

## COPS HOLD BASKETBALL MEET FOR ANTI-DRUG AWARENESS

To raise awareness against drug addiction, F'garh Sahib police hold a basketball tournament. **P2»**



## CHANDIGARH GOLF RANGE MEMBERS AT LOGGERHEADS

Like other clubs of the UT, Chandigarh Golf Range is also heading towards a fight for grabbing 'power'. **P2»**



## HARSHDEEP CLAIMS FIFER IN SUPER STRIKERS' VICTORY

A five-wicket haul by Harshdeep Singh helps JK Super Strikers log win in Shere-Punjab T20 Cricket Cup. **P3»**



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# AAP leader, BJP oppose auction of land in four villages of UT

MC to lease out 32 acres through public bidding on June 21

**SANDEEP RANA**  
 TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

CHANDIGARH, JUNE 16 Municipal Corporation's decision to lease out 32 acres in four villages for agriculture purposes in an auction on June 21 has been opposed by AAP's own senior leader Prem Garg and BJP councillors. Expressing apprehensions that allottees may grab the land over the years, they have demanded that the MC should itself carry out plantation on these chunks of land.



A piece of agricultural land under the MC in Khuda Lahora village.

The incumbent Mayor, Kuldeep Kumar Dhalor is from AAP. He was selected mayor under an alliance between AAP and the Congress. The MC has fixed a reserve price of Rs 30,000 per acre per annum for the land in Chahar Taraf Burail and Dadu Majra, Rs 25,000 per acre in Khuda Lahora and Rs 35,000 per acre in Khuda Ali Sher for the open auction to be held at the MC office.

At Chahar Taraf Burail, 5.75 acre land is available for auction for a total reserve price of Rs 1.72 lakh. For 15.5 acres at Khuda Lahora, the reserve price is 3.87 lakh and for 5 acres in Khuda Ali Sher, the reserve price has been fixed at Rs 1.75 lakh. At Dadu Majra, 7 acres of land will be put up for action for a reserve price of Rs 2.10 lakh. Former AAP convener Prem Garg said, "The land worth Rs 200 crore is being handed over to land mafia for only Rs 10 lakh per annum. The auction has been announced within three days after the MC House passed the agenda. Just three working days of public notice has been given for the auction."

BJP councillor Kuljeet Singh has written to UT Administrator Bawarilal Purohit, demanding that the matter be investigated as this is a "brazen attempt to usurp land by AAP and the Congress". BJP councillors had walked out of the House well before the agenda was tabled.

Kuljit said, "People with vested interests take over government properties and then it becomes difficult for the authorities to get it vacated. There are numerous other properties of the MC, which are still under illegal occupation as court cases are going on."

"These village lands are to be developed by the government as per the Chandigarh Master Plan 2031. Such nefarious designs by the AAP-Congress Mayor and the alliance councillors would impede the development of these villages," added Kuljeet, who is a former Sarpanch of Dhanas. During a visit to Khuda Lahora by the Chandigarh Tribune team, an elderly person said, "The reserve price is fine, but it may be further increased by getting the area levelled and making water supply arrangements."



The Madhya Marg wears a deserted look in Chandigarh on Sunday afternoon. PHOTO: PRADEEP TEWARI

# Expect respite from heat, rain likely from tomorrow

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CHANDIGARH, JUNE 16 Relief from the scorching heat is likely soon as the Met Department has predicted light to moderate rain in the tricity from June 18 to 21. However, heatwave conditions are likely to persist until then.

According to the forecast, dry weather is likely to continue in Chandigarh during the next 48 hours. Light to moderate rain is expected at isolated places on June 18 and at a few places from June 19 to 21 in the city. The rain spell is likely to be

accompanied by thunderstorm, lightning or gusty winds (speed 30-40 km ph) at isolated places in the tricity from June 18 to 20.

"Punjab and Haryana are witnessing maximum temperatures of 45-46° Celsius. Maximum temperatures in the northern region, including Chandigarh, is hovering at 44-45° Celsius. No large change in the maximum temperature is likely during the next three days. After that the temperature will fall by around 3° Celsius," said a Met Department official. "Temperatures in Chandigarh are expected to range from 44°C to 46°C. This will lead to the continuation of the prevailing heatwave conditions over Punjab, Haryana and Chandigarh from June 16 to 18. Warm night conditions are likely at isolated places in the tricity during next two days," he added.

