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Swadeshi should be everyone's life mantra: PM Modi

AHMEDABAD, AUGUST 26



Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Tuesday said swadeshi should be everyone's life mantra, noting his government's 'Make in India' initiative has created a favourable environment for both global and domestic manufacturers.

Modi said his definition of swadeshi is simple. "I am not concerned about whose money is invested, whether it is dollar or pound, or whether that currency is black or white. But whatever production is done with that money, the sweat should be of my countrymen," he added.

The PM was speaking after flagging off Maruti Suzuki's first electric vehicle (EV), the e-Vitara, at the brand's Hansalpur facility near Ahmedabad in Gujarat. The world will drive electric vehicles that are made in India, he said.

Modi asked people to buy only swadeshi products, saying it is not important who makes the investment, but what matters is that the hard work for making the product should be of Indians.

In that way, Maruti Suzuki is also a swadeshi company, he said. "Swadeshi should become our life mantra. Let's embrace swadeshi with pride. The things that will be made here by Japan are also swadeshi," the PM said in his address at the production facility. "My definition of swadeshi is very simple. I am not concerned about whose money is invested... whether it is dollar or pound, or whether that currency is black or white. But whatever production is done with that money, the sweat should be of my countrymen. Those products will have the fragrance of my country's soil," he said. **PTI**

India has power of democracy and advantage of demography: Modi

India has the power of democracy, the advantage of demography and a very large pool of skilled workforce, Prime Minister Narendra Modi said on Tuesday. "This creates a win-win situation for every partner of ours," Modi said, after flagging off Maruti Suzuki's first electric vehicle, the e-Vitara, at the brand's Hansalpur facility in Gujarat. The made-in-India e-Vitara will be exported to over 100 countries, including Japan.

All schools to remain shut till August 30 in Punjab amid heavy rains: CM Mann

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Punjab Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann on Tuesday announced closure of all schools in the state from August 27 to 30 in the wake of heavy rains forecast.

Incessant rains for the past two days have inundated villages across several districts of the state.

"It has been raining heavily for the past few days and the weather department has predicted heavy rains for the next few days as well.

"In view of this, all primary, secondary, senior secondary government and private schools in the state will remain closed from August 27 to August 30," Mann said on X.

The Sutlej, Beas and Ravi rivers and seasonal rivulets are in spate because of heavy rainfall in their catchment areas in Jammu and Kashmir and Himachal Pradesh and incessant rains in Punjab, inundating large swathes of farmland in villages along these rivers.

The release of surplus water from the Pong and Bhakra dams have also compounding problems for villages in several districts of Punjab.

The worst-affected villages are in Pathankot, Gurdaspur, Fazilka, Kapurthala, Tarn Taran, Ferozepur and Hoshiarpur districts.

Tamil Nadu CM Breakfast Scheme is good initiative, will take it to Punjab: Mann

CHENNAI, AUGUST 26

Tamil Nadu Deputy CM Udhayanidhi Stalin with Punjab Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann serves food to students during the inauguration of the expansion of 'Chief Minister's Breakfast Scheme' to government-aided schools in urban areas across Tamil Nadu on Tuesday.

Punjab Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann lauded the Tamil Nadu Chief Minister's Breakfast Scheme to prevent school dropout and also to improve the children's health and said on Tuesday that he will discuss with his Cabinet to introduce this good scheme in his state.

The scheme facilitated the overall improvement of school students enabling them to perform more and prosper. Hence, it was a big achievement of the Tamil Nadu government as it ensured education prospects and secured the health of school students.

"This is a good initiative. I congratulate Tamil Nadu Chief Minister M K Stalin for implementing this scheme. Hungry children can't learn and their inclination to study decreases because their attention will be to satiate their hunger," Mann said while participating in the function to launch the fifth phase of the Chief Minister's Breakfast Scheme.

"I will discuss with my Cabinet to start this scheme in Punjab," Mann said looking at his Tamil Nadu counterpart M K Stalin at the event.

unjab, Mann said, fared well in education and health, too. His government launched the Aam Aadmi clinics dispensing free medicines and conducting free blood tests for the public.

"A few months ago, 805 government school students passed in NEET and 44 out of 416 students who cleared JEE were from state-run schools," he said with pride.

Mann had a word of praise for the south Indian delicacies and said 'upma' and 'masala dosa' were available in almost every town in Punjab. **PTI**

6 killed in Vaishno Devi landslide, 4 more die as rain havoc grips Jammu region

JAMMU, AUGUST 26



Rivers overflowed, the raging waters flattening everything in their way, and boulders, trees and rocks hurtled down slopes across Jammu region on Tuesday, killing at least 10 people, including six pilgrims struck by a landslide on the Vaishno Devi route.

Relentless heavy rain led to havoc not just in Jammu, which saw flashfloods, landslides and the pilgrimage to the Vaishno Devi shrine being suspended, but also in Kashmir Valley. Infrastructure was severely damaged with bridges collapsing and mobile towers and electricity poles breaking like virtual twigs.

Telecom services collapsed in large parts of the union territory, leading to millions being cut off from communication and escalating problems, officials said. Traffic on the Jammu-Srinagar and Kishtwar-Doda national highways was suspended and dozens of hill roads were blocked or damaged by landslides or flashfloods, they said. Many trains to and from Jammu were cancelled.

The winding route to the Mata Vaishno Devi shrine atop the Trikuta hills was a picture of devastation. While at least six people were killed when the mountainside literally gave way around 3 pm, 14 people were injured.

The toll could go up. Several people were feared trapped, officials said as rescuers scrambled to pull out those buried under the debris near the Inderprastha Bhojnalaya at Adhkwari, officials said. **PTI**

It will be 'shield and sword'; require colossal amount of system integration: CDS Chauhan on Sudarshan Chakra

MHOW, AUGUST 26



India's propose air defence system -- Sudarshan Chakra -- will entail a colossal amount of integration of sensors, missiles, surveillance apparatus and artificial intelligence tools, Chief of Defence Staff Gen Anil Chauhan said on Tuesday as he articulated the broad contours of the ambitious project.

The Chief of Defence Staff said the air defence system will work as "a shield and a sword', and suggested it will be on the lines of Israel's Iron Dome all-weather air defense system, known as a very effective missile shield.

Gen Chauhan's comments on the proposed missile shield at a defence conclave here are the first from the military after Prime Minister Narendra Modi announced the 10-year project during his Independence Day address.

In his address at the 'Ran Samwad' -- a tri-services seminar on war and warfighting -- Gen Chauhan also briefly delved into Operation Sindoor and said a number of lessons have been learnt from the conflict and they are being implemented.

"Operation Sindoor was a modern conflict from which we learned a number of lessons, and most of them are under implementation, some have been implemented," he noted

The top military officer broadly elaborated on the possible structure of the Sudarshan Chakra, describing it as India's own "Iron Dome or Golden Dome". **PTI**

Monsoon fury: Landslides, flash floods leave trail of destruction in Himachal Pradesh

MANALI, AUGUST 26



Shops were washed away, buildings collapsed, highways were cut off, and residential areas inundated as heavy rain triggered landslides and flash floods at several places in Himachal Pradesh, officials said on Tuesday.

However, no loss of life has been reported so far in any of the incidents that have occurred since Monday night.

A total of 690 roads were closed in the state as of Tuesday morning, the State Emergency Operation Centre (SEOC) said. Of the roads closed, 320 are in the Mandi district and 132 in Kullu.

The local meteorological office has issued a red alert, warning of heavy to very heavy rain in Kangra, Chamba, and Mandi districts on Tuesday.

It has also issued an 'orange' alert for heavy rain at isolated areas in Mandi, Shimla, Solan and Sirmaur districts on Friday and Kangra, Kullu, Mandi and Shimla districts on Saturday.

Strong currents of the Beas river washed away a multi-storey hotel and four shops in Kullu district's Manali in the early hours of Tuesday. **PTI**

Navy's role not only limited to guarding, but also providing economic security: Rajnath Singh



VISAKHAPATNAM, AUGUST 26

The role of Navy is not limited to the protection of the sea, but it is also a major pillar of the economic security as Indian energy requirements such as oil, natural gas depend on the security of the region to a great extent, Defence Minister Rajnath Singh said on Tuesday.

On the Pahalgam terror attack in which Indian tourists were killed, the Defence minister said the country gave an effective and precise response through 'Operation Sindoor,' a cross-border military offensive targeting terror havens in Pakistan.

After commissioning two multi-mission stealth frigates, INS Udaygiri and INS Himgiri, here at the Eastern Naval Command, Singh said India never believes in aggressive expansionism and that the whole world knows that it never attacked any country first.

However, when there is an attack on its security, India knows how to respond.

"The geo-strategic situation here is such that it also has the ability to directly influence our economic development. Our energy requirements, oil, natural gas, all depend on the security of this region to a great extent. Therefore, the role of the Navy is not only limited to the protection of the sea, but it is also a major pillar of our national economic security," Singh said. **PTI**

SC's Justice Nagarathna dissents against collegium decision to elevate Justice Pancholi

NEW DELHI, AUGUST 26

Justice B V Nagarathna of the Supreme Court has registered a strong dissent to apex court collegium's recommendation to elevate Patna High Court Chief Justice Vipul Manubhai Pancholi to the apex court, saying his appointment would be "counter-productive" to justice.

The five member collegium comprising CJI B R Gavai and Justices Surya Kant, Vikram Nath, J K Maheshwari and Nagarathna met on August 25 and recommended to the Centre, the names of Bombay High Court Chief Justice Alok Aradhe and Justice Pancholi for elevation as top court judges.

Justice Pancholi, upon becoming a top court judge, would be in line to become the Chief Justice of India (CJI) in October 2031 after Justice Joymalya Bagchi's retirement.

Justice Nagarathna recorded her dissent to the move to recommend the name of Justice Pancholi on various counts. **PTI**

People must protect their right to vote to safeguard Constitution: Rahul Gandhi

MADHUBANI (BIHAR), AUGUST 26

Launching a frontal attack on the NDA government at the Center over the ongoing Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of the electoral rolls in Bihar, Congress leader Rahul Gandhi on Tuesday said people must protect their right to vote to safeguard the Constitution.

The SIR in Bihar has exposed the BJP and the EC, and so people have started calling leaders of the saffron party 'vote chor', he claimed while addressing a public rally in Madhubani district as part of the Congress' 'Voter Adhikar Yatra'.

"BJP leaders are indulging in Vote Chori through the Election Commission... People must come forward to protect their right to vote and also to protect the Indian Constitution," the Leader of the Opposition in Lok Sabha said.

People must remember that if they lose their voting rights, the Constitution cannot be protected, Gandhi asserted. **PTI**

Advance bundh breaches near Ahlikalan in Sultanpur Lodhi; 36 villages flooded, crops damaged

ASHOK KAURA
PUNJAB EXPRESS BUREAU
Phagwara, August 26



An advance bundh located inside the Dhussi Bundh near village Ahlikalan in Sultanpur Lodhi was breached this morning, resulting in the flooding of 36 additional villages and submerging paddy crops sown over 36,000 acres, according to environmentalist and MP Sant Balbir Singh Seechewal. Speaking to this correspondent, Seechewal said that he, along with his followers and local farmers, attempted to strengthen the weak sections of the bundh on Monday. However, the swelling Beas River overwhelmed their efforts, breaching the advance bundh and now posing a threat to the Dhussi Bundh as well.

The flood situation remains grim as the water level in the Beas River has surged to 1.57 lakh cusecs, further damaging bundhs and affecting standing paddy crops over 66,000 acres in the Mand areas of Sultanpur Lodhi. When contacted, Drainage Department SDO Khushwinder Singh confirmed that the discharge from Harike Headworks has been increased from 1.88 lakh cusecs to 2.26 lakh cusecs today, with 26,000 cusecs of water released into canals.

Flood rescue operations intensify in Sultanpur Lodhi; swift relief for rain victim in Kapurthala

Rescue and relief operations are underway on a war footing in Sultanpur Lodhi, where the Beas river continues to flow at a dangerously high level, inundating several villages. Deputy Commissioner Amit Kumar Panchal said that due to heavy rainfall and rising waters, residents of the Mand region were urged to relocate to safer areas. Teams of the State Disaster Response Force (SDRF) have so far evacuated more than 45 people, most of them women and children, from villages including Baupur Jadid, Baupur Kadim, Sangra, Rampur Gora, Mand Bhim Kadim, Mand Bandhu Jadid, and Muhammadabad.

Awareness campaign on domestic violence and meeting on National Lok Adalat held in Nawanshahr

PUNJAB EXPRESS BUREAU
Nawanshahr, August 26



The District Legal Services Authority (DLSA), SBS Nagar, under the guidance of the Punjab State Legal Services Authority, SAS Nagar, and the directions of District and Sessions Judge-cum-Chairperson of DLSA SBS Nagar, Priya Sood, conducted a legal awareness programme aimed at Anganwadi workers as part of the ongoing campaign against domestic violence. The programme, held at SBS Nagar, was presided over by Chief Judicial Magistrate-cum-Secretary of DLSA, Dr Amandeep.

During the event, students of Rayat College, Rail Majara, performed a street play highlighting the issue of domestic violence. Addressing the participants, Dr Amandeep informed that, as per the directions of Punjab State Legal Services Authority, an awareness campaign against domestic violence is being conducted from August 1 to September 30. The objective of the programme was to sensitize Anganwadi workers about ways to deal with domestic violence effectively, empower victims, and ensure that they receive timely legal assistance.

She also apprised participants about important legislations and services including the Domestic Violence Act, the Sexual Harassment of Women at Workplace (Prevention, Prohibition and Redressal) Act, 2013, free legal services, cybercrimes, digital frauds, the role of National Lok Adalat, and the toll-free legal aid helpline 15100. On this occasion, District Programme Officer Jagrup Singh and Hem Sikha from the Sakhi One Stop Centre also shared awareness messages. Para Legal Volunteers Baldev Bharti and Jarnail Singh were among those present.

Meanwhile District and Sessions Judge, SBS Nagar, Priya Sood, chaired a coordination meeting with officials from various government departments and institutions regarding the upcoming National Lok Adalat scheduled to be held on September 13. The meeting, conducted jointly with Dr. Amandeep, CJM-cum-Secretary of DLSA, saw participation from officials including the Lead Bank Manager, Revenue Officers, DSP (Traffic), RTO Nawanshahr, BSNL authorities, PSPCL engineers, officials of Water and Sanitation Department, In-charge of Women Cell, Labour Inspector, representatives of LIC, and traffic in-charges of different sub-divisions.

AAP holds Nukkad March against Centre's 'Nadirshahi' ration card cuts



PUNJAB EXPRESS BUREAU
Ludhiana, August 26

Central government has always treated Punjab step-motherly and ever since Aam Aadmi Party government has come to power in the state, government schemes are being obstructed on one pretext or the other. The above allegations were made by Aam Aadmi Party Women Wing Malwa Central Zone Incharge Ajinder Kaur while addressing the gathering at Nukkad Rosh March organised by Municipal Councilor Master Satnam Sunny in local ward no. 58.

It is worth mentioning that the BJP government at the Center is taking action to cut the government ration cards of about 55 lakh families of Punjab in the name of KYC, against which the main organization of Aam Aadmi Party along with the frontal organization Women Organization Youth Unit is organizing Nukkad meetings and Rosh Marches across the state to make the public aware of this Nadirshahi decree of Modi government. In the same sequence, a program is being organized. Despite heavy rains, hundreds of workers went door to door and distributed the open letter written by Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann to the people during the protest march.

On this occasion, Hindu Takht's chief state campaigner Varun Mehta, district women in-charge Manisha Kapoor, constituency western assembly coordinator Baljinder Kaur, block head Amandeep Kaur, block head Kamlesh Rani and other prominent officials were present.

Malwa Central Zone Incharge Ajindar Kaur said that earlier for 10 years, the Akali BJP coalition government was in power in Punjab, then the government made free ration cards, in which mostly cards were made for its close ones and many financially rich people, and cheated the government. The Captain government also followed the same path, but the Aam Aadmi Party government in the state under the leadership of Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann investigated and identified the economically weaker families so that the right benefits of the government scheme reach the people, but the Modi government at the Center wants to usurp the rights of those needy families of Punjab, that is why a conspiracy is being hatched to cancel the ration cards of about 55 lakh families by imposing new conditions, but the Aam Aadmi Party under the leadership of Punjab Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann is strongly opposing this policy of the central government. On this occasion, Davinder Singh, Satpal Singh, Johnny, Bipin, Jatinder Singh and others were present in large numbers.

Railways announces Amritsar–Darbhanga Puja Special to ease Chhath festival rush

PUNJAB EXPRESS BUREAU
Phagwara, August 26

With the Chhath Mahaparv approaching, The Railways has stepped in to ease the festive rush of migrant travelers returning home from Punjab, Haryana, and other northern states to Bihar. To tackle the heavy passenger load and provide relief to those struggling to secure seats in regular trains, the Railways have announced the operation of a special service between Amritsar and Darbhanga.

According to officials, train number 04610 will depart from Amritsar every Monday, Friday, and Saturday from September 22 to November 28, while its return service, train number 04609, will leave Darbhanga every Wednesday, Sunday, and Monday from September 24 to November 30. The train will connect several major cities en route, including Jalandhar, Ludhiana, Ambala, Saharanpur, Moradabad, Lucknow, and Gorakhpur, before entering Bihar. On its return journey, it will cover important stations such as Samastipur, Muzaffarpur, Hajipur, and Chhapra, ensuring wider connectivity across the state.

Every year, thousands of migrant workers and employees employed in Punjab, Haryana, and adjoining regions struggle to return home for Chhath, often facing overcrowded trains and scarce ticket availability. The Amritsar–Darbhanga Puja Special is expected to bring major relief, not only by offering additional travel options but also by helping passengers reach their homes on time for the festival.

This timely move is being seen as a significant measure to support migrant families during the festival season, reaffirming the Railways' commitment to addressing public demand during peak travel periods.

Auto Industry seeks immediate GST rate cut implementation: CICU urges PM Modi

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Ludhiana, August 26



The Chamber of Industrial & Commercial Undertakings (CICU) has written to Prime Minister Narendra Modi expressing concern over the sharp slowdown in the automobile sector, as buyers delay purchases awaiting GST rate cuts.

CICU President Upkar Singh Ahuja urged the government and GST Council to implement the revised GST rates on automobiles and two-wheelers immediately well before the festive season—to revive demand and protect MSMEs.

Under the proposal, GST on small cars and two-wheelers would be reduced from 28 pc to 18 pc, cutting prices by nearly 8–10%, while luxury cars and SUVs would attract 40 pc. Ahuja warned that further delays could "turn the festive quarter into a sales whitewash" and hurt millions of livelihoods across dealerships, suppliers, and service networks.

CICU stressed that timely implementation would boost affordability for consumers, ease working-capital stress for MSMEs, stabilize production, and safeguard jobs across the auto value chain.

Photo-artist Jas Preet's book 'Ahsaasan Di Kin Min' released at PAU

PUNJAB EXPRESS BUREAU
Ludhiana, August 26



A special literary function organized by the Young Writers Association at the Students' Home Auditorium of Punjab Agricultural University (PAU) marked the release of noted poetess and photo-artist Jas Preet's new book, "Ahsaasan Di Kin Min" (The Murmurs of Feelings).

The event was graced by Dr Satbir Singh Gosal, Vice-Chancellor of PAU, as the chief guest, while Swaranjit Savi, Chairman of Punjab Arts Council, Chandigarh, presided over the function. Among the distinguished guests were eminent thinker and writer Amarjit Grewal, Darshan Butter, President of Kendri Punjabi Lekhak Sabha, and Pro Vice- Chancellor of Guru Kashi University Dr Jagtar Singh Dhiman.

In his address, Dr Gosal congratulated the author and remarked that the photographs in the book beautifully depicted the natural scenes of PAU's campus. He noted that Jas Preet, through her daily walks across the university, drew inspiration from nature – an inspiration that has long nurtured poets, writers, theatre artists, and even scientists at PAU.

Seminar on 'Leadership in Public Administration and Role of Ethical Governance' successfully organised



DALJEET AJNOHA
PUNJAB EXPRESS BUREAU
Hoshiarpur, August 26

A thought-provoking seminar on the theme "Leadership in Public Administration and Role of Ethical Governance" was successfully organized today at Apeejay Institute of Management and Engineering Technical Campus, Jalandhar, in collaboration with NGO A4C (Dasuya).

The program commenced with the lighting of the ceremonial lamp, symbolizing knowledge and enlightenment. Dr Rajesh Bagga, Director of the Campus, extended a warm welcome to all dignitaries and participants. Sanjeev Kumar, President of NGO A4C Dasuya, introduced the seminar topic and formally presented the distinguished guests.

The seminar was graced by eminent personalities. Balwinder Kaur, IRS, Commissioner of Income Tax, Jalandhar, attended as the chief guest and in her address emphasized that ethical governance is the foundation of transparent, efficient, and citizen-centric administration.

Oishee Mandal, IAS, Assistant Commissioner, Hoshiarpur, the Special VIP Guest, highlighted the role of young leaders in bringing reforms and ensuring accountability in governance.

Dr Kamaljeet Singh, Founder and Chairman of Green Planet, underlined the importance of balancing progress with sustainability and responsibility towards society. He also urged the students to remain goal-oriented in their studies and to set clear targets for personal and professional success.

Harjinder Singh Cheema, Chairman of Cheema Boilers Limited, shared his perspective on how integrity, innovation, and strong leadership principles are equally crucial in both industry and public governance. He too encouraged the students to adopt a focused, target-based approach in academics, stressing that determination and discipline are the keys to achievement.

Elderly woman's roof collapses in Kapurthala; district admn provides immediate relief

PUNJAB EXPRESS BUREAU
Kapurthala, August 26

A heavy spell of rain in Ucha Dhora village, Kapurthala, led to the collapse of the roof of an elderly woman's house, leaving her in a distressed condition. The victim has been identified as Taro.

Upon receiving information about the incident, Deputy Commissioner Amit Kumar Panchal took prompt action, arranging for the delivery of utensils, ration supplies, and other essential items to the affected woman.

He also deputed Additional Commissioner General Vishal Vats, along with Red Cross Secretary R.C. Birha, to visit the site, assess the situation, and ensure that Taro received the necessary support. During their visit, officials assured her that the damaged roof would be repaired at the earliest, reaffirming the administration's commitment to timely relief and rehabilitation efforts.

Vet Varsity empowers future of veterinary nephrology with advanced dialysis care for companion animals

PUNJAB EXPRESS BUREAU
Ludhiana, August 26



In a landmark academic collaboration, Dr Randhir Singh of Guru Angad Dev Veterinary and Animal Sciences, Ludhiana, was invited to Chaudhary Sarwan Kumar Himachal Pradesh Krishi Vishwavidyalaya (CSKHPKV), Palampur (HP) to share his expertise in veterinary nephrology and extracorporeal therapies.

During this visit, Dr Singh played a pivotal role in operationalizing the newly established veterinary hemodialysis unit at Palampur, one of the first of its kind in the state. He conducted extensive hands-on demonstrations and training sessions, showcasing the practical aspects of dialysis therapy in dogs for clinicians, scholars, and students. His interactive sessions enabled participants to gain valuable exposure to the intricacies of advanced renal replacement therapies. Complementing the practical demonstrations, Dr. Singh delivered two expert lectures on "Evidence-based Approach to Current Diagnosis and Long-term Therapy of Canine Kidney Disease" and "Advanced Hemodialysis Strategies in Companion Animal Care: Approaching Beyond Crisis."

