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MANPREET SEEKS RAJNATH'S NOD FOR 2 MORE SAINIK SCHOOLS IN PUNJAB

INDUSTRY BEARS THE BRUNT; LARGE UNITS ORDERED 3-DAY SHUT DOWN P05 HARDIK BOWLING IN INTRA-SQUAD GAME IS A GOOD SIGN: SURYAKUMAR YADAV

PM carries out major overhaul of Cabinet

SONOWAL, SCINDIA BROUGHT IN: 12 MINISTERS EXIT



NEW DELHI, JULY 7

Minister Narendra Modi Narayan Rane and Jyas many as 12 ministers crisis. including Health Minister held in the Darbar Hall of

English.

out by Modi and the BJP top brass through a series In a major overhaul, Prime of meetings with ministers ahead of Wednesday's big on Wednesday brought exercise. These meetings in Sarbananda Sonowal, were also held in the wake of widespread criticism of otiraditya Scindia in the the Central government's Cabinet while dropping handling of the COVID

Rane, 69, a Rajya Sabha Harsh Vardhan, IT and MP and a former Maha-Law Minister Ravi Shan- rashtra chief minister, was kar Prasad and I&B Min- the first to take oath. After ister Prakash Javadekar. Rane, Sonowal, former Fifteen Cabinet ministers Assam chief minister, and 28 Ministers of State, took oath in English. The comprising new faces 58-year-old leader has and those elevated, were earlier served as Union sworn in at a ceremony Minister of State (Independent charge) for Skill the Rashtrapati Bhavan. Development and Entre-While most of the mem- preneurship; and Sports bers took oath in Hindi, and Youth Affairs under a few of them took it in Prime Minister Modi

Congress-turned-BJP This is the first reshuffle leader Jyotiraditya Scinin the Council of Ministers dia, a Rajya Sabha MP by Prime Minister Modi from Madhya Pradesh, since he assumed charge also took oath as a Cabinet for a second term in May minister. The 50-year-old 2019. An extensive and proleader was Union Ministracted review was carried ter of State (Independent leader R C P Singh, Lok in the BJP organisation as State. B L Verma, a Ranataka); Ajay Bhatt (Ut-rashtra); Rajkumar Ran-first time MPs.

Prasad, Javadekar and Vardhan resign







Hajipur Pashupati Kumar

Paras, were also sworn-in

sukh Mandaviya, Parshot-

tam Rupala, G Kishan

Reddy and Anurag Thakur

were elevated to the Cabi-

net level. Bhupendra Ya-

Kiren Rijiju, R K Singh,

Four senior Union ministers -- Ravi Shankar Prasad Prakash Javadekar, Harsh Vardhan, Ramesh Pokhriyal "Nishank"-- were among 12 ministers who resigned on Wednesday ahead of the cabinet reshuffle in the evening. Besides these four, Chemicals and Fertilisers Minister D V Sadananda Gowda, Labour Minister Santosh Gangwar, Minister of State for Education Sanjay Dhotre, Minister of State for Women and Child Development Debasree Chaudhuri, Minister of State for Jal Shakti Rattan Lal Kataria and Minister of State for Environment Babul Supriyo also resigned.

Charge) for Power and Sabha MP from Bihar's Union Minister of State for Commerce & Communications in the earlier as Cabinet ministers. UPA government.

Lok Sabha MP from Hardeep Singh Puri, Man-Tikamgarh in Madhya Pradesh Virendra Kumar, Rajya Sabha MP from Odisha Ashwini Vaishnaw, Rajya Sabha MP from Bihar and JD(U)

ioin Modi's council of ministers Seven more women mem-

Seven more women

bers, including Meenakashi Lekhi, Shobha Karandlaje and Anupriya Singh Patel, joined the council of ministers of Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Wednesday, taking the overall female strength to 11 which is one of the highest.

a general secretary, was also sworn-in as a Cabinet minister.

As many as 28 Ministers of State took oath including seven from Ut- jya Sabha MP from Uttar tarakhand), Chauhan De- jan Singh (Manipur); MPs tar Pradesh which goes to polls next year with the BJP seeking a second term there. Pankaj Choudhary, and Shobha Karandlaje, as Ministers of State at the (West Bengal) Munjapara Kaushal Kishore, S P S Baghel and Ajay Kumar-day, who has been serving as new Union Ministers of A Narayanaswamy (Kar- Kishanrao Karad (Maha- Council of Ministers are

PORTFOLIO ALLOCATION OF CABINET RESHUFFLE

- RAJNATH SINGH: Minister of Defence
- AMIT SHAH: Minister of Home Affairs; and Minister of Cooperation
- **NITIN JAIRAM GADKARI: Minister of Road** Transport and Highways
- NIRMALA SITHARAMAN: Minister of Finance; and Minister of Corporate Affairs
- NARENDRA SINGH TOMAR: Minister of
- Agriculture and Farmers Welfare **SUBRAHMANYAM JAISHANKAR: Minister of**
- **External Affairs ANURAG SINGH THAKUR: Minister of**
- Information and Broadcasting; and Minister of Youth Affairs and Sports
- JYOTIRADITYA M. SCINDIA: Minister of Civil Aviation **RAMCHANDRA PRASAD SINGH: Minister of**
- Steel **ASHWINI VAISHNAW:** Minister of Railways; Minister of Communications; and Minister of
- **Electronics and Information Technology PASHU PATI KUMAR PARAS: Minister of Food Processing Industries**
- **GAJENDRA SINGH SHEKHAWAT:** Minister of
- **KIREN RIJIJU:** Minister of Law and Justice
- ARJUN MUNDA: Minister of Tribal Affairs ■ SMRITI ZUBIN IRANI: Minister of Women and **Child Development**
- **PIYUSH GOYAL: Minister of Commerce and** Industry; Minister of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution; and Minister

- **DHARMENDRA PRADHAN:** Minister of Education; and Minister of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship
- PRALHAD JOSHI: Minister of Parliamentary Affairs; Minister of Coal; and Minister of Mines
- NARAYAN TATU RANE: Minister of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises
- SARBANANDA SONOWAL: Minister of Ports, Shipping and Waterways; and Minister of **AYUSH**
- MUKHTAR ABBAS NAQVI: Minister of Minority
- VIRENDRA KUMAR: Minister of Social Justice
- and Empowerment **GIRIRAJ SINGH:** Minister of Rural
- Development; and Minister of Panchayati Raj ■ RAJ KUMAR SINGH: Minister of Power; and
- Minister of New and Renewable Energy HARDEEP SINGH PURI: Minister of Petroleum and Natural Gas; and Minister of Housing and
- MANSUKH MANDAVIYA: Minister of Health and Family Welfare; and Minister of Chemicals and Fertilizers
- BHUPENDER YADAV: Minister of Environment, Forest and Climate Change; and Minister of **Labour and Employment**
- MAHENDRA NATH PANDEY: Minister of Heavy Industries
- PARSHOTTAM RUPALA: Minister of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying
- G. KISHAN REDDY: Minister of Culture; Minister of Tourism; and Minister of Development of North Eastern Region

Pradesh, was also sworn- vusinh (Gujarat), were in as a Minister of State. also sworn in as MoS.

Rajeev Chandrasekhar Anupriya Patel, Bhanu MPs from Karnataka; ceremonywere Bhagwanth Mahendrabhai (Gujarat), Pratap Singh Verma, Darshana Vikram Jar- Khuba (Karnataka); Kapil John Barla and Nisith Pradosh from Gujarat; New Moreshwar Patil (Maha- manik (West Bengal); and Delhi Lok Sabha MP all Lok Sabha MPs from Meenakashi Lekhi; An-Uttar Pradesh -- took oath npurna Devi (Jharkhand),

Bharati Pawar (Maharashtra), Bishweswar Tudu (Odi-Others who took oath sha) and Shantanu Thakur rashtra); Pratima Bhoumik BJP's Tamil Nadu state (Tripura); Subhas Sarkar president L Murugan. At (West Bengal); Bhagwat least 16 entrants to the

COVID-19 variants of Concern found in 174 districts

COVID CONTROL MEASURES TO BE STRENGTHENED IN NINE STATES

NEW DELHI, JULY 7

Variants of Concern of SARS-CoV2 have been found in 174 districts in 35 states and union territories in the country with the highest numbers in Maharashtra, Delhi, Punjab, Telangana, West Bengal and Gujarat, the Union health ministry said on Wednesday.

The Variants of Concern (VOC) detected by the Indian SARS-CoV-2 Genomics Consortium (INSACOG) in community samples are



Alpha, Beta, Gamma and is now found in many states management are among Delta. B.1.617.2.1 (AY.1) or in India, the health ministry the measures to be focused commonly known as Delta said. INSACOG is a national upon in nine states reporting Plus variant which signifies multi-agency consortium of a surge in COVID-19 cases, Delta variant with an addi- Genome Sequencing Labora- the health ministry said on tional mutation. The B.1.617 tories (RGSLs) laboratories. Wednesday.

lineage, first observed in Ma- In addition to it, ramping up harashtra, was associated with testing and vaccination, healththe unusual rise observed in care infrastructure planseveral districts of the state. It ning and effective clinical

Judge recuses self from hearing Nandigram poll plea, imposes ₹5 lakh cost on Mamata

KOLKATA, JULY 7

Justice Kausik Chanda of the Calcutta High Court on Wednesday recused from hearing West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee's petition challenging the election of BJP's Suvendu



Adhikari from Nandigram, sought. Releasing the elecwhile imposing a cost of tion petition of Banerjee, Rs 5 lakh for the manner Justice Chanda said that in which the recusal was he was doing so in order leaders.

to thwart at the outset attempts by trouble-mongers to keep the controversy alive. "A deliberate and conscious attempt was made to influence my decision before the recusal application was placed before me for judicial consideration on June 24," Justice Chanda observed pointing at social media posts by some TMC

probe into Rohtak land case

Trouble for Hooda as SC orders CBI

Wednesday directed the CBI to investigate the release of land in Haryana's Rohtak to a real estate developer under the then Congress government of Chief Minister Bhupinder Singh

acres was proposed for acquired for development of a quisition for residential and

commercial sectors in Rohtak by the Haryana Urban Devel-The Supreme Court on opment Authority (HUDA). However, in April 2005, the

> award was passed for 422 acres. In March 2005, realtor Uddar Gagan Properties Ltd entered into collaboration agreements with some farmers, whose

Hooda. In 2002, about 850 land was supposed to be ac-

Top Hizbul commander killed in encounter

SRINAGAR, JULY 7

A top commander of Hizbul Mujahideen was killed in an encounter with security forces in Kupwara district of Jammu and Kashmir on Wednesday,

police said. Giving details of the incident, a police spokesman said Hizbul Mujahideen group commander Mehrajuddin Halwai alias Ubaid was apprehended during routine vehicle checking at Watyen



district on Tuesday evening. tioning, he identified himself "During his personal search 🏻 as Mehrajuddin Halwai @ one grenade was recovered Ubaid, an active terrorist comfrom his possession. Accord- mander of proscribed terror ingly, he was immediately outfit Hizbul Mujahideen," shifted to nearest police post the spokesman said.

in Ganders area of Kupwara for questioning. During ques-

A true story of love and truth beyond time

PUNJAB EXPRESS BUREAU Chandigarh, July 7

happened one day while youd time. strolling at a beach. Both want to drive around with the depth of love... or be seen around with...I

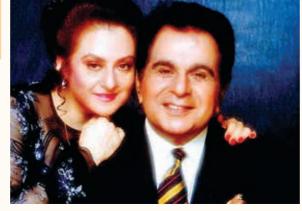
will you be my wife?" Saira was only 22 and Dilip Kumar 44 when they got married on October 11, 1966. Saira Banu had been in It's a real love story, one love with Dilip Kumar that only embellishes the since she was all of 12 fact that true love can years. Dilip Kumar took never be overrated. A true time to respond, but it story of love and truth be-

While reading Dilip of them were listening to Kumar's autobiography the gentle sound of waves - "The Substance and the when Dilip Kumar looked Shadow", the first stanza at her and said: "Saira, you on the opening page struck at a Mumbai hospital on are not the kind of girl I me as it speaks a lot about

Zara nazar jo miley phir unhein salaam karoon Mujhe to hosh nahin aap mashwara dijiyey

Kahan se chedoon fasana kahan tamaam karoon....

Dilip Kumar, India's enduring film legend through the decades, died Wednesday after prolonged illness. He was 98. "Sukoon-e-dil ke liye Kumar, often known as the would like to marry you... kuchh to ehtemaam karoon Nehruvian hero survived



by his wife Saira Banu.

institution in himself. It become an actor and his can surprise many that first break was an acciden- a turning point not only and Saudagar.

Dilip Kumar had no in-Dilip Kumar, was an clination or ambition to

tal one. It all happened for his life but for the en-

from Pune looking for a She offered him a salary of was into the business of job and this one incident 1250 rupees per month - fruits. Though they enjoyed changed his life entirely. an amount hard to believe a good economic status, the One morning, he was wait- in those days and rechris- family saw rough times ing at Church Gate for psy- tened him Dilip Kumar during the Second World chologist Dr Masani, who from Yusuf Khan. His first War. To beat the financial had once given a lecture movie was Jwar Bhata in odds, Dilip Kumar moved to on vocational choices for 1944 and the rest as they Pune to work as an assistant arts students at Wilson say is history. He never to manager at Army Club. College, to discuss his job looked back and went on Going was so rough that he prospects. Dr Masani took to give us great movies like even sold sandwiches outside Dilip Kumar to Bombay Devdas, Kohinoor, Naya the club. But things looked up Talkies studio and intro- Daur, Mughal-e-Azam, due to this sandwich business duced him to Devika Rani, Ram Aur Shyam, Ganga and he managed to earn an the owner of the studio. Jamuna, and later, block- amount of five thousand This meeting proved to be busters like Shakti, Kranti rupees in those days within

Dilip Kumar's family when he came to Mumbai tire Bollywood industry. hailed from Peshawar and a small period.

7 pvt hospitals issued notice for ignoring directive on O2 plants

NARINDER GUPTA PUNJAB EXPRESS BUREAU Jalandhar, July 7

Acting tough against the erring private hospitals, which have not installed their PSA based oxygen generation plants despite repeated requests, the district administration today issued show cause notices to seven such hospitals for their act of non-compliance of administration's

Deputy Commissioner Ghanshyam Thori said that hospitals including Sharanjit, Kidney, Sikka, Oxford, Ghai, Neuronova, and Caremax hospitals have been issued the notices because of their act of non-compliance of the administration's direction to install PSA based oxygen plants.

He added that during the second peak of the pandemic, these hospitals were among those where Divulging the details, demand for oxygen cylin-



ders was above 50 per day, adding they were asked to install PSA plants by August 2021.

Thori added that no efforts were made by these hospitals to set up these plants to tackle their oxygen requirements in view of the next wave. He added that a large num-

ber of hospitals have set up plants in their premises to be self-reliant in terms of oxygen production but these negligible acts are hurdles to achieve this goal.

The Deputy Commissioner categorically mentioned that the recommendations to be made to health department to cancel their license as Covid care facilities in case they do not adhere to the guidelines issued by administration.

COVID-19: Punjab sees five more fatalities, 233 fresh cases



PUNJAB EXPRESS BUREAU Chandigarh, July 7

With 5 more Covid-related fatalities, the toll in Punjab reached 16,141 while 233 fresh cases took the tally to

59,6, 970 in the state on Wednesday, according to a medical bulletin.

2 deaths were reported from Amritsar and Sangrur, 1 from Pathankot

2 deaths were reported from Amritsar and Sangrur, 1 from Pathankot in the past 24 hours, the bulletin said

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There are 89 critical patients who are on ventilator support, 217 other critical patients and 647 patients on oxygen support, it said.

2,000 students take part in Start-up Fest



PUNIAB EXPRESS BUREAU Phagwara, July 7

One of the 250 student organizations at Lovely Professional University (LPU), "Tanzanite" is organizing 16-day long National Start-up Fest (NSF)-2021, virtually, under the aegis of Division of Student Welfare.

The fest is a massive gathering of India's best entrepreneurs, founders, mentors along with numerous participants. It is also featuring nationalclass content across several keynote addresses, interactive sessions, thoughtprovoking predictions and more.

The inaugural ceremony of the fest was held with the e-Lamp lighting ceremony in the presence of the jury, contestants and live audience on the prescribed link.

Presently, participants are gaining a healthy dose of tips regarding successful start-ups. The fest is also holding a series of events including Ideathon, Case study, Budget, Group discussions, Quiz and We-

Now, vaccination at disabled's doorsteps



Phagwara, July 7

In an exemplary initiative of Nakodar Administration headed by SDM Nakodar Poonam Singh, three mobile teams of health department will provide vaccination against Corona at the doorsteps of disabled persons in Nakodar Sub Division from Thursday.

SDM Poonam Singh while confirming it told this correspondent here on Wednesday that Senior Medical Officer Dr Bhupinder Kaur has appointed three different teams led by ANM Narinder Kaur, Neelam and Charan Singh for the purpose to facilitate the disabled persons at their doorsteps.

kodar and Shahkot, Pootendent of Police (SSP) nam Singh held a meeting of the officers concerned at Shahkot and reviewed the preventive steps taken youths to better under-

Police to hold coaching camp for aspirant cops

PUNIAB EXPRESS BUREAU Kapurthala, July 7

In a new initiative to enable maximum youth of Kapurthala to clear the written exam (first stage) for the upcoming recruitment of constables and sub-inspectors in Punjab Police, the police would hold a guidance camp in Police Lines on Thursday

The experts would deliver key lectures about how to crack the written exam to the participants in the camp.

Disclosing further de-Meanwhile, SDM Na- tails, Senior Superin-Harkamalpreet Singh Khakh said that this guidance camp would help the stand the syllabus of the

written exam regarding both posts of constables and sub-inspectors in the

Punjab Police. He said that Inderpal Singh and Abhimanyu from IAS/PCS Academy besides two experienced teachers from Punjab **Education Department** would detail the youths about methods/ways to clear the written exam.

SSP said that the guidance camp would start at 4 pm on Thursday at Police Lines.

He appealed to the youths to avail maximum benefit of the camp so that they can clear the exam successfully and serve the Punjab Police which is known for its rich history of gallantry, sacrifice, and innumerable achievements worldwide following passing the physical examination for which the coaching and training camp is already under-

Army aspirants to get free training at C-PYTE

PUNJAB EXPRESS BUREAU Ferozepur, July 7

The Punjab government has made arrangements to train youths free of cost to help them prepare for recruitment in Indian Navy Army.

The Centre for Training and Employment for Punjab Youth (C-PYTE) at Hakumat Singh Wala in Ferozepur has announced to organise a free training course for youth aspiring to join armed forces during the upcoming army recruitment rallies, in relations and sports quota. In the past, hundreds of youths have got free pre-recruitment training from C-PYTE and joined the Indian Army.

Camp Incharge, Hakumat Singh Wala in- The Training Centre is formed that C-PYTE, an 9 KMs from Talwandi institution of Employ- Bhai chowk.



free training for relations in Army on July 27 and for sports quota from August 3, 2021. He said C-PYTE is a Training and Employment Centre of the Punjab government at Hakumat Singh Wala where free training is

provided to the youths.

binar.

