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Hazarika one of the most extraordinary voices India has ever known: Modi

NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 8



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Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Monday paid rich tributes to music maestro Bhupen Hazarika on his 99th birth anniversary, and said he was one of the most extraordinary voices India has ever known.

In a post, Modi shared an article he wrote on the Bharat Ratna winner, who was born in Assam, noting that the year marks the beginning of his birth centenary celebrations.

It is an occasion to revisit his monumental contributions to Indian artistic expression and public consciousness, he added.

He said, "What Bhupen Da gave us extends far beyond music. His works embodied emotions that transcended melody. More than just a voice, he was the heartbeat of the people. Generations have grown up listening to his songs, each word resonating with themes of kindness, social justice, unity and deep-rooted belonging."

Modi said his music flowed like a timeless river, crossing borders and cultures, carrying with it the spirit of humanity.

Hazarika travelled the globe, rubbed shoulders with the who's who across all spectrums of society, but remained deeply connected to his roots in Assam, he said. Modi said he always carried the spirit of Assam's indigenous identity and the ethos of its people.

Music was only one part of his personality, he said, adding that Hazarika was as much an intellectual at heart. It was also this desire to learn that made him excel at Cotton College, Banaras Hindu University and took him to the United States, where he interacted with leading academics, thinkers and musicians of those times, he said.

He recalled that Hazarika met Paul Robeson, the legendary artist and civil rights leader. PTI

Modi to inaugurate combined commanders' conclave in Kolkata next week

Prime Minister Narendra Modi will interact with top commanders of the Army, the Air Force and the Navy on the opening day of a three-day conference next week that is expected to delve into various aspects of Operation Sindoor and ways to further bolster India's military prowess.

Modi will inaugurate the Combined Commanders' Conference to be held from September 15 to 17 in Kolkata, the defence ministry said.

The commanders are set to carry out a comprehensive review of the security situation along the Line of Actual Control (LAC) with China as well as in Jammu and Kashmir, people familiar with the matter said.

PM to visit calamity-hit Himachal today

Prime Minister Narendra Modi will visit Himachal Pradesh and Punjab on Tuesday to review the flood situation there.

He will undertake an aerial survey of the flood and landslide-hit areas in Himachal Pradesh, officials said. Modi will visit Kangra in Himachal Pradesh and meet officials and chair a high-level review meeting on the situation.

The prime minister will also meet the flood-affected people and NDRF, SDRF and Aapda Mitra Team in Kangra.

Modi will also conduct an aerial survey of the flood-affected areas in Punjab.

Punjab Cabinet announces ₹20,000 per acre compensation for farmers

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FILE PHOTO

The Punjab Cabinet on Monday decided to give a compensation of Rs 20,000 per acre for crop damage in the floods in the state. The Cabinet also gave a nod to a scheme -- 'Jisda Khet, Usdi Ret' -- whereby farmers will be allowed to extract and sell sand deposited in their fields after floods.

The decisions in this regard were taken in a Cabinet meeting, which was chaired by Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann from a hospital in Mohali where he was admitted after he complained of exhaustion and low heart rate.

In a video message after the meeting, Mann said, "We are giving permission to farmers to extract sand from their fields. If you want to sell sand or you want to use it for yourself, you can do so."

Farmers in flood-hit areas had expressed concern over the accumulation of sand, which came along flood waters, in their agricultural fields.

As far as crop damage because of the deluge is concerned, Mann said the state government will give a compensation of Rs 20,000 per acre to affected farmers. "Until now, this is the maximum compensation to be given by any state in the country," he claimed.

"Cheques (of compensation) will be handed over to you (farmers)," he said.

According to officials, crops on 1.76 lakh hectares have been damaged in the floods. Mann also said Rs 4 lakh will be given to families who lost their family members in the floods.

A survey of houses damaged in the floods will be conducted for providing financial assistance to the affected people, he said.

The time limit of debt repayment of farmers, who had taken loans from the cooperative societies and state agriculture banks, has been extended by six months, he said.

"Till next six months, no installment will be required to be paid and no interest will be added in it," he added. He further said the state government will provide financial assistance for loss of cattle, goats and poultry birds.

A survey will be conducted of government properties, including schools, colleges, electric poles, grids, etc, that have been damaged in the floods, he added. He said the AAP government stands by the people of Punjab in the hour of crisis. After being discharged from the hospital, he will be amongst the people, Mann added.

Punjab CM Mann showing significant improvement: Fortis Hospital

Punjab Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann, in hospital since last week with complaints of exhaustion and low heart rate, has shown significant improvement, authorities at the private health facility said on Monday. He chaired a Cabinet meeting through video conferencing from the Fortis Hospital in Mohali on Monday. In a statement, the hospital said, "Mann's clinical condition continues to show significant improvement. His vital parameters remain stable. He has been active and engaged in multiple meetings through the day." He was brought to the hospital on Friday.

The Punjab cabinet meeting was supposed to be held on Friday, but was rescheduled after the 51-year-old leader was hospitalised. He was also unable to accompany AAP national convener Arvind Kejriwal on a visit to flood-affected areas of the state on Thursday. Kejriwal visited Mann at his official residence on Thursday to enquire about his health.

SC directs EC to include Aadhaar as 12th valid document for Bihar SIR

NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 8



The Supreme Court on Monday directed that Aadhaar card "must" be included as an identity proof of voters in the special intensive revision exercise of electoral rolls in Bihar and gave the Election Commission the course of the day to implement the direction.

Adding the Aadhaar card to the list of 11 prescribed documents in the special intensive revision (SIR) exercise, a bench of Justices Surya Kant and Joymalya Bagchi made it clear the Aadhaar will not be a proof of citizenship.

In its order on the much debated issue, the apex court said the Election Commission can ascertain the genuineness of Aadhaar card number submitted by an elector for inclusion in the electoral roll. The top court also sought EC's explanation on showcause notices it issued to poll officials for not accepting Aadhaar card from voters.

"It is clarified that Aadhaar will also be included as an identity document for inclusion/identification of voters in Bihar," the bench said, adding, "Aadhaar shall be treated as 12th document by the EC. However, it is open for the authorities to examine the validity and genuineness of Aadhaar submitted by the voters. It is clarified that Aadhaar will not be treated as proof of citizenship." PTI

Iowa Governor meets EAM Jaishankar to further deepen India-US trade ties

NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 8



Kim Reynolds, Governor of the Iowa state in the US, on Monday met External Affairs Minister (EAM) Dr S. Jaishankar here to further deepen India-US economic and trade ties.

An Iowa delegation, led by Reynolds, embarked on an eight-day trade mission to India over the weekend, with an aim to strengthen ties and explore growth opportunities with the country.

"Met Governor Iowa @KimReynoldsIA in New Delhi today. Discussed India-US economic ties and its potential," posted EAM Jaishankar on X. The delegates include Iowa Economic Development Authority Director Debi Durham, Iowa Secretary of Agriculture Mike Naig, and agricultural and business leaders from the state. According to a press statement issued by Reynolds' office, the purpose of the Governor's return to India is to build on relationships established during an initial visit a year ago and to further explore growth opportunities with one of the world's largest emerging economies. Reynolds emphasised the mission's goal to build on relationships initiated during a visit in 2024.

"Our visit to India last year kicked off a number of relationships between Iowa and Indian businesses and trade associations and furthered conversations on investing in Iowa and market access for certain Iowa agricultural products," Reynolds said. "I look forward to further solidifying those relationships and establishing new connections on which to build." In Delhi, Reynolds and Secretary Naig were set to speak at DialogueNEXT, a symposium presented by the World Food Prize Foundation. Governor Reynolds and the delegation were expected to attend a business panel discussion hosted by the Sehgal Foundation, recognised for its work in economic and educational growth in rural India, sign a partner state agreement with Maharashtra, lead roundtable discussions with the US-India Business Council, the US Soybean Export Council and the US Grains Council, along with meeting Indian industry leaders. IANS

SC transfers pleas against Online Gaming Act in various HCs to itself

NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 8

The Supreme Court on Monday transferred, to itself, petitions pending before different High Courts challenging the constitutional validity of the Promotion and Regulation of Online Gaming Act, 2025.

The newly enacted Online Gaming Act bans all forms of real-money games in the country while regulating and promoting social, educational and esports games.

A bench of Justice J.B. Pardiwala and Justice K.V. Viswanathan allowed the transfer petition filed by the Union government seeking transfer of the petitions pending before the Delhi, Karnataka, and Madhya Pradesh High Courts to the apex court to avoid multiplicity of litigation. "The proceedings from Karnataka, Delhi, and Madhya Pradesh High Courts stand transferred to this Court. Respective High Courts are directed to transfer entire records with all interlocutory applications filed within one week," the Justice Pardiwala-led Bench ordered.

Once the entire records are transferred, it ordered the registry to list the matter before the apex court at the earliest.

"If the parties intend to file the writ petition with the entire record, they may do so with the registry," the bench clarified. IANS

19 killed as youths clash with police over social media ban in Nepal; Army deployed to control situation

KATHMANDU, SEPTEMBER 8



At least 19 people were killed and dozens injured on Monday as violent protests by youths rocked the Nepalese capital and certain other areas over the government's decision to ban social media sites, prompting authorities to deploy the army in Kathmandu to control the situation.

Thousands of youths, including school students, under the banner of Gen Z, converged in front of the Parliament in the heart of Kathmandu and shouted anti-government slogans demanding immediate revocation of the ban.

The Nepalese media put the death toll at 14. However, there is no official word on number of casualties yet.

The demonstration turned violent when some protesters entered the Parliament complex, prompting police to resort to baton charges, tear gas shells and rubber bullets to disperse the crowd, eyewitnesses said.

Citing hospital reports, the Himalayan Times newspaper reported that 14 people were killed in the protest in Kathmandu. The deceased include six at Trauma Centre, three at Civil Hospital, three at Everest Hospital, one at Kathmandu Medical College (KMC), and one at Tribhuvan University Teaching Hospital, the paper said.

The death toll from the ongoing Gen-Z protests has reached 14, news portal Khabarhub reported, citing sources at the Ministry of Health and Population. IANS

'Right idea' to impose tariffs on countries making deals with Russia: Zelenskyy

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Ukraine's President Volodymyr Zelenskyy has said that it is the "right idea" to impose tariffs on countries making deals with Russia, without naming India. "I think the idea to put tariffs on the countries who continue to make deals with Russia.... I think this is right idea," Zelenskyy said in an interview aired on ABC News' "This Week" on Sunday.

Zelenskyy was asked if he thinks that the plan to put sanctions backfired when he saw pictures of Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Russian President Vladimir Putin and Chinese President Xi Jinping at the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) summit in Tianjin.

US President Donald Trump has doubled tariffs on Indian goods to a whopping 50 per cent, including a 25 per cent additional duties for India's purchase of Russian crude oil. India described the US action as "unfair, unjustified and unreasonable". IANS

2 terrorists killed, 3 soldiers injured in encounter in J&K's Kulgam

SRINAGAR, SEPTEMBER 8



Two unidentified terrorists were killed and three soldiers injured in an encounter in Kulgam district of Jammu and Kashmir on Monday, officials said here.

Security forces launched a search operation in the Gudar forest area of Kulgam following information about the presence of terrorists there, the official said. They said the search operation turned into an encounter after the terrorists opened fire at the positions of the security forces.

"Based on specific intelligence input by JKP, joint search operation was launched by #IndianArmy, @JmuKmrPolice & @crpf_srinagar in Guddar forest of #Kulgam," Srinagar-based Chinar Corps of the Army said in a post on X. It said vigilant troops observed suspicious activity and, upon being challenged, terrorists opened fire, "prompting a fierce exchange of gunfire during which one terrorist has been eliminated and a junior commissioned officer suffered injuries". IANS

DLSA Patiala dispatches relief supplies to flood-hit families of Alipur

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Patiala, September 8



As per the directions of the Executive Chairman, Punjab State Legal Services Authority, SAS Nagar, and the Member Secretary, PULSA, Navjot Kaur, and under the able guidance of Harinder Sidhu, Incharge District & Sessions Judge-cum-Chairperson, District Legal Services Authority (DLSA), Patiala, Core Units have been constituted at the block level across Patiala district by the District Judiciary to extend necessary support to citizens affected by floods.

Continuing these efforts, a van carrying relief material including tarpaulins, dry ration, and other essential supplies was today flagged off by Harinder Sidhu, Incharge District & Sessions Judge, Patiala, for the flood-affected residents of village Alipur, Sub-Division Nabha. On this occasion, Sandeep Kumar Singla, Principal Judge, Family Court; Avtar Singh Barda, Additional Sessions Judge; Harjeet Singh, Additional Sessions Judge; Manni Arora, Civil Judge (Senior Division); and Ekta Sahota, Chief Judicial Magistrate, Patiala, along with DLSA staff, were also present.

Addressing the gathering, Sidhu said that the relief material was being dispatched in response to the request made by the Sarpanch and members of village Alipur, Nabha. She noted that the devastating floods in Punjab have left numerous families in distress, struggling for food, shelter, and other basic necessities. Appealing to the public to come forward in this humanitarian cause, she emphasized that timely assistance can significantly alleviate the suffering of flood victims. She reiterated that the judiciary remains committed to actively supporting ongoing relief efforts.

Flood relief efforts boosted by ₹1.5 lakh contribution from local institutions

DALJEET AJNOHA
PUNJAB EXPRESS BUREAU
Hoshiarpur, September 8



Deputy Commissioner-cum-President of the District Red Cross Society, Aashika Jain, stated that Punjab is currently grappling with the devastating effects of floods. In this difficult time, the entire nation stands united with the affected families. Several areas in the Hoshiarpur district have also been severely impacted by this natural disaster.

She noted that while the government is making every possible effort to support the victims, voluntary organizations, companies, factories, philanthropists, and citizens are also stepping forward with generous assistance. Relief items such as ration kits, tarpaulins, mosquito nets, hygiene kits, bread, and other essential supplies, along with financial aid, are being provided to flood-affected families.

The Deputy Commissioner shared that Urmila Devi Ayurvedic College of Medical Sciences, Village Kharkan, has contributed Rs 1 lakh, and Mahant Satya Vrat Nand Giri, Akhand Bharat Prachar Mantri, Bhungarni, has contributed Rs 50,000 to the Red Cross Society for flood relief efforts.

Expressing her heartfelt gratitude, she said this support is a significant contribution that will help provide essential relief to those in need.

She further appealed to companies, industries, philanthropists, educational institutions, the business community, and all citizens of the district to come forward and contribute to the ongoing flood relief efforts. Donations can be made via the QR code link issued by the Red Cross Society: [https://tinyurl.com/redcrosshoshiarpur] (https://tinyurl.com/redcrosshoshiarpur).

Assistance can also be submitted in person at the Red Cross Office, Jodha Mal Road, Hoshiarpur, from Monday to Friday.

Vet Varsity empowers Bihar farmers with scientific pig farming training



PUNJAB EXPRESS BUREAU
Ludhiana, September 8

Department of Veterinary and Animal Husbandry Extension Education, Guru Angad Dev Veterinary and Animal Sciences University , Ludhiana organised a five-day training programme on "Pig Farming: Skills, Science and Sustainability" . The course was designed for budding pig farmers of Bihar. A total of 18 participants, including 16 farmers and 2 faculty members, benefitted from the programme.

Dr JPS Gill, Vice-Chancellor, lauded the initiative and remarked that such training programmes serve as a vital conduit to strengthen farmers' linkages, foster inter-state collaboration, and facilitate the adoption of region-specific best practices. He emphasized that these endeavours not only reinforce the university's pivotal role in capacity building but also act as a catalyst for entrepreneurship promotion and sustainable livestock development.

Dr RS Grewal, Director of Extension Education, remarked that the programme provided participants with hands-on exposure to scientific pig farming and motivated them to adopt modern technologies for improving productivity and profitability.

The concluding ceremony was graced by Dr. Parminder Singh, Additional Director of Extension Education, who shared his perspective and offered constructive guidance to the trainees.

Dr Jaswinder Singh, HoD and Course Director, highlighted that pig farming holds tremendous scope in India, as the global demand for pork remains significantly high.

He emphasized that this sector offers vast opportunities for income generation, market expansion and entrepreneurship development.

74 trainees get hand-holding in winter season mushroom production at PAU



PUNJAB EXPRESS BUREAU
Ludhiana, September 8

Making continued efforts to make the agricultural community's future financially secure, the Skill Development Centre of the Punjab Agricultural University (PAU) provided a five-day handholding in "Winter Season Mushroom Cultivation" under the guidance of Dr MS Bhullar, Director of Extension Education.

A total of 74 farmers, rural women and youths from 14 districts of Punjab participated in the training programme, held in association with the Department of Microbiology, PAU. Addressing the participants, Dr Bhullar described the subsidiary occupation of mushroom cultivation as a profitable agri-business, requiring low investment and less space. Farmers and even unemployed youths should avail the benefits of training programmes being offered at PAU, he advised the trainees.

Dr Rupinder Kaur, Associate Director (Skill Development), observed that sustainability in terms of livelihood and income was must at present times. Mushroom growing was a viable option in contemporary unemployed times, especially when country was scaring at massive lay-offs, she pointed out. Dr Kulvir Kaur and Dr Lavleesh Garg, Course Coordinators, shared the success stories of the entrepreneurs who were receiving good income from year-round mushroom cultivation.

BSF organises medical camp in flood-ravaged border villages

PUNJAB EXPRESS BUREAU
Ferozepur, September 8



As Punjab continues to reel from catastrophic floods affecting all 23 districts; the Border Security Force (BSF) has stepped up its humanitarian efforts by organizing a special medical camp in the flood-hit border villages of Lakha Singh Wala, HS Wala, J R Hittar, Mamdot, and surrounding areas.

The camp, held at Government Secondary School L S Wala (BOP L S Wala Fwd, 158 BN BSF), was spearheaded by 158 Battalion BSF and aimed at providing essential medical treatment and preventive care to protect residents from waterborne diseases and health complications caused by prolonged rainfall and stagnant floodwaters. Key personnel involved in the initiative included B.N Raut, 2IC (Offg. Commandant), 158 BN BSF, Dr. Azmal A.N, Medical Officer, 158 BN BSF, Dr Amanpreet Kaur, Civil Doctor, along with her team from CHC Mamdot, and Dr Raju Chauhan, Senior Medical Officer, Mamdot.

The collaborative effort between BSF personnel and local medical teams brought much-needed relief to the Mamdot region's vulnerable communities. Authorities reaffirmed their commitment to sustained rehabilitation and urged citizens to actively participate in rebuilding efforts.

This initiative stands as a testament to the power of coordinated response and community resilience in the face of natural disasters.

SAEL selects 10 SBSSU students in Agri-Placement Drive

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Ferozepur, September 8

Sukhbir Agro Energy Limited (SAEL), a Ferozpur-based company known for its pioneering work in sustainable infrastructure and renewable energy solutions, conducted a campus placement drive at Shaheed Bhagat Singh State University (SBSSU), Firozpur. The drive targeted B.Sc. Agriculture students graduating in 2023, 2024, and 2025.

The selection process included a pre-placement talk, a written test, and interview rounds. Following a rigorous evaluation, the company selected 10 promising students. Among the selected candidates were Inderjeet Thakur, Vikramjeet Singh, Sujan Kaur, Beant Singh, and Lovepreet Sharma, along with five other talented individuals.

On this occasion, Prof. (Dr.) Sushil Mittal, Vice-Chancellor of SBSSU, congratulated the CDC team and the selected students. He praised the students for successfully navigating a competitive selection process, highlighting their competence and readiness for industry roles.

Dr Mittal also emphasised the university's ongoing commitment to inviting reputed companies for placements and providing quality employment opportunities to youth in the border region. University PRO Yashpal shared that Prof. Gazalpreet Arneja, Campus Registrar, appreciated the efforts of the Career and Development Cell team, including Coordinator Dr. Tejeet Singh, Co-Coordinator Er. Inderjeet Singh Gill, and Er. Ritesh Uppal. She extended heartfelt congratulations to the selected students and their families, wishing them a bright and prosperous future.

Dr Tejeet Singh assured that the university will continue its dedicated efforts to facilitate student placements in the coming years, strengthening the bridge between academia and industry.

Successful penile reconstruction and implant surgery performed at DMCH

PUNJAB EXPRESS BUREAU
Ludhiana, September 8

The Department of Urology DMC&H Ludhiana, has achieved a significant medical milestone under the leadership of Dr Arvind Goyal, Professor Urology, by successfully performing a penile implant surgery on a patient with severe penile injury post phallus reconstruction.

The patient, Harbir (name changed), had sustained extensive damage to his phallus following an unfortunate high-voltage electrocution accident at age of 14. The injury had caused irreversible functional loss, leading to severe physical and psychological trauma. At the age of 20 his penis was reconstructed after taking skin and fat from forearm followed by urethroplasty (reconstruction of urine pipe) done at DMC&H with support from Dr Ramneesh Garg, Professor, Department of Plastic Surgery, DMC&H. The surgery was carried out by Dr Arvind Goyal and his team of experts, involved meticulous planning, advanced surgical techniques, and careful rehabilitation measures. Penile reconstruction is a vital medical intervention for patients who have suffered traumatic injuries, require reconstruction or were born with congenital conditions. A penile implant is often the final, and most successful, step in a long journey for many patients. Penile reconstruction is a highly sophisticated field of surgery that goes beyond cosmetic enhancement.

Bipin Gupta Secretary, DMC&H Managing Society, lauded the effort of the team to execute this novel and advanced surgery. He added that DMC&H is committed to destigmatizing these medical needs and providing a center of excellence where patients can receive compassionate, state-of-the-art care in a private and supportive environment.

CPI leader urges Centre for urgent relief package for flood-ravaged Punjab

PUNJAB EXPRESS BUREAU
Fazilka, September 8

Sandosh Kumar P, Member of Parliament (Rajya Sabha) and Leader of the Communist Party of India in the Upper House, has written to Union Home Minister Amit Shah, appealing for a special relief package for flood-affected regions of Punjab.

In his letter, Kumar recounted the devastation he witnessed during his recent visit to Fazilka district, one of the worst-hit areas. He described the scene as catastrophic: vast stretches of farmland submerged under water, complete crop failure, widespread loss of livestock, and homes reduced to rubble.

Highlighting the urgency of the situation, Kumar called on the Union government to respond with compassion and immediacy. He emphasized the need for swift relief and rehabilitation measures to reach the affected communities without delay.

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IMA Phagwara launches mosquito net and repellent distribution drive in villages

PUNJAB EXPRESS BUREAU
Phagwara, September 8

In a concerted effort to safeguard rural communities from mosquito-borne diseases, the Indian Medical Association (IMA) Phagwara has initiated the distribution of mosquito nets, Odomos tubes, and mosquito repellent coils across several villages in the region.

The initiative is being led by IMA Phagwara president Dr Tushar Aggarwal, under the supervision of Sub-Divisional Magistrate (SDM) Jashanjeet Singh. A small but significant batch of supplies has been mobilized for immediate relief, with members of the association contributing collectively to support the cause. "Preventive healthcare is often more effective than curative measures, especially in rural areas where access to medical facilities can be limited," Dr Aggarwal said while highlighting the importance of the campaign. He further added that the IMA Phagwara is committed to extending such initiatives regularly to help mitigate the risk of vector-borne diseases like dengue and malaria.

