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CM Chairs high-level meeting with DCs, reviews statewide monsoon preparedness

**BUREAU
CHANDIGARH, JULY 11**

Haryana Chief Minister, Sh. Nayab Singh Saini, on Friday late evening, chaired a high-level meeting through video conferencing to review the state's preparedness for the monsoon and directed all Deputy Commissioners to ensure effective drainage management so that no area experiences waterlogging. During the meeting, he undertook a detailed review of flood-control measures, drainage arrangements and emergency response systems in all districts, and directed officers to remain on alert and take timely preventive action.

Divisional Commissioners and senior officers of the Irrigation, Public Health Engineering, Urban Local Bodies, Development & Panchayats, Revenue, Health and other concerned departments also attended the meeting via video conferencing.

The Chief Minister directed the officers to complete all monsoon prepared-



ness measures without delay. He said that effective drainage systems must be in place across the state so that citizens do not face any inconvenience during the rainy season.

Directing Deputy Commissioners to closely monitor the situation in their respective districts, the Chief Minister asked them to regularly review drainage arrangements and maintain constant field-level supervision. He further directed the officers to

identify waterlogging-prone locations in advance and complete all preventive measures well before heavy rainfall. Water accumulated after rain should be drained out promptly to ensure that normal life remains unaffected, he said.

Emphasising close coordination among departments, Sh. Nayab Singh Saini directed the Irrigation, Public Health Engineering, Urban Local Bodies, Development &

Panchayats, Revenue, Police and other concerned departments to work in a coordinated manner throughout the monsoon. He further directed that pump sets, motors, pipes and all other drainage equipment be kept fully operational and ready for immediate use. Monitoring should continue at the sub-divisional level, while officers should jointly inspect vulnerable locations and periodically review preparedness.

Historic gurdwara linked to Guru Hargobind reopens in Lahore after 79 years

AMRITSAR, : A historic gurdwara associated with Guru Hargobind has been reopened to devotees in Lahore after remaining inaccessible for nearly 79 years following the Partition in 1947.

Gurdwara Patshahi Chhevin at Amar Sidhu, a historic village on the Lahore-Kasur road that has now become part of Lahore's urban limits, was formally reopened following the restoration of the shrine. Members of the local Sikh community marked the occasion by performing Sukhmani Sahib Path and ardas on Saturday.

The shrine is one of the three historic gurdwaras in Lahore associated with Guru Hargobind. Historical accounts state that the sixth Sikh Guru stayed at the site while returning from

Kashmir before proceeding to Amritsar. The shrine is also linked to Bibi Kaulan, who is believed to have accompanied the Guru on the journey along with the Sikh congregation.

According to Davinder Singh Dhillon, editor of the Gurdwara Pedla portal, the site originally consisted of a simple memorial. A grand gurdwara was constructed in 1923 through the efforts of Bhai Mohan Singh Akali (Nihang), with support from Lahore's Sikh community. Renowned civil engineer Sir Ganga Ram, who designed several iconic buildings in undivided Punjab during the British era, made a significant contribution to the construction. Dhillon said the complex originally comprised around 17 kanals



of land and included facilities for langar and accommodation for pilgrims.

15 Indian tourists 'feared dead' as boat capsizes near Vietnam's Phu Quoc Island

NEW DELHI: A boat carrying several Indian tourists capsized near Vietnam's Phu Quoc Island on Saturday. Local newspapers have reported that 15 people have died, however, there is no official confirmation of the deceased from the Indian embassy yet.

In a tragic incident, a boat carrying several Indian tourists has capsized near Phu Quoc Island in Vietnam," the Indian Embassy in Hanoi said in a post on X.

The Indian mission has set up control rooms as search and rescue operations continue.

The embassy said the exact details of the incident are being ascertained by the local authorities.

It has also mentioned that control rooms have been established at the Consulate General of India in Ho Chi Minh City and at the Embassy in Hanoi to provide information and assistance.

Local daily VnExpress reported that the speedboat was travelling from Hon May Rut Island to An Thoi Port when it capsized about 400 metres from the shore. The newspaper added that the area was experiencing rough sea conditions at the time of the incident.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Saturday expressed grief over the deaths of Indian nationals in a boat accident in Vietnam and said that Indian missions are providing all possible help.

"Extremely saddened to learn about the tragic news of a boat accident involving Indian nationals near Phu Quoc, Vietnam," Modi said in a post on X.

Bhagwant Mann govt strengthens grassroots 'Yudh Nashean Virudh'; rolls out 'pinda da haal' action plan

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CHANDIGARH**: Strengthening its flagship anti-drug campaign 'Yudh Nashean Virudh' at the grassroots, the Bhagwant Mann Government has begun implementing the 'Pinda Da Haal' Action Plan, a structured initiative aimed at strengthening community-level participation in the fight against drugs. The action plan, finalised during the "Pinda Da Haal, CM De Naal" review meeting chaired by Punjab Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann in June, provides a framework for coordinated implementation, regular monitoring, and sustained public participation across the state.

The focus is on strengthening village-level participation in the fight against drugs. The action plan envisages district and state-level review meetings, village-specific anti-drug strategies and a monitoring framework to ensure sustained implementation across Punjab.

At the heart of this exercise is the Nasha Mukti Morcha, a dedicated committee constituted on April 15, 2025, alongside the launch of a comprehensive anti-drug awareness campaign across five strategic zones. The Morcha's Block Coordinators act as the crucial interface between the administration, police, health authorities and local communities. Besides spearheading awareness drives, they facilitate rehabilitation efforts, encourage community participation and help strengthen preventive interventions at the grassroots.

Govt's eSaras platform boosts digital commerce for nearly 9 crore SHG members

NEW DELHI: As the Digital India programme completes 11 years, the government's eSaras platform is expanding digital market access for more than 8.99 crore registered Self-Help Group (SHG) members by enabling rural producers, women entrepreneurs and Farmer Producer Organisations (FPOs) to sell their products across the country through a trusted online marketplace, according to an official statement on Saturday.

Developed by the Digital India Corporation (DIC) under the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY) in collaboration with the Ministry of Rural Development (MoRD), eSaras operates under the Deendayal Antyodaya Yojana-National Rural Livelihoods Mission (DAY-NRLM). According to the government, the programme covers 8.99 crore registered SHG members, creating one of the world's largest women-led livelihood ecosystems.

The platform currently features over 1,400 products, while more than 800 buyers access SHG products through Open Network for Digital Commerce (ONDC)-enabled buyer applications. More than 50 SARAS Melas are organised annually, and SHG products are available through over 11 buyer applications integrated with ONDC.

This Monsoon,
Let's come together for

 **Catch the Rain**
campaign
take pledge for water
conservation ...

As we cannot live without water.

Tasks, we have to perform

Adopt Rain Water Harvesting system in every home, society and workplace.

Install Recharge Pit and Shaft at appropriate places and repair the unused borewells for enabling ground water recharge.

Restore Baolis, Wells and traditional Water Bodies and make them usable.

Enhance water retention capacity by removing silt from ponds and water reservoirs in your vicinity for maximum Monsoon water conservation.

Please ensure maximum tree plantation to enhance green coverage in water retention areas.

"Catch the Rain-Through this mission, we have to collectively save every drop of rainwater. My special appeal to save every single drop of rainwater collectively."

- Narendra Modi



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NEWS BRIEF

Gauri Shankar Sewa Samiti promotes education drive in Pathankot



SHARANJEET PATHANKOT: Gauri Shankar Sewa Samiti organised a programme at Hollywood School, Pathankot, under its 'Let Children Learn, Let the Nation Progress' campaign in memory of the late Surinder Mahajan. The event was presided over by Principal Sujata, while Sanjeev Malhan, founder of the Samiti, attended as the chief guest. Birbal, District President of the Vishwa Hindu Suraksha Dal, was the special guest. On the occasion, stationery items and refreshments were distributed among the students as part of the campaign aimed at encouraging education and supporting young learners. Principal Sujata appreciated the Samiti's social service initiatives and said that such efforts motivate children to pursue their education with greater enthusiasm. Birbal and Saipal, Secretary of the Vishwa Hindu Suraksha Dal, also lauded the organisation for its continued commitment to social welfare.

"Till 2017, there was no investment and development works in UP": CM Yogi slams Samajwadi Party

AGENCY KUSHINAGAR, JULY 11

Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath on Saturday said that investment and employment opportunities were now expanding beyond Noida and Ghaziabad to districts like Kushinagar and Gorakhpur, adding that the state's youth no longer need to migrate in search of jobs. Addressing a public gathering in Kushinagar, the Chief Minister said that if previous governments had focused on development, the youth of the region would not have been forced to leave their homes for employment.

"If the previous governments had taken interest, the youth of Kushinagar would not have migrated. Today, when recruitment takes place in the UP Police or any examination is conducted by the Uttar Pradesh Public Service Commission, and I



distribute appointment letters in Lucknow, it gives me immense joy to see a youth from Kushinagar also receiving an appointment letter," CM Yogi said. Targeting previous governments, CM Yogi alleged that before 2017, there was neither intent nor policy for development, leading to a lack of investment and stalled projects. "Before 2017, there was no

initiative on their part. That is why there was no investment either, and development works had come to a standstill," he said. The Chief Minister also accused the previous Samajwadi Party government of corruption and alleged that benefits meant for the poor were being misused.

"The ration meant for the poor, healthcare facilities for the poor and employment

opportunities for the poor were captured by Samajwadi Party goons, who ruined the lives of the poor," he alleged. Highlighting the law and order situation in Uttar Pradesh, CM Yogi said the BJP-led double-engine government does not tolerate criminal activities and has ensured peace across the state. "This double-engine government does not tolerate goonism. Earlier, if anyone tried to disturb the atmosphere during festivals, the administration dealt with such miscreants very strictly," he said.

He claimed that there have been no riots or curfews in the state in the last nine years and said people can now organise religious processions peacefully across Uttar Pradesh. The CM further targeted the previous governments over the encephalitis outbreak in the state, alleging that thousands of children suffered due to a lack of medical facilities and government attention.

AAP leaders offer thanksgiving prayers at Gurdwara after Municipal Council victory



SANJEEV TEJPAL MORINDA, JULY 11

Celebrating the Aam Aadmi Party's success in the elections for the posts of President, Senior Vice-President and Vice-President in the Municipal Councils under the Morinda Assembly constituency, MLA Dr. Charanjit Singh, along with the newly elected office-bearers, party leaders and supporters, paid obeisance at Gurdwara Sri Kotwali Sahib and offered prayers to express gratitude to the Almighty. The thanksgiving visit followed the party's victory in the Municipal Council leadership elections, with Morinda Municipal Council electing Jagpal Singh Jolly as its President. During the visit, Dr.

Charanjit Singh and the newly elected representatives sought divine blessings and prayed for the strength and wisdom to serve the people with honesty, impartiality and dedication. Speaking on the occasion, Dr. Charanjit Singh described the outcome of the elections as a reflection of the people's confidence in the Aam Aadmi Party. He expressed gratitude to the electorate for their continued support and assured that the newly elected team would work collectively to ensure transparent governance and accelerate the town's development. He said public welfare, civic amenities and responsive administration would remain the top priorities of the Municipal Council.

Empowered and educated daughters are foundation of developed nation: Renu Bala Gupta

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA KARNAL, JULY 11

Mayor Renu Bala Gupta on Saturday encouraged adolescent girls participating in the 'Samarth Kishori Aayam' training programme organised by Seva Bharati Haryana Pradesh. The initiative aims to make girls self-reliant, aware and confident by providing practical training in self-defence, hygiene, health awareness and disaster management. Addressing the gathering, the Mayor said that empowered daughters are the foundation of a strong society and a developed India. She said girls need not only quality education but also training in self-defence, hygiene, discipline and handling emergencies. She described Seva Bharati's Samarth Kishori Aayam campaign as a commendable initiative that is



bringing about positive social change. Such programmes, she said, contribute to the overall personality development of adolescent girls and prepare them to face life's challenges with confidence. MLA Jagmohan Anand said that training programmes aimed at making adolescent girls self-reliant through education, values and security are of immense importance. He said society and the nation can achieve greater heights only when daughters are capable and

self-confident, adding that Seva Bharati's initiative is both inspiring and worthy of emulation. Among those present at the programme were Dr Pritam from the Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS), Haryana Staff Selection Commission member Kapil Atreja, Seva Bharati president Vipin Arora, vice-president Roshan Lal Gupta, chairperson Megha Bhandari, Dr Manjusha, Alka Chaudhary, Swatantra Kukreja and other prominent citizens.