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Health Minister orders probe after infant's head found at Rajindra Hospital in Patiala

BALINDER SINGH
PUNJAB EXPRESS BUREAU
Patiala, August 26



Punjab Health Minister Dr Balbir Singh has ordered a thorough inquiry into an incident wherein a dog was reportedly seen carrying a head of an infant near ward number 4 at Rajindra Hospital, Patiala, around 5:30 pm on Tuesday.

Upon being informed, Dr Balbir Singh directed the hospital authorities and local police to investigate the matter from all angles. He informed that the recovered head has been handed over to the forensic team for examination.

Medical Superintendent of Rajindra Hospital, Dr Vishal Chopra, provided a preliminary report, stating that all babies delivered recently are present in the wards and no newborn is missing from the hospital.

He further informed that there were three child deaths reported in the hospital in the recent past, and all bodies were handed over to their respective family members after completing all necessary document formalities, which include proper signatures.

Dr Chopra stated that, preliminarily, the incident does not seem to have originated from within the hospital. "Prima facie it appears to be a case where someone has dumped the remains of an infant from outside," he said.

The hospital authorities have informed the police, and a comprehensive investigation is currently underway to determine the facts of the case.

The Health Minister assured that the state government is taking the matter with utmost seriousness and will ensure that the investigation is conducted thoroughly.

PADDY PROCUREMENT SEASON

State govt to install PAU-calibrated meters in grain markets for standardise moisture measurement

PUNJAB EXPRESS BUREAU
Chandigarh, August 26



In order to ensure smooth paddy procurement operations ahead of Kharif procurement season, the Group of Ministers (GoMs) led by Punjab Agriculture and Farmers Welfare Minister Gurmeet Singh Khudian on Tuesday held a crucial meeting with Federation of Aarthia Association of Punjab to address their genuine demands and iron out concerns.

During the meeting here at Punjab Bhawan, the Agriculture Minister Gurmeet Singh Khudian and Transport Minister Laljit Singh Bhullar held productive discussions with the Aarthias Association, led by President Vijay Kalra. The Ministers listened attentively to the association's demands and concerns, and assured them to resolve all of their legitimate issues.

Addressing a key demand of the association, Gurmeet Singh Khudian said that Punjab Agricultural University (PAU), Ludhiana-calibrated moisture meters would be installed in all grain markets to standardise moisture measurement. This move aims to bring uniformity and accuracy in moisture content assessment.

State cancels leaves for officers, staff in flood-affected areas

PUNJAB EXPRESS BUREAU
Gurdaspur, August 26



The Punjab government has issued directions to local administration and concerned departments' officials to maintain round-the-clock presence at the ground level to continue rescue and relief operations on a war footing in flood-affected areas. Simultaneously, all leaves for officers and staff has been cancelled.

This was stated by Punjab Water Resources Minister Barinder Kumar Goyal and Food & Civil Supplies Minister Lal Chand Kataruchak during their visit to flood-affected areas on Tuesday. The ministers conducted tours of Pathankot and Gurdaspur districts on Tuesday.

Notably, the current situation stemed from continuous rainfall over the past two to three days in Jammu & Kashmir and Himachal Pradesh, causing the Ranjit Sagar Dam to reach near maximum capacity. Water release from this overflowing dam has significantly elevated water levels in the Ravi River. Besides this, the Ujh and Jalalia rivers are experiencing unprecedented flow, submerging most villages in the Narot Jaimal Singh and Bamial blocks. The Cabinet Ministers conducted comprehensive ground assessments of these affected areas in Pathankot today.

During the visit, Goyal stated that heavy rainfall has pushed dam water levels near capacity. He informed that the Ranjit Sagar Dam currently holds water at over 527 meters. Due to intense precipitation in upstream regions, approximately 1,10,000 cusecs of water was released from Ranjit Sagar Dam today, causing the Ravi River to flow at dangerous levels near the embankments of villages including Makhanpur, Pola, Taas and Bahadurpur.

Punjab Police along with NDRF, SDRF and Army intensify rescue operations at flood-hit districts

PUNJAB EXPRESS BUREAU
Chandigarh, August 26

With the heavy rainfall in the catchment areas continues to swell the Sutlej, Beas, Ravi and Ujh rivers, the Punjab Police along with the teams of Indian Army, Border Security Force (BSF), National Disaster Response Force (NDRF) and State Disaster Response Force (SDRF) have scaled up the rescue and evacuation operations in flood-affected districts in the state.

The districts, which are affected by floods, include Pathankot, Hoshiarpur, Gurdaspur, Kapurthala, Tarn Taran, Fazilka and Ferozepur.

Special DGP Law and Order Arpit Shukla, who has been personally supervising the situation in the state, said that SSPs of flood-affected districts have been asked to remain in the field and personally monitor the situation in their respective districts regularly.

He informed that all the arrangements are in place and SSPs personally monitoring the relief work and people are being shifted to safer places. Recently, some people, who were stuck in floods, were rescued through Helicopter in Pathankot.

The Special DGP said that the entire Punjab Police force has been kept on alert to deal with any kind of flood-related exigencies.

Meanwhile, Police teams have continued its cordon and search operation (CASO) against drugs on Day 178, and conducted raids at 381 locations on Tuesday leading to the arrest of 78 drug smugglers after registration of 53 first information reports (FIRs) across the state.

The Special DGP said that the raids have resulted in recovery of 630 grams heroin, 71 kg poppy husk, 659 intoxicant tablets/capsules and Rs 1120 drug money from the possession of arrested drug smugglers.

Body of 32-yr-old Hoshiarpur man, who swept away in river, found

HOSHIARPUR, AUGUST 26

The body of a 32-year-old man, who was swept away in the Chhauni Kalan seasonal river on Monday evening, has been recovered, police said.

Station House Officer of Sadar Police Station, Sub-Inspector Madan Lal said the body of Surmudeen, a resident of Chhauni Kalan, was found on Tuesday.

Surmudeen, who belonged to the Gujjar community and earned his livelihood by selling milk, had gone to deliver milk to a customer on Monday evening.

While returning home, he was swept away while crossing the rivulet amid strong water currents, police said.

His body was recovered a short distance downstream on Tuesday morning and has been sent to the Civil Hospital in Hoshiarpur for post-mortem examination, they added. PTI

Heavy release from Harike triggers flood fear in Ferozepur; admn on high alert, relief teams formed

PUNJAB EXPRESS BUREAU
Ferozepur, August 26



Continuous rainfall in the hilly regions for the last two days, coupled with heavy discharge from Harike Headworks, has created flood-like conditions in several villages along the Sutlej River in Ferozepur district. On Monday, nearly 1.85 lakh cusecs of water were released from Harike, now flowing downstream through Hussainiwala, sparking widespread concern.

Despite the hardships, the administration has assured that all efforts are being made to minimise damage and safeguard lives, with coordinated rescue and relief operations already underway.

Additional Deputy Commissioner (G) Dawinder Singh Mann said the district administration is carrying out flood relief operations in affected villages on a war footing. Evacuation centres have been equipped with medicines, food, tarpaulins, and drinking water, while medical camps are providing basic health facilities. Temporary langar services and dry rations are being arranged, and damaged bridges and bundhs are being repaired with administrative support.

Punjab Police thwart possible target killing; two juveniles among four held with two pistols

PUNJAB EXPRESS BUREAU
Pathankot, August 26



In an intelligence-led operation amidst the ongoing drive to make Punjab a safe and secure state as per directions of Chief Minister Bhagwant Singh Mann, Counter Intelligence (CI) Pathankot has successfully averted a target killing by busting an organised crime module involved in multiple heinous crimes with the arrest of its four members including two juveniles, said Director General of Police (DGP) Punjab Gaurav Yadav here on Tuesday.

The arrested, identified as Vishal Masih alias Dana, a resident of Pakhoke Tahli in Batala and Vishal William, a resident of village Pakhoke Mehmaran in Gurdaspur along with two juveniles, have been apprehended from the area of village Salimpur Afghana in Gurdaspur. Police teams have also recovered two .30 bore star mark pistols along with six live cartridges from their possession. DGP Gaurav Yadav said that preliminary investigations have revealed that arrested accused persons were working at the behest of foreign-based gangsters— Nishan Singh, Shamsher Singh alias Shera Mann alias Honey and Sajan Masih alias Goru. Important leads regarding other criminal activities across the state have also been unearthed, he said.

AIG CI Pathankot Sukhminder Singh Mann said that probe has also revealed that one of the arrested juveniles is the first cousin of Sajan Masih and handles transportation of weapons, explosives etc. at Sajan's behest.

Cross-border arms smuggling racket busted; one held with 5 Glock pistols



N.P.S. CHAMAK
PUNJAB EXPRESS BUREAU
Amritsar, August 26

Amidst the ongoing drive to make Punjab a safe and secure state as per directions of Chief Minister Bhagwant Singh Mann, Amritsar Commissionerate Police has busted a cross-border arms smuggling racket with the arrest of one person and recovered five sophisticated 9MM Glock pistols along with four magazines from his possession, said Director General of Police (DGP) Punjab Gaurav Yadav here on Tuesday.

The arrested accused has been identified as Amit Singh, a resident of Guru Ki Wadali, Chheharta in Amritsar. Apart from recovering weapons, police teams have also impounded his black-coloured Hero Splendor motorcycle, which the accused was using to deliver the consignments.

DGP Gaurav Yadav said that preliminary investigation has revealed that the accused, in connivance with his associate Gurpreet Singh alias Ginny, was in touch with Pakistan-based smugglers, who were pushing weapon consignments to disturb peace and harmony in the state.

The DGP said that the arrest and recovery have helped in unearthing the network and avert a major crime in the region. More arrests and recoveries are expected in the coming days, he said. Sharing operation details, Commissioner of Police (CP) Amritsar Gurpreet Singh Bhullar said that acting on reliable information, police team from Police Station Chheharta under the supervision of DCP Detective Ravinderpal Singh, ADCP-2 Harpal Singh and ACP West Shivdarshan Singh carried out an intel based operation leading to the arrest suspect Amit Singh, when he was on the way to deliver the weapon consignment to someone.

Guest house owner among 14 held for gambling

RAMAN CHAMAK
PUNJAB EXPRESS BUREAU
Amritsar, August 26

Acting on a tip-off, the Beas police raided a guest house and busted a gambling den being run from there. During raid, the police arrested 14 persons, including owner of the guest house, identified as Prince and recovered Rs 43,500 in cash from the spot.

Victor Singh, investigating officer (IO), said the police got specific information that Prince was running a gambling racket from his guest house. Following this tip-off, a team headed by senior police official raided the guest house.

Among others, who were arrested from the guest house located in Beas, included Vinay Kumar of Jandiala, Dalip Singh of Gehri Mandi, Sukhwinder Singh of Tangra, , Ghaniya Lal of Sheikhpura Mohalla, Jaswinder Singh of Baba Bakala, Gurdeep Singh of Harike, and Tilak Raj, Sultan Singh, Raju, Germanjit Singh of Tangra, Shiv Kumar, Raman Kumar and Avtar Singh of Beas.

A case under relevant sections of the Gambling Act was registered against them.

In letter, Punjab BJP's Ashwani Sharma urges EAM to discuss truck driver's case with US authorities

CHANDIGARH, AUGUST 26

Punjab BJP working president Ashwani Sharma has urged External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar to take up with US authorities the matter of a Punjabi truck driver facing charges of vehicular homicide after a fatal crash in Florida. In a letter, Sharma appealed to the minister to ensure that the trucker's case is dealt with fairly, transparently, and in a humane manner.

Sharma further sought the intervention of the Union minister into the issue of pausing of work visas of all foreign truck drivers by the US after the accident in Florida. Harjinder Singh, the truck driver from Punjab's Tarn Taran is facing charges of vehicular homicide in the US after three people were killed when he allegedly took a wrong turn while driving a truck on a Florida highway, according to a media report.

After the incident, US Secretary of State Marco Rubio announced a pause to all issuances of commercial truck driver work visas. In a letter to the EAM, Punjab BJP leader Sharma said "sweeping restrictions" on the issuance of work visas for foreign truck drivers has caused "widespread distress and uncertainty among thousands of Indian nationals, particularly Punjabis, who form a vital part of the American logistics and transport sector." PTI

Cow has unique status, its slaughter can have repercussions on peace: Punjab and Haryana HC

CHANDIGARH, AUGUST 26

The cow is a pious animal and "certain acts" can severely impact peace when they offend beliefs of a "significant population group", the Punjab and Haryana High Court has said while dismissing the anticipatory bail given to a Nuh resident accused of transporting cows for slaughter.

Asif was booked along with two others in April this year under the Haryana Gauvansh Sanrakshan and Gausamvardhan Act, 2015, and the Prevention of Cruelty Act, 1960, for allegedly transporting cows to Rajasthan for slaughter.

"The present offence, apart from its legal implications, is laden with emotional and cultural undertones, given the unique status of the cow in Indian society," Justice Sandeep Moudgil said in an order earlier this month. It was made public on Monday.

"This court cannot remain oblivious to the fact that in a pluralistic society like ours, certain acts, while otherwise private, can have severe repercussions on public peace when they offend the deeply held beliefs of a significant population group," the court said.

The cow is not only a pious animal but also an integral part of India's agrarian economy, the judge said.

According to the state counsel, the petitioner was actively involved in the alleged offence of cow slaughter. Therefore, his custodial interrogation was imperative for a fair and effective investigation, he submitted.

The court said the Constitution does not merely protect rights in abstraction but seeks to build a just, compassionate, and cohesive society. PTI

Punjab Governor reviews functioning of Aasha Kiran vocational training centre

A.S. PRASHAR
PUNJAB EXPRESS BUREAU
Chandigarh, August 26



The Governor of Punjab and Administrator, U.T., Chandigarh, Gulab Chand Kataria, chaired a review meeting to assess the functioning of Aasha Kiran, Vocational Training Centre (VTC), Sector 46, Chandigarh. The meeting focused on evaluating the ongoing initiatives and exploring avenues to expand the Centre's outreach and impact.

During the meeting, the Administrator took a detailed overview of the NSDC-certified courses being offered at the Centre, along with various support services being provided to different sections of society. He appreciated the efforts of the Department of Social Welfare, Women and Child Development in facilitating skill development, especially for the underprivileged and vulnerable groups.

Kataria emphasized the importance of giving wider publicity to the training courses and schemes available at Aasha Kiran so that a larger segment of the population can benefit. He directed the concerned officials to strengthen awareness efforts across the city and ensure the information reaches those who need it most.

The Administrator also underscored the need to enhance the training capacity of the Centre to accommodate more beneficiaries. He noted that empowering individuals with vocational skills would not only boost their employability but also help them become self-reliant and financially independent.

The meeting was attended by the Chief Secretary (in-charge), Mandip Singh Brar , Principal Secretary to the Governor Vivek Pratap Singh, Secretary Social Welfare Smt. Anuradha Chagti and Director Social Welfare, Palika Arora.

Unruly scenes at Chandigarh MC general house meeting

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Chandigarh, August 26

Unruly scenes were witnessed at the general house meeting of the Chandigarh Municipal Corporation on Tuesday following a clash between AAP and BJP councilors during which they used unparliamentary language against each other during a discussion on an agenda item.

It all started when Manoj Sonkar, a BJP councilor, allegedly used unparliamentary language against Kuldeep Singh, a former AAP Mayor and AAP councillor.

Soon after, the ruckus broke out, and councilors of all the parties came together and tried to pacify the agitating councilors.

Mayor Harpreet Kaur Babla appealed to both councilors to be quiet and maintain the dignity of the house, but they continued to shout at each other.

After discussion and amidst the ruckus, the agenda for issuing the tender for GIS-based Mechanized and Manual Sweeping of Southern Sectors of Chandigarh (Sectors 31-56, 61 and 63) except Behlana were approved.

Meanwhile, the BJP said that the double standards of the Congress party were once again exposed before the public. This is the same Congress which, just two days ago, was staging protests on the streets of Chandigarh over the poor condition of roads, trying to mislead people with theatrics. But when the real solution was brought forward, Congress backed out as usual.

All BJP councillors came united with a clear agenda that all V-3 roads of Chandigarh should be handed over to the Chandigarh Administration, so that timely repair and proper maintenance could be ensured. BJP Chandigarh President Jitender Pal Malhotra said Congress only does drama and has no concrete vision or solution for people's issues. BJP alone is committed to finding lasting solutions for the problems of the people.

Mayor Harpreet Kaur Babla stated that due to the poor financial condition of the Municipal Corporation, V-3 roads have been handed over to the administration. But Congress does not want the roads of the city to be repaired, and instead they only indulge in street dramas to mislead the people. She asserted:

"I will not allow politics to be played on Chandigarh's roads. BJP has taken this decision in the interest of the people, to hand over V-3 roads to the Administration so that they are repaired and maintained properly. And once the financial condition of the Corporation improves, these roads will be taken back from the Administration."

The BJP leaders made it clear that while Congress is only interested in showmanship and false promises, BJP always takes practical steps to resolve the issues of the people. The public of Chandigarh now clearly understands the truth behind Congress's duplicity.

PGIMER celebrates 40th National Eye Donation Fortnight to raise awareness and address corneal shortage



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On the occasion of the 40th National Eye donation fortnight celebrated every year at the PGIMER, Chandigarh from 25.8.2022 to 8.9.20222, a Media Conference was organised to disseminate awareness to the general public and to bridge the gap between the demand and supply of cornea.

At present, more than 1.3 million people are corneal blind in India and the current annual transplant number in the country varies from 25000- 30000. In PGIMER, around 2000 patients are waiting for their corneal transplantation but the hospital gets only about 500 corneas every year.

Prof. Surinder S. Pandav, Head, Deptt. of Ophthalmology, Prof Amit Gupta, Prof Chintan Malhotra, Dr Parul Chawla Gupta and senior members of Lions Club Central Chandigarh Satish Bhaskar, Sanjeev Sethi, Harish Goyal, Soniya Arora, Behl and Sanjeev Gupta engaged with the media during a press meet held in Advanced Eye Centre, PGI on the first day of the fortnight and apprised them of the various awareness activities to be conducted during the fortnight.

Following the media interaction, the eye donation fortnight was officially inaugurated in the Director's Office by Prof Vivek Lal. He also handed over appreciation certificates to three donor families who had donated their family members eyes to eye bank PGI Chandigarh.

Max Hospital raises awareness on kids' eye health, safety

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Chandigarh, August 26

Max Hospital raised awareness on childhood vision problems, highlighting the importance of early diagnosis, and encouraging timely medical intervention to help prevent blindness and other associated eye-health issues in children. August is observed as Children's Eye Health and Safety Month. Dr Kashish Gupta senior consultant ophthalmology, Max Hospital said, "Vision plays a vital role in a child's development, learning, and overall well-being. Since children may not always recognize or communicate about vision issues they are facing, hence, parents need to remain vigilant."

He said that children often don't realise they are experiencing vision problems - routine eye exams can catch conditions like amblyopia (lazy eye), strabismus (crossed eyes), and refractive errors before they impact learning or lead to permanent vision loss.

Apart from vision problems, eye injuries are another major concern in children, especially during sports and recreational activities, he maintained. Dr Gupta further said that with increased screen time from tablets, phones, and computers, children are more susceptible to digital eye strain.

"The 20-20-20 rule is highly recommended—every 20 minutes, look at something 20 feet away for 20 seconds. For overall eye safety, parents should also ensure that children wear sport-specific protective goggles, keep sharp objects and chemicals out of reach, and supervise the use of digital devices to help reduce strain."

World Photography Day celebrated at PU

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The Department of Microbial Biotechnology, Panjab University, Chandigarh, organised a vibrant celebration on World Photography Day on campus.

The event, designed to provide a creative platform for the students from different departments to showcase their perspectives on nature and its deep connection with human life through their lens, witnessed enthusiastic participation from both students and staff.

Participants submitted their entries in three distinct categories – Landscapes and Scenery, Flora & Fauna, and Human and Nature. The diverse range of photographs reflected not only technical skill but also unique storytelling through the lens, offering the audience a glimpse into the beauty of nature from different angles.

The event was graced by the presence of two distinguished Chief Guests, Prof. Manish Sharma, Department of Gandhian and Peace Studies and Architect Inder Gulati, who interacted with the participants and praised the initiative.

They expressed their appreciation for the creative efforts of the students and staff, noting that such events encourage critical observation, environmental awareness, and artistic engagement. The judges carefully evaluated each photograph and the thought behind it and selected the winners.

A prize distribution ceremony was held to recognise the most outstanding entries in each category. Winners were applauded for their talent, and certificates and awards were presented as a token of encouragement.

The Chairperson, Prof. Rohit Sharma, delivered an inspiring speech, congratulating the participants for their enthusiasm and creativity. In the address, the Chairperson emphasised the importance of art in education, and how photography serves as a bridge between scientific understanding and aesthetic expression.

Our aim is to build a pipeline of future golfing stars from Chandigarh for the 2028 Olympics, says Gurnav Bhatti, Owner, GB Legends

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"Golf, an Olympic sport which was once synonymous with Chandigarh, lies at the heart of our effort dedicated to nurturing golfing talent and supporting youngsters," said Gurnav Bhatti, Team Owner, GB Legends, a prominent Chandigarh Golf League team . Bhatti added, "Talent deserves opportunity, not privilege. With GB Legends, we aim to democratize access and prepare a pool of champions for the 2028 Olympics." Gurnav Bhatti said this while interacting with the media to share details of GB Legends' Corporate Social Responsibility(CSR) training initiative for youngsters.

Backed by real estate behemoth GB Realty, the initiative goes beyond competitive play. It is designed to identify and mentor raw talent; provide access to world-class coaching and resources, and create a sustainable, inclusive golf ecosystem in Chandigarh.

Co-owner of GB Legends Jatinder Singh Bajwa emphasized, "Our vision is to make golf more inclusive. We also want to give back to a community that has long nurtured this sport."

Under the programme, the team is mentoring talents such as Saurav Das, son of a canteen helper, and Sukhleen Kaur, daughter of a domestic helper and a promising athlete. Alongside them, Roopwant Singh Mattu, Rudraj Diwan, and Raza Kaur are receiving professional coaching, tournament fee support, and equipment assistance. Another inspiring story is that of Prashant Nanda, an autistic child who is benefiting significantly under the holistic development module, which apart from mainline golf training also includes sessions with psychologist Aseesinder Khurana and wellness coach Upasana Thakur. Fitness trainer Sagar Diwan and physiotherapist Dr Sidharth Bansal too are part of the core training team. Cdr (Dr) Vimal Vibhakar, a renowned surgeon and sports medicine consultant is also offering his services to the team.

Vice-Captain Dr Ravisher Toor underlined, "This is not just about competition but is about creating complete athletes."

Notably, Saguna Jain the woman team member of GB Legends and its oldest member Col Gurjit Singh too were present at the press meet.

Meanwhile, the unique aspect of the programme is its coaching team: Ranjit Singh, Harendra Gupta, and Akshay Sharma all caddy-turned-professionals symbolizing GB Legends' commitment to empowering grassroots contributors to the game. Amit Sood, CEO, GB Legends, added, "True legacy is built when success is shared. At GB Legends, we are balancing performance with purpose, proving that champions are created not just on the course but in life." Harpuneet Sandhu, Council Member, Indian Golf Union (IGU), stressed, "This is a long-term commitment. The initiative is not just about competitive strength. It is about building a community where aspiring golfers can learn, grow, and rise as champions."