Meanwhile, the maximum temperature today was 44.4°C, which is eight degrees above normal. The minimum temperature was five degrees above normal at 31.3°C. The maximum temperature is expected to drop to 41°C by June 21.

## IN BRIEF

### MAN BOOKED FOR RASH DRIVING

Chandigarh: The police have arrested Mukul of Sector 10, Panchkula, for driving rashly and ramming his car into the police barricades at Sukhna Lake. Sanjay Pal of Rajpur Khurd alleged that Mukul was drunk and driving his car rashly. He hit the police barricades at Sukhna Lake. A case of negligent driving has been registered at the Sector 3 police station. The car driver was arrested and later released on bail. **TNS**

### THIEVES STEAL ELECTRICAL GOODS

Chandigarh: A resident of Panchkula, Satish Gulati, reported that an unidentified person stole electrical articles from his industrial unit in Industrial Area, Phase II, on the night of June 12. A theft case has been registered at the Sector 31 police station. **TNS**

### 3 UP NATIVES HELD FOR ASSAULT

Chandigarh: A native of Balrampur, UP, Arjun alleged that Hari Shankar Tiwari, Sandeep and Abhishek Pandey, all natives of the same place, beat him up and threatened him in the Sector 18 market on May 29. He was admitted to the GMCH-32. A case has been registered at the Sector 19 police station. The suspects were arrested and later released on bail. **TNS**

## WHAT'S ON

### APNI MANDI

Chandigarh: Sectors 43, 45 and Maloya  
 Mohali: Phase V  
 Panchkula: MDC, Sector 5

# Fire breaks out in paint factory



Firefighters douse flames at the factory in Dera Bassi on Sunday.

DERA BASSI, JUNE 16 Goods worth lakhs were destroyed in a major fire at a paint-manufacturing unit, PRJ Industries, in Morthikri village on the Mubarikpur-Ramgarh road today. No one was injured as the employees working there ran out of the building before the fire went out of control.

The fire reportedly broke out in the sticker-manufacturing section on the first floor of the factory. Local residents said extremely hot weather might have overheated the machine. Workers tried to douse the flames but

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# All-weather pool project hanging fire

Five years on, upgrade of the Sector 39 facility still stuck in files

**DEEPANKAR SHARDA**  
 TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

CHANDIGARH, JUNE 16 Lingered since 2019, the project to have the city's second all-weather swimming pool is yet to see the light of day. The UT Sports Department had planned to convert the existing swimming pool in Sector 39 into an all-weather facility, but the project is still stuck in files shuttling between the engineering and sports departments.



Sector 39 facility is known as kids' pool with a depth of 2.5 ft on shallow side and 4 ft on deep side.

After inauguration in November 2019 by then UT Administrator VP Singh Badnore, the authorities had announced that the pool would be converted into an all-weather facility. The same year, then Secretary, Sports, KK Yadav said process to upgrade the facility had started. As per the initial plan, the department was to set up a compatible plant at the pool that could be easy to repair and clean. The city, which has 11 swimming pools under the Sports Department, has only one all-weather facility at the Sector 23 complex. Another

such facility is under the Panjab University administration and is open only to the swimmers of the university and affiliated colleges. In winter, only one centre (Sector 23) is available to professionals for training. The Sector 39 facility is known as kids' pool with a depth of 2.5 ft on the shallow side and 4 ft on the deep side. It has an approximate length

of 25 m. "The department is working on this project. The file (project to convert the facility into an all-weather facility) is still under consideration. Recently, it was held back by the senior officials to re-discuss the budget. However, the official confirmation is still to be made public. If the department wishes to upgrade the facility, then the approvals should be come in the next few weeks," said a senior official. Built at an estimated cost of Rs 4 crore, the Sector 39 complex is spread over 1.65 acres. It houses a 25m indoor pool, a multi-purpose hall (which now hosts a table tennis facility) and a yoga centre. An open basketball court and a volleyball court were also proposed to be set up at the site.