Wing Commander J S Minhas takes over as Rotary Club Chandigarh Central President



YUGMARG BUREAU CHANDIGARH: Wing Commander Dr J S Minhas on Friday assumed charge as President of Rotary Club Chandigarh Central for the Rotary year 2026-27 and unveiled an ambitious roadmap focused on expanding the club's community service initiatives, including attempts to set world records in blood donation and sanitary napkin distribution. The installation ceremony was held at DSOI, Sector 36, Chandigarh, in the presence of Rotary District 3080 Governor Dr Rita Kalra and Principal Director Dr Ravneet Kaur. In his address, Minhas said the club aims to organise the highest number of blood donations by a single Rotary club in a year. He also announced plans to surpass the existing record for sanitary napkin distribution set by the club under former president S P Ojha. Five new members were inducted into the club during the ceremony, reaffirming Rotary's commitment to service, integrity and community welfare. The newly constituted executive committee for 2026-27 also assumed office, with S P Ojha taking charge as Secretary.

Society should join hands with the government to eliminate tuberculosis: Bansal

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA KARNAL, JULY 11

Shammi Bansal, Managing Director of Liberty Shoes and Chairman of the Sanjeev Bansal Charitable Trust, called upon members of society to actively support the government's efforts to eliminate tuberculosis (TB). He said providing nutritious food to TB patients is a social responsibility that capable individuals and organisations should share. He was speaking at the launch of a nutrition support campaign for TB patients organised by the Sanjeev Bansal Charitable Trust at the Sanjeev Bansal Charitable Sigrus Ujala Hospital premises. The programme was chaired by Deputy Chief Medical Officer (CMO) Dr Simmi Aggarwal and attended by doctors and hospital officials. The



campaign was formally inaugurated with the distribution of nutritional kits to TB patients. Organisers said that under the initiative, 25 patients will receive six months' worth of nutritional support every week, with a total of 250 TB patients set to benefit over the next five weeks. Shammi Bansal said the Trust has been running several social welfare initiatives in Karnal, focusing on healthcare, environmental conservation and education.

He added that the Trust is committed to supporting TB patients by providing nutritious food for the full six-month duration of their treatment. Deputy CMO Dr Simmi Aggarwal said that more than 2,000 TB patients have already received nutritional support through similar initiatives. She appreciated the cooperation extended by various social organisations in supporting the government's TB eradication programme.

'Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam' campaign 2026: 2.5 lakh saplings to be distributed free in Karnal

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA KARNAL:

The Haryana Forest Department has launched the 'Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam' 2026 sapling distribution campaign to promote environmental conservation and encourage large-scale tree plantation. Under the initiative, around 2.5 lakh saplings will be distributed free of cost across Karnal district to schools, educational institutions, gram panchayats and the general public. Divisional Forest Officer (DFO) Nawal Kishore said that nearly 8.5 lakh small saplings and 2.5 lakh large saplings have been raised at 11 forest nurseries located in the Karnal, Assandh, Indri and Gharaunda ranges. A significant number of these saplings will be distributed through public participation to increase the district's green cover and strengthen environmental conservation efforts. He said the campaign offers a wide variety of fruit-bearing, shade-giving, ornamental and medicinal plants. The department has appealed to citizens, panchayats, social organisations and educational institutions to collect saplings, plant them and ensure their regular care and maintenance. Saplings can be collected from the Forest Department nurseries at Mangalpur, Gharaunda, Malikpur, Moonak, Unchana, Rangruti Khera, Balu, Indri, Moonak Majra, Bodshyam and Kambopura in Karnal district.

The nurseries are offering numerous species, including neem, peepal, banyan, shisham, arjun, jamun, amla, mango, guava, pomegranate, drumstick (moringa), lemon, papaya, jackfruit, mahua, bamboo, gulmohar, amaltas, kachnar, ashoka, sita ashoka, maulsari, harsingar (night-flowering jasmine), tulsi, giloy, baheda, tamarind, kaner (oleander), rose and chandni, among other fruit-bearing, shade, medicinal and ornamental plants.

Fruit and sprouted grains activity promotes healthy eating among students



NIRMAL SAINI RADAUR: Maharaja Agrasen Senior Secondary Public School, Gumthala, organised a Fruit and Sprouted Grains Activity for students from Nursery to Class IV to promote healthy eating habits and nutritional awareness. The activity was conducted under the guidance of Rahul Saini, during which students prepared colourful and attractive plates using a variety of fresh fruits and nutritious sprouted grains. The primary objective of the programme was to create awareness among children about the importance of a healthy and balanced diet while encouraging creativity, self-confidence and healthy lifestyle choices from an early age. School Principal Dr Suresh Bansal visited the activity, tasted the preparations made by the students and appreciated their enthusiasm and efforts. He emphasised the importance of incorporating fruits and sprouts into daily meals for maintaining good health and overall development.

Public's affection and trust are my greatest strength: Renu Bala Gupta



SHIV KUMAR SHARMA KARNAL: Mayor Renu Bala Gupta interacted with citizens who visited her residence, describing public support, trust, and goodwill as the greatest source of strength for serving society. Expressing gratitude for the visitors' affection and best wishes, the Mayor said that the trust reposed in her by the people continues to inspire her to work for the welfare of society. She said that the love, confidence, and blessings of family and the community provide renewed energy, motivation, and a stronger commitment to public service. According to her, the affection of family and society is the greatest asset, encouraging her to continue working for public welfare and social service. She said that the stronger the bond of trust and communication between elected representatives and the public, the more effectively development and welfare initiatives can be carried forward. The cooperation and blessings of every section of society are invaluable to her, and this sense of belonging motivates her to serve the people with dedication, honesty, and sensitivity. The Mayor said her priority would always be to work with complete commitment towards the city's development, expansion of civic amenities, and meeting the expectations of residents.

Avinash Rai Khanna donates books to District Red Cross Digital Library



DALJEET AJNOHA HOSHIARPUR: Former Member of Parliament and ex-Vice Chairman of the Indian Red Cross Society Avinash Rai Khanna donated a collection of useful books on various technical subjects to the District Red Cross Society's digital library to promote knowledge and intellectual development among students pursuing technical education. Speaking on the occasion, Khanna said that in today's competitive environment, alongside technical training, reading books plays a vital role in students' personality development, skill enhancement and broadening perspectives. He added that the digital library provides students with an accessible platform to quality study material while keeping pace with modern technology. Khanna urged students to read regularly, keep themselves updated with new technologies and continually expand their knowledge. He expressed confidence that the donated books would assist students not only in their technical education but also in preparing for competitive examinations and employment opportunities. Officials of the District Red Cross Society conveyed their gratitude to Avinash Rai Khanna for this inspirational contribution, saying the initiative will promote a culture of learning and help make students self-reliant and skilled.

Fortis Mohali treats complex ENT disorders with robotic surgery

RAHUL KOHLI YAMUNANAGAR, JULY 11

The ENT Department at Fortis Hospital Mohali has treated several patients suffering from complex ear, nose, and throat (ENT) disorders through the world's most advanced 4th Generation Robot – Da Vinci Xi. Robot-assisted surgery is considered as the gold standard treatment in complicated infections of the ear, strep throat, sinusitis, and sleep apnea. The ENT Department headed by Dr Ashok Gupta, Director, ENT and Head & Neck Surgery, Fortis Hospital Mohali, who has conducted more than 1000 cochlear implant surgeries, has launched a one



of its kind 'Deafness-Free India' campaign, and aims to take it to every nook and corner of the country. Under the campaign, awareness sessions to address deafness and hearing loss will be organised in several parts of the region. Dr Gupta has also treated several patients with complex ENT disorders

while completely curing them of the infections. In one such case, a 6-year-old girl had been suffering from bilateral deafness (congenital hearing loss that affects both ears), Tinnitus (ringing in ears) and had discharge from her ear. The patient's parents brought her to Fortis Mohali where Dr Gupta examined her and decided to go in for cochlear implantation surgery. The cochlea is part of the inner ear involved in hearing and any damage to its cells can cause hearing loss. Cochlear Implantation is the only technology in the world which helps restore hearing loss and helps in development of speech and language.

Mission Hariyali Inspires Green Future at G. Holy Heart Public School

BALWINDER AZAD BARNALA, JULY 11

Under the visionary guidance of Managing Director Mr. Sushil Goyal, G. Holy Heart Public School, Mehal Kalan successfully organised a series of activities under the "Mission Hariyali" campaign to promote environmental awareness and inspire students to protect nature. The campaign witnessed enthusiastic participation from students and staff members, who collectively planted more than 1,000 saplings on the school campus, demonstrating the school's strong commitment to creating a greener and healthier environment.



Various competitions and awareness activities, including Slogan Writing, Chart Making, Quiz Competitions, Poster Making, and plantation drives, were organised to educate students about the importance of environmental conservation. Students actively participated and conveyed meaningful messages about protecting nature and preserving greenery. As part of the campaign, students also visited a local nursery, where they learned about different species of plants, their care, and their importance in maintaining ecological balance. The visit provided valuable practical knowledge and encouraged students to adopt eco-friendly practices. On this occasion, Managing Director Sushil Goyal appreciated the efforts of the students and teachers and encouraged everyone to actively contribute towards environmental protection by planting and nurturing trees.

JPC holds consultations in Goa on 'One Nation, One Election'



ANIL KUMAR HAMIRPUR: BJP MP and senior member of the Joint Parliamentary Committee (JPC) on 'One Nation, One Election', Anurag Thakur, on Saturday held consultations with Goa Assembly Speaker Ganesh Gaonkar and Leader of Opposition Yuri Alemao on the proposed electoral reform. According to a statement, the discussions focused on the proposed constitutional and legal framework for simultaneous elections, administrative preparedness, the impact on the federal structure, reducing election expenditure and minimising disruptions to governance caused by frequent polls. Thakur said the initiative, envisioned by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, aims to strengthen India's democratic framework, reduce the frequency of elections, save public resources and enable governments to focus more effectively on long-term development and governance. He thanked the Goa Assembly Speaker and the Leader of Opposition for sharing their suggestions and practical inputs, saying consultations with all stakeholders under the spirit of cooperative federalism would help the committee develop a practical and effective framework.

Message of cleanliness resonates at 'Chai Pe Charcha'; Subhash Chandra stresses public participation for the success of swachh bharat abhiyan

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA
KARNAL, JULY 11

Subhash Chandra, State Executive Vice-Chairman of the Swachh Bharat Mission, shared his detailed views on cleanliness during a "Chai Pe Charcha" (discussion over tea) event held at the office of young BJP leader and social worker Nishant Sharma. Highlighting Chief Minister Nayab Singh Saini's vision for a clean and developed Haryana, he stated that the state government is according top priority to cleanliness and that the campaign now needs to be implemented with utmost seriousness at both the administrative level and through public participation.

Subhash Chandra remarked that cleanliness is not solely the responsibility of the government or municipal bodies but is the moral obligation of every citizen. If every individual resolves to keep their home, street, neighborhood, and public spaces



clean, the goals of a 'Clean India' and 'Clean Haryana' can be achieved swiftly.

He noted that Chief Minister Nayab Singh Saini remains deeply committed to cleanliness and is issuing directives to improve sanitation systems across the state. Consequently,

it is the responsibility of officials and employees across all departments not to limit themselves to paperwork but to conduct regular inspections, monitor sanitation arrangements, and ensure immediate action wherever filth, garbage piles, clogged drains, or disorder in public



spaces are found.

Subhash Chandra stated that if officials from municipal bodies, panchayats, the health department, and other relevant agencies work with complete honesty and accountability, the face of the state's cities and villages could be transformed.

Technical issues with registration portal resolved; Karnal Property Dealers Association satisfied with Tehsildar's assurances!

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA
KARNAL, JULY 11

A delegation from the Karnal Property Dealers Association, led by President Kiran Kumar, met Tehsildar Krishna Kumar at the District Administrative Secretariat. During this courtesy call, they held a detailed discussion regarding the problems being encountered during property registrations at the Tehsil office.

The delegation apprised the Tehsil administration that technical glitches in the registration portal were causing unnecessary delays in property registrations, thereby inconveniencing ordinary citizens and those involved in the property business.

In response, Tehsildar Krishna Kumar assured the delegation that the technical issues causing the problem had been resolved. He gave an assurance that registration work would henceforth be carried out in a smoother, more transparent, and time-bound manner. The Association's representatives stated that they were fully satisfied and reassured by the explanation provided by Tehsildar Krishna Kumar.