PGIMER breakthrough for dialysis patients: Safer, simpler & affordable solution for high-flow AV fistulae in nephrology care

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In a significant breakthrough for dialysis patient care, the Department of Nephrology at PGIMER has introduced a pioneering solution to address high-flow AV fistulae complications—an issue affecting a large number of patients. This innovative banding technique, designed as a safe, simple, and affordable day-care procedure, provides an effective alternative to traditional treatments and marks a major advancement in nephrology care.

Prof. Vivek Lal, Director PGIMER, stated, "This ground-breaking approach exemplifies how tailored, cost-effective solutions can revolutionize patient management, especially in resource-limited settings like ours. We are proud to lead in this field and improve the quality of life for our dialysis patients."

Underpinning the affordability and cost effectiveness of the technique Prof. H S Kohli, Head, Department of Nephrology, PGIMER, said, "The development of this technique has been a game-changer. It provides a safe, simple, and affordable option for managing high-flow Arterio-venous fistulae, directly addressing a major complication in dialysis care."

High-flow fistulae are a common complication among dialysis patients. These fistulae, which are surgically created connections between an artery and a vein, are vital for effective dialysis. However, when the fistula's flow rate becomes excessive, it can lead to increased pressure on the heart, resulting in heart failure, inadequate dialysis, and risks of fistula rupture.

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I Raj Kumar S/o Dolat Ram R/o H No. 345/1, Ward No. 44, St No. 1, Nanakpuri, Millerganj, Ludhiana Have Changed My Name From Raj Kumar to Raj kumar Rana.

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I,Manjeet Kaur W/O Dara Singh R/O H.No.1829,Majitha Road,Nehru Colony, Amritsar, Punjab inform that Manjeet Kaur and Balvinder Kaur both names are mine and one and the same person and have equal value.

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I, GAGANPREET Son of Jaswinder Singh, R/o Village Nawan Pind, Dewa Singhwala, Kapurthala, declare that I'm holder of Indian Passport T9178546. I want to change my name from GAGANPREET to GAGANPREET SINGH. on my said passport. All Concerned noted.

I, Sunita W/O Raju R/O G.T.Road,Near Foji Karyana Store,Village Doburji Lubana,Distt.Amritsar,have changed my name from Sunita to Priyanka. Concerned note.

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I Manjit Kaur W/O Gagandeep Singh R/O 21/23 Bazar Chawal Mandi Near Golden Temple Amritsar Have Changed My Name From Manjit Kaur To Manjeet Kaur.

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I Balwinder Kaur W/o Chamkaur Singh R/o H No. 428, Main Road, Sherpur Khurd, Focal Point, Ludhiana, have changed the name of my minor granddaughter Natasha, daughter of Ranjit Singh, from Natasha to Natasha Rai alias Natasha. The girl's mother is living separately and the father is abroad.

I Manoj Chopra S/o Kundan Lal Chopra R/o H No.G-2/114,Karabara Nagar, Tehsil and Distt.Ludhiana, state that my Daughter Bhavika Chopra due to his association with the wrong people, and out of my control. Therefore,I Disown/Disinherit her from my movable and immovable property. The person dealing with her will be responsible for Himself I will not be held responsible.

I, Amandeep Kaur W/o late Jarnail Singh R/o Kapil Colony, Balial Road, Bhawanigarh (Sangrur) declare that my son Jaswinder Singh and his wife Charanjit Kaur, daughter of Darshan Singh R/o Dhadial, are out of my control and are beating me and threatening to kill me. I disinherited both of them from my movable and immovable property. Anyone who deals with them will be responsible for themselves. I and my family will not be responsible for anything.

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Regional SARAS Mela 2025 in PAU from October 4 to 13: DC Himanshu Jain

YOGESH KAPOOR
PUNJAB EXPRESS BUREAU
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The 4th Regional SARAS Mela 2025 will be held in Punjab Agricultural University (PAU) from October 4 to 13.

Deputy Commissioner Himanshu Jain held a meeting with officials from various departments at Bachat Bhawan on Tuesday. To ensure the smooth execution of the mela, Jain stated that the event will be overseen by Mela Officer-cum-Additional Deputy Commissioner (Rural Development) Amarjeet Bains and Assistant Mela Officer-cum- Employment Generation and Skill Development Training Officer Jeevandeep Singh. He also constituted committees comprising officials from different departments and assigned specific responsibilities.

The Deputy Commissioner elaborated that tasks such as stall allotment, daily sales reporting from stalls, promoting food processing through dedicated stalls, daily ticket sales, ensuring a consistent supply of clean drinking water, and arranging first aid and medical facilities at the mela and accommodation sites have been assigned to nodal officers. The police administration will manage security and traffic arrangements, and a control room will be established at the mela venue.

Jain added that the Municipal Corporation Ludhiana will handle cleaning, tent setup, and water sprinkling at the mela site. Nodal officers have also been appointed to guide participants and artists arriving from other states for cultural programs, with suitable accommodation arrangements for performers. The mela will also feature amusement rides and cultural performances by artists for public entertainment. The committees from various departments have been formed and assigned duties to ensure all necessary arrangements are in place.

The Deputy Commissioner also highlighted that over 1,400 artisans, craftsmen, traders, and skilled individuals from various states will participate in the mela, with thousands of visitors expected daily for shopping and enjoyment. More than 600 stalls will be set up by artisans and craftsmen from across the country.

Jain emphasized that it is a matter of pride for Ludhiana to host artisans and artists from different states. During this 10-day mega event, performers from various states will showcase their culture and heritage, making the mela a vibrant celebration of diversity. He noted that Ludhiana is hosting the SARAS Mela for the fourth time, following successful editions in 2012, 2017, and 2023.

District admn closely monitoring rainfall and Pong Dam water levels, relief and rehabilitation work underway: DC

PUNJAB EXPRESS BUREAU
Hoshiarpur, August 26



Deputy Commissioner Aashika Jain stated that due to heavy rainfall in Himachal Pradesh and parts of Hoshiarpur district over the past two days, the inflow of water into Pong Dam has been continuously rising. She assured that the district administration is in constant coordination with BBMB and the Water Resources Department, and the water discharge is being carefully regulated on technical grounds.

The DC informed that sudden heavy water flow in the Chakki river led to breaches at some points in Motla, Mehtabpur, and Haled Jarnadan villages of Mukerian. Immediate action was taken by deploying teams from the Drainage, NREGA, and other concerned departments at the sites. She personally visited the affected villages, reviewed the situation, and interacted directly with the local residents.

She said the administration is in regular contact with affected families. Medical camps are being set up in impacted areas, along with arrangements for cattle fodder, drinking water, and chlorine tablets. Revenue department teams are assessing damages at affected households to ensure prompt compensation to eligible families.

The DC highlighted that the Red Cross Society is continuously delivering ration and other essentials to the affected people. Alongside, several social organizations, including Baba Deep Singh Welfare Society, are actively engaged in relief operations. She appealed to other NGOs and voluntary groups to coordinate with the Red Cross to ensure equitable distribution of relief material.

She further mentioned that for the past 10 days, issues at the guide bund of the National Highway bridge near Abdulapur, Rada, and Fatehpur Kulla in the Tanda area caused waterlogging. Teams have been stationed there as well, with round-the-clock monitoring to prevent lapses in relief efforts.

The Deputy Commissioner informed that the Chief Secretary of Punjab has given clear instructions to ensure no delay in relief and rehabilitation measures.

Mayor, MC Commissioner continue strict stance on cleanliness; direct officials to ensure fogging across city



GURKIRPAL SINGH
PUNJAB EXPRESS BUREAU
Ludhiana, August 26

Continuing strict stance for ensuring cleanliness across the city, Mayor Principal Inderjit Kaur and Municipal Corporation (MC) Commissioner Aaditya Dachalwal conducted a meeting with the health branch officials at MC Zone D office on Tuesday.

Necessary directions have been issued to ensure regular lifting of garbage from the static compactor sites. The officials have been directed to check the attendance of sweepers too and action would be taken against the concerned officials, if any laxity is witnessed in terms of cleanliness.

Recently a Lambardar has been suspended while show cause notices have been issued to a CSI and Lambardar over lack of cleanliness in their respecive areas.

MC Joint Commissioner Vineet Kumar, Joint Commissioner Abhishek Sharma, SE Sham Lal Gupta, CSO Ashwani Sahota, Health Officer Dr Vipal Malhotra, CSIs, SIs among others were present in the meeting.

Further, the officials have also been directed to continue issuing challans over dumping of garbage in open plots. The owners should be directed to construct boundary walls around their plots to avoid action. Mayor Inderjit Kaur directed the officials that fogging should also be ensured across the city as city has been witnessing incessant rainfall and fogging should be done to keep the residents safe from vector borne diseases.

Libraries to play key role in comprehensive rural development: Sond



INDERJIT SINGH
PUNJAB EXPRESS BUREAU
Ludhiana, August 26

Punjab's Minister for Cultural Affairs, Rural Development and Panchayats, Tarunpreet Singh Sond, emphasized that libraries are being given an important place in the state's comprehensive rural development plan. He said the initiative aims to strengthen literary culture and connect youth with progressive thinking.

The Minister stated that libraries and sports infrastructure is being developed across all 117 Assembly constituencies of Punjab. Referring to his own Khanna constituency, he mentioned that five rural libraries are being opened every year. Under the guidance of Chief Minister Bhagwant Singh Mann, special grants are also being provided for the development of sports grounds.

Sond was speaking at the residence of Prof. Gurbhajan Singh Gill, Chairman of the Punjabi Lok Virasat Academy, Ludhiana, where discussions were held on the preservation of Punjab's heritage and aligning cultural values with rural development initiatives. On the occasion, he also expressed grief over the demise of renowned artist Dr Jaswinder Bhalla, a close associate of Prof. Gill.

Ludhiana Mayor, Principal Inderjit Kaur, and other dignitaries were also present. Prof. Gill presented his authored and edited works, including Akkhar Akkhar, Gulnaar, Mer Pankh, and Dharti Vangare Takhat, a collection of poems on the farmers' movement, along with the biography Gadahi Baba Genda Singh Doadhar, edited by Dr Sukhdev Singh Sirsa.

NIMA Ferozepur unites 425 doctors in landmark CME on Ayurveda and Panchkarma

PUNJAB EXPRESS BUREAU
Ferozepur, August 26



The National Integrated Medical Association (NIMA), Ferozepur City Branch, successfully organised a 10-credit Continuing Medical Education (CME) program at the local school. The event witnessed the participation of more than 425 BAMS doctors from across Punjab and featured insightful lectures from leading experts in Ayurveda and Panchakarma.

The program was graced by Dr Sanjeev Goyal, Registrar, Ayurvedic and Unani System of Medicine, Punjab, and Registrar, Guru Ravidas Ayurved University, Hoshiarpur, as the chief guest. The inaugural session included a welcome address by Nain-deep Kaur and the traditional lamp-lighting ceremony in the presence of dignitaries.

Renowned experts Dr Monika Sareshtha, Dr Kuldeep Singh Panwar, and Dr. Anurag Girdhar delivered lectures on Ayurveda and Panchakarma, enriching the knowledge base of participating doctors. Among the special guests were Dr Parwinder Bajaj (President, NIMA Punjab), Dr Anil Nagrath (Secretary, NIMA Punjab), Dr Rajeev Mehta, Dr Vishal Bhanot, Dr Suman Lata (Harmony Ayurvedic Medical College and Hospital), Anuradha Chandel (Principal, DCM Model International School), Dharampal Bansal, and Yogesh Bansal. The event's success was attributed to the tireless efforts of Dr. Daljeet Singh (President, NIMA Ferozepur City Branch), Dr Parveen Goyal (Secretary), Dr Jasmeet Makkar (Cashier), and Dr Rajkumar Dhawan (Project Coordinator), along with the support of Dr Rakesh Grover, Dr Dolly Dhawan, Dr Sanjeev Trehan, and other dedicated members.

Self-employment and placement camp to be held in Tarn Taran on August 28

INDER PAL SINGH
PUNJAB EXPRESS BUREAU
Tarn Taran, August 26

The Punjab government, under the leadership of Deputy Commissioner Rahul and Additional Deputy Commissioner (Rural Development), is organizing a Self-Employment and Placement Camp to provide job opportunities to unemployed youth.

The camp will be held on August 28 from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM at Room No. 115, First Floor, District Employment and Business Bureau Office, DC Office Complex, Sarhali Road (Village Pindi), Tarn Taran.

District Employment Generation, Skill Development and Training Officer Vikram Jeet informed that various departments including the District Industries Centre, Dairy, Fisheries, Animal Husbandry, SCF Corporation, and Lead District Bank will participate to provide information on self-employment schemes, training, and available job opportunities.

Raksha Security Company will also participate in the placement camp. They are hiring security guards with the following requirements: Minimum qualification: 10th pass, Salary: ₹15,000 to ₹20,000, Age limit: 18 to 35 years, Height requirement: Boys – 5'6", Girls – 5'3"

District and Sessions Judge conducts surprise inspection of Ludhiana Jails

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District and Sessions Judge-cum-Chairperson, District Legal Services Authority, Ludhiana, Harpreet Kaur Randhawa carried out a surprise inspection of the Central Jail, Borstal Jail, and Women's Jail in Ludhiana on Tuesday.

During the inspection, Judge Randhawa checked each barrack under the supervision of Central Jail Superintendent Kulwant Singh, listened to the grievances of undertrials and prisoners, and directed jail authorities to ensure immediate redressal of their problems.

She also inspected the langar hall, reviewing the quality of food being prepared, including chapati and dal. In the Women's Jail, she interacted with female inmates, inquired about their issues, and stressed that their problems must be resolved at the earliest. The availability of medical facilities for women prisoners was also reviewed.

Judge Randhawa further informed the inmates that those unable to hire private advocates for their cases could avail free legal aid from the District Legal Services Authority, Ludhiana. She encouraged them to approach the Legal Aid Clinic operating inside the jail to fill out the required forms for assistance.

Haryana CM grants jobs to 1984 riot victims' families; BJP leaders distribute sweets



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Haryana Chief Minister Nayab Singh Saini has provided government jobs to members of families affected by the 1984 anti-Sikh riots, bringing major relief to 121 victim families.

District BJP President Rajneesh Dhiman welcomed the decision, calling it a significant step toward justice and support for the affected families. Expressing gratitude to the Chief Minister, he said, "Only the BJP understands people's pain and works to resolve it."

To celebrate the announcement, BJP leaders distributed sweets outside the party office. Dhiman recalled that after the assassination of Prime Minister Indira Gandhi in 1984, riots broke out across the country, leading to the deaths of 121 people in Haryana alone. The state government has now ensured that one member from each of these families receives a government job based on merit and consent.

Among those present on the occasion were District General Secretary Sardar Narender Singh Malli, Yashpal Janotra, former councillor Sardar Gurdeep Singh Neetu, Manmeet Singh Chawla, District Secretary Satnam Singh Sethi, Reena Jain, Varun Sood, Harvinder Singh Jawaddi, and Social Media Secretary Rajan Pandey.

PAU's agri-college launches ASEES programme to empower students

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The College of Agriculture, Punjab Agricultural University, launched ASEES (Alumni Support for Education and Empowerment of Students) on Tuesday, a pioneering initiative aimed at strengthening the academic and professional journey of its students through alumni support.

The programme has been initiated by the Alumni Association of the College of Agriculture under the aegis of the President and Dean, Dr CS Aulakh, and is coordinated by Dr PPS Pannu, Former Additional Director of Research, PAU.

The launch ceremony was graced by Dr Satbir Singh Gosal, Vice-Chancellor, PAU as the chief guest, and Dr SS Gill, Former Director of Extension Education, as the guest of honour.

Speaking on the occasion, Dr Gosal lauded the initiative, terming it a vital step towards strengthening alumni-student bonds and creating a sustainable ecosystem of mentorship and support. He emphasized that it was important to build strong connections with our alumni across the globe. He expressed that it was fortunate that PAU alumni could be found everywhere and that they were always ready to support the university through student exchange programmes, mentorship opportunities and financial assistance.

Dr Gill, in his address, underlined the role of proper guidance in student development. He noted that mentoring students in the right direction was very important, as it helped them to take the right decisions at crucial stages of their lives and careers.

Man gets 6-month jail for cheque bounce; court orders ₹1.75 lakh compensation

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PUNJAB EXPRESS BUREAU
Ludhiana, August 26

The Court of Judicial Magistrate Harmeet Kaur Puri has convicted Balpreet Singh, a resident of Chhawni Mohalla, Ludhiana, under Section 138 of the Negotiable Instruments Act in a cheque bounce case.

He has been sentenced to six months of rigorous imprisonment and directed to pay Rs 1.75 lakh as compensation to the complainant, Sarbjit Singh. In case of default in payment, the court has ordered an additional six months imprisonment.

According to the complainant's counsel, RS Mokha and SS Mokha, Balpreet Singh had borrowed Rs 1.80 lakh as a friendly loan from Sarbjit Singh in July 2020 for domestic needs. Despite repeated reminders, he failed to repay the amount. In an attempt to settle the dues, he issued a cheque for Rs 1.75 lakh, which bounced upon presentation.

The accused denied the allegations, claiming false implication. However, after reviewing the evidence and hearing arguments from both sides, the court found him guilty and pronounced the verdict accordingly.

Train services disrupted in Jammu region due to flash floods in Chakki River

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PUNJAB EXPRESS BUREAU
Ferozepur, August 26

Rail traffic between Jammutavi–Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Katra and Jammutavi–Bari Brahman sections has been temporarily suspended after heavy soil erosion and flash floods in the Chakki River. As a result, several trains have been cancelled, short-terminated, or short-originated to ensure the safety of passengers.

Fifteen trains scheduled for August 26, 2025, including the Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Katra–New Delhi, Jammutavi–Varanasi, Kalka–Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Katra, and Martyr Captain Tushar Mahajan Express services, have been cancelled. Long-distance trains to Chennai, Rishikesh, and Sambalpur have also been called off.

Several trains have been curtailed or rerouted. The Sealdah–Jammutavi Express (Aug 25) was short-terminated at Ludhiana, while its return service will originate from Ludhiana on August 27. Similarly, the Indore–Martyr Captain Tushar Mahajan Express was terminated at Jalandhar Cantt, and its return leg will start from there.

Other trains, including Chennai–Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Katra, Rajgir–Martyr Captain Tushar Mahajan, Subedarganj–Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Katra, and New Delhi–Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Katra, have either been terminated en route or will originate from alternate stations such as Ambala Cantt, Delhi Jn, Manwal, Chakrakwala, and Bari Brahman.

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A strong message

In a strong message, Prime Minister Narendra Modi has made it clear that India will not cave in to any pressure from any country including the US to compromise on its national interests. Significantly, his statement has come just before the Trump administration's tariff penalty on India over its purchase of Russian oil kicks in.

He has emphasized that his government will never let harm come the way of small entrepreneurs, farmers, livestock rearers. His remarks came a day after US Vice President J D Vance told an American TV channel that President Donald Trump had applied "aggressive economic leverage", including "secondary tariffs on India" to "make it harder for the Russians to get rich from their oil economy" and force Russia to stop bombing Ukraine.

Modi, without naming the US or its imposition of tariff, Today in this world, there is politics of economic self-interest, everyone looks out for themselves. We are witnessing this.Calling for Swadeshi and urging people to buy only 'Make in India' products, Modi said Swadeshi and Atmanirbhar Bharat are important roadmaps for a Viksit Bharat. He said Gujarat is powering the Atmanirbhar Bharat campaign, and "behind this energy is hard work of two decades". "Today's youth did not see the days when there was curfew every other day. It was difficult to do trade and business here. Today, Ahmedabad is among the safest cities in the country... Gujarat has become a manufacturing hub, and is very proud of it," he said.

Since Donald Trump hiked tariffs on Indian goods to 50 per cent, including an extra 25 per cent, penalty for India's discounted Russian crude purchases - ties between New Delhi and Washington have soured. The US accuses India of indirectly funding Moscow's war in Ukraine through these oil imports, a claim New Delhi has flatly dismissed. India began buying Russian crude at cheaper rates after Western nations sanctioned Moscow following its 2022 invasion of Ukraine.

However, Foreign minister S Jaishankar has highlighted the contradiction in Washington's stance. "It's ironic for a pro-business American administration to accuse others of doing business". He went on to say that "If you don't like Indian oil or refined products, don't buy them. Nobody is forcing you. But Europe buys, America buys. So if you have a problem, just stop buying."

SPIRITUAL WORLD



2.1 billion people globally lack access to safe drinking water: UN



A whopping 2.1 billion people or one in every four people globally lack access to safely managed drinking water, according to a joint report by UN agencies WHO and the UNICEF on Tuesday.

This includes 106 million people who drink directly from untreated surface sources, stated the report, released as part of the World Water Week 2025.

Despite progress over the last decade, billions of people around the world still lack access to essential water, sanitation, and hygiene services, putting them at risk of disease and deeper social exclusion.

The report noted that 3.4 billion people worldwide lack safely managed sanitation, including 354 million who practice open defecation. Another 1.7 billion people lack basic hygiene services at home, including 611 million without access to any facilities.

People in least developed countries were found to be more than twice as likely as people in other countries to lack basic drinking water and sanitation services, and more than three times as likely to lack basic hygiene.

"Water, sanitation and hygiene are not privileges, they are basic human rights," said Dr Ruediger Krech, Director a.i, Environment, Climate Change and Health, World Health Organization.

"We must accelerate action, especially for the most marginalised communities, if we are to keep our promise to reach the Sustainable Development Goals," Krech added.

Further, the report based on data from 70 countries shows that while most women and adolescent girls have menstrual materials and a private place to change, many lack sufficient materials to change as often as needed.

"When children lack access to safe water, sanitation, and hygiene, their health, education, and futures are put at risk," said Cecilia Scharp, UNICEF Director of WASH.

"These inequalities are especially stark for girls, who often bear the burden of water collection and face additional barriers during menstruation. At the current pace, the promise of safe water and sanitation for every child is slipping further from reach – reminding us that we must act faster and more boldly to reach those who need it most," Scharp added. **IANS**

Climate, temperature, urban water stagnation behind brain-eating amoeba infections in Kerala: Experts



Amoebic meningoencephalitis is a rare infection caused by certain brain-eating amoebae that naturally live in our environment, and climate, temperature, and urban water stagnation are major reasons for its rise in Kerala, said health experts on Tuesday.

Amoebic encephalitis is a rare but fatal central nervous system infection caused by free-living amoebae, Naegleria fowleri, also known as the brain-eating amoeba, found in freshwater lakes and rivers.

There are two types of amoebic encephalitis, namely primary amoebic meningoencephalitis (PAM) and granulomatous amoebic encephalitis (GAE).

Kerala has reported 41 cases of amoebic meningoencephalitis this year, and 18 active cases are currently under treatment in the state.

"Unlike common infections such as typhoid and hepatitis A, which occur when infected individuals spread bacteria or viruses through water, primary amoebic meningoencephalitis (PAM) is caused by certain amoebae that naturally live in our environment," Dr Rajeev Jayadevan, Chairman, Scientific Committee, IMA Cochin, told IANS.

"The increase in cases could be attributed to swimming in untreated and fresh water, and a change in climate, higher water temperatures, urban water stagnation, which provide a more favorable condition for the organism to travel," added Dr. Anshu Rohatgi, Vice Chairperson of Neurology, from a leading city-based hospital.

There are numerous species of free-living amoebae, but only a few are capable of causing the brain infection. These amoebae are found in moist soil, stagnant water, biofilms inside pipes and taps, water tanks, rivers, ponds, and swimming pools.

