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Ready to pay 'heavy price' for welfare of farmers, fishermen: PM Modi

NEW DELHI, AUGUST 7



Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Thursday said that he is ready to bear the cost of protecting India's agricultural trade and the country would never compromise on farmers and fishermen interests, as US President Donald Trump announced to impose 50 per cent tariffs on India.

Addressing the MS Swaminathan Centenary International Conference here, PM Modi said that "for us, the interest of farmers remains our top priority".

"India will never compromise on the interests of farmers, fishermen and dairy farmers," the Prime Minister told the gathering. PM Modi further said that "I know we will have to pay a heavy price for it and I am ready for it. India is ready for it."

The Prime MInister's remarks came amid a trade standoff, triggered by Trump's announcement of 25 per cent import duty on Indian goods, effective from August 7. He cited India's purchase of crude oil and military hardware from Russia as grounds for another 25 per cent tariff hike, effective from August 27. **PTI**

From food security focus must shift towards nutritional security: PM

From the current food security, scientists must now shift focus towards building nutritional security, said Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Thursday. He was speaking at the MS Swaminathan Centenary International Conference at ICAR PUSA to celebrate the birth anniversary of Dr. M.S. Swaminathan, the pioneer of India's Green Revolution. Drawing inspiration from Dr. M. S. Swaminathan, the Prime Minister stated that India's scientists now have another opportunity to create history.

Modi greets people on National Handloom Day

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Thursday greeted people on National Handloom Day and shared data to highlight the "transformation" the sector has seen under his government since 2014.

He said, "Best wishes on National Handloom Day! Today is a day to celebrate our rich weaving traditions, which showcase the creativity of our people. We are proud of India's handloom diversity and its role in furthering livelihoods and prosperity."

CM and Sant Niranjan Dass Ji lay foundation stone of STP at Dera Sachkhand Ballan

PUNJAB EXPRESS BUREAU
Ballan (Jalandhar), August 7



Punjab Chief Minister Bhagwant Singh Mann on Thursday laid the foundation stone for a Sewerage Treatment Plant (STP) and Main Pumping Station at Dera Sachkhand Ballan, a project to be completed at a cost of Rs 3.4 crore.

The Chief Minister paid obeisance at Dera Sachkhand Ballan and sought blessings from Sant Niranjan Dass Ji, head of the Dera.

Expressing his reverence, the Chief Minister said that he feels blessed to have received the opportunity to visit this sacred place, which holds the footprints of great religious leaders. He noted that this land has always promoted the values of universal peace, brotherhood, and communal harmony. Bhagwant Singh Mann added that, following the path shown by Baba Sahib Dr B.R Ambedkar, the Punjab Government has prioritized the education sector, along with health, employment, and other key areas.

The Chief Minister stated that his government has already undertaken several path-breaking initiatives in these sectors. He said Punjab has ushered in a new era of reforms in education and healthcare, and today leads the country in educational outcomes. Bhagwant Singh Mann proudly mentioned that students from weaker and underprivileged backgrounds are now excelling in prestigious exams like NEET and JEE, thanks to the state's committed efforts.

Highlighting another landmark initiative, the Chief Minister spoke about the Mukh Mantri Sehat Yojna—the first-of-its-kind scheme in the country providing cashless medical treatment of up to Rs 10 lakh per family to every resident of Punjab. He emphasized that this will significantly reduce the financial burden on families while ensuring access to quality healthcare. Calling the event a historic occasion, Bhagwant Singh Mann said that the foundation stone for a Sewerage Treatment Plant and Main Pumping Station at Dera Sachkhand Ballan has now been laid.

The Chief Minister said that STP will have a capacity of 0.5 MLD (Million Litres per Day) and is expected to be completed within 12 months at a cost of Rs 3.4 crore.

He said the project will provide a clean and healthy environment for the lakhs of devotees who visit Dera Sachkhand Ballan regularly to pay their respects. Bhagwant Singh Mann said that the initiative will also lead to major improvements in sanitation infrastructure.

70 rescued, over 50 missing in Uttarkashi flash floods: Army

DEHRADUN, AUGUST 7



As rescue operations in the flash floods-ravaged Uttarkashi entered the third day on Thursday, the Army said 70 people have been rescued so far and more than 50 are missing.

According to officials, at least four people have been killed in the disaster that struck the ecologically fragile area on Tuesday afternoon. Rescuers recovered two bodies on Wednesday, but it was not clear if these were among the four deaths reported the previous day.

The district administration said 65 people who were stranded at different locations were airlifted to Matli town, 432 km from here, on Thursday.

Efforts were also stepped up to airlift advanced equipment to the worst-hit Dharali village to speed up the search for those trapped under the rubble, officials said.

The Indian Army said its troops reached Dharali within 15 minutes of the tragedy. It ramped up Humanitarian Assistance and Disaster Relief (HADR) operations in the Himalayan village and nearby Harsil. The region remains cut off due to multiple landslides and road breaches.

Seventy civilians have been rescued so far and more than 50 are missing, the Army said in an official release issued here.

Nine Army personnel -- one junior commissioned officer and eight jawans -- are also reported missing, it said.

Nine Army personnel and three civilians were evacuated to Dehradun by helicopter. Three critically injured civilians were shifted to AIIMS Rishikesh and eight were admitted to the Uttarkashi district hospital, it added.

Road access is severely disrupted at multiple locations, including Bartwari, Linchigad, near Harsil, Gangnani and Dharali. Civilian and military teams are working round the clock to rescue stranded people, provide relief and restore connectivity, the Army said.

The military helipad in Harsil and another in Nelong are operational and connected by road to Gangotri, enabling convenient movement of tourists. A civil helipad in Dharali remains non-functional due to a mudslide. **PTI**

NDA authorises PM Modi, Nadda to pick its V-P candidate

NEW DELHI, AUGUST 7

The National Democratic Alliance (NDA) on Thursday unanimously authorised Prime Minister Narendra Modi and BJP President J.P. Nadda to select the coalition's candidate for the Vice Presidential election, scheduled for September 9.

The decision was taken during a meeting of the NDA parliamentary party floor leaders, chaired by Defence Minister Rajnath Singh and attended by senior leaders, including Home Minister Amit Shah, and Health Minister Nadda, who is also the Leader of the House in Rajya Sabha.

Briefing reporters after the meeting, Parliamentary Affairs Minister Kiren Rijiju said: "At the meeting chaired by Rajnath Singh ji, all senior NDA leaders, including Home Minister Amit Shah and J.P. Nadda ji, were present. It was unanimously decided that the Prime Minister and J.P. Nadda ji have been authorised to decide on the NDA's candidate for Vice President. **IANS**

Lok Sabha passes Manipur Appropriation Bill amid din by Opposition over Bihar SIR

NEW DELHI, AUGUST 7

The Lok Sabha on Thursday passed the Manipur Appropriation Bill, 2025, amid din by opposition members over revision of Bihar electoral rolls.

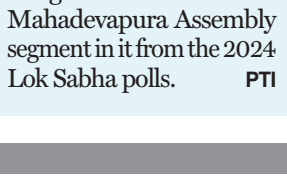
Soon after the passing of the Bill by voice vote, the House proceedings were adjourned for the day.

The Bill authorises payment and appropriation of certain sums from and out of the Consolidated Fund of the State of Manipur for the services of the financial year 2025-26. The Bill was passed without any discussion as opposition members did not relent.

Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman slammed the opposition over disrupting the proceedings and said while they talk of Manipur, they do not want money to go to the state, which is under President's rule. **PTI**

Are fake voters being added: EC colluding with BJP to steal elections, alleges Rahul

NEW DELHI, AUGUST 7



Congress leader Rahul Gandhi on Thursday cited an analysis of data from a Lok Sabha constituency in Karnataka from the 2024 elections to make explosive claims of "huge criminal fraud" in polls perpetrated by the BJP through the Election Commission, and asserted that this was a "crime" against the Constitution.

The Leader of Opposition in the Lok Sabha also said that the judiciary needs to get involved in this because the democracy that "we love so much does not exist". Gandhi said what his party had collected was "criminal evidence" and alleged that the Election Commission was busy destroying such proof across the country.

Addressing a press conference at the AICC's Indira Bhawan headquarters here, Gandhi also hit back at the Election Commission for demanding from him a signed declaration on his claims and said he had made the remarks publicly and they can "take it as an oath". "I am a politician, what I say to the people is my word. I am saying it to the people publicly, take it as an oath. Interestingly, they haven't denied the information.

"They haven't said the voter lists (shown by me) are wrong, they are saying Rahul Gandhi should say it under oath... they know the truth. We know you (EC) have done this across the country," the former Congress president said.

Talking to the media while taking them through an online presentation, Gandhi said they analysed the voter data of the Lok Sabha constituency of Bangalore Central and the Mahadevapura Assembly segment in it from the 2024 Lok Sabha polls. **PTI**

Share names of electors included and excluded through signed oath: Karnataka CEO asks Rahul

NEW DELHI, AUGUST 7

The Chief Electoral Officer of Karnataka on Thursday asked Congress leader Rahul Gandhi to share names of electors he claimed were either included or excluded wrongfully from the voters' list of the state along with a signed declaration for the poll authorities to initiate "necessary proceedings" in the matter.

In a letter to Gandhi soon after he levelled allegations of vote fraud, the state poll officer said that during a press conference in the national capital, "you had mentioned about the inclusion of ineligible electors and exclusion of eligible electors in the Electoral Rolls... ."

"You are kindly requested to sign and return the enclosed declaration/oath under Rule 20(3)(b) of the Registration of Electors Rules, 1960, along with the name(s) of such elector(s) so that necessary proceedings can be initiated." **PTI**

SC rejects Justice Varma's plea, says his conduct does not inspire confidence

NEW DELHI, AUGUST 7



Observing that procedure was scrupulously followed, the Supreme Court on Thursday dismissed Allahabad High Court judge Yashwant Varma's plea seeking invalidation of an in-house inquiry report finding him guilty of misconduct in the cash discovery row.

A bench of Justices Dipankar Datta and A G Masih said Justice Varma's conduct does not inspire confidence and his plea should not be entertained, a major upset for the judge at the centre of controversy since March when a huge cache of half-burnt cash was found following a fire in the storeroom of his official residence in Delhi.

Justice Varma had also sought quashing of the May 8 recommendation by then Chief Justice of India Sanjiv Khanna urging Parliament to initiate impeachment proceedings against him. **PTI**

Putin to visit India later this month, reports Russian media

MOSCOW, AUGUST 7



Russian President Vladimir Putin's visit to India is expected at the end of August, a leading news agency of the country reported on Thursday citing comments made by National Security Advisor (NSA) Ajit Doval during his ongoing visit to Moscow.

"We have now established very good relations, which we value very much, a strategic partnership between our countries. We interact at a high level... We were pleased to learn about President Putin's visit to our country, scheduled for late August," the Interfax news agency quoted NSA Doval as saying at a meeting with Russian Security Council Secretary Sergei Shoigu in Moscow on Thursday.

Earlier, Kremlin aide Yury Ushakov had confirmed that Putin is expected to visit India following an invitation from Prime Minister Modi.

The visit is being planned as part of the ongoing commitment to annual meetings between the two leaders.

"Our leaders have an agreement to meet once a year. This time, it is our turn," Ushakov had said during a press briefing. **PTI**

190 aircraft glitches reported this year till July 21: Govt in LS

NEW DELHI, AUGUST 7



Airlines have reported 190 technical glitches in aircraft this year till July 21, the government said on Thursday.

Minister of State for Civil Aviation Murlidhar Mohol, in a written reply to the Lok Sabha, said technical snags are general phenomena in aircraft which may be caused due to improper function/ malfunction of components/system/accessories fitted on the aircraft.

The responsibility to rectify all snags reported on the aircraft before it is released for flight lies with the airlines.

According to data shared by him, this year till July 21, airlines have reported 190 technical glitches and the number stood at 421 in 2024.

The Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) ensures the compliance of airlines with all safety and maintenance standards through the mechanism of conducting surveillance, spot check and night surveillance of the airlines and its personnel, he said. **PTI**

Six Revenue Department services made available on Easy Jamabandi portal: DC

BALINDER SINGH
PUNJAB EXPRESS BUREAU
Patiala, August 7



Deputy Commissioner Dr Preeti Yadav informed that six essential services of the Revenue Department are now available online through the 'Easy Jamabandi' portal, offering citizens the convenience of accessing services from home. These include obtaining Jamabandi via WhatsApp, applying for Intkal (mutation), Rapat Entry, Fard Badar (record correction), and more.

She said these digital initiatives will significantly reduce the need for physical visits to Patwaris or government offices, saving time and promoting transparency. The Deputy Commissioner reviewed the implementation of the services in a meeting with District Revenue Officer Navdeep Singh and DSM Sukhmandar Singh, stressing the importance of creating awareness so that more people can benefit.

Explaining the process, she said that anyone can now visit easyjamabandi.punjab.gov.in and get a digitally signed Jamabandi copy with a QR code valid for official use and verifiable across platforms.

For Intkal, she said that mutation after land registration will now be processed automatically within 30 days. For older or inheritance-based mutations, citizens can apply online and track the status through the portal and WhatsApp.

She further explained that Rapat Entries, which relate to court orders or loan matters, can now be submitted digitally without visiting the Patwari. Court-related entries will be processed within one day, and loan-related within seven days.

Major boost to Ludhiana's emergency healthcare; life-saving equipment provided to govt hospitals under Civil Surgeon's leadership

PUNJAB EXPRESS BUREAU
Ludhiana, August 7



In a significant step towards strengthening the emergency healthcare infrastructure in Ludhiana district, the Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) under its National Health Research Priority (NHRP) project "India-EMS", in collaboration with Christian Medical College (CMC), Ludhiana, has provided life-saving medical equipment including Defibrillators, Multiparamonitors, and ECG machines to various government health facilities in the district.

This initiative has been made possible under the dynamic leadership of Dr Ramandeep Kaur, Civil Surgeon, Ludhiana, who has played a pivotal role in coordinating this critical intervention. A formal Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was signed between Dr. Ramandeep Kaur and Dr. Jeyaraj D. Pandian, the Principal Investigator of the India-EMS Project, to initiate this collaboration.

The initiative has been strongly supported by the Department of Health and Family Welfare, Punjab, Punjab Health Systems Corporation, ICMR, and Christian Medical College, Ludhiana.

Speaking on the occasion, Dr. Ramandeep Kaur stated, "This equipment will significantly enhance the emergency response capabilities of our government hospitals.

It will enable healthcare professionals to deliver timely and life-saving interventions in critical cases such as heart attacks, strokes, and trauma."

MLA and MC discuss major development plans for South Amritsar constituency



RAMAN CHAMAK
PUNJAB EXPRESS BUREAU
Amritsar, August 7

A meeting was held between Dr Inderbir Singh Nijjar, MLA of Vidhan Sabha constituency South, and Gulpreet Singh Aulakh, Commissioner of the Municipal Corporation. In this meeting, discussions were held regarding various development works to be undertaken in the areas of the South constituency.

During the meeting, the MLA discussed in detail the issues of cleanliness in the area, desilting of sewerage, civil patchwork and road repair, maintenance of street lights, and matters related to the Estate Department. The MLA urged the concerned departments to take immediate action for resolving the problems faced by the residents of the area.

Present at the meeting were: Supervising Engineer Sandeep Singh, Health Officer Dr. Yogesh Arora, Executive Engineers Manjeet Singh, S.P Singh, MTP Narinder Sharma, ATPs Wazir Raj and Raman Sharma, Estate Officer Dharminderjit Singh, Advertisement Superintendent Pushpinder Singh, along with SDOs and JEs.

Commissioner Gulpreet Singh stated that the Amritsar Municipal Corporation has floated various tenders under different heads for development works in all assembly constituencies of the city, and the works will commence shortly.

Regarding cleanliness in the South constituency, the Commissioner said that the Health Department is carrying out regular cleaning of streets and lanes and that garbage collection is also being done regularly. For desilting, he mentioned that the corporation currently has 13 jetting and super sucker machines, out of which 2 machines each have been allocated to every assembly constituency, with 3 machines kept on standby for emergency use.

Additionally, desilting work tenders worth 35 lakh have been floated to address drainage issues in the area.

For road patchwork, chamber work, and other civil works, tenders have also been issued.

Police–BSF foil smuggling bid, seize drone dropping heroin near Indo-Pak border



PUNJAB EXPRESS BUREAU
Ferozepur, August 7

In a major crackdown on cross-border drug smuggling, a joint operation conducted by the Border Security Force (BSF) and Punjab Police led to the recovery of 590 grams of heroin near the India-Pakistan border in Ferozepur district.

According to information received, Chowki Incharge of Ferozepur Bare Ke Police Station Sukhbir Singh was present at the station when they received an alert from the commander of BSF BOP Shame Ke about suspected drone activity near the border.

Acting swiftly on the tip-off, a joint search operation was launched in the village of Bhane Wala area.

During the operation, the team recovered a suspicious packet containing 590 grams of heroin, which is believed to have been dropped using a drone.

The BSF commander provided written intimation to the local police, following which a case was registered under relevant sections of the NDPS Act at the Sadar Police Station for possession of a commercial quantity of narcotics.

Chowki in-charge Bare Ke Sukhbir Singh confirmed that the case has been filed against unidentified persons, and investigations are underway to trace the individuals involved. Authorities are probing possible connections with cross-border drug networks, and efforts are being made to identify and apprehend those responsible for receiving such consignments.

This incident once again highlights the persistent threat of drone-assisted drug trafficking in border areas. However, due to the alertness and coordination of security forces, such attempts continue to be foiled.

PAU organises training on preparation of PAU Fruit Fly Traps

PUNJAB EXPRESS BUREAU
Ludhiana, August 7



The Department of Fruit Science, Punjab Agricultural University (PAU), organized a one-day training programme on "Preparation of PAU Fruit Fly Traps in Fruit Crops." The objective of the training was to provide hands-on training to the PAU scientists, deputed at various KVKs, research stations and Farm Advisory Service Centres, on the preparation of PAU Fruit Fly Traps. A total of 15 scientists participated in the training camp which was organized under the guidance of Dr MS Bhullar, Director of Extension Education, PAU.

According to Dr HS Rattanpal, Head, Department of Fruit Science, this training programme would help the scientists deputed at various outstations in the preparation and timely supply of PAU Fruit Fly Traps at their stations, further enhancing the effective and timely management of fruit flies in different fruit crops. It is worth mentioning that the Department of Fruit Science was preparing and supplying PAU Fruit Fly Traps to the fruit growers of Punjab, Haryana, Rajasthan, Uttar Pradesh and Himachal Pradesh since 2014 under a Revolving Fund Scheme, he informed.WW

To promote PM-VBRY special awareness programme organised

DALJEET AJNOHA
PUNJAB EXPRESS BUREAU
Hoshiarpur, August 7



To promote the Pradhan Mantri Viksit Bharat Rojgar Yojana (PM-VBRY), a special awareness programme was organised on Thursday by the EPFO Regional Office Jalandhar at Quantum Paper Mills Ltd., Saila Khurd, Garhshankar.

The objective of this scheme is to generate 3.5 crore new formal employment opportunities across the country. For this, the central government has allocated a budget of Rs 99,446 crore. Under the scheme, first-time EPFO-registered employees will receive an incentive of up to Rs 15,000 in two installments—one after completing six months of service and the second after completing 12 months and a financial literacy programme.

Additionally, employers will receive monthly incentives ranging from ₹1,000 to ₹3,000 per new employee for two years. For the construction sector, this benefit will be extended for up to four years.

The event was presided over by Pankaj Kumar, Regional Provident Fund Commissioner Grade-I (RPFC-I), and the entire session was efficiently coordinated by Pankaj Sarpal, DPA from EPFO Jalandhar.

On this occasion, Satyawan Singh, Assistant Director of ESIC, shared details about the SPREE 2025 (Scheme for Promotion of Registration of Employers and Employees), which allows voluntary registration with ESIC for employers and employees from the unorganized sector between July 1 and December 31, 2025, without any past dues, inspections, or penalties. This scheme is considered a major step towards expanding social security coverage.

NHRC special monitor reviews welfare services in Kapurthala



ASHOK KAURA
PUNJAB EXPRESS BUREAU
Phagwara, August 7

Special Monitor of the National Human Rights Commission (NHRC) Bal Krishan Goel visited Kapurthala district today to review various public welfare services, including education, nutrition, and ration distribution.

He began his visit at the Government Primary School and Anganwadi Centre in Kadupur village, where he observed the facilities provided to children. He inspected the quality of education and the mid-day meals served to students, interacting with staff to understand the challenges they face.

Goel reached Wadala Bet village to examine the Public Distribution System (PDS). He spoke directly with beneficiaries to hear about their experiences and problems in receiving ration supplies. He instructed the officials to ensure that every eligible person must receive their full entitlement under the PDS without any delays or irregularities.

Later in the day, he visited the Sukhjit Ashram in Kapurthala city, a shelter home for children.

GSC proposes 11 suggestions to SGPC to observe martyrdom anniversary of Sri Guru Tegh Bahadur Sahib Ji

PUNJAB EXPRESS BUREAU
Amritsar August 7

The Global Sikh Council (GSC) has called upon the Shiromani Gurdwara Parbandhak Committee (SGPC) to spearhead a comprehensive globally impactful programs to observe the 350th martyrdom anniversary of Sri Guru Tegh Bahadur Sahib Ji, the Ninth Nanak, revered as the "Protector of Humanity" (Dharm di Chadar). In a detailed letter to SGPC President Harjinder Singh Dhami, GSC President Dr. Kanwaljit Kaur has presented eleven key proposals designed to ensure the anniversary resonates internationally, amplifying Guru Sahib's timeless sacrifice for human rights, religious freedom and dignity. GSC stated that Guru Tegh Bahadur Sahib Ji's martyrdom was a watershed moment for human dignity.

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NSS Unit of Rayat College of Law organises blood donation camp

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Hoshiarpur, August 7

The NSS Unit of Rayat College of Law, in collaboration with the NSS Unit of LTSU Punjab, successfully organized a Blood Donation Camp on the college campus. The camp was jointly inaugurated by Nirmal Singh Rayat, Chancellor, LTSU Punjab, and Sh. Baltej Singh Pannu, Chief Spokesperson, Government of Punjab. Both dignitaries felicitated the blood donors and organizers for their commendable efforts.

This noble initiative was generously sponsored by the Rotary Club, Rupnagar, with technical assistance provided by the skilled team from the Blood Bank, Civil Hospital, Rupnagar.

The event was further graced by the esteemed presence of Prof. B. S. Satyal, Registrar of LTSU Punjab, who attended as the Guest of Honour. He participated in the certificate distribution ceremony and motivated the participants by acknowledging their valuable contribution to the cause.

The camp was meticulously coordinated by Dr. Sohnu, Programme Officer of the NSS Unit, Rayat College of Law, with the dedicated support of team members Nitika Soni, Disha, and Ajitabh Mishra.

Public welfare camp held in Balsuan under 'Aap Di Sarkar Aap De Duaar' initiative

RAJESH DEHRA
PUNJAB EXPRESS BUREAU
Rajpura, August 7

As part of the Punjab government's flagship initiative "Aap Di Sarkar Aap De Duaar", a public welfare camp was organized on Thursday in Balsuan village. Residents from Balsuan, Chandoomajra, and Sural villages attended the camp, where district officials listened to their grievances and resolved several issues on the spot. Beneficiaries expressed gratitude to the Punjab Government and the District Administration for this people-centric outreach.

Mera Yuva Bharat holds awareness drive in Ferozepur to empower youths

HARISH MONGA
PUNJAB EXPRESS BUREAU
Ferozepur, August 7



Mera Yuva Bharat (MY Bharat) Ferozepur organised a large-scale awareness program at Shahid Bhagat Singh State University to educate students about various central government schemes aimed at empowering the youth.

During the event, detailed presentations were given on flagship schemes such as the Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana, Digital India, Jal Jeevan Mission, Sukanya Samriddhi Yojana, and Startup India. The initiative aimed to inform and inspire the younger generation to actively participate in nation-building through these opportunities.

District Youth Officer Mohkita Manhas Rana provided a comprehensive overview of the event and its objectives. Gopalji Rint, representing Lead Bank, explained the benefits and application process of the Mudra Yojana, which supports young entrepreneurs with financial assistance. Samgri Kaur from the Employment Department elaborated on skill development initiatives and their role in enhancing employability.