They emphasized the Association's belief in maintaining positive coordination between the administration and the Property Dealers Association, ensuring that any future problems or practical difficulties could be resolved



easily, quickly, and effectively.

Expressing their gratitude to the Karnal Tehsil administration, the delegation members noted that the administration had listened to and understood their issues with complete seriousness, interest, and empathy, while also assuring them of a resolution. The Association expressed hope that this collaborative atmosphere between the administration and stakeholders would continue in the future.

Association office-bearers Sanjeev Vashisht, Lalit Bansal, Harish Narang, Lokesh Munjal, Amit Papneja, and Pankaj Gupta, along with other members, were present on the occasion.

Don't wait for the July 14 deadline; fill out the enumeration form and submit it to the BLO in time: Deputy Commissioner

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA
KARNAL, JULY 11

Deputy Commissioner and District Election Officer Dr. Anand Kumar Sharma addressed a press conference on Saturday at the Mini-Secretariat regarding the Special Intensive Revision (SIR) campaign. He appealed to all eligible voters in the district to fill out their enumeration forms promptly and submit them to the concerned Booth Level Officer (BLO) without waiting for the July 14 deadline.

He stated that the SIR work is now in its final phase. Consequently, the cooperation of all voters is crucial to ensure that every eligible citizen's name is included in the voter list. If any voter faces difficulty

in filling out the form, they should contact their respective BLO or seek information via the Election Commission's



helpline number, 1950.

The Deputy Commissioner noted that if the enumeration form is not submitted within the stipulated timeframe, the voter will later have to go through the 'claims and

objections' process, which is relatively lengthy and time-consuming. Therefore, all voters should fill out their forms and submit them to the BLO in time.

Dr. Anand Kumar Sharma also appealed to the Booth Level Agents (BLA-1 and BLA-2) of political parties to actively cooperate in this campaign and work in coordination with the BLOs and the district administration. He emphasized that an error-free voter list can only be

prepared through collective effort, ensuring that no eligible voter is left out.

He mentioned that voters can also fill out their enumeration forms online using the ECINET mobile app.

Kanwar Pal Gurjar urges BJP workers to strengthen booth network in Jagadhri

RAHUL KOHLI YAMUNANAGAR: The Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) held an organisational meeting of its Jagadhri Assembly unit at the local party office on Saturday, where former Haryana Cabinet Minister and senior BJP leader Kanwar Pal Gurjar called upon party workers to further strengthen the organisation at the grassroots level. Addressing office-bearers, Shakti Kendra in-charges, booth presidents and party workers, Gurjar stressed the importance of organisational unity and outlined strategies for upcoming political programmes and public outreach campaigns.

He said the BJP government's welfare policies were aimed at the upliftment of the last person in society and urged party workers to ensure that information about government schemes and achievements



reached every household. Highlighting the party's organisational strength, Gurjar said the BJP had emerged as the world's largest political party because of its dedicated cadre. He emphasised that strengthening every booth in the Jagadhri Assembly constituency remained the party's top priority.

Calling upon workers to intensify public engagement, he urged them to connect with people, listen to their

grievances and facilitate solutions through the government. He also appreciated the dedication and hard work of party workers and asked them to remain prepared for future organisational responsibilities and political challenges.

Several local BJP leaders also addressed the meeting and shared updates on development works being undertaken in the Jagadhri Assembly constituency.

Special sanitation drive launched in Adhoya M ahead of monsoon

JAIBER RANA THAMBER BARARA, JULY 11:

A special sanitation drive has been launched in Adhoya Musalman village to improve drainage and prevent waterlogging during the monsoon season. The campaign, initiated by Sarpanch Veena Rani, is being carried out under the supervision of Sarpanch representative Kailash Kumar. During the drive, drains and water channels around the Khatu Shyam Temple, Punjab National Bank, and the village's main market were cleaned using JCB machines. The team also removed roadside garbage, weeds and overgrown vegetation from Shaheed Udham Singh Chowk to the village and along major roads in the market area.

Kailash Kumar said the objective of the campaign was to ensure smooth drainage during the rainy season, prevent waterlogging and minimise inconvenience to villagers. He added that maintaining sanitation and clearing drainage channels before heavy rains was among the panchayat's top priorities. He said clogged drains and water channels often obstruct the natural flow of rainwater, leading to waterlogging.



Alleged brutality by the SSP and police against people protesting for justice for a Dalit family's daughter is an insult to the Constitution: Rajesh Vaidya Valmiki

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA
KARNAL, JULY 11

Dr. Rajesh Vaidya Valmiki, former member of the Haryana Public Service Commission and District President of Karnal Congress (Rural), issued a press statement launching a scathing attack on the government's apathy regarding the ongoing atrocities against Dalits across the country. He stated that under BJP rule, atrocities against the Dalit community have crossed the limits of tolerance. "It is with deep sorrow and outrage that I must state that the Meerut SSP and police personnel brutally lathi-charged and assaulted members of the Dalit community and a family who were peacefully protesting to demand justice."

Rajesh Vaidya noted that the aggrieved family was staging a peaceful sit-in to secure justice for their daughter.



However, the SSP arrived at the scene and, without listening to anyone, personally slapped and shoved the protesters alongside the police personnel, while also using

abusive language. Such treatment of those seeking justice for a daughter demonstrates that the current BJP government is afflicted with an anti-Dalit mindset.

Youth urged to take active role in public welfare, inspired by MP Naveen Jindal

HANS RAJ YADAV 'KURUKSHETRA': Young people should draw inspiration from Kurukshetra MP Naveen Jindal and actively participate in public welfare and nation-building, speakers said at a youth awareness programme organised at Jindal House on Friday.

The programme encouraged participants to contribute to social service initiatives and reaffirm their commitment to community development.

Addressing the gathering, Avesh Singh of the Naveen Jindal Foundation said that despite his responsibilities in industry, Parliament and various public initiatives, MP Naveen Jindal continued to devote time to social welfare. He said Jindal's commitment to service should inspire young people to play a more active role in society.

Kaithal Office In-charge Ravinder Dhiman urged the youth to embrace the values of service, dedication and social responsibility. He encouraged them to participate in activities such as blood donation, environmental conservation, cleanliness drives, education, healthcare and other community welfare initiatives.

Providing details of the MP's public outreach programmes, Parliamentary Office In-charge



Dharamveer Singh said that under the guidance of Naveen Jindal, several initiatives were being implemented, including 'Naveen Avsar' for skill development and employment opportunities, the 'Naveen Jindal Yashasvi Scholarship' to support deserving students, and the 'Naveen Krishi Sankalp Abhiyan' to promote modern agricultural practices among farmers.

He added that the MP's office was also facilitating health camps, mobile medical units, nutritional support for tuberculosis patients and initiatives to promote sports. At the conclusion of the programme, participants pledged to actively engage in social service and contribute towards building a developed and self-reliant India.

Residents unable to step out as muddy lane worsens in Fateh Singh Colony

JAIBER RANA THAMBER BARARA:

Residents of Fateh Singh Colony, located near Sai Temple on the Barara-Dosadka Road, have alleged severe inconvenience due to the absence of a paved access road, with recent rains turning the unpaved lane into a muddy stretch.

Residents, including Bhushan Kumar, Dr Hardev Saini and others, said they had been living in the colony for several years and that despite the construction of numerous houses, the road connecting the colony to the main road has never been paved. They said the problem has become particularly severe during the monsoon. According to the residents, the lane was recently dug up for the installation of a sewer line, but restoration work was not completed before the rains. As a result, the entire stretch has turned into slush, making movement difficult and increasing the risk of people slipping and falling.

Residents claimed they had repeatedly approached the municipal authorities over the years, demanding that the lane be paved, but no action had been taken. They also alleged that no sanitation workers had visited the colony despite residents regularly paying municipal taxes. They further said that the poor condition of the road had disrupted daily life, with some families unable to send their children to school for the past three days due to the muddy conditions.



Girls empowered with self-defence, life skills at Samarth Kishori training programme

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA

KARNAL: A Samarth Kishori Training Programme organised by Seva Bharati Karnal concluded at Seva Shree Ashram with a focus on equipping adolescent girls with self-defence skills, self-confidence and essential life skills.

The programme aimed to empower girls through training in self-defence, health and hygiene awareness, disaster management and personality development, enabling them to become self-reliant and confident. Karnal MLA Jagmohan Anand, the chief guest, said women's empowerment was fundamental to nation-building. He said a strong nation could only be built when girls were confident, aware and secure. Appreciating Seva Bharati's initiative, he described the campaign as the need of the hour.

Mayor Renu Bala Gupta, who attended as a guest, also encouraged the participants and lauded the organisation's efforts towards empowering young girls. RSS Sah Prant Karyavah Pritam said the holistic development of girls formed

the foundation of a strong nation. Seva Bharati Karnal District President Vipin Kumar highlighted the organisation's various service initiatives and said the Samarth Kishori campaign was designed to strengthen every girl through self-defence training, health awareness and value-based education. Jitendra, Provincial Organisation Minister of Seva Bharati Haryana, stressed the collective responsibility of ensuring the safety and security of girls. As part of the programme, participants received practical self-defence training along with expert sessions on health, hygiene, first aid, disaster management and personality development. The DSP (Headquarters) also conducted an awareness session on cyber safety and disaster preparedness. The event was attended by RSS Sah Prant



Karyavah Pritam, Mayor Renu Bala Gupta, Seva Bharati State Vice-President Roshan Lal Gupta, District President Vipin Kumar, Chairperson Megha Bhandari, Treasurer Surender Goyal, Department Head Ashwani Beri, Vice-President Pravesh Agarwal, District Secretary Devender Rohilla etc.

Be courteous to all, but intimate with few, and let those few be well tried before you give them your confidence.
George Washington

Lots of people want to ride with you in the limo, but what you want is someone who will take the bus with you when the limo breaks down.

Oprah Winfrey

Editorial

Uranium deal icing on cake of Modi’s visit to Australia

Securing an agreement for supply of Australian uranium to fuel India’s nuclear power programme was Prime Minister Narendra Modi’s prize catch on his eastern trip to the Antipodes. The landmark deal should open the way to give a new impetus to India’s clean energy objectives, the plans for which have either lain dormant or moved at snail’s pace for over the 12 years since India and Australia had agreed in 2014 on a civil nuclear cooperation pact.

Australia’s preparedness to get its miners to enhance their operations to fulfil India’s large order for nuclear fuel to energise its green ambitions as well as steer away from fossil fuels a little more drastically because of current uncertainties over crude oil supplies and their carbon footprint also sends a message to the world on India as a reliable user of uranium for peaceful purposes.

The ground realities changed in the years since 2014 as the regulations over culpability and compensation in the event of a nuclear accident were altered in the ‘Shanti Act’ of 2025, limiting liabilities to international standards. In those 12 years, much may have been said about selling nuclear fuel but the uranium never came from Down Under. Against a planned nuclear power generation of 100GW by 2047 (22.5GW by 2032), India’s current installed capacity is just 8.8GW from 25 plants that generate only around three per cent of the nation’s power consumption.

As Australian Prime Minister Antony Albanese pointed out, the pre-2014 bilateral ties — and perhaps the ties in the last 12 years — were “underdone” and it is only now that India appears to have moved up the international order to be considered a crucial strategic partner, if not quite an ally though both countries are fellow members in Quad. The nuclear deal caps this new effort to further ties and take the bilateral aspects further regardless of divergent views on China, the country that is invariably the elephant in the room at every major diplomatic meeting.

As Prime Minister Modi vibrantly pointed out, the Indo-Pacific is not just the confluence of two great oceans, it also symbolises shared concerns over maritime security in view of the current geostrategic fears and suspicions. An array of pacts with Indonesia as well as Australia are set to operationalise closer cooperation in maritime matters in which India’s role as a facilitator and coordinator of data sharing has been rising.

Passengers missing



D.N. Nagar car depot, add retail in non-passenger areas, and sell advertising space on its viaduct pillars. A decade after opening, it is scrambling to invent the transit-oriented revenue model that should have been baked into the concession agreement from the start.

At the same time, Mumbai Metropolitan Region Development Authority and Reliance Infrastructure remain locked in an arbitration dispute over the line’s original construction costs. The dispute is a symptom of a deeper design flaw in India’s public-private partnership model for metro rail: the financial assumptions embedded in concession agreements are downstream of the same inflated DPR projections. When ridership underperforms, the entire contractual architecture turns adversarial, with public authorities and private operators each seeking relief from a shortfall that the original projections promised would never materialise.