Notably, the experts called out against putting water in the nose as the amoebae that cause brain infection enter the body through the nose.

"The nose is meant for the flow of air, not water. The cavity of the nose is separated from the brain only by a thin piece of bone -- through which these amoebae can sometimes traverse. Therefore, the best strategy to prevent this rare infection is to avoid putting water inside the nose, and to minimise water entry into the nose while swimming," said Jayadevan, urging the need to educate people on this.

"N. fowleri is not transmitted through drinking contaminated water or person-to-person contact. It only travels through water that has not been treated. An Ayurvedic technique -- neti -- where the water is not properly treated can also cause the infection," Rohatgi added.

Meanwhile, Kerala Health Minister Veena George on Monday urged the people of the state to ensure water sources are kept clean and safe. She also announced a mass public campaign to prevent the spread of the rare but fatal brain infection.

"Removing these amoebae from our environment is neither feasible nor possible. While keeping water clean is important for preventing many infections, it will not eliminate amoebic meningoencephalitis. This is because when threatened, amoebae can transform into a resistant cyst form and re-emerge once threats subside," Jayadevan said.

He urged early recognition of symptoms such as fever, headache, and vomiting to enable prompt diagnosis and treatment. **IANS**

India's wind capacity likely to double to 107 GW by 2030: Report



India has emerged as the world's third-largest wind equipment manufacturing hub, positioning it to meet 10 per cent of global demand, according to a report released by the Global Wind Energy Council (GWEC) on Tuesday.

The report details how India's installed wind capacity can more than double from 51 GW to 107 GW by 2030, in line with state-level Resource Adequacy Plans (RAP). This is pivotal to help India achieve the least cost pathway for a successful energy transition.

India is targeting 100 GW of wind capacity, which is expected to contribute 20 per cent of the renewable mix in the country.

The country's manufacturing capacity has grown from 12 GW in 2022 to 20 GW in 2024.

A higher share of wind power provides significant cost benefits, enhances grid stability, and improves transmission capacity utilisation, making it the least-cost pathway for meeting state-level power adequacy needs.

Scaling wind installations to 8 GW annually could create around 1,16,000 jobs, reduce costs by 10 per cent, and raise domestic content to 80 per cent. Scaling to 15 GW annually could generate around 1,54,000 jobs, states the GWEC report titled "Wind at the Core: Driving India's Green Ambitions and International Influence".

Addressing grid concerns, strengthening RPO compliance, and aligning bidding processes with state offtake needs could push installations toward the full potential, the report states.

Union Minister for New & Renewable Energy Pralhad Joshi emphasised: "India is executing one of the world's most ambitious energy transitions — not just to secure our own sustainable future but to shape the global clean energy narrative. Under the visionary leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, we are committed to installing 500 GW of non-fossil capacity by 2030, including 100 GW from wind. With wind expected to contribute nearly a quarter of the renewable mix, India is not only building clean energy infrastructure, but we are also building the future.

Reports such as this by GWEC play an important role in guiding stakeholders as we work together to position India as a global clean energy leader."

Global Wind Energy Council India & Indian Wind Turbine Manufacturers Association (IWTMA) Chairman Girish Tanti said: "The global energy landscape is undergoing a profound transformation, with wind power proving instrumental in driving least-cost energy transitions. By 2030, renewables are expected to supply nearly half of global electricity, with wind contributing around 20-25 per cent. India is poised to mirror this trajectory, doubling its wind capacity to 100 GW and scaling up to 452 GW by 2050." **IANS**

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NEWSBRIEFS

Drug racket busted at Mahindra University in Hyderabad, four held

HYDERABAD: The Elite Action Group for Drug Law Enforcement (EAGLE), a specialised unit of Telangana Police, has busted a drug racket in Mahindra University here and arrested four accused, including a student of the university. Fifty students are under investigation for drug consumption. The sleuths of EAGLE also seized 1.15 kg of ganja (cannabis) and 47 grams of OG Weed. Officials said the EAGLE team cracked down on a major interstate drug peddling racket that was supplying narcotics to university students in Hyderabad. **IANS**

550 kg of fake paneer seized in Mumbai

MUMBAI: Mumbai Police along with the Food and Drugs Administration (FDA) has seized 550 kg of fake paneer, commonly referred to as `cheese analog', an official said on Tuesday. Acting on a tip-off, the crime branch raided shops in GTB Nagar area and seized fake paneer from Om Coldrink House and Shri Ganesh Dairy. Fake paneer was also seized from a tempo parked outside the shops. People should buy paneer and other dairy products only from trusted sources and report suspicious paneer to the police control room, the official said. Strict action will be taken against anyone engaged in the manufacture or sale of adulterated food products, he added. **PTI**

Voter Adhikar Yatra: Priyanka Gandhi, Rahul and Tejashwi Yadav target BJP over vote theft

PATNA, AUGUST 26



The Voter Adhikar Yatra of the INDIA bloc reached Darbhanga's Sakri block on Tuesday, where Congress National General Secretary Priyanka Gandhi, Leader of the Opposition (LoP) in Lok Sabha Congress leader Rahul Gandhi, and RJD leader Tejashwi Yadav launched a sharp attack on the Narendra Modi government and the Election Commission, accusing them of "stealing votes."

Addressing a massive gathering, Priyanka Gandhi alleged that the BJP, which once mocked Congress by saying it would "steal buffaloes," is now engaged in stealing the fundamental right to vote. "They are stealing jobs, selling government entities to their business friends, and now they are trying to steal the most important right of citizens - the vote.

If they succeed, people will be deprived of government benefits and even relief during natural disasters like floods. This is a direct attack on citizenship. Losing your vote means losing your rights," Priyanka said, urging people of Bihar to resist what she called a "dangerous game."

Tejashwi Yadav, Leader of Opposition in the Bihar Assembly, praised Priyanka Gandhi for joining the Yatra and boosting the INDIA bloc's campaign. **IANS**

Former judges engage in war of words over HM Amit Shah's 'pro-Maoism' charge against INDIA Bloc's VP nominee

NEW DELHI, AUGUST 26



The Vice Presidential election on September 9 has pitted two groups of retired judges against each other, with one opposing Home Minister Amit Shah's 'pro-Maoism' charge against INDIA block nominee Justice B. Sudershan Reddy and the other criticising their brother jurists' veiled support for the latter's political venture. Within days of 18 retired judges criticising HM Shah's 'Salwa Judum' barb at Justice Reddy, 56 ex-judges on Tuesday said, "We feel compelled to place on record our strong disagreement with the recent statement issued by a group of retired judges and activists." Led by two former Chief Justices of India, Justice P. Sathasivam and Justice Ranjan Gogoi, the 56 ex-judges from the Supreme Court and various High Courts, in a statement, hit out at their colleagues "misusing the cover of judicial independence for political convenience". "We strongly call upon our brother judges to desist from lending their names to politically motivated statements.

Let those who have chosen the path of politics defend themselves in that realm. The institution of the judiciary must be kept above and distinct from such entanglements," said the statement released by 56 former judges. They also cautioned their brother judges from frequently issuing statements on political developments.

"It has become a predictable pattern, wherein every major political development is met with statements from the same quarters. These statements are determined to cloak their political partisanship under the language of judicial independence," said the statement. "This practice does a great disservice to the institution we once served, as it projects judges as political actors. This erodes the prosperity, dignity and neutrality that the office of a judicial officer demands," it said. Earlier, the group of 18 retired jurists objected to HM Shah's remarks against Justice Reddy, calling them unfortunate. **IANS**

Odisha Governor reviews flood situation, govt preparedness

BHUBANESWAR, AUGUST 26

Odisha Governor Hari Babu Kambhampati on Tuesday reviewed the prevailing flood situation in various parts of the state and assessed the state government's preparedness to handle it. While chairing the review meeting held at the Raj Bhavan conference hall here, Governor Kambhampati urged the state Revenue and Disaster Management Department to remain vigilant and ensure zero casualties amid the prevailing flood situation in several districts of the state.

The Governor, during the meeting, also lauded the Odisha government's dedicated measures to safeguard lives. "The best thing we can do is to prioritise human life," Kambhampati emphasised, calling for proactive steps to protect people during floods. **IANS**

Bengal CM asks PM Modi to respect her chair as she respects his

KOLKATA, AUGUST 26

Describing Prime Minister Narendra Modi as a 'migratory bird' who comes to the state before elections, West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee on Tuesday lashed out at him for calling her party leaders 'thieves'.

Addressing a government programme in Burdwan of East Burdwan district, CM Banerjee asked PM Modi to respect her chair as she respect his.

"The Prime Minister should respect my chair as I respect his. I never expected him to call the people of West Bengal 'thieves'. He has turned a blind eye to the performances of the so-called 'double-engine' BJP governments of Uttar Pradesh, Maharashtra and Bihar, where corruption is at its highest.

Whenever something happens in Bengal, central teams are being sent. Why are such teams not sent to BJP-ruled states where corruption thrives," CM Banerjee asked.

In his recent visit to West Bengal, PM Modi had slammed the Trinamool Congress over corruption charges against its ministers and leaders. **IANS**

1857 revolt awakened consciousness; Sangh should be discussed on facts, not perceptions: Mohan Bhagwat

NEW DELHI, AUGUST 26

Addressing a packed gathering at Vigyan Bhawan on Tuesday, Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS) chief Mohan Bhagwat marked the centenary lecture series "100 Years of Sangh's Journey: New Horizons" with a sweeping reflection on India's history, nationalism, and the Sangh's role in shaping the future. Bhagwat urged that discussions on the Sangh should be based on "facts, not perceptions."

He said the RSS, now completing a hundred years, was founded with a clear purpose: "The Sangh exists for Bharat. Its journey began with challenges, it grew despite obstacles, and today it continues with a vision for the future. That is why we have used the word New Horizons."

Reflecting on history, Bhagwat traced India's nationalist movements back to the Revolt of 1857, which he described as a "failed war of independence" that nevertheless awakened consciousness among Indians. "After 1857, revolutionaries gave sacrifices that inspired generations. Savarkar ji was a luminous gem of that wave," Bhagwat said, adding that the revolutionary current subsided post-independence, giving way to politics as a tool for freedom, which eventually birthed the Indian National Congress. **IANS**

DELHI/NCR

Delhi Jal Board to appoint private consultant for financial reforms, Yamuna River revival

NEW DELHI, AUGUST 26

The Delhi Jal Board (DJB) plans to hire a private strategic unit to carry out a study and chart out an overall roadmap for future reforms, officials said on Tuesday. According to officials, the main focus areas will include the revival of the Yamuna River, increasing water tariffs, boosting water production, reducing financial losses, and improving sewage management.

"DJB plans to hire a Project Management Unit (PMU) consultant to provide end-to-end support in the planning, implementation, and monitoring of these reforms over the next 36 months. We have floated a tender to hire a company," an official said.

As per the plan, around 10 experts will be hired in fields such as groundwater, urban reform, IT, finance, and urban planning to break down key DJB programs into actionable workstreams with defined timelines and responsibilities, officials added. One of the promises made by the BJP before coming to power was the cleaning of the Yamuna River. In the past six months, several announcements have also been made by the government in this direction. Presenting an action plan for the river will be one of the priorities of the new unit. Currently, the DJB operates 17 water treatment plants (WTPs) and thousands of tubewells, which together produce around 1,000 million gallons per day (MGD) of water. There are also 37 wastewater treatment plants (WWTPs) across the city to process sewage. "Arranging for the water needs of the ever-growing population and organising efficient collection and treatment of wastewater calls for extensive planning and use of modern digital tools," the tender stated. Focusing on modernisation, the DJB also plans to establish an internal all-sector monitoring dashboard.

"Establish a common Information and Communications Technology (ICT) platform for project monitoring and asset management, with a real-time IT dashboard for all the workstreams, including projects running 24x7 and capable of disseminating real-time information," the project plan further stated.

To manage the city's groundwater more effectively, DJB also plans to conduct feasibility studies for improved groundwater recharge systems.

"The PMU will have to review the existing groundwater usage model of Delhi and design future needs," the tender added. The DJB also plans to revise its water tariff. However, the specifics regarding the amount and timeline are yet to be decided. **PTI**

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I Parmjit Singh s/o Avtar Singh H.No. 1249, Phase 3B2 Mohali Pin code 160059 have changed my name Paramjit Singh

PUBLIC NOTICE

We, Paramjeet Kaur W/o Tarsem Singh and Tarsem Singh S/o Kaka Singh R/o Vill Tungwali Distt Bathinda declare that our son Gurdeep Singh and his wife Ashwinder Kaur, who are beyond our and our family's control, therefore we are dispossessing them from all our movable and immovable property. The person transacting with them will be responsible for themselves, we and our family will not be held responsible.

Application For Wet Canteen, Applications for opening Wet Canteen in 301 Field Hospital at Military Station Sangrur are invited from eligible applicants. Final date for submission of application is 06 Sep 2025. Applications will be submitted to Commanding Officer, 301 Field Hospital. Phone No. 8082528423

I,Rajinder Kumar Dhall (Uid No 9545-7386-3160) S/o Ujagar Lal Dhall R/o House No 1f A, Friends Colony, Ramgarh, Ludhiana, Punjab , 141123.I State That In Some Documents, My Name Is Rajinder Kumar Dhall And Rajinder Kumar. Rajinder Kumar Dhall And Rajinder Kumar, Both The Names Belong To The Same Person And I Am Known By Both The Names. Make Notes Regarding Everything.

I Savita (Uid No 6090-2042-1583) W/o Rajinder Kumar R/o House No 1f A, Friends Colony, Ramgarh, Ludhiana, Punjab ,141123.I State That In Some Documents My Name Is Savita Dhall And Savita. Savita Dhall And Savita, Both The Names Belong To The Same Person And I Am Known By Both The Names. Make Notes Regarding Everything.

We, Anil Uppal S/O late Sh.Ram Uppal and Suman Uppal W/O Anil Uppal R/O H.No.652/T-15,Beri Gate,Amritsar inform that our adopted daughter Smt.Sonam Verma W/O Sh.Deepak Kanda/Verma R/O H.No.22,Jawala City Colony,Amritsar is not under our control and don't respect us.We disinherit her from all our moveable and immoveable properties or in whatever shape these may be.We also severe all our ties with her.

ਮੈਂ ਸੁਖਵਿੰਦਰ ਕੌਰ ਪਤਨੀ ਸੁਰਿੰਦਰ ਸਿੰਘ ਵਾਸੀ ਖਨੌਰੀ ਕਲਾਂ ਤਹਿਸੀਲ ਮੂਨਕ ਜ਼ਿਲ੍ਹਾ ਸੰਗਰੂਰ ਬਿਆਨ ਕਰਦੀ ਹਾਂ ਕਿ ਮੈਂ ਵਾਕਾ ਰਕਬਾ ਪਿੰਡ ਜਿੰਦਲਪੁਰ ਵਿਖੇ ਜਮਾਂਬੰਦੀ ਸਾਲ 2022-2023 ਦੇ ਵਿੱਚ ਗੁਰਮੇਲ ਕੌਰ ਪੁੱਤਰੀ ਬੰਤ ਸਿੰਘ 1/ 12 ਹਿੱਸਾ ਦੀ ਮਾਲਕ ਹਾਂ ਮੇਰੇ ਸਹੁਰੇ ਘਰ ਮੇਰਾ ਨਾਮ ਬਦਲ ਕੇ ਗੁਰਮੇਲ ਕੌਰ ਤੋਂ ਸੁਖਵਿੰਦਰ ਕੌਰ ਹੋ ਗਿਆ ਹੈ। ਮੈਨੂੰ ਗੁਰਮੇਲ ਕੌਰ ਅਤੇ ਸੁਖਵਿੰਦਰ ਕੌਰ ਦੋਹਾਂ ਨਾਵਾਂ ਨਾਲ ਜਾਣਿਆ ਤੇ ਬੁਲਾਇਆ ਜਾਂਦਾ ਹੈ। ਮਾਲ ਰਿਕਾਰਡ ਜਮਾਂਬੰਦੀ ਸਾਲ 2022-2023 ਪਿੰਡ ਜਿੰਦਲਪੁਰ ਦੇ ਵਿੱਚ ਮੇਰਾ ਨਾਂ ਦਰੁਸਤ ਕਰਕੇ ਗੁਰਮੇਲ ਕੌਰ ਉਰਫ ਸੁਖਵਿੰਦਰ ਕੌਰ ਕੀਤਾ ਜਾਵੇ।

ਆਮ ਜਨਤਾ ਨੂੰ ਸੂਚਿਤ ਕੀਤਾ ਜਾਂਦਾ ਹੈ ਅਕਾਲ ਕਿਰਪਾ ਆਈ ਟੀ ਆਈ, ਮਲੋਟ July, 2020 ਤੋਂ ਦਾਖਲਾ ਨਹੀ ਕਰ ਰਹੀ। ਧੋਖੇਬਾਜ ਲੋਕ ਆਮ ਜਨਤਾ ਨੂੰ ਗੁੰਮਰਾਹ ਕਰਕੇ ਉਕਤ ਆਈ ਟੀ ਆਈ. ਵਿੱਚ ਦਾਖਲਾ ਕਰਵਾਉਣ ਦੇ ਨਾਮ ਤੇ ਪੈਸੇ ਲੈ ਰਹੇ ਹਨ। ਇਸ ਸਬੰਧੀ ਸੰਸਥਾ/ ਮੈਨੇਜਮੈਂਟ ਜ਼ਿੰਮੇਵਾਰ ਨਹੀਂ ਹੈ। ਚੇਅਰਮੈਨ ਅਕਾਲ ਕਿਰਪਾ ਆਈ ਟੀ ਆਈ, ਮਲੋਟ।

ਮੈਂ ਪ੍ਰਦੀਪ ਕੁਮਾਰ ਪੁੱਤਰ ਪ੍ਰੀਤਮ ਦਾਸ ਵਾਸੀ ਪਿੰਡ ਬਿਸ਼ਨਪੁਰ ਜੱਟਾਂ, ਲੱਖਣ ਕਲਾਂ, ਜਿਲਾ ਕਪੂਰਥਲਾ ਬਿਆਨ ਕਰਦਾ ਹਾਂ ਮੇਰਾ ਲੜਕਾ ਰਾਹੁਲ, ਜੋ ਕਿ ਮੇਰੇ ਕਹਿਣੇ ਕਾਰ ਵਿੱਚ ਨਹੀਂ ਹੈ। ਜਿਸ ਕਰਕੇ ਮੈਂ ਆਪਣੇ ਲੜਕੇ ਰਾਹੁਲ ਨੂੰ ਆਪਣੀ ਤਮਾਮ ਚੱਲ ਅਤੇ ਅਚਲ ਜਾਇਦਾਦ ਤੋਂ ਬੇਦਖਲ ਕਰਦਾ ਹਾਂ। ਇਸ ਨਾਲ ਕਿਸੇ ਵੀ ਕਿਸਮ ਦਾ ਲੈਣ ਦੇਣ ਕਰਨ ਵਾਲਾ ਵਿਅਕਤੀ ਖੁੱਦ ਜ਼ਿੰਮੇਦਾਰ ਹੋਵੇਗਾ।

ਮੈਂ ਮਨਜੀਤ ਕੌਰ ਵਿਧਵਾ ਅਜੀਤ ਸਿੰਘ, ਵਾਸੀ ਪਿੰਡ ਨੂਰਪੁਰ ਲੁਬਾਣਾ, ਜਿਲਾ ਕਪੂਰਥਲਾ ਬਿਆਨ ਕਰਦੀ ਹਾਂ ਕਿ ਸਰਬਜੀਤ ਸਿੰਘ (ਲੜਕਾ), ਨਵਨੀਤ ਕੌਰ (ਨੂੰਹ), ਦਿਲਾਵਿਆ ਸਿੰਘ (ਪੋਤਰੀ) ਅਤੇ ਹਰਦੀਪ ਸਿੰਘ (ਲੜਕਾ), ਦਵਿੰਦਰ ਕੌਰ (ਨੂੰਹ), ਅਵਨੂਰ ਕੌਰ (ਪੋਤਰੀ), ਹਰਗੁਣ ਕੌਰ (ਪੋਤਰੀ), ਅਤੇ ਸੰਦੀਪ ਕੌਰ ਪੁੱਤਰੀ ਅਜੀਤ ਸਿੰਘ, ਜੋ ਕਿ ਮੇਰੇ ਕਹਿਣੇ ਕਾਰ ਵਿੱਚ ਨਹੀਂ ਹਨ। ਜਿਸ ਕਰਕੇ ਮੈਂ ਇਨਾ ਸਾਰਿਆਂ ਨੂੰ ਆਪਣੀ ਤਮਾਮ ਜਲ ਅਚਲ ਜਾਇਦਾਦ ਤੋਂ ਬੇਦਖਲ ਕਰਦੀ ਹਾਂ। ਇਹਨਾਂ ਸਾਰਿਆਂ ਨਾਲ ਜੋ ਵੀ ਵਿਅਕਤੀ ਕਿਸੇ ਵੀ ਕਿਸਮ ਦਾ ਲੈਣ ਦੇਣ ਕਰੇਗਾ ਤਾਂ ਇਸ ਲਈ ਉਹ ਖੁਦ ਜਿੰਮੇਵਾਰ ਹੋਵੇਗਾ। ਅੱਜ ਤੋਂ ਇਨਾ ਸਾਰਿਆਂ ਨਾਲ ਮੇਰਾ ਕੋਈ ਤਲਕ ਵਾਸਤਾ ਨਹੀਂ ਰਿਹਾ ਹੈ।

ਮੈਂ,ਗਮਦੂਰ ਸਿੰਘ ਪੁੱਤਰ ਨਾਜ਼ਰ ਸਿੰਘ ਵਾਸੀ ਪਿੰਡ ਰੱਲਾ, ਤਹਿ: ਵਾਂ ਜ਼ਿਲ੍ਹਾ ਮਾਨਸਾ ਬਿਆਨ ਕਰਦਾ ਹਾਂ ਕਿ ਮੇਰਾ ਲੜਕਾ ਜਸ਼ਨਪ੍ਰੀਤ ਸਿੰਘ ਮੇਰੇ ਅਤੇ ਮੇਰੇ ਪਰਿਵਾਰ ਦੇ ਕਹਿਣੇ ਤੋਂ ਬਾਹਰ ਹੈ ਮੈਂ ਉਸਨੂੰ ਆਪਣੀ ਚੱਲ-ਅਚੱਲ ਜਾਇਦਾਦ ਤੋਂ ਬੇਦਖ਼ਲ ਕਰਦਾ ਹਾਂ ਉਸ ਨਾਲ ਲੈਣ-ਦੇਣ ਕਰਨ ਵਾਲਾ ਖੁਦ ਜਿੰਮੇਵਾਰ ਹੋਵੇਗਾ ਸੰਬੰਧਤ ਨੋਟ ਕਰਨ।

ਮੈਂ, ਮਹਿੰਦਰ ਕੁਮਾਰ ਪੁੱਤਰ ਕਾਂਸ਼ੀ ਰਾਮ ਵਾਸੀ ਪਿੰਡ ਰੂਪ ਨਗਰ, ਤਹਿ: ਵਾਂ ਜ਼ਿਲ੍ਹਾ ਫਾਜ਼ਿਲਕਾ ਬਿਆਨ ਕਰਦਾ ਹਾਂ ਕਿ ਮੇਰਾ ਲੜਕਾ ਅਜੈਪਾਲ ਅਤੇ ਉਸਦੀ ਪਤਨੀ ਕੈਲਾਸ਼ ਵਾਸੀ ਬੱਦੀ ਹਿਮਾਚਲ ਮੇਰੇ ਪਰਿਵਾਰ ਤੋਂ ਅਲੱਗ ਰਹਿ ਰਹੇ ਹਨ ਮੇਰੇ ਅਤੇ ਮੇਰੇ ਪਰਿਵਾਰ ਦੇ ਕਹਿਣੇ ਤੋਂ ਬਾਹਰ ਹਨ ਮੈਂ ਇਹਨਾਂ ਨੂੰ ਆਪਣੀ ਚੱਲ-ਅਚੱਲ ਜਾਇਦਾਦ ਤੋਂ ਬੇਦਖ਼ਲ ਕਰਦਾ ਹਾਂ ਇਹਨਾਂ ਨਾਲ ਲੈਣ-ਦੇਣ ਕਰਨ ਵਾਲਾ ਖੁਦ ਜਿੰਮੇਵਾਰ ਹੋਵੇਗਾ ਸੰਬੰਧਤ ਨੋਟ ਕਰਨ।

LOST AND FOUND

I Amandeep Singh S/o Mohinder Singh R/o house no- 96, ward no.- 3 B, near Baghria Chowk, Tehsil- Dhuri, Sangrur Punjab-148024. I have lost the original receipt no. 1155231, 1164375, 1164777, 1183892, 1183890, 1183892, 1756366, 1758523, 1772467 of my property no. 1198 Omaxe Phase- 3, New Chandigarh. Client ID: OCEP/289. If anybody found please return it to the above mentioned address.