250 jabbed at vaccination camp

KULDEEP SOOD PUNJAB EXPRESS BUREAU

Progressive Senior Citizens Society (Reg.) and Suryavanshi Khatri Sabha Barnala organised a Co-School Barnala in collab- corona during the camp. Chief Patron of the oration with the School Assistant Civil Surgeon House Neeraj Bala Management Committee Dr. Avinash Bansal Dania, Ramesh Chand and staff. SDM Varjit and Dr. Rajinder Sin- Kaushal, Hem Raj vaccination camp.

casion, he appealed to the school, and the staff Chamber of Commerce the people to get two provided their full supvaccinations and follow port during the camp. the instructions in the Corona Protocol for the prevention of the Corona the help of an oximeter. Garg, Rakesh Jindal, Keepidemic. Sukhwinder Meenakshi Joshi, Ruby wal Krishan Garg, Ma-Bhandari, president of Singla, Sushma Goyal, hesh Gupta, Tilak Raj the society, and Rajesh Ravneet Kaur, Reena Chhabra, Parveen Singla, tary of the Sabha, said Sunita Gautam, Pawan were present.



rona vaccination Camp about 250 people nad at Gandhi Arya High been vaccinated against dent Mandeep Walia, Walia inaugurated the gla, DIO, assessed the Speaking on the oc- ma, the headmaster of Harpreet Kaur A.N.

Bhutani, general secre- Rani, Sharda Goyal, Ram Singh Sangheda, etc.

Kumar Clerk were present on behalf of the school staff. Senior Citizens and the House were represented by Babita Jindal President Women's Wing, Suryavanshi Khatri Sabha

Women's Wing Presi-

Verma, Gurjeet Singh camp. Rajmider Shar- Lali, Ashwani Sharma, President Anil Bansal Nana , Mohinder Pal The oxygen level of the Garg, Swami Siri Niwasi, people was tested with Deepak Advocate, Kavita

Vax camp held for specially-abled

Jalandhar, July 7

Inori, a special vaccination camp was held on Wednesday at Apahaj Ashram near HMV college, where inmates of the ashram and nearby surroundings were inoculated.

While visiting the camp, Deputy Commissioner said that specially abled persons are the integral part of our society and the administration was committed to serving them amid this unprecedented health crisis. He also interacted with the

PUNJAB EXPRESS BUREAU eligible beneficiaries taking their vaccine jabs. Meanwhile, a spe-On the directives of cial medical check-up Deputy Commis- camp was also orgasioner Ghanshyam nized by the Ashram, where Dr. Vijay Mahajan, CMD, Tagore Hospital, Dr Jagdeep Singh, an eve surgeon, conducted the medical examination of people.

A wide range of diseases were checked by the expert doctors besides providing free of cost medicines to patients.

Deputy Commissioner Ghanshyam Thori lauded the efforts being made by the Ashram in serving this needy strata of the society through Apahaj Ashram.

PGSC holds webinar to celebrate Van Mahotsav

PUNJAB EXPRESS BUREAU Kapurthala, July 7

Pushpa Gujral Science City (PGSC) celebrated Van Mahotsav by organizing a webinar on "Role of Microbes in Sustainable Forest Management." Around 300 school and college students from all over Punjab participated through virtual mode.

The progamme was sponsored by Department of Forests & Wildlife Preservation, Punjab. Dr Vipin Parkash, Programme Coordinator (Forestry), Forest Research Institute, Dehradun was the key speaker. Delivering a talk at this occasion, he said that soil microorganisms are important part of forest ecosystem and



play an important role in sustainable development of forestry.

Further, Microbial life has been present on earth for at least 3,500 million years and microbes also play numerous roles as silent partners in human activities such as forestry, agriculture, mining and water treatment. A balanced community of microorganisms is extremely important for tree's health and plays a vital role in

converting barren, poor quality land into cultivable land, he added. Dr Neelima Jerath, Director General, Science City, while giving introductory remarks at the occasion said that primary objective of Van Mahotsav week celebration is to bring awareness on the environmental issues and educate masses about the need of planting trees as these are one of the best solution to control global

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EDC, Electricity security with PSCL and launched sector 104 in 2008 and sector 100 in 2010 for Sale.

The Sector 100 and 104 of Mohali are independent, freehold and have excellent location. Both the sectors consisted of residential plots(1941),Commercial Plots(105), Group Housing Sites (9), Public Buildings like schools, Hospitals etc(26), Economically weaker sector Sites (1). Accordingly Licence was issued by Pb Govt as per PUDA/GMADA website for purchase open to public in both sectors. A total of 1285 pur-

chased plots in both sectors of which 823 allotees are awaiting offer of possession and registration of plots who have paid 95% of the cost but data for sold

and unsold inventory is 656 for residential plots. Many allottees purchased plots earlier, constructed houses with after paying requisite fee and having obtained GMADA sanctioned of construction, passed various stages of construction, approval for Sewage connection after verification ,received Partial Completion Certificate to PACL for Sector 104 after getting duly satisfied with the progress of the Project.

SOS call by ex-servicemen of Mohali Sector 110, 104

In the year 2013, Securities Exchange Board of India (SEBI) found that PACL was involved in a Collective Investment Scheme (CIS) which was illegal as per the

law of land. The Supreme Court attached all the properties and related documents of PACL. Pearl City Mohall Residents Welfare Association (PCMRWA) approached the SC for getting justice. Accordingly the SC formed a committee, Lodha Committee in the matter and authorized it to sell all the moveable and immovable assets of the PACL to pay back the investors of CIS.

The worst part was that GMADA did not support the cause of the home buyers and when asked by Lodha Committee to take over the Project, GMADA authorities refused to take over the project.

Allottees further felt the Jolt and were harassed who ever made houses in these sectors that their electric connection were disconnected by PSPCL since PACL had failed to pay the electricity bill. On request from welfare Association and intervention of the Lodha Commission, bank guarantee worth Rs 16.36 crores with the PSPCL was released to complete the pending electrification work for sector 104.

However Sectors 100 and 104, Mohall have been put out of the ambit of auction process by Lodha Committee as they accept that third party rights are established

Manpreet seeks Rajnath's nod for 2 more Sainik schools in Punjab

Manpreet Badal also sought MoD's approval for official clearance for establishing a modern bus station and terminal in Bathinda

PUNIAB EXPRESS BUREAU Chandigarh, July 7

Punjab Finance Minister Manpreet Singh Badal on Wednesday met the Union Defence Minister Rajnath Singh and urged him to approve the establishment of two additional Sainik Schools in Punjab.

Manpreet Singh Badal stated that Punjab is the most decorated state in India in terms of military honors and gallantry awards. The state next in line after Punjab accounts for less than half of the honors bagged by Punjab soldiers. However, Pun- Finance Minister stated adequate action, stating jab has only one Sainik that other states like that he personally ap-School in Kapurthala, and the state is now seeking the establishment of Schools each, while Uttar the defence of national two more Sainik schools- Pradesh has three. The security and the defence one in Gurdaspur and the Union Defence Minister of India's social and culother in Bathinda. The assured him of due and tural values.



Haryana, Bihar, and Maharashtra have two Sainik preciates the role played by Sikhs and Punjabis in

Drug case: Punjab Police arrest six more people

PUNIAB EXPRESS BUREAU Hoshiarpur, July 7

Acting on the leads provided by four Afghan nationals recently arrested following the seizure of 17-kg heroin, the Punjab Police on Wednesday said they have succeeded in arresting six more people alleged to be part of the drug racket. Police seized 3.2 kg of heroin and Rs 41,12,000 drug money from them, from him.

Hoshiarpur SSP Navjot Singh Mahal told reporters here on Wednesday.

He said after the disclosures made by the four Afghan nationals, two teams were constituted to arrest the other involved in this international drug trade.

Among the arrested are Kishan Lal, who was nabbed from his residence at Delhi and Rs 10.20 lakh drug money and two mobile phones were recovered

Move to create new ministry a little too late: Randhawa

PUNJAB EXPRESS BUREAU Chandigarh, July 7

Punjab Cooperation Minister Sukhjinder Singh Randhawa though hailed the decision of Centre to carve out separate ministry of Cooperation from Agriculture yet he termed this decision a delayed one. He has expressed hope that the genuine concerns of farmers and other sections of rural ther strengthened.

In a statement, Randhawa asked the Centre



the small and marginal ones, who were passing through an acute agrarian crisis due to squeezed society will be addressed margins of profit due to and the cooperative non-remunerative MSP movement at the grass coupled with their fragroots level would be fur- ile economic condition owing to heavy burden

According to Randto sincerely focus its sole hawa if right decisions attention to prioritize the are taken by the newly issues faced by the Coop- created Union Cooperaeratives in order to trans- tive Ministry, the vast form the destiny of belea- majority of rural popuguered farmers especially lation can be economi- income.

cally empowered and the growing economic disparity between the normal population and the super rich can be reduced. The empowerment of cooperative movement can also be used for reducing social tensions arising out of disparity between the rich and poor and also bridge rural-urban divide. Recalling the pivotal

role of Punjabi farmers in ushering green revolution in mid-60's and subsequently the White Revolution, Randhawa said it was a high time to recognize their immense contribution in strengthening the cooperatives by initiating path-breaking measures so as to enable them to supplement their

'Schools to have 17,299 more smart classrooms

PUNIAB EXPRESS BUREAU Chandigarh, July 7

Punjab School Education Minister Vijay Inder Singla, on Wednesday, said that Capt Amarinder Singh-led state government has decided to convert as many as 17,299 more classrooms of 12,507 government schools into smart classrooms. Singla said that 24 rooms of 22 District Institute of Education and Training (DIETs) will also be transformed into smart training rooms. The minister said that would be spent for transformation of these training and classrooms.

The cabinet minister said that the education department will be installing multimedia projector, micro CPU, sound bar, white board for projection and the quality of education green board for writing in across the state.



the smart classrooms.

Singla said that the Congress government is committed to uplift the standard of education of government schools and to fulfill the commitment, required funds were being allotted to the schools to improve the basic infrastructure. a budget of Rs. 117 crore He said that apart from the improvement in the infrastructure facilities, few path-breaking initiatives like online teacher transfer policy, smart schools policy and pre-primary education which have also led to remarkable improvement in

Amarinder condoles Dilip Kumar's demise

PUNIAB EXPRESS BUREAU Chandigarh, July 7

doled the sad demise of

Hindi matinee idol Dilip Kumar (98) who passed away at Mumbai this morning after a prolonged illness. He is survived by his wife actress Saira Banu.

In a condolence message, the Chief Minister described Dilip Kumar as an icon of Hindi cinema who was a heart throb of millions of his fans not within the country but across the globe also. His immense contribution in Bollywood would be ever remembered by one and all besides always inspiring new Indian cinema.

entrants in Indian film industry. "In the death of veteran actor Dilip Punjab Chief Minister Capt. Ama- Kumar, a void has been created rinder Singh on Wednesday con- which is difficult to be filled," added the Chief Minister.

> pathies with the bereaved family, relatives and fans, Capt. Amarinder Singh prayed to the Almighty to grant courage to bear this

Sharing his heartfelt sym-

huge loss in this hour of grief and eternal peace to the departed soul.

Notably, Dilip Kumar starred in several memorable films including Naya Daur, Mughal-e-Azam, Ram Aur Shyam, Devdas, Saudagar, Karma and Shakti which are considered landmark in the

Centre recognises Punjab as top performer in reducing compliance burden

PUNJAB EXPRESS BUREAU Chandigarh, July 7

Punjab has been recognised as one of the top performing states in reducing compliance burden (RCB) exercise. This recognition was given by the Centre at a meeting chaired by the Niti Aayog CEO Amitabh Kant on Wednesday. The Union Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT) Secretary Giridhar Aramane recognised Punjab's Anti-Red Tape Act, 2021, as a revolutionary initiative taken by any state government in the country.

Punjab Chief Secretary, Ms Vini Mahajan, while presenting the progress of the state on the RCB exercise, said 94 per cent of total 521 compliances identified to be reduced by different state government departments have already been implemented in the first phase, while more compliances to be done away with identified for the second phase were on track as establishment of oversight commitper the DPIIT defined timelines. tee under the Environmental and

mentation of high impact reforms approvals to new MSMEs solely during the meeting such as system based on self-certifications, online generated deemed approvals, auto issuance of permits and passes for renewal of consents based on self- liquor transportation, and abolition certifications, decriminalisation by of annual registration of rice mills.

Expedite ongoing devp projects in Patiala: CS

In order to ensure the holistic development of Patiala heritage city, the Chief Secretary, Vini Mahajan, on Wednesday directed the departments concerned to expedite all the ongoing development projects and complete them in a timebound manner, while asking the Deputy Commissioner to personally monitor the progress of all the projects.

Punjab also presented the imple-Boiler Acts, grant of in-principle

Sukhbir seeks financial package for industry

PUNJAB EXPRESS BUREAU Chandigarh, July 7

Shiromani Akali Dal (SAD) President Sukhbir Singh Badal on Wednesday demanded the state government offer a financial package to the state industry for of continuous supply to the losses suffered by the industry by fifty per it due to the currently cent. "This has broken the forced lockdown on ac- back of the State industry count of power supply which is suffering losses mismanagement, even of crore of rupees on a as he called for supplying daily basis besides losing power to the industry at orders". the promised landing cost of Rs 5 per unit.

In a statement here, the SAD President said after suffering huge Power portfolio, Sukhlosses due to the Covid bir Badal said "required lockdown since the last one and a half years, the industrial sector was presently in the grip of a power lockdown with He said simultaneousthe government imposing ly the industry should a three day compulsory be offered a financial off for the industrial sec-package for the losses tor besides closing down incurred by it besides large scale industries for deferring collection of five days and reducing bills for the current cycle contracted power load by two months.



Asserting that state

govt was directly responsible for this state of affairs as he held the power purchases should be made immediately to ensure adequate power for the industrial sector".

'Nabha Power has risen to challenge'

BALINDER SINGH PUNJAB EXPRESS BUREAU Patiala, July 7

Nabha Power, which owns and operates 2x700 MW supercritical thermal power plant at Rajpura, clocked 100 pc availability in the first quarter of load factor (PLF) of 89.71% the financial year 2022. The against the national average tions to ensure that our Rajpura plant has been in continuous of 58.64 pc during the first plant provides reliable power operation for 105 days.

tion and has recorded a plant PLFs during the last quarter. stretch respectively."



quarter. Among the base load to Punjab. Our two units have The plant has been the back-thermal plants in the country, been in continuous operation bone of in-state power genera- NPL had one of the highest for 153 days and 105 days at a

D K Sen said, "Paddy season is the most crucial period for Punjab from a power supply perspective. Our capacity being entirely tied to Punjab, bring extra responsibly to us. Before the onset of the paddy season, we make necessary prepara-

Punjab BJP gave Centre incorrect feedback on farm laws, state chief should resign: Ex-minister Anil Joshi

CHANDIGARH, JULY 7

A day after the Punjab BJP issued a show-cause notice to him for his "antiparty" activities, former minister Anil Joshi on Wednesday slammed the state unit alleging that it did not give correct feedback to the Centre on farm

He claimed that initially, farmers protesting a few demands that could ure and resign rather than



have been handled had the BJP's Punjab unit not projected that all was hunky-dory in the state.

He also said state BJP

issuing him notices. Speaking to reporters in Amritsar, Joshi al-

leged, "The state unit (of the BJP) was giving the feedback (to the Centre) that farmers were happy and only a handful were unsatisfied. When central ministers held virtual meetings, they presented fake farmers in those president Ashwani Shar- meetings and claimed against the farm laws had ma should admit his fail- they were happy with the

Agitating farmer unions should contest Punjab assembly polls: **Gurnam Singh Chaduni**

CHANDIGARH, JULY 7

Outfits involved in farm-

ers' agitation against the new agri laws should contest the Punjab assembly elections as it will "present a model on how the system can be changed", Haryana there, but did the Centre Bharatiya Kisan Union (Chaduni) president Gurnam Singh Chaduni said on Wednesday Chaduni, a key leader of the Sa-(SMK) which is spearheading the farmers' stir, said, "What I want Mission Punjab'. SKM has planned a 'mahapanchayat' in September and other activities in Uttar Pradesh, which goes to the polls next year.

"Now, we are moving for Mission UP. A Mahapanchayat will be organised on September whom should we expect 5. Other activities will to do this?" "If we have happen. Then polls will to change the system, come and we will work then we will have to forto defeat the BJP.

defeated, will the Cen- Punjab'," he said.

tre then agree to our demands. Don't take it otherwise," said Chaduni in a video message, and cited the example of West Bengal, where the farmer bodies campaigned against the BJP.

"The BJP was defeated then accept our demand," he asked.

Chaduni said that even the opposition has not categorically stated myukt Kisan Morcha that if they come to power these laws will be scrapped and a law to guarantee MSP will to say is that we should be framed. In the video not run 'Mission UP, but message, Chaduni said that "we say that we want to change the system, but don't apply enough thought to what has to be done to realise this."

He said that BJP and the Congress have not been able to change the system, "then from mulate a plan. And that "If we assume BJP gets plan should be 'Mission

Rev online services to remain suspended



PUNJAB EXPRESS BUREAU Chandigarh, July 7

A spokesman from the Department of Revenue, Punjab informed that the online services for registration of documents on website (https:// igrpunjab.gov.in) will not be available from July 9 (7p.m.) to July 12 (8a.m.) due to some maintenance activity.

The online facility of booking of slots will also not be available during this time, he informed.

Any inconvenience caused due to this temporary unavailability of this service is highly regretted, said the spokesper-

Delegation of Aggarwal Samaj felicitates Cabinet Minister Singla

PUNJAB EXPRESS BUREAU Chandigarh, July 7

A delegation from Punjab, Haryana, Chandigarh and Himachal Pradesh Aggarwal Samaj met Punjab School Education Minister Vijay Inder Singla to felicitate him for his marvellous contribution to Aggarwal samaj. Members of the ganization of All India Aggarwal delegation also appealed inclusion Sammelan (North India in charge), of Maharaja Aggarsain's biography in the curriculum of schools.

Dozens of office bearers of Aggarwal Samaj today met Cabinet betterment of the Aggarwal society.



Minister Vijay Inder Singla at the Punjab Bhawan led by Vijay Bansal, Minister for National Orformer Chairman Haryana Government and thanked Vijay Inder Singla for the steps taken for the

Hot weather conditions unabated in Punjab

CHANDIGARH, JULY 7

Hot weather conditions continued to prevail in Punjab on Wednesday. In Punjab, Patiala recorded a

maximum temperature of 41.4 degrees Celsius, six notches ed a maximum temperature of 41.2 degrees Celsius, five istered a high of 40.5 degrees mal.



normal.

Chandigarh, the common notches above normal, while capital of the two states, re-Ludhiana's high settled at 39.8 corded a high of 40.2 degrees degrees Celsius. Bathinda reg- Celsius, five notches above nor-

TRICITY

Nine new Covid cases recorded in UT

35 PATIENTS **DISCHARGED AFTER** RECOVERY

A.S.PRASHAR Chandigarh, July 7

UT recorded eight more cases of coronavirus on Wednesday but no death due to the infection as the pandemic continued to show signs of receding.