The Delhi Metro Rail Corporation’s own PPP history is instructive too. An arbitral tribunal ruled in favour of Delhi Airport Metro Express Private Limited in 2017 after it cited structural defects as grounds for pulling out of

operations. The Supreme Court ultimately upheld a Delhi High Court order directing DMRC to pay a Rs 4,600 crore arbitral award, a liability DMRC argued would “impact public interest” given its financial position. The Airport Express line had been built for over Rs 2,885 crore. It became a legal liability larger than its own construction cost.

The structural problem, though, runs deeper. A United Nations Environment Programme case study of metro systems in Indian cities and subsequent research on low-carbon transport outcomes both point to the same underlying constraint: metros are demand-density machines. They require people to live, work, and move within a specific spatial geometry, one that India’s organically sprawled cities, low-density in the wrong places and high-density in the wrong places, rarely provide. A comparison with Hong Kong’s Mass Transit Railway is crucial. MTR is not, at its core, a transit company. It is a real estate company that happens to operate trains, with land development rights along corridors generating the capital that cross-subsidises operations. The model works because the Hong

Kong government gave MTR those rights before construction, and because Hong Kong’s planning regime mandated the density that would generate footfall at stations. India built the stations. The land around them was surrendered to developers who built gated colonies, parking lots, and car-dependent commercial complexes: things that make metros uncompetitive with private vehicles.

Jaipur’s metro records roughly 50,000 daily passengers on some counts. Bhopal runs at a daily operational loss exceeding Rs 7.5 lakh. These are failures of supply: of the mixed-use density, feeder connectivity, and pedestrian infrastructure that converts a metro station from a monument into a node. The last mile in most Indian metro cities is not just a minor logistical inconvenience. When an auto-rickshaw outside a station charges more for the final two kilometres than the metro charges for the preceding twenty, the transit model breaks at its seam.

The popular political prescription of making metros profitable like in Tokyo is misguided. Tokyo did not build a metro and wait for the city to adapt. It spent six decades aligning zoning laws, parking policy, employer location decisions, and public housing placement around transit corridors. Seoul used metro expansion as a tool of regional equity, backed by housing policy that concentrated density near stations. Singapore’s success is inseparable from its land use planning, where the state retained enough control over urban form to ensure that transit infrastructure and residential density arrived together.

Reforms should include statutory, transit-oriented development legislation, mandating mixed-use, high-density development within a defined radius of every station and making it a regulatory obligation.

Third-party post-completion project audits with named accountability for demand forecasts is another corrective mechanism — consulting firms whose ridership projections routinely diverge from reality by 50% or more should face consequences. The political establishment should admit that some lines should not have been built.

Literature & Health

Sleep problems in the digital age: A growing public health challenge



The modern era is defined by an unprecedented digital revolution. Smartphones, the internet, social media, online education, remote work, and OTT platforms have made our lives more convenient than ever before. While technology has opened new avenues for progress and connectivity, its excessive use has also given rise to a new health challenge, sleep disorders.

Today, children, adolescents, working professionals, and older adults alike are increasingly experiencing insomnia, inadequate sleep, and poor sleep quality. India is among the countries with the largest number of smartphone and internet users in the world. On average, people spend several hours each day on their mobile screens. From the moment we wake up until we go to bed, digital devices have become an inseparable part of our daily lives.

Consequently, sleep-related problems are rising at an alarming pace. Health experts recommend that healthy adults should get 7 to 9 hours of sleep each night, while teenagers require 8 to 10 hours, and younger children need even more. Adequate sleep allows the body and brain

to recover, strengthens memory, boosts immunity, and plays a vital role in maintaining both physical and mental well-being. Excessive use of digital devices, particularly during the evening, disrupts the body’s natural sleep cycle.

The blue light emitted by smartphones, tablets, laptops, and televisions suppresses the production of melatonin, the hormone responsible for regulating sleep. As a result, people often find it difficult to fall asleep or experience frequent interruptions during the night. Endless social media scrolling, online gaming, binge-watching web series, and late-night work habits have further aggravated the problem. Young people and students are among the most affected. Many students stay awake late into the night using

their phones, which negatively impacts their concentration, memory, learning ability, and academic performance. Working professionals, meanwhile, often remain digitally connected long after office hours, leading to mental fatigue, increased stress, and reduced productivity. Sleep deprivation extends far beyond simple tiredness. It significantly increases the risk of anxiety, depression, high blood pressure, diabetes, obesity, and cardiovascular diseases. Experts also warn about “sleep debt”, the cumulative effect of repeatedly getting less sleep than the body requires.

Over time, this sleep deficit can impair cognitive performance, weaken immunity, and affect overall health. Inadequate sleep has also been identified as a contributing factor in many road accidents and workplace incidents.

Addressing this growing challenge requires adopting healthy digital habits. Individuals should avoid using mobile phones, laptops, and televisions for at least one hour before bedtime. Maintaining a consistent sleep schedule, practising yoga and meditation, engaging in regular physical activity, limiting

caffeine intake during the evening, and creating a calm and comfortable sleeping environment can all contribute to better sleep quality.

The concept of “digital detox” has also gained increasing importance. Taking regular breaks from smartphones and social media helps reduce mental stress, improve focus, and promote restful sleep. At the same time, families, educational institutions, and workplaces must encourage responsible digital behaviour and foster awareness about healthy technology use.

Technology is an indispensable part of modern life, but its benefits can only be fully realised when used wisely and in moderation. If we fail to address this issue today, sleep disorders may emerge as a major public health concern in the years ahead. Striking a balance between digital convenience and physical as well as mental well-being is therefore essential. Healthy sleep is not merely a personal necessity, it is the foundation of a healthier society and a more productive nation.

Vipul Sharma
Motivational Speaker &
Career Counsellor

When justice demands more than order

BY BIRINDER SINGH

Some court orders are forgotten the moment they are pronounced. Others stay with a judge forever. This is about one such day. The year was 1998. I was Chief Judicial Magistrate in Patiala. My court was choked with an enormous backlog of cases. My daily cause list carried well over hundred matters. By the time, the court work finished, administrative responsibilities awaited me. It was a race against time, every single day.

On one such day, while I was holding the court and court room was packed to capacity, an elderly woman slowly made her way towards the dais. Her face bore deep lines of poverty and anxiety. She folded her hands and said in a trembling voice, “Janab, the police have taken my son. They are not letting him come home.” She had no lawyer. Nor presented any written complaint. I looked at the lawyers present in court. One of them volunteered to help her. He quickly drafted an application whereupon I passed an order directing the concerned SHO to submit his report at once. The report came the following day. Short and clear, “The young man was never

arrested. Nor in police custody.”

When the old lady appeared again, she was politely told about what police said about his son. She looked at me with complete disbelief and said simply, “They are lying.” Her voice had no anger.

Only certainty. “How do you know?” I asked. “Because I gave him lunch today... inside the police lock-up.” The courtroom went silent. I stared at her. She was not confused. She was not guessing. “You are sure?” “Yes, I fed him myself.” Two versions of the truth now stood before me. An official police report on one side and a poor mother’s word on the other. Someone was lying. There was only one way to find out. I stopped the court work. I dictated an order directing an immediate inspection of the police station. I called for my official vehicle and my Reader accompanied me. Before leaving the premises, I informed my immediate superior, the Sessions Judge, Mr. K.S. Garewal, of what I intended to do. Looking back, I believe it was perhaps the first time a Chief Judicial Magistrate personally led a raid on a police station. I have never heard of such an incident before or after. The moment the official car drove through the gates, the en-

tire police station erupted into chaos. Police officials began running in different directions, officers hurriedly disappeared into rooms, files were grabbed, and doors banged shut. No one knew why the Chief Judicial Magistrate had suddenly shown up unannounced. Ignoring the commotion, I walked straight inside and searched room after room. I walked straight to the lock-up. And there he was, a young man, behind bars. His mother was right. The SHO was missing. I directed the Thana Munshi to produce the Roznamcha—the Daily Diary Register. Every lawful arrest must be recorded in that register. I turned the pages and examined entry after entry. There was no entry for the young man.

On paper, he didn’t exist. In reality, he was locked up. I signed the register to stop any tampering. The SHO later arrived, shaken. He said the boy had been in a street fight and was held to prevent trouble. But holding someone without recording is not lawful. I ordered his release. As soon as I reached my chamber, the Sessions Judge informed me on telephone that Registrar General of the High Court, Mr. K.K. Garg, had called him. The matter had rapidly reached the highest levels of the

state administration. Soon after, the Registrar General himself phoned me. His opening question was direct: “Why did you conduct the raid?” He informed me that both the Director General of Police and the Chief Secretary had contacted the High Court, expressing serious concern over a magistrate personally searching a police station. He gently suggested that calling for a police report should have been enough. I politely told him that a helpless mother told me that she had seen, met and fed her son in lock-up. The police denied it. If I had chosen to believe the police version and ignore her, I would have failed in my duty. There was silence on the line for a few moments. I added, “Sir, I shall submit my report.” And I did. Years have passed.

The files are in the record room. Many judgments I gave are forgotten. But I will never forget that mother. If the court had trusted the police report blindly, an illegal detention would have continued. Justice sometimes demands more than passing orders from the Bench. Sometimes the judge has to rise from the bench and find it. That day, I did exactly that. And I have never regretted it.

Perils of being ‘Cancelled’... The twisted saga of my Jinnah play!

“The magpie’s cry goes clackety-clack -- It says she’s gone and won’t come back... Why personify the cry of a bird? The notes or the sentiment overheard? The magpie knows nothing of your loss... And even if it did, it wouldn’t give a toss.” From Flutter Gutter Verses, by Bachchoo

Unlike some distinguished writers – such as J.K. Rowling – and several academics, I have never experienced “being cancelled”. This is the contemporary practice of being refused a platform to which one was formerly invited, owing to protests from people and lobbies who don’t like your opinions.

So, JK has been denied a hearing and banned from several platforms because she believes that humans are assigned a gender at birth through their chromosomes and through formation of their sexual organs and secondary gender manifestations. These bans and cancellations make me wonder if my opinions, which I express in these columns, in others and in my books and speeches from various platforms, are innocuous and not worth bothering about? Perhaps in my short and happy life, though I have acquired the description of being “radical”, I have never sufficient-

ly offended any vociferous lobby.

Luck? Caution? Fence-sitting? (I plead not-guilty, m’lud!) Not for my opinions, but for my very existence, I have indeed suffered some bans or omissions. I suppose the first one that comes to mind was when, in the wake of Richard Attenborough’s Gandhi, I was approached by two Pakistanis – the distinguished director Jamil Dehlavi and a contemporary from Cambridge, Akbar Ahmad, proposing that I write a film on Jinnah.

I said I was out of sympathy with Jinnah for splitting the sub-continent. They said my Indo-nationalist view probably didn’t take in all the facts that caused the fragmentation of British India. They urged me to read Stanley Wolpert’s biography of Jinnah. I did. Akbar, as producer of the tentative project, had offered me a decent sum of money if I would write the film. And yes, gentle reader, after reading two or three biographies of the Quaid-e-Azam, I understood the complexities that led to “Partition” and told Jamil and Akbar that I would write a script as I conceived it. They

agreed and I did.

When I handed in the completed screenplay, Akbar said to me: “That’s great, we’ll start production soon, but Farukh, you won’t get a credit on screen as the writer!” I was about to say “pour the hell qua non?” but instead simply asked why. “Because the film is being financed by Pakistani capitalists who would not support the production if the screenplay was by a non-Muslim Parsi of Indian origin, resident in Britain with a reputation for Marxist views and radical ‘socialistic’ activity.” “And you are to promise to never claim to have written the film,” Akbar said, “and I want to increase your fee by a thousand pounds”. Gentle reader, being of a modest (and acquisitive?) disposition, could I refuse? The film went into production with Christopher Lee, famous for playing Dracula, as the mature Jinnah, and Shashi Kapoor as the angel Jibrail who questions Jinnah in heaven (yes, one of the opening scenes!).

The film was a success in Pakistan – so much so that General Pervez Musharraf, who was then in charge, appointed Akbar Ahmad as Pakistan’s

high commissioner to Britain. Then came the unravelling. Jamil and Akbar fell out, with Jamil accusing Akbar of inflating the budget and carrying away extremely large sums of money by pretending they were paid to (non-existent) “script consultants” and other such fabrications. Jamil blew the gaff, and journalists then called me to ask if I had written the script. I, sticking to my promise, said “no comment”, or the equivalent. Then Seamus Milne, a Guardian journalist, showed me a document which said that I sold the script of Jinnah to Akbar Ahmad for “£1”. It had my signature. So, he said either I did write Jinnah, or I was accusing the high commissioner of Pakistan of forging my signature. I said I wasn’t accusing Akbar of forging my signature.