PNB officials provide relief in flood-hit Ferozepur villages

PUNJAB EXPRESS BUREAU
Ferozepur, September 8

In a compassionate gesture amid the ongoing flood crisis in Punjab, officials from Punjab National Bank (PNB) visited flood-affected villages in Ferozepur to distribute food and drinking water to residents grappling with the aftermath of the disaster.

Leading the initiative was Ravneet Singh, Assistant General Manager, PNB Zonal Office, Ludhiana, accompanied by Mrs. Geeta Mehta, Lead District Manager (LDM), Ferozepur; Ashwini Garg, Branch Head, PNB Sant Lal Road, Ferozepur; and other team members.

10-day NCC camp of 24 PB NCC concludes

RAMAN CHAMAK
PUNJAB EXPRESS BUREAU
Amritsar, September 8

The 10-day Combined Annual Training Camp organised by 24 Punjab Battalion NCC from 30 Aug to 08 2025 at ITI Ram Tirth concluded on Monday. The camp, which started saw participation of 472 enthusiastic NCC cadets from Senior and Junior divisions, representing 20 schools and colleges from Amritsar and Taran Taran, Gurdaspur & Pathankot districts.

The camp aimed to famiralise the young cadets with military life, focusing on drill, firing, physical training, map reading and leadership development. Additionally, the cadets received training in soft skills, essential for success in the modern world. In this camp selection of the cadets for the Amritsar Gp team for Republic day celebration 2026 was carried out. The cadets were screened & selected for guard of honour, drill, best cadet & cultural competitions.

Commanding Officer, 24 Punjab Battalion NCC, Col P S Riar declared the camp closed after delivering the concluding address. The camp provided a valuable experience for the cadets, equipping them with skills and knowledge to excel in various fields, he said.

Ahead of PM's visit, Dr Balbir Singh highlights ₹780 cr health infra loss, seeks urgent aid

PUNJAB EXPRESS BUREAU
Chandigarh, September 8



Ahead of the Prime Minister's visit to the flood-affected areas of Punjab, Punjab Health and Family Welfare Minister Dr Balbir Singh on Monday laid bare the catastrophic damage inflicted by the recent floods on the state's critical healthcare infrastructure, with initial estimates pegging the losses at a staggering Rs 780 crores.

While addressing the media at Punjab Bhawan, Dr Balbir Singh stated that the deluge has dealt a crippling blow to the state's public health system, severely damaging healthcare facilities across the state. The Minister was accompanied by Principal Secretary Health Kumar Rahul and Director Health and Family Welfare Dr Hitinder Kaur.

Providing a grim breakdown, the Health Minister informed that the floods have destroyed medicines worth Rs 130 crores, besides, 1,280 dispensaries and health & wellness centres, 101 community health centres, and 31 out of the state's 41 sub-divisional hospitals were severely damaged, accumulating the initial damages to around Rs 780 crores.

"Despite this unprecedented devastation, the Health Department from level of Principal Secretary til the ASHA workers have been serving relentlessly in the flood-ravaged areas," he said, while adding, "Our Medical teams have been using every possible way whether its ambulance or boats or helicopters to provide medical aid to the needy people."

Dr Balbir Singh disclosed that he has already written to the Union Health Minister, JP Nadda, detailing the devastating impact and seeking immediate financial assistance for the health sector. He now makes a direct appeal to the Prime Minister, who is scheduled to visit Punjab on Tuesday.

Aman Arora demands immediate release of ₹60k crore stalled funds as unprecedented deluge batters state's economy

PUNJAB EXPRESS BUREAU
Chandigarh, September 8



Giving yet another wake-up call to awake the BJP led Centre government from "deep slumber" ahead of the Prime Minister Narendra Modi's visit to flood-affected areas of Punjab, Cabinet Minister and Aam Aadmi Party State President Aman Arora on Monday made an appeal to come with Rs 20,000 crore relief package, citing that "mere flood tourism" won't suffice in addressing the state's dire situation, which the state BJP leadership and Union Ministers had already over exploited the photo ops. The Prime Minister is scheduled to visit Punjab on Tuesday.

While addressing a press conference here at Punjab Bhawan, Aman Arora said, "On the behalf of over 3 crore citizens of Punjab, I warmly welcome Prime Minister Narendra Modi, who are coming to visit flood-affected areas of Punjab but I would humbly request him to not reduce the crisis to mere flood tourism for photo opportunities. The Prime Minister must come with Rs 20,000 crore package if he considers Punjab is the integral part of the India and he really cares about Punjab."

Aman Arora also demanded the immediate release of Rs 60,000 crore in stalled funds, which includes Rs 50,000 crore in revenue losses due to implementation of GST regime and Rs 8,000 crore withheld in Rural Development Fund (RDF) and Market Development Fund (MDF) during past three and half years. He highlighted that the Chief Minister Bhagwant Singh Mann also wrote a letter to Centre Government to release the stalled funds. He also demanded a hike in flood compensation as over 4.50 lac acres of farmland has submerged, over 3 lac livestock have been affected and hundreds houses damaged by the recent devastating deluge.

Cheema hands over appointment letters to 16 newly recruited clerks



PUNJAB EXPRESS BUREAU
Chandigarh, September 8

Punjab Finance Minister Harpal Singh Cheema on Monday handed over appointment letters to 16 newly recruited clerks, marking a significant step in strengthening the state's financial administration. The appointments are for the newly established Directorate of Treasury and Accounts Branch, Pension, and New Pension Scheme.

A key highlight of the event was that most of the new recruits were receiving their second or third job offer under the current Punjab government led by Chief Minister Bhagwant Singh Mann. For instance, Sandeep Kaur, who was appointed as a clerk in the department, had previously secured positions in both the police and the cooperative bank. Similarly, Jeevan Singh, Happy Kumar, Sahil Syag, Avatar Singh, and Harpreet Singh said that this is their second appointment. They thanked the Chief Minister Bhagwant Singh Mann for creating multiple employment opportunities for the state's youth.

During the ceremony, Finance Minister Harpal Singh Cheema congratulated and welcomed the new employees. He emphasized the vital role of clerks in the smooth operation of government offices, stating, "Clerks are the fundamental basis of office work, and their efficiency will play a crucial role in the smooth functioning of the department." He urged the new recruits to perform their duties with honesty, discipline, and dedication, and to contribute to the progress and prosperity of Punjab.

Prominent amongst others Additional Chief Secretary Finance Alok Shekhar, Director Treasury Arvind Kumar and Additional Director Treasury Simarjeet Kaur were also present on this occasion.

Patiala sends 16 trucks of relief to flood-hit border districts



BALINDER SINGH
PUNJAB EXPRESS BUREAU
Patiala, September 8

Continuing the state government's sustained efforts to provide timely support to families affected by the recent floods, Punjab Health and Family Welfare Minister Dr Balbir Singh on Monday flagged off a fleet of 16 trucks carrying essential relief material from Patiala, on behalf of Chief Minister Bhagwant Singh Mann.

The relief consignment, arranged with the wholehearted efforts of the Rice Millers' Association, includes silage for animals, 5,000 ration kits containing essential food supplies, medical kits, oral rehydration salts (ORS), drinking water bottles, mosquito repellents (odomos), and various other daily-use items. These trucks are being dispatched mainly to the flood-ravaged districts of Pathankot, Gurdaspur, Amritsar, and other border areas, which have borne the heaviest impact of the calamity.

Addressing the gathering, Dr Balbir Singh said that this noble initiative reflects the unyielding spirit of Punjab, where communities rise above their own hardships to extend a helping hand to those in greater need. He pointed out that although Patiala district too has faced challenges due to flooding, its people and institutions have chosen to reach out to their brethren in the worst-affected districts.

Union govt must immediately release at least ₹25k cr as compensation for flood damage: Goyal

PUNJAB EXPRESS BUREAU
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Punjab Water Resources Minister Barinder Kumar Goyal today urged Prime Minister Narendra Modi to demonstrate magnanimity in providing assistance to the flood-affected people of Punjab.

Addressing the media here at Punjab Bhawan, Goyal welcomed the Prime Minister's scheduled visit to Punjab in the wake of devastating floods. He urged the PM to announce immediate release of at least Rs 25,000 crore as compensation for damages besides clearing pending dues of Rs 60,000 crore without delay. He expressed concern that although the Prime Minister is visiting Punjab nearly 25 days after the calamity, he has so far not spoken a word regarding the state's plight.

Goyal informed that preliminary estimates suggest nearly 4 lakh acres of crops have been destroyed. While no breach occurred in embankments maintained by the Water Resources Department, overflowing water caused damage to embankments and other infrastructure. Massive projects will be required for restoration once floodwaters recede, which will need substantial financial support.

He further said that the Punjab Mandi Board has suffered huge losses due to damaged roads. Nearly 3,300 school and college buildings have been affected, while thousands of electricity poles collapsed and several transformers submerged. Urgent funds are required for restoration of these facilities, he added.

He pointed out that the Union government has consistently adopted a step-motherly attitude towards Punjab.

Leaving floodplains for rivers is necessary: Sant Seechewal

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Rajya Sabha member and environmentalist Sant Balbir Singh Seechewal said that to get relief from floods, we must move closer to nature and leave floodplains for the rivers.

Having personally stood with flood-affected people for the past 29 days, Sant Seechewal emphasized that we must plan our crops while keeping in mind the global climate changes. To face the challenges posed by climate change, society will have to be prepared.

He said that the development model being promoted has caused devastation, destroying forests and mountains.

Sant Seechewal explained that the reason civilizations settled along rivers was that rivers brought fertile soil, which benefited agriculture. But since humans began interfering with nature, they have increasingly invited trouble.

State govt intensifies relief operations for flood victims

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The Punjab government has further intensified efforts to provide immediate relief to lakhs of people in thousands of villages affected by the devastating floods. In order to protect lives and property, coordinated efforts are being made at a large scale with the active participation of ministers, MLAs, volunteers, and district administrations.

Education Minister Harjot Singh Bains on Monday launched "Operation Rahat" from Nangal. This 10-day campaign is dedicated to the relief and rehabilitation of flood-affected families. He also inaugurated the "Aao Apne Pind Da Sarkari School Saaf Kariye " (Let Us Clean Our Village Government Schools) campaign from Government Senior Secondary School, Sarsa Nangal, urging village panchayats, youth clubs and school management committees to actively participate in the cleanliness drive.

The Minister said that nearly 20,000 government schools across Punjab had remained closed due to floods for the past several days. These schools have now been opened for cleaning and will reopen for students from September 9. He said that if any building was found unsafe, the matter should be immediately reported to the Deputy Commissioner, SDM, or the engineering wing concerned.

Minister Bains further announced that his family would personally contribute ₹5 lakh towards flood relief and undertake repairs of 50 damaged houses. He added that teams of Aam Aadmi Party volunteers have been dispatched to villages to provide door-to-door medical assistance for both people and livestock.

At Jalalabad, MLA Jagdeep Kamboj Goldy distributed cattle feed at village Jodha Bhaini. He thanked Chief Minister Bhagwant Singh Mann for enhancing compensation for damaged crops and houses and for granting farmers the right to retain and sell sand deposited on their land due to floods. He said this step would benefit farmers and added that the government would also compensate for damage to houses, with girdawari already ordered.

Notorious drug smuggler Soni among five held with 8.1 kg heroin in Amritsar

RAMAN CHAMAK
PUNJAB EXPRESS BUREAU
Amritsar, September 8



In a major blow to cross-border narco-terror networks amidst the ongoing drive to make Punjab a safe and secure state as per directions of Chief Minister Bhagwant Singh Mann, Commissionerate Police Amritsar has busted a heroin trafficking cartel with the arrest of the notorious drug smuggler identified as Soni Singh alias Soni along with his four associates and recovered 8.1kg heroin from their possession, said Director General of Police (DGP) Punjab Gaurav Yadav here on Monday.

The other four arrested drug smugglers have been identified as Gursewak Singh, Vishaldeep Singh alias Gola, Gurpreet Singh and Arshdeep Singh, all residents of Ajnala in Amritsar.

DGP Gaurav Yadav said that the syndicate was operating from Pakistan and drones were being used to deliver large consignments of heroin into Indian territory.

Preliminary investigation revealed that the syndicate used hotels as contraband dumps to circulate consignments further into the network, he said.

23,015 persons evacuated, 123 relief camps sheltering 5,416 inmates: Mundian

PUNJAB EXPRESS BUREAU
Chandigarh, September 8



The flood situation continues to impact several districts of the state with fresh updates indicating an increase in both human and crop losses, said Hardeep Singh Mundian, Minister for Revenue, Rehabilitation and Disaster Management, Punjab. He said that as per the district reports, over 3.87 lakh people have been affected across 15 districts. Likewise, human fatalities have risen to 51 with three more deaths recorded during the past 24 hours in Mansa, Moga and Patiala districts.

Listing crop and infrastructure damage, Mundian said that the crop loss has now reached 1,84,938.05 hectares. He added that damage to houses and livestock continues to be assessed and the full extent will be available once floodwaters recede.

Hardeep Singh Mundian said that on the evacuation front, with 77 more evacuations in the last 24 hours, a total of 23,015 persons have been safely evacuated to date. At present, 123 relief camps are operational, sheltering 5,416 inmates and witnessing successful rehabilitation and resettlement of many affected families.

He said that mitigation measures remain in full swing with the Army deploying around 30 helicopters for rescue and relief operations, while the BSF, NDRF and SDRF teams are carrying out ground support. Relief materials including dry ration, drinking water, medicines and essential supplies are being dispatched round-the-clock to the flood-hit areas.

Punjab floods: SAD to help flood-hit farmers back on their feet, says Sukhbir Singh Badal

CHANDIGARH, SEPTEMBER 8



Shiromani Akali Dal (SAD) president Sukhbir Singh Badal on Monday said his party has a comprehensive programme to help affected farmers get back on their feet which includes relief material as well as provision of certified seed for the forthcoming wheat crop.

He demanded a compensation of Rs 50,000 per acre for flood affected farmers as well as compensation for farm labourers.

After an emergency meeting of senior leaders and district presidents over the flood issue, Badal disclosed he had booked 500 trucks of maize silage for distribution at the village level.

He also announced that arrangements had been made to purchase 500 trucks of compressed hay (dry fodder).

Besides this, he announced that the party had purchased 500 fogging machines which would be distributed in flood affected areas and would be manned by party volunteers to ward off spread of malaria and other diseases.

Asserting that the SAD would not only provide relief material but was looking ahead also, Badal said "we will distribute certified wheat seed to farmers for one lakh acres of land".

He said besides this, 30,000 quintals of seed would be distributed in flood affected areas. PTI

Guv disburses scholarships worth ₹7.12 crore to 1,630 sportspersons

- 12 COACHES AWARDED CASH PRIZE MONEY OF ₹7.22 LAKH



A.S. PRASHAR
PUNJAB EXPRESS BUREAU
Chandigarh, September 8

Governor Punjab and Administrator, UT Chandigarh, Gulab Chand Kataria today graced the Scholarship Felicitation Ceremony as the Chief Guest along with Rajeev Verma, Chief Secretary Chandigarh as the Guest of Honour and encouraged the large number of sportspersons and coaches present. On the occasion, he disbursed scholarships worth Rs 7.12 crore to 1,630 sportspersons and cash prize money of Rs 7.22 lakh to 12 coaches.

In his address, Punjab Governor and Administrator UT Chandigarh Gulab Chand Kataria said that these scholarships and awards are not only a symbol of financial support but are a true recognition of the hard work, discipline and dedication of the sportspersons and coaches. While congratulating the players, he said that their achievements will continue to inspire generations to come.

On this occasion, Kataria particularly mentioned the historic victory of the Indian Hockey Team in the Asia Cup. India has won the title for the fourth time by defeating Korea 4-1 in the final match. He proudly said that the contribution of 10 players of Punjab in this victory is a matter of pride for the entire state and the country.

Administrator Chandigarh Gulab Chand Kataria also elaborated on the new steps being taken by the Chandigarh Administration in the field of sports. He informed that recently dedicated chess centers have been established in Sector-8 and Sector-39, while modern billiards and snooker halls have been inaugurated in the sports complex located in Sector-42.

He also announced that the Chandigarh Administration will organize the first International Chandigarh Marathon on 2nd November 2025. For which a dedicated portal has been launched. Through this, participants from the country and abroad will join and attractive prizes will be given to the winners.Along with this, an online cash award portal was also launched, which will benefit the players with transparent and quick prize distribution.

Kataria flags off 3 rescue boats for flood relief operations in Punjab

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Chandigarh, September 8



KEY HIGHLIGHTS

- DONATION DETAILS: THREE RESCUE BOATS ONE 8-SEATER AND TWO 4-SEATERS WERE SPECIALLY AIRLIFTED FROM MUMBAI TO CHANDIGARH TO STRENGTHEN FLOOD-RELIEF OPERATIONS IN PUNJAB.
- DISTRIBUTION PLAN: AS PART OF A STRUCTURED RELIEF STRATEGY, TWO BOATS WILL BE DEPLOYED IN GURDASPUR AND ONE IN HOSHIARPUR TO AID ONGOING RESCUE AND RELIEF OPERATIONS IN FLOOD-AFFECTED DISTRICTS.

The Indian Red Cross Society, Punjab Punjab Branch, on Monday received a valuable addition to its disaster relief resources with the donation of three rescue boats by DonateKart, India's trusted online donation platform. These boats were procured through cloud funding, reflecting the collective strength and compassion of society in times of need.

Speaking on the occasion, the Governor emphasized that the Indian Red Cross Society has always stood at the forefront of relief and rehabilitation efforts, and the addition of these rescue boats will significantly enhance its capacity to respond effectively during emergencies. He lauded the spirit of generosity shown by thousands of donors who contributed through DonateKart and underlined that such collaborations between civil society and humanitarian organizations are crucial in mitigating the impact of natural disasters.

DC & MC Commissioner conduct joint visit to assess urban infrastructure damage in Mohali



PUNJAB EXPRESS BUREAU
Mohali, September 8

In order to take stock of the damage to urban infrastructure in Mohali following the recent spell of heavy rains, Deputy Commissioner Komal Mittal on Monday carried out a joint inspection with Municipal Corporation Commissioner Parminder Pal Singh.

The Deputy Commissioner visited the damaged main sewer line from PCL to Kumbhra Chowk and the storm water drainage system near CP-67 Chowk, which have been badly affected and are causing hardship to the residents. She directed the Corporation Commissioner and engineering staff to accelerate the repair work on priority and ensure that the situation is normalized at the earliest.

She also emphasized that accountability must be fixed in cases where poor quality of construction or negligence by contractors is found to be the root cause of the damage. She categorically asked the Municipal Corporation to adopt a time-bound action plan for the repair of damaged roads, sewer lines, and storm water drains to minimize public inconvenience. DC Mittal further added that apart from the Municipal Corporation, all local bodies and the Rural Development & Panchayat Department have been instructed to begin restoration work in their respective jurisdictions without any delay.

MLA Kuljit Singh Randhawa and SDM Derabassi review traffic situation at Bhankarpur

PUNJAB EXPRESS BUREAU
Derabassi, September 8

On the directions of Deputy Commissioner Komal Mittal, the traffic situation at Bhankarpur was on Monday reviewed by SDM Derabassi Amit Gupta along with officials of the National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) and Traffic Police.

During the review, the SDM instructed NHAI officials to divert traffic temporarily so that the repair works can be completed without further delay. He also urged the Traffic Police to extend full cooperation to NHAI for streamlining the flow of vehicles till the completion of the work.

Highlighting immediate measures, SDM Gupta suggested that traffic should be routed through service lanes as a stopgap arrangement. He categorically directed NHAI to expedite the ongoing repair works in order to ease the hardships being faced by commuters and local residents.

Residents of Ward No 10 extend support to flood-affected families in Punjab

PUNJAB EXPRESS BUREAU
Chandigarh, September 8



The residents of ward No. 10, Chandigarh, under the leadership of city Mayor Harpreet Kaur Babla, has expressed deep solidarity with the people of Punjab who are enduring immense hardship due to the recent devastating floods.

The unprecedented rainfall has caused widespread destruction, leaving many families without homes, agricultural land, livestock, and tragically, even their loved ones. In this hour of crisis, the residents of Ward No. 10, Chandigarh, have come forward with compassion and collective responsibility to support the affected communities and handed over Rs. 19 lacs to the Deputy Commissioner, UT, Chandigarh for further course of action.

Through the noble platform of the Red Cross Society, Chandigarh, monetary donations and essential food packages have been collected to be delivered to flood-hit areas. Mayor Harpreet Kaur Babla personally acknowledged the selfless and dedicated service of the Red Cross Society, which has consistently stood by people in distress during times of calamity.

The Mayor also sincerely appreciated the proactive leadership and heartfelt appeal of the Deputy Commissioner, Chandigarh, whose call for solidarity has inspired residents across the city to contribute generously towards this humanitarian cause.

As a token of gratitude and collective compassion, humble contributions in the form of cheques have been handed over to the Deputy Commissioner to further strengthen relief efforts for the people of Punjab.

Mayor Harpreet Kaur Babla said, "At this moment of suffering, it is our duty to stand shoulder-to-shoulder with our brothers and sisters in Punjab. I am proud of the residents of Ward No. 10 and of Chandigarh at large, who have risen to this occasion with unity and compassion."

Pious pictorial work on significance of kirpan unveiled at Nada Sahib gurdwara

PUNJAB EXPRESS BUREAU
Panchkula, September 8



A spiritual event held at Gurdwara Patshahi Dasvin, Nada Sahib, Panchkula, where Head Granthi Giani Jagjit Singh along with the members of management released significant pictorial brochure depicting the significance of Kirpan titled "Kirpan – A Sacred and Religious Symbol of Sikh Faith." for the devotees after Ardaas performed in Gurdawara Sahib .

The pictorial brochure has been compiled for the sangat by State Information Commissioner, Punjab, Harpreet Singh Sandhu, based on a unique photograph taken at Gurdwara Kartarpur Sahib, Pakistan. In this, the Kirpan – Siri Sahib Memorial established at Gurdwara Kartarpur Sahib has been beautifully depicted, which expresses the spiritual significance of this great symbol of Sikh faith.

Head Granthi Giani Jagjit Singh, while appreciating the unique religious heritage pictorial work prepared by Harpreet Singh Sandhu, said that this creation is a simple and spiritual medium to convey the significance of the important symbol Kirpan of Sikh faith to the new generation and further stated that this work is not just pictorial, but also a novel effort to connect the sangat with religious heritage.

The Management Committee of Gurdwara Patshahi Dasvin, Nada Sahib acknowledged this religious contribution of Harpreet Singh Sandhu as a noble cause for the sangat under the patronage of Gurdwara Sahib.

An significant art portrait showcasing the Siri sahib monument of Gurdwara Kartarpur Sahib, Pakistan was presented by State Information Commissioner, Punjab Harpreet Sandhu to the Head Granthi and Committee members as a pious religious heritage work which will soon be placed at a special location in the Gurdwara Nada Sahib.

Teacher Rashi Srivastava honoured with 'State Teachers Award 2025'



PUNJAB EXPRESS BUREAU
Chandigarh, September 8

Talented educator Rashi Srivastava from Chandigarh has been honoured with the 'State Teachers Award 2025'. She received this prestigious honor from the Governor of Punjab & UT Administrator, Gulab Chand Katariya, during a ceremony organised by the Education Department on the occasion of Teacher's Day at Tagore Theatre, Chandigarh.

