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NEWS BRIEFS

Delhi HC to hear PIL over Sonam Wangchuk deteriorating health today

NEW DELHI: The Delhi High Court said it will hear on Thursday a public interest litigation raising concern over the health of activist Sonam Wangchuk, who is on an indefinite fast at Jantar Mantar here.
The Cockroach Janta Party has been holding a protest for over 25 days demanding Union Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan's resignation over alleged irregularities in the NEET examination. Wangchuk joined the agitation on June 28 and has been on an indefinite fast since then. A bench of Chief Justice D K Upadhyaya and Justice Tejas Karia on Wednesday deferred hearing on the PIL after noting that none appeared for the authorities amid the ongoing work abstention called by the high court's bar association. "Having regard to urgency, list tomorrow," the bench said.
The court ordered that a copy of the order be served to the Additional Solicitor General concerned and the Delhi government counsel.

Haryana appoints Pankaj Yadav as Officer-in-Charge of Sonipat district

CHANDIGARH: The Haryana Government has appointed senior IAS officer Sh. Pankaj Yadav as the Officer-in-Charge of Sonipat district, entrusting him with the additional responsibility alongside his existing assignments.
The order in this regard has been issued by Chief Secretary Sh. Anurag Rastogi. Sh. Pankaj Yadav is currently serving as Principal Secretary, Cooperation Department; Principal Secretary, Public Health Engineering Department; Principal Resident Commissioner, Haryana Bhawan, New Delhi; and Chairperson, Haryana Water Resources Authority.

Two killed in fire in Noida village building

NOIDA (UP): A fire broke out in a multi-storeyed building in a Noida village on Wednesday, killing two people, police said.
The fire was later brought under control and around 50 tenants, residing in the building in Mamura village in Sector 66, were evacuated safely, officials said.
Police said two residents -- a man and a woman -- who were rushed to the hospital were declared dead by doctors.

900 West Pakistani Refugee families in Kathua seek land ownership rights

JAMMU: Members of the erstwhile West Pakistani Refugees (WPRs) community on Wednesday demanded early grant of land ownership rights and release of one-time settlement benefits.
The members claimed that hundreds of eligible families have yet to receive the relief promised by the government.
The demands were raised during a gathering here under the leadership of the West Pakistani Refugees chairperson Labha Ram Gandhi.

India-UK trade pact comes into force, first export consignment flagged-off

It will give fresh momentum to farmers, MSMEs: PM

AGENCY
NEW DELHI, JULY 15

India and the UK on Wednesday operationalised a free trade agreement under which a host of domestic goods will enter the British market at zero duty.

A social security agreement too has been operationalised from July 15. The union government flagged off the UK-bound export consignments from Hyderabad, marking the launch of the India-UK trade pact.

The Department of Commerce organised the flag-off ceremony of export consignments to mark the entry into force of the India–UK Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement (CETA).

"With the coming into force of the Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement and the Agreement on Social Security, our economic linkages are going to get even deeper," Prime Minister Narendra Modi said in a social media post.

The CETA will give fresh momentum to Indian farmers, entrepreneurs and MSMEs. Several vibrant sectors will gain stronger access to the UK market, he said.

It will also deepen cooperation in technology, professional services and innovation, while supporting greater mobility for skilled Indian talent, he added.

The social security agreement will provide invaluable support to Indian professionals working temporarily in the UK and strengthen the competitiveness of Indian enterprises, the prime minister said.

"The agreement, which opens new avenues for trade, investment and innovation, will create unique opportunities for our businesses while further accelerating PM @NarendraModi ji's vision of Viksit Bharat 2047," Commerce and Industry Minister Piyush Goyal said in a social media post.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi hailed the formal commencement of the India-United Kingdom Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement (CETA) and a landmark Social Security Agreement.Describing it as a "significant moment," the Prime Minister emphasized that dual agreements would translate high-level diplomatic ambition into "tangible opportunities," particularly for India's agrarian sector and small businesses.

In a post on X, PM Modi said the two agreements will make economic linkages "even deeper" and "translate our shared ambition into tangible opportunities for our people."

99% of exports to become duty-free: Amit Shah

NEW DELHI: Union Home Minister Amit Shah on Wednesday said that the India-UK free trade agreement is set to unlock untapped potential across labour-intensive industries, offering zero-duty market access for 99 per cent of the country's exports.
He said the agreement that comes into force on Wednesday is the key to a Viksit Bharat as envisioned by Prime Minister Narendra Modi.
"The treaty is set to unlock untapped potential across labour-intensive industries, offering zero-duty market access for 99% of Indian exports, including those in textiles, leather, engineering, food processing, pharmaceuticals and MSME," Shah said on X.

Will make Punjab number one in every sector with support of people: CM Mann

AGENCY
MUKERIAN, JULY 15

Punjab Chief Minister Bhagwant Singh Mann on Wednesday asserted that Punjab's journey towards becoming the number one state in every sector would continue with the support and trust of its people, saying the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) government has fulfilled every promise made to the people through transformative initiatives in education, healthcare, power and social welfare.
During a massive public gathering in Mukerian Halqa, the Chief Minister said his politics is not about holding on to power but about ensuring the progress and prosperity of the people of Punjab.

The Chief Minister said that while his government remained focused on empowering people and delivering on its commitments, the Congress is busy fighting for power and has already declared that it would discontinue the government's welfare schemes if voted to office. Bhagwant Singh Mann also reiterated that those responsible for the beadbi (sacrilege) of Sri Guru Granth Sahib would not be spared and would face the full force of the law.

Addressing the gathering, CM Bhagwant Singh Mann stated, "In the Congress, no leader stands with another because everyone wants to become the Chief Minister without bothering about the people. The Congress leadership claims that all its leaders will embark on a bus journey which will be flagged off by Rahul Gandhi. They may go together, but they certainly will not return together because everyone will be injured due to their intense infighting."

The Chief Minister called upon the people to give the AAP such a massive mandate, on the basis of its pro-people works, that these opportunistic leaders do not get a chance to form the government and fight for the Chief Minister's chair. "Do not hand over power to these greedy leaders because they will stop all the schemes started by the AAP government for public welfare. The Congress leaders have repeatedly claimed that if voted to power, they will discontinue these schemes," he said. Taking potshots at the Akali Dal, CM Bhagwant Singh Mann said, "The Akali Dal wants to capture power by making false promises to the people, but the people of Punjab will not be misled by them. The people elected the Badals as Chief Minister five times, but they never did anything good for the state or its people."

Taking a jibe at Akali Dal Chief Sukhbir Badal, he said, "The Akali leaders have lost their base among the people. They are using paid workers to show crowds at their rallies. The same crowd is seen at every Akali rally.

Baghel submits report on Punjab Congress; signals no change in leadership

NEW DELHI: Amid differences in the Punjab Congress, Bhupesh Baghel, who is AICC in-charge of Punjab, has submitted his report to KC Venugopal, General Secretary (Organization) of the party. According to sources, the report suggests retaining Amrinder Singh Raja Warring as the state president, noting that 25 out of 29 district presidents and four out of seven MPs from Punjab support him.After meeting Venugopal in Delhi, Baghel signalled that there would be no leadership change in Punjab. "This isn't child's play," he said. Bhagel had made a similar statement in Chandigarh. Punjab is expected to go to the polls early last year and Congress is gearing up its preparations for the polls. The Congress leadership had announced on July 1 that Raja Warring would continue as the Punjab Congress president. Former Chief Minister Charanjit Singh Channi has been opposing this decision and is seeking a leadership change. Some senior leaders have also joined Channi in the campaign.Following the announcement of the new Congress team for the assembly elec-

tions, Baghel spent six days in Chandigarh and met several leaders. On the final day, he met with the disgruntled leaders led by Channi. He has now submitted his report to the party leadership.With a significant section of senior Punjab Congress leaders seeking leadership change in the state, it is believed that the Congress high command is considering various options.On Tuesday, Congress leader Rahul Gandhi met party President Mallikarjun Kharge. Venugopal was also present at the meeting. Amid demands by a section for leadership change in Punjab, Venugopal on Wednesday morning met Pratap Singh Bajwa, Congress Legislature Party leader in the Punjab assembly.

Ladakh begins landmark fresh apricot exports to UAE through global deal

UNI
SRINAGAR, JULY 15

In a major boost to Ladakh's horticulture sector, Lieutenant Governor Vinai Kumar Saxena on Wednesday flagged off the first export consignment of five metric tonnes of premium fresh apricots to the United Arab Emirates (UAE).

Officials said the shipment comes as Ladakh prepares to export around 1,000 metric tonnes of fresh apricots overseas this season under a memorandum of understanding with the UAE-based Lulu Group, the largest export arrangement of its kind for the union Territory.

Ladakh produces over 15,000 metric tonnes of apricots annually—

about 62 per cent of India's total output—and the initiative is expected to enhance farmers' incomes while positioning the region as a global supplier of premium organic apricots.

Officials said this is a monumental leap from the mere 1,500 KG of apricots exported during the previous two years, making it one of the most significant milestones in Ladakh's horticultural history.

Apricots, being fragile and perishable, require to be stored and transported in temperatures from zero degrees to 4 degrees. Keeping this in view, the Ladakh Administration, with support from CONCOR, ensured the shipment of Apricots from Ladakh using cold-chain transportation so as to maintain the freshness of the fruits.

The flagship export initiative focuses on 'Raktsey Karpo' and 'Halman', Ladakh's indigenous apricot varieties, internationally recognised for their exceptional sweetness, rich flavour, superior nutritional value and completely organic cultivation.

Three arrested for stoning 39-yr-old man to death in Gurugram

UNI
GURUGRAM: Gurugram Police have arrested three men for allegedly murdering a 39-year-old migrant worker by stoning him to death following a heated argument after a birthday celebration in the city.
The accused allegedly dumped the victim's body in the Aravalli forest area to conceal the crime.
According to police, the body of Bandi Oraon (39), a native of Gumla district in Jharkhand, was found on the morning of July 14 in the forest area near DLF Phase-5, Sector-54 under the jurisdiction of Sector-53 Police Station.
The victim was lying in a pool of blood with severe head and facial injuries caused by stones. On receiving information, police teams rushed to the spot and summoned the crime scene unit, dog squad, fingerprint experts and the Forensic Science Laboratory (FSL) team to examine the scene. The body was later shifted to the Civil Hospital mortuary for post-mortem examination. A local resident informed the police that he had discovered the body around 6.15 a.m. while passing through the forest area near the DLF Faridabad T-point. Based on his complaint, an FIR was registered under relevant sections pertaining to murder.

Launch of Hydrogen train is a powerful symbol of 'Sankalp Se Siddhi': CM Saini

BUREAU
CHANDIGARH: Haryana Chief Minister Sh. Nayab Singh Saini said the Hydrogen Train is a living example of the journey from 'Sankalp Se Siddhi' (Resolution to Achievement). He said that under the leadership of Prime Minister Sh. Narendra Modi, the resolve of building a Viksit Bharat (Developed India) is steadily progressing towards realization through modern technology, green energy, and an Atmanirbhar Bharat.
The Chief Minister said that the Hydrogen Train is not merely a new mode of transportation but also a symbol of India's new thinking, advanced technology, and indigenous capabilities. This project demonstrates that when the resolve is strong, success is inevitable. The initiative, which promotes green energy, will open new avenues for environmental protection, energy self-reliance, and economic prosperity. He said that under the leadership of Prime Minister Sh. Narendra Modi, India is rapidly moving towards a modern, clean, and self-reliant transportation system. The Hydrogen Train project is a reflection of this vision and will emerge as a new identity of a developed India.

Uttarakhand set to become world class wedding destination: CM

YUGMARG BUREAU
DEHRADUN, JULY 15

Chief minister Pushkar Singh Dhami has said that efforts are being made to establish Uttarakhand as a leading wedding destination in the country and the world. He said that the 'Wed in Uttarakhand campaign' will give new impetus to local economy and employment in the State.

He was addressing the 'Grace Hindustan 2.0 Uttarakhand' National Wedding Professionals conference in Kimadi on the Mussoorie-Dehradun road on Wednesday.

The CM said that the spiritual, cultural and natural heritage of Uttarakhand makes the sacred occasion of marriage even more divine. He said that historical and religious heritage,

such as the Triyuginarayan temple, the wedding site of Lord Shiva and Goddess Parvati, gives Uttarakhand a unique identity as a destination wedding destination.

Dhami said that the State government is working to develop Triyuginarayan, Omkareshwar (Ukhimath), Ramnagar, Tehri, Mussoorie and other suitable locations into world-class destination wedding destinations. He added that destination weddings are not limited to hotels and resorts; they also directly create employment and income opportunities for local artisans, folk artists, homestay operators, taxi drivers and numerous small businesses. Therefore, the State government is promoting wedding tourism as an effective means of strengthening the local economy and self-employment. He said that Uttarakhand is a wonderful confluence of nature, culture, spirituality and wellness, offering a holistic tourism experience. The CM added the government is working on important spiritual projects such as the Haridwar-Rishikesh corridor, Vivekananda corridor, Golju corridor, Yamuna corridor and Sharda corridor, along with the development .

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Additional District Magistrate declares 'No Flying Zone' in Jalandhar district on July 17

JALANDHAR (JS SODHI): Additional District Magistrate Amaninder Kaur, exercising the powers vested in her under Section 163 of the Indian Civil Security Code, 2023, has declared a 'No Flying Zone' in Jalandhar district on July 17, 2026 in view of security during the visit of the Hon'ble Prime Minister of India.

As per the orders, flying of any type of civil remote/piloted aircraft system/drone/helicopter (except the VVIP helicopter/aircraft of the Hon'ble Prime Minister of India) etc. will be prohibited within the limits of Jalandhar district.

These orders will be in force from 12 noon to 8 pm on 17.07.2026.

GNDU takes special initiative to promote citizen-centric digital services of Municipal Corporation Amritsar

HARPAL SINGH
AMRITSAR, JULY 15

Under the able leadership and visionary guidance of the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. (Dr.) Karamjeet Singh, Guru Nanak Dev University continues to achieve new milestones in the fields of education, research, innovation, and social responsibility. In line with its commitment to nation-building and social responsibility, the University, under the directions of the Vice-Chancellor, has launched a special initiative to create public awareness about the citizen-centric digital services and the Citizen App introduced by the Municipal Corporation, Amritsar. According to a communication received from the Municipal Corporation, Amritsar, students of the Department of Electronics Technology will undergo a special training workshop to familiarize themselves with the newly introduced digital citizen services and service platforms.

After the training, the students will educate members of the public about the use of the Citizen App, online civic services, and other digital governance facilities, besides assisting citizens in availing these services. The initiative will also provide students with practical exposure to municipal administration and digital governance.

To ensure the effective implementation of this initiative, the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. (Dr.) Karamjeet Singh, has appointed Prof. (Dr.) Ravinder Kumar of the Department of Electronics as the Nodal Officer. The programme will be carried out under the supervision of Dr. Kuldeep Singh.

Prof. (Dr.) Ravinder Kumar said that the framework of the initiative was finalized during a special meeting chaired by Shri Jai Inder Singh, PCS, Additional Municipal Commissioner, Amritsar. He informed that interested students would be associated with this social welfare initiative, enabling them to contribute to society alongside their academic pursuits by creating awareness about digital citizen services and assisting the public in accessing them.

Precautions are best protection during monsoon, follow health department advisory :Dr. Mandeep Kamal

DALJEET AJNOHA
HOSHIARPUR, JULY 15

Civil Surgeon Hoshiarpur Dr. Mandeep Kamal has issued a special advisory from the health department urging residents to follow precautionary measures during the monsoon, keeping in view the possibility of flooding. She warned that heavy rains or flood conditions can increase the risk of waterborne and vector-borne diseases such as diarrhoea, cholera, typhoid, hepatitis A and E, skin infections, dengue, malaria and other infectious illnesses. These diseases can be prevented if people adhere to the department's guidelines.

Dr. Kamal advised people to drink only clean, safe water. Where there is a risk of contamination, water should be boiled for at least 15–20 minutes and then cooled before use. If chlorine tablets are provided by the health department, they should be used strictly as directed.

She emphasised that washing hands with soap is essential before every meal, before preparing food and after using the toilet. Children should be encouraged to adopt good hygiene practices.

She cautioned that any food items, fruits, vegetables, milk or other edibles that have come into contact with floodwater or contaminated water should not be consumed. Always eat fresh, well-cooked food and keep food covered.

The Civil Surgeon said that if it becomes necessary to enter floodwater, people should not go barefoot. Use rubber boots, gloves and other protective equipment, and wash the body thoroughly with soap and clean water after coming out.

She instructed that when water recedes after flooding, homes, water tanks, toilets and surrounding areas should be cleaned and disinfected using bleaching powder or other approved disinfectants. Waste, filth and stagnant water should be removed immediately to prevent mosquito breeding.

Dr. Kamal advised residents to prevent water accumulation inside and around homes to reduce the risk of dengue and malaria. Regularly empty water collected in coolers, tyres, flowerpots, drums, buckets and other containers, and wear full-sleeve clothing.

She urged that anyone experiencing fever, diarrhoea, vomiting, stomach pain, skin rashes, itching or any other health problem should not self-medicate or consult unqualified practitioners, but should immediately visit the nearest government health facility. The Civil Surgeon warned that snakes and other venomous creatures are more likely to come out during the rainy season. In case of a bite, remain calm and immediately take the victim to the nearest government hospital. Dr. Kamal said the health department has already arranged medical teams, essential medicines, ORS packets, chlorine tablets and other necessary health services to deal with possible floods.

BJP's big claim on PM Modi's upcoming Punjab visit: Punjab now needs a 'double engine' government: Kewal Singh Dhillon

JALANDHAR (PARAMJIT SINGH): Senior Bharatiya Janata Party leader Sardar Kewal Singh Dhillon has described Prime Minister Narendra Modi's upcoming Punjab visit as very important for the development of the state. He said that the Prime Minister has always had a special love for Punjab and he leaves the state with important gifts on every visit.

Development project details

Dhillon said that the Prime Minister is visiting Punjab on the 17th, where he will inaugurate several major projects for the state. These include modernization and redevelopment of four major railway stations - Jalandhar, Mohali, Muktsar Sahib and Anandpur Sahib. These stations will be equipped with world-class facilities such as modern waiting halls, Wi-Fi, elevated platforms and escalators for senior citizens and children. Besides, the Prime Minister will flag off the 'Sant Ravidas Ji Express' train in Jalandhar, and highway projects in the state, projects at PGI Chandigarh and a multi-purpose stadium at Panjab University are also scheduled to be inaugurated.

Attack on AAP government

Taking a dig at the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) government in Punjab, Dhillon accused it of the state's deteriorating financial situation, rise in gangsters and failure to control the drug problem. He said the people of Punjab are fed up with both AAP and Congress.

Accusing the state government of taking credit for central schemes, Dhillon said, "Since Narendra Modi's government came to power, Punjab has received Rs 413,000 crore, but the state government is misleading the people by claiming these central schemes as its own." He also alleged that the Punjab government is misusing government employees and stealing public data for election purposes.

Stand firm on the film "Satulj" and other issues

Regarding the controversy surrounding the film "Satulj", Dhillon clarified that the BJP had no role in banning it. He said

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PUBLIC NOTICES

We, Sukhdarshan Singh S/o Sh: Gurdass Singh & Anita Rani W/o Sukhdarshan Singh both R/o Street No.10, Near GND School, Krishna Nagar, Khanna, Ludhiana declare that our son Jashanpreet Singh is out of our control. So I disown with him from my moveable/immoveable property. If anybody dealing with him at his/her own risk.
9000

We Narinder Paul Rattan S/o Bhagat Ram Rattan and Anita Rattan W/o Narinder Paul Rattan R/o 12 A, Guru Ram Dass Enclave, Sher Singh Colony, Jalandhar declare that our son Ashish rattan and his wife Shallu Rattan both are out of our control. So, we disown and disinherited them from all our movable and immovable properties with immediate effect. Whosoever shall deal with them of any kind do this at his/her own risk and responsibility. ourself and other family members have no relationship with them. All concerned may note.
900026

I, Anita Rani, wife of Krishan Kumar, resident of Gali No. 3, Adarsh Nagar, Rampura Phul, District Bathinda (Punjab), hereby inform the general public that my son Navdeep Goyal and his wife Jaspreet Kaur are no longer under our responsibility. Therefore, we have disowned them from all our movable and immovable properties. Anyone dealing with them shall do so at his/her own risk. We will not be responsible for any of their acts, transactions, or liabilities.
63372

I, Bittu S/o Pappu Ram R/o Vill: Rasulpur Teh-Phillaur Distt. Jalandhar declare that my minor daughter Lakshmi School Certificate wrongly written as Lachmi her actual name is Lakshmi and his DOB wrongly written as 04-11-2010 her actual DOB is 28-10-2010. All concerned please note.
63372

I, Manjit Kaur W/o Jagtar Singh R/o Village Harbanspura, Tehsil Samrala, District Ludhiana state that I am known by both the names Manjit Kaur and Inderjit Kaur. Both names Manjit Kaur and Inderjit Kaur are mine.
63372

I, Hitherto Known as Tesver S/o Baj Singh, R/o Vill Jaseana, Distt. Sri Muktsar Sahib, Punjab-152026, have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as Teshwar Singh. It is certified that I have complied with other legal requirements in this connection.
63372

I, hitherto known as Maghar Singh S/o Harbant Singh R/o Near Guruduara Sahib, Vill Gidarpur PO Chudiala Sudan, Distt. SAS Nagar (Mohali), Punjab- 140307, have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as Magghar Singh. It is certified that I have complied with other legal requirements in this connection.
63372

I, Virender Kumar S/o Krishan Kumar R/o Village Keorak Tehsil & Distt. Kaithal (Haryana) Have Changed My Minor Son's Name From Samar Dhiman To Samar Partap Singh. Concerned Please Note.
84451

PUBLIC NOTICES

ਮੈਂ ਮਨੋਹਰ ਸਿੰਘ ਪੁੱਤਰ ਜਗੀਰ ਸਿੰਘ ਵਾਸੀ ਮ.ਨੰ. 14 ਟਰੂ ਵੈਲਿਊ ਹੋਮਸ ਗੁਰੀਆਂ ਰੋਡ ਖਰੜ ਜ਼ਿਲ੍ਹਾ ਐਸ.ਏ.ਐਸ. ਨਗਰ, ਮੋਹਾਲੀ ਬਿਆਨ ਕਰਦਾ ਹਾਂ ਕਿ ਮੇਰਾ ਲੜਕਾ ਗੁਰਦੀਪ ਸਿੰਘ ਅਤੇ ਇਸਦੀ ਪਤਨੀ ਹਰਪ੍ਰੀਤ ਕੌਰ ਜੋ ਕਿ ਮੇਰੇ ਕਹਿਣੇ ਤੋਂ ਬਾਹਰ ਹਨ। ਮੈਂ ਇਨ੍ਹਾਂ ਨੂੰ ਆਪਣੀ ਚੱਲ-ਅਚੱਲ ਜਾਇਦਾਦ ਤੋਂ ਬੇਦਖਲ ਕਰਦਾ ਹਾਂ। ਇਨ੍ਹਾਂ ਨਾਲ ਲੈਣ ਦੇਣ ਕਰਨ ਵਾਲਾ ਖੁਦ ਜ਼ਿੰਮੇਵਾਰ ਹੋਵੇਗਾ। ਮੇਰਾ ਜਾਂ ਮੇਰੇ ਪਰਿਵਾਰ ਦਾ ਕੋਈ ਵੀ ਤਾਲੁਕ ਵਾ ਵਾਸਤਾ ਨਹੀਂ ਹੋਵੇਗਾ।
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ਮੈਂ ਰਾਣੀ ਪਤਨੀ ਧਰਮਪਾਲ ਵਾਸੀ ਚੱਬੇਵਾਲ ਤਹਿਸੀਲ ਅਤੇ ਜ਼ਿਲਾ ਹੁਸ਼ਿਆਰਪੁਰ ਨੇ ਆਪਣੇ ਲੜਕੇ ਗੁਰਮੀਤ ਸਿੰਘ, ਨੂੰਹ ਮਨਦੀਪ ਕੌਰ, ਪੋਤਾ ਸਤਨਾਮ ਸਿੰਘ ਨੂੰ ਕਹਿਣੇ ਤੋਂ ਬਾਹਰ ਹੋਣ ਕਰਕੇ ਆਪਣੀ ਚਲ ਅਚਲ ਜਾਇਦਾਦ ਤੋਂ ਬੇਦਖਲ ਕਰ ਦਿੱਤਾ ਹੈ। ਉਸ ਨਾਲ ਲੈਣ ਦੇਣ ਕਰਨ ਵਾਲਾ ਖੁਦ ਜ਼ਿੰਮੇਵਾਰ ਹੋਵੇਗਾ।
63372

I Rekha Devi W/o Late Mithu Ram, Village Mirjapur, Sub Tehsil Majri, Tehsil Kharar, Distt. S.A.S.Nagar (Mohali) hereby declare that my daughter Manisha is out of my control. So i disown her from my movable and immovable property. In future anybody deals with her will be responsible themself.
63372

I, Moti Lal (Aadhaar Card No. 7840 4839 2574), S/o Late Ram Saroop, R/o H.No.16061, Street No.10, National Colony, Bathinda (Punjab) declare that my father is known by three names. In my documents, my father's name is recorded as Ram Saroop Ram Sarup or Ram Sroop. I further declare that I shall be held solely responsible should any dispute arise regarding the aforementioned names of my deceased father.
63372

I, Akashdeep Singh S/o Lakhwinder Singh R/o Village Rukhala, District Sri Muktsar Sahib do hereby declare that, of my own free will and consent, I have accepted Turant Muni S/o Harka Das R/o Village Buttar Bakhuha, District Sri Muktsar Sahib – 152101, as my Guru/Father. Accordingly, I have changed my name from Akashdeep Singh S/o Lakhwinder Singh to Tarsem Das S/o Turant Muni R/o Village Buttar Bakhuha, District Sri Muktsar Sahib – 152101. I further I shall be known by this new name for all purposes, and I take full responsibility for this declaration and the consequences arising therefrom.
63372

I , Anita Devi W/O Suresh Kumar R/o billa patti VPO Karora Distt. Kaithal (Haryana) Have Changed My Name From Anita devi To Sunita . Concerned Please Note.
84451

I Anil kumar mittal son of Shri Amar Nath R/o HNO 542 Sector 2 Panchkula, Haryana-134112 have changed my name from Anil kumar mittal to Anil kumar
60013

I, Surender Kumar S/o Sh. Dayala Ram R/o Jafarpur, Tehsil Barara, Distt Ambala, state that my name appears as 'Surender Kumar' on my Aadhaar card and other documents, whereas it appears as 'Salinder Kumar' on my educational documents. I certify that Surender Kumar and Salinder Kumar are one and the same person.
78645

I, Krishan Grewal S/o Sh. Suraja Ram R/o 209, Jaggi Garden, Phase-1, Naraingarh Road, Ambala City, Distt Ambala, Haryana-134003 have changed my name from Krishan Kumar to Krishan Grewal. In future i will be known as Krishan Grewal.
78645

I, Manju W/o Sh. Shashi Kant Kalyan R/o 2183, B/10, Baldev Nagar, Ambala City, Distt Ambala, Haryana-134007 have changed my name from Manju to Manju Kalyan. In future i will be known as Manju Kalyan.
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I, Shashi Kant Kalyan S/o Late Sh. Ram Murti R/o 2183, B/10, Baldev Nagar, Ambala City, Distt Ambala, Haryana-134007 have changed my minor son's name from Pranav to Pranav Kalyan. In future my son will be known as Pranav Kalyan.
78645

I, Paramjit Kaur W/O Sh. Surinder Pal R/o Village Bhadson Tehsil Indri and Distt. Karnal have Changed my name from Paramjeet to Paramjit Kaur.In future, i will be known as paramjit kaur.
100046

I, Nitika, wife of Vikas Goel, resident of House No. DD 502, Near Post Office, Goel Spare Parts, Gharaunda, District Karnal, declare that I have changed my name from Nitika to Nitika Goel. In future, I will be known as Nitika Goel.
100046

I, Vikas S/o Sh. Omparkash R/o W.no. 6 Vikas Nagar Ladwa, Tehsil Ladwa, Distt. Kurukshetra have changed my name Vikas to Vikas Kashyap.
989666