So, he said either I did write Jinnah, or I was accusing the high commissioner of Pakistan of forging my signature. I said I wasn’t accusing Akbar of forging my signature. “So, you did write Jinnah,” says Seamus Milne. Out of the bag burst pussy. The UK and Pakistani papers picked up the story and when they called me, I told them that if Gen. Musharraf was handing out diplomatic posts for writing Jinnah, I would be quite happy to be Pakistan’s ambassador to Tahiti and will look after Pakistan’s interests after I’ve looked after some of my own. It was a joke! Dawn printed it.



PM Shri School Amb forms New Management Committee

AVINASH CHAUHAN
AMB: The formation of the School Management Committee at PM Shri Adarsh Senior Secondary School, Amb, was completed on Friday in a democratic and cordial atmosphere. A large number of parents enthusiastically participated in the meeting held on the school premises on this occasion and a new Management Committee was

unanimously formed with the aim of improving the development of the school and the quality of education. During the meeting, all the parents present unanimously elected Anoop Kumar as the head of the School Management Committee and Asha Kumari as the vice-head. Along with this, other members of the committee were also selected, whose tenure will be for the next two years.

Committed to provide affordable, modern and quality healthcare services: CM

DINESH AGARWAL
SHIMLA, JULY 11

Chief Minister Thakur Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu today inaugurated a state-of-the-art 3-Tesla MRI facility at the Atal Institute of Medical Super Specialties (AIMSS), Chamiyana, Shimla. With this, the AIMSS has become the second government healthcare institution in Himachal Pradesh, after IGMC Shimla, which has been equipped with the advanced imaging technology. The 3-Tesla MRI machine, installed at a cost of approximately Rs. 23 crore, represents the latest generation of magnetic resonance imaging technology, offering superior image quality, faster scanning and enhanced diagnostic accuracy.

The Chief Minister said that equipping government health institutions with cutting-edge medical technology remains a top priority of the present state government and added that the installation of the advanced MRI facility would significantly strengthen the diagnostic capabilities of various super-specialty departments, enabling doctors to diagnose and treat complex medical conditions more effectively. He added that patients would no longer have to travel outside the



institution for MRI investigations, resulting in substantial savings of both time and money while ensuring timely access to quality healthcare services.

Speaking to mediapersons on the occasion, the Chief Minister said that healthcare and education remain the state government's top priorities and that there was no shortage of funds for strengthening these two vital sectors. He said the government was undertaking comprehensive reforms to upgrade medical technology across the state after

extensive consultations with doctors serving in the government medical colleges. The Chief Minister said the government was committed to providing affordable, modern and quality healthcare to patients within the state. In this direction, the government was not only filling up vacant posts of doctors but also equipping all government medical colleges with advanced medical technologies and state-of-the-art diagnostic equipments. He added that the state government was also offering competitive pay scales to doctors

to attract and retain skilled medical professionals.

Criticising the previous BJP government, the Chief Minister said that inadequate attention was paid to the healthcare sector, resulting in outdated medical equipment remaining in use for years. He said the 19-year-old MRI machine at the IGMC Shimla has been replaced with a modern 3-Tesla MRI system, and similar advanced machines would be installed in other government medical colleges of the State in the coming years. He further informed that the state government would invest Rs. 125 crore to establish automated laboratories in government medical colleges, enabling fully automated and highly accurate diagnostic tests, which would significantly improve patient care and treatment outcomes. Sukhu said that the government was strengthening Atal Institute of Medical Super Specialties (AIMSS), Chamiyana, where robotic surgery services were introduced for the first time in the State. The robotic facility has since been started in Dr. Rajendra Prasad Government Medical College, Tanda, IGMC Shimla and Shri Lal Bahadur Shastri Government Medical College, Ner Chowk.

Dy CM inaugurates new Rs 14 crore building of Haroli Government College

KISHORI LAL BAINS
UNA, JULY 11

Himachal Pradesh Deputy Chief Minister Mukesh Agnihotri on Saturday inaugurated the newly constructed academic building of Professor Simmi Agnihotri Government College, Haroli, built at a cost of Rs 14 crore, and announced the introduction of MSc and Law courses from the next academic session. Addressing a gathering, Agnihotri said the state government is committed to strengthening higher education infrastructure and ensuring that students have access to quality, modern and employment-oriented education within their own regions. He said the college would also start PGDCA and BSc Computer Science courses from the current academic session, while modern modular laboratories for Botany, Chemistry, Physics and Zoology are being established. The Deputy Chief Minister added that the government aims to increase student enrolment at the college from around 500 to 1,000 next year. Agnihotri said the institution currently offers undergraduate



programmes in Arts, Commerce, BCA, BBA and Science, besides postgraduate courses in Commerce and subjects including Political Science, English, History and Hindi. He said the project marks the completion of the first phase of the college's development and assured continued government support for its expansion. He also said financial constraints would not be allowed to hinder any student's education. Recalling that the foundation stone of the college was laid by former Chief Minister Virbhadra Singh in 2017, Agnihotri alleged that construction remained stalled during the previous BJP government's tenure and was completed by the present government.

CM inaugurates Digital Museum at Bantony, Shimla

DINESH AGARWAL
SHIMLA, JULY 11

Chief Minister Thakur Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu inaugurated the state-of-the-art digital museum at Bantony, Shimla on Friday, marking a significant step towards preserving and promoting the rich cultural and historical heritage of Himachal Pradesh through modern digital technology. He said that Bantony occupies a special place in the history of Shimla and the inauguration of the digital museum marks the beginning of a new chapter in the conservation, celebration and global promotion of the State's heritage. "This is not merely the inauguration of another institution, but the beginning of a new era in heritage conservation. The digital museum will serve as



a bridge between the past and the future, enabling visitors to experience the rich history and vibrant culture of Himachal Pradesh in an engaging and immersive manner," he said.

Sukhu said that the museum has been designed to make history accessible and engaging for visitors of all age groups through advanced digital technologies, including high-resolution 3D scanning, virtual reality

(VR), augmented reality (AR), interactive timelines and immersive storytelling. These innovative features will allow visitors to explore the State's rich folk traditions, handicrafts, spiritual heritage and the inspiring stories of its freedom fighters in a dynamic and interactive environment. He said that the museum presents a comprehensive narrative of Shimla's evolution from its

emergence as a Himalayan hill town to its transformation into a city of historical significance. It showcases the heritage marvels of Himachal Pradesh, the lives and contributions of eminent personalities, the historic Kalka-Shimla Railway, the journey of Himachal Pradesh since its formation, the State's vibrant art and culture and its rich culinary traditions, which form an integral part of its cultural identity. The Chief Minister expressed confidence that the digital museum would emerge as a landmark institution and a symbol of Himachal Pradesh's rich cultural identity. It would not only preserve the State's invaluable heritage for future generations but also promote it before a global audience through the effective use of cutting-edge technology.

Congress, the mother of major scams, has no moral right to question the Ram Temple: Rakesh Jamwal

DINESH AGARWAL
SHIMLA, JULY 11

BJP Himachal Pradesh Chief Spokesperson Rakesh Jamwal strongly criticized the Congress Party over its allegations concerning the Shri Ram Jannabhoomi Teerth Kshetra Trust, calling the charges politically motivated and an attempt to exploit the faith of millions of devotees for political gains. He said that the Congress Party, which opposed the Ram Jannabhoomi movement for decades and repeatedly attempted to obstruct the construction of the Ram Temple, is now trying to create unnecessary controversy around an issue deeply connected with the faith of the nation. Jamwal



said that if there is any political party that must first introspect before speaking about corruption, it is the Congress Party itself. He stated that the Congress regime witnessed some of the biggest corruption scandals in India's history, involving enormous losses to the public exchequer and severely damaging the country's global image.

He said that the nation

has not forgotten the 2G Spectrum Scam (estimated notional loss of Rs. 1.76 lakh crore), the Coal Allocation (Coalgate) Scam (estimated notional loss of Rs. 1.86 lakh crore), the Commonwealth Games Scam (alleged irregularities worth around Rs. 70,000 crore), the AgustaWestland Helicopter Deal, the Adarsh Housing Society Scam, the National Herald case, the Bofors scandal, the Aircel-Maxis case, the Tatra Truck procurement controversy, and several other corruption allegations that surfaced during Congress-led governments. He said these scandals became symbols of corruption and misgovernance under the Congress Party. The BJP Chief Spokesperson said it

was ironic that the Congress, whose tenure was marked by repeated allegations of large-scale corruption, is now attempting to lecture others on transparency and accountability. He added that Congress leaders should first explain their own party's record before raising politically motivated allegations against institutions associated with the Ram Temple. Jamwal said that Lord Ram is a symbol of faith for millions of Indians, and the Ram Temple belongs to the entire nation, not to any political party. He asserted that if any issue requires examination, it should be dealt with strictly in accordance with the law and established legal procedures.

Vikramaditya Singh's Una visit drew positive response: INTUC Leader

KISHORI LAL BAINS
UNA, JULY 11

National INTUC Secretary and Himachal Pradesh INTUC General Secretary Jagat Ram Sharma on Saturday described Public Works and Urban Development Minister Vikramaditya Singh's visit to Una as "impressive", saying it reflected the minister's commitment to public outreach and development.

In a statement, Sharma said Vikramaditya Singh attended a felicitation programme for newly elected Zila Parishad member Sumit Sharma before inspecting various roads and bridges in the district.

He said the minister also offered prayers at Banaure



Mahadev Temple in Chatara, where local residents honoured him along with MLA Vivek Sharma and other dignitaries. According to Sharma, villagers recalled the contribution of former Chief Minister Virbhadra Singh in developing the road leading to the temple.

Sharma said he later met Vikramaditya Singh at a hotel in Una and shared memories of his long association with the late

Virbhadra Singh. He credited the former chief minister with major developmental works in Una, particularly in the sectors of roads, education, power and healthcare.

Expressing confidence in Vikramaditya Singh's leadership, Sharma said he hoped the minister would continue to carry forward the legacy of public service and development associated with his father.

Jal Shakti Vibhag promotes 40 Junior Engineers to the post of Assistant Engineers (Civil)

DINESH AGARWAL
SHIMLA, JULY 11

Forty Junior Engineers of Jal Shakti Vibhag has been promoted to the post of Assistant Engineer (Civil). Principal Secretary of the department Dr. Abhishek Jain said that the Departmental Promotion Committee in its meeting held on 8th July 2026, recommended the promotion of eligible Junior Engineers against the approved vacancies of Assistant Engineer (Civil). Of the total promotions, 22 Junior Engineers belong to the diploma-holder category, while 18 are from the graduate/AMIE category. The category-wise distribution of the promoted officers includes 21 from the General category, 6 from the



Other Backward Classes, 9 from the Scheduled Castes and 4 from the Scheduled Tribes. Apart from this, 12 Junior Engineers have been promoted to the post of SDO against posts likely to be vacant in near future. He said that these promotions will significantly enhance the department's administrative and technical efficiency. They will also ensure the availability of experienced officers in key technical positions, thereby facilitating the effective implementation

of various projects and development works and further strengthening the department's functioning. He added that the Jal Shakti Vibhag is responsible for the development, operation and maintenance of drinking water supply, irrigation and water resources across the state. The department plays a vital role in providing quality and uninterrupted services to the people. The promotion shall be subject to final outcome of the various civil writ petitions pending in the High Court. He further said that through these promotions, the department will strengthen its institutional capacity and reinforce its commitment to providing better, more efficient and timely services to the people of the state.

HPCA Challenger Women's Trophy concludes, paving way for future of Women's Cricket in state

SANJAY AGGARWAL

DHARAMSHALA: The Himachal Pradesh Cricket Association (HPCA) successfully concluded its flagship Challenger Women's Trophy, culminating in a thrilling final match between Team Red and Team Blue. Designed entirely as a developmental platform rather than a commercial league, the initiative brought together the state's finest female talent across three distinct teams: Team Red, Team Blue, and Team Yellow. Breaking away from traditional tournament structures, the HPCA introduced a unique mixed-team format for the Challenger Trophy. Squads were intentionally composed of both senior veterans and rising junior players. This structure allowed Himachal's established cricketers to mentor the next generation directly on the field, bridging the gap between youth development and elite-level cricket. Beyond the boundary ropes, the tournament sparked a profound sense of team bonding and camaraderie. Players from different districts and age groups—who are typically rivals on the domestic circuit—shared dressing rooms, strategized together, and celebrated each other's success. This environment created a powerful cultustrategyedz unity, turning individual players into a tight-knit sisterhood. The off-field friendships and mutual respect forged during the tournament have laid the foundation for a deeply connected and supportive ecosystem for women's cricket in the state. "This tournament was never about revenue or commercial entertainment; it was purely about opportunity and unity," said HPCA Secretary.