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OPEN HOUSE: WHAT STEPS SHOULD POLICE TAKE IN VIEW OF DETERIORATING LAW AND ORDER SITUATION IN MOHALI

## Need to strengthen CCTV surveillance in district

Step up police patrolling | Depute personnel at vulnerable spots | Revive beat system

### ENSURE PATROLLING IN SENSITIVE AREAS

Deterioration of law and order is a very serious problem in Mohali. Police patrolling in sensitive areas must be undertaken regularly. High resolution CCTV cameras and drones at must be installed at vulnerable areas to act as deterrent. Fast track courts must be set up for timely decisions. To help senior citizens and residents, welfare associations must be set up to improve the law and order in the city. Lastly, verification of tenants and persons booking hotels/ lodges must be done so that Mohali does not become safe haven for criminals.

COL TBS BEDI (RETD)

### SURVEILLANCE SHOULD BE ENHANCED IN CITY

The Mohali police should prioritise enhancing patrols in vulnerable areas, implementing community policing initiatives to foster trust and gather intelligence, intensifying efforts to tackle organised crime networks. Additionally, the police should enhance the use of technology for surveillance and

response systems, while also focusing on training programmes to improve investigative skills and crisis management. Collaborating with other law enforcement agencies and engaging with community leaders can also help in restoring public confidence and safety.

CHARU MEHTA

### EMPLOY MORE PERSONNEL

To improve the law and order situation, the police should take some important steps. Firstly, patrolling should be increased as criminals are deterred when policemen/patrol vans are alert. So, more personnel should be employed for the same. The policemen should be better equipped to face armed criminals as they cannot be overpowered with 'dandas'. The police should develop better relations with public, so that they are not scared to share information or help them.

BUBBY SOIN

### POLICE HAVE LOST THEIR CREDIBILITY

People have lost patience as the

police has lost its credibility. Killing of people on roads, in front of moving traffic, has become the new normal. Looting on roads, markets and snatching has instilled fear in people and they have lost faith in the police. No steps have been taken by the government to make the police responsible and accountable for such heinous crimes. Police officials have been deputed on the recommendations of party leaders in power, who work as per the wishes of their political bosses. Nothing will change till there is a breakup in the nexus between politicians and police.

WG CDR (DR) JS MINHAS (RETD)

### ADDRESS SOCIAL ISSUES LEADING TO RISE IN CRIME

To tackle Mohali's deteriorating law and order situation, the Mohali police should increase patrols, intensify surveillance, and improve coordination with the community to gather intelligence, identify potential threats and provide enhanced officer training. The police should also increase their presence in high-risk areas, and work with local officials to address



A video grab of the attack on a woman on June 8 in Mohali.

### QUESTION FOR NEXT WEEK

The UT Administrator has rejected the resolution on free water and parking passed by the MC House and proposed by the AAP-Congress alliance. Should these facilities be provided to residents free of cost?



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underlying social issues that may be contributing to the rise in crime. Utilising technology,

collaborating with other agencies, and addressing root causes such as poverty is

Important. Thorough investigations and victim support services are also crucial for restoring trust and ensuring safety of the people.

PRITHVEE YAKHMI

### BEEF UP SECURITY

To control the increasing incidents of crime in the city, security should be beefed up as police patrolling is the need of the hour. Women need to be cautious as problems in relationships are a threat to their lives these days. Timely intervention by the family and action by the police can save the lives of girls. People should come forward for timely help in such deadly attacks.

ABHILASHA GUPTA

### STRENGTHEN POLICE BEAT SYSTEM

It is shocking that incidents of crime targeting citizens, including women have been reported in Mohali and Tricity. Such incidents lead to painful memories for individuals and society. These must trigger seriousness in the police, the Intelligence Wings and civil

society. Everyone needs to work together as a team to address the issue proactively for a safe and secure environment. The police have the prime responsibility to act proactively against crime and ensure a peaceful environment for the law abiding citizens. A robust police beat system will prove to be a powerful tool. It can act as denial, deterrent and detection measures against the anti-social elements, thereby ensuring a peaceful and happy environment in society. Frequent police meetings with residents, in coordination with the RWA and market associations, should be

organised as this will ensure a sense of confidence in citizens.