Serving as a teacher at St. Joseph Senior Secondary School, Sector 44, Rashi Srivastava is known for her creativity, innovation, and inclusive practices. She has been appointed as the 'Innovation Ambassador of the Kindergarten Block' by the school principal. Rashi integrates digital tools to enrich the classroom environment. Her efforts in teaching children with special needs and promoting inclusive education are truly commendable.

My dream is to produce top professional tennis players of world from Chandigarh, says Portuguese tennis coach & ex-Davis cupper Marco Seruca

PUNJAB EXPRESS BUREAU
Chandigarh, September 8



Former Portugal Davis Cup player Marco Seruca who is a renowned figure in the region due to his achievements in the field of 'tennis coaching', has said that Chandigarh has potential to produce tennis players who are world beaters. "It is my gut feeling that Chandigarh has what it takes to become India's tennis hub," said Marco Seruca while interacting with reporters at Chandigarh Press Club here.

"When I came to Chandigarh three years back and got in touch with budding tennis players, I immediately realized that there is no dearth of tennis talent in the 'City Beautiful'. What is required is a proper-international level tennis training programme to groom them. Unfortunately, only little efforts are being made in this regard. I came to Chandigarh to work on player development and my dream is to produce top professional tennis players of the world from the city," said Marco.

Marco said that he is ready to create a National Centre of Tennis Excellence at Chandigarh, provided there is an ecosystem that supports positive interventions.

"I will soon be meeting Punjab Governor and UT Administrator Gulab Chand Kataria to share my vision with him. I am sure that with his support and guidance, me and my team will succeed in establishing the centre soon," he said.

It is worth noting that Marco, an ITF-certified mentor, for over the last three years has been training young talents in his MS Star Academy in Chandigarh with the help of his high-performance training methodology that mirrors the professional systems used across Europe.

It is under his mentorship that Chandigarh's newest tennis prodigy Ribhav Saroha was recently crowned as India's No. 1 Under-16 tennis player.

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I Balbir Kumar Arora S/o Krishan Kumar R/o 766/3045, Premjit Road, Gurdev Nagar, Ludhiana have changed my name to Balbir Kumar

I Parveen Rani and Monika W/o Ashwani Kumar R/o St. No. 2, Rahon Road, Bhoda Colony, Basti Jodhewal, Ludhiana declare that above both names are one and the same person.

I Pritpal Kaur Khattra W/o Nirmal Singh Khattra R/o 395, St. No. 1, 33 Foot Road, Guru Nanak Nagar, Mundian Kalan, Ludhiana have changed my name to Pritpal Kaur

I Subhash Prashad and Subash Prasad S/o Ram Sagaar Prashad R/o Vill. Baruna, Distt. Bhojpur now R/o Vill. Jodhan, Ludhiana declare that above both names are one and the same person.

I Sheesh Ram S/o Parkash Ram R/o 201-202, Part-1, Rahon Road, Mahavir Homes, Khawajke, Ludhiana have changed my name to Sees Ram

I Baljinder Kaur W/o Dalvir Guddu R/o Vill. Mangli Khas, P.O. Mattewara, Ludhiana have changed my name to Baljinder (as name) and Kaur (as surname)

I Vikramjeet Singh S/o Gurmeet Singh R/o Vill. Mangli Khas, P.O. Mattewara, Ludhiana have changed my name to Vikramjeet (as name) and Singh (as surname)

I Kiranjit Kaur W/o Iqbal Singh R/o V.P.O. Bhutta, Ludhiana have changed my name to Kiranjeet Kaur

I Jaswant Singh Gill R/o Ward No. 3 Kadha Wala Mohalla, Bhawanigarh (Sangrur) have changed name my adopted minor son from Namandeep Singh to Namandeep Singh Gill

I Hajo W/o Mohammad Mustaq R/o Sant Attar Singh Nagar (Barnala) Road, Sangrur have changed my name to Haajra

I Khushdeep singh sohi S/o Karamjit singh R/o VILLAGE CHEEMA PO MEEMSA (SANGRUR) have CHANGED MY NAME TO KHUSHDEEP SINGH

I Ritu Bala Brar W/o Sandeep Pal Singh R/o H.No.B XIV/513, Hemkunt Nagar, Pharwahi House, Dhanaula Road, Barnala have changed my name to Ritu Bala

I, Harbans Kaur Khangura W/o Madan Singh Khangura R/o Patti Gahu Longowal (Sangrur), have changed the name of my minor son Abhijot Singh to Abhijot Singh Khangura.

I, Amritpal Kaur Bhullar W/O Harjinder Singh R/O Baja Patti Village Doda District Sri Muktsar Sahib Have Changed My Name Amritpal Kaur Bhullar To Amritpal Kaur

I,Laxmi Devi W/o Piara Ram R/o H.no. 06 Rahon Road Golden Avenue Colony Basti Jodhewal (Ludhiana) have changed my name to Lakshmi Devi.

I, Vijay Kumar S/o Sohan Lal R/o H.no.1348/30/2, St. no 2 Near Kali Mata Mandir Haibowal Khurd (Ludhiana) have changed my son name from Daksh Kumar to Daksh.

I Mahima Singh S/o Chud Singh R/o Street no.-17, Guru Teg Bahadur Nagar, Gill, Ludhiana declare that Mahima Singh & Mehma Singh are my names .in English am write my name with both Spellings.

I, Rajinder Kumar S/o Mukand Lal R/o H.no.460, St. no 7, Near Basant Icecream Field Ganj (Ludhiana) have changed my name to Rajinder Khurana.

I, Narajan Singh S/o Sewa Singh R/o H.no:- B 36/142 Vikas Nagar, pakhowal Road Ludhiana have changed my name to Niranjan Singh.

I, Puja Rani W/o Satpal R/o H No 1488,St No 2,Atal Nagar,Rahon Road,Basti Jodhewal, Ludhiana Have Changed My Name from Puja Rani To Puja Rani Sund.

I, hitherto known as Ravinder Kumar S/o Piyara Ram residing at VPO. Mehli, District Shaheed Bhagat Singh Nagar, Punjab-144632, India have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as Jaswinder Kumar.

I, hitherto known as Jiya D/o Gurpreet Singh residing at 145, Block 18, Mohalla Ramgarh, Hoshiarpur, Punjab-146001 have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as Jiya Saini.

I, Jaswinder Singh S/o Devi Dass VPO Patti Distt Hoshiarpur have changed my name from Jaswinder Singh to Jaswinder Singh Dhanota. Concerned Note.

I, Jasbir Kaur W/o Jaswinder Singh Dhanota VPO Patti Distt Hoshiarpur have changed my name from Jasbir Kaur to Jasbir Kaur Dhanota. Concerned Note.

I, Rishi Raj S/o Krishan Chand Gupta R/o H.no:-11-A,S.B.S.Colony Rajpura (Patiala) Have Change My Name From Rishi Raj to Rishi Raj Gupta.

I Swaran Singh S/O Sarwan Singh R/O village Dhaliwal bet, District Kapurthala declare that I have changed my name from Swarna to Swaran Singh. Please note

I, Simranjit Kaur D/o Harwinder Singh R/o Village Kheri, Lalton Kalan (Ludhiana) have changed my name to Simranjeet Kaur.

I, Paramjit Singh Kwatra S/O Harbans Singh R/O A-110, Gali No.3, Guru Amar Dass Avenue, Airport Road, Amritsar, Punjab have changed my name from Paramjit Singh Kwatra to Paramjit Singh. Concerned note.

I Gourav Deora S/o Shiv Kumar R/o H.no 12574, St.no:-6 Vishkarma colony (Ludhiana) have change my name from Gourav Deora to Gourav.

I Premod Kumar Dada S/o Satya Paul Dada R/o H.No. 304/A Model Gram (Ludhiana) have changed my name from Premod Kumar Dada to Premod Dada.

I Pinky Rani D/o Naresh Kumar R/o Plot No.1, Tibba Road, Shankar Colony, Basti Jodhewal, Ludhiana have changed my name from Pinki Rani to Pinky Rani.

PUBLIC NOTICE

I Gurmit Kaur Dob 17 Jun 1971 Wife Of Army No. 4469001A Rank Ex Hav Late Gurjeet Singh R/O Vpo Dhurkot Tehsil & Distt Barnala (Punjab) Have Changed My Name And Dob To Gurmeet Kaur Dob 01 Jan 1973 Vide Affidavit Dated 08 Sep 2025

I Manjit Singh Vig S/o Hari Singh Vig R/o H No 19-B,Near Bebe Nanki Road Model House,Model Town,Ludhiana Declared Manjit Singh Vig and Manjit Singh is One And Same person.I Am Known With Both Above Names.

We, Gurdeep Singh S/o Bhan Singh and Balvir Kaur W/o Gurdeep Singh, residents of House No. 51-G, Street No. 3, Pratap Nagar, Patiala declare that our son Arshdeep Singh is beyond our control and has become a victim of bad company. We, Evict him from all our moveable & immoveable properties. Anyone dealing with him will be responsible himself, we or our family will not be responsible.

I Sukhwinder Singh S/o Naranjan Singh R/o House No- 352, Street No-1, Gokal Nagar, Hoshiarpur declare that my son Karanpreet is out of my control so I disinherited him from my moveable and immoveable property. I shall not be responsible if anybody dealing with him.

I,Raj Kumari W/o Late Jugal Kishor R/o 736,Hira Enclave Puda Nabha (Patiala) Declare that in My P.N.B. Metlife Policy 20330399,My Father Name is Worngly Mention as Shaxidea Bhan,But Correct Name is Chander Bhan.

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DC inspects Dhussi Bandh strengthening work in Sasrali

YOGESH KAPOOR
PUNJAB EXPRESS BUREAU
Ludhiana, September 8



Deputy Commissioner Himanshu Jain inspected the on-going Dhussi Bandh strengthening work in Sasrali, assuring the people that the situation in Ludhiana remains fully under control.

Accompanied by Additional Deputy Commissioner Amarjit Bains, SDM East Jasleen Kaur Bhullar, drainage department officials, Indian Army personnel, and local villagers, Jain assessed the progress of the embankment reinforcement.

Jain announced that, following discussions with Bhakra Beas Management Board (BBMB) officials today, water release from the dam will be reduced from 65,000 cusecs to 50,000 cusecs. This reduction is expected to lower water levels significantly in the river, further stabilizing the situation. He highlighted that a stone stud is being constructed under expert supervision to prevent soil erosion along the Bandh, ensuring its structural integrity.

The Deputy Commissioner emphasized that dedicated teams are working around the clock at all critical points along the Bandh, with no immediate cause for concern. He expressed gratitude to the villagers for their unwavering support in the strengthening effort and stated the district administration is deeply indebted to them for their unwavering cooperation.

Jain also commended the Indian Army and the National Disaster Response Force (NDRF) for their critical technical assistance in reinforcing the embankments and continuously monitoring vulnerable areas. While excessive water pressure had previously caused minor soil erosion, allowing water to seep into nearby fields, the drop in water levels is expected to alleviate these issues. He added that senior district officials are stationed at key locations along with Bandh, maintaining 24/7 vigilance to ensure the situation remains under control.

Later, the Deputy Commissioner also visited Kasabad village and reviewed the strengthening works. He also lauded the villagers and volunteers for supporting the administration.

Health Dept directs to formulate comprehensive plan to prevent diseases post-flood

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In response to potential health threats following the receding floodwaters, Deputy Commissioner Amit Kumar Panchal has directed the Health Department to formulate a comprehensive plan to prevent skin infections, dengue, and water-borne diseases in flood-affected areas.

Chairing a review meeting with health officials at the District Administrative Complex today, the Deputy Commissioner emphasized the need for proactive measures to ensure the well-being of residents once water levels subside. The meeting was also attended by Additional Deputy Commissioner (General) Navneet Kaur Bal and Assistant Commissioner Vishal Vats.

The Deputy Commissioner instructed that specialized medical teams, including expert doctors and support staff, be formed immediately. These Rapid Response Teams will conduct door-to-door health checkups and spread awareness about disease prevention in the affected areas.

Highlighting the potential risk of drinking water shortages due to damaged household water motors and tubewells, Panchal directed ADC Navneet Kaur Bal to coordinate with municipal bodies and social organizations to arrange clean drinking water tankers in advance.

"Ensuring access to safe drinking water and timely medical intervention is crucial to prevent a secondary health crisis," said Panchal, urging all concerned departments to stay on high alert.

The Health Department has been instructed to keep the Rapid Response Teams on standby, ready to mobilize as soon as water levels begin to recede.

20th Annual Ophthalmic Quiz-2025 held at CMC Ludhiana

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The Department of Ophthalmology, Christian Medical College and Hospital, Ludhiana, organised the 20th Annual Ophthalmic Quiz and awareness talks for doctors, nurses and medical students on 8thSeptember, 2025to mark the conclusion of the National eye donation Fortnight. The theme was "Eye Donation: Facts &Figures"

Dr William Bhatti, Director, CMC&H, encouraged the efforts of the Department in organizing such academic sessions and also in spreading awareness about eye donation; Dr Jeyaraj D Pandian, Principal, CMC reiterated the importance of having regular academic sessions for all the students. He appreciated that the Eye Bank in CMC was functional 24x7(help-line number is 98883 38849).

On this landmark 20th Annual quiz, the chief guest was Dr Apjinder Kaur, member of the Punjab Medical Council and the Guests of honour were Kartar Singh, Director, and Jagbir Grewal, Administrator, Anand Isher Sr Sec Public School, Chhapar, Ludhiana. Dr Apjinder Kaur appreciated the initiative and specially pointed out the innovative "The Mind Games" round. Kartar Singh stressed upon the need for the medical fraternity to organise such events frequently, and Jagbir Grewal lauded the students for their enthusiasm during the final round of the Quiz.

Among the 64undergraduate MBBS teams, 5 teams had qualified for the quiz following the preliminary round. Dr Nitin Batra, Dr Reenu Thomasand Dr Samson Rajpal conducted the finals.

Dr Gagan Goel (MBBS Batch of 2020) and Yashmit Dhingra (MBBS batch of 2022) emerged as the Champions in the very closely contested quiz. Nithin Biju (MBBS Batch of 2021), Derry Abraham Jaimon (MBBS Batch of 2021) and Ishaan Immanuel K (MBBS Batch of 2022) presented interesting talks on "Eye Donation: Facts & Figures", "The Mind Games" and Ophthalmology Hall of Fame respectively.

Stay alert against water-borne diseases, urges Civil Surgeon



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Civil Surgeon Dr Ramandeep Kaur has cautioned residents that the monsoon season and recent flooding along the Sutlej River and Buddha Nala have heightened the risk of several waterborne and vector-borne diseases. Stagnant rainwater, unhygienic conditions, and increased mosquito breeding during this period create an environment conducive to the spread of diarrhoea, cholera, typhoid, hepatitis A and E, and various stomach infections.

Appealing to the public, Dr Kaur urged families to take extra care of their health and strictly follow preventive measures. The Health Department has been actively raising awareness to minimize the outbreak of such diseases in flood-affected areas.

As part of this campaign, District Mass Media and Information Officer Parminder Singh, along with District BCC Coordinator Barjinder Singh Brar, sensitized around 125 teachers at Government Senior Secondary Smart School PAU and Government Senior Secondary School, Cemetery Road, Ludhiana. The team explained that exposure to contaminated water can cause diarrhoea, vomiting, stomach ailments, malaria, dengue, and skin diseases. Teachers were advised to consume only clean, boiled water, keep food covered, and use mosquito nets, repellents, and devices to ward off mosquitoes. People were also urged not to allow stagnant water around their homes. In case of any symptoms, they must immediately visit the nearest hospital or health centre.

The Health Department further cautioned that during the rainy season, snakes often emerge from their burrows into homes, fields, and waterlogged areas.

MC chief conducts surprise inspection; sanitary supervisor suspended over lack of cleanliness

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Conducting a surprise inspection in different areas of the city to ensure cleanliness on Monday, Municipal Corporation (MC) Commissioner Aaditya Dachalwal suspended a Sanitary Supervisor (Lambardar) over lack of cleanliness in his respective area.

Further, Dachalwal issued strict warning to sanitary inspectors (SI), sanitary supervisors among other field staff to ensure cleanliness in their respective areas, otherwise strict department action would be taken against them.



Accompanied by MC Joint Commissioner Abhishek Sharma, MC Commissioner Dachalwal conducted inspection on Pakhowal road, cremation ground road in Model Town extension, Dugri road, Model Town Gol market, Jammu colony near Preet palace, Abdullapur Basti, Atam Nagar, Gill road among other areas. Health officer Dr Vipal Malhotra, CSI Surinder Dogra among other officials were also present during the inspection.

Witnessing lack of cleanliness in Jammu colony and Abdullapur Basti area, MC Commissioner Dachalwal ordered suspension of the sanitary supervisor (Lambardar) of the area, Neeraj Sabhao.

Dachalwal stated that strict directions have already been issued to the staff of the health branch to ensure cleanliness across the city. He has been conducting inspections in various parts of the city to take stock of the situation and the surprise inspections will continue in the coming days too.

The staff has also been directed to take action against illegal slaughtering and issue challans against the violators.

Relief operations continue in flood-hit Sultanpur Lodhi

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Relief measures for flood-affected families are continuing under the supervision of Deputy Commissioner Amit Kumar Panchal, with district administration teams working around the clock to provide essential supplies, medical assistance, and livestock care.

DC Panchal informed that although water levels have receded, with 1.64 lakh cusecs flowing through the Beas River at present, the administration remains vigilant. Dry ration kits containing grains, pulses, oil, salt, and other necessities are being distributed to families in need. Alongside, medical teams are conducting health check-ups, while four veterinary teams have been deployed to vaccinate livestock and provide special feed supplements and medicines. The Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare Department is also distributing silage and fodder on a large scale.

"The administration is maintaining constant contact with ground-level teams to ensure immediate support to all identified affected families," said DC Panchal. The district control room remains operational 24x7 at helpline numbers 62800-49331 and 01822-231990.

In a significant show of solidarity, Delhi Chief Minister Rekha Gupta has extended aid to Punjab's flood victims by contributing Rs 5 crore along with dispatching 52 truckloads of relief materials. Former MP Avinash Rai Khanna expressed gratitude on behalf of Punjab's residents, lauding the BJP leadership for prioritizing humanitarian assistance over politics.

Heavy rains worsen road conditions in Phagwara; relief efforts continue for flood victims

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Continuous heavy rainfall over the past fortnight has left roads across Phagwara in a deplorable state, with deep potholes posing a constant risk of accidents. Local residents have strongly questioned the administration's preparedness before the monsoon, alleging that long-standing demands for road repairs were ignored. What were once minor cracks and pits have now turned into large, water-filled craters that have become hazardous for commuters. Citizens have urged authorities to immediately fill the potholes with premix while there is a brief respite from rain, to ensure safety in the event of further downpours.

Beyond the roads, the rains have highlighted broader issues of urban neglect. In the posh locality of Hargobind Nagar, large tree was seen precariously hanging, raising safety concerns for residents. Vacant plots across the area remain choked with garbage, but the Municipal Corporation has been accused of turning a blind eye to the problem despite repeated complaints from locals.

The impact of the rains has been felt not only on infrastructure but also on vulnerable families. In Cheheru village, a Gujjar family led by Siraj Ali was left devastated when sudden flooding of the Beas river submerged their home and belongings. Forced to live in makeshift conditions with his five daughters for over a week, the family received much-needed assistance when Improvement Trust Phagwara Chairman and Aam Aadmi Party SC Wing Punjab zonal in-charge Jarnail Nangal, along with his team, provided dry rations, cattle feed, clothing, and blankets. Nangal assured the victims that the Punjab government remains committed to ensuring no family is left without essential support during this crisis.

Meanwhile, relief measures extended beyond Phagwara into the flood-hit villages of Bhulath constituency. Halka Incharge Harsimran Singh Ghumman and Phagwara Halka Incharge Harnoor Singh Harji Mann jointly distributed food supplies and fodder for livestock in Mand Sangoja and Batala villages.

PAU hits hat-trick at NIRF 2025, reigns as India's top agri university

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Punjab Agricultural University (PAU), Ludhiana, has once again secured the top position among state agricultural universities in the National Institutional Ranking Framework (NIRF) 2025, announced by the Ministry of Education at Bharat Mandapam in New Delhi. This is the third consecutive year that PAU has achieved this distinction, strengthening its position as a national leader in agricultural education and research.

In the broader category of agricultural institutions that includes agriculture and allied sectors, PAU has been ranked third in the country, after the Indian Agricultural Research Institute, New Delhi, and the National Dairy Research Institute, Karnal. More than 14,000 institutions competed for a place in the rankings this year, making PAU's achievement particularly significant.

PAU Vice-Chancellor, Dr. Satbir Singh Gosal, described the recognition as the outcome of collective commitment from faculty, students, staff, and alumni. He reiterated that PAU's aim is not only to retain its reputation at the national level but also to emerge as a global leader in agricultural sciences. According to him, the university is working to strengthen its domestic relevance while building a stronger international footprint.

Dr. Gosal outlined PAU's forward-looking agenda. This includes expanding collaborations with reputed institutions worldwide, introducing new academic programmes through the upcoming School of Digital Innovations for Smart Agriculture.

MLA engaged in relief efforts for rain-hit families, distributes tarpaulins for five consecutive days

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MLA from Payal constituency, Engineer Manwinder Singh Giaspura, has been actively engaged in serving people of his area who are facing hardships due to incessant rains. For the past five days, his office has been distributing tarpaulins to needy families to provide them temporary relief from water seepage and damaged roofs.

Giaspura stated that the Punjab government is making sincere efforts to tackle the flood-like situation in the state. Several key decisions have been taken to assist the affected population, including compensation for damaged crops, houses, and livestock, as well as financial aid for families who have lost their loved ones during the floods.

He reiterated that heavy rainfall has caused leakage in many homes, soaking food supplies and essential household items. To address this, tarpaulins are being provided so that families can protect their belongings and sustain themselves during this difficult period.

Rahon man gets 15 years for possessing 22,000 psychotropic pills

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In a significant judgment under the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, the SBS Nagar Special Court of Judge Aparajita Joshi convicted and sentenced Surjit Ram alias Tita, a 39-year-old resident of Rahon, to rigorous imprisonment of 15 years along with a substantial fine of Rs 1.5 lakh for possession of commercial quantities of psychotropic substances.

The case had its origins on October 14, 2019, registered at Police Station Rahon under Section 22 of the NDPS Act and Section 207 of the Motor Vehicles Act.

Acting on the information relayed by ASI Karamjit Singh, the police apprehended the accused while driving a Hyundai EON car (PB-65-V-2825) near the Power House in Rahon. During search of the vehicle, officers recovered a white bag containing 10 boxes of Alprazolam tablets (6,000 pills in total) and 32 boxes of Tramadol Hydrochloride tablets (16,000 pills).

Holding the accused guilty under Sections 22, 61 and 85 of the NDPS Act, the court sentenced him to rigorous imprisonment and imposed a heavy fine, with a further term of imprisonment in default of payment.

