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PM inaugurates SJVN's ₹13,756 cr-Buxar Thermal plant's unit

NEW DELHI, AUGUST 22



Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Friday inaugurated the first unit of SJVN's thermal power project in Bihar, being set up at an investment of Rs 13,756.56 crore.

The Prime Minister virtually inaugurated the first unit of 660 megawatt (MW) of the 1320 MW Buxar Thermal Power Project, being implemented by its wholly-owned subsidiary SJVN Thermal Private Limited at Chausa, the company said in a statement.

The foundation stone of the project was laid by Modi on March 9, 2019.

With the total investment of Rs 13,756.56 crore, the project will generate 9,828.72 million units of electricity annually, out of which 85 per cent of the power has been allocated to Bihar under a long-term power purchase agreement.

The project will substantially enhance power availability in Bihar and the eastern region, reducing peak-hour shortages and strengthening energy security.

Its construction involved the use of around 2,54,932 MT of steel and 2,80,362 tonnes of cement, providing a significant boost to the vision of Atmanirbhar Bharat by promoting domestic industries.

The event to inaugurate the unit was attended by Bihar Governor Arif Mohammed Khan and Bihar Chief Minister Nitish Kumar. PTI

Bengal's progress long been stalled due to TMC's corruption, misrule, alleges PM Modi in Kolkata

KOLKATA: Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Friday said the projects inaugurated on Friday in Bengal is a step towards improved urban mobility, and seamless connectivity. Addressing a rally here, the PM said the journey of 'Viksit Bharat' can be successful only if Bengal progresses. "The biggest challenge to Bengal's development is that most central funds are looted, and spent on TMC cadre," he alleged. Like Bengal, Assam and Tripura witnessed central funds' misuse; but now these states are progressing under the BJP rule, the PM said.

Modi flays INDIA bloc for opposing SIR, 130th Constitution Amendment Bill

GAYAJI: Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Friday charged the INDIA bloc with opposing moves aimed at rooting out corruption in higher echelons of power and steps taken to tackle "threat" posed to the nation's demography from "infiltrators".

The PM made indirect references to the Constitution (130th Amendment) Bill, 2025, introduced by his government earlier this week, and the special intensive revision (SIR) of electoral rolls, currently being carried out in Bihar by the Election Commission, at a rally in Gayaji. PTI

CM Mann launches policy for Empanelment of Certified Professionals to make Punjab industrial hub of country

PUNJAB EXPRESS BUREAU
Chandigarh, August 22



Launching the policy for Empanelment of Certified Professionals, Punjab Chief Minister Bhagwant Singh Mann on Friday expressed confidence that the initiative will position the state as a leading industrial hub in the country.

"The policy will provide a much-needed impetus to industrial growth, thereby accelerating the state's progress and creating new avenues of employment for the youth", said the Chief Minister, while addressing the gathering after unveiling policy.

Calling it a landmark initiative, the Chief Minister said the policy aims to streamline regulatory approvals for industries while upholding environmental safeguards. Highlighting Punjab's robust industrial growth in sectors such as food processing, textiles, auto components, hand tools, bicycle manufacturing, IT, and tourism, he said the state has emerged as a preferred destination for global investments. Bhagwant Singh Mann reiterated the Punjab Government's commitment to good governance, transparent regulations, and enhancing the ease of doing business.

The Chief Minister listed that the state government has introduced key reforms like time-bound clearances within 45 days and in-principle approvals within just three days under the Punjab Right to Business Act, calling them benchmark decisions by the state. He explained that the new policy introduces a structured and transparent system for third-party validation by empanelled professionals. Bhagwant Singh Mann said that these professionals primarily include retired Environmental Engineers from State Pollution Control Boards, Pollution Control Committees, or State Environment Departments, as well as retired Associate Professors with relevant engineering qualifications.

The Chief Minister hoped that these certified professionals will facilitate industries specifically those in the White, Green, and Orange categories located in industrial estates with regulatory approvals such as Consent to Establish/NOC, Consent to Operate, and compliance monitoring under environmental laws. Emphasising that this is the first policy of its kind in the country, he said it strikes a balance between faster industrial approvals and robust environmental safeguards. Bhagwant Singh Mann stressed that the initiative will not only reduce compliance burdens for industries but also ensure cleaner air and water, sustainable development, and greater employment opportunities for Punjab's youth all while protecting natural resources for future generations.

The Chief Minister urged industries, professionals, and the Punjab Pollution Control Board (PPCB) to work together in building a future-ready, globally competitive, and environmentally sustainable Punjab. He said that by empanelling new environmental experts, the state government is removing hurdles and empowering certified professionals—similar to notaries—with the authority to approve industrial proposals. Bhagwant Singh Mann noted that their expertise will be leveraged for the benefit of industry, bringing greater transparency to government operations and expediting the pace of industrialization.

Calling it a historic day for industrialists, the Chief Minister said that while Punjab is traditionally an agrarian state, the government is committed to accelerating industrial development to create ample employment opportunities for the youth.

BIHAR SIR

SC allows excluded voters to submit claims with Aadhaar, other 11 prescribed docs

NEW DELHI, AUGUST 22

The Supreme Court on Friday directed the Election Commission of India (ECI) to allow excluded voters to submit claims through online mode besides making physical submissions in the special intensive revision (SIR) exercise of electoral roll in poll-bound Bihar.

A bench of Justices Surya Kant and Joymalya Bagchi allowed claim forms to be submitted along with Aadhaar card number and any one of the 11 acceptable documents in the SIR. Expressing surprise over political parties not coming forward in filing objections related to 65 lakh excluded voters, the top court directed the chief electoral officer of Bihar to implead them in the court proceedings. PTI

EAM Jaishankar concludes Moscow visit; reaffirms strength of India-Russia strategic partnership

MOSCOW, AUGUST 22



Concluding a significant three-day visit to Russia, External Affairs Minister (EAM), Dr S. Jaishankar, reaffirmed the strength and depth of the India-Russia strategic partnership, co-chairing the 26th Session of the India-Russia Inter-Governmental Commission on Trade, Economic, Scientific, Technological and Cultural Cooperation (IRIGC-TEC) and holding high-level meetings with the Russian leadership.

From August 19 to 21, EAM Jaishankar met Russian President Vladimir Putin, First Deputy Prime Minister Denis Manturov, and Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov, and also engaged with Russian scholars and think tanks.

During his meeting with President Putin, Dr. Jaishankar "conveyed personal greetings of the Prime Minister and discussed key issues of the bilateral agenda and contemporary global issues of mutual interest, including the developments related to Ukraine," the Ministry of External Affairs said in a Press release issued on Friday.

Earlier on August 20, the EAM co-chaired the 26th IRIGC-TEC session with Deputy PM Manturov, where both sides stressed the need to "address tariff and non-tariff trade barriers, remove bottlenecks in logistics, promote connectivity, effect payment mechanisms smoothly, and finalise the Programme of Economic Cooperation till 2030." PTI

Noted Punjabi actor Jaswinder Bhalla passes away

PUNJAB EXPRESS BUREAU
Chandigarh, August 22



Renowned Punjabi actor Jaswinder Bhalla on Friday morning died at a private hospital in Mohali where he was admitted following a brain haemorrhage. He was 65. Bhalla breathed his last at 4:35 am at the Fortis Hospital.

His friend Bal Mukand Sharma said Bhalla was admitted to the hospital two days ago. He was not keeping well for some time, Sharma added.

In a statement, Fortis Hospital said Bhalla was brought to the hospital's emergency on August 20 with acute brain haemorrhage. "He was in a critical condition on admission. He was under the care of the Neurosurgery team and managed on ventilator and cardio supportive drugs for 2 days. In spite of best clinical care and all resuscitative efforts, due to the severity of the illness, he passed away today at 04:35 am," said the statement.

Bhalla's last rites will take place in Mohali on Saturday. A popular comedian and character actor, Bhalla was known for his roles in Punjabi films such as "Carry on Jatta", "Mahaul Theek Hai", "Gaddi Jandi Eh Challangan Mardi", "Jatt Airways", and "Jatt & Juliet 2".

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CM Mann visits actor Jaswinder Bhalla's residence to express grief with his family

CHANDIGARH: Punjab Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann on Friday met the family of renowned actor Jaswinder Bhalla, who passed away this morning, to express his condolences with the grieving family. Punjabi actor Bhalla on Friday morning died at a private hospital in Mohali where he was admitted following a brain haemorrhage two days ago. He was 65. Mann visited Bhalla's residence in Mohali to mourn the death of the noted actor. Speaking to reporters, Mann said it is a sad day for the Punjabi art world when Jaswinder Bhalla, who played memorable roles in the Punjabi movies, is no more. BPE

India partners with France's Safran to build fighter jet engines domestically

NEW DELHI, AUGUST 22

In a significant strategic development, Defence Minister Rajnath Singh today announced that India would partner with French engine maker Safran to make jet engines domestically.

These engines are to be used to power the Advanced Medium Combat Aircraft (AMCA), a fifth-generation fighter jet, being designed and made indigenously.

The Minister was speaking at an event hosted by a media house where he said, "We have taken steps towards making fifth generation fighter aircraft. We have also moved towards making aircraft engines in India. We are now going to start engine manufacturing work in India with French company Safran."

Sources said the French offer consists of a new engine with supply chain and manufacturing at an Indian location. The India-France plan is to make a new engine that is aimed to be more powerful than anything being used anywhere in the world, for now. PTI

We're strengthening policies to encourage women's participation in armed forces, peacekeeping contingents: Rajnath Singh

NEW DELHI, AUGUST 22



Defence Minister Rajnath Singh on Friday said "we are strengthening policies" to encourage women's participation in the armed forces and peacekeeping contingents to ensure that they have equal opportunities to "lead and serve".

Singh said this in his address during an interaction with women officers of 15 countries, alongside India, who are participating in a nearly two-week long United Nations Women Military Officers Course (UNWMOC-2025) being held here.

Organised by the Centre for United Nations Peacekeeping under the aegis of the Ministry of Defence and Ministry of External Affairs from August 18-29 at the Manekshaw Cente, the course aims to build professional capacity of woman military officers for effective participation in multidimensional UN missions, the defence ministry said in a statement.

Addressing the participating officers at South Block, Singh said, as the largest contributor to UN peacekeeping missions, India has been a "strong supporter of women's participation and their integration into these missions", and initiatives such as UNWMOC prepares woman officers for complex peacekeeping environments. PTI

Pak ready for dialogue with India to discuss Kashmir, all other pending issues: FM Dar

ISLAMABAD, AUGUST 22



Pakistan was ready for a comprehensive dialogue with India to discuss Kashmir and all other pending issues, Foreign Minister Ishaq Dar said on Friday.

"Talks, whenever held, will be not just Kashmir but on all issues," Dar said while talking to journalists outside the parliament in Islamabad, where he was asked about talks with India.

India has made it clear that it will only have a dialogue with Pakistan on the return of Pakistan-occupied Kashmir and the issue of terrorism.

Dar, who is also the Deputy Prime Minister, emphasised that Pakistan had made it clear from the outset that discussions with India would not take place on any single-point agenda. PTI

SC's directive allowing release of stray dogs draws positive reactions in UP

BULANDSHAHR, AUGUST 22



The Supreme Court's order allowing release of stray dogs in their original locality after sterilisation and vaccination, modifying its earlier directive prohibiting their relocation, has drawn largely positive reactions in Uttar Pradesh, even from the family of a Kabaddi player who died due to rabies.

In Bulandshahr's Khurja region, the family of state-level kabaddi player Brijesh Solanki (22), who died in June after being bitten by a stray puppy, welcomed the top court's recent ruling in the stray dogs case.

Solanki had ignored a bite on his finger while rescuing a puppy from a drain, did not get an anti-rabies vaccine in time, and succumbed to the infection two months later.

His brother Sandeep Solanki told PTI, "We agree with the court's decision. The directions given by the Supreme Court to control stray dogs are commendable. We hope such measures can prevent families from suffering tragedies like ours." PTI

DC flags off new Red Cross ambulance in Patiala

BALINDER SINGH
PUNJAB EXPRESS BUREAU
Patiala, August 22



Deputy Commissioner-cum-President of the District Red Cross Society, Dr Preeti Yadav, on Friday flagged off a newly purchased AC ambulance, acquired by the Red Cross Patiala at a cost of Rs 15 lakh. The initiative aims to further strengthen healthcare facilities and provide timely emergency services to the residents of Patiala. On the occasion, SDM Dudhansadhan Kirpalveer Singh and Red Cross Secretary Dr. Pritpal Singh Sidhu were also present.

Handing over the keys of the ambulance, Dr Preeti Yadav said that the vehicle is fully equipped with essential medical facilities to cater to patients during emergencies. She added that the ambulance will be operated by the District Red Cross Society for patients at Rajindra Hospital, Patiala, at highly affordable rates, thereby ensuring accessible healthcare for all.

Highlighting the welfare work being carried out by the Society, Dr Preeti Yadav informed that under the Roshan Punjab Project, medical check-ups of over 61,000 children across 213 schools in the district have already been conducted. The Red Cross has also been regularly supplying medical equipment to the Civil Surgeon's office and Government Rajindra Hospital, while organizing blood donation camps from time to time.

Reiterating the Society's mission, Dr. Preeti Yadav said that service to the people remains the core objective of the Red Cross, and continuous efforts are being made to expand its reach in the health sector.

YUDH NASHIAN VIRUDH

Ferozepur Police tighten grip on smugglers, 5 held with heroin, poppy husk, cash and arms

HARISH MONGA
PUNJAB EXPRESS BUREAU
Ferozepur, August 22



The Ferozepur Police has arrested five drug smugglers and seized a massive quantity of narcotics along with vehicles used in trafficking, under its campaign "War Against Drugs". The operation, led by various police teams, resulted in the recovery of heroin, poppy husk, vehicles, mobile phones, and cash.

The Punjab Police is committed to eradicating the drug menace under the directives of the Punjab Government and the Director General of Police. The joint teams acted swiftly on intelligence inputs and successfully dismantled a smuggling racket operating across Ferozepur and nearby areas, said Bhupinder Singh Sidhu, SSP. SSP said, among the major recoveries are – 13.021 kg heroin, 400 kg poppy husk, vehicles including a truck, an Activa scooter, and a motorcycle impounded and Rs 38,000 cash and 1 mobile phone seized from smugglers. 400 kg of poppy husk was recovered from Harjinder Singh and Gurvinder Singh under Zira Sadar police station, 8.301 kg heroin, one bike from Gurpreet Singh alias Gori and Gurpreet Singh alias Kali under CIA staff and 4.720kg heroin, one Activa and one pistol in parts with 8 live cartridges under Ghall Khurd police station.

Sharing about the previous criminal history of the accused arrested, Harjinder Singh (30), is involved in six previous NDPS and IPC cases, linked to Sangrur, Mallanwala and Makhu in Ferozepur Dhuri in Sangrur district of 20 gm, 52 gm, 120 gm, 40 gm and 15 gm of heroin, Sarabjit Singh @ Guri (24) – History-sheeter with two IPC cases of theft and robbery of Kot Kapura, Avtar Singh (23) - Previously booked under NDPS and IPC cases of Talwandi Bhai. Police investigations revealed that the smugglers were habitual offenders with long criminal records, including multiple cases under the NDPS and IPC sections.

Municipal Corporation Phagwara Commissioner highlights benefits of OTS Policy–2025

PUNJAB EXPRESS BUREAU
Phagwara, August 22

The Municipal Corporation Phagwara, led by Commissioner Dr. Akshita Gupta (IAS), held a meeting with local property owners to explain the benefits of the newly introduced One Time Settlement (OTS) Policy–2025 announced by the Government of Punjab.

Dr Gupta said the scheme has been designed to provide substantial relief to property owners by offering a simplified and transparent mechanism to clear outstanding property tax dues. She added that the OTS Policy encourages voluntary compliance, reduces litigation, and strengthens the municipal revenue system, thereby enabling the Corporation to improve civic amenities and infrastructure in Phagwara.

Highlighting the key features of the scheme, the Commissioner pointed out that property owners who settle their dues by August 31 will receive waivers on penalties and interest. The policy also provides easy and transparent payment mechanisms to ensure hassle-free compliance, along with a fair opportunity to resolve long-standing arrears without legal complications.

To ensure wider participation, the Property Tax Office of the Municipal Corporation will remain open on weekends until August 31, giving citizens greater flexibility to avail the scheme without disturbing their weekday schedules.

Dr Gupta urged property owners to take full advantage of the policy within the stipulated timeframe, stressing that timely compliance would not only help individual households and businesses but also contribute to Phagwara's overall growth and development.

The meeting ended with an interactive question-and-answer session, during which citizens welcomed the initiative and expressed appreciation for the Municipal Corporation's proactive approach in promoting fairness, efficiency, and public welfare.

Dr Jaswinder Bhalla, a life of laughter, learning and legacy



PUNJAB EXPRESS BUREAU
Ludhiana August 22

Dr Jaswinder Singh Bhalla born on May 4, 1960 will always be remembered as a rare personality who beautifully blended intellect with art, and education with entertainment. He began his academic journey at Punjab Agricultural University (PAU), Ludhiana, where he completed his B.Sc. (Hons.) and M.Sc. in Extension Education, followed by a Ph.D. in Agricultural Extension. Joining PAU in 1989 as Assistant Professor, he rose to become Professor-cum-Head, Department of Extension Education on Nov 18, 2015, and retired in May 2020 after more than three decades of service.

Throughout his career, Dr Bhalla introduced creative communication methods to reach farmers and rural youth. He produced seven audio cassettes and several visual campaigns that combined humor with practical agricultural knowledge on topics like mushroom cultivation, beekeeping, rabbit farming, and crop practices. His works were pioneering in showing how entertainment can be a powerful vehicle for education. His efforts were widely recognized, earning him appreciation from both academic institutions and government bodies.

Parallel to his academic achievements, Dr Bhalla gained unmatched popularity as one of Punjab's most loved actors and comedians. Through his iconic roles in Punjabi films and stage performances, he brought laughter into millions of homes. His sharp wit, unique style, and ability to reflect social realities through humor made him not just an entertainer but also a cultural icon. For Punjabis across the world, his presence symbolized joy, relatability, and pride in their roots. Equally committed to social service, Dr Bhalla actively promoted awareness campaigns on cleanliness, health, and drug abuse prevention.

Language Dept holds district-level Punjabi literature and poetry contest at Ferozepur

PUNJAB EXPRESS BUREAU
Ferozepur, August 22



The District Language Office, Ferozepur, organized district-level competitions in Punjabi Literature Creation and Poetry Recitation at Sri Guru Harkrishan Public School, Ferozepur Cantonment, under the guidance of Punjab Chief Minister Bhagwant Singh Mann, leadership of Education and Languages Minister S. Harjot Singh Bains, and directives of Director Languages Punjab Jaswant Singh Zafar. The event was held under the supervision of District Language Officer Dr. Jagdeep Singh Sandhu, with participation from students of government, semi-government, and private schools across the district.

The competitions aimed to nurture literary and artistic interests among students. In the literature creation contests, students were asked to write poems, stories, and essays on spot-given topics. The theme for poetry creation was "Parents", while "War and Peace" was assigned for story and essay writing.

Among the winners were – in Poetry Creation: 1st – Harmandeep Kaur (Govt. Sr. Sec. School, Rukna Begu), 2nd – Gurpreet Kaur (Govt. Sr. Sec. School, Mana Singh Wala), 3rd – Ishita (Sri Guru Harkrishan Public School, Ferozepur Cantt). In Story Writing: 1st – Gurpreet Kaur (Govt. High School, Wahge Wala), 2nd – Harpreet Kaur (Govt. Model Sr. Sec. School, Usman Wala), 3rd – Devanshi (Sri Guru Harkrishan Public School, Ferozepur Cantt). In Essay Writing: 1st – Soham (Sri Guru Harkrishan Public School), 2nd – Sukhmanpreet Kaur (Govt. Model Sr. Sec. School, Usman Wala), 3rd – Jaspreet Kaur (Govt. Sr. Sec. School, Rukna Begu) and in Poetry Recitation: 1st – Gurleen Kaur (Govt. High School, Mansoor Deva), 2nd – Sandeep Kaur (Govt. Sr. Sec. School, Khai Feme Ki), 3rd – Shagun (Govt. High School, Wahge Wala).

Rajpura Market Committee provides financial aid to victims of agricultural accidents

RAJESH DEHRA
PUNJAB EXPRESS BUREAU
Rajpura, August 22



The Rajpura Market Committee, operating under the guidance of the Punjab Mandi Board, distributed financial assistance cheques on Friday to victims of agricultural accidents and their families. This initiative underscores the Punjab government's commitment to supporting citizens affected by agricultural mishaps.

Deepak Sood, Chairman of the Market Committee, handed over a cheque of Rs 2,00,000 to the family of Bharbhoor Singh from Bhogla village, who tragically lost his life in an accident. A cheque of Rs 90,000 was also presented to Kamaljeet Kaur from Gopalpur village, who sustained a 60 pc disability after losing a limb. Additionally, Gurdass Singh of Suhre village, who lost a finger, received Rs 12,000 in aid.

Speaking on the occasion, Sood emphasized the government's dedication to promptly addressing public grievances and ensuring that no citizen faces undue hardship. The event was attended by key Market Committee staff, including Superintendent Pushpinder Singh and Accountant Rupinder Singh.

Agriculture Dept launches awareness camps on stubble management



PUNJAB EXPRESS BUREAU
Patiala, August 22

Deputy Commissioner Dr Preeti Yadav on Friday said that the Patiala District Administration has launched an intensive awareness campaign to promote scientific stubble management during the ongoing Kharif season. The campaign is being carried out as per the "Action Plan" and activity calendar prepared for effective crop residue management.

Chief Agriculture Officer Dr Jaswinder Singh informed that, under the guidance of the Deputy Commissioner, awareness activities are being organized across villages throughout August and September. These include wall paintings, street plays, mobile vans, the involvement of ASHA workers, and participation of school children to spread the message at the grassroots level. As part of this initiative, farmer awareness camps are being conducted with the active support of agriculture officers in various blocks of the district.

During these camps, farmers are being sensitized about the district administration's guidelines, including the use of Super SMS machines for paddy harvesting, balers for bundling straw, incorporating stubble into the soil, and carrying out harvesting only between 10:00 am and 6:00 pm. Alongside stubble management, technical information is also being shared on mid-tillering practices in paddy, pest control measures, and disease prevention.

Awareness camps have so far been organized in villages Kalwa, Faridpur, Kauli, Jafarnagar, Boharpur, Jhanherian (Block Patiala) and Surajpur, Kularan, Sahouli, Roti Maudan, Sidhuval, Taurarwal, Mallewal, and Mangewal (Block Nabha).

The camps witnessed active participation of Agriculture Development Officers, Agriculture Extension Officers, Agriculture Sub-Inspectors, BTM and ATM staff, along with village sarpanches, numberdars, and progressive farmers including Jagjit Singh, Yadvinder Singh, Gurmukh Singh, Kuldeep Singh, Surinder Singh, Parvinder Singh, Balihar Singh Mattu, Gurnam Singh Virk, and Harjinder Singh. Nearly 500 farmers attended these awareness programmes.

Moral education exam held in Ferozepur schools; 1,100 students from 25 schools participate



PUNJAB EXPRESS BUREAU
Ferozepur, August 22

To instill moral values among students, Guru Gobind Singh Study Circle, Ludhiana, organised a Moral Education Examination across various schools in the country on Friday. As part of this initiative, the Sher Khan unit of the Study Circle also conducted the exam in nearly 25 schools under its jurisdiction, where about 1,100 students participated enthusiastically.