VIJAY SHUKLA

### TAKE STRINGENT ACTION AGAINST CRIMINALS

The gang culture is flourishing in the outskirts of Mohali. The main reason behind this situation is the drug, illegal weapons, sand mining and black money from various sources and political protection to these gangs. Due to political protection and decreased patience in people, crime has increased in the city. The government should find out those undertaking such illegal activities and take strict action against them so that the trust of people is restored in the police and administration. Patrolling and CCTV surveillance in the area would definitely be a shot in the arm. The Whistler Blower Act should also be implemented. The Income Tax and GST Department can also play a vital role in curbing black money in the city. Stringent action is the only option, otherwise easy money always flourishes the illegal activities.

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## Cordon and search ops conducted at drug hotspots in Mohali district

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MOHALI, JUNE 16

The Punjab Police conducted a massive state-level Cordon and Search Operation (CASO) at identified drug hotspots and vulnerable areas on Sunday.

With a focus on controlling the drug supply at 'Point of Sale', the operation was conducted on the directions of Punjab Director General of Police (DGP) Gaurav Yadav. It was conducted in all 28 police districts of the state simultaneously from 11am to 2pm. Range ADGPs, IGPs, DIGs and CPs, and SSPs were asked to personally supervise the operation in their respective district.

The CP and SSPs were told to plan the operation in a meticulous manner by identifying drug hotspots in their respective districts or certain areas which have become the safe haven for drug peddlers.

Special DGP Law and Order Arpit Shukla, who joined Deputy Inspector General of Police (DIG) Ropar Range Nilambari Jagdale and Senior Superintendent of Police (SSP) Dr Sandeep Garg in Mohali, said that the Punjab Police in its sincere efforts to eradicate drug menace from



Special DGP Arpit Shukla and SSP Sandeep Garg conduct an operation in Mohali on Sunday.

the border state has been following a multi-pronged strategy — enforcement, de-addiction and prevention (EDP).

"Under the enforcement part, the police have been focusing on controlling the drug supply at the point of sale by booking small drug peddlers. The illegally acquired properties of big fish are being forfeited under Section 68F of the NDPS Act," he said. He added that the second line of defence all along the border has also been strengthened to

prevent drug smuggling from across the border.

The Special DGP said that after clear directions from the Punjab DGP, a major reshuffle of police personnel — who have been posted at police stations for three or above — is underway across the state.

He said that the police officers have categorically been asked to look into forward and backward linkages of all the cases being registered under the NDPS Act and take strict action against those found in

collusion with the drug smugglers. The drug smugglers lodged in jails are also being monitored, he added.

Special DGP Arpit Shukla said following the strenuous efforts of the state police to root out drug menace from Punjab, heroin recoveries have jumped 5.6 times since 2017. As per information, the Punjab Police seized a record heroin of about 1346 kg in 2023, while 594kg was seized in 2022, 571kg in 2021, 760kg in 2020, 460kg in 2019, 424kg

in 2018 and 179kg in 2017.

Similarly, the conviction rate in the NDPS Act has also improved from 59 per cent in 2018 to 81 per cent in 2023, he added. Apart from the enforcement of laws against drug trafficking, the police has also launched a special campaign against drugs to educate the masses and get support of the general public in the fight against drugs. As part of de-addiction, those who are caught with little quantity of drugs are exhorted to avail the provision of Section 64-A of the NDPS Act. It provides them with an opportunity for de-addiction and rehabilitation, he added.

Sharing details of CASO, the Special DGP said over 450 police teams, comprising over 3,000 police personnel, have cordoned off as many as 280 drug hotspots. During the operation, the police registered 140 first information reports (FIRs) after arresting 166, he said.

Shukla said the police teams have recovered 2.7kg heroin, Rs 1.50 lakh drug money, 12.2kg poppy husk, 5,820 intoxicant tablets and a huge quantity of illicit and licit liquor and lahan, besides, impounding 16 motorcycles and three cars.

DEEPANKAR SHARDA

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CHANDIGARH, JUNE 16

Like other clubs of the city, the Chandigarh Golf Range (CGR) — under the Chandigarh Golf Association (CGA) — is also heading towards a fight for grabbing 'power'.

In a surprise move, many members of the CGR called upon a meeting and decided to oppose the alleged 'arbitrary' by the management for running the show at the club. The club, which has approximately 1,200 registered members, has not witnessed elections on similar lines to the Chandigarh Golf Club (CGC). A core group has termed it as a 'violation' of the lease deed issued by the UT administration.