I, Surjit Sandhu S/o Sh.Jai Singh R/o H No 67 Sec 13-17 Yamuna Enclave Panipat have changed my name from Surjit Sandhu to Surjit Singh. In future I shall be known as Surjit Singh.
100074

Subhash Chander S/o Hotu Ram R/o Vill.H.No. A-24, Ward No. 11/24, Shah Satnam Ji Nagar, Sirsa (HR), have Changed my name Subash Chander new name
98740

I, Vipan S/o Sube Singh R/o Village Nigdhu, District Karnal, hereby declare that I have changed my name from Vipin Kumar to Vipan. In the future, I should be known and recognized by the name Vipan.
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I, Asha W/o Ravi Kumar R/o Village Dhilwan, Tehsil & District Jalandhar, Punjab have changed my name from Asha Rani to Asha. All concerned may note.
900026

I Jal Shree Devi, Mother of No 21006061Y Rank Nk (DS) Name Vipin Chaudhary Unit -339 Med Regt, presently residing of Vill Datiya, PO Khamani, Teh Mathura, Distt. Mathura, State Uttar Pradesh, PIN- 281001 have changed my name from Jal Shree Devi to Jal Sree Vide E-Stamp Certificate No. IN-PB70398226973538Y Dated 15-07-2026, Before Notary Public, Jalandhar (PB)
900026

I Hitherto Known As Simranjeet Kaur W/o Singh Harminder R/o Dhilwan, District Kapurthala, Punjab-144804, Have Changed My Name And Shall Here After Be Known As Kaur Simranjeet W/o Singh Harminder. All Concerned Note.
98748

I Hitherto Known As Harpreet Kaur W/o Malkit Singh R/o Dhilwan, District Kapurthala, Punjab-144804, Have Changed My Name And Shall Here After Be Known As Kaur Harpreet W/o Malkit Singh. All Concerned Note.
98748

I, Amarjeet Gill S/o Kala R/o Village Malri Tehsil Nakodar District Jalandhar Have Changed My Minor Son's Name From Ashish To Ashish Gill. All Concerned Note Please.
100066

I, Rampreet son of Tarsem Lal R/o VPO. Sarhali, District Jalandhar, Punjab-144633 have changed my name from Rampreet to Rampreet Singh. All concerned please note.
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ਮੈਂ ਮਨਦੀਪ ਪੁੱਤਰ ਕੁਲਦੀਪ ਵਾਸੀ ਮ.ਨੰ. 140 ਰਾਹੋਂ ਰੋਡ ਸਾਹਮਣੇ ਬਾਬਾ ਪੀਰ ਬੇਗਮਪੁਰ ਜ਼ਿਲ੍ਹਾ ਐਸ.ਬੀ.ਐਸ. ਨਗਰ ਪੰਜਾਬ-144514 ਨੇ ਆਪਣਾ ਨਾਮ ਮਨਦੀਪ ਤੋਂ ਬਦਲ ਕੇ ਮਨਦੀਪ ਰਾਮਪੁਰ ਰੱਖ ਲਿਆ ਹੈ।
63372

I hitherto known as Narender Siag S/o Bhanwar Lal R/o Vill-Jhumian Wali Teh and Distt. Fazilka (Punjab) have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as Narinder Siag.
63372

PUBLIC NOTICE

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I, Manpreet Kaur W/o Jagmeet Singh Srow R/o Kishanpura Road Sangrur Distt. Sangrur have changed my name from Manpreet Kaur to Manpreet Kaur Srow.
63372

I, Vijay Kumar S/o Jaspal Kumar R/o Vill: Kheri Teh & Distt. Fatehgarh Sahib have changed my daughter name from Khushpreet Sharma to Khushi.
63372

I, Alok Kansal S/O Shyam Lal Kansal, R/O Raman Mandi, District Bathinda, Punjab have changed my name to Alok Kumar Kansal.
63372

I, Anita Rani W/o Daljit Singh R/o Chuhar Chak Distt. Moga have changed my name to Anita Rani Khosa.
63372

I, Kuldeep Singh S/O Jagtar Singh R/O Samrala (Ludhiana) have changed my name into Singh Kuldeep.
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I, Sarvjeet Kaur W/o Puran Singh R/o Vill-Alamgir Distt Ludhiana, have changed my name to Sarabjit Kaur.
63372

I, Beant Kaur W/o Sanju Khan R/o Near Police Colony W.No. 1 Talanian Teh & Distt. Fatehgarh Sahib have changed my name from Beant Kaur to Preet Begam.
63372

I, Satnam Singh S/o Late: Gurdeep Singh R/o Near Police Colony W.No. 1 Talanian Teh & Distt. Fatehgarh Sahib have changed my name from Satnam Singh to Sanju Khan.
63372

I, Rajni W/o Narinder Singh R/o Vpo. Moron Teh-Phillaur Distt Jalandhar have changed my name to Rajni Kaur.
63372

I Jaswinder Singh S/O Nachttar Singh R/O Village Malla PO Dod Distt Faridkot have changed His Minor Child Name Gurjot Singh Brar To Gurjot Singh . Please Note.
63372

I, Omika W/o Vishnu Bansal R/o H.No.257 W.No.12 Batta Bagh, Ahmedgarh, Distt Malerkotla have changed my name to Omika Bansal.
63372

I Gurjinder Singh Wadwal S/O Balwinder Singh R/O Daulewala Distt Moga 142043 Have Change My Name To Gurjinder Singh.
63372

I Bhupinder S/O Jaswinder Singh R/O Kharar Rawal Bassi Tehsil Garhshankar Distt Hoshiarpur Have Changed My Name To Jaswinder Singh.
63372

I hitherto known as Prabjot S/o Jaswinder Singh R/o Village Bhet, Post Office Ahmedpur, , Distt. Kapurthala, Punjab, India, Pin-144601 have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as Prabjot Singh Bhatti.
63372

I Kirandeep W/o Jagtar Chand R/o Vpo. Happowal , Distt. SBS Nagar, Punjab, India, Pin-144505 have changed my name of my minor daughter Amyra, aged 10 years and she shall hereafter be known as Amyra Kaur. I have changed the name only not the religion.
63372

I Gourav S/o Varinder Kumar R/o Village Powari, P.O. Dayalpur, Tehsil Phillaur, Distt Jalandhar Pb Have Changed My Name Gourav To Gourav Loei.
63372

I Pooja W/o Varinder Kumar R/o H.No. 25/72, Near Gurudwara Tahil Dass, Peeru Banda, Salem Tabri Ludhiana Distt. Ludhiana PB Have Changed My Name Pooja To Pooja Rani.
63372

I hitherto known as Amarjit Kaur W/o Yogesh Sachdeva R/o Parkash Nagar Colony, Vill. Saifabad, PO Tehang, Teh. Phillaur, Distt. Jalandhar, Punjab - 144410 have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as Shweta Sachdeva.
63372

I hitherto known as Nirmaljeet Kaur W/o Sukhpal Singh R/o Vill-Wahab Wala Teh-Abohar Distt. Fazilka (Punjab) has changed my name and shall hereafter be known as Baljeet Kaur.
63372

I, Amandeep Singh Gill S/o Daljit Singh Vill. Lasara Lakhowas, Teh- Payal (Ludhiana) have Changed my name to Amandeep Singh.
63372

I, Ashok Kumar S/o Gurmail Singh R/o Village Gopalpur District Ludhiana, have changed my name to Ashok Singh.
63372

I, Charanjit Singh S/o Harjit Singh R/o H.No.200 Guru Teg Bahadur Nagar Sector-15 Kharar Distt. SAS Nagar, Mohali have changed my name from Charnjit Singh Arora to Charanjit Singh.
63372

I Gurmel Singh Kanng S/o Ram Singh R/o vpo Jassowal, Distt Ludhiana have changed my Gurmel Singh Kanng to Gurmel Singh.
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I Kuldeep Kaur Kanng W/o Gurmel Singh R/o Vpo Jassowal, Distt Ludhiana have changed my Kuldeep Kaur Kanng to Kuldeep Kaur.
63372

I, Lakhvir Kaur W/o Amarjot Singh Dehar R/o Vpo Manuke Tehsil Jagraon Distt Ludhiana declare that my given name is Lakhvir and Surname is Kaur.
63372

I Mohinder Singh S/o Hamek Singh R/o H.No1471/5181 Sirki Bazar Bathinda have changed my name to Mohinder Singh Sidhu.
63372

I, Surjit Kaur W/o Baldev Singh, Kokhri Heran, Postal Code: Kokhri Heran, Distt: Moga have changed my name from Surjit Kaur to Surjit Kaur Heran.
63372

I, Jagtar Singh Bhatti S/o S. Sampuran Singh R/o Vill-Gopalon, Teh-Bassi Pathana, Distt Fatehgarh Sahib-140412, Punjab have changed my name from Jagtar Singh Bhatti to Jagtar Singh.
63372

I, Gurpreet Kaur Bhatti W/o S. Jagtar Singh Bhatti R/o Vill-Gopalon, Teh-Bassi Pathana, Distt Fatehgarh Sahib-140412, Punjab have changed my name from Gurpreet Kaur Bhatti to Gurpreet Kaur.
63372

I Kamaljeet Kaur W/o Gurdeep Singh Village Bilaspur, Tehsil Khamanon (Fatehgarh Sahib) declare that the correct spellings of my name is Kamaljit Kaur.
63372

I Monika Julka W/O Parveen Kumar Village Wan Tara Singh Post Office Khalra, Tarn Taran, Punjab, change my name from Monika Julka to Monika Pls Note .
63372

I, Sehaj Preet Singh S/o Gurwinder Singh R/o H.No. 2015/8, Adampur Doaba, Distt. Jalandhar have changed my Given name as Sehajpreet and Surname as Singh.
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Headmaster and teacher of Government High School Dod accused of assaulting two students

JAITO (JAGDEEP SINGH GILL) : A case of alleged murder of two students of class X, Harparvidar Singh, son of Chhida Singh and Arshdeep Singh, son of Chamkar Singh, by the head teacher and a teacher of the Government High School in nearby Village Dod has come to light. Talking to reporters seeking information from head teacher Tarsem Monga and Math teacher Kulwnider Singh about the incident, the parents of the two students, Chindda Singh and Chamkor Singh, residents of Dod, said that some students had written objectionable material against the teachers in the bathroom and some rooms of the school. In response to which, the said head teacher Tarsem Manga and a math teacher Kulwinder Singh made the students of classes 8, 9 and 10 stand in the scorching heat during the investigation and on the complaint of an 8th class student, the said two students were not only beaten but also locked up in a bathroom with mattresses and insects for two hours and when the parents of the said students were called to the school, the said students were thrown out of the bathroom.

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Research dissertation conducted on Manoj Dhiman's short story collection 'Jaagte Raho';

SHARMA

LUDHIANA: Under the guidance of Prof. (Dr.) Sunil— Dean of the Faculty of Languages at Guru Nanak Dev University, Amritsar—student Rishi Kumar has prepared a minor research dissertation as part of his M.A. (Hindi) fourth-semester curriculum. The dissertation presents an analytical study of the short story collection 'Jaagte Raho,' authored by Ludhiana-based writer Manoj Dhiman. Expressing gratitude to his research supervisor, Prof. (Dr.) Sunil, Rishi Kumar stated that the research work was successfully completed thanks to his valuable suggestions, constant encouragement, and scholarly guidance. He also thanked all the faculty members and staff of the Hindi Department for their support. In the conclusion of the dissertation, Rishi Kumar writes, "Manoj Dhiman is not merely a skilled writer; his pen possesses the ability to highlight sensitivity, revolutionary ideas, struggles, and societal facets that effectively portray the complexities of human relationships and social awareness." Dhiman expressed his heartfelt gratitude to Prof. (Dr.) Sunil Kumar, Guru Nanak Dev University, and student Rishi Kumar for preparing this minor research dissertation on his book 'Jaagte Raho.'

National President Kashmir Singh Rajput calls for transparent and trustworthy Gold deposit framework

VERMA

GURDASPUR: Kashmir Singh Rajput (Membership No. 3545), National President of the Akhil Bharatiya Swarnkar Sangh, has emphasized the need for a legally protected and transparent Gold Deposit Scheme that can earn the confidence of the public, particularly women and the business community. Expressing his views, Rajput stated that a large section of society considers it unsafe to entrust their gold to the government. He pointed out that governments remain under constant public scrutiny, and investments made in government institutions often become matters of public record. According to him, this is one of the primary reasons why previous government-backed gold deposit schemes have failed to attract widespread public participation. He further observed that changes in government frequently result in changes to policies, creating uncertainty, procedural complications, and a lack of confidence among citizens.

Amandeep Kaur Dholewal warns of civic crisis in Bassi Pathana and Khamanon

AJAY MALHOTRA

FATEHGARH SAHIB: Rajiv Gandhi Panchayati Raj Organisation Co-Convener of the Congress Party, Dr. Amandeep Kaur Dholewal, has expressed serious concern over the deteriorating civic infrastructure in Bassi Pathana and Khamanon, warning that continued administrative negligence could lead to severe public inconvenience and health hazards, particularly during the ongoing monsoon season. Addressing the issue, Dr. Dholewal said both towns have been struggling for years with damaged roads, overflowing sewerage, poor drainage, heaps of garbage, and inadequate street lighting. She stated that even moderate rainfall leaves several localities waterlogged, disrupting traffic, damaging property, and making daily life extremely difficult for residents. She cautioned that stagnant water and poor sanitation create ideal conditions for the spread of mosquito-borne and water-borne diseases such as dengue, malaria, and gastroenteritis. "Public health cannot be compromised. The administration must act before the situation turns into a full-fledged civic and health emergency," she said.

Dr. Dholewal urged the district administration and concerned departments to launch an immediate cleanliness and drainage restoration drive, repair damaged roads, clear blocked sewer lines, improve street lighting, and ensure proper disposal of solid waste.

Mann govt has provided 68,268 govt jobs to youth during last four and half years: Harbhajan Singh E.T.O.

HARPAL SINGH
AMRITSAR, JULY 15

Punjab Public Works Minister S. Harbhajan Singh E.T.O. said that the people-friendly Aam Aadmi Party Government has provided approximately 68,268 government jobs to the youth of Punjab during the last four and a half years. He stated that all these appointments have been made purely on the basis of merit and eligibility, which is why not a single appointment made by the Mann Government has been challenged in any court of law.

The Cabinet Minister was addressing large public gatherings during public outreach programmes held in the villages of Mallian, Taragarh, Chauhan, Tangra, Dharar and Malowal in the Jandiala Guru Assembly constituency.

He said that the Punjab Government is committed to creating maximum employment opportunities for the youth so that they can stay away from the menace of drugs and lead prosperous and productive lives. He added that the government's focus is to connect young people with education, employment and sports in order to build a stronger future for the state.

On the occasion, he informed that sports stadiums and playgrounds are being developed in villages across Punjab and that the state government is actively promoting sports culture throughout the state.

He also elaborated on various other welfare schemes and development initiatives being implemented by the Punjab Government for the benefit of the people.

Speaking about the development of the Jandiala Guru Assembly constituency, S. Harbhajan Singh E.T.O. said that development works are progressing rapidly in every village, town and urban area of the constituency.

He stated that the level of development witnessed in the constituency during the last four and a half years could not be achieved by the traditional political parties even during their seventy years in power.

He further said that the love, respect and support being received from the people clearly indicate that the Aam Aadmi Party will once again secure a resounding victory in the forthcoming Assembly elections and continue serving the people of Punjab with the same commitment and dedication.

Money on advertisements, not on roads – Kharar taxi drivers share their grief with Khera

SHASHI PAL JAIN
KHARAR, JULY 15

Shiromani Akali Dal's Kharar constituency in-charge Ravinder Singh Khera entered the third day of his 'Bolega Kharar, Badlega Kharar' foot march, during which city residents and taxi drivers raised sharp questions about the deteriorating condition of the city's roads over the last four and a half years.

The third day of the march began from Ward No. 3, which passed through Hospital Road, near Minta Taylor (mosque), Bus Stand Road, Khadar Bhandar, G.T.B. Nagar and Shivjot Colony and ended near Sam Simrat Tower on Tuesday late. During the march, Khera interacted with a group of students waiting for a bus on the Kharar-Ludhiana road. He said that despite being an important hub for thousands of students, Kharar still does not have its own permanent bus stand.

"Despite grand claims of spending Rs 1,000 crore on the development of Kharar, the current government has not been able to build even a single permanent bus stand in four and a half years, due to which students are forced to wait in the open every day without proper bus routes and shelter," Khera alleged. He further said that the Kharar-Landran road gets flooded with water even after a little rain, which highlights the administrative negligence of the MLA, who seems to be asleep to the pain of the people.

Khera said that this is not a one-time incident but a daily pattern that Kharar students face every day, but there is no accountability. Khera also met taxi drivers who ply the roads of Kharar daily, who, according to Khera, brought to light the bitter truth of the thousands of crores of rupees claimed to have been spent in the constituency.

"The drivers said that the roads have been dilapidated for years, but the administration is not doing anything to repair them," Khera alleged. The march will pass through various wards of Kharar in the coming days and Khera has vowed to document the failures of the government at the grassroots level at every stage.

Panchkula police to issue unique ID stickers for every auto, e-Rickshaw to boost passenger safety

PANCHKULA, JUL 15(UNI)

In a major initiative aimed at enhancing passenger safety and improving the regulation of public transport, Panchkula Police has launched a district-wide verification drive under which every auto-rickshaw and e-rickshaw operating in the city will be issued a departmental unique identification sticker after verification.

A Panchkula Police spokesperson said the campaign has been launched under the directions of Police Commissioner Pankaj Nain to create a verified database of all auto-rickshaws and e-rickshaws, facilitate quick identification of vehicles involved in criminal incidents, and curb the operation of unauthorized vehicles.

The spokesperson said the unique identification sticker will prominently display the vehicle registration number, driver's ID code, designated route or zone, and a departmental unique identification number.

The sticker will be affixed to both the front and rear of the vehicle, making it easily visible to passengers, police personnel, and enforcement agencies.

Police Commissioner Pankaj Nain said the verification exercise will be carried out in phases across the district.

Every vehicle will undergo detailed verification before being issued the departmental sticker. The initiative is expected to improve passenger confidence, strengthen policing, and bring greater transparency and accountability to public transport operations. He said the unique sticker would also serve as proof that the vehicle has been officially verified and registered by the police, enabling authorities to quickly identify vehicles operating without verification or in violation of regulations.

According to the spokesperson, ACP Traffic Surender Singh has been designated as the nodal officer to supervise the campaign, while DCP Crime and Traffic Amrinder Singh will monitor the verification process.

Police Saanjh Kendra East and Amritsar Hariawal manch hold tree plantation programme

HARPAL SINGH
AMRITSAR, JULY 15

With the aim of reducing global climate change on earth, Hon'ble Special DGP, Chandigarh Mrs. Gurpreet Kaur Deo, Hon'ble Commissioner of Police Amritsar Mr. Gurpreet Singh Bhullar, as per the inspiration of Mrs. Parvinder Kaur District Community Police Officer Amritsar, Inspector Paramdeep Kaur Incharge District Saanjh Kendra Amritsar along with Saanjh Staff Sub Division Saanjh Kendra East, President of Amritsar Haryaval Manch, Er. Daljit Singh Kohli, Er. Manjit Singh Saini, Mandeep Singh, Dr. Iqbal Singh Tung, Dr. Nirmal Singh Anand, Avtar Singh Buttar, Gurmeet Singh Bhatti, Mr. Lakhbir Singh Ghuman and Madam Dolly Bhatia General Secretary Bharat Vikas Parishad, Madam Saroj Chawla and With the help of colleagues, Major Tejinder Pal Singh Sohal, Principal of Government Senior Secondary School, Valla, Amritsar Mrs. Ashu Vij and SPC Incharge Mrs. Renu Bala along with school staff and students planted trees in the school under the Rukh Mitra campaign to save the environment.

Daljit Singh Kohli told the children that planting trees in these days is very important to save the environment, oxygen, bird nests, fruits, flowers.

Miri Piri Khalsa College Bhadaur BCA Semester 5 results excellent

BALWINDER AZAD
BHADOUR, JULY 15

Like last year, this time also the B. C. A. results were excellent. The students of the institution performed excellently in the B. C. A., Semester 5 results announced by Punjabi University Patiala recently. Prof. Sandeep Kaur Badbar of the Computer Department informed that in this examination result, Gurpreet Kaur secured the first position by securing 79.8 percent marks. Similarly, Arshdeep Singh secured the second position by securing 79.4 percent marks and Baljinder Kaur secured the third position by securing 76 percent marks. Principal S. Malvinder Singh congratulated the students who achieved these achievements and wished them a good future. He also motivated them to achieve more such achievements in the future.

While explaining about the institution, he said that the institution Miri Piri Khalsa College Bhadaur, which is functioning under the management of Shiromani Gurdwara Parbandhak Committee Shri Amritsar Sahib. While this institution is playing an important role in sports, cultural activities and religious field for the students, it is also making its special contribution in the field of education.

Sandhwan flags off buses under Chief Minister's pilgrimage scheme

KOTKAPURA (SURINDER PAL): Punjab Vidhan Sabha Speaker Kultar Singh Sandhwan today flagged off the buses carrying pilgrims under the Chief Minister's Pilgrimage Scheme at village Dago Romana and ward number 12, Kotkapura.

On this occasion, Speaker S. Sandhwan said that the objective of the Chief Minister Tirath Yatra Scheme being run by the Punjab Government under the leadership of Chief Minister Bhagwant Singh Mann is to make the people of the state visit various religious places. He said that under this scheme, the Punjab Government provides necessary facilities including transportation, accommodation and langar to the pilgrims.

Speaker S. Sandhwan extended his best wishes to the pilgrims going on the pilgrimage and asked them to pray for prosperity, peace and tranquility during their journey. On this occasion, Amrik Singh Sarpanch, Baljit Singh, Amarjit Singh, Gurmail Singh, Karnail Singh, Jassa Singh, Baldeep Singh Pradhan, Kuldeep Singh Numberdar and a large number of devotees were present.

SHINE programme on quality standards and consumer empowerment for SHGs – Morni Mahila Block Sangathan

PANCHKULA, JULY 15

The Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS), Haryana Branch Office organised the SHINE (Standards Help Inform & Nurture Empowered Women) Programme for members of Morni Mahila Block Sangathan at Block Morni.

The programme witnessed enthusiastic participation from 45 Self-Help Group (SHG) members and federation representatives.

Ms. Arti Chaudhary, Standards Promotion Officer, BIS Haryana Branch Office, introduced the participants to BIS and highlighted the importance of quality, safety, and consumer awareness. She explained the significance of the ISI Mark, Hallmarking, the Compulsory Registration Scheme (CRS), and various Indian Standards related to household products, nutrition, hygiene, and women and child care.A live demonstration of the BIS CARE App was conducted to help participants learn how to verify BIS-certified products and check the authenticity of hallmarked gold jewellery using the HUID. Women associated with various livelihood activities showed keen interest in understanding standards applicable to small enterprises and consumer products.

The participants appreciated the programme and shared that the awareness session enhanced their understanding of consumer rights, quality standards, and methods to identify genuine certified products, enabling them to make informed purchasing decisions and protect themselves from unfair trade practices.

Shri Hindu Takht submits memorandum on cow protection to President

VICKY BHABAT
ZIRAKPUR, JULY 15

Shri Hindu Takht has submitted a memorandum to the President of India in which it has been demanded that the cow be given the status of mother so that the cow family roaming on the roads can be given protection. Addressing a press conference at the Press Club, Zirakpur today, Shri Hindu Takht National Spokesperson Ashok Tiwari said that Gau Mata has a very important place in culture, agriculture, village life and the faith of crores of people. Based on this sentiment, our main demand is that Gau Mata be declared "Rashtra Mata". He said that his demand is that the necessary constitutional and legal process be initiated to declare Gau Mata "Rashtra Mata". An effective national policy should be implemented for the protection of cows across the country. He said that wherever there is illegal encroachment on pasture lands, they should be investigated and encroachment should be removed.

CIA staff Ferozepur arrests two smugglers with fake Indian currency worth Rs 17.35 Lakh

TAPINDER SINGH
FEROZEPUR, JULY 15

In a major breakthrough against the smuggling of counterfeit Indian currency in the border district, the CIA Staff of Punjab Police, Ferozepur, has arrested two smugglers and recovered fake Indian currency with a face value of Rs 17.35 lakh from their possession. Both accused are residents of Fazilka district and were allegedly transporting the counterfeit currency from Fazilka through Ferozepur for delivery at another location.

DSP City Sukhwinder Singh said the operation was carried out on the basis of reliable intelligence inputs. Acting swiftly, the CIA Staff set up a checkpoint on National Highway-95 and intercepted the suspects. During the search, fake Indian currency worth Rs 17.35 lakh was recovered from their possession. Preliminary investigations suggest that, after a long gap, attempts are once again being made to push counterfeit Indian currency into the country through the Indo-Pak border. Investigating agencies are also probing the possible involvement of a cross-border network behind the racket. A case has been registered against both accused at Ferozepur Cantonment Police Station. Police are conducting detailed interrogation to ascertain the source of the counterfeit currency, identify the network involved, and determine the intended recipients of the fake notes.

National Insurance company hands over group personal accident policy to MD of Chandigarh University

KHARAR (SHASHI PAL JAIN): Group Personal Accident policy for Students and Staff Members was handed over to Deepinder Singh Sandhu Managing Director S/O Sh Satnam Singh Sandhu (MP Rajya Sabha) by Mr Sameer Dhawan Divisional Manager of National Insurance Company Limited, As informed by Arun Rahi General Manager chandigarh University celebrated 15th Foundation day today

BASIC Home Loan inaugurates new BASIC Finance Centre to strengthen its presence in Chandigarh

CHANDIGARH, JULY 15

India's leading fintech platform, BASIC Home Loan today announced the launch of a new BASIC Finance Centre in Chandigarh, enhancing its presence in the Tricity region and improving access to guided, technology-enabled housing finance for homebuyers across Chandigarh, Mohali, Panchkula and neighbouring markets.

The Tricity region continues to be one of the most desired residential destinations for professionals, business owners and entrepreneurs in North India. Today, residential growth in Mohali, New Chandigarh, Zirakpur and Panchkula is being driven by strong demand from first-time home buyers and families moving into bigger homes and limited land availability in Chandigarh. Besides this, the rapid growth of IT parks, business hubs and city infrastructure coupled with easy connectivity through national highways and Chandigarh International Airport has further accelerated the housing demand across the entire region. With the launch of the BASIC Finance Centre, the company expects to facilitate nearly ?500 crore in home loan business from the Tricity region, serving homebuyers across Punjab, Haryana and Himachal Pradesh, including cities such as Ambala, Karnal and Panipat.

DIG Ludhiana range honours SHO Akash Dutt for outstanding service

DORAHA (AMRISH ANAND): In recognition of his honesty, dedication and exemplary public service in the Punjab Police, SHO Akash Dutt of Doraha Police Station was specially honoured by DIG Ludhiana Range Sandeep Goel.The felicitation ceremony was attended by SSP Khanna Dr. Darpan Ahluwalia (IPS), SP Khanna Harpinder Kaur Gill, DSP Payal Harmandeep Singh Cheema, along with other senior police officers.Expressing his gratitude after receiving the honour, SHO Akash Dutt thanked DIG Sandeep Goel, SSP Dr. Darpan Ahluwalia, SP Harpinder Kaur Gill and the senior police officers for the recognition. He said the honour would inspire him to continue serving the public with greater honesty, dedication and responsibility in the future.Among those present on the occasion were Reader Rao Varinder Singh, Inderjit Singh Bhandal.

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Golden Lioness Club joint tree-plantation drive

CHANDIGARH: Members of Golden Lioness Club carried out a joint mega tree-plantation drive today, 15 July 2026, planting 250 saplings of medicinal, fruit and flowering species across two government schools in Mani Majra, Sector 13: Government Senior Secondary School MMT and Government High School, Pocket 8 Manimajra. The saplings were planted together with students.Participating clubs and members: President pkl premier Anu Bhar, Nisha Sachdeva; PDP - Manjit Bhamra, PDP Asha Kahlon, PDP Lalita BholaPkl premier club.