The city now has just 99 active cases of Covid. The caseload now stands at 61,

According to a media bulletin issued by the Administration, the new cases have been reported from different parts of the city and the areas around it.

Meanwhile, a total of 35 patients have been discharged including persons from home isolation who have completed 10 days and are asymptomatic, as per MoHFW guidelines.



CHANDIGARH (UT) COVID-19 STATUS UPDATE:-(RT-PCR)+ (RAPID-ANTIGEN)

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Total new positive cases	8
Positivity Rate Today	0.57%
Average number of positive cases in last 7 days	11
Positivity Rate in last 7 days	0.70%
Total number of patients found positive	61780
Positivity Rate (Cumulative)	10.69%
Total number of active cases	99
Samples tested in last 24 hours	1409
Total number of samples tested	577866
Total number of patients found negative	514823
# Total number of samples rejected	1263
Total number of COVID-19 patients cured to date	60872
Total number of COVID-19 deaths to date	809
Total number of samples of UT whose result is awaited	05

Serosurvy finds 69% of UT children exposed to Covid

PUNJAB EXPRESS BUREAU Chandigarh, July 7

PGIMER, Chandigarh is carrying out the COVID-19 serosurvey in children between 6-18 years of age and survey was kick-started on 24th June 2021 and is progressing at a very good pace as informed by Prof. Jagat Ram, Director, PGIMER. that reports can be He said serosurvey among made available in a the paediatric population is of utmost importance since there is news that third wave can affect children.

Till date blood samples of 756 children had been collected for the serosurvey out of which 519 had tested

positive for IgG antibod- technician who undertook ies against SARS-CoV-2 which means almost 69% of children in Chandigarh had been previously inthe Department of Virology so short span of time.

Prof. PVM Lakshmi is coordinating the field activity of the survey and informed that serosurvey teams have been divided into 4 groups each consisting of a field investigator and a laboratory

household visits in different sectors, villages and slums and took blood samples after obtaining informed fected. Prof. Mini P Singh consent from the parents of informed that the testing is the enrolled children. Out the study is funded by the being carried out us-UT Administration. The ing a high through- till 4th of July, 2021, till 4th of July, 2021, put CLIA ma-chine available in Coronavirus 396 samples were collected from SCARE households of Sector 22, Sector 24, Sector 36, Sector 56 and Sector 11 which showed positivity in 65% of samples (257 positive out of 396) and 360 samples were collected from households of villages, Burail, Maloya, Dhanas, Attawa and Kha-

Settle cases related to land acquisition disputes in Lok Adalat on Saturday: DC

TRAFFIC CHALLANS. **ELECTRICITY AND** WATER BILL DISPUTES MAY ALSO BE **RESOLVED**

PUNJAB EXPRESS BUREAU SAS Nagar, July 7

"Litigation is a time and money consuming exhaustive exercise; as far as possible an amicable resolution of disputes should be opted for," said Deputy Commissioner Girish Dayalan while suggesting people to make most of the National Lok Adalat to be held on Saturday, July 10.

He suggested that cases related to Revenue Department/land acquisition disputes pending in various courts at subdivision and tehsil level may be settled through the Lok Adalat. Apart from the cases pending in the courts, pre-litiga-

tion cases will also be taken up, he informed.

Further, the issues related to traffic challans, electricity and water bill disputes may also be resolved through the upcoming Lok Adalat.

The Lok Adalat will be organized virtually as well as physically and the benches will be constituted at District Court Complex, Mohali as well as at Sub-divisions i.e. Kharar and Derabassi. Encouraging general public to take maximum advantage of the opportunity he said that quick and easy disposal of pending cases is a win-win situation for all the parties in litigation.

CHB gives prizes for online payments to allottees

PUNIAB EXPRESS BUREAU Chandigarh, July 7

facility of online payment www.chbonline.in. of all kind of dues and

the Chandigarh Housing will continue give with Board and they can pay monthly reward of Rs. Chandigarh Housing their dues online by vis- 1000/- each to 10 online Board has introduced the iting website of the CHB payment transactions ing any registration

CHB has decided that 2021. now the allottees are not to further encourage

during the whole year of

The online payment Password.

required to visit office of the online payments, it process has been further simplified and now the online payment can be made without makor going through the process of User id and

> I Nunglepam Rebik Leima spouse of No. 15175461M, L/Hav (GD) N. Rajamani Meetei # Village Ngangkhalawai, PO-Moirang, Tehsil & Distt. Bishnupur (Manipur) have changed my name from Nunglepam Rebik Leima to

> C/o 56 APO Faridkot Cantt R/o Village Kateragandla, District Faridkot.

Vidhi Chand R/O Ahata Pothuganti Subhan ਕਲਾਂ of Unit 341 Med Regt C/o 56 APO Faridkot Cantt R/o Village Kondarajupalli, PO: Kateragandla, District Cuddapah (AP)- 516193, have changed my Son's name from Pothuganti Riyaz to Shaik Riyaz. Vide affidavit dated 7 July 2021. Before District Faridkot.

> I, Amardeep Singh s/o Janakraj Singh r/o Village Chahal, Tehna **District Faridkot have** changed my minor son name Meharansh Singh to Maiveer Singh Aulakh.

LOST FOUND

I Sharad Khanna s/o City.

Philanthropist donates surgical gloves worth ₹2 lakhs for PGI **PUNIAB EXPRESS BUREAU** for the healthcare workers of

jeri which showed positivity

of 73% (262 out of 360).

Chandigarh, July 7

Harbhajan Kaur, a well known philanthropist dedicated to the cause of poor and needy, showcased another exemplary generous gesture and lent a help-

ing hand to PGIMER as

she handed over surgical gloves worth Rs. 2 Lakhs PGIMER here on Tuesday. The sum of money for

the purchase of surgical gloves was contributed by Aman Preet Singh, son of Harbhajan Kaur, reiterating that charity is innate to the family.

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Colony, Tripuri Town,

Patiala ਦੇ ਨਾਮ ਰਜਿਸਟਰ ਹੈ।

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Jaswant Singh R/o #64,

New Mehar Singh Colony,

Tripuri Town, Patiala ਨੇ

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Maya: A thoughtprovoking tale of two sisters



PUNJAB EXPRESS BUREAU Chandigarh, May 7

One of the most soughtafter writers in the region, Dr Rana Preet Gill has now released her fourth book, Maya which underlines the story of two adolescent sisters who encounter an array of challenges while growing up.

It talks about Maya and Zenia who live with their mother at Galaxy apartments in the suburb of Dwarka. Maya, the younger, is insecure and full of negativity because of the scars which did not leave her face after a dreadful chicken pox bout in childhood. Zenia's charm and the constant comparisons in their physical traits creates a rift between them, and Maya ends up doing something that she

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I Kulwinder Singh S/o Mehnga Ram VPO Tanuli Tehsil & Distt Hoshiarpur declare that my son Vicky and his wife Parminder Kaur are out of my control so I disinherited them from my moveable and immoveable property. I shall not be responsible Ludhiana and Partner if anybody dealing with

> Kamlesh Setia w/o Sh. Anil Kumar Setia, presently resident of H. No. 2417, Sector 38 - C, Chandigarh permanent resident of Street No. 2, Lajpat Nagar, Abohar, District: Fazilka Punjab, declare that Kamlesh Setia and Kamlesh is one and the same person.

I Soma Devi W/o Shiv Honda City Car ਰਜਿ. ਨੰ. Kumar R/o Partap Singh Wala Ludhiana Declare That my son Rajiv Sharma and his wife Neha Sharma are out of my control. And do arbitrarily. I Disinhertid them from my movable and immovable property. Anybody dealing with them will be responsible for these. Neither I nor any other member of my family will have any responsibility whatsoever.

I Gurpreet Singh S/o Balvinder Singh R/o Village Kaneja, Bajra Road, Navi Colony, Ludhiana declare that my son Amandeep Singh and his wife Samta Rani are out of my control. I disowned them from my all moveable and immovable properties. Anybody deals with them at his/her own risk. Me and my family members will not be responsible for any act or conduct done by them.

I Vijav Kumar s/o Anit Ram r/o Near Master Karyana Store, Bhatian ਊਪ ਰਜਿਸਟਰਾਰ, ਸਹਿਕਾਰੀ ਸਭਾਵਾਂ, ਲੁਧਿਆਣ Bet, Teh & Distt Ludhiana ਗਰੇਟਰ ਲੁਧਿਆਣਾ ਏਰੀਆ ਵਿਕਾਸ ਅਬਾਰਿਟੀ declare that my son Mohit ਗਲਾਡਾ ਕੰਪਲੈਕਸ, ਰਾਜਗੁਰੂ ਨਗਰ, ਫਿਰੋਜਪੁਰ ਰੋਡ Sharma & his wife Priti both are out of my control. I disinherit them from my moveable and immovable property. Anybody deals with them Legal or illegal do it their own responsibility.

ਮੋਟਰ ਵਹੀਕਲ ਸੁਚਨਾ

ਆਪ ਸਭ ਨੂੰ ਸੂਚਿਤ ਕੀਤਾ ਜਾਂਦਾ ਹੈ ਕਿ ਸੂਰਿੰਦਰ ਕੁਮਾਰ ਪੁੱਤਰ ਪੁਲਹਾਦ ਦੱਤ ਵਾਸੀ ਮਕਾਨ ਨੰ:- 63 ਸੂਦਾ ਸਟਰੀਟ ਨੇੜੇ ਲਹੌਰੀ ਗੇਟ ਪਟਿਆਲਾ ਦੀ ਮੌਤ ਮਿਤੀ 06.05.2021 ਨੂੰ ਹੋ ਚੁੱਕੀ ਹੈ। ਜਿਸ ਦੇ ਨਾਮ ਤੇ ਵਹੀਕਲ ਅਸੈਸ ਰਜਿਸਟ੍ਰੇਸ਼ਨ ਨੰਬਰ **PB 11CQ 3265 Chaiss** No 64638 Enigne No 75356 ਮਾਡਲ 2018 ਅਤੇ ਵਹੀਕਲ ਰਜਿਸਟ੍ਰੇਸ਼ਨ ਨੰਬਰ PB11AR1469 Chaiss No 279264 Enigne No 723215 ਮਾਡਲ 2010 ਸੀ । ਹੁਣ ਹਾਰਦਿਕ ਪੁੱਤਰ ਲੇਟ ਸੁਰਿੰਦਰ ਕੁਮਾਰ ਵਾਸੀ ਮਕਾਨ ਨੰ:- 63 ਦਾ ਸਟਰੀਟ ਪਟਿਆਲਾ ਨੇ ਉਕਤ ਗੱਡੀ ਨੂੰ ਆਪਣੇ ਨਾਮ ਤੇ ਟਰਾਂਸਫਰ ਕਰਨ ਲਈ ਅਰਜ਼ੀ ਪੇਸ਼ ਕੀਤੀ ਹੈ । ਜੇ ਕਿਸੇ ਨੂੰ ਕਿਸੇ ਤਰ੍ਹਾਂ ਦਾ ਇਤਰਾਜ਼ ਹੈ ਤਾਂ ਆਪਣਾ ਇਤਰਾਜ਼ 11 ਦਿਨਾਂ ਦੇ ਅੰਦਰ ਆ ਕੇ ਆਰ.ਟੀ.ਏ ਦਫਤਰ ਪਟਿਆਲਾ

ਵਿਖੇ ਆਕੇ ਪੇਸ਼ ਕਰੋ ।

ਰਭਾਰ ਸਿੰਘ ਸਹਾਭਾ ਮਾਰਕੀਟ, ਬਲਾਕ ਨੰਬਰ-03 shouldn't! ਗਿੱਲ ਵੱਡਾ, ਲੁਧਿਆਣਾ ਵਿਚ ਦੇ ਸਕਦਾ ਹੈ। ਇਡਵਾਜ਼ ਦੀ ਸੁਣਵਾਦੀ ਮਿਤੀ 25.07 2021 ਨੂੰ ਬਾਅ ਦੁਪਿਹਰ 2.00 ਵਜੇ ਕੀਤੀ ਜਾਵੇਗੀ। ਮੈਂਬਰਾ ਦੀ ਸੂਚ

ਪਲਾਟ ਨੰਬਰ 1230 ਰਕਬਾ 200 ਵ:ਗਜ ਅਰਬਾ ਅਸਟੇਟ ਸੈਕਟਰ 38-39 ਸਮਰਾਲਾ ਰੋਡ, ਲਧਿਆਣ ਦੀ ਮਲਕੀਤੀ 1) ਸ਼੍ਰੀਮਤੀ ਪ੍ਰੇਮਲਤਾ ਕਪੂਰ ਪਤਨੀ ਸ਼੍ਰੰ ਇੰਦਰਮੋਹਨ ਕਪੂਰ 2) ਸ਼੍ਰੀਮਤੀ ਪਾਇਲ ਕਪੂਰ ਪਤਨ ਹੀ ਵਿਕਾਸ ਕਪੂਰ 3) ਸ਼੍ਰੀਮਤੀ ਸ਼ਿਖਾ ਕਪੂਰ ਪਤਨੀ ਨਿਤਿਨ ਕਪਰ 4) ਸ਼ੀ ਵਿਕਾਸ ਕਪਰ ਪੱਤਰ ਸ਼ ਇੰਦਰ ਮੋਹਨ ਕਪਰ ਵਾਸੀ:- ਮਕਾਨ ਨੰਬਰ: 20 ਮੋਹੱਲਾ ਫਤਿਹਗੰਜ ਸਮਹਾਲਾ ਰੋਡ, ਲੁਧਿਆਣਾ ਦੇ ਨਾਮ ਇਸ ਦਫਤਰ ਦੇ ਪੱਤਰ ਨੰ: 11367 ਮਿਤੰ 07.12.2003 ਰਾਹੀਂ ਕੀਤੀ ਗਈ ਸੀ। 1/4 ਹਿੱਸੇ ਦੰ ਅਲਾਟੀ ਸ਼ੀਮਤੀ ਪੇਮਲਤਾ ਕਪਰ ਪਤਨੀ ਇੰਦਰਮੋਹਨ ਕਪਰ ਦੀ ਮੌਤ ਮਿਤੀ 05.07.2015 ਚੱਕੀ ਹੈ। ਉਕਤ ਪਲਾਟ ਦੀ 1/4 ਹਿੱਸੇ ਮਲਕੀਤੀ ਆਪਣੇ ਨਾਮ ਤੇ ਤਬਦੀਲ ਕਰਵਾਉਣ ਲਈ ਸ਼੍ਰੀ ਵਿਕਾਸ ਕਪੂਰ ਪੁੱਤਰ ਸ਼੍ਰੀ ਇੰਦਰਮੋਹਨ ਕਪੂਰ ਵਾਸੀ:- ਮਕਾਨ ਨੰ: 1230 ਸੈਕਟਰ-39 ਚੰਡੀਗੜ੍ਹ ਰੋਡ ਲੁਧਿਆਣਾ ਵਲੋਂ ਸ਼੍ਰੀਮਤੀ ਮੰਜੂ ਅੰਗਰਵਾਰ ਕੈੱਸਲਰ, ਮਿਉੰਸਿਪਲ ਕਾਰਪੋਰੇਸ਼ਨ ਵਾਰਡ ਨੰਬਰ 57 ਲੁਧਿਆਣਾ ਵਲੋਂ ਜਾਰੀ ਕੁਰਸੀਨਾਮਾ ਅਤੇ ਹੋਰ ਕਰਸੀਨਾਮੇ ਦੇ ਆਧਾਰ ਤੇ ਹੇਠ ਲਿਖੇ ਵਾਰਸ ਤਸਦੀਕ) ਸ਼ੀ ਨਿਤਿਨ ਕਪਰ (ਪੱਤਰ)

2) ਸ਼੍ਰੀ ਵਿਕਾਸ ਕਪੂਰ (ਪੁੱਤਰ) ਉਕਤ ਵਾਰਸਾਂ ਦੇ ਨਾਮ ਤੇ ਮਲਕੀਅਤ ਤਬਦੀਲ ਕਰਨ ਤੋਂ ਪਹਿਲਾਂ ਪਬਲਿਕ ਤੋਂ ਇਤਰਾਜ ਮੰਗਣ ਲਈ ਜਨਤਰ ਸਚਨਾ ਰਾਹੀਂ ਆਮ ਪਬਲਿਕ ਨੂੰ ਸਚਿਤ ਕੀਤਾ ਜਾਂਦਾ ਹੈ ਕਿ ਜੇਕਰ ਕਿਸੇ ਵਿਅਕਤੀ ਨੂੰ ਇਸ ਮਲਕੀਤੀ ਤਬਦੀਲੀ 15 ਦਿਨਾਂ ਦੇ ਅੰਦਰ-ਅੰਦਰ ਲਿਖਤੀ ਤੌਰ ਤੇ ਇਸ ਦਫਤਰ ਵਿਖੇ ਪੇਸ਼ ਕਰ ਸਕਦਾ ਹੈ। ਇਸ ਨਿਸ਼ਚਿਤ ਮਿਤੀ ਤੋਂ ਬਾਅਦ ਪ੍ਰਾਪਤ ਇਤਰਾਜ ਤੇ ਕੋਈ ਕਾਰਵਾਈ ਨਹੀਂ ਕੀਤੀ ਜਾਵੇਗੀ ਅਤੇ ਮਲਕੀਤੀ ਵਾਰਸਾਂ ਦੇ ਨਾਮ ਤੇ

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Cassifieds CHANGE OF NAME I Jaswinder Singh Mann I Raj Kumar Garg Son S/o Rajinder Singh R/o of Sh. Gurdial Singh I Gurinder Singh Gill R/o Near Gas Agency Tapa

Plot No. 52, Shiv Enclave, Near Karan Hospital, Samrala, Ludhiana have changed my minor daughter's name from Harjas Gill to Harjas **Kaur Gill**

I Rimpi alias Rimpi Mittal W/o Ravinder Kumar # 721, Malerkotla House, Civil Lines, Ludhiana declare that above both names are of one and the

I Pahul Bawa D/o Rupinder Singh Bawa to Kuldip Kumar R/o H.No. 20 (GF), Block-H, B.R.S. Nagar, Rajguru Nagar, Ludhiana have changed my name to **Pahul Kaur Bawa**

I Arjun Kumar s/o Atam Parkash r/o Bhawanigarh (Sangrur) have changed my name to Arjan Kumar

I Kamaljeet Singh Ghumaan son of Unit 65 ARmd Regt Rajwinder Singh r/o Vpo C/O 56 APO Patiala Ubhawal teh and distt have changed my name Sangrur have changed from Rekha Sharma my name to Kamaljeet

I Devinder Kaur Ghuman W/o Baljit Singh R/o Village Phaguwala I Tej Kaur W/o Gurnam Tehsil Bhawanigarh Distt Sangrur have changed my name to Devinder Kaur

I Baljit Singh Ghuman S/o Darshan Singh R/o Village Phaguwala I Gurnam Singh S/o Tehsil Bhawanigarh Distt Gurdial Singh R/o Lada Sangrur have changed my name to Baljit Singh

I Baljit Singh S/o Darshan Singh R/o Village Phaguwala Tehsil Sangrur have changed name my minor son Karanveer Singh Ghuman to Karanveer Singh

I Jaspreet Kaur Lehal **Jaspreet Kaur**

changed my name to **Jaswinder Singh**

I Army No.JC-510763M Rank Ex Sub Gobind Singh R/o Village Uppli to 27.10.2003

have changed my name from Pankaj Kumar from P Saniya to Shaik Sharma

I Avtar Singh Khangura S/o Mohinder Singh R/o Village Bijalpur Distt I, Phoola Devi W/O I No. 15156820A, Hav. Sangrur have changed my name to Avtar Singh

I Rekha Sharma is legally wedded Spouse of No. 15502441K Rank LD Santosh Sharma to Km Rekha Kumari. Vide Affidavit dated 05/07/2021,before distt Court Patiala.