Sharing details, Regional Secretary Resham Singh Sher Khan said that students who secure top positions will be honored with cash prizes, shields, and certificates. Student coordinators Inderjit Singh Khalsa and Dr Gurdeep Singh extended gratitude to all those who supported the noble cause, affirming that such efforts will continue in the future as well.

The organizers emphasized that imparting moral education at the school level is the need of the hour, ensuring that students not only excel academically but also emerge as responsible citizens. Such initiatives, they added, help children set an example for both their seniors and juniors in society.

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MP Sant Seechewal cancels foreign visit to assist flood-affected villages

PUNJAB EXPRESS BUREAU
Phagwara, August 22

Rajya Sabha MP and environmentalist Sant Balbir Singh Seechewal has cancelled his scheduled visit to England to stand with flood-affected people in Punjab. He was to attend events in the United Kingdom from August 22 to September 8, a trip long-awaited by the Sikh diaspora there, but chose instead to remain in Punjab where rising waters of the Beas River are threatening nearly 35 villages.

Since early morning, Sant Seechewal has been at Ahli Kalan, where the river is exerting tremendous pressure on the advance embankment. Working alongside farmers and villagers, he has been personally supervising efforts to strengthen the structure and prevent a breach. The situation is precarious, as continuous water release from the Pong Dam has put around 500 to 600 feet of the Dhusi embankment under severe strain. Villagers recall that a similar breach last year caused widespread destruction, submerging thousands of acres of paddy fields and leading to heavy financial losses.

The lawmaker has appealed to the Sangat to reach Ahli Kalan and join in the effort, emphasizing that the safety of the embankment is crucial for the survival of 35 villages. Local Sarpanch Shaminder Singh said the river had already eroded nearly half of the embankment by morning and residents were on the verge of despair.

However, Sant Seechewal's arrival and the collective response of villagers helped avert disaster, at least temporarily.

Farmers say his decision to cancel his overseas tour gave them renewed hope. Balwinder Singh, a farmer from Sarupwal, shared that as soon as Sant Seechewal learnt of the danger late at night, he immediately abandoned his foreign trip and rushed to the site.

Dr Balbir Singh urges strict precautionary measures to prevent diseases in flood-affected areas

ASHOK KAURA
PUNJAB EXPRESS BUREAU
Phagwara, August 22



Punjab Health and Family Welfare Minister Dr Balbir Singh said that the Punjab government has made adequate arrangements to provide complete health services and prevent diseases in the flood-affected areas. He said that special medical teams have been deployed in the affected areas to prevent dengue, diarrhea, and chikungunya.

In addition, he ordered awareness campaigns on a wider scale to prevent water-borne diseases.

Speaking to the media at Kapurthala Civil Hospital last night, he said that under the leadership of Chief Minister Bhagwant Singh Mann, the Punjab government is extending every possible help to the people in this difficult time. He added that boat ambulances are also being deployed for the convenience of affected families. Health Minister also stated that the recruitment of 1,000 doctors has been completed and their deployment will be done soon.

He reviewed health services in the flood-affected areas of Sultanpur and Bhulath. He instructed teams to regularly visit the affected areas and continuously distribute ORS and chlorine tablets to prevent water-borne diseases. Health Minister also ordered an increase in the number of reserved beds at Civil Hospitals in Kapurthala and Sultanpur to handle any emergency situation.

Giving special attention to the health of pregnant women and children, he instructed that some boats should be reserved only for health services.

The Health Minister appealed to the Indian Medical Association to provide medical services, medicines, and ambulances in the affected areas.

The Association assured him of all possible cooperation, saying that everyone needs to work together in this challenging time.

Govt committed to boosting IT sector: Cheema

YOGESH KAPOOR
PUNJAB EXPRESS BUREAU
Ludhiana, August 22



The Punjab government, under the leadership of Chief Minister Bhagwant Singh Mann, is actively working to promote the state's IT sector by reserving significant land for its development, said Punjab Finance Minister Harpal Singh Cheema on Friday. He made the announcement while speaking as the chief guest at the "IT India Expo - 2025" held here on Friday.

Finance Minister Harpal Singh Cheema said that the government plans to expand the IT sector into several cities in the near future. He highlighted the growing confidence of investors, noting that industrialists have already invested over Rs 1 lakh crore in the state, with the IT sector attracting a large share of this investment.

Praising the IT India Expo 2025 and focusing on innovation, Finance Minister Cheema commended the organizers of the IT India Expo, calling it a commendable effort. He extended his congratulations to the team for introducing new technologies to the residents of Ludhiana, particularly to students in the IT field. He noted that people from Ludhiana and other cities were participating in the exhibition, purchasing new products, and sharing their experiences.

Calling it the largest exhibition of its kind in India, Finance Minister Cheema said the event had been in preparation for nearly three years. Over 1,000 dealers and approximately 22,000 registered students from the IT sector participated, gaining valuable insights into new technologies not available online.

Replying to a media query meanwhile, Finance Minister Harpal Singh Cheema said that during the current flood crisis, the central government must support Punjab. He called on the Center to release around Rs 50,000 crore to compensate for GST losses and to provide approximately Rs 10,000 crore in Rural Development Fund (RDF) to the state.

He assured that the administration and ministers are fully prepared and are working tirelessly to manage the natural disaster. He reiterated his plea to the central government to provide special grants to help flood-affected families.

Sanjeev Arora visits Institute of Autoparts and Hand Tools, announces ₹200 cr for R&D upgrade across Punjab



PUNJAB EXPRESS BUREAU
Ludhiana August 22

Sanjeev Arora, Industry Minister, Government of Punjab, accompanied by Surbhi Malik, Director Industries, and senior department officials, visited the Institute of Autoparts and Hand Tools today and held detailed discussions on the Institute's roadmap for future growth and upgradation.

During the interaction, Upkar Singh Ahuja (Board Member) emphasized the urgent need to strengthen Research & Development (R&D) to drive value addition across the industry—especially for the MSME sector. He also highlighted the importance of upgrading testing facilities to BIS standards so that enterprises facing certification and compliance challenges can receive timely, affordable support.

"Punjab's MSMEs are dynamic and innovation-ready. With focused R&D and world-class testing aligned to BIS standards, we can help our manufacturers move up the value chain and win in global markets," said Upkar Singh Ahuja.

Ahuja further underlined the need to enhance the Institute's capabilities in R&D for Electric Vehicles (EVs), components, and power tools, citing fast-evolving technologies and rising market demand in these segments.

Mundian orders special girdawari to assess flood-related crop damage



PUNJAB EXPRESS BUREAU
Chandigarh, August 22

Punjab Revenue, Rehabilitation and Disaster Management Minister Hardeep Singh Mundian on Friday ordered to conduct Special Girdawari in the flood-affected areas of the state to assess the extent of crop damage caused due to recent floods.

According to the directions issued to all Deputy Commissioners, the Cabinet Minister instructed that the special girdawari must be carried out immediately in flood-affected areas as soon as the water recedes. The Deputy Commissioners have been asked to prepare compensation cases in the prescribed proforma along with the requisite certificates and submit them to the government without any delay. Hardeep Singh Mundian stressed that the Chief Minister Bhagwant Singh Mann-led government is fully committed to safeguarding farmers' interests.

Bhullar encourages sustainable farming practices in Tarn Taran

INDER PAL SINGH
PUNJAB EXPRESS BUREAU
Tarn Taran, August 22



Cabinet Minister Laljit Singh Bhullar attended a machinery verification programme organised by the Department of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare, Block Patti, where he extended his best wishes to beneficiary farmers and emphasized the importance of sustainable agriculture.

He urged farmers to not only maintain the fertility of their own land but also support fellow farmers in adopting responsible practices. Highlighting the Bhagwant Mann government's efforts, he noted that every possible step is being taken to ensure canal water reaches every field to combat the alarming decline in groundwater levels.

To promote water conservation and groundwater recharge, the government is providing an incentive of Rs 1,500 per acre to farmers practicing direct seeding of paddy and basmati. In 2023–24, over Rs 45 lakh was transferred directly to farmers' accounts in Tarn Taran district under this initiative.

Higher Education Dept elevates 27 Professors to Principals

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In a significant development to further strengthen and uplift the standards of the higher education in the state, the Punjab Higher Education department has promoted 27 Associate Professors/ Professors to the position of Principal (College Cadre), informed Harjot Singh Bains, Minister of Higher Education, Punjab.

Notably, all the promotional quota seats are now filled, following these promotions. The recently conducted DPC has cleared a total of 27 names, of which, 13 faculty have been elevated with immediate effect, while, remaining 14 will be promoted according to the seat availability by December 2025. Bains said that the direct quota posts of Principals will also be filled soon.

Extending his heartiest congratulations to the professors for their well-deserved elevation, Harjot Singh Bains exhorted them to embrace their new role with utmost dedication, commitment and integrity to inspire excellence in higher education.

Harjot Singh Bains expressed confidence that these promotions would bring positive change and excellence to their new roles, while emphasising that they were expected to lead by example and contribute to the growth and development of the state's higher education system.

Three sentenced to 10 years RI for drug smuggling in Ludhiana

KG SHARMA
PUNJAB EXPRESS BUREAU
Ludhiana, August 22

The Special Court of Additional Sessions Judge Harvinder Singh has convicted three individuals Kamal Kumar, Kulwant Rai, and Sunny Kumar, all residents of Banga, Nawanshahr to 10 years of rigorous imprisonment under Section 22 of the NDPS Act for drug smuggling.

The court also imposed a fine of Rs 1 lakh on each convict. In case of default in payment, they will face an additional one year of rigorous imprisonment.

As per the prosecution, led by Police Officer Tarlochan Singh, the case dates back to January 24, 2019, when Doraha Police registered an FIR against the trio under the NDPS Act. On the day of the incident, police had set up a checkpoint near Rajwant Hospital on GT Road. The accused were seen approaching from the bus stand carrying plastic bags. Upon checking, police recovered 200 narcotic injections from their possession, leading to their immediate arrest.

During the trial, the accused pleaded innocence and claimed they were falsely implicated. However, after reviewing the evidence and hearing arguments from both sides, the court found them guilty and awarded the sentence.

Compounding fees collection by legal metrology wing increases by 121 pc

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Chandigarh, August 22



The Legal Metrology Wing of the Food, Civil Supplies and Consumer Affairs Department, Punjab, has been on upward trajectory on the multiple parameters such as compounding fees collected, inspections and the verifications carried out this year from April to July when compared with the same period last year.

In terms of the Compounding Fees, the Legal Metrology Wing has collected Rs 1.10 crore whereas during the same period last year the wing collected Rs 49.68 lakh. Hence, the increase amounts to a whopping 121 percent. The wing carried out as many as 5753 inspections while this time the figures of inspections stand at 11,035. In the matter of cases registered, the number stood at 587 last year while during the present year, the numbers have reached 1531. Similarly, 41,625 verifications of the commercial establishments were carried out last year whereas this year 42,733 establishments have been inspected.

Reviewing the functioning of the Legal Metrology Wing here on Friday at Anaj Bhawan, the Food, Civil Supplies and the Consumer Affairs Minister Lal Chand Kataruchak appreciated the hard work put in by the officers of the department and exhorted them to work with even more zeal and dedication.

The Minister was apprised during the meeting that the wing has department owned standard laboratories at Amritsar, Ludhiana, Jalandhar and Patiala while new labs are proposed at Sirhind and Khanna.

Goyal shares grief with Verma family



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Abohar, August 22

Punjab Cabinet Minister Barinder Kumar Goyal on Friday shared grief with the family of Sanjay Verma, during his visit to Abohar. He met with Jagat Verma, brother of Sanjay Verma and expressed condolences to the family.

Barinder Kumar Goyal said that the Verma family had built a distinguished reputation in the textile trade through their dedicated hard work. He said that Sanjay Verma's demise is not only a loss to the family but also to the entire state.

He assured the family that the government stands firmly with them and pledged that no culprit involved in Sanjay Verma's murder case will be spared, promising that the strictest possible punishments will be meted out.

MLA Amandeep Singh Goldy Musafir from Balluana was also present on this occasion.

Goyal and Sond visit border villages of Fazilka district

PUNJAB EXPRESS BUREAU
Fazilka, August 22



Following Chief Minister Bhagwant Singh Mann's directives to monitor relief operations in flood-affected areas and establish direct communication with residents to provide immediate essential services, Water Resources Minister Barinder Kumar Goyal and Rural Development & Panchayati Raj Minister Tarunpreet Singh Sond on Friday visited villages along the international border in Fazilka district to assess the impact of water influx in the Sutlej Creek.

During the visit, Barinder Kumar Goyal toured villages Kawanwali Pattan and Muhar Jamsher, while Tarunpreet Singh Sond also reached Muhar Jamsher village to inquire about the residents' challenges.

After listening to the people's difficulties, they instructed the officials present on-site to immediately provide necessary facilities to the affected population.

Mayor, MC Commissioner take strict stance over delay in development works; warn contractors, officials of strict action

PUNJAB EXPRESS BUREAU
Ludhiana, August 22



Mayor Principal Inderjit Kaur and Municipal Corporation (MC) Commissioner Aaditya Dachalwal have adopted a strict stance over the delay in development works.

Conducting a meeting with the officials of B&R branch at MC Zone D office in Sarabha Nagar on Friday, Mayor Inderjit Kaur and MC Commissioner Aaditya Dachalwal issued a warning and stated that strict action would be taken against the contractors over delay in development works.

They further stated that the concerned officials will also face the music, if they fail to get the works completed from the contractors within the stipulated time period.

MC Additional Commissioner Paramdeep Singh, SE Sham Lal Gupta, SE Rahul Gagneja, SE Praveen Singla, SE Ranjit Singh, executive engineers, SDOs, JEs were present in the meeting.

Mayor stated that the concerned officials have also been directed to take up road repair works at large as soon as the climate conditions are favourable. Further the concerned JEs/ SDOs have been directed to submit certificates that all the road gullies in their respective areas are properly maintained/cleaned.

SC Commission seeks report from SSP Jalandhar Rural on encroachment of Sri Guru Ravidass Maharaj Land in Dhaleta village

PUNJAB EXPRESS BUREAU
Chandigarh, August 22

Punjab State Scheduled Castes Commission Chairman Jasvir Singh Garhi has taken suo-moto notice of the alleged encroachment on the land belonging to Sri Guru Ravidass Maharaj at village Dhaleta in Jalandhar district by the civil administration and police. He has sought a report from the Senior Superintendent of Police (Rural), Jalandhar.

Providing details in this regard, Jasvir Singh Garhi stated that the matter came to his notice through a newspaper report, which alleged that the land of Sri Guru Ravidass Maharaj Ji had been encroached upon by the civil administration and police at village Dhaleta. Taking cognizance of this, the Commission has initiated legal action. Directions have been issued to present the facts and relevant information regarding this matter before the Commission on August 26, 2025, through the Deputy Superintendent of Police.

Chandigarh Admn hosts workshop on sustainable transport and energy conservation

A.S. PRASHAR
PUNJAB EXPRESS BUREAU
Chandigarh, August 22

The Energy Management Cell (EMC)/State Designated Agency (SDA), Engineering Department, U.T. Chandigarh, in association with Indian Oil Corporation Limited (IOCL), organized a workshop on decarbonization and fuel efficiency here on Friday.

Inaugurating the workshop, Er. C.B. Ojha, Chief Engineer, U.T. Chandigarh, emphasized the urgent need to reduce dependence on fossil fuels through innovative solutions and collective action. He outlined Chandigarh's vision of becoming a carbon-neutral, net-zero city by 2047 and highlighted the proactive role of the Energy Management Cell in driving energy conservation and sustainable development initiatives.

M.K. Sinha, IOCL, shared insights on fuel efficiency, blending, and clean energy practices, reinforcing the broader goals of decarbonization. Technical sessions covered eco-friendly driving, electric mobility, fuel-efficient tyres, smart vehicle maintenance, LPG conservation, and home safety.

Yashjeet Gupta, GM (Transport), Chandigarh Administration, spoke about various initiatives of the Chandigarh Transport Undertaking aimed at promoting fuel efficiency and sustainable mobility in the region.

Session on 'Challenges & Opportunity, Role of Fuel efficiency norms' was delivered by Mr. Piyush Saxena, Associate Fellow, The Energy and Resources Institute (TERI); sessions on 'Fuel Efficiency in the Transport Sector: Ethanol Blending, Engine Lubrication Practices, and Preventive Maintenance' and 'Eco-Driving Techniques, Predictive Maintenance, and the Role of Tyre in Fuel Efficiency' were delivered by Arjun G Singh Tuteja, Technical Service Manager, IOCL; session on 'LPG Utilization in Households-Conservation Techniques and Safety Measures' was given by Ms. Richa Luthera, Senior Manager, Chandigarh Indane Divisional Office.

The workshop witnessed participation from around 60 delegates, including officials from the Transport Departments of Chandigarh and Haryana, engineers, academicians, and representatives of various establishments.

The event concluded with a collective call to action, emphasizing sustainable transport, renewable energy adoption, and energy efficiency as vital pathways towards decarbonization, while underscoring the leadership role of the Chandigarh Administration in this transition.

Governance Fellows can play a proactive role in Implementation of flagship programmes and welfare schemes: DC Komal Mittal

- SENIOR PUNJAB GOOD GOVERNANCE FELLOWS VISIT OFFICES OF MOHALI DC AND MC

PUNJAB EXPRESS BUREAU
Mohali, August 22

Deputy Commissioner Komal Mittal, while interacting with the newly enrolled Senior Punjab Good Governance Fellows, said that they can play a proactive role in implementing flagship programmes and welfare schemes at the grassroots level. She apprised them of the functioning of the District Administration and other related offices.

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The Deputy Commissioner explained in detail the functioning of the District Administration and highlighted the successful implementation of new initiatives in the Revenue Department, such as Easy Registry and Easy Jamabandi, which aim to provide citizens with uninterrupted and transparent services.

The Fellows also visited the Sub-Registrar Office, Farad Kendra, and Sewa Kendra, Mohali, where they interacted with officials and staff. They were also briefed about the Home Delivery of Citizen Services usually provided through Sewa Kendras, accessible by dialling the toll-free number 1076.

At the Municipal Corporation Mohali, the Fellows gained first-hand insights into the functioning of local bodies and the range of services delivered to citizens.

Emphasizing their role, DC Komal Mittal said that the Good Governance Fellows will help bridge the communication gap between the people and the state government by providing on-ground feedback on the implementation of decisions and schemes. This, she added, would ensure a robust and effective feedback mechanism benefitting the masses.

Also present during the visit were AC (G) Dr. Ankita Kansal, Naib Tehsildar Harjot Singh, and District Manager, Governance Reforms, Ramandeep Singh.

Panjab University Campus Students' Council elections on Sept 3

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Chandigarh, August 22

The 2025 Panjab University Campus Students' Council (PUCSC) elections will be held on September 3, announced the university authorities. With the announcement, code of conduct has also been imposed.

Meanwhile, the University Institute of Engineering and Technology (UIET) will lead as the 'playmaker' along with Legal Studies—as they combined have a majority of vote share. As per 2024 admission record, the UIET had 2,518 registered voters, the University Institute of Legal Studies (UILS) recorded 1,950 students and the Department of Law had 1,100 student voters. The total numbers of voters stood at 15,897 with 10,479 casting their votes.

"The numbers of voters are yet to ascertain considering the ongoing admission, but it's most likely to remain more or less the same," said the Dean of Student Welfare (DSW). Out of the 62 departments, chemical engineering and technology (624), Dental Science (492), University Business School (477), University Institute of Applied Management (435), University of Pharmaceutical Sciences (421), physics (415), chemistry (409) and University Institute of Hotel Management and Tourism (402) were the main departments to hold good share of votes.

Last year, Anurag Dalal created history by winning the PUCSC presidential election as an independent candidate. Dalal, who formed the Democratic Students' Front (DSF) just days before the polling, secured 3,433 votes, defeating his nearest contender Prince Chaudhary of Chhatra Yuva Sangharsh Samiti (CYSS) by a margin of 303 votes.

Other winners included Archit Garg of NSUI for the Vice President seat, who won by bagging 3,631 votes, defeating his nearest rival candidate Sath's Karanpreet Singh with a margin of 1,035 votes; Vineet Yadav of INSO (3,298 votes) for the Secretary post, and Jasvinder Rana of ABVP (3,489) for the Joint Secretary position.

Manitou India launches BS5 product range in Mohali



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Mohali, August 22

Manitou India launched its new BS5 product range in Mohali. On this occasion. Mohali MLA Kulwant Singh attended as the chief guest and inaugurated the new products. At the event, senior officials of Manitou India, Kulwinder Kumar (Head – Telehandler Sales) and Ashok Kumar (Head – Earthmoving Product Sales - North & East) briefed the present customers and financial partners on the company's knowledge and vision.

During the launch, Manitou showcased its three flagship models – MBL 745HT Backhoe Loader, MXT 840 Telehandler and SE 0808 Scissor Lift. Manitou also has its own company-owned and company-operated 3S office – Sales & Service Point (SSP) in Mohali. The customers and finance associates present appreciated the quality of the products and prompt service and parts availability of Mohali SSP.

The event was a huge success and further strengthened Manitou's commitment to the Indian market. The new BS5 product range is now available at Manitou SSP, Mohali.

125 attend SBI's camp awareness on 'Digital Fraud prevention and unclaimed deposits'

PUNJAB EXPRESS BUREAU
Chandigarh, August 22



The Ministry of Finance, Department of Financial Services issued detailed Standard Operating Procedure for a three-month saturation campaign for financial inclusion schemes at Gram Panchayat level from July 1 to September 30. The objective of the campaign is to enhance the penetration of financial inclusion flagship schemes i.e. PMJDY/PMJJBY/ PMSBY and APY.

DFS has instructed all the Banks to organise the camps and cover following activities during campaign:

- Re verification of KYC for existing inactive PMJDY accounts
- Opening of bank accounts for unbanked adults under PMJDY
- Enrolments under Pradhan Mantri Jeevan Jyoti Bima Yojana (PMJJBY) and Pradhan Mantri Suraksha Bima Yojana (PMSBY)
- Enrolments under Atal Pension Yojana (APY).

SBI has already launched "Jan Samriddhi Abhiyan" for opening of PMJDY Accounts and enrolment under APY, PMJJBY and PMSBY, Re- KYC of all SB accounts where KYC is due, awareness sessions on Digital Fraud prevention and unclaimed deposits under Financial Inclusion Campaign. Dinaer Jain BM SBI Ram Darbar Chandigarh branch organised the camp at Shiv Mandir Ram Darbar Chandigarh on Friday.

Neeraj Bharti GM NW-II was the chief guest in this event. Vivek Kumar DGM B&O Panchkula ,Jatinder Pal Malhotra, State President BJP, Bhupinder Singh Distt President BJP, Naveen Manglani Vice President Chamber of Chandigarh Industries, Surinder Kumar Singhal LDM Chandigarh, Tarwinder Kaur Principal Govt Model Senior Secondary School Karsan Ram Darbar, Ritesh Kumar AGM Financial Inclusion B&O Panchkula were present in the camp. Subhashini Rai RM SBI RBO-4 Chandigarh welcomed all the dignitaries, Neeraj Bharti GM NW-II addressed the audience and tell the importance of Social Security Schemes , E-KYC etc. More than 125 people participated in the camp.

SBI have created public awareness in regional language about the campaign. The people have actively participated in the campaign. SBI officials have attended all the queries of the people present in the Camp.