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PGI's tardy expansion

The Postgraduate Institute of Medical Education and Research (PGIMER), Chandigarh has become the premier medical institute of the region catering to lakhs of patients from all over north India, especially from the neighbouring states of Punjab, Haryana, Himachal Pradesh and of course, Chandigarh Union Territory. Patients from far off Jammu and Kashmir and Uttarakhand have also been making a beeline for the institute. This has put an unbearable pressure on the PGI.

The PGI administration has been doing its best to cater to the ever increasing patient load but its services are falling short. Therefore, it is time for it to expand its campus. Since Chandigarh UT can offier limited space for expansion, it has been asked to expand westwards towards Sarangpur in Punjab. As a matter of fact, a land parcel has been allotted for the expansion, but for one reason or the other, it has been dragging its feet.

Now under directions from the Union Health Ministry, the PGIMER has begun the process of appointing an architectural consultant to prepare a master plan for the Sarangpur expansion. The blueprint will chart out development on 50.76 acres of land allotted to PGI, with work expected to be completed within six months.

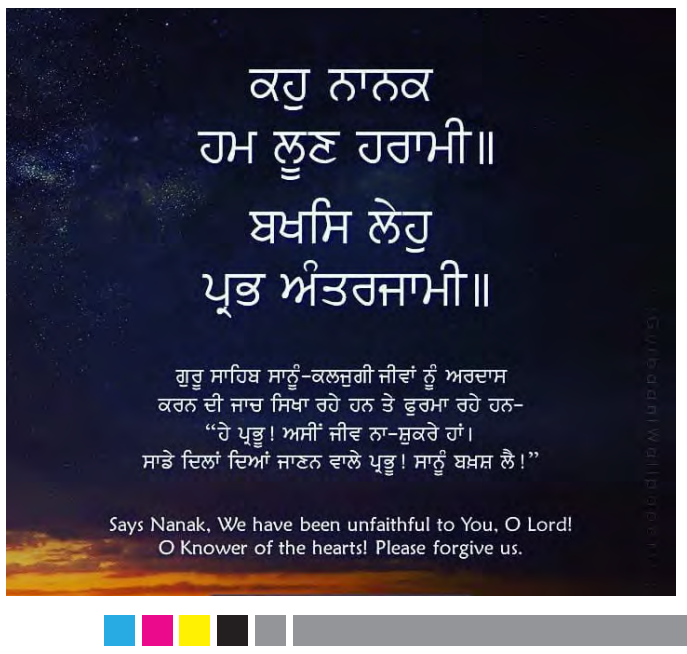
The Department of Hospital Engineering and Planning (Civil-I Division) has floated an e-tender for consultants, inviting proposals in a two-bid system, including eligibility and financial. The notice specifies that bidders must not be blacklisted or debarred by any government agency, nor have any contracts terminated in the past three years on grounds of poor performance. The earnest money has been fixed at Rs 35,000, with a pre-bid meeting scheduled for September 15 and the deadline for submission on September 23.

The move follows a meeting of PGI's Institute Body earlier this year, where the ministry directed the institute to prepare a 'Vision 2047 Roadmap'. The detailed project report is expected to outline strategies to position PGI as a global leader in medical education, research, and patient care over the next two decades.

The Sarangpur project, first proposed in 2017, is being seen as PGI's crucial expansion to date. Officials said the plan includes a new 100-seat medical college, an advanced cancer institute, a 500-bed trauma centre, a screening OPD, a 600-bed gastroenterology and hepatology centre, an endocrinology centre, a learning resource centre, and a 250-to 300-bedded infectious diseases hospital. With patient load increasing each year, this project is critical to ease pressure on doctors and provide better academic and research facilities.

While the Union Cabinet approved the transfer of land in 2019 and the Chandigarh Administration formally handed it over in 2021, it took until 2025 for PGI's governing body to ratify the construction of the medical college. The boundary wall was completed last year, but the project is still expected to take five to eight years before becoming fully operational. The Health Ministry has repeatedly urged PGI to expedite the work; the master plan is now seen as the key to unlocking the project's next phase. Once the consultant is appointed, officials say the detailed designs will set the course for phased construction.

SPIRITUAL WORLD



India's unemployment rate at 2 pc is lowest among G20 nations: Mandaviya



Minister for Labour & Employment Mansukh Mandaviya has cited the World Economic Forum's 'The Future of Jobs Report 2025' to highlight that India's unemployment rate is 2 per cent, which is the lowest among G20 nations.

He said that employment generation has taken place across sectors in tandem with India's rapid economic growth, and underlined the enabling government schemes that have contributed towards the same.

The minister was speaking at an event here, organised for the signing of an MoU between the Ministry of Labour & Employment and 'Mentor Together' and 'Quikr' for enhancing employment opportunities as well as youth employability on the National Career Service (NCS) Portal.

In his address, Mandaviya said, "The National Career Service (NCS) platform, with nearly 52 lakh registered employers, 5.79 crore job seekers and over 7.22 crore vacancies mobilised, is now evolving to offer not just job listings, but as a one-stop solution for all employment-related services. Currently, there are over 44 lakh active vacancies on the portal."

"Over the past year, the Ministry has signed MoUs with ten key organisations, including Amazon and Swiggy. These partnerships have already mobilised nearly five lakh vacancies," the minister added.

Highlighting the Government's renewed focus on youth, Mandaviya recalled that, at the very start of its third term, Prime Minister Narendra Modi had announced a package of five flagship schemes with a total budget of Rs 2 lakh crore to support employment, skilling, and opportunities for 4.1 crore youth.

A key highlight of this package is the Pradhan Mantri Viksit Bharat Rozgar Yojana (PM-VBRY), with an allocation of Rs 99,446 crore, aimed at incentivising the creation of over 3.5 crore jobs in two years, of which 1.92 crore will benefit first-time entrants to the workforce.

Welcoming the collaboration between the Ministry and the two organisations, Mandaviya said that these partnerships would make suitable employment opportunities as well as structured mentoring available to job-seekers, particularly in light of the Pradhan Mantri Viksit Bharat Rozgar Yojana coming into effect in August this year. These collaborations, in turn, will benefit not only the youth but the nation at large, he added.

The partnership with Mentor Together is expected to reach two lakh youth in its first year, including one lakh from NCS and one lakh Pradhan Mantri Viksit Bharat Rozgar Yojana entrants, delivering personalised career mentoring with city- and district-level outreach, so that no jobseeker is left behind.

It will also enable first-time job seekers, particularly those from underserved backgrounds, to access personalised guidance from over 24,000 trained professionals.

The MoU renewal with Quikr aims to further strengthen the employment ecosystem by integrating over 1,200 daily job listings across 1200 plus cities from Quikr Jobs into the NCS portal.

This collaboration will expand real-time access to job opportunities for millions of seekers, especially from rural and underserved regions, the minister added. IANS

GST reforms set to build strong culture of fitness, boost health: Govt

The recent reforms in the Goods and Services Tax (GST) align with the Fit India Movement and are set to promote participation in sports and fitness activities, leading to better health among the youth across the nation, said the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports on Monday.

Making healthy lifestyles affordable, the government has reduced GST on gyms and fitness centres from 18 per cent to 5 per cent.

"This will make quality fitness facilities more accessible to citizens, particularly urban professionals and young people," said the Ministry.

The move will also "encourage greater participation in fitness activities and preventive healthcare, directly supporting the objectives of the Fit India Movement. By lowering costs, the reform will enable more individuals to adopt healthier lifestyles and build a stronger culture of fitness across the nation," it added.

In a bid to make eco-friendly transport more accessible and affordable for citizens, the GST on bicycles and their parts has been reduced from 12 per cent to 5 per cent.

"The move is expected to encourage greater bicycle usage among students, young professionals, and fitness enthusiasts, while also supporting sustainable and environment-friendly mobility solutions," the Ministry said.

Further, the reduction of GST from toys to sports goods from 12 per cent to 5 per cent will bring sports-related products within easier reach of aspiring and active sportspersons and all young people.

It will also encourage greater participation in indoor and outdoor games and promote recreational activities among children and youth.

"By making sports goods and toys more pocket-friendly, the reforms contribute to strengthening India's sporting ecosystem while also supporting the holistic development of the nation's Yuva Shakti," the Ministry said.

It noted that the decision to reduce GST on two-wheelers up to 350cc, including commuter bikes, from 28 per cent to 18 per cent will bring substantial relief to students, young professionals, and gig economy workers.

"Two-wheelers remain the primary mode of transport in rural and semi-urban India, and the reduced tax burden is expected to lower purchase costs, make vehicle ownership more affordable, and ease the financial load on young professionals," the Ministry said.

Similarly, the reduction of GST on small cars from 28 per cent to 18 per cent will make vehicles in the affordable segment cheaper, encouraging first-time buyers and young families to invest in personal mobility. This reform is expected to enhance ease of living by broadening access to convenient and cost-effective transportation options, it added. IANS

India poised to expand its share in global space economy: Report

India is poised to expand its share in the global space economy from the current 2 per cent to about 8 per cent over the next decade, according to a new report on Monday. The report released by KPMG in India-CII at the 'International Conference on Space 2025' stated that India's space economy is set for a transformational growth



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The country's space sector is undergoing a paradigm shift, evolving from an innovation-led frontier to mainstreaming space-based services across governance, development, and strategic domains.

"With the global space economy expected to expand from $596 billion in 2024 to $1.8 trillion by 2035, the Indian space economy is expected to grow its share fourfold from currently about 2 per cent to nearly 8 per cent over the next decade," it stated.

The report outlined how space-based assets with services and data from Earth Observation (EO), Satellite Communication (SatCom), and Navigation (PNT) technologies are becoming essential enablers of governance, economic growth, and security through integration into national workflows, catalysing India's journey toward a service-oriented space economy.

"India stands at a pivotal juncture in its space journey. The foundations built over decades are now enabling a leap towards scale, integration, and global leadership," said Gaurav Mehndiratta, Partner and National Head - Aerospace, Defence and Space, KPMG in India.

"Realising this potential will require coordinated action across policy, industry, and academia to foster innovation, build resilient infrastructure, and connect space capabilities with diverse user communities," Mehndiratta added.

The report also positioned Digital Public Infrastructure (DPI) as a critical enabler, connecting space-based data seamlessly with governance platforms, financial ecosystems, and diverse user applications.

It underscored the importance of platform interoperability and SatCom-based redundancy to ensure service continuity in remote and disaster-prone regions. These priorities are essential to scaling adoption and embedding EO, SatCom, and PNT as defaults across flagship missions and public service delivery.

Downstream services are becoming central to governance, resilience, and strategic operations, with EO and SatCom supporting flagship missions such as PM Gati Shakti and Ayushman Bharat.

Strategic segments such as defence, disaster response, and governance set the benchmark for mission-grade applications, while international collaboration positions India as both a contributor and regional enabler.

"India's downstream space ecosystem is evolving into a foundational pillar of national development. By embedding space-based services into core governance and strategic workflows, and aligning policy with mission needs, India is poised to expand its global share and shape the future contours of the international space economy," the report said. IANS

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NEWSBRIEFS

UP court awards death penalty to man for raping 3-year-old girl

BANDA: A special POCSO court in Uttar Pradesh's Banda district on Monday sentenced a man to death for raping a three-year-old girl and leaving her in a critical condition in a forest, officials said. The 24-year-old convict has also been fined Rs 65,000, with the order coming within 100 days of the crime. Government counsel Vijay Bahadur Singh Parihar said the court of Special Judge (POCSO) Pradeep Kumar Mishra delivered the verdict after hearing arguments from both the prosecution and the defence. On June 3, the minor was abducted from Chilla police station area, sexually assaulted, and later abandoned in a forest. Parihar said the girl succumbed to her injuries during treatment at a hospital in Kanpur about a week after the incident. **PTI**

Two men wanted in multi-crore fraud case caught after 8 yrs in Rajasthan

JAIPUR: The Rajasthan Anti-Terrorism Squad (ATS) has arrested two men wanted for their alleged role in a multi-crore fraud case involving a cooperative society and absconding for the past eight years. IG ATS Vikas Kumar said on Monday that the accused had been on the run since 2017 and carried a reward of Rs 25,000 each announced by the Jalore police. The accused, Shailendra Singh and Rishiraj, both natives of Barmer district, were staying in Jaipur's Jhotwara area by concealing their identity. Shailendra Singh worked as a homoeopathic doctor while Rishiraj, who had earlier been arrested in four cases in 2014, also lived in disguise. They have more than 30 pending cases against them. He said the Sarvodaya Cooperative Society started operations in 2008-09 with 28 branches across Sirohi, Pali and Jalore. By 2012-13, the society stopped returning principal amounts and dividends to investors. **PTI**

Grave misadventure endangering tribals, ecology: Sonia Gandhi criticises Great Nicobar Project



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Congress Parliamentary Party (CPP) Chairperson Sonia Gandhi has strongly criticised the Centre's Great Nicobar Island Project, calling it a "grave misadventure" that tramples tribal rights, undermines due process, and threatens one of the country's most fragile ecosystems. In her op-ed titled 'The making of an ecological disaster in the Nicobar' published in a leading daily, Gandhi warned that the "collective conscience cannot and must not stay silent when the very survival of the Shompen and Nicobarese tribes is at risk." "Our commitment to future generations cannot permit this large-scale destruction of a most unique ecosystem. We must raise our voice against this travesty of justice and this betrayal of our national values," she said.

Slamming the Centre, Sonia Gandhi, who is also a Congress Rajya Sabha member, alleged that there hasn't been a shortage of "half-baked and ill-conceived policymaking in the last 11 years.""The latest in this series of planned misadventures is the Great Nicobar mega-infrastructure project. The totally misplaced Rs 2,72,000 crore expenditure poses an existential danger to the island's indigenous tribal communities, threatens one of the world's most unique flora and fauna ecosystems, and is highly susceptible to natural disasters. Nevertheless, it is being insensitively pushed through, making a mockery of all legal and deliberative processes," she said.

She emphasised that the island is home to two indigenous communities the Nicobarese and the Shompen, a particularly vulnerable tribal group. Sonia Gandhi said the Nicobarese tribals, already displaced by the 2004 Tsunami, face permanent uprooting of their ancestral villages, while the Shompen are at risk of losing their forest ecosystem and cultural integrity. "Ultimately, the Shompen will find themselves cut off from their ancestral lands and unable to sustain their social and economic existence," she cautioned. The CPP Chairperson also alleged that constitutional and statutory safeguards had been ignored. **IANS**

ED raids premises of businessman, bank valuer in ₹2.63 crore gold loan fraud in Goa

PANAJI, SEPTEMBER 8

In fresh action in a Rs 2.63 crore loan fraud with UCO Bank, the ED searched premises of a businessman and a bank valuer of the bank in Goa for their involvement in sanctioning of loans against fake gold ornaments and subsequent money laundering, an official said on Monday. Sleuths of Directorate of Enforcement (ED), Panaji Zonal Office, conducted search and seizure operations at multiple premises of Gundu Kelvekar and Hemant Raikar in Goa on September 5 under the provisions of the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA), 2002, the official said in a statement.

The searches were conducted at the residential and business premises of Kelvekar and Hemant Raikar in connection with the bank fraud case involving sanctioning of gold loans against fake ornaments, resulting in a loss of Rs 2.63 crore to UCO Bank, it said. The ED initiated investigation under the PMLA based on FIR registered by the Economic Offence Cell, North Goa. The FIR alleged that Kelvekar, in a criminal conspiracy with Raikar, the empanelled gold valuer for UCO Bank, fraudulently obtained multiple gold loans from the Verna, Fatorda, and Margaon branches of the bank.

The loans were acquired by pledging fake yellow metal ornaments, which Hemant Raikar knowingly certified as genuine gold, said the FIR. The ED investigation revealed that between 2019 and 2023, Kelvekar, assisted by his wife Mayuri, systematically obtained these loans in their names and in the names of their associates. **IANS**

Rahul claims women in Bihar lack safety, education facilities

NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 8

Congress leader Rahul Gandhi on Monday flagged the alleged lack of women's safety and facilities for their education in Bihar, while asserting the daughters of the state are the biggest "force for change" and their voices cannot be suppressed. Gandhi has put out on social media a video of his interaction with a group of first-time women voters in Bihar during his 'Voter Adhikar Yatra' that concluded last week. In a post in Hindi along with the clip, he said, "One thing became very clear in the conversation that the daughters of Bihar are full of talent, they have strong intentions and big dreams. But insecurity, inconvenience and lack of opportunity block their path."

"Schools and colleges are far away. Harassment in buses and trains is common. There is darkness and insecurity on the roads. Government education and health system is in a dilapidated condition. Indiscriminate privatisation has pushed the daughters of poor and common families further behind," he said. The leader of the opposition in the Lok Sabha also said that even after struggling with these conditions, when they raise their voice for their rights, they are taunted. "But this is the truth: The daughters of Bihar are the biggest force for change, and their voice cannot be suppressed. Together, we will give them rights and freedom, so that every daughter can pursue her flight of dreams without fear," he said. In the video, Gandhi asks the young women about the obstacles they face, especially in education. **PTI**

Vision Maharashtra Document 2047 is our guiding principle: CM Fadnavis

MUMBAI, SEPTEMBER 8



Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis on Monday said that the Maharashtra Vision Document 2047 like the Gita, the Bible, the Quran and the Constitution of Development is the guiding principle for the future, adding that the future policies of the state should be formulated according to this vision. CM Fadnavis, who chaired the meeting regarding the Maharashtra Vision Document 2047, said that a plan for the next twenty-twenty-five years is being prepared.

"Vision is the direction; therefore, our goals and their direction must be definite. We should put all our efforts into ensuring that it is not just a paper presentation but is actually achieved. Our policies should be designed according to this vision. If we work continuously on this vision for the next five years, we will definitely fulfil the dream of a Viksit Maharashtra in 2047. We are on the right track," he expressed. CM Fadnavis said that the cooperative sector is important for the state. More attention should be paid to it. Emphasis should be placed on the maximum use of information technology for better administration.

"Bharat Net Ring should be developed as soon as possible. Cooperation with international companies should be provided in terms of cybersecurity. This plan will stand as the best vision document in the country," he added. He also appealed to focus on improving the quality of various educational institutions and universities. Deputy Chief Minister Eknath Shinde said that this vision provides a clear picture of how Maharashtra should be after twenty-two years. "This is a blueprint that gives direction to the state, keeping in mind the future needs. One can move forward only if one has big dreams. Along with the government, the responsibility of administration is also important. This vision has the power to fulfil the expectations of the people. The main objective is to reach the last segment of society," he remarked. **IANS**

Nitish Katara murder case: SC declines to extend interim bail of Vikas Yadav

NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 8



The Supreme Court on Monday declined to extend the interim bail of Vikas Yadav, a convict in the 2002 Nitish Katara murder case. A bench of Justices M.M. Sundresh and Satish Chandra Sharma told Yadav to move the Delhi High Court for extension or grant of fresh interim bail. Earlier, the Justice Sundresh-led Bench had clarified that it would not further extend Yadav's interim bail for post-operative care of his mother.

In an order passed on April 24 this year, the top court, in a relief to the petitioner, who has undergone actual incarceration for 23 years, enlarged him on temporary bail till May 8. "Only for the purposes of enabling the petitioner to meet his ailing mother and to ensure that appropriate treatment is provided to her for the time being, we grant temporary bail to the petitioner," a then bench of Justices Abhay S. Oka and Ujjal Bhuyan had ordered. However, the interim bail was extended from time to time by the apex court.

The apex court told Vikas Yadav, the son of Uttar Pradesh politician D.P. Yadav, to furnish a bail bond in the sum of Rs one lakh with one local surety in the like amount and to report to the local police station every day at 11 a.m. It also asked the petitioner not to make any attempt to contact any of the witnesses who have deposed against him, including Neelam Katara, the mother of the deceased Nitish Katara, and her immediate relatives. In its order, the Supreme Court opined that the petitioner's mother be examined by a medical board of the All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS), Delhi, and directed submission of the medical report on or before May 7. During the period of interim bail, Vikas Yadav was required to confine himself to his residence at Ghaziabad except visiting Yashoda Hospital after his mother was shifted back there from AIIMS Delhi.

Vikas Yadav and his cousin Vishal Yadav, among others, were convicted and sentenced to 25 years of actual imprisonment without consideration of remission for kidnapping Katara from a marriage party in February 2002 and then killing him for his alleged affair with their sister Bharti Yadav. Katara was murdered as the Yadav duo did not approve of his alleged relationship with Bharti because they belonged to different castes, the trial court had observed in its verdict. **IANS**

DELHI/NCR

Delhi CM proposes CSR-backed push to revive Yamuna, clean city's air

NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 8

Delhi Chief Minister Rekha Gupta on Monday suggested setting up a CSR-backed corpus for reviving Yamuna, curbing air pollution and removal of garbage dumps in the city. The government will associate the industry and corporate sector for effective solution of these major challenges, according to a statement by the Delhi CMO.

The industry and corporate sector have been appealed to adopt the drains for constructing smaller treatment plants on them, it said. The three challenges faced by the city were deliberated at 'The Yamuna and Delhi Rejuvenation: A CSR Dialogue' held at Raj Niwas in which Lt Governor VK Saxena, CM Gupta, Water minister Parvesh Verma and senior officers interacted with representatives of corporate sector, industry bodies and heads of PSUs. It was discussed in the meeting that the DJB and other departments concerned will have regular interactions with the industry bodies for coming up with an action plan with timelines for specific outcomes, the statement said. **PTI**

Delhi High Court Bar Association urges lawyers to help flood victims



NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 8

The Delhi High Court Bar Association on Monday thanked its members for their contribution in helping provide essential assistance in the form of food, shelter and medical aid to the victims of the recent floods in Punjab and other parts of the country. "The DHCBA stands in solidarity with the residents of the affected regions in this hour of grave distress and conveys its heartfelt condolences to the families who have lost their loved ones," the association said in a statement.

The DHCBA expressed "deepest concern" and "anguish" at the "devastation" caused by the recent floods in Punjab and other parts of the country, which have led to loss of lives and property. **PTI**

Delhi 'kalash' theft: 3 held, gold urns worth over ₹1.5 cr recovered

NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 8

The Delhi Police have arrested three men, including the main accused, in connection with the theft of multiple gold 'kalash' from a Jain religious ceremony near the Red Fort and recovered stolen items worth more than Rs 1.5 crore, an official said on Monday.

The incident occurred on September 3 at the Jain Parv Pandal, set up at the 15 August Park near the Red Fort, during the ongoing Jain Samaj's Daslakshan Mahaparv (August 28–September 9).

According to the police, the accused, identified as Bhushan Verma (50), a resident of Hapur in Uttar Pradesh, stole three gold ceremonial items -- a large 'jhari' (urn), a 'jag' (pitcher) and a 'bariyal' (container) -- from the stage. While one intact urn weighing around 725 grams has been recovered. Police sources said that a significant portion of the other stolen articles was melted down by his associates.

"Verma was arrested from Hapur during the intervening night of Sunday and Monday after a swift intelligence-led operation by the crime branch. His associates -- Gaurav Kumar Verma and Ankit Patil, both residents of Hapur in Ghaziabad -- were also apprehended for their role in receiving and melting the stolen gold, Deputy Commissioner of Police (Crime Branch) Pankaj Kumar Singh said. Police said the recovered property includes the golden 'jhari', around 100 grams of melted gold, Rs 10,400 in cash, and instruments used to melt the stolen articles. The estimated value of the recovery is around Rs 1 crore, though the total valuation of the stolen items, including the melted articles, is believed to exceed Rs 1.5 crore. **PTI**

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CHANGE OF NAME

I Daman Chauhan s/o Ramesh Kumar r/o H.No. 40, Village Ugala District Ambala have changed my name Daman Chauhan to Daman Singh. Note It.