Singh Manesh R/o Lada Patti, Vpo Balian Tehsil **Dhuri Distt Sangrur** have changed my name to Tej Kaur Manesh

Patti, Vpo Balian Tehsil **Dhuri Distt Sangrur** have changed my name Gurnam Singh Manesh

Bhawanigarh Distt I, Jai Prakash Rathore s/o Vijay Kumar Singh R/o 386 Mundian Kalan, Bhamian Kalan **Ludhiana Change name** Jay Singh Rathore.

W/o Dharmpreet I, Manjeet Kaur W/o Singh Sidhu R/o Vpo Jagtar Singh R/o Village Chananwal Tehsil and Rattan Ludhiana declare the name of my minor Homes) has been lost. Distt Barnala have that Manjit Kaur and changed my name to Manjeet Kaur is one and same person.

Resident of House No. Distt Barnala have 6394 Malout Road Langar Wali Gali, Sri Muktsar Sahib I have changed my name Raj Kumar Garg to Raj Kumar.

Distt Barnala (PB) have I, Vishal Singh S/o changed DOB of my Kulwant Singh, R/o minor son Lovepreet Village Khosa Kotla, Singh from 20.10.2003 (Moga) have changed my name to Vishal Singh Gill.

I Kuldip Kumar S/o I, Pankaj Sood (New Cuddapah (AP)-Harpal Singh R/o Name) declare that I 516193, have changed Chhajli Distt Sangrur have changed my name my daughter's name please may note.

> Sarbjit Singh, Khasa Bazar Amritsar, Punjab inform that Phoola Devi and Phoolan Rani both names are mine and one and the same person. Please correct my name Phoolan Rani in my LIC Policy No.471277223.

> I, Loveleen Kaur D/o Kulwantbir singh R/O VILL.Sagrawan Tehsil Dhilwan distt Kapurthala, Punjab declare that I have changed My name from Loveleen Kaur to Loveleen Dhillon. Please

> I Abhishek Khurana S/O Lalit Kumar R/O 1825, 68D, Near Dhuri **Line White Quarters** Millerganj Ludhiana Punjab India 141003 declare that Abhishek and Abhishek Khurana are one and the same person, both name belong to me.

NAIK Bhupinder Singh S/O Sh. Amar Singh Bag in which my Flat's khanna distt Ludhiana Reality Pvt. Ltd.) Unit (Punjab) I have changed No. T-02/402 (Hero son from YAGDIP FIR No. 150989/2021. SINGH to YAGDEEP PSOC Dugri Ludhiana **SINGH**

Before District Courts Faridkot.

(Previous name)to Saniya. vide affidavit Pankaj Sood (New dated 7 July 2021. Name). All conncerned Before District Courts

Courts

Rajesh Khanna r/o 30-B, Vikas Nagar, of M/s Wolmer Traders, Industrial Area-A, EX NO 4463681F Ludhiana hereby declare that my Office resident of VPO Bija teh. Original Paper (Hero

Couple held for robbery, cash

recovered

Ludhiana, July 7

DC: Get vaccinated to prevent third wave

PUNJAB EXPRESS BUREAU Ludhiana, July 7

Deputy Commissioner Varinder Kumar Sharma on Wednesday appealed to the people to avoid stepping out unnecessarily and strictly observe COVID-19 appropriate behaviour even after getting the vaccine for preventing the third wave of coronavirus. Addressing the Ludhiana residents in his weekly Facebook live session on the official page of DPRO Ludhiana, the Deputy Commissioner said that crowding must be avoided and people must wear a mask, maintain social distancing, wash hands frequently and get vaccine immediately to build herd

doctors, the third wave oculation camps. may hit due to violations



by the people and if we is critical to breaking the follow the rules and get chain of transmission a life-saving jab, we can and the administration prevent the wave.

Reiterating the need for the people to get vaccinated immediately, Sharma said the vaccine is a shield in the fight against the pandemic and there is a stock of 25,000 doses of vaccine with Ludhiana encouraging youths and He said that as per besides holding 178 in-

He said that that vacci- the coverage.

of COVID-19 protocols nation against COVID-19 has already stepped up the pace of vaccination to cover a maximum number of people expeditiously.

> people to come forward for the vaccination in huge numbers especially their parents in the camps so that further maximise

The DC also exhorted

Industry bears the brunt; large units ordered 3-day shut down

YOGESH KAPOOR **PUNJAB EXPRESS BUREAU** Ludhiana, July 7

As power crisis facing the state has deepened and dry spell seemed to be unending, the Punjab State Power Corporation Limited (PSPCL) has imposed harsher restrictions on large supply (LS) consumers with shutting down their power supply continuously for three days - from 8 am all LS industrial consumers, rolling mills and induction furnace units - except esand other exempted categories, in West, North and Ludhiana), would observed three weekly off days from Wednesday to July 10.



on Wednesday to 8 am on the restricted load (general July 10.In a PR Circular and rolling mill consumers (9/2021b dated July 5), 10 per cent of sanctioned the PSPCL has said that load or 50 kVA whichever is lower, induction furnace units 2.5 per cent or 50 kVA whichever is higher, arc fursential industries, services nace consumers 5 per cent of the sanctioned load only) during their weekly off days. Central zones (including However, fixed charges for weekly off days shall not be levied.

Further, all the LS indus- lated penalty for defaulting was to the tune of 5,000 trial consumers can use only consumers who failed to ob- MW.

serve weekly off-days or run load in excess of restricted load. It has been laid down that for each weekly off day Rs 100 per kVA (for first default) of maximum load used in excess of the restricted load while for second and each subsequent default it would be Rs 200 per kVA of maximum load used in excess of the restricted load.

Meanwhile, highly placed sources in the PSPCL indicated that even after closure of most large industries and imposition of power cuts on urban feeders, the state was facing a shortfall of anything between 1,000 and 1,500 MW of power every day. Official data made available said the state's own generation from all sources - four units each of thermal plants at Ropar and Lehra Mohabbat, hydel power projects, private power plants and The PSPCL has also stipurenewable energy sources

PUNJAB EXPRESS BUREAU of Amritsar, relative of Shivam, a city-based nut bolt factory owner, along with A week after a couple Babat Sharma, brother-inrobbed a relative of a citylaw of Shivam went to make based industrialist of Rs a payment and they were 1.5 lakh near Gill Canal carrying cash Rs 1.5 lakh. Bridge, the police nabbed They were on motorcycle the couple and recovered and when they reached 1.09 lakh cash from their near Gill Canal Bridge the accused couple came there possession. The police have also recovered a toy pistol in the Scorpio SUV. The accused pointed the toy and Scorpio SUV used by the accused in the crime. pistol and threatened the The accused were identified complainant while asking as Harinder Singh (37) and them to handover the cash. his wife Manjit Kaur alias Later, the accused fled away

They were at present resid-The ADCP said that the ing as tenants in Shaheed accused were aware that the complainants are into mak-Additional Deputy Coming cash transactions on a missioner of Police (ADCP daily basis. Therefore, they 2) Jaskiranjit Singh Teja were observing the comsaid that Harinder is a habitual offender. He is alconspiracy accordingly.

with the amount.

The accused also have accommodation in Pathankot and Himachal Pradesh on

plainants and hatched the ASI Subash Chand, incharge Marado Police Post possession of weapons. said that the accused were Harinder came out on arrested from Ring Road bail from Mansa jail in area on the basis of tip-off. December 2018 and now

bery along with his wife. On June 28, the com-rent where they used to hide

he started executing rob-

Shalu (34) of Sidhwan Bet.

ready facing trial in three

cases including robbery,

Bhagat Singh Nagar.



2 held for setting Rajiv Gandhi's statue on fire



Ludhiana, July 7

A statue of former Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi was set on fire by some anti-social elements on Wednesday evening. However, the police nabbed the accused later. The police have booked two persons after a video of a Satpal Singh Navi. man wearing a turban-like a Nihang Sikh surfaced on A and 435 of the IPC and social media. In the video, Article 68 of the IT Act and the man introduced himself Section 3 of the Defacement incident.

In the video, Ramandeep along with his accomplice receiving the information Satpal Singh are seen putting eight teams were pressed fuel and tyre on the statue of Rajiv Gandhi and setting it

are installed in the public snatching and theft.

parks. "Gursimran Singh Mand was planning to install statues of Rajiv Gandhi in public parks and we Sikhs oppose this move and I will set every such statue on fire," he said. ADCP Pragya Jain said that the accused have been identified as Ramandeep Singh Nihang and

A case under Sections 153as Ramandeep Singh and he of Public Property Act was took the responsibility of the registered against them at Salem Tabri Police Station.

She said that soon after into service and the accused were arrested. Both the accused have a previous crimi-Ramandeep was further nal background, Ramandeep heard in the video stating was booked in six criminal that he will set all statues of cases, while Satpal has 17 Rajiv Gandhi on fire if they FIRs against him including

Dist primary govt schools to get solar panels

PUNJAB EXPRESS BUREAU of the state. Ludhiana, July 7

In order to make government schools free from the problem of power cuts, over 32 government schools in the district will get solar panels installed in their campuses. These schools will get around 3KW solar panels installed in their campuses. This move is taken by the government to reduce the cost of electricity in the government schools Jawaddi, BR Sunet, Sunet,

Health staff to observe

2-day pen down strike

In the first list of the schools released by the government, the selects schools from the district include — **Government Primary Schools** in Daad, Dhandari Khurd, Lohara, Jandiali, Sahnewal, Kohara, Nandpur, Giaspura, New Shimlapuri, Sherpur Kalan, Sherper Khurd, Haibowal Kalan, Haibowal Khurd, Daba, Dholewal, Shimlapuri, Vishkarma, Gobind Nagar,

Model Gram, Chet Singh, Kot will not face any shortage of Mangal Singh, Mehrbaan, Chanan Devi, Kailash Nagar, Indira Colony, Bhattian Bet, Tarf Karabara, Basti Jodhewal and Kakowal.

According to some school principals of government schools, they used to pay electricity bills of around Rs 50.000 to Rs 60,000 every two months. "So, this move will not only reduce the financial burden but will also help the students as the schools

'Avoid going out

between 12 pm

heatstroke'

Ludhiana, July 7

Observing cases

district Health

of heat stroke, the

Department has is-

sued guidelines for

them to avoid going

unnecessarily.Civil

Ahluwalia said that

between 12 pm to 3

ture is much higher

going out during

Now, the maxi-

mum temperature in

the city has reached

40 degrees Celsius

and the residents

have started facing

the problem of heat

these hours.

pm, the day tempera-

and one should avoid

Surgeon Dr Kiran

out during day hours

residents appealing to

and 3 pm to avoid

PUNJAB EXPRESS BUREAU

power supply. Rather, the installation of solar panels will enable the school to generate more energy and save a large number of units annually," they said. Earlier, state Education

Minister Vijay Inder Singla had announced that the Education Department is making continuous efforts to further strengthen the infrastructure in the government primary

Joint CP starts plantation drive in Police Lines

PUNJAB EXPRESS BUREAU Ludhiana, July 7

Joint Commissioner of Police (JCP) J Elanchezhian on Wednesday started a plantation drive in Police Lines under Mission Tandarust Punjab. Accompanied by Additional Deputy Commissioner of Police-1 Dr Pragya Jain, Assistant Commissioner (Under Trainee) Dr Harjinder Singh Bedi, J Elanchezhian said it is high time for the people to come forward and join the hands with the administration for planting saplings to enhance the green cover in Ludhiana.

He said that each person must protect the environment for giving a better future to the coming generations by planting saplings. He added there is a regular increase in the levels of air, the Punjab government present on the occasion water, and soil pollution is deeply committed and included Assistant Comand the trees can play a it would leave no stone missioner of Police Jang ing our environment by reducing pollutants.



JCP J Elanchezhian said it is high time for the people to come forward and join the hands with the administration for planting saplings to enhance the green cover in Ludhiana

Assistant Commis- the saplings free of cost and increase the forest upkeep of saplings. cover in the state for which individuals can receive and others.

sioner (Under Trainee) from the forest depart-Dr Harjinder Singh Bedi ment through the i-Harisaid that the aim of mis- yali app. He also said that sion Tandarust Punjab is the youth must adopt one to ensure clean air, water sapling and ensure proper Prominent among

crucial role in conserv- unturned to achieve the Bahadur District Forest goal. He said that even Officer Harbhajan Singh

Managing 'biomedical waste' properly helps in reducing hospital acquired infections

Ludhiana, July 7

state has its own share of 'United Nations Industrial 'biomedical waste' which Development Organiza- Convenor, Biomedical needs to be disposed of tion (UNIDO)' which has Waste Control Commit- hospital acquired infecproperly as per prescribed adopted DMCH as a role tee remarks that ever since tions can be reduced conguidelines by Punjab model in this part of region COVID-19 pandemic has siderably.

Every hospital in the zation under the name of biomedical wastes.

(PPCB).On the global training to other medical level, there is an organi- institutes in handling their one and medical institute

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Dr Sandeep Sharma,

started affecting the nation, role of managing hospital's biomedical waste has increased consider-PUNJAB EXPRESS BUREAU Pollution Control Board (in 2012) for imparting ably and every hospital, whether a small or bigger should seriously think of disposing of biomedical wastes properly so that

Dr Kiran Ahluwalia on

The union members

Wednesday.

Members of paramedi- said the reduction in

cal and health workers various allowances be-

union Punjab will observe ing given to employees is

a pen down strike against unjustified and against

the recommendations of the interests of govern-

6th Pay Commission on ment employees. They

Thursday and Friday.In said if the government

this regard, the members will not fulfill their de-

of the union submitted a mands, they will inten-

notice to the Civil Surgeon sify the protest.

stroke. Highlighting the signs and symptoms of heatstroke, Dr Ahluwalia said that a person suffering from heatstroke might face high body temperature, nausea, headache, rapid breathing, alteration in sweating etc.

> So, one should increase the intake of water and people should consume lemon water, ORS, Lassi to keep themselves hydrated.

"If you think a person may be experiencing heatstroke, seek immediate medical help," she said while adding that while waiting for emergency treatment one should get the affected person into shades or indoor, remove excess clothing and cool the person with whatever means

available.

Man shot at, bystander hurt **PUNJAB EXPRESS BUREAU** A case was registered persons of which four were

Ludhiana, July 7

dents of Preet Nagar in Shimlapuri after a number the left arm.

The victim was identified as Surinder Singh. He is a retired irrigation department employee. He was accidentally shot at by the assailant when the victim went out of the house to buy an ice-cream from the roadside vendor.

However, the police have booked four assailants who were identified as Gurpeet Singh, Gagandeep, Jagga and Ravinder.

against the four accused on identified. the basis of the statement Tension gripped the resilodged by Chanpreet Singh. According to Chanpreet, there were around a dozen of assailants opened fire in of accused who had come of one of the accused has the area.In the incident, to attack him with sharp a 75- year- old bystander edged weapons and they suffered bullet injury on also fired two shots targeting him but he got saved.

> Sub Inspector Balkar tacked him.

A case under Sections said the ADCP. 307, 506, 148 and 149 of registered against eight now.

Additional Deputy Commissioner of Police (ADCP 2) Jaskaran Singh Teja said that the mother been apprehended in connection with a drug peddling case.

He added that the investigation in the incident has Singh said that the ac-revealed that the weapon cused believed that Chan- used in the crime was not preet is the source of the registered and was illegally police and Chanpreet procured. "Raids are on to used to share informa- nab the accused once they tion about them with the will be arrested the probe police. Therefore, they at- will be conducted to nab the illegal arms supplier,"

He added that the conthe IPC and Articles 25, dition of victim Surinder 54 and 59 of Arms Act was Singh is stated to be stable

Ludhiana, July 7 Agriculture experts provided information regarding training programmes organised at PAU, use of

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Farmers apprised of training programmes

operations for the next service and sponsored), Education and Associate Trainings are imparted in added. Director (Skill Develop- precision farming, hybrid

crops, mushroom grow- fertilizers in basmati. She ing, apiculture, poultry, said: "They are cost-effecdairy, piggery, goatry, tive, pollution free and value addition of agri- eco-friendly inputs which cultural produce, tie and reduce dependence on dye, stitching, embroi- chemical fertilizers." They bio-fertilizers in basmati the training programmes dery, etc, he said. Besides, also help in improving and other crops, and farm (short, vocational, in- emphasis is on honing the soil health, she said, while skills of the rural youth adding that the PAU has fortnight on Wednesday. organised by the PAU for and enabling them to recommended bio-fertil-Speaking at PAU Live, the farmers, farm women, earn their livelihood by izers for 18 crops. While Dr Kuldeep Singh, Head, rural youth and officials venturing into agriculture purchasing bio-fertilizers, Department of Extension of various departments. related enterprises, he farmers must check the

Dr Jupinder Kaur, As- for which it is being purment), informed about seed production, culti-sistant Microbiologist, chased, she advised.

vation of horticultural explained the use of bioexpiry date and the crop

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Cabinet rejig

he much awaited reshuffle of Narenda Modi's cabinet has eventually taken place on Wednesday. While the expansion was expected for a long time, some of the resignations came as a big surprise. The expansion had been necessitated to fill some vacancies caused by the death of Lok Janshakti Party leader Ram Vilas Paswan, resignation of Ms Harsimrat Kaur Badal after her party, the Shiromani Akali Dal broke away from the National Democratic Alliance as also for the inclusion of the Janata Dal (United)

Quite a few faces like that of former Congress leader Jyotiraditya Scindia, former Assam Chief Minister Sarbananda Sonowal, Narayan Rane and others were expected to be inducted. But, the dropping of senior ministers like Ravi Shankar Prasad, Dr Harsh Vardhan, Parkash Javadekar and Ramesh Pokhriyal did come as a surprise. Much talked about removal is however that of Dr Harsh Vardhan and his deputy Ashwani Kumar Choubey over their "mishandling" of the second wave of COVID pandemic. Given the enormity of the pandemic, it is difficult to pinpoint a single person and attribute entire failure to him. It was actually the failure of the entire health system, which could not cope up with the spontaneous and massive surge. Otherwise, the same team had handled the first wave pretty well. Equally surprising is the removal of the Minister for IT and Law, Ravi Shankar Prasad.

There obviously must be multiple parameters to induct and remove the ministers from the cabinet. But this reshuffle should not be held as a final judgement about the performance as ministers. And it is not necessarily the performance and merit alone which decide the inclusion or exclusion of ministers. At times there are political expediencies and compulsions that determine the choices and preferences of the government.