The enchanting magic of O.P Sharma Junior wows Chandigarhians



PUNJAB EXPRESS BUREAU
Chandigarh, August 22

Magician O.P. Sharma (Junior), who creates a stir in the world of magic every day with his unbelievable new miracles, has cast his spell all across the Tricity. All the shows of his programme being held at Neelam Cinema, Sector 17, are running house full. Along with the dangerous magical feat "Drill of Death", many other new mysteries, thrills, and sensational magical wonders are being presented.

On this occasion, magician O.P. Sharma Junior said that they have brought for the residents of Tricity a treasure of 7,200 seconds of thrill-packed entertainment, filled with magical wonders that will amaze the entire world—many of which people here have never seen before. These include Mime Magic, The Enchanted Face, Disappearance of the Statue of Liberty, Slice Lady of America, and a treasure of rib-tickling entertainment that the audience will never forget.

Recently, magician O.P. Sharma Junior also met spiritual leader Premanand Ji Maharaj and presented his art before him. Shri Premanand Ji Maharaj openly praised O.P. Sharma Junior's skills. Magician O.P. Sharma Junior shared that he is supported by a team of 100 people, who assist in making the show successful with computerized hypnotic lights, ultra-digital sound, and other technical aspects.

PROPERTY TAX DUES – ONE TIME SETTLEMENT SCHEME

All Local Bodies' offices to remain open on weekends: Mohali DC Komal Mittal

PUNJAB EXPRESS BUREAU
Mohali, August 22

In order to facilitate residents in clearing their property tax dues under the One Time Settlement (OTS) scheme announced by the Punjab Government, all Municipal Council offices across SAS Nagar district will remain open on Saturday and Sunday as well, informed Deputy Commissioner Komal Mittal, here today.

Appealing to residents to take full benefit of the scheme, the Deputy Commissioner said that the last date to clear dues without penalty and interest has been extended till August 31, 2025. "After this deadline, recovery will be made with applicable penalty and interest," she added.

Highlighting the encouraging response from citizens, Ms. Mittal informed that the district has so far collected a total of Rs 25.46 crore in property tax dues since July 1.

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CHANGE OF NAME

I, Kalpana Singla alias Kalpna Singla W/o Deepak Singla R/o H.No.01, Guru Nanak Nagar, Sanaur, Patiala, Punjab,have declare that both name are mine, one & the same person.

I Sunita Army No. 15619178P HAV Ravi Kumar Unit 10 Guards R/o Bajna Mathura uttar pradesh in my husband service record my name and DOB is wrongly mentioned as Sunita DOB 02/03/1986, but my correct name is Sunita Devi (As par UID) and DOB is 12/03/1986.

I Jalpreet Singh S/o Kirpal Singh R/O H No 1718/1, St No 1, Nimm Wala Chowk, Rarhi Mohalla, Ludhiana Changed My Name From Jalpreet Singh To Jalpreet Sachu.

I Amarjeet Singh S/o Santokh Singh R/o H No 1556,St No 14, Janakpuri Ludhiana have Changed My name From Amarjeet Singh to Amarjit Singh.

I Sanjana D/o Prem Lal R/o H No 901,Punjab Mata Nagar,Pakhowal Road,Ludhiana have Changed My name From Sanjana to Sanjna.

I, Deepti Dhanda W/o Raghav Dhanda R/o H.no. 1105/1-A, Adjoing Hero Heart DMC Tagore Nagar (Ludhiana) after marriage I have changed my name from Deepti Sharma to Deepti Dhanda. All the concern may please noted.

I Balzinder Kaur W/O Sh.Mohan Singh R/O Village Tikona Farm District Lakhimpurkhiri(Uttar Pardesh) have changed my name Balzinder Kaur to Balvinder Kaur. All concerned please note.

I, Yogesh Kumar S/o Balwant Singh R/o Village Heer Beh, PO. Behlakhan, Tehsil Mukerian, Distt. Hoshiarpur, Punjab-144223 have changed the name of my minor daughter from Ganika to Ganika Kaundal. Concerned Note.

I, Rajwinder Kaur W/o Surinder Singh Saini R/o VPO. Bassi Gulam Hussain, Tehsil & Distt. Hoshiarpur-146021, Punjab have changed my name from Rajwinder Kaur to Rajwinder Kaur Saini. Concerned Note.

I, Aman Kumar S/o Harwinder Kumar R/o 9 Group Mohalla, Ward No. 2, Garhshankar, Distt. Hoshiarpur, Punjab, India have changed my name from Aman Kumar to Kumar Aman. That Given Name as Aman & Surname as Kumar. All concerned please note.

I, Krishna Devi W/o Harpreet Kumar R/o H.No. 196/3, Buta Pind, Jalandhar-144003, Punjab have changed my minor son's name from Jashanpreet to Jashanpreet Kumar. All concerned please note.

I, Arti W/o Rachhpal Singh R/o Baba Jiwan Singh Patti, Kishanpura Kalan, Moga-142058 (Punjab), have changed my name from Arti to Charanjit Kaur. All concerned please note.

I GURVINDER KAUR DHAMIJA W/o DAVINDER SINGH R/o H.no 196, St.no.2, Near Dhobi Ghat, Old Suraj Nagri, Abohar, Post Office Abohar, Distt Fazilka, Punjab, 152116. Have Changed My Name from GURVINDER KAUR DHAMIJA to GURVINDER KAUR.

I Megha bedi W/o Arjun Bedi R/o H.no:-798,Patel Nagar, Civil Lines Ludhiana after marriage I have Changed My name from megha sharma to Megha bedi.All the concern may please noted.

I Manjit Kaur W/O Pritam Singh R/O Village Chuharpura P.O. Central Post Office (Ludhiana) have changed my name from Manjit Kaur to Manjeet Kaur.

I, Sumeet Kumar Ahuja S/o Sham Lal Ahuja R/o H.No.B-34-2400/64, St.No.2, Friends Colony, Chander Nagar, Ludhiana Punjab 141001 have changed my name to Sumeet Ahuja.

I,Bhupinder Singh Lalka S/o Achha Singh R/o Bagha Purana (Moga) have changed my name to Bhupinder Singh.

I Anil Kumar Sehgal S/o Shri Ashok Kumar R/o H.no- 1138/ 56B, St.no.1, Guru Teg Bahadur Nagar, Chandigarh Road, Jamalpur (Ludhiana) have changed my name from Anil Kumar Sehgal to Anil Kumar.

I, Veena Rani W/o Kamal Kumar R/o H.no. 183/ 1A, St.no. 4, Santokh Nagar , New Shivpuri , Basti Jodhewal (Ludhiana) have changed my name from Veena to Veena Rani.

I Kamal Kumar S/o Puran Chand R/o H.no. 183/ 1A, St.no. 4, Santokh Nagar , New Shivpuri , Basti Jodhewal (Ludhiana) have changed my name from Kamal to Kamal Kumar

I Inderjeet Kaur W/o Narinder Pal Singh R/o Ward No 9, Malout Road, Narsry School Wali Gali, Sri Muktsar Sahib have name changed Inderjit Kaur to Inderjeet Kaur

I Mandeep Dass S/o Amar Dass R/o Village Bilaspur, Tehsil Payal (Ludhiana) have Changed my name from Mandeep Dass to Mandeep Singh.

I, Swaranjeet Kaur W/o. Harkesh Kumar R/o. H.no. B-34-5603/2, St.no.5, Raghubir Park, Haibowal Kalan, (Ludhiana) have changed my name from Swarnjeet Kaur to Swaranjeet Kaur.

I, Mohd. Asgar S/o Meerudin Ahmed R/o H.no. B-2, 950, Kasturi Halwaye, Chawani Mohalla (Ludhiana) have changed my name from Asgar Ali to Mohd. Asgar.

I, Wasila W/o. Mohd. Asgar R/o. H.no. B-2, 950, Kasturi Halwaye, Chawani Mohalla (Ludhiana) have changed my name from Vasila to Wasila.

I,Rajwant Kaur Kalra W/o Harpreet Singh Kalra R/o Flat no.271/GF Eldeco freedom Floors Main G.T Road (Ludhiana) have changed my name after marriage Rajwant kaur to Rajwant Kaur Kalra.

I Shukla Garg W/o Ashwani Garg R/o H.no.17G.F. Sant Isher Singh Nagar (Ludhiana) Declare that Shukla Rani and Shukla Garg is one and Same Person.

I,Ashok Kumar S/O Mohan Lal R/O 87, Batala Road, Jawahar Nagar,Amritsar, Punjab have changed my name from Ashok Kumar to Ashok Kumar Bhardwaj. Concerned note.

I Charno W/O Bakhshi Ram R/O VPO Bias pind distrct Jalandhar Punjab declare that have changed my name from Charan Kaur to Charno. Please note.

I,Kuldip Singh S/O Parkash Chand R/O H.No.533, Adarsh Nagar, Islamabad, Amritsar, Punjab have changed my name from Kuldip Singh to Kuldeep Singh. Concerned note.

I,Raman Kumar S/O Prem Nath R/O 62,Near Nava Kot,Gurbaksh Nagar, Amritsar, Punjab have changed my name from Raman Kumar to Raman Monga. Concerned note.

I,Mamta W/O Amrit Lal R/O H.No.3158/14,St.No.6,Haripura, Amritsar, Punjab inform that Mamta and Surinder both names are mine and one and the same person and have equal value.

I, Sarban Singh S/o Harbans Singh R/o Village Kot Gobindpur, P.O. Dhapai, Tehsil & District Kapurthala, Punjab, India, have changed my name from SARBAN SINGH to SARBJIT SINGH UPPAL. All concerned may please note.

I, SIMONE SINGH SANOTRA Daughter of Rajinder Singh, R/o H.No. 19/7, Mohabbat Nagar, Kapurthala, Punjab, India, declare that I have to change my name from SIMRANJEET KAUR to SIMONE SINGH SANOTRA. All Noted.

I Harinder Kumar S/o Narinder Singh R/o H.No-400, Rajiv Gandhi Avenue, Scheme No-2, Hoshiarpur have changed my minor son's name from Dakshveer to Dakshveer Matharu. Concerned Note.

PUBLIC NOTICE

I Manjit Kaur W/o Raghbir Singh R/o St.no. 22, Shaheed Bhagat Singh Nagar, Dhandra Road, Gill Distt Ludhiana (Punjab) 141116 have declare that my actual name is Manjit Kaur but my some documents my name is mentioned as Manjeet Kaur. So Manjit Kaur and Manjeet Kaur both names.are mine.

I, Madhu Rani W/o Raj Kumar R/o H.No. 62, Street No. 1, Jaswant Nagar, Garha, Jalandhar, Punjab declare that my son Atul alias Vishu is out of my control. So I disinherit him from all my moveable and Immoveable properties. Anybody dealing with him at their own risk & responsibility. I and my family will not have any responsibility. All concerned please note.

We, Greesh Kumar S/o Mohan Lal R/o H.No.482, Nawan Mohalla, Ludhiana declare that our son Mohit Jaiswal, his wife Damini and his family are out of our control. So we, disinherit all of them from all of our movable and immovable properties. Anybody deals with them at his/ her own risk. Ourselves and our remaining family will not be responsible their for his deals.

I Raghbir Singh S/o Mehar Singh R/o St.no.22, Ward no. 61, Shahid Bhagat Singh Nagar, Dhandra Road, Gill Distt. Ludhiana (Punjab) 141116 have declare that my actual name is Raghbir Singh but my some documents my name is mentioned as Raghuvir Singh.so Raghbir Singh and Raghuvir Singh both names are mine.

I Hardev Singh S/o Mehmal Singh Village Bilaspur PO Nangal Shahidan Tehsil & Distt Hoshiarpur declare that my son Amardeep Singh is out of my control so I disinherited him from my moveable and immoveable property. I shall not be responsible if anybody dealing with him.

I, Manraj Kaur, wife of Harpinder Singh, resident of village Kheda Tehsil, district Tarn Taran, do hereby declare on oath that Kajal is the name of my paternal grandparents and Manraj is the name of my maternal grandparents. Both names are mine. I shall be known by both names.

I Jitesh Kaushik S/o Dhanpat Sharma R/ H.no-E-10-818, St.no-4, Basant Vihar Extension, Near Noorwala Road (Ludhiana) declare that Jitesh Kaushik and Jitesh. Both names are of one and the same person.

I,Kiran Rani and Prem Lata W/o Ashwani Kumar R/o H.no:-375,Dr Chaman Street, Bhikhi More Nabha (Patiala) Declare that Both Name are same and one Person.I Recognized by both Names.

I No 1467056H Ex NK (TS) Kuldip Singh s/o Late Banta Singh r/o VPO Jangpur Tehsil and District Ludhiana (Punjab)-141101 hereby declare that in my service record my son name entered as Hardip Singh is incorrect, his correct name is Hardeep Singh

We Rajinder Sharma S/o Chet Ram Sharma and Savita Sharma W/o Rajinder Sharma both R/o H.no.12761, Gali.no.20, Vishavkarma Colony, Dholewal (Ludhiana) declared that our son Dheeraj Sharma and his wife Santosh Kumari Alias Sunaina are out of our control. If anybody deals with them on their own responsibility.

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DC issues directives for prevention of dengue, malaria and chikungunya



INDERJIT SINGH
PUNJAB EXPRESS BUREAU
Ludhiana, August 22

Deputy Commissioner Ludhiana, Himanshu Jain, has directed officials of the Health Department, Municipal Corporation, Public Health Department, and other concerned agencies to take strict preventive measures against the spread of vector-borne diseases such as dengue, malaria, and chikungunya.

Chairing a district-level meeting at his office, Jain emphasized the urgent need for awareness campaigns and proactive steps to safeguard public health. The meeting was attended by Additional Deputy Commissioner (Rural Development) Amarjeet Bains, Assistant Commissioner (UT) Dr Pragati Rani, District Malaria Officer Dr Sheetal Narang, along with senior officials from various departments.

Jain highlighted that Ludhiana, being an industrial hub, faces greater risk of disease outbreaks compared to other cities. He urged citizens not to allow stagnant water around their homes, rooftops, water tanks, and coolers, which can serve as breeding grounds for mosquitoes.

The DC instructed the District Malaria Officer to ensure daily spraying of anti-mosquito chemicals in dengue-prone areas, slums, and open drains. He also directed health teams to organize awareness camps in villages, distribute chlorine tablets, and promptly repair leakage in sewerage and drinking water pipelines.

DC appeals to drug-affected individuals to embrace Tarang helpline

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Deputy Commissioner Himanshu Jain on Friday made a heartfelt appeal to individuals affected by drug addiction to utilize the Tarang Helpline (9779-175050), a transformative initiative launched by the district administration to support recovery and reintegration into mainstream society.

In his video message, DC Jain stated that Tarang: A Wave of New Beginning is a toll-free helpline, operational daily from 10 AM to 6 PM, managed by the District Red Cross Society and District Bureau of Employment & Enterprises (DBEE) in collaboration with Dream Ahead agency.

MC's drive to disconnect illegal water and sewerage connections continues for second consecutive day

RAMAN CHAMAK
PUNJAB EXPRESS BUREAU
Amritsar, August 22



Additional Commissioner Surinder Singh informed that the Municipal Corporation Amritsar is issuing notices under a campaign to regularise illegal water and sewerage connections and recover long-pending dues. For the convenience of the citizens, camps of water/sewerage and property tax staff are being set up in different areas of each legislative constituency so that citizens can come to these camps, get their connections regularized, and pay their property dues.

The department had issued notices to 1310 residential and 373 commercial establishments, out of which 600 connections have already been regularized. However, for the defaulters who have not contacted the Municipal Corporation despite repeated warnings, strict action has now been initiated. As a result, five connections in each zone were disconnected the previous day, and today, on 22/08/2025, the disconnection drive continued.

Today's disconnections took place at Ward Lohgarh Gate (Central Constituency) Rana Fruit Ice Cream, Dashmesh Nagar (Southern Constituency) – One residential property, Mustafabad (Northern Constituency), Batala Road (Eastern Constituency), Chheharta (Western Constituency).

The Additional Commissioner shared that currently, the Water and Sewerage Department has 58,000 registered residential and commercial connections. Apart from this, around 1.47 lakh connections fall under exemption, but due to urbanization, it is estimated that about 1 lakh illegal connections are in use. If these connections are regularized, the revenue of the Municipal Corporation will increase significantly.

Additionally, the department has Rs 29 crore in outstanding dues, and notices are being served to defaulters and illegal connection holders. Department staff is going door-to-door to spread awareness, and camps are being organised for citizens' convenience.

However, action is inevitable against those who do not cooperate with the Corporation. The Additional Commissioner appealed to the public to avoid disconnection by paying their dues promptly and contact the Municipal Corporation to regularize their connections. He emphasized that the drive to disconnect illegal water and sewerage connections will continue without interruption.

Massive anti-dengue operation in Ludhiana



- THOUSANDS OF HOUSES AND OFFICES INSPECTED, LARVAE FOUND POSITIVE

GURKRIPAL SINGH
PUNJAB EXPRESS BUREAU
Ludhiana, August 22

To prevent the spread of dengue, the Health Department on Friday carried out a large-scale Anti-Dengue Campaign under the initiative "Har Shukravar, Dengue Te Vaar" (Every Friday, Strike Against Dengue) across District Ludhiana. Civil Surgeon Ludhiana, Dr Ramandeep Kaur, informed that during the campaign, extensive inspections were conducted in houses, offices, and institutions. Wherever dengue mosquito larvae were detected, immediate action was taken.

Dr Ramandeep Kaur stated that a total of 420 teams were deployed for this extensive drive. The campaign covered two jails and 505 government offices, out of which 21 offices were found positive for mosquito larvae. In addition, 27,429 houses were inspected in a single day. Within households and surrounding areas, 41,215 containers were checked, and larvae of dengue-spreading mosquitoes were found in 79 containers.

She emphasized that the most powerful weapon against dengue is cleanliness and precaution. People must ensure there is no stagnant water around their homes and rooftops.

MLA and Mayor hold meeting with Powercom officials to expedite electricity works in Ludhiana East



PUNJAB EXPRESS BUREAU
Ludhiana, August 22

Ludhiana East MLA Daljit Singh Grewal Bhola and Mayor Principal Inderjit Kaur held a meeting with senior Powercom officials to review the ongoing electricity-related works in the constituency and directed them to complete all pending projects at the earliest.

The meeting was attended by Chief Engineer Jagdev Singh Hans, SCE (East), SDOs, JEs and other senior officers of the department.

Sharing details, MLA Grewal and Mayor Inderjit Kaur jointly stated that special instructions have been issued for the speedy completion of works at Dana Mandi Bahadurke Road and Rahon Road Grid. They also directed the installation of a new large grid at the backside of Vardhman and the upgradation of the Focal Point Grid to strengthen the power supply network.

The leaders highlighted the problem of hanging wires in several areas and announced that "Four-in" boxes would be installed to resolve the issue and ensure safety. They further added that while most areas have already been provided with new transformers, those still requiring them will get new installations in the coming days.

MLA Grewal assured that development in Ludhiana East will not be compromised. "All necessary steps are being taken to ensure uninterrupted and smooth power supply in the constituency. In the coming days, no resident will face electricity-related difficulties," he said.

Powercom officials, on their part, assured that all ongoing works in Ludhiana East will be completed at the earliest, ensuring that residents do not face any inconvenience.

CANAL-BASED WATER SUPPLY PROJECT

Two-day workshop organised for implementation of Environmental and Social Management Plan

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Ludhiana, August 22

A two-day technical workshop was organized for proper implementation of Environmental and Social Management Plan under the World Bank (WB) and AIIB funded canal based water supply project at Hyatt Regency.

A delegation of World Bank officials participated in the workshop which witnessed active participation from the Project Management Unit (PMU), Project Implementation Unit (PIU Ludhiana), and the Design-Build-Operate-Transfer (DBOT) contractor team.

The workshop was facilitated by experts from the World Bank including Senior environment specialist to World Bank, Charu Jain; consultant BKD Raja, Senior Social Specialist Anindo Chatterjee among others.



The PIU team led by Superintendent Engineer (SE) Parul Goyal actively contributed to the deliberations.

The workshop also served as a platform for cross-learning between PMU, PIU, and the DBOT contractor, fostering a spirit of collaboration and accountability.

The discussions primarily focused on revising and strengthening the Construction–Environmental and Social Management Plan (C-ESMP) to ensure that environmental, social, health, and safety safeguards are effectively integrated into project implementation.

Women leaders assigned new roles, encouraged to strengthen party at Atam Nagar meeting

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Ludhiana, August 22

As per the directions of Atam Nagar MLA Kulwant Singh Sidhu, a meeting was held in his office in which women were informed about new responsibilities and party policies. In the office, the newly appointed women were discussed about their block and their ward level. This meeting was chaired by Atam Nagar Halka President Sukhpreet Kaur and Malwa Central Zone Incharge Ajinder Kaur was especially present on this occasion. She also motivated the women to strengthen the women's organisation in the party.

Manisha Kapoor said that in the coming times, strengthening the women's organisation and connecting women from every household with the party's policies will play an important role in this. Harpreet Pannu, Sukhwinder Gill, Sumanjit Kaur, Dimple Wasan and Neelam Lakhanpal and other women officers were present on the occasion.

Spike in complaints over misuse of personal documents

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Chandigarh, August 22

In last 24 hours, Punjab Police has received complaints that some people, claiming to be from a particular political party, are not only collecting personal data of individuals, but are also collecting money from people in the nature of commissions to get their work done from the government.A Punjab Police spokesperson stated that some citizens have also complained that they had given their bank account numbers to the persons who contacted them and that their bank accounts have been emptied of all money subsequently.

Two booked in Mahilpur after man dies following assault

DALJEET AJNOHA
PUNJAB EXPRESS BUREAU
Hoshiarpur, August 22

Mahilpur Police have registered a case against two individuals under Sections 103(1), 115(2), and 3(5) following the death of a man who sustained injuries in a violent altercation.

According to police sources, the case was registered based on the statement of Jyoti Joshi, son of Harbans Lal and a resident of Nurpur Brahmana. Joshi, a tempo driver, stated that his son Mohit Joshi operates a taxi service in Mahilpur.

On August 21, Amandeep Singh alias Ardeep Singh, son of Gyan Chand from Kandowal, along with his cousins Jeeti and Jatinder loaded a wooden table, some boxes of tiles, and scrap items onto Joshi's vehicle to be sold to Iklash Ali, son of Bachan Shah from Chandeli.

Later that day, Amandeep confronted Jyoti Joshi about transporting the goods and took him, along with Iklash, to Mahilpur police station. However, no formal complaint was filed, and Joshi was taken home by his son.

Around 4 PM the same day, Mohit Joshi received a call asking him to meet Amandeep and Iklash near Joshi Enterprises. There, a confrontation occurred. During the scuffle, Iklash Ali allegedly restrained Mohit while Amandeep Singh struck him on the head with a steel bangle (kara). Mohit was treated at Civil Hospital and returned home.

Tragically, the following morning at around 7:30 am, Mohit's condition worsened. He was rushed again to Civil Hospital, where doctors declared him dead.

'YUDH NASHIAN VIRUDH'

On day 174, Punjab Police conduct raids at 365 sites; 87 drug smugglers held

PUNJAB EXPRESS BUREAU
Chandigarh, August 22

Continuing the war against drugs "Yudh Nashian Virudh" waged by Chief Minister Bhagwant Singh Mann to eradicate drug menace from state consecutively for the 174th day, Punjab Police conducted raids at 365 locations on Friday leading to the arrest of 87 drug smugglers after registration of 55 first information reports (FIRs) across the state. With this, the number of total drug smugglers arrested has reached to 26,848 in 174 days.