I Tejinder Singh S/o Piara Singh R/o H.No. 15-B, Hira Nagar, Patiala have Changed my name to Tejinder Singh Ghuman.

I Baljeet Kaur W/o Tejinder Singh Ghuman R/o H.No.15-B, Hira Nagar, Patiala have Changed my name to Baljeet Kaur Ghuman.

I Amrit Pal Singh S/o Baldev Singh Grewal R/o Village Srinagar Puniwal Teh Nabha Distt Patiala have changed my name to Amrit Pal Singh Grewal.

PUBLIC NOTICE

ਮੈਂ ਦੀਪਕ ਕੁਮਾਰ ਪੁੱਤਰ ਸ੍ਰੀ ਪ੍ਰਸ਼ੋਤਮ ਲਾਲ ਵਾਸੀ ਮਕਾਨ ਨੰ ਐਚ-ਐਮ 36,ਅਮਨ ਐਵਨਿਊ,ਆਊਟ ਸਾਇਡ ਗੇਟ ਹਕੀਮਾ ਜ਼ਿਲਾ ਅੰਮ੍ਰਿਤਸਰ ਇਹ ਬਿਆਨ ਕਰਦਾ ਹਾਂ ਕਿ ਮੇਰਾ ਲੜਕਾ ਹਿਮਾਂਸ਼ੂ ਅਰੋੜਾ ਅਤੇ ਮੇਰੀ ਨੂੰਹ ਸਹਿਜ ਮੇਹਰਾ ਉਰਫ ਸਹਿਜ ਅਰੋੜਾ ਜੋ ਕਿ ਮੇਰੇ ਕਹਿਣੇ ਤੋ ਬਾਹਰ ਹਨ । ਇਹ ਹੈ ਕਿ ਮੇਰਾ ਲੜਕਾ ਹਿਮਾਂਸ਼ੂ ਅਰੋੜਾ ਅਤੇ ਨੂੰਹ ਸਹਿਜ ਮੇਹਰਾ ਉਰਫ ਸਹਿਜ ਅਰੋੜਾ ਨੂੰ ਮੈਂ ਆਪਣੀ ਚੱਲ ਅਚੱਲ ਜਮੀਨ ਜਾਇਦਾਦ ਤੋ ਬੇਦਖਲ ਕਰਦਾਂ ਹਾਂ। ਇਹਨਾਂ ਨਾਲ ਲੈਣ ਦੇਣ ਕਰਨ ਵਾਲਾ ਖੁਦ ਜਿੰਮੇਵਾਰ ਹੋਵੇਗਾ। ਇਹਨਾਂ ਦੇ ਨਾਲ ਮੇਰਾ ਅਤੇ ਮੇਰੇ ਪਰਿਵਾਰ ਦਾ ਕੋਈ ਤਲਕ ਵਾਸਤਾ ਨਹੀ ਹੋਵੇਗਾ।ਸੰਬੰਧਤ ਕਿਰਪਾ ਕਰਕੇ ਨੋਟ ਕਰਨ।

PUBLIC NOTICE

I, **Rohit Jain S/o. Kamal Kumar Jain** R/o. H.No.66, Block-K, Sarabha Nagar, Ludhiana declare that I have lost my original sale deed bearing Wasika no. 17842 dated 15/02/2008 executed by Abhinash Singh S/o. Kishan Singh in favour of Vishesh Mehra S/o. Jugal Kishore Mehra, Khasra No. 59//21-60//21-22-23-24-62//2-3-4-5-6-8-9-13, Khatta No. 172/218 Jamabandi Year 2001-2002 Village Malakpur, Tehsil & Distt. Ludhiana. This original registry has been lost at Sarabha Nagar Ludhiana on dated 17/06/2025. A Police Report LR N: 626306/2025 Date: 06/09/2025 has been Lodged in PSOC Sarbha Nagar Ludhiana. If Anybody Found this registry please contact within 7 Days on Mobile No. 9815930000

ਬਾ-ਅਦਾਲਤ ਸ਼੍ਰੀ ਕਰਮਜੋਤ ਸਿੰਘ ਤਹਿਸੀਲਦਾਰ-ਕਮ-ਸਹਾਇਕ ਕੁਲੈਕਟਰ ਦਰਜਾ ਅੱਵਲ, ਕਪੂਰਥਲਾ।

ਮਿਸਲ ਨੰ: 42/ਟੀ ਤੋਂ 48/ਟੀ ਅਗਲੀ ਤਾਰੀਖ ਪੇਸ਼ੀ: 11-09-2025
ਤਾਰੀਖ ਰਜੂਆ: 03-06-2025

ਕਿਸਮ ਮੁਕੱਦਮਾ: ਤਕਸੀਮ ਵਾਕਿਆ ਰਕਬਾ: ਨੱਥੂ ਚਾਹਲ

1. ਹਰਜਿੰਦਰ ਕੌਰ ਪਤਨੀ ਹਰਪਾਲ ਸਿੰਘ ਵਾਸੀ ਮ ਨੰ 451, ਮਾਡਲ ਟਾਊਨ, ਕਪੂਰਥਲਾ 2. ਨੇਤਿਕਾ ਪਤਨੀ ਰੁਪਿੰਦਰ ਸਿੰਘ, 3. ਸੁਖਦੀਪ ਕੌਰ ਪਤਨੀ ਸੇਵਾ ਸਿੰਘ ਦੋਨੋ ਵਾਸੀਆਨ ਨੇੜੇ ਗਰੀਨ ਫੀਲਡ ਸਕੂਲ ਗਰੀਨ ਐਵੀਨਿਊ ਕਪੂਰਥਲਾ।

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ਫਰੀਕੈਨ ਦੋਮ

ਉਕਤ ਅਨੁਵਾਨ ਦਾ ਕੇਸ ਤਕਸੀਮ ਵਾਕਿਆ ਰਕਬਾ ਪਿੰਡ ਨੱਥੂ ਚਾਹਲ, ਤਹਿਸੀਲ ਵਾ ਜ਼ਿਲਾ ਕਪੂਰਥਲਾ ਖੇਵਟ ਨੰਬਰ 62 ਖਤੌਨੀ ਨੰ: 77 ਤੋਂ 79 ਖਸਰਾ ਨੰ: 477/8-0, 479/8-0, 475/6-18, 476/8-0, 480/2/2-14, 480/1/5-6 ਕੁਲ ਰਕਬਾ 38 ਕਨਾਲ 18 ਮਰਲੇ, ਖੇਵਟ ਨੰਬਰ 63 ਖਤੌਨੀ ਨੰ: 80 ਖਸਰਾ ਨੰ: 750/1-1, 751/0-10 ਕੁਲ ਰਕਬਾ 1 ਕਨਾਲ 11 ਮਰਲੇ, ਖੇਵਟ ਨੰਬਰ 64 ਖਤੌਨੀ ਨੰ: 81 ਖਸਰਾ ਨੰ: 687/2/3-9, 913/684/2/2-15 ਕੁਲ ਰਕਬਾ 6 ਕਨਾਲ 4 ਮਰਲੇ, ਖੇਵਟ ਨੰਬਰ 67 ਖਤੌਨੀ ਨੰ: 90. 91 ਖਸਰਾ ਨੰ: 466/2/1-2, 470/7-8, 474/6-18, 478/8-0, 465/2/2-16 ਕੁਲ ਰਕਬਾ 26 ਕਨਾਲ 4 ਮਰਲੇ ਖੇਵਟ ਨੰਬਰ 68 ਖਤੌਨੀ ਨੰ: 92, 93 ਖਸਰਾ ਨੰ: 465/1/4-12, 471/7-8, 472/1/1-13, 472/2/5-15, 473/6-7 ਕੁਲ ਰਕਬਾ 25 ਕਨਾਲ 15 ਮਰਲੇ, ਖੇਵਟ ਨੰਬਰ 69 ਖਤੌਨੀ ਨੰ: 94, 95 ਖਸਰਾ ਨੰ: 467/8-0, 468/8-0, 469/8-0 ਕੁਲ ਰਕਬਾ 24 ਕਨਾਲ 0 ਮਰਲੇ, ਖੇਵਟ ਨੰਬਰ 72 ਖਤੌਨੀ ਨੰ: 98, ਖਸਰਾ ਨੰ: 466/1/6-18 ਕੁਲ ਰਕਬਾ 6 ਕਨਾਲ 18 ਮਰਲੇ ਦਾ ਕੇਸ ਇਸ ਅਦਾਲਤ ਵਿੱਚ ਚੱਲ ਰਿਹਾ ਹੈ, ਇਸ ਕੇਸ ਵਿੱਚ ਕੁਝ ਧਿਰ ਦੋਮ ਹਾਜਰ ਨਹੀਂ ਆਏ। ਇਸ ਕੇਸ ਵਿੱਚ ਤਰੀਖ ਪੇਸ਼ੀ ਮਿਤੀ 11-09-2025 ਮੁੱਕਰਰ ਹੋਈ ਹੈ। ਇਸ ਲਈ ਫਰੀਕ ਦੋਮਾਂ ਨੂੰ ਇਸ਼ਤਿਹਾਰ ਰਾਹੀਂ ਸੂਚਿਤ ਕੀਤਾ ਜਾਂਦਾ ਹੈ ਕਿ ਧਿਰ ਦੋਮ ਮਿਤੀ 11-09-2025 ਨੂੰ ਸਵੇਰੇ 10.00 ਵਜੇ ਅਸਾਲਤਨ/ਵਕਾਲਤਨ ਇਸ ਅਦਾਲਤ ਵਿੱਚ ਹਾਜਰ ਹੋ ਕੇ ਇਸ ਕੇਸ ਦੀ ਪੈਰਵੀ ਕਰ ਸਕਦੇ ਹਨ, ਨਿਸ਼ਚਿਤ ਮਿਤੀ 11-09-2025 ਨੂੰ ਹਾਜਰ ਅਦਾਲਤ ਨਾ ਆਉਣ ਦੀ ਸੂਰਤ ਵਿੱਚ ਕਾਰਵਾਈ ਇੱਕ ਤਰਫਾ ਅਮਲ ਵਿੱਚ ਲਿਆਂਦੀ ਜਾਵੇਗੀ। ਨਿਸ਼ਚਿਤ ਮਿਤੀ ਤੋਂ ਬਾਅਦ ਵਿੱਚ ਕੋਈ ਵੀ ਉਜਰ ਨਹੀਂ ਸੁਣਿਆ ਜਾਵੇਗਾ। ਇਹ ਇਸ਼ਤਿਹਾਰ ਅੱਜ ਮਿਤੀ 20-08-2025 ਨੂੰ ਮੇਰੇ ਹਸਤਾਖਰ ਅਤੇ ਅਦਾਲਤ ਮੋਹਰ ਨਾਲ ਜਾਰੀ ਹੋਇਆ ਹੈ।

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ਸਹਾਇਕ ਕੁਲੈਕਟਰ ਦਰਜਾ ਅੱਵਲ ਕਪੂਰਥਲਾ।

ਗਰੇਟਰ ਲੁਧਿਆਣਾ ਏਰੀਆ ਵਿਕਾਸ ਅਥਾਰਟੀ

ਗਲਾਡਾ ਕੰਪਲੈਕਸ, ਰਾਜਗੁਰੂ ਨਗਰ, ਫਿਰੋਜ਼ਪੁਰ ਰੋਡ, ਲੁਧਿਆਣਾ




ਜਨਤਕ ਸੂਚਨਾ

ਪਲਾਟ ਨੰਬਰ 2905 ਰਕਬਾ 125 ਵ: ਗਜ ਸੈਕਟਰ-32-ਏ ਚੰਡੀਗੜ ਰੋਡ, ਲੁਧਿਆਣਾ ਦੀ ਮਲਕੀਤੀ Sh. Harpreet Marwaha S/o Sh. Thakur Pal Marwaha R/o. H.No. 1165, Block-9, Near Jain Dharamshala, Rupa Mistry Street Ludhiana ਦੇ ਨਾਮ ਤੇ ਇਸ ਦਫਤਰ ਦੇ ਪੱਤਰ ਨੰ: 380 ਮਿਤੀ 22-08-2024 ਰਾਹੀਂ ਜਾਰੀ ਕੀਤੀ ਗਈ ਸੀ। Sh. Harpreet Marwaha S/o Sh. Thakur Pal Marwaha ਵੱਲੋਂ Sh. Amarjit Singh S/o Sh. Kartar Singh R/o. H.No. 2735, Near BCM School, Sector-32-A, Chandigarh Road, Ludhiana ਨੂੰ ਵਸੀਕਾ ਨੰਬਰ 527 ਮਿਤੀ 06.08.2025 ਰਾਹੀਂ ਮੁਖਤਿਆਰੇ ਆਮ ਮੁਕੱਰਰ ਕੀਤਾ ਗਿਆ ਹੈ। ਹੁਣ Sh. Amarjit Singh S/o Sh. Kartar Singh ਵਲੋ ਉਕਤ ਪਲਾਟ ਦੀ ਐਨ.ਓ.ਸੀ. ਫਾਰ ਸੇਲ Sh. Joginderpal S/o Sh. Des Raj R/o. H.No. 262/2, St.No.5, Mochpura Bazar, Ludhiana ਦੇ ਨਾਮ ਤੇ ਪ੍ਰਾਪਤ ਕਰਨ ਲਈ ਸਬੰਧਤ ਦਸਤਾਵੇਜ਼ ਪੇਸ਼ ਕੀਤੇ ਹਨ, ਜੋ ਕਿ ਇਸ ਦਫਤਰ ਵਿਖੇ ਵਿਚਾਰ ਅਧੀਨ ਹੈ। ਇਸ ਲਈ ਇਸ ਜਨਤਕ ਸੂਚਨਾ ਰਾਹੀਂ ਆਮ ਪਬਲਿਕ ਨੂੰ ਸੂਚਿਤ ਕੀਤਾ ਜਾਂਦਾ ਹੈ ਕਿ ਜੇਕਰ ਕਿਸੇ ਵਿਅਕਤੀ ਨੂੰ ਇਤਰਾਜ਼ ਹੋਵੇ ਤਾਂ ਉਹ ਆਪਣਾ ਇਤਰਾਜ 15 ਦਿਨਾਂ ਦੇ ਅੰਦਰ-ਅੰਦਰ ਲਿਖਤੀ ਤੌਰ ਤੇ ਇਸ ਦਫਤਰ ਵਿਖੇ ਪੇਸ਼ ਕਰ ਸਕਦਾ ਹੈ। ਇਸ ਨਿਸ਼ਚਿਤ ਮਿਤੀ ਤੋਂ ਬਾਅਦ ਪ੍ਰਾਪਤ ਇਤਰਾਜ਼ ਤੇ ਕੋਈ ਕਾਰਵਾਈ ਨਹੀਂ ਕੀਤੀ ਜਾਵੇਗੀ ਅਤੇ ਐਨ.ਓ.ਸੀ.ਫਾਰ ਸੇਲ **Sh. Joginderpal S/o Sh. Des Raj** ਦੇ ਨਾਮ ਤੇ ਜਾਰੀ ਕਰ ਦਿੱਤੀ ਜਾਵੇਗੀ। **-ਸੁਪਰਡੰਟ, ਗਲਾਡਾ ਲੁਧਿਆਣਾ।**

PUBLIC NOTICE



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

Subject:- Transfer of Ownership in respect of Residential Site No. 681, Sector 11-B, Chandigarh (RP 10973) to the extent of 100.00% share on the basis of Registered Will of Late Sh. Satinder Mohan Bogra. It is notified for the information of general public and all concerned that as per record of this office Sh. Satinder Mohan Bogra is the owner of Residential Site No. 681, Sector 11-B, Chandigarh to the extent of 100.00% Share.

It has been informed by Veena Bogra that Sh. Satinder Mohan Bogra expired on 03.02.2025 and she has also intimated the following legal heirs of the deceased owner :- **(1) Sachidanand Bogra - Son, (2) Rakhi Khaitan - Daughter , (3) Vivek Anand Bogra - Son**

Now, Veena Bogra has applied for the Transfer of Ownership in respect of Residential Site No. 681, Sector 11-B, Chandigarh to the extent of 100.00% Share held by Late Sh. Satinder Mohan Bogra in her favour, on the basis of Registered Will dated 28.01.2015. 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

ਇਸ਼ਤਿਹਾਰ

ਦਫਤਰ : ਗਰਾਮ ਪੰਚਾਇਤ ਜਲਾਲਖੇੜਾ, ਤਹਿ. ਅਤੇ ਜ਼ਿਲ੍ਹਾ ਪਟਿਆਲਾ।

ਹਰ ਇੱਕ ਆਮ ਤੇ ਖਾਸ ਨੂੰ ਸੂਚਿਤ ਕੀਤਾ ਜਾਂਦਾ ਹੈ ਕਿ ਗਰਾਮ ਪੰਚਾਇਤ ਜਲਾਲਖੇੜਾ, ਤਹਿ. ਅਤੇ ਜ਼ਿਲ੍ਹਾ ਪਟਿਆਲਾ ਦੇ ਪਿੰਡ ਜਲਾਲਖੇੜਾ ਵਿਖੇ ਪੁਰਾਣੇ ਦਰਖਤ, ਸਕੂਲ ਅਤੇ ਪੰਚਾਇਤ ਘਰ ਹਨ੍ਹੇਰੀ ਝਖੜ ਕਾਰਨ ਡਿੱਗ ਗਏ ਸਨ। ਇਹਨਾਂ ਦੀ ਖੁੱਲ੍ਹੀ ਬੋਲੀ ਮਿਤੀ 13/09/2025 ਨੂੰ ਸਵੇਰ 11.00 ਵਜੇ ਸਰਕਾਰੀ ਮਿਡਲ ਸਕੂਲ ਜਲਾਲਖੇੜਾ ਵਿਖੇ ਕੀਤੀ ਜਾਵੇਗੀ। ਬੋਲੀ ਦੇਣ ਲਈ ਚਾਹਵਾਨ ਸੱਜਣ ਮੌਕੇ 'ਤੇ ਆ ਕੇ ਬੋਲੀ ਦੇ ਸਕਦੇ ਹਨ।

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ਮਕਾਨ ਨੰ ਐਚ.ਜੇ. 29, ਫਿਰੋਜ਼ਪੁਰ ਰੋਡ ਬੀ.ਆਰ. ਐਸ. ਨਗਰ, ਲੁਧਿਆਣਾ ਮਲਕੀਤੀ ਸ੍ਰੀ ਇੰਦਰਜੀਤ ਸਿੰਘ ਮੁੰਜਾਲ ਪੁੱਤਰ ਸ੍ਰੀ ਸੁਰਜੀਤ ਸਿੰਘ ਮੁੰਜਾਲ ਵਾਸੀ ਕੋਠੇ ਜਿਵਾ ਦੇ, ਸੈਰਪੁਰ ਖੁਰਦ ਲੁਧਿਆਣਾ ਦੇ ਨਾਮ ਪੱਤਰ ਨੰ 692 ਮਿਤੀ 11-04-2025 ਰਾਹੀਂ ਕੀਤੀ ਗਈ ਸੀ। ਸ੍ਰੀ ਇੰਦਰਜੀਤ ਸਿੰਘ ਮੁੰਜਾਲ ਪੁੱਤਰ ਸ੍ਰੀ ਸੁਰਜੀਤ ਸਿੰਘ ਮੁੰਜਾਲ ਵਲੋਂ ਉਕਤ ਮਕਾਨ ਦਾ ਮੁਖਤਿਆਰੇ ਆਮ ਸ੍ਰੀ ਅਮਰਿਤ ਪਾਲ ਸਿੰਘ ਚੈਹਲ ਪੁੱਤਰ ਅਵਤਾਰ ਸਿੰਘ ਵਾਸੀ ਪਿੰਡ ਕੋਠੇ ਬੱਘੂ, ਪੀ.ਓ ਸੈਰਪੁਰ ਕਲਾਂ ਤਹਿ ਜਗਰਾਓ ਜਿਲਾ ਲੁਧਿਆਣਾ ਨੂੰ ਛੋਨਸੁਲਓਟਣ ਗਏਨਏਰਓਲ ਡ ਨਿਡਿਓ, ਡਓਨਚੁਵਰ, ਭਛ (ਛਓਨਓਦਓ) ਦੇ ਡਆਂ ਲ਼ਓਧ ਨੰ 1693 ਮਿਤੀ 25-06-2025 ਰਾਹੀਂ ਨੂੰ ਤਸਦੀਕ ਕਰ ਦੇ ਦਿੱਤੀ ਗਈ ਸੀ। ਹੁਣ ਮੁਖਤਿਆਰੇ ਆਮ ਅਮਰਿਤ ਪਾਲ ਸਿੰਘ ਚੈਹਲ ਪੁੱਤਰ ਸ੍ਰੀ ਅਵਤਾਰ ਸਿੰਘ ਵਲੋਂ ਉਕਤ ਮਕਾਨ ਪਰਮਜੀਤ ਸਿੰਘ ਪੁੱਤਰ ਸ੍ਰੀ ਬੰਤਾ ਸਿੰਘ ਵਾਸੀ ਐਚ.ਜੇ 30, ਪੀ.ਐਚ.ਬੀ ਕਲੋਨੀ, ਬੀ.ਆਰ.ਐਸ ਨਗਰ, ਲੁਧਿਆਣਾ ਨੂੰ ਵੇਚਣ ਦੀ ਐਨ.ਓ.ਸੀ ਦੇ ਦਸਤਾਵੇਜ਼ ਮਿਲਖ ਦਫਤਰ ਗਲਾਡਾ ਵਿਖੇ ਜਮਾ ਕਰਵਾਏ ਹਨ। ਉਕਤ ਮਕਾਨ ਦੀ ਐਨ.ਓ.ਸੀ ਕਰਨ ਸਬੰਧੀ ਕੇਸ ਮਿਲਖ ਅਫਸਰ, ਗਲਾਡਾ, ਲੁਧਿਆਣਾ ਦੇ ਦਫਤਰ ਵਿਖੇ ਕੇਸ ਵਿਚਾਰ ਅਧੀਨ ਹੈ। ਇਸ ਲਈ ਐਨ.ਓ.ਸੀ ਕਰਨ ਤੋਂ ਪਹਿਲਾ ਸੂਚਿਤ ਕੀਤਾ ਜਾਂਦਾ ਹੈ ਕਿ ਜੇਕਰ ਕਿਸੇ ਵਿਅੱਕਤੀ ਨੂੰ ਇਸ ਤੇ ਕੋਈ ਇਤਰਾਜ਼ ਹੋਵੇ ਤਾਂ ਉਹ ਇਸ ਇਸ਼ਤਿਹਾਰ ਛਪਣ ਦੇ 15 ਦਿਨਾਂ ਦੇ ਅੰਦਰ ਅੰਦਰ ਨਿਮਨਹਸਤਾਖਰ ਦੇ ਦਫਤਰ ਵਿਚ ਹਾਜਰ ਹੋ ਕੇ ਜਾਂ ਲਿਖਤੀ ਰੂਪ ਵਿੱਚ ਇਤਰਾਜ ਕਰ ਸਕਦਾ ਹੈ। ਉਕਤ ਦਿੱਤੇ ਗਏ ਸਮੇਂ ਤੋਂ ਬਾਅਦ ਆਏ ਕਿਸੇ ਵੀ ਇਤਰਾਜ ਤੇ ਵਿਚਾਰ ਨਹੀਂ ਕੀਤਾ ਜਾਵੇਗਾ ਅਤੇ ਉਕਤ ਮਕਾਨ ਮੁਖਤਿਆਰੇ ਆਮ ਅਮਰਿਤ ਪਾਲ ਸਿੰਘ ਚੈਹਲ ਪੁੱਤਰ ਸ੍ਰੀ ਅਵਤਾਰ ਸਿੰਘ ਵਲੋਂ ਉਕਤ ਮਕਾਨ ਪਰਮਜੀਤ ਸਿੰਘ ਪੁੱਤਰ ਸ੍ਰੀ ਬੰਤਾ ਸਿੰਘ ਵਾਸੀ ਐਚ.ਜੇ 30, ਪੀ.ਐਚ.ਬੀ ਕਲੋਨੀ, ਬੀ.ਆਰ. ਐਸ ਨਗਰ, ਲੁਧਿਆਣਾ ਨੂੰ ਵੇਚਣ ਲਈ ਐਨ.ਓ.ਸੀ ਜਾਰੀ ਕਰ ਦਿੱਤੀ ਜਾਵੇਗੀ।

ਮਿਲਖ ਅਫਸਰ ਗਲਾਡਾ, ਲੁਧਿਆਣਾ

12 killed in house collapse incidents in state due to heavy rains: CM

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Haryana Chief Minister Nayab Singh Saini on Monday said 12 people have lost their lives in house collapse incidents recently in different parts of the state due to heavy rains. An ex-gratia of Rs 4 lakh each to the kin of deceased persons has been released to provide financial assistance to the bereaved families, he said. In the house collapse incidents due to heavy rains in the state, 12 people have lost their lives, Saini, who was giving details about relief measures in the flood/waterlogged affected areas in the state, told reporters here.