Man attacks sister with a saw; grandmother and uncle also assaulted while trying to intervene

AGENCY

UNA: A domestic dispute in Himachal Pradesh's Una district turned violent when a young man attacked his sister with a saw, leaving her injured. The accused also assaulted other family members who stepped in to save her. According to reports, the incident occurred in Dulehar village, Una district, on Friday. A 22-year-old woman stated in her police complaint that she was brushing her teeth in the courtyard around 7 AM on Friday, as was her routine. At that moment, her brother emerged from his room and began verbally abusing their mother over an issue. The atmosphere in the house suddenly became tense. The woman said she tried to reason with her brother, asking him not to treat their mother that way. However, the accused took offence at this. He flew into a rage, and the altercation escalated. According to the complaint, the accused picked up a saw lying in the courtyard and attacked his sister. The woman was caught off guard by the sudden assault and sustained a severe injury near her ear. The accused did not stop there; he blocked her path and assaulted her. The attack caused panic and chaos within the household. Hearing the woman's screams, her grandmother rushed to the scene and tried to separate the two. It is alleged that the accused assaulted her as well. The woman's uncle also intervened, but the accused scuffled with him, causing him injuries too. The incident caused an uproar throughout the house, and neighbours soon became aware of the situation.

World Himachali Organization announces Delhi Unit Team

AVINASH CHAUHAN
AMB, JULY 11

The new team of the Delhi unit of the World Himachali Organization (WHO) was officially announced in New Delhi. The team was announced by Amit Rana, President of the World Himachali Organization Chandigarh unit, and the main objective of this new executive is to unite the migrants from Himachal Pradesh living in the national capital and preserve the rich culture of the land of gods. In order to expand the organization of World Himachali Organization (WHO), the formation of Delhi unit and the announcement of office



bearers were made. The World Himachali Organization (WHO) was established in 2025 with the goal of uniting Himachalis living around the world on a common platform. The organization's motto is "Devbhoomi Sevayai." The objective of the organization is to promote Himachali culture and heritage, social service, environmental protection, education, youth leadership, women empowerment and unity and cooperation among

Himachalis living across the world. The following are the office bearers and executive members of the Delhi unit announced in the meeting. Manoj Dogra was given the command of the post of President. Manoj Dogra, President General Secretary Amit Kumar Sharma, Office Secretary Lalit Dogra, Media Incharge Raj Kumar Sharma, Vice President Ajit Chauhan, Naresh Thakur, Seema Sharma.

ACF Officer Megha Sharma honoured by Swami Vivekanand Seva Trust

AVINASH CHAUHAN
AMB, JULY 11

Gaurav Kumar, President of Swami Vivekanand Seva Trust, Chintpurni, specially honored Megha Sharma, the promising daughter of Ashok Kumar of Kinnu village in Amb subdivision, on her becoming the Assistant Conservator of Forests (ACF). While this unprecedented success of Megha Sharma has created an atmosphere of joy in the entire area, Gaurav Kumar described this moment as a matter of immense pride for the entire village and district. In this series of honour, President Gaurav Kumar blessed Megha Sharma ji with happiness and prosperity by covering her with the holy scarf of Mata Shri Chintpurni ji



and also wished her a bright future by presenting her a picture of Swami Vivekananda ji, the ultimate source of inspiration for the youth. On this occasion, Gaurav Kumar said that there is no dearth of talent among the daughters of rural areas, and Megha has proved it true. Ashok Kumar's family and the entire Kinnu village have brought glory to the entire area today. Being selected for such a

high-ranking position will give Megha, a young person in the area, renewed energy to move forward and pass important exams. Megha Sharma, her father Ashok Kumar and the entire family expressed their heartfelt gratitude and thanks to Swami Vivekananda Seva Trust for Gaurav Kumar coming home to encourage his daughter and for this special honour.

Lok Milni Program is an effective medium to establish direct contact between government and people: Mohinder Bhagat
JALANDHAR (PARAMJIT SINGH): Punjab Horticulture, Freedom Fighters and Defence Services Welfare Minister Mohinder Bhagat today listened to the problems of the residents of the area during a Lok Milni Program at Bhargava Camp, Ward No. 44. Speaking on the occasion, the Cabinet Minister said that Lok Milni Programs are an effective medium to establish direct contact between the government and the people, through which the problems of the people are taken note of on the spot and necessary instructions are issued to the concerned departments for appropriate solution.



NEWS BRIEF

Awareness programs organized on occasion of World Population Day in various villages of the block
JAGDEEP SINGH GILL JAITU : Under the guidance of Civil Surgeon, Faridkot Dr. Ramandeep Singla, awareness campaigns dedicated to World Population Day were organized at Community Health Center, Bajakhana under the leadership of Dr. Navpreet Grewal, Senior Medical Officer, CHC Bajakhana in various villages of Block Community Health Center Bajakhana like Panigrain Kalan, Aulakh, Ramana Ajit Singh and Bargari etc. Dr. Navpreet Grewal, while expressing his views, said that population explosion affects the social, economic fabric and environment in a comprehensive manner. He said that 11 July is celebrated as World Population Day every year since 1989 by the World Health Organization.

Work on collection and digitization of voter enumeration forms in full swing: Rahul Chaba
SURINDER PAL KOTKAPURA: As per the guidelines of Election Commission of India and Chief Electoral Officer Punjab, special camps were organized at all polling stations of Faridkot district today under Special In-depth Revision of Voter Lists (SIR-2026). During these camps, the work of receiving, verifying and digitizing voter enumeration forms was done smoothly by the Booth Level Officers (BLOs). District Election Officer-cum-Deputy Commissioner Rahul Chaba said that the purpose of the special camps is to make the voter list more accurate, transparent and updated by getting the enumeration form of every eligible voter on time. He said that in the booths where the digitization of the forms has been completed, the work of removing the errors in the records is being done, while in the remaining booths, the work of collection of forms.

G. Holy Heart Public School embraces future of education with robotics and AI
BALWINDER AZAD BARNALA : G. Holy Heart Public School, Mehal Kalan, marked another milestone in technological education by introducing an advanced Robot Dog on the school campus as part of its upcoming Robotics Lab initiative. Managing Director Mr. Sushil Goyal stated that the school is committed to providing students with modern, skill-based education and emerging technologies that prepare them for the future. He added that the Robotics Lab will offer students practical exposure to robotics, artificial intelligence, coding, and innovation, enabling them to develop critical thinking and problem-solving skills. During the interactive demonstration, students witnessed the Robot Dog performing various intelligent functions, including walking, responding to commands, maintaining balance.

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Punjab to become India's No. 1 state in public transport infrastructure with addition of 1,279 new govt buses: Harpal Singh Cheema

GAURAV GOEL
CHANDIGARH, JULY 11

Punjab Finance and Transport Minister Advocate Harpal Singh Cheema on Saturday announced that Punjab is set to become the number one state in the country in public transport infrastructure through a major fleet expansion, with the addition of 1,279 new government buses. The expansion will increase the state's fleet strength from 2,267 to 3,546 buses, marking a historic 56% increase, the largest in over two decades. Along with expanding the fleet, the Bhagwant Mann Government will also introduce advanced technologies, including DashCams, internal CCTV cameras, GPS tracking systems and UPI QR code-based electronic ticketing, to improve commuter safety, convenience and last-mile connectivity. Addressing a



press conference at Punjab Bhawan, Transport Minister Harpal Singh Cheema said, "Punjab is undertaking the biggest expansion of its government bus fleet in more than two decades. With the addition of 1,279 buses, our total fleet strength will increase from 2,267 to 3,546 buses, making Punjab the number one state in the country in public transport infrastructure." Highlighting the direct procurement of buses, the Transport Minister said, "The Punjab

Government has already placed orders for the purchase of 696 ordinary buses, of which 387 will be inducted into PUNBUS and 309 into the PEPSU Road Transport Corporation (PRTC). Around 300 of these buses are expected to become operational by November 2026, while the remaining buses will be inducted in a phased manner by the end of December 2026." He further informed that 100 midi buses have already been purchased for PRTC to strengthen

connectivity in urban as well as rural areas. "These buses will enter service by September, taking the total number of directly procured buses to 796," he added. Minister Harpal Singh Cheema said that the deployment of the expanded fleet would be guided by scientific planning. "Satellite-based travel pattern surveys are being initiated across the state to identify underserved routes and ensure that buses are deployed where people need them the most.

Congress alleges irregularities in Morinda Municipal Council Polls; plans to move High Court



MORINDA (SANJEEV TEJPAL): The election of the President, Senior Vice-President and Vice-President of the Morinda Municipal Council has triggered a fresh political controversy, with the Congress alleging administrative high-handedness and violations of the prescribed election procedure. The party has announced that it is preparing to challenge the election process before the Punjab and Haryana High Court. Addressing a meeting of local residents at Sanatan Dharam Mandir, former Morinda Municipal Council President and Congress in-charge for the Kharar Assembly constituency, Vijay Kumar Tinku, alleged that local Aam Aadmi Party MLA Dr. Charanjit Singh, in collusion with the police administration, prevented Congress councillors, who claimed to enjoy majority support, from participating in the election meeting. Speaking to media persons, Tinku said the developments had deeply disappointed the people of Morinda. He claimed that, as a mark of protest against the alleged administrative high-handedness, some shopkeepers voluntarily kept their establishments closed.

SDM Bathinda calls for registration of youth from Bathinda district on the MY Bharat Portal



ANIL VERMA BATHINDA, JULY 11
The Government of India has launched the MY Bharat Portal for the holistic development of youth. By joining the portal, young people can build their careers, learn new skills and receive certificates related to various activities. SDM Bathinda, Mr. Amandeep Singh Mavi said while presiding over the district-level advisory committee meeting of the MY Bharat Centre (formerly known as the Nehru Yuva Kendra), held under the directions of Deputy Commissioner Bathinda, Mr. Rajesh Dhiman. He said that the MY Bharat Centre, Bathinda, under the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports, Government of India, is working to register youth aged 15 to 29 years studying in schools, colleges.

NORTHERN RAILWAY e-TENDERING					
OPEN TENDER NOTICE No. NIT- 17/UMB-2026-27 DATED 10.07.2026					
Open tenders through e-tendering are invited on & behalf of president of India by Sr. Divisional Engineer/Coordination, Northern Railway, Ambala from the willing contractors for following work upto 15:00 hrs. on the date of closing shown against the work and will be opened thereafter.					
S. No.	Name of Work	Approx. Cost (Rs.)	Bid Security (Rs.)	Period of Completion	Date of closing & opening
1	TTR and Turnout sleeper renewal in the section of ADEN/PTA under Sr.DEN/II/UMB in c/w TTR (TWS+CMSC)-40 set, TTR (FS+TWS+WCMS)-13 sets, TTR (TWS)- 65 sets, TTR (TSR)-110 sets &TTR (CMSC)-25 sets.	52,54,859	1,05,100	08 Months	04.08.2026
2	TTR (TWS) and Turnout sleeper renewal in the section of ADEN/PTA under Sr.DEN/II/UMB in c/w TTR (TWS+CMSC)-40 set, TTR (FS+TWS+WCMS)- 13 sets, TTR (TWS)- 65 sets, TTR (TSR)-110 sets &TTR (CMSC)-25 sets.	59,58,914	1,39,200	08 Months	04.08.2026
3	(1) Provision of new C&W Administrative Building in lieu of existing administrative building at KJGY in the section of SSE/W/L/SRE under ADEN/SRE (2) Development of shower testing facility at ROH depot in Khanalampura Yard in the section of SSE/W/E/SRE under ADEN/SRE	3,48,25,541	6,96,500	12 Months	04.08.2026
4	Augmentation of infrastructure facilities for Repair and Rehabilitation of washing line nos. 1 & 2 at C&W Depot, BTI.	89,46,477	1,78,900	09 Months	04.08.2026
1. Tenderers are required to upload scanned copies of all related eligibility documents including PAN/TIN/GST as per conditions. 2. The required Bid Security will be acceptable On-line payment through Net Banking/or Payment Gateway payment Bank Guarantee bond (Annexure-VIIA) well before & upto 15.00 hrs. of closing date & time of tender. 3. Tenderers should have Class-III Digital Signature Certificate to participate in e-Tendering of works tenders. 4. For detail, please log on IREPS website www.ireps.gov.in. 5. GST will be levied as per GST Act, 2017.					
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ADC urges citizens to submit their enumeration forms