The year 2022 is going to be very crucial for the Bharatiya Janata Party as seven crucial states are going to polls. These include Uttar Pradesh, Himachal Pradesh, Uttrakhand, Guajarat, Punjab and Goa. IN all these states, except Punjab, the BJP has quite high stakes. The reshuffle has been done keeping in view these elections also. Besides, the efficiency, age and educational qualification has also been taken into consideration for appointing the ministers.

Shocking indeed!

overnment departments are notorious for mindlessly applying old and hackneyed laws to harass citizens. But Information Technology Department of the Government of India has taken the cake for registering cases under a section of the IT Act which had been struck down by the Supreme Court way back in 2015

The apex court observed the other day that it was "shocking" and "distressing" that there was a fivefold increase in the registration of cases under Section 66A of the Information Technology Act though the provision was quashed by it six years ago.

The court was informed that there were 229 cases pending in 11 states when the Supreme Court in April 2015 struck down muchabused Section 66A of the IT Act, which authorised police to arrest people for social media posts construed as "offensive" or "menacing". After the law was quashed, police in these states went on to lodge

1,307 new cases under the same provision. "What's going on? It is terrible...shocking. It is distressing," remarked the bench, headed by Justice Rohinton F Nariman, as it took up a plea by NGO People's Union for Civil Liberties (PUCL) to issue suitable directives to the Union government and subordinate courts in the country to make sure cases are not registered under Section 66A, and

nobody is arrested or prosecuted under this quashed law. Senior advocate Sanjay Parikh, appearing for the NGO, cited a study conducted by Internet Freedom Foundation and Civic Data Labs, which showed that while 229 cases were pending as on April 24, 2015 when the apex court declared Section 66A of the IT Act as "unconstitutional and void", and 1,307 new cases got registered in the last six years under the law already struck down. Maharashtra topped the list with 381 cases, followed by Jharkhand (291), and Uttar Pradesh (245).

"It is shocking. We will work out a method and will do something to make sure our judgment works," retorted the bench, which also included justices KM Jospeh and BR Gavai.

Attorney general KK Venugopal, appearing on behalf of the Centre pointed out that Section 66A was still there in the IT Act, and the bare acts also contained this provision even after 2015 judgment of the Supreme Court.

"The section is still there in the statute. When a police officer looks at the law book, it is still there. The section has two stars with a footnote that says the section has been struck down by a division bench of the Supreme Court. But the section is full there," said the AG. "A police officer won't read the footnote, we are sure," said justice Nariman.

At this, Venugopal suggested that the section must be identified as "struck down" right next to where it is mentioned in the bare act, and the footnote must also clearly say that the provision does not exist anymore for the purpose of registration of cases.

SPIRITUAL WORLD

ਫਰੀਦਾ ਬਾਰਿ ਪਰਾਇਐ ਬੈਸਣਾ ਸਾਂਈ ਮੁਝੈ ਨ ਦੇਹਿ ॥ ਜੇ ਤੂ ਏਵੈ ਰਖਸੀ ਜੀਉ ਸਰੀਰਹੁ ਲੇਹਿ॥

Will Afghan ancient historical sites again face Talib threats?

The fear on the part of those who are tasked with taking care of the Afghanistan's uniquely diverse cultural heritage is not unfounded. It is still fresh in their memory, as it is of others, when the Taliban in 2001, destroyed the planet's largest statues, the **Bamiyan Buddhas**

hile there is a widespread speculation as to what awaits Afghanistan after the departure of the US-led foreign troops in the country, historians and heritage experts globally, are keeping their fingers crossed as to the fate of cultural legacy of the embattled nation.

The concern is justified since Afghanistan's rich historical and cultural heritage dates back to several centuries. From being part of Indus Valley Civilisation to being invaded by Alexander, several empires including Greco-Bactrians, Kushans, Saffarids, Ghaznavids, Timurids, and Mughals among others have started from this region.

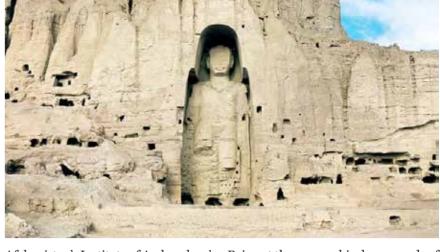
According to an article in National Geographic some cultural heritage experts are hopeful; others are growing anxious with the forthcoming departure of US and European forces.

The fear on the part of those who are tasked with taking care of the nation's uniquely diverse cultural heritage is not unfounded. It is still fresh in their memory, as it is of others, when the Taliban in 2001, destroyed the planet's largest statues, the Bamiyan Buddhas. They also vandalised the National Museum in Kabul and looted antiques from ancient sites. Their attitude towards the past relics, especially the pre-Islamic ones, portrayed them in a bad light at the international level.

This time, however, there appears to be a change as Taliban have given their word to respect the nation's history. In a statement they commanded their followers to "robustly protect, monitor and preserve" relics, halt illegal digs, and safeguard "all historic sites." But time will tell whether the commitment is only tactical, to reduce the resistance of the world community to their re-emergence or a genuine change of heart born out the bitter experience of the past.

Interestingly, they have forbidden selling of artefacts in the art market. Their statement said: "No one should try to disturb such sites or think about using them for profit.'

According to the NG article, the statement did not come as a surprise to Cheryl Benard of Washington-based Alliance for the Restoration of Cultural Heritage (ARCH). The write-up states that she told her group last fall that both sides need to address the issue.



Afghanistan's Institute of Archaeology's Noor Agha Noori is not convinced. He told NG: "To be honest, we are very worried about the future of cultural heritage were the Taliban to come into power," he said while informing that Islamists were indulging in looting historical sites in order to raise finances.

Speaking in the same vein, Mohammad Fahim Rahimi, Director of Kabul's National Museum observed: "Unfortunately the statement is not clear. especially concerning the pre-Islamic heritage. You know what happened to the collection during the civil war and

The museum conservators over the years painstakingly pieced together many wooden and stone sculptures which were broken deliberately.

There are many who pin their hopes on the US brokered talks between the Taliban and the Afghan Government hoping that the region's past will be protected. Last year, the Government had said yes to discuss "ensuring the security of historical and Islamic sites" during their talks while the statement of February gives an indication on part of Taliban to do so as well.

Nasratullah Hewadwall of the Kabul branch of ARCH remarked: "It's a great and positive step." He shared that last year the Taliban had distanced itself from the destruction of Bamiyan Buddhas in 2001 while blaming it on

According to Hewadwall, the leadership of the group has realised the economic significance of ancient heritage and sites as tourist attractions while perceiving that destroying them damages their image.

In terms of historical significance, there is much to be lost in case Afghani- braved arrest and even death in their

Being at the geographical crossroads of Central Asia, the region has attracted traders, merchants, scholars, pilgrims, and armies since the arrival of Alexander

Afghanistan is from where Buddhism spread to China and it is this place where Zoroastrianism, Christianity, Judaism, and Hinduism flourished, both before and after the advent of Islam in the 7th Century AD.

Also as part of the Silk Road which connected India with China and Iran, it boasts of remains of several ancient cities, monasteries, and sarais, which housed travellers.

Besides the threat of the Taliban, a greater fear which grips cultural conservators is that of chaos that will follow after the departure of American and NATO troops that has already begun.

According to Jolyon Leslie, who is working as a preservationist at an ancient Buddhist stupa outside Kabul: "Our fears are less about a possible threat posed by the Taliban than the prospect of a breakdown in law and order."

Chaos already exists, informs Hewadwall, especially in rural areas. The twin factors of lack of security and shifting alliances, has enabled povertystricken villagers, gangs, different militia and Taliban to steal artefacts for smuggling them.

Many place their hopes on the Afghan officials who have so far done well to preserve the sites, museums and artefacts from decay and destruction. The article quotes NG's archaeologist Fredrik Hiebert, who talking about Afghan officials said: "They will be good caretakers. I have total confidence in them." According to him, they have

The history of Israel and Palestine: Alternative names, competing claims

DANIEL MILLER

ne airstrikes ended he rockets stopped and the street fighting between Jewish and Arab Israelis abated as Israel and the militant Islamist group Hamas agreed to a ceasefire, ending the fourth war between them since 2008. The war and the actions that culminated in it have been discussed extensively. Both sides have, as always, laid the blame for the latest hostilities at the feet of the other. Sadly, this war and $\,$ the lead up to it are just the latest entries in a long ledger written in blood and tears. Israel. Palestine. One land, two names. Those on each side claim the land as theirs, under their chosen name.

Israel first appears near the end of the 13th century BC within the Egyptian Merneptah Stele, referring apparently to a people (rather than a place) inhabiting what was then Canaan. A few centuries later in that region, we find two sister kingdoms: Israel and Judah (the origin of the monarchy comprising both, apparently also called Israel.



was no more.

Less than a century and half later, Judah was overthrown. sacked, the Jewish Temple dah's inhabitants were exiled to Babylonia. Following the exile's end a little under 50 years later, the territory of the former kingdom of Judah served as the heart of Judaism for almost seven centuries (although the rebuilt Temple was again destroyed in AD 70, by the Romans).

In AD 135, following a failed from Jerusalem and decreed that the city and surrounding of Israel was conquered by the entity called Syria-Palestina. Jews in Europe and Russia.

Neo-Assyrian empire, centred Palestina took its name from in what's now Iraq. As an an-the coastal territory of the cient geographic term, Israel ancient Philistines, enemies of the Israelites (ancestors of

the Jews). Subsequent to the Islamic conquest of the Middle Its capital Jerusalem was East in the seventh century, Arab peoples began to settle destroyed and many of Ju- in the former Palestina. Apart from about 90 years of Crusader domination, the land fell under Muslim control for just under 1,200 years. Although Jewish habitation never ceased, the population was overwhelmingly Arab.

In the second half of the 19th century, the longstanding yearning of Jews in the Diaspora to return to the territory term Jew). According to the Jewish revolt, Roman Emperor of their ancestors culminated Bible, there had first been a Hadrian expelled the Jews in the nationalistic movement called Zionism.

The Zionist cause was driven In about 722 BC, the kingdom territory be part of a larger by steeply rising hatred toward

Immigrating Jews encountered a predominantly Arab populace, who also considered it their ancestral homeland.

At that time, the land comprised three administrative regions of the Ottoman empire, none of which was called Palestine. In 1917, the land came under British rule. In 1923, Mandatory Palestine, which also included the current state of Jordan, was created. Its Arab inhabitants saw themselves primarily not as Palestinians in the sense of a nation, but instead as Arabs living in Palestine (or rather, Greater Syria).

Zionist leaders in Mandatory Palestine strove hard to increase Jewish numbers to solidify claims to statehood, but in 1939 the British strictly limited Jewish immigration.

Ultimately, the Zionist project succeeded because of global horror in response to the Holocaust.

In November 1947, the United Nations General Assembly passed Resolution 181, partitioning the land into Independent Arab and Jewish States. The resolution met immediate Arab rejection. Palestinian militias attacked Jewish settlements.

On May 14, 1948, the Zionist leadership declared the found-

ing of the state of Israel.

The new Jewish state was immediately invaded by the armies of several Arab countries, alongside Palestinian militants. By the time the fighting ended the next year, the Palestinians had lost almost four fifths of their United Nations allotment. Seven hundred thousand of them had been driven from their homes, with no right of return to the present day. For Jewish Israelis, it's known as the War of Independence. For Palestinians, it was al-Nakba the Catastrophe.

On Nov. 15, 1988, the Palestinian National Council issued a declaration of independence, recognised a month later by the UN General Assembly. Approximately three-quarters of the UN's membership now accepts the statehood of Palestine, which has non-member observer status.

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NEWSBRIEFS

Occultist held on rape charge in UP's Muzaffarnagar

MUZAFFARNAGAR: Police here have arrested an occultist for allegedly raping a 23-year-old woman on the pretext of curing her ailment, an official said on Wednesday.According to SHO Yashpal Singh, the victim has been sent for a medical examination. Police said a man had lodged a complaint against "tantric" (occultist) Ashik Illahi, alleging that he raped the woman on the pretext of curing her ailment.As the victim cried for help, people caught the accused and handed him over to police.

Man shot dead in Bihar's Nalanda district by cousin

PATNA: A man was gunned down in Bihar's Nalanda district on Wednesday after he objected to his cousin misbehaving with and molesting his wife. The deceased was identified as Anuj Yadav alias Kailu. As per the statement of the victim's wife, the cousin brother of Anuj named Pramod Yadav molested her in the former's absence from their house."The accused entered my house and molested me. When I objected to the act, Pramod threatened me with dire consequences. When my husband Anuj came home, I narrated the entire incident to him. My husband went to Pramod's house to complain to his parents, but the accused manhandled him. After a heated exchange of words, my husband returned home,"

the victim said in her state-

ment to the police. IANS

Rahul slams govt on fuel price hike



NEW DELHI, JULY 7

Congress leader Rahul Gan- government runs on "tax dhi on Wednesday hit out extortion". Petrol prices at the government as pet- crossed the Rs 100-a-litre rol prices crossed the Rs mark after fuel prices were on Wednesday.

100-a-litre mark in Delhi, charging that the Modi increased in line with firm ing international oil trends. "Your car may run on petrol or diesel, Modi government runs on tax extortion," Gandhi tweeted in Hindi, using hashtag 'TaxExtortion'.

In Delhi, petrol now costs Rs 100.21 a litre and diesel is priced at Rs 89.53 per litre.Delhi is the last of the metro cities to see petrol rising above the Rs 100-a-litre mark. Mumbai, Chennai, Hyderabad and Pune already have prices above that mark. Kolkata also saw petrol prices climbing over Rs 100 per litre

formidable Maratha leader from the Konkan region of Maharashtra, Rane has held multiple portfolios in the Maharashtra government in the past, but never made it to the Union

to use him to counter Maharashtra Chief Minister Uddhav Thackeray, with whom the party has had a ing over to the Congress lived Maharashtra Swab- blow-hot, blow-cold rela-

TRP rigging case: 3 Republic TV employees get anticipatory bail

MUMBAI. JULY 7

A sessions court here on Wednesday granted anticipatory bail to three Republic TV employees in connection with the alleged **Television Rating Points** (TRP) rigging scam.The three employees Shivendu Mulherkar, Ranjit Walter and Sivasubramaniyam Sundaram - had filed their pleas before the court in November-December last year, their lawyer Vikram Kamath said.

The court heard the pleas on Monday, he said. On Wednesday, Additional Sessions Judge A D Deo allowed the anticipatory bail applications of the three employees, their lawyer said. They had submitted before the court there was no ground against them (for arrest) and they were not named in the FIR registered in the case.Subsequently, a charge sheet was filed, and they were named as accused. So, whatever IANS material was there, it was They had submitted before the court there was no ground against them (for arrest) and they were not named in the FIR registered in the case

before the court. Hence, their custodial interrogation was not required, Kamath had argued.

In a supplementary charge sheet filed in the case in June this year, the Mumbai police had named the three as accused, along with senior journalist and Republic TV Editor-in-Chief Arnab Goswami. The alleged fake TRP scam came to light in October last year when ratings agency Broadcast Audience Research Council (BARC) filed a complaint through Hansa Research Group (HRG), alleging that certain television channels were rigging TRP numbers.

Yogi sanctions ₹1.5 crore for doctor's lung transplant



NEW DELHI, JULY 7

In a heart-warming gesture, the Yogi Adityanath government in Uttar Pradesh has sanctioned a sum of Rs 1.5 crore for the lung transplant of a resident doctor at the Ram Manohar Lohia Institute of Medical Sciences (RMLIMS). Sharda Suman, 31, a resident doctor at the RMLIMS is battling for life for the past two months after Covid caused irreparable damage to both her lungs.

Suman, pursuing PG in gynaecology from the Institute, was eight-months pregnant when she had to be put on a ventilator after contracting a severe infection on April 14.A C-section was done while she was on the vent support to save the baby. She gave birth to a baby girl who is said to be fine. Chief Minister Adityanath, on Tuesday, declared that the government would take care of all her medical expenses.

An ex-Maha CM, Rane to act as a counter to Uddhav

NEW DELHI, JULY 7

Rajya Sabha MP and former Maharashtra Chief Minister Narayan Rane, who was inducted into the Union Cabinet on Wednesday, joined the BJP in Oc- 2005 and then leaving the in from the Shiv Sena in himan Paksha in 2017.A tionship.

The Kerala government on

Wednesday filed an appeal

before a division bench of

the High Court seeking can-

cellation of a single bench

order in April this year, that

quashed an FIR registered

by the state crime branch

against the enforcement

directorate (ED).



tober 2019 after switch- Congress to form the short-

quashing of probe against ED

law. The Crime Branch had the case Swapna Suresh was

The BJP is most likely

Kerala govt files appeal against MP: 53 patients died of black fungus at Indore hospital in 56 days

At least 53 patients have died of Mucormycosis or black fungus infection at the government-run Maharaja Yeshwantrao Hospital (MYH) in Madhya Pradesh's Indore city in the last 56 days, an official said on Wednesday.

A total of 667 patients had been admitted at the MYH, the busiest hospital treating ernment was that it was not ED officials probing the ments, and implicate chief cases of black fungus, since right for the single bench to Kerala gold smuggling case, minister Pinarayi Vijayan May 13, and of these, 467 patients were discharged after



the treatment, the hospital currently undergoing treatofficial said. As many as 53 ment at the hospital, he said. patients had died of the in- The doctors have performed fection so far and 147 are 756 surgeries of black fungus

As many as 53 patients had died of the infection so far and 147 are currently undergoing treatment at the hospital, he said

patients in the last 56 days, the official said, adding that about 94 per cent of patients had contracted the infection after recovering from COVID-19.

An analysis of this data has revealed that the mortality rate of black fungus patients at MYH stands at 8 per

DELHI/NCR

Delhi's NO2 pollution increased by 125 pc in one year: Study

NEW DELHI, JULY 7

Delhi recorded an increase of 125 per cent in NO2 (nitrogen dioxide) pollution between April 2020 and April 2021, according to a Greenpeace India study which analysed NO2 concentrations in India's eight most-populous state capitals.

NO2 pollution has increased in all the eight brain, leading to an increase capitals studied - Mumbai, Delhi, Bengaluru, Hyderabad, Chennai, Kolkata, Jaipur and Lucknow – but Delhi has seen the "most dramatic increase" during the period, the report said.NO2 is a dangerous air pollutant that is released when fuel is burned, as in most motor vehicles, power generation, and industrial processes.Exposure to NO2 can severely impact people's health at all ages, affecting the respiratory and Eight Most Populous State Rules, social media and circulatory systems and the Capitals".

NO2 is a dangerous air pollutant that is released when fuel is burned, as in most motor vehicles, power generation, and industrial processes

in hospital admissions and mortality."Satellite observations reveal NO2 pollution Singh asked Additional increased to 125 per cent of April 2020 levels.

The analysis suggests the increase would have been even greater (146 percent) had weather conditions been similar to 2020," read the report, titled "Behind Pravda Media Founthe Smokescreen: Satellite Data Reveal Air Pollution Increase in India's

PUNJAB EXPRESS BUREAU New Deini, June, 25

The contention of the gov- registered an FIR against forced to give false state-

do that as it was against the that the prime accused in in the case.

