vihari and I were batting. And then he was asking, what should I do? I said, just keep on playing normal cricket. Do not worry, I would not throw my wicket. So, we built a partnership," he recalled.

"And after 60 balls, I got tired. Then they (Indian captain etc) were saying, we are not going to declare. We want you to bat. And I am telling you guys, I never sweat that much. Even while bowling. How much I sweat after batting for 60 balls. So, it was a tough day for me after batting," he added.

Coming to that match, India was 1-0 up in the series and was playing the second Test to complete a series win. After WI elected to field first, they had India at 202/5 at one point, despite a half-century each from Virat (76) and Mayank Agarwal (55). When India was 302/7, in walked Ishant, forming a 112-run stand with Vihari (111 in 225 balls, with 16 fours) and scored 57 in 80 balls himself, with seven fours. India reached 416 in their first innings and sealed the match by 257 runs, with the pacer also getting three wickets across both innings. After Ishant scored his fifty, it was Virat who could be seen laughing with immense joy on his face and cheering for one of his closest friends in cricketing fraternity.

In 105 Tests for India, Ishant took 311 wickets at an average of 32.40, with best figures of 7/74, including 11 five-wicket hauls and a ten-fer. He is India's sixth-highest Test wicket-taker ever, and last played a Test match back in November 2021 against New Zealand. The lanky pacer has played all three formats for India, taking 434 wickets in 199 matches at an average of 32.35, with best figures of 7/74.

Sri Lanka penalised for slow over-rate in thrilling win over Zimbabwe in Harare ODI



HARARE : Sri Lanka were fined five per cent of their match fees for maintaining a slow over-rate in the first ODI against Zimbabwe in Harare, according to the ICC website. Pacer Dilshan Madushanka's hat-trick proved decisive as Sri Lanka narrowly beat Zimbabwe by seven runs. Despite half-centuries from Ben Curran, skipper Sean Williams, and Sikandar Raza, Zimbabwe fell short. Sri Lanka now leads the two-match series 1-0.

The sanction was imposed by Jeff Crowe of the Emirates ICC Elite Panel of Match Referees after Sri Lanka were found one over short of the target, accounting for time allowances. Under Article 2.22 of the ICC Code of Conduct, players are fined five per cent of their match fee for each over not bowled in the allotted time. Skipper Charith Asalanka pleaded guilty and accepted the proposed sanction, so no formal hearing was needed.

Zimbabwe won the toss and opted to field first. Three half-centuries from Pathum Nissanka (76 in 92 balls, with 12 fours), Janith Liyanage (70* in 47 balls, with six fours and three sixes) and Kamindu Mendis (57* in 36 balls, with four boundaries and two sixes) took Sri Lanka to 298/6 in 50 overs.

During the run-chase, Zimbabwe lost Brian Bennett and a returning Brendan Taylor for ducks, reduced to 0/2 in the first over. Then an 118-run stand between Curran (70 in 90 balls, with eight fours) and Williams (57 in 74 balls, with eight fours and two sixes) revived the hosts' fortunes.

With them at a similar spot at 161/5, a 128-run stand between Raza (92 in 87 balls, with eight fours) and Tony Munyonga (43* in 52 balls, with a four) took Zimbabwe to the brink of victory.

Kiara Advani is all praise for Sidharth Malhotra's 'Param Sundari'





Bollywood actor Kiara Advani has turned up as the biggest cheerleader for her husband, Sidharth Malhotra's latest release, 'Param Sundari.'Taking to her Instagram story, Kiara gave a shout-out to the film and the entire team. Describing 'Param Sundari' as a "feel-good rom-com," she shared that it will leave audiences "with the biggest smile". Hailing her husband's performance, she added, "@sidmalhotra Param was pure magic on screen - you owned every beat, every frame, effortless, charming and pitch perfect, your comic timing made it even more memorable."Sidharth reacted to the message with love as he reshared the same on his Instagram story. praised Janhvi Kapoor in the film and wrote, "Sundari is such a cutieee and your performance was so endearing, you looked absolutely stunning.""@santha_dop dop you have nailed it, every frame was breathtaking a visual treat. @tusharjalota, congratulations on bringing it all together. Kudos to the entire team for this gem of a film!" the actress further wrote. Sidharth Malhotra and Janhvi Kapoor-starrer 'Param Sundari' opened in theatres on Friday, receiving a decent reaction on its first day. According to trade analyst Taran Adarsh, the film earned a total of Rs 7.02 crore on Friday, with expectations of growth over the weekend. "Param Sundari has opened to a better-than-expected response - without any discounted ticket schemes or BOGO offer. In fact, its opening day numbers are higher than #Maddock's #TeriBaatonMeinAisaUljhaJiya [Rs 7.02 cr], a similar genre film," he wrote.Directed by Tushar Jalota, 'Param Sundari' marks the first collaboration between Sidharth and Janhvi as co-stars, focused on a Punjabi munda and a Kerala girl. What follows next is a riot of fun and chaos as the two fall in love with each other. Manjot Singh also plays a pivotal role in the film.