SUMER GARG
SANGRUR, JULY 11



District Election Officer-cum-Additional Deputy Commissioner (G) Ankur Mahindru urged citizens to submit their enumeration forms to avail themselves of these special camps under the Special Intensive Revision (SIR) campaign being carried out as per the directions of the Chief Electoral Officer, Punjab, two-day special camps commenced today at all polling booths across the district. The objective of these camps is to facilitate and streamline the process of filling and submitting enumeration forms by eligible voters. On this occasion, Mr Ankur Mahindru stated that all Booth Level Officers (BLOs) in the district are performing their duties with complete dedication and are providing every possible assistance to voters in filling and submitting their enumeration forms. He informed that BLOs will also remain present at all designated polling booths during the special camps on Sunday to ensure that voters do not face any inconvenience. He urged all citizens of the district that voters who, for any reason, have not yet been able to fill or submit their enumeration forms should make maximum use of the special camps being organised on July 12 (Sunday). He said that voters can visit their nearest polling

Punjabi language book "Information Technology and MS Office Automation" launched



BALWINDER AZAD BHADOUR, JULY 11
The Punjabi language book "Information Technology and MS Office Automation", prepared with the joint efforts of Malvinder Singh, Principal of Miri Piri Khalsa College Bhadaur, Dr. Munish Jindal, Prof. Manjinder Singh and Prof. Manmeet Kaur, a well-known educational institution of the area, was launched by the Honorable Vice Chancellor of Maharaja Ranjit Singh Punjab Technical University, Prof. (Dr.) Sanjeev Kumar Sharma. On this occasion, Prof. (Dr.) Sanjeev Kumar Sharma congratulated all the authors and said that this book will prove to be a milestone in connecting Punjabi medium and rural students with information technology in the computer age.

Anhad Prabhakar appointed SOI Pathankot District President, honoured by Akali Leaders



SHARANJEET, PATHANKOT, JULY 11
Anhad Prabhakar, who has been serving as the Punjab Vice-President of the Student Organisation of India (SOI), the student wing of the Shiromani Akali Dal, has been appointed as the SOI District President for Pathankot. The appointment was welcomed with enthusiasm by party leaders and workers across the district.To mark the occasion, Shiromani Akali Dal District President and area In-charge Surinder Singh Kanwar (Minta) felicitated Anhad Prabhakar by offering him sweets and congratulated him on being entrusted with the new responsibility. Surinder Singh Kanwar said the party had reposed its faith in young leadership by assigning this important responsibility to Anhad Prabhakar. He expressed confidence that Prabhakar would work with dedication to strengthen the organisation and connect more students and youth with the party's ideology and programmes. Among those who also extended their congratulations and wished Anhad Prabhakar success in his new role were Circle

**ESTATE OFFICE, UT., CHANDIGARH
PUBLIC NOTICE**
**BEFORE SH. PAVITER SINGH,
PCS, ASSTT.
ESTATE OFFICER, U.T.,
CHANDIGARH.**

Subject: Transfer of Ownership in respect of RESIDENTIAL Site No. 3134, SECTOR 40-D Chandigarh (LRP 1922) to the extent of 100.00% share on the basis of Registered Will of Late SH. PARAMATMARAM. It is notified for the information of general public and all concerned that as per record of this office Sh./Smt./Sh. PARAMATMA RAM is the owner/lessor of RESIDENTIAL Site No. 3134, SECTOR 40-D Chandigarh to the extent of 100.00% Share. It has been informed by SHISHU BALA that Sh./Smt. SH. PARAMATMA RAM expired on 20/11/2024 and h/she/they has/have also intimated the following legal heirs of the deceased owner/ lessee:-

Sr. No.	Name of Legal Heir	Relation with deceased
1	SATYA DEVI	WIFE
2	RITA RANI	DAUGHTER
3	NIKHIL KUMAR	GRANDSON
4	NAMRATA RANI	DAUGHTER
5	GIRISH KUMAR	SON (Deceased)
6	NEELAM RANI	DAUGHTER
7	AKHIL KUMAR	GRANDSON
8	SHISHU BALA	DAUGHTER IN LAW

Now, SHISHU BALA has/have applied for the Transfer of Ownership in respect of RESIDENTIAL Site No. 3134, SECTOR 40-D, Chandigarh, to the extent of 100.00% Share held by Late SH. PARAMATMA RAM in his/her favour, on the basis of Registered Will dated 15/04/2024. If anybody has any information about any other legal heir(s) of the deceased other than mentioned above, the same may be intimated to the state Officer, U.T., Chandigarh, immediately. If anybody has any objection upon the mutation of the said share in the said property, in favour of the above named applicants, he/she/they may furnish the same in writing supported with affidavit duly attested by Magistrate/Notary in the office of the undersigned within 30 days from the date of publication of this notice. Failing which the said share in the said property will be mutated accordingly in the name of above said Beneficiary/ies and no further claim whatsoever shall be entertained at any later stage. You shall submit notarized copy of registered Deed of Conveyance. Paviter Singh, PCS, Assistant Estate Officer, Exercising the powers of Estate Officer, U.T., Chandigarh

JALANDHAR (PARAMJIT SINGH): After the rationalization of polling stations under Special Intensive Revision (SIR)-2026, the Election Commission of India has proposed to increase the number of polling stations in Jalandhar district from 1926 to 1997.

Deputy Commissioner-cum-District Election Officer Virjit Walia said in this regard today during a meeting with representatives of various recognized political parties that as per the instructions of the Election Commission of India, the maximum number of voters at each polling station has been fixed at 1200.



APJ Public school celebrates national paper bag day with creative and educational activities



SHASHI PAL JAIN KHARAR, JULY 11

APJ Public School, Mundi Kharar, celebrated National Paper Bag Day on with great enthusiasm by organizing a series of engaging and educational activities for students of different classes.

The celebration aimed to create awareness about the importance of using eco-friendly paper bags and reducing plastic pollution. Students of Classes I to IV enthusiastically participated in the Paper Bag Decoration Activity, showcasing their creativity through colourful and attractive designs. Classes V to VIII displayed their artistic skills in the Doodling on Paper Bags Activity, where they created meaningful illustrations and environmental messages. For Classes IX to XII, a Quiz and Rapid-Fire Round was conducted to enhance their knowledge about National Paper Bag Day,

environmental conservation, and sustainable practices. The activities witnessed active participation from students, who learned the significance of adopting eco-friendly habits in their daily lives. The event concluded with an inspiring message encouraging everyone to choose paper bags over plastic and contribute towards a cleaner, greener, and healthier environment.

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E-AUCTION SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE ASSETS UNDER THE SECURITIZATION AND RECONSTRUCTION OF FINANCIAL ASSETS AND ENFORCEMENT OF SECURITY INTEREST ACT 2002 READ WITH PROVISIO TO RULE 8(6) OF THE SECURITY INTEREST (ENFORCEMENT) RULE, 2002.	
Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower(s) and Guarantor(s) that the below described immovable property is mortgaged/charged to a secured creditor, the constructive/physical (whichever is applicable) possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of Secured Creditor will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is" and "Whatever there is" on 28/July/2026 for recovery of Rs. 18,45,321/- (Rs. Eighteen Lakh Forty Five Thousand Three Hundred Twenty One Only) as of 09-July-26 with future interest and costs due to the secured creditor from 1) Mr. Faruk S/o Wassem, 2) Mrs. Sheena Wale, 3) Mrs. Zaitoon W/o Wassem. Please refer the appended auction schedule for necessary details:-	
KNOWN ENCUMBRANCES (IF ANY) NIL	
RESERVE PRICE (IN RS.)	Rs. 7,71,96/- (Rupees Seven Lakh Seventy One Thousand Nine Hundred Eighty Six Only)
EARNEST MONEY DEPOSIT (IN RS.)	Rs. 77,200/- (Rupees Seventy Seven Thousand Two Hundred Only)
BID INCREMENTAL AMOUNT	Rs. 10,000/- (Rs Ten Thousand only)
LAST DATE, TIME AND VENUE FOR SUBMISSION OF BIDS / TENDER WITH EMD	Til 27-July-2026 latest by 05:00 P.M. at Axis Bank Ltd. "2nd and 3rd Floor, Property No. 7-E, Malhar Road, Saraabha Nagar, Ludhiana -141001
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SCHEDULE-DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY:- All that part and parcel of the Property/ House built upon Plot no.114, measuring 53.33 Sq. Yds. comprised in Kharsa No. 14/15, 15/1/ Khata No.96/112 as per jamaabadi for the year 2014-2015 Hadbasi No.104, situated at Golden City "Ashi Enclave" Village Chuharpur Tehsil & District Ludhiana registered in the name of Faruk S/o Wassem and 3) Mrs. Zaitoon W/o Wassem. Sale of the property is being made by the Authorised Officer of Secured Creditor. Boundaries (As Per Document): North: Street side 16' East: Plot No. 115 side 30' West: Plot No. 113 side 30'	
For detailed terms and conditions of the sale, please refer to the link provided in the secured creditor's website i.e. https://www.axisbank.com/auction-retail The auction will be conducted online through the Bank's Authorised Service Provider, ValueTrust Capital Services Private Limited is assisting Bank and its Bidder(s) in conducting the Online Auction Process. For any assistance related to Auction Process, please get in touch with their Centralised HelpDesk No. 6200-22-6200 and/or e-mail ID: Auction.Manager@BidDeal.in or Mr. Sumit Kumar, Disposal Manager, Axis Bank Limited (Mobile No. +91 9876988348). This Notice should be considered as 15 Days' Notice to the Borrowers under Rule 8(6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) rule, 2002.	
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1ST PROPERTY - (Description mentioned in Schedule as Property No.1)	
KNOWN ENCUMBRANCES (IF ANY)	NIL
RESERVE PRICE (IN RS.)	Rs. 23,52,708/- (Rupees Twenty Three Lakh Fifty Two Thousand Seven Hundred Eighty Only)
EARNEST MONEY DEPOSIT (IN RS.)	Rs.2,35,270/- (Rs. Two Lakh Fifty Five Thousand Two Hundred Seventy Only) through DD/PO in favor of Axis Bank Ltd.
BID INCREMENTAL AMOUNT	Rs. 20,000/- (Rs Twenty Thousand only)
LAST DATE, TIME AND VENUE FOR SUBMISSION OF BIDS / TENDER WITH EMD	Til 27th July 2026 latest by 05:00 P.M. at "2nd and 3rd Floor, Property No. 7-E, Malhar Road, Saraabha Nagar, Ludhiana -141001
DATE, TIME, AND VENUE FOR PUBLIC E-AUCTION	On 28-July-2026, between 11.00 A.M and 12.00 Noon, with unlimited extensions of 5 minutes each at web portal https://BidDeal.in e-auction tender documents containing e-auction bid form, declaration etc., are available in the website of the Service Provider as mentioned above.
2ND PROPERTY - (Description mentioned in Schedule as Property No.2)	
KNOWN ENCUMBRANCES (IF ANY)	NIL
RESERVE PRICE (IN RS.)	Rs. 21,05,550/- (Rupees Twenty One Lakh Fifty Five Thousand Five Hundred Fifty Only)
EARNEST MONEY DEPOSIT (IN RS.)	Rs.2,10,555/- (Rs. Two Lakh Ten Thousand Five Hundred Fifty Five Only) through DD/PO in favor of Axis bank Ltd.
BID INCREMENTAL AMOUNT	Rs. 20,000/- (Rs Twenty Thousand only)
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Acharya Prashant Returns After Sharing India's Philosophy with the West



Philosopher and author Acharya Prashant has returned to India after completing the second and busiest phase of his Britain tour. During his visit, he spoke at leading institutions, including Cambridge University, Oxford University, University College London (UCL) and the London School of Economics (LSE). He also interacted with renowned scholars, addressed sessions at the British Parliament, met PETA leaders, and spoke at several public events.