Wednesday refused to grant protection from coercive action to digital media portals as it adjourned their challenge to the new IT Rules after being informed that a plea has been moved by the Centre to transfer them to the Supreme Court."Transfer petition has been preferred?", a Bench of Chief Justice D N Patel and Justice Jyoti Solicitor General Vikramit Banerjee who replied,

The court then proceeded to adjourn the pleas by The Wire, Quint Digital Media Ltd and dation till August 20. According to amended Information Technology streaming companies



protection from coercive action to digital media portals

IT Rules: Delhi HC refuses to grant interim

"Transfer petition has been preferred?", a Bench of Chief Justice D N Patel and Justice Jyoti Singh asked Additional Solicitor General Vikramjit Banerjee who replied,

will be required to take pass an order of interim quicker, appoint grievance

down contentious content protection as the Central government was yet redressal officers and assist to even reply to the petiin investigations. Senior tions filed by digital media Advocate Nitya Ramak- portals. "Notice has gone any order and directed the Advocate Meet Malhotra's, rishnan, appearing for the on the rules and they have Centre to file counter afportals, urged the court to not filed reply. Now they fidavit.

are asking me to report to tnem. This is the first step in submitting to the discipline (of regulation of The Delhi High Court on content by government). Please hear my stay application and grant me protection," she said.

She added that the cenwas "totally in the face of that government regulation of content of media is unacceptable".In response, Additional Solicitor General Chetan Sharma said that "1700 digital media has already submitted information" as per the IT Rules."It is not a matter voice-vote", Ramakrishnan stated as she asserted that court fees, waiver of costs the digital media portals before the court had preferred to challenge the new IT Rules. The Court, however, refused to pass

5G roll out: Delhi HC grants week to Juhi Chawla to deposit ₹20 lakh in costs

Wednesday granted a week to Bollywood actress Juhi Chawla and two others to deposit Rs 20 lakh in costs imposed on them for abustral government's conduct ing the process of law by way of their lawsuit chal-Supreme Court decision lenging 5G wireless network technology."The court is shocked at the conduct of the plaintiffs," Justice J R Midha said, as he observed that Chawla and others were "not even willing to gracefully deposit the costs".

The judge was hearing three applications moved by the actor for refund of and replacing the word "dismissed" in the judgement with "rejected".The court's reaction came after after withdrawing the application for waiver of costs, totally inclined.



be deposited in a week or ten days, or legal remedies against the same would be taken."On one hand you move a frivolous application and on the other hand, you withdraw the application and plaintiffs are not even willing to gracefully deposit the costs," the court said. The court stated that it,

in fact, took a lenient view when it imposed costs of Rs 20 lakh on Chawla and others and did not initiate contempt proceedings."I was shocked... This court Chawla's counsel, Senior took a lenient view and did not issue contempt when case was made out.I was

SRDC to constitute team to address

NEW DELHI, JULY 7

The Shahjahanabad Redevelopment Corporation (SRDC) has decided to constitute and deploy "Joint Encroachment Prevention Team" to address issues of encroachment and sanitation in the re-

The SRDC is the nodal agency constituted for the redevelopment of the Chandni Chowk heritage market

by unauthorised hawkers this connection were issued in a meeting of the vamped Chandni Chowk SRDC, which was chaired market, officials privy to by Delhi's Urban Develthe development said on opment Minister Satyen- is no encroachment in the Wednesday. They said dar Jain, who is also the newly revamped heritage necessary instructions in chairman of the SRDC, on

June 25. The SRDC is the nodal agency constituted for the redevelopment of the Chandni Chowk heritage market.

According to the minutes of the meeting, the "Joint Encroachment Prevention Team" will have officials from the North Delhi Municipal Corporation and the Delhi Police to ensure that there market.

Fire breaks out at

NEW DELHI, JULY 7

A fire broke out at a chemical factory in outer Delhi's Nangloi area on Wednesday, Delhi Fire Services officials said. No casualty has been reported so far, they said.

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have been pressed into service," said Atul Garg, director of Delhi Fire Services.

Delhi HC refuses to stop further circulation of encroachment issues in Chandni Chowk market chemical factory in Delhi film purportedly based on Sushant Rajput's life

NEW DELHI, JULY 7

The Delhi High Court on Wednesday refused to pass 'Nyay: The Justice' which is purportedly based on the life of late Bollywood actor Sushant Singh Rajput been released and since a website.

"We will have it on 14th Justices Rajiv Shakdher the application be listed

and Talwant Singh while on same date. I don't want hearing the application of to second guess what the Rajput's father Krishna judge is going to do. I'm Kishore Singh, in the apany direction to restrain peal against single judge further circulation of film order refusing to stay the release of the film.

Justice Shakdher said the movie had already

not inclined to issue notice at this stage. In an appeal, you know what the rigour is," the court said.

Senior Advocate Jayant Mehta, appearing for Singh, argued he was and has been released on the bench was available not seeking that the film only for today, he was not be un-released, but that inclined to hear it or issue it should not be re-pub-(July). I am not inclined at notice. "Matter is listed in lished or further circulatthis stage," said a bench of usual course on July 14. Let ed on any other platform

NEWSBRIEFS

Khattar condoles Dilip Kumar's demise

CHANDIGARH: Haryana Chief Minister Haryana Manohar Lal Khattar on Wednesday condoled the demise of legendary actor Dilip Kumar.Kumar, India's enduring film legend through the decades. died at a Mumbai hospital on Wednesday after prolonged illness, his family and doctors treating him said. He was 98.Khattar said Dilip Kumar's death marks the end of a chapter in the film industry."His brilliant acting can never be forgotten by the cinema world," he tweeted in Hindi. Congress leader and former Haryana chief minister Bhupinder Singh Hooda said the passing away of the 'tragedy king' marks the end of an era in the Indian film industry.Senior Congress leaders Randeep Singh Surjewala and Kumari Selja also condoled the

Three held for robbery attempt on Haryana Police constable in plainclothes

actor's demise.

CHANDIGARH: The Haryana Police on Wednesday said it has arrested three suspects who allegedly tried to rob a police constable in plainclothes during routine patrolling in Panipat district. A country-made pistol and two sticks were also seized from their possession, a police spokesperson said. After getting a secret input about the accused that they were plotting to rob commuters, a police team went to a location near Sector-29 in Panipat and laid a trap to nab the criminals. The police team sent a constable in civil clothes to nab the accused. After walking a short distance, the accused stopped to rob the constable at gunpoint, mistaking him for a passerby. Other police team members nabbed the criminals, the spokesperson said. BPE

Story behind Srinagar signboard 'Javed Sheikh & daughters'

SRINAGAR: An old sign board, hung outside an old dilapidated building in uptown Koker Bazaar market of Srinagar city, has brought back memories of a famous Kashmiri family and a loving father who was proud of his daughters.'Javed Sheikh & daughters, Koker Bazar, Maisuma, Srinagar'. This signboard has recently gone viral as it stands to prove that the countdown on gender bias had started in Kashmir at least 51 years back. Javed Sheikh was the son of one of Kashmir's most respected and renowned businessmen, Sheikh Mohammad Amin. The family had a timber empire in Kashmir and Javed was its sole owner. The family had palatial houses in Jammu city and in Srinagar.A glimpse of the family's wealth lies in the lavish use of Italian marble in their Jammu house which was built much before Independence. IANS

Himachal to get tough against overcrowding

A day after the central government expressed concern over tourist overcrowding at hill stations, the Himachal Pradesh Cabinet on Wednesday issued directions to local authorities to ensure Covid-appropriate behaviour to contain the spread of the virus.At a meeting presided over by Chief Minister Jai Ram Thakur here, the Cabinet relaxed the limit on gatherings, allowing a maximum of 200 persons in closed spaces. In open spaces, gatherings are allowed with 50 per cent capacity of the area.

It also decided to recomsion of the Vidhan Sabha the additional honorarium children who lost both par- workers from Rs 2,000



implement the new education policy, question papers for Class III, V and VIII will be set by the Himachal from August 2 to August 13. of the Accredited Social Pradesh Board of School It gave its consent to bring Health Activist (Asha) Education and the marking and results would be deents in the pandemic, un- to Rs 2,750 per month. clared at cluster, block and der the ambit of Mukhya This would benefit 7,964 district level, respectively.It Mantri Bal Uddhar Yojna, workers. Also the Cabinet granted six weeks' exemp-

The Cabinet gave consent to increase the additional honorarium of the Accredited Social **Health Activist** (Asha) workers from Rs 2,000 to Rs 2,750 per month

tion in school internship in respect of diploma in elementary education for 2018-2020 batch.

It was decided the schools would remain closed for students till further orders and online study would continue as usual.A decision was taken to promote first-year and second-year students of graduation to next class. The new and renewal of admissions would start in the colleges in the last week of July and the academic year would commence from

419 Covid recoveries,

SRINAGAR, JULY 7

ED attaches 3 Gurugram plots in money laundering case against Unitech

NEW DELHI, JULY 7

The Enforcement Directorate (ED) on Wednesday said it has attached a clutch of land parcels in Haryana worth over Rs 106 crore in connection with its money laundering probe against realty firm Unitech Group and its promoters Sanjay Chandra and Ajay Chandra.

The federal investigative agency said in a statement that a provisional order for attachment of the three immovable properties located in Gurugram near here has been issued under criminal sections of the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA). The total worth of these land properties is Rs 106.08 crore."These parcels had been purchased by two dummy entities of the Chandras, namely Erode Projects Pvt Limited



and Kore communities Pvt Limited, from the companies of Unitech Group," it said. The agency said its probe found that the land parcels were "purchased by the two companies from the proceeds of crime generated out of scheduled offence." "Both these companies are controlled by the promoters of Unitech Group and proceeds of crime have been transferred to these companies after substantial layering in Singapore and the Cayman Is-

lands," the ED alleged. The ED early this year

filed a criminal case under various sections of the PMLA against the Unitech Group and its promoters over allegations that the Chandras illegally diverted over Rs 2,000 crore to Cyprus

and the Cayman Islands. The case was booked after the ED studied some FIRs filed by the Delhi Police Economic Offences Wing (EOW) on the complaint by a number of homebuyers against the Unitech Group, including an instance where the company failed to complete a housing project on time in Gurugram.

280 new cases, 4 deaths

Recoveries continued to stay ahead of new cases in J&K on Wednesday as 419 patients recovered while 280 new cases and 4 deaths were reported in last 24 hours.Officials said that 197 recoveries, 131 cases, and three deaths were reported from the Jammu division and 222 recoveries, 149 cases, and one death from the Kashmir division.

PAGD condemns summoning of Mehbooba's mother by ED



SRINAGAR, JULY 7

The People's Alliance for Gupkar Declaration (PAGD) on Wednesday condemned torate (ED) on Tuesday had the summoning of the served a notice on Mehboo-

mother of PDP president Mehbooba Mufti by the Enforcement Directorate.

The Enforcement Direc-

Gurugram records highest Covid

recovery rate at 99.44 per cent

agency's office in Srinagar on July 14 in connection with a money laundering "The summoning of widow of former Union

ba's mother Gulshan Nazir

asking her to appear at the

Home Minister Mufti Mohammad Sayeed by the **Enforcement Directorate** (ED) is highly humiliating and there are not enough words to condemn such coercive acts," PAGD spokesman M Y Tarigami said in a statement.

Anurag Thakur's political journey: A tale of struggle, patience & thorns

SHIMLA, JULY 7

The 13-year political journey of former BCCI chief Anurag Thakur, who retained BJP's bastion in Hamirpur in Himachal Pradesh for the fourth consecutive lived as his stint with the the Minister of State for



Police stop Congress workers who were staging a protest demanding for restoration of

statehood to J & K, and against hike in the fuel prices, in Jammu, on Wednesday.

time in 2019, is full of national cricket body.In struggle, patience and a mega Cabinet revamp thorns, but not as short- on Wednesday, Thakur,

Affairs, was elevated, along with others.

electoral victory in the May 2008 Parliamen-34, Thakur, who served for four straight terms Mandi, political observsince 2000, has been ers said.

Finance and Corporate targeted by his rivals for being too high-profile and jet-setting.In every Since his maiden Parliamentary election, Hamirpur has been witnessing more aggressive tary by-poll at the age of campaigning as compared to the other three the Himachal Pradesh Lok Sabha constituen-Cricket Association cies in the state Shimla (HPCA) as its president (reserved), Kangra and

GURUGRAM, JULY 7

Gurugram is the first district in 14 states and four Union IANS

Territories (UTs), securing the top position with the highest recovery rate at 99.44 per cent. Gurugram's recovery rate is far

better than the national average of 97.1 per cent, according to the Union government's Covid-19 portal.Gurugram Deputy Commissioner, Yash Garg, said this was only possible with the efforts of the district health department which adopted several tough measures to prevent Covid-19 infection in the district.Garg informed that the Covid recovery rate in the capitals of 14 major states in the country was measured.

Top Hizbul commander killed in encounter in J&K's Kupwara



SRINAGAR, JULY 7

A top Hizbul Mujahideen commander was killed in an encounter with security forces in Jammu and Kashmir's Kupwara district on Wednesday, police said."One of the oldest & top commander of HM #terror outfit Mehrazuddin Halwai @ Ubaid got neutralised in #Handwara #encounter. He was involved in several terror crimes. A big

The operation turned into an encounter after the security forces were fired upon. Halwai was killed in retaliatory action by the security personnel, the police added

success," Inspector General of Police, Kashmir zone, Vijay Kumar said in a tweet.

Security forces had launched a cordon-andsearch operation at Pazipora-Renan in the Handwara area of the district Wednesday morning following information about the presence of militants there, the police said. The operation turned into an encounter after the security forces were fired upon.

Demand for leadership change in Haryana Congress gains momentum

RAJENDRA KHATRY PUNJAB EXPRESS BUREAU Chandigarh, July 7

Demand for change in Congress leadership in Haryana has gained momentum. Majority of leaders are in favour of Bhupinder Singh Hooda. Haryana Congress now is divided in two main factions. One section with majority of MLAs is siding with Bhupinder Singh Hooda, former Chief Minister of Haryana and Leader of Opposition in the Haryana Vidhan Sabha. The other faction is led

by Haryana Pradesh Congress Committee president Selja. Yet another section belongs to AICC General Secretary Randeep Singh Surjewala. MLAs belonging to the Hooda faction want him as the leader of the Congress in Haryana and removal of Selja. A total of



to the central leadership of that the party should not the party that they want Bhupinder Singh Hooda as the main Congress leader in Haryana. Haryana Congress lead-

ers considered loyal to Hooda are Dr. Raghubir Kadian, Geeta Bhukkal, Aftab Ahmed, B B Batra, Rao Dan Singh, Jagbir Malik, Jaiveer Valmiki, Shakuntala Khatak, Bishanlal Saini, Balbir Valmiki, Rajendra Singh Jun, Dharam Singh Chokkar. Along with this, 16 MLAs have made it clear it has also been expressed

keep the leadership issue hanging in the state as this affects the morele 's of the party workers and which in turn results in poor performance of the Congress in the elections.

Referring to the neighboring state of Punjab, the Hooda faction legislators said in unison that the Congress came to power there only when the party gave Capt Amarinder Singh total command of the party in Punjab.

Top US leaders greet Dalai Lama on his 86th birthday

WASHINGTON, JULY 7

Top US leaders have warmly greeted Tibetan spiritual leader the Dalai Lama on his 86th birthday, describing him as an inspiration to people around the world who are drawn to his messages of compassion, equality and inclusivity.The Dalai Lama's supporters in the US also announced plans to establish a library in his honour in New York.The 14th Dalai Lama, who celebrated his 86th birthday on Tuesday, has made the hillside town of Dharmsala in Himachal Pradesh his headquarters after a failed uprising against Chinese rule in 1959.

China does not recognise the Tibetan governmentin-exile and accuses the Dalai Lama of seeking to separate Tibet from China. The Dalai Lama, the highest spiritual leader of Tibet, denies being a separatist and says he merely advocates for substantial autonomy and protection of Tibet's native Buddhist culture.Greeting the Dalai Lama on his birthday, US Secretary of State Antony Blinken said, "I am delighted to extend warm wishes to His Holiness the Dalai Lama on the occasion of his 86th birthday on July 6. "His Holiness is an inspi-

ration to many around the world who are drawn to his messages of compassion, equality, and inclusivity,' he said."I have deep respect and appreciation for His Holiness' grace, wisdom, and humility, as well as his dedication to greater global equality and the equal rights of all people, including his fellow Tibetans. I wish His Holiness the very best," he said in a statement.

WORLD

NEWSBRIEFS

London teens stabbed to death six hours apart

LONDON: Two teenagers were stabbed to death in London within a span of just six hours as the UK capital's horrific wave of such killings continue unabated, local media reported. The first victim, a 15-year-old was stabbed by at least five youths near a busy bus stop in Woolwich, southeast London at about 5.20 p.m. on Monday, Xinhua news agency quoted the Evening Standard newspaper as saying on Tuesday. He was reported by one witness to have tried to use an umbrella to fight off his attackers but died at the scene despite efforts by members of the public and ambulance staff to save him, said the newspaper. At least two knives and what appeared to be the umbrella could be seen lying in the street after police sealed off the crime scene.

Dutch crime reporter shot in Amsterdam

AMSTERDAM: Dutch crime reporter Peter R. de Vries was shot in the centre of Amsterdam, according to national broadcaster NOS. Amsterdam police had confirmed that a man has been shot at the Lange Leidsedwarsstraat on Tuesday night, reports Xinhua news agency. He was moved to a hospital with serious injuries. De Vries, 64 is the most successful crime reporter in the country, according to NOAS. He had just attended TV Show RTL Boulevard until 7.30 p.m. on Tuesday, where he is a regular guest. According to the NOS, five shots were fired after De Vries left the building

Massive California wildfire rages unabated

SAN FRANCISCO: The Salt Fire, a major blaze in Northern California, has continued to rage and has so far scorched 12,430 acres of land with only 20 per cent containment after a week of its eruption, Inciweb, an interstate incident information system reported. The latest report showed that firefighters are battling the blaze in mountainous areas and providing structure defence in communities nearby, where 41 buildings, including 27 homes, had been damaged as of Tuesday, reports Xinhua news agency. "Evacuation orders and warnings remain in place for communities near the fire. The fire is very visible from Interstate 5 and firefighters ask the public to be extra cautious when driving in the area," the Inciweb report said. A community meeting was told Monday that investigators determined the fire was ignited by unspecified hot materials that separated from a northbound vehicle on Interstate 5 and landed in very dry vegetation. The vehicle remained

unidentified.

IANS

Delta dominant variant in US, makes up more than half of COVID-19 cases: CDC

HOUSTON, JULY 7

The highly contagious Delta variant has become the dominant coronavirus strain in the US, accounting for more than 51 per cent of Covid infections in the country, according to new data released by the Centres for Disease Control and Prevention.

The variant, also known as B.1.617.2, was first detected in India in December months, the data said. and is spreading quickly across the globe. In some parts of America, the delta strain accounts for more than 80 per cent of new infections, including some Midwestern states like Missouri, Kansas and Iowa.

infections with the Delta weeks.



variant now account for 51.7 per cent of the infections. The B.1.1.7 or Alpha variant makes up for 28.7 per cent cases after remaining a dominant variant for

"If ever there was a reason to get vaccinated, this is it," Dr. Anthony Fauci told CNN on Tuesday.