The raids have resulted in recovery of 509 grams heroin, 1 kg opium, 4930 intoxicant tablets/capsules and Rs 57,520 from the possession of arrested drug smugglers.

GGN Campus Placement Cell organises Mega Job Fair

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GGN Campus Placement Cell, in collaboration with the District Bureau of Employment and Enterprises (DBEE), Ludhiana, organised a Mega Job Fair that witnessed an overwhelming response from students and industry alike.

More than 875 students registered for the fair, while over 45 reputed companies participated to recruit candidates for various positions including Managers, Office Executives, Operators, Accountants, Back-End Support Team, Pharmacists, Marketing Executives, Hospitality Professionals, Production Executives, and Support Teams. Students from GGN Campus constituent colleges—GGNIMT, GGNIVS, GGN Khalsa College, and GGN Khalsa College of Pharmacy—actively participated in the event.

The Mega Job Fair was inaugurated by chief guest V.K Goyal, a renowned Business Leader with over 40 years of rich experience across multiple industries and former Chief Executive at Vardhman and Trident Groups. Speaking on the occasion, Goyal emphasized that industry-academia collaboration is the key to bridging the skill gap and ensuring students are employment-ready. He lauded the initiative of GGN Campus and DBEE in creating a platform that connects young talent with leading corporates, thereby empowering youth to build successful careers.

OTS policy for property tax: MC Suvidha Kendras to remain open on Saturdays and Sundays

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Ludhiana, August 22

For facilitating the residents in submitting the pending property tax in time, Municipal Corporation (MC) Commissioner Aaditya Dachalwal has ordered that apart from the normal working days, the zonal Suvidha Kendras of MC will remain open on Saturdays (August 23 and 30) and Sundays (August 24 and 31) too during the office working hours.

The decision has been taken for the welfare of the residents as August 31, 2025 is the last day to pay the pending property tax without any penalty and interest under the one time settlement (OTS) policy notified by the state government in the past.

The officials stated that the property tax has to be paid on a self assessment basis every year. If the property owner fails to pay the property tax, a 20 percent penalty and 18 percent annual interest on the pending amount is charged by the civic body.

Under this OTS policy, the residents can now submit the pending tax by August 31, 2025 without any penalty or interest. The pending tax can be submitted at the suvidha kendras situated in the zonal offices of the civic body.

Mother-son duo booked for ₹10 lakh property fraud in Phagwara

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Phagwara, August 22

The Satnampura Police have registered an FIR against a mother-son duo from Jalandhar in connection with a Rs 10 lakh property fraud case.

As per the complaint filed by Harnek Singh, a resident of Adarsh Nagar, Phagwara, the accused Meenu Soni and her son Mitesh Soni, both residents of Shakti Nagar, Jalandhar deceived him under the pretext of a property sale.

Harnek Singh, a property dealer, alleged that in December 2022, he was approached by the family, including the now-deceased Ravinder Kumar. They claimed their property in Seth Hukam Chand Colony, Canal Road, Jalandhar, was under mortgage and at risk of bank attachment due to unpaid dues. A verbal agreement was reached to sell the 8-marla house for Rs 1.10 crore, with Singh transferring Rs 10 lakh as an advance to their bank accounts on December 12, 2022.

However, despite clearing the bank mortgage with the advance money, the accused failed to execute the sale deed or return the advance. Following Ravinder Kumar's death, Singh continued to pursue the matter with Meenu and Mitesh Soni, but they allegedly refused to fulfill their commitment.

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Confronting the US

After failing to reason it out with the US President Donald Trump on the issue of tariffs, India has begun to push back at the Americans and question the rationale behind the punitive action. External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar has said India was perplexed at the US logic behind imposing punitive tariffs on its purchase of Russian crude oil. He has gone on to emphasise that New Delhi's energy cooperation with Moscow is vital and must be sustained through investments.

He has pointed out that India's steadfast ties with Russia since World War II had been crucial for technology transfer and the "Make in India" initiative.

He made these observations during his visit to Russia. During his visit to Moscow, Jaishankar held bilateral discussions with his Russian counterpart Sergey Lavrov and later called on President Vladimir Putin, where they reportedly explored ways to expand India-Russia relations further.

He later questioned the rationale behind the US tariffs, noting that American officials had previously encouraged actions to stabilise global energy markets, including buying Russian oil. He highlighted the disparity in treatment, arguing that India is not the largest purchaser of Russian oil, it is China and that the European Union is the biggest buyer of LNG, not India. Also the most significant trade surge with Russia since 2022 did not originate from India.

The US has imposed 25 per cent reciprocal tariffs on India, plus an additional 25 per cent levy on its Russian oil purchases, resulting in total duties of 50 per cent. While President Donald Trump pressured India to halt oil imports from Russia, claiming they fuel the Ukraine war, the US has not imposed similar tariffs on China for its Russian oil imports. US Treasury Secretary Scott Bessent justified this difference by accusing India of significantly increasing imports after the war began and engaging in "profiteering by reselling", unlike China.

India has defended its oil purchases as a sovereign decision based on market conditions, availability and national interest. In his meeting with Lavrov, Jaishankar said, "India-Russia relations are one of the steadiest among major world partnerships since the World War II. He noted Russia's support for India's "Make in India" objectives in defence and military technical cooperation, including joint production and technology transfer. The remark is significant given India's lack of technology transfer from the US despite defence purchases worth Rs 20 billion.

The two foreign ministers reaffirmed their commitment to expanding bilateral trade and preparing for the annual summit at year-end, which Putin is scheduled to attend in India. Jaishankar stressed the shared goal of increasing Indian exports to Russia in a balanced and sustainable manner, addressing non-tariff barriers and regulatory hurdles in sectors such as agriculture, pharmaceuticals and textiles.

During a meeting with Russia's Deputy Prime Minister Denis Manturov, Jaishankar underscored the urgency of reaching the $100 billion bilateral trade target by 2030, calling for the removal of trade barriers and improved logistics to facilitate the exchange of Indian goods.

SPIRITUAL WORLD



ChatGPT maker OpenAI confirms plans to open 1st India office



ChatGPT maker OpenAI has confirmed plans to open its first India office in New Delhi later this year, alongside new data highlighting the rapid adoption of its tools in the country.

Opening an office in India reflects OpenAI's support for the government's IndiaAI mission and commitment to partnering with the government to build AI for India, with India, the company said in a statement.

It will also allow OpenAI to better serve its users in India, including the millions of students, educators, professionals, and developers who use OpenAI's tools to learn, be more creative, and solve problems for themselves and others.

"The level of excitement and opportunity for AI in India is incredible. India has all the ingredients to become a global AI leader—amazing tech talent, a world-class developer ecosystem, and strong government support through the IndiaAI Mission. Opening our first office and building a local team is an important first step in our commitment to make advanced AI more accessible across the country and to build AI for India, and with India," said Sam Altman, CEO of OpenAI.

This expansion underscores India's global leadership in AI, its thriving AI ecosystem, and the growing demand for OpenAI's advanced AI tools among people, developers, and businesses across the country.

India is ChatGPT's second-largest market by users, after the US, and one of its fastest-growing. Weekly active users of ChatGPT in India increased by more than 4 times in just the past year.

"OpenAI's decision to establish a presence in India reflects the country's growing leadership in digital innovation and AI adoption. With strong investments in digital public infrastructure, AI talent, and enterprise-scale solutions, India is uniquely positioned to drive the next wave of AI-led transformation," said Union Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw.

"As part of the IndiaAI Mission, we are building the ecosystem for trusted and inclusive AI, and we welcome OpenAI's partnership in advancing this vision to ensure the benefits of AI reach every citizen," the minister noted.

The country also ranks among the top 5 developer markets globally on the OpenAI platform. India has the largest population of students on ChatGPT worldwide

While details on the office's exact location in New Delhi are yet to be confirmed, OpenAI has officially established an entity in India and has begun hiring a dedicated local team. This team will also focus on strengthening relationships with local partners, governments, businesses, developers, and academic institutions.

Through this local presence, OpenAI is committed to listening closely to users, customers, and partners across India, and to building features and tools specifically for India — designed to make advanced AI more affordable and accessible to people throughout the entire country.

Local businesses and institutions across India are already using OpenAI's tools to tackle critical challenges, such as AI-powered agricultural services, streamlined recruitment, and effective governance tools.

Looking ahead, OpenAI will host its first Education Summit in India this month. Later this year, OpenAI will host its first Developer Day in India, bringing together the country's vibrant community of developers, startups, and enterprises shaping the future of AI.

OpenAI said it is actively hiring for roles in India. Further details about the new office and planned activities will be announced in the coming months. **IANS**

UIDAI unveils Aadhaar-based authentication framework for cooperative banks



The Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI) on Thursday rolled out a new framework to onboard cooperative banks and enable them to deliver Aadhaar-based authentication services to mark the International Year of Cooperatives, the Ministry of Electronics and IT said on Thursday.

The development will give a strong push to last-mile banking and digital inclusion.

The framework has been developed in close consultation with the Ministry of Cooperation, the NABARD, the NPCI and cooperative banks. It will cover all 34 state cooperative banks (SCBs) and 352 district central cooperative banks (DCCBs) across the country, the Ministry said.

Adopting Aadhaar services is now easier and less expensive under the new system.

According to the ministry, the UIDAI will only register state cooperative banks as eKYC User Agencies (KUA) and Authentication User Agencies (AUA).

The DCCBs can seamlessly use the Aadhaar authentication application and IT infrastructure of their respective SCBs.

This eliminates the need for the DCCBs to develop or maintain separate IT systems, saving costs and ensuring smoother operations, the ministry stated.

Cooperative banks will be able to use Aadhaar-enabled services through this framework to offer quicker, safer, and easier customer onboarding.

Account opening will be simpler with services like biometric eKYC and face authentication, particularly in rural and semi-urban areas.

The ability to use Aadhaar to directly credit welfare and subsidy payments into their cooperative bank accounts will also benefit customers.

To further enhance digital transactions and promote financial inclusion in the cooperative sector, the framework also gives cooperative banks the authority to offer services like the Aadhaar Payment Bridge and the Aadhaar Enabled Payment System (AePS).

Cooperative banks will continue to be essential to India's financial system thanks to this important step in extending Aadhaar's influence and reach. **IANS**

Herbal tobacco cessation products unregulated on Amazon, Flipkart, Blinkit: ICMR study



Herbal tobacco cessation products have an unregulated market on e-commerce platforms such as Amazon, Flipkart, Blinkit, revealed a new study led by the Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR)-National Institute of Cancer Prevention and Research (NICPR).

Herbal tobacco cessation products (HTCPs), which are mainly herbal capsules, lozenges, gutkha substitutes, powders, and herbal smokes, are being increasingly marketed as natural and safer alternatives to conventional pharmacotherapy.

"Herbal tobacco cessation products are widely available on Indian e-commerce platforms with unverified health claims and minimal regulatory disclosure," said corresponding author Dr Prashant Kumar Singh, scientist at ICMR-NICPR.

"This poses significant consumer protection and tobacco control challenges. Strengthened oversight, claim verification, and policy alignment with the WHO Framework Convention on Tobacco Control guidelines are urgently needed," he added.

The researchers noted that there is little regulatory oversight or evidence on their safety and effectiveness.

The research, published in the BMJ's Tobacco Control journal, identified 316 unique HTCPs across 5 major Indian e-commerce platforms -- Amazon, Flipkart, Blinkit, JioMart, and Meesho.

A small fraction (0.5 per cent) referenced the WHO affiliation, raising concerns about potentially misleading endorsements.

In addition, 43.7 per cent of products promoted ancillary health claims such as detoxification or anxiety relief.

Only 12 per cent of products displayed age restrictions, and none had functional age verification mechanisms.

The team assessed the availability, affordability, claims, and regulation of HTCPs, and screened product listings, categorising them by product type, claimed indications, presence of disclaimers, regulatory approvals, and pricing.

They found the products were marketed in three primary formulations: combustible products (42.7 per cent), raw herbal preparations (34.5 per cent), and other formats such as gummies, drops, capsules, and patches (22.8 per cent).

Products featured diverse flavours (eg, apple, paan, gulkand) and varied widely in pricing (Rs 15- Rs 1,467), with premium pricing concentrated on Amazon.

Notably, 62.3 per cent of these products carried at least one certification or quality claim. This included the International Organisation for Standardisation (23.4 per cent), ayurveda, yoga and naturopathy, unani, siddha, and homoeopathy (20.3 per cent), Good Manufacturing Practice (15.2 per cent), and Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (13.2 per cent), the study showed. **IANS**

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NEWSBRIEFS

Police launch probe into Maoist killing of youth over Tricolour hoisting

RAIPUR: Police have launched an intense investigation into the "killing" of a tribal youth after a video surfaced, showing him hoisting the Tricolour at a "Naxal Memorial Pillar" on his village school premises, accompanied by children. The youth, identified as Munesh Nuruti, was allegedly murdered on the 16th of this month by Maoists, after a kangaroo court passed judgment on his "patriotic gesture" in the Maoist-affected region of Binagunda, under Partapur police station in Kanker district. **IANS**

Ahmedabad school faces criminal case as Class 10 student's murder sparks outrage

AHMEDABAD: A shocking incident at Seventh Day Adventist High School in Khokhra, Ahmedabad, has left the city in grief and anger after a Class 10 student was fatally stabbed by a fellow student. The tragedy sparked massive protests outside the school, where thousands of people including the victim's family, members of the Sindhi community, parents, and Hindu organisations gathered demanding justice. The crime branch has now booked the school and its principal, Dr. G. Immanuel, for negligence. **IANS**

President Droupadi Murmu discusses space experience with Shubhanshu Shukla

NEW DELHI, AUGUST 22



President Droupadi Murmu on Friday interacted with Indian Air Force (IAF) Group Captain Shubhanshu Shukla and discussed the latter's successful mission to the International Space Station (ISS) a first ever by an Indian. The meeting, which took place at the Rashtrapati Bhavan in New Delhi, saw Shukla apprising the President of his mission, in which the Indian astronaut played a key role as part of the crew. The interaction came on the eve of planned celebrations of the second National Space Day on Saturday.

During the meeting with the President, Shukla was accompanied by Group Captain Prasanth Balakrishnan Nair and Group Captain Punyashlok Biswal, along with Chairman, ISRO and Secretary, Department of Space, Dr V Narayanan and by Director, Human Space Flight Centre, Dinesh Kumar Singh. The President extended her best wishes to the entire team for future endeavours, especially for the Gaganyaan Mission, said a statement on X.

Earlier on August 19, Shukla met Prime Minister Narendra Modi and shared his experience in space. Shukla also shared photos clicked from space and discussed experience with the Prime Minister -- crucial for India's future space endeavours, especially the Gaganyaan mission -- the country's first human spaceflight mission. During the interaction, PM Modi asked Shukla about the changes he felt once he arrived back at Earth after his space mission, to which the astronaut replied, "The brain takes time to understand that we have to walk. It does take a while to adapt back to this environment. When I came back, I was not able to walk, and people had to hold me up." **IANS**

Ideologically against, won't be possible to support Radhakrishnan in VP election: Sharad Pawar

MUMBAI, AUGUST 22



NCP (SP) chief Sharad Pawar on Friday said that he has conveyed to Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis that his party would not support the NDA candidate CP Radhakrishnan in the Vice Presidential election, citing it is ideologically against. "I had received a call from the chief minister Devendra Fadnavis, who sought our party's support for NDA nominee CP Radhakrishnan in the Vice Presidential election. However, I have told him that it will not be possible as it will be ideologically against." He further added that CM Fadnavis had also contacted Shiv Sena UBT chief Uddhav Thackeray seeking his support.

The NCP (SP) leader stated, "The election for the post of Vice President is being held. For this, we (INDIA Bloc) have held meetings and discussed two to three names, and later everybody agreed on the nomination of former Supreme Court judge B. Sudarshan Reddy, who has already filed his nomination papers." Pawar further said, "Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis also said that Radhakrishnan is the Maharashtra Governor and the voter. Therefore, he requested me to extend support. However, I said it was not possible, because he is ideologically different." He recalled that when Radhakrishnan was the Jharkhand governor, Chief Minister Hemant Somen's arrest took place at the Raj Bhavan, where the central investigation agency came and arrested the latter. This is despite Soren's appeal not to arrest him. "Our party cannot support the person who uses power in such a manner; he cannot be supported," Pawar added.

"Even if the ruling NDA alliance has more votes, we will see it, but on the request of the Chief Minister, I have informed that party cannot support Radhakrishnan. I spoke to Shiv Sena UBT MP Sanjay Raut, and he also discussed it. At that time, he also informed that his decision and ours are the same (Shiv Sena UBT cannot support Radhakrishnan), said Pawar. **IANS**

Kerala govt announces ₹1,679 crore benefits ahead of Onam festivities

THIRUVANANTHAPURAM, AUGUST 22

In a major relief to beneficiaries, the Kerala government has announced that two instalments of social security and welfare fund pensions will be distributed as an Onam gift. Onam, being celebrated from September 4 to 7 this year, is the annual harvest and cultural festival celebrated by the people of Kerala. State Finance Minister K.N. Balagopal on Friday said that Rs 1,679 crore has been sanctioned for this purpose. As many as 62 lakh beneficiaries will receive Rs 3,200 each. This includes the pension for August, along with one pending instalment.

The government has also assured that all pension arrears will be cleared before the next Assembly elections. The distribution will begin on Saturday. According to official figures, 26.62 lakh beneficiaries will receive the amount directly in their bank accounts, while the remaining will be provided pensions through cooperative banks delivering it at their homes. For 8.46 lakh beneficiaries under the National Pension Scheme, the Centre is responsible for its share. However, the state has advanced Rs 48.42 crore to ensure timely disbursal, which the Centre will later credit through its PFMS system. **IANS**

Jyotiraditya Scindia hits out at opponents in Guna during meeting with flood-affected people

GWALIOR, AUGUST 22

Union Minister Jyotiraditya Scindia on Friday launched a scathing attack on his political rivals during a meeting with flood-affected people in his Lok Sabha constituency Guna. Addressing a meeting with people, who suffered due to the recent floods and even lost their family members during the flood in the last week of July, Scindia said that many people come during good times, but they don't come forward when people need their support during bad times. **IANS**

YOUTH AT NATIONAL ACHIEVERS FORUM'S CONCLAVE

Dr Monica B Sood exhorts youth to innovate, create and lift India's economy to greater heights

PUNJAB EXPRESS BUREAU
Chandigarh, August 22



The National Achievers Recognition Forum hosted a Business Conclave in the national capital. The conclave celebrated India's entrepreneurial spirit. Chandigarh-based Dr. Monica B. Sood, CEO of Navjivan Group and Chairperson of the National Unity & Security Council, addressed the audience at the event. Her objective was to motivate the youth towards nation building.

Dr. Monica's message to the young achievers in the hall was clear: India's future rests on their shoulders. She pointed to the surge in entrepreneurship, with nearly 80,000 start-ups registered every year, a transformation she credited to Prime Minister Narendra Modi's call for Vocal for Local and Atmanirbhar Bharat. "You have opportunities our ancestors never had," she told them.

"Use these to innovate, to create, and to lift India's economy to greater heights."

Auction notice

Auction of three sheds and three rooms (including debris) will be held on 05.04.2025 & 19.08.2025 now Continuity to 28.08.2025 from 11.00 am to 12.00 pm at Shaheed Kartar Singh Government Senior Secondary School Sarabha, District Ludhiana Interested persons or parties may reach on time and participate in the auction process.

SMC Committee. Contact: 80041-32738

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CHANGE OF NAME

I Narinder Kaur alias Narpinderpal Kaur W/o Darshan Singh R/o Seona Teh & Distt Patiala have declare that both name are my names, one & same person.

I Gurvinder Kaur W/o Satinder Pal Singh R/o 286 Sukhdaspura Mohalla Patiala have changed my name to Gurwinder Kaur.

I Rocky S/o Jagdish Arora R/o # 15, New Soot Battan Mohalla, Patiala, Punjab have Changed My Name to Rocky Arora.

I, hitherto known as Kusma W/o Ramesh Kumar residing at # 721, Mota Singh Nagar, Jalandhar, Punjab-144001 have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as Shakuntala.

I Muskan Chouhan D/o Vijay Kumar Chohan R/o 50-51, St. No.5, New Azad Nagar, Bahadur Ke Road, Ludhiana have changed my name to Muskan Chohan

I Sunil alias Sunil Gulati S/o Roshan Lal R/o 32-C, Moti Nagar, Ludhiana have changed my name to Sunil Kumar

I Lucky alias Lucky Gulati W/o Sunil Kumar R/o 32-C, Moti Nagar, Ludhiana have changed my name to Luckey Gulati

I Gurdev Kaur Alias Mohinder Kaur W/o Darshan Singh R/o Ina Bajwa Tehsil Dhuri (Sangrur) have changed my name to Gurdev Kaur

I, RAJBIR KAUR Spouse of Ex NK Lal Singh R/o VPO: Kular Khurd, Tehsil & Dist: Sangrur (PB), have changed my name from RAJBIR KAUR to RAJVIR KAUR.

I Sukhveer Singh S/O Souun Singh,R/O, 3,Ward No:-3,Cheema (Sangrur) Have Changed My Name to Sukhveer Singh Cheema

I hitherto known as SMILE S/o VIJAY KUMAR, Residing at Village Dhadwal (Maira) Po Ranipur , Tehsil and District Pathankot, Punjab-145023, India, have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as SMILE KUMAR

I hitherto known as PARVEEN KUMARI ALIAS PARVEEN MITTAL ALIAS PARVEEN D/o HARI RAM and W/o DHARAM PAL, Residing at H.No.B-XI/1148, Street No.3, Kacha College Road, Barnala, District Barnala, Punjab-148101, India, have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as PARVEEN SINGLA

I Balveer Kaur W/o Jit Singh R/o Sidhu Patti, Uppali (Barnala) have changed my name to Balvir Kaur

I hitherto known as CHHOTI W/o LAL KHAN Residing at Jatiwal, Tehsil and District Malerkotla, Punjab-148020, India, have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as SALMA

I, Tarlochan Singh Dhami S/O Chain Singh R/O B-37, 513 Street no 11 Dugri Nirmal Nagar Ludhiana changed my name to Tarlochan Singh.

I, Swaran Singh S/O Sukhmohinder Singh R/O H. No. 652 Basant City Threekay Colony Ludhiana changed my name to Swaran Singh Sidhu.

I, Madhvi W/O Dinesh Sharma R/O H. No. 121 Model Gram Extension Ludhiana changed my name to Kamiya

PUBLIC NOTICE

I Muskan Rani D/o Chaman Parkash R/O Sular, Patiala, Punjab. That I hereby declare that my name mentioned in 10th and 12th certificates written as *Muskan* and in Aadhaar card and Pan Card name written as Muskan Rani. I hereby declare that both the name pertain to the one and same person i.e. Muskan Rani . That my real name is Muskan Rani .

I, Karmjeet Singh, son of Jaspal Singh, resident of Village Chupka, District Malerkotla, state that in my earlier passport my mother's name was printed as Raj Kaur. The correct name of my mother is Rajpal Kaur. Henceforth, she should be known as Rajpal Kaur for all purposes.

I Lekh Raj S/o Sh. Ram Charan R/o H. No. 128, St. No.4, Bindra Colony, Ludhiana declare that my son Deepak alias Deepu is out of my control. I disowned him from my all movable 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 him.