Ramanand Sagar's son Prem Sagar passes away at 82 after prolonged illness

MUMBAI: Producer and cinematographer Prem Sagar, the son of Ramanand Sagar passed away at the age of 82 on Sunday. He was admitted to the Breach Candy Hospital in Mumbai, and returned home on Sunday, after doctors advised his family to take him home after discharge. He received his training at the Film and Television Institute of India (FTII), Pune. He graduated from the FTII in 1968. He went on to work extensively under his father's Sagar Arts banner, which is known for creating the iconic TV series 'Ramayan'. The lead actor of 'Ramayan', Arun Govil took to his social media, and expressed his condolences. He wrote, "The news of the demise of Shri Prem Sagar ji, son of the late Shri Ramanand Sagar ji, who, through the Ramayan TV serial, brought Lord Shri Ram's dignity, ideals, and teachings.

Did Tara Sutaria, Veer Pahariya make their romance Instagram official?



Bollywood diva Tara Sutaria appears to have made it Instagram official with her rumoured boyfriend, Veer Pahariya. The actress took to her social media handle and shared Ganesh Chaturthi greetings on Saturday; however, it was one special picture that got all the attention.Tara shared a string of pictures of herself dressed in a traditional ensemble, pairing them with one that featured the 'Sky Force' actor.

In the picture, the two could be seen posing together for the camera, exuding an adorable charm and chemistry. "Devotion, faith and celebration..Ganpati Bappa Morya," Tara wrote in the caption.The actress looked regal and stunning in the heavily embroidered white saree, which she paired with traditional jewellery and flowers in her hair. On the other hand, Veer was seen twinning with Tara, both dressed in white outfits. Fans couldn't help but heap praise on the actors' stunning looks, while others teased their rumoured romance. One wrote, "5th picture is everything," while another added, "These two."Reports have been circulating on the internet about her dating Veer Pahariya for some time now. Tara and Veer made a joint appearance at the India Couture Week 2025, where the 'Marjaavan' star surprised everyone by sending a flying kiss to Veer Pahariya, who was seen sitting in the audience."That's very, very sweet, and it's so nice to see and read about it online. I'm sorry, I won't be able to talk about that at the moment," Tara told ANI at the time.Prior to that, the duo added more fuel to the rumours with their PDA-filled comments for each other.From sweet comments to twinning at the airport and reportedly going on vacations, the rumoured couple has constantly captured attention online.On the work front, Veer Pahariya recently made his Bollywood debut in 'Sky Force' earlier this year, where he shared screen space with Akshay Kumar, Sara Ali Khan, and Nimrat Kaur.Tara, on the other hand, has been focusing on music videos. She recently appeared in 'Thodi Si Daaru' with AP Dhillon and earlier in 'Pyaar Aata Hai' with Ishaan Khatter. She was last seen in the film Apurva (2023) and has not yet announced her next movie project.

Manoj Bajpayee, Tilotama Shome starrer 'Jugnuma' trailer out

Filmmakers Vetri Maaran, Lijo Jose Pellissery, Raj B. Shetty and Nag Ashwin unveiled the trailer of Manoj Bajpayee starrer 'Jugnuma (The Fable)' on Saturday. It will be presented by Academy Award winner Guneet Monga Kapoor and Anurag Kashyap. 'Jugnuma' has been directed by Raam Reddy, who shot to global glory with his National Award-winning Kannada debut 'Thithi'. Set in the late 80s, 'Jugnuma' follows Dev (Bajpayee), who discovers mysteriously burnt trees in his sprawling estate of fruit orchards nestled in the Indian Himalayas. Despite all efforts, more fires break out, leading him to see himself and his family for who they truly are, according to the press note shared by the makers. Taking to the Instagram handle, Anurag Kashyap shared the trailer of the film on Saturday. "Jugnuma is @raamreddy.creates's labour of love and a film that has genuinely impacted me as a filmmaker and an audience, and that's why all of us are supporting the film. So happy that Vetri, Lijo, Raj & Nag have come onboard to support the film, and here we present the trailer to you," wrote Anurag Kashyap.
The film had a stellar run at global film festivals, including its premiere at the Berlin International Film Festival, winning Best Film at the Leeds International Film Festival, and a Special Jury Prize at the Mumbai Film Festival.
Apart from Bajpayee, the film also stars Tillotama Shome, Deepak Dobariyal, Priyanka Bose, Awan Pookot and Hiral Sidhu in the lead roles.