In The Court Of Amit Bamby, PCS Additional Deputy Commissioner-cum-Marriage Officer, Sangrur

Notice regarding issuance of Un-Married Certificate.



I, Amit Bamby P.C.S. Additional Deputy Commissioner-Cum-Marriage Officer, Sangrur, Punjab, India do hereby notify to the General Public that Sukhwinder Kaur w/o Guljar Singh r/o Vill. Chatha Sekhwan, Teh. Sangrur, Distt. Sangrur (Punjab) India has moved an application in this office that her daughter, Amandeep Kaur d/o Guljar Singh is still un-married and her date of birth is 26/04/1997, at present she is living at KONTOS APTS, FLAT No. 616 ANNIVA FRANSIS 6031 LARNAKA. She has requested for issuance of a certificate to the effect that her daughter is still un-married.

If any person living in India or abroad has any objection against the issuance of the above ceriticate, he/she can file objection in this office within 30 days from the date of publication of this notice in the newspapers. If no objection is received in this regard within the stipulated period, the unmarried certificate will be issued in favour of Amandeep Kaur d/o Guljar Singh r/o Village Guljar Singh Teh. Sangrur Distt Sangrur (Punjab) India issued today 18/8/25 under my hand and seal of the court.

Additional Deputy Commissioner. Cum-Marriage Officer, Sangrur

Endt No. 89/Peshi ADC Date 22.8.25

ਗਰੇਟਰ ਮੋਹਾਲੀ ਏਰੀਆ ਡਿਵੈਲਪਮੈਂਟ ਅਥਾਰਟੀ ਪੁੱਡਾ ਭਵਨ, ਸੈਕਟਰ 62, ਐਸ.ਏ.ਐਸ. ਨਗਰ

ਜਨਤਕ ਸੂਚਨਾ

ਪਲਾਟ ਨੰਬਰ 7373, ਐਰੋਸੀਟੀ, ਐਸ.ਏ.ਐਸ. ਨਗਰ ਦੇ ਅਲਾਟੀ ਸ੍ਰੀਮਤੀ Anita Mehra S/D/W/o Roop Chand Mehra R/o H.No. 926, Sector 27, HUDA, Panchkula ਦੇ 50% ਹਿੱਸੇ ਦੇ ਅਲਾਟੀ ਨੇ ਸ੍ਰੀ Roop Chand Mehra S/D/W/o Sadhu Ram Mehra, House no -7373, Block-H, Aerocity, Mohali ਨੂੰ ਆਪਣਾ GPA ਨਿਯੁਕਤ ਕੀਤਾ ਹੈ, ਜੋ ਕਿ ਸਬ ਰਜਿਸਟਰਾਰ, ਐਸ.ਏ.ਐਸ. ਨਗਰ ਵਿਖੇ ਵਸੀਕਾ ਨੰਬਰ 2569 ਬੁੱਕ ਨੰਬਰ 4, ਮਿਤੀ 29-01-2024 ਰਾਹੀਂ ਰਜਿਸਟਰ ਹੋਈ ਹੈ। ਇਸ ਜੀ.ਪੀ.ਏ ਦੇ ਅਧਾਰ 'ਤੇ ਸ੍ਰੀ Roop Chand Mehra S/D/W/o Sadhu Ram Mehra, House No-7373, Block-H, Aerocity, Mohali ਨੂੰ Sandeep Mehra S/D/W/o Roop Chand Mehra, House No-7373, Block-H, Aerocity, Mohali ਦੇ ਨਾਂ ਤੇ ਵੇਚਣ ਦੀ ਆਗਿਆ ਲੈਣ ਲਈ ਦਸਤਾਵੇਜ ਮਿਤੀ 22-08-2025 ਨੂੰ ਦਿੱਤੇ ਹਨ। ਹੁਣ ਇਹ ਕੇਸ ਮਿਲਖ ਦਫਤਰ (ਪ), ਗਮਾਡਾ, ਐਸ.ਏ.ਐਸ ਨਗਰ ਦੇ ਦਫਤਰ ਵਿੱਚ ਵਿਚਾਰ ਅਧੀਨ ਹੈ। ਇਸ ਲਈ ਉਕਤ ਪਲਾਟ ਨੂੰ ਵੇਚਣ ਦੀ ਆਗਿਆ ਦੇਣ ਤੋਂ ਪਹਿਲਾਂ ਆਮ ਅਤੇ ਖਾਸ ਨੂੰ ਸੂਚਿਤ ਕੀਤਾ ਜਾਂਦਾ ਹੈ ਕਿ ਕਿਸੇ ਨੂੰ ਕੋਈ ਇਤਰਾਜ਼ ਹੋਵੇ ਤਾਂ ਉਹ ਇਸ ਵਿਗਿਆਪਨ ਛੱਪਣ ਦੀ ਮਿਤੀ ਤੋਂ 15 ਦਿਨਾਂ ਦੇ ਅੰਦਰ-ਅੰਦਰ ਇਤਰਾਜ ਸੁਪਰਡੰਟ (ਪ) ਗਮਾਡਾ, ਐਸ.ਏ.ਐਸ ਨਗਰ ਪਾਸ ਲਿਖਤੀ ਰੂਪ ਵਿੱਚ ਦੇ ਸਕਦਾ ਹੈ। ਨਿਸ਼ਚਿਤ ਮਿਤੀ ਤੋਂ ਬਾਅਦ ਪ੍ਰਾਪਤ ਇਤਰਾਜ਼ ਤੇ ਕੋਈ ਵਿਚਾਰ ਨਹੀਂ ਕੀਤਾ ਜਾਵੇਗਾ ਅਤੇ ਉਕਤ ਜੀ.ਪੀ.ਏ ਦੇ ਅਧਾਰ ਤੇ ਪਲਾਟ ਨੰਬਰ 7373 ਐਰੋਸਿਟੀ, ਐਸ.ਏ.ਐਸ ਨਗਰ ਦੇ 50% ਹਿੱਸੇ ਨੂੰ ਵੇਚਣ ਦੀ ਆਗਿਆ ਜਾਰੀ ਕਰ ਦਿੱਤੀ ਜਾਵੇਗੀ।

ਸੁਪਰਡੰਟ (ਪ), ਗਮਾਡਾ ਐਸ.ਏ.ਐਸ ਨਗਰ।

ਬਾ ਅਦਾਲਤ ਕਰਮਜੀਤ ਸਿੰਘ, ਨਾਇਬ ਤਹਿਸੀਲਦਾਰ ਮੁੱਲਾਂਪੁਰ ਦਾਖਾ।

ਨੋਟਿਸ

ਹਰਕੇਸ਼ ਲਾਲ ਪੁੱਤਰ ਲੇਟ ਸਰਵਨ ਦਾਸ ਵਾਸੀ ਤਾਜਪੁਰ ਕਲੋਨੀ ਜਲੰਧਰ ਵਾਕਿਆ ਪਿੰਡ ਜਾਂਗਪੁਰ ਜਿਲਾ ਲੁਧਿਆਣਾ

ਬਨਾਮ ਆਮ ਜਨਤਾ

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ਨੰਬਰ 854/ਰੀਡਰ — ਨਾਇਬ ਤਹਿਸੀਲਦਾਰ
ਮਿਤੀ 26-08-2025 — ਮੁੱਲਾਂਪੁਰ ਦਾਖਾ ਲੁਧਿਆਣਾ।

PUBLIC NOTICE

Original Sale Deed No. 3059 dated 16.07.2014, executed by Thakur Singh in favour of Gautam Kunwer Singh, regarding House measuring 50 Sq. Yards i.e. 00 Bigha 01 Biswas, which is 1/16 share of land measuring 00 Bigha 16 Biswas, comprised in Khasra No. 4766/28 min (0-16), Khewat/ Khatuani No. 3409/15889, within the revenue limits of Patti Jhuti, Bathinda, as per Jamabandi for the year 2017-18, situated at Paras Ram Nagar, Bathinda, currently owned by Nitin S/o Gulshan Kumar Sharma now Nitin selling the property in favour of Anjali W/o Rajat Kumar, is lost and not mortgaged with any Bank or Financial Institution. In this regard DDR No. 621861 dated 25.08.2025 has been got registered. Anybody having objection regarding mortgage of property with Jana Small Finance Bank Ltd., may respond or raise objection within 7 Days, to Sh. R.P. Singh, Advocate, Mob. No. 75080-11581.

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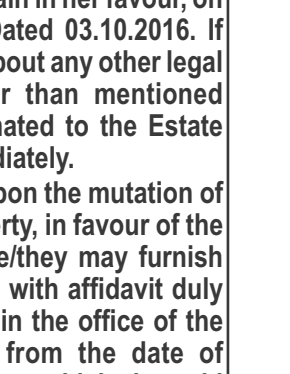
ਸਾਰੇ ਸਬੰਧਤਾਂ ਨੂੰ ਸੂਚਿਤ ਕੀਤਾ ਜਾਂਦਾ ਹੈ ਕਿ ਜਸਪ੍ਰੀਤ ਸਿੰਘ ਪੁੱਤਰ ਪ੍ਰਿਥੀਪਾਲ ਸਿੰਘ ਅਤੇ ਭੁਪਿੰਦਰ ਕੌਰ ਪਤਨੀ ਜਸਪ੍ਰੀਤ ਸਿੰਘ ਦੋਵੇਂ ਰਿਹਾਇਸ਼ 109/5, ਗੁਰੂ ਨਾਨਕ ਗਲੀ, ਨੇੜੇ ਪੁਰਾਣੀ ਸਬਜ਼ੀ ਮੰਡੀ, ਪਟਿਆਲਾ ਨੇ ਨਵਨੀਤ ਕੌਰ ਪਤਨੀ ਸਵਰਗੀ ਗੁਰਵਿੰਦਰ ਸਿੰਘ ਰਿਹਾਇਸ਼ # 40, ਗੁਰੂ ਤੇਗ ਬਹਾਦਰ ਕਲੋਨੀ, ਪਟਿਆਲਾ ਦੀ ਜਾਇਦਾਦ 'ਤੇ ਉਪਰੋਕਤ ਘਰ ਖਰੀਦਣ ਲਈ ਹਾਊਸਿੰਗ ਲੋਨ ਲੈਣ/ਲੈਣ ਲਈ ਸਾਡੇ ਨਾਲ ਸੰਪਰਕ ਕੀਤਾ ਹੈ।

ਸ੍ਰੀਮਤੀ ਨਵਨੀਤ ਕੌਰ ਜਨਤਾ ਨੂੰ ਨੋਟਿਸ ਦਿੰਦੀ ਹਨ ਕਿ ਉਪਰੋਕਤ ਘਰ ਯਾਨੀ ਵਾਸਿਕਾ ਨੰਬਰ 10989 ਮਿਤੀ 28-12-2007 , ਖਸਰਾ ਨੰਬਰ 3160/603/1(0-4), ਖੇਵਟ ਨੰਬਰ 4203/8040, ਜੋ ਅਸਲ ਵਿੱਚ ਉਸਦੇ ਪਤੀ ਗੁਰਵਿੰਦਰ ਸਿੰਘ ਜਿਸਦੀ ਮੌਤ 04/08/2020 ਨੂੰ ਹੋ ਗਈ ਸੀ ਅਤੇ ਉਸਦੇ ਸਹੁਰੇ ਮਹਿੰਦਰ ਸਿੰਘ, ਜਿਸਦੀ ਮੌਤ 02/10/19 ਨੂੰ ਹੋ ਗਈ ਸੀ, ਦੁਆਰਾ ਖਰੀਦਿਆ ਗਿਆ ਸੀ, ਪਰ ਵਰਤਮਾਨ ਵਿੱਚ ਉਸਦੇ ਨਾਮ ਨਵਨੀਤ ਕੌਰ ਅਤੇ ਉਸਦੀ ਧੀਆਂ ਦੇ ਨਾਮ 'ਤੇ ਹੈ, ਫਾਊਂਟੇਨ ਚੌਂਕ, ਪਟਿਆਲਾ ਵਿਖੇ ਗੁੰਮ ਹੋ ਗਈ ਸੀ ਜਿਸਦੀ ਐਫਆਈਆਰ ਨੰਬਰ 620023/2025 ਮਿਤੀ 19/8/2025 ਨੂੰ ਪੁਲਿਸ ਸਟੇਸ਼ਨ, ਪੀਐਸਓਸੀ ਸਿਵਲ ਲਾਈਨ, ਪਟਿਆਲਾ ਵਿੱਚ ਦਰਜ ਕੀਤੀ ਗਈ ਹੈ।

ਜੇਕਰ ਕਿਸੇ ਸਬੰਧਤ ਬੈਂਕ ਜਾਂ ਕਿਸੇ ਵਿਅਕਤੀ ਨੂੰ ਉਕਤ ਜਾਇਦਾਦ ਦੇ ਗਿਰਵੀਨਾਮੇ / ਗੁੰਮ ਹੋਏ ਸੇਲ ਡੀਡ ਦੀ ਜਾਣਕਾਰੀ ਨਾਲ ਸਬੰਧਤ ਕੋਈ ਇਤਰਾਜ਼ ਹੈ, ਤਾਂ ਉਹ ਕਿਰਪਾ ਕਰਕੇ ਇਸ਼ਤਿਹਾਰ ਪ੍ਰਕਾਸ਼ਤ ਹੋਣ ਦੀ ਮਿਤੀ ਤੋਂ 7 ਦਿਨਾਂ ਦੇ ਅੰਦਰ ਪੀਜੀਬੀ ਰਾਘੋ ਮਾਜਰਾ, ਪਟਿਆਲਾ ਨੂੰ ਸੰਪਰਕ ਕਰ ਸਕਦਾ ਹੈ, ਨਹੀਂ ਤਾਂ ਬਾਅਦ ਵਿੱਚ ਕੋਈ ਦਾਅਵਾ ਨਹੀਂ ਮੰਨਿਆ ਜਾਵੇਗਾ ਅਤੇ ਪੀਜੀਬੀ ਪਟਿਆਲਾ ਪ੍ਰਸਤਾਵਿਤ ਗਾਹਕ ਨੂੰ ਕਰਜ਼ਾ ਦੇ ਦੇਵੇਗਾ।

ਮੁੱਖ ਪ੍ਰਬੰਧਕ ਪੰਜਾਬ ਗ੍ਰਾਮੀਣ ਬੈਂਕ,
ਮਿਤੀ 26-08-2025 — ਰਾਘੋ ਮਾਜਰਾ, ਪਟਿਆਲਾ

PUBLIC NOTICE



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

Subject :- Transfer of Ownership in respect of Residential Site No. 3021, Sector 40-D, Chandigarh (LRP 1877) to the extent of 50.00% share on the basis of Registered Will of Late Sh. Kamal Nain .

It is notified for the information of general public and all concerned that as per record of this office Sh. Kamal Nain is the owner of Residential Site No.3021, Sector 40-D,Chandigarh to the extent of 50.00% Share.

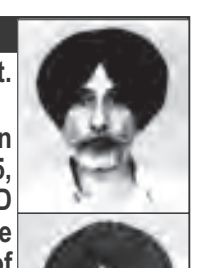
It has been informed by Geeta Rani that Sh. Kamal Nain expired on 30.07.2021 and She has also intimated the following legal heirs of the deceased owner :- (1) Kamla Kumari- Sister (Deceased), (2) Subhash Chander - Brother (Deceased), (3) Chander Prabha - Sister (Deceased),(4) Sita Rani - Sister (Deceased), (5) Dhanpat Rai - Father (Deceased), (6) Geeta Rani- Sister, (7) Swaran Kanta - Mother (Deceased)

Now, Geeta Rani has applied for the Transfer of Ownership in respect of Residential Site No.3021, Sector 40-D, Chandigarh to the extent of 50.00% Share held by Late Sh. Kamal Nain in her favour, on the basis of Registered Will Dated 03.10.2016. 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

PUBLIC NOTICE





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

Subject :- Transfer of Ownership in respect of Residential Site No. 1215, Sector 34-C, Chandigarh (RPD 15289) to the extent of 100.00% share on the basis of Intestate Death of Late Sh. Jagpal Singh .

It is notified for the information of general public and all concerned that as per record of this office Sh. Jagpal Singh is the owner of Residential Site No.1215, Sector 34-C ,Chandigarh to the extent of 100.00% Share.

It has been informed by Lt Gen Preet Mohindera Singh , Maj Gen Raj Vijayendra Singh that Sh. Jagpal Singh expired on 22.05.2025 and they have also intimated the following legal heirs of the deceased owner :- (1) Late Smt. Rajinder Kaur - Wife (Deceased), (2) Maj Gen Raj Vijayendra Singh - Son, (3) Lt Gen Preet Mohindera Singh- Son

Now, Lt Gen Preet Mohindera Singh, Maj Gen Raj Vijayendra Singh have applied for the Transfer of Ownership in respect of Residential Site No.1215, Sector 34-C, Chandigarh to the extent of 100.00% Share held by Late Sh. Jagpal Singh 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

PUBLIC NOTICE

I, Rupinder Singh S/o Shri Surinder Singh R/o H.no. 34/1, Radha Rani Enclave, Barnala, Tehsil and District Barnala,declare as that I am the authorized person of Wonder Walk Real Estate Private Limited, Handiaya Bathinda Road, Barnala, Tehsil and District Barnala and our company is the owner and in possession over a property measuring 67 Kanal 3 Marlas i.e. 13 Kanal 16 Marlas bearing Khata No. 392/460 (OLD) and 423/476 (NEW) Khasra Nos. 257//18(8-0), 19/1(5-16); 21 Kanal 10 Marlas bearing Khata No. 392/460 (OLD) and 423/476 (NEW) Khasra Nos. 257//13(1-11), 17(8-9), 23/2(3-0), 24(7-12), 294//3/2(0-5), 4/1(0-13); 12 Kanal 12 Marlas bearing Khata No. 320/381 (OLD) and 338/390 (NEW) Khasra Nos. 257//23/1(5-0), 294//2/1(7-12); 8 Kanal 9 Marlas bearing Khata No. 318/379 (OLD) and 338/390 (NEW) Khasra Nos. 257//19/2(0-9), 22/1(7-11), 22/2(0-9); 8 Kanal bearing Khata No. 320/381 (OLD) and 341/393 (NEW) Khasra Nos. 294//9/1(7-12),3/1(0-8); and 16 Marlas bearing Khata No. 326/387 (OLD) and 347/399 (NEW) Khasra Nos. 294//2/2(0-8), 9/2(0-8) out i.e. being 2/5 share of 2 Kanal bearing Khata No. 326/387 (OLD) and 347/399 (NEW) Khasra Nos. 294//2/2(0-8), 9/2(0-8), 12/1/2(0-4), 12/2/2(0-4), 13/2/2(0-11), 14/2/2/1 (0-5); 2 Kanal being½ share of 4 Kanal bearing Khata No. 321/382 (OLD) and 342/394 (NEW) Khasra Nos. 294//12/1/1/3(3-16), 12/2/2/1(0-4); situated at Handiaya-D, Tehsil and District Barnala vide different respective sale deeds registered with the office of Sub Registrar, Barnala and we have approached for availing credit facilities from Punjab National Bank, Branch Bathinda. But on 08-06-2025 its previous original title deed Nos. 4619 dated 3011-2007, 856 dated 05-06-2017, 4274 dated 04-02-2016, 2023-24/86/1/138 dated 17-4-2023in the names of ex owners have been misplaced from me in Sadar Bazar, Barnala. Regarding this a DDR LR No. 616189/2025 on 06-08-2025 has also been registered by me on the online portal of Punjab Police Department in respect of lost of above said old title deeds. If anyone have any objection regarding application / disbursement of raise loan against said property, he /she / they may raise his / her objection in writing to Manager, Punjab National Bank, Branch S.C.O.29-31 Model Town Bathinda on mobile No. 97792-91233 within 7 days from the date of publication of this notice.