I Davinder Singh S/o Ajit Singh R/o H. No. 112-A, New Rajguru Extension, Near Ishmeet Academy, Vill. Tharike, Ludhiana declare that I had evicted my son Harinder Singh and his wife Harjot Kaur from my movable and immovable properties through Pehredar Punjabi Newspaper on dated 19-03-2024 because they were not in my control. Now my son and his wife are in my control. I canceled the exclusion made by me.

I, Amandeep Kaur W/o Hardeep Singh R/o village Bakhshiwala, Tehsil Sunam (Sangrur) declare that in the certificate of my daughter Mehakdeep Kaur's 10th standard, which was issued by PSEB with roll number 1023734935 and serial number 23/2755930, my daughter's name is mistakenly entered as Mehakdeep Dony. My daughter's correct name is Mehakdeep Kaur.

I Kusam Rani w/o late Shankar Das r/o House No. 27, Jeetu Colony, Village Raipur (Mohali) declare that my son Dharmendra and daughter-in-law Satnam Kaur are out of my control. I Disown them of my movable and immovable property. Anybody deals with their own risk

I Sharnjeet Kaur W/o late Baljinder Singh S/o Sukhdev Singh R/o Sunder Basti, Near Balmeek Mandir Sangrur declare that my husband Baljinder Singh has passed away on 28-05-2021. After the death of my husband the legal heirs of his property are I, Sharnjeet Kaur, widow and my three daughters Monika Kaliyan, Ritika Kaliyan, Ekta and my son Gursewak Singh. Apart from this, there is no other legal heir of my husband's property.

I, Ram Manohar Singh S/O Late Triveni Singh R/O H. No. 246/30 Amarjit Colony Jagirpur Bajra Ludhiana declare that my father was two names Triveni Singh and Swami Nath both names are one and same person and belongs to my father.

LOST AND FOUND

I Aruna Devi W/o Dhanpat Rai R/o #Lohara Khas (31/1) Una , Himachal Pradesh -177109 that I lost my Omaxe flat original payment receipt having client id- CRPB30, flat no. 450P19UGF project name Celestia Royal Premier, payment receipt number are - 1697491, 1702923 and 1801010, in the name of Aruna Devi . If anybody find it, please return it to the above said address.

NOTICE to Appear/Attend Proceedings of DLM & SFC-LDH

Through this Publication this is for Constructive Notice for respondent **M/S OXXON COLLECTION** having registered office **SHOP NO.11A, FIRST FLOOR,C/O LE-CLASSIC MARKET, MATA RANI ROAD, LUDHIANA, PUNJAB-141001** to appear in person or through authorized representative before the District Level Micro & Small facilitation Council Ludhiana, District Industries Centre, Ludhiana on Dated **28-08-2025** regarding claim reference petition submitted by claimant **M/S GANGA INTERNATIONAL LIMITED** U/s 18(1) of MSMED Act 2006 bearing reference: **MSEFC/DIC/08/22/2247.** If respondent still fails or omits to appear as above then arbitration proceedings shall be conducted as per section 23 & 25 of Arbitration and Conciliation Act and award shall also be passed on the basis of evidence before it.

Member Secretary cum General Manager
District Industries Centre
Industrial Estate, Ludhiana
Ph. No:- 0161-2540695
Email Id: dicludhiana5@gmail.com, Ludhiana.msefc@gmail.com

ਦਫ਼ਤਰ ਸਬ ਰਜਿਸਟਰਾਰ, ਲੁਧਿਆਣਾ (ਪੂਰਬੀ)
ਨੋਟਿਸ ਜਸਵੰਤ ਕੌਰ ਬਨਾਮ ਆਮ ਜਨਤਾ

ਆਮ ਜਨਤਾ ਨੂੰ ਇਸ ਨੋਟਿਸ ਰਾਹੀਂ ਸੂਚਿਤ ਕੀਤਾ ਜਾਂਦਾ ਹੈ ਕਿ ਜਸਵੰਤ ਕੌਰ ਪਤਨੀ ਕੁਲਦੀਪ ਸਿੰਘ ਵਾਸੀ ਮਕਾਨ ਨੰਬਰ 1811 ਮੁਹੱਲੇ ਕੋਟ ਆਲਮਗੀਰ, ਇਸਲਾਮ ਗੰਜ ਲੁਧਿਆਣਾ ਦੀ ਵਸੀਅਤ ਖਾਨਗੀ ਮਿਤੀ 07.10.2008 (ਉਹਨਾਂ ਦੀ ਮੌਤ ਮਿਤੀ 09.10.2010) ਉਹਨਾਂ ਵੱਲੋਂ ਜਗਦੇਵ ਸਿੰਘ ਪੁੱਤਰ ਪਾਲ ਸਿੰਘ ਵਾਸੀ ਮਕਾਨ ਨੰਬਰ 9208 ਚੰਦਰ ਲੋਕ ਕਲੋਨੀ ਰਾਹੋਂ ਰੋਡ ਲੁਧਿਆਣਾ ਦੁਆਰਾ ਭਾਰਤੀ ਰਜਿਸਟਰੇਸ਼ਨ ਐਕਟ 1908 ਦੀ ਧਾਰਾ 40(1) ਅਧੀਨ ਇਸ ਦਫ਼ਤਰ ਵਿੱਚ ਰਜਿਸਟਰ ਕਰਨ ਹਿੱਤ ਪੇਸ਼ ਕੀਤੀ ਹੈ। ਜਸਵੰਤ ਕੌਰ ਦੇ ਕਾਨੂੰਨੀ ਵਾਰਸ ਜਾ ਕਿਸੇ ਹੋਰ ਨੂੰ ਇਹ ਵਸੀਅਤ ਰਜਿਸਟਰ ਕਰਨ ਸਬੰਧੀ ਜੇਕਰ ਕੋਈ ਇਤਰਾਜ਼ ਹੋਵੇ ਤਾਂ ਉਹ ਇਸ ਨੋਟਿਸ ਦੇ ਅਖ਼ਬਾਰ ਵਿੱਚ ਪ੍ਰਕਾਸ਼ਨ ਦੀ ਮਿਤੀ ਤੋਂ 15 ਦਿਨਾਂ ਦੇ ਅੰਦਰ-ਅੰਦਰ ਇਸ ਦਫ਼ਤਰ ਵਿੱਚ ਅਸਾਲਤਨ ਜਾ ਵਕਾਲਤਨ ਪੇਸ਼ ਹੋ ਕੇ ਅਪਣਾ ਇਤਰਾਜ਼ ਲਿਖਤੀ ਰੂਪ ਵਿੱਚ ਪੇਸ਼ ਕਰਨ। ਦੱਸੀ ਮਿਆਦ ਪੂਰੀ ਹੋਣ ਤੇ ਕਿਸੇ ਇਤਰਾਜ਼ ਨੂੰ ਨਹੀ ਵਿਚਾਰਿਆ ਜਾਂਵੇਗਾ ਅਤੇ ਜਸਵੰਤ ਕੌਰ ਵੱਲੋਂ ਕੀਤੀ ਗਈ ਖਾਨਗੀ ਵਸੀਅਤ ਨਿਯਮਾਂ ਅਨੁਸਾਰ ਰਜਿਸਟਰਡ ਕਰ ਦਿੱਤੀ ਜਾਵੇਗੀ। ਮਿਤੀ 20.8.2025 ਨੂੰ ਮੇਰੇ ਦਸਤਖਤ ਅਤੇ ਮੋਹਰ ਨਾਲ ਇਹ ਨੋਟਿਸ ਜਾਰੀ ਹੋਇਆ ਹੈ।

ਸਬ ਰਜਿਸਟਰਾਰ, ਲੁਧਿਆਣਾ (ਪੂਰਬੀ)

PUBLIC NOTICE

I, Raj Paul S/o Sh. Hukam Chand, R/o H. no.120/B, St. no.1, New Shimlapuri, Ludhiana. (Aadhaar card no.4067 4123 6784) is the owner in possession of a property/house, measuring 150 Sq.yards, comprised in khasra no.587/507 to 510, khata no.387/477, as per Jamabandi for the year 2003-04, (khata no. 389/410, as per jamabandi for the year 2008-09), situated at Village Daba, Hadbast no.262, locality known as Mohalla Gobindsar, Tehsil & Distt.Ludhiana, as per Sale deed bearing vasika no.7507 dated 21/06/2006. At the time of the registration of the above referred original Sale deed bearing vasika no.7507 dated 21/06/2006. The previous owner handed over original previous sale deed bearing vasika no.5853 dated 17/07/2000 to me. Inadvertently, the original previous Sale Deed bearing vasika no.5853 dated 17/07/2000 has been lost somewhere and is not traceable. I have tried my best to locate the same but could not locate it. Neither I nor the other owner or the previous owner have created any charge, lien, mortgage, gift, exchange etc. in favour of any person, bank, company, firm, financial institution etc. on the above mentioned property by deposit of the above referred original previous Sale Deed bearing vasika no.5853 dated 17/07/2000. Through this notice, it is request to the General Public that if anybody find the above referred original Sale Deed bearing vasika no.5853 dated 17/07/2000, he/she may please send the same to the above address Or Indian Overseas Bank, Millerganj Branch, Ludhiana, through its Manager.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Whereas Bhagwan Kaur d/o Darbara Singh son of Budh Singh wife of Late Chet Singh son of S. Bakhtawar Singh of Bathinda died on 05.10.2024 leaving behind one daughter Harjot Kaur, whereas her son Gurjot Singh pre-deceased her, leaving behind as his natural heirs widow Ranjit Kaur, son Tarunvir Singh & daughter ________.

Bhagwan Kaur was owner in possession of 1/3 share of showroom 756.24 Sq. yards, duly constructed Triple Storey building MC No. MCB No. Z-2-11786 / 001 situated on 100 Ft. wide road, Near Maheshwari Chowk, Bathinda, known as Natha Singh Complex, Bathinda, besides her other properties. Bhagwan Kaur during her life time, with her sweet will, had executed a Registered Will No.383 dated 27.09.2023, in favour of her daughter Harjot Kaur and the same was neither cancelled, revoked, withdrawn, challenged or set aside by any court till date. So, Harjot Kaur succeeded the 1/3 share of Bhagwan Kaur in abovesaid show room & no one else has got any right, title or concern with it, in any manner. Mutation no.114819 has also already been sanctioned regarding inheritance of Smt. Bhawan Kaur, in favour of Smt. Harjot Kaur.

The United India Ins. Co. ltd., 100' Rd, Divisional office, Bathinda is to make payment of rent to Smt. Harjot Kaur daughter of Bhagwan Kaur and if any one has got any objection, then the same may be filed within fortnight from today with United India Ins. Co. Ltd, Bathinda and afterwards no objection of any person will be entertained nor allowed to be raised.

PUBLIC NOTICE

I Poonam Khetrapal W/O Mr. A. Didar Singh And Mother of Sonalini Khetrapal R/O C-217A, Defence Colony , New Delhi Have Declared That Mr. Jyoti Trehan is my Ex Husband And biological Father of my Daughter Sonalini Khetrapal. In Educational certificates of my Daughter Sonalini Khetrapal the Name of my Second Husband Mr. A. Didar Singh Wrongly Mentioned as her Father instead of her biological Father Mr. Jyoti Trehan. The Name of her biological Father Mr. Jyoti Trehan to be Inserted in her Educational Certificate instead of Mr. A. Didar Singh. All Concern Please Note.

PUBLIC NOTICE



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

Subject :-Transfer of Ownership in respect of Residential Site No. 74, Sector 15-A, Chandigarh (RP 10863) to the extent of 100.00% share on the basis of Registered Will of Late Mohinder Paul Agnihotri.

It is notified for the information of general public and all concerned that as per record of this office Sh. Mohinder Paul Agnihotri is the owner of Residential Site No. 74, Sector 15-A, Chandigarh to the extent of 100.00% Share.

It has been informed by Nirmal Agnihotri that Sh. Mohinder Paul Agnihotri expired on 21.06.2025 and She has also intimated the following legal heirs of the deceased owner:- (1) Kavin Agnihotri-Grandson, (2) Sameer Agnihotri-Son (Deceased), (3) Rashmi Sharma- Daughter in Law, (4) Naomi Agnihotri-Granddaughter , (5) Nirmal Agnihotri-Wife , (6) Nidhi Manchanda-Daughter

Now, Nirmal Agnihotri has applied for the Transfer of Ownership in respect of Residential Site No. 74, Sector 15-A, Chandigarh to the extent of 100.00% Share held by Late Sh. Mohinder Paul Agnihotri in her favour, on the basis of Registered Will dated 27.02.2023 . 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 applicant, he/she/they may furnish the same in writing (supported with affidavit duly attested by Magistrate/ Notary) in the office of the undersigned within 30 days from the date of publication of this notice, failing which the said share in the said property will be mutated accordingly in the name of above said beneficiary 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

Bajaj Finance Limited

Registered Office : Bajaj Finance Limited, C/o Bajaj Auto Limited Complex Mumbai Pune Road Akurdi Pune 411035
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Possession Notice (FOR IMMOVABLE PROPERTY)

(As per Appendix IV read with rule 8(1) of the Security Interest Enforcement Rules, 2002)

Whereas, the undersigned being the Authorized Officer of Bajaj Finance Limited (BFL). under the provisions of the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financials Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act,2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under Sec.13(12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued demand by registered post ("Notice") calling upon the Borrowers/Co-borrowers mentioned hereunder to repay the amount mentioned in the notice U/s.13(2) of the said Act within a period of 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

The Borrowers/Mortgagors/Guarantors named below having failed to repay the said amount, notice is hereby given to the Borrowers/ Mortgagors/ Guarantors and public in general that the undersigned has taken Possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on me under Sec.13(4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.

The borrowers in particular and public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the said property and any dealing with this property will be subject to the charge of the Bajaj Finance Limited. for the amount mentioned herein below along with interest thereon at contracted rate.

The borrower's attention is invited to provisions of sub-section (8) of section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets

Loan Account No. /Name of the Borrower(s)/ Mortgagor(s)/Guarantor(s) & Addresses	Description of the Secured Immovable Property	Demand Notice Date & Amt. / Possession Date
LAN: SPPI/ P5U7PBL3978163 & P520PBL7764975 1. **Mr. Rajesh Kumar Gandotra** S/o Jagan Nath, Berian Mohala P Most Office, Dinanagar, Gurdaspur-143531, Punjab. 2. **Saneha Saneha** W/o Rajesh Kumar Gandotra, Berian Mohala P Most Office, Dinanagar, Gurdaspur-143531, Punjab.	All the piece and parcel of khasra no- 145/2 (130-19), 145/2 (9-15), 145/2 (0-15), 145/2 (0-14), 145/2 (1-0), 145/2 (0-8), 145/2 (2-17), Wakia rakba Village-Dina Nagar, Hadbast no- 290, Tehsil- Din Nagar, District-Gurdaspur along with proportionate share in common areas. **Boundaries: As Per Documents:** East: Karan Kumar, West: Malki Railway, North: Street 11'wide, South: Sukhwinder Singh, **As Per Site Visit:** East: Sukhwinder Singh, West: Work Shop, Railway Road, North: Street 11'wide, South: Other property office.	12.05.2025 & Rs. 30,88,227.48/- SYMBOLIC POSSESSION DATE 21.08.2025 at 1.30 PM to 2 PM

Place : Gurdaspur
Dated : 22.08.2025

Authorised Officer,
For M/s Bajaj Finance Limited

PUBLIC NOTICE



BEFORE SH. Naveen DANICS, Assistant Estate Officer (Exercising the powers of the Estate Officer) U.T., Chandigarh

Subject: Regarding Transfer of ownership in respect of Respect RESIDENTIAL Site No. 1157, SECTOR 21-B, Chandigarh to the extent of 25.00% share on the basis of Family Transfer Deed registered at Sr. No. 5721, Book No. 1, Vol. No. , Page No. , dated 19-12-2018.

It is notified for the information of general public and all concerned that as per record of this office **Smt. PREM LATA DUGGAL** is the owner/lessee of **RESIDENTIAL Site No. 1157, SECTOR 21-B, Chandigarh,** to the extent of **25.00%** share.

It has been informed by Sh. VIVEK DUGGAL that Smt. **PREM LATA DUGGAL** owner of above said property to the extent of **25.00%** share had executed **Family Transfer** Deed to the extent of **25.00%** share in favour of VIVEK DUGGAL on 19-12-2018 and same has been registered at Sr. No. 5721, **Book No. 1, Vol. No. , Page No. , dated** 19-12-2018 in the office of Sub-Registrar, U.T., Chandigarh. Now VIVEK DUGGAL has applied for the transfer of **25.00%** share of above said property in his favour on the basis of **Family Transfer** Deed dated 19-12-2018.

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

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

PUBLIC NOTICE





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

Subject :-Transfer of Lease hold rights in respect of Residential Site No. 1305/1, Sector 30-B, Chandigarh (AH 1305/1/30-B) to the extent of 50.00% share on the basis of Intestate Death of Late Sh. Ram Charan Sharma.

It is notified for the information of general public and all concerned that as per record of this office Sh. Ram Charan Sharma is the owner of Residential Site No. 1305/1, Sector 30-B, Chandigarh to the extent of 100.00% Share.

It has been informed by Raj Kumar Sharma, Shivani Kaushal, Raj Prabha that Sh. Ram Charan Sharma expired on 18.09.1984 and they have also intimated the following legal heirs of the deceased owner:- (1) Kanu Priya-Granddaughter, (2) Dheeraj Batish-Grandson, (3) Naresh Kumar Batish-Son in law (Deceased), (4) Harvinder Singh Mann-Son in law, (5) Preeti Mann-Granddaughter, (6) Vinod Kumar Sharma- Son (Deceased), (7) Suneel Batish- Daughter (Deceased), (8) Raj Prabha- Daughter, (9) Raj Kumar Sharma-Son, (10) Charu Mann-Granddaughter , (11) Dolli Sharma-Daughter (Deceased), (12) Neha- Granddaughter, (13) Shivani Kaushal- Daughter (14) Raj Rani-Wife (Deceased), (15) Indra Sharma-Daughter in Law, (16) Manu Priya- Granddaughter

Now, Raj Kumar Sharma, Shivani Kaushal, Raj Prabha have applied for the Transfer of Lease Rights in respect of Residential Site No. 1305/1, Sector 30-B, Chandigarh to the extent of 50.00% Share held by Late Sh. Ram Charan Sharma in their favour, on the basis of Intestate Death. 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

ਗਰੇਟਰ ਮੁਹਾਲੀ ਏਰੀਆ ਡਿਵੈਲਪਮੈਂਟ ਅਥਾਰਿਟੀ
ਪੁੱਡਾ ਭਵਨ, ਸੈਕਟਰ 62, ਐਸ.ਏ.ਐਸ. ਨਗਰ।



(ਜਨਤਕ ਸੂਚਨਾ)



(ਮ੍ਰਿਤਕ ਅਲਾਟੀ) ਲਾਭ ਪਾਤਰ

ਐਲ.ਓ.ਆਈ ਨੰ: 27473 ਮਿਤੀ 27-06-2017, ਕਮਰਸੀਅਲ ਐਸ.ਸੀ.ਓ. 100 ਵਰਗ ਗਜ, ਲੈਂਡ ਪੂਲਿੰਗ (ਐਲ.ਪੀ ਨੰ: 82 0588/100), ਸੈਕਟਰ 82ਏ/83ਏ, ਐਸ.ਏ.ਐਸ. ਨਗਰ, ਪੰਜਾਬ ਦੇ ਮੌਜੂਦਾ ਅਲਾਟੀ **Mukhtiar Kaur W/o Balbir Singh Gill, R/o H.no. 29 R, Model Town, Karnal (Haryana)** ਦੀ ਮੌਤ ਮਿਤੀ 13-12-2019 ਨੂੰ ਹੋ ਗਈ ਹੈ। ਉਕਤ ਐਲ.ਓ.ਆਈ. ਸਬੰਧੀ ਅਲਾਟੀ **Mukhtiar Kaur** ਵੱਲੋਂ ਆਪਣੇ ਪੁੱਤਰ **Sarpreet Singh Gill S/o Balbir Singh Gill R/o #1/2 Palika Nikunj, Telegraph Lane, New Delhi, G.P.O. New Delhi-110001** ਦੇ ਨਾਮ ਰਜਿਸਟਰਡ ਵਸੀਅਤ ਕੀਤੀ ਹੈ ਜੋ ਕਿ ਵਸੀਕਾ ਨੰ: 807 ਬਹੀ ਨੰ: 3, ਮਿਤੀ 11-03-2010 ਰਾਹੀਂ **Sub Registrar, Karnal, Haryana** ਵਿਖੇ ਰਜਿਸਟਰਡ ਹੈ।

ਉਕਤ ਰਜਿਸਟਰਡ ਵਸੀਅਤ ਦੇ ਆਧਾਰ ਤੇ **Sarpreet Singh Gill** ਵੱਲੋਂ ਐਲ.ਓ.ਆਈ ਨੰ: 27473 ਮਿਤੀ 27-06-2017, ਕਮਰਸੀਅਲ ਐਸ.ਸੀ.ਓ. 100 ਵਰਗ ਗਜ, ਲੈਂਡ ਪੂਲਿੰਗ (ਐਲ. ਪੀ ਨੰ: 82 0588/100), ਸੈਕਟਰ 82ਏ/83ਏ, ਐਸ.ਏ.ਐਸ. ਨਗਰ, ਪੰਜਾਬ ਦੀ ਮਲਕੀਅਤ ਆਪਣੇ ਨਾਮ ਤਬਦੀਲ ਕਰਨ ਲਈ ਦਸਤਾਵੇਜ ਰੈਫਰੈਂਸ ਆਈ.ਡੀ. ਨੰ: 434353 ਮਿਤੀ 20-02-2025 ਰਾਹੀਂ ਪੇਸ਼ ਕੀਤੇ ਗਏ ਹਨ ਅਤੇ ਇਹ ਕੇਸ ਮਿਲਖ ਅਫਸਰ (ਪ), ਗਮਾਡਾ, ਐਸ.ਏ.ਐਸ. ਨਗਰ ਦੇ ਦਫਤਰ ਵਿੱਚ ਵਿਚਾਰ ਅਧੀਨ ਹੈ।

ਇਸ ਲਈ ਮਲਕੀਅਤ ਤਬਦੀਲ ਕਰਨ ਤੋਂ ਪਹਿਲਾਂ ਸਭ ਆਮ ਅਤੇ ਖਾਸ ਨੂੰ ਸੂਚਿਤ ਕੀਤਾ ਜਾਂਦਾ ਹੈ ਕਿ ਮ੍ਰਿਤਕ ਅਲਾਟੀ ਵੱਲੋਂ ਕੀਤੀ ਗਈ ਰਜਿਸਟਰਡ ਵਸੀਅਤ ਸਬੰਧੀ ਕਿਸੇ ਨੂੰ ਕੋਈ ਇਤਰਾਜ ਹੋਵੇ ਤਾਂ ਉਹ ਇਸ ਵਿਗਿਆਪਨ ਦੀ ਮਿਤੀ ਤੋਂ 15 ਦਿਨਾਂ ਦੇ ਅੰਦਰ-ਅੰਦਰ ਆਪਣਾ ਇਤਰਾਜ ਮਿਲਖ ਅਫਸਰ (ਪ) ਗਮਾਡਾ, ਐਸ.ਏ.ਐਸ. ਨਗਰ ਪਾਸ ਲਿਖਤੀ ਰੂਪ ਵਿੱਚ ਦੇ ਸਕਦਾ ਹੈ। ਨਿਸਚਿਤ ਮਿਤੀ ਅਤੇ ਸਮੇਂ ਤੋਂ ਬਾਅਦ ਪ੍ਰਾਪਤ ਇਤਰਾਜ ਤੇ ਕੋਈ ਵਿਚਾਰ ਨਹੀਂ ਕੀਤਾ ਜਾਵੇਗਾ ਅਤੇ ਐਲ.ਓ.ਆਈ ਨੰ: 27473 ਮਿਤੀ 27-06-2017, ਕਮਰਸੀਅਲ ਐਸ.ਸੀ.ਓ. 100 ਵਰਗ ਗਜ, ਲੈਂਡ ਪੂਲਿੰਗ (ਐਲ.ਪੀ ਨੰ: 82 0588/100), ਸੈਕਟਰ 82ਏ/83ਏ, ਐਸ.ਏ.ਐਸ. ਨਗਰ, ਪੰਜਾਬ ਦੀ ਮਲਕੀਅਤ ਰਜਿਸਟਰਡ ਵਸੀਅਤ ਦੇ ਆਧਾਰ ਤੇ ਉਕਤ ਵਾਰਸ ਦੇ ਨਾਮ ਤਬਦੀਲ ਕਰ ਦਿੱਤੀ ਜਾਵੇਗੀ।

ਮਿਲਖ ਅਫਸਰ (ਪ),
ਗਮਾਡਾ, ਐਸ.ਏ.ਐਸ. ਨਗਰ।

ਗਰੇਟਰ ਲੁਧਿਆਣਾ ਏਰੀਆ ਡਿਵੈਲਪਮੈਂਟ ਅਥਾਰਿਟੀ

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ਜਨਤਕ ਸੂਚਨਾ

ਇਸ ਇਸ਼ਤਿਹਾਰ ਰਾਹੀਂ ਸੂਚਿਤ ਕੀਤਾ ਜਾਂਦਾ ਹੈ ਕਿ ਪ੍ਰਮੋਟਰ ਕੰਪਨੀ **M/s Omaxe Ltd.** ਵਲੋਂ ਮੈਗਾ ਪ੍ਰੋਜੈਕਟ "Royal Residency Ludhiana", ਪਿੰਡ ਦਾਦ ਅਤੇ ਠੱਕਰਵਾਲ, ਪੱਖੋਵਾਲ ਰੋਡ, ਲੁਧਿਆਣਾ ਵਿੱਚ Celestia Grand Premier G+4 comprised of **75** units of 4 BHK (Block 1 to 8) on an area 1.686 acres ਦਾ ਪਾਰਸ਼ੀਅਲ ਕੰਪਲੀਸ਼ਨ ਸਰਟੀਫਿਕੇਟ ਪ੍ਰਾਪਤ ਕਰਨ ਸਬੰਧੀ ਬਿਨੈਪੱਤਰ ਦਿੱਤਾ ਹੈ, ਜੋ ਕਿ ਇਸ ਦਫਤਰ ਦੇ ਵਿਚਾਰ ਅਧੀਨ ਹੈ। ਜੇਕਰ ਉਕਤ ਪ੍ਰੋਜੈਕਟ ਦੇ ਉਕਤ ਯੂਨਿਟਸ ਨੂੰ ਪਾਰਸ਼ੀਅਲ ਕੰਪਲੀਸ਼ਨ ਸਰਟੀਫਿਕੇਟ ਜਾਰੀ ਕਰਨ ਸਬੰਧੀ ਕਿਸੇ ਵੀ ਵਸਨੀਕ/ਅਲਾਟੀ ਨੂੰ ਕੋਈ ਇਤਰਾਜ ਹੋਵੇ ਤਾਂ ਇਸ ਜਨਤਕ ਨੋਟਿਸ ਦੇ ਪ੍ਰਕਾਸ਼ਿਤ ਹੋਣ ਦੇ 07 ਦਿਨਾਂ ਦੇ ਅੰਦਰ-2 ਇਸ ਦਫਤਰ ਵਿਖੇ ਲਿਖਤੀ ਰੂਪ ਵਿੱਚ ਇਤਰਾਜ਼ ਦੇ ਸਕਦਾ ਹੈ। ਗਲਾਡਾ, ਲੁਧਿਆਣਾ ਦੀ ਟੀਮ (ਮੰਡਲ ਇੰਜੀਨੀਅਰ (ਸਿਵਲ, ਜ.ਸ., ਬਿਜਲੀ, ਬਾਗਬਾਨੀ ਅਤੇ ਡੀ.ਟੀ.ਪੀ. ਲੁਧਿਆਣਾ) ਮਿਤੀ 04-09-2025 ਨੂੰ ਪ੍ਰੋਜੈਕਟ ਸਾਈਟ ਦੀ Visit ਕਰੇਗੀ ਅਤੇ ਜੇਕਰ ਕਿਸੇ ਵਸਨੀਕ/ਅਲਾਟੀ ਨੂੰ ਕੋਈ ਇਤਰਾਜ ਹੋਵੇ ਤਾਂ ਉਹ ਗਲਾਡਾ ਟੀਮ ਨੂੰ ਨਿੱਜੀ ਤੌਰ ਤੇ ਆਪਣੀ ਟਿੱਪਣੀ ਦੇ ਸਕਦਾ ਹੈ। ਇੱਥੇ ਇਹ ਵੀ ਸਪੱਸ਼ਟ ਕੀਤਾ ਜਾਂਦਾ ਹੈ ਕਿ ਨਿਰਧਾਰਤ ਸਮੇਂ ਦੇ ਅੰਦਰ ਜੇਕਰ ਕਿਸੇ ਵੀ ਵਸਨੀਕ/ਅਲਾਟੀ ਪਾਸੋਂ ਇਤਰਾਜ਼ ਪ੍ਰਾਪਤ ਨਾ ਹੋਇਆ ਤਾਂ ਨਿਰਧਾਰਤ ਸਮੇਂ ਤੋਂ ਬਾਅਦ ਪ੍ਰਾਪਤ ਹੋਏ ਇਤਰਾਜ਼ ਤੇ ਕੋਈ ਵਿਚਾਰ ਨਹੀਂ ਕੀਤਾ ਜਾਵੇਗਾ ।

ਮੁੱਖ ਪ੍ਰਸ਼ਾਸਕ, ਗਲਾਡਾ, ਲੁਧਿਆਣਾ

Joint Committee to be constituted for making Yamuna clean and pure: CM Saini

PUNJAB EXPRESS BUREAU
Chandigarh, August 22



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Haryana Chief Minister, Nayab Singh Saini said that a joint committee comprising senior officials of the Central Water Commission (CWC), Haryana Government and Delhi Government will be constituted to make the Yamuna River clean and pure on the lines of Maa Ganga. This committee will not only focus on the cleaning of the Yamuna but also work towards resolving other related issues.

The Chief Minister was interacting with the media persons after attending a meeting on "Inter-State Coordination Related to Yamuna Water Rejuvenation" chaired by Union Jal Shakti Minister, C.R. Patil, at Shram Shakti Bhavan in New Delhi on Wednesday.

CM Saini said that since the formation of the Delhi Government under the leadership of Rekha Gupta, developmental plans are being prepared at a rapid pace and their implementation is progressing continuously. He informed that work for cleaning the Yamuna River is being carried out on a war footing. The process of treating sewage water from drains through Sewage Treatment Plants (STPs) before releasing it into the river has been significantly accelerated.

The Chief Minister further informed that under the ongoing campaign, 16,000 metric tonnes of garbage has already been removed from the Yamuna. Rejuvenation of the Yamuna is the top priority of both governments and assured that the public will soon witness a clean and rejuvenated Yamuna River.

The CM said that the BOD level of the drain falling into the Yamuna River from Palla village in Karnal district is 80, and necessary steps are being taken to further purify this water. He informed that there has been a significant improvement in the BOD level of Yamuna water at Okhla in Faridabad.

He further informed that the services of representatives and experts from both Delhi and Haryana will be utilised to monitor the Najafgarh Lake and drain. In addition, the BOD level of the polluted water being discharged from industries in Haryana will also be regularly checked.

To further enhance water quality, 44 Sewage Treatment Plants (STPs) have already been established, through which about 620 MLD of water is being treated every day. In addition, 9 more STPs are being set up to clean another 510 MLD of water.

He said that issues related to the environment and water know no boundaries, and therefore both states will have to work together to make the Yamuna River completely clean and clear. Strict measures are being taken to ensure that polluted water is not discharged directly into the river, and necessary directions have already been issued to the officers in this regard.

The CM strongly condemned the attack on Delhi Chief Minister. Rekha Gupta, terming it an unfortunate incident.

Union Secretary Devshree Mukherjee, Delhi Chief Secretary Dharmendra Kumar, Haryana Additional Chief Secretary Vineet Garg were also present.

Haryana Monsoon session to run till August 27

PUNJAB EXPRESS BUREAU
Chandigarh, August 22



The monsoon session of Haryana Legislative Assembly started today. The possible date of the session was to be held till 22nd, 25th and 26th August. But now it has been extended by one more day. In such a situation, the session will run till August 27.

After the first day's session, Anil Vij said that a meeting of the Business Advisory Committee (BAC) was held today. Many issues are not discussed in the meeting, it was decided to extend the session by one day. Leaders of all parties were present in it. This (Assembly session) will continue till 27th. Anil Vij said that the opposition has the freedom to raise issues during the session, we have an answer to every issue. Along with this, Vij also verbally attacked the opposition party Congress. Vij said that the Congress party is not a democratic party. In Congress, no one considers anyone a leader, no one listens to anyone. This is the reason why even after so much time has passed, they could not decide on the leader of the opposition.

The meeting of the Business Advisory Committee (BAC) of Haryana Assembly was held at the Assembly Secretariat at 11 am today. The meeting was chaired by Assembly Speaker Harvinder Kalyan. The Assembly Speaker, CM and many senior ministers of the government participated in the meeting. Along with this, former CM Bhupinder Singh Hooda joined from the opposition. It was decided in the meeting that the time of the session should be extended by one day.

However, Chief Minister Nayab Singh Saini has prepared the entire strategy of the session by meeting with BJP MLAs on Thursday evening itself. This time also, apart from Saini, Parliamentary Affairs Minister Mahipal Dhanda will have the responsibility of answering the questions of the opposition.

Man held for strangling wife to death in Gurugram

GURUGRAM, AUGUST 22

A man has been arrested for strangling his wife to death following a domestic dispute here, police said on Friday. The incident happened in Naharpur Kasan village in Manesar area on Thursday night.

An FIR has been registered at Manesar police station, they said. According to police, the deceased Nisha Bisht and the accused Rajendra, both residents of Almora in Uttarakhand, had married in December 2024 after a courtship. The couple, who were living in a rented house in Naharpur Kasan, used to quarrel frequently, they said.

On Thursday too, they had a quarrel, during which Nisha attacked Rajendra with tongs in the kitchen. While Rajendra dodged the attack, he hit back on her head with a rolling pin. Nisha fell unconscious and sank to the floor. Still enraged, Rajendra took a scarf and strangled her to death, police said. On receiving the information, a police team reached the spot on Friday morning and took custody of the woman's body.

An FIR was registered at Manesar police station and the accused husband was arrested. Police said he has confessed to the crime. "We have kept the body in the mortuary for post-mortem. The accused is being questioned," said a senior police officer. IANS

One arrested for firing at Elvish Yadav's house; shooter held after gunfight with Faridabad Crime Branch team

NEW DELHI, AUGUST 22



One of the three criminals who fired indiscriminately at the house of controversial YouTuber and Bigg Boss OTT winner Elvish Yadav in Gurugram last week, was arrested after a police encounter in Faridabad on Friday morning. The man who has been identified as Ishant Gandhi, fired over half-a-dozen rounds at the Faridabad Crime Branch team with an automatic pistol, forcing the police to fire back at him in retaliation. Ishant Gandhi was shot in the leg by the cops and subsequently arrested. Later he was taken to a nearby hospital for treatment.

According to police, Ishant Gandhi is a resident of Jawahar Colony in Faridabad, and the police are interrogating him to find out about the other men who accompanied him during the shooting, and to determine which criminal syndicate the three shooters belong to.

The firing outside Elvish Yadav's house in Gurugram took place on August 17 when three masked men arrived at the house in Sector 56 around 5:30 A.M. and fired at least 25 bullets.

Though Elvish Yadav was not at home at the time of the shooting incident, his family members and caretaker were in the house at that time. According to the police Elvish Yadav had gone outside Haryana for some work and fortunately, no one from his family or staff were injured in the firing.

Hours after the shooting the notorious Himanshu Bhau gang had taken responsibility for the firing in a post on social media. The gang had accused Elvish Yadav of promoting gambling and running many families.

The social media post, purportedly by the gang, stated,

"Today, the bullets that were fired at Elvish Yadav's house were fired by us, Neeraj Faridpur and Bhau Ritoliya.

Today, we have introduced ourselves to him. He has ruined many homes by promoting betting.

And all these social media bugs, we are warning that if anyone is found promoting betting, they can get a call or a bullet at any time. So, all those who are into betting, be ready." IANS

HIMACHAL/J&K

CAT dismisses plea for rescheduling JKSSB examination

JAMMU, AUGUST 22



The Central Administrative Tribunal (CAT), Jammu Bench, has dismissed a set of applications seeking rescheduling of the Jammu and Kashmir Services Selection Board (JKSSB) examination slated to be held later this month.

The plea had been filed separately by four candidates on the grounds that the JKSSB test dates -- August 24 (Junior Engineer Electrical posts) and August 31 (Junior Engineer Civil posts) -- clash with the Union Public Service Commission (UPSC) examination scheduled to be held from August 22-31.

The tribunal, however, declined to interfere with the examination schedule set by the JKSSB, saying more than 31,000 candidates cannot be made to suffer for the inconvenience of four candidates, as all preparations for holding the tests have been completed and admit cards issued to the aspirants.

"Moreover, interference with the examination process at this stage would cause a huge loss to the public exchequer due to cancellation of various arrangements made for the examination scheduled on Aug 24 and Aug 31," the CAT bench, comprising Administrative member Pragya Sahay Saksena and Judicial member Sanjeev Gupta, said in a seven-page order.PTI

If we need to struggle a bit for statehood, we will: Omar Abdullah

JAMMU, AUGUST 22



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With the hopes for restoration of statehood to Jammu and Kashmir in the Monsoon Session dashed, Chief Minister Omar Abdullah on Friday said the struggle begins anew from here.

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"Well, If we need to struggle a bit, have to work hard a bit ... That we will do on our part," the National Conference leader said.

The chief minister was attending the 56th School Raising Day of Sainik School in Nagrota and inaugurated Triveni Girls Hostel.He also accused the Centre of intending to use the three proposed bills on prime minister, chief ministers, and ministers to selectively target the politicians.

"For now, in all the cases that have been registered and in which arrests have been made, only opposition members have been targeted. If this step is truly being taken to end corruption, then what has been the impact of the government's work since 2014?" he said.

"No law is inherently bad — the misuse of a law is what makes it wrong," he asserted."I only want to remind my friends in the BJP of one thing — they will not remain in power forever.

The very law they use against others today could tomorrow be used against their own people. Playing with the law will not be beneficial for the country," he said.Abdullah said the matter was now before the parliamentary committee and he will wait for the outcome.

On the recent sacking of two government employees over alleged terror links, the chief minister said,

"This is something you will have to ask the Raj Bhavan about — we have no role in it. PTI

Yellow alert for heavy rains in Himachal; 317 roads, including one NH, closed

SHIMLA, AUGUST 22

The local meteorological office on Friday issued a yellow warning for heavy rains in one to seven districts of Himachal Pradesh for the next four days.

Monsoon activity remained weak over the state in the 24 hours till Friday evening, with Dhaulakuan recording 31 mm rainfall, Manali 18 mm, Kufri 14.6 mm, Dharamshala 12 mm, Bajura 11 mm, Nahan 7.2 mm and Olinda 6.4 mm.

Gusty winds with speeds ranging between 37 and 56 kilometres per hour lashed Reckong Peo and Kukumseri, the Met office said.

A total of 317 roads, including National Highway 305 (Aut to Sainj road) were closed in Himachal Pradesh due to rains in the recent days, officials said on Thursday.

Of these, 157 roads were closed in Mandi district and 106 in the adjoining Kullu, the State Emergency Operation Centre (SEOC) said, adding that as many as 110 power supply transformers and 131 water supply schemes have been disrupted.

Since the onset of monsoon in Himachal Pradesh on June 20, the state has incurred losses to the tune of Rs 2,326 crore due to rain-related incidents, officials said.

The state has witnessed 74 flash floods, 39 cloudbursts and 74 major landslides so far, they said, adding that around 149 people have died and 38 are missing. PTI

Army commander lauds forces for relief works in Chisoti

JAMMU, AUGUST 22



Northern Army Commander Lieutenant General Pratik Sharma has complimented troops for the disaster relief efforts undertaken by them during the Chisoti cloudburst.

The Army commander visited Kishtwar and Rajouri districts on Thursday.

"Lt Gen Pratik Sharma, Army Commander Northern Command, visited hinterland formations and units at Rajouri and Kishtwar to compliment troops for their resilient action, as also swift and successful execution of HADR efforts during Chishoti cloudburst," the Northern Command said on X.

A cloudburst struck Chisoti, the last motorable village en route to the Machail Mata temple, on August 14, leaving 65 people dead and 33 missing.

The Army inducted over 300 troops with machines for the search, rescue and relief operation in Chisoti.

Army engineers on Sunday built a Bailey bridge over the Chisoti nullah, restoring much-needed connectivity to the village and the Machail Mata shrine. PTI

Search operation underway in Kathua

JAMMU, AUGUST 22

Security forces on Friday launched a search operation after reports of movement of two suspected persons in Jammu and Kashmir's Kathua district, officials said.

The search operation was launched in Juthalba area of Rajbagh after locals reported movement of two suspected persons in Jakhol area late Thursday night, they said. The operation is underway to trace the suspected persons, they added. IANS

Shifting of Himachal tourism development office from Shimla to Dharamshala protested

SHIMLA AUGUST 22



Hundreds of people associated with the tourism industry in Shimla on Friday staged a protest outside the deputy commissioner's office against the state government's decision to shift Himachal Pradesh Tourism Development Corporation (HPTDC) from Shimla to Dharamshala, and demanded that the government take back the decision.

Raising slogans against the state government, the protesters termed the decision as anti-tourism, anti-people and against the interests of HPTDC employees.

During the protest, Harish Vyas, president of the Guide and Tour & Travel Association, said that relocating the HPTDC headquarters from Shimla, a town known globally as a premier tourist destination for over 200 years, will have a severely adverse impact on tourism not only in Shimla but across the state.

"Shimla contributes a significant share of revenue from the tourism and hospitality sector in the state and is a major hub for domestic and international tourists. The decision to shift the office is neither administratively sound nor practically viable, and appears to be politically motivated," he said. PTI

NEWSBRIEFS

Two seriously injured in Brisbane stabbing

SYDNEY: Two men have been hospitalized with serious injuries and a third has been arrested following a stabbing in the northern suburbs of Brisbane, Australia. Police in the Australian state of Queensland said in a statement that emergency services received reports that two men had been stabbed by another man inside a property in the northern Brisbane suburb of Zillmere at 6:14 pm local time on Thursday night, Xinhua News Agency reported. Emergency services arrived at the scene and found two men, one aged in his 20s and the other in his 30s, with serious injuries. Both were transported to the hospital. A 51-year-old man was arrested a short time later and hospitalized under police guard to be treated for a laceration to his finger. **IANS**

South Korea: National Assembly, led by Democratic Party passes last of contentious broadcasting bills

SEOUL: South Korean National Assembly on Friday passed another controversial broadcasting bill that would revamp governance of public broadcasters, with the ruling Democratic Party (DP) railroading the bill despite opposition by the main opposition People Power Party (PPP). The amendment to the Korea Educational Broadcasting System Act passed in a 179-1 vote at a plenary session. PPP lawmakers who had been staging a filibuster to block the bill boycotted the vote.Under the bill, the board of directors at EBS will be expanded from nine members to 13. The legislation is the last of three contentious broadcasting bills pushed by the DP that would eventually alter the governance structure of the three public broadcasters -- KBS, MBC and EBS -- by significantly increasing the number of their board directors and granting media and broadcasting associations, as well as related professional organizations, the right to recommend board members. **IANS**

Road accident injures 24 in Northern Afghanistan

KABUL: At least 24 commuters were injured as a passenger bus collided with a truck in Afghanistan's northern Baghlan province on Thursday night, provincial police spokesman Mawlawi Shir Ahmad Burhani said Friday. The mishap took place on a road linking the capital city of Kabul to the northern Mazar-i-Sharif city, leaving 24 travellers injured, some in critical condition, the official added, saying all the injured had been shifted to a hospital in the provincial capital, Pul-e-Khumri city, Xinhua News Agency reported. *This is the second incident of its kind over the past couple of days. **IANS**

Fueling instability across borders, Pakistan poses threat like 'cancer': Baloch activist

QUETTA: Leading Baloch human rights defender Mir Yar Baloch on Thursday asserted that Pakistan poses a threat not only to its own people, but has also turned into a disease like "cancer", fueling instability, extremism, and violence across its borders and beyond. He called on the United States, Europe, and the wider international community to take immediate action to contain the menace. **IANS**

North Korea's Kim praises troops deployed to Russia-Ukraine war as 'great heroes'

SEOUL, AUGUST 22



North Korean leader Kim Jong-un has awarded commendations to the North's troops deployed to Russia's war with Ukraine, calling them "great heroes and patriots," and consoled bereaved families of fallen soldiers, state media reported Friday.

The North held a ceremony to decorate commanders and combatants of the overseas operation unit of the Korean People's Army (KPA) who returned home from the battlefield, according to the Korean Central News Agency (KCNA).

It marked the first time that North Korea has awarded commendation to its soldiers who fought overseas.

The North's leader lauded troops deployed to the frontline Kursk region as "great heroes and patriots" in his speech at the ceremony held at the headquarters of the ruling Workers' Party of Korea."The victory won by the brave soldiers who participated in the war is a great feat that firmly defended the great honour of the KPA, which should never be undermined, and provided a sure guarantee for the existence and development of our state," Kim said.

He said the bravery shown by North Korean troops affirmed that an army from any country cannot avoid the fate of becoming "dead souls" if it fights against the North's military.

Since October last year, North Korea has provided conventional weapons and around 13,000 troops to support Russia's war efforts amid deepening bilateral military cooperation.

In the speech, Kim brought up the "victorious conclusion" of overseas military operations but stopped short of disclosing the timing of withdrawing North Korean soldiers fighting in the front-line Kursk region.

At the ceremony, Kim awarded the title of "DPRK Hero" to commanders and service members for their "distinguished" feats on the battlefield, the KCNA said, referring to the acronym of the North's official name, the Democratic People's Republic of Korea.

He also put the DPRK Hero medals beside the portraits of "martyrs," who sacrificed their youth and lives for the war. Photos carried by state media showed Kim stroking the portraits hanging on the "memorial wall" at the party's headquarters.

A total of 101 portraits of the war dead were seen on the wall, but the KCNA did not mention whether they are all of those killed during combat.

South Korea's spy agency said in April that around 600 North Korean soldiers are believed to have been killed while fighting for Russia, and more than 4,000 North Korean troops have also been injured.