The variant poses a "significant threat," to unvaccinated people, said the director of the National It is already causing 74.3 Institute of Allergy and per cent of infections in Infectious Diseases. He Western states, including said the variant was not Utah and Colorado, and only more transmissible, 58.8 per cent of infections but it can also cause more in Southern states like Tex- severe disease. Experts be-CDC estimates. New Covid the country in the coming

US to reach 160 million fully vaccinated Americans by end of this week: Biden

US President Joe Biden on Tuesday said the US is predicted to reach the mark of 160 million fully vaccinated Americans by the end of this week and asserted that the country is closer than ever to declaring its independence from the deadly virus.

Noting that COVID-19 cases and deaths are down by 90 per cent since January, he said millions of fully vaccinated Americans are now living their lives as they did before the outbreak of the coronavirus pandemic.

"Today after receiving a briefing from my entire COVID-19 team, I'm proud to announce that we're getting even closer, because of our wartime effort, to administer 300 million shots in arms in just 150 days.

According to the Galveston County Health District in Texas, more than 450 adults and youth in grades 6 to 12 from the area attended a camp in Galveston County and the health District has confirmed 57 cases. Of the 57 cases reported to date, six are breakthrough cases, the as, Louisiana, Arkansas and lieve it is expected to be the health officials said. Break-Oklahoma, according to most dominant strain in through cases are defined as someone becoming infected more than 14 days af-

ter their second COVID-19

"Knowing that there are only six people that got COVID after getting vaccinated, I think still is a very small percentage," said Annamarie Davidson, MD, with Memorial Hermann Hospital.

The county health district said 47 cases are youth and adults 12 years and older while 10 are younger than 12 years.

'Fully vaccinated people in UK won't have to self-isolate from August 16'



LONDON, JULY 7

The UK's Health Secretary Sajid Javid said that people who are fully vaccinated against Covid-19 will not have to self-isolate if they are in close contact with an infected person starting from August 16 onwards.

Javid told lawmakers in Parliament on Tuesday that the same policy would also apply to anyone under the age of 18 from that date, reports Xinhua news agency.

The would give more details later this week on self-isolation rules for international travellers, he added.

"We will have a more proportionate system of test, trace and isolate, and it is absolutely right that those that have been double jabbed, we can take a different approach than the one we take today," he told the BBC. More than 45.4 million people in Britain have received the first jab of ■ Javid told lawmakers in Parliament on Tuesday that the same policy would also apply to anyone under the age of 18 from that date

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COVID-19 vaccine and over 33.8 million people have received two doses, the latest official figures



MOSCOW, JULY 7

Rescuers have found the bodies of nine victims a day after a plane crash in a remote area in Russia's Far East, local authorities said.

An Antonov An-26 carrying 28 people crashed Tuesday near its destination town of Palana in the region of Kamchatka, apparently as it came in for a landing in bad weather.

Wreckage was found Tuesday evening on a coastal cliffside and in the sea, and the search and rescue operation was suspended until Wednesday morning after night fell, as the crash site was difficult to access in the dark. The governor of Kamchatka, Vladimir

Russian media reported that none of the six crew members or 22 passengers on board had survived

Solodov, told the state Tass news agency that the "first bodies are being pulled out (of the water). Russia's Emergency Ministry said that nine bodies have been found so far, and one has already been

Russian media reported Tuesday that none of the six crew members or 22 passengers on board had survived. The head of the local government in

Palana, Olga Mokhireva, was among the passengers, spokespeople of the Kamchatka government

Solodov said Tuesday that a group of government officials including Transport Minister Vitaly Savelyev will head to Palana on Wednesday. In the aftermath of

the crash, the authorities in Kamchatka have declared three days of mourning. Officials said that families of the victims will receive payments of more than 3.5 million rubles (about USD 47,200) that will include compensation from the airline, an insurance payment and a subsidy from the regional government.

In 2012, an Antonov An-28 plane belonging to Kamchatka Aviation Enterprise crashed into a mountain while flying the same route as Tuesday's flight.

A total of 14 people were on board and 10 of them were killed. Both pilots, who were among the dead, were found to have alcohol in their blood, Tass reported.

Bodies of plane crash victims Don't return to era of 'your terrorists' found in Russia's Far East and 'my terrorists': India cautions UN

UNITED NATIONS, JULY 7

India has cautioned that 20 years after the 9/11 terror attacks, there are attempts again to divide terrorism into different terminologies such as violent nationalism and right wing extremism, asserting that the world should not return to the era of "your terrorists" and "my terrorists" but fight the



scourge collectively. Participating in the UN

General Assembly debate on adoption of resolution on 7th Review of Global Counter Terrorism Strategy (GCTS) on Tuesday, India's Permanent Representative to the United Nations Ambassador T S Tirumurti said that the international community has acknowledged that the threat of terrorism is grave and universal, and can only be defeated by collective efforts of all UN member states, without any exception. "It is only after 9/11 that we

accepted that terrorism in one part of the world can directly impact another part of the world and we all came together to fight terrorism collectively," he said.

The envoy said the international community should not forget that before the 9/11 terror attacks, the world was divided into "your terrorists" or "my terrorists". PTI

Abbas speaks with outgoing Israeli Prez



RAMALLAH, JULY 7

Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas expressed hope that peace will be achieved soon between Israel and Palestine, during a phone call with his outgoing Israeli counterpart Reuven Rivlin.

Rivlin thanked Abbas for making the phone call on Tuesday, which is a rare occurrence between the two Presidents, reports Xinhua news agency.

Official media did not provide details of the conversation. The phone call was coordinated by

Ghassan Alian, the Israeli government coordinator in the Palestinian territories, reported the Israel Radio. The Israeli-Palestin-

ian peace process has been stalled since April 2014 after the US sponsored the peace negotiations for nine months without making any tangible progress. Rivlin is due to leave office this week at the end of his seven-year term.

In June, Israel's parliament, or Knesset, chose Isaac Herzog as the new President, who will be sworn in at an official ceremony on July 9.

Indonesia imposes stricter COVID-19 restrictions



JAKARTA, JULY 7

Indonesia on Wednesday imposed stricter COVID-19 restrictions in 43 cities and districts outside the islands of Java and Bali amid the ongoing second wave of the pandemic, a minister

At a virtual press conference, Coordinating Minister for Economic Affairs Airlangga Hartarto said that with the new restrictions, the government is planning to add more hospital bed capacity and reduce the public mobility in cities and districts from Sumatra island in the west to the easternmost Papua, reports Xinhua news agency.

"The public mobility is tightened so that there are no activities at night. All community activities must be stopped after 5 p.m.," he said. According to chief of the national Covid-19 task force and National Disaster Mitigation Agency (BNPB) Ganip Warsito, over 450,000 security personnel have been deployed in those areas.

Hartarto said President Joko Widodo has said the new restrictions in those areas would be upgraded to be "emergency" restriclas; Vihaan Sibal, 12, from tions, which are currently implemented in both Java and Bali, if the health facilities in the areas were

Florida building collapse toll reaches 36 MIAMI, JULY 7

The confirmed death toll in the partial collapse of a 12-storey residential building in Surfside, Florida, has increased to 36, Miami-Dade Mayor Daniella Levine Cava said. Addressing reporters on Tuesday evening, Cava said that there were 109 "reports of people who are potentially unaccounted for", reports Xinhua news agency. Miami-Dade County Fire Chief Alan Cominsky said they failed to find any positive signs in regard to voids or livable spaces as rescue workers continue to search the rubble. "Unfortunately we're not seeing anything positive," Cominsky said. Search and rescue operations were halted for about two hours on Tuesday afternoon because wind that went above 48 km per hour with tropical storm Elsa approaching, according to a CNN report. IANS

Japan to initiate infectious diseases databank

TOKYO, JULY 7

The Japanese government will launch a databank of infectious diseases later this month to help fight COV-ID-19, starting with a plan to collect statistics on 10,000 infected patients by March 2022, local media reported on Wednesday.

To help curb the pandemic, the government will first collect blood and saliva samples along with the treatment records of infected patients, and provide firms and universities access to these records in assistance to their researches on respiratory disease possibly from this autumn, according to project managers.

Universities and medical institutions in Japan have been managing data on inof lightning and some gusts of fectious diseases separately, reports Xinhua news agency. However, problems such as a lack of staff for data analysis and inability to keep sam-



remained unresolved.

"It is very important for the state to take the lead in continuously operating the databank from the standpoint of national security," Wataru Sugiura, who heads the Center for Clinical Sciences, told local media. "It is also necessary to nurture people who can conduct research using the collected data," he added. Accordingly, around 50

medical institutions are expected to join the project, and the databank will be operated by organisations including the National Center for Global Health and Medicine, the National Institute of Infectious Diseases, and the University of Tokyo. IANS

Jill Biden to attend 2021 Scripps National Spelling Bee finals; 9 Indian-Americans in fray

WASHINGTON, JULY 7

US First Lady Jill Biden will attend on July 8 the 2021 Scripps National Spelling Bee finals in Orlando in which nine of the 11 finalists are Indian-Americans, who have been dominating this prestigious and highpressure endurance test for more than a decade now.

Over the past 20 years, Indian-Americans have been dominating the Spelling Bee contest even though they comprise only about 1 per cent of the US popula-

"Immediately before the Bee's primetime Finals, Dr Biden will meet with the spellers and their families, and will congratulate them on this tremendous academic achievement," the White House said on Tuesday. Jill, a commu-



viously attended the 2009 Scripps National Spelling Bee finals when it was held in Washington, DC. The Scripps National Spelling Bee is the nation's largest and longest-running educational programme, having been launched in 1925.

It is a high-profile, highpressure endurance test as much as a nerd spelling match and spellers spend months preparing for it. After advancing through all of the virtual rounds of the national competition, 11 spellers will

compete for the championship title during the 2021 Scripps National Spelling Bee Finalis. The final rounds of this year's contest will be hosted in-person at ESPN Wide World of Sports Complex at Walt Disney World Resort near Orlando, Florida. The 11 finalists are Roy

Seligman, 12, from Nassau, The Bahamas; Bhavana Madini, 13, from New York; Sreethan Gajula, 14, from Charlotte, North Carolina; Ashrita Gandhari, 14, from Leesburg, Virginia; Avani Joshi, 13, from Illinois; Zaila Avant-garde, 14, from New Orleans; Vivinsha Veduru, 10, from Texas; Dhroov Bharatia, 12, from Dal-Texas; Akshainie Kamma, 13, from Texas and Chaitra

Thummala, 12, from San

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Francisco.

overwhelmed.



Dilip Kumar no more, B-Town recalls memories

and condolences continued pouring in from the film fraternity for late legend Dilip Kumar all through Wednesday. The veteran actor passed away in a Mumbai hospital aged 98 in the early hours of the day. Actors, singers, filmmakers and others associated with the film industry, especially whose lives he had touched, took to social media to mourn his demise, recall their experiences of meeting him and working with him, and offered their condolences to the bereaved family and his wife, veteran actress Saira Banu.

ributes

Playback singer Asha Bhosle tweeted: "I'm very sad to hear that Dilip Saab

is no longer with us. He was like a big brother to me. I have great admiration and respect

for his wife Saira bhabhi who has really looked after and dedicated her life to him. Lots of love to her and the family. We share your grief."

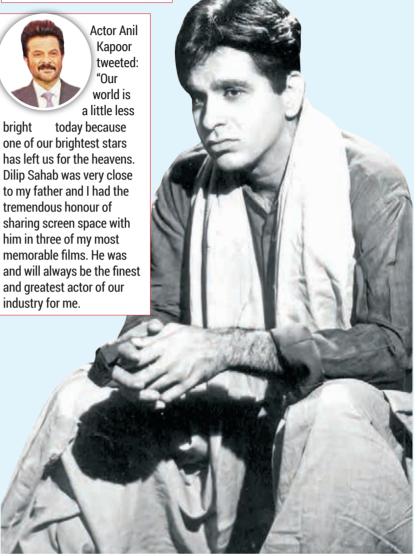
Actor Salman Khan posted: "Best actor Indian cinema has ever seen and will ever see ... #RIP Dilip Saab"

Malini posted: "Veteran emplary role model for all heroes, my respected co star in Kranti, Dilip Kumar ji, is no more. I recall a couple of visits to his house & the pleasant meetings I had with him & Saira ji. My heart goes out to Saira ji, his life partner of many

years, for this loss."

Actress Hema

Veteran actor Anupam Kher tweeted: "The legend lives on!! There is and there will always be a part of #DilipKumar Saab in every Indian actor generations to come! His performances were like magic. Thank you Sir for those amazing moments i could spend with you! You taught me so much about life, living & acting!"



Esha Deol to make digital debut in Ajay Devgn's 'Rudra: The Edge Of Darkness'

make her digital debut in the Ajay Darkness . I ne series reimagines the globally successful British series "Luther".

"I look forward to working with Ajay fantastic co-star to me in many films. As an actor, I believe in working on projects new and engage me as a viewer as well. This series is a fresh take on the quintessential cop drama with a grey overtone, something which has not been explored in the Indian context before. With the

ctress Esha Deol resounding success of the OTT space, Takhtani will I am charged up for my digital debut with this one," Esha told IANS.

The actress was last seen in the 2019 Devgn-starrer short film "Cakewalk". She has earlier series "Rudra: worked with Ajay in films such as "Main The Edge Of Aisa Hi Hoon", "LOC Kargil" and "Yuva".

"With Esha Deol Takhtani joining the star cast of 'Rudra: The Edge of Darkness', we are certain that her presence will take the series a notch higher and Devgn after a long time. He has been a add more spark to the story. Building on the long-standing relationship with Disney+ Hotstar VIP, we are looking that would let me explore something forward to the creation of this remarkable series," said Sameer Nair, CEO, Applause Entertainment, producers of the Hotstar Specials series in association with BBC Studios India.



industry without competition and stress today," summed

up Taapsee, whose latest film "Haseen Dillruba" re-

leased on Netflix recently.

Shahid Kapoor and Mira Rajput's 6th anniversary: Timeline of their relationship s Shahid Kapoor and Mira Rajput celebrate their sixth wedding anniversary, here's a look at how they first met and what they had to say about each other. Shahid Kapoor and Mira Rajput celebrate their sixth vedding anniversary on Wednesday. The actor, who married someone outside the film fraternity, tied the knot with Mira on July 7, 2015, in an intimate wedding in Gurgaon. Shahid and Mira are parents to two children--daughter, Misha, and son, Zain. Their relationship was nothing short of a Sooraj Barjatya movie. Mira Rajput had once revealed during an Ask Me Anything session that she was just 16 when she first saw Shahid Kapoor. The actor was attending a house party of their family's common friends. A few years later, the families reconnected and set Shahid and Mira up for a meeting in 2014.



ten the target of trolls for voicing her opinions on social media. She has now opened up on whether it affects her at all. Richa Chadha has said that she does not care for trolls as they either indulge in 'whataboutery' or are 'for hire. The actor is often the target of trolls for being vocal on social media. Richa Chadha often shares her

icha Chadha is of-

views on current affairs and is known for taking unflinching stands on key issues that has often made her a target of trolls on social media.

Richa told Spotboye in an interview, "There are two sets of trolls. One who troll you for your opinions and others who are trolls for hire, who are these two rupees trolls.

The latter I don't pay any attention to because there is a lot of unemployment and they earn by trending hashtags with the same spelling mistakes. The former wants you to be vocal about everything, even if you don't know about it, who indulge in a lot of whataboutery and want to reprimand you.'

The Fukrey star added, "In the end, a troll is a troll be it from the right-wing ecosystem or the left wing and I really don't care about them. In fact, trolls make me very famous. I think trolls don't understand how much they help us unknowingly." **AGENCIES**

9 in 10 Indians feel digital wallets have made shopping easier

BENGALURU, JULY 7

As online shopping grows multifold amid the pandemic in the country, nine in 10 Indians strongly believe that digital wallets have made shopping easier and a vast majority (98 per cent) of those surveyed have shopped at an online-only retailer in the past 12 months, a new global report showed on Wednesday.

The survey by from global payments provider Blackhawk Network found, which mined the views of 13,000 global shoppers, also found that 69 per cent of respondents will shop more frequently at retailers that accept digital payments.

a forerunner in mobile spend more money if they digital wallets regularly as commerce adoption in can use digital payment compared to their global less payment is reckoned as comparison to its global methods. counterparts.



The findings showed 55 per cent.

Over 54 per cent of the that 93 per cent of Indian India has emerged as respondents said they will respondents prefer using counterparts' average of the new normal. India be-

recovery, the winners will be the merchants that cater to the everyday digital payment preferences of today's shopper," McEndree said in a statement.

are increasingly embracing survey noted. innovative ways of transacting using their mobile devices.

nascent, yet fast-evolving,"

Blackhawk Network.

Compared to other countries, India leads by a margin when it comes to frequent usage of all given digital payment methods peer-to-peer apps, and barcodes or QR codes.

novations like QR codes factor when making a ing a very high cash-driven are keeping Indian busi-

market, the digital pay- nesses moving. QR codes, ment industry is still very or barcodes on a mobile device, were being used more said Theresa McEndree, frequently at grocery stores global head of marketing, and online-only retailers.

"On average, the like-"As we start to hit more lihood of scanning a QR of a stride in our economic in India is greater than in any other country. Twenty per cent Indian respondents used a QR code or barcode for the first time during the pandemic, and 69 per cent report using The Indian consumers them more frequently," the

In India, usage of peerto-peer payment apps is almost as common at online only retailers (49 per cent) as it is at grocery stores (44 per cent) and department stores (41 per cent).

India, however, ranked - PayPal, digital wallets, lowest (13 per cent) among all countries in choosing 'secure checkout process' Contactless payment in- as the most important

SEBI defines 'same line of business' under delisting norms

MUMBAI, JULY 7

The Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) has come up with a standard operating procedure (SoP) for subsidiary companies planning to get delisted through a 'Scheme of Arrangement' wherein the listed parent holding company and the listed subsidiary are in the same line of business.

The capital market regulator, defining 'same line of business', said that at least 50 per cent of revenue from the operations of the listed holding and listed subsidiary company must come



submitted by both the companies in compliance with SEBI (LODR) Regulations, 2015. Further, not less than 50 per cent of the net tangible assets of the listed

holding and listed subsidiary must have been invested in the same line of business as

per last audited annual financial results submitted by both the companies. In case of change of name of the listed entities,

within the last one year, at least 50 per cent of the revenue, calculated on a restated and consolidated basis, for the preceding one full year has to be earned by it from the activity indicated by its

NEWSBRIEFS

Tanisha reaffirms its commitment towards safety as stores reopen

CHANDIGARH: Tanishq, India's most trusted jewellery brand from the house of Tata has announced the re-opening of its vast retail network of 356 stores across 216 towns in compliance with all the regulations as mandated by various state governments. As the nation emerges from a second lockdown with the long-awaited return of non-essential retailing, Tanishq makes a re-commitment towards safety by ensuring care for all its stakeholders - customers, employees and the ecosystem at large including the Karigar community.

First 2 home-deliveries of new Citroën C5 Aircross

CHANDIGARH: Citroën on Wednesday announced the first 2 home-deliveries of the new Citroën C5 Aircross SUV in Surat and Chandigarh through Citroën BUY ONLINE. This 100 per cent buying online initiative caters to customers in more than 50 cities, even outside the dealer network in India.

Nokia G20 with 3 days of battery life launches in India

CHANDIGARH: HMD Global, the home of Nokia phones, on Wednesday announced the launch of Nokia G20 in India. The new G-series of Nokia smartphones, represents the perfect balance of delivering on all your daily needs through relevant and user-centric technology. Equipped with our longest ever battery life of three-days, the Nokia G20 comes with the trusted Android promise - three years of monthly security updates to help keep your data as secure as possible along with two years

of OS updates. With its

48MP quad camera that

includes wide-angle and

macro lens, powerful AI

audio and ample storage,

the Nokia G20 is an on-

imaging modes, OZO

recovery in air traffic: IndiGo "As per our understand-

Strong potential for further



NEW DELHI, JULY 7

India has a strong potential for further recovery in air traffic, owing to pent-up demand, contended airline major IndiGo.

Besides, the airline cited this trend being supported by strong domestic travel consumption which is fur- had in February by end of ther accentuated via the accelerating pace of vaccination drive.

In a conversation with IANS, IndiGo's Chief Commercial Officer William Boulter said: "We have capacity utilisation that we

At present, airlines permissible capacity deployment is at 65 per cent of pre-Covid levels applicable up till

this year.'

July 31

At present, airlines' permissible capacity deployment is at 65 per cent of pre-Covid levels applicable up till July 31, 2021.

On the inoculation front, witnessed increasing loads Boulter said the vaccination and demand for travel after drive will definitely be a mid-May and look forward key factor for the recovto achieving 80 per cent ery of travel and aviation

ing from doctors if India is able to vaccinate 7 lakh people every day, the 3rd wave is expected to be flat. Currently, the travel demand is closely linked to the number of cases."

"The pandemic has in-

tensified the demand for

digital wallets as contact-

"As the cases go up, travel demand falls and the reduction in covid cases pushes up travel bookings. In the current situation we can see travel bookings bouncing back as the number of cases decrease.' Furthermore, he talked

about the 'Lockdown Fatigue' which is leading to higher pent-up demand this time around in comparison to last year.

"Last year, when we emerged out of the lockdown, there was pent-up demand because many citizens were stuck in other cities and wanted to return to their hometown which translated into a high demand for travel."

"However, by now, a pandemic and lockdown fatigue has set in which spike travel bookings immediately as the lockdowns opened-up. According to industry sources, travel bookings have trebled in June itself and we hope that this will continue."

Discoms permitted to relinquish entire allocated power

NEW DELHI, JULY 7

In a major relief for power them the freedom to terminate or continue drawing power from a project that has completed 25 years of operations.

of central generating sta- from such old power stations, operations of old and pol-

tions (CGS), the Ministry exercising the first right of of Power said that as per the refusal available to them unguidelines of power purchase distribution companies, the agreements (PPAs), discoms government has now given are eligible to terminate the entire allocated power from a power project that has completed 25 years of operations since its commissioning.

It has also said that disgovernments and the heads also continue to draw power

der the terms of long-term PPAs.

The changes are pathbreaking for the power sector as they will help discoms terminate an old PPA that has not remained economical in terms of power tariff. In a letter to the state coms, if so they so wish, may Also, termination of PPAs may allow shutting down

luting power stations. The Power Ministry has

said that while flexibility will be given to discoms to terminate old PPAs, such a move should be complete and not done in parts. So, if there is a PPA for bulk purchase from a power station, the entire quantity would have to be relinquished by the discoms after 25 years and not just a portion of it.



night, allowed Lajpat Nagar market to reopen on Wednesday, after it had been shut for two days due to violation of COVID-19 norms.

Samsung expects record \$11 bn profit in Q2 on robust chip biz

SEOUL, JULY 7

Samsung Electronics on ket estimate-beating secsemiconductor business apparently offset a tepid performance from its mobile third quarter of 2018.

the South Korean tech giprofit at 12.5 trillion won (\$11 billion) for the April-June period, up 53.4 percent from a year ago. Its second-quarter oper-

the market consensus of 11.2 trillion won in a survey by Yonhap Infomax, the financial arm of Yonhap News Agency that surveyed 15 local brokerage houses last month.

Samsung projected its second-quarter sales at 63 trilthe-go creative studio. BPE a year earlier. The figure is

also above the market consensus of 61.3 trillion won. Should the preliminary

Wednesday expected mar- earnings results stand, its sales will be the largest for ond quarter earnings as its any second quarter to date, while the operating profit will be the highest since the On a quarterly basis, Sam-

In its earnings guidance, sung's second-quarter operating profit estimate was ant estimated its operating up 33.2 per cent from the first quarter, although that of sales was down 3.6 per cent from the previous quarter. Samsung, the world's

leading memory chip and ating income estimate beat smartphone vendor, did not break down performances of its respective business divisions, saying it will announce the detailed earnings later this month.

Analysts here believe Samsung's semiconductor business led the comlion won, up 19 percent from pany's second-quarter commerce platforms. Oth- Commerce) Rules 2020 is a promising mode of future the traders and the regulaperformance. IANS

Consumer Online Foundation concerned on deadline extension

NEW DELHI, JULY 7

Consumer Online Foundation, a not-for-profit organisation under Bejon Kumar Misra, on Wednesday expressed their deep concern on the extension of deadline to seek comments on draft e-commerce rules in India citing consumer ramifications in the long The government ex-

tended the deadline for suggestions and feedback on the proposed amendments to the Consumer Protection (E-Commerce) Rules, 2020, till August 6 as opposed to July 6th.

The ministry released the draft e-commerce rules on June 21, prohibiting "fraudulent" flash sales, as well as mis-selling of goods and services on eer amendments of the draft a step in the right direction



chief compliance officer or grievance redressal officer.

Commenting on the draft e-commerce deadline extension by the Government, Bejon Misra, Founder Trustee of Consumer Online Foundation said, "The draft to amend the Consumer Protection (E-

on the e-commerce platforms which were having a field day until recently, but the extension is setback to protect and strengthen the rights of consumers."

The demand for extentactic by a few e-commerce giants. India being business in India in the tors all together.

e-commerce space, there is a strong need to have organised rules to protect and safeguard the rights of consumers," Misra added.

The government has proposed substantive changes and making some muchneeded additions in the law to control the unfair trade practices that are widely prevalent in the e-commerce ecosystem. The structuring out of the definition of e-entities and introducing the concepts of cross-selling and fall-back liability will eliminate the abounding confusion even as it reduces the scope of frauds. These draft rules should not be seen as shooting in the foot in a bid to tighten the noose sion in time is a delaying on e-commerce players, instead making the law a win-win for the consumers,

AJNIFM partners with Microsoft

CHANDIGARH, JULY 7

The Arun Jaitley National Institute of Financial Management (AJNIFM) and Microsoft announced a strategic partnership to build an AI and emerging technologies Centre of Excellence at AJNIFM. The collaboration seeks to explore the role of cloud, AI, and emerging technologies for transforming and shaping the future of public finance management in India. Commenting on this, Navtez

Bal, Executive Director, Public Sector, Microsoft India, said, "AJNIFM has a long history of driving research and innovation, preparing the next generation of leaders to transform India's finance management system. This collaboration brings together AJNIFM's rich experience in the public sector with Microsoft's cloud and AI capabilities, paving the way for data and AI led governance and fintech transformation." BPE

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Hardik bowling in intra-squad game is a good sign: Suryakumar Yadav

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"And the great thing is

COLOMBO, JULY 7

Hardik Pandya bowling during an intra-squad game is a 'good sign', feels dashing India batsman Suryakumar Yadav, who believes that the bowler and the team management would take a call on his workload during the upcoming limited-overs series against Sri Lanka from July 13.

Pandya's bowling has been an issue since he underwent a back surgery in 2019, resulting in his exclusion from the Indian Test team. Yadav also said that not only in intra-squad game but the colourful Baroda all-rounder is also bowling in the nets.

"He did bowl in the England series. During the IPL, he did not bowl. He bowled in the intra-squad game and he bowled in the nets. yes, he is bowling. That's a very good sign," Yadav said during an online media



He also didn't pay much heed to World Cup winning nity for everyone, having captain Arjuna Ranatun- a tour amid this situation, ga's comments about In- it is a great challenge and dia sending a second string responsibility for each and team as Virat Kohli and everyone to come out here the first team stars are in and express themselves.

England for the Test series. "We are not thinking having Rahul (Dravid) sir about that, we are just here around, I have heard a lot So, it is his and the team to have some fun, enjoy management's call on how this series and take a lot of my first tour with him but they want to go about it, but positives from here," Yadav I have heard a lot from to start from zero and that tives, this is the first time calm and composed when it this is a different series, that Yadav would be work- comes to this role," added but the challenge remains ing with Rahul Dravid.

would be looking to "start from the scratch".

Yadav made his India debut in the T20 format during the home series against England, in which he scored a half century and was generally impressive.

"Pressure will be there, because if there is no pressure, there is no fun, so as I said, it will be a great challenge and I am really looking forward to it," said the aggressive right-handed Mumbai batsman.

Asked if a successful debut series would help him cope better with the pressure, Yadav said, "I think that (debut series against England) was a completely different challenge and every time you come, I mean for a batter, every time you go in or play a different game, you start about him. I think this is from scratch."

"So, this (tour) also I have said. Talking about posi- many players that he is very was a different series and the 30-year-old. The high the same, I have to go out it will be fine," he said. PTI

of a successful debut series in the park and perform behind him, Yadav said he the same way, what I did," Yadav added in a virtual press-conference.

The Mumbai player also said that his job with the national side is the same as it is for his IPL franchise Mumbai Indians.

"I think I have been doing the same thing what I did for my franchise back in the IPL. When I made my debut, the same happened, I did not do anything different, it was all the same.

"I have been enjoying that role really well in whatever position they send me to bat, I will be the same. I just go out and express the same way on how I do in every game and I really enjoy it," he added. Yadav also brushed aside suggestions that adapting to the conditions would be a challenge here. "...we have played in these conditions, we play in Mumbai, Chennai, where heat is heavy, humidity is high, and most importantly we have come here 15-20 days early to get acclimatised to these conditions,

Indian team's break in UK to continue as planned



SALISBURY, JULY 7

The Indian team, which is in the UK for a five-Test series, is continuing its 20day break as of now even as England's ODI team has been forced into isolation after the outbreak of COVID-19 in its squad.

Three unnamed England players and four support staff members have tested positive for the virus, 48 hours after the conclusion of their ODI series against Sri Lanka.

England were forced to announce a brand new squad under the leadership of Ben Stokes for the upcoming ODI series against Pakistan.

The Indian players with their families and conditions."

are set to re-assemble in London on July 14 and proceed to Durham for

"We are aware of the situation. Obviously, ECB and the local health authorities will provide us with any change in existing health safety protocols and that will be strictly followed," a senior BCCI official told PTI.

first-class game against

Select County XI.

"But we haven't been told anything as of now. The players have not yet tocols, in order to support been told to cut short their the overall well-being of downtime," he added.

players are in and around London enjoying time off living in very restricted

partners, while a few are in the countryside.

Once the players assemble in London, they are expected to be tested again and then allowed to enter the bio-bubble.

England have seen a rise in Delta-3 variant cases in the country.

"We're in unprecedented territory in terms of replacing an entire squad and management team," said Ashley Giles, director of England's men's cricket.

Not all players in the a two-week training cum England first choice squad were fully vaccinated.

"We have been mindful that the emergence of the delta variant, along with our move away from the stringent enforcement of bio-secure environments, could increase the chances of an outbreak," ECB chief executive Tom Harrison said.

"We made a strategic choice to try to adapt proour players and manage-Presently, most of the ment staff who have spent much of the last 14 months

'Won't sacrifice aggression for consistency'



COLOMBO, JULY 7

India's Survakumar Yadav is not ready to trade his natural aggression for consistency something different from even though a Twenty20 my team mates there, and World Cup spot is at stake, that tournament is a great the 30-year-old said on learning process. Tuesday.

was a key cog in the Mumbai Indians team who won back-to-back Indian Premier League (IPL) titles in find a balance between agthe last two editions of the Twenty20 tournament.

Yadav also impressed on his India debut in March, scoring 57 and 32 in two Twenty20 games against format. The right-hander, whose fearless batting has impressed India great Sachin Tendulkar, said he merely continued playing the way he did in the IPL.

"It has been a great experience at Mumbai Indians three One-Day Internationsince I have been in the als and three Twenty20 set-up for a long time," Ya- matches.

day told a news conference ahead of the first one-dayer against Sri Lanka on July 13.

"Every year I have learned

"As you saw when I made The free-scoring batsman my (India) debut, it was the same thing happening. I didn't do anything different."

> Asked if he is looking to gression and consistency to secure his place for the T20 World Cup in October-November, Yadav ruled out changing his approach.

"I have been enjoying this England, and boasts a role. Whatever position they 185-plus strike rate in that tell me to bat in, I'll be the same -- I'll just go there and express the same way I do in every game," he said.

> Yadav said he is looking forward to "starting from scratch" in the series against Sri Lanka, which includes **AGENCIES**

UEFA invites Eriksen and medics who saved him to Euros final PARIS, JULY 7

European football governing body UEFA has invited Denmark international Christian Eriksen and the paramedics who helped save his life during an onfield cardiac arrest to attend the Euro 2020 final at Wembley on Sunday.

The brilliant Danish midfielder was resuscitated in front of shocked

TV audience during his nation's first match of the tournament.

UEFA said Eriksen, his partner and six medics were invited to the final, but there was no confirmation he would attend.

One of the paramedics, Peder Ersgaard, said he was honoured to receive a VIP invite from UEFA boss Aleksander Ceferin. fans and a massive global Christmas Eve," he told the



"I'm excited, like a child on Fagbladet FOA magazine. forts, but also of the whole

"I'm very proud of my ef-team. It wasn't a one-man

effort." Eriksen, 29, col- then inspired by the emolapsed on the Parken Sta- tion over Eriksen's plight, dium field in the first half Denmark have stormed against Finland, his eyes staring blank into a TV camera. CPR was administered and his heart was restarted with a defibrillator as players shielded the medics.

He is now recovering at home. Eriksen's agent could not immediately be reached by phone.

'Ronaldo is not

easy to manage'

into the semi-finals and play England on Wednesday for a place in the final.

Italy play Spain in the other semi-final on Tues-

"I hope to see Denmark against Italy. That would be really, really big. Just imagine if they become European champions," Initially traumatised but Ersgaard added. AGENCIES

Argentina beat Colombia in shootout to reach Copa America final

BRASILIA, JULY 7

Emiliano Martinez was the hero for Argentina as he saved three times in a shootout to take his team into a Copa America final match-up with Brazil after Tuesday's semi-final against Colombia finished 1-1 after 90 minutes.

Martinez, who tried to distract Colombia's players in the shootout with a barrage of trash talk, saved from Davinson Sanchez, Yerry Mina and Edwin Cardona.

Lionel Messi, Leandro Paredes and Lautaro Martinez scored for Argentina as they booked a spot against the host nation in Saturday's final at Rio de Janeiro's Maracana stadium.

"I'm speechless," said Ar-



"They took us to penalties was the star man, notchand that's a question of luck, today it was my turn for glory." Both sides had chances to win in an intense, end-toend match punctuated by 46 fouls and 10 yellow cards.

Argentina are seeking to win their first major international title since lifting the Copa America in 1993

ing up his fifth assist of the tournament to add to his

four goals. Giovani Lo Celso after six 2019 when Messi got the ball to Lautaro Martinez to friendly in Saudi Arabia. Argentina the lead.

gentine keeper Martinez. and once again Lionel Messi feet soon after and hit the drawn one.

woodwork twice in a minute towards the end of the first half when Wilmar Barrio's deflected shot struck the post and then Mina watched his header hit the bar from the resulting corner.

Their equaliser came on the hour mark when Luis Diaz finished from a tight angle to complete a surprise counter attack.

Argentina are now unbeaten in 19 games, with their last loss coming to Brazil in the semi-final of the 2019 Copa America. They were also the last team to Taking a superb pass from beat Brazil, in November minutes, Messi rolled the only goal of the game in a fire home a low shot and give Since then Brazil, who beat Peru 1-0 on Monday to reach Colombia found their the final, have won 12 and

AGENCIES

ROME, JULY 7

Maurizio Sarri says he found Cristiano Ronaldo difficult to manage during his time in charge of Juventus, as he had to consider the 'personal interests' of

the Portugal striker. The 62-year-old was appointed as Lazio coach last month, a year after being sacked by the Turin club, where five-time Ballon d'Or winner Ronaldo has played since 2018. "Ronaldo is not easy to manage, he is a multinational company with personal interests that must be combined with those of the team. I consider myself to be better at being a coach than a manager," Sarri told Sport Italia.

"There are also a lot of positive aspects, because Ronaldo will bring results home in the end, and they are important results.

"He represents somemillion followers on social to Juve."

media, but this is a problem in our society. Unfortunately, there is too much talk about players and little

about teams.

Sarri led Juve to the Serie A title in 2019-20 but was sacked at the end of the season after losing to Olympique Lyonnais in the Last-16 of the Champions League.

He suggested that his work was unappreciated, particularly in light of a disappointing 2020-21 campaign under Andrea Pirlo, in which the Old Lady scraped into the Champions League places on the final day of the season.

We won the Scudetto without even celebrating it, everyone just went to dinner on their own," Sarri said.

"The league title was taken for granted, inside and outside the club. But this year I saw them celebrating finishing fourth, thing that goes beyond the so maybe those were the club, with more than 200 ideal conditions for going **AGENCIES**

Italy sink Spain on penalties to enter Euro final through a sensational curl- extra time but could not

LONDON, JULY 7

Italy reached the Euro 2020 to edge Spain 4-2 in a shoot-1-1 draw after extra-time on Tuesday.

Jorginho coolly rolled the goal. the decisive kick past Spain blasted his effort over the in Euro 2012, are looking to first time since 1968.

bar. Spain's twin misses bailed out Manuel Locatelli, who had his strike saved by final after keeping their Simon with the first kick nerve from the penalty spot of the shoot-out and Italy's substitutes and coaching out following a compelling staff poured on to the pitch to celebrate in front of their jubilant supporters behind

Italy, who will play either keeper Unai Simon after England or Denmark in Alvaro Morata had been Sunday's final at Wembley thwarted by Gianluigi Don- in their first showpiece since



narumma and Dani Olmo being thrashed 4-0 by Spain win the tournament for the

Roberto Mancini's side took the lead on the hour maining minutes and in 2016.

keeper Donnarumma catching a Spain cross and rolling the ball out.

Morata levelled for Spain with 10 minutes left, calmly slotting into the bottom corner after bursting forward and exchanging a one-two with Olmo.

to find a winner in the re- win in the last 16 at Euro

er from Federico Chiesa to manage a second shootcomplete a sweeping coun- out victory after prevailing ter-attack which began with against Switzerland in the quarter-finals. Italy avenged their shoot-

out defeat to Spain in the Euro 2008 quarter-finals and their resounding defeat in the Euro 2012 final, and completed a second straight European Championship victory over the Spain looked more likely Spaniards after their 2-0 **AGENCIES**

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