The fatal incidents took place in districts including Fatehabad, Bhiwani and Kurukshetra. Last week, in Bhiwani district's Kalinga village, three girls died and their parents and a minor brother were injured when the roof of their rented house collapsed due to heavy rains while the family was asleep. Saini further said that all the Ministers of his cabinet, party MLAs and the three Independents supporting the BJP government, will contribute one month salary for the flood-affected people.

Government officials, employees, social organisations, the industries have also been requested to make contributions of whatever amount they like to the Haryana CM's Relief Fund, he said.

He said while Haryana is also grappling with the problems caused by heavy rains recently, the spirit of its people is to simultaneously extend a helping hand to other neighbouring flood-hit states.

The CM said when he met a group of villagers from a village which was affected by flood he told them that the Haryana government and people of the state has extended a helping hand to the neighbouring flood-hit states including Punjab, Himachal and Jammu and Kashmir. Meanwhile, Saini said the Haryana government is continuously assessing the damage caused by the heavy rains in the state and has opened a designated portal to mitigate the hardships faced by citizens due to floods.

Haryana govt extends financial aid of ₹5 crore to support flood-hit HP

CHANDIGARH, SEPTEMBER 8

The Haryana government has released financial assistance of Rs 5 crore to Himachal Pradesh to aid in its relief efforts following the devastating flash-floods and landslides caused by heavy rains. The aid is aimed at providing succour to the affected families and to strengthen the ongoing rescue and rehabilitation efforts in the hill state, Haryana Chief Minister Nayab Singh Saini said here on Monday.

Expressing solidarity, he said that in this hour of crisis the Haryana government and the people of the state stand firmly with the affected families. Earlier, the Haryana government had also released financial assistance of Rs 5 crore each to flood-hit Punjab and Jammu and Kashmir. Saini said that his government have assured the affected states that Haryana will always be ready to help them. Punjab, Himachal Pradesh along with Jammu and Kashmir have been severely affected by flash-floods and landslides which has claimed several lives in the three states and caused damage to property. PTI

Waiting for Ugandan embassy's direction on post-mortem: Police on woman's body found in Gurugram

GURUGRAM, SEPTEMBER 8

Police said the cause of death of an Ugandan woman who was found near the IMT chowk in Manesar was yet to be ascertained as they are still waiting for the Ugandan embassy's direction to conduct the post-mortem, officials said on Monday. An FIR of murder was registered after her body was recovered Sunday morning in Gurugram. The investigation so far suggested that she also could have died in an accident, they said.

Police questioned a tempo driver but police officials said he was not taken into custody, they added. A senior police officer said the body of the woman has to be preserved at AIIMS, Delhi before being sent to Uganda. A correspondence regarding this is underway between police and Uganda embassy, he added. The

According to the police, they received information this morning that a woman's body was lying on the service road of the highway near IMT Manesar Chowk. A police team reached the spot and found the body in semi-naked condition and soaked in blood, a Gurugram police spokesperson said

deceased woman was identified through her passport as 33-year-old Nasimwa Madina from Uganda. She lived in Delhi and came to India around two years back on a student visa. A senior investigating officer said that they are investigating how the woman reached the spot where she was found in a semi-naked condition.

The possibility of sexual assault is yet to be confirmed and only a post-mortem report can reveal whether the victim was raped or not, he said. According to the police, they received information this morning that a woman's body was lying on the service road of the highway near IMT Manesar Chowk. A police team reached the spot and found the body in semi-naked condition and soaked in blood, a Gurugram police spokesperson said.

"We are scanning CCTV footage from nearby areas to ascertain if she was pushed from a moving vehicle or thrown off the flyover. We are probing all angles, including how she reached the spot and the circumstances leading to the incident. The postmortem of the body will be conducted soon," a senior police officer said. PTI

State youth shot dead in US after he tried to stop man from urinating outside store, says family

CHANDIGARH, SEPTEMBER 8

A 26-year-old man from a village in Haryana's Jind district was shot dead in California in the US allegedly by a local when he tried to stop him from urinating on the road outside the store where he worked, according to his family.

The head of Barah Kalan village in Jind, Suresh Kumar Gautam, said on Monday that the youth, Kapil, from his village, who had gone to the US nearly three years ago, was murdered on Saturday. "Kapil was shot dead by a resident when he tried to stop him from urinating in public," the village head said over the phone, quoting the victim's family. He said Kapil worked in the store's security in the US. "While Kapil was on duty, he saw a man urinating on the road outside the store where he worked and objected to it. The man had an argument with him and the accused then took out a gun and shot him dead. "Later, Kapil's family received information about the incident," he said. He said the family has been inconsolable ever since the tragic news came. PTI

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Haryana to draft comprehensive State Cooperation Policy

CHANDIGARH, SEPTEMBER 8

Haryana is set to draft its own State Cooperation Policy, marking a major step towards strengthening the cooperative movement in the state.

The decision was disclosed during a meeting of the State Cooperative Development Committee (SCDC) held under the chairmanship of Chief Secretary Anurag Rastogi, along with senior officers from the Ministry of Cooperation, Government of India, including Dr Ashish Kumar Bhutani, Secretary, Pankaj Kumar Bansal, Additional Chief Secretary, Siddharth Jain, Joint Secretary, and Kumar Ram Krishna, Director. According to a Haryana government statement, a committee for drafting the State Cooperation Policy will be constituted within a week.

The Department of Cooperation announced its plan to affiliate the Centre of Cooperative Management, Rohtak with Tribhuvan Sahkari University. This affiliation is expected to give a strong boost to cooperative education and capacity-building, enabling better training for members of cooperative institutions, the statement said

The draft policy will take into account the experiences of other states while addressing Haryana's unique requirements. It will provide a roadmap for expanding and modernising cooperative institutions, ensuring their effective role in rural development, credit, housing, and allied sectors. During the meeting, Chief Secretary Rastogi directed officials to diversify 34 Primary Agricultural Credit Society (PACS) across Haryana and adopt best practices from successful models in other states, ensuring the state's cooperative movement evolves as a benchmark for innovation and inclusivity nationwide. The Department of Cooperation announced its plan to affiliate the Centre of Cooperative Management, Rohtak with Tribhuvan Sahkari University. This affiliation is expected to give a strong boost to cooperative education and capacity-building, enabling better training for members of cooperative institutions, the statement said.

Registrar Cooperative Societies, Haryana, Rajesh Jogpal said Haryana has set forth an ambitious plan to establish new Multi-Purpose Cooperative Societies (M-PACS), Dairy Cooperative Societies (DCS), and Fishery Cooperative Societies (FCS) to ensure comprehensive coverage across all panchayats. PTI

HIMACHAL/J&K

HP govt puts on hold decision to withdraw higher pay grade to employees

SHIMLA, SEPTEMBER 8

Facing flak from employee unions and the opposition BJP, the Himachal Pradesh government on Monday "held in abeyance" the September 6 notification withdrawing higher pay grade to its employees. The notification affected about 14,000 employees of 89 categories who feared that they would suffer a loss of Rs 5,000 to 15,000 per month. Chief Minister Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu on Monday said that the notification to remove Rule 7A from the Himachal Pradesh Civil Services (Revised Pay) Rules, 2022, issued on September 6, 2025, shall be held in abeyance as the government was committed to safeguarding the interests of the employees and issuing such a notification was not justified. While making amendments in rules and regulations, humanitarian concerns must always be kept in mind, he stressed in a statement issued here.

The BJP had said that Himachal Pradesh has become the first state in the country where the Congress government has reduced employees' salaries and accused the party of cheating the people of the state. Earlier in the day, Secretariat employees' associations met the chief minister and requested him to withdraw the notification. Chief Minister Sukhu assured them that the present government was committed to safeguarding the interests of employees, an official statement said. A fresh notification was issued later in the day putting the earlier decision on hold. Sukhu said that soon after assuming office, the present government restored the Old Pension Scheme for its employees and provided them various financial benefits from time to time. Federation of Secretarial Employees Union Sanjeev Sharma said that the amendment in rules would affect about 14,000 employees, who would suffer a loss of between Rs 5,000 and 15,000 per month. He said that the issue was discussed in detail with other employee outfits, following which the unions met the chief minister and pleaded for withdrawing the notification regarding the amended rules.

When no order was issued for withdrawing the September 6 notification, the employees marched to the CM's official residence, where Sukhu addressed the employees and said that the notification had been stayed. State BJP general secretary and member of parliament Sikender Kumar expressed the hope that the notification that has been kept in abeyance "would never be implemented". Demanding withdrawal of the notification, he said, "One thing has become clear that the government is 'anti-employees' and had taken many decisions detrimental to the interests of the employees. PTI

1,200 houses damaged in recent floods, landslides in Kathua

JAMMU, SEPTEMBER 8



As many as 1200 houses have suffered damage due to heavy rain, landslides, and flash floods in Jammu and Kashmir's Kathua district, with relief operations underway to provide timely succour to calamity-affected households, officials said on Monday. "Approximately 1200 houses are partially or fully damaged across the district due to incessant rains and landslides in Kathua district," Deputy Commissioner Kathua Rajesh Sharma said.

Sharma, who supervised the operation of a relief distribution camp at the Ghatti area of the district, noted that the administration has already extended financial assistance to over 500 families under the State Disaster Response Fund (SDRF), with efforts ongoing to assist the remaining households. He also mentioned that machinery has been pressed into service to retrieve remains from damaged properties, enabling affected households to begin restoration where possible. Relief camps are being organised at the subdivision level, while parallel efforts are underway to restore road, power, and drinking water connectivity disrupted by rains and floods.

The deputy commissioner reiterated that early restoration of essential services, timely disbursement of relief assistance, and addressing public grievances remain top priorities of the administration. Families that suffered losses due to incessant rain and flash floods were provided relief material comprising dry rations, blankets, mattresses, and tents to ease their immediate difficulties. Interacting with locals, the deputy commissioner assured that the administration is afoot to reach out to all affected families, even in the remotest corners of the district, to provide immediate relief and support for rehabilitation under SDRF norms.

Additional Deputy Commissioner Vishavjeet Singh and other revenue officials were present at the camp, where they also engaged with affected families to understand their concerns. PTI

BJP accuses Himachal govt of not providing relief to disaster-affected families in Shimla

SHIMLA, SEPTEMBER 8

Himachal Pradesh BJP spokesperson Sandeepani Bhardwaj on Monday accused the state government of failing to provide relief to families affected by heavy rains in Kumarsain and its adjoining areas in the Shimla district, and demanded that the state government immediately provide relief to the affected families.

Bhardwaj, in a press statement, said that during his visit to Kumarsain, Odi, Barogi, Bagail, Chabishi, and Narkanda, along with the local BJP unit, he met several families whose houses had been destroyed by the natural disasters triggered by heavy rainfall. He alleged that despite assurances, the affected families have not received ration or rental accommodation support from the government. "Earlier, Chief Minister Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu had committed that families forced to rent houses would be provided with rental assistance, but till now officials have not implemented this. Instead, notices have been served to vacate unsafe houses, leaving people helpless," he said.

Bhardwaj further said that the state government's response has been limited to window dressing without providing real relief, and that local residents, not the administration, have so far extended help by supplying ration to affected families. He also criticised Kuldeep Singh Rathore, Congress MLA from Theog, and alleged that he only made a superficial visit and failed to provide any meaningful assistance. PTI

LG Sinha appeals for collective responsibility to protect 'Mother Earth' as J&K battles flood fury

JAMMU, SEPTEMBER 8

As Jammu and Kashmir is battling one of its worst natural disasters in recent times, J&K Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Monday emphasised collective responsibility to protect "Mother Earth" and the need to promote environmental awareness at all levels of society. "Our youth must drive development that meets societal needs without compromising ecosystems and optimise the use of resources through modern innovation.

We need to adopt a multi-dimensional approach to make the Earth better for future generations," the LG said while delivering a keynote address at the foundation day ceremony of the University of Jammu. "It is our shared responsibility to protect Mother Earth and promote the culture of environmental awareness at all levels of society," he said.

In recent weeks, the Jammu region has been hit by multiple rain-induced flash floods and landslides, which claimed scores of lives and wreaked havoc on crops and infrastructure. PTI

J&K AAP MLA Mehraj Malik's detention under PSA triggers political storm

JAMMU, SEPTEMBER 8

In a first-of-its-kind action, Jammu and Kashmir Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) leader and sitting MLA from Doda, Mehraj Malik, was detained on Monday under the stringent Public Safety Act (PSA).

The PSA, enacted in 1978 during Sheikh Mohammad Abdullah's tenure as Chief Minister, allows authorities to detain a person for up to two years without judicial intervention. Originally framed to tackle timber smuggling, the law has since been used against separatists and those considered a threat to public order in J&K. Malik is the first sitting legislator in the Union Territory to be booked under its provisions.

Malik, who won the 2024 J&K Assembly elections from Doda by defeating a BJP candidate with a margin of 4,538 votes, delivered AAP its maiden victory in the region.

His political career has been marked by frequent controversies -- ranging from abusive outbursts against officials and doctors to a recent viral video in which he threatened the Doda deputy commissioner. The latter incident led to an FIR being registered against him. IANS

NEWSBRIEFS

Five people killed in Jerusalem shooting attack

JERUSALEM: Five people were killed in the shooting attack at the Ramot Junction in Jerusalem on Monday, local media reported, citing first responders. Magen David Adom (MDA) ambulance service said that four victims had died on the spot, while the fifth victim died at a hospital a short while ago. According to the MDA, at least seven others were in serious condition, two were in moderate condition, and three were in light condition. The two terrorists who were responsible for the attack were shot by a soldier and a young Haredi man who was armed, The Times of Israel reported, citing Channel 12 reports. **IANS**

145 kg of drugs discovered, 10 detained in Northern Afghanistan

KABUL: The police have discovered 145 kg of illegal drugs in the northern region of Afghanistan and took into custody 10 alleged drug smugglers, a statement of the Ministry for Interior Affairs said on Monday. In the drive against illicit drugs, counter-narcotics police arrested three persons and discovered 106 kg of opium poppy and 32 kg of hashish in Kunduz province on Sunday. Another man with 4 kg of hashish was arrested in the neighboring Baghlan and six persons with 3 kg of illegal drugs were detained in Balkh province, the statement of the ministry posted on X said. **IANS**

South Korea: Ex-President Yoon absent from insurrection trial for 8th straight session

SEOUL: Former South Korean President Yoon Suk Yeol was absent from his insurrection trial for the eighth consecutive session Monday, prompting the court to proceed without him. Yoon has declined to appear at the trial at the Seoul Central District Court since his second arrest on July 10 on charges related to his failed attempt to impose martial law, citing health issues. The bench said Monday it would continue with the proceedings in his absence, noting that the Seoul Detention Center where Yoon is held reported it was impossible to bring him in by force. Yoon has been standing trial on charges of leading an insurrection and abusing his power through his failed martial law bid in December. **IANS**

Ganesh festival organised in Fiji, hundreds join in to celebrate

SUVA: Ganesh Visarjan was celebrated with zeal in Fiji as several people joined the grand festivities held in the Capital city, Suva. Indian High Commissioner to Fiji, Suneet Mehta, also participated in the vibrant cultural celebrations hosted by the Fiji Sevashram Sangh on the occasion, highlighting the shared cultural heritage and strong ties between India and Fiji. According to the Indian High Commission, Mehta joined the celebrations alongside Deputy Prime Minister of Fiji Biman Prasad, celebrating the spirit of devotion, unity, and tradition. Additionally, the Indian High Commissioner, as a Chief Guest at an award night held during the event, honoured noted personalities Kalashree Sidhorna Rao, Mohenesh Singh, and Indu Chandra for their remarkable contributions to culture, service, and education in Fiji. **IANS**

Trump indicates readiness for next phase of sanctions against Russia

NEW YORK, SEPTEMBER 8



US President Donald Trump has signaled his readiness to escalate sanctions against Russia amid continued Russian defiance over the Ukraine war, but he did not specify what those measures would be as he confronts Moscow's intransigence in ending the conflict.

Asked by a reporter on Sunday in Washington if he was ready to move the second phase of sanctions, he said, "Yeah, I am".

The terse reply gave no inkling of what – or who -- he had in mind, but when a reporter asked him in mid-August about China, which had been spared punitive tariffs for buying Russian oil, he said, "I may have to think about it in two weeks or three weeks or something might have to "in two or three weeks."

He had, on the other hand, singled out India for the oil sanctions and imposed a 25 per cent punitive tariff.

It's been more than three weeks since Trump had his summit with Russia's President Vladimir Putin for his peace diplomacy to end the Ukraine War.

Although he pitched high hopes, a meeting between Putin and Ukraine's President Volodymyr Zelensky has yet to take place, and Russia has increased its attacks on that country.

White House National Economic Council Director Kevin Hassett said that following the heightened Russian attacks, "I'm sure that there's going to be a lot of talk today and tomorrow about the level of sanctions and the timing of sanctions".

Asked by a CBS News interviewer about the timing of any new sanctions, he said, "It's up to the president in the end. But yes, it's a very disappointing set of affairs".

Treasury Secretary Scott Bessent pointed to a possible way of increasing sanctions on Russian oil buyers by getting the European Union (EU) to join the US in putting secondary sanctions to force Moscow to negotiate. **IANS**

President Trump's US Open visit sparks boos, long security lines

NEW YORK, SEPTEMBER 8

President Donald Trump attended the US Open on Sunday where he was booed by the crowd at the men's final clash, which was delayed due to the extra security associated with his visit. The final still featured long lines of attendees waiting to get in when play began.

Wearing a suit and long, red tie, Trump briefly emerged from his suite about 45 minutes before the match started and heard a mix of boos and cheers from an Arthur Ashe stadium, which was still mostly empty. No announcement proceeded his appearance, and it was brief enough that some in the crowd who were there missed it. **AGENCIES**

Israel weighing US ceasefire proposal tied to hostage release, official says

JERUSALEM, SEPTEMBER 8



Israel is "seriously considering" a US proposal for a ceasefire in Gaza that would also secure the release of Israeli hostages, an Israeli official said.

The official, who spoke on condition of anonymity, on Sunday, said the plan was delivered to Hamas over the weekend and described it as "President Donald Trump's proposal," Xinhua news agency reported.

Israel's Channel 12 reported that under the plan, Israel would cancel its offensive to capture Gaza City. All 48 hostages still held in Gaza -- including about 20 believed to be alive -- would be freed on the first day of the truce in exchange for thousands of Palestinian prisoners. Negotiations to end the war would then begin under Trump's mediation, with the ceasefire in place while talks continue.

Hamas said in a statement late on Sunday that it had received several US proposals and was ready to "immediately sit at the negotiating table" to discuss the release of all captives in return for "a clear declaration ending the war, full withdrawal from Gaza, and the formation of a committee to govern the Gaza Strip with independent Palestinians assuming their duties immediately."

The Hostages and Missing Families Forum, representing relatives of those held in Gaza, urged Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu to back the deal. "We call on the Israeli government to announce its unconditional support for the emerging agreement," the group said. Netanyahu has not responded to mediators' earlier proposal for a partial deal that Hamas approved last month.

Writing on his Truth Social platform, Trump said: "The Israelis have accepted my terms. It is time for Hamas to accept as well," warning that refusal would bring consequences. Israel resumed military operations in Gaza on March 18. At least 11,911 Palestinians have been killed and 50,735 wounded since then, bringing the total death toll since October 2023 to 64,455, with 162,776 injured, Gaza health authorities said on Sunday. **IANS**

Typhoon Tapah makes landfall in China

GUANGZHOU, SEPTEMBER 8



Tapah, the 16th typhoon of this year, made landfall in south China's Guangdong Province on Monday morning, forcing school closures and the evacuation of tens of thousands of residents.

The typhoon, with maximum winds of up to 30 metres per second near its centre, churned ashore in Taishan, a county-level city in Jiangmen City, at around 8:50 a.m., according to the provincial meteorological observatory.

Classes were suspended for about 120,000 students at 182 schools and kindergartens in Taishan, while more than 41,000 people across Jiangmen were evacuated to safer areas.

Jiangmen's maritime bureau said it had deployed in advance 43 volunteer sea rescue teams and 30 vessels to handle possible emergencies. More than 3,300 emergency personnel are on standby in Taishan.

In neighbouring Yangjiang City, authorities opened emergency shelters on Monday for local residents.

Affected by the typhoon, parts of Guangdong saw heavy rain and strong winds on Monday. Meteorological authorities forecast that Tapah will continue moving northwest at about 20 km per hour and gradually weaken, Xinhua news agency reported.

Earlier in the day, the Hong Kong Observatory had said it would maintain its No. 8 Southeast Gale or Storm Signal until at least 1 p.m. Monday due to Typhoon Tapah.

The observatory had first issued the No. 8 signal, the third-highest warning under Hong Kong's five-tier typhoon warning system, on Sunday evening.

Airport Authority Hong Kong expects around 100 flights to be cancelled on Monday. Amusement parks and clinics are closed under the influence of Tapah.

The Hong Kong Special Administrative Region government has taken precautions such as preparing flood barriers and having emergency response teams on call.