With what appeared to be tearful eyes, Kim also hugged some of the bereaved family members to console them, photos published by the KCNA showed, in an apparent bid to highlight the image of a leader caring for the people. **IANS**

Netanyahu says Israel to begin Gaza truce talks, approve Gaza City attack plan

JERUSALEM, AUGUST 22



Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu said he had instructed officials to begin "immediate negotiations" for the release of hostages in Gaza and an end to the war, while also vowing to approve military plans to seize Gaza City.

"I came to approve the IDF's (Israel Defense Forces) plans to take control of Gaza City and to defeat Hamas," Netanyahu said on Thursday, during a visit to a military base near the Palestinian enclave."At the same time, I instructed to begin immediate negotiations for the release of all our hostages and an end to the war on terms acceptable to Israel," he said.

Netanyahu did not say how or where the negotiations would begin, Xinhua news agency reported.

Israel's Ynet news site, citing a senior official, reported that no delegation is expected to depart for Doha or Cairo at this stage.

An Israeli official told Xinhua on condition of anonymity that Netanyahu and his security cabinet were expected to convene on Thursday night to give final approval for the assault on the enclave's largest city,

The announcement came a day after the military mobilized 60,000 reservists and said 20,000 more would be called up in the coming days.

Earlier this week, Hamas agreed to a proposal put forward by Egyptian and Qatari mediators for a temporary truce and the release of hostages. Israel has not yet publicly issued an official response.Meanwhile, Netanyahu also said earlier this week that Israel would agree to end the offensive only if five conditions were met: Hamas's disarmament, the release of hostages, Gaza's demilitarization, Israeli security control over the enclave, and the appointment of a non-Israeli body to run daily life there which, he stressed, would not be Hamas or the internationally recognized Palestinian Authority.Israeli forces continued bombardments of Gaza City overnight and carried out strikes elsewhere, killing at least 70 people and wounding 356 others, according to Gaza's health authorities. **IANS**

Sexual violence against minorities in Bangladesh reaching pandemic levels under interim govt: HRCBM

DHAKA, AUGUST 22



Bangladesh is facing an alarming wave of sexual violence, particularly targeting women and children from minority communities like Hindus, Christians, Buddhists and others, which has reached pandemic proportions under the Muhammad Yunus-led interim government, said the Human Rights Congress for Bangladesh Minorities (HRCBM) on Friday.

Citing the reports of Dhaka-based human rights organisation Ain O Salish Kendra (AsK), HRCBM noted that 342 rape cases were officially recorded in less than three months during the first quarter of 2025, with 87 per cent of the victims being girls under 18 years of age.

Among them, 40 victims were children between infancy and six years old, while the incidents of gang rapes were sharply rising, with the majority of victims being minors.

According to the rights body, these horrifying figures represent only the tip of the iceberg, and the true number runs into thousands, which is hidden by silence, fear, and state inaction.

"The vast majority of rapes and gang rapes in Bangladesh go unreported due to social stigma, fear of retaliation, and distrust in the justice system.

"For minority women and girls, the silence is even deeper: Allegations of religious bias in law enforcement and lower courts deter families from pursuing justice, leaving crimes unrecorded and unpunished.

"In several cases, headless bodies of women and girls have been discovered across the country, making identification impossible and pointing to the unspeakable brutality of the perpetrators," read a statement issued by HRCBM.

Highlighting the atrocities against Hindu minorities in Bangladesh under the Yunus regime, the rights body stated that despite the baseless charges and mounting public outrage, Chinmoy Krishna Das, a prominent Hindu leader and spokesperson for the Bangladesh Sammilito Sanatani Jagaran Jot, has been imprisoned since November.

His bail petition, the rights body said, which is now pending before the Appellate Division of the Supreme Court of Bangladesh, has received no resolution for months. Since then, it stated that Das has been entangled in multiple fabricated cases, including false allegations of murder.

The HRCBM questioned whether his only crime was speaking truth to power and advocating for the rights of Bangladesh's marginalised.

It said, "His case stands as a microcosm of broader state inaction and complicity — a legal mockery in a system that claims to uphold justice." **IANS**

US court throws out 500 million USD penalty against Trump

NEW YORK, AUGUST 22



A New York appeals court threw out a more than $500 million penalty plus interest against US President Donald Trump in a civil fraud case.

In the 323-page ruling by a five-judge panel, the Appellate Division of the New York Supreme Court upheld the verdict, saying that the size of the fine was "excessive" and that it "violates the Eighth Amendment of the United States Constitution."

New York Attorney General Letitia James filed a lawsuit in 2022, accusing Trump and his company of overstating the value of his properties and other assets to obtain favorable bank loans or insurance terms, Xinhua news agency reported.

In February 2024, a judge found that Trump unlawfully inflated his wealth and ordered the president to pay the penalty, which has accumulated to more than $500 million plus interest. His two sons, Donald Trump Jr. and Eric Trump, were also told to hand over penalties respectively.

Trump called the ruling a "total victory" in a post on the Truth Social platform.

"I greatly respect the fact that the Court had the courage to throw out this unlawful and disgraceful decision that was hurting business all throughout New York State," he wrote. **IANS**

UN envoy warns of worsening political climate amid insecurity in Syria

UNITED NATIONS, AUGUST 22



UN Special Envoy for Syria Geir Pedersen warned of "a worsening political climate" amid a precarious security situation in Syria.

The July 19 ceasefire in Syria's Sweida has come under strain, but so far has prevented a slide back into open conflict. However, dangerous hostilities and skirmishes on the margins of Sweida remain, and violence could resume at any moment, he told the UN Security Council in a monthly briefing.

"And I am concerned that a month of relative military calm belies a worsening political climate, with escalatory and zero-sum rhetoric hardening among many," he said. "Part of this has been fueled by the emergence of further distressing footage of graphic abuses that took place inside Sweida during the escalation."

Pedersen emphasised the importance of accountability, regardless of perpetrators' affiliation, Xinhua news agency reported.

The interim Syrian authorities have announced the formation of a fact-finding committee, tasked with investigating the abuses committed in Sweida. It is essential that the committee's findings are made fully public and that all perpetrators -- regardless of affiliation -- are held responsible, he said.

If future violence and violations are to be avoided, a serious program on security sector reform and on disarmament, demobilization and reintegration is clearly needed, he added. **IANS**

Iran condemns US sanctions on ICC officials



TEHRAN, AUGUST 22

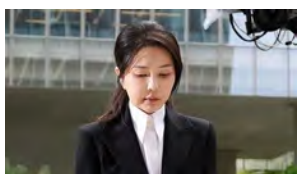
Iran's Foreign Ministry spokesman Esmaeil Baghaei condemned the US imposition of sanctions on four more officials of the International Criminal Court (ICC).

He made the remarks on the social media platform X one day after US Secretary of State Marco Rubio announced the sanctions against ICC Judges Kimberly Prost of Canada and Nicolas Guillou of France, along with Deputy Prosecutors Nazhat Shameem Khan of Fiji and Mame Mandiaye Niang of Senegal, Xinhua news agency reported.

Baghaei said the US imposition of sanctions on the ICC members "for addressing Israel's atrocity crimes is not only an unprecedented assault on justice, but a blatant complicity in war crimes, crimes against humanity and genocide in Palestine." **IANS**

South Korea's ex-first lady not to attend Saturday questioning due to 'poor health'

SEOUL, AUGUST 22



South Korea's former first lady Kim Keon Hee, who is currently under arrest, will not appear for questioning by a special counsel team this weekend due to health problems, her lawyer said Friday.Kim, the wife of ousted President Yoon Suk Yeol, who is currently in custody, had been summoned to appear at special counsel Min Joong-ki's office Saturday morning to be questioned over corruption and bribery allegations, Yonhap News Agency reported.

Kim's side recently informed the special counsel team of her intent to skip Saturday's session, citing health problems, the investigation team said in a press release. It has summoned Kim again for questioning on Monday.

The former first lady's lawyer said that she is in "very poor" health condition due to low blood pressure and anxiety disorders.

Last week, Kim was arrested on suspicion of involvement in a stock manipulation scheme, meddling in candidate nominations for the 2022 parliamentary by-elections and 2024 general elections, and receiving luxury gifts from the Unification Church through a shaman in exchange for business favors.

The former first lady had since been questioned by the special counsel team three times, but she reportedly refused to answer most of their questions during the sessions. **IANS**

Brazilian president rebukes Trump for 'meddling' in internal affairs

SAO PAULO, AUGUST 22



Brazil's President Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva rebuked US President Donald Trump, saying he "should not meddle" in Brazil's internal affairs.

"We need to know how to give people what they need: affection, comfort and treat them with love. That is the difference between governing and caring, because the right word is not governing, but caring," he said at an event in Sorocaba, a city in the state of Sao Paulo on Thursday, Xinhua News Agency reported.

Lula added that he wants to care for Brazil, and Trump should not meddle in the country's affairs.

Stressing that the defence of sovereignty goes beyond protecting borders and resources, Lula said, "It is about protecting the people. That is what the sovereignty of a country is all about. That is why we are not afraid of being shouted at.

In fact, we are polite. I don't yell at anyone."

Last week, Trump called Brazil a "horrible trading partner," saying the trial against former Brazilian President Jair Bolsonaro was a "political execution." **IANS**

Rights group warns of surging violence against religious minorities

ISLAMABAD, AUGUST 22



A leading minority rights group has raised serious concerns over the escalating violence and systemic persecution of religious minorities in Pakistan, warning that Christians, Hindus, Ahmadiyyas, Sikhs, and others continue to face increasing marginalisation, targeted attacks, and social exclusion under the country's prevailing religious intolerance.

Citing a latest report by the Washington-based Center for the Study of Organized Hate (CSOH), the Voice of Pakistan Minority (VOPM) said findings revealed that the state of religious freedom in Pakistan is "increasingly dire." The report noted that despite constitutional guarantees of religious freedom, minorities in Pakistan live under constant threat, with little hope of justice.

The VOPM asserted that central to this persecution is Pakistan's controversial blasphemy law, which has been widely misused to intimidate, settle personal disputes, or extort money. It added that accusations alone—whether true or fabricated—are often enough to spark mob violence against religious minorities in the country.

"Hindus, Pakistan's largest minority, continue to face violence and forced conversions. In 2019, a blasphemy accusation against Hindu teacher Notan Lal in Sindh triggered riots: Hindu shops were looted, a school ransacked, and a temple attacked. Though Lal was acquitted in 2024, his case is a reminder of how quickly allegations can ignite communal violence. In 2020, a historic temple in Karak was torched by a mob protesting its expansion, despite Supreme Court orders for protection," read a statement issued by the rights body. **IANS**

lifestyle



Alia Bhatt flaunts her beach hair filled with sea salt & ocean breeze

Actress Alia Bhatt blessed our feeds with some stunning photos of herself flaunting her wavy beach hair full of sea salt and ocean breeze.

Taking to her Instagram handle, the 'Dear Zindagi' actress posed in an orange beachwear. Her sans makeup look was enhanced only with an orange lip color and messy hair. "Hair by: sea salt and ocean breeze," Alia wrote the caption.

From looking into the camera with her penetrating gaze, to a goofy smile, the 'Jigra' actress's every expression is unmissable.

Previously, on August 7, Alia gave the netizens a glimpse into what her perfect morning looks like. She took to her Instagram Stories and posted a selfie from her vacation in London.

The still showed her sitting on a chair, enjoying her coffee on a bright and sunny day. Alia simply captioned the post, "perfect mornings," along with a coffee and sun sticker.

Alia further treated the netizens with a heartwarming reel from her London getaway, featuring an adorable moment with her actor husband Ranbir Kapoor.

The video had Alia blushing while Ranbir helped her twirl at different spots around London.

On the professional front, Alia will next be seen in an action-packed avatar in "Alpha," where she will be seen sharing screen space with Sharvari for the first time. This high-octane spy thriller is being made under the direction of Shiv Rawail.

The project marks the seventh installment in the Yash Raj Spy Universe, after "Ek Tha Tiger" (2012), "Tiger Zinda Hai" (2017), "War" (2019), "Pathaan" (2023), "Tiger 3" (2023), and "War 2" (2025) "Alpha" is expected to reach the cinema halls during the big Christmas holiday weekend in 2025.

In addition to this, Alia also has Sanjay Leela Bhansali's "Love and War", opposite Ranbir Kapoor, and Vicky Kaushal. **IANS**

Yami Gautam enjoys a cup of 'chai' in Leh with her father



Actress Yami Gautam recently shared a glimpse of her serene getaway in Leh with her fans on Instagram. Posting a photo of herself holding a cup of tea against the backdrop of the rugged mountains, she captioned it as, "The feeling of sipping chai while nestled in the lap of mighty mountains, terrain of Leh, by my papa dear, while he holds his cup of chai. #beautifulLadakh, #allaboutchai lovers."

The post which quickly garnered thousands of likes, highlights Yami's love for travel and simple joys like sharing tea with her father. Yami, who began her career as a model, made her acting debut on television as the lead role in Yeh Pyaar Na Hoga Kam.

She transitioned to Bollywood with her first screen appearance in Vicky Donor, which established her as a promising actor. Since then, she has been a part of several notable films like Kaabil, Bala, and A Thursday.

Her performance in the 2019 blockbuster Uri: The Surgical Strike further cemented her reputation as a bank star. On the personal front, Yami is married to filmmaker Aditya Dhar, known for directing Uri. Their wedding was a low key affair and complete intimate with only family and close friends in attendance. **IANS**

Harshvardhan, Sonam's 'Ek Deewane Ki Deewaniyat' teaser is full of emotions, heartbreak & love



The makers of Harshvardhan Rane and Sonam Bajwa's upcoming film "Ek Deewane Ki Deewaniyat" unveiled the teaser, which runs high on emotions, heartbreak, love and even hate.

The over a minute long teaser begins with Harshvardhan and Sonam crossing paths after they separated even though love between them can be sensed. It shows Sonam and Harsh heading to get married. However, heartbreak follows and the journey of getting back together follows. The movie explores intense emotions such as love, obsession, and heartbreak.

Harshvardhan took to Instagram, where he shared the teaser and wrote as the caption: "Ab Dekhega Zamaana PYAAR, DARD aur NAFRAT, ab Dekhega Zamaana #EkDeewaneKiDEEWANIYAT! Teaser out now, Link in Bio. Ek Deewane Ki Deewaniyat in cinemas this #Diwali – 21st Oct."

The release of the film has been pushed as it is set for a Diwali release. The movie will now light up the screens on October 21. The film was earlier scheduled to release on October 2. The makers of the passionate love story also treated the fans with the first look of the movie featuring Sonam and Harshvardhan.

Billed as a musical obsessive romantic drama, Ek Deewane Ki Deewaniyat is produced by Anshul Garg under his banner Desi Music Factory and co-produced by Raghav Sharma. **IANS**

Tiger Shroff & Harnaaz Sandhu burn the dance floor in 'Bahli Sohni' song from Baaghi 4



Tiger Shroff and Harnaaz Sandhu will be seen sharing the screen for the first time in Sajid Nadiadwala's highly-awaited sequel, "Baaghi 4". Adding to the anticipation, Tiger and Harnaaz were seen burning the dance floor together in the "Bahli Sohni" track from the romantic saga.

Following the success of the soulful number "Guzaara", "Bahli Sohni" adds a vibrant flavor to the "Baaghi 4" album. Choreographed by Farah Khan, the song has been crooned by Mani Moudgill, along with Badshah, and Nikhita Gandhi.

The upbeat lyrics and music of "Bahli Sohni" have been provided by Mani Moudgill and Badshah.

Sharing the dance number on social media, Tiger wrote: When the beat drops... and the vibe hits.. It's not just music anymore it's #BahliSohni ...Song Out Now...Link In Bio...#SajidNadiadwala's #Baaghi4... Directed by @nimmaaharsha...Releasing in cinemas on 5th Sept 2025."

With former Miss Universe Harnaaz as the leading lady, Sonam Bajwa has also stepped into the 'Baaghi' universe with her next.

Sanjay Dutt will also be seen as a deranged antagonist in "Baaghi 4".

Made under the direction of A. Harsha, the screenplay of the film has been penned by Sajid Nadiadwala.

Back in July, Tiger announced the wrap-up of his project, giving a glimpse of his impressive physical transformation.

Taking to his Instagram, Tiger dropped a string of photos where he is seen holding the clapboard. He flaunted his chiseled and ripped abs in the stills.

The 'War' actor shared that he had never bled as much for any film as he did for "Baaghi 4."

"And finally it comes to an end ... thank you for all your love and allowing this franchise to reach so far. Dont think ive ever bled as much for any film. This ones for you #4 coming soon," he wrote in the caption.

"Baaghi 4" will be getting a theatrical release on September 5.

The first instalment in the "Baaghi" series was released back in 2016, followed by its sequels - "Baaghi 2" in 2018, and "Baaghi 3" in 2020. **IANS**

Mouni Roy gobbles Chole Bhature to stay 'fit'



Mouni Roy is clearly enjoying Chole Bhature on the sets of Madhur Bandarkar's much-anticipated film The Wives. In a light-hearted and sarcastic tone, the actress quipped that her director has been ensuring that she stays "well-fed and fit" with none other than a plate of Delhi's favourite indulgent Chole Bhature.

The candid moment shared from the film's set quickly resonated with fans, who adored Mouni's unfiltered charm.

Mouni Roy has been shooting for Madhur Bhandarkar's "The Wives" for the last few days. She also shared glimpses from the set few days back.

'The Wives' is currently in production and has already become one of the most talked-about upcoming Bollywood projects. With Mouni Roy headlining alongside a stellar cast, the film is slated for release in 2025. Industry insiders suggest that the movie will carry Bhandarkar's trademark mix of realism and drama, making it one of the most anticipated films of the year. Mouni Roy was last seen in "The Bhootnii".

Talking about Mouni's journey, the actress rose to fame with the iconic television serial Kyun Ki Saas Bhi Kabhi Bahu Thi and has had an extraordinary journey in the entertainment industry.

She has carved her space as one of the most admired faces on Indian television. Her Bollywood debut aimed with Gold alongside Akshay Kumar, which was both a commercial and critical success. After that, Mouni went on to work in the movie Made in China and now to the latest fantasy-driven Brahmastra Part 1, Shiva, where she played a powerful antagonist. Her TV show Naagin was also a super hit. **IANS**

NEWSBRIEFS

Acer expands presence in Ludhiana with launch of its first gaming store

LUDHIANA: Acer, a global technology leader, has announced the opening of its first gaming store The Computer City located at Kocher Market, Ludhiana. The space provides an interactive environment where customers can discover the latest laptops, premium gaming devices, and innovative tech solutions. The Computer City, the store offers a thoughtfully curated range of advanced products, including high-performance laptops, premium gaming devices, and cutting-edge technology solutions. Designed to deliver an immersive experience, the store allows customers to explore and engage with the latest innovations, from state-of-the-art gaming systems to versatile laptops for everyday and professional use. **BPE**

Screen Awards 2025: A cultural milestone goes digital-first with YouTube

SHIMLA: The Indian Express Group is proud to unveil a bold reimagining of Screen Awards 2025 on YouTube, one of India's most iconic celebrations, of cinema and storytelling. This is not just another awards show. Screen Awards 2025 represents a powerful blend of editorial credibility, cultural legacy, and digital reach. Backed by the Indian Express Group's journalism-first ethos, the awards are defined by integrity and merit. Winners are chosen by the Screen Academy — an independent, not-for-profit body of acclaimed filmmakers, artists, and cultural voices committed to recognising true excellence. BPE

ACC supports contractor in Kangra to build with purpose

KANGRA: ACC proudly celebrates Ishwar Dass, a veteran contractor from Kangra, whose 35-year journey in construction is marked by trust, craftsmanship, and community commitment. Starting as a mason, Dass became a contractor within six years and now leads a team of over 50 workers. A Platinum Contractor with ACC, he is known for his hands-on approach—overseeing site layouts, daily progress, and slab casting, while educating clients on the value of using premium products including ACC Gold, especially for the foundations. His influence extends beyond private homes to government projects, including those for Municipal Councils and Gram Panchayats. BPE

Samsung to introduce the 'Era of Effortless Laundry'

CHANDIGARH: Samsung, India's largest consumer electronics brand, is set to expand its premium home appliance portfolio with the upcoming launch of its Made in India Bespoke AI Washer Dryer Combo, specially designed for modern Indian households. The launch of the new Bespoke AI Washer Dryer Combo comes just in time for the festive season, when Indian consumers actively upgrade to appliances that combine design, technology, and ease of use. The new Bespoke AI Washer Dryer Combo will help Samsung strengthen its foothold in the growing Washer Dryer segment. **BPE**

23 chip design projects sanctioned under DLI scheme: Centre

NEW DELHI, AUGUST 22



The Central government has sanctioned 23 chip-design projects under the design-linked incentive (DLI) Scheme as part of its effort to boost the country's semiconductor design capabilities, the Ministry of Electronics and IT said in a statement on Friday.

As per the Ministry, these projects, led by domestic startups and MSMEs, are receiving support to develop indigenous chips and System-on-chip (SOC) solutions for areas such as surveillance cameras, energy meters, microprocessor IPs, and networking applications.

A total of 72 companies have gained access to the industry-standard Electronic Design Automation (EDA) tools for their chip design projects, the statement said.

Amongst these, Vervesemi Microelectronics, a fabless semiconductor company, announced its upcoming portfolio of advanced integrated circuits (ICs) designed to accelerate India's semiconductor self-reliance and drive global innovation.

Founded in 2017, Vervesemi is among the first Indian companies to export semiconductor intellectual property (IPs) globally, with its proprietary machine learning-powered analogue chain IPs embedded in products of leading international manufacturers.

Amongst the first cohort of the companies approved under the government's DLI Scheme and also approved under the Chips to Startup (C2S) programme, Vervesemi is committed to developing designed-in-India chips that strengthen self-sustenance and foster innovation, the ministry stated.

Vervesemi's ICs are powered by embedded machine learning, enabling self-healing systems, fail-safe reliability, and improved fabrication yields.

This breakthrough extends performance, power efficiency, and precision beyond traditional boundaries, making Vervesemi chips smarter, safer, and more efficient.

"These innovations mark a turning point for India's semiconductor ecosystem," Vervesemi Founder & CEO Rakesh Malik said.

"By building high-performance, Made-in-India ICs for strategic and consumer markets, we are not only driving import substitution but also showcasing India's capability to lead on the global semiconductor stage," he added.

"India's ambition to become a world leader in semiconductor design, envisioning a future where every device in the world has a design-in-India chip," MeitY Group Coordinator, R&D, Sunita Verma said. **IANS**

Allotment of plots okayed in AURIC smart industrial city project

NEW DELHI, AUGUST 22



The allotment of industrial plots to several companies has been approved in India's first integrated Greenfield Smart Industrial City project in the Shendra-Bidkin Industrial Area at Chhatrapati Sambhajinagar, Maharashtra, according to a statement issued by the Ministry of Commerce and Industry on Friday.

The approved allotments in the industrial city, branded as AURIC, span across sectors including specialty food ingredients, paper products, electronics manufacturing, road construction equipment, and alloy casting. These projects together represent investments of over Rs 200 crore and are expected to create approximately 1,000 jobs, the statement said.

Aurangabad Industrial City (AURIC) is a greenfield smart industrial city being developed under the Delhi-Mumbai Industrial Corridor (DMIC).

AURIC is designed to provide cutting-edge infrastructure, multi-modal connectivity, digital administration, eco-friendly industrial practices, and an integrated ecosystem of industries, logistics, and residential areas.

The city aims to provide seamless connectivity to attract investments and support a diverse range of industries.