View of tear gas thrown at protesters to disperse them at residence of Minister Tarunpreet Singh Sond at Khanna

GURMINDER SINGH GREWAL
KHANNA : Hundreds of MANREGA workers including women who have come from different places and were marching toward the residence of Minister Tarunpreet Singh Sondh were dispersed with water canons. Tear Gas and Lathicharge . During big scuffle about 12 workers including a police officer were reportedly injured and were under treatment in different hospitals however they were said to be out of danger. As per information hundreds of workers started gathering outside the residence of Minister and at noon their count reached even in several hundreds and they started raising slogans and tried to march towards the Kothi of Minister. When the police tried to stop them they resisted and scuffled with the police resulting tear gas and use of water cannons apart from minor Lathicharge. In the scorching heat many protesters fell on the ground and their companions rushed them to nearby hospitals for treatment. In the meantime DSP Khanna Vinod Kumar was also stated to be injured during scuffle and was undergoing treatment. Pardeep singh a leader of union said that their leader Saudagar singh of Fatehgarh sahib was also among the injured and they are under treatment.

Inspector Amandeep Singh Brar takes charge as new police station chief Nabha

RAKESH JINDAL
NABHA : My main goal is to restore peace and law and order in the reserve constituency of Nabha and eradicate the drug mafia. Expressing these views, the newly appointed SHO of Nabha Police Station Amandeep Singh Brar said in a special conversation with the journalist that strict action will be taken against anti-social elements, drug smugglers and gangsters.

The newly appointed SHO Amandeep Singh Brar said that the drug dealers who are engaged in the business of selling drugs or synthetic drugs in the city are warned to stop their business. SHO Amandeep Singh Brar said that soon a meeting will be held with the respected people of the area and the orders and instructions issued by the police will be made known. It is worth mentioning that SHO Amandeep Singh has previously served in Patiala Urban State Civil Line and Anaj Mandi Patiala.

Warring condemns police brutality against MGNREGA workers in Khanna

SARBJIT SUFI
LUDHIANA: Punjab Congress president Amarinder Singh Raja Warring today condemned the brutal police barbarity against the MGNREGA workers in Khanna who were demanding the payment of their pending wages. "Bhagwant Mann has turned Punjab into a police state", he remarked, while noting that instead of listening to the problems and demands of the needy, he has been using brute police force against them.

Moreover, he pointed out, the workers were not only staging a peaceful sit-in dharna, but were also chanting 'Satnam Wahe Guru' and still the police resorted to such brutality. The PCC president asked what wrong had the MGNREGA workers done that they were showered with water cannons, teargas shells and lathis by the police. "Is this how a common man's government deals with its people?" he asked, while demanding the suspension of the police and civil administration officers who resorted to unprovoked and brutal lathi-charge on the MGNREGA workers.

Major terror conspiracy foiled in Amritsar; ISI operative held with hand grenade, pistol

CHARANJIT SINGH ARORA / HARPAL SINGH
AMRITSAR, JULY 15

In a major breakthrough amidst the ongoing drive to make Punjab a safe and secure state as per directions of Chief Minister Bhagwant Singh Mann, Amritsar Commissionerate Police has busted a cross-border terror conspiracy with the arrest of one individual, and recovered one hand grenade and one 9MM Glock pistol along with four live cartridges from their possession, said Director General of Police (DGP) Punjab Gaurav Yadav here on Wednesday.

The arrested accused has been identified as Sumit Kumar alias Pandit (24), a native of village Sukhsal in Rupnagar and presently residing at Pandori Waraich in Amritsar. Apart from recovering hand grenade and pistol, police teams have also impounded his motorcycle.

DGP Gaurav Yadav said that preliminary investigation has revealed that the accused was in contact with cross-border ISI handlers through Instagram and was being directed to target police establishments and public places to disturb peace and public order. Further investigation is underway to uncover the entire network and identify other associates and handlers involved, he said.

Sharing operational details, Commissioner of Police (CP) Amritsar Gurpreet Singh Bhullar said that acting on reliable intelligence and technical surveillance, police teams arrested Sumit Kumar alias Pandit and one Glock pistol along with four live cartridges was initially recovered from his possession.

The CP said that during sustained interrogation and based on the disclosure statement of the arrested accused, police teams further recovered one hand grenade, exposing his cross-border links and foiling a larger conspiracy. Further verification of his criminal antecedents has revealed that the accused is already facing criminal case registered under the NDPS Act, he said.

In this regard, a case FIR No. 109 dated 21.06.2026 under sections 25(6,7,8) of the Arms Act, section 113 of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS) and sections 4 and 5 of the Explosive Act has been registered at Police Station Cantonment in Amritsar.

Former MP Tarlochan Singh to receive First Memorial 'Gurmat Ratan' Award by Punjab Kala Parishad

GAURAV GOEL
CHANDIGARH, JULY 15

The Punjab Kala Parishad, in collaboration with the Padma Shri Dr. Ratan Singh Jaggi Memorial Charitable Foundation, will confer the first Memorial 'Gurmat Ratan' Award upon former Member of Parliament Sardar Tarlochan Singh.

The award comprises a cash prize of ?51,000, a shawl and a commemorative memento.The award jury consisted of Dr. Balkar Singh, Dr. Navidita Singh, Dr. Atam Randhawa, and Malwinder Singh Jaggi. Former MP Sardar Tarlochan Singh has played a significant role in spreading the principles of Gurmat among the masses and promoting the message of Sikh philosophy across the world. The renovation of the Open Air Theatre of the Punjab Kala Parishad is also being undertaken by this trust under the leadership of Malwinder Singh Jaggi, son of the late Dr. Ratan Singh Jaggi. This award will be presented annually to a distinguished personality for outstanding contributions in the field of Gurmat principles. Former MP Tarlochan Singh is a distinguished Sikh leader, social worker, and educationist. He served as a Member of the Rajya Sabha from 2004 to 2010. Prior to this, he also served as the Chairman of the National Commission for Minorities. He made significant contributions towards the protection of minority rights, promotion of communal harmony and advancement of social justice.

His efforts in preserving Sikh heritage, promoting education and strengthening national unity will always be remembered. Known for his simplicity, integrity, and dedication to public service, Tarlochan Singh earned respect across the country. Renowned scholar Padma Shri Dr. Ratan Singh Jaggi is regarded as one of the foremost experts in Punjabi and Hindi literature, as well as Gurmat and Bhakti movement literature. He dedicated his entire life to the study of medieval literature from diverse perspectives and to researching various aspects of the writings of the Sikh Gurus and the Bhakti movement, making an outstanding contribution to the field. His major works include complete Hindi and Punjabi commentaries on the Sri Guru Granth Sahib and the Sri Dasam Granth Sahib, commentary on Guru Nanak's writings, the Sri Guru Granth Sahib Encyclopaedia, the Sikh Panth Encyclopaedia, transliteration and Punjabi translation of Tulsi Ramayan, A Source-Based History of Punjabi Literature, and nearly 150 other books.In 2023, he was honoured with the Padma Shri by the President of India for his distinguished services in the fields of literature and education.

134 children secured legally protected, loving families during last 3 years

CHANDIGARH, JULY 15

In a major step towards making child protection and the legal adoption process more efficient, transparent and robust, the State Adoption Resource Agency (SARA), Punjab, under the Department of Social Security, Women and Child Development, Government of Punjab, today organised a one-day State-Level Training Programme on the Adoption Regulations, 2022 under the leadership of Chief Minister S. Bhagwant Singh Mann.

Addressing the media after inaugurating the training programme, Punjab Cabinet Minister for Social Security, Women and Child Development, Dr. Baljit Kaur, said that the Punjab Government is fully committed to ensuring that no child in the State is deprived of the love, care and security of a family. She said the Government is strengthening a transparent, child-centric and legally compliant adoption system that safeguards the rights and best interests of every child. Sharing a significant achievement, the Cabinet Minister said Punjab has become the first state in the country to establish a Specialized Adoption Agency (SAA) in every district. At present, 26 Specialized Adoption Agencies are functioning across the State, including 16 Government-run and 10 NGO-managed agencies. Dr. Baljit Kaur informed that during the last three years, 87 orphaned, abandoned and surrendered children have been placed in legally recognised adoptive families. Of these, 66 children were adopted within India, including 18 boys and 48 girls, while 21 children were adopted through inter-country adoption, including 5 boys and 16 girls. During the same period, 10 children with special needs were also placed in loving and caring families. In addition, 47 children were legally adopted by relatives and step-parents, taking the total number of children who found permanent, legally protected family environments over the last three years to 134.

Quiz competition organised in The Country School Dhanaula

BALVINDER AZAD
BARNALA, JULY 15

A quiz competition was organized in "The Country School Dhanola", a well-known educational institution of Mandi Dhanaula. In which students from class 3 to 8 participated.

This competition was based on questions related to the subject of science and technology. In this, the children participated according to teams. This activity was organized by Veerpal Kaur, Navdeep Kaur and Jashanpreet Kaur.During this, school MD Kanchan Singla Ji and Director Manish Singla Ji also participated. They told that such competitions are important in the life of students. MD Madam said that participating in any competition is more important than winning it.

She said that in today's era of science, how should we mix ourselves with the trend of the times by using new technologies. On this occasion, Reet Chauhan's team stood first. The school management and staff honored these children and encouraged them to go further and participate in such competitions.

Mega job fair for around 3,000 vacancies on July 20

SUMER GARG
SANGRUR, JULY 15

In accordance with the directions of the Punjab Government, the District Administration, Sangrur, in collaboration with the District Bureau of Employment and Enterprises, Sangrur, will organize a Mega Job Fair on July 20, 2026, at Maharaja Palace, Sunam Udham Singh Wala, from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Around 3,000 vacancies across various sectors will be offered, and eligible candidates will be interviewed for these positions.

Sharing details, District Employment Generation, Skill Development and Training Officer Simpy Singla said that more than 60 reputed companies from the industrial and service sectors, including Hero Cycles, Sonalika, SEGA, Vardhman, ICICI Bank, Avani, KRBL, Gobind Motors, AP Organic, Axis Bank, Max Auto, and others, will participate in the fair. These companies have collectively offered approximately 3,000 vacancies, and interviews of eligible candidates will be conducted on the spot. Candidates possessing educational qualifications ranging from 8th, 10th, 12th, ITI, Diploma, Graduate, and Postgraduate, and aged between 18 and 50 years, are eligible to participate in the job fair.

Interested candidates may register online through the Google Form: https://forms.gle/pq9do3CA1GXY7gpf7. Eligible candidates are advised to bring their updated résumé along with photocopies of their educational qualification certificates while attending the interviews. No TA/DA will be paid to candidates appearing for the interviews. For further information, candidates may contact the District Bureau of Employment and Enterprises, Sangrur.

Everyone's dream of getting higher education through 100 courses will be fulfilled: Bhola Singh Virk

BARNALA (BALWINDER AZAD): A press conference was organized at Guru Gobind Singh College Sanghera, a well-known educational institution of the area, under the able guidance of the President of the institution and State Awardee Sardar Bhola Singh Virk, during which the Vice Principal of the institution, Dr. Sarabjit Singh Kular, and the Qualitator of the Regional Center of Jagat Guru Nanak Dev Punjab State Open University, Patiala, Madam Mandeep Kaur, along with the entire staff of the college also participated.

Talking during the press conference, Sardar Bhola Singh Virk said that the main purpose of this meeting is to make those students aware and provide information whose dream of higher education remained unfulfilled due to any compulsion or domestic reasons.

He assured that now such students do not need to be disappointed. He said that the Learner Center of this university was established at Sanghera on 24 April 202.

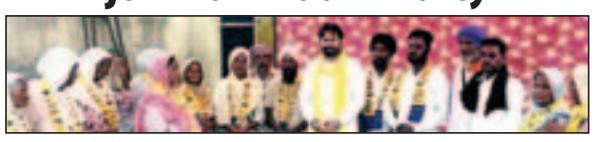
Chairman Harpal Juneja, MD Manisha Rana's initiative brings Lok Adalat to PRTC headquarters

TAPINDER SINGH
PATIALA, JULY 15

In a significant employee welfare initiative, the Pepsu Road Transport Corporation (PRTC) organized a special Lok Adalat at its headquarters under the leadership of Chairman Advocate Harpal Juneja.

The initiative, supported by Managing Director Manisha Rana, was aimed at ensuring fair justice for employees who had lost their jobs due to prolonged absence or minor financial irregularities.During the Lok Adalat, Managing Director Manisha Rana and General Manager (Administration) Maninderpal Sidhu conducted detailed hearings of each case individually. Decisions were taken with complete transparency after carefully examining the employees' service records, honesty, past performance, and the circumstances surrounding each case.Following the review, several eligible drivers and conductors were reinstated into service, providing them with an opportunity to resume their careers.Speaking on the occasion, Chairman Advocate Harpal Juneja said, "Discipline is the foundation of every institution, but where there is scope for reform, giving an individual a second chance is also an essential part of justice. PRTC considers its employees not merely as staff members but as part of its family." He added that the initiative aims to strengthen employees' confidence, responsibility, and commitment towards PRTC, enabling them to contribute with renewed dedication and enthusiasm to the corporation's growth.Congratulating the reinstated drivers and conductors, the Chairman wished them success in their future careers and urged them to discharge their duties with sincerity and discipline.

Several families of village Yatri join Aam Aadmi Party



KULJIT SINGH DHINGRA
RAMPURA PHUL, JULY 15

A grand meeting was held in the Dharamshala of village Yatri under the leadership of Sippy Bhakar, senior leader of Aam Aadmi Party of Maur constituency. During this, after bidding farewell to different parties, Raju Singh, Iqbal Singh, Bhola Singh Amarjit Kaur, Charanjit Kaur, Shukhjit Kaur, Gagandeep Kaur, Mahinder Kaur, Rani Kaur, Malkit Kaur, Bhajan Kaur, Charanjit Kaur along with their families joined Aam Aadmi Party. Welcoming the families who joined the party, senior leader Sippy Bhakar said that due respect will be given to all the volunteers without any discrimination. On this occasion, Sippy Bhakar said that due to the visionary thinking of Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann, many facilities have been provided to the people of the state. Sippy Bhakar said that the Mann government has implemented many public welfare schemes including health insurance facility of up to Rs 10 lakh to the people, construction of roads in villages and cities, paving of unpaved roads, smooth supply of canal water to farmers, free treatment through Mohalla clinics, the benefits of which are reaching the common people directly.

Sippy said that the Aam Aadmi Party government is a government of the people and working for the people in the true sense.

CEO honours 3 BLOs from Bathinda among Punjab's top 100 outstanding ones

ANIL VERMA
BATHINDA, JULY 15

Chief Electoral Officer, Punjab, Ms. Anindita Mitra, honoured the Booth Level Officers (BLOs) from Chauke, Jajjal and Dhadde in Bathinda district for achieving 100 percent digitisation of voter data at their respective polling booths under the ongoing Special Intensive Revision (SIR) campaign in the state.

Appreciating the honoured BLOs, District Election Officer-cum-Deputy Commissioner Mr. Rajesh Dhiman said it is a matter of pride for the district that Chauke BLO Sandeep Singh, Jajjal BLO Mangal Singh and Dhadde BLO Harpreet Singh have been included among Punjab's Top 100 BLOs on the basis of their outstanding performance. He said this achievement is the result of their hard work, dedication and sincere discharge of duty.

Mr. Rajesh Dhiman said the credit for this success goes not only to the BLOs but also to the voters of Chauke, Jajjal and Dhadde, who enthusiastically cooperated by ensuring 100 percent registration of their data, making the campaign a success. Thanking all the voters, he appealed to others as well to extend their full cooperation in the campaign. Election Tehsildar Mrs. Harjinder Kaur was also present on the occasion.

Mata Gujri College holds 17th Academic Council meeting; approves courses for 2026–27

DALJEET AJNOHA
HOSHIARPUR, JULY 15

Under the chairmanship of Principal Dr. Bikramjeet Singh, Mata Gujri College convened its 17th Academic Council meeting. The council approved syllabi passed by various departments' Boards of Studies for the new academic session 2026–27 and took important decisions aimed at enhancing the college's academic quality. Members discussed modernizing academic management to meet contemporary needs, providing students with practical, skill-oriented education, introducing greater flexibility in subject choices, and promoting positive educational changes in the era of artificial intelligence. Deliberations also covered key topics such as cybersecurity and the integration of human values into curricula. Subject experts from diverse academic fields attended the meeting, including the representative of the Vice-Chancellor of Punjabi University, Patiala; Professor Dr. Vinay Kumar Gupta from Mechanical Engineering; and Professor Dr. Raman Maini from the Department of Computer Science and Engineering.

National Commission for Women Chairperson Vijaya Rahatkar holds Jan Sunwai in Moga

JAGRAJ SINGH
MOGA, JULY 15

National Commission for Women (NCW) Chairperson Vijaya Rahatkar on Wednesday conducted a Jan Sunwai here to address issues relating to women's safety, grievance redressal, gender sensitivity and institutional coordination. On the first day of her Punjab visit, Rahatkar held the public hearing at DM College, providing women with a platform to present their grievances, seek institutional support and ensure timely redressal of their complaints. During the Jan Sunwai, the Chairperson personally heard more than 100 complaints and directed the police and other concerned departments to take prompt and appropriate action in each case. She instructed the authorities to submit an Action Taken Report (ATR) to the Commission within three days.

Observing that a majority of the complaints were related to domestic violence, Rahatkar directed the police to conduct thorough, fair and sensitive investigations to ensure justice for the affected women.

Applications invited for 28 Anganwadi posts in Haroli

KISHORI LAL BAINS
UNA: The Integrated Child Development Services (ICDS) project in Haroli has invited applications for 28 vacant Anganwadi posts, including seven Anganwadi Worker and 21 Anganwadi Helper positions. The last date for submission of applications is August 10. Child Development Project Officer (CDPO) Shiv Singh said eligible candidates must submit their applications at the CDPO office in Haroli by 5 pm on August 10. Candidates must have passed Class 12, be between 18 and 35 years of age, belong to the survey area of the concerned Anganwadi centre, and have a family annual income of not more than Rs 50,000, certified by the competent revenue authority. Selection will be based on a 25-mark merit system, taking into account academic qualifications, higher education, relevant work experience, reservation-linked criteria, and a personal interview.

Govt to formulate policy to provide relief in encroachment cases involving poor families: CM

DINESH AGARWAL
SHIMLA, JULY 15

Chief Minister Thakur Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu today laid the foundation stone of the new Municipal Corporation office building in Hamirpur, to be constructed at a cost of about Rs. 19.4 crore. He inaugurated newly constructed shops and a Rural Haat worth around Rs. 50 lakh for small traders and women's self-help groups. Later, addressing a public gathering at the Town Hall on the occasion, the Chief Minister said that the state government was considering to formulate a policy to provide relief to the poor and landless families who had been residing on government land for many years. He said the government was studying the Supreme Court's guidelines on encroachment cases and would take an appropriate decision in the interest of such families.

The Chief Minister said that healthcare and education sectors were the top priorities of the state government. The government was installing advanced medical equipment in all government medical colleges and focusing on recruiting super-specialist doctors and professors so that people could access AIIMS- and PGI-level healthcare within the state. The government was spending Rs. 125 crore to modernize laboratories in these medical colleges. Robotic surgery facilities would also be started, making this advanced treatment available to patients at a much lower cost. The number of postgraduate (PG) medical seats were also being increased to produce more specialist doctors.

He recalled that during the UPA government, he secured approval for the Hamirpur Medical College from the then Prime Minister Dr. Manmohan Singh and Union Health Minister Ghulam Nabi Azad. The present state government had already released nearly Rs. 500 crore for the project and the college would soon begin functioning from its new campus at Jol Sappar. The Chief Minister assured that the Himcare health insurance scheme would not be discontinued. However, the government would expose the irregularities and alleged scam that took place under the scheme.

Speaking about education reforms, he said the establishment of CBSE-affiliated government schools had resulted in increase in the student enrolment in government schools by around 24,000. He said that recruitment through the Himachal Pradesh Public Service Commission (HPPSC) and the Himachal Pradesh Rajya Chayan Aayog had been made transparent to ensure fairness for deserving candidates.

He said that the state government had strongly defended Himachal's interests in matters related to the Kishau Dam Project, other hydropower projects and the Wildflower Hall case, securing significant financial benefits and revenue for the state.

CM Sukhu inaugurates Civic Projects in Hamirpur

ANIL KUMAR
HAMIRPUR, JULY 15

Himachal Pradesh Chief Minister Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu on Tuesday inaugurated a series of public infrastructure projects worth several crores of rupees in his home district of Hamirpur, including the new Municipal Corporation office and 13 newly constructed commercial shops.

Inaugurating the Municipal Corporation office, the Chief Minister said the new building would provide more organised, accessible and efficient civic services to residents while strengthening the city's administrative framework to meet its growing needs.

Sukhu also dedicated 13 newly built shops near Rani Jhansi Park, close to the Hamirpur bus stand, to the public. He said the shops would promote local trade, create livelihood opportunities and support small entrepreneurs.

Management committee meeting held at Bhanjal School

AVINASH CHAUHAN
AMB: A meeting of the School Management Committee, Bhanjal was held at Government Senior Secondary School, Bhanjal. In this meeting, SMC head Anil Kumar, vice-head Seema Kumari and all the members, head of the local Panchayat Rajesh Kumar and vice-head Jagmohan Singh were also present. Apart from this, members Seema Kumari, Shivani Devi, Monica, Asha Devi, Ajay Kumar, Surendra Kumar, Asha Devi, Mamta Devi, Anju and around 100 parents were present. DP Vinod Kumar conducted the proceedings of the House. On this occasion, school principal Sudhir Kumar, vice-principal Rajan Sharma, superintendent Dinesh Sharma, lecturer Suresh Thakur, Anu Sharma, lecturer Seema Sohal, lecturer Ankur Sood, Ramnik Bansal, Rajan Kumar, Anil Kumar, Sunita Kumari, Rajiv Thakur, Vinod Kumar, Sunita Kumari, Smriti Chaudhary, Neeraj Wala, Ramika Kumari, Ashwini Pathania, Ramesh Chandel were present. School principal Sudhir Kumar and staff members welcomed the newly elected school management committee and requested them for their full cooperation for the development of the school.

HPU's new digital studio to boost online education: MLA Suresh Kumar

ANIL KUMAR
HAMIRPUR: Bhoranj MLA Suresh Kumar on Tuesday said the newly inaugurated digital and MOOCs recording studio at Himachal Pradesh University (HPU) would play a key role in the effective implementation of the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020 and promote online education across the state. Suresh Kumar attended the 36th Court meeting of the university held under the chairmanship of Governor and Chancellor Shivendra Gupta. During the meeting, Vice-Chancellor Prof. Mahavir Singh presented a report on the university's recent achievements, ongoing development projects, academic activities and future plans. The state-of-the-art digital and MOOCs recording studio, established under the PM-USHA scheme at the Centre for Distance and Online Education (CDOE), was also inaugurated. Speaking on the occasion, the MLA said the studio, equipped with advanced cameras, professional lighting and green screen technology, would facilitate the production of high-quality video lectures and digital learning content.

NGT defers hearing on Kullu waste facility plea as matter pending in Himachal HC

UNI
SHIMLA, JULY 15

The National Green Tribunal (NGT) has deferred hearing on a petition challenging the proposed establishment of a Material Recovery Facility (MRF) inside Nehru Park at Sarwari in Himachal Pradesh's Kullu district, noting that the issue is already pending before the Himachal Pradesh High Court.

The Principal Bench of the Tribunal, comprising Justice Prakash Shrivastava, Chairperson, and Dr Afroz Ahmad, Expert Member, was hearing original application filed by Sanjay Kapoor against the proposed waste handling facility in the public park.

The applicant had objected to the setting up of the MRF within Nehru Park.

Earlier, on May 8, the Tribunal had constituted a Joint Committee to examine the matter, which submitted its report on June 27.

While considering the report, the Tribunal observed that the same issue is pending before the Himachal Pradesh High Court where a status quo order was passed on May 8 with respect to the park.

The Tribunal referred to the High Court proceedings, which recorded that Nehru Park, spread over about five bighas in the heart of Kullu town, had earlier witnessed issues relating to garbage dumping and poor maintenance.

Following representations made in 2019, renovation works, including laying of paver tracks and plantation, were undertaken.

The petition before the High Court challenges the proposal to construct an MRF shed inside the park and also refers to preliminary excavation work allegedly carried out at the site.

During the hearing, counsel for the applicant sought an adjournment to ascertain the latest status of the writ petition before the High Court. Counsel for the Himachal Pradesh Pollution Control Board informed the Tribunal that the writ petition had been listed before the High Court on July 13.

In view of the pending proceedings before the High Court, the Tribunal adjourned the matter and directed that it be listed for further hearing on September 16, 2026.

DAV Rehan dominates HP Cluster-4 school games

DAULAT CHAUHAN
JAWALI: DAV Public School, Rehan emerged as the overall standout performer in the two-day HP Cluster-4 DAV Sports Meet, winning multiple titles across kabaddi, volleyball, chess, athletics and yoga competitions. Around 240 student-athletes from nine DAV schools across Himachal Pradesh participated in the tournament, which featured kabaddi, volleyball, roller skating and chess events, while yoga and athletics competitions were held at designated cluster centres. The host school clinched the overall kabaddi championships in the Under-14 and Under-17 boys' and girls' categories. It also won the Under-17 boys' volleyball title and secured first place in the Under-14 boys' and girls' chess events. In yoga, DAV Rehan finished first in the Under-14 girls' category and claimed runner-up positions in the Under-14 and Under-17 boys' and girls' events.

Una completes first phase of Census 2027, 19 officers honoured

KISHORI LAL BAINS
UNA, JULY 15

The first phase of Census 2027, covering house listing and housing enumeration, has been completed within the stipulated timeline in Himachal Pradesh's Una district, with Deputy Commissioner Jatin Lal felicitating 19 charge officers for their outstanding performance.

The district secured the "third position in Himachal Pradesh" in the first phase of the digital census exercise, while Lahaul and Spiti ranked first and Kinnaur second.

Among urban local bodies, Nagar Panchayat Bangana secured the top position, followed by Mehatpur Basdehra Municipal Council. Nagar Panchayats Daulatpur Chowk, Amb and Tahliwal jointly finished third. In the rural category, Haroli tehsil ranked first, Jol sub-tehsil second, while Mehatpur Basdehra sub-tehsil and Una tehsil jointly secured third place. Lal said the successful completion of the exercise reflected the dedication and coordinated efforts of charge officers, supervisors and enumerators. He noted that the census is being conducted entirely through a digital platform for the first time, with enumerators collecting household data through a mobile application based on 33 prescribed questions.

The Deputy Commissioner urged officials to maintain the same level of commitment and transparency in the upcoming phases to ensure the successful completion of Census 2027.

Auckland House School students shortlisted for prestigious John Locke Institute 2026 Global essay prize

DINESH AGARWAL
SHIMLA, JULY 15

Auckland House School is delighted to announce that Pritha Doegar and Jiya Rampal Saini, students of Class XII, have been shortlisted for the John Locke Institute 2026 Global Essay Prize, one of the world's most distinguished academic essay competitions for young scholars. Pritha has been shortlisted in politics, while Jiya has earned this distinction in economics. The John Locke Institute Global Essay Prize attracts some of the brightest young minds from across the world, challenging participants to demonstrate originality, intellectual depth, and rigorous analytical thinking. The 2026 edition received an extraordinary 100,227 submissions from participants representing 183 countries. Following a highly competitive evaluation process, only the top 17.5% of entries were shortlisted, making this recognition a significant international academic achievement. Being shortlisted for the John Locke Institute Global Essay Prize reflects exceptional academic ability, independent thought, and excellence in written argumentation. It places Pritha and Jiya among a select group of young scholars whose work has been recognised on a global platform for its quality and intellectual merit. Congratulating the students, Smaraki Samantaroy, principal of Auckland House School, said, "At Auckland House School, we strive to cultivate intellectual curiosity, critical thinking, and a global outlook. Pritha and Jiya have exemplified these values through their outstanding achievement.

NORTHERN RAILWAY
E-TENDERING

OPEN TENDER NOTICE NO. NIT-01-GS-Engg-UMB-2026-27 DATED 14.07.2026

Dy. CE/GS/UMB acting for and on behalf of the president of India invites Open Tenders (e-tenders) against below titled tender and available on **www.ireps.gov.in** with closing date **05.08.2026** up to **15:00 hrs**. Bidders will be able to submit their original/ revised bids up to closing date and time only. Manual offers are not allowed against this tenders and any such manual offer received shall be ignored. Contractors are allowed to make payment against this tender towards Earnest Money through either in cash through e-payment gateway modes available on **www.ireps.gov.in** portals or submitted as Bank Guarantee bond from a scheduled commercial bank of India or as mentioned in tender document. For more information login to **www.ireps.gov.in**.

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	Advertised Value	**Earnest Money**	**Validity of Offer**	**Period of Completion**	
	Rs.7,75,55,282.26/-	Rs.15,51,100/-	60 Days	06 Months	
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National emergency life support course for paramedics at Tanda Medical College

SANJAY AGGARWAL
DHARAMSHALA: Dr. Rajendra Prasad Government Medical College, Tanda, has achieved another milestone in medical education. A first-of-its-kind 'National Emergency Life Support' (NELS) course for paramedics is being successfully conducted here. The program utilizes both the NELS Skill Center and the 'High-Fidelity Simulation Laboratory'—the latter being one of the premier simulation facilities in North India. The program was inaugurated by Principal Dr. Milap Sharma. Attendees included Dr. Shaili Rana (Head and Nodal Officer of the High-Fidelity Simulation Laboratory), Dr. Ankush Sharma (Additional Director, Tanda), the Nursing Superintendent, Matron, faculty members, invited delegates, and B.Sc. Paramedical students.

Youth registration drive for 'MY Bharat' portal held at Tarkwari College

ANIL KUMAR
HAMIRPUR: A youth registration campaign for the "MY Bharat Youth Portal" was organised at Swami Vivekananda College of Education, Tarkwari, to encourage students to enrol on the national youth engagement platform. The drive was conducted by Raj Kumar, president of the Badhani Youth Club and a National Youth Award recipient. A large number of students registered on the portal during the programme. Addressing the participants, Raj Kumar highlighted the objectives of the MY Bharat portal and informed students about opportunities related to government schemes, volunteer activities, skill development, leadership training and youth participation in nation-building. He urged young people to join the platform and make full use of the opportunities available for their personal and professional development. The college administration appreciated the initiative, describing it as a useful step towards increasing youth awareness and participation. NSS Programme Officer Santosh Kumar and Physical Education Teacher Arun Sharma were also present at the event.

Awareness drive reaches villages in Una with street plays

KISHORI LAL BAINS
UNA: The Information and Public Relations Department on Wednesday continued its special public awareness campaign in Una district, with cultural troupes staging street plays and musical performances in Panjawar and Bhadsali villages to spread awareness about government welfare schemes and the anti-drug campaign. The performances, organised by Purvi Kala Manch Jalgran Tabba in Haroli subdivision, informed villagers about welfare initiatives for Scheduled Castes, including the inter-caste marriage incentive scheme under which eligible couples receive a financial assistance of Rs 50,000. The artists also highlighted the Follow-up Programme Scheme, which provides financial assistance to eligible beneficiaries from Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes and Other Backward Classes for livelihood generation. They said women are eligible for a Rs 1,800 subsidy for the purchase of sewing machines under the scheme.

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Collective efforts essential to eliminate tuberculosis: Red Cross

HANS RAJ
KURUKSHETRA: The District Red Cross Society organised a tuberculosis (TB) awareness campaign in Ratgal and nearby areas to educate people about the prevention, early detection and treatment of the disease. The campaign was conducted under the guidance of Haryana Red Cross Society Vice-Chairman Ankush Miglani and State General Secretary Dr Sunil Kumar. Red Cross TB Coordinator Anjali led the awareness drive, informing residents about the importance of timely diagnosis, regular medication and follow-up check-ups for TB patients. District Red Cross Society Executive Secretary Ramesh Chaudhary said the campaign is being carried out under the guidance of Deputy Commissioner Vishram Kumar Meena as part of the TB elimination programme.

NEWS BRIEF

Major General P.S. Kanwar takes charge as GOC of Army Division

KISHORI LAL BAINS
UNA: Major General P.S. Kanwar, a native of Amlehar village in Himachal Pradesh's Una district, has assumed charge as the General Officer Commanding (GOC) of an Indian Army division following his promotion to the rank of Major General. A veteran officer with "31 years of distinguished military service", Major General Kanwar has held several key staff, training and command appointments. He has also served as a member of an overseas military training team and led important command assignments along the western border, including the raising of an Armoured Brigade. Major General Kanwar belongs to a family with a long tradition of military service spanning three generations. His father, retired Lieutenant General H.S. Kanwar, is a former senior Army officer, while his late grandfather, Lieutenant Baburam Jaswal, also served in the Army. His brother is a retired Indian Navy officer.

Enumeration form submission deadline extended to July 24

YAGYA DUTT SHASTRI
PEHOWA: Sub-Divisional Magistrate (Civil) Gurvinder Singh said the Election Commission has extended the deadline for submitting Enumeration Forms under the Special Intensive Revision of the electoral rolls to July 24.

He said eligible citizens can now submit their duly filled forms to their respective Booth Level Officers (BLOs) until July 24. The draft electoral roll will be published on July 31, following which objections and claims regarding omissions or errors can be submitted to the Assistant Returning Officer (ARO) between July 31 and August 30. The final electoral roll will be published on October 3 after all corrections have been incorporated.

Amarnath Yatra: Treat every pilgrim as divine guest, J&K LG urges officials

UNI
JAMMU, JUL 15

Jammu and Kashmir Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Wednesday directed the officials to optimize manpower deployment to seamlessly manage the heavy influx of devotees throughout the yatra.

The Lieutenant Governor emphasized that officials must closely monitor the Meteorological Department's predictions and remain alert to any weather vagaries. During a visit to the Bhagwati Nagar Yatri Niwas here, Sinha reviewed the facilities and services in place for the ongoing Shri Amarnath Ji Yatra. The Lieutenant Governor interacted with the officials from J&K Police, Army, Security Forces, Shrine Board, and Civil Administration, and took stock of the measures taken to facilitate the comfortable stay of the pilgrims.

He commended their hard work and urged them to treat every Yatri as a divine guest.

"With the holy pilgrimage already crossing the 3 lakh mark in just 12 days, ensuring a smooth and hassle-free experience for pilgrims is our top priority," the Lieutenant Governor said. The Lieutenant Governor stressed on ensuring flawless registration, comfortable lodging, and smooth travel arrangements for all devotees of Baba Barfani. He also emphasised showcasing Jammu and directed officials to organize sightseeing tours to Jammu Division's key spiritual and tourism spots, while actively promoting local handicraft and handloom products. "It is our goal that whenever Baba Amarnath pilgrims return home, they should carry a piece of Jammu with them in the form of beautiful local handmade products and unforgettable memories. Together, we resolve to make this year's Yatra truly historic," the Lieutenant Governor said.

The Lieutenant Governor also reviewed the deployment of Food Safety Officers at community kitchens, facilities at reception and lodgement centres, on-spot registrations of pilgrims, transportation and security arrangements. Divisional Commissioner Jammu, Ramesh Kumar informed the meeting about the legal action initiated against the individuals caught engaged in fraudulent practices.

Open University invites learners of all ages, offers around 100 courses

KARANPREET KARAN
BARNALA, JULY 15

Jagat Guru Nanak Dev Punjab State Open University has invited learners of all age groups to enrol in its academic programmes, saying its flexible mode of education offers opportunities to students, working professionals and overseas Indians to pursue higher education.

Addressing a press conference at Guru Gobind Singh College, Sanghera, college president and State Awardee Bhola Singh Virk said the university aims to help those who could not continue their education due to financial, personal or family constraints.

He said the university's Sanghera Learning Centre, established in April 2024, was upgraded to a "Regional Centre (Malwa Zone)" in September 2025 following its strong performance and growing enrolment. The regional centre now caters to "Barnala, Sangrur, Malerkotla and Patiala" districts.

Regional Centre Coordinator Mandeep Kaur said nearly "100 degree, diploma and certificate programmes" are being offered, including undergraduate courses such as BA, BCA and BCom, postgraduate programmes including MA (Punjabi), MA (English) and MCom, as well as vocational courses such as Nanny Care and Organic Farming.

Virk said the programmes are particularly beneficial for employed persons, homemakers, senior citizens and Indian students living abroad, who can pursue their studies through the university's flexible learning system at affordable fees.

Shri Vaish Aggarwal Panchayat appoints new office bearers of SAYA

HANS RAJ
KURUKSHETRA, JULY 15

Appointment letters were given to the newly appointed office bearers of Shri Agrasen Youth Association (Saya) in the meeting organized by Shri Vaish Aggarwal Panchayat President Vishal Singla and the entire executive on Wednesday. After receiving the appointment letters, all the officials took a pledge to work with full devotion and dedication towards Shri Vaishya Aggarwal Panchayat and to give top priority to social service.

On this occasion, Vishal Singla, head of Shri Vaishya Aggarwal Panchayat, while congratulating all the newly appointed officials, said that the strength of the organization was possible only with the collective efforts of everyone. He expressed confidence that the new team will provide more impetus to social welfare works and will establish new dimensions in the field of social unity and service.

Shri Vaishya Aggarwal Panchayat's Deputy Head Jitendra Goyal, General Secretary Navketan Goyal, Cashier Vishesh Garg, Joint Secretary Abhay Mittal, Satpal, Gaurav Mittal, Rajiv Garg, Kulwant Garg, Jaipal Goyal and many other distinguished members were present in the meeting.

On this occasion, Naveen Bansal was unanimously appointed as the head of Saya. Besides, Vinod Singla was appointed as convenor, Ankush Garg as co-convenor, Himanshu Bansal as vice-president, Sumit Mittal as general secretary, Brij Mohan Garg and Piyush Bansal as cashiers, Ankit Garg as legal advisor, Vikas Bansal, Daulat and Sachin Aggarwal as co-secretaries.

PM Modi to dedicate Rs. 447cr elevated railway track to citizens on July 17: DC

HANS RAJ
KURUKSHETRA: Inauguration of elevated railway track and foundation stone laying of Sikh Museum project will take place online from Jind on July 17. Deputy Commissioner Vishram Kumar Meena inspected the elevated railway track and Sikh Museum project in Umri. Five gates will provide relief from traffic jams and robust security arrangements will be in place. He said that PM Narendra Modi and Chief Minister Nayab Singh Saini will virtually dedicate Rs. 447 crore elevated railway track to citizens of Kurukshetra from Jind on July 17. PM will also lay foundation stone of Sikh Museum project in Umri village. Important aspect is that after opening of elevated railway track, traffic jams at five railway crossings in city: Jhansa Road, Kacha Gher, Shastri Market, gate in front of Civil Hospital and Third Gate will be alleviated. DC was speaking today after inspecting elevated railway track at Thanesar Railway Station and the Sikh Museum project in Umri village.

Redeveloped railway stations of NFR under Amrit Bharat Station Scheme brings new prospects for development to local communities

YUGMARG BUREAU
MALIGAON: The redevelopment of Majbat railway station in Assam, Jalpaiguri Road & Haldibari railway stations in West Bengal under the Amrit Bharat Station Scheme has ushered in a new era of convenience, pride and development for the people living in and around these regions. Residents, passengers, traders and daily commuters have expressed immense happiness over the transformation of their respective stations, which have long served as important lifelines for the surrounding areas. The modernized stations stand as symbols of progress, reflecting the Government of India's commitment to strengthening railway infrastructure while preserving the unique cultural identity of each locality. Prior to redevelopment, passengers at these stations often faced immense challenges due to limited waiting facilities, inadequate passenger amenities, poor circulation spaces and insufficient infrastructure to cater to the growing number of railway users. With the completion of the redevelopment works, these challenges have been effectively addressed through upgraded station buildings, spacious waiting halls, improved platforms, enhanced circulating areas, modern toilets, better illumination, advanced passenger information systems, Divyangjan-friendly facilities, landscaped surroundings and other passenger centric amenities.

Hassan Singh Mejie inspires rotarians at RC Paonta Sakhi's 6th Charter Day celebrations

AJAY MALHOTRA
FATEHGARH SAHIB, JULY 15

Rotary Club Paonta Sakhi marked its 6th Charter Day with great enthusiasm and celebrated the Installation Ceremony of President Rtn. Krishna Khanna and her team for the Rotary year 2026–27 in a grand function attended by distinguished Rotary leaders and members from different clubs. The highlight of the event was the presence of Rtn. Hassan Singh Mejie, Past President of Rotary Club Chandigarh (2013–14), who attended as the Chief Guest. Addressing the gathering, Mejie congratulated the newly installed President Rtn. Krishna Khanna and her team, expressing confidence that their leadership would further strengthen Rotary's mission of "Service Above Self." He emphasized that Rotary clubs have a significant role in promoting humanitarian service, community development, education, healthcare, environmental protection, and youth empowerment. He encouraged Rotarians to work collectively for meaningful and sustainable social initiatives. The ceremony was attended by Past President Rtn. Jaspal Singh Sidhu and R'Ann HarKiran Mejie, whose presence added warmth to the occasion. Senior Rotary leader PDG Arun Sharma also graced the event and appreciated the remarkable journey of RC Paonta Sakhi over the past six years. Among the prominent dignitaries present were Rtn. Rakshit, Secretary 2026–27; Immediate Past President Anshul Goyal; Past President Rtn. Dr. Parvesh Sablok of RC Paonta Sahib; and Assistant Governor (Zone-22) Rtn. Kavita Garg, who extended their best wishes to the new leadership team.

Marathon race against drug addiction will be organised on July 26

RAHUL KOHLI
YAMUNANAGAR, JULY 15

Under the leadership of Chief Minister Naib Singh Saini, administrative preparations have been intensified to ensure maximum participation in the grand marathon race against drug addiction to be organized on July 26. Due to this, Municipal Corporation Commissioner Mahabir Prasad held an important meeting of representatives of various social, religious, voluntary, non-governmental organizations (NGOs) and enlightened citizens on Wednesday. During the meeting, Corporation Commissioner Mahabir Prasad appealed to the representatives of all the institutions to cooperate wholeheartedly in this noble work. He directed that with the help of Red Cross Society, welcome and refreshment stalls should be set up at various places on the entire route of the marathon. Arrangements for pure drinking water, lemonade and other energizing beverages will be made for the runners at these stalls. Apart from this, work will also be done to provide security to the runners running in the marathon. The Commissioner said that the people of the city would give a historic and grand welcome to Chief Minister Nayab Singh Sainiby participation of thousands of runners in the marathon. During the meeting he listened to the suggestions of all the representatives. Representatives of all the social and religious organizations present in the meeting assured the administration that they will work hard, heart and money to make this marathon successful. In the meeting, Secretary of Red Cross Society Sanjeev Dhiman, Program Officer Shishpal Singh Sohi, District Training Officer Shashi Bhushan, Accountant Jasbir Singh, Convenor of Sant Nirankari Mission Yamunanagar Baldev Singh.

Kargil Vijay Diwas 2026: Raksha Mantri flags off Shaurya Vijay Yatra with riders on Jawa and Yezdi motorcycles

YUGMARG BUREAU
CHANDIGARH: To mark the nationwide commemoration of Kargil Vijay Diwas 2026, Raksha Mantri Shri Rajnath Singh flagged off the 'Shaurya Vijay Yatra' from the National War Memorial, New Delhi, with riders undertaking the 13-day expedition on Jawa and Yezdi motorcycles. With the motto 'One Ride, One Nation, One Salute', the 1,900-km expedition will see 28 riders, including serving and retired defence personnel, and their family members, travel to the Kargil War Memorial in Dras, Ladakh. The expedition will honour the courage, resolve, and supreme sacrifice of the Indian bravehearts who ensured victory in the 1999 Kargil War.The ride will pass through the Chandimandir, Rezang La, and the Leh War Memorials before culminating at the Kargil War Memorial on 26 July 2026. The expedition will carry an urn containing sacred soil from the National War Memorial to Kargil to symbolise the valour of the many generations of the nation's war heroes.

Students of Sahara International School, Ladwa win 11 medals in open district swimming competition

KARAMBIR
LADWA: Sahara International School, Ladwa performed brilliantly in the Open District Swimming Competition held in Kurukshetra on July 11 and won 11 medals and brought pride to the school. Among the medal winners, Yashveer of class 6, won one gold and one bronze medal, Tejas of class 7 won one bronze medal, Wahi of class 3 won one gold, one silver and one bronze medal, Rahan of class 1 performed brilliantly and won three gold medals and Ditya of class 4 won one bronze medal. On reaching the school on Wednesday, school director Vikrant Aggarwal, on behalf of the school and the school management committee, along with the school staff, warmly welcomed the medal winning children and also congratulated them on winning the medals and appreciated their hard work, dedication and sportsmanship. This success reflects Sahara International School's commitment to its excellence in education as well as sports. Other staff of the school was also present on this occasion.

Electronics shop fire destroys property worth Rs 1 crore in Ladwa

KARAMBIR
LADWA, JULY 15

Due to a fire that broke out in an electronic goods shop in front of Radha Swami Satsang Ghar near village Ban in Ladwa section, electronic goods worth about Rs. 1 crore kept in the shop along with cash, gold and household items were burnt to ashes. The fortunate thing was that when the fire broke out in the shop, the father of the shop owner who was sleeping in the shop had woken up to go to the bathroom. In front of the shop owner's father's eyes, the flames in the shop intensified and the goods kept in the shop got burnt to ashes. The fire that broke out in the shop late on Tuesday night was so intense that the father and son kept watching helplessly the goods burning in the fire the whole night. Police and fire brigade personnel kept trying to extinguish the fire, but the flames did not subside until the goods, cash and gold worth about one crore rupees burnt. It took the fire brigade staff the whole night to control the fire in the shop. As soon as the information was received, two fire brigade vehicles reached the spot. Nearby villagers also started extinguishing the fire by pouring water from buckets and pipes. The fire was brought under control after several hours of effort. The fire was so intense that firefighters remained on the spot extinguishing the fire till around 7 in the morning.

Seven-day faculty development programme begins at GSSDGS Khalsa College, Patiala

TAPINDER SINGH
PATIALA, JULY 15

The Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC) of General Shivdev Singh Diwan Gurbachan Singh (GSSDGS) Khalsa College, Patiala, has launched a seven-day Faculty Development Programme (FDP) on the theme, "Advancing Teaching Excellence: Strengthening Foundations for Effective Education." The programme, being held from July 15 to July 23, has brought together 26 faculty members from various departments of the college.

Addressing the inaugural session, Principal Dr. Dharminder Singh Ubha emphasized that continuous professional development has become essential in the rapidly evolving landscape of higher education. He highlighted that such programmes play a vital role in enhancing academic quality, fostering innovation, and promoting student-centred teaching. He encouraged the participants to actively engage in every session and make the most of the learning opportunities.

During the first session, titled "College Vision, Mission and Academic Ecosystem," Dr. Ubha acquainted the participants with the institution's rich heritage, vision, mission, core values, and student-centric initiatives. He stressed that aligning individual teaching practices with the broader institutional goals is key to achieving academic excellence.

Over 25,600 new TB cases detected through AI-driven screening campaign

YUGMARG BUREAU
CHANDIGARH, JULY 15

Additional Chief Secretary, Health and Family Welfare, Dr. Sumita Misra said that Haryana has made significant progress in its fight against Tuberculosis (TB), detecting 25,666 new TB patients during the first 104 days of the ongoing 100-Day TB Mukt Bharat Campaign (Phase-II) through large-scale active screening supported by Artificial Intelligence (AI). The campaign, launched on World TB Day (March 24, 2026), reflects the state's commitment to identifying TB cases early and ensuring timely treatment to curb the spread of the disease.

Dr. Misra said that unlike conventional healthcare approaches that rely on patients visiting health facilities, the campaign focuses on Active Case Finding (ACF), with health teams reaching people in vulnerable and high-risk communities, including individuals who may not show symptoms. This proactive strategy has enabled the Health Department to identify thousands of patients who might otherwise have remained undiagnosed.

A key feature of Haryana's campaign has been the extensive use of

AI-powered technologies to improve screening and diagnosis. The state has deployed AI-enabled handheld X-ray machines capable of providing rapid screening results even in remote areas. In addition, the 'Cough Against TB' (CATB) mobile application uses artificial intelligence to analyse cough sounds through smartphones and identify individuals who may require further testing. The department has also adopted Vulnerability Mapping (VM-TB) to identify 2,111 high-risk villages and urban wards, allowing health teams to conduct focused screening in areas most vulnerable to TB transmission.

Dr. Misra informed that the campaign has recorded impressive achievements between March 24 and July 5, 2026. During this period, the Health Department organised 3,914 health camps, including 2,854 camps in identified high-risk villages and urban wards. A total of 4,73,197 people were screened, while 2,25,321 chest X-rays and 1.25 lakh NAAT diagnostic tests were conducted, leading to the diagnosis of 25,666 new TB patients.

To support patients during treatment, the government distributed 23,962 Poshan Kits, recognising the importance of adequate nutrition in TB recovery. Community participation has also gained momentum, with 2,635 new Ni-kshay Mitras coming forward to provide nutritional and social support to TB patients.

The campaign has witnessed strong grassroots involvement. Sixty-five Ni-kshay Vahans, functioning as mobile medical units, are delivering TB screening and diagnostic services in underserved and hard-to-reach areas. Public representatives, including Members of Parliament, Members of Legislative Assembly and Panchayati Raj Institution representatives, have actively participated in awareness drives, encouraging people to undergo testing and helping reduce the social stigma associated with the disease.

Waterlogging threatens paddy crop in Karnal villages; farmers seek immediate relief

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA
KARNAL, JULY 15:

Hundreds of acres of paddy fields in Reendal, Salarpur and nearby villages have been submerged following heavy rainfall and poor drainage, leaving farmers worried about widespread crop losses.

Farmers said they had transplanted paddy around 20 days ago after investing heavily in seeds, fertilisers, pesticides, labour and irrigation. However, overflowing of a seasonal drain and the lack of proper drainage have left their fields inundated, putting the young crop at risk.

According to the affected farmers, the situation worsened after an embankment was allegedly erected near Jayrampur village to prevent water from entering adjoining fields. They claimed that the obstruction blocked the natural flow of rainwater, causing it to accumulate in the agricultural fields of Reendal, Salarpur and surrounding areas.

The farmers have submitted a written memorandum to the Karnal Deputy Commissioner, demanding immediate drainage of the accumulated water, a joint survey of the affected fields and adequate compensation for crop losses.

Farmer Naveen Bhatia said substantial investments had already been made in the crop, but the standing paddy was now submerged, with the plants beginning to rot due to prolonged waterlogging.

Another farmer, Sandeep Bhatia, said if the water was not drained immediately, the entire crop could be destroyed, leaving little time for replanting and resulting in losses running into lakhs of rupees.

Vicky Chhabra said water levels in the fields had risen to the extent that even walking through them had become difficult. He alleged that the administration should have cleaned and repaired drains before the onset of the monsoon to prevent such a situation.

Mukesh Kumar said agriculture is the primary source of income for his family and warned that crop losses would make it difficult for farmers to repay loans taken from banks and commission agents. He urged the government to announce a special relief package.

Residents said waterlogging during the monsoon has become a recurring problem and alleged that the authorities have failed to provide a permanent solution despite repeated complaints. They claimed that inadequate desilting of drains and poor maintenance of the drainage system had aggravated the situation. The villagers demanded that the administration inspect the alleged obstruction near Jayrampur and restore the natural flow of rainwater.

Mayor encourages youth at 'Karnal's Biggest Mega Show-2026'

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA
KARNAL, JULY 15:

Karnal Mayor Renu Bala Gupta attended "Karnal's Biggest Mega Show-2026" as the chief guest at Dr Mangal Sen Auditorium on Wednesday, encouraging participants and highlighting the importance of platforms that promote talent, confidence and creativity among young people.

Addressing the gathering, the Mayor praised the participants for their confidence and performances, saying such events provide young people with opportunities to build their identity, develop self-belief and contribute positively to society.

Renu Bala Gupta said Karnal is home to immense talent and that providing the right opportunities and platforms is essential for nurturing young achievers. She added that such programmes help develop leadership qualities, creative thinking and confidence alongside overall personality development.

She said talent finds its true value only when individuals are given opportunities to showcase it. Appreciating the organisers, she described the event, organised by Shaify Makeover, as an effective platform that brought together talent, creativity, confidence and personality development while enabling participants to display their abilities before a wider audience. During the programme, the Mayor also interacted with Rekha Anand, wife of Karnal MLA Jagmohan Anand, along with Shaify, Meena and other distinguished guests. The audience was entertained by a series of performances presented by the contestants throughout the event. Congratulating the organisers on the successful conduct of the programme, Renu Bala Gupta expressed confidence that similar initiatives would continue to provide valuable opportunities for young talent from Karnal to excel in the future.

Viresh Shandilya calls for stronger safety measures, insurance cover for sanitation workers

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA
AMBALA, JULY 15

Viresh Shandilya, National President of the Vishva Hindu Takht and Brahmin Mahapanchayat, has called on the Central and State governments to introduce stricter safety measures and social security benefits for sanitation workers, stating that their welfare and safety must be treated as a national priority.

Addressing a press conference, Shandilya questioned why sanitation workers often perform their duties without adequate protective equipment, despite the hazardous nature of their work. Referring to a recent cleanliness drive in Ambala, he said public representatives, including Mayor Akshita Saini and BJP district president Mandeep Rana, participated in the campaign wearing gloves and face masks, while sanitation workers accompanying them allegedly lacked similar protective gear. Shandilya said

sanitation workers play a vital role in maintaining public health and urban cleanliness, yet their occupational safety often receives inadequate attention. He urged governments to ensure that sanitation workers are provided with proper safety kits, especially before entering sewer lines, in accordance with established safety protocols. He also called for permanent employment, pension benefits, comprehensive medical facilities and a minimum insurance cover of 10 lakh for every sanitation worker across the country. Shandilya said sanitation workers are indispensable to society and deserve dignity, adequate protection and social security. He appealed to both the Central and State governments to frame and implement strict policies to safeguard their health.

DC inspects Sajuma village, orders measures to improve drinking water supply

RANVIR PARASHAR
KAITHAL/KALAYAT: Deputy Commissioner Aparajita on Wednesday visited Sajuma village to review the drinking water and public health situation, directing officials to take immediate steps to improve water supply infrastructure and ensure the availability of safe drinking water.

During the visit, the Deputy Commissioner inspected the village health centre and the canal-based drinking water project. She also visited the family of a 12-year-old girl who recently died, expressed condolences and assured them of all possible administrative support. Interacting with residents,

Aparajita heard their grievances and instructed officials from the Public Health Engineering and Health Departments to resolve the issues without delay. She said efforts were underway to ensure uninterrupted supply of clean drinking water and that leakages and other deficiencies in the water distribution system were being rectified. She directed Public Health Engineering Department officials to prepare estimates for replacing the narrow canal water pipeline and repairing old pipelines within the village. She also instructed them to examine the feasibility of bringing drinking water from the Bhakra canal and to expedite the revival of the village's non-functional reverse osmosis (RO) plant.

Crack down on those involved in illicit sex-determination trade: Dr. Anand

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA
KARNAL: A meeting was held today at the District Secretariat auditorium, chaired by Deputy Commissioner Dr. Anand Kumar Sharma, to curb female foeticide and effectively implement the Pre-Conception and Pre-Natal Diagnostic Techniques (PCPNDT) Act. During the meeting, the Deputy Commissioner directed officials to crack down on individuals involved in the illegal practice of sex determination. He also instructed the District Programme Officer (ICDS) to maintain special surveillance—through Anganwadi workers and supervisors—on couples who already have one or more daughters. Deputy Civil Surgeon Dr. Naresh Kardwal informed the meeting that the district's average sex ratio currently stands at 954, an improvement over the previous year. The Deputy Commissioner directed that further measures be taken to improve this figure. The Deputy Civil Surgeon reported that, in the last quarter, raids were conducted at two locations under the PCPNDT Act, resulting in the registration of two FIRs. Inspections were carried out at 89 ultrasound centers in the district, and notices were issued to the operators of three centers where irregularities were found. He mentioned that regular meetings were held with private hospitals, BAMS doctors, *pandits* (priests), ASHA workers, and other relevant staff to work towards improving the sex ratio.

West Bengal BJP lauds Rajya Sabha MP Sanjay Bhatia for organisational role during Assembly polls

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA
KARNAL, JULY 15:

The West Bengal unit of the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) has commended Rajya Sabha MP Sanjay Bhatia for his organisational contribution during the West Bengal Assembly election campaign, according to a party statement.

The statement said West Bengal BJP president Samik Bhattacharya and senior BJP leader Suvendu Adhikari sent a joint letter expressing appreciation for Bhatia's commitment, extended stay in the state and active role in the election campaign. The letter reportedly praised his coordination with party workers under challenging circumstances and his contribution to strengthening the organisation.

BJP district media incharge Dr Ashok Kumar said the party's central leadership had assigned Bhatia responsibility for the Howrah region, describing it as an important and challenging electoral assignment.

According to the statement, Bhatia reached West Bengal before the election schedule was announced and remained there for nearly six months, overseeing organisational expansion, booth management and public outreach programmes while coordinating with workers at the grassroots level.

The statement also highlighted his continued campaign work despite personal commitments, claiming that although his son's wedding took place on February 15, 2026, he remained engaged in election activities in West Bengal until the night of February 13, attended the family ceremony and returned to West Bengal on February 16 to resume campaign responsibilities.

It further stated that after being nominated as the BJP's Rajya Sabha candidate on March 3, 2026, Bhatia travelled to Haryana to complete the nomination process and meet senior party leaders before returning to West Bengal to continue his election duties.

According to the BJP, Bhatia also travelled directly from West Bengal to New Delhi to take oath as a Rajya Sabha member on April 16, 2026, and returned to West Bengal the same day to continue campaign activities.

Reacting to the appreciation letter, Bhatia said it was a privilege for every BJP worker to serve wherever the organisation entrusted responsibility. He attributed the party's performance in West Bengal to the collective efforts of its workers and said the recognition would inspire him to continue working with dedication for the organisation and public service.

The details in this report are based on a statement issued by the BJP.

Collective efforts are essential to defeat TB, says Ramesh Chaudhary

VED PAL
KURUKSHETRA: .District Red Cross Society launched an awareness campaign on TB eradication. People in Ratgal and surrounding areas were informed about TB prevention. Under direction of Haryana Red Cross Society Vice Chairman Ankush Miglani and State General Secretary Dr Sunil Kumar, TB Coordinator Anjali led campaign to educate people about tuberculosis prevention, regular medication, and checkups.District Red Cross Society Executive Secretary Ramesh Chaudhary said that under guidance of Deputy Commissioner Vishram Kumar Meena, awareness campaigns are being created in slums, villages and workers as part of TB eradication campaign. "Collective efforts are essential to defeat TB under government's TB eradication campaign," he said. He appealed to social organizations to adopt poor TB patients by becoming Nikshay Mitra.Red Cross TB Coordinator Anjali stated that the Red Cross is not only initiating treatment for dropout TB patients, but is also distributing nutritious food kits to economically disadvantaged patients. Additionally, Red Cross volunteers are also raising awareness among public in villages and distributing preventive supplies.Red Cross Society actively participates in government's TB awareness programs.District TB Officer Dr. Sandeep Agarwal stated that under TB-Free Haryana Campaign,TB awareness campaigns are being conducted jointly by Health Department and Red Cross.Red Cross provides special support to Health Department in screening camps organized in slums, as well as in rural and urban areas. Volunteers Jogendra, Rahul, Rani and Aarti were prominently present.

State Incharge Sanjay Dutt's visit to Yamunanagar, workers enthused

RAHUL KOHLI
YAMUNANAGAR: Congress District Rural President Narpal Gurjar stated that Haryana Congress State Incharge Sanjay Dutt will visit Yamunanagar on July 19 and 20. There is an atmosphere of excitement in the district's urban and rural organizations regarding his arrival, and party officials and workers have begun preparations. State Congress President Rao Narendra Singh will also accompany him. Narpal Gurjar stated that the State Incharge's objective is to further strengthen the organization, establish direct communication with workers, and discuss future political strategies. He stated that during this visit, Sanjay Dutt will hold separate meetings with district and assembly-level officials, senior leaders, and workers, and provide necessary guidance regarding the organization.

According to the released schedule, a meeting with the executive committee of the Yamunanagar (Urban) District Congress Committee will be held at the Marwari Dharamshala in Jagadhri on July 19th from 5:00 pm to 6:45 pm. Following this, a dialogue program will be held with party leaders and workers from the Yamunanagar Assembly constituency from 6:45 pm to 8:45 pm. The State Incharge will spend the night in Yamunanagar. On July 20th, from 9:00 am to 11:00 am, there will be meetings with leaders and workers from the Jagadhri Assembly constituency. Following this, there will be a meeting with workers from the Sadhaura (Scheduled Caste) Assembly constituency from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm. From 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm, there will be a dialogue with leaders and workers from the Radaur Assembly constituency. From 3:00 pm to 4:45 pm, an important meeting will be held with the District Rural Congress Committee Executive, where organisational strengthening, the membership drive, and upcoming programs will be discussed in detail.

After this, the State Incharge will depart for Ambala by road. Narpal Gurjar stated that this visit will inject new energy into the Congress organization and boost the morale of workers.

City without stops: Kurukshetra's New Elevated Track!

DALBIR MALIK
KURUKSHETRA: Former Haryana Minister of State Subhash Sudha said that this elevated railway track would prove to be a milestone in the development of Kurukshetra city. This will reduce the problem of jam in the city and passengers will get the facility of easy and safe transportation. By starting any big work with the blessings of God, the work is completed smoothly.

Former Minister of State Subhash Sudha was speaking at the Hanuman Chalisa recitation program organized at Thanesar Railway Station on Tuesday. All the devotees prayed for the smooth operation of the new railway track and the progress of the country. On the occasion of the auspicious inauguration of the newly constructed elevated railway track, mass recitation of Hanuman Chalisa and Havan was organized with the wishes of happiness, peace and safe journey of the city residents. Subhash Sudha said that the elevated railway track and modern railway station completed in Kurukshetra would be inaugurated by Prime Minister Narendra Modi on July 17. The station building has been built in accordance with the religious heritage of Kurukshetra. This is a historic day for the people of Kurukshetra. Under the leadership of the Prime Minister, Kurukshetra is getting the gift of elevated railway track and station.

Mayor takes over charge of preparations to make PM's Jind rally historic

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA
KARNAL: Preparations have intensified to ensure the success and grandeur of the historic public rally proposed to be addressed by Prime Minister Narendra Modi in Jind on July 17. In this context, Mayor Renu Bala Gupta actively participated in a crucial meeting of councilors held on Wednesday at the BJP office, 'Karn Kamal,' and issued necessary directives regarding the event's preparations. The meeting featured detailed discussions on ensuring the rally's success, organizational coordination, public outreach campaigns, and maximizing citizen participation. Mayor Renu Bala Gupta urged all councilors to work with full energy and dedication, playing a pivotal role in making this massive rally—held under the guidance of Prime Minister Narendra Modi—a historic event. Mayor Renu Bala Gupta stated that under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, the country is scaling new heights in development, good governance, and public welfare. She remarked that the Prime Minister's rallies are not merely political events; rather, they serve as powerful and effective mediums for direct dialogue with the public and for advancing the resolve for development. With this perspective, every party worker and public representative will work with utmost sincerity to make the Jind rally a success. Speaking on the occasion, BJP District President Praveen Lathar emphasised that the strength of the BJP organization lies in the hard work and dedication of its workers and their strong bond with the public. He called upon all councilors to conduct outreach in their respective areas, connect people with the event, and ensure maximum public participation. All councillors present at the meeting pledged to fulfill their respective responsibilities to make the Jind rally grand and historic.

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

Marie Curie

EDITORIAL

India prohibits imports of goods produced with forced labour

India has amended its Foreign Trade Policy (FTP) 2023 to prohibit the import of goods manufactured wholly or partly through the use of forced labour, reinforcing its commitment to ethical trade practices and internationally accepted labour standards.The Directorate General of Foreign Trade (DGFT), under the Ministry of Commerce and Industry, has introduced a new provision—Paragraph 2.20B—in the Foreign Trade Policy. The amendment will take effect 30 days after its publication in the Official Gazette.Under the new provision, the import of any goods produced using forced labour will be prohibited. The Central Government has also been authorised to notify specific products that may be banned after examining findings from enquiries conducted by the DGFT or based on other relevant evidence. The procedure for such enquiries will be laid down in the Handbook of Procedures, 2023.The policy change comes against the backdrop of increasing global scrutiny of supply chains. Recently, the United States proposed imposing an additional tariff of up to 12.5 per cent on trading partners, including India, that import goods made with forced labour. US Trade Representative Jamieson Greer said such imports create an unfair competitive advantage and undermine fair trade practices.To support the amendment, the government has also inserted Paragraph 11.64 under Chapter 11 of the FTP, providing a formal definition of "Forced Labour." The definition is aligned with the International Labour Organization's (ILO) Forced Labour Convention, 1930 (No. 29), which describes forced labour as any work or service extracted from a person under the threat of penalty and without their voluntary consent.According to the government, the amendment strengthens the legal framework for restricting imports linked to forced labour by empowering the Centre to prohibit such imports through official notification. It also aligns India's trade regulations with globally accepted labour standards and promotes fair, transparent, and responsible international trade.

From Steam to Hydrogen

India's First Hydrogen Train to Run from Jind

Viksit Bharat - Viksit Haryana

The history of Indian Railways is not merely a story of expanding tracks, but a documented journey of continuous technological progress and innovation. This journey, which began with steam engines, has passed through the stages of diesel and electricity, and is now entering a new era of green energy.

On 17 July 2026, History will be created in Jind district of Haryana when Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi will flag-off the country's first hydrogen train. This service, starting from the Jind–Sonipat rail section, will bring together technological innovation, energy self-reliance, and environmental responsibility.

Climate change and energy security are global challenges today, making it essential to make the transport sector clean and energy-efficient. Indian Railways has also accelerated its modernization through large-scale electrification, modern station development, and advanced safety systems. The hydrogen train is the next step in this journey.

It holds special significance that this transformation is beginning from Haryana. The choice of the Jind–Sonipat section reflects the state's strong infrastructure and its capacity to implement projects effectively. Investments in industrial development, expansion of national highways, and civil aviation have made Haryana a natural hub for projects of national importance.

Haryana Shaping New Dimensions of Development

Under the visionary leadership of Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi and the coordinated efforts of the double-engine government, unprecedented work is taking place in Haryana in infrastructure, health, education, and transport. On 17 July, the Prime Minister will inaugurate and lay the foundation for projects worth over ₹14,700 crore, including the Jind–Sonipat hydrogen train, the Kurukshetra elevated railway track, medical colleges in Bhiwani and Narnaul, the Delhi–Ambala–Katra highway, and the Ambala–Kala Amb and Jind–Gohana national highways. Along with this, the foundation stone will also be laid for the Sikh Museum in Kurukshetra and the Hansi–Barwala highway, giving new direction to the state's cultural and infrastructural development. These projects will form a strong foundation for Haryana's economic growth, healthcare services, transport, investment, and employment, and will help realize the resolve of a 'Viksit Bharat.'

Hydrogen Train — The Future of Rail Technology

Hydrogen technology is based on a fuel cell system, in which a chemical reaction between stored hydrogen and atmospheric oxygen generates electrical energy, releasing only water and heat as by-products and no polluting gases. This is especially effective for rail routes where full electrification is not practical, and it helps reduce dependence on fossil fuels.

Indian Railways has also brought about extensive changes in operations, safety, and energy management. Rapid electrification, indigenous safety systems, and the growing use of renewable energy have made the railways more modern and environmentally responsible. The hydrogen train is the next step in this direction, one that will help strengthen energy security and reduce dependence on imported fuel.

Germany gave global recognition to this technology by launching a commercial hydrogen passenger train service, and following this, several countries including China have accelerated its development and testing. India's move shows that the country is not merely following global changes but is actively participating in the development of future transport systems. The Jind–Sonipat service will stand as a strong example of Indian engineering capability and commitment to clean energy.

In line with the National Green Hydrogen Mission, the integration of hydrogen technology into rail transport will accelerate the energy transition and, in the future, offer new options for rail routes where conventional electrification is not feasible. Haryana becoming the first stop of this historic initiative is proof of the state's developed infrastructure and effective implementation capacity.

When this train sets out on its first journey on 17 July, it will not merely be a means of carrying passengers to their destination, but a symbol of Indian Railways' new vision, in which technological innovation and environmental sensitivity advance together. This journey will give new direction to the development of the railways in the years ahead and will be remembered as an important milestone giving new momentum to the resolve of a green, modern, and Atmanirbhar Bharat.

Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi's visionary thinking has made Haryana the first witness to the country's largest green technology initiative, and this is a matter of great pride for me. I believe it is the result of the Hon'ble Prime Minister's leadership that Haryana today stands among the leading states in the country in development, innovation, and self-reliance. Projects like the hydrogen train prove that the Prime Minister always believes in preparing the Nation in advance for the challenges of the future. On this historic occasion, I express heartfelt gratitude to the Hon'ble Prime Minister on behalf of the people of Haryana. I also assure that the state government will continue to work with full commitment to realize the Prime Minister's resolve of a 'Viksit Bharat.'

- Nayab Singh Saini
Chief Minister, Haryana

UK-India investment pact can boost investor confidence

A proposed Bilateral Investment Treaty (BIT) between India and the United Kingdom could play a crucial role in unlocking higher foreign direct investment (FDI) flows into India by giving investors greater confidence and legal protection, according to Harjinder Kang, UK's Trade Commissioner for South Asia, who was also the Chief Negotiator for the India-UK Free Trade Agreement (FTA).

Kang said India remains one of the world's biggest investment opportunities, with global companies increasingly viewing the country as a high-growth market despite evaluating investment decisions through a risk-return lens. confidence."People are making their judgments on India based on return on risk. It's a huge growth opportunity," Kang said, noting that multinational corporations weigh growth prospects alongside investment risks before committing capital.Notably, the India-UK Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement (CETA) officially came into effect today. Signed in London, the landmark pact unlocks zero-duty access for 90.2% of Indian exports to the UK and slashes India's import duties on key British products.He said the India-UK Free Trade Agreement, which has now come into force, was expected to be accompanied by a Bilateral Investment Treaty that would have further strengthened investor confidence."What we were hoping for was to do in parallel with the FTA was a Bilateral Investment Treaty... that would have provided some degree of protection for future investments," Kang said.According to him, investment protection was among the top priorities flagged by British businesses during consultations before the FTA negotiations began. At the time, companies were seeking greater certainty over long-term investments and a framework that could provide confidence in the event of disputes.Although the investment treaty could not be concluded alongside the trade agreement, Kang said discussions remain alive and both sides continue to view it as an important next step in the economic relationship."It will make a big difference that companies that have a little bit of reservation might then be feeling a bit more secure," he said.Kang noted that India has already emerged as a preferred destination for several British companies. He cited the example of a major UK healthcare company that recently established a manufacturing facility in Madhya Pradesh after assessing India's long-term growth potential.At the same time, he pointed out that investment ties are increasingly becoming two-way. Around 1,000 Indian companies have invested in the UK, making India the second-largest source of investment projects in the country after the United States over the past four to five years.

He said a future Bilateral Investment Treaty would benefit investors from both countries by providing greater certainty and encouraging additional cross-border investments.Kang stressed that the recently implemented FTA should be viewed as the beginning of a broader economic partnership rather than its culmination.

Heavy metals found in Kashmir water chestnuts, Dal Lake most contaminated

Kashmir's lakes, including the famed Dal Lake, are becoming contaminated with heavy metals, and this pollution is finding its way into water chestnuts that people eat.

A new scientific study has raised concerns over heavy metal contamination in water chestnuts (Trapa natans), locally known as 'Gaur', harvested from some of Kashmir's major water bodies, with researchers identifying Dal Lake as the most polluted among the four water bodies examined. Published in "Scientific Reports", the study analysed water, sediments and different parts of water chestnut plants collected from Dal Lake, Hokersar Wetland, Manasbal Lake and Wular Lake to assess the accumulation of eight heavy metals, including cadmium (Cd), chromium (Cr), copper (Cu), cobalt (Co), iron (Fe), manganese (Mn), nickel (Ni) and zinc (Zn).

Dal Lake is a 22-square-kilometre urban water body fed by channels of the Jhelum River. Hokersar Wetland, a 13.75-square-kilometre Ramsar site nourished by the Doodhganga and Sukhnag streams, serves as a vital wintering ground for migratory birds. Manasbal Lake, spread over 2.81 square kilometres, is Kashmir's deepest lake and is renowned for its crystal-clear, spring-fed waters. According to the study, the roots of water chestnut plants accumulated the highest concentrations of heavy metals, indicating that the plants absorb contaminants primarily from polluted sediments. The researchers found that contamination levels followed a clear spatial pattern, with Dal Lake recording the highest pollution load, followed by Hokersar Wetland, while Manasbal and Wular Lakes showed comparatively lower contamination.

According to the study, the roots of water chestnut plants accumulated the highest concentrations of heavy metals, indicating that the plant absorbs contaminants primarily from polluted sediments. Iron recorded the highest concentration in roots at 322.50 mg/kg, while zinc reached 82.45 mg/kg. Although fruits contained significantly lower concentrations than roots, researchers detected cadmium levels of up to 0.11 mg/kg in edible fruits collected from Dal Lake.

The study noted that cadmium concentrations in fruits from Dal Lake were approximately 5.5 times higher than the World Health Organization's recommended limit of 0.02 mg/kg. Zinc concentrations also exceeded guideline values, although the researchers observed that zinc and iron remain nutritionally important elements when consumed within safe limits.

Using internationally accepted health risk assessment methods, the researchers concluded that regular consumption of water chestnuts from Dal Lake could pose a non-carcinogenic health risk due to cadmium exposure. While the calculated Target Hazard Quotient (THQ) for most heavy metals remained below the threshold of concern, cadmium exceeded safe limits for samples collected from Dal Lake.

The scientists attributed the contamination primarily to untreated domestic sewage, agricultural runoff, urban waste, houseboat discharges and other human activities that have increasingly degraded Kashmir's freshwater ecosystems. They cited official figures showing that out of nearly 193 million litres of sewage generated daily in Srinagar, around 140 million litres remains untreated, with a substantial portion eventually reaching Dal Lake.

Besides analysing plant tissues, the researchers also examined water quality and bottom sediments. They reported elevated levels of biochemical oxygen demand (BOD), chemical oxygen demand (COD), nutrients and heavy metals in Dal Lake, indicating severe organic pollution and declining water quality. Sediments contained even higher concentrations of contaminants than the overlying water, highlighting their role as long-term reservoirs of pollution.

Despite the contamination concerns, the study also identified a positive aspect of the water chestnut plant. Researchers found that the plant possesses a strong ability to absorb and retain heavy metals, particularly in its roots, making it a promising candidate for phytoremediation—the use of plants to remove pollutants from contaminated environments.

Bioconcentration factor values greater than one for several metals indicated that Trapa natans acts as an efficient metal accumulator. However, low translocation factors showed that most contaminants remain trapped in the roots instead of moving into the edible fruits.

The authors cautioned that even though the plant can help reduce pollution levels in lakes, the presence of toxic metals in edible tissues raises concerns about their possible entry into the human food chain.

The study concluded that increasing anthropogenic pressure on Kashmir's freshwater ecosystems is directly influencing heavy metal availability in aquatic plants. It recommended continuous biomonitoring of lakes and routine screening of edible water chestnuts, particularly those harvested from highly polluted water bodies such as Dal Lake, to safeguard public health while supporting conservation of the region's freshwater ecosystems.

Majid Jahangir (UNI)

Study offers new hope against chronic pain for dialysis patients

People receiving haemodialysis for kidney failure frequently feel chronic pain associated with their disease, which can be difficult to manage with opioid medication and other traditional treatments.A new study finds that offering these patients pain coping skills training (PCST) significantly reduced their suffering and improved their quality of life.

Twenty-two New Mexicans - many of them Native American - participated in UNM's arm of the study, said Mark Unruh, MD, Chair, UNM Department of Internal Medicine"This is particularly important for these patients since the therapeutic choices for pain management are limited and the use of opioids has been shown to be associated with poor outcomes in this group."The randomized controlled study enrolled 643 participants from 16 medical centers and 103 dialysis clinics in The HOPE Consortium, an ongoing multi-site study exploring new treatments for dialysis patients."New Mexico played a large role in the trial," he said. "We served as the primary outcomes measurement core and New Mexico had a supplement to recruit from rural clinics with a focus on our underrepresented populations."Multiple factors likely contribute to dialysis-related pain. Patients tend to be older and living with arthritis, diabetes, peripheral neuropathy and back pain, he said.

"Dialysis by itself may contribute, either directly or indirectly, like having uremic toxins in your bloodstream," Unruh said. "The process of going to dialysis and having a needle stuck in your arm may be challenging for some people to deal with."Doctors face challenges in treating dialysis-related pain because patients have kidney failure. "We are kind of loathe to use nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory agents, and in general we avoid opioids," he said. "Certain opioids are better than others, but a lot of them are cleared in part from the kidneys. You kind of have your hands tied."Half of the study participants were randomly assigned to receive the PCST intervention, while the other was assigned to receive usual care. The PCST consisted of 45-minute coaching sessions by counselors delivered via phone or video for 12 weeks, followed by an additional 12 weeks of daily automated interactive voice response sessions to monitor the participants' progress.

The content included modules addressing pain-related anxiety, stress and sleep difficulties along with CBT, mindfulness, pain education, experiential training, with the overarching goal of enhancing self-efficacy for applying the acquired coping skills."It's like a recipe with 12 components," Unruh said. "You talk about strategies, and focus on reframing and limiting catastrophizing. You'll do some mindfulness meditation, and then you'll talk about addressing, anxiety and depression and strategies to prevent backsliding."The study found that patients who underwent the PCST intervention showed modest improvements in the extent to which pain interfered with their daily activities, he said. "The relevance would be that, if I'm seeing someone in a clinic who has chronic pain, rather than prescribing an opioid, I could refer them to a psychologist who practices CBT, and they could kind of adopt it."The study is an example of how research can lead to improvements in clinical care, Unruh said. "It is great to see these results in press and offer alternatives other than opioids to our patients on dialysis for treatment of chronic pain."

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Jairam Thakur slams HP govt over apple procurement cap

DINESH AGARWAL
SHIMLA: Leader of the Opposition and former Himachal Pradesh chief minister Jairam Thakur on Tuesday criticised the state government's decision to cap the procurement of C-grade apples at 30 bags per orchardist under the Market Intervention Scheme (MIS), alleging that the move would adversely affect apple growers. In a statement, Thakur termed the decision "unjust" and questioned how growers producing more than 30 bags of C-grade apples would dispose of the remaining produce. He alleged that the Congress government was imposing restrictions instead of addressing the problems faced by orchardists. The BJP leader claimed that growers were already facing shortages of spray oil, quality fertilisers and pesticides, besides delays in payments for apples procured under the MIS. He said the BJP would raise the issue "from the streets to the Assembly" to safeguard the interests of orchardists. Thakur also welcomed recent Himachal Pradesh High Court orders in matters relating to a school building in Mandi district and the swearing-in of the Mandi Municipal Corporation Mayor. He alleged that the court's observations had exposed the state government's "political vendetta" and urged it to comply with the judicial directions without delay.

NEWS BRIEF

Barnala Villages witness strong response to Sri Guru Ravidas Ji Documentary Van

KULDEEP SOOD
BARNALA: As per the guidelines of the Punjab Government, a special documentary van dedicated to the 650th Parkash Purb of Sri Guru Ravidas Ji Maharaj is being run in various villages of Barnala district. Through this van, a documentary film based on the holy life, Bani and invaluable contribution made by Sri Guru Ravidas Ji for social reform is being shown to the people. This documentary has so far been screened in the villages of Karamgarh, Nangal, Thullewal, Jalur, Sekha, Farwahi, Rajgarh, Upali, Kattu, Bhatlan, Bhaini Maharaj, Badbar, Bhure, Harigarh, Dangarh and Mana Pindi of Barnala block. The documentary show is getting a huge response in the villages. Deputy Commissioner Barnala Harpreet Singh said that the main objective of this initiative being taken by the Punjab government is to convey the message of equality, brotherhood and humanity of Sri Guru Ravidas Ji to every section of the society.

The govt before 2017 was the biggest omen of misfortune: CM Yogi

YUGMARG BUREAU
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Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath said, "Before 2017, Uttar Pradesh had neither employment opportunities for youth nor a transparent recruitment system. Government jobs were under the control of a single family, and nothing could be done without paying money. Uttar Pradesh was never a BIMARU state; rather, the thinking and functioning of the then government were diseased. Before 2017, the then state government itself was the biggest omen of misfortune for the state." He added by saying, over the past 9 years, the state government has provided more than 9 lakh government jobs to youth with complete transparency, while more than 3.25 crore youth and artisans have been connected with employment and self-employment.

The Chief Minister was addressing the felicitation ceremony organised at Indira Gandhi Pratishthan in Gomti Nagar on the occasion of World Youth Skills Day-2026 on Wednesday. He honoured youth trained under the Uttar Pradesh Skill Development Mission and ITIs. During the programme, he visited the exhibition, interacted with trained youth and appreciated their products. The Chief Minister noted, "This year, UNESCO has chosen the theme of World Youth Skills Day as 'Saajha Bhavishya Ke Liye Kaushal'. Opportunities become meaningful only when there is a government with vision and a positive outlook. Uttar Pradesh has the largest youth population in the world, and this is a matter of pride. This is our demographic dividend. We are linking this scale with skilling to advance Uttar Pradesh's economy. The power of youth can become the solution to every challenge. If young people receive the right direction, training and opportunities, they can take the state's economy to new heights."

He stated, previous governments had created such conditions that people outside looked down upon Uttar Pradesh. If a young person went outside the state with a diploma or degree, he had to struggle for his identity and dignity. Government jobs were under the control of one family, and there was no transparency. Nepotism and corruption dominated recruitment processes. Nothing could be done without paying money. The Chief Minister remarked, whether it is a wealthy businessman or a person living in a hut, everyone eats only two rotis. A person with limited needs sleeps peacefully. But one who has stolen money cannot even sleep properly. For such a person, life becomes worse than hell.He observed, "Prime Minister Narendra Modi established the Skill Development Ministry in the country for the first time, giving Skill Development a new identity and direction.

Governor felicitates meritorious students, asks youth to explore green entrepreneurship

DINESH AGARWAL
SHIMLA, JULY 15

Governor Kavinder Gupta today said that while joining prestigious services is an admirable goal, success is not confined to a single career path. He encouraged young people to explore diverse opportunities in innovation, entrepreneurship and scientific research, particularly in the field of medicinal plants and natural resources, where Himachal Pradesh has immense untapped potential. The Governor was addressing the 'Shimla Ke Medhavi' programme, organized by a leading vernacular daily group at Himachal Pradesh University, Shimla, where over 600 meritorious students from more than 35 schools across Shimla were felicitated for their outstanding academic achievements. Gupta said that countries such as New Zealand have successfully created global markets around the Manuka plant, South Korea has transformed Ginseng into a major economic resource and Jammu & Kashmir has witnessed remarkable socio-economic change through lavender cultivation. He said that Himachal Pradesh possesses a rich treasure of medicinal herbs, aromatic plants and other high-value crops, which can generate sustainable livelihood opportunities for thousands of young people through scientific cultivation, value addition and innovation.

PM Modi to visit Jind on July 17; Residents urged to participate: MLA Yogendra Rana

JAGBIR UPLANA
ASSANDH: In preparation for making the historic public rally of Prime Minister Narendra Modi—scheduled for July 17 in Jind—a grand success, MLA Yogendra Rana held a meeting on Wednesday at his office with local Mandal Presidents and other public representatives, issuing necessary guidelines. The meeting involved detailed discussions on ensuring the rally's success, organizational coordination, public outreach campaigns, and maximizing citizen participation. MLA Yogendra Rana called upon everyone to work with full energy and dedication, playing a pivotal role in making this massive rally a historic event. Addressing the residents of the area, the MLA stated that on July 17, Haryana is set to witness a historic development milestone that will shape the future landscape of the state. From the soil of Jind, Prime Minister Narendra Modi will inaugurate and lay the foundation stones for development projects worth crores of rupees. During the event, the country's first hydrogen-powered train will be flagged off, ushering India into a new era of clean energy-based transportation. Under the Prime Minister's leadership, Haryana is rapidly advancing towards modern infrastructure, improved healthcare services, and robust connectivity. MLA Yogendra Rana appealed to the general public to participate in large numbers and witness this historic gift from Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

Assandh SDM reviews electoral roll revision, issues SIR guidelines

JAGBIR UPLANA
ASSANDH: Sumit Sihag (HCS), Electoral Registration Officer and SDM Assandh, held a meeting with representatives of all political parties and Booth Level Agents (BLAs) at the Sub-Divisional Officer's office regarding the Special Intensive Revision (SIR) and issued necessary guidelines. The SDM stated that the Election Commission of India has released a revised schedule for the special intensive revision campaign of the electoral roll. Under this, Booth Level Officers (BLOs) will now conduct door-to-door voter verification and collect necessary documents until July 24, 2026. Voters with incomplete documentation or those whose verification is pending will be contacted to complete the process. According to the schedule, the draft electoral roll will be published on July 31, 2026. Subsequently, claims and objections regarding the electoral roll will be accepted from July 31 to August 30, 2026; all received claims and objections will be examined in accordance with the rules and disposed of by September 28, 2026. Following the completion of all necessary procedures, the final electoral roll will be published on October 3, 2026.

All supervisors and BLOs must understand the seriousness of the SIR task: SDM Assandh

JAGBIR UPLANA
ASSANDH: A meeting regarding the SIR (Special Intensive Revision) campaign was held on Wednesday at the SDM office auditorium, presided over by Sumit Sihag (HCS), the Electoral Registration Officer and SDM of Assandh. During the meeting, the SDM stated that the Election Commission of India has issued a revised schedule for the Special Intensive Revision campaign of the electoral roll. Under this initiative, Booth Level Officers (BLOs) will conduct door-to-door voter verification and collect necessary documents until July 24, 2026. Voters with incomplete documentation or those whose verification is pending will be contacted to ensure the process is completed. The SDM instructed that the SIR campaign involves the purification and verification of the electoral roll. Therefore, everyone must grasp the gravity of this task, complete it within the stipulated timeframe, assist in the re-verification of the ASDD (Absent, Shifted, Dead, Duplicate) list, and ensure there is no laxity in the work. He directed AEROs and supervisors to closely monitor the work of BLOs. He urged them to motivate and support BLOs who are lagging behind to accelerate their work, conduct periodic reviews with the BLOs in their respective areas, and encourage them to work by setting daily targets.

Kashyap Mahasammelan to be held in Kurukshetra on Aug 2

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA
KURUKSHETRA: Preparations have gathered pace for the state-level Kashyap Mahasammelan to be held at Mathana village in Kurukshetra on August 2, with the Haryana Kashyap Mahapanchayat finalising its strategy to ensure wide participation. The roadmap for the event was chalked out at a meeting of the organisation's state core committee held at the Irrigation Department Rest House in Pipli under the chairmanship of state president Ramjilal Kashyap. The organisation said the convention would focus on strengthening social unity, promoting education, creating employment and self-employment opportunities for youth, and spreading awareness against drug abuse. Ramjilal Kashyap said the gathering would seek to unite the community, strengthen social harmony and encourage greater participation of the younger generation in community development. Chief state spokesperson Mainpal Kashyap said the Mahapanchayat is a non-political social organisation working for educational advancement, youth empowerment, social welfare and increased public participation. He appealed to members of the community across Haryana to attend the conference with their families. The meeting also reviewed organisational arrangements and assigned responsibilities to volunteers for the event.

Officials inspect drinking water quality in Pehowa villages

YAGYA DUTT SHASTRI
PEHOWA: A joint inspection was conducted to assess the quality and safety of drinking water in Neemwala and Ratangarh Kakrali villages under the jurisdiction of the Primary Health Centre (PHC), Ramgarh Road. The inspection was carried out under the supervision of Senior Medical Officer Dr Sanjeev Goyal of Sub-Divisional Civil Hospital, Pehowa. Sanjay Kumar from PHC Ramgarh Road and Public Health Department Junior Engineer Arvind Mehla inspected public tube wells, checking chlorination units and dosing systems. Officials also conducted Orthotolidine (OT) tests on drinking water samples in both villages, and the results were found to be satisfactory. Following the inspection, the team held a meeting with Ratangarh Kakrali Sarpanch Jaswinder Singh. Discussions were also held on various Health Department programmes, including tuberculosis (TB), Anemia Mukt Bharat (AMB) and Vector-Borne Disease (VBD) control initiatives.

May happiness, peace, and harmony spread across society: Renu Bala Gupta

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA
KARNAL, JULY 15

Mayor Renu Bala Gupta participated with deep devotion in the grand 'Maa Bhagwati Jagran' organized by the Maa Jagdamba Seva Sangathan at Darabi Line, located in Sadar Bazar, and bowed her head in reverence at the holy feet of Maa Bhagwati. She also offered prayers for the happiness, prosperity, and well-being of the residents of the city and the state. The entire venue was imbued with devotion, reverence, and spiritual energy, with the atmosphere resonating with hymns and chants dedicated to the Goddess. Speaking on the occasion, Mayor Renu Bala Gupta remarked that it is through the grace and blessings of Maa Bhagwati that positive energy, love, harmony, and a spirit of service permeate society. Such religious events are an invaluable part of our Sanatan culture, serving to unite society through the bonds of unity, traditional values, and spiritual consciousness. She prayed that Maa Jagdamba continues to shower her boundless grace upon all the residents of the state, blessing everyone with happiness, peace, prosperity, good health, and well-being.

Gurukul Kurukshetra organises Road Safety Awareness Programme

HANS RAJ
KURUKSHETRA, JULY 15

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Students of DAV Police Public School win 20 gold medals in karate

RAHUL KOHLI
YAMUNANAGAR: While sports help keep us physically fit, the victories achieved in them boost our self-confidence. The DAV Sports Association regularly organises sports competitions to foster an interest in sports among children and to enhance their self-confidence. As part of this initiative, a karate competition was organized at the DAV cluster level, featuring participants from various schools. Students from DAV Police Public School achieved remarkable success in this event, winning twenty gold medals and two silver medals, thereby bringing glory to the school. In the Under-14 category, gold medals were won by boys—Bhavik, Avish Mehla, Gurnoor Maton, and Sushant Singh—and girls—Shivanya, Aarohi, Vanshika, Divyanshi Singhal, Manvi Chauhan, Vaishnavi Chauhan, Mayan, and Avni; meanwhile, Ayansh Sharma and Pihu Chaudhary secured silver medals. In the Under-17 category, gold medals were won by Viraj (boys) and Pratiksha, Taruni, Preeti, Gurdev Kaur, Mannat, Jhalak, and Tamanna (girls).

Bilaspur DC urges public to stay away from rivers amid heavy rains

AJAY KUMAR UPADHYAY
BILASPUR: With heavy rainfall continuing to lash Bilaspur and more downpours forecast in the coming days, Deputy Commissioner and District Disaster Management Authority Chairman Rahul Kumar has issued a strong public advisory, urging residents to stay away from rivers, drains, ravines, and Govind Sagar Lake to avoid accidents. He warned that rising water levels and frequent landslides have created dangerous conditions across the district, stressing that people must refrain from bathing, swimming, washing clothes, or venturing near water bodies during the monsoon. The Deputy Commissioner revealed that the district has already suffered losses of nearly Rs 13 crore. The Public Works Department alone recorded damages worth Rs 12.28 crore, while the Jal Shakti Department incurred losses of Rs 26.85 lakh, with 16 drinking water schemes restored. The Electricity Department reported damages of Rs 1.95 lakh, including 21 damaged poles. Several government schools also sustained significant infrastructure losses. Rahul Kumar appealed to Gram Panchayats, educational institutions, and all departments to intensify public awareness on monsoon safety. He urged citizens to immediately report emergencies on 1077 or 112 to ensure swift rescue and relief operations.

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State govt failed on all fronts; drug abuse, anarchy, and an atmosphere of fear prevails'

PRITI SAINI
SADHAURA: MP Varun Chaudhary visited the residence of Advocate Jaswinder Singh in village Rattuwala. A grand welcome was accorded to MP Varun Chaudhary and Shahabad MLA Ramkaran. Speaking to journalists, MP Varun Chaudhary stated that the state government has proven to be a failure on every front. The drug trade in the state is growing day by day; drugs are being sold in every village, neighborhood, and ward, yet the government pays no attention to this issue. Businessmen are being subjected to extortion demands, and incidents of gunfire, robbery, and murder are occurring frequently. An atmosphere of anarchy and fear has gripped the state. MP Varun Chaudhary remarked that while a budget of several hundred crore rupees has been allocated for cleanliness, the actual state of sanitation remains abysmal; the Chief Minister himself has to pick up a broom for cleanliness drives. He questioned where the crores of rupees withdrawn from the treasury for sanitation are actually going.

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NRIs backs Sri Akal Takht Sahib's Shaheedi Pattan Memorial with Rs One Crore contribution

CHANDIGARH, Welcoming the historic announcements made by Sri Akal Takht Sahib at Harike Pattan in memory of Bhai Jaswant Singh Khalra and thousands of victims of the violence and disappearances during the Punjab's peak militancy period, the IndUS Canada Foundation (ICF) has announced a contribution of Rs. 1 crore towards the development of the proposed Shaheedi Pattan Memorial. Vikram Bajwa, Indus Canada Foundation (ICF) said that the foundation fully supports the decisions announced by the acting Jathedar of Sri Akal Takht Sahib, Giani Kuldeep Singh Gargaj, including declaring Harike Pattan as "Shaheedi Pattan", constructing a permanent memorial at the site and documenting the records of those regarded as martyrs and persons allegedly killed or cremated as "unclaimed" during the 1982–1995 period. Announcing the Foundation's commitment, Vikram Bajwa affirmed that ICF w
and community leaders across the United States, Canada, UK, Australia and other countries.

NEWS BRIEF

HDFC Bank Parivartan Empowers 9.6 Lakh Individuals

CHANDIGARH/LUDHIANA: On the occasion of World Youth Skills Day, HDFC Bank Parivartan, the CSR initiative of HDFC Bank, highlighted its continued efforts to equip young people with the skills, knowledge and opportunities needed to participate meaningfully in India's evolving economy. Since inception, the Bank's skilling and livelihood initiatives have positively impacted 9.6 lakh individuals. Commenting on the occasion, Ms. Nusrat Pathan, Head – CSR, HDFC Bank, said, "India's demographic dividend presents an unprecedented opportunity to build a skilled, resilient and future-ready workforce. At HDFC Bank Parivartan, we believe skill development is one of the most effective pathways for economic empowerment and social mobility.

World of Hyatt Expands HYROX Collaboration to India

CHANDIGARH/LUDHIANA: World of Hyatt, Hyatt's award-winning loyalty program, today announces the expansion of its regional collaboration with HYROX Asia Pacific to include race cities in India. Building on its role as Official Regional Hotel Partner across Asia Pacific, the Hyatt race-cation experience will now be offered alongside HYROX events in key cities in India. As part of the India collaboration, Hyatt has also partnered with actor and fitness enthusiast Milind Soman, bringing together a shared passion for fitness, travel and active living as HYROX continues to grow its community in the country.

Ather to Unveil Its First Mass-Market EL Platform Scooter at Community Day 2026

CHANDIGARH : Ather Energy Limited, one of India's leading electric two-wheeler manufacturers, today announced that the fourth edition of its flagship community event, Ather Community Day, will be held on 29 August 2026 in Bengaluru. The theme for this year's event is "A New Dawn of Magic", where Ather will unveil the first scooter from its new EL platform, marking its entry into the mass-market scooter segment. Alongside the new scooter, Ather will introduce a range of innovations across technology, charging, and the ecosystem that will make the ownership experience more seamless and connected.The EL platform is Ather's next-generation vehicle architecture and the company's first all-new vehicle platform since the 450. Engineered from the ground up for greater versatility, scalability, and manufacturing efficiency, it will underpin Ather's future product portfolio across segments. The first scooter built on this platform marks a significant milestone for Ather, enabling the company to address the mass-market through the 1 lakh to 1.25 lakh price segment while expanding its total addressable market and opening the next chapter of growth.The Ather Community Day 2026 will bring together thousands of Ather owners, automotive and technology enthusiasts, and partners for a first look at the products, technologies, and experiences that Ather has been building.Over the last three years, Ather Community Day has evolved into one of India's most anticipated automotive and technology events.

1 in 3 stainless steel fabricators are skilled in India

HISAR: Reinforcing the need to build a future-ready workforce for India's growing stainless steel sector, India's first comprehensive Training Need Assessment (TNA), commissioned by Jindal Stainless and conducted by PricewaterhouseCoopers India (PwC) reveals that only 1 in 3 independent fabricators in the manufacturing ecosystem are skilled. The study, covers 1,904 respondents, including 629 fabricators, 575 workers, 250 employers, and 450 students, across nine states - Gujarat, Haryana, Tamil Nadu, Odisha, Uttar Pradesh, Maharashtra, Karnataka, and Andhra Pradesh and Jharkhand, making it the most geographically comprehensive workforce study undertaken for the sector.

Black Dog Scotch Whisky invites you to Savour the Sip with Refreshed Packaging

FARIDABAD : Black Dog Whisky, one of India's most iconic blended Scotch whisky brands, unveiled a refined new packaging that marks a confident evolution of a legacy spanning over 140 years. More than a visual refresh, the new design reflects a deeper expression of the brand's character inviting consumers to slow down and savour every sip. Commenting on the evolution, Varun Koorichh, Vice President – Marketing & Portfolio Head, Diageo India, said, "Black Dog carries a Scotch legacy that goes back generations, crafted with a quiet confidence that never needs to shout. A blend shaped by some of the Scotland's finest distilleries, including Linkwood, it's a whisky that rewards the drinker who takes a moment to truly notice it. As today's consumers evolve seeking more meaning, more craft, and more intentional moments we wanted Black Dog to feel as relevant as it has always been. This refreshed packaging is our way of honouring the heritage while inviting a new generation to make it their own, so every sip becomes a moment worth savouring." Founded in 1883, Black Dog's story begins with its founder, Sir Walter Millard, who believed in a simple philosophy: true mastery comes from being fully present and letting time reveal its magic.

Canara Robeco AMC takes 'Nivesh Bus Yatra' to Haryana

KARNAL : Canara Robeco Asset Management Company Limited (Investment Manager to Canara Robeco Mutual Fund), India's second-oldest Mutual Fund, has launched the 'Nivesh Bus Yatra' in Delhi NCR region with the objective of educating investors and spreading awareness about mutual fund investments. The initiative aims to promote financial literacy and enhance awareness about the mutual fund investing among residents across the capital city and the areas around it. The bus began in Delhi, and will be travelling to Gurgaon, Faridabad, Noida, Ghaziabad, Rothak, Hissar, Karnal, Panipat and Sonipat, connecting with communities across prominent locations across the city. "In today's evolving financial landscape, knowledge is as powerful as understanding.

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AAP Welcomes Honest & Grassroots Leaders Who Want to Work for Punjab's Progress: CM Bhagwant Singh Mann

CHANDIGARH; The Congress party suffered a major political setback in the Qadian Halqa (Assembly constituency) as senior leader Thakur Balraj Singh, a three-time Zila Parishad Member, former Block Samiti Chairman and former Chairman of the Land Mortgage Bank, joined the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) in the presence of Punjab Chief Minister Bhagwant Singh Mann during a massive political rally held in Mukerian. Welcoming Thakur Balraj Singh into the party, CM Bhagwant Singh Mann said, "The Aam Aadmi Party always welcomes honest and grassroots leaders who are committed to serving the people. Leaders who work among the people are the real strength of any political party." He added, "Thakur Balraj Singh has served the people for a long time. I welcome him into the Aam Aadmi Party family and assure him that he will receive full respect and due recognition in the party."

Qadian Halqa In-charge Guriqbal Singh Mahal said, "Thakur Balraj Singh enjoys a strong political base in the Qadian Assembly constituency and commands considerable goodwill among the Thakur community. His joining will further strengthen the Aam Aadmi Party in the constituency."

He added, "I wholeheartedly welcome Thakur Balraj Singh and all his supporters into the Aam Aadmi Party. Together, we will work to accelerate the development of the Qadian constituency and serve the people.

Ludhiana Awaits Grand Jagannath Rath Yatra: Rakesh Kapoor

SARBJIT SUFI

LUDHIANA: Prominent social worker Rakesh Kapoor has described the upcoming Lord Jagannath Rath Yatra, scheduled for July 16, as a grand festival of faith, devotion and divine blessings for the people of Ludhiana.Kapoor said the Rath Yatra is much more than a religious procession, calling it a rare opportunity for devotees to seek the blessings of Lord Jagannath. According to traditional belief, witnessing the Lord's darshan and touching the sacred chariot during the yatra brings immense spiritual merit, happiness, peace and prosperity.He said Lord Jagannath symbolizes compassion, harmony, love and the welfare of humanity. The annual Rath Yatra spreads the message of selfless service, sacrifice, unity and mutual respect, bringing people from all communities

together in devotion while transcending barriers of caste, class, language and religion. Appealing to the residents of Ludhiana, Kapoor urged devotees to welcome the Lord with flower showers, participate in the procession with their families and experience the spiritual atmosphere created by the magnificent chariot as it passes through the city.He also emphasized the importance of connecting children and youth with India's rich religious and cultural traditions so that future generations remain rooted in the country's spiritual heritage.Kapoor expressed gratitude to the Lord Jagannath Rath Yatra Management Committee, volunteers, social and religious organizations, and the district administration for their dedicated efforts in organizing the annual event with devotion and discipline.Expressing confidence in the success of this year's celebrations, he said the Rath Yatra would further strengthen faith and spiritual consciousness while bringing happiness, peace and prosperity to Ludhiana, Punjab and the entire nation through the blessings of Lord Jagannath.

SVSU Vice-Chancellor Delivers Special Address at FICCI's World Youth Skills Day Event in Delhi

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA

NEW DELHI: Shri Vishwakarma Skill University (SVSU) Vice-Chancellor Prof. Dinesh Kumar delivered a special address at the World Youth Skills Day celebration organised by the Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FICCI) at Federation House, New Delhi. The event brought together students, educators, industry leaders and skill development experts from across the country to deliberate on preparing India's youth for the future of work.Addressing the gathering, Prof. Dinesh Kumar highlighted the transformative role of skill development in achieving the vision of Viksit Bharat @2047. He said that rapid technological advancements, artificial intelligence, automation and digital

transformation are redefining employment across the globe, making continuous learning and skill upgradation indispensable for every young professional.He urged students to move beyond the conventional aspiration of merely securing a job. "Possessing practical and industry-relevant skills should empower young people to become entrepreneurs and job creators rather than job seekers," he said. He emphasised that innovation, creativity and an entrepreneurial mindset would be the driving forces behind India's economic. growth in the coming decades.

Kia Unveils Syros EV with 526 km Range, Opens Bookings at ₹25,000

CHANDIGARH: Kia India has unveiled the Syros EV, its second mass-market electric SUV, offering a segment-leading ARAI-certified driving range of up to 526 km. The company has also opened pre-bookings for the new electric SUV at 25,000 through its dealerships and official website.The Syros EV is available with two battery options—a 51.4 kWh battery delivering an ARAI-certified range of 526 km, making it the first vehicle in its segment to cross the 500 km mark, and a 42 kWh battery offering a range of 443 km. Powered by an electric motor producing 171 PS, the SUV accelerates from 0 to 100 kmph in 8.1 seconds and supports DC fast charging from 10% to 80% in just 39 minutes using a 100 kW charger.To boost customer confidence in EV ownership, Kia is offering a Lifetime High Voltage Battery Warranty, an Assured Buyback Programme, and a Battery-as-a-Service (BaaS) financing option aimed at reducing upfront ownership costs and addressing concerns over battery life and resale value.The Syros EV also introduces K-Charge, Kia's integrated charging ecosystem that connects more than 20,300 charging points across 23 charging networks through a single platform on the MyKia app. The network is further supported by over 129 Kia dealerships equipped with DC fast chargers and 275 EV-ready workshops nationwide.Inspired by Kia's global EV design philosophy, the Syros EV features a futuristic exterior with Kia's signature Digital Tiger Face, Star Map LED lighting, auto-flush door handles, and 17-inch dual-tone aero alloy wheels. Inside, the SUV offers a 30-inch Trinity Panoramic Display, Harman Kardon 8-speaker premium audio system, wireless Apple CarPlay and Android Auto, over-the-air software updates, ventilated seats, panoramic sunroof, ambient lighting.

UTCA women cricketers receive Sachin Tendkulkar designed high-performance shoes to boost performance ahead of BCCI domestic season

Chandigarh, In a significant initiative aimed at strengthening women's cricket in Chandigarh, women cricketers of the UT Cricket Association (UTCA) were presented with high-performance cricket shoes designed under the guidance of cricket legend Sachin Tendulkar during a special felicitation ceremony held at CricketerShop, Mohali, on Tuesday. The footwear brand under TenXu has been developed keeping in mind the demands of modern-day cricket and incorporates features such as a wide toe box for enhanced balance and comfort, lightweight construction for quicker movement, and improved support to help reduce fatigue and minimise the risk of injuries during long hours on the field. The shoes will help them to perform well in the upcoming WCPL and BCCI season. The shoes were presented by Sanjay Tandon, Founder President, UTCA and Member, Governing Council of the Women's Premier League (WPL)

Speaking on the occasion, Sanjay Tandon said, "Women's cricket in Chandigarh has witnessed remarkable progress over the past few years, and our young players have consistently demonstrated the talent and commitment needed to compete at the highest level. Performance in modern cricket depends not only on skill and fitness but also on having access to quality equipment that enhances confidence and reduces the risk of injuries."

Ludhiana's 18-Year-Old Advith Sharma Builds AI Platform for Insurance Agents While Studying at Scaler School of Technology

LUDHIANA: At an age when most students are just beginning college, Advith Sharma from Ludhiana, Punjab, set out to solve a problem that India's insurance agents and brokers have dealt with for years, juggling fragmented tools and manual workflows that slowed operations and customer servicing. Along with his co-founder, Advith built Flow under their startup, AetherLabs. Currently a student at Scaler School of Technology, he developed the platform to simplify insurance operations through AI. Flow is a unified AI-powered platform with Flow AI at its core, enabling insurance intermediaries to streamline renewals, endorsements, servicing, and customer record management.Rather than building a solution from behind a desk, Advith spent months on the ground studying the insurance ecosystem. He travelled across North India, meeting over 150 insurance agents and brokers to understand their day-to-day workflows, operational bottlenecks, and what an effective technology solution would need to solve.As Advith moved from identifying the problem to building a solution, his journey at Scaler School of Technology played an important role in helping him develop the technical skills and problem-solving mindset required to bring his idea to life. While pursuing his studies, he applied his classroom learnings to build, test, and refine Flow AI, allowing him to work on a real-world industry challenge alongside his academic journey."I didn't start with technology. I started with the problem," says Advith. "I spent months understanding where inefficiencies actually occur before building anything." The first version of this product did not work. Advith went back to users, gathered feedback, and rebuilt it. This journey took 8 months of continuous research and development, starting with 2 months of full-time field work alongside insurance agents, followed by 6 months of continuous development, iterative improvements, and pilot deployments. The result was Flow AI, a platform that automates key insurance workflows such as policy renewals, document management, endorsements, and servicing. The journey involved multiple iterations, where Advith combined customer insights with technical skills. Flow AI finally went live in January 2026 and now serves 150+ individual agents and multiple insurance brokers.

Chatha Foods Limited Introduces 'Unifayre Foods' as Its New Brand Identity

Mohali : Chatha Foods Limited (CFL), one of India's leading food processing companies and a trusted partner to global quick service restaurant (QSR) brands, today unveiled Unifayre Foods as its new customer-facing brand identity. The launch of Unifayre Foods marks the next phase of the company's business journey, bringing together its expanded capabilities in food processing, product innovation and customised food solutions under a unified brand. Chatha Foods Limited continues to remain the listed entity, with no change to the company's legal or corporate structure. Over the last three decades, CFL has evolved from a poultry-focused business into a diversified food processing company serving leading QSR, CDR and HoReCa brands in India and overseas. The company has built long-standing relationships with marquee brands, while continuing to invest in new capabilities such as its recently commissioned vegetarian food processing facility. The introduction of Unifayre Foods reflects the company's expanded portfolio and its growing role as a food solutions partner for customers seeking quality, consistency and innovation at scale.

Amazon India and TEXPROCIL sign MoU at Bharat Tex 2026

CHANDIGARH: Amazon India today signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with The Cotton Textiles Export Promotion Council (TEXPROCIL) to accelerate ecommerce exports from India's cotton textile sector. The MoU was signed in the presence of Dr. Siddhartha Rajagopal, Executive Director, TEXPROCIL at Bharat Tex 2026 in New Delhi. The collaboration aims to help cotton textile manufacturers, exporters, TEXPROCIL members build global businesses through Amazon Global Selling by strengthening exporter readiness and expanding access to international markets.Talking about this engagement, Dr. Siddhartha Rajagopal, Executive Director, TEXPROCIL, said: "India's cotton textile industry is globally recognized for its quality, craftsmanship and manufacturing capabilities. Ecommerce exports are rapidly emerging as one of the most significant growth opportunities for Indian textile businesses, enabling manufacturers to reach customers directly, diversify beyond traditional export channels and build global brands. We are already seeing an increasing number of Indian home textile and apparel brands successfully expand their international presence through ecommerce. Through this collaboration with Amazon Global Selling, we aim to equip our members with the knowledge, tools and ecosystem support needed to capitalize on this

opportunity and accelerate their growth in international markets."Srinidhi Kalvapudi, Head, Amazon Global Selling, India, said: "India's textile industry has long been one of the country's strongest export sectors, with manufacturers producing world-class products that are sought after by customers around the world. Categories such as bedding, bath and home furnishings continue to see strong demand across Amazon's international marketplaces, creating significant opportunities for Indian exporters to reach global customers. Through our collaboration with TEXPROCIL, we aim to help more cotton textile exporters harness ecommerce exports to build global brands and grow internationally. As global demand grows for quality.

Punjab Pensioners Warn of Stir Over Pending Demands

JAGRAJ SINGH SANGHA

MOGA :The monthly meeting of Government Pensioners Association Sub-Division Nihal Singh Wala was held at Comrade Saghar Singh Hall under the chairmanship of President Bikkar Singh Machhike. During the meeting, various speakers alleged that the Punjab government is not paying any attention to the long-pending burning demands of employees and pensioners. Addressing the meeting, Gurmail Singh Khote, Gurjant Singh Baude, Skinder Singh Bhagike, Gurmail Singh Baude, Principal Sukhchain Singh and Principal Harbhajan Singh Takhtupura and other speakers condemned the government in strong terms. They demanded revision in salaries and pensions as per the coefficient of 2.59, regularization of raw employees, restoration of old pension scheme, immediate release of Sixth Pay Commission arrears and DA arrears. The speakers warned that if the government does not pay immediate attention to the demands, a massive rally will be held in Sangrur on July 27, 2026. Apart from this, on August 7, 2026, on the call of the Workers' Forum and the Joint Coalition, all the organizations will come together in the Grain Market located in Sector-39, Chandigarh and hold a protest demonstration, sit-in and protest march against the government. State President Bhajan Singh Gill, while giving information about the activities of the last month and the outline of the upcoming struggle, said that if the government does not show seriousness towards the demands, then a fierce struggle will be started from August 7, for which the entire responsibility will be of the government and the Chandigarh Administration. He said that the ministerial staff of Chandigarh, Directorate, Police, Patwari-Kanugo and other fraternal organizations will also participate in this protest rally in large numbers. On this occasion, a large number of pensioners including Umakant Shastri, Balvir Singh Machhike, Mohan Singh, Balvir Bhatti, Rajinder Singh, Harnek Singh, Davinder Singh Himmatpura, Pritam Singh, Manmohan Singh, Jagraj Singh, Gurmail Singh, Bhagwan Singh, Jaspal Rai, Jaswant Singh, Jangir Singh, Joginder Singh, Surjit Singh, Roop Singh, Tanjit Singh, Sudagar Singh, Mukand Singh, Kaushal Kumar, Nachhattar Singh, Tota Singh, Major Singh, Surinder Singh, Ujagar Singh, Hardial Singh, Hakam Singh, Baljinder Singh were present.

Lexus India opens bookings for the all-new Es 350h

Chandigarh : Lexus India announces the bookings open for the All-New ES350h, the self-charging hybrid electric variant of its newly introduced eighth-generation executive sedan. The ES 350h expands the brand's electrified portfolio, offering guests a compelling choice alongside the recently launched ES 500e, and underscores Lexus's multi-pathway approach to a carbon-neutral future.The ES has been one of Lexus' core global models since its debut alongside the flagship LS in 1989.

Renowned for its exceptional quietness, ride comfort, and spacious interior, the ES has been sold in more than 80 countries and regions worldwide. The model has been a key pillar of Lexus line-up in India and has played a pivotal role in shaping the brand's presence in the market. The All-New ES 350h will be manufactured in India and builds on that legacy, sharing its advanced platform and design philosophy with the ES 500e while reinforcing Lexus's deep commitment to the Indian market.Commenting on the announcement, Hikaru Ikeuchi, President of Lexus India, said: "As we continue to strengthen our ES family, the All-New ES 350h will be manufactured in India, following the success of the previous generation, reaffirming our enduring commitment to the Indian market. The new model underscores Lexus' multi-pathway approach to electrification and reinforces our dedication to advancing sustainable mobility in India. In line with this direction, we are pleased to announce the opening of bookings for the All-New ES 350h, a model that has long been cherished by our guests in India. The response and anticipation surrounding this new generation have been immensely encouraging.Our focus remains on offering our guests a broader portfolio of electrified vehicles.

Cleanliness Drive under the Swachh Bharat Mission in Central Constituency

SARABJIT SUFI

LUDHIANA: Today, under the Swachh Bharat Mission, a cleanliness drive was organized by BJP Kidwai Nagar Mandal General Secretary Sanjay Khattak on the Bank Side Road of Gurdwara Dukh Nivaran Sahib in Ward No. 76 of Central Constituency, Kidwai Nagar Mandal, Ludhiana.

The drive was attended by Constituency Incharge Mr. Gurdev Sharma (Debi Ji), Constituency Incharge Mr. Narendra Malhi, and Mandal Incharge Mr. Devi Sahai Tandon. Pradhan Deepak Johar, Bansilal Ji, Gobind Ji, Lalit Chauhan, Shankar Lal Zoya Ji, Hansraj Khatri Ji, Rajinder Bamaniya Ji, Prateek Khattak Ji, Mangtu Khanna Ji, Ramesh Bagri Ji, Subhash Kharera Ji, Ashok Chauhan Ji, Raju Kumar Ji, and Sunny Kumar Ji. During the drive, the area was cleaned and the surrounding people were made aware of the importance of maintaining cleanliness and keeping their surroundings clean.

Akums Strengthens Baddi Facility to Enhance Manufacturing and Support Growing Pharma Demand

BADDI: Akums Drugs & Pharmaceuticals Ltd. is strengthening its Baddi facility to improve manufacturing capacity, product range, and overall quality standards. This step reflects the company's focus on meeting the changing needs of the pharmaceutical industry, where reliability, speed, and consistency have become very important.The upgrade is focused on strengthening critical manufacturing capabilities across multiple therapeutic segments, including the General Block for tablets and capsules, the Oncology Block for both tablet and liquid formulations, and the Steroid Block. New production lines are being added to support this growth. This is not just about producing more, but also about improving technology, increasing efficiency, and entering more specialized segments like oncology. The addition of liquid oncology formats also shows a move towards more patient-friendly treatment options.At the same time, Akums is working towards making the Baddi facility ready for EU GMP certification, which is a globally recognized quality standard. This will help reduce dependency on a single location, lower risks, and ensure smoother and more reliable supply.

Sanjeev Jain, Managing Director, Akums Drugs and Pharmaceuticals Ltd, said that today companies are looking for partners who can deliver consistency, flexibility, and the ability to scale alongside their growth. Strengthening our facility in Himachal Pradesh is a step in that direction-enabling us to serve our partners more effectively while preparing for future opportunities, both in India and globally. Our enhanced presence in Himachal Pradesh also offers a clear geographical advantage for companies in and around the region, allowing for faster coordination, quicker deliveries, and more efficient supply alignment-helping them respond to market needs with greater agility.

Nauni University launches PG Diploma in Yoga Science, Apiculture and Apitherapy

DINESH AGARWAL

SHIMLA: Expanding its academic programmes, Dr YS Parmar University of Horticulture and Forestry, Nauni has launched new post graduate diploma programmes in Yoga Science and Apiculture and Apitherapy. The university has invited applications for admissions to these for the academic session 2026-27. Both programmes are of one-year duration comprising two semesters and are designed to provide specialized knowledge, practical training and entrepreneurship opportunities in emerging fields.

The Post Graduate Diploma in Yoga Science, offered by the Department of Floriculture and Landscaping, aims to develop trained yoga professionals equipped with scientific knowledge of yoga, wellness and therapeutic applications. This diploma has been designed to provide a scientific and holistic understanding of yoga as a discipline for health, wellness and therapeutic applications. The programme blends the ancient wisdom of yoga with modern scientific principles. Emphasis will be laid on developing skilled yoga professionals capable of promoting preventive healthcare, healthy lifestyles and overall well-being through evidence-based yoga practices. The curriculum also includes extensive practical sessions and field work, preparing graduates for careers in wellness centres, educational institutions, healthcare facilities, corporate wellness programmes and independent practice. The programme has an intake capacity of 30 seats.

The PG Diploma in Apiculture and Apitherapy, offered by the Department of Entomology, focuses on scientific beekeeping, apitherapy, value addition, managed pollination and entrepreneurship. It is a unique skill-oriented programme that aims to produce trained professionals in scientific beekeeping, bee product technology and apitherapy. The course offers comprehensive training in honey bee biology, apiary management, queen rearing, bee health, pollination services, migratory beekeeping, processing and value addition of bee products, quality assurance and enterprise management. The programme has an intake capacity of 25 seats.

Health Dept Intensifies Dengue Drive, Promotes ₹10 Lakh Health Cover

Hoshiarpur, July 15: With the arrival of the monsoon season, the Health Department has stepped up its campaign to prevent mosquito-borne diseases such as dengue and malaria. The information was shared by Dr. Manpreet Singh Bains, Senior Medical Officer (SMO) and General Surgeon at PHC Harta Badla, during an interaction with senior journalist Daljit Ajnoha.Dr. Bains said that the risk of dengue and malaria rises sharply during the rainy season. To curb the spread of these diseases, dedicated health teams are conducting door-to-door surveys in villages and residential areas to identify stagnant water where mosquitoes breed. Whenever mosquito larvae are found, immediate larval destruction measures are taken, and insecticide spraying is carried out wherever required.He said the department is also running extensive public awareness campaigns, educating residents about preventive measures. Larvicide tablets are being distributed for use in water storage tanks and other water sources to prevent mosquito breeding and ensure safe water storage.Speaking about the Chief Minister Sehat Bima Yojana, Dr. Bains said that more than 20,000 beneficiaries in the PHC Harta Badla block have already received their health insurance cards.

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LOAN AGAINST GOLD - AUCTION NOTICE ON "AS IS WHERE IS" BASIS

The below mentioned borrower/s have been issued notices to pay their outstanding amounts towards the loan against gold facilities availed from AU Small Finance Bank Limited ("Bank"). Since the borrower/s has/have failed to repay his/their dues, we are constrained to conduct an auction of pledged gold items/articles on **17 August 2026** between **11:00 AM – 3:00 PM** (Time) at below mentioned branches according to the mode specified therein. In the case of deceased borrowers, all conditions will be applicable to legal heirs. **Please note that in the event of failure of the above auction, the bank reserves its right to conduct another auction without prior intimation.**

Physical Auction Branch Details

Rewari -L9001090156179123 L9001090155954556 | **GURUGRAM SECTOR 10** -L25660001098713 | **Circular Road Bhiwani** -L9001090155680474 L9001090156295201 | **NEELAM BATA ROAD FARIDABAD** -L25660001577802 L26660000728195 L9001090155749840

Note: 1. In the event of failure of physical auction e-auction may be conducted by using weblink - https://gold.samil.in
2. Please consider this notice as a pre-notice for the next auction in case the proposed auction fails.
3. The auction is subject to certain terms and conditions in the bid form, which is made available before the commencement of auction.

Sd/-
Manager
AU Small Finance Bank Limited

RNI NO. 61323/95 | Postal Code No. G/CHD/0186/2016-2018

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Students from DAV Public School win 12 medals at DAV Cluster-Level Athletics Meet

PRITI SAINI
SADHAURA: Athletes from DAV Public School, Sadhaura delivered an outstanding performance, securing a total of 12 medals at the DAV National Sports Cluster-Level Athletics Competition held on Saturday at Police DAV Public School, Jagadhri. More than 300 athletes from 12 schools within the cluster participated in the event. Sandeep Taya, PGT (Physical Education), stated that the Sadhaura school team competed under the able guidance of Siddharth. In the Under-19 Category Rihan (Class 12, Arts) achieved a double victory by winning gold medals in both the shot put and discus throw events. Jashan (Class 12, Commerce) won a bronze medal in the 800-meter race. In under-17 Category Prikshit (Class 11, Commerce) won bronze in the shot put and silver in the 100-metre race. Garish (Class 10) secured silver in the 800-meter race, while Gurvansh (Class 12, Arts) won silver in the 1500-meter race. The 4x100 meter relay team, comprising Prikshit, Daljinder, Garish, and Gurvansh, brought glory to the school by winning the gold medal.
In the Under 14 category, Ranjot (Class 9) won silver in the discus throw and bronze in the shot put. Manas (Class 9) secured bronze in the 800-metre race, and Yuvraj (Class 9) won silver in the 400-meter race. School Principal Ajay Kumar Sharma congratulated all the winning athletes, participants, and the coach, stating that this achievement by the students is a matter of pride for the school.

Patriots in the making: IGMMV Kaithal NCC achieves victory at CATC-134 camp

SANJAY SHARMA
KAITHAL- The NCC cadets of Indira Gandhi (P.G.) Mahila Mahavidyalaya, Kaithal, brought laurels to the college with their outstanding performance at the CATC-134 Camp held at Kurukshetra University, Kurukshetra. The camp was organized from July 4 to 13 in which 17 NCC cadets from the college, representing 10 Haryana Battalion, participated with great enthusiasm and dedication.
Throughout the camp, the cadets actively took part in various training sessions, sports events and cultural activities displaying discipline, confidence and leadership. Mansi, a second-year B.A. student, was awarded the title of Best Cadet. She also secured third position in the race and won a medal in the Kho-Kho competition. Anjali, a second-year BAJMC student won a medal in the dance competition for her impressive performance. Ritika, a second-year B.Sc. Physical Science student, demonstrated exceptional leadership as the Senior Commander and was also honoured with a medal for her performance.In recognition of their excellent participation and achievements, the NCC cadets were presented with trophies and certificates.
Congratulating the students, Ram Bahadur Khurania, President, Governing Body, said that NCC instilled discipline, leadership qualities and a spirit of national service among students. He added that their achievements are a matter of great pride for the college. Dr. Arti Garg, Principal, appreciated the cadets for their remarkable accomplishments and stated that such camps played a vital role in developing students' personalities, self-confidence and leadership skills. Ms. Shweta Tanwar, Principal In-charge, Evening Session, extended her best wishes to the students and remarked that the college girls continued to excel not only in academics but also in sports, cultural, and co-curricular activities. She described the NCC cadets' success as an inspiration for other students. The entire college fraternity congratulated the NCC cadets on their achievements and wished them continued success in the future. On this occasion, Prof. Radhika and ANO Sudesh were also present.

PUBLIC NOTICE

SECURITY GUARD VACANCY

for Ex-Servicemen at Dhareri Jattan Toll Plaza, Patiala Applications are invited from Ex-Servicemen (Retired Army Personnel) for the post of Security Guard at Dhareri Jattan Toll Plaza, Patiala.Interested and eligible candidates may contact the number below for further details and the interview process.

CONTACT NUMBER: 9636313094

Issued by: Toll Plaza Manager Dhareri Jattan Toll Plaza, Patiala

ELECTION NOTICE
The Bank of India Employees Cooperative House Building (1st) Society Ltd., Chandigarh.
Regd Office Plot No 6,Star Enclave, Sector 48 C, Chandigarh.
Dated 16/07/2026.
All the members of The Bank of India Employees Cooperative House Building (Ist) Society Ltd, Chandigarh, are hereby informed that the election of the Society Management Committe will be held on 5/08/2026 between 10.30 AM to 12.30 PM. The date of filing nomination papers is 04/08/2026 between 10.00AM to 11.00 AM. Venue for the election. Near the office of the Society, Plot No 6,Star Enclave, Sector 48-C, Chandigarh. Detailed Election Programme of the Society is displaced on the Society Notice Board. All the memories are requested to participate in the election process.
President

Court Notice
In the Court of, District Marriage Officer, Moga
V/S
General Public
Subject: Issuance of Marriage Ability Certificate
Applicant Name: BASANT SINGH BRAR
Father/Husband Name: JAGIR SINGH
R/o: KAMAL PATTI VILLAGE DAGRU, Village-Dagru/Tehsil-Moga/District-Moga, Punjab
has applied (submitted for application) in Sawidha Center for issuance of Marriage ability Certificate for his son whose details are given as follows:
Name: SUKHMANDER SINGH BRAR
Permanent Address: KAMAL PATTI VILLAGE DAGRU, Dagru Moga, Moga, Punjab
Foreign Address: ITALIA/ROME
Age/DOB: 32-(07/06/1994)
The applicant has stated that he/she has no marital relation in India.
Notice is given to the general public that if there is any objection to any person regarding issuance of above said certificate than the person or his representative can put their objection/ grievance within 30 days from the issuance of this notice. No objection shall be entertained thereafter.
The advertisement issued on 09/07/2026 through my signature under court seal.
No.2044/Reader
Dated: 09-07-2026
Sd/-
District Marriage Officer, Moga, Punjab, India

GOVERNMENT OF HIMACHAL PRADESH
JAL SHAKTI VIBHAG
"NOTICE INVITING e-TENDER"

The Executive Engineer, Jal Shakti Division, Solan invites e-tender on behalf of Governor of Himachal Pradesh from approved eligible contractors/firms for the following work through e-tendering process:

Sr. No.	Name of Work	Estimated cost	Earnest Money	Time of Completion	Cost of form	Last date of filing/ uploading the tender through e-tendering upto
1	Providing FSSM Co-Treatment System at STP Solan, Tehsil & District Solan (HP) (SH: Design and construction of FSSM Co-Treatment System of Capacity 11.79 KLD at STP Solan. (HP)	42,00,000/-	84000/-	One month	2000/-	23.07.2026 upto 11:00
2	R/M of LWSS Sakori, Jhajha, Changeel, Chail and Naguli Tehsil Kandaghat Distt. Solan. (SH - Providing skilled/ unskilled labour for operating the Pumping Machinery). Three Year job.	40,74,602	81500/-	Three Years	2000/-	
3	Providing WSS to PC habitation in GP Dharot and Basal in Solan Constituency Tehsil & Distt. Solan. Under JJM (SH - C/O RCC Storage tanks and supply & erection of submersible pump set with allied accessories. Laying & jointing of rising main and gravity main at village Masri).	6,27,826/-	12600/-	One Month	350/-	
4	Restoration of rain damages under Jal Shakti Sub-Division Solan. (SH - Providing, supplying of liquid poly aluminium chloride PAC (HB) for purification of water).	4,96,000/-	9950/-	One Month	350/-	
5	Restoration of rain damages to LWSS Bisha Tehsil Kandaghat Distt. Solan. (SH - Construction of RCC Storage tank 30000 ltr. Capacity at village Dedhgharat).	3,69,645/-	7400/-	One Month	350/-	

The tender forms and other detailed can be obtained from website https://jsv.hp.nic.in
HIMSUCHNA AVAM JANSAMPARK
Sd/-
Executive Engineer,
Jal Shakti Division, Solan
DPR-HP-1937/2026-2027

CHANDIGARH HOUSING BOARD
A CHANDIGARH ADMINISTRATION UNDERTAKING
8, Jan Marg, Sector 9-D, Chandigarh

PUBLIC NOTICE

Before Secretary, CHB Exercising the Powers of the Estate Officer, UT Chandigarh
Subject: Mutation /Transfer of ownership right in respect of Dwelling Unit No. **3211/1 (First Floor)** of **LIG** Category in Sector **47-D,** Chandigarh on the basis of Sale Deed in the names of **SMT. LUXMI GARG W/O SH. GIRISH GARG** from the name of allottee/transferee **SH. BALDEV SHARAN SHARMA S/O LATE SH. YASH PAL SHARMA.**
It is hereby notified for the information of the general public and all concerned that the Dwelling Unit No. **3211/1 (First Floor)** of **LIG** Category in Sector **47-D,** Chandigarh stands in the name of allottee/transferee **SH. BALDEV SHARAN SHARMA S/O LATE SH. YASH PAL SHARMA.** Now, **SH. BALDEV SHARAN SHARMA S/O LATE SH. YASH PAL SHARMA,** has sold the above said dwelling unit to **SMT. LUXMI GARG W/O SH. GIRISH GARG,** vide Sale Deed Executed and registered in office of Sub-Registrar Chandigarh on **24/06/2026. SMT. LUXMI GARG W/O SH. GIRISH GARG,** has requested this office for transfer the above said dwelling unit in her name on the basis of sale deed.
If any body has any objection upon the mutation of the said property in favour of applicant, he/she/they may submit the objection in writing to the undersigned within 21 days of the publication of this notice, failing which, the ownership of the said dwelling unit shall be transferred in favour of above said claimant(s).
Secretary,
Chandigarh Housing Board,
Chandigarh

CHANDIGARH HOUSING BOARD
A CHANDIGARH ADMINISTRATION UNDERTAKING
8, Jan Marg, Sector 9-D, Chandigarh

PUBLIC NOTICE

Before Secretary, CHB Exercising the Powers of the Estate Officer, UT Chandigarh
Subject: Mutation/Transfer of ownership right in respect of Dwelling Unit **No.3224-1,** Category-LIG, Sector 40-D, Chandigarh on the basis of Sale Deed in the name of **SMT. INDRA KALRA W/O SH. RAJEEV SURI** from the name of allottee/transferee(s) **SMT. BALBIR KAUR W/O SH. MOHAN SINGH.**
It is hereby notified for the information of the general public and all concerned the DU **No.3224-1,** Category-LIG, Sector 40-D, Chandigarh stands in the name of allottee/transferee(s) **SMT. BALBIR KAUR W/O SH. MOHAN SINGH.** Now, **SMT. BALBIR KAUR W/O SH. MOHAN SINGH** has sold the above said dwelling unit to **SMT. INDRA KALRA W/O SH. RAJEEV SURI** vide Sale Deed executed and registered in office of Sub-Registrar Chandigarh dated **13.04.2026. SMT. INDRA KALRA W/O SH. RAJEEV SURI** has requested this office for transfer the above said dwelling unit in her name on the basis of Sale deed.
If any body has any objection upon the mutation of the said property in favour of applicant, he/she/they may submit the objection in writing to the undersigned within 21 days of the publication of this notice, failing which, the ownership of the said dwelling unit shall be transferred in favour of above said claimant(s).
Secretary,
Chandigarh Housing Board,
Chandigarh

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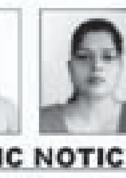
8, Jan Marg, Sector 9-D, Chandigarh



PUBLIC NOTICE

Subject:- Mutation/Transfer of the Allottee/transfree of DU **No.2109-B** of One Bed Room Category & Parking in Block No.27 in **Sector-63,** Chandigarh in the name of **(i) SMT. SAVITA RANI W/O LATE SH. VINAY KUMAR, (ii) SH. SUDHANSHU SHARMA S/O LATE SH. VINAY KUMAR & (iii) MS. SHREYA SHARMA D/O LATE SH. VINAY KUMAR** on the Intestate Demise of allottee/transfree **SH. VINAY KUMAR S/O SH. ISHWAR DUKHIA.**
It is hereby notified for the information of the General Public and all concerned that **SH. VINAY KUMAR S/O SH. ISHWAR DUKHIA** allottee/transfree of **No.2109-B** of One Bed Room Category & Parking in Block No.27 in **Sector-63,** Chandigarh expired on **10.03.2026** at **Chandigarh** as informed by his legal heirs. **(i) SMT. SAVITA RANI W/O LATE SH. VINAY KUMAR, (ii) SH. SUDHANSHU SHARMA S/O LATE SH. VINAY KUMAR & (iii) MS. SHREYA SHARMA D/O LATE SH. VINAY KUMAR** have requested for transfer of ownership of DU **No.2109-B** of One Bed Room Category & Parking in Block No.27 in **Sector-63,** Chandigarh in their name on the basis of intestate demise of allottee/transfree **SH. VINAY KUMAR S/O SH. ISHWAR DUKHIA.** They have further stated that no other legal heir has been left out.
In case anybody has any objection regarding the claim/right/interest in the dwelling unit which is proposed to be transferred by the Chandigarh Housing Board in favour of **(i) SMT. SAVITA RANI (Wife), (ii) SH. SUDHANSHU SHARMA (Son) & (iii) MS. SHREYA SHARMA (Daughter)**, he/she may submit the objection in writing to the undersigned within 21 days of the publication of this notice, failing which the registration and allotment of the said dwelling unit shall be transferred in favour of the above claimant's.
Secretary,
Chandigarh Housing Board,
Chandigarh

CHANDIGARH HOUSING BOARD
A CHANDIGARH ADMINISTRATION UNDERTAKING
8, Jan Marg, Sector 9-D, Chandigarh

PUBLIC NOTICE

SH. NAVEEN KUMAR SAMOTRA S/O SH. RATTAN SINGH approached to the Chandigarh Housing Board for the issuance of **Duplicate copy of Allotment Letter** in respect of DU **No.5021-3, MHC, Manimajra, Chandigarh** due to loss of this document. He has also furnished Lost Article Information Report in P.S. Manimajra at Serial No.476388 LAR No.2026/020968 registered with CHANDIGARH Police on dated 29.06.2026, regarding the loss of above said document(s). Any person having any objection against the issuance of **Duplicate copy of Allotment Letter,** of above said DU to the applicant(s), he/she should file the objection before the undersigned in writing within 15 days from the publication of this notice, failing which the document shall be issued. Further, in case original document as mentioned above is found by anyone, the same should be submitted in the above noted Police Station or in the office of the undersigned.
Secretary,
Chandigarh Housing Board,
Chandigarh

CHANDIGARH HOUSING BOARD
A CHANDIGARH ADMINISTRATION UNDERTAKING
8, Jan Marg, Sector 9-D, Chandigarh

PUBLIC NOTICE

Subject:- Mutation/Transfer of allotment/ Registration of Ownership in respect of DU **No.544-2** of Category-EWS, Sector 40-A, Chandigarh in the name of **SH. SANJEEV KUMAR S/O LATE SH. SITA RAM PANDEY** from the name of allottee/transfree **SMT. NAND RANI W/O LATE SH. SITA RAM PANDEY (SITA RAM)** on the basis of Registered WILL.
It is hereby notified for the information of the general public and all concerned that **SH. SANJEEV KUMAR S/O LATE SH. SITA RAM PANDEY** after the death of allottee/transferee **SMT. NAND RANI W/O LATE SH. SITA RAM PANDEY (SITA RAM),** has applied to Chandigarh Housing Board for transfer the DU **No.544-2** of Category-EWS, Sector 40-A, Chandigarh in his favour, as **SMT. NAND RANI W/O LATE SH. SITA RAM PANDEY (SITA RAM)** expired on dated **24.04.2026** at **Chandigarh** and left behind a WILL which was Registered with Sub Registrar, **UT Chandigarh** on **03.12.2019,** in his favour. He has further stated that the WILL of the deceased allottee/transferee is the last WILL executed by her which has neither superseded nor cancelled till the death of the deceased.
If any body has any objection upon the mutation of the said property in favour of applicant(s), he/she/they may submit the objection in writing to the undersigned within 21 days of the publication of this notice, failing which, the registration and allotment of the said dwelling unit shall be transferred in favour of above said claimant(s).
Secretary,
Chandigarh Housing Board,
Chandigarh

AXIS BANK LTD.
Retail Asset Centre: AXIS Bank Ltd, 2nd Floor, Property # 7-E, Municipal 3903/1142/16, Malhar Road, Sarabha Nagar, Ludhiana -141001.
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PUBLICATION OF NOTICE REGARDING POSSESSION OF PROPERTY U/S 13(4) OF SARFAESI ACT 2002

Notice is hereby given under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (54 of 2002) and in exercise of powers conferred under section 13 (12) read with rule 9 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002, a demand notice was issued on the dates mentioned against each account and stated hereinafter calling upon them to repay the amount within 60 days from the date of receipt of said notice. The Borrower having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the Borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of power conferred on him/her under section 13(4) of the said Act read with Rule 9 of the said Act on the dates mentioned against each account. The Borrower in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of Axis Bank Ltd. for an amount and interest thereon. **The borrowers attention is invited to provisions of Sub-section (8) of Section 13 of the Act, in re-spect of time available to redeem the secured assets.**

S. N.	Name of Borrower / Co-borrower / Guarantor / Legal Heirs	(1). NPA Date, (2). Date of Demand Notice (3). Date of Possession (4). Amount in Demand Notice (Rs.)
	1. Sh. Rajvir Singh s/o Dalip Singh (Applicant and Mortgagor) and 2.Sh. Manpreet Singh s/o Bikker Singh (Guarantor)	**(1). 04-Dec-2025 (2). 17-03-26 (3). 13th- July-2026 (4). Rs 1384,749.00/-(Thirteen Lakhs Eighty Four Thousand Seven Hundred Forty Nine Rupees Only)**
Property Address of Secured Assets:- Equitable Mortgage of Property including all part and parcel of property i.e. Flat/Apartment comprised in Khata/Khewat No. 20/21 Min/21,Khasra No. 121 (0-5), 122 (3-12), 124 (2-17), 431/110 (1-5), 433/111 (0-14), and 510/471/123 (4-14),Kita No. 6, share of 3/5340, equivalent to 0 Bigha 0 Biswa 3 Biswasi. Out of Total Rakba measuring 13 Bigha 7 Biswa. Hadbast No. 14,as per Jmabandi 2019-20,i.e a Flat No. 275, 2nd Floor of Tower/Block 5 ,SBP Housing Park, situated at Village Rauni, Nagar Council Dera Bassi. District Sahibzada Ajit Singh Nagar (Mohali),owned by Sh. Rajvir Singh s/o Dalip Singh vide Vasika no. 1322 dated 22-05-2022		
2.	**1. Sh. Neeraj s/o Bahadar Singh (Applicant and Mortgagor) and, 2. Mrs. Savita Devi w/o Neeraj**	**(1). 4-DEC-2025 (2). 17-3-26 (3). 13th- July-2026 (4). Rs 23,90,681.46/-(Twenty Three Lakhs Ninety Thousand Six Hundred Eighty One Rupees Only)**
Property Address of Secured Assets:- Equitable Mortgage of property including all part and parcel of property i.e. House No. 119, Ek Onkar City, Measuring 108.75 Sq yards, comprised in Khewat Khatoni No. 267/271, Khasra No. 84/3 (0-1), 1226/85 (2-8), 1227/85 (2-8), 90/2/1 (2-2), kite 4, having total land 6 Bigha 19 Biswa out of which share is 13/834 share i.e. 0 Bigha 2-1/6 Biswa, Hadbast. No 183, in village Khanpur ,Tehsil Kharar, Distt. S.A.S Nagar Distt. S.A.S Nagar Mohali Punjab owned by Mr Neeraj s/o Bahadar Singh and Mrs Savita Devi w/o Neeraj vide Vasika No. 2021-22/15/1/5202., Boundaries as per Sale Deed : EAST : Plot No.120, WEST: Plot No. 118, North : Plot No. 130, South : Road 30 ft Wide		

Date: 16.07.2026
Place: Ludhiana
Sd/-, Authorized Officer, Axis Bank Ltd.

AU SMALL FINANCE BANK LIMITED
(A SCHEDULED COMMERCIAL BANK)
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Demand Notice Under Section 13(2) of Securitisation Act of 2002

As the loan account became NPA therefore the Authorized officer under section 13(2) of "The Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002" had issued 60 days demand notice to the borrowers/co-borrowers/ Mortgagers/Guarantors (collectively referred as "Borrowers") as given in the table. According to the notice if the borrowers do not deposit the entire amount within 60 days, the amount will be recovered from auction of the mortgage properties/secured assets as given below. Therefore you the borrowers are informed to deposit the entire loan amount along with future interest and expenses within 60 days from the date of demand notice, otherwise under the provisions of 13(4) and 14 of the said Act, the Authorized officer is free to take possession for sale of the mortgage properties/Secured assets as given below.
Borrowers to note that after receipt of this notice, in terms of Section 13(13) of the Act, 2002, you are prohibited and restrained from transferring any of the secured assets by way of sale, lease or otherwise, without prior written consent of the secured creditor.
Borrowers attention are attracted towards Section 13(8) r/w Rule 3(5) of The Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 Act that the borrowers shall be entitled to redeem their secured asset upon the payment of the complete outstanding dues as mentioned below before the publication of auction notice, which thereafter shall cease to exist.

Name of the Borrower/ Co-Borrower /Mortgagor/Guarantor/ Loan A/c No.	Date and Amount of Demand Notice Under Sec. 13(2)	Description of Mortgaged Property
(A/c No.) L9001070117665743 **Guljar Mohamad (Borrower),** Smt.Sher Jahan (Co-Borrower), Babloo (Co-Borrower)	9-Jun-26 Rs. 1193694/- Rs. Eleven Lakh Ninety-Three Thousand Six Hundred Ninety Four Only **As on 9-Jun-26**	Property Situated At - Khasra No 105 /2 (0-8), 108/ 2 / 2 /(1-12), 638 /109/ 2 /1 (1 - 16) Kitte 3, Khewat & Khatoni No 786/ 905, Sukhram Colony, Near Peer Di Samad, Vill - Rasoolpur Saidan, Dist.-Patiala, Punjab **Admeasuring 52 Square Yard**
(A/c No.) L9001060831864682 **Sandeep Mishra (Borrower),** Smt Ashu Rani (Co-Borrower), S K Auto Center (Co-Borrower)	15-Jun-26 Rs. 301461/- Rs. Three Lakh One Thousand Four Hundred Sixty-One Only **As on 15-Jun-26**	Property Comprised In Khasra No 39//6/1-40//9/2-10-11/1-38//15-16,Khata No 64/69-65/70-66/71,H.B No 82,Jamabandi 2012-2013,Abaddi Known As New Jaiswal Colony,St No 02, Kaneja Road,Teh&Distt- Ludhiana ,Punjab **Admeasuring 50 Sqyds**
(A/c No.) L9001060121601357 **Gurjant Singh (Borrower),** Smt.Chhinder Kaur (Co-Borrower)	15-Jun-26 Rs. 1025028/- Rs. Ten Lakh Twenty-Five Thousand Twenty-Eight Only **As on 15-Jun-26**	Property Admeasuring 2 Kanal 0 Marlas Situated At Village Kapura,Teh & Distt. Moga " 40/1010 Share Of Land 50 Kanal 10 Marlas Bearing Khasra No 48//13/2(2-18),21(8-0),22(8-0),53//2(8-0),54//6Min (4-0),71/8/2(4-8),13(7-12),22(7-12),Khewat No 83,Khatauni No 118 As Per Jamabandi Year 2015-2016 Property **Admeasuring 2 Kanal 0 Marla**
(A/c No.) L9001060122841670 **M/S Vishram Milk Agency (Borrower),** Suraj Kumar (Co-Borrower), Vish Ram (Co-Borrower), Smt.Badami Devi (Co-Borrower)	15-Jun-26 Rs. 1106283/- Rs. Eleven Lakh Six Thousand Two Hundred Eighty-Three Only **As on 15-Jun-26**	Property Comprised In Khasra No 60,61,Khatta No 589/628,H B No 179, Jamabandi Year 2009-2010,Situated At Village Mundian Kalan,Abadi Known As Ram Nagar,Teh & Distt-Ludhiana, Punjab **Admeasuring 96 Sqyds**
(A/c No.) L9001060124227820 **Jaswinder Pal (Borrower),** Parveen Kumar (Co-Borrower)	15-Jun-26 Rs. 796754/- Rs. Seven Lakh Ninety-Six Thousand Seven Hundred Fifty-Four Only **As on 15-Jun-26**	120/15780 Share Of Land Measuring 39 Bighe 9 Biswe Comprised In Khewat No.350 Khatauni No. 673 Khasra No. 115//20/2(1-1), 160//17(4-0), 161//1(3-14), 174//5(4-0), 6(4-0), 7(4-0), 13(4-0), 14(4-0), 15/1(1-10), 15/2(2-10), 16(4-0), 17/2/3(2-12), 780(0-2) Kitte 13 As Per Jamabandi 2015-16 Situated At Lalru (Hadbast No. 218) Mc Lalru, Tehsil Dera Bassi, District Sas Nagar Punjab. **Plot/House Measuring 6 Biswe (300 Sq Yards)**
(A/c No.) L9001060133541516 **Naresh Kumar (Borrower),** Surjit Singh (Co-Borrower)	15-Jun-26 Rs. 1099661/- Rs. Ten Lakh Ninety-Nine Thousand Six Hundred Sixty-One Only **As on 15-Jun-26**	(1) Property Situated At - Rect. Num. 7, Killa Num. 8/3/ 3(2-5), Khewat Num. 134, Khatoni Num. 204, Vill Chak Ronm Wala, Jalalabad, Dist. Fazilka, Punjab **Admeasuring 1 Kanal 6 Marla** (2) Property Situated At - Rect. Num. 7, Killa Num. 13/1(4-11), Khewat Num. 137, Khatoni Num. 207, Vill Chak Ronm Wala, Jalalabad, Dist. Fazilka, Punjab **Admeasuring 6 Marla**
(A/c No.) L9001060134123491 **Harpreet Singh (Borrower),** Smt.Hardeep Kaur (Co-Borrower)	15-Jun-26 Rs. 1001814/- Rs. Ten Lakh One Thousand Eight Hundred Fourteen Only **As on 15-Jun-26**	Property Measuring 0kanal 11-1/9 Marla Comprised in Khewat Khatoni No. 157/220 To 235 Khasra No. 39//13 Min(4-0), 46//10/2(3-0), 47//5/1(5-9), 114//4(0-3), 5(0-3), 117//12(1-4), 13(3-18), 31//3/2/2(0-13), 8/3(2-16), 12(8-0), 13/1(3-4), 18(8-0), 23(8-0), 30//9Min (1-4), 10(4-16), 13Min(4-0), 14Min(4-4), 18(7-9), 19(4-12), 39//22/2(0-8), 23(5-14), 14,Min (0-8), 47//4/2Min (0-8), 6(7-18), 7Min (6-10), 14(4-0), 15Min (3-10), 17(7-19), 117//17Min (0-6), 39//5/2(2-9), 6(8-0), 9Min(5-0), 14Min(3-16)24Min(7-12), 47//3/2(2-18), 4/1(4-8), 4/2Min (3-4), 7Min (1-14), 31//17(2-11), 31//13/2(3-1), 14(0-17), 31//3/2/1(1-6), 8/1/1(0-4),8/1/2/1Min(0-19), 8/2/1(0-1), 31//8/1/2/1 Min (0-1), 8/1/2/2/1Min(0-10), 9/1(0-4), 31//19Min (4-0), 24/1/2(1-0), 24/1/1(0-9), 24/2(2-0), 8/2/2(4-9), 9/1/1(2-7), 9/2(1-0), 9/1/2(1-13), 19Min (4-0), 39//7/9-0),8(7-11), 11(7-15), 12(7-18),17(8-0), 47//15Min(3-11),117//17(0-18), Kite 64 Out Of Total Land Measuring 226K-2M Situated At Village Mahadian Tehsil And District Fatehgarh Sahib. **Admeasuring 0 Kanal 11-1/9 Marla**
(A/c No.) L9001060136538215 **M/S Anshu Medicos (Borrower),** Smt.Seema Rani (Co-Borrower), Surinder Kumar (Co-Borrower)	15-Jun-26 Rs. 1045047/- Rs. Ten Lakh Forty-Five Thousand Forty-Seven Only **As on 15-Jun-26**	Property Situated At- Khasra No 174/1/2/1-19 174/1/3/0-7 174/9/3/4-4 To 175/24/5-10 187/4Min/3-11 187/5/1Min/0-12, Khewat/Khatauni No 82/190, Village- Sangrur, Distt- Sangrur, Punjab **Admeasuring 46 Sqyds.**
(A/c No.) L9001060143057471 **Hardeep Singh (Borrower),** Joginder Singh (Co-Borrower), Smt.Sukhwant Kaur (Co-Borrower)	15-Jun-26 Rs. 717144/- Rs. Seven Lakh Seventeen Thousand One Hundred Forty-Four Only **As on 15-Jun-26**	Property Situated At - Khasra No 287 Rect No 287 Killa No 19/2 2-13 Khewat No 3029 Khatoni No 3961, Abohar Ii, Tneja Colony, Dist - Fazilka, Punjab 152116 **Admeasuring 196.62 Sq Yd**
(A/c No.) L9001060139061487 **Iqbal Singh (Borrower),** Smt.Paramjeet Kaur (Co-Borrower), Gurmail Singh (Co-Borrower), Balwinder Singh (Co-Borrower)	15-Jun-26 Rs. 1995289/- Rs. Nineteen Lakh Ninety-Five Thousand Two Hundred Eighty-Nine Only **As on 15-Jun-26**	Property Situated At - Khasra No 1688/1-2 Khewat No 64 Khatoni No 90, Sale Deed No 1550, Village- Dhudi, Tehsil And Dist- Faridkot, Punjab 151203 **Admeasuring 665.5 Sq Yd**
(A/c No.) L9001060141020479 **Badal Singh (Borrower),** Joginder Singh (Co-Borrower), Smt.Kirna Rani (Co-Borrower)	15-Jun-26 Rs. 865356/- Rs. Eight Lakh Sixty-Five Thousand Three Hundred Fifty-Six Only **As on 15-Jun-26**	Property Situated At - Khasra No 466/4 03-17,470/2 0-0,470/4 02-18,507 02-05 To 465/2 15-10,466/2 07-04 Khatta No 23/50 To 54, Vpo Kamalu, Opposite Of Waterworks, Tehsil Maur, Dist - Bathinda, Punjab 151509 **Admeasuring 907.5 Sq Yd**
(A/c No.) L9001070139182316 **Aditya (Borrower),** Smt.Pooja Rani (Co-Borrower)	15-Jun-26 Rs. 1077546/- Rs. Ten Lakh Seventy-Seven Thousand Five Hundred Forty-Six Only **As on 15-Jun-26**	Property Situated At - Mustil 12 13 Killa No 15/1 6-0 11/2 6-13 17/2/1/1 1-3 18/1/1 0-10 Khewat/Khatoni No 193/397, Village- Amloh, Tehsil- Gobindgarh, District -Fatehgarh Sahib, Punjab 147203 **Admeasuring 100 Sq Yd**
(A/c No.) L9001060139926032 **Satnam Singh (Borrower),** Smt. Simerjeet Kaur (Co-Borrower)	15-Jun-26 Rs. 660800/- Rs. Six Lakh Sixty Thousand Eight Hundred Only **As on 15-Jun-26**	Property Situated At - Khasra No 347/11 Min 07-03 347/20 Min 02-14 347/16 Min 01-0 Khatta No 1003/1673, Patti Kishan Singh, Burj, Talwandi Sabo 1 ,District Bathinda, Punjab 151509 **Admeasuring 166 Sq Yd**
(A/c No.) L9001060143578540 **Naresh Kumar (Borrower),** Gaurav Sharma (Co-Borrower), Shilpa Kniiwear (Co-Borrower)	15-Jun-26 Rs. 1612496/- Rs. Sixteen Lakh Twelve Thousand Four Hundred Ninety-Six Only **As on 15-Jun-26**	Property Situated At- Kh No 20/15/1/2/1/2-15/2/2-16/1/2-21/11/2-12/1-17/2-18/2-19/1-19/2/2-20/1/2-22/122/2-23/1-30/2-3/1/1-3/1/2-4-5-6-9-15/1, Plot No 56, Khata No 150/183, Hadbast No 180 Gk Estate, Vill-Bhamian Khurd, Dist- Ludhiana, Punjab **Admeasuring 177.22 Sqyds.**
(A/c No.) L9001060138904203 **Judge Singh (Borrower),** Smt.Shimla Rani (Co-Borrower)	16-Jun-26 Rs. 388071/- Rs. Three Lakh Eighty-Eight Thousand Seventy-One Only **As on 16-Jun-26**	Property Situated At- V Virk Khurd, Teh Guruharsahai, District- Firozpur, Punjab, 152022 **Admeasuring 242 Sqyd**
(A/c No.) L9001070525737170 **Mandeep Singh (Borrower),** Smt.Amritpal Kaur (Co-Borrower), Balwinder Singh (Guarantor)	16-Jun-26 Rs. 797159/- Rs. Seven Lakh Ninety-Seven Thousand One Hundred Fifty-Nine Only **As on 16-Jun-26**	Property Situated At - 1/6 Share Of 10 Kanal 11 Marla Khasra No 19 18 2 2 0 22 1 2 11 23 1 6 0 Khatta No 114/149, Near Bus Stand Pathrala, Vill Fatuhwala, Tehsil Lambi, Dist - Sri Muktsar Sahib, Punjab, 152113 **Admeasuring 1010 Sq Yd**
(A/c No.) L9001060131174185 **Krishan Kumar (Borrower),** Jacky Kumar (Co-Borrower)	16-Jun-26 Rs. 648289/- Rs. Six Lakh Forty-Eight Thousand Two Hundred Eighty-Nine Only **As on 16-Jun-26**	Property Situated At - Khewat/Khatouni No 559/559/1435, Khasra No 55/1/2/10 0-6 Kite 1, Village- Patran Krishna Basti, Tehsil- Patran, District- Patiala, Punjab, 147105 **Admeasuring 166.66 Square Yard**
(A/c No.) L9001060838398513 & L9001060127340282 **Amit Kalra (Borrower),** Pallavi Kalra (Co-Borrower)	17-Jun-26 Rs. 1037064/- Rs. ten Lakh thirty-seven Thousand sixty four Only & Rs. 970966/- Rs. nine Lakh seventy Thousand nine hundred sixty six Only **As on 17-Jun-26**	Property Situated At - Kh No 22, Plot Of 278, Kesari Enclave Jassian, Dist - Ludhiana, Punjab ,141001 **Admeasuring 130 Sqyds**
(A/c No.) L9001060133875267 **Bhupinder Singh (Borrower),** Smt.Jaswinder Kaur (Co-Borrower)	17-Jun-26 Rs. 967743/- Rs. nine Lakh sixty-seven Thousand seven hundred forty-three Only **As on 17-Jun-26**	Property Situated At - Rect No 514 1-0 Khewat No 947 Khatoni No 1359, Killian Wali Malout, District- Muktsar, Punjab, 151211 **Admeasuring 1119.5 Square Yard**
(A/c No.) L9001060143213880 **Isha (Borrower),** Karan (Co-Borrower), Pammi (Co-Borrower)	17-Jun-26 Rs. 786613/- Rs. seven Lakh eighty-six Thousand six hundred thirteen Only **As on 17-Jun-26**	Property Situated At - Bearing No B-Xi/184, Uid No Ph0130382, Khalwara Gate, Tehsil-Phagwara, District- Kapurthala, Punjab, 144401 **Admeasuring 33.61 Square Yard**
(A/c No.) L9001060735526037 **Jitendra Kumar (Borrower),** Smt.Renu (Co-Borrower),	17-Jun-26 Rs. 1096835/- Rs. ten Lakh ninety-six Thousand eight hundred thirty-five Only **As on 17-Jun-26**	Property Situated At - Khasra No 468 0-11,492 0-06,1033 0-06 And Khasra No 1034 0-06, Khatta No 287-023, Khatta No 293-941, Village-Maur Kalan, District- Bathinda, Punjab, 151509 **Admeasuring 187.27 Square Yard**
(A/c No.) L9001060153133874 **Kirandeep Singh Johal (Borrower),** Smt.Paramjit Kaur Johal (Co-Borrower),	18-Jun-26 Rs. 1549631/- Rs. Fifteen Lakh Forty-Nine Thousand Six Hundred Thirty-One Only **As on 18-Jun-26**	Property Situated At - Bearing Khasra No.109/12/12-1 Khewat No 163 Khatauni No.182, Tehsil And Distt-Moga, Punjab, 142001 **Admeasuring 141 Sqyd**
(A/c No.) L9001060133758939 **Angrej Singh (Borrower),** Surjeet Singh (Co-Borrower),	18-Jun-26 Rs. 313469/- Rs. Three Lakh Thirteen Thousand Four Hundred Sixty-Nine Only **As on 18-Jun-26**	Property Situated At- Rec No 231 Killa No 11/29 0-2, Tehsil- Abohar, District- Ferozpur, Punjab, 152116 **Admeasuring 22.68 Square Yard**
(A/c No.) L9001060136333740 **Tina (Borrower),** Smt.Munni (Co-Borrower)	18-Jun-26 Rs. 484675/- Rs. Four Lakh Eighty-Four Thousand Six Hundred Seventy-Five Only **As on 18-Jun-26**	Property Situated At- Sr No 34, Khoo Meher Muhammad, Near Committee Gol Bhag, District- Firozpur, Punjab, 152002 **Admeasuring 121 Square Yard**
(A/c No.) L9001060139875746 **Akhil Sehgal (Borrower),** Anil Sehgal (Co-Borrower), Smt.Anju (Co-Borrower)	18-Jun-26 Rs. 1545715/- Rs. Fifteen Lakh Forty-Five Thousand Seven Hundred Fifteen Only **As on 18-Jun-26**	Property Situated At - Mc No B-7-248/1, Mohalla Mullaaakur, Vasika No 2022-23 106 1 18600, Dist- Ludhiana (East), Punjab, 141008 **Admeasuring 113.33 Sq Yd**
(A/c No.) L9001060144686881 **Satnam Singh (Borrower),** Smt.Simerjeet Kaur (Co-Borrower)	18-Jun-26 Rs. 189932/- Rs. One Lakh Eighty-Nine Thousand Nine Hundred Thirty-Two Only **As on 18-Jun-26**	Property Situated At- Khasra No 347/11 Min 07 03 347/20 Min 02-14 347/16 Min 01-0 Khatta No 1003/1673, Burj, Talwandi Sabo 1 District-Bathinda, Punjab, 151509 **Admeasuring 166 Square Yard**
(A/c No.) L9001060145942422 **Gurmeet Singh (Borrower),** Smt.Sukhwinder Kaur (Co-Borrower)	18-Jun-26 Rs. 628851/- Rs. Six Lakh Twenty-Eight Thousand Eight Hundred Fifty-One Only **As on 18-Jun-26**	Property Situated At - Khewat No.154, Jalalabad, Near Scholl, Fazilka, Dist - Firozpur, Punjab, 152024 **Admeasuring 49 Sq Yd**
(A/c No.) L9001060141705302 **Varinder Kumar (Borrower),** Smt.Asha Rani (Co-Borrower), Ramesh Lal (Co-Borrower), Jatinder Kumar (Co-Borrower)	18-Jun-26 Rs. 786259/- Rs. Seven Lakh Eighty-Six Thousand Two Hundred Fifty-Nine Only **As on 18-Jun-26**	Property Situated At - Khasra No 2/58/1 0-8, Baghowal H.B No.263, Khewat No 114 Khatoni No 126, Dist - Hoshiarpur, Punjab, 144211 **Admeasuring 50.23 Sq Yd**
(A/c No.) L9001060142418856 **Shinder Singh (Borrower),** Balvir Singh (Co-Borrower), Smt.Jito Bai (Co-Borrower)	18-Jun-26 Rs. 1751017/- Rs. Seventeen Lakh Fifty-One Thousand Seventeen Only **As on 18-Jun-26**	Property Situated At - Khasra No.6/17/2,6/18,6/23,6/24,6/25,13/3/1,13/5, Village- Tibbi Ranga, Tehsil- Makhu, District-Firozepur, Punjab, 142044 **Admeasuring 453.75 Sq Yd**
(A/c No.) L9001060122166618 & L9001060836110435 **Inderjit Singh (Borrower),** Rupinder Singh (Co-Borrower)	20-Jun-26 Rs. 686647/- Rs. Six Lakh Eighty-Six Thousand Six Hundred Forty-Seven Only & Rs. 752185/- Rs. Seven Lakh Fifty-Two Thousand One Hundred Eighty-Five Only **As on 19-Jun-26**	Property Situated At- Hb No 124, Khata No 392 422, Mastil No 105, Killa No 5 2 6 0, Galan Kalan 1, Jagraon, District- Ludhiana, Punjab, 142036 **Admeasuring 1300.75 Square Yard**
(A/c No.) L9001070126638677 **Darshan Singh (Borrower),** Smt.Sukhpal Kaur (Co-Borrower)	20-Jun-26 Rs. 1134780/- Rs. Eleven Lakh Thirty-Four Thousand Seven Hundred Eighty Only **As on 19-Jun-26**	Property Situated At - Wasika No - 8731, Mansa Kalan, Tehsil & Dist- Mansa, Punjab,181808 **Admeasuring 780 Sqft**

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Drinking water issue in Chanaut village resolved through Khattar's initiative

DINKAR GAWRI
HANSI, JULY 15

A long-standing drinking water issue in Chanaut village of the Hansi region has been resolved through the initiative of Union Minister for Power, Housing & Urban Affairs and former Haryana Chief Minister Manohar Lal. Villagers announced the end of their protest after the Union Minister announced the installation of a new four-inch 'T' connection (tapping point) from the main drinking water pipeline to the village and granted departmental approval for the same. Manohar Lal was addressing a press conference following a meeting held at the PWD Rest House in Hansi on Wednesday. Haryana's Public Works (Building & Roads) and Public Health Engineering Minister Ranbir Singh Gangwa, Rajya Sabha MP Subhash Barala, Hansi MLA Vinod Bhayana, DC Rahul Narwal, SP Vinod Kumar, BJP District President Ashok Saini, and Chairman Rajesh Thakral were also present. Public representatives held detailed discussions with the villagers, protest committee members, and departmental officials, listened to all parties, and endeavored to find a solution on the spot. He stated that two significant issues concerning Chanaut village had emerged during the state government's drinking water pipeline project. First, the people demanded that water supply be provided to the village from the main drinking water pipeline passing nearby. Second, technical and administrative hurdles had arisen at the site where the pipeline was laid due to the widening and construction work of the National Highway, which had impacted the project.

He added that the government took the villagers' demand seriously and obtained detailed reports from technical experts and departmental officials. The assessment revealed that the main pipeline has sufficient capacity, and providing an additional water supply to Chanaut village would not adversely affect the drinking water arrangements of any other village or area. Consequently, a decision was made to install a four-inch 'T-line' from the main pipeline, and the necessary approval was granted to the concerned department. The Union Minister clarified that the village's existing drinking water system would continue to operate smoothly without any changes. The new four-inch T-line will serve as an additional and alternative arrangement. Should the demand for water in the village increase in the future, or if the existing system fails to provide adequate supply for any reason, additional water will be made available through the new line. This will strengthen the village's drinking water security and help meet the needs of the growing population in the coming years. Union Minister Manohar Lal directed officials to promptly complete the formalities related to the National Highway project, resolve any technical hurdles regarding the pipeline work, and initiate the installation of the new T-line on a priority basis.

Easy way to reduce stress by transforming negative thoughts into positive: Khushbu Rai

JAIBEER RANA THAMBER
BARARA, JULY 15

Transforming negative thoughts into positive ones and talking to loved ones when needed are simple yet effective ways to reduce stress. Psychiatrist Khushbu Rai shared these insights while addressing a seminar held at Sant Mohan Singh Khalsa Labana Girls College as part of a training programme titled 'Mental Health and a Stress-Free Life.' She discussed various aspects of mental health, stress management, positive thinking, and methods to maintain peace in daily life in detail. The special training program on 'Mental Health and a Stress-Free Life' was organized at the college under the guidance of Principal Dr. Daljit Kaur Virk and the leadership of Dr. Navneet Kaur, the Nodal Officer for the National Task Force (NTF).

The primary objective of the programme was to raise awareness about mental health among the college's teaching and non-teaching staff and to provide information on ways to lead a stress-free, peaceful life. During the training session, Khushbu (M.A. Psychology) outlined several practical stress management techniques. She stated that regular yoga, deep breathing exercises, time management, adequate sleep, pursuing hobbies, replacing negative thoughts with positive ones, and communicating with loved ones when necessary are among the most effective measures to alleviate stress. She also emphasized the importance of practicing the '5-4-3-2-1 grounding technique' and mindfulness during times of stress.

Speaking on the occasion, Principal Dr. Daljit Kaur Virk remarked that mental health is a crucial necessity in today's world. She noted that peace and success in life can only be achieved if one remains mentally healthy and emphasized the need to conduct such awareness programs regularly. NTF Nodal Officer Dr. Navneet Kaur observed that in today's fast-paced and highly competitive world, people are increasingly falling prey to mental stress, anxiety, and depression. In this context, it is crucial that we prioritize our mental health just as much as we do our physical health. She further added that through meditation, yoga, positive thinking, and timely communication, we can make our lives more balanced and peaceful. Dr. Kaur urged everyone to speak openly about mental health and seek professional help when needed. The entire college staff participated in the event in large numbers. Following Dr. Navneet Kaur's vote of thanks, the one-day training program concluded.

Barara police head Jaipal transferred; SI Sheesh Pal takes charge

JAIBEER RANA THAMBER
BARARA: As part of an administrative reshuffle within the police department, Jaipal, the in-charge of the Barara police post, has been transferred. Sub-Inspector Sheesh Pal has been appointed as the new in-charge of the post. Following the issuance of the transfer order, Sub-Inspector Sheesh Pal assumed charge of the Barara police post. It is noteworthy that Sheesh Pal has previously served in Barara for a considerable period and is well-acquainted with the area. Expectations are high that he will strengthen law and order in the region, effectively curb crime, and resolve public grievances on a priority basis. Meanwhile, Sheesh Pal has stated that he will work towards ensuring public safety and maintaining law and order.

Unidentified thieves target 5 shops in Mohalla Savaniya

PRITI SAINI
SADHAURA: In a single night, unidentified thieves targeted five shops in the market at Mohalla Savaniya (Ward No. 10), stealing copper pipes and wiring from the air conditioners. The incident has sparked anger and fear among the shopkeepers.Shopkeepers Aman Saini and Deepanshu Dhingra reported that when they opened their shops in the morning and tried to switch on their ACs, error messages appeared on the units. Upon checking the rooftops, they discovered that the copper pipes and wiring had been removed from the AC compressors; the cutting of the pipes had also caused the refrigerant gas to leak out completely. The shopkeepers stated that restoring the ACs to working order would require new copper piping, wiring, and gas refilling, incurring an expense of thousands of rupees. An AC mechanic confirmed that the gas had completely leaked due to the severed pipes, making a refill mandatory after repairs. They noted that there has been a recent surge in such incidents involving unidentified thieves. The shopkeepers have demanded that the police administration increase night patrols and take strict action against the thieves. At the time of writing this report, no formal complaint had been lodged with the police regarding the matter.

Officials directed to complete preparations for July 17 programme

HANS RAJ
KURUKSHETRA: Sub-Divisional Magistrate (SDM) Aman Kumar on Wednesday directed officials to complete all preparations well in advance for the programme to be held on July 17, during which Prime Minister Narendra Modi will virtually inaugurate the Kurukshetra Elevated Railway Track and the Sikh Museum from Jind.

Chairing a review meeting at the SDM office in the Mini Secretariat, Aman Kumar said a parallel programme would be organised at Shrimad Bhagavad Gita Sadan of Kurukshetra University. Haryana Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare Minister Shyam Singh Rana will attend the event as the chief guest. The SDM reviewed arrangements with officials from the district administration, police, Social Welfare Department, Welfare Department, Public Relations Department, National Informatics Centre (NIC) and other concerned departments. He instructed all departments to complete their assigned responsibilities on time, warning that accountability would be fixed if deficiencies were found in the arrangements. Aman Kumar also encouraged officials to promote the use of e-rickshaws and electric vehicles for travel to the venue as part of the event's environmental initiatives. He directed departments to invite beneficiaries of various government schemes to attend the programme and instructed the police administration to make comprehensive security arrangements for the event.

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