The observatory said Tapah is moving inland after making landfall in Guangdong Province and is further away from Hong Kong. While wind power will diminish gradually, Hong Kong should still prepare for rainstorms and big waves on Monday. **IANS**

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SEOUL, SEPTEMBER 8



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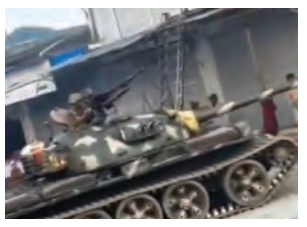
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South Korean President Lee Jae Myung visited Tokyo in late August for his second talks with Ishiba, where the two leaders agreed to strengthen cooperation.

But tensions remain as Seoul recently decided to boycott Japan's upcoming ceremony marking the Sado mine linked to the wartime forced labor of Koreans, citing Tokyo's lack of sincerity in honoring the victims, Yonhap news agency reported. **IANS**

Baloch rights body says 3 extrajudicially killed by Pakistan-backed death squads

QUETTA, SEPTEMBER 8



At least three Baloch civilians were killed by death squads backed by the Pakistan army, which continue to target students, activists, and political opponents throughout Balochistan, according to a leading human rights organisation.

Condemning the extrajudicial killings, Paank, the Baloch National Movement's Human Rights Department, mentioned that Mulla Bahram Baloch and Izhar Mujeeb were shot dead on Saturday morning in the Mand area of Balochistan, while Jalal Baloch was fatally shot the same evening in the Gomazi region.

These attacks were carried out by the Pakistan Army-backed death squads, it added.

"Such acts appear to be part of a broader campaign of enforced disappearances, arbitrary killings, and systematic repression that may amount to crimes against humanity, contributing to the ongoing crisis in Balochistan," the rights body stated.

Paank urged the Pakistani authorities to immediately conduct independent, impartial investigations into these killings, hold those responsible accountable, and ensure the protection of vulnerable communities.

The rights body called on the international community, including the United Nations and human rights organisations, to urgently intervene, monitor the situation, and press for an end to the "systematic genocide and human rights violations" in Balochistan. **IANS**

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Flights resume at Israel's Ramon Airport after Houthi drone strike

JERUSALEM, SEPTEMBER 8



Flights at Ramon Airport in southern Israel resumed afternoon after operations were briefly suspended when a drone launched by the Houthis group in Yemen struck the arrivals hall, the Israel Airports Authority said.

"After less than two hours of suspended operations, Ramon Airport has resumed full activity," an authority spokesperson said. "Following a situation assessment and safety and security checks, approval was granted to resume takeoffs and landings."

The first departing flight after the incident, operated by Arkia Israeli Airlines, left Ramon for Ben Gurion Airport outside Tel Aviv, Xinhua news agency reported.

Israel's Magen David Adom rescue service said at least two people were lightly injured and evacuated to a hospital in the nearby resort city of Eilat.

Departures and landings were halted for about two hours as the Israeli military said it was probing the drone strike, which it said was launched from Yemen.

The Israeli military said in a statement posted on Telegram that the drone was detected by Israeli Air Force systems but was not classified as a hostile drone. Accordingly, the interception and alert systems were not activated. Yemen's Iran-aligned Houthis claimed responsibility for attacking Ramon Airport with the drone, Houthi military spokesperson Yahya Saree said in a televised statement.

The Iran-backed Houthis in Yemen has been launching long-range missiles and drones targeting Israel, claiming the attacks are acts of solidarity with the Palestinian cause. **IANS**

Yudh Abhyas 2025: Indian, US soldiers conduct live drills in Alaska to boost defence ties

WASHINGTON, SEPTEMBER 8

Reinforcing the growing defence cooperation between India and the US, the armies from both countries conducted live drills at Fort Wainwright in Alaska as part of the 21st edition of the India–US Joint Military Exercise 'Yudh Abhyas 2025'.

Last week, the 21st edition of Yudh Abhyas commenced with a grand opening ceremony at Fort Wainwright in Alaska. This will continue till September 14.

"In Fort Wainwright, Alaska, Indian Army and US Army warriors conducted live fire drills today," the Embassy of India in Washington posted on X on Monday (India time).

As part of this exercise, a total of 450 soldiers from each side are taking part in field and command post exercises while also engaging with subject-matter experts (SMEs) to further strengthen operational synergy.

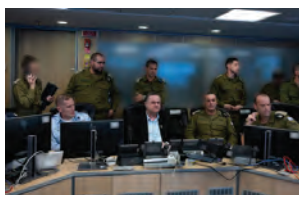
According to the Indian Embassy, recently, during the field training component of the exercise, soldiers from the Indian army and the US army rehearsed various battle drills together.

The Indian Army contingent, comprising 450 personnel led by a battalion of the Madras Regiment, arrived in Fairbanks on August 31.

They are training alongside US soldiers from the 1st Battalion, 5th Infantry Regiment ("Bobcats"), part of the 1st Infantry Brigade Combat Team (Arctic Wolves), 11th Airborne Division. **IANS**

Israel warns 'powerful hurricane' will strike skies of Gaza City

JERUSALEM, SEPTEMBER 8



Israeli Defence Minister Israel Katz on Monday warned that a "powerful hurricane" will strike the skies of Gaza City later in the day, making it clear that it was a "final warning" to Hamas to release the hostages and lay down their weapons.

Katz stated that Israel Defence Forces (IDF) was preparing to expand the maneuver in order to defeat the Hamas terrorists in Gaza.

"Today a huge hurricane will hit the skies of Gaza City and the roofs of the terror towers will shake.This is a final warning to the Hamas murderers and rapists in Gaza and in luxury hotels abroad: Release the hostages and lay down your weapons - or Gaza will be destroyed and you will be destroyed. The IDF is continuing as planned - and is preparing to expand the maneuver to overwhelm Gaza," Katz stated in a post on X.

Katz's statement comes as Israel plans to conduct a major offensive to take over Gaza City in the northern Strip, a city where million residents were sheltering before the latest evacuations, The Times of Israel reported.

On Sunday, Israel Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu said that more than 100,000 people have left the region so far. In recent days, the IDF has been carrying out strikes at one Gaza high-rise each day following evacuation warnings, asserting that Hamas terror group was using the buildings. The strikes have also been intercepted as part of an effort to motivate people to leave the city before the takeover operation.

For the third time in many days, the IDF on Sunday carried out a strike at high-rise residential building in Gaza City, which it said was used by Hamas, The Times of Israel reported. The strikes were conducted after issuing several warnings to people in the area to evacuate. **IANS**

lifestyle

Sunny gorges on 'spicy' sandwiches made out of chips



Bollywood actress Sunny Leone ditched the calories as she shared a video enjoying lip smacking spicy chip-filled sandwiches. Sunny took to Instagram, where she shared a video of her and her team making sandwiches in the vanity van with bread, ketchup, chips and black salt.

In the video, Sunny can be seen asking her team member Rajani about what he's making.

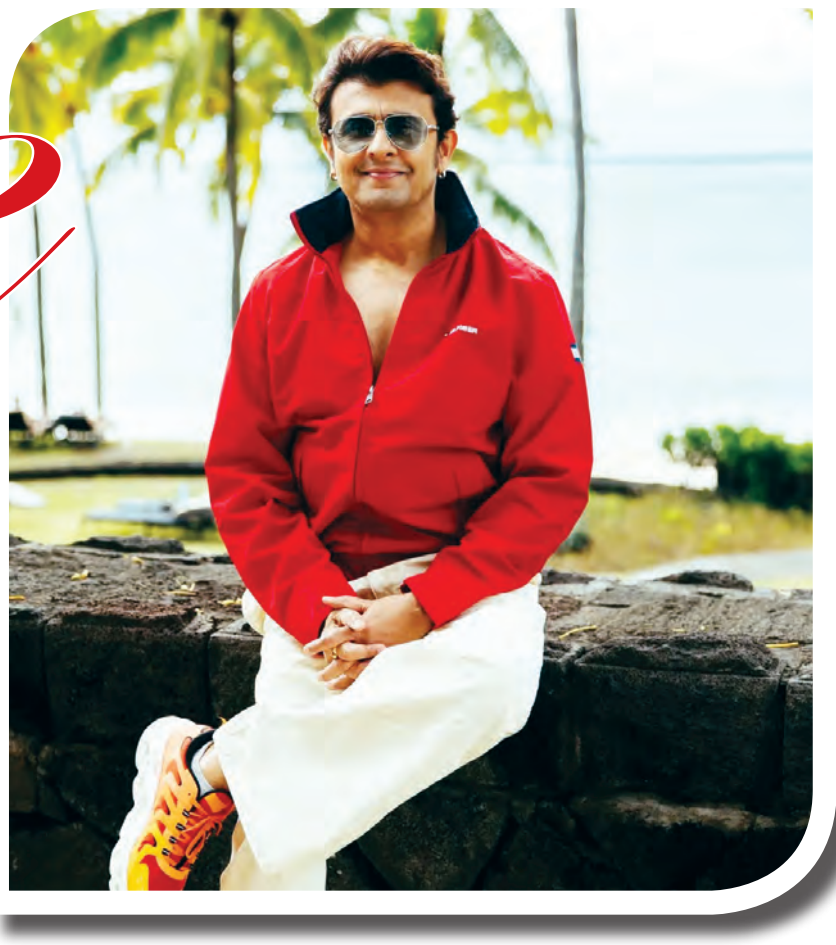
In the clip, Sunny is heard asking: "What are you making Rajani?" To which, the team person responds: "Sandwiches." Sunny then goes on to ask more questions: "What are you making? What is this even? What's this creation of yours? Here it is. This is a Rajani sandwich... Rajani sandwich." The actress takes a bite and is then heard saying: "Oh, it's burning."

For the caption, she wrote: "Rajani sandwich #sunnyleone." Earlier the actress on August 29 had shared a video celebrating Ganeshotsav with her children. She also revealed that she did not grow up celebrating Ganesh Chaturthi but the festival has been one of her favourites since coming to India. Sunny took to Instagram, where she shared a video of painting a Lord Ganesh idol with her three children Nisha, Noah and Asher.

She revealed: "Even though I did not grow up celebrating this festival, it is truly one of my favorites since coming to India. This moment I have with my children is truly priceless. Where the belief in God and all the higher powers around us to show so much love and community is so precious." The actress said she will never forget this moment.

"This is a moment in time I will never forget @nishakweber @ashersweber11@ noahsinghweber11 @thedanielweber my babies!!," she concluded the post.

On the work front, Sunny was seen in Himesh Reshammiya's "Badass Ravi Kumar" directed by Keith Gomes in his feature film directorial debut. The film is a spin-off of the 2014 film The Xposé and serves as the second installment in The Xposé Universe, with Himesh Reshammiya reprising his role as Ravi Kumar in the lead. **IANS**



Sonu Nigam to recreate the iconic track 'Chalo Bulawa Aaya Hai'

Who among us is not familiar with the popular devotional track "Chalo Bulawa Aaya Hai". Now, singer Sonu Nigam is reported to recreate the iconic track for the forthcoming Sony TV's show, "Chalo Bulawa Aaya Hai."

A source close to the development said, "Sonu Nigam will be recreating the most Iconic song Chalo Bulawa Aaya Hai for Sony TV's upcoming show, which talks about Hope and Belief. Finally, after a few decades we are back at our own grass root stories and mythology".

"Chalo Bulawa Aaya Hai" traces the journey of 8-year-old Maniki Singh Lodhi from a village of Bundelkhand (Jhansi), whose father, Sagar Singh Lodhi, an army officer, goes missing at the border. Refusing to believe he's gone, Maniki's unshakable faith in Maa Vaishno Devi drives her to journey to Katra, seeking divine intervention.

The mythological show will see Payoja Srivastava essaying the lead role of Maniki Singh Lodhi, with Avinesh Rekhi as father Sagar Singh Lodhi, Alyea Ghosh as mother Anandi Sagar Lodhi, Puneet Vashisht as the antagonist Ravindra Vijayvargiya / Bairagi and Shruti Choudhary as the teacher and the divine power.

The forthcoming drama is being backed by Siddharth Kumar Tewary's Swastik Productions banner. Shifting our focus back to Nigam, last week he was seen unleashing the '90s swag with actor Varun Dhawan on the "Bijuria" track from the highly anticipated flick, "Sunny Sanskari Ki Tulsi Kumari". The singer posted an Instagram Reel with Varun in which both were seen grooving to the "Bijuria" song, setting the internet ablaze with their energetic hookstep. **IANS**

Mila Kunis reveals why she feared working with Daniel Craig



Actress Mila Kunis revealed that she feared working with Hollywood star Daniel Craig could "go either way" after they teamed up for their upcoming movie "Wake Up Dead Man: A Knives Out Mystery."

The two teamed up for Rian Johnson's new movie "Wake Up Dead Man: A Knives Out Mystery" and Kunis shared she had high hopes for her onscreen partnership with the former James Bond star because his wife Rachel Weisz is "such a wonderful human".

"I was like: 'There's no way that (Craig) won't be a wonderful person to work with ... (But on day one I thought) 'This could go either which way. This is going to be a really lovely production, or we're going to be in our own (bubbles, and) it's going to be fine'," She told people.com.

"I would say within the first two hours, Daniel set the greatest tone for not only the cast, but also the crew," Kunis said.

The actress went on to share that Craig soon showed her the production was going to be "lovely".

She went on to say: "When you step onto the set every morning, it's just like a lovely: 'We've got this, we're going to have fun, we're going to do it, we're going to work hard, but we're going to respect one another'. And it was every single day the same. And he's (Craig) got a lot to do. I mean, he is in everything. And there's monologue after monologue.

"And this man was capable of staying sharp and being so professional, and knew exactly how to toe the line of having fun with people."

"Wake Up Dead Man: A Knives Out Mystery" is directed by Rian Johnson. It is a standalone sequel to Glass Onion: A Knives Out Mystery and the third installment overall in the Knives Out film series.

It stars Daniel Craig, who reprises his role as master detective Benoit Blanc. **IANS**

'The Ba***ds of Bollywood' trailer is Aryan Khan's wild & witty love letter to Bollywood



As Aryan Khan's directorial debut, "The Ba***ds of Bollywood" gears up to release on Netflix on September 18, the makers have unveiled an engaging trailer from the much-awaited show.

"The Ba***ds of Bollywood" primarily revolves around Aasmaan Singh (Played by Lakshya), an ambitious newcomer with the dream to make it big in Bollywood. With his loyal best friend Parvaiz (Played by Raghav Juyal), sharp-tongued manager Sanya (Played by Anya Singh), and his ever-supportive family by his side — his uncle Avtar (Played Manoj Pahwa), mother Neeta Singh (Played by Mona Singh), and father Rajat Singh (Played by Vijayant Kohli) — Aasmaan makes his way into the world full of glitter and grit.

However, Aasmaan soon realizes that his dreams come at a cost, as he finds himself up against his biggest challenge yet — he is cast opposite superstar Ajay Talvar's (Played by Bobby Deol) daughter, newcomer Karishma (Played by Sahher Bambba). With the shrewd producer Freddy Sodawallah (Played by Manish Chaudhari) and Jaraj Saxena (Played by Rajat Bedi), a yesteryear actor desperate for a comeback in the picture, the situation makes for an irresistible spectacle of Hindi cinema.

The trailer further brings the cameo coup for the ages — the three Khans coming together for the first time, along with Ranveer Singh, Sara Ali Khan, SS Rajamouli, Badshah, and Disha Patani also making an appearance. The songs of "The Ba***ds of Bollywood" in collaboration with T-Series enhance the entire cinematic experience.

The album has been composed by Shashwat Sachdev, with Anirudh Ravichander and Ujwal Gupta on board as the guest composers. The first song from "The Ba***ds of Bollywood", titled "Badli Si Hawa Hai," composed by Anirudh Ravichander and crooned by Arijit Singh and Amira Gill, has already struck a chord with the audience. **IANS**

Asha Bhosale turns 92; granddaughter Zanai asks, "92 or 29?!"

Bollywood living legend Asha Bhosle turned 92 on the 8th of September, and her fans have taken to their social media accounts in wishing the music legend a happy birthday. Asha Bhosale's granddaughter, Zanai Bhosale, who calls herself her grandmother's biggest fan, took to her social media in wishing Asha Bhosale a happy birthday.

"Happy birthday to meri choti si asha!! #92 or #29?? "Hmm?" wrote Zanai. As soon as Zanai shared the beautiful post, Asha Bhosale's fans flooded to the comments section to wish the legend on her special day. Bollywood ace singer Udit Narayan also took to his social media account in wishing Asha Bhosale.

He shared a beautiful picture of himself standing right next to Asha Bhosale and captioned it, "Happy Birthday Asha Bhosle ji (Didi)." Actress Kajol also took to her social media account and wrote, "#Throwback to this night, October 2014! And guess who is still looking as good and working and performing at 92? No, it's not #SaifAliKhan and me. .. Wishing this awesome legend an amazing year ahead! Had to be a post! Love you, Ashatai @asha.bhosle." Marathi star Mrinal Kulkarni appreciating Asha Bhosale's 92 years wrote, "92 years of passion, fight and resilience... Respect Love Unlimited!!!"

The living legend Asha Bhosale, not many know, has had a rough and tough life and has seen many ups and downs in life, facing each of them with utmost gumption and grit. For the uninitiated, Bhosale began her singing career at the age of 10 in the Marathi film industry. She holds a Guinness World Record for recording the most studio tracks by a playback singer, with over 12000 songs in over 20 languages. On her 90th birthday, Asha Bhosale performed at a grand concert where she sang her hit songs for hours and owned the stage like a boss with a lot of energy and zeal, inspiring millions. **IANS**



NEWSBRIEFS

Magician OP Sharma Jr.'s spectacular show 'Mayajaal' enters its final week in Chandigarh

CHANDIGARH: The spell-binding magic show Mayajaal by renowned magician OP Sharma Jr. has entered its final week of performances at Neelam Theatre, Sector 17, Chandigarh. The show, which has been captivating audiences of all ages with its breathtaking illusions, will conclude on September 14, 2025. The performance schedule includes two shows daily at 4:00 PM and 7:00 PM on weekdays. On Saturdays, three shows will be staged, and on the grand finale day (September 14), audiences can enjoy four back-to-back shows. Magician OP Sharma Jr. expressed his gratitude for the overwhelming love and support from the residents of the Tricity. "The response from Chandigarh, Panchkula, and Mohali has been phenomenal. We are humbled by the appreciation we have received from audiences across all age groups," he said. **BPE**

Nissan extends full GST advantage to customers; prices reduce up to ₹1 lakh

CHANDIGARH: Nissan Motor India Pvt. Ltd. (NMIPL) welcomed the new GST rates announced by the Government of India and stated that the reduction will boost consumer confidence during the upcoming festive season, a crucial period for the automotive industry. As part of Nissan's commitment to customer satisfaction and transparency, Nissan Motor India will ensure that the full advantage of this reduction is passed on to our customers. Nissan believes this move will not only stimulate retail demand but also contribute to the overall revival of the automotive sector. The festive season traditionally drives strong sales momentum, and with this supportive policy in place, the company optimistic about an uptick in customer engagement and stronger market activity. **BPE**

OnePlus Nord Buds 3r sets a new standard for battery performance with an astounding 54-hour total playtime

CHANDIGARH: Global technology brand OnePlus has recently unveiled the OnePlus Nord Buds 3r, its latest generation of entry-level true wireless earbuds. Starting today, the newly launched TWS earbuds are available for open sale at a special launch price of Rs 1,599. With exceptional battery life, immersive sound, dual-connectivity, and Google Fast Pair, the OnePlus Nord Buds 3r is designed to keep up with your dynamic lifestyle. **BPE**

SEBI issues revised settlement dates for equity, derivatives segments

MUMBAI: The Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) on Monday announced revised settlement schedules for the equity and derivatives segments in view of settlement holidays declared on September 5 and 8, 2025, by clearing corporations. The holidays, observed on the occasion of Id-E-Milad, mark the birth anniversary of Prophet Muhammad. While trading on stock exchanges will remain open, no clearing or settlement will take place on these dates as depositories NSDL and CDSL will remain shut. **IANS**

Piyush Goyal urges exporters to prioritise local supply chains

NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 8



Commerce and Industry Minister Piyush Goyal on Monday urged exporters to give priority to local supply chains to strengthen India's economic security amid global trade uncertainties that can disrupt domestic production schedules.

"We have recently seen whenever any nation limits or puts export controls, then it impacts our exporters and industry. This is why Atmanirbhar Bharat is the key," Goyal said in his address at the platinum jubilee celebration of the Engineering Exports Promotion Council (EEPC).

Goyal's advice came in the backdrop of China's restrictions on the export of rare earth magnets which have disrupted the production schedules India's automobile and electronics manufacturing.

The minister also urged the industry to pass on to consumers the entire benefit of the reduction in the Goods and Services Tax (GST) announced by the government. He also highlighted that steps to simplify the indirect tax system and reduce rates would lead to an increase in domestic demand, which would spur economic growth. India's economy grew 7.8 per cent in the first quarter of 2025-26, surpassing market estimates, driven by buoyant growth in the services sector.

Goyal has assured Indian exporters that the government is actively engaged in creating an enabling environment to help them navigate the challenges arising from rising trade tariffs.

Speaking at the event, Minister of State for Commerce and Industry, Jitin Prasada, said the Indian exporters must also adopt new technologies and sustainable practices, and expressed confidence that businesses will be able to tackle the present uncertainties. "The global environment is not without challenges. Geopolitical tensions and the rising protectionism in some regions pose uncertainties, but I am confident our exporters will rise to the occasion with innovation and resilience," Prasada added. **IANS**

Engineering exports to grow further with bigger goals, greater strength: Piyush Goyal

The engineering exports, which were at $10 million in 1995, stand at $116 billion today and with time, the engineering sector will grow further with bigger goals and greater strength, Union Minister of Commerce and Industry, Piyush Goyal, said on Monday. Speaking at an EEPC India event here, the minister said India's strength relies on trade and the MSME sector, which form the backbone of the country's businesses, and the country has the strength to overcome any crisis. The minister said that he has full confidence that India, with the motto of "Zero Defect, Zero Effect," will grow bigger.

India-EU free trade talks gather pace as year-end deadline looms

NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 8



The India-EU free trade agreement (FTA) negotiations started here on Monday as the two sides aim to conclude the talks before the year-end deadline amid the US tariff turmoil that has created uncertainties in world trade, according to official sources.

The outcome of this round of negotiations will be crucial in determining the next steps, as both sides weigh the possibility of breaking the deadlock on unresolved issues.

Following the negotiating round, Commerce and Industry Minister Piyush Goyal will also hold talks with Maros Sefcovic, Commissioner of the European Commission for Trade and Economic Security, who will also be in India on September 12.

The negotiations have gathered further momentum after trade talks figured in a phone call on September 4 between Prime Minister Narendra Modi and European Council President Antonio Costa, and European Commission President Ursula von der Leyen. The EU leaders pushed for concluding the negotiations by the end of the year.

Both the 13th and 14th rounds of talks, to be held in Brussels from October 8, will focus on more substantial issues such as technical barriers to trade, sanitary and phytosanitary issues, market access, rules of origin, and public procurements. The two sides have also made progress in evaluating each other's offers on services and investments, which were exchanged in July.

India has made it clear that agricultural and dairy products are a livelihood issue for the country's farmers and have to be kept out of the free trade pact, and the EU, on its part, is seeking access to the Indian market for automobiles and alcoholic beverages.

Meanwhile, India also stands ready to engage with the US for a mutually beneficial multi-sector bilateral trade agreement in which the country's core interests in sensitive sectors like dairy, agriculture, fisheries and MSMEs will be protected, official sources said.

India remains committed to increasing the two-way trade, keeping the interests of these sectors in mind and is looking for a fair, equitable, balanced trade with reciprocity, sources said.

India and Qatar may also conclude the terms of reference for their bilateral FTA early next month. Commerce Minister Piyush Goyal may visit Qatar in the first week of October if terms of reference for the FTA are finalised, sources said. **IANS**

Home-cooked thalis get 7-8 pc cheaper in Aug over benign commodity prices

NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 8



The price of home-cooked vegetarian and non-vegetarian thalis declined 7 per cent and 8 per cent in August (year-on-year), respectively, amid benign commodity prices in India, a report showed on Monday.

The decline in the cost of vegetarian thali was led by a sharp drop in prices of onion, potato and pulses, according to Crisil Intelligence.

Prices of potato and onion declined 31 per cent and 37 per cent on-year, respectively, on a high base. In the year-ago period, potato production had shrunk 5-7 per cent due to blight infestation and weather changes, pushing up the prices.

This year, the production is estimated to be 3-5 per cent higher. For onion, an 18-20 per cent rise in annual production has led to a fall in prices this year.

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

"For potato and onion, the fall in prices was on a high base, while prices of pulses moderated amid higher production. However, an increase in tomato and vegetable oil prices limited the extent of the overall decline in thali costs," said Pushan Sharma, Director, Crisil Intelligence.

In the near term, thali prices are likely to remain lower on-year, aided by the high base of vegetables and pulses.

The government's decision to allow free imports of yellow pea and black gram is expected to exert downward pressure on pulse prices, Sharma added. The decline in the cost of non-vegetarian thali was driven by 10 per cent on-year drop in broiler prices, which make up about 50 per cent of the cost. Lower vegetable and pulses prices also supported.

The average cost of preparing a thali at home is calculated based on input prices prevailing in north, south, east and west India. The monthly change reflects the impact on the common man's expenditure. **IANS**

IESA hails GST reforms on batteries, seeks relief on EV parts, charging services

NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 8

Industry body India Energy Storage Alliance (IESA) on Saturday welcomed the new GST 2.0 regime that rationalised tax rates on advanced batteries but requested the government to consider lowering tax on EV parts from 18–28 per cent slabs to a 5 per cent slab.

Under the revised GST structure, all batteries, including lithium-ion, sodium-ion, flow, and metal-air chemistries, will now be taxed at a uniform 18 per cent. This replaces the earlier regime where lithium-ion batteries attracted 18 per cent GST, while other chemistries were levied 28 per cent.

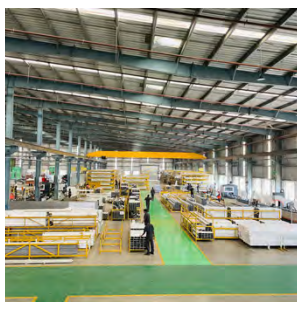
The IESA welcomed this move as a "landmark step" that provides a level playing field for non-lithium technologies and encourages innovation in long-duration energy storage.

"However, a few major recommendations remain pending and are under active consideration. The request to reduce GST on parts used in the manufacture of electric vehicles from 18 per cent or 28 per cent to 5 per cent remains under review, as the Fitment Committee cited concerns regarding an inverted duty structure," the industry body said in a release.

IESA President Debmalya Sen said: "For the Clean Hydrogen ecosystem, Ammonia GST has been reduced from 18 per cent to 5 per cent, and hydrogen fuel cell vehicles, not longer than 4m, GST from 12 per cent to 5 per cent. While the IESA had passed on other recommendations too, we are delighted that some of our recommendations were considered." **IANS**

IPO-bound Glass Wall Systems' revenue drops 13 pc in FY25, DRHP shows

MUMBAI, SEPTEMBER 8



Premium facade and fenestration solutions provider Glass Wall Systems (India) Limited which filed its Draft Red Herring Prospectus (DRHP) with SEBI for an Initial Public Offering (IPO), reported a 13 per cent fall in revenue for the year ended March 31.

Mumbai-based company's revenue from operations stood at Rs 244.7 crore in FY25, compared to Rs 282.1 crore in FY24, according to its DRHP.

However, its restated profit for the year jumped sharply to Rs 43.8 crore, compared to Rs 11.9 crore in the previous year, supported by lower expenses.

In FY25, the company generated Rs 114.7 crore in revenue from overseas operations, a significant jump from Rs 15.6 crore in FY23.

As of August 31, it had a domestic order book worth Rs 421.9 crore, international orders worth Rs 135.4 crore, and Rs 67.3 crore in orders for its fenestration business under Yes Systems.

The IPO will consist of a fresh issue of shares worth up to Rs 60 crore and an offer-for-sale (OFS) of up to 40,234,552 shares by promoters Jawahar Hariram Hemrajani, Eshan Jawahar Hemrajani, Amit Jawahar Hemrajani and Vinne Jawahar Hemrajani, along with investors India Business Excellence Fund IIA and Vistra ITCL (India) Limited.

A portion of the issue will be reserved for employees, with a discount offered in that category. **IANS**

Lexus India slashes car prices by up to ₹20.8 lakh over GST rate cut

NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 8

Lexus India on Monday announced big price cuts across all its models after the recent reduction in GST rates.

The new prices will come into effect from September 22, just in time for the festive season.

With this move, the luxury carmaker is passing on the full benefit of the tax cut to its customers, making its cars more affordable.

The Japanese luxury brand has slashed prices by amounts ranging from just over Rs 1 lakh to as much as Rs 20.8 lakh, depending on the model.

The entry-level ES 300h sedan is now cheaper by up to Rs 1.47 lakh, while the popular NX 350h SUV sees a price drop of up to Rs 1.58 lakh.

In the RX range, the RX 350h is lower by up to Rs 2.1 lakh and the RX 500h by Rs 2.58 lakh.

Larger luxury vehicles also come with major reductions. The LM 350h now offers savings of up to Rs 5.77 lakh, while the flagship LX 500d SUV has become more attractive with a massive cut of up to Rs 20.8 lakh.

This makes it one of the biggest price adjustments in India's luxury car segment following the GST 2.0 rollout.

Commenting on the announcement, Hikaru Ikeuchi, President of Lexus India, said the company is delighted to pass on the full benefit of the reform to its customers.

"This initiative enhances accessibility and instils greater confidence in the luxury mobility space," he noted. **IANS**

Sensex ends 70 points higher, Nifty nears 24,800

MUMBAI, SEPTEMBER 8

The Indian equity indices ended the session slightly up on Monday, amid buying in auto and metal stocks. The domestic indices soared high in the early trade, boosted by the GST reforms announcement, optimism around the ease in India-US relationship, and the rate cut announced by major Indian automakers.

However, the indices lost most of their gains in the last trading hours due to a sell-off in IT heavyweights and profit booking.

Sensex closed at 80,787.30, up 76.54 points or 0.09 per cent. The 30-share index opened the session with a decent gap-up at 80,904.40 against the last session's closing of 80,710.76, buoyed by GST rationalisation and bullish momentum in auto and metal stocks. The index jumped around 400 points to hit an intraday high at 81,171.38.

Nifty settled the session at 24,773.15, up 32.15 points or 0.13 per cent. "The domestic market failed to sustain its early gains as a late-session sell-off reflected the prevailing 'buy-on-dips, sell-on-rallies' strategy, highlighting investor caution," said Vinod Nair, Head of Research, Geojit Investments Limited.

Auto and ancillary stocks continued to rally on expectations of demand recovery following GST rate cuts, while IT remained weak amid global uncertainties. Globally, sentiment improved after soft US jobs data raised hopes of a Fed rate cut in September, Nair added.

Tata Motors, Mahindra and Mahindra, Adani Airports, Bajaj FinServ, Ultratech Cement, Tata Steel, HDFC Bank and BEL were the top gainers from the Sensex basket. While Trent, Asian Paints, HCL Tech, Tech Mahindra, PowerGrid, TCS, Sun Pharma, L&T, NTPC and Bharti Airtel settled lower. **IANS**

SpiceJet's stock falls over 5 pc over weak Q1 results

MUMBAI, SEPTEMBER 8



SpiceJet shares fell more than 5 per cent in intra-day trade on Monday, after the airline posted weak earnings for the first quarter of the financial year 2025-26 (Q1 FY26).

The budget carrier slipped into losses during the April-June quarter, reporting a consolidated net loss of Rs 234 crore. On a standalone basis, the airline reported a net loss of Rs 235.08 crore.

This is a sharp reversal from the net profit of Rs 158.18 crore it had posted in the same quarter previous year.

SpiceJet's revenue from operations also saw a big fall, dropping nearly 36 per cent year-on-year (YoY) to Rs 1,059.88 crore, compared to Rs 1,646.21 crore in the corresponding period of the previous fiscal.

The airline blamed this decline on multiple challenges, including geopolitical tensions with a neighbouring country and restrictions in international airspace, which hit demand for leisure travel.

It also faced delays in bringing grounded aircraft back into service due to global supply chain issues and engine maintenance problems.

Ajay Singh, Chairman and Managing Director of SpiceJet, said the results reflect the extraordinary challenges faced by the aviation industry.

He pointed to turbulence caused by geopolitics, restricted air routes, and supply chain disruptions.

However, he added that the airline remains resilient and is taking steps to improve fleet reliability, cut costs, and expand its network.

Singh expressed confidence that India's fast-growing aviation and tourism sectors would support a recovery in the coming quarters.

The airline also reported an EBITDA loss of Rs 18 crore in Q1 FY26, compared to a profit of Rs 402 crore a year ago.

Some operating metrics remained steady, with Passenger Revenue per Available Seat Kilometer (PAX RASK) at Rs 4.74 and Passenger Load Factor (PLF) at 86 per cent.

Meanwhile, SpiceJet's total expenses for the quarter fell 25 per cent to Rs 1,435.04 crore from Rs 1,919.58 crore previous year.

After the results, domestic brokerage firm Nuvama cut its target price for SpiceJet to Rs 40 from Rs 48 earlier while keeping a 'Hold' rating. The brokerage said the airline's Q1 numbers were weaker than expected due to lower capacity, modest load factors, and higher costs. **IANS**

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"IF YOU HAVE TWO WRIST SPINNERS OF THAT QUALITY, I WOULD LOVE TO HAVE THEM IN MY SIDE. I THINK KULDEEP IS AT HIS PEAK NOW."

Siraj nominated for ICC Player of the Month award

DUBAI, SEPTEMBER 8



Mohammed Siraj has been nominated for the ICC Men's Player of the Month award for August, following his excellent performance with the ball in the fifth and final Test against England at The Oval last month.

Siraj's burst on the final day of the Test series against England helped India win in dramatic fashion to level the five-match series at 2-2, said a media release from the International Cricket Council.

He grabbed three wickets on the morning of the final day as India won the final Test by six runs. He had hauls of 4/86 and 5/104 in the two innings, finishing with nine wickets at an average of 21.11.

New Zealand pacer Matt Henry and West Indian Jayden Seales are the other two nominees for the player of the month award.

Henry finished as the Player of the Series against Zimbabwe as New Zealand blanked the home side 2-0. The 33-year-old had match hauls of nine for 90 and seven for 56 as his team won the two Tests in Bulawayo by massive margins.

Seales grabbed 10 wickets to be named the Player of the Series in the three ODIs at home against Pakistan. He finished as the leading wicket-taker and the highlight for him was a career-best haul of six for 18 in the final match that his team won by a huge 202-run margin to claim their first series win over the opposition since 1991.

The women's shortlist is based on T20I performances in Europe. Ireland all-rounder Orla Prendergast is in the shortlist after helping win a home T20I series against Pakistan and continuing the form in subsequent T20Is, Muneeba makes it to the shortlist as she helped win the last match of that series with a sparkling century and the Netherlands' Zwilling is there among the three after finishing with a bagful of wickets in the ICC Women's T20 World Cup Europe Qualifier.

An independent ICC Voting Academy and fans around the world will now be invited to cast their votes to decide the winners. Fans are now able to vote for their favourite performers at icc-cricket.com/awards. PTI

ICC Men's Player of the Month Nominees for August 2025:

(Men's): Mohammed Siraj (India)
Matt Henry (New Zealand)
Jayden Seales (West Indies)
(Women's): Muneeba Ali (Pakistan)
Orla Prendergast (Ireland)
Iris Zwilling (Netherlands)

Punjab Kings disrespected me, I was in tears: Gayle

BARBADOS, SEPTEMBER 8



West Indies batting great Chris Gayle revealed the real reasons behind his sudden exit from IPL 2021, saying he felt disrespected by his team Punjab Kings, which pushed him into depression for the first time in his life.

IPL 2021 was suspended in May 2021 because of rising COVID-19 cases in India and resumed in the UAE in September. Gayle played two games for Punjab Kings after the resumption before he decided to leave the IPL's bio-secure environment initially citing 'bubble fatigue'.

Gayle has now shared the true reasons, claiming that he was not treated properly by the Punjab Kings.

"My IPL ended prematurely with Punjab Kings. I was absolutely disrespected in Punjab Kings. I felt I wasn't treated properly for a senior guy... done so much for the league, bring so much value for the franchise as well. And then you are being disrespected, and then you are treated like a kid. I felt the building was on my shoulder. That's first time in my life I ever felt like a depression mode," Gayle said in a podcast with Shubhankar Mishra on his YouTube channel.

Gayle recalled an emotional conversation with then Punjab Kings head coach Anil Kumble when he broke down in tears.

"I called up Anil and said I am leaving. We are in a bubble so you couldn't come out, so your mental space was going and it was really, really puzzling and destroying."

"I was being destroyed inside. And after the last game against Mumbai Indians, I was like 'it doesn't make sense. I am going to do myself more damage and I would rather be at peace.

"I called him (Kumble) to have a one on one talk to him and actually break down as well. I was literally breaking down when I was talking to him because I was really hurt. I cried."

"I was disappointed with Anil and how the entire team was actually run at that time," added the West Indian, the 10th highest run-getter in the IPL with 4,965 runs from 142 matches, including six centuries and 31 fifties.

Gayle, who last played in the IPL in 2021, still holds the record for most sixes in IPL. He has hit a staggering 357 sixes followed by Rohit Sharma with 302 runs and Virat Kohli third with 291.

"K L Rahul was the captain, he called me and said, 'Chris we want you to stay, you will play the next game'. I just said 'I wish you guys all the best' and I just packed my bags and I walked out. There was too much of bullshit and I am the Universe Boss and I don't like bullshit." AGENCIES

'Kuldeep at his peak, must play Asia Cup'



MUMBAI, SEPTEMBER 8

Ravi Shastri has thrown his weight behind Kuldeep Yadav's inclusion in the playing XI for Asia Cup 2025.

The mystery spinner, sidelined during the recent England Test series, is back in the T20I squad for the eight nation event. The big question whether Skipper Suryakumar Yadav will field both wrist-spinners Kuldeep and Varun Chakravarthy together.

Speaking to a national newspaper, Shastri said Kuldeep is at the peak of his powers and must play a central role in India's campaign.

Highlighting the spinner's 15 wickets from 13 matches in IPL 2025, Shastri praised his form and lamented his absence in England.

"If you have two wrist spinners of that quality, I would love to have them in my side. I think Kuldeep is at his peak now. He did extremely well in IPL, and unfortunately couldn't make it to the team for the Tests in England because of the strength India have and the conditions. But he will be a vital cog in the wheel for the Asia Cup and going forward with Varun and Axar (Patel)," Shastri said.

Kuldeep's last T20I appearance came in the 2024 T20 World Cup final against South Africa, before injury during the New Zealand Test series sidelined him for months.

He returned in IPL 2025 and immediately made an impact. With 69 T20I wickets already to his name, the spotlight now shifts to how SKY balances his spin resources Kuldeep, Varun Chakravarthy and Axar Patel in a tournament where variety in attack could prove decisive. AGENCIES

'Playing alongside Dhoni real highlight of career'

KABUL, SEPTEMBER 8



Mahendra Singh Dhoni is known for backing and nurturing young talent, especially in the Indian Premier League (IPL).

Throughout his illustrious career, the CSK stalwart has been instrumental in identifying talented youngsters and providing them with the platform and confidence to perform at the highest level.

Young Afghanistan tweaker Noor Ahmad is one among them.

Terming playing alongside Dhoni the 'real highlight' of his career, the 20-year-old left-arm wrist-spinner has acknowledged how the Captain Cool's mentorship and guidance have positively impacted his growth, both as a player and a person.

Noor, who was bought for a whopping Rs 10 crore (Rs 100 million) in the 2025 mega auction, repaid the franchise's faith by bagging the player-of-the-match award on his debut in yellow by picking up 4-18 against Mumbai Indians.

He ended the season as the second highest wicket-taker with 24 scalps from 14 matches behind Gujarat Titans' Prasidh Krishna, who claimed 25 wickets in 15 appearances.

"Being man of the match in my first game was special, but playing alongside M S Dhoni was the real highlight. Of course. He keeps things very simple for everyone. You don't have to think too much. He just says, 'Assess the situation, do what is needed.' He had complete trust in what I wanted to do. No pressure. We just had to stick to our strengths," Noor told ESPNcricinfo.

Noor, who will be eager to showcase his spin wizardry at the Asia Cup, beginning in the UAE on Tuesday, has been in great nick of late, claiming seven wickets in four outings in the recently held tri-series also featuring Pakistan and the UAE.

Afghanistan will begin their Asia Cup campaign against Hong Kong in the opening match and Noor is confident of his side doing well in the continental event.AGENCIES

Head Coach deconstructs SA's 'embarrassing performance'

SOUTHAMPTON, SEPTEMBER 8



South Africa head coach Shukri Conrad didn't mince his words while assessing his side's 'embarrassing' defeat in the third ODI against England at The Rose Bowl.

Captain Temba Bavuma declared that their performance "doesn't do us justice" to their recent track record in the format, considering they have beaten Australia and England 2-1 in the series over the last month.

South Africa hit rock bottom after facing annihilation in Southampton, which ended with a 342-run defeat, the biggest in the history of the format, surpassing India's previous 317-run win against Sri Lanka in 2023 at Thiruvananthapuram. The third ODI was a dead rubber, considering South Africa had raced to an unassailable 2-0 lead after the second fixture, marking their first series win in the format since 1998.

England came out to bat and notched a herculean 414/5, courtesy of centuries from Jacob Bethell (110) and Joe Root (100). Jofra Archer left the tourists shell-shocked with his scorching pace. South African batters scurried for runs but folded on a mere 72.

Just two weeks ago, South Africa surrendered to a 276-run clobbering against Australia in Mackay, which has now slipped to their second-worst defeat in the 50-over format. After the conclusion of the series, South Africa is now forced to mull over how easily they switch off once the contest is done and dusted, and the result doesn't matter.

"Any excuse is better than none. We were definitely off today. And against a top side like England, when you're not on top of your game, you do get exposed," Conrad said at the post-match conference.

"A similar thing happened in Australia, where after going 2-0 up, it was a complete aberration. They got in excess of 400 as well. But if we were going to be poor at something, we'd rather be poor at games that aren't clutch games. We're not making light of today's defeat. That was slightly embarrassing," Conrad added.

South Africa's two heaviest defeats have transpired when they fielded first and were accompanied by a lack of discipline as well as dropped chances.

Against Australia, the Proteas bowled 15 wides and put down Alex Carey, who adopted a belligerent approach and finished the innings strongly.

During the contest against England, South Africa bowled 19 wides and dropped two catches, including Jamie Smith on 23 and Jacob Bethell on 44, who continued to run rampant and struck his maiden ODI ton for England.

Bavuma admitted that their outing with the ball was "far from ideal, not good enough" and said it "could be complacency". Conrad acknowledged that their wayward bowling could have impacted the rest of their skillset and said, "The bowling affects the fielding and the other way around, but nine out of ten times, Matthew Breetzke is taking that catch (off Smith, who offered a chance off a leading edge in the covers)." AGENCIES

Alcaraz punishes Sinner for second US Open crown

NEW YORK, SEPTEMBER 8



Carlos Alcaraz proved a class above defending champion Jannik Sinner to win the men's singles title at the US Open with a 6-2, 3-6, 6-1, 6-4 victory at the Arthur Ashe stadium, in New York, on Sunday.

In a commanding display that earned him his sixth Grand Slam crown and end Sinner's 65-week stay at the top of the tennis world rankings, the Spaniard extended his win-loss record over the Italian to 10-5, making it seven wins in their last seven meetings.

Alcaraz had a great escape against Sinner in June by saving three match-points to retain his French Open crown, before the world number one responded a month later to snatch his main rival's Wimbledon crown. In Sunday's final there was nothing like the drama in Paris as the 22-year-old Spaniard captured his second title at Flushing Meadows after two hours and 42 minutes, his maiden triumph coming in 2022.

Speaking on court after the final, Alcaraz was all praise of Sinner.

"I want to start with Jannik; it's unbelievable what you're doing the whole season, great level during every tournament that you're playing ... I'm seeing you more than my family," he said.

"It's great to share a court, to share the locker room, to share everything with you. I'm just really proud about the people I have around. Every achievement I'm having is because of you, thanks to you ... this one is yours."

Sinner said he "tried his my best, but couldn't do more".

Alcaraz got the early break in the contest between the two best players on the men's tour, facing off in a third straight Grand Slam final, when Sinner netted a backhand in a marathon first game that lasted eight minutes.

The Spaniard made it two breaks in the seventh and served out the set 6-2.

It was Sinner who dictated terms early in the second set. He broke to love in the fourth game with a forehand pass as Alcaraz went for broke and rushed up to the net.

Games went on serve before the Italian wrapped up the set 6-3 with customary efficiency, and Alcaraz dropped his first set of the US Open.

However, as expected, the Spaniard came back strongly and grabbed the early break in the third set after Sinner sent a big forehand attempt wide in the second game.

He broke again in the fourth after a couple of unforced errors by the Italian to go 4-0 ahead.. AGENCIES

US Open glory returns Alcaraz to World No 1

NEW YORK, SEPTEMBER 8



Carlos Alcaraz reclaimed the US Open crown on Sunday, defeating Jannik Sinner in a performance that underlined his transformation from a fearless teenager to a six-time Grand Slam champion with measured maturity.

Three years after lifting his first major at Flushing Meadows, the 22-year-old Spaniard delivered a masterclass, beating Sinner 6-2, 3-6, 6-1, 6-4 at Arthur Ashe Stadium. The victory not only avenged his Wimbledon final loss to the Italian in July but also returned him to the top of the world rankings for the first time since 2023.

"The number one (ranking) is a goal that I had set myself almost at the beginning of the year and to see that I have achieved it is something incredible," Alcaraz said with a smile at the post-match press conference.

"Doing it the same day as getting another Grand Slam feels even better."

Reflecting on his run, he added: "It has been two spectacular weeks, at a very high level tennis-wise, but above all mentally, which I am very proud of. The first US Open (title) was about my youth and this one is more maturity. Little by little I'm growing, I'm knowing how to deal with certain situations."

The Spaniard admitted his Wimbledon setback against Sinner forced him to evolve. AGENCIES

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