The Land Allotment Committee, comprising officials of Maharashtra Industrial Township Limited (MITL) and NICDC, considered applications under the priority and expansion categories.

The proposals were evaluated based on project feasibility, turnover, land requirements, and future expansion plans, as per the information submitted by applicants through project reports and supporting documents.

Among the approved projects, M/s. Science for Society Techno Services Pvt. Ltd. has been allotted a 37,388 sq.m. plot in Sector 12, with Mega Project status granted by the Industries Department.

The company will establish a specialty food ingredient plant with an investment of about Rs 104 crore, generating over 325 jobs. The project will feature a zero-discharge facility to minimise environmental impact, the statement explained.

M/s. Su-Tantra Paper Products Pvt. Ltd., which already operates a paper products manufacturing unit at Shendra with a turnover of Rs8–10 crore, has been allotted an adjacent 370.79 sq.m. plot in Sector 5 to support expansion of its operations. **IANS**

India's strong domestic demand to cushion impact of US tariff hike

NEW DELHI, AUGUST 22



The US tariff hike of 50 per cent would hit Indian corporates unevenly, with the labour-intensive textiles and gems and jewellery segment expected to see only a moderate impact while pharmaceuticals, smartphones and steel are currently relatively insulated because of exemptions, existing tariffs and strong domestic demand, according to a report on Friday.

However, capital goods, chemicals, automobiles, and food and beverage exports would face the toughest adjustment, the S&P Global report states.

The fallout from a US move to double tariffs on Indian goods -- from 25 per cent to 50 per cent from August 27 -- in retaliation for New Delhi's oil trade with Moscow will not be uniform, in S&P Global Ratings' view. This will be the highest tariff in the region and will affect 50 per cent-60 per cent of India's total exports to the US.

However, the macroeconomic impact of the hike in tariffs would be cushioned by the large size of the India's domestic market.

A recent Morgan Stanley report had stated that India is the "best placed country in Asia," amid the global uncertainty triggered by US President Donald Trump's threat to jack up tariffs, because of the nation's low goods exports to GDP ratio.

"While India is exposed to direct tariff risks, we believe on balance India is less exposed to global goods trade slowdown considering that it has the lowest goods exports to GDP ratio in the region," the report stated.

According to a Fitch report, the large size of India's domestic market, which reduces reliance on external demand, is expected to insulate the country from the US tariff hike, with the economy expected to maintain a growth of 6.5 per cent in FY26.

Meanwhile, External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar firmly defended India's oil trade with Russia, stating that India is neither the largest importer of Russian crude nor isolated in its dealings with Moscow.

The Trump administration has claimed that the increased tariff is a direct response to India's "increased purchases" of Russian oil during the Ukraine conflict.

Addressing a press briefing during his visit to Russia, EAM Jaishankar emphasised that India has increased its oil imports from the United States as well, and has acted in accordance with national interest and global market stability.Jaishankar also made it clear that India is not the biggest purchasers of Russian oil, that is China. "We are not the biggest purchasers of LNG; that is the European Union. We are not the country that has the biggest trade surge with Russia after 2022; I think there are some countries to the South," Jaishankar remarked.

The minister also highlighted that India is not overly reliant on any single source and has significantly increased imports of oil from the US as well. **IANS**

5 landmark Bills cleared to chart modern course for India's Blue Economy: Minister

NEW DELHI, AUGUST 22



Union Minister of Ports, Shipping and Waterways, Sarbananda Sonowal, on Friday said that the Parliament has passed five key bills in the just-concluded Monsoon Session, that overhauled colonial-era maritime laws and will boost the Blue Economy, enhance trade efficiency, and align with global standards.

The new bills are the Bills of Lading 2025, the Carriage of Goods by Sea Bill 2025, the Coastal Shipping Bill 2025, the Merchant Shipping Bill 2025, and the Indian Ports Bill 2025.

The minister wrote on X platform, "A historic moment for Bharat's maritime journey! For the first time, 5 landmark bills of the Shipping and Waterways Ministry have been passed in one session of Parliament. Under the visionary leadership of PM Narendra Modi, we are shedding colonial-era laws and charting a modern course for our blue economy.The Bills of Lading, 2025 focuses on simplifying legal documents to reduce disputes and improve the ease of doing business.

The Carriage of Goods by Sea Bill, 2025, replaced a 1925 Act, adopting Hague-Visby Rules for reduced litigation and stronger international ties. **IANS**

National Consumer Helpline facilitates ₹ 2.72 crore refund in July, e-commerce tops redressal

NEW DELHI, AUGUST 22



The National Consumer Helpline (NCH) successfully facilitated refunds amounting to Rs 2.72 crore in July, addressing 7,256 consumer grievances across 27 sectors, the Ministry of Consumer Affairs said on Friday.

The e-commerce sector recorded the highest volume of refund-related grievances with 3,594 cases, resulting in refunds worth Rs 1.34 crore, followed by the travel and tourism sector, which accounted for refunds of Rs 31 lakh.The helpline's technological transformation has significantly enhanced its reach and efficiency.

Call volumes have increased more than tenfold, from 12,553 in December 2015 to 1,55,138 in December 2024, the Ministry stated.

Similarly, average monthly complaint registrations have grown from 37,062 in 2017 to 1,11,951 in 2024.

According to the Ministry, consumer adoption of digital channels has also surged, with grievance registration via WhatsApp rising from 3 per cent in March 2023 to 20 per cent in March 2025.

NCH acts as a unified platform bringing together consumers, government agencies, private sector companies, and regulatory bodies.

The number of convergence partners has expanded steadily from 263 in 2017 to 1,131 companies in 2025, strengthening collaborative redressal mechanisms. **IANS**

Make in India booster: izmomicro develops next-gen semiconductor tech, shares rise



NEW DELHI, AUGUST 22

Automotive retailing solutions provider izmo locked in another 20 per cent upper circuit on Friday after its special division, izmomicro, developed a high-density silicon photonics packaging platform.

The stock hit a fresh all-time high of Rs 587.55 apiece, up Rs 97.90 during intra-day trade, after the company's achievement led to India's entry into next-generation semiconductor technologies.

The Bengaluru-based company announced that the innovation will be crucial for advancing artificial intelligence (AI), cloud computing, and future telecom networks. This advancement supports scalability and efficiency for hyperscale data centres, AI clusters, and next-generation 5G and 6G networks.

The company has developed a high-density silicon photonics packaging platform that supports 32-channel fibre input and output, achieving an industry-leading insertion loss of under 2 dB.

It achieved this density by overcoming a significant challenge of reaching nanometre-level optical alignment, using advanced assembly processes, and seamlessly integrating electronics.

The company said in its regulatory filing that the module integrates 32 DC input/outputs, 4 RF input/outputs, and provides high-speed RF performance up to 70 GHz. **IANS**

JSW Sarbloh Motors and Tomcar, USA form strategic joint venture to manufacture all-terrain vehicles in India

CHANDIGARH: JSW Sarbloh Motors, a subsidiary of JSW Defence Private Limited, a JSW Group company, today formed a strategic joint venture with Tomcar USA, a globally respected manufacturer of high-performance all-terrain vehicles (ATVs), for the local production of the TX range ATVs in India. Parth Jindal of the JSW Group, said "We are delighted to announce this strategic joint venture between JSW Sarbloh Motors and Tomcar USA, which marks a significant milestone in our commitment to enhance India's defence capabilities. The TX platform is designed to meet the rigorous demands of our armed forces and security agencies whilst ensuring superior durability, flexibility, and safety. At JSW, we believe in combining cutting-edge technology with local production capabilities to foster a robust industrial ecosystem that strengthens our national security and creates job opportunities." **BPE**

vivo unveils first mixed reality headset

CHANDIGARH: vivo marked its 30th anniversary with the vivo Vision Launch Event & Imaging Grand Ceremony. At the event, the company unveiled its first mixed reality (MR) headset, vivo Vision Discovery Edition. This launch marks a significant milestone in vivo's exploration of spatial computing and immersive technology. Leveraging its extensive expertise in imaging, sensors, and display technologies, vivo has methodically addressed critical engineering challenges in MR devices, particularly in perception, interaction, and computational performance. vivo Vision Discovery Edition is the first MR product developed by a smartphone manufacturer in China, positioning vivo as the first Chinese company to operate within both the smartphone and MR product sectors. **BPE**

Lovely Professional University all set to ban US soft drinks if 50% tariff isn't revoked

CHANDIGARH : Aam Aadmi Party Rajya Sabha MP and Founder-Chancellor of Lovely Professional University (LPU), Dr. Ashok Kumar Mittal issued a bold ultimatum to the United States that if the 50% tariff hike on Indian goods is not revoked by August 27, all American soft drinks and beverage companies will be banned from the campus of Lovely Professional University (one of India's largest private universities, catering to over 40,000 students. Dr Mittal has once again underlined the importance of cooperation over coercion. He has called for constructive dialogue where the possibility of revoking the tariff hike can be discussed at length and a decision fair to India can be arrived at. **BPE**

Huge investments, strategic partnerships position India as competitive chip-making hub

NEW DELHI, AUGUST 22

Huge investments and strategic global partnerships have positioned India as a competitive hub in the global chip supply chain, according to a new report.

Backed by government schemes offering up to 50 per cent fiscal support, India's semiconductor market is projected to grow from $45-50 billion in 2024-25 to $100-110 billion by 2030, said the report in India Narrative.

The India Semiconductor Mission (ISM), which operates under the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology, runs several schemes including the Semiconductor Fabs Scheme, Display Fabs Scheme, Compound Semiconductors and ATMP/OSAT Scheme, and the Design Linked Incentive (DLI) Scheme.

Semiconductor Fabs Scheme and Display Fabs Scheme offer up to 50 per cent financial aid for projects falling under their respective domains. DLI scheme offers incentives up to Rs 15 crore per chip design startup or MSME and 22 chip design projects have been funded till date.

The government has sanctioned four new semiconductor projects in Odisha, Punjab, and Andhra Pradesh this month, elevating total approved projects to 10. Prime Minister Narendra Modi, in his 79th Independence Day address from the Red Fort, declared that Made-in-India semiconductor chips will be available in the market by the end of 2025.

Industry giants like Tata Electronics, Micron, and Foxconn are establishing facilities in Gujarat, Uttar Pradesh and Assam, fostering job creation and reducing import dependency.

2025 SEMICON India Exhibition is expected to attract 300+ exhibitors from 18 countries, cementing India's reputation as an emerging global semiconductor destination.

The semiconductor industry is central to communications, healthcare, transportation, defense, and space technologies and is a matter of economic security and strategic autonomy for India.

A few countries - Taiwan, South Korea, Japan, China, and the US - currently dominate the global chip industry. Recent global supply chain disruptions proved the risk of such concentration, prompting India to invest heavily in supply chain diversification. **IANS**

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BCCI invites applications for senior men's, women's and junior men's selection committees

MUMBAI, AUGUST 22



The Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) has invited applications for multiple positions for its senior men's, women's and junior men's selection committees.

As per the BCCI notification, it invited applications for two national selector positions for the senior men's selection committee, who will be responsible for selecting Team India (Senior Men) across formats - Tests, ODIs, T20Is and any other formats as determined by the BCCI.

"The Application deadline is set for 5:00 PM IST on September 10. After the screening and shortlisting process, candidates may be called for personal interviews for further evaluation. All roles require adherence to BCCI's rules, regulations, and highest standards of integrity," the BCCI said in a release.

The applicant for the senior men's national selector role must have played seven Test Matches or 30 First-Class matches or 10 ODIs and 20 First-Class Matches. The applicant must have retired from the game at least 5 years prior.

Moreover, no person who has been a member of any Cricket Committee (as defined in the Memorandum of Association and Rules and Regulations of BCCI) for a total of 5 years shall be eligible to be a member of the Men's Selection Committee.

As per the required criteria, South Zone selector Sridharan Sharath is likely to be replaced, as he earlier served as junior selection committee chairman in 2021 and was elevated to the senior selection panel in early 2023. With his tenure coming to a close, he appears to be the frontrunner to exit, while either Subroto Banerjee or Shiv Sunder Das may also be replaced.

The members of the senior women's selection committee will oversee the selection of Team India (Senior Women) across formats and age groups. The role also includes vetting coaches and support staff, preparing evaluation reports, and ensuring a strong bench strength.

Players who have represented the Indian women's national team and have retired from the game at least 5 years prior are eligible to apply for the four positions available.

The applicant must not have been a member of any Cricket Committee of the BCCI for a cumulative period of 5 years.

Current selectors Neetu David, Arati Vaidya, Renu Margrate, and Venkatacher Kalpana are likely to make way, having been appointed in September 2020 and nearing the end of their five-year terms. Shyama Shaw, however, could retain her spot, as she joined the committee in June 2023.

The BCCI also invited applications for members of the junior men's selection committee, which will be responsible for selecting age-group teams (up to Under-22) for camps, tours and tournaments. The role also includes organising junior tournaments, appointing captains and support staff and promoting ethical values among youth players.

Former players who have played a minimum of 25 First Class games and have retired from the game at least 5 years previously can apply for the postion.

No person who has been a member of any Cricket Committee (as defined in the Memorandum of Association and Rules and Regulations of BCCI) for a total of 5 years shall be eligible to be a member of the junior cricket committee. IANS

Newlands Cricket Ground in Cape Town set to host SA20 4 final

JOHANNESBURG, AUGUST 22



Newlands Cricket Ground in Cape Town has been announced as the destination for the SA20 Season 4 Final, with Kingsmead, Centurion and the Wanderers hosting key Playoff matches of the competition starting on December 26.

Durban will stage a Playoff match for the first time in SA20 history, giving the east coast fans one more opportunity to experience incredible cricket and entertainment when the two best teams of the competition battle it out during Qualifier 1 on January 21, 2026.

The Highveld will play host to two crunch Playoff matches, with Centurion setting the stage for the Eliminator on Thursday, 22 January and the Wanderers serving as the decider of the second finalist with Qualifier 2 on January 23,2026.

All SA20 Champions have been crowned in front of a capacity crowd, with the three successive finals selling out in record time. SA20 League Commissioner, Graeme Smith, expects similar fanfare for the box office tickets.

"SA20 Season 4 is shaping up to be an incredibly exciting summer of cricket, kicking off on Boxing Day and running through the holiday period," League Commissioner, Graeme Smith, said.

"Durban will host a Playoff for the first time, and we're hoping this will excite the fans, especially because the two best teams of the competition will be playing in that Qualifier 1. We're also excited to go back to Centurion and Wanderers on the Thursday and Friday nights, it's always key to have the venues close together because the matches are a day apart," he said.

"It's always an interesting challenge for us to get the scheduling of the Playoff matches done and done well, especially after an exciting Group Match stage that finishes two days before the first Playoff match. I am looking forward to seeing who will be competing," he added.

The announcement of the venues for the Final and Playoff matches marks the final piece of the Season 4 scheduling puzzle, giving fans around the country ample time to finalise their festive season plans to attend SA20 matches.

"The fans have been at the heart of our success over the past three seasons," Smith added. "I think with the League taking place during the majority of the holiday season, we will see a lot of interest around the country."

The next significant milestone will be the Season 4 Player Auction on 9 September, where the six franchises will finalise their 19-player squads. The blockbuster event promises high-stakes bidding and entertainment, with star Proteas and international players going under the hammer with a maximum of USD 7.4 million to be spent. AGENCIES

Temba Bavuma rested for second ODI against Australia due to workload management following hamstring injury



MACKAY, AUGUST 22

The South African Cricket Team has rested regular skipper Temba Bavuma for the second ODI of the three-match series against Australia at Mackay owing to the ongoing rehabilitation of his hamstring injury, as per the ICC.

In place of Bavuma, all-rounder Aiden Markram is leading the visitors in the second match of the ongoing series.

A statement from Cricket South Africa (CSA) said there were no serious concerns or no long-term issues regarding the top-order batter.

"This decision is part of his (Bavuma's) workload management, as he recovered from a hamstring strain which he sustained during the WTC Final in June," the statement from CSA said as quoted by ICC.

"Although he experienced no discomfort during the first ODI on Tuesday, the Proteas medical team recommended he be rested for the second match," the statement added.

The Proteas had won the toss and opted to bat in the second clash of the three-match tour, with Tony de Zorzi replacing Bavuma in the Proteas lineup. Senuran Muthusamy also comes in for Prenelan Subrayen as South Africa's second change to their XI.

Australia have also made one change to their XI for the second clash, with Xavier Bartlett replacing Ben Dwarshuis. Bavuma was in splendid form in the ODI series opener, amassing a well-composed 65 off 74 deliveries as the Proteas raced to 296/8 from their 50-over quota and set up a 98-run win eventually, thanks to ICC No. 1-ranked ODI Bowler Keshav Maharaj's five-for. IANS

Mumbai replaces Bengaluru as venue for women's ODI World Cup

NEW DELHI, AUGUST 22



In a significant last-minute change, the International Cricket Council (ICC) on Friday announced that Mumbai will replace Bengaluru as one of the five host cities for next month's Women's ODI World Cup, citing "unforeseen circumstances".

The decision comes after the M Chinnaswamy Stadium in Bengaluru failed to secure the required administrative and security clearances, rendering it ineligible to host matches in the tournament starting September 30. The DY Patil Stadium in Navi Mumbai will now host up to five fixtures including the tournament opener, a semifinal and potentially the final on November 2.

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"The stage is set, and I am confident this tournament will capture imaginations and inspire a new generation of fans," he added. The decision to drop Bengaluru comes in the wake of a tragic stampede on June 4, during Royal Challengers Bengaluru's IPL victory celebrations outside the stadium, which claimed the lives of 11 fans. PTI

Proteas' Matthew Breetzke makes history with 50-plus runs in his first four ODIs

MACKAY (AUSTRALIA), AUGUST 22



South Africa wicketkeeper batter Matthew Breetzke created history on Friday as he became the first batter in ODI history to start his career with four consecutive scores of 50-plus. Breetzke achieved the feat during the second ODI against Australia after scoring a powerful 88 off 78 at the Great Barrier Reef Arena, surpassing former India cricketer Navjot Singh Sidhu's 48-year-old record.

Notably, Sidhu had started his career with four consecutive fifties, but those came across five matches, while Breetzke has played only four ODIs and scored half-centuries in each.

Breetzke already holds a world record to his name, having become the player with the highest score on ODI debut when he smashed 150, his first 50-plus score in his first match against New Zealand in Lahore earlier this year. His second half-century came in the same series against Pakistan, in which he scored 83.

The wicketkeeper-batter played a 57-run knock in the opening match of the three-match series, which the Proteas won by 98 runs, courtesy of spinner Keshav Maharaj's fifer. The 26-year-old came to bat at number four on Friday, and his innings saw him score eight boundaries and two maximums before he was dismissed by Nathan Ellis and fell short of his century.

Breetzke's innings helped stabilise the Proteas innings after two early wickets, with Aiden Markram and Ryan Rickelton both falling early on in the powerplay. Breetzke stitched together handy partnerships with both Tony de Zorzi (38) and Tristan Stubbs (74). Stubbs' knock came off 97 balls and was studded with three fours and one six.

After Breetzke's dismissal, the Proteas lost wickets in quick succession and are currently reeling at 264/9 with Nandre Burger and Lungi Ngidi at the crease. They were eventually bundled out for 277 in 49.1 overs.

Breetzke secured an IPL contract and made his debut for the Lucknow Super Giants in this year's tournament. However, he had limited opportunities, featuring in just one match where he scored 14 runs. IANS

Ito, Tjen set all-Asian meeting in US Open final qualifying round

NEW YORK, AUGUST 22



No. 3 seed Aoi Ito and fast-rising Janice Tjen set up an all-Asian matchup in the final round of US Open qualifying for a berth in the main draw.

Japanese 21-year-old Ito, who has scored upsets over Jasmine Paolini and Anastasia Pavlyuchenkova this summer, came through a see-saw contest over Spain's Guiomar Maristany Zuleta De Reales 6-0, 1-6, 6-1.

Meanwhile, Tjen of Indonesia notched her 99th match win since graduating last May with a 7-5, 7-5 win over Poland's Maja Chwalinska, coming from 5-3 down and saving two set points in the first set.

Tjen, 23, is bidding to become the first Indonesian player in a Grand Slam main draw since Angelique Widjaja at the 2004 US Open.

Wednesday's qualifying action was a near-washout due to persistent rain. Only eight women's matches were started, and none were completed; as a result, the entire second round was postponed to Thursday, with the scheduled final round pushed to Friday. IANS

Subroto Cup: Chandigarh, Sikkim & Meghalaya's U-17 girls shine on Day 4

NEW DELHI, AUGUST 22



Day 4 of the Subroto Cup Junior Girls (U-17) category saw a mix of dominant wins and closely fought draws across multiple venues.

Kerala's Lal Bahadur Shastri Memorial School, Thrissur, sealed a 2-0 win over Harish Pawar Higher Secondary School, Nainital, Uttarakhand, while Chhattisgarh's Mata Rukhmani Kanya Ashram registered a 3-0 victory over PM Shri Govt. Mahatma Gandhi Sr. Sec. School, Androtti, Lakshadweep. Assam's Betkuchi High School and Sri Lanka School Football Association, along with APS Noida and Bihar's Upgraded High School, Bilaspur, played out goalless draws.

West Bengal's Nandajhar Adibashi Pashili High School continued their winning form with a 2-0 triumph over PM Shri KV Senior School, Hazaribagh, Jharkhand. Sikkim's PM Shri Tashi Namgyal Sr. Sec. School also impressed, defeating Delhi's Bharti Public School 3-0. Meanwhile, Rudrapur's Amenity Public School (CBSE) held Spring Field Hr. Sec. School (NCC) to a 1-1 draw, and Nagaland's Govt. High School, Meriema, shared points with JNV Purulia, Mawphlang (NVS) after a 0-0 result.

The highlight of the day came from Meghalaya's Nongjri Presbyterian Secondary School, who produced a thumping 12-0 win over Coast Guard Public School (DNH & DD), led by Dapni's seven-goal show. Maharashtra's Krida Prabodhini, Pune, also registered a massive 20-0 victory against Air Force School, Chakeri. IANS

Pro Kabaddi League announces revamped high-intensity format for Season 12

MUMBAI, AUGUST 22



The Pro Kabaddi League (PKL) on Friday announced significant format changes for Season 12, introducing an enhanced league stage and revamped Playoff structure designed to intensify competition and provide fans with more thrilling kabaddi action. The upcoming season – commencing on August 29 – will travel to Vizag, Jaipur, Chennai, and Delhi, bringing the PKL experience closer to fans deeper in India.

The upcoming season will feature an exciting league stage with 108 matches, where each team will play 18 matches. This format elevates the competition by ensuring teams face rigorous tests throughout the league stage, while maintaining high-intensity kabaddi action for fans. It will also provide every franchise with substantial opportunities to demonstrate its capabilities.

PKL Season 12 introduces a comprehensive tie-breaker rule system, including the Golden Raid format, to all league-stage matches. Previously limited only to Playoff matches, this system now ensures decisive outcomes throughout the tournament.

In case of ties, teams will engage in a structured 5-raid shootout with special rules. Both teams field seven players with the baulk line treated as baulk-line-cum-bonus-line. Each team nominates five different raiders who raid alternately. Out and revival rules don't apply – only points scored count. If still tied after 5 raids, the Golden Raid rule applies.

The Golden Raid format adds drama to crucial moments, where a fresh toss determines which team gets the decisive raiding opportunity. If both teams remain tied after golden raids, the winner is decided by a coin toss. IANS

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