ਦਫਤਰ ਜੁਆਇੰਟ ਸਬ ਰਜਿਸਟਰਾਰ, ਭਦੌੜ

ਨੋਟਿਸ:-ਬਨਾਮ ਆਮ ਜਨਰਲ ਪਬਲਿਕ

ਵਿਸ਼ਾ:- ਵਸੀਅਤਨਾਮਾ ਜੇਰ ਧਾਰਾ 10-41 ਰਜਿਸਟਰਡ ਕਰਨ ਸਬੰਧੀ।

ਉਪਰੋਕਤ ਵਿਸ਼ੇ ਸਬੰਧੀ ਕੋਮਲਪ੍ਰੀਤ ਕੌਰ ਸੰਧੂ ਪੁੱਤਰੀ ਖੁਸਵੰਤ ਸਿੰਘ ਪੁੱਤਰ ਸੁਖਦੇਵ ਸਿੰਘ ਵਾਸੀ ਗਹਿਲ ਤਹਿਸੀਲ ਤਪਾ ਜ਼ਿਲ੍ਹਾ ਬਰਨਾਲਾ ਵੱਲੋਂ ਮਿਤੀ 14.08.2025 ਨੂੰ ਇਸ ਦਫਤਰ ਵਿੱਚ ਦਰਖਾਸਤ ਪੇਸ਼ ਕੀਤੀ ਹੈ ਕਿ ਉਹਨਾਂ ਦੇ ਹਕੀਕੀ ਤਾਏ ਮੁਤਵਫੀ ਭਗਵੰਤ ਸਿੰਘ ਪੁੱਤਰ ਸੁਖਦੇਵ ਸਿੰਘ ਪੁੱਤਰ ਪੂਰਨ ਸਿੰਘ ਵਾਸੀ ਗਹਿਲ ਤਹਿਸੀਲ ਤਪਾ ਜ਼ਿਲ੍ਹਾ ਬਰਨਾਲਾ ਜਿਸਦੀ ਮੌਤ ਮਿਤੀ 08/06/2025 ਨੂੰ ਮੁਕਾਮ ਗਹਿਲ ਵਿਖੇ ਹੋ ਚੁੱਕੀ ਹੈ। ਉਹਨਾਂ ਦੇ ਤਾਏ ਸਵ: ਭਗਵੰਤ ਸਿੰਘ ਲੀਵਰ ਦੀ ਬਿਮਾਰੀ ਤੋਂ ਪੀੜਤ ਸੀ ਅਤੇ ਉਹ ਬਿਲਾਂ ਔਲਾਦ ਬਿਲਾਂ ਔਰਤ ਵਾਲਾ ਸੀ।ਜਿਸ ਵੱਲੋਂ ਇੱਕ ਖਾਨਗੀ ਵਸੀਅਤ ਮਿਤੀ 17.04.2025 ਨੂੰ ਆਪਣੀ ਹੋ ਹਵਾਸ ਨਾਲ ਆਪਣੀ ਭਤੀਜੀ ਕੋਮਲਪ੍ਰੀਤ ਕੌਰ ਸੰਧੂ ਪੁੱਤਰੀ ਖੁਸਵੰਤ ਸਿੰਘ ਪੁੱਤਰ ਸੁਖਦੇਵ ਸਿੰਘ ਵਾਸੀ ਗਹਿਲ ਤਹਿਸੀਲ ਤਪਾ ਜ਼ਿਲ੍ਹਾ ਬਰਨਾਲਾ ਦੇ ਹੱਕ ਵਿੱਚ ਕਰਵਾਈ ਸੀ। ਜੇਕਰ ਕਿਸੇ ਵੀ ਵਿਅਕਤੀ ਨੂੰ ਇਸ ਵਸੀਅਤਨਾਮਾ ਦੇ ਜੇਰ ਧਾਰਾ 40-41 ਤਹਿਤ ਰਜਿਸਟਰਡ ਹੋਣ ਸਬੰਧੀ ਕੋਈ ਇਤਰਾਜ ਹੈ ਤਾਂ ਉਹ ਨੋਟਿਸ ਦੇ ਆਉਣ ਤੋਂ 15 ਦਿਨ ਦੇ ਅੰਦਰ ਅੰਦਰ ਆਪਣਾ ਇਤਰਾਜ ਲਿਖਤੀ ਰੂਪ ਵਿੱਚ ਨਿਮਨਹਸਤਾਖਰ ਦੇ ਦਫਤਰ ਵਿਖੇ ਪੇਸ਼ ਕਰ ਸਕਦਾ ਹੈ। ਬਾਅਦ ਗੁਜ਼ਰਨੇ ਮਿਆਦ ਆਏ ਇਤਰਾਜਾਂ ਤੇ ਕੋਈ ਗੌਰ ਨਹੀਂ ਕੀਤਾ ਜਾਵੇਗਾ ਅਤੇ ਅਗਲੀ ਕਾਰਵਾਈ ਅਮਲ ਵਿੱਚ ਲਿਆਂਦੀ ਜਾਵੇਗੀ। ਅੱਜ ਮਿਤੀ 21/08/25 ਨੂੰ ਮੇਰੇ ਦਸਤਖ਼ਤਾਂ ਤੇ ਮੋਹਰ ਅਦਾਲਤ ਨਾਲ ਜਾਰੀ ਹੋਇਆ ਹੈ।

ਨੰਬਰ:-128/ ਰਕ
ਮਿਤੀ 21/08/2025

ਜੁਆਇੰਟ ਸਬ ਰਜਿਸਟਰਾਰ ਭਦੌੜ।

ਦਫਤਰ ਸਬ-ਰਜਿਸਟਰਾਰ ਜਗਰਾਉਂ

ਨੋਟਿਸ ਬਨਾਮ ਆਮ ਜਨਤਾ

ਵਿਸ਼ਾ :- ਰਜੇਸ਼ ਜੈਨ ਪੁੱਤਰ ਮਨੋਹਰ ਲਾਲ ਵਾਸੀ ਰੋਟੀ ਮੁੱਹਲਾ ਜਗਰਾਉਂ ਤਹਿਸੀਲ ਜਗਰਾਉਂ ਜ਼ਿਲਾ ਲੁਧਿਆਣਾ ਵਲੋਂ ਜੁਬਾਨੀ ਵਸੀਅਤ ਪੱਤਰ ਮਿਤੀ 06-06-2024 ਬਾ ਹੱਕ ਪ੍ਰੇਮ ਭੂਸ਼ਨ ਜੈਨ ਪੁੱਤਰ ਮਨੋਹਰ ਲਾਲ ਵਾਸੀ ਸ਼ਿਵ ਪੁਰੀ ਲੁਧਿਆਣਾ ਨੂੰ ਰਜਿਸਟਰਡ ਕਰਨ ਸਬੰਧੀ।

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ਸਬ ਰਜਿਸਟਰਾਰ
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NOTICE

That We are Owner in possession of a property/ Land, measuring 2K 2-1/3, Comprised in khasra no. 3//44, 45, 46, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 5//26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 5//34, 35, 36, 37, khata no. 40/40, as per jamabandi for the year 2012-13, situated at Village Mehmoodpura, Hadbast No. 275, Tehsil & Distt. Ludhiana, as per sale deed bearing vasika no. 8940 dated 26/02/2015. (owned by Sh. Rajan Goel son of Sh. Vinod Kumar Goel & Smt. Tina Goel wife of Sh. Rajan Goel).

That inadvertently, the said original previous sale deeds bearing vasika no. 6190 dated 16/08/2012 & vasika no. 21291 dated 20/12/2004 have been lost somewhere and are not traceable since long.

That We have tried my best to locate the same but could not locate it.

That Neither we nor the other 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 deeds bearing vasika no. 6190 dated 16/08/2012 & vasika no. 21291 dated 20/12/2004.

Through this notice, it is request the General Public that if any body found the above referred original previous Two Sale deeds, He/she may please send the same following address :

Sh. Rajan Goel son of Sh. Vinod Kumar Goel & Smt. Tina Goel wife of Sh. Rajan Goel, Both R/o House no. 174-R, Janta Enclave Basant Avenue, Tehsil & Distt, Ludhiana.

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The Following persons who have availed loans pledged of gold ornaments have not repaid the amount in spite of our demand notices. Therefore, please take notice that if the principal/ interest and other charges are not paid **on or before 03.09.2025,** the pledged ornaments will be auctioned by conducting online through **https://egold.auctiontiger.net on 03.09.2025 at Panchkula Branch 12:00 pm to 01:00 pm** strictly **on "As is What is Basis" & " Whatever there is Basis".** The bank reserves the right to cancel/ postpone the auction to any other convenient date without further notice and assigning reasons therefore.

Sl. No.	Gold Loan A/c No. & date	Name of the Borrower	Liability	Gross Weight & Net Weight	Date of Inspection & EMD	EMD account details
1.	0608702400000801 & 05.06.2024	Mr. Raj Singh	43,971.22 + Interest + Charge	9.12 gm & 9.00 gm	02.09.2025 & 15,000/-	M/s e- Procurement Technologies Limited, ICICI Bank, JMC House Branch, Ahmedabad, IFSC: ICIC000024, Current Account No: 002405019408

Please contact E-Procurement Technologies Limited (Auction Tiger) on 9099013705, 6351896640 or egold@auctiontiger.net for more information. Visit https://egold.auctiontiger.net for detailed terms and conditions.

Date : 27.08.2025 Place : Rajendra Place, Delhi RMCC in-charge

Ruckus over ration cards issue in Haryana assembly

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PUNJAB EXPRESS BUREAU
Chandigarh, August 26

There was ruckus over the issue of abolition of ration cards in the Haryana Assembly today during the Question Hour. Today was the third day of the Monsoon Session of Haryana Assembly. Congress MLA Sheeshpal Keherwala raised the issue of ration cards being abolished for a large number of people of the state.

Congress MLA from Narnaund Jassi Petwar targeted the state government fiercely by raising questions on the functioning of the government in the assembly. He said that the government is misleading people in the name of schemes and development works.

Panchayat Minister Krishna Lal Panwar answered this question of the Opposition member. Congress MLA Jassi said that the Old age pension has been stopped with the family ID of many people in the state. Legislative proceedings took place in the Haryana Assembly after the end of Question Hour and Zero Hour on the third day of the monsoon session. Congress MLA Aditya Surjewala proposed a Call Attention Motion on the disease in the paddy crop.

As soon as the hearing started on this, former CM Bhupendra Singh Hooda objected to Kaithal MLA Aditya Surjewala's proposal. Hooda said first take up the adjournment motion and later discuss this call attention motion.

Meanwhile Haryana Transport Minister Anil Vij today urged the Speaker of the Assembly,

Haryana Vidhan Sabha to give a ruling before he answered a question, stating that the same question had been asked in the previous session as well. Therefore, his reply would be the same as the one he had given earlier. Vij shared this information in reference to Question No. 4 during the ongoing session of the Haryana Vidhan Sabha. He pointed out that under Section 50 of the Rules of Procedure, a question asked in the previous session cannot be repeated in the next session, as it goes against the rules.

Drugs divert youth energy in negative direction: Haryana CM

CHANDIGARH, AUGUST 26

In a bid to raise awareness among youth about the dangers of drug use, Haryana Chief Minister Nayab Singh Saini, along with other ministers and BJP MLAs, rode bicycles from the Haryana MLAs' hostel to the Vidhan Sabha on Tuesday.

Saini, Assembly Speaker Harvinder Kalyan, other ministers, and MLAs participated in the bicycle ride, while some opted for battery-operated carts.

Speaking to reporters, Saini emphasised the importance of protecting the environment and encouraged young people to embrace a healthy lifestyle and avoid drugs. He highlighted that youth are the nation's valuable asset, and their energy must be directed positively.

"Drugs divert youth energy in a negative direction. Due to drugs, so many families get impacted, and their dreams get shattered. It has an impact on the physical and mental health of an individual," Saini said.

To further Prime Minister Narendra Modi's Fit India Movement, Haryana has consistently promoted several initiatives, including cyclothons and marathons, the chief minister said.

Speaker Kalyan stated that when discussing nation-building, it is crucial for everyone, especially the youth, to contribute positively and to remain drug-free.

Minister Krishan Lal Panwar assured that the government is dedicated to making Haryana a drug-free state.

Additionally, Haryana Animal Husbandry and Dairying Minister Shyam Singh Rana discussed the benefits of cycling, emphasising its advantages for both the environment and personal health. PTI

Govt on alert regarding dwarf virus in paddy, says Haryana Minister

CHANDIGARH, AUGUST 26



Haryana Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare Minister Shyam Singh Rana, on Tuesday, assured the Assembly that the state government is on alert regarding dwarf virus, with scientists monitoring the situation and farmers are being made aware about it.

He said that in organic farming and in direct-seeding of rice, there has been no report of damage owing to Southern rice black-streaked dwarf virus.

"If farmers sow paddy according to the government's agriculture policy and the advice of agricultural scientists, such diseases can be largely prevented," he added. The Minister was replying to a calling attention motion moved by members in the House.

He said the dwarf virus is a viral disease that affects the paddy crop and has become a matter of concern in many rice-producing areas of India.

"This disease spreads through a vector called white-backed plant hopper, which sucks the sap of paddy plants and transmits the virus from infected plants to healthy ones."

He said that due to the virus the normal growth of infected rice plants stops, making them stunted with much less height than normal.

"Their leaves turn dark green, the development of new buds slows down or stops completely, and the roots turn brown and remain underdeveloped, reducing the plant's ability to absorb water and nutrients."

The Agriculture Minister said the outbreak of the virus was first reported in the state during the kharif season of 2022 when only a few cases were reported, but timely action and awareness campaigns prevented major damage.

In 2023 and 2024, no outbreak was reported due to effective preventive measures and increased awareness among farmers.

This year the disease re-emerged.The first cases were reported from Kaithal district and later from Ambala, Yamunanagar, Kurukshetra, Karnal, Jind, and Panchkula districts. IANS



Vehicles stuck in a traffic jam on the Delhi-Gurugram Expressway following rainfall, in Gurugram on Tuesday. PTI

4.04 lakh unemployed youth registered in state

HISAR , AUGUST 26

Of the 4.04 lakh unemployed youth registered with 65 employment exchanges across Haryana, Hisar district leads with 41,991, followed by Jind with 40,596. Bhiwani (32,789) and Kaithal (32,561) are also among the districts with the highest numbers.

In contrast, Gurugram (2,984) and Faridabad (3,221) reported the lowest registrations. Overall, nine districts have more than 20,000 unemployed youth, while six districts have fewer than 10,000. Among the registered candidates 29,986 are postgraduates, 1.01 lakh are graduates and 2.34 lakh are 10+2 qualified. Hisar alone has the highest number of postgraduates (2,757), followed by Jind (2,541), Bhiwani (2,321) and Rohtak (2,234).

The state government informed the Assembly that 1.85 lakh youth are receiving unemployment allowance. AGENCIES

B Tech student found dead under suspicious circumstances at BML Munjal University

GURUGRAM, AUGUST 26

A 23-year-old B. Tech student was found dead under suspicious circumstances in her hostel room at B.M.L. Munjal University campus in Gurugram, police said on Tuesday.

Bhumika Gupta, a resident of Rajasthan's Alwar, was discovered hanging from a ceiling hook in her room late on Monday night. According to officials, a case of suspicious death has been registered at Bilaspur police station. Police said that around 1.30 a.m., a friend of Bhumika went to her room to collect some items but found it locked from the inside.

Despite repeated knocks, there was no response. The hostel warden was alerted, and with the help of a plumber, the door was forced open. Bhumika was found hanging inside. The police and forensic team were called to the spot immediately, and the body was later taken into custody for post-mortem examination. Preliminary inquiry revealed that Bhumika had been anxious about her studies in recent days.

While investigators are questioning classmates to determine possible reasons behind the death, Bhumika's family has expressed disbelief that she could have taken her own life. IANS

HIMACHAL/J&K

Industries migrated from Himachal Pradesh owing to 'corruption', BJP

SHIMLA, AUGUST 26



The industries have migrated from Himachal Pradesh largely owing to the government's "anti-industry" policy and "corruption", with Chief Minister Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu's "failure" to stop it, said the BJP on Tuesday. Talking to the media outside the Legislative Assembly here, former Chief Minister Jairam Thakur said the spike in electricity rates has also been one of the major reasons for the industry migration.

"While industrialists have also been harassed by extorting money forcibly, the result is that instead of investing, industrialists are turning to other states, a matter of concern. The environment created by the previous government for investment in the state has been completely ruined by the present helm. This is badly impacting the state's economy," Leader of Opposition in the state, Thakur, said.

He said during the Question Hour on the seventh day of the session of the Vidhan Sabha, BJP member and former Industry Minister Bikram Thakur had asked questions about setting up new industries in the state and migration of industries, but the party members were not satisfied with the reply given by Industry Minister Harshwardhan Chauhan and Chief Minister Sukhu. IANS

J&K CM says situation in Jammu serious, reviews flood mitigation measures

SRINAGAR, AUGUST 26



Chief Minister Omar Abdullah on Tuesday said the situation in various parts of Jammu is quite serious following heavy rain and directed the administration to maintain high alert.

The chief minister gave the instructions at a meeting held here to take stock of flood control measures in Jammu, his office said in a post on X.

Moderate to heavy rain lashed Jammu division for the third consecutive day on Tuesday.

Almost all rivers and streams are flowing above or close to the danger mark, submerging a number of low-lying areas and roads in the city and elsewhere.

Vehicular movement on the Jammu-Srinagar national highway has been suspended. "Chief Minister held a meeting today in the morning to review flood mitigation measures at Jammu in view of incessant rains.

He directed the officers to maintain high alert and take all necessary measures," the chief minister's office said.

In a separate post on his personal handle on X, Abdullah said the situation in many parts of Jammu is quite serious.

"I'll be taking the next available flight from Srinagar to Jammu to personally monitor the developing situation," he said.

In the meantime, the CM said, instructions have been issued to place additional funds at the disposal of the deputy commissioners to cover emergency restoration work and other exigencies. IANS

CBI arrests Food safety officer for taking bribe in Rajouri

JAMMU, AUGUST 26

The CBI arrested an Assistant Commissioner, Food Safety, in Rajouri district of Jammu and Kashmir for demanding and accepting a bribe of Rs 10,000 from a shopkeeper, an official said on Tuesday. Assistant Commissioner Sanjeev Bali, Drug and Food Control Organisation, Department of Health, was arrested on the complaint of Avineet Mehta, a resident of Rajouri.Bali was arrested while demanding and accepting a bribe of Rs 10,000 to refrain from collecting samples from Mehta's shop and to grant an exemption from inspections for a year so that the complainant could run his business without any problem, the CBI said.

The probe agency registered the case on August 25 and laid a trap to catch the official red-handed while accepting the bribe. IANS

Incessant rainfall in Himachal Pradesh alarmingly increased water level in Pong, Bhakra dams

SHIMLA, AUGUST 26

The water level in the Pong dam stood at 1,388.90 feet, whereas it was 1,667 feet in Bhakra, whose floodgates were opened for the first time in two years on August 19

Incessant heavy rainfall in Himachal Pradesh has alarmingly increased the water level in the Pong and Bhakra dams, forcing authorities to release excess water that led to flooding in villages located downstream, a BBMB official said on Tuesday. Located on the state's border with Punjab, about 250 km from Shimla, the Pong dam serves the irrigation requirements of Punjab, Haryana and Rajasthan.

The spillways of both dams have been opened to flush out excess water as a precautionary measure, an official of the Bhakra Beas Management Board (BBMB), which regulates the dam water, told IANS. According to the BBMB official, a discharge of up to 50,000 cusecs from Pong is not treated as flooding the downstream.

"The outflow was 62,000 cusecs at 4 pm on August 25, while it rose to 66,000 cusecs by 6 pm. This morning at 5 a.m., the outflow was 68,000 cusecs, and finally it reached 75,000 cusecs at 9 am. The amount of water released can be increased further," the official said, adding that an alert has been sounded as the discharge could affect villages and towns mainly in Punjab. Seven villages in the Jawali area in Kangra district have been worst affected in the state as excess water released from the dam has entered houses and affected crops. Continuous and regular spells of rainfall this monsoon have alarmingly increased the water level in both Pong and Bhakra. The water level in the Pong dam stood at 1,388.90 feet, whereas it was 1,667 feet in Bhakra, whose floodgates were opened for the first time in two years on August 19.

The last time Bhakra's floodgates were opened was on August 13, 2023, when water levels had touched 1,672 feet. At 1388.90 feet, inflow in the Pong dam was 250,957 cusecs while heavy rain continued.

The official data said the maximum capacity in the Bhakra dam is 1,702 feet, while the upper limit in the Pong dam reservoir is 1,393 feet. Authorities said the water level in both the dams was higher this year compared to the previous year, as the southwest monsoon largely remained intensified over Himachal Pradesh. The filling season of the two dams is likely to end by mid-September. While the Bhakra Dam is built on the Sutlej River, the Pong Dam is on the Beas River. IANS

Questions asked of Negi to be deemed replied as written answers: Himachal Speaker rules

SHIMLA, AUGUST 26

Himachal Pradesh Assembly Speaker Kuldeep Singh Pathania on Tuesday ruled that questions asked of Revenue Minister Jagat Singh Negi will be deemed to have been replied as written answers, after an opposition leader failed to stand up and ask his listed question despite his name being called.

The BJP earlier said it had "boycotted" Negi over his remarks against Leader of Opposition Jai Ram Thakur. On Tuesday, a BJP MLA, despite being present in the house, did not ask the question he had listed for the minister. After the veritable refusal to engage with Negi, the opposition members got up and moved out of the House.

While giving his ruling, Pathania said it takes time for the departments to prepare their answers, and it incurs public money. On July 26, more than 50 people were booked for "rioting" after they greeted Negi with black flags and "go back" slogans and tried to stop his vehicle in the Seraj constituency of landslide-hit Mandi district. Seraj MLA Thakur and Negi had a verbal showdown over the devastation in the region and alleged plans of moving a horticulture college from Seraj elsewhere in the wake of the calamity. Negi has maintained that he said nothing untoward, and he will keep answering every question, boycott or not. PTI

Local milk producers to be roped in to run bulk milk coolers in Himachal: Chief Minister

SHIMLA, AUGUST 26

Local milk producers in Himachal Pradesh will be entrusted with the work of running bulk milk coolers and for this, the government will give them commission, Chief Minister Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu told the state Assembly on Tuesday.

He was intervening in the matter raised by BJP MLA from Ani Lokendra Kumar about the "wastage of thousands of litres of milk due to a technical fault in the milk chilling plant" in his constituency.In the original reply to the question, Agriculture Minister Chandra Kumar said that information was received about a sudden technical fault in the milk cooler, but later it was found out that there was no fault.

"There was no voltage due to the single line of the Electricity Board due to which milk got spoiled and the quality of the milk was poor," he said.

The minister said that the secretary of the cooperative society threw the milk in the drain without permission, for which he has been given a notice.

He said that the officials of the cooperative societies have been told to maintain the coolers and other machines properly so that such an incident does not happen in future. PTI

NEWSBRIEFS

In past year, over 500 factories closed, lakhs of jobs lost in B'desh, says Awami League

DHAKA: Bangladesh's Awami League highlighted the series of factory shutdowns across the nation that have left thousands of workers jobless and mentioned that there has been a two-fold increase in defaulted loans in the banking sector. Workers' protests have gripped Bangladesh since the ouster of the Sheikh Hasina-led Awami League government and after the Muhhamad Yunus-led interim government took helm, as many were forced to shut down the factories due to the economic crisis in the South Asian nation.According to the Awami League, over the past year, more than 500 factories across the country have shut down, resulting in nearly 120,000 workers being pushed towards unemployment, and many, after desperate job hunts, were left with no choice but to return to their villages empty-handed. **IANS**

South Korea: Special counsel summons ex-first lady to appear for questioning on Thursday

SEOUL: A special counsel team in South Korea summoned Kim Keon Hee to appear for questioning on Thursday, a day later than planned, after the jailed former first lady requested a change over health reasons. In a notice to the press on Tuesday, special counsel Min Joong-ki's team said it summoned Kim to appear at 10 a.m. on Thursday, upon receiving a letter of nonattendance regarding Wednesday's planned questioning. Kim's lawyers had proposed Thursday, saying the former first lady has complained of dizziness due to low blood pressure. **IANS**

Mongolia issues bubonic plague warning after 22 dead marmots seized by police

ULAN BATOR: Mongolia's Ecological Police Department on Tuesday issued a bubonic plague warning amid fear of the spread of this disease in Ulan Bator. The warning came after 22 dead marmots were discovered and seized by police last week from a vehicle travelling from western provinces to the capital city of Ulan Bator.Currently, relevant officials of the country, including police officers and inspectors, are working 24 hours at all checkpoints on the outskirts of Mongolia's capital to prevent the spread of bubonic plagueA total of 137 soums (administrative subdivisions) of 17 provinces in Mongolia are now risk areas of bubonic plague, according to the country's National Centre for Zoonotic Diseases, Xinhua news agency reported. **IANS**

US FEMA employees issue public letter warning of disaster response risks

WASHINGTON: More than 180 current and former employees of the US Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) issued a public letter stating that recent country's policy changes and leadership decisions are weakening the agency's ability to respond to disasters, raising the risks of catastrophes similar to Hurricane Katrina. The letter, dated August 26, titled "Katrina Declaration and Petition to Congress," was prompted in response to the Trump administration's "dismantling cuts" and "devastating attacks" on FEMA programmes and missions. **IANS**

Trump rolls out additional measures to address crime in Washington, signals nationwide actions

WASHINGTON, AUGUST 26



US President Donald Trump signed an executive order directing "additional specific actions" to "further crack down on crime" in Washington, while signaling nationwide deployment of the National Guard.