"During the meeting, a core group of 11 members was formed. The group has collectively decided to present an ultimatum to the president of CGA. The ultimatum demands the elections for CGA Management Committee within three months, as outlined in the lease deed," said Sandeep Sehgal, convener of the core group.

"The administration has withheld the renewal of the lease deed due to the alleged non-compliance with the lease conditions. Interestingly, while CGA's lease is renewed biennially, the CGC lease duration spans 33 years. Since the establishment of the range, the control has been centralised within a small group. Despite the lease deed's mandate for regular elections, none have been conducted thus far, he added.



HAVE TO ABIDE BY CONSTITUTION

"The CGA functions under a constitution formulated during the establishment in 2000. We have to abide by the constitution, and if some changes are to be made in the charter, it will be only through the authorised representatives of the CGA. We cannot just change this overnight. Also, we cannot compare CGA with CGC. We are affiliated with the sports federation and Indian Olympic Association," said a member, seeking anonymity.

As per Clause (9) of the lease deed, "As the land and building have been granted to the licensee-on-licence basis, there will be one executive committee of the CGA to supervise the golf activities on the premises. Separate bodies by the name of the managing committee and executive committee of the Range and Chandigarh Golf Association shall be scrapped." As per Clause (10), "Annual elections will be held to the executive of COA. No individual shall occupy any office for more than two consecutive years."

The range has 1,200 permanent, 500 provisional and 200 student members. Meanwhile, sensing resistance, the CGA management issued a notice on June 12 confirming

the inclusion of 25 members in the CGA general body. "The governing body has approved 25 members from the CGA range (permanent members) to be included in the general body. As per the mandate of the lease deed, CGA is the only body approved by the UT Administration for the management of CGR. To ensure participation by permanent members, necessary amendments in the constitution are being made," stated the circular. "They have issued this circular to settle down the resistance. Under which constitution will they pick these 25 members and the inclusion process is not revealed. They just can't add their supporters to the governing body," claimed a member.

## Police organise basketball tourney to create awareness against drugs

FATEHGARH SAHIB, JUNE 16

In an initiative aimed at raising awareness against drug addiction, the Fatehgarh Sahib police organised 'The Fateh Cup', which was an inclusive basketball tournament at Baba Banda Singh Bahadur Engineering College. SSP Ravjot Grewal inaugurated the tournament, wherein 17 teams across various categories of both men and women participated.

The SSP said as per the directions of the CM and the DGP, the ongoing crackdown against drugs has led to a special anti-drug awareness campaign. It aims to foster a sense of unity and collaboration among the general public in the fight against drugs. She focused on bringing the community together, especially the youth through the power of



SSP Ravjot Grewal with the winning team of the tournament.

sports, emphasising teamwork, discipline, healthy living and underscoring their commitment to a drug-free society.

SP (D) Rakesh Yadav said the Fateh Cup not only served as a competitive platform, but also as a stride in spreading awareness about the perils of drug addiction. He said that

through this initiative, the district police reinforced their dedication to safeguarding the wellbeing of the community. He said the overwhelming participation and support signify a collective resolve to eradicate drug addiction and promote a culture of wellness and vigour. — OC

## Man held for immigration fraud, duped family of ₹52L

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PANCHKULA, JUNE 16

The Panchkula police have arrested a man accused of duping a family of Rs 52 lakh in the name of sending them abroad. The accused, identified as Gurdas Singh, has been sent behind bars.

The accused who had come in contact with the family in the city, had offered to help them secure jobs and Permanent Residency of USA. For this, he sought Rs 80 lakh from them. But, the family was left stranded at the Dubai International Airport for three days, then sent to Azerbaijan for a month and in the process was duped of Rs 52 lakh.

Police officials said they have arrested the accused Gurdas Singh and found that

Police yet to recover money from him

he does not have any licence for immigration purposes. "As part of the investigation, we are checking his sources within and outside the country," an official said.

Police officials are also yet to recover the funds from him. They said, "We will check how he managed to get them the visa."