Raghav Kaushik's 'Tum' Is A Song That Feels Written Just for You

CHANDIGARH : Raghav Kaushik, the singer-song writer of Khaare Raste is back with a heartfelt ballad called Tum. The song is a quiet piece that looks at love not just as joy, but as memory, ache, and devotion all at once capturing the full spectrum of human emotion in its gentle, intimate storytelling. Released today across all streaming platforms, Tum highlights Raghav's expressive voice and evocative composition that give it a warm, cinematic feel. The lyrics by Amrita Saluja are simple and intimate, much like a conversation with someone you love. Talking about the song, Raghav shares "Tum came from a very real place in my life. The song came in so naturally and it felt so simple initially that I never thought that I'll ever get to releasing this. But more I played this to people around more it brought in my confidence for how simplest of melodies make the biggest of impressions. Love can lift you, and it can weigh you down, sometimes in the same moment. I just wanted to capture that feeling, honestly. Hopefully, listeners find a piece of themselves in it too."



Over the years, Raghav has performed at more than a thousand shows across India, showcasing his versatility across genres. He made his Bollywood playback debut with Beqaraar (Loop Lapeta, 2022). He has also lent his voice to acclaimed OTT projects on Netflix and Hotstar, as well as regional cinema in Gujarati and Bengali. With Tum, he returns to what he does best: telling deeply human stories through music that feels both personal and universal.

Javed Akhtar, Jeetendra praises old melodies



Veteran lyricist Javed Akhtar has shared his favourite songs of the legendary Mohammad Rafi, further expressing his unfulfilled wish to have written songs for the icon. Javed Akhtar, who was present at a special event held in memory of the late Mohammad Rafi, was accompanied by veteran actor Jeetendra as the duo interacted with the media. Expressing his delight over the homage being paid to Mohammad Rafi, Javed Akhtar said, "A civilised society remembers the artists and pays them respect. Rafi Sahab's voice has already made its place in people's hearts. It is still receiving the same recognition. I am happy about it."On being asked about his favourite Rafi songs, the veteran lyricist named iconic songs like Jaag Dil-E-Deewana, Meri Duniya Mein Tum Aayi, Saathi Na Koi Manzil, and Hui Sham Unka Khayal Aa Gaya.

"It was my bad luck that I didn't start writing songs when he was alive. I was in the industry as a scriptwriter. This desire now remains in my heart that Rafi Sahab would have sung my song," Akhtar shared. The event 'Rooh-E-Rafi' - a tribute to the legacy of Mohammed Rafi was held in Mumbai on Saturday, August 30. It was presented by celebrated musician, senior IRS officer, author, and transformation coach Rajesh Dhabre.The 'Himmatwala' actor also remembered the legendary singer and spoke about his preference for old melodies."There was a time when we had only 4-5 singers. But now there is so much talent in the country that it has become a pick-and-choose practice. There is a new singer every other day. It is difficult to bring back the magic of Lata Ji, Asha Ji, Rafi Sahab, and Kishore Sahab," Jeetendra said. Both Javed Akhtar and Jeetendra were invited as special guests for the musical evening.

Elizabeth Banks will play Karen Read in new limited series



Actor Elizabeth Banks will be seen portraying the role of Karen Read in the series about the trial, which saw Read initially charged with second-degree murder in the death of her boyfriend, John O'Keefe, in 2022, before she was eventually acquitted of the murder charges after a second trial following an initial mistrial due to a deadlocked jury, reported People. Sex Lives of College Girls fame Justin Noble will reportedly serve as showrunner and executive producer, alongside David E. Kelley.The series will explore how Read became a household name after the death of her boyfriend, who was 46.It is based on the Law & Crime and Wondery podcast, Karen.In the early hours of January 29, 2022, O'Keefe, a Boston police officer, was discovered comatose in the snow outside a gathering at another officer's home. An autopsy indicated that he died of blunt force injuries and hypothermia, and she was accused of drunkenly backing into him with her vehicle during a winter storm. She repeatedly pleaded not guilty, as per the outlet. Read was acquitted in June of this year, and she said to her supporters outside the courtroom after the verdict: "I would not be standing here without these amazing supporters who have supported me and my team financially and more importantly, emotionally," reported People.
"No one has fought harder for justice for John O'Keefe than I have -- and my team," she said, as per the outlet. Though she was found not guilty of second-degree murder, the most serious charge, or of manslaughter while operating under the influence, involuntary manslaughter, motor vehicle homicide, and leaving the scene of an accident resulting in death, Read was found guilty of operating under the influence, reported People. The limited series follows Banks' recent appearance in another hit Prime Video series, 'The Better Sister'.Banks and Jessica Biel played estranged sisters in the series, which premiered on the streamer in May, and was adapted from Alafair Burke's 2019 novel of the same name.The limited series about Read will mark Banks' first time portraying a real person onscreen, according to People.

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