Speaking to the media at IGI Airport, Acharya Prashant said his aim was to introduce the West to India's true philosophy and spiritual wisdom. He said, "Material attainment is necessary, but not sufficient." According to him, while the West has achieved great material progress, people there are now looking for inner peace and a deeper meaning in life.

He also conducted a special session on the Bhagavad Gita at the historic St Giles-in-the-Fields Church in London, where many local attendees listened with great interest.

Acharya Prashant said that love is life's greatest priority and truth is the highest mission. He also announced that the third phase of his Britain tour is planned for September-October, when he will accept several invitations that could not be accommodated during this visit.

Acharya Prashant is an IIT Delhi and IIM Ahmedabad alumnus, founder of the PrashantAdvait Foundation, and one of the world's most influential living thinkers.

Mohali's Rishita Shukla Awarded 100% Global Citizen Scholarship to Study at OWIS Digital Campus, Singapore



MOHALI:Global Schools Group (GSG) felicitated the latest recipients of its prestigious Global Citizen Scholarship (GCS) at a grand ceremony held in New Delhi, celebrating exceptional young achievers from across India. Among the 12 outstanding scholars selected this year is Rishita Shukla from Mohali, who has been awarded a fully funded Global Citizen Scholarship to pursue her senior secondary education in Singapore. Rishita has been selected for the OWIS Digital Campus, Singapore.

Established in 2008, the Global Citizen Scholarship is GSG's flagship initiative, designed to make world-class education accessible to deserving students with exceptional academic potential and leadership qualities. The scholarship covers 100% of tuition fees, boarding, accommodation, living expenses, and a generous stipend for Grades 11 and 12, enabling scholars to pursue a globally recognised education in Singapore. The total investment amounts to approximately ₹1 crore per student over two years, fully funded through the GCS programme.

"The Global Citizen Scholarship represents much more than financial assistance. It is an investment in young minds with the potential to lead, innovate, and create meaningful impact," said Mr. Pramod Tripathi, Director, Academics, Global Schools Group. "Each scholar selected this year has demonstrated not only academic excellence but also the resilience, curiosity, and values needed to thrive in an increasingly interconnected world. We are proud to support them as they embark on this transformative journey."

Rishita earned the scholarship through a rigorous multi-stage selection process that assessed academic excellence alongside leadership potential, communication skills, problem-solving ability, extracurricular accomplishments, and a demonstrated commitment to making a positive impact in her community.



Netflix's 'Operation Safed Sagar' brings the Indian Air Force's Kargil Story to screens on August 7

CHANDIGARH : Netflix today announced that Operation Safed Sagar, its upcoming military drama inspired by one of the Indian Air Force's most challenging wartime operations, will premiere globally on August 7. Set against the backdrop of the 1999 Kargil War, Operation Safed Sagar tells an untold story of the Golden Arrows Squadron who defied impossible odds. Focusing on the people behind the operation, the series shines a light on their courage, sacrifice and spirit in defining this significant chapter of modern Indian military history. Directed by Oni Sen and created by Abhijeet Singh Parmar and Kushal Srivastava, the series stars Siddharth, Jimmy Shergill, Abhay Verma, Dia Mirza, Prajakta Koli, Adil Hussain, Mihir Ahuja, Taaruk Raina, Amav Bhasin and Amrita Bagchi. Tanya Bami, Series Head, Netflix India said "At Netflix, we are committed to championing bold, original stories that haven't been told before. Operation Safed Sagar is a story the Indian Air Force has trusted us to tell, a first-of-its-kind series inspired by the IAF's role in the Kargil War. It is a tribute to the courage, camaraderie and sacrifice of The Golden Arrows, a squadron that went beyond the call of duty, in service of the nation. This is a first of its kind war drama series from India that will take the audience into the world of airforce pilots. Their lives, their bravery and the split-second decision-making that goes into keeping our borders safe. All this along with a truly cinematic scale, world-class production values and visual effects makes this series a truly authentic and immersive experience. Bringing this story to life is director Oni Sen, alongside a young, fresh creative team of creators and co-producers Abhijeet Singh Parmar, Kushal Srivastava and Mehboob Pal Singh Brar and a cast that blends new faces with veteran talent. We're proud to team up with Matchbox Shots once again, a studio that shares our passion for powerful, character-led storytelling." Abhijeet Singh Parmar and Mehboob Pal Singh Brar from Feel Good Films said, "What drew us to creating and producing Operation Safed Sagar was the opportunity to explore a world that very few people get to see from the inside."



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Bhagyashri Borse breaks down at 'Lenin' success meet; thanks fans for their constant motivation!

Actress Bhagyashri Borse on Saturday turned emotional and broke down at the success meet of her film 'Lenin' while whole heartedly thanking her fans for their constant motivation, which she said was what had made her stand on the stage of the success meet. Participating in the success meet of the film, which featured Akhil Akkineni and her in the lead, Bhagyashri said, "I am feeling very emotional today. So please forgive me, I am going to speak from my heart. I am going to talk in English. I want to start with talking about the person because of whom I am here today – my director Muri Kishore sir." Addressing the director, she said, "If you didn't give me Bharti, I wouldn't be getting this appreciation today. If you hadn't given me the space and if you hadn't put me up there as Bharti, I wouldn't have gotten the appreciation that I have gotten today. So thank you so much, I will always be grateful to you sir."

She then thanked the film's hero, Akhil Akkineni. Bhagyashri said, "Coming to Akhil, I have seen you work really hard and even though I may not know your journey of these past 10 years, I know what it might feel like when things don't work out. I have seen you work so hard right beside me, I have seen you put blood, sweat, tears. I have not seen you sit even for a second, making sure everything was going right. So I think you deserve so much love, I told you that on tenth, love will be coming and it's come. You have arrived Akhil. So I



am very excited. I don't know what our next script is going to be but I can't wait for it. I can't wait to act beside you because you are a performer." After having thanked the other members of the Lenin team, Bhagyashri finally thanked her fans, who had constantly stood by her and encouraged her.

"So, lastly I just want to say one thing, it's been a journey, it's been a journey of one-and-a-half years and every time that I have fallen, it's the messages of my fans, the reels, the constant motivation you guys have shown me. Because of which I am here today," she said as she broke down, unable to control her tears.

Huma Qureshi Visits Vessence Luxe

MOHALI: Bollywood actress Huma Qureshi visited Vessence Luxe, home to the World's Largest Perfume Wall, at Mohali City Centre and experienced one of India's most unique luxury fragrance destinations. During her visit, she explored the iconic perfume wall featuring over 3,000 perfumes from across the world and appreciated the brand's distinctive concept of making fragrance discovery an immersive and memorable experience.

For the first time in India, Vessence Luxe has introduced a unique Perfume Refill Program for its 100 ml perfume bottles. Under this offer, customers who purchase a 100 ml perfume bottle can get the same bottle refilled at just 50% of the original price, any number of times, for up to one year from the date of purchase. This exclusive initiative offers exceptional



value to customers while encouraging the reuse of premium perfume bottles. It is a first-of-its-kind offering in the Indian fragrance industry by Vessence Luxe. Vessence Luxe has become a landmark destination for perfume enthusiasts, offering premium fragrances with a high oil

concentration for long-lasting performance. The store also features luxury gifting options, elegant bottle designs, personalised engraving services, and an interactive perfume bar where customers can create a fragrance experience tailored to their preferences. Speaking on the occasion, Dr. Varun Singla, Founder of Hopestone Advisory Private Limited, said that Vessence Luxe was established with the vision of transforming the way people experience fragrances. He said the brand is more than a retail store, offering customers an opportunity to explore a wide variety of premium perfumes while enjoying personalised luxury experiences. He added that the encouraging response since the launch has inspired the company to expand the Vessence Luxe experience to more locations across India.

Punjab's Journey to Peace: Remembering Every Contribution

CHANDIGARH: The release of Satluj, a film based on the life of Jaswant Singh Khrala, followed by its subsequent withdrawal from an OTT platform, has reignited discussions about one of the most sensitive chapters in Punjab's history. While the film revisits Jaswant Singh Khrala's contribution to highlighting alleged human rights concerns, the ongoing debate also underscores the importance of remembering the many dimensions of that period, including the suffering of innocent civilians and the sacrifices of the Punjab Police in restoring peace. Also, Punjab's years of militancy cannot be understood through a single perspective alone. Alongside these tragedies, the role of the Punjab Police and other security forces was crucial in restoring peace. Many Punjab Police personnel laid down their lives while fighting terrorism. Many officers faced continuous threats to themselves and their families, yet continued to perform their duty with courage and commitment. Their sacrifices helped bring an end to years of violence and enabled Punjab to return to normalcy.

Nita Ambani ranked no 1 in Fortune India's Most Powerful Women List

AGENCY MUMBAI : Nita M Ambani, Founder and Chairperson of Reliance Foundation, ranked one in Fortune India's Most Powerful Women list. Under her leadership, Reliance Foundation has touched over one hundred million lives across India, including 29 million children. This recognition celebrates her visionary leadership, her enduring commitment to institution-building and inclusive development, and her unwavering belief that true success is measured by the lives we transform.

Reliance Industries Limited shared pictures of Nita Ambani receiving the honour and wrote in the caption, "Congratulations to Smt. Nita M. Ambani, on being ranked #1 in Fortune India's Most Powerful Women list. This recognition celebrates her visionary leadership, her enduring commitment to institution-building and inclusive development, and her unwavering



belief that true success is measured by the lives we transform. Under her leadership, Reliance Foundation has touched over one hundred million lives across India, including 29 million children."

Punjab celebrates Biggest and Fastest Amazon Prime Day with strong demand across categories, faster deliveries and more savings

CHANDIGARH : Amazon India's biggest-ever Prime Day concluded with encouraging participation from Prime members across Punjab. The 10th edition of Prime Day saw more Prime member engagement from Bharat than previous Prime Day events with more than 70% of the new sign-ups coming from tier 2 and 3 cities and towns. During the three-day event, customers across Chandigarh, Ludhiana, Amritsar and other cities shopped across categories including smartphones, consumer electronics, fashion & beauty, home & kitchen, everyday essentials, grocery, large appliances and furniture. Prime members benefited from 10th anniversary deals, exclusive Prime Day offers, instant bank discounts with the SBI debit and credit cards, Axis Bank credits cards, rewards and unlimited 5% cashback with

the Amazon Pay ICICI Bank credit card, No Cost EMI options, along with fast and reliable delivery. Akshay Sahi, Vice President – Prime & Customer Fulfilment Experience, India and Emerging Countries, Amazon, said, "We love helping our customers in Punjab save big, and Prime Day is the ultimate celebration of value, fast deliveries, great deals, new launches and blockbuster entertainment that the Prime membership provides. And the 10th edition of Prime Day is a milestone we're proud to celebrate with our sellers, partners and millions of customers across the country. We saw the highest-ever participation of small and medium businesses, reaffirming that Prime Day is as much a celebration for our sellers as it is for our customers."

VIDA enters the Asia Book of Records with the launch of the new VIDA Evooter VX2 Plus 4.4 kWh

CHANDIGARH : VIDA, powered by Hero, has strengthened its electric lineup with the introduction of the new VIDA EVOOTER VX2 Plus 4.4 kWh. This long-range variant is engineered to accelerate the brand's vision of 'GHAR GHAR EVOOTER.' With this addition, VIDA now offers four distinct VX2 variants tailored to the diverse lifestyles and requirements of Indian riders. The new long-range variant has proven its unparalleled endurance through a historic cross-country expedition, officially securing a spot in the Asia Book of Records for the 'Longest Journey by an Electric Scooter.' The VIDA EVOOTER VX2 Plus 4.4 kWh priced at INR 1,43,990* features a total battery capacity of 4.4 kWh via dual 2.2 kWh removable units, achieving an IDC-certified range of 187 km.

This variant comes with a 1 kW portable charger capable of charging 0% to 80% in 3 hours and 30 minutes. For riders on the move, it also supports high-speed DC fast charging, replenishing the battery from 0% to 80% in 65 minutes. Additionally, with VIDA's extensive network of over 6,000 fast charging stations and 700+ service touchpoints, riders are guaranteed accessible and reliable support wherever the road takes them. Engineered for both urban agility and long-haul reliability, the VIDA VX2 Plus 4.4 kWh delivers a dynamic yet versatile riding experience. Speaking on the launch, Kausalya Nandakumar, Chief Business Officer, Emerging Mobility Business Unit, Hero MotoCorp, stated: "Every innovation we drive is a direct reflection of our customers' needs. The demand for longer, uninterrupted journeys and faster charging is a critical requirement for EV adoption."



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