The order directs the secretary of defense to create a "specialized DC National Guard unit" trained to ensure public safety and order in the nation's capital, when its activation becomes necessary, and "ensure state National Guards are similarly trained and ready to assist in quelling civil disturbances nationwide."

Further, the secretary of defense will ensure the availability of a National Guard quick reaction force for "rapid nationwide deployment" when circumstances warrant, according to the order.

The order also instructs the National Park Service to "hire additional United States Park Police officers" to support public safety in Washington, and directs the US Attorney's Office for the District of Columbia to "hire additional prosecutors" to focus on violent and property crimes, Xinhua news agency reported.

CNN called the order "the clearest sign yet he intends to expand the US military's role in domestic law enforcement activities across the country."

The report, meanwhile, noted that these forces primarily perform their mission under the command and control of governors, and the executive order does not specify what authority the units outside of Washington, would report to if a state's governor does not wish to use them.

The order was signed just a few days after Defense Secretary Pete Hegseth ordered National Guard members patrolling the streets of Washington to begin carrying their service weapons. **IANS**

Trump says he hopes to meet Kim Jong Un this year

WASHINGTON, AUGUST 26

US President Donald Trump said that he hopes to meet with Kim Jong Un, top leader of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (DPRK), later this year.

Speaking to reporters at the White House on Monday during the outset of his meeting with visiting South Korean President Lee Jae-myung, Trump said he maintains a "very good relationship" with Kim and looks forward to meeting him again, Xinhua news agency reported.

"I get along with him really well. I think he has a country of great potential, tremendous potential," Trump said. **IANS**

Australia joins India, others in suspending postal deliveries to US

SYDNEY, AUGUST 26

Postal services in Australia and Switzerland have become the latest to announce a suspension of deliveries to the United States, joining a growing list of countries halting shipments in response to the Trump administration's sudden tariff changes.

The move comes ahead of new levies set to take effect on Friday, August 29.

Several other countries, including India, the United Kingdom, France, Sweden, Germany, Italy, and Denmark, had already declared similar pauses in shipping goods to the United States.

Australia Post on Tuesday confirmed that it will "temporarily partially suspend postal sending to the United States (US) and Puerto Rico, effective 26 August 2025, until further notice."

The agency said the decision was necessary due to "recent significant changes



the US Government has made to customs and import tariff rules for parcels sent to the US."

It explained that the changes include the suspension of the De Minimis exemption for inbound goods valued below $800 and a requirement that tariffs be prepaid before items arrive in the US.

As a result, Australian businesses will be unable to send products to American customers using Australia Post from Tuesday onwards. Until now, parcels worth less than $800 (about AUD 1,230) entered the US tax-free, a loophole heavily relied upon by Australian retailers selling abroad, according to local media reports.

That exemption will formally end on August 29, when all low-value parcels will be subjected to tariffs or flat fees.

The decision, laid out in an executive order signed on July 30, has left many postal services around the world scrambling to comply.

In a parallel move, Swiss Post of Switzerland announced it will no longer accept postal consignments destined for the United States, with the exception of urgent express mail such as official documents and certificates.

The agency said on Monday that it would temporarily halt parcel deliveries, citing new US customs regulations that obstruct the regular shipping process. It added that the decision mirrors those taken by other European postal operators.

Swiss Post noted that the US government's sudden removal of the $800 exemption has created major uncertainty for global carriers. **IANS**

Afghan police destroy nearly 30 tonnes of illicit drugs

KABUL, AUGUST 26



Afghan police set on fire 29.8 tonnes of illegal drugs seized during a series of operations in eastern Afghanistan's Nangarhar province, according to a statement issued by the office of the Deputy Minister of Interior for Counter-Narcotics.

The confiscated substances included 1,442 kg of methamphetamine (ICE), 588 kg of heroin, 15,714 kg of hashish, 460 kg of opium poppy, and other narcotics, along with materials used in drug production, said the statement issued late Monday, Xinhua News Agency reported.

The contraband was uncovered during counter-narcotics operations in Jalalabad city and various districts of the province, it said.

Without furnishing details on whether the narcotics had been discovered, the statement noted that 2,586 individuals were arrested for smuggling, purchasing, and selling the illicit drugs, and their dossiers were referred to the judiciary for further investigation.

Additionally, police have rounded up 5,786 drug users in the province and shifted them to rehabilitation centers for treatment, it said.

The Afghan interim government, which banned poppy cultivation, drug processing, and trafficking in April 2022, has vowed to fight the menace until the country becomes a drug-free nation.

Earlier on August 20, the Ministry of Interior Affairs said that Afghan counter-narcotics police have thwarted two major drug trafficking attempts and arrested three suspected smugglers in northern Takhar and southern Zabul provinces.

According to the ministry, acting on intelligence tips, security forces launched two separate operations on the outskirts of Taluqan city, the capital of Takhar, and Shajoy district of Zabul, seizing 249 kg of opium and apprehending three traffickers. The detainees are under preliminary investigation and will be handed over to judicial organs for further legal action, the statement added.

In a similar action, Afghan police have uncovered a quantity of weapons and ammunition during two separate operations in eastern Ghazni and southern Uruzgan provinces, the Ministry of Interior Affairs announced on August 20. **IANS**

Hezbollah leader rejects disarmament, demands Israel's withdrawal from Lebanon

BEIRUT, AUGUST 26

Hezbollah leader Sheikh Naim Qassem rejected calls to disarm the Lebanese armed group, insisting its weapons remain essential to Lebanon's sovereignty and defence.

"The weapons that protect us, honor us, and preserve our land and dignity -- we will not abandon them,"



Qassem said in a speech broadcast by al-Manar TV. "Those who want to strip us of these weapons want to strip us of our very soul. That will never happen."Rejecting the Lebanese government's recent demand on Hezbollah's disarmament, Qassem called it "an illegitimate decision made under American and Israeli dictates." He warned that disarming Hezbollah would only serve Israel's interests and betray the sacrifices of thousands of fighters and civilians killed in recent conflicts, Xinhua news agency reported.

Qassem stressed that Lebanon's problems stem from "Israeli aggression and occupation, backed by the United States." He said that the first step to resolving the country's crises is "restoring national sovereignty through a complete end to Israeli aggression, its withdrawal from occupied Lebanese territory, the release of prisoners, and reconstruction." **IANS**

'Two police officers killed in shooting in southeast Australia'

SYDNEY, AUGUST 26

Two police officers have been killed and a third has been injured in a shooting in southeast Australia, local media reported on Tuesday.

The three officers were at the rural property in the town of Porepunkah, 210 km northeast of Melbourne in the Alpine region of the state of Victoria, on Tuesday morning to execute a warrant related to historical sexual abuse allegations when they were ambushed and shot by a gunman, Xinhua News Agency reported.

Two police officers, who Victoria Police initially said were unaccounted for following the attack, were killed and the third was airlifted to hospital with serious lower body injuries, according to ABC News.

As of 4:30 pm local time on Tuesday a widespread police search for the gunman was ongoing. Nine Entertainment newspapers reported that he was on the run with several family members, including children.

Facilities including nearby schools and a local airfield were put in lockdown for most of Tuesday and members of the public were advised to avoid the area as a major police operation was launched in response to the shooting.

Victoria Police said on Tuesday morning that officers from its tactical Special Operations Group had been deployed to the scene.

Prime Minister Anthony Albanese said during a press conference in Canberra prior to the fatalities being reported that he was "very concerned" for the police officers involved in the incident.

"Our thoughts are with the police for the work they do, each and every day. **IANS**

Three killed in helicopter crash on UK's Isle of Wight

LONDON, AUGUST 26

Three people have died and one remains in serious condition after a helicopter crash on the Isle of Wight in Britain, police said.

"We can confirm that three people have died following a helicopter crash on the Isle of Wight this morning. Four people in total were on board, with one person currently in hospital in a serious condition," the police said in a statement on Monday.

Earlier, the Air Accident Investigation Branch said it has launched an investigation into the crash, Xinhua news agency reported.

"We will not be commenting on the circumstances of the incident but continue to work alongside the Air Accident Investigation Branch," the police statement added.

Northumbria Helicopters, the operator of the aircraft that crashed, confirmed its aircraft was involved in the accident in the Shanklin area on the Isle of Wight.

According to the operator, the flight "was undertaking a flying lesson." **IANS**

France summons US envoy over antisemitism accusations

PARIS, AUGUST 26



The French foreign ministry summoned US Ambassador to France Charles Kushner following his accusations that France was not doing enough to combat antisemitism.

However, according to French television channel TV5 Monde, it was the charge d'affaires of the US Embassy in Paris who met with officials at the French foreign ministry on Monday, as Kushner was not in Paris.

The charge d'affaires was informed that Kushner's remarks "constituted interference in France's internal affairs and presented an assessment that did not reflect reality," TV5 Monde reported, citing a diplomatic source.

Kushner, who is Jewish and whose son is married to US President Donald Trump's daughter Ivanka, made the comments in an open letter to French President Emmanuel Macron in the Wall Street Journal.

In his letter, the ambassador called on Macron to tone down his criticism of Israel and outlined examples of antisemitism which he said had "long scarred French life".

French foreign ministry said in a statement on Sunday evening that Kushner had recently expressed concern about the rise of antisemitism in France in a letter to French President Emmanuel Macron and accused the government of not taking sufficient action to address it.

The ministry said it firmly refuted the accusations, Xinhua news agency reported. **IANS**

UN aid reaches besieged Sudan town for first time in 10 months

UNITED NATIONS, AUGUST 26

For the first time in 10 months, an aid convoy made it to the Dilling region in Sudan's South Kordofan state with life-saving supplies, UN humanitarians said. The convoy of the UN Children's Fund will then be headed to the state capital of Kadugli, said the UN Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA).

OCHA said the supplies will benefit more than 120,000 vulnerable people in Dilling and Kadugli, where humanitarian needs have reached catastrophic levels and communities have been under siege for months.However, the humanitarian office said that violence continues to escalate in North Darfur state.



The International Organization for Migration estimated that insecurity forced about 1,000 people to flee the famine-stricken Abu Shouk displacement camp on the outskirts of the besieged state capital of El Fasher on Tuesday and Wednesday. OCHA said Abu Shouk, hit in several deadly attacks in recent weeks, suffered reported abductions of women and young children in recent days. **IANS**

Australia expels Iranian ambassador over 'antisemitic attacks'

SYDNEY, AUGUST 26

Australian Prime Minister Anthony Albanese on Tuesday accused Iran of directing 'antisemitic attacks' in Australia and announced that Iranian Ambassador Ahmad Sadeghi has been told to leave the country.

Addressing a press conference on Tuesday afternoon, Albanese said that the Australian Security Intelligence Organization (ASIO) has gathered credible evidence that Iran directed at least two antisemitic attacks against the Australian Jewish community in Sydney and Melbourne since the October 7 attacks on Israel in 2023 by Hamas and Palestinian militant groups.

"Iran has sought to disguise its involvement, but the ASIO assesses it was behind the attacks," he said. "They



were attempts to undermine social cohesion and sow discord in our community."

"The Australian government is taking strong and decisive action in response," Albanese said.

He said that the Australian embassy in Tehran has suspended operations and all its diplomats are safe in a third country, reports Xinhua news agency.

The Australian government will move to list Iran's Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps (IRGC) as a terrorist organisation, Albanese said.

Australia's Foreign Minister Penny Wong said that it is the first time that an ambassador has been expelled from Australia since World War II, and urged any Australians in Iran to leave if it is safe to do so.

In addition to Sadeghi, three other Iranian officials have been declared persona non grata and will be required to leave Australia within seven days. **IANS**

lifestyle



Alia Bhatt

upset about leaked video of her unfinished bungalow: A clear invasion of privacy

Actress Alia Bhatt is upset after an inside video of her unfinished bungalow in Mumbai's Bandra area circulated on social media without her knowledge or consent. Taking to her official Instagram handle, Alia expressed her concern through a sincere note that read: "I understand that in a city like Mumbai, space is limited - sometimes the view from your window is another person's home. But that does not give anyone the right to film private residences and push those videos online. A video of our home- still under construction has been recorded and circulated by multiple publications, without our knowledge or consent."

Alia termed it a clear invasion of privacy and a serious security issue. The 'Jigra' actress added: "Filming or photographing someone's personal space without permission is not "content" - it's a violation. It should never be normalized." "Think about it: would you tolerate videos of the inside of your home being shared publicly, without you knowing? None of us would," Alia pointed out.

The 'Highway' actress also urged everyone who comes across such content not to share it further. "So, here's a humble but film request - if you come across such content online, please don't forward it or share it further," Alia said. She further asked the media to take down the footage of her under-construction house immediately. "And to our friends in the media who have carried these images and videos: I urge you to take them down immediately. Thank you," her note concluded.

Power couple, Alia and Ranbir Kapoor's new residence, named 'The Krishna Raj bungalow', which has been under construction for quite some time, is finally almost ready. If the reports are to be believed, right now, the finishing touches are being done on the interiors, which is expected to take around a month. If all goes as planned, Ranbir and Alia are likely to move into their new abode around Diwali this year. **IANS**

Saiyami joins Akshay, Kumar Saif Ali Khan

in 'Haiwaan', starts shooting in Kochi





Actress Saiyami Kher has joined the cast of filmmaker Priyadarshan's "Haiwaan" and said that she feels incredibly blessed to be a small part of a film that "already feels so special " The film, which features Bollywood powerhouses Akshay Kumar and Saif Ali Khan, has commenced its shoot in Kochi.

"Walking onto the set of Haiwaan has been overwhelming in the most beautiful way. I still remember being that little girl who sat wide-eyed in a theatre, watching Akshay sir redefine action as the or laughing endlessly at Saif sir's effortless comic timing in films that became part of our growing-up years," said Saiyami. Back then, Saiyami said she never imagined that one day she would actually be on a "set with the very people whose films shaped my love for cinema."

"There are moments now, when I look around and have to remind myself this is real. These are the same faces I once watched from the audience, and today I'm sharing the frame with them. And then there is Priyan sir," said Saiyami. The actress said that for her, Priyadarshan is not just a director, "He's a storyteller who has given us some of the most iconic films. To be guided by his vision is something I will always carry with me. His films were a big part of why I fell in love with movies, and now, to be on his set, is like life coming full circle." **IANS**



Sonam Bajwa

breaks the dance floor with her sizzling moves in the "Akeli Laila' song from Baaghi 4

Punjabi sensation Sonam Bajwa has set the dance floor on fire with her graceful moves in the peppy number – "Akeli Laila" from Sajid Nadiadwala's upcoming action entertainer "Baaghi 4". Choreographed by dance maverick Ganesh Acharya, Sonam is seen flaunting her killer moves and oozing desi swag in "Akeli Laila".

Sung by Payal Dev, the music for the peppy track has been composed by Payal Dev and Aditya Dev. The rap has been performed by Paradox, while the lyrics have been penned by Danish Sabri and Paradox. The music of "Baaghi 4" is presented by T-Series. Before this, leads Tiger Shroff and Harnaaz Sandhu were seen flaunting their sizzling chemistry in the "Bahli Sohni" track from the much-awaited sequel.

Choreographed by Farah Khan, the song has been crooned by Mani Moudgill, along with Badshah and Nikhita Gandhi. **IANS**

Soha Ali Khan

reviews 'ghee-coffee' shot, gives honest opinion

Actress Soha Ali Khan who loves to keep fit, always advocates fitness and a healthy lifestyle. The actress recently tried the ghee and coffee mixture for the first time ever and shared her experience on her social media handle.

The actress, in the video can be seen adding a dollop of ghee to her black coffee and sipping it. The actress wrote, "I know, I know... I'm late to the bulletproof coffee party... honestly it's a miracle I showed up at all! So not every trend is meant for you Before you put ghee in your coffee (maybe before you have coffee at all for some) look up the pros and cons and then listen to your body... Pros: Energy boost 4, healthy fats, focus + gut support. Cons: can feel heavy, may trigger acidity X, not for everyone Bottom line: Let your body decide #HolisticHealth #Morning Routine #NutritionTips #FoodTrends #SelfCare #Listen To YourBody #gheecoffee #WellnessTips #GutHealth #AllAboutHer #hereforher."

Soha has always been a firm believer of how nutrition plays the most important role in staying fit. The actress focuses on eating clean, wholesome meals rich in proteins, healthy fats, and fibre. She also incorporates seasonal fruits, fresh vegetables, lean meats, and home-cooked food to her diet. The actress had once informed her fans that she consumes white pumpkin juice in the morning, and the food items for all three meals of the day remain the same. She avoids processed foods and follows portion control to keep her weight in check.

Soha strongly advocates drinking good amount of water everyday and consider it as a magical tool to keep extremely fit. She also includes fresh juices, coconut water, and herbal tea to maintain a good and hydrated skin. Her exercise is a mix of strength training, HIIT (high-intensity training), yoga, and functional workouts. Soha who emphasises on mental health and mindfulness, practices yoga and meditation to reduce stress.



Malaika Arora: To me, 'own It' means showing up as yourself without apologies

For Bollywood diva Malaika Arora, "own it" means showing up as yourself, without filters or apologies and said that her journey has been about fearlessly being herself. Asked what does "own It" mean to her personally, and how does it reflect her journey with confidence and individuality, Malaika told IANS: "To me, 'Own It' means showing up as yourself, without filters or apologies. My journey has been about fearlessly being myself, whether it was in fashion, fitness, or just the way I live life. Confidence isn't about perfection, it's about authenticity."

The 51-year-old glamorous star professed her love for lipsticks and said that it can instantly uplift the mood and boost confidence. Talking about how she believes lipstick can completely transform your mood and confidence, Malaika, who is the brand ambassador for HYUE, said: "Absolutely! Lipstick has that magical quality—it's an instant mood-lifter. The right shade can make you feel bold,confident, playful, or even romantic. It's such a small product, but it holds immense power in how it makes you carry yourself."

The actress feels that the brand's effortlessness feels "plush, lightweight, and still so impactful." "I've always believed makeup should never feel heavy, it should just feel like a second skin. HYUE's VelvetteKiss truly delivers that balance between comfort and glamour. Being the face of a product that marries sophistication with ease feels very natural to me," he said. Malaika was first selected as a VJ for MTV India. She then entered the modelling world, appearing in many advertisements, as well as album songs like Bally Sagoo's "Gur Naalo Ishq Mitha" opposite Jas Arora, and Bollywood chartbusters such as "Chaiyya Chaiyya" in the 1998 Bollywood film "Dil Se..." She was then seen in numbers such as Maahi Ve (2002), Kaal Dhamaal (2005) and Munni Badnaam Hui (2010). As an actress, she has starred in films like Kaante (2002) and EMI (2008). **IANS**

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TVS motor company expands TVS raider super squad line-up

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

85% professionals in Chandigarh believe there's no substitute for human intuition

CHANDIGARH: Even as AI tools become more advanced and widely used at work, professionals remain clear on one point: when it comes to big decisions, nothing replaces human judgment. According to new research from LinkedIn, the world's largest professional network, 83% of professionals in India and 85% professionals in Chandigarh believe intuition and trusted peers still outweigh AI when making decisions. This comes at a time when 76% in India say the pace of decision-making at work has accelerated, and 72% of the country's professionals feel mastering AI is essential for their next career move. **BPE**

Kinetic Green signs MOU with IIFL Samasta Finance

CHANDIGARH: Kinetic Green Energy and Power Solutions Limited, a leading manufacturer of electric two and three wheelers in India, today announced the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with IIFL Samasta Finance Limited (ISFL), one of the country's prominent NBFC and Micro Finance Institution. The partnership aims to make electric mobility more accessible by providing organised and competitive financing solutions for customers across urban, semi-urban, and rural markets. **BPE**

OnePlus unveils nord buds 3r, your week-long audio ally, built to last and ready to rock

CHANDIGARH: Global technology brand OnePlus today unveiled the OnePlus Nord Buds 3r, its latest generation of entry-level true wireless earbuds. The new earbuds are available at a special launch price of Rs 1,599. With exceptional battery life, immersive sound, and innovative features that redefine the segment's TWS experience, the Nord Buds 3r packs the best of technology to keep up with your dynamic lifestyle. **BPE**

Cinépolis unveils Foovies

CHANDIGARH: Cinépolis India announced the launch of Foovies, a disruptive lifestyle trend that fuses food with movies and sets a new benchmark in cinema experiences. For years, a night out meant dinner and a movie. Cinépolis has fused the two into one seamless experience where great food and great films come together under one roof. With Foovies, cinema snacking evolves into a curated culinary affair, where indulgent, freshly prepared meals are served in-theatre, transforming a regular movie outing into a complete lifestyle destination. **BPE**

Indonesia's Tourism Ministry partners with VFS Global to promote tourism under Wonderful Indonesia campaign

CHANDIGARH: VFS Global, the global leader in trusted technology services, empowering secure mobility for governments and citizens, has signed a co-branding agreement with the Ministry of Tourism, Republic of Indonesia to strengthen and expand brand awareness of Indonesian tourism under the Wonderful Indonesia campaign for increasing international arrivals and encouraging investments into the country. **BPE**

RR Kabel launches a series of future ready wires

CHANDIGARH: Kabel announced a series of next-generation wire solutions crafted to address the evolving demands of Indian homes and infrastructure in an era marked by rising temperatures and increasing electrical loads. The new product line features FlamexHR+FRand FirexLS0H-EBXL-each engineered to deliver superior safety, performance, and sustainability across diverse applications.It combines Heat Resistance (HR) and Flame Retardancy (FR) for enhanced safety, while its flexible andensures easy installation. **BPE**

Sellwin Traders Limited signs MoU with Shivam Contracting Inc

CHANDIGARH: Sellwin Traders Limited has signed a memorandum of understanding (MOU) with Shivam Contracting Inc. (SCI), a U.S.-incorporated corporation to form a strategic equity-linked partnership. Under the MOU, STL has agreed in principle to invest up to USD 6 million (Approx. Rs. 52 crore) to participate in SCI's ongoing and future projects across the United States. Under the terms of the MOU between both parties, Sellwin Traders Ltd can acquire a 60% equity stake in Shivam Contracting Inc. The acquisition consideration will be settled via issuance of shares by Sellwin Traders Limited at agreed rate which should not be less than INR 18 per Share. A fair valuation of SCI for this deal will be conducted as of December 31, 2025. The MOU remains valid for 12 months from the signing date. **BPE**

Domestic market for readymade garment to see steady revenue growth of 8-10 pc in FY26

NEW DELHI, AUGUST 26



The domestic market for readymade garment (RMG), accounting for three-fourths of the sector's revenue, will continue to see steady revenue growth of 8-10 per cent this fiscal, a report said on Tuesday.

This will be fuelled by economic growth, interest rate cuts, and tax reductions, according to a Crisil Ratings report.

"This, in turn, will cushion the tariff blow and spur overall growth at the sector level, but at a slower pace than last fiscal," Gautam Shahi, Director, Crisil Ratings.

Meanwhile, revenue growth of India's RMG industry is set to nearly halve on-year this fiscal as the imposition of 50 per cent tariffs by the US on its imports from India becomes effective from August 27.

Credit metrics for industry participants will be impacted by that, as well as a drop in profitability. Each company will be affected differently; some receive over 40 per cent of their revenue from the US.

RMG exports totalled $16 billion last fiscal and accounted for 27 per cent of the RMG sector's revenue, of which a third of the exports was to the US.

The 50 per cent tariff puts India at a distinct disadvantage compared with competing nations like China, Bangladesh and Vietnam, the report stated.

"If the tariffs hold, RMG exports to the US will see a sharp decline.

In the first quarter of this fiscal year, total exports from India rose 10 per cent on-year to $4 billion, with exports to the US recording a 14 per cent growth during the same period. The trend is expected to sustain through 26th August till the enhanced tariffs kick in," said Manish Gupta, Deputy Chief Rating Officer, Crisil Ratings.

Post 50 per cent tariffs, Indian exports to the US may be minimal, despite the limited capacity of competing nations in value-added garments and the lead time taken by big-box retailers in the US to re-align their sourcing arrangements, Gupta added.

Overall, "we expect the share of the US in India's RMG exports to fall from 33 per cent last fiscal to 20-25 per cent this fiscal", Gupta said further.According to the report, this would mean players will have to realign trade with other major export destinations — the European Union (EU), United Kingdom (UK) and United Arab Emirates (UAE), which together form 45 per cent of India's exports for fiscal 2025. **IANS**

Indian exporters worried as US tariff hike kicks in from Friday

NEW DELHI, AUGUST 26



The Federation of Indian Export Organisations (FIEO) on Thursday expressed grave concern over the US government's imposition of an additional 25 per cent tariff on Indian-origin goods, raising total duties on many export categories up to 50 per cent, with effect from Friday.

FIEO President S.C. Ralhan described the development as a "setback". He said that the duty hike can severely impact India's exports to the US, with approximately 55 per cent of India's US-bound shipments (worth $47–48 billion) are now exposed to pricing disadvantages of 30–35 per cent, rendering them uncompetitive in comparison to competitors from China, Vietnam, Cambodia, Philippines and other Southeast and South Asian countries.

Textiles and apparel manufacturers in Tiruppur (Tamil Nadu), Noida (UP), and Surat (Gujarat) have halted production amid worsening cost competitiveness. This sector is losing ground to lower-cost rivals from Vietnam and Bangladesh. While for seafood, especially shrimps, as the US market absorbs nearly 40 per cent of India's marine exports, the tariff increase risks stockpile losses, disrupted supply chains, and growing farmer distress.

Ralhan said on other labour-intensive exports such as leather, ceramics, chemicals, handicrafts and carpets, the industry faces a sharp erosion of competitiveness, particularly against European, South East Asian, and Mexican producers. Delays, order cancellations, and negated cost advantages loom large for these sectors.

Looking at the current emerging scenario, the FIEO chief said there is a need for immediate government support, which includes a push for interest subvention schemes and export credit support to sustain working capital and liquidity. To further support this, low-cost and easy availability of credit with emphasis on MSMEs, with the support from banks and financial institutions, a special direction in this regard, from both the Government and the Reserve Bank of India, is needed, he added.

Ralhan also sought a moratorium on payment of principal and interest for loans up to a period of 1 year.

Additionally, automatic enhancement of the existing limit by 30 per cent, along with collateral-free lending on ECLGS lines, may also be pushed as these will help in addressing the stress of these companies without much burden on the exchequer. **IANS**

Apple to open its fourth India retail store in Pune on Sep 4

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Tech giant Apple on Tuesday announced it will open doors to its first store in Pune -- Apple Koregaon Park -- on September 4. This will be the company's fourth own retail store in the country.

This opening marks a significant expansion for Apple in the country, offering customers in Pune new ways to explore and buy Apple products, and experience Apple's exceptional service in person, the iPhone maker said in a statement.

The barricade for Apple Koregaon Park was revealed following last week's announcement in Bengaluru, where Apple Hebbal will open on September 2.

Adorned with rich, vibrant feathers inspired by the Peacock - India's national bird and a symbol of pride - the artwork celebrates Apple's third and fourth stores in India.

"At Apple Hebbal and Apple Koregaon Park, customers will be able to explore Apple's latest product lineup, experience new features, and receive expert support from team members such as Specialists, Creatives, Geniuses, and dedicated Business teams," said the US company.

Customers will also be able to attend Today at Apple sessions at these new store locations. Designed to inspire and educate, Today at Apple helps customers get started with their devices or take their skills further - whether in photography, music, art, or coding - through free events led by Apple Creatives.

With the addition of new retail services like Shop with a Specialist over Video and the Apple Store app launched earlier this year, Apple continues to deepen its commitment to customers in India, empowering customers with more personalised and secure ways to connect with Apple than ever before.

Ahead of the opening day, customers are invited to download exclusive Apple Koregaon Park wallpapers, listen to a curated Apple Music playlist inspired by the sounds of Pune, and learn more about the upcoming store, said the company.

Meanwhile, Apple is stepping up its manufacturing push in India, with all models of the upcoming iPhone 17 series, including the high-end Pro versions, being assembled in the country from the start. This is the first time the company will produce every new iPhone variant in India.

According to sources, Apple has spread iPhone 17 production across five local factories, two of which have just begun operations.

However, the sources confirmed that the tech giant is expected to manufacture fewer units of the 'Pro' models. **IANS**

India Inc. expected to post 5-6 pc revenue growth in Q2 FY26: ICRA

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India Inc. is expected to clock a modest year-on-year revenue growth of 5-6 per cent in the second quarter of FY2026 (Q2 FY26), compared with 5.5 per cent growth recorded in Q1 FY26, a report said on Tuesday.

The growth is likely to be supported by healthy rural demand, premiumisation and ongoing value shift towards organised players, said the report from credit rating agency ICRA.

As a result, the report outlined that the credit metrics of the country are also expected to remain stable, with the interest coverage ratio estimated between 4.9 and 5.1 times, against 4.9 times in Q1 FY2026.

"Operating profit margin (OPM) is expected to show resilience as commodity prices soften on a YoY basis. Interest coverage ratio could improve slightly in Q2 FY2026 benefitting from the festive season demand impulses and greater transmission of policy rate cuts on the borrowing rates," the report said.

ICRA predicted a steady OPM in the range of 18-18.2 per cent on a YoY basis. **IANS**

Suzuki to invest ₹ 70,000 crore in India over next 5–6 years

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Japanese automaker Suzuki Motor Corporation on Tuesday announced that it will invest Rs 70,000 crore in India over the next five to six years.

The investment will be used to increase production, introduce new car models, and protect its leadership position in the world's third-largest automobile market.

The announcement was made by Suzuki Motor Corporation President Toshihiro Suzuki during the launch of Maruti Suzuki's first electric SUV, the 'e-Vitara', at the company's Hansalpur plant in Gujarat.Prime Minister Narendra Modi flagged off the first batch of the electric SUVs at the inauguration ceremony.

The e-Vitara will be manufactured exclusively at Suzuki Motor Gujarat (SMG), a unit of Maruti Suzuki India, and exported to more than 100 countries.

The first shipment will leave from Pipavav port for Europe, covering markets like the UK, Germany, France, Norway, Italy, and several others.Suzuki also confirmed that the electric SUV will be exported to Japan.Toshihiro Suzuki said the Gujarat facility is being developed into one of the world's largest automobile hubs with a planned capacity of 10 lakh units annually.

"We chose this facility to manufacture our first battery electric vehicle, the e-Vitara, and make it a global production hub," he said. Calling it a "historic day" that coincided with Ganesh Chaturthi, Suzuki praised Prime Minister Modi's leadership in driving India's green mobility push. **IANS**

PhonePe launches new home insurance offering, starts at just ₹181

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Fintech major PhonePe has announced the launch of its latest home insurance product line, designed to offer homeowners a simple and affordable solution to protect their homes.

With premiums starting as low as Rs 181 (including GST) for coverage ranging from Rs 10 lakh going up to Rs 12.5 crore, buyers can insure both structure and contents of their homes, with the convenience of an end-to-end digital journey, directly on their PhonePe app.

Vishal Gupta, CEO at PhonePe Insurance Broking Services, said, "We believe India's homeownership aspirations are larger than ever, and PhonePe is eager to be a part of that journey, backed by its expertise. We are committed to making insurance accessible and affordable for every Indian".

"The launch of our new home insurance offering is a crucial step in this direction, empowering homeowners to protect their most cherished asset with complete ease.

Our trusted solution represents the future of protection – comprehensive and affordable coverage, digitally accessible in minutes through the PhonePe app.

We've built this to grow alongside India's ambitions, allowing customers to explore, and choose the right policy seamlessly online.

We believe this will transform how consumers secure peace of mind for their homes, while eliminating financial barriers," Gupta added. **IANS**

Too many funds? Union Mutual Fund offers one smart solution

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Union Mutual Fund has announced the launch of its latest offering – the Union Diversified Equity All Cap Active FOF – designed to simplify equity investing by offering dynamic allocation across varied market capitalizations through a single fund.

Despite the surge in retail participation, equity penetration in India remains modest at around 8%, significantly lower than countries like China (15–20%), the U.S. (45–50%), and Japan (55–60%), as per a recent report by Fortune India, May 2025. While the mutual fund industry has witnessed exponential growth, the unique investor base stands at approximately 5.53 crore(Internal Research, June 2025), underscoring the need for more investor-friendly and simplified solutions.

For many new investors, choosing the right entry point and an appropriately diversified fund remains a key challenge.

Union Mutual Fund aims to address this with a one-of-a-kind solution that dynamically allocates across schemes investing in large, mid, and small-cap of Union MF equity schemes –removing the complexity of timing, selection, and allocation.

"Mutual fund penetration is growing, but to deepen it further, we need to offer simple, all-weather equity products that may help investor's decision-making easier," said Madhu Nair, CEO, Union Asset Management Company Pvt Ltd. "Many investors struggle with market timing, deciding how much to allocate to each cap segment, and managing tax implications when switching between funds. This Fund of Fund aims to address all these pain points while still offering the tax benefits of an equity fund."

"Our Anchor–Explorer model allows us to blend medium-to-long-term conviction with tactical flexibility," said Harshad Patwardhan, CIO, Union Asset Management Company Pvt Ltd.

"This approach helps investors get broad exposure across market caps while the fund manager actively manages timing and allocations."

The New Fund Offer (NFO) for the Union Diversified Equity All Cap Active FOF opens on 1st September 2025 and closes on 15th September 2025.Scheme re-opens within 5 business days of allotment.

SPORTS

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It was an opportunity to return to best version of myself, feeling well: Suryakumar on injury and rehab

NEW DELHI, AUGUST 26



India's T20 skipper Suryakumar Yadav has opened up about his recent injury setback, which needed surgery and a six-week rehab, saying that the forced break was an opportunity to return to his "best version" ahead of next month's Asia Cup.

The 34-year-old underwent a sports hernia surgery in Munich after being diagnosed with a problem in his lower right abdomen towards the end of the IPL in June. After that, he underwent a rehab at the BCCI's Centre of Excellence in Bengaluru.

He is back to full fitness and will be leading the side in the continental showpiece beginning September 9 in the UAE.

"I'm feeling good right now. It's been five to six weeks. A good process, good routines for last six weeks and fingers crossed, feeling really well," Suryakumar said in a video posted by the BCCI on Tuesday.

"...most important thing during a rehab phase is to have good people around you who will guide you really well and that's what I did from last two-three years whenever I was in rehab. I saw it as an opportunity to come back as the best version of myself.

"If I was here for six weeks, eight weeks or 12 weeks, I could take that one week at a time, prepare myself mentally that way and just use the facility and stay in that moment and move in the right direction."

Recalling the time when he first understood the gravity of his injury, Suryakumar said it was a problem quite similar to the one he had experienced in the past.

"It actually got diagnosed close to the end of IPL. I felt it because I had the similar kind of injury last year as well and that's how I got to know. So a few checklists were there," said Suryakumar, who had an ankle surgery in 2023 and underwent another sports hernia procedure in early 2024.

"I tried those things and then I realised that it's time to go and do a small MRI. When I did it, it was very clear in that. I did it post IPL, went to Germany.

"It went really well how it went last year and I knew how the recovery is going to be step by step. So I was prepared for everything. So we took one week at a time and we are here and I'm feeling good."

Talking about his structured rehabilitation and the support at CoE, Suryakumar said: "I think the most important thing for me is when you come here at COE or when I was here at NCA last year as well, they understood how my body reacts to certain situations.

"So all the strength and conditioning coach and the physios, they understood how my body works and accordingly they planned all the workouts. As soon as I used to hit the gym and I came here, they would plan the sessions and that's how we took one week at a time and slowly but steadily we are here."

The India skipper also gave a big thumbs up to the facilities at the CoE.

"I think firstly it's very massive. The place is huge. Let me talk about the gym first. I think more than 30-35 people can train here together," he said.

"I actually used most of the equipment here. Some new equipment which are actually very useful from athletes point of view. Not only for a rehab but if someone, any contracted player or a targeted player wants to come here for few weeks, train, use the ground and everything. "Unbelievable facility and it's the best which I've seen for a really long time." **PTI**

'Bumrah is one of a kind, should be well looked after'

MUMBAI, AUGUST 26



Even as ace pacer Jasprit Bumrah continues to be a key figure in Team India's success across formats, questions surrounding his workload management have once again resurfaced.

The 31-year-old Bumrah has endured a spate of injuries in recent times, notably a back injury that ruled him out of several major assignments. He featured in only three of the five Tests during India's recent series against England, with the team management making it clear before the tour that he would not play all five matches.

As Bumrah prepares for his return to the shortest format in national colours in the upcoming Asia Cup 2025, scheduled from September 9 to 28 in the UAE, former Sri Lanka all-rounder Farveez Maharoof shared his thoughts on the pacer's recurring fitness issues and how the team management could effectively manage his workload.

"He has done wonderfully well, but unfortunately, he keeps getting injured because of his back issues. Being a fast bowler myself, I understand what he is going through. It's important for him as well as the BCCI to manage his workload carefully going forward because Bumrah is one of a kind. Players like him don't come into the system very often, so when he's there, it's crucial to maximise his international career. People have to understand that every time a fast bowler delivers a ball, more than three times their body weight goes through their body. This puts immense stress on the back, knees, ankles - everything," Maharoof, who is currently active in cricket commentary and analysis, told India Today.

Maharoof, a veteran of 139 international matches across formats, added that fast bowlers are prone to injury due to the extreme physical stress, repetitive motion, and high impact forces of their bowling action.

"It's a day-to-day struggle that every fast bowler faces. When you do this repeatedly over a long period, it takes its toll (on the body). For example, Jasprit played all five Tests in Australia and bowled tirelessly for many overs. That's the after-effect that contributed to his injury in Sydney. No matter how much fitness training you do, or how fit you are, injuries are inevitable because fast bowling is the hardest job in cricket. As a fan of Bumrah, I just hope he keeps improving, continues to wear the national jersey, and maintains his hunger to play lots of cricket, which is a very good sign. I also hope he is well looked after, especially when it comes to managing his workload," Maharoof noted.

Maharoof, who retired from international cricket in 2016 after a career spanning over twelve years, hailed Bumrah as one of the greatest bowlers ever due to his exceptional skills and consistency across formats and compared him with the legendary Pakistan pacer Wasim Akram.

"I remember when I played against Jasprit in the Champions League, around 2013 or 2014. What I remember of him then and what I see now is a big difference. I think it's his action (which makes him effective). Gone are the days when he was, for example, just an inswing bowler to right-handers. Nowadays, he has developed an effective outswing as well. If you ask 90 percent of the batters around the world, apart from India, who the most difficult bowler to face in any form of the game is, they would say Jasprit Bumrah. That's similar to how Wasim Akram was seen in his prime," added Maharoof. **AGENCIES**

Really proud of Gill's growth as a captain: Siraj

MUMBAI, AUGUST 26



India pacer Mohammed Siraj has revealed the close bonding he shares with Test captain Shubman Gill, highlighting both their on-field and off-field camaraderie.

'Shubman and I have been together for a long time. We have played India A. We have spent time off the field as well. We made our Test debuts together at the MCG, and also became ODI No. 1 (in the ICC rankings) at the same time. We have a lot of memories together. He is also the captain of Gujarat Titans. We bat at the nets together and keep talking. I keep telling him that you are my bunny,' Siraj told Boria Majumdar on RevSportz.

'Our understanding is very easy and it reflects on the field. He understands what I want, what I don't and vice versa. I am really proud of his growth as a captain, and now that he is the vice-captain for the Asia Cup as well, I would definitely want him to bring the trophy back. All the best to him and the team.'

From Leeds to London, Gill's robust technique stole the show and made headlines with his record-breaking performances with the bat. The India skipper emerged as the leading run-getter in England with a whopping tally of 754 at 75.40 in the five-match series. Gill made subtle changes to his technique, with the most prominent being bringing his bat ahead of his pads on several occasions. He even made a couple of tweaks in his footwork to give himself more time to play his desired shot, which were at the forefront of his four blistering tons in England.

He silenced the critics who questioned his ability to thrive in overseas conditions as he enjoyed a dream run at No 4, which was previously held by stalwarts Sachin Tendulkar and Virat Kohli.

In his first Test captaincy assignment, Gill led his side to a memorable 2-2 draw against England. His next assignment will be two Test series against the West Indies at home, in October this year. **AGENCIES**

Dropped from India, Sarfaraz hits fiery 111 to silence critics

CHENNAI, AUGUST 26



Sarfaraz Khan hit a counter-attacking 111 to bail Mumbai out of trouble against Haryana in their All India Buchi Babu Invitational Tournament contest here on Tuesday.

Mumbai were struggling at 84 for four at one stage on the opening day after deciding to bat when the India batter took control, hammering nine fours and five sixes during his 112-ball knock to resurrect his team's innings.

The right-handed batter, who had scored 138 against TNCA XI earlier in this event, got to his century with a six off his 99th delivery that he faced here at the MRF Pachaiyappa's Ground.

Sarfaraz, who made his Test debut against England last year at Rajkot, has been away from the Indian team after the tour of Australia and was not picked for the tour of England.

Earlier, Mumbai had stuttered from 69 for no loss to 84 for four, losing their openers Musheer Khan (30), Divyaansh Saxena (46), Pragnesh Kanpillewar (3) and Suryansh Shedge (1) in quick succession.

Shams Mulani was on 50 not out but Tanush Kotian missed his milestone as he fell for 48, with Mumbai reaching 346 for nine at stumps.

Meanwhile, Ruturaj Gaikwad bounced back to score 133 (144 balls, 10x4s, 4x6s), helping Maharashtra to 440 all out against Himachal Pradesh, with Arshin Kulkarni scoring 146 (190 balls, 16x4s, 1x6s). Prince Thakur took 7/144 for Himachal Pradesh.

Chhattisgarh's Shashank Tiwary returned 5/54 to help bowl out TNCA President's XI for 266. In reply, Chhattisgarh were 4/0. TNCA XI fought back with Chandrasekar DT taking three wickets as Bengal slipped to 58 for four, trailing by 145 runs. Rahul Prasad took 5/44 for Bengal. **PTI**

ASIAN SHOOTING

Sift Kaur strikes gold twice, stuns China



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India are placed second on the charts with 20 medals, nine of them gold. China are leading the table with 24 medals, including 13 gold.

Olympian Sift Kaur Samra pulled off an incredible show, clinching the individual women's 50m rifle 3 positions gold and helping the country to the team title as well in the Asian Shooting Championships in Shymkent, Kazakhstan, on Tuesday.

The 23-year-old world record holder fired a superb 459.2 in the final to beat China's Yang Yujie (458.8) for gold, and the trio of Samra, stalwart Anjum Moudgil and Ashi Chouksey also bagged the top podium in the team event with an aggregate of 1753 points.

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This was Samra's fourth Asian Championships gold, and she was in a different zone altogether in the event as she qualified for the eight-shooter final placed No.1 with a score of 589.

Another Indian, Shriyanka Sadandi, who had topped the qualification round was not eligible for the final as she was competing for 'Ranking Points Only' (RPO).

RPO shooters cannot compete for medals.

Samra, who had the highest world ranking of No.5 among the eight finalists, had scores of 151.0, 156.2 in the kneeling and prone positions. In the standing-elimination round, she was simply unbeatable and led till the end despite a late fightback by her Chinese rival, who finished just 0.4 points behind the Indian.

Japan's Nobata Misaki (448.2) took the bronze.

Chouksey, who had entered the final placed fourth, ended up seventh with 402.8 points.

Senior pro and two-time Olympian Anjum finished 22nd in a high-class field of 41 shooters.

Samra led from the front in the team event as well as she guided India to the gold medal along with Anjum and Ashi.

While Samra fired a superb 589, Ashi shot 586, and Anjum managed 578 as the trio clinched the top spot ahead of Japan, who totalled 1750 and South Korea (1745). **PTI**

16-year-old Ngumoha's late strike powers Liverpool to victory

NEWCASTLE, AUGUST 26



The absent Alexander Isak dominated the build-up to Newcastle United's clash at home to Liverpool but the Swede was temporarily forgotten in a rip-roaring contest that ended 3-2 to the reigning champions thanks to a stoppage-time winner by teenaged Premier League debutant Rio Ngumoha.

Isak's desire to leave Newcastle, with Liverpool his destination of choice, guaranteed a boisterous St James' Park atmosphere and it seemed Arne Slot's visitors had buckled as they threw away a flattering 2-0 lead against a side reduced to 10 men by Anthony Gordon's red card in first-half stoppage time.

But 16-year-old Ngumoha broke Newcastle's hearts shortly after coming off the bench, thrashing in the winner with a first-time right-foot shot in the 10th minute of stoppage time to become Liverpool's youngest ever scorer and the fourth youngest in Premier League history. It was a sickening blow for Newcastle who were again without outcast striker Isak, but who began the game in superb fashion.

Even when the red mist and fate had dealt them multiple blows they still showed great resilience to fight back but it all counted for nothing in the end.

"We know there was a lot of oil on the fire this week to get Newcastle fired up," Liverpool skipper Virgil van Dijk said.

"I enjoy these type of atmospheres, so I was really looking forward to it but we could've made it easier. We gave them the boost and the feeling and the drive with the fans behind them but we managed to get the three points and move on."

Liverpool had been forced to soak up Newcastle pressure for half an hour and had made little headway but took the lead completely against the run of play when Ryan Gravenberch cut in from the left and dispatched a low shot just inside Nick Pope's post in the 35th minute.

Newcastle's frustration got the better of Gordon who was sent off in first-half stoppage time for a rash tackle that left stud marks on the back of van Dijk's calf -- his initial yellow card being upgraded to a red by referee Simon Hooper.

And when Hugo Ekitike, who Newcastle had wanted to sign possibly as a replacement for Isak, struck 20 seconds after the break with the sort of clinical side-foot finish that makes you wonder whether Liverpool even require more strikers, it looked all over for the hosts.

It was a curiously lethargic display by Liverpool though with Mohamed Salah unusually quiet and when Bruno Guimaraes headed past Alisson in the 57th minute the noise levels rose and Newcastle were re-energised.

Liverpool completely lost control of the game and were punished in the 88th minute as William Osula seized on defensive hesitation to nip onto a long punt forward by Pope and slot a close-range finish past Alisson.

Despite being a man down and suffering injuries to Sandro Tonali, Joelinton and Fabian Schar it looked like Newcastle might grab an unlikely win but Ngumoha struck in fairytale fashion to make it two wins from two games for Liverpool.

They join Arsenal and Tottenham Hotspur on six points while Newcastle, who will be desperate to settle the Isak saga before the closure of the transfer window next week, have one point from their opening two games. **AGENCIES**

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