In a statement to the police, the family had stated that they met the accused in Panchkula in September, 2022. In a bid to give him money, they even sold their property worth Rs 10 lakh and borrowed from their relatives.

Singh was produced in a court and has been sent to police remand.

## Fire breaks out in paint factory

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it spread fast due to inflammable material kept in the unit. As many as 10 fire engines from Dera Bassi, Zirakpur, Lalru, Panchkula and Mohali were pressed into service.

Fire officials said it took more than three hours to control the blaze. Fire official Jaswant Singh said the fire was controlled by them before it could engulf the whole building.

They had to demolish a wall on the first floor to gain entry into the building.

## Public park in a state of neglect

TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

MOHALI, JUNE 16

Residents complained that the Shaheed Bhagat Singh Park in Sector 62 has been neglected by the Municipal Corporation authorities.

The heaps of silt, garbage between the YPS Bridge and the starting point of underground water drain have blocked the smooth flow of dirty water through the underground drain. Muck, grass, and sewage water have accumulated on the bed of the park since many days, but no attention is being paid for the park's upkeep.

"The Nature Park has

become a breeding ground for mosquitoes and snakes. Mohali Municipal Corporation has not done anything to clear the blockage in the choe," said Jasbir Singh, chairperson, Peacock Environment and Wildlife Protection Society.

The residents of Sector 62 complained that hundreds of elderly and young visit the park for morning and evening walks. They have to face inconvenience due to the foul smell emitting from the garbage in the choe. "The Municipal Corporation should immediately clean it before the monsoons in public interest," a resident appealed.

## IN BRIEF

### SWIMMING TRIALS ON JUNE 23

Chandigarh: The Ad-Hoc Selection Committee (Swimming) will organise trials to select local teams at the Sector 43 (Sports Complex) pool on June 23 (9 am). The selected teams will participate in sub-junior, junior and senior national championships, which are likely to be conducted in August and September. The trials will be held as per the Swimming Federation of India rules. A swimmer can participate in the maximum three events. TNS

### 12-DAY CARROM CAMP CONCLUDES

Chandigarh: A 12-day summer carrom coaching camp organised by the Chandigarh Carrom Association concluded at St Stephen's School, Sector 45. A total of 15 boys and seven girls from the tricity participated in the camp. Farheen, a national player, and Mahesh Sekhri, an international umpire, imparted coaching to the participants. A seminar on the laws of carrom, adopted by the All India Carrom Federation, was also organised by Sekhri. TNS

### VIVAAN, YASHWIN WIN TENNIS TITLE

Chandigarh: RoundGlass Tennis Academy players Vivaan Bidasaria and Yashwin Dahiya won the boys' U-14 doubles title of the National Series Tournament in Jaipur. The pair defeated Abhidai Singh and Viraj Choudhary 7-5 6-2. In the singles event, Vivaan won the title by logging a 6-4 6-3 win over Yashwin Dahiya. Meanwhile, Aditya and Arav won the girls' U-18 doubles title during the national series, while Ashwavya Mehra claimed the second position in the singles event. TNS

# Now, dept-run societies can't retain revenue sans MHA nod

## Depositing income in Consolidated Fund of India made a must

**DUSHYANT SINGH PUNDIR**  
TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

CHANDIGARH, JUNE 16 Following directives from the Prime Minister's Office (PMO), the Chandigarh Administration has issued orders to regulate the activities of various societies operating under UT departments.

The restrictions have been imposed following allegations that these societies divert revenue generated from public properties to unauthorised expenditures.

The affected societies include Rogi Kalyan Samiti under the Health Depart-

ment, Society for Promotion of IT in Chandigarh (SPIC) under the IT Department, the Road Safety Society under the Transport Department, STEPS under the Tourism Department, the Rock Garden Society under the Engineering Department and the Post-graduate College Society under the Higher Education Department.

According to an order issued by the UT Finance Department to the heads of departments, all revenue generated by these societies should be credit-

ed to the Consolidated Fund of India as soon as possible. The directive further states that any income or revenue generated by these societies must be retained in the society's account only with prior approval from the Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA). The order states that without such approval, retaining income is considered an impermissible diversion from the Consolidated Fund of India.

Additionally, the order emphasises the necessity of

regular audits for these societies to ensure transparency and accountability.