Dr Balbir Singh unveils first health advisory to prevent sudden cardiac arrests among gym-goers and sportspersons

YOGESH KAPOOR
PUNJAB EXPRESS BUREAU
Ludhiana, August 7



With the rising number of sudden deaths during gym workouts and sports activities, the Punjab government has taken a serious step to safeguard the lives of its youth.

In a first, Punjab Health Minister Dr Balbir Singh on Thursday unveiled a joint Health Advisory in an event titled "Prevention of Sudden Cardiac arrest among Gym Goers and Sportspersons." The initiative, a collaboration among PAU, Guru Angad Dev Veterinary and Animal Sciences University (GADVASU), and Dayanand Medical College and Hospital (DMCH), seeks to educate and safeguard those who push their physical limits in gyms and sports arenas.

This initiative is part of Bhagwant Singh Mann-led Punjab government's larger mission, "Swasth Punjab – Surakshit Punjab", and stands as a significant step toward creating a safe, health-conscious environment for the state's youth—one where fitness doesn't come at the cost of life.

In his address, he expressed serious concern over the rising health risks among fitness-conscious youth and emphasized the need for timely awareness and regulation. He stated that sudden cardiac arrests during exercise or sports are not mere accidents, but often the result of undiagnosed medical conditions, unregulated dietary choices, and unchecked supplement use.

Dr Balbir Singh further added that today's high-pressure lifestyle, unhealthy diets, and lack of medical screenings are putting our young generation at serious risk—even when they appear physically fit.

During massive rally in Majitha, dozens of Sarpanches join Aam Aadmi Party

PUNJAB EXPRESS BUREAU
Amritsar, August 7



In a major political development, dozens of prominent sarpanches and panchayats from various villages in Majitha constituency joined the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP), giving a massive boost to the party's grassroots strength. The joining took place in the presence of AAP Punjab President Aman Arora, Ex-minister Kuldeep Singh Dhaliwal and senior leader Talbir Singh Gill, who warmly welcomed the new members into the AAP family.

Welcoming the sarpanches, Aman Arora said, "This wave of support from grassroots leaders proves that people have lost trust in traditional parties like the Akali Dal and Congress. They see hope in AAP's honest politics and pro-people governance under the leadership of Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann."

Among the notable Congress sarpanches who joined AAP are, Gurjant Singh (former sarpanch Uddoke Khurd), Prem Singh Sony (former sarpanch Kathu Nangal), Sheetal Singh (Sarpanch Chachowali), Jobanjit Singh (Sarpanch Dudhala), Sawinder Singh Shinda (Sarpanch Chattiwind Lehal), Amandeep Singh (Sarpanch Kotla Khurd/Khushipur), Ravinderpal Singh (Sarpanch Hadaitpura) and Jaspal Singh (Sarpanch Bathu Chak).

From Akali Dal Former Sarpanch Inder Singh (Uddoke Kalan), Former Sarpanch Bawa Singh (Abdal), Former Sarpanch Jagwant Singh (Dudhala), Sarpanch Jatinder Singh (Talwandi Dasunda Singh), Sarpanch Harjinder Singh Pappu (Rupowali Khurd), Sarpanch Gunoop Singh (Pandher Khurd), Sarpanch Natha Singh (Panwan), Sarpanch Arbinder Singh (Sehnewali), Sarpanch Dharam Singh (Burj Nau Abad), Sarpanch Amarjit Singh (Kaler Mangat), Sarpanch Bibi Aman wife of Surinder Kumar (Tarpai), Sarpanch Parkash Singh (Kotla Saidan), Sarpanch Harbhej Singh (Sarhala), Sarpanch Bibi Manjit Kaur wife of Lakha Singh (Jhande).

Political Counsellor of British High Commission meets Sanjeev Arora pertaining to 'Visa Fraud Ton Bacho' campaign



PUNJAB EXPRESS BUREAU
Chandigarh, August 7

Political Counsellor of British High Commission Daniel Sherry has a special courtesy call visit on Thursday with Cabinet Minister Sanjeev Arora at Udyog Bhawan, Chandigarh pertaining to "Visa Fraud Ton Bacho" Campaign.

The meeting was held keeping in mind the interests and future of the youth of Punjab, in which the emerging challenges in the form of frauds in the name of foreign travel, illegal agents and fake documents were discussed.

During discussion, they have expressed their desire to make awareness campaigns more intensified being run by the Government of Punjab to provide correct information to the people as well as work jointly to prevent such frauds.

Govt facilitates safe return of four Punjabi youth stranded in Iraq: Sanjeev Arora

Punjab Cabinet Minister Sh.Sanjeev Arora said It was brought to my attention through my WhatsApp number by four Punjabi youths from Hoshiarpur District, who have been stranded in Iraq for the past approximately six months. They were facing mistreatment and expressed a strong desire to return to India due to concerns for their safety and well-being.

Punjab and Haryana HC grants interim stay on Punjab govt's land pooling policy

CHANDIGARH, AUGUST 7

The Punjab and Haryana High Court on Thursday ordered an interim stay on the operation of Punjab's land pooling policy.

The direction came on a petition filed by Gurdeep Singh Gill, challenging the Punjab government's land pooling policy 2025.

After the hearing, petitioner's counsel Gurjeet Singh said the court has granted an interim stay on the land pooling policy.

A four-week time has been given for filing the reply, he further stated while speaking to reporters.

The counsel said neither there was any social impact assessment nor any environment related assessment was carried out under the land pooling policy.

Ludhiana-based petitioner Gill sought directions to quash the state government notification dated June 24 along with the land pooling policy 2025, being ultra vires and an act of "colourable legislation", violating fundamental rights.

On August 6, the court asked the Punjab government whether there was any provision in the policy for rehabilitation of the landless labourers for their sustenance.

The state had also been directed to inform the court whether the social impact assessment was carried out before notifying the land pooling policy.

The petitioner submitted that since the land pooling policy was purported to be under the Right to Fair Compensation and Transparency in Land Acquisition, Rehabilitation and Resettlement Act, 2013 but there was no such provision empowering the state to frame such a policy as the provisions of Punjab Regional and Town Planning and Development Act 1995 was the only Act under which this policy could be framed. PTI

Laljit Bhullar hands over appointment letters to newly recruited employees of Prisons Department

PUNJAB EXPRESS BUREAU
Chandigarh, August 7



In a significant step towards strengthening the functioning of jails and ensuring the holistic development of prisoners, Punjab Jails and Transport, Minister Laljit Singh Bhullar on Thursday handed over appointment letters here to three newly recruited officials of Prisons Department.

The new appointments include 02 Warder rank and 01 Group D employee, recruited on compassionate grounds. This shall contribute towards better functioning of the department.

These recruitments are part of the ongoing initiative by the Prisons Department to address manpower requirements and improve administrative efficiency across various jails in the state.

Punjab grants early release to 108 prisoners within a year

Taking a compassionate initiative, the Punjab government has granted early release to 108 prisoners serving life sentences who demonstrated exemplary conduct during their incarceration over the past year. This measure has been undertaken with the objective of providing rehabilitation opportunities to inmates with good conduct, informed Laljit Singh Bhullar, Minister of Jails, Punjab.

Punjab School Education Dept elevates 814 Master Cadre teachers to lecturers

PUNJAB EXPRESS BUREAU
Chandigarh, August 7

In a significant career milestone for educators, the Punjab School Education department has elevated 814 Master Cadre teachers to the position of Lecturers, recognising their dedication and years of experience in shaping young minds.

Sharing this information on Thursday, Punjab School Education Minister Harjot Singh Bains said that these promotions encompass a wide range of subjects, including 360 Punjabi, 271 Political Science, 135 English, 40 Commerce, two Sanskrit, one Fine Arts, three Home Science and two Sociology lecturers.

Extending his heartiest congratulations to all the promoted faculty, Harjot Singh Bains expressed confidence that their expertise and passion will continue to inspire and educate the next generation of leaders and thinkers. It will also motivate the educators to deliver better services by demonstrating exceptional pedagogical skills and a deep commitment to nurturing the intellectual and personal growth of their students.

Cross-border smuggling module busted in Amritsar; 7 sophisticated pistols seized

N.P.S. CHAMAK
PUNJAB EXPRESS BUREAU
Amritsar, August 7



In an intelligence-led operation, Punjab Police in Amritsar arrested four people involved in cross-border arms smuggling and recovered seven sophisticated pistols from their possession, said Director General of Police (DGP) Gaurav Yadav here on Thursday.

Those arrested have been identified as Akashdeep Singh, alias Akash (20), of Daoke village in Amritsar, Ramanpreet Singh (23) of Bagha Kalan village in Amritsar, Pratap Singh (25) of Sur Singh village in Ferozepur and Sarbjit Singh, alias Babbal (25), of Debi Wala Bazaar in Amritsar.

The recovered pistols comprise two 9MM PX5, two 9MM Glock and three .30 bore pistols.

DGP Yadav said the arrested accused were in contact with Pakistan-based smugglers and have been receiving illegal weapon consignments near the India-Pakistan border.

The accused were operating from border villages and further supplying arms to gangsters in the state.

The DGP said further investigation is underway to establish forward and backward linkages in this case to further uncover the entire network and its linkages.

Sharing operation details, Commissioner of Police (Amritsar) Gurpreet Singh Bhullar said in view of enhanced security measures ahead of Independence Day, police teams, acting on specific intelligence inputs, have arrested Akash and Raman from the area under police station in Chheharta and recovered four pistols -- two PX5 9mm and two .30 bore.

Subsequently, their two accomplices Pratap Singh and Sarbjeet Singh were also arrested from the same area, and three additional pistols were recovered from their possession.

He said accused Akash resides close to the international border and he along with Raman used to receive consignments of arms from across the border, while, their associates Sarbjeet and Pratap were coordinating and handling the weapon supply operations.

State bags 'Emerging State in Organ Donation and Transplantation' award

PUNJAB EXPRESS BUREAU
Chandigarh, August 7

In a landmark achievement, the State of Punjab has been recognised as an 'Emerging State in Organ Donation and Transplantation,' with the prestigious award during the 15th Indian Organ Donation Day (IODD) held in New Delhi.

The National Organ and Tissue Transplant Organisation (NOTTO), under the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare (MoHFW), organised the prestigious award ceremony, which was graced by the Union Health & Family Welfare Minister JP Nadda.

The award was proudly received by Director of Medical Education & Research (DRME) Punjab Dr Avnish Kumar, along with steering committee member Dr Akash Deep Aggarwal and Nodal Officer of State Organ and Tissue Transplant Organisation (SOTTO) Punjab Dr Gagneen Kaur Sandhu.

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Punjab Medical Education and Research Minister Dr Balbir Singh extended his heartiest congratulations to the department and SOTTO team for this notable achievement. The recognition highlights Punjab's outstanding work in promoting awareness, developing infrastructure and reaching significant milestones in deceased organ donations.

Dr Balbir Singh reiterated the Chief Minister S. Bhagwant Singh Mann led Punjab Government's unwavering commitment to further advancing these efforts, with a continued focus on promoting awareness, enhancing infrastructure and fostering a culture of organ donation that would benefit countless lives across Punjab.

Punjab Police conduct simultaneous raids at premises of people with criminal backgrounds

PUNJAB EXPRESS BUREAU
Chandigarh, August 7

In order to ensure peaceful celebrations of forthcoming Independence Day as desired by Chief Minister Bhagwant Singh Mann, Punjab Police on Thursday launched a crackdown against the anti-social elements and conducted simultaneous raids at premises of people involved in over three cases under Arms Act in last three years.

The raids were carried out on the directions of Director General of Police (DGP) Punjab Gaurav Yadav as part of the ongoing special operations in wake of forthcoming Independence Day.

Special DGP Law and Order Arpit Shukla said that the day-long operation was conducted across the state in a synchronised manner and all the CPs/SSPs were asked to depute sufficient number of police teams under the supervision of gazetted rank officer to check the whereabouts of these persons.

He said that as many as 120 Police parties, involving over 1000 police personnel, have conducted raids at premises of at least 205 persons, who have been facing more than three cases under the Arms Act in last three years.

Terror plot orchestrated by Pak-ISI backed BKI foiled; IED recovered from Tarn Taran

PUNJAB EXPRESS BUREAU
Chandigarh, August 7



In a major blow to Pakistan's ISI-backed cross-border terror networks amidst the ongoing drive to make Punjab a safe and secure state as per directions of Chief Minister Bhagwant Singh Mann, Punjab Police's Anti-Gangster Task Force (AGTF) Punjab successfully foiled a major terror plot orchestrated by Pak-based Babbar Khalsa International (BKI) terrorist Harwinder Rinda and terrorist Lakhbir Landa.

Director General of Police (DGP) Punjab Gaurav Yadav said that teams of the AGTF had received credible human intelligence about the consignment containing Improvised Explosive Device (IED) pushed from Pakistan. Acting swiftly, AGTF, in close coordination with Tarn Taran Police, launched a combing operation in the district and recovered an IED from the area of Naushera Pannuan in Tarn Taran, before it could reach Rinda and Landa's local associates for potential use in subversive activities, he said.

Govt fully committed to welfare of ex-servicemen and their families: Mohinder Bhagat

PUNJAB EXPRESS BUREAU
Hoshiarpur, August 7

Punjab's Minister for Defence Services Welfare, Freedom Fighters, and Horticulture, Mohinder Bhagat, on Thursday visited the District Defence Services Welfare Office in Hoshiarpur. On this occasion, he paid floral tribute to the martyrs at the War Memorial and formally inaugurated the renovated Sainik Rest House. He also distributed cheques to needy ex-servicemen and their families. Earlier, he was given a ceremonial Guard of Honour by a contingent of Punjab Police. Addressing the gathering at the event, Cabinet Minister Mohinder Bhagat said that ex-servicemen are the pride of the nation and the Punjab government is fully dedicated to honouring and ensuring the welfare of both them and their families.

Governor reviews implementation of key policies, initiatives to strengthen educational infra in city

A.S. PRASHAR
PUNJAB EXPRESS BUREAU
Chandigarh, August 7



Gulab Chand Kataria, Governor Punjab and Administrator, UT Chandigarh, chaired a comprehensive review meeting on Thursday of the School Education, Higher Education, Technical Education and Sports Departments, evaluating the implementation of key policies and initiatives aimed at strengthening educational infrastructure and promoting sporting excellence in the city.

In the School Education Department, the Administrator was briefed on the ongoing recruitment drive, where 739 appointments have been issued out of 993 advertised posts. The School Volleyball Programme—launched in collaboration with Fédération Internationale de Volleyball (FIVB) and the Abhinav Bindra Foundation—is being implemented in 108 government schools. The UDAAN initiative was reviewed, under which coaching institutes are currently providing free coaching to 125 meritorious government school students for competitive exams like JEE, NEET etc. In addition to academic coaching, a structured mentorship component has been introduced wherein experienced educators and professionals are guiding students through regular mentorship sessions. These cover academic planning, motivational support, stress management and holistic personal development ensuring that each student receives not only instructional but also emotional and strategic guidance throughout their preparation.

The review of the Sports Department highlighted major initiatives, including the upcoming first-ever International Chandigarh Marathon scheduled for November, 2025, with a World Athletics-certified route and a digital portal developed by BISAG. Major infrastructure upgrades are underway for construction of an Olympic-standard swimming pool, a multipurpose indoor hall and a hostel for girls at Sector 42. The upgraded cricket ground at Sector 16 will be inaugurated in August, 2025.

Mohali DC visits Baltana and Mubarikpur to review rain havoc

- APPEALS TO INHABITANTS TO STAY AWAY FROM THE BANKS OF SUKHNA CHOE AND GHAGGAR RIVER

PUNJAB EXPRESS BUREAU
Derabassi, August 7



Deputy Commissioner Komal Mittal on Thursday visited Baltana and Mubarikpur to assess the situation following the recent overflow caused by the release of excess water from Sukhna Head. She assured residents that the District Administration is keeping a close watch on all vulnerable points along the Sukhna Choe and Ghaggar River in the district.

Appealing to residents living near the riverbanks, the Deputy Commissioner urged them to stay away from the banks of both Sukhna Choe and Ghaggar River in view of the risk of flooding due to fluctuating water discharge levels.

She informed that the recent overflow had caused a crack at the Tiwana Bank of Ghaggar, and the Drainage Department was immediately deployed to carry out repair works. Taking cognizance of public demand, she said the Public Works Department has been directed to explore the feasibility of constructing a bridge in place of the Mubarikpur causeway.

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Deputy Commissioner Komal Mittal also instructed officials of the Drainage Department and Local Bodies to expedite the desilting process to ensure uninterrupted flow of water in Sukhna Choe.

She further directed SDM Derabassi, Amit Gupta, to personally monitor the desilting and strengthening operations to prevent any untoward incident during the ongoing rainy season. SDM Amit Gupta apprised the Deputy Commissioner that the water level in Sukhna Choe has now returned to normal after peaking at 55,000 cusecs during the flooding.

UT Dept of Social Welfare organizes State Level Event on World Breastfeeding Week 2025



PUNJAB EXPRESS BUREAU
Chandigarh, August 7

The Department of Social Welfare, Women & Child Development, Chandigarh Administration, successfully organized a State Level Event at Snehalaya, Maloya on Thursday to mark the observance of World Breastfeeding Week 2025, celebrated across the globe from 1st to 7th August. This week serves as a global campaign to raise awareness on the importance of breastfeeding for the health and well-being of infants, mothers, and society at large. Breastfeeding plays a vital role in ensuring the healthy growth and development of infants. It provides ideal nutrition, boosts the child's immunity, lowers the risk of infections, and strengthens the emotional bond between mother and child. It also benefits mothers by reducing the risk of certain diseases and promoting faster recovery after childbirth.

Chief guest, Rachna Verma, wife of Rajeev Verma, Chief Secretary, UT Chandigarh, emphasized that breastfeeding is a public health imperative, calling for supportive environments to empower mothers.

Anuradha S. Chagti, Secretary, Social Welfare, Women & Child Development, emphasized the department's commitment to strengthening maternal and child health and underlined the importance of community-level initiatives in empowering women and addressing malnutrition.

During the event, both dignitaries launched a new initiative, "*एक बूँद अमृत-एक नई ज़िंदगी*," in collaboration with AIMS Mohali.

Chandigarh youngster Aagman Bhatia's AI driven start-up is changing the way real-estate is sold & bought

PUNJAB EXPRESS BUREAU
Chandigarh/Mohali, August 7

MrProptek, which is the world's first Software as a Service (SaaS) based real estate marketplace, created by a 23-year-old tech prodigy from Chandigarh - Aagman Bhatia, is disrupting the way real estate transactions take place. MrProptek has set a new benchmark in digital property sales in the region by clocking sales of over Rs 30 crore of inventory of mainly Mohali in July 2025, a majority of it from residential projects.

Aagman Bhatia, an AI (Artificial Intelligence) and ML (Machine Learning) Post Graduate from Mohali's Plaksha University, has conceived and developed the innovative app.

What makes this achievement particularly significant is the changing behaviour of property buyers on the platform. Aagman Bhatia, who is also the Chief Product Officer (CPO) and Co-Founder, MrProptek said, "40% of buyers booked their homes without visiting the site, relying entirely on MrProptek's immersive virtual walkthroughs and AI-powered comparison tools."

According to KS Bhatia, CEO of Mr Proptek , only 30% of buyers negotiated on price, underscoring the platform's transparent pricing structure and buyer confidence in the system. "All of this was achieved with zero marketing spend, proving the organic strength and credibility of the model," he said.

With Rs 3,000 crore plus worth of inventory currently listed, MrProptek is on an aggressive growth trajectory. The start-up aims to hit Rs 5,000 crore in listed inventory within the next few ays, and is targeting Rs 75 crore in monthly sales for August. By the end of August, it plans to host Rs 7,000 crore worth of inventory across key geographies.

Reflecting further, Aagman said: "Through MrProptek we are solving the real estate industry's biggest problem 'a prolonged period of time taken in deal closures'.

70 attend Faculty Sensitisation Programme organised by BIS

PUNJAB EXPRESS BUREAU
Chandigarh, August 7



The Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS), Chandigarh Branch Office, in collaboration with Punjab Engineering College (Deemed to be University), Chandigarh, organised a Faculty Sensitisation Programme on Thursday at PEC. The programme aimed at promoting awareness about standardization, the role of BIS, and the mutual benefits of academic collaboration in standard formulation and implementation.

The programme witnessed the participation of 70 faculty members of PEC, including Deans, Heads of Departments (HoDs), and senior administrative officials. The session commenced with greetings and welcome, followed by the ceremonial lamp lighting and a soulful rendering of the Manak Geet.

The formal proceedings began with a welcome address by Prof. Umesh Sharma, Dean, Sponsored Research & Industrial Consultancy (SRIC), PEC, who emphasized the importance of engaging academia in national standardization efforts. Prof. Rajesh Kumar Bhatia, Director, (Ad-interim) PEC, addressed the gathering and appreciated the proactive approach of BIS in involving educational institutions in shaping the future of quality standards.

Vishal Tomer, Director, BIS Chandigarh Branch, shared the vision and objectives of BIS in strengthening its academic outreach through such sensitisation programmes. A felicitation ceremony followed, recognizing key stakeholders for their contributions.

DC urges residents to avail property tax rebate window till August 15

PUNJAB EXPRESS BUREAU
Mohali, August 7

Deputy Commissioner Komal Mittal has urged urban residents of the district to clear their pending property tax dues by August 15, 2025, to avail the benefit of waiver on penalty and interest on the principal amount.

Sharing details of the collections made so far, DC Mittal informed that the district's urban local bodies have collected Rs 22.20 crore in property tax dues since July 1. She added that the rebate window is still open, and residents should take advantage of this opportunity to clear their dues without incurring any additional fine or interest. Providing a breakup of collections by local bodies, she said that Zirakpur Municipal Council has topped the list with a collection of Rs 13.77 crore, followed by Kharar with Rs 3.81 crore, Derabassi at Rs 2.27 crore, Lalru with Rs 84.54 lakh, Kurali at Rs 56.4 lakh, Naya Gaon with Rs 53.41 lakh, and Banur collecting Rs 38.47 lakh.

Mayor unveils spectacular laser show of National Flag in patriotic tribute under 'Har Ghar Tiranga'

PUNJAB EXPRESS BUREAU
Chandigarh, August 7



In a stirring tribute to India's spirit of unity and patriotism, the Municipal Corporation Chandigarh has launched a breathtaking laser show of the National Flag in motion at the Laser Fountain at Plaza, Sector 17, under the national campaign "Har Ghar Tiranga." City Mayor Harpreet Kaur Babla formally inaugurated the event, joined by Pardeep Kumar, Special Commissioner and Sanjiv Chadha, President, Chandigarh Beopar Mandal (CBM), along with other CBM office bearers. The plaza came alive with vivid tricolor projections dancing to the rhythm of patriotic songs, drawing crowds of all ages.

Speaking at the event, Mayor Harpreet Kaur Babla said, "This laser show is more than a visual spectacle it is a reminder of the dreams, sacrifices, and strength stitched into our tricolor. It is not just fabric; it carries the heartbeat of a billion citizens." She further added, "Every day, millions of Indians pause with pride as the National Anthem plays and the Flag rises this show celebrates that collective emotion."

Rakhi of Swachhata: Brahma Kumaris tie Tricolour threads to inspire clean, proud Bharat

PUNJAB EXPRESS BUREAU
Chandigarh, August 7

In a heartfelt gesture blending tradition with national service, the Brahma Kumaris celebrated Raksha Bandhan by tying Tricolour Rakhis to key civic leaders and employees, spreading the dual message of Swachhata 'cleanliness' and patriotism. The symbolic Rakhis were tied to Smt. Harpreet Kaur Babla, Mayor of Chandigarh; Sh. Pardeep Kumar, IAS, Special Commissioner; Sh. Jasbir Singh Bunty, Senior Deputy Mayor; along with other officers and staff members.

With the slogan "Tied with love, pledged with purpose a Rakhi for Swachhata and Nation's pride," the event reinforced the campaigns Safai Apnao, Bimaari Bhagao and Har Ghar Tiranga, encouraging citizens to take pride in a clean, healthy city and hoist the national flag with honour.

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CHANGE OF NAME

I, BILGI M is legally wedded wife of Army No. 15484615N Rank, DFR Name Pradeep T permanent resident of Kuttunkal, Kallara South P.O. Sub. Distt. Vaikom. Distt. Kottayam-686611, Kerala Unit 45 Cavalry C/O 56 APO That in my husband military part-II order / service record my name is wrongly written as Bilgi Pradeep,but my correct name is BILGI M.

I Ajmer Singh S/o Mukand singh R/o village Kuhli Khurd tehsil payal Distt Ludhiana have changed my name to Ajmer Singh Pandher

I, Balbir Kaur W/o Ajmer Singh Pandher R/o village Kuhli khurd tehsil payal Distt Ludhiana have changed my name to Balbir Kaur Pandher

I Avneet kaur Pandher W/o Yadwinder Singh R/o #633/4, Tripuri Town, Patiala have changed my name to Avneet kaur.

I Raman Kumar S/o Gurdita Mal R/o H No 767,B-3,Saidan Mohalla,Near Chatti Gali,Ludhiana Have Changed My Name from Raman Kumar to Raman Chopra.

I, Baljit Kaur W/o Faqir Singh Dhillon R/o H.No. 74-A, Harbans Nagar Near Shining Star School, Jalandhar-144002, Punjab have changed my name from Babli to Baljit Kaur after marriage. and also declare that Babli as well as Baljit Kaur is one and the same person.

I, Kewal S/o Subhash Singh R/o Village Dallewal, PO. Jahan Khelan, Tehsil & District Hoshiarpur-146001, Punjab have changed my name from Kewal to Kewal Singh. Concerned Note.

I, Harshdeep Baghe S/o Kuldeep Raj R/o H.No. 1235, Bootan Pind, Jalandhar have changed my name from Harshdeep to Harshdeep Baghe. All concerned please note.

I, Jagjit S/o Bhajan R/o VPO. Sahlapur, Tehsil Shahkot, District Jalandhar, Punjab have changed my name from Jagjit to Jagjit Singh. All concerned please note.

I, Krishan Singh S/o Chuhar Singh R/o Village Badhupur, PO. & Tehsil Mukerian, Distt. Hoshiarpur, Punjab-144211 have changed my name from Krishan Singh to Kishan Singh. Concerned Note.

I Bindua Rani W/o Dimple Mittal R/o H.No. 2341/2 , Mohalla Roop Chand, Teh & Distt. Patiala, Punjab have changed my name to Bindia Mittal.

I, Narotam Kumar S/o Anokhe Lal R/o H.no. 281, B-14, Near Khurana Chakki, Prem Nagar (Ludhiana) have changed my name from Narotam to Narotam Kumar.

I, Pragya Mittal W/O Ritesh Goyal R/O H.no. HIG 489 Backside Lovely Sweet Shop Jamalpur Colony Focal Point (Ludhiana) have changed my name to Pragya Goyal after marriage.

I, Sarvinder Kaur W/O Gurvinder Singh R/O H.no 347/120 New Kartar Nagar Salem Tabri (Ludhiana) have changed my name to Sarwinder Kaur.

I, Hardip Singh S/O Jaswant Singh R/O H.no. 1159 Block-17, Near Dhuri Line Azad Nagar (Ludhiana) have changed my name to Hardeep Singh.

I, Pooja D/O Inderjeet Singh R/O H.no. 2322 Fouji Mohalla, Indra Nagar Abdulapur Basti (Ludhiana) have changed my name to Parmjeet Kaur.

I,Jatinder Pal Singh S/O Karnail Singh R/O Near Canal Bridge,VPO Harse Chhina, Kukran Wala,Distt. Amritsar, Punjab have changed my name from Jatinder Pal Singh to Jatinder Pal as my Given name and Singh as my Surname. Concerned note.

I Ramandeep kaur Gill W/o Gurminder Singh R/o Vill Bhundri Tehsil Jagraon Distt Ludhiana have changed My Name to Ramandeep kaur.

I RANJIT KAUR W/o THAKUR SINGH, R/o Near Bassi Petrol Pump, Ward Number 10, VPO Dharamkot (Moga) have changed my name to RANI.

I, Anil Kumar S/o Suresh Kumar R/o H.no 5573/3-A/1,4,/1/2, Dr. Vinay Kakkar, Raghubir Park, Jassian Road, Haibowal Kalan, Ludhiana have changed my name from Anil Anand to Anil Kumar.

I Divya Saigal (Aadhar Card No. 9863 9293 4055) W/o Rajesh Saigal R/O H. No. 545, Near Chandigarh Road, Sector-39, Urban Estate, Focal Point, Ludhiana-141010 have changed my name from Divya to Divya Saigal.

I Karmjit Kaur W/o Satwinder Singh R/o Village Chatha Sekhwan Tehsil and District Sangrur have changed my name to

I,Sandeep Kumar Bansal S/O Darshan Lal R/O Plot No.5, Lane No.1, Vijay Nagar, Batala Road, Amritsar, Punujab have changed my name from Sandeep Kumar Bansal to Sandeep Kumar.Concerned note

I, Sheela Spouse of Raj Singh Rangi Resident of Vill.Bhaini Bhairon,Teh. Meham,Distt.Rohtak,Haryana-124112 have changed my name from Sheela to Sheela Rangi vide affidavit dated.28 july 2025 before District Court Patiala.

I, Pankaj Son of Raj Singh Rangi Resident of Vill.Bhaini Bhairon, Teh.Meham,Distt. Rohtak,Haryana-124112 have changed my name from Pankaj to Pankaj Rangi vide Affidavit Dated 22 April 2025 Before District Court Patiala.

I Sukhdeep Singh S/O Swaran Singh R/O. H.no. 87, Kot Karnail Singh, Sultanwind Road, Amritsar Have Declared That Sukhdeep Is My Given Name And Singh Is My Surname.

I Lakhdeep Kaur W/O Sukhdeep Singh R/O. H.no. 87, Kot Karnail Singh, Sultanwind Road, Amritsar Have Declared That Lakhdeep Is My Given Name And Kaur Is My Surname.

I Sukhdeep Singh S/O Swaran Singh R/O H.no. 87, KoKarnail Singh, Sultanwind Road, Amritsar Have Declared That The Given Name Of My Minor Son Is Mannraj And His Surname Is Singh. All Concerned May Please Note.

I, Sukhvir Kaur w/o Jaspal Singh r/o Flat No. 142/3, Block-D3, Acme Heights 1, Sector-126, Kharar, Mohali, have changed my name to Sukhwinder Kaur.

LOST AND FOUND

One Original Sale Deed Vasika No. 3918, dated 25/06/2010 of house measuring 100 Yards situated at Guru Amar Das Nagar,Village Sunet, Ludhiana on name of Ajit Pal Singh S/o Gurdeep Singh is misplaced somewhere at Pakhowal Road, Ludhiana on dt.23.07.2025. A DDR No. 616451/2025 dt. 06.08.2025 is registred at Police Station PSOC Sadar,Ludhiana City, If anybody found please inform Gobind S/o Tek Bahadur, Plot No.2,Near Raja Market, Basant City, Ludhiana. M : 96464 65250

PUBLIC NOTICE

I Surjit Kaur W/o Maga Singh R/o Vill. Kheri, P.O. Lalton Kalan, District Ludhiana declare that my son Jaswant Singh and his wife Gagandeep and their heirs are out of my control. I disowned them from my all moveable and immovable properties. Anybody deals with him at his/her own risk. Me and my family members will not be responsible for any act or conduct done by them.

I, Umesh Kumar S/O Karam Chand R/O B-342/C-13, Neta Ji Nagar Salem Tabri (Ludhiana) declare that Umesh Kumar and Omesh Kumar one and same person and my actuall name is Umesh Kumar. Please I known in all official records/papers/ documents as Umesh Kumar.

I Balvir Singh S/o Tarsem Singh R/o #1419/23, phase -11, sector 65 Distt Mohali declare that my daughter Manisha is out of my control. So I disowned her from all my movable and immovable properties. Anybody dealing with her on their own risk.

I, Krishna Prasad Gupta S/O Inderdev Sah R/O H.no. 207-A VPO Hambran (Ludhiana) declare that my father two names Inderdev Sah and Indra Deo Prasad both names are one and same person and his actual name is Inderdev Sah.

I, Nahar Singh S/O Krora Singh R/O H.no. 4103 Chandigarh road Gobind Colony Kuliawal Jamalpur Focal point (Ludhiana) declare that my father two names Krora Singh and Karora Singh but his actual name is Krora Singh.

I, Parveen Kaur W/o Satpal Ram S/o Jeet Ram Alias Satpaul Ram S/o Jeet Ram R/o Village Satiana ,P.o.Jonewal,Sub-Tehsil Koom Kalan (Ludhiana) decaler that in some documents my husband name is written is Satpaul Ram S/o Jeet Ram Alias Satpal Ram s/o Jeet Ram and and some documents my husband name is written is Satpal Ram s/o Jeet Ram Alias Satpaul Ram s/o Jeet Ram.That my husband known by two names Satpal Ram Alias Satpaul Ram S /o Jeet Ram

I Surjit Kaur W/o Maga Singh R/o Vill. Kheri, P.O. Lalton Kalan, District Ludhiana declare that my son Harmanjit Singh and his wife Pooja and my another son Gurpreet Singh and his wife Manjit and their heirs are out of my control. I disowned them from my all moveable and immovable properties. Anybody deals with him at his/her own risk. Me and my family members will not be responsible for any act or conduct done by them.

I Deepa Chahal spouse of Daljit Singh Chahal residence at Air Force Station, Halwara (Ludhiana) have changed my name from Deepa Chahal to Deepa Kaur Chahal Vide Affidavit NO IN-PB62004979999726X Dated 07-08-2025 before Raikot.

We Kushal Kumar Sharma S/o Daya Ram and Sunita Sharma W/o Kushal Kumar Sharma R/o House No. 206, Punjab Modern Complex, Baltana, SAS Nagar, Punjab declared that our son Anil Kumar Sharma & his wife Pooja Sharma are out of our control. So we disown them from all our moveable/immovable properties. If anybody deals with them they will do their own risk/responsibility.

I, Sukhwinder Kaur W/O Sukhdial Singh R/O H.No. M7/60,Angarh Amritsar inform that my son Guruakbal Singh who is unmarried is not under my control and don't respect me and has fallen into bad company. So I disinherit him from my all moveable and immoveable properties. I and my family shall not be responsible for any act or deed done by him. He himself will be responsible for it. I and my family will have no relation with him.

We Mohit Singh Bhandari S/O Chandra Singh Bhandari, Jasneet Kaur W/O Mohit Singh Bhandari R/O Hno 302 Block 4 Suncity Apartment, Sarjapur Junction Ibluru Outer Ring Road Bangalore Karnataka Declare That I Have Adopted Jorawar Singh As Stated Above With Effect From 04-08-2025. Further I Have Changed The Name Of My Minor Adopted Son Jorawar Singh To Zoravarr Siingh. All Concerned May Please Note.

I, Kuljinder Singh S/o Late S. Ram Singh R/o H.No. 940, New Harnam Nagar, Bakhewal, Batala, Tehsil Batala, District Gurdaspur, Punjab declare that previously my address was Vill. Teja Khurd, PO. Teja Kalan, Tehsil Batala, Distt. Gurdaspur, Punjab-143513. That now I Shifted with my family member at new address that is H.No. 940, New Harnam Nagar Bakhewal, Batala, Tehsil Batala, Distt. Gurdaspur, Punjab-143505. That now all my documents may please be sent as my new address.

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Sond hosts mega public interaction under 'Mera Halka Mera Parivar' programme

PUNJAB EXPRESS BUREAU
Khanna (Ludhiana), August 7



Cabinet Minister Tarunpreet Singh Sond on Thursday organised a mega public interaction under the "Mera Halka Mera Parivar" initiative in Bhattian where he listened to the grievances of the people.

Senior officials from various departments, including Rural Development and Panchayats, PSPCL, Mandi Board, Police, and other departments, were also present at the event.

Addressing the people, Cabinet Minister Sond stated that the Aam Aadmi Party government led by Chief Minister Bhagwant Singh Mann, is committed to providing basic facilities to the people of Punjab. He assured that issues related to electricity, water, sewerage, roads, and streetlights would be addressed promptly.

Senior officials from various departments, including Rural Development and Panchayats, PSPCL, Mandi Board, Police, and other departments, were also present at the event.

He further emphasized the government is dedicated to ensuring transparent administration in government offices. He noted that several complaints related to various departments were received during the public interaction, many of which were resolved on the spot.

The people lauded the initiative and stated that such programs must be continued regularly in the constituency.

Prominent amongst those present on the occasion included Market Committee Khanna Chairman Jagtar Singh Gill Ratanheri, along with officials from various departments, sarpanches, panchayat members, and others were present.

Additional Commissioner reviews Amritsar Bulk Water Supply Scheme Project

PUNJAB EXPRESS BUREAU
Amritsar, August 7

As per the directions of Municipal Corporation Commissioner Gurpreet Singh Aulakh, Additional Commissioner Surinder Singh convened a review meeting of the Amritsar Bulk Water Supply Scheme (ABWSS) project. Project Manager Kuldeep Singh Saini (former Chief Engineer) was also present in the meeting.

It is worth mentioning that the Municipal Corporation is running a canal water supply project with the assistance of the World Bank and AIIB. Under this initiative, work is underway on the ABWSS project, through which water from the Upper Bari Doab Canal will be treated and supplied to every household in the near future.

During the meeting, Project Manager Kuldeep Singh Saini informed the Additional Commissioner in detail about the current progress of the project. The Additional Commissioner issued strict instructions to officials of Larsen & Toubro Company present at the meeting, stating that the company must ensure that water supply in the southern section (as per the project, the city is divided into northern and southern parts based on the railway line) should begin by the end of this year.

He also stated that since the monsoon season is almost over, the roads damaged due to pipeline installation should be repaired and bitumen carpeting should be done to ensure smooth vehicular movement. The Additional Commissioner directed the company to increase the labor force and especially speed up the construction of water tanks.

During the meeting, he instructed XEN Gurjinder Singh of the O&M department that the old tanks which have been repaired and rehabilitated should be immediately put to use and connected to the current water supply network.

World Breastfeeding Week observed at DMCH

INDERJIT SINGH
PUNJAB EXPRESS BUREAU
Ludhiana, August 7



The Departments of Paediatrics and Obstetrics & Gynaecology DMCH in collaboration with the 'Ludhiana Academy of Paediatrics' and the 'Satluj Neonatology Forum' observed World Breastfeeding Week with the theme of 'Prioritize Breastfeeding create sustainable Support Systems' by organizing a declamation contest for postgraduate students from both departments. The event aimed to raise awareness about the importance of breastfeeding among young healthcare professionals.

Faculty members from both departments graced the occasion, including Dr Puneet Pooni, Professor & Head, Department of Paediatrics; Dr. Deepak Bhat, Dr G.S. Dhooria, Dr Kamaldeep Arora, Dr. Karambir Gill, and Dr Sumati Verma.

From the Department of Obstetrics & Gynaecology included Dr Ashima Taneja, Professor & Head, along with Dr Suman Puri, Dr Sunil Juneja, Dr Pooja Tondon, Dr Muskan Gupta, and Dr. Surbhi Handa.

The Department of Dietetics and the Department of Obstetrics & Gynaecology, DMC&H, also conducted an awareness talk for the general public at the Urban Health Centre (UHC) Shimlapuri and at the OPD Block of DMC&H. The sessions focused on promoting awareness regarding maternal nutrition, balanced diet, and women's health.

Bipin Gupta, Secretary, DMC&H Managing Society, and Dr GS Wander, Principal, DMC&H appreciated the collaborative efforts of both departments and remarked, "Promoting breastfeeding through educational activities strengthens our institutional mission of preventive healthcare and community awareness.

Speaking at the event, Dr. Ashima Taneja highlighted, "Breastfeeding is not just a maternal instinct, it is a public health priority. Through such initiatives, we aim to empower future healthcare professionals to advocate and support breastfeeding as the cornerstone of child survival, growth and development. She also shared the launch of a dedicated Lactation Support Clinic at DMC&H to provide continuous guidance and assistance to breastfeeding mothers.

Dr. Puneet Pooni stated that, "Exclusive breastfeeding for the first six months can save countless lives. We must continue to educate, support, and promote breastfeeding practices both within the medical community and the general public.

Jatinder Khangura becomes new chairman of District Planning Board Ludhiana



PUNJAB EXPRESS BUREAU
Ludhiana, August 7

The names of the newly appointed chairman and members of the District Planning Boards of various cities of Punjab were announced by the Aam Aadmi Party on Thursday by Punjab Chief Minister Bhagwant Singh Mann. Under this series, the Aam Aadmi Party has appointed the city president of the district, Jatinder Khangura, as the chairman of the District Planning Board Ludhiana and Dashmesh Singh, Manjit Singh Harman, Navdeep Navi, Tajinder Singh Mithu, Tajinder Singh Grewal, Gurvinder Singh Rana Kooner, Master, Avtar Singh as members. After which a wave of joy swept the entire party. Party office bearers and volunteers came in large numbers to congratulate the newly appointed chairman.

Where all warmly welcomed Jatinder Khangura and conveyed their best wishes to him. On this occasion, various leaders expressed their happiness to make Jatinder Khangura the Chairman of the District Planning Board Ludhiana and thanked the party leadership and said that the Aam Aadmi Party has given a place to the youth of ordinary homes in Jatinder Khangura and his entire team. Which proves that only the Aam Aadmi Party thinks about the youth of ordinary homes and gives them due respect.

On this occasion, the leaders of the women's wing who reached the Circuit House were also honored by Jatinder Khangura with saropa and gave their best wishes. It is worth mentioning here that the new constituency presidents of the women's wing of Ludhiana were announced last Tuesday by Aam Aadmi Party Punjab President Aman Arora and Punjab Affairs In-charge Manish Sisodia, in which Manisha Kapoor was appointed as the president of the district Ludhiana women's wing.

MP Gill and Social Worker Dr Syan honoured with historic book by Baba Banda Singh Bahadur Foundation in Canada

PUNJAB EXPRESS BUREAU
Mullanpur Dakha, August 7

In a meaningful and heartfelt ceremony, Canadian Member of Parliament Amarjit Singh Gill, originally from Village Gill, and renowned cardiologist Dr Gurcharan Singh Syan, a native of Ludhiana with international acclaim, were honoured by the Baba Banda Singh Bahadur International Foundation for their outstanding contributions in the fields of public service and healthcare.

The event, held at Dr. Syan's residence, was led by the Foundation's President Krishan Kumar Bawa and Patron Malkeet Singh Dakha, with the participation of dignitaries including Amarpal Singh Aulakh, Ajmer Singh Kalsi, Ravinder Singh, and Amandeep Syan.



Both honorees were presented with a shawl of respect and the distinguished book "Ilahi Gyaan Da Sagar – Aad Guru Granth Sahib". The book, available in Hindi, Punjabi, and English, offers a profound compilation of Gurbani verses, illustrations, and biographical insights on the six Gurus, 15 Bhagats, 11 Bhatts, and four Gursikhs whose compositions form the sacred scripture of Sri Guru Granth Sahib Ji.

MP Amarjit Singh Gill expressed his deep appreciation for the gesture, congratulating author Anurag Singh and artist R.M. Singh for their efforts, and commended Bawa and the Foundation for their cultural initiative.

Punjab women panel takes cognisance of 'objectionable language' in Karan Aujla, Honey Singh's songs

PUNJAB EXPRESS BUREAU
Chandigarh, August 7

The Punjab women's panel on Thursday took a suo motu notice of the "objectionable language" used by singers Karan Aujla and Yo Yo Honey Singh in their latest songs and told police to investigate and take action in the matter.

In letters to the Punjab police chief, the panel also asked the singers to be present at the commission's office on August 11.

The panel's chairperson, Raj Lali Gill, said it has come to the notice of the commission that "objectionable language" against women has been used in the songs 'MF Gabru' by Karan Aujla and 'Millionaire' by Yo Yo Honey Singh, which are being played on social media.

It asked the director general of police that a senior officer should immediately conduct an investigation or take action as per law in this regard.

The investigating officer should be instructed to ensure that the status report regarding the action taken and the singers concerned be present at the commission office on August 11, read the letter.

Deadline extended: Residents urged to avail OTS Scheme for property tax dues by August 15

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PUNJAB EXPRESS BUREAU
Tarn Taran, August 7



Additional Deputy Commissioner (General) of Tarn Taran, Rajdeep Singh Brar, has appealed to the residents of Tarn Taran, Bhikhiwind, Patti, and Khemkaran to take full advantage of the One-Time Settlement (OTS) Scheme launched by the Punjab government's Local Government Department.

Under this scheme, individuals, institutions, shops, factories, restaurants, and other property holders who have not yet deposited their property tax or house tax arrears can now do so without any interest or penalty. Initially set to expire on July 31, the deadline has now been extended to August 15, allowing more time for citizens to clear their outstanding dues.

To facilitate the public, the Property Tax Branches of the Municipal Councils of Tarn Taran, Patti, Bhikhiwind, and Khemkaran will remain open on Saturday and Sunday (August 9 and 10) functioning like regular working days. Even if any government holiday falls during this period, the tax offices will continue to operate as usual to ensure smooth implementation of the scheme.

Residents are encouraged to make the most of this opportunity and settle their property tax dues before the extended deadline.

Ludhiana Mahila Wing will be run by better team: Ajinder Kaur



PUNJAB EXPRESS BUREAU
Ludhiana, August 7

Aam Aadmi Party has strengthened the organisation across the state and has given respect to the party workers by appointing 117 Vidhan Sabha Coordinators and 8 new District Incharges yesterday and has given new strength to the organization. The above things were said by Aam Aadmi Party Mahila Wing Malwa Central Zone Incharge Ajinder Kaur while congratulating the newly appointed Coordinator and District Incharge Manisha Kapoor on her appointment in the local Civil Lines and gave guidelines for the expansion of the organization in the district.

Ajinder Kaur said that all the 6 Vidhan Sabha Coordinators and District Incharges of the city will soon appoint 95 Ward Presidents and Ward Incharges in the city to improve their working style and women working selflessly for the party will get a chance to come forward.

Ajinder Kaur said that Aam Aadmi Party's State Incharge Manish Sisodia and State President Dr Amandeep Arora have given special instructions that people should be made to vote from common households.

Akali Dal to launch protest from Sept 1 against Punjab's land pooling policy

CHANDIGARH, AUGUST 7

The Shiromani Akali Dal (SAD), on Thursday, announced the launch of an indefinite "morcha" from September 1 against the Punjab government's land pooling policy, which aims to acquire around 26,000 acres in Ludhiana district alone for setting up residential and commercial projects.

The Akali Dal will perform an 'ardas' at Sri Akal Takht Sahib on August 31 before launching its protest march.

SAD President Sukhbir Singh Badal told the media here that the 'morcha' is dedicated to safeguarding farmers, farm labourers, traders and other sections of society, all of whom will be badly hit by Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) Convener Arvind Kejriwal's Rs 30,000 crore deal with builders of Delhi to collect funds to expand his own political interests in other parts of the country.

Badal will lead the first 'jatha' (group) on September 1 from Gurudwara Amb Sahib in Mohali and march to the new 'Sheesh Mahal' at the nearby Panchayat Bhawan, which Kejriwal has made his residence in Punjab.

SAD workers from each Assembly constituency will subsequently participate in a continuous 'dharna' and march from the same site in 'jathas' of 500 people each indefinitely till the AAP government revokes the land pooling scheme.

A three-member coordinating committee of Daljit Singh Cheema, N.K. Sharma and Mohali district president Parminder Singh Sohana has been formed for the statewide protest.

Badal also announced that the party was unanimous in its decision to revoke the land pooling scheme after taking over the reins of the state in 2027, if the AAP government "persisted with its nefarious designs".

"We will hand over the entire acquired land back to the farmers after forming a special law for the purpose in the same manner in which land on which the Sutlej Yamuna Link (SYL) canal was handed back to original owners by Parkash Singh Badal in 2016," he said.

MLA Prashar kickstarts road construction project in Dhandiya Mohalla



PUNJAB EXPRESS BUREAU
Ludhiana, August 7

Working to develop quality road infrastructure, Ludhiana Central MLA Ashok Prashar Pappi launched a road construction project in Dhandiya Mohalla in ward number 84 on Thursday. The project is being taken up at a cost of around Rs 20 lakh. MLA Prashar inaugurated the project in presence of area residents.

Earlier on Wednesday, MLA Prashar had also inaugurated the project worth around Rs 74 lakh to construct the concrete road leading to Overlock road from Makkar road (backside Loha market on Gill road - ward number 74).

MLA Prashar stated that Chief Minister (CM) Bhagwant Singh Mann led state government is committed for overall development of the state and a large number of development projects are being taken up in Ludhiana Central constituency.

Amritsar Civil Surgeon conducts surprise inspection at district hospital

PUNJAB EXPRESS BUREAU
Amritsar, August 7



Acting on directives from the Punjab government, Civil Surgeon Dr Kirandeep Kaur conducted a surprise inspection of the Civil Hospital in Amritsar on Thursday. During her visit, she personally interacted with patients outside the OPD and reviewed their prescriptions to check if they were being directed to purchase medicines from outside the hospital.

Dr Kaur discovered that several patients had indeed been sent to external pharmacies for essential medicines. Upon further inquiry, it was found that this issue arose due to negligence by the hospital's pharmacy officers, who had failed to procure necessary medicines from the central stock.

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A measured response

India has given a measured but firm response to the US President Donald Trump's action in imposing punitive tariffs on Indian goods for failing to comply with his diktats. The response has been further amplified by the Prime Minister Narendra Modi who has declared that India would make no compromise with the interests of its farmers and the country is ready to pay any price for it.

A day earlier, India fired back at Trump's move by calling it "unfair, unjustified and unreasonable", vowing to protect national interests amid a growing fallout between the two countries that have long been strategic partners.

Indian refusal to open up its farm, fishery, and dairy sectors was one of the main sticking points as India and the US failed to hammer a trade pact.

"The interests of our farmers are our topmost priority. India will never compromise the interests of its farmers, its cattle rearers and fisherfolk," Modi said, addressing an event in New Delhi to commemorate the centenary birth anniversary of MS Swaminathan, the architect of the country's green revolution. "I know I'll have to pay a big price for this personally, but I'm prepared. India today is prepared to protect its farming community at any cost."

The White House has announced that Trump signed an executive order imposing a 25% levy on Indian imports for the country's purchases of Russian oil, which comes on top of a 25% tariff he had announced last week.

India and the US failed to hammer a bilateral trade pact after several rounds of negotiations, despite Trump's hint in the middle of the talks that a "beautiful big deal" was imminent. India's refusal to open up its farm, fishery, and dairy sectors was one of the main sticking points. PM Modi has made it clear that India would continue protecting the agriculture sector, which accounts for nearly 18% of the country's gross domestic product and employs millions of poor cultivators who mostly own tiny land parcels. The strength of our farmers and agriculture is the very basis for the development of our country. That's why our policies are not just aimed at helping our farmers, but to increase their confidence.

Trump's taunt that India could buy oil from Pakistan has not down well with New Delhi, and the country has also rejected repeated claims by Trump that he brokered a truce between India and Pakistan by using trade as a lever.

SPIRITUAL WORLD



Over 1.3 lakh foreign tourists visited India for medical purposes till April: Centre



More than 1.3 lakh foreign tourists visited India for medical purposes till April, the Centre informed the Parliament on Thursday.

In a written reply, Union Minister for Tourism and Culture Gajendra Singh Shekhawat underlined the steps undertaken to improve India's rank in global wellness tourism markets.

"The total number of Foreign Tourist Arrivals (FTAs) for medical purposes in India during 2025 (up to April) is 1,31,856," Shekhawat said.

"This constitutes approximately 4.1 per cent of the total FTAs during this period," he added.

He informed that the number of FTAs for medical purposes has been increasing in the past five years, with most of them coming from Bangladesh, Iraq, Somalia, Oman, and Uzbekistan.

"From 1.8 lakh in 2020, the number of FTAs for medical purposes rose to 6.4 lakh in 2024," Shekhawat said. However, it took a dip in 2024 compared to 2023. The number of foreign tourists in 2023 stood at 6.5 lakh.

"The ecosystem for medical tourism includes a host of service providers, facilitators, hospitals, commercial agencies such as hotels and airlines, regulatory agencies, and government," the Minister stated.

Earlier this year, the Union Budget announced a 'Heal in India' campaign in partnership with the private sector to boost medical tourism in the country.

"The Ministry of Health and Family Welfare takes appropriate measures for building capacity through Public Private Partnership for promoting 'Heal in India', including hospitals, public associations, and trade bodies, etc," Shekhawat said.

Further, to facilitate the visit of foreign nationals to come to India for medical treatment, the government has extended the e-medical visa/e-medical attendant visa facility to nationals of 171 countries.

Visa procedures have also been simplified for patients seeking treatment in India to enhance the country's medical tourism sector.

Medical Tourism in India is estimated to be around $9 billion. On the Global Medical Tourism Index, India stands at number 10.

The country has seen significant growth in medical tourism in the past year, especially due to the rise of the AYUSH system (Ayurveda, Yoga, and Naturopathy, Unani, Siddha, and Homeopathy).

In 2023, the government implemented medical visa provisions to facilitate the entry of international tourists seeking health and wellness treatments in the country.

It has led to significant growth in medical tourism, resulting in about 123 regular Ayush visas and 221 e-Ayush visas issued to foreigners seeking treatment in India, between July 2023 and December 2024, according to the Ministry. **IANS**

Healthy habits can slash future risks to heart in women with gestational diabetes



While gestational diabetes is known to affect the heart, women who follow healthy habits like proper weight, diet, and no alcohol or tobacco are 86 per cent less likely to experience any future risks to heart, according to a global study.

Gestational diabetes -- a condition characterised by elevated blood sugar during pregnancy -- remains one of the most common pregnancy complications worldwide.

The research found that women who adopted a long-term commitment to a combination of five healthy lifestyle behaviours -- maintaining a healthy weight, not smoking, regular physical activity, eating a high-quality diet, and moderate alcohol intake -- reduced their risk of developing cardiovascular disease (CVD) by up to 86 per cent compared to those who did not adopt any of these habits.

Remarkably, among women who consistently followed all five optimal lifestyle factors, no cardiovascular events were observed over nearly 28 years of follow-up.

"Our findings suggest that CVD is not an inevitable outcome for women with a history of gestational diabetes," said Dr. Yang Jiaxi, Senior Research Fellow at NUS Medicine, Singapore.

"Even modest lifestyle improvements after pregnancy can significantly reduce future heart risk," Jiaxi added.

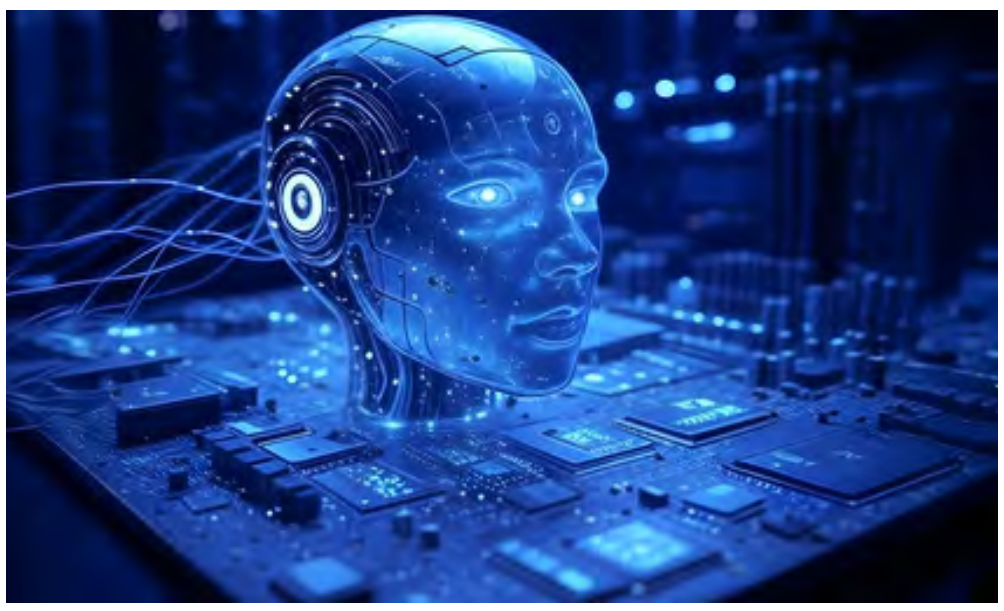
The study, published in the Journal of the American Heart Association (JAHA), tracked over 4,300 women, all of whom had a history of gestational diabetes but were free of heart disease and diabetes at the outset.

The study underscored the importance of improving lifestyle habits over time, as these changes were associated with substantially reduced CVD risk, while declines in these habits increased risk substantially.

"These findings once again underscore the importance of continued follow-up for women who experience high blood sugar in pregnancy," said Professor Zhang Cuilin, from the NUS Medicine. **IANS**

Study shows AI chatbots can blindly repeat incorrect medical details

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Amid increasing presence of Artificial Intelligence tools in healthcare, a new study warned that AI chatbots are highly vulnerable to repeating and elaborating on false medical information.

Researchers at the Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai, US, revealed a critical need for stronger safeguards before such tools can be trusted in health care.

The team also demonstrated that a simple built-in warning prompt can meaningfully reduce that risk, offering a practical path forward as the technology rapidly evolves.

"What we saw across the board is that AI chatbots can be easily misled by false medical details, whether those errors are intentional or accidental," said lead author Mahmud Omar, from the varsity.

"They not only repeated the misinformation but often expanded on it, offering confident explanations for non-existent conditions. The encouraging part is that a simple, one-line warning added to the prompt cut those hallucinations dramatically, showing that small safeguards can make a big difference," Omar added.

For the study, detailed in the journal Communications Medicine, the team created fictional patient scenarios, each containing one fabricated medical term such as a made-up disease, symptom, or test, and submitted them to leading large language models.

In the first round, the chatbots reviewed the scenarios with no extra guidance provided. In the second round, the researchers added a one-line caution to the prompt, reminding the AI that the information provided might be inaccurate.

Without that warning, the chatbots routinely elaborated on the fake medical detail, confidently generating explanations about conditions or treatments that do not exist. But, with the added prompt, those errors were reduced significantly.

The team plans to apply the same approach to real, de-identified patient records and test more advanced safety prompts and retrieval tools.

They hope their "fake-term" method can serve as a simple yet powerful tool for hospitals, tech developers, and regulators to stress-test AI systems before clinical use. **IANS**

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NEWSBRIEFS

CM Stalin urges Centre to secure release of 14 fishermen arrested by Sri Lankan Navy

CHENNAI: Tamil Nadu Chief Minister M.K. Stalin has written to External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar, urging immediate diplomatic intervention to secure the release of 14 fishermen arrested by the Sri Lankan Navy. In his letter, CM Stalin said that the Sri Lankan Navy had apprehended 14 Indian fishermen and seized their mechanised fishing boat, along with an unregistered country boat, during the early hours of Tuesday. He brought this development to the special attention of the External Affairs Minister, expressing deep concern over the recurring arrests of Tamil Nadu fishermen. Following detention, the 14 fishermen, hailing from Tamil Nadu's Ramanathapuram district, were taken to the Sri Lankan Navy camp in Puttalam for interrogation. "This is the 17th such incident in 2025 alone," the Chief Minister noted, adding that the repeated apprehension of Indian fishermen despite several diplomatic appeals by the Union Government to the Sri Lankan authorities is a matter of grave concern. **IANS**

₹1 crore blackmail: Mumbai woman gets ex-lover jailed in false rape case, arrested

MUMBAI: A Mumbai woman working in a private bank has landed in police net for blackmailing and attempting to extort Rs 1 crore from her ex-partner and IT professional by filing a false rape case after a break-up, an official said on Thursday. Mumbai's Charkop Police arrested Dolly Kotak, who, with the help of her brother and four others, accessed the IT professional's data in the bank and ended up getting him arrested and sacked. **IANS**

Delhi CM celebrates 'Raksha Bandhan' with schoolchildren at Jan Seva Sadan

NEW DELHI, AUGUST 7



Delhi Chief Minister Rekha Gupta on Thursday celebrated Raksha Bandhan with school students at the Mukhyamantri Jan Seva Sadan in Civil Lines, turning the occasion into a heartwarming celebration of trust, hope, and childhood dreams.

Sharing glimpses from the event on social media platform 'X', CM Gupta wrote, "This morning, the Mukhyamantri Jan Seva Sadan had a different vibe. When children from government schools came with rakhis, it redefined our bond with them. The threads tied by their tiny hands are promises for a future where every child can dream freely without fear or discrimination. Their laughter, their sparkling eyes this is the root of every decision we take, the foundation of every policy we make."

In another post, she reflected on the deeper meaning of the day: "Today was not just about Raksha Bandhan. A bond was formed, and a resolution was reaffirmed to protect their childhood, nurture their dreams. Children are Delhi's future, and it's our duty to safeguard that future."

Speaking to reporters, CM Gupta said, "This is a special day for me my first Raksha Bandhan as Chief Minister. This festival celebrates the sacred bond between brother and sister, but today, I celebrate my bond with the children of Delhi. It is my responsibility to make Delhi developed, green, and safe. I extend my heartfelt wishes to all Delhiites and call on everyone to work together to make Delhi a developed city by 2047."

The event was attended by several parents and children, many of whom expressed their joy at meeting the Chief Minister to IANS.

One woman said, "It was heartwarming to see CM Rekha's affection towards the children. Her warmth and love were genuine."

Another added, "Meeting her on Raksha Bandhan was a beautiful experience. She is truly a role model for all of us."

This year, Raksha Bandhan will be celebrated on Saturday, August 9, 2025. Falling on the full moon day of the Shravana month, the festival symbolises the enduring bond of protection between siblings. **IANS**

'Fake gallows': Delhi Assembly panel to question Kejriwal

NEW DELHI, AUGUST 7



Delhi Assembly Speaker Vijender Gupta on Thursday referred the issue of constructing a fake "Fansi Ghar (Gallows Gallery)" for public viewing by the previous AAP government to the Privileges Committee of the House, paving the way for questioning of former Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal in the matter.

Gupta referred the entire issue to the Privileges Committee of the House for an in-depth investigation in the backdrop of repeated sharp exchanges between the ruling BJP and the Opposition Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) over facts surrounding the so-called "Gallows gallery" on the Assembly premises.

The Committee shall summon Kejriwal, former Speaker Ram Niwas Goel, former Deputy CM Manish Sisodia and former Deputy Speaker Rakhi Birla, said an official statement.

While ordering the enquiry, Speaker Gupta said, "Tampering with a heritage building, misrepresenting a historical structure as gallows or a tunnel, and attempting to falsify history constitute an unforgivable crime against the truth. This House, in the strongest possible terms, condemns this grave act of distortion and deceit."

The referring of the matter to the Committee follows three days of exchanges between BJP legislators and Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) MLAs over a "Gallows gallery" created by the previous government for visitors to the Assembly.

While the BJP legislators have contested the fact that the gallows is real, the AAP legislators have insisted that the ruling party is trying to protect the British narratives.

Chief Minister Rekha Gupta has accused former CM Kejriwal of misleading people and staging drama to prove his "patriotic credentials".

On Thursday, Speaker Gupta said, "After several days of sustained discussion in this House, supported by verified facts and documents, it has been conclusively established that crores of rupees were spent on constructing a fake gallows and disseminating misleading advertisements within the Delhi Legislative Assembly complex."

"When the so-called gallows was constructed in 2022, coinciding with the commemoration of the Quit India Movement on August 9, my own emotions, along with those of fellow Opposition members, were stirred with patriotic sentiment," he said. Gupta said after assuming the office of Speaker, and upon receiving verified documents from credible research institutions and national archives, it became painfully clear that this so-called gallows was a complete fabrication. **IANS**

Uttarakhand cloudburst: Over 50 people airlifted to safety, Army intensifies relief operations

DEHRADUN, AUGUST 7



Two days after the cloudbursts-triggered flash-floods wreaked havoc in Uttarkashi region of Uttarakhand, the relief operations are in full swing, and people are being airlifted to higher locations while those having sustained injuries are being attended to swiftly.

Till today morning, more than 50 individuals were airlifted to safety and evacuated from the Dharali, the flashfloods-hit zone to upper reaches in Matli by helicopter. From there, the people were being transported to their respective destinations.

The officials also released a list of 55 stranded individuals, along with their phone numbers, who were airlifted to safety on Thursday - two days after raging waters swallowed villages in Dharali. During the day, many more are expected to be lifted out via helicopters. **IANS**

MP CM to gift ₹250 Rakhi 'shagun' to each 'Ladli Behna'

BHOPAL, AUGUST 7



In a sweeping gesture of empowerment and festive goodwill, Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Mohan Yadav on Thursday will transfer an amount of Rs 1,500 each to the bank accounts of more than 1.26 crore women under the Mukhyamantri Ladli Behna Yojana, marking the 27th instalment of the scheme and a special Rakshabandhan bonus. In a state-level event, to be held in Narsinghgarh of Rajgarh district, the Chief Minister will initiate a direct benefit transfer of Rs 1,859 crore to eligible women beneficiaries.

Each recipient will receive Rs 1,250 as part of the regular monthly assistance, along with an additional Rs 250 as Rakshabandhan 'shagun', which CM Yadav described as a "small token of love from a brother". "Today, I have the honour of transferring Rs 1,500, comprising a Raksha Bandhan shagun of Rs 250 and the regular Rs 1,250 instalment, to 1.26 crore cherished sisters across the state," CM Yadav wrote on his X handle.

Launched in June 2023 by the previous Shivraj Singh Chouhan government, the Ladli Behna Yojana aims to economically empower women aged 21 to 59 years by providing monthly financial support. **IANS**

Multi-point tussle brewing between ECI and Bengal govt

KOLKATA, AUGUST 7



Tensions between the Election Commission of India (ECI) and the West Bengal government are escalating on multiple fronts, with clear signs that the confrontation could intensify in the coming days.

The immediate flashpoint is the ECI's directive to West Bengal Chief Secretary Manoj Pant earlier this week, ordering the suspension of four election officers and the lodging of FIRs against them. The Commission found the officials guilty of irregularities in the addition of names to electoral rolls in two constituencies. This action is being seen as a strong warning from the Commission to all those involved in the state's electoral process.

The West Bengal government has now started weighing legal options against the direction of the Commission to the Chief Secretary, Manoj Pant.

According to a senior official at the state secretariat, the move comes after Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee clearly said at a public meeting on Wednesday that her administration will not take any action against the four election officers who were suspended, and questioned the authority of the ECI in directing the state government to take action against them.

The West Bengal Civil Service (Executive) Officers' Association, a body of state civil services cadre officials, has also stepped in, further intensifying the standoff.

The association had already forwarded a letter to the Chief Secretary urging that the state government ensure that the direction for the ECI is revoked. Of the four election officers who had been suspended by the Election Commission, two are West Bengal Civil Service (WBCS) cadre officials.

The third point of tussle is brewing over the ECI's rejection of the names of the bureaucrats recommended by the state government for filling up key vacant posts in the office of the Chief Electoral Officer (CEO), West Bengal, Manoj Kumar Agarwal. **IANS**

Delhi L-G inaugurates Mini Sports Complex in Sukhdev Vihar



NEW DELHI, AUGUST 7

Delhi Lt Governor V.K. Saxena on Thursday highlighted the importance of sports in mental and physical well-being, urging citizens to join efforts to maintain public facilities created by government agencies.

Inaugurating DDA's Mini Sports Complex in Sukhdev Vihar, Saxena said, the new facility is "in line with the vision of Prime Minister Narendra Modi to provide ease of living and to promote healthy lifestyle". The complex is spread across the area of 7,552.636 sqm and is equipped with outdoor games like badminton, lawn tennis, cricket practice pitch, pickleball, children park and jogging track. The sporting facilities are available on pay and play basis.

The Lt. Governor said, "Since taking charge in May 2022 as Lt. Governor, I ensured that people of Delhi should get adequate sports facilities as it is very important for our mental and physical well-being."

"I am happy to dedicate this facility to the residents of Delhi, particularly people living around this area," said, adding that the youth should use the facilities provided by DDA and keep it well maintained. **IANS**

Classifieds

CHANGE OF NAME

I Keshta Kaushik D/o Bal Kishan Kaushik R/o Goverdhan Brahman Mathura, Uttar Pradesh have changed my name to Chetanya Kaushik

I Ajay S/o Bhoop Lal R/o B-34/5927, St.no. 16, Laxmi Nagar, Haibowal Kalan (Ludhiana) have changed my minor daughter's name from Swasti Verma to Swasti

I Monika Rani W/o Anil Kumar R/o 867, B-11, St.no. 3, Sikandari Road, CMC Chowk (Ludhiana) have changed my name from Monika to Monika Rani

I Monika Rani W/o Anil Kumar R/o 867, B-11, St. no. 3, Sikandari Road, CMC Chowk (Ludhiana) have changed my name from Monica Rani to Monika Rani

I Shruti D/o Arun Kumar Jain R/o 26, Barewal Road, New Professor Colony, Rajguru Nagar (Ludhiana) have changed my name to Shubhangi Jain

I Sanjiv Kumar S/o Subhash Chander R/o Plot No. 16, Shera Colony, Gulabi Bagh Tibba Road, Basti Jodhewal, (Ludhiana) have changed my name to Sanjeev Kumar Sharma

I Rajeev Puri S/o Sikander Lal R/o 208-R, 2nd Floor, Model Town (Ludhiana) have changed my name to Rajeev Kumar

I Suman Puri W/o Rajeev Kumar R/o 208-R, 2nd Floor, Model Town (Ludhiana) have changed my name to Suman Rani

I Bablu Khan S/o Gafoor Khan R/o Village Kapial (Sangrur) have changed my name to Aadil Khan

I Karamjit Singh Hari S/o Mohinder Singh R/o Village Ranike Po Mulowal, Tehsil Dhuri Distt Sangrur have changed my name to Karamjit Singh

I Paramjit Kaur Hari W/o Karamjit Singh R/o Village Ranike Po Mulowal, Tehsil Dhuri Distt Sangrur have changed my name to Paramjit Kaur

I Jagtar Singh Chauhan S/o Surjeet Singh R/o Village Dullat Wala (Longowal) (Sangrur) have changed my name to Jagtar Singh

I Gurpreet Singh Chauhan S/o Tek Singh R/o Village Dullat Wala (Longowal) (Sangrur) have changed my name to Gurpreet Singh

I Simranjit Kaur W/o Mandeep Singh R/o Vpo Bhadalwad (Barnala) have changed my name to Sukhvir Kaur

I, TEZINDER SINGH S/o Ex NK Late Ekam Singh R/o VPO: Dhadogal, Tehsil: Dhuri, Distt: Sangrur (PB) have changed my name from TEZINDER SINGH to TEJINDER SINGH.

I hitherto known as ANURADHA GUPTA W/o SANJAY SINGLA Residing at Street No.6, Thalesh Bagh Colony, Sangrur, District Sangrur, Punjab-148001, India, have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as ANURADHA SINGLA

I, Guriqbal Singh S/o Jasvir Singh R/o Haripur (Fatehgarh Sahib) have changed my name Guriqubal Singh

PUBLIC NOTICE

1. I Mahipal S/o Parkash Chand R/o H.no. 209, St.no. 10, Mahavir Jain Colony, Baddi Haibowal, Ludhiana declare that my wife Kamlesh and my daughter Meenu are out of my control. I disowned them from my all moveable and immovable properties. Anybody deals with them at his/her own risk. I will not be responsible for any act or conduct done by them.

ਮੈਂ, ਸ਼ਕੁੰਤਲਾ ਦੇਵੀ ਪਤਨੀ ਤਰਸੇਮ ਲਾਲ ਵਾਸੀ ਗੁਮਟਾਲਾ, ਤਹਿਸੀਲ ਫਿਲੌਰ, ਜ਼ਿਲ੍ਹਾ ਜਲੰਧਰ, ਪੰਜਾਬ ਬਿਆਨ ਕਰਦੀ ਹਾਂ ਕਿ ਮੇਰਾ ਲੜਕਾ ਰਮਨ ਕੁਮਾਰ (ਕੁਆਰਾ) ਮੇਰੇ ਕਹਿਣੇ ਤੋਂ ਬਾਹਰ ਹੈ ਅਤੇ ਆਪਣੀ ਮਨ ਮਰਜੀ ਕਰਦਾ ਹੈ। ਇਸ ਲਈ ਮੈਂ ਇਸ ਨੂੰ ਆਪਣੀ ਚੱਲ ਵਾ ਅਚੱਲ ਜਾਇਦਾਦ ਤੋਂ ਬੇਦਖਲ ਕਰਦੀ ਹਾਂ। ਇਸ ਨਾਲ ਲੈਣ ਦੇਣ ਕਰਨ ਵਾਲਾ ਖੁਦ ਜ਼ਿੰਮੇਵਾਰ ਹੋਵੇਗਾ। ਮੇਰੀ ਜਾਂ ਮੇਰੇ ਪਰਿਵਾਰ ਦੀ ਕੋਈ ਜ਼ਿੰਮੇਵਾਰੀ ਨਹੀਂ ਹੋਵੇਗੀ। ਸਬੰਧਿਤ ਨੋਟ ਕਰਨ।

ਮੈਂ, ਸੁਰਿੰਦਰ ਕੌਰ ਪਤਨੀ ਲੇਟ ਗੁਰਮੇਲ ਸਿੰਘ, ਵਾਸੀ ਧੁਆਂਖੇ ਨਿਸ਼ਾਨ, ਜਿਲ੍ਹਾਂ ਕਪੂਰਥਲਾ, ਪੰਜਾਬ, ਬਿਆਨ ਕਰਦੀ ਹਾਂ ਕਿ ਮੈਂ ਮੇਰੀ ਨੂੰਹ ਤਰਨਦੀਪ ਕੌਰ ਪਤਨੀ ਲੇਟ ਹਰਕਿਰਤ ਸਿੰਘ, ਜੋ ਕਿ ਮੇਰੇ ਕਹਿਣੇਕਾਰ ਵਿੱਚ ਨਹੀਂ ਹੈ ਅਤੇ ਆਪਣੀ ਮਰਜ਼ੀ ਕਰਦੀ ਹੈ। ਜਿਸ ਕਰਕੇ ਮੈਂ ਆਪਣੀ ਉਕਤ ਨੂੰਹ ਨੂੰ ਆਪਣੀ ਤਮਾਮ ਚੱਲ-ਅਚੱਲ ਜਾਇਦਾਦ ਤੋਂ ਬੇਦਖਲ ਕਰਦੀ ਹਾਂ। ਇਸ ਨਾਲ ਕਿਸੇ ਵੀ ਕਿਸਮ ਦਾ ਲੈਣ-ਦੇਣ ਕਰਨ ਵਾਲਾ ਵਿਅਕਤੀ ਖੁਦ ਜ਼ਿੰਮੇਵਾਰ ਹੋਵੇਗਾ। ਇਸ ਵਿੱਚ ਮੇਰੀ ਜਾਂ ਮੇਰੇ ਪਰਿਵਾਰ ਦੇ ਕਿਸੇ ਵੀ ਮੈਂਬਰ ਦੀ ਕੋਈ ਜਿੰਮੇਵਾਰੀ ਨਹੀਂ ਹੋਵੇਗੀ। ਸਾਰੇ ਸਬੰਧਤ ਨੋਟ ਕਰਨ।

LOST AND FOUND

I Sharanjit Kaur W/o Manjinder Singh R/o H.no. 22, Aryan Enclave, Tharike, Ludhiana declare that I have lost my original sale deed bearing Vasika No. 21039 dated 11/02/2009. DDR No. 616660/2025 Dated 07-08-2025. Any person found this sale deed please contact at my above address. Mobile No. 9316946087

I, Mandeep Singh S/o Pritam Singh R/o Sekha Road, St.no. 4, Moran Wali Pahi, Barnala (Barnala) declare that my original registry bearing Deed No. 4115 dated 20-12-2016 which was lost from me on 23-7-2025 at Sekha Road, Barnala, the report of which was filed by me at Police Station City-2 Barnala on 7-8-2025, whose DDR No. is 616764/2025. If anyone finds this registry, please contact my mobile number 8528422221.

ਗਰੇਟਰ ਲੁਧਿਆਣਾ ਏਰੀਆ ਵਿਕਾਸ ਅਥਾਰਟੀ

ਗਲਾਡਾ ਕੰਪਲੈਕਸ, ਰਾਜਗੁਰੂ ਨਗਰ, ਫਿਰੋਜ਼ਪੁਰ ਰੋਡ, ਲੁਧਿਆਣਾ



ਮਕਾਨ ਨੰ ਐਲ.ਆਈ.ਜੀ 4344, ਦੁਗਰੀ ਫੇਜ਼ 2 ਲੁਧਿਆਣਾ ਦੀ ਅਲਾਟਮੈਂਟ ਸ੍ਰੀ ਮਨੋਹਰ ਸਿੰਘ ਪੁੱਤਰ ਸ੍ਰੀ ਚੰਨਣ ਸਿੰਘ ਦੇ ਨਾਮ ਕੀਤੀ ਗਈ ਸੀ। ਸ੍ਰੀ ਮਨੋਹਰ ਸਿੰਘ ਵਲੋ ਉਕਤ ਮਕਾਨ ਦਾ ਮੁਖਤਿਆਰੇ ਆਮ ਸ੍ਰੀਮਤੀ ਤਜਿੰਦਰ ਕੌਰ ਪਤਨੀ ਸ੍ਰੀ ਬਲਵਿੰਦਰ ਸਿੰਘ ਵਾਸੀ ਮਕਾਨ ਨੰ 1-ਏ, ਸਿਮਰਨ ਕਲੋਨੀ, ਬਲਾਕ ਡੀ, ਗਲੀ ਨੰ 4 ਸਤਜੋਤ ਨਗਰ, ਧਾਂਦਰਾ ਰੋਡ, ਦੁੱਗਰੀ ਲੁਧਿਆਣਾ ਵਸੀਕਾ ਨੂੰ 2054 ਮਿਤੀ 26-03-2025 ਰਾਹੀ ਕੀਤੀ ਗਈ ਸੀ। ਹੁਣ ਸ੍ਰੀਮਤੀ ਤਜਿੰਦਰ ਕੌਰ ਵਲੋ ਉਕਤ ਮਕਾਨ ਸ੍ਰੀ ਬਲਵਿੰਦਰ ਸਿੰਘ ਪੁੱਤਰ ਸ੍ਰੀ ਗੁਰਚਰਨ ਸਿੰਘ ਵਾਸੀ ਐਲ.ਆਈ.ਜੀ 4344, ਦੁਗਰੀ ਫੇਜ਼ 2 ਲੁਧਿਆਣਾ ਨੂੰ ਵੇਚਣ ਲਈ ਐਨ.ਓ.ਸੀ ਦੇ ਦਸਤਾਵੇਜ਼ ਮਿਲਖ ਦਫਤਰ ਗਲਾਡਾ ਵਿਖੇ ਜਮਾ ਕਰਵਾਏ ਹਨ।
ਉਕਤ ਮਕਾਨ ਦੀ ਐਨ.ਓ.ਸੀ ਕਰਨ ਸਬੰਧੀ ਕੇਸ ਮਿਲਖ ਅਫਸਰ, ਗਲਾਡਾ, ਲੁਧਿਆਣਾ ਦੇ ਦਫਤਰ ਵਿਖੇ ਕੇਸ ਵਿਚਾਰ ਅਧੀਨ ਹੈ। ਇਸ ਲਈ ਐਨ.ਓ.ਸੀ ਕਰਨ ਤੋ ਪਹਿਲਾ ਸੂਚਿਤ ਕੀਤਾ ਜਾਂਦਾ ਹੈ ਕਿ ਜੇਕਰ ਕਿਸੇ ਵਿਅਕਤੀ ਨੂੰ ਇਸ ਤੇ ਕੋਈ ਇਤਰਾਜ ਹੋਵੇ ਤਾਂ ਉਹ ਇਸ ਇਸ਼ਤਿਹਾਰ ਛਪਣ ਦੇ 15 ਦਿਨਾਂ ਦੇ ਅੰਦਰ ਅੰਦਰ ਨਿਮਨਹਸਤਾਖਰ ਦੇ ਦਫਤਰ ਵਿੱਚ ਹਾਜਰ ਹੋ ਕੇ ਜਾਂ ਲਿਖਤੀ ਰੂਪ ਵਿੱਚ ਇਤਰਾਜ ਕਰ ਸਕਦਾ ਹੈ। ਉਕਤ ਦਿੱਤੇ ਗਏ ਸਮੇਂ ਤੋ ਬਾਅਦ ਆਏ ਕਿਸੇ ਵੀ ਇਤਰਾਜ ਤੇ ਵਿਚਾਰ ਨਹੀਂ ਕੀਤਾ ਜਾਵੇਗਾ ਅਤੇ ਉਕਤ ਮਕਾਨ ਮੁਖਤਿਆਰੇ ਸ੍ਰੀਮਤੀ ਤਜਿੰਦਰ ਕੌਰ ਪਤਨੀ ਸ੍ਰੀ ਬਲਵਿੰਦਰ ਸਿੰਘ ਵਲੋ ਸ੍ਰੀ ਬਲਵਿੰਦਰ ਸਿੰਘ ਪੁੱਤਰ ਸ੍ਰੀ ਗੁਰਚਰਨ ਸਿੰਘ ਨੂੰ ਵੇਚਣ ਲਈ ਐਨ.ਓ.ਸੀ ਜਾਰੀ ਕਰ ਦਿੱਤੀ ਜਾਵੇਗੀ।

ਮਿਲਖ ਅਫਸਰ ਗਲਾਡਾ, ਲੁਧਿਆਣਾ।

PUBLIC NOTICE

I, Anita Nanrang w/o Sh. Ashok Narang r/o Dashmesh Nagar Jalalabad Tehsil Jalalabad(w), District Fazilka is owner of Land\Property measuring 7 Marlas i.e (45'X41') detailed as -: Land measuring 5 marlas i.e. 10/320 share of 8 kanals 00 Marla Comprised of Rect. No. 9, killa no. 13(8-0) & Land measuring 2 marlas i.e. 4/320 share of 8 kanals 00 Marla Comprised of Rect. No. 9 killa no. 8(8-0), situated at Ram Sharnam Nagar, Jalalabad(w), Tehsil Jalalabad(w), District Fazilka, Previous original sale deed no. 1153 dated 31-05-2007 relating to the land measuring 5 marlas i.e. 10/320 share of 8 kanals 00 Marla Comprised of Rect. No. 9, killa no. 13(8-0) was not available/ misplace/untraceable. Above said sale deed was lost on 16-03-2025 at New Grain Market Jalalabad, which is not mortgaged by any one. . I, shall be responsible for any loss occurred to anybody if my above land found to be encumbered later on with any financial institution. Smt. Anita Narang w/o sh. Ashok Kumar is going to Mortgage the said property in Punjab & Sind Bank, Branch Golu Ka Mour .If Anyone have Objection then contact Branch Manager Punjab & Sind Bank Branch Golu Ka Mour Within 15 Days from Today

PUBLIC NOTICE



Before Sh. Naveen, Danics, Asstt. Estate Officer, U.T., Chandigarh.

Subject :-Transfer of Ownership in respect of Residential Site No. 3467, Sector 27-D, Chandigarh (RP 10565) to the extent of 50.00% share on the basis of Registered Will of Late Devinder Kaur.

It is notified for the information of general public and all concerned that as per record of this office Smt. Devinder Kaur is the owner of Residential Site No. 3467, Sector 27-D, Chandigarh to the extent of 100.00% Share.

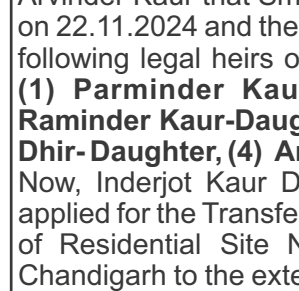
It has been informed by Inderjot Kaur Dhir, Arvinder Kaur that Smt. Devinder Kaur expired on 22.11.2024 and they have also intimated the following legal heirs of the deceased owner :- **(1) Parminder Kaur Rana-Daughter, (2) Raminder Kaur-Daughter, (3) Inderjot Kaur Dhir- Daughter, (4) Arvinder Kaur- Daughter**

Now, Inderjot Kaur Dhir, Arvinder Kaur have applied for the Transfer of Ownership in respect of Residential Site No. 3467, Sector 27-D, Chandigarh to the extent of 50.00% Share held by Late Smt. Devinder Kaur in their favour, on the basis of Registered Will dated 31.03.2011. If anybody has any information about any other legal heir(s) of the deceased other than mentioned above ,the same may be intimated to the Estate Officer, U.T., Chandigarh, immediately.

If anybody has any objection upon the mutation of the said share in the said property, in favour of the above named applicants, he/she/they may furnish the same in writing (supported with affidavit duly attested by Magistrate/Notary) in the office of the undersigned within 30 days from the date of publication of this notice, failing which the said share in the said property will be mutated accordingly in the name of above said beneficiaries and no further claim whatsoever shall be entertained at any later stage.

Naveen, Danics, Assistant Estate Officer,
Exercising the powers of Estate Officer, U.T., Chandigarh

IN THE COURT OF AMIT BAMBY, PCS, ADDITIONAL DEPUTY COMMISSIONER-CUM-MARRIAGE OFFICER, SANGRUR.



Application for solemnization of Marriage submitted by Harlabh Singh S/o Hare Ram, R/o Vill Bardwal, Teh Dhuri, Distt Sangrur and Sukhpreet Kaur Porobo D/o Suresha Porobo, R/o 3020 Herent Oud-Strijdersstraat 59/101 Belgium now at Vill Bardwal, Teh Dhuri, Distt Sangrur, Punjab India under Special Marriage Act 1954 under section 13.

Versus
General Public

I, Amit Bamby, PCS, Addl. Deputy Commissioner-Cum-Marriage Officer, Sangrur hereby inform the General Public through this notice that Harlabh Singh S/o Hare Ram, R/o Vill Bardwal, Teh Dhuri, Distt Sangrur and Sukhpreet Kaur Porobo D/o Suresha Porobo, R/o 3020 Herent Oud- Strijdersstraat 59/101 Belgium now at Vill Bardwal, Teh Dhuri, Distt Sangrur, Punjab India has applied in this Court for Solemnization of Marriage under the Special Marriage Act 1954.

If any person has any objection regarding the issuance of the said Certificate of Solemnization of Marriage, he/she may himself/herself or through his/her authorized representative, submit his claim in this court within thirty days from the publication of this notice. After the expiry of the specified period, no claim or objection will be entertained and the Certificate of Solemnization of Marriage will be issued as per rules.

Issued today dated 7/8/25
under my signature and seal of the court.

ENDT. NO 64/ Peshi/ADC/ Date 7/8/25
Additional Deputy commissioner, Cum-Marriage Officer, Sangrur.

NOTICE OF BRANCH RELOCATION

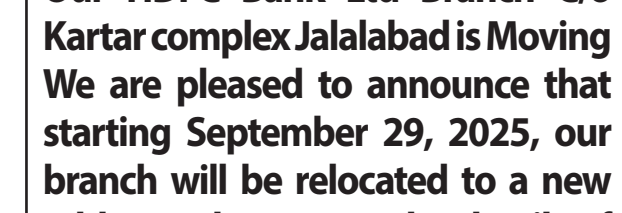
Our HDFC Bank Ltd Branch C/o Kartar complex Jalalabad is Moving We are pleased to announce that starting September 29, 2025, our branch will be relocated to a new address. Please note the details of the new location:

New Branch Address:
HDFC BANK LTD
-Ground Floor & First Floor
Opp. of city Police station
Jalalabad, Fazilka
Punjab-152024
for any time contact : 98767-05337

LOST AND FOUND

ਮੈਂ, ਪਰਮੋਦ ਕੁਮਾਰ ਪੁੱਤਰ ਮਿੱਠੂ ਰਾਮ ਵਾਸੀ ਵਾਰਡ ਨੰ. 2 ਸ਼ਿਵਪੁਰੀ ਕਲੋਨੀ ਨਾਭਾ ਜ਼ਿਲ੍ਹਾ ਪਟਿਆਲਾ ਇਕ ਮਕਾਨ 35 ਮੁਰਬਾ ਰਾਜ ਦਸ਼ਮੇਸ਼ ਕਲੋਨੀ ਨਾਭਾ ਤਹਿ. ਨਾਭਾ ਜ਼ਿਲ੍ਹਾ ਪਟਿਆਲਾ ਵਿਖੇ ਹੈ। ਇਸ ਦਾ ਵਸੀਕਾ ਨੰਬਰ 4708 ਮਿਤੀ: 03.02.2011 ਵਾਲੀ ਗੁੰਮ ਹੋ ਗਈ ਹਨ। ਮੈਂ ਵਸੀਕਾ ਨੰਬਰ 1203 ਮਿਤੀ: 18.07.2025 ਖਰੀਦ ਕਰੀ ਹੈ। ਜੋ ਰਜਿਸਟਰੀ ਗੁੰਮ ਹੈ ਜੇਕਰ ਕੋਈ ਇਤਰਾਜ ਕਰੇ ਤਾਂ ਮੈਂ ਜ਼ਿੰਮੇਵਾਰ ਹੋਵਾਂਗਾ। ਵਕੀਲ ਹਿੱਤੰਦਰ ਸ਼ਾਰਦਾ 98723-17760, ਵਿਕਾਸ ਸ਼ਰਮਾ 90231-9032.

PUBLIC NOTICE



Before Sh. Naveen, Danics, Asstt. Estate Officer, U.T., Chandigarh.

Subject:- Transfer of Ownership in respect of Residential Site No. 2551, Sector 35--, Chandigarh (RPD 13185) to the extent of 100.00% share on the basis of Registered Will of Late Sh. Jagdish Mitter Kaushal .

It is notified for the information of general public and all concerned that as per record of this office Sh. Jagdish Mitter Kaushal is the owner of Residential Site No. 2551, Sector 35--, Chandigarh to the extent of 100.00% Share.

It has been informed by Chaitanya Sharma, Ripdaman Singh Rekhi Through GPA/SPA Suraj Sood, Varun Prabhakar Through GPA/SPA Suraj Sood, Samir Kaushal Through GPA/SPA Suraj Sood that Sh. Jagdish Mitter Kaushal expired on 07.04.2022 and they have also intimated the following legal heirs of the deceased owner:- (1) Prem Kaushal - Son , (2) Sangeeta Prabhakar - Daughter (3) Vineeta Sharma - Daughter, (4) Kaushalya Kaushal - Wife (Deceased), (5) Kiran Rekhi - Daughter .

Now, Chaitanya Sharma, Ripdaman Singh Rekhi Through GPA/SPA Suraj Sood, Varun Prabhakar Through GPA/SPA Suraj Sood, Samir Kaushal Through GPA/SPA Suraj Sood have applied for the Transfer of Ownership in respect of Residential Site No. 2551, Sector 35--, Chandigarh to the extent of 100.00% Share held by Late Sh. Jagdish Mitter Kaushal in their favour, on the basis of Registered Will dated 27.02.2013. If anybody has any information about any other legal heir(s) of the deceased other than mentioned above ,the same may be intimated to the Estate Officer, U.T., Chandigarh, immediately.

If anybody has any objection upon the mutation of the said share in the said property, in favour of the above named applicants, he/she/they may furnish the same in writing (supported with affidavit duly attested by Magistrate/Notary) in the office of the undersigned within 30 days from the date of publication of this notice, failing which the said share in the said property will be mutated accordingly in the name of above said beneficiaries and no further claim whatsoever shall be entertained at any later stage.

Naveen, Danics, Assistant Estate Officer,
Exercising the powers of Estate Officer, U.T., Chandigarh

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is general public notice that Mr. Musafir Chaudhary, Lalit Chaudhary, Heera Wanti and Pinky Rani all residents of Handyaya (herein referred to as customer) have approached Kogta Financial India Ltd., Sangrur for availing loan on Property measuring 0 Kanal 5 Marla, situated at Near Gurudwara Nanaksar Bypass Road, Gali No. 3, Handyaya-B, Tehsil & District Barnala, Bearing Khata No. 802/758, Khasra No. 74//4/8-0, 74//7/8-0, 1/64 Share out of land measuring 16 Kanal 0 Marla i.e. 0 Kanal 5 Marla as per Jamabandi of 2023-24, and as per Transfer Deed No.2024-25/86/1/7679 dated 24.03.2025 in favour of Heera Wanti W/o Lalit Chaudhary. Earlier in the title chain of the said property previous Original Sale Deed No. 1938 dated 11.06.2002 executed by Sukhwinder Singh S/o Kulwant Singh in the favor of Lalit Chaudhary S/o Shivnand Chaudhary is lost and not in possession with the borrower. If any person have any objection to the title of said property, then he/she will submit his/her objection me within 7 days from the date of publish of this publication and thereafter no objection will be entertained or considered in any manner.

Karanveer Singh Advocate, Ch. No. 651,
District Courts Sangrur. M: 9463670163

PUBLIC NOTICE

I, Rupinder Singh, son of Surinder Singh, resident of 34/1, Radha Rani Enclave, Barnala, declare that I have lost the original registery's, in respect of which, Will No. 4619 dated 30-11-2007, executed by Ranjit Kaur, daughter of Mall Singh in favour of Sukhdev Singh, son of Bakhtaur Singh. Title Deed No. 856 dated 05-06-2017, executed by Karnail Singh, son of Sucha Singh in favour of Hardev Singh, son of Karnail Singh. Title Deed No. 4274 dated 04-02-2016 executed by Karnail Singh, son of Sucha Singh in favour of Bhola Singh, son of Karnail Singh. and Title Deed No. 2023-24/86/1/138 dated 17-4-2023 executed by Sukhdev Singh son of Bakhtaur Singh alias Bakhtawara Singh to Gurmeet Singh, Amarjit Singh son of Sadhu Singh, situated within the revenue limits of village Handiya-D, these registery 's have gone missing from me on 08.06.2025. At Sadar Bazar Barnala, a report of their missing has been filed at Police Station Barnala on 06.08.2025. Its DDR No. is 616189/2025.

ਗਰੇਟਰ ਮੋਹਾਲੀ ਏਰੀਆ ਡਿਵੈਲਪਮੈਂਟ ਅਥਾਰਟੀ

ਜਨਤਕ ਸੂਚਨਾ



Plot No. 56, Sector-70, SAS Nagar ਦੀ ਅਲਾਟੀ Smt. Sheila Mamik w/o Sh. Harmeet Singh Mamik, R/o House No. 34, Sector -4, Chandigarh ਦੀ ਮੌਤ ਮਿਤੀ 14-06-2025 ਨੂੰ ਹੋ ਗਈ ਸੀ। ਮ੍ਰਿਤਕ ਅਲਾਟੀ ਵੱਲੋਂ ਆਪਣੀ ਪ੍ਰੋਪਰਟੀ ਸਬੰਧੀ ਵਸੀਅਤ ਕੀਤੀ ਗਈ ਹੈ, ਜੋ ਕਿ ਸਬ ਰਜਿਸਟਰਾਰ, ਚੰਡੀਗੜ੍ਹ ਦੇ ਦਫਤਰ ਵਿਖੇ Sr. No. 174, Block No. 3, ਮਿਤੀ 24-04-2024 ਰਾਹੀਂ ਰਜਿਸਟਰਡ ਕੀਤੀ ਗਈ ਹੈ ਇਸ ਰਜਿਸਟਰਡ ਵਸੀਅਤ ਵਿੱਚ ਉਸ ਵੱਲੋਂ Plot No. 56, Sector -70, SAS Nagar ਦੀ ਮਲਕੀਅਤ ਆਪਣੇ ਪੁੱਤਰ Vikramjeet Singh Mamik s/o Harmeet Singh Mamik r/o House No. 34, Sector -4, Chandigarh ਦੇ ਨਾਮ ਤੇ ਕੀਤੀ ਗਈ ਹੈ।
ਉਕਤ ਕੀਤੀ ਗਈ ਰਜਿਸਟਰਡ ਵਸੀਅਤ ਦੇ ਆਧਾਰ 'ਤੇ Vikramjeet Singh Mamik s/o Harmeet Singh Mamik r/o House No. 34, Sector -4, Chandigarh ਵੱਲੋਂ Plot No. 56, Sector -70, SAS Nagar ਦੀ ਮਲਕੀਅਤ ਆਪਣੇ ਨਾਮ ਤਬਦੀਲ ਕਰਨ ਲਈ ਬੇਨਤੀ ਕੀਤੀ ਗਈ ਹੈ ਅਤੇ ਇਹ ਕੇਸ ਮਿਲਖ ਅਫਸਰ (ਹ) ਐਸ.ਏ.ਐਸ ਨਗਰ ਦੇ ਦਫਤਰ ਵਿੱਚ ਵਿਚਾਰ ਅਧੀਨ ਹੈ। ਇਸ ਲਈ ਮਲਕੀਅਤ ਤਬਦੀਲ ਕਰਨ ਤੋਂ ਪਹਿਲਾਂ ਆਮ ਅਤੇ ਖਾਸ ਨੂੰ ਸੂਚਿਤ ਕੀਤਾ ਜਾਂਦਾ ਹੈ ਕਿ ਜੇਕਰ ਮ੍ਰਿਤਕ ਅਲਾਟੀ ਵੱਲੋਂ ਉਕਤ ਕੀਤੀ ਗਈ ਰਜਿਸਟਰਡ ਵਸੀਅਤ ਸਬੰਧੀ ਕਿਸੇ ਨੂੰ ਕੋਈ ਇਤਰਾਜ਼ ਹੋਵੇ ਤਾਂ ਉਹ ਇਸ ਵਿਗਿਆਪਨ ਦੀ ਮਿਤੀ ਤੋਂ 15 ਦਿਨਾਂ ਦੇ ਅੰਦਰ ਅੰਦਰ ਆਪਣਾ ਇਤਰਾਜ਼ ਮਿਲਖ ਅਫਸਰ (ਹ), ਗਮਾਡਾ ਐਸ.ਏ.ਐਸ. ਨਗਰ ਪਾਸ ਲਿਖਤੀ ਰੂਪ ਵਿੱਚ ਦੇ ਸਕਦਾ ਹੈ। ਨਿਸ਼ਚਿਤ ਮਿਤੀ ਤੋਂ ਬਾਅਦ ਪ੍ਰਾਪਤ ਹੋਏ ਇਤਰਾਜ਼ 'ਤੇ ਕੋਈ ਵਿਚਾਰ ਨਹੀਂ ਕੀਤਾ ਜਾਵੇਗਾ ਅਤੇ ਉਕਤ ਵਸੀਅਤ ਦੇ ਅਧਾਰ ਤੇ Plot No. 56, Sector -70, SAS Nagar ਦੀ ਮਲਕੀਅਤ ਬਿਨੇਕਾਰ ਦੇ ਨਾਮ ਤੇ ਤਬਦੀਲ ਕਰ ਦਿੱਤੀ ਜਾਵੇਗੀ

ਮਿਲਖ ਅਫਸਰ (ਹ)

Haryana and Israel will collaborate on using modern technology: CM Saini

RAJENDRA KHATRY
PUNJAB EXPRESS BUREAU
Chandigarh, August 7



State Chief Minister Nayab Singh Saini said Haryana and Israel will work together in various sectors such as research, healthcare, agricultural technology, advanced irrigation systems, artificial intelligence, and wastewater management using modern technology.

Israeli Ambassador to India, Reuven Azar, paid a courtesy visit to the Chief Minister at Sant Kabir Kutir in Chandigarh. During the meeting, they discussed mutual cooperation and several other important subjects.

The Chief Minister stated that there was a focus on establishing a Centre of Excellence in Haryana. Discussions were also held on the further development of the Integrated Aviation Hub in Hisar and enhancing overseas placement opportunities. Under the Department of Foreign Cooperation of the Haryana Government, more than 180 youth from the state are currently employed in Israel through overseas placement initiatives.

Additionally, there has been a demand from across the country to recruit 5,000 nurses in Israel's healthcare sector, and Haryana is keen to increase its participation in this initiative. There was also a detailed discussion on setting up a Global Artificial Intelligence (AI) Centre in the state to train youth in modern AI skills and promote technological innovation.

The Chief Minister said Haryana is looking to increase collaboration with Israel in various fields. They plan to work with Israel on new technologies to reuse wastewater for irrigation, and to make water suitable for agriculture and drinking purposes.

He further said the Haryana Government has set up the Department of Foreign Cooperation to explore overseas employment opportunities and strengthen ties with other countries. The department is consistently working to provide employment to Haryana's youth abroad and to double the state's exports.

During the meeting, the Chief Minister presented a copy of the Bhagavad Gita to the Israeli Ambassador. Principal Secretary to the Chief Minister Arun Kumar Gupta, Commissioner and Secretary of the Department of Foreign Cooperation, Ameet P Kumar and Adviser Pawan Choudhary were present on the occasion. IANS

Haryana aims to install 2.2 lakh rooftop solar systems by 2026-27

CHANDIGARH, AUGUST 7



In a major push towards clean and sustainable energy, Haryana has set a target of installing 2.2 lakh rooftop solar systems under the PM Surya Ghar: Muft Bijli Yojana (PMSG: MBY) in 2026-27.

Reinforcing its leadership in green energy adoption, the state aims to solarise all government buildings by December 31, without availing any central financial assistance.

Surveys have already been conducted on 4,523 government buildings, identifying a cumulative solar potential of 122 MW.

The roadmap was unveiled on Thursday at the state-level coordination committee meeting chaired by Chief Secretary Anurag Rastogi, where senior officers presented the scheme's progress and outlined strategies for faster rollout.

"Haryana is not just promoting solar energy, we are ensuring it reaches the doorstep of every household, especially in rural areas," an official statement quoting the Chief Secretary said.

To make the switch to solar financially viable, the government is offering dual subsidies: Central financial assistance, which is directly transferred to consumers' bank accounts within 15 days of installation approval, and state financial assistance for 1 lakh Antyodaya families, provided on a first-come, first-served basis. Both subsidies significantly reduce the upfront cost of installation for economically weaker sections.

Additional Chief Secretary (Energy) A.K. Singh informed that as on date, 30,631 rooftop solar installations have been done in the state, and the state DISCOMs are working on bringing special booster schemes for accelerating such installations. IANS

Decision in SYL matter will come in Haryana's favour: Anil Vij

PUNJAB EXPRESS BUREAU
Ambala, August 7



Responding to a question about Punjab Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann's recent statement in Delhi that "We have no fight with Haryana, but we simply don't have water", Haryana Transport Minister Anil Vij said that a recent meeting between the Chief Ministers of Haryana and Punjab on this issue was held in a cordial environment. The matter is now in the Supreme Court. "The previous decision was also in favor of Haryana, and we are hopeful that the upcoming one will be too. Whatever the decision, it should be implemented accordingly," he said.

Vij further stated that neither the Haryana government nor the Punjab government can decide how much water each state gets. "There are dedicated tribunals for this, and Haryana is only demanding its rightful share of water based on their decisions. The Supreme Court has also given multiple rulings in favor of Haryana, and the Punjab government should accept and implement those decisions," he added.

He said that "The Punjab government had called a session of its Assembly and unilaterally suspanded the SYL agreement and de-notified the acquired land, even though the land acquisition payment had been made by the Haryana government. This shows their intentions."

Right to Service Commission takes action against officials of Jhajjar Urban Local Bodies Department

PUNJAB EXPRESS BUREAU
Chandigarh, August 7

The Haryana Right to Service Commission has recommended disciplinary action against officials of the Urban Local Bodies Department for negligence in addressing a complaint. The Commission has imposed a penalty on one official, recommended departmental proceeding against another, and issued an advisory to a third for future conduct. Sharing more details, a spokesperson of the Commission informed that during the investigation, it was found that the concerned Junior Engineer (Urban Local Bodies Department) had wrongly stated that the work of the streetlight was beyond repair, even though it was later repaired. This clearly indicated that the repair was possible earlier and could have been completed within the stipulated timeframe. Additionally, the photograph uploaded on the portal did not match the one submitted by the complainant. For failing to deliver the service on time and negligence in duty, the Commission has imposed a token penalty of Rs. 5,000 under Section 17(1)(h) of the Act on the Junior Engineer. This amount will be deducted from the August salary and deposited in the state treasury. The Spokesperson said that the District Municipal Commissioner, Jhajjar has also been directed to submit a compliance report to the Commission by September 10.

In the same case, the First Grievance Redressal Authority-cum-Municipal Engineer (Urban Local Bodies Department) dismissed the appeal solely on the grounds that the complainant was not present during the hearing, despite the service not being delivered.

CISF strength raised to 2.2 Lakh; 14,000 to be recruited annually for next five years

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Chandigarh, August 7

The Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) has approved an increase in the strength of the Central Industrial Security Force (CISF) from existing 1,62,000 to an authorized ceiling of 2,20,000 personnel aiming towards strengthening industrial security to support the economic rise of the Nation.

Sharing information in this regard, Unit Commander, CISF Unit Punjab and Haryana Civil Secretariat Chandigarh, Lalit Pawar said that this will also generate new employment opportunities, particularly through upcoming recruitment drives. In 2024 alone, 13,230 personnel were recruited, and recruitment for another 24,098 is currently underway in 2025. The Force is expected to add about 14,000 personnel every year, thereby infusing young blood into the force and making it more battle-ready. These recruitment efforts are also likely to attract a greater number of women candidates, supported by the Force's progressive policies aimed at increasing the representation of women across all ranks.

He said that in the past year, CISF has inducted seven new units under its Security Wing, including deployments at the Parliament House Complex, Ayodhya Airport, NTPC Coal Mining Project in Hazaribagh, ICMR-National Institute of Virology in Pune, Buxar Thermal Power Project, Jawahar Thermal Power Project in Etah, and the Beas Satluj Link Project in Mandi. Additionally, two new units were inducted under the Fire Wing at the Parliament House Complex and Jawahar Thermal Power Project, Etah.

He further said that as India's economy scales new heights, this augmentation will bolster CISF's deployment across a range of critical sectors including the rapidly expanding Aviation sector,and the Port sector, Thermal Power plants, Nuclear installations, vital installations like HydroPower plants and Jails in J&K, etc. With the decline of Left-wing Extremism in states like Chhattisgarh, new industrial hubs are anticipated to emerge, necessitating a stronger CISF presence to provide comprehensive and effective security to these units.

This expansion highlights the growing role of CISF in safeguarding key national assets, in conjunction with India's advancing economic growth and infrastructure development. This augmentation underscores the Government's commitment to strengthening the capabilities of CISF in line with the evolving security landscape and ensuring that it remains a robust and responsive force supporting the accelerating pace of Bharat's development.

HIMACHAL/J&K

2 pilgrims die, 1,000 rescued from Kinnaur yatra route

SHIMLA, AUGUST 7

At least two pilgrims lost their lives while over 1,000 stranded pilgrims were rescued from the route of Kinnaur Kailash in Kinnaur district, officials said here today.

As per the district administration, as many as 553 pilgrims, who had gone to yatra from Malling Khata village, were stranded on August 5 after which a rescue operation was launched. Out of these, 177 pilgrims were brought back safely to Malling Khata the same day. However, due to worsening weather conditions and rising water levels in a stream flowing through the region, as many as 230 pilgrims got stranded in a cave. To rescue these pilgrims, a team from the Forest Department, led by the Naib Tehsildar of Kalpa, was dispatched via the Purvani route on Tuesday evening. A shelter has been set up for the rescued pilgrims at the Shongtong Army camp, where 183 individuals have already arrived.

"All of them are safe and arrangements have been made for their meals. In addition, they are being provided with medical facilities at the hospital. The remaining stranded people are also being rescued and brought directly to the army camp," said Deputy Commissioner Kinnaur Dr Amit Sharma. Additionally, as many as 417 pilgrims were rescued by a team of the ITBP and Kinnaur Tourism Authority (KTA) after two bridges on Kangarang nallah had washed away as a result of a flash flood triggered by a cloudburst. A team of ITBP, National Disaster Response Force (NDRF) and KTA reached the spot and carried out an overnight rescue operation. Kinnaur Kailash Yatra has been temporarily suspended following the recent flash flood that was triggered as a result of a cloudburst on yatra route. AGENCIES

1,000 new buses to be added to HRTC fleet: Himachal Dy CM

SHIMLA, AUGUST 7

Deputy Chief Minister Mukesh Agnihotri today said that 1,000 new buses will be added to the 3,200 existing fleet of Himachal Road Transport Corporation (HRTC) in a phased manner to enhance services and improve connectivity across the state.

Agnihotri, who holds the Transport Department, said the state government was taking concrete steps to modernise and strengthen public transport infrastructure in the state. He informed that 24 new Volvo buses have already been inducted into the HRTC fleet. "Keeping in view the challenging terrain of the state, priority was being given to acquiring smaller and more accessible buses with seating capacities ranging from 37 to 42 seats. These buses would enable the corporation to extend its services more effectively to far-flung and remote areas," he said.

The procurement process was underway for 327 electric buses (including 297 Type-1 and 30 Type-3), 250 diesel buses and 100 mini-buses. Supply orders for 297 electric buses have already been issued. Plans were afoot to procure 500 more electric buses which would further boost the green mobility initiative in the state.

The large-scale addition of high-quality buses would not only enhance the operational capacity of the HRTC but also bring greater convenience and comfort to passengers, he said. "In a hill state like Himachal Pradesh, roads are considered the lifelines of the people and HRTC serves as a vital link across these lifelines. Every day, lakhs of passengers rely on its services and the corporation was ensuring connectivity even in the most remote and difficult regions," he stated.

Agnihotri said that HRTC continues to operate on loss-making routes to uphold its commitment to public service. He said the state government was extending all possible support to the corporation and was working towards developing it as an independent, efficient and self-reliant entity.

He said that the government was committed to environmental protection and around Rs 110 crore has been approved for establishing electric charging stations across the state. To ensure last-mile connectivity in difficult terrain, 100 mini-buses were also being procured, he said. AGENCIES

Arundhati Roy's book among 25 declared as 'forfeited' by J&K govt for contributing to radicalisation

SRINAGAR, AUGUST 7



The Jammu and Kashmir government has declared 25 books as 'forfeited' under the law for contributing to radicalisation of youth, glorification of terrorists, vilification of security forces and promotion of alienation among the people. Among them is a book by author Arundhati Roy. The J&K Home Department issued an order to this effect late on Wednesday night.

The order reads, "The identified 25 books have been found to excite secessionism and endangering sovereignty and integrity of India, thereby, attracting the provisions of Sections 152, 196 and 197 of Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita 2023."

The order said that under Section 98 of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita 2023, the J&K government has declared publication of 25 books, and their copies or other documents to be forfeited to the government.

"These 25 books have been identified for propagating false narrative and secessionism in Jammu and Kashmir and need to be declared as 'forfeited' in terms of Section 98 of the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023.

"It has come to the notice of the government that certain literature propagates false narrative and secessionism in Jammu and Kashmir. "Available evidence based on investigations and credible Intelligence unflinchingly indicate that a significant driver behind youth participation in violence and terrorism has been systematic dissemination of false narratives and secessionist literature by its persistent internal circulation, often disguised as historical or political commentary while playing a critical role in misguiding the youth, glorifying terrorism and inciting violence against the Indian State. IANS

Three CRPF jawans killed, 10 injured in J&K road accident

JAMMU, AUGUST 7

Three Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) jawans were killed and 10 injured on Thursday in a road accident in Jammu and Kashmir's Udhampur district.

Officials said that three CRPF jawans were killed and 10 others injured after the vehicle in which they were travelling plunged into a deep gorge in the Basantgarh area of Udhampur district. The CRPF vehicle was on its way to a location in the hilly terrain when it went out of the driver's control, skidded off the road and rolled down into a deep gorge, leading to casualties, the officials said. The rescue operation was immediately started, and all the injured were evacuated from the accident site. Five among the 10 injured are critical and have been shifted to a hospital for advanced treatment.

"Three CRPF jawans died on the spot in this fatal road accident," the officials said. MoS (PMO), Jitendra Singh said on X, "Disturbing to receive the news of a road accident involving a CRPF vehicle in the Kandva–Basantgarh area. The vehicle was carrying several brave jawans of the CRPF. I have just now spoken to DC Ms. Saloni Rai, who is personally monitoring the situation and keeping me updated. Rescue measures have been initiated immediately." IANS

Anti-terrorist operation enters 7th day in J&K's Kulgam district

SRINAGAR, AUGUST 7

The anti-terrorist operation in the Akhal forest area of Jammu and Kashmir's Kulgam district entered the seventh day on Thursday as the GOC-n-C of the Army's northern command reviewed the counter-terrorism grid in south Kashmir districts.

The security operation in the Akhal forest area of Kulgam district started last week after joint forces began a cordon and search operation (CASO) in the region following intelligence inputs about the presence of a group of terrorists there.

One local terrorist was killed and another injured in the initial exchange of gunfire between the joint forces and the terrorists.

Four army soldiers sustained injuries in the initial exchange of gunfire, and they were rushed to the hospital for treatment. IANS

Flashflood wreaks havoc in Kullu village, five houses damaged

MANDI, AUGUST 7

A devastating flashflood in the Nauni Nala of Urtu village, under the Rahanu panchayat in Nirmand subdivision of Kullu district, has caused widespread destruction, leaving several families homeless. The flashflood, triggered by the heavy downpour today, severely damaged five houses and impacted several others, along with shops, vehicles, cowsheds and apple orchards.

According to Rahanu panchayat pradhan Tejaswi, the sudden flood brought heavy debris which inundated the bus stand and nearby Urtu village. The house of Surat Ram in Urtu suffered severe damage, while properties belonging to Harish Kumar, Moti Ram, Uttam Ram, Heera Lal, Shiv Ram and Birma Devi were also affected.

In addition to homes, cowsheds belonging to Laji Ram, Durga Singh and Ghanshyam were damaged. Fruit-laden apple orchards of Devinder Singh and Ghanshyam were also destroyed by landslides caused by the downpour.

Six shops in the Urtu market and six parked vehicles were buried under the debris. Meanwhile, houses of Binu Ram, Jeet Ram and Hardayal, which were at risk, were evacuated as precaution. IANS

NEWSBRIEFS

Two dead, 5 missing after landslide in China's Guangzhou

BEIJING: Rescuers have brought out nine people from debris, with two of them confirmed dead, after a rain-triggered landslide trapped 14 people in Guangzhou, capital of south China's Guangdong Province, on Wednesday morning, local authorities said on Thursday. The search for the other five missing is continuing. Rescue workers are racing to contain flooding, search for trapped residents and clear blocked roads after days of torrential rain triggered landslides and traffic disruptions across the province. By Wednesday evening, rescue workers had pulled eight of the 14 people trapped in the debris of a rain-triggered landslide in Dayuan Village, which is administered by the city of Guangzhou, according to local fire and rescue authorities. **IANS**

World sees third-warmest July with slight respite in global temperatures

BRUSSELS: The world saw its third-warmest July on record in 2025 with a slight respite from the unprecedented heat of the previous two years, which still reflects the ongoing trend of global warming, said the EU-funded Copernicus Climate Change Service (C3S) on Thursday. The global average surface air temperature in July 2025 was 16.68 degrees Celsius. It was 0.27 degrees Celsius cooler than July 2023 -- the hottest July on record -- and 0.23 degrees Celsius cooler than July 2024, the second-warmest. Still, it remained 1.25 degrees Celsius above the estimated pre-industrial level of 1850-1900.The heat extended across continents. In Europe, the average land temperature reached 21.12 degrees Celsius last month, making it the fourth-warmest July on record for the continent. **IANS**

France battles wildfire larger than Paris; one dead as blaze spreads rapidly

PARIS: France is grappling with its largest wildfire in years, which erupted in the southern Mediterranean region near Spain, killing one person and injuring several others as it continues to spread rapidly. Authorities confirmed the blaze began Tuesday in the village of Ribaute, located in the Aude department, and has since consumed over 16,000 hectares of vegetation -- an area larger than the city of Paris, according to local media reports. The inferno, described by officials as "active and dangerous," has prompted the deployment of over 2,100 firefighters, supported by 500 fire trucks, military personnel, and water-bombing aircraft. **IANS**

Two killed, 14 injured in attack on police vehicle in North Western Pakistan

ISLAMABAD: Two people were killed and 14 others injured in a blast targetting a police vehicle in Pakistan's northwest South Waziristan district on Thursday morning, police sources said. The incident happened at about 9:58 am local time (0458 GMT) in Wana district of the province, where an Improvised Explosive Device (IED) went off near the vehicle, the sources from the district's police told Xinhua news agency. The injured, including police personnel and passersby, were shifted to a nearby hospital for medical treatment, the sources added. **IANS**

Russia and US agree for Trump-Putin meeting in coming days: Kremlin aide

MOSCOW, AUGUST 7



Russia and the United States have agreed for a meeting between US President Donald Trump and his Russian counterpart Vladimir Putin in the coming days, Russian President's aide Yuri Ushakov announced in Moscow on Thursday.

While speaking to reporters, Ushakov stated that Trump and Putin, at the suggestion of the US side, will hold a meeting in the coming days. He noted that the meeting between leaders of two nations is being worked out by officials of Russia and the US, Russia's state-owned TASS news agency reported.

"At the suggestion of the American side, an agreement was agreed in principle to hold a bilateral meeting at the highest level in the coming days," Ushakov said.

He stated that the following week was designated as a benchmark for the meeting between Putin and Trump.

"But the parties are starting to directly prepare for this important meeting, and it is difficult to say how many days the preparation will take. But the option of holding the meeting during the next week was considered, and we are quite positive about this option," he said.

Ushakov stated that the venue of the meeting between Trump and Putin has been agreed upon. However, the Kremlin will share the details regarding the location of the meeting "a little later".

On Wednesday, Putin met US Special Envoy Steve Witkoff in Moscow. Trump said the meeting between Witkoff and Putin was "very productive, and great progress was made."

In a post on his social media platform Truth Social, Trump stated, "My Special Envoy, Steve Witkoff, just had a highly productive meeting with Russian President Vladimir Putin. Great progress was made! Afterwards, I updated some of our European Allies. Everyone agrees this War must come to a close, and we will work towards that in the days and weeks to come. Thank you for your attention to this matter!"

Earlier, Ushakov said that Putin received Witkoff in the morning and the two had a useful and constructive conversation. According to him, Russia has sent some signals on the Ukraine issue and received "signals" from Trump.

On July 14, Trump set a 50-day deadline, stressing that he would impose 100 per cent tariffs on Moscow and its trading partners if Russia did not make a peace deal with Ukraine. On July 29, US President announced he was reducing the deadline to 10 days. Recently, a senior US diplomat John Kelley told the United Nations Security Council that Trump had made it clear that he seeks a deal to end the war by August 8. **IANS**

UNHCR urges Pakistan to stop deportation of vulnerable Afghan refugees

KABUL, AUGUST 7



The United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) has called on Pakistan to halt deportation of vulnerable Afghan refugees, warning that forcible repatriation, particularly of women, girls and people who are ill could violate basic human rights and protections.

UNHCR has voiced serious concern over Pakistan's decision to deport Afghan refugees who have temporary residence permits and demanded protection of vulnerable people, leading Afghan news agency Khaama Press reported.

In a statement, UNHCR called on Pakistani government to not deport Afghans who require international protection and highlighted the risk faced by women and girls. It warned that forced repatriation could expose women and girls to severe violations of their fundamental rights under the Taliban regime.UN refugee agency urged Pakistan to not deport students and those with medical conditions from deportation, considering their vulnerability and need for continued support.In the statement, UNHCR welcomed Pakistan's decision to give one month period before implementing the deportation plan. However, it stressed that Pakistani authorities to use the time to assess individual cases and uphold humanitarian principles.According to the UN, over 2.1 million Afghans have returned or been forced to return to Afghanistan so far in 2025, including at least 352,000 people deported from Pakistan.UNHCR's statement comes after Pakistan's Ministry of Interior announced that the repatriation of Afghan nationals holding Proof of Registration (PoR) cards who do not opt to return voluntarily will start on September 1.As per the notification issued by Pakistan's Ministry of Interior, the voluntary repatriation process of PoR cardholders will start immediately while the compulsory repatriation of remaining Afghan people will begin on September 1, Pakistan-based The Express Tribune reported.

The decision was taken during a high-level meeting considering rising security concerns and pressure on national resources. In the notification, Pakistan's Ministry of Interior said that the ongoing repatriation process for Afghan Citizen Card holders will start as per the earlier decision taken by the Interim Framework for the Return Process (IFRP).

As per the report, Pakistan's Ministry of Interior will collaborate with relevant international agencies, including the Taliban-led interim government, United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) and others to facilitate the repatriation of Afghan refugees. **IANS**

Cambodia, Thailand sign agreement to cement ceasefire

KUALA LUMPUR, AUGUST 7



Cambodia and Thailand on Thursday signed an agreement on ceasefire arrangements, representatives of the two countries said after an extraordinary General Border Committee (GBC) meeting held in the Malaysian capital.

According to the Cambodian side, the two countries held detailed discussions on ceasefire arrangements, and agreed to establish a regional monitoring mechanism, restore mutual trust, and that captured soldiers could be treated under international humanitarian law.

The Thai side said that the two countries reached an agreement to maintain communication and resolve issues through a bilateral mechanism, and ASEAN members will be allowed to monitor the ceasefire.

In addition, the two sides agreed that the next extraordinary GBC meeting will be held within a month.

Meanwhile, a Cambodian Foreign Ministry spokesperson on August 6 said that Thailand's legal action against Cambodia for using military forces and weapons to violate its sovereignty is baseless and politically motivated.

Cambodian Foreign Ministry's Secretary of State and spokesperson Chum Sounry said this legal measure is entirely baseless and represents a deliberate attempt to divert both domestic and international public attention from Thailand's hostile policy against Cambodia, Xinhua news agency reported.

"The accusations forming the basis of legal action are unfounded, politically motivated, and lack a credible basis," he said in a press briefing.

Sounry said Cambodia strongly rejects these claims and reaffirms that the country did not start hostilities.

Cambodia remains committed to peace, the spokesperson said, adding that despite continued provocation, it remains fully committed to the ceasefire agreement.

"Cambodia urges Thailand to halt its disinformation campaign and/or hostile actions and return to constructive dialogue in the spirit of peaceful co-existence and ASEAN solidarity," he said.

The reaction came after Thai acting Prime Minister Phumtham Wechayachai on August 5 ordered relevant departments to draft legal documents to initiate criminal and civil lawsuits domestically and internationally against Cambodia.

Armed clashes broke out between soldiers of Cambodia and Thailand along their disputed border on July 24. The two ASEAN member states agreed to a ceasefire in the afternoon of July 28, taking effect at midnight of the same day. **IANS**

Volcanic eruption prompts highest aviation alert in Russia's Far East

VLADIVOSTOK, AUGUST 7



The aviation alert code for Klyuchevskoy Volcano in the Kamchatka Peninsula in Russia's Far East has been raised from orange to red following intensified eruptive activity, local authorities said on Thursday.

In a statement published on its Telegram channel, the Kamchatka Volcanic Eruption Response Team (KVERT) of the Institute of Volcanology and Seismology of the Far Eastern Branch of the Russian Academy of Sciences said a summit explosive-effusive eruption is currently underway, with satellite data showing ash rising up to 9.5 km above sea level and ash plume drifting some 141 km east-southeast of the volcano.

KVERT warned that ash explosions up to 10 km above sea level could occur at any moment, which would potentially affect international and low-flying aircraft in the region, Xinhua news agency reported.Standing at about 4,754 metres, Klyuchevskoy is the highest active volcano in Eurasia.

Summit eruptions have intensified following a massive 8.8 magnitude earthquake off the Kamchatka Peninsula last week.Earlier on August 6, a dam had been destroyed near the Klyuchevskoy Volcano, raising concerns over potential mudflows and transportation disruptions in the region. **IANS**

Malicious, politically motivated: Bangladesh Awami League rejects 'July Declaration'

DHAKA, AUGUST 7



Bangladesh's Awami League has strongly condemned and rejected the 'July Declaration' recently unveiled by the interim government's Chief Advisor Muhammad Yunus, describing it as a "malicious, politically motivated document."

The party expressed deep concern and stressed that the "illegal usurper and murderous-fascist Yunus clique has, from the very beginning, pursued a politics of division."

Slamming the Yunus-led interim government, the party asserted that the current regime has "systematically attempted to distort the history, spirit, and values of the Liberation War," further diminishing the contribution of the Father of the Nation, Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman.It further stated that as part of the "ongoing agenda" to distort the values of the 1971 Bangladesh Liberation War, "this unconstitutional usurping group has released the so-called July Declaration."

"This declaration will be remembered in history as a shameful document of division marked by extreme distortion of facts, fragmented narratives, and politically motivated hatred aimed squarely at the Awami League.

It represents a calculated attempt to sow discord -- even down to the personal level -- by weaponising division and disinformation," read a statement issued by the Awami League.Calling on the people of Bangladesh, the party said, "Do not surrender your future to these usurpers." **IANS**

Army Sergeant taken into custody after he shoots five at US military base



GEORGIA (UNITED STATES), AUGUST 7

An active-duty Army sergeant was taken into custody after allegedly opening fire at his workplace on the sprawling Fort Stewart military base in Georgia, injuring five fellow soldiers, according to local media reports.

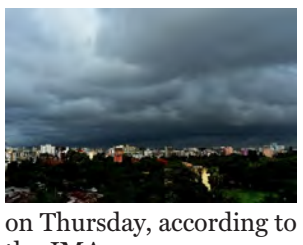
Authorities identified the suspect as 28-year-old Sgt. Quornelius Samentrio Radford, who was subdued by nearby soldiers moments after the shooting began.

Brig. Gen. John Lubas, commanding general of the 3rd Infantry Division, on Wednesday (local time) said Radford used a personal handgun during the attack and that all five wounded soldiers are currently in stable condition, reports CNN.

"Soldiers in the area who witnessed the shooting immediately and without hesitation tackled the soldier and subdued him. **IANS**

Torrential rain batters quake-hit Hokuriku, triggers flooding and transport disruptions

TOKYO, AUGUST 7



Torrential rain continued to lash Japan's Hokuriku region on the Sea of Japan coast on Thursday, prompting warnings from the Japan Meteorological Agency (JMA) of potential landslides, flooding in low-lying areas, and rising river levels, particularly in regions still recovering from a powerful earthquake earlier this year, the local media reported.

Bullet train services on the Hokuriku Shinkansen Line were suspended for over five hours between Nagano and Kanazawa stations, West Japan Railway Co. (JR West) confirmed, after intense rainfall began pounding parts of Ishikawa Prefecture on Wednesday.

In the prefectural capital Kanazawa, a record 148 millimetres of rain was recorded over a three-hour period ending around 5 am on Thursday, according to the JMA.

The heavy downpour led to flooding around the foundations of several houses, with roads submerged in at least 19 locations. Local authorities reported partial closures of several prefectural roads and opened evacuation centres in Kanazawa.

The JMA noted that a band of rain clouds had formed over Kaga in Ishikawa — a central region devastated by the Noto Peninsula earthquake on New Year's Day 2024, which claimed over 600 lives. Authorities remain on high alert for further damage in the quake-affected areas, reported Kyodo news agency. **IANS**

UN rights chief condemns escalating attacks on civilians by armed groups in Congo

GENEVA, AUGUST 7



United Nations (UN) High Commissioner for Human Rights, Volker Turk has condemned the escalation in deadly attacks by the March 23 Movement (M23) and other armed groups against civilians in eastern Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC) over the past month.

According to first-hand accounts received by the UN Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR), between July 9 and 21, at least 319 civilians were killed by the M23 in four villages in the Rutshuru territory, in North Kivu Province. Most of the victims, including at least 48 women and 19 children, were local farmers camping in their fields during the planting season.

The OHCHR also documented multiple attacks on civilians by other armed groups in the North Kivu, South Kivu and Ituri Provinces in July, Xinhua news agency reported.

Turk said in a statement that he was "appalled" by the attacks, and stressed that "all attacks against civilians must stop immediately, and all those responsible must be held to account." **IANS**

South Korea, US to partially push back field training for key military drills to Sept

SEOUL, AUGUST 7



South Korea and the United States will conduct a major joint exercise this month to strengthen their combined readiness posture, the allies said on Thursday, but added that around half of some 40 planned field training exercises will be rescheduled to next month.

The announcement came amid speculation that the allies may push back some field training tied to the annual Ulchi Freedom Shield (UFS) exercise until after September as South Korea seeks to mend frayed ties with North Korea.

The UFS exercise is set to take place from August 18-28 and involves drills incorporating "realistic" threats aimed at enhancing the allies' capabilities across all domains, their militaries said.

"The exercise will also support interagency coordination within the ROK government to strengthen national-level crisis management, civil safety response, and cyber defence capabilities, advancing a whole-of-government, joint, intra-agency, and combined approach to wartime readiness and national defence," they said in a statement.

ROK refers to the acronym of South Korea's formal name, the Republic of Korea, Yonhap news agency reported.Alongside South Korean and US troops, personnel from several member states of the UN Command (UNC) will join the exercise, while the Neutral Nations Supervisory Commission will observe the exercise to monitor compliance with the Armistice Agreement.

The UNC is an enforcer of the armistice that halted the fighting in the 1950-53 Korean War. **IANS**

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HERE'S HOW
ALIA BHATT
spends her 'perfect MORNINGS'

Bollywood actress Alia Bhatt, on Thursday, took to social media to give a glimpse into what her perfect morning looks like.

Taking to her Instagram Stories, the 'Raazi' actress shared a selfie from her vacation in London, giving a peek into how she starts her day on a calm and refreshing note. In the photo, Alia is seen sitting on a chair, enjoying her coffee on a bright and sunny day. She simply captioned the post with the words "perfect mornings," accompanied by a coffee and sun sticker. Alia also tagged the hotel where she was staying in London. To set the mood, she added Kali Uchis's soothing track "All I Can Say" as the background music for her story.

During her trip, the 'Gangubai Kathiawadi' actress also shared a heartwarming reel featuring a sweet moment with her husband and actor Ranbir Kapoor. The video shows her blushing as Ranbir helps her twirl at different spots around London. Alia is seen sporting a range of looks — from a cosy sweater and a classic white T-shirt to a tube top, and even donning Ranbir's cap from his clothing brand.

On the professional front, Alia Bhatt was last seen in Vasan Bala's directorial "Jigra," where she not only played the lead role but also served as producer. The film followed the emotional journey of a young woman determined to rescue her brother from a foreign prison after he is wrongfully accused of a crime.

Up next, Alia will be seen in "Alpha" alongside Sharvari. The two actresses will take on action-packed roles as elite super agents in this high-octane spy thriller. Directed by Shiv Rawail, "Alpha" is set to hit theatres during the big Christmas holiday weekend in 2025.

The film marks the seventh installment in Yash Raj Films' growing spy universe, which began with the "Tiger" series starring Salman Khan and Katrina Kaif. **IANS**



Jacqueline
stresses need to prioritise mental well-being in a 'stressful world'

Bollywood actress Jacqueline Fernandez has opened up about the growing importance of mental health and self-care in today's fast-paced world.

Emphasising the need to prioritize mental well-being, the actress highlighted how small practices like meditation and mindfulness can make a big difference in managing daily stress. Speaking on the sidelines of an event in Bhopal, the 'Kick' actress pointed out that modern life comes with constant pressure.

Jacqueline said, "Today's world is very stressful. In such a situation, mindfulness and meditation are very important. Whether you get 5 minutes, 10 minutes or half an hour - you should give it to yourself. This keeps the mind calm and the body healthy."

She also spoke about the deeper connection she shares with her body and mind. "Both my body and soul are fit and strong. I am very spiritual."

Meanwhile, the 39-year-old actress recently made headlines after reliving a true fangirl moment at the Cannes Film Festival. The actress couldn't contain her excitement as she posed with global icons like Jessica Alba, French star Juliette Binoche, and Saudi filmmaker Mohammed Al Turki. Left speechless by the experience, Jacqueline later took to Instagram to share a series of photos from the special encounters, capturing her joy and admiration for the celebrated personalities.

For the caption, she wrote, "This was a dream, meeting all my idols and being part of such a meaningful event. All thanks to @redseafilm this was possible for me! As an honouree Ihad the opportunity to meet the most fantastic women in cinema from around the world and discuss the possibilities that lay ahead of us, all of us sharing a similar passion to be impactful storytellers in our own unique way!"

On the professional front, Jacqueline Fernandez was recently seen in the comedy "Housefull 5," which also starred Akshay Kumar, Abhishek Bachchan, Riteish Deshmukh, Sonam Bajwa, Nargis Fakhri, Sanjay Dutt, Jackie Shroff, Nana Patekar, Chitrangada Singh, Fardeen Khan, Chunky Pandey, Johnny Lever, Shreyas Talpade, Dino Morea, Ranjeet, Soundarya Sharma, Nikitin Dheer, and Akashdeep Sabir.

Produced by Sajid Nadiadwala under the banner Nadiadwala Grandson Entertainment, "Housefull 5" was released in theatres on June 6. **IANS**

Vidya
urges support for Indian weavers on National Handloom Day

Actress Vidya Balan took to social media to highlight the importance of preserving India's rich textile heritage on National Handloom Day.

In a heartfelt message on Instagram, she urged people to support Indian weavers by embracing handloom products, especially pure silks with the authentic Silk Mark Label. Balan encouraged citizens to take pride in their cultural identity and continue promoting indigenous craftsmanship. The 'Dirty Picture' actress, known for her deep love for handloom silk sarees, shared a video of herself visiting a facility where pure handloom silks are crafted.

In the video, she is seen closely observing the weaving process and engaging in conversations with the artisans to better understand their work and craftsmanship. Her visit highlights the dedication and skill of India's weavers and reinforces her continued support for traditional textiles. For the caption, Vidya Balan wrote, "Today as we celebrate the National Handloom Day, let us honor our weavers. Let us embrace our identity and cultural heritage. Encourage and embrace our handloom pure silks. And always buy silk with the Silk Mark Label. #MySilkMarkMyTrust."

Every year on August 7, National Handloom Day is celebrated to recognize the invaluable contributions of India's weavers and the heritage of the handloom industry. In 2025, the country marks the 11th year of this special observance.

For the unversed, August 7 was chosen as National Handloom Day to remember the Swadeshi Movement, which began on this day in 1905 during India's fight for independence. The movement encouraged people to stop using British goods and support locally made products, especially handwoven fabrics, which became a powerful symbol of self-reliance and resistance.

To honor the role of handloom in the freedom struggle and promote it in today's times, the Government of India officially declared August 7 as National Handloom Day in 2015. **IANS**





It's a 'dance war' between Hrithik Roshan, NTR in 'Janaabe Aali' from 'War 2'

Stars Hrithik Roshan and NTR have showcased their perfect dancing skills as they have an epic dance-war in the song 'Janaabe Aali' from the upcoming actioner 'War 2'.

The track composed by Pritam, sung by Sachet Tandon and Saaj Bhatt, with lyrics by Amitabh Bhattacharya is a high-energy and pulsating dance anthem.

The Hindi version is sung by Sachet Tandon and Saaj Bhatt. Its lyrics have been penned by Amitabh Bhattacharya. Talking about the Telugu version, the vocals are by Nakash Aziz and Yazin Nizar. The lyrics are by Krishna Kanth.

Nakash Aziz and Yazin Nizar have lent their vocal prowess for the Tamil version for the song, which has been penned by Madhan Karky.

Hrithik took to Instagram, where he shared the music video of the dance number and wrote: "The dance WAR you've been waiting for is almost here. Here's the tease... #JanaabeAali full song in theatres only! #War2 releasing in Hindi, Telugu and Tamil in cinemas worldwide on 14th August. @ipritamofficial @sachettandonofficial @saaj__bhatt @amitabhbhattacharyaofficial @BoscoMartis @anaitashroffadajania #YRFSpyUniverse." **IANS**



RADHIKA APTE
on pregnancy bias in Bollywood: I was met with insensitivity

Actress Radhika Apte shared that during her days of early pregnancy, while she was still fulfilling professional commitments, she was met with insensitivity in the Indian entertainment industry.

During Neha Dhupia's Freedom to Feed live session, Radhika spoke about the emotional and physical challenges she faced after announcing her pregnancy, shedding light on the persistent biases against motherhood.

"An Indian producer I was working with wasn't happy about the news," she shared.

She added: "He responded coldly and even insisted I wear tight-fitting clothes despite my discomfort and bloating. I was in my first trimester and had constant cravings, I was eating a lot, be it rice or pasta and going through the usual physical changes, but instead of understanding, I was met with insensitivity."

The actress said that she "wasn't even allowed to see a doctor" when she was "in pain and feeling uneasy on set. That truly disheartened me."

In sharp contrast, Radhika spoke about a positive experience on an international project she was part of around the same time.

"The Hollywood filmmaker I was working with was so supportive. When I mentioned I was eating more than usual and might look like a completely different person by the end of the shoot, he laughed and said, 'Don't worry, even if you're another person by the end of this project, it's fine. Because you're pregnant' That reassurance and warmth meant the world to me."

She understands there are professional commitments, and she has always respected that. **IANS**



NEWSBRIEFS

Tata Tea Premium celebrates the vibrant spirit of Punjab with a Phulkari-Inspired Tribute

CHANDIGARH: Tata Tea Premium, the flagship tea brand from Tata Consumer Products, continues its unwavering commitment to honoring India's vibrant cultural heritage with the launch of the 2025 edition of its acclaimed 'Desh Ka Garv' campaign. Tata Tea Premium has been celebrating Independence Day over the years by blending everyday tea rituals with regional art -forms—this time through the Desh Ka Garv Collection of hand-painted artisanal kettles inspired by some of India's iconic artforms. **BPE**

AWS DevSphere 2025: AWS introduces newAI methodology to transform software development

CHANDIGARH: AWS has unveiled a new approach to develop software using generative AI at its AWS DevSphere 2025 event in Bengaluru. Swami Sivasubramanian, VP of Agentic AI, introduced the AI-Driven Development Lifecycle (AI-DLC) methodology designed to place artificial intelligence at the heart of software development. Alongside this methodology, he also announced the launch of AWS AI-Native Builders Community, a peer-to-peer network of technology leadersunited to share breakthroughs, avoid pitfalls, and accelerate the journey to AI-native transformation. **BPE**

Samsung India launches 2025 Soundbar lineup featuring AI, Smart Versatility, and New Design

CHANDIGARH: Samsung, India's largest consumer electronics brand, today launched its 2025 soundbar line-up, introducing next-generation innovations in audio intelligence, adaptive design, and smart home integration. Tailored to suit modern Indian homes and viewing habits, the new soundbar range brings together enhanced performance and personalization across multiple form factors.A compact wireless subwoofer offers powerful bass in a smaller form, Q-Symphony Pro creates expansive, synchronized sound with Samsung TVs whilst Wireless Dolby Atmos brings cinematic 3D audio without cables. Samsung's new soundbars complement our premium TV ecosystem that now comes with Vision AI, transforming everyday viewing into immersive experience. **BPE**

India records highest average cost of a data breach at ₹220 million in 2025: IBM Report

CHANDIGARH: IBM today released its Cost of a Data Breach Report, which revealed the average total organizational cost of data breach in India reached an all-time high of INR 220 million in 2025 (13% higher than last year). The report also found that globally, AI adoption is greatly outpacing AI security and governance. While the overall number of organizations globally experiencing an AI-related breach is a small representation of the researched population, this is the first time security, governance and access controls for AI have been studied in this report, which suggests AI is already an easy, high value target.Only 37% of organizations reported having AI access controls in place in India. **BPE**

Snapchat, WPP Media and Lumen unveil 'Attention Advantage' research, redefining the future of digital ads in India

CHANDIGARH: Today, Snapchat, the go-to platform for India's Gen Z community joined forces with global media agency WPP Media and attention-measurement leader Lumen to release 'Attention Advantage,' India's largest multi-platform attention study. The findings introduce a re-evaluation of digital advertising with a new metric, a new model, and a new way forward for targeting Gen Z. This landmark research proves that genuine attention, defined as a person's eyes truly on an ad, is a powerful predictor of business growth and brand impact. **BPE**

Centre issues new order for closer monitoring of edible oil stocks to check prices

NEW DELHI, AUGUST 7



The Centre's Department of Food and Public Distribution has notified an amendment to the Vegetable Oil Products, Production and Availability (Regulation) Order, 2011, which was originally issued under the Essential Commodities Act, 1955, following the repeal of earlier regulations by the Food Safety and Standards Act, 2006.

The amendment enhances transparency, facilitates better market intelligence, and supports evidence-based policymaking. This will enable closer monitoring of production and stock positions, ensuring consistent availability of edible oils nationwide and contributing to stabilising retail prices, according to an official statement issued on Thursday.

The amendment seeks to align the order with institutional changes brought about by the 2014 merger of two key directorates and to strengthen data collection mechanisms in the edible oil sector through the incorporation of provisions under the Collection of Statistics Act, 2008.

This regulatory enhancement is designed to benefit both consumers and stakeholders across the edible oil value chain. With improved visibility on domestic production, imports, and stock levels, the government will be equipped to undertake timely policy interventions - such as adjusting import duties or facilitating imports - to correct supply-demand imbalances, the statement said.

Stakeholder consultations were held with key bodies, including the Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI), the Department of Animal Husbandry, and various edible oil industry associations. Industry associations have expressed strong support for the initiative and are encouraging their members to register through the National Single Window System (NSWS) and submit monthly returns via the official Vegetable Oil Products, Production and Availability (Regulation) Order (VOPPA) portal.

To improve user experience and encourage timely compliance, the VOPPA portal (https://www.edibleoilindia.in) has been upgraded with a more intuitive interface. Return submission forms have been simplified and redesigned for ease of use.

The integration of the Collection of Statistics Act, 2008, empowers the DFPD to enforce data submission requirements more effectively, ensuring the development of a robust, actionable database. **IANS**

₹96,000 crore invested in India's airports in last 5 years: Minister

NEW DELHI, AUGUST 7



The Airports Authority of India (AAI) and public-private partnerships have incurred a capital expenditure (capex) of more than Rs 96,000 crore during FY 2019-20 to FY 2024-25 on the development, upgradation, and modernisation of airports in the country to keep pace with the growth in air traffic, the Parliament was informed on Thursday.

This includes the AAI's share of more than Rs 25,000 crore and the remaining by private airport developers.

The AAI incurs capital expenditure mainly from its own resources and in some part from the budgetary grant of Rs 4,500 crore allocated for the revival and upgradation of unserved and underserved airports, heliports, and water aerodromes under Phase I of the Regional Connectivity Scheme - Ude Desh ka Aam Naagrik (RCS-UDAN). Besides, Rs 1,000 crore has been allocated in Phase-II of the RCS-UDAN to revive additional airports, heliports, water aerodromes and advanced landing grounds during the period 2023-24 to 2025-26, Minister of State for Civil Aviation Murlidhar Mohol said in a written reply to a question in the Lok Sabha.

The private airport operators incur capex from their own sources, he added.The investments have been made in new airports, expansion and modification of existing terminals, addition of new passenger facilities, new terminals, expansion and strengthening of existing runways, aprons, and Air Navigation Services (ANS) work like control tower and technical blocks.

Based on the reconciled figures for the National Infrastructure Pipeline (NIP) period (FY 2019-20 to 2024-25), capex expenditure by AAI and private airportdDevelopers during the last five years has been Rs 11,742 crore (FY 2020-21), Rs 13,294 crore (FY 2021-22), Rs 17,879 crore (FY 2022-23), Rs 19,260 crore (FY 2023-24), and Rs 19,317 crore (FY 2024-25). **IANS**

India's electronics exports surge 47 pc in Q1, set to reach $46-50 billion in FY26

NEW DELHI, AUGUST 7



India's electronics exports witnessed a sharp rise in the first quarter of FY26, with a 47 per cent year-on-year growth led by a strong performance in mobile phone exports, industry data showed on Thursday.

According to data compiled by the India Cellular and Electronics Association (ICEA), electronics exports reached $12.4 billion in Q1 FY26, up from $8.43 billion in the same period last year.

With this momentum, the industry body projects that electronics exports are expected to touch $46–50 billion by the end of the fiscal year.

The standout performer was the mobile phone segment, which grew by 55 per cent, from $4.9 billion in Q1 FY25 to estimated $7.6 billion in Q1 FY26.

Non-mobile electronics exports also posted solid growth, rising from $3.53 billion to estimated $4.8 billion, an increase of 36 per cent.

These include key product segments such as solar modules, switching and routing apparatus, charger adapters and parts, and components."We congratulate the mobile phone industry for this outstanding performance. This is a strategic national achievement.

Now begins the real climb towards global competitiveness, sustainability, and deeper value addition. Other product segments in electronics have also shown significant growth such as solar modules, networking equipment, chargers, and components are gaining traction," said Pankaj Mohindroo, Chairman, ICEA.

"We must now accelerate their expansion. We need IT hardware, wearables, hearables, and consumer electronics exports to rise sharply," he added.

India's electronics manufacturing sector has undergone a historic transformation over the past decade.Total electronics production rose from $31 billion in FY15 to $133 billion in FY25, driven by targeted industrial strategy.

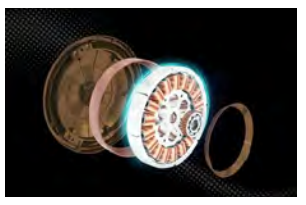
This growth was enabled by well-calibrated policy interventions such as the Phased Manufacturing Programme (PMP), Production Linked Incentive (PLI) schemes, and strong state-industry collaboration.

"We need globally competitive Indian brands and Indian champions across the entire value chain from components and sub-assemblies to final products. This is the path to long-term sovereignty in electronics," Mohindroo noted.

This strong start to the fiscal year comes on the back of record-breaking growth in the previous two years. India's total electronics exports grew from $29.1 billion in FY24 to $38.6 billion in FY25. **IANS**

Bajaj Electricals' profit plunges 97 per cent sequentially, 94 pc YoY in Q1

MUMBAI, AUGUST 7



Bajaj Electricals' net profit for the first quarter of the current financial year (Q1 FY26) stood at just 1.64 crore, plunging over 97 per cent sequentially and 94 per cent year-on-year, according to an exchange filing on Thursday.

The consumer durable arm of Bajaj Group had posted a net profit of Rs 57.69 crore in the preceding quarter (Q4 FY25), while in the same quarter a year ago, the net profit stood at Rs 27.98 crore. Meanwhile, the revenue for the quarter under review of the electric product manufacturer declined 14 per cent quarter-on-quarter at 1,09.93 crore from Rs 1,281.65 crore in Q4 FY25 and down 6 per cent from Rs 1,165.5 crore in the first quarter of FY25.

Consumer products and lighting solutions contributed Rs 807 crore and Rs 257.59 crore to the company's revenue for the quarter, respectively, the filing said.

At the same time, the total expenses for Q1 came down, in line with revenue, to Rs 1,086 crore as compared to Rs 1,231.77 crore in the preceding quarter and Rs 1,127.24 crore year-on-year.

Apart from the April-June quarter financial results, the nomination and remuneration Committee of the Board of Directors of Bajaj Electricals Limited has approved the grant of 2,50,247 stock options under the PSOP Plan 2023 to 194 eligible employees of the Company in the meeting held on Thursday, according to the filing. **IANS**

Cost of home-cooked thali dips 14 per cent in July

NEW DELHI, AUGUST 7

The cost of home-cooked vegetarian and non-vegetarian thalis declined 14 per cent and 13 per cent, respectively, in July this year compared to the same month of the previous year, amid benign commodity prices, according to Crisil's monthly indicator of food plate cost. The decline in vegetarian thali cost year-on-year was led by a sharp drop in the prices of vegetables -- primarily tomato, onion, and potato (TOP) -- on a high base: – Tomato prices fell 36 per cent on-year to Rs 42 per kg in July from Rs 66 per kg, driven by a high base effect as the prices typically surge around July/August due to seasonality, even breaching Rs 100 per kg in 2023.

Prices of potato and onion declined 30 per cent and 36 per cent on-year, respectively, on a high base. In the year-ago period, potato production dropped 5-7 per cent due to blight infestations and weather changes, which led to a rise in prices. For onion, an 18-20 per cent rise in annual production led to a dip in prices in 2025.

Prices of pulses declined 14 per cent year-on-year, driven by higher production and stock levels compared with the year-ago period, and the cost of rice declined 4 per cent.

The decline in the cost of a non-vegetarian thali was driven by lower vegetable prices and an estimated 12 per cent on-year drop in broiler prices, which make up about 50 per cent of its cost, the report said.

However, despite a reduction in basic customs duty (BCD) on crude edible oils, vegetable oil prices surged 20 per cent on-year as the benefits of lower BCD have not yet been completely passed on to customers. Additionally, a 6 per cent on-year increase in liquefied petroleum gas cylinder prices limited the decline in the overall cost of thalis, the Crisil report added. **IANS**

realme P Series: A legacy built one generation at a time



NEW DELHI, AUGUST 7

In a market where consumers are seeking real value, it is no longer enough for smartphone brands to launch devices with lengthy spec sheets and heavier marketing gimmicks.

What makes a difference today is a deep understanding of user priorities and the ability to design products that genuinely enhance how people live and engage with technology.

This is especially true in online shopping, where young buyers in India often face tough choices.

They want style, performance, and useful features, but must work within a limited budget. Too often, this leads to compromise, whether on design, battery life, or camera quality.

That is the gap realme set out to close with the P Series. It was never meant to be just another product but a promise to solve a real problem for a real audience.

From its inception, the P Series was envisioned as an answer to the silent compromises that online-first consumers were being forced to make.

It carried forward realme's bold, disruptive spirit that had first been seen in the launch of realme 1, a product that rewrote the rules of e-commerce in India and helped shape the brand's foundational identity.But the P Series marked a more focused evolution. **IANS**

Adani Power to build $3 billion greenfield thermal plant in Bihar to supply 2,274 MW electricity

AHMEDABAD: Adani Power on Thursday said it has received a Letter of Intent (LoI) to develop and operate 2,400 MW greenfield thermal power plant in Bihar at an investment of $3 billion. India's largest private sector thermal power generator won the bid from Bihar State Power Generation Company Ltd. (BSPGCL) to supply 2,274 MW power to North Bihar Power Distribution Company Ltd. (NBPDCL) and South Bihar Power Distribution Company Ltd. (SBPDCL) from a 2,400 MW thermal power project — to be developed at Pirpainti in Bhagalpur District of Bihar. Adani Power was the lowest bidder in a tightly contested tender process, with the final supply price of Rs 6.075 per KWh. **IANS**

Indian stock market closes higher in volatile session amid fresh US tariff concerns

MUMBAI, AUGUST 7



The Indian stock market settled slightly up on Thursday after witnessing a highly volatile session, sidelining the US President Donald Trump's fresh tariff jitters.

However, stocks from textiles, jewellery and auto ancillaries sectors, which have export exposures to the US, remained under pressure, but a rebound in banking, FMCG and IT stocks turned the market positive in the late session.

Sensex settled at 80,623.26, up 79.27 points or 0.10 per cent. The 30-share index started the session in negative territory at 80,262.98 against the last day's closing of 80,543.99, experiencing pressure following Trump's additional tariff announcement. However, the index recovered from the losses to touch an intra-day high of 80,737.55 amid buying in IT, Banking's and other heavyweight stocks in afternoon trade.

Nifty closed at 24,596.15, up 21.95 or 0.09 per cent.

"Early jitters from Donald Trump's renewed tariff rhetoric — which proposed a 25 per cent additional levy on Indian imports — were largely absorbed by the market. Sectors with high U.S. export exposure like textiles, jewellery, and auto ancillaries remained under pressure, but a late-session rebound in banking and FMCG helped offset broader losses," said Vikram Kasat, Head of Advisory, PL Capital. **IANS**

6th round of India-US negotiations on Aug 25 important: Morgan Stanley

NEW DELHI, AUGUST 7



The sixth round of India-US negotiations to reach an interim trade deal, currently slated for August 25, will be important as US President Donald Trump announced an additional 25 per cent tariffs on India, raising the total tariffs to 50 per cent effective from August 27, a Morgan Stanley report said on Thursday.

The report stated that it will "closely monitor export growth and domestic demand data for spillover impact, along with any incremental policy response". In FY25, India's total exports to the US stood at $86.5 billion (2.2 per cent of GDP). The original 25 per cent tariff and the additional penalty are both applicable on 67 per cent of India's exports to the US, which translates to $58 billion (1.5 per cent of GDP) (the remaining are sectors under section 232).

To assess the impact of tariffs on India's GDP, we use inferences from the input-output table modelled by our global team.

Assuming all goods exports are subject to a 50 per cent tariff rate, the direct impact on growth is likely to be 60bps while the indirect impact could be of a similar magnitude, over a period of 12 months.

A similar sensitivity analysis for the 67 per cent of non-exempted goods suggests that the direct impact could be 40bps while the indirect impact could be of a same magnitude, taking the total impact to 80bbps, said the report.

The sensitivity analysis refers to linear impact basis shock from external demand and does not take into account mitigating factors such as domestic policy response and or export market diversification. **IANS**

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"WELL, I THINK INDIA SHOULDN'T HAVE ANNOUNCED THE FACT THAT HE WOULD BE PLAYING ONLY THREE TEST MATCHES PRIOR TO DEPARTING FOR THE SERIES."

Shubman Gill named North Zone captain for Duleep Trophy, Arshdeep, Rana, Kamboj included

NEW DELHI, AUGUST 7

After captaining India to a 2-2 Test series draw in England, Shubman Gill has been appointed as the captain of the North Zone squad for the upcoming Duleep Trophy, starting on August 28 in Bengaluru.

Apart from Gill, who scored 754 runs in the five Tests in England and became India's Player of the Series, left-arm pacer Arshdeep Singh, seamer Anshul Kamboj and fast-bowling all-rounder Harshit Rana are the other notable names in the 15-member squad.

Kamboj had made his Test debut against England in the fourth game at Manchester, while Rana played in India 'A' games against England Lions and Arshdeep didn't get a game to play in the Test series.

The Zonal selection committee, who picked the squad in a meeting in New Delhi on Thursday, also announced that Services' Shubham Rohilla, Punjab's Gurnoor Brar and Haryana's Anuj Thakral will be included in the main squad if either of Gill, Arshdeep and Rana are included for Indian team's upcoming assignments coinciding with the Duleep Trophy.



NORTH ZONE SQUAD: Shubman Gill (captain) (PCA), Shubham Khajuria (JKCA), Ankit Kumar (vc) (HCA), Ayush Badoni (DDCA), Yash Dhull (DDCA), Ankit Kalsi (HPCA), Nishant Sindhu (HCA), Sahil Lotra (JKCA), Mayank Dagar (HPCA), Yudhvir Singh Charak (JKCA), Arshdeep Singh (PCA), Harshit Rana (DDCA), Anshul Kamboj (HCA), Auqib Nabi (JKCA), and Kanhaiya Wadhawan (wk) (JKCA). Stand-bys: Shubham Arora (wk) (HPCA), Jaskaranvir Singh Paul (PCA), Ravi Chauhan (SSCB), Abid Mushtaq (JKCA), Nishunk Birla (UTCA), Umar Nazir (JKCA) and Divesh Sharma (HPCA).

India's next assignment is featuring in the Men's T20 Asia Cup, set to happen from September 9-28 in the UAE. Other prominent North Zone squad members include Delhi duo of all-rounder Ayush Badoni and batter Yash Dhull, who captained India to 2022 U19 Men's Cricket World Cup win.

Jammu & Kashmir, who made it to the quarterfinals of the last Ranji Trophy season, are represented in North Zone squad by four players - Shubham Khajuria, Sahil Lotra, Yudhvir Singh Charak and Auqib Nabi, with Abid Mushtaq in the stand-bys list.

The Duleep Trophy will be held in the old zonal format of six teams and marks the beginning of 2025/26 domestic cricket season. North Zone will begin their campaign with a quarterfinal clash against Ishan Kishan-led East Zone at the BCCI Centre of Excellence Ground, with the game's winner set to meet South Zone in the semi-final. IANS

India should have avoided announcing Bumrah would play three Tests in England, says Dasgupta

NEW DELHI, AUGUST 7

Former India wicketkeeper-batter Deep Dasgupta believes the side should have avoided making the announcement of Jasprit Bumrah's availability to be limited to three Tests in the recent 2-2 drawn Anderson-Tendulkar Trophy series in England.

Before the Indian team left for England, chief selector Ajit Agarkar and head coach Gautam Gambhir had said Bumrah wouldn't feature in more than three Tests on tour due to workload management, especially after picking up a back injury in the Sydney Test against Australia in January this year.

Bumrah featured in the first Test at Headingley, Leeds, followed by the third and fourth games at Lord's and Old Trafford, Manchester, respectively. In three games, Bumrah picked 14 wickets, including two five-wicket hauls, coming off bowling 119.4 overs at an average of 26. Bumrah wasn't included



in the playing eleven for the fifth Test at The Oval and was subsequently released from the squad ahead of day two's play.

"Well, I think India shouldn't have announced the fact that he would be playing only three Test matches prior to departing for the series. I mean, you can always take a call on his availability as and when based on his physical situation and series scenario. But this thing of saying that he will be playing only three Test matches before the series has started, I think India could have avoided it," Dasgupta said in an exclusive conversation with IANS.

Though India's approach to managing Bumrah is modelled around giving him adequate rest and playing him in crucial matches, Dasgupta questioned whether such selective management of the ace fast-bowler is a tricky way to keep him fresh for key assignments.

"It depends on obviously him and the medical staff. But how I see it is, he's the best bowler in the world across three formats. So, you want him for all the crucial games. But then once he's available for the crucial ones, then I guess it can't be at the start of a tournament, that I'm going to play only 40% or 60% of the games - that can't happen."

"I mean, keep him ready for the crucial ones, and make sure he's available for all games. Then obviously, if there are injuries, if the body has taken a toll and he's not ready, that's a different issue altogether. But this availability for 50%, 60%, and all, I think that needs to be looked into because he is by far the best bowler in the world right now," he added.

In Bumrah's absence at The Oval, Prasidh Krishna picked four wickets in each innings to finish with a match haul of 8-188. It was a spell where Prasidh was in his rhythm and put up a performance that was as important as Mohammed Siraj's nine-wicket haul.

Underwhelming outings in the first two Tests at Headingley and Edgbaston meant Prasidh was at the receiving end of nasty trolling from social media followers, but a decisive spell at The Oval meant the pacer ended the series on a high. Dasgupta wishes for Prasidh to keep playing as many games as possible to sustain the good, newfound bowling rhythm. IANS

BCCI invites applications for Head of Sports Science and Medicine at CoE

MUMBAI, AUGUST 7

The Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) said it is seeking applications to fill the position of Head – Sports Science and Medicine at its Centre of Excellence (CoE) in Bengaluru.

The position has been vacant since Nitin Patel resigned after a successful stint of nearly three years and left the CoE in March this year. Patel, a former Indian team physio, oversaw the recovery processes of Jasprit Bumrah, Shreyas Iyer, KL Rahul and Mohammed Shami.

The BCCI said the ideal candidate should have a master's degree (or preferably a doctorate) in sports science or a related discipline, with a minimum of five years' experience in a leadership role managing multi-disciplinary performance teams.

The candidate should have proven experience in high-performance sport environments, with a strong background in athlete development, clinical governance and strategic planning. "The BCCI COE is looking to appoint an accomplished and visionary Head of Sports Science and Medicine to lead its multi-disciplinary team."

"The role involves providing strategic performance planning, injury prevention and rehabilitation oversight, athlete development, and integration of sports science services across national teams and the COE. The position will also build partnerships with international institutes for research and innovation," said the BCCI in a statement on Thursday.

The CoE Head – Sports Science and Medicine will be needed to work in collaboration with VVS Laxman, the current Head of Cricket at the Centre of Excellence (COE) to provide strategic performance planning and management advice.

The selected individual will be in touch with the Head of Physiotherapy (COE), Team India Head of Physiotherapy, Head of Strength & Conditioning (COE), and Team India Strength & Conditioning Coach, administrators at the state associations, cricket operations executives and state coaches.

"The role will also involve close coordination with National Team and COE coaches, COE operations staff, and the Head of Cricket Education to ensure that Sports Science and Medicine (SS&M) services are fully integrated across all levels of the game, thereby driving optimal performance outcomes in the short, medium, and long term," added the BCCI.

Apart from this, the BCCI has invited applications for the CoE resident faculty in both batting and bowling. The selected candidates will support and deliver BCCI's national coach education programmes across certification Levels 0–3.

The ideal individual will contribute to the development of course content, manage assessments, provide hands-on mentoring, and track coach development progress. The role also involves managing digital learning platforms and liaising with zonal coaches.IANS

Konstas, Peake, McSweeney named in Australia A squad for India tour

MELBOURNE, AUGUST 7

Sam Konstas and Nathan McSweeney have been named in Australia A squad for the two red-ball four-day matches against India A in September, with an eye towards Australia's 2027 Test tour rather than the upcoming Ashes.

Teenage talent Oliver Peake and promising Victoria opener Campbell Kellaway have also been named in the squad. However, notable performers from the recent Australia A series against Sri Lanka A - Jake Weatherald, Jason Sangha and Kurtis Patterson - have missed out on selection. Experienced openers with Test caps - Marcus Harris, Cameron Bancroft and Matt Renshaw - were also excluded. Renshaw has already toured India twice for Tests, while Bancroft previously impressed on an Australia A tour in 2015, scoring 150 against an India A side packed with nine Test players.

Performances during the September tour of India against India A are unlikely to influence Ashes selection, with national selectors having already stated that the first three rounds of the Sheffield Shield will carry



the most weight. Instead, the Australia A squad appears to be chosen with a longer-term focus - providing younger players exposure to Indian conditions ahead of Australia's five-Test tour in January-February 2027. By then, the makeup of Australia's top six could look quite different, with Usman Khawaja unlikely to be playing and Steven Smith set to turn 38 in June that year.

"The subcontinent provides many unique challenges and the opportunity to utilise different skills with bat and ball," chairman of selectors George Bailey said. "We hope repeated experiences in these conditions will assist players in developing an effective method and understanding of their game for future sub-continent tours."

Test offspinner Todd Murphy, who claimed 14 wickets in four Tests during the 2023 India tour, including a seven-wicket haul on debut in Nagpur, has been named in the squad. He is joined by fellow offspinner Corey Rocchiccioli, who previously toured with Australia A and trained at the MRF Academy last year. Both missed the recent series against Sri Lanka A due to short county stints in England.

Left-arm spinning allrounder Cooper Connolly, who debuted in Tests in Sri Lanka earlier this year, will have the opportunity to further build his experience in subcontinent conditions. Seam-bowling allrounders Aaron Hardie, Liam Scott and Jack Edwards the latter earning his maiden Australia A call-up have also been selected. IANS

Scotland qualify for the Men's U19 World Cup 2026



DUNDEE (SCOTLAND), AUGUST 7

Scotland will take part in the ICC U19 Men's World Cup after defeating the Netherlands by 20 runs in the final Europe Qualifier.

Chasing 238 for a World Cup spot, the Netherlands were well-placed at 108/3 despite losing two early wickets to Finlay Jones (4/41), who was the main architect of the Scotland win.

Off-spinner Manu Saraswat (3/43) arrested the run-flow of the visitors and Ollie Jones removed the crucial wicket of Tom De Leede (67), who was threatening to run away with the match. Fittingly, Jones grabbed the final Dutch wicket as they were bowled out for 217, which enabled the qualification of Scotland.

Speaking about the World Cup qualification, captain Thomas Knight expressed his relief and happiness after having edged past the Netherlands in a close encounter.

"Unbelievable! Could not be happier and especially doing it in that manner, winning a tight one there at the end," he said. "This whole week has been building upto the one game today, there has been a lot of learning we have taken from game one against Sweden all the way through to now."

Man of the moment Jones felt like it was a dream coming true to be a part of the World Cup. When you start playing cricket, though you always dream of playing the World Cup you never think that it is actually going to become a realisation. IANS

India rises to 63rd in FIFA rankings after historic AFC Women's Asian Cup Qualification



NEW DELHI, AUGUST 7

The Indian women's football team has made a significant leap in the latest FIFA rankings, climbing seven spots to reach 63rd position following a landmark victory over Thailand. The win not only boosted their global standing but also sealed a coveted spot in the AFC Women's Asian Cup, marking a historic qualification on merit.

This is India's highest ranking in nearly two years—the Blue Tigresses were last ranked 61st on August 21, 2023. The rise reflects a resurgence in form and confidence, capped by a gritty 2-1 triumph against a higher-ranked Thai side in the decisive final qualifier.

India's campaign in the qualifiers was nothing short of dominant. The team opened with a record-breaking 13-0 demolition of Mongolia, their biggest win in recent memory. That momentum continued with a 4-0 rout of Timor-Leste and a 5-0 victory over Iraq, setting up a high-stakes finale against Thailand, with both teams tied on points. IANS

India to face Uzbekistan, Kyrgyzstan in AFC U17 Women's Asian Cup 2026 Qualifiers in Bishkek

KUALA LUMPUR, AUGUST 7

India have been drawn with Uzbekistan and Kyrgyzstan in Group G of the AFC U17 Women's Asian Cup China 2026 Qualifiers, following the draw conducted at the AFC House here on Thursday.

The draw saw 27 teams divided into eight groups - three of four teams each and five of three. They will contest the qualifiers in a single round-robin centralised league format from October 13 to 17. India will face Kyrgyzstan on October 13 and Uzbekistan on October 17 in Bishkek.

The eight group winners will progress to the 10th edition of the Finals, where they will be joined by the four AFC representatives from the FIFA U17 Women's World Cup 2025 who have automatically qualified - Noth Korea, Japan, South Korea and China to form a



12-strong line-up - four more than the previous edition.

For the qualifiers draw, the 27 teams were seeded into four pots based on a points system derived from their final rankings across the previous three editions of the Finals. India were seeded in Pot 1.

The AFC U17 Women's Asian Cup China 2026 will take place from April 30 to May 17, 2026, and the top four finishers will qualify for the FIFA U17 Women's World Cup Morocco 2026.

India last participated in the AFC U17 Women's Asian Cup in 2005. The Young Tigresses will aim to script history by qualifying for the continental stage for the first time via the qualifiers route.

AFC U17 Women's Asian Cup China 2026 Qualifiers draw result

- Group A: Philippines, Malaysia, Tajikistan (H), Syria
- Group B: Islamic Republic of Iran, Lebanon, Kuwait, Saudi Arabia (H)
- Group C: Indonesia, Myanmar (H), Mongolia, Macau
- Group D: Vietnam (H), Hong Kong, China, Guam
- Group E: Australia, Singapore (H), Northern Mariana Islands
- Group F: Thailand (H), Nepal, Turkmenistan
- Group G: India, Uzbekistan, Kyrgyz Republic (H)
- Group H: Bangladesh, Chinese Taipei, Jordan (H)

India's schedule:

- October 13: Kyrgyzstan vs India
- October 17: India vs Uzbekistan. IANS

David Wiese to lead Saint Lucia Kings in CPL 2025

NEW DELHI, AUGUST 7

Defending champions Saint Lucia Kings have named veteran Namibian international David Wiese as the captain for the upcoming season of the Caribbean Premier League (CPL), starting August 14.

The allrounder joined the franchise in 2022 and returned once again last season, where he played a key role in helping Kings win the trophy. Coming down the lower-middle order to bat, Wiese scored crucial 121 runs in 11 games at an explosive strike rate of 168.05 and an average of 40.33. He also proved to be an important factor in the bowling unit, picking 13 wickets in 11 matches.

"Thank you to the Saint Lucia Kings and all the fans for your belief and support. It is a huge honour to lead



this team. I am absolutely humbled to be named your captain. This season, we will be playing with passion, heart and unity. You will see us give everything for each other and for you. And fans, we need you with us to pack the stadiums, lift the vibe and let's paint Saint Lucia blue. Let's make this a special season," Wiese said in a statement.

Saint Lucia Kings will begin their campaign this season on August 23 at home ground at Daren Sammy National Cricket Stadium in Gros Islet, St Lucia, as they face off against Trinbago Knight Riders.

Saint Lucia Kings' head coach Daren Sammy said, "David Wiese has been a part of the family for a long time. He has with us for number of years and has put on some excellent performances. We cannot wait to start our first home game on August 23rd. We know Saint Lucia Kings are the best fans and you will come out at Daren Sammy Cricket Ground and paint it blue, as you support out new captain and our team. CPL 2025, biggest party in sports and Saint Lucia Kings are ready, hope you are too."IANS

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