RTI activist RK Garg, who has been highlighting the alleged misuse of funds by these societies, took up the issue with the PMO. Garg had also requested the UT Administrator to merge all income and properties acquired by these societies with their respective parent departments. He also urged the Comptroller and Auditor General (CAG) to conduct a special audit of all such societies functioning in the city.

# Sher-e-Punjab Cup: Harshdeep claims fifer in Super Strikers' win



A batter of JK Super Strikers in action during a match against BLV Blasters at IS Bindra PCA Stadium in Mohali on Sunday. TRIBUNE PHOTO: VICKY

MOHALI, JUNE 16

A five-wicket haul by Harshdeep Singh helped JK Super Strikers defend their 187-run total against BLV Blasters and record an 11-run win in the ongoing Sher-e-Punjab T20 Cricket Cup at IS Bindra PCA Stadium here today.

Chasing the 187-run target, Blasters were restricted to 176/8 in the allotted 20 overs. The side lost two quick wickets — Naman Dhir (10) and (Kunwarjeet Singh Ballagan (0) — as the team's total read 29. Both batsmen were trapped by Sarvir Singh. Thereafter, Harnoor Singh Pannu (73 off 48 balls, studded with six boundaries and four sixes) and Anmol Malhotra (55 off 40 balls, including five boundaries and one six) raised a 107-run partnership to help the side recover.

As the duo was steering the team towards the target,

Harshdeep swung into action and took wickets in quick succession. He sent both Hamoor and Anmol back to pavilion before claiming the wickets of Tanveer Singh Randhawa (0), Manav Vashisht (3) and Akashdeep Dahri (1). Prerit Dutta claimed the wicket of Harpreet Brar (8) to finally confirm the team's win. Gourav Choudhary (18) remained unbeaten.

Earlier, Strikers posted 187/5 while batting first in the game. Shivein Rakheja (45 off 26 balls, studded with six boundaries and two sixes) was the leading scorer for the side. Gourav Makan, who batted seventh, scored a quickfire 39 off 19 balls with one boundary and four sixes to help the side achieve a respectable total.

Shahbaz Singh Sandhu (28 off 18 balls, with two boundaries and two sixes), opener Karteek Sharma (26 off 15 balls, with six bound-

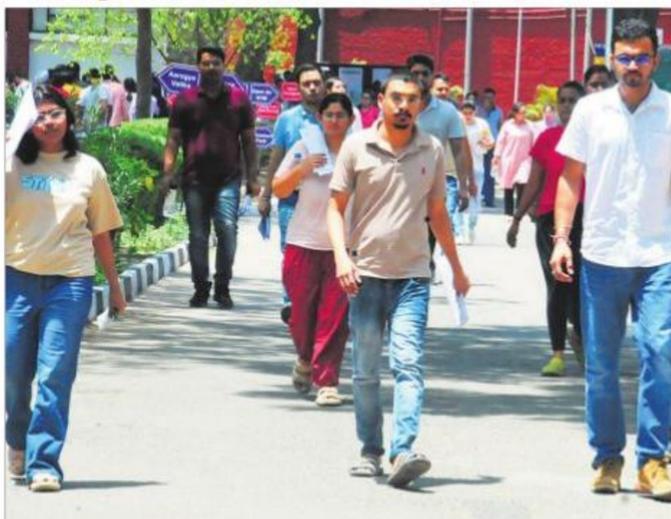
aries), Aryan Yadav (25 off 20 balls, with two sixes) were the other main contributors for the side.

With the figures of 3/22, Brar remained the pick of bowlers, while Aryan Mehra claimed two wickets while conceding 26 runs.

### Nail-biting win for Knights

In a nail-biting second match, Agri Knights recorded a one-run win over Intersoft Titans on the last delivery of the game. Batting first, Knights scored 176 in the allotted overs, and in reply, Titans batters missed winning the match by a whisker, as they scored 175/9. The Titans didn't get a good start, but it was Pukhraj Mann (62) kept the team in contention. Earlier, the Knights innings was bolstered by Mandeep Singh, who scored 57. Siddharth Kaul claimed a five-wicket haul for 22 runs. — TNS

## Testing times



Students come out of Government Girls Senior Secondary School, Sector 18, after appearing for the UPSC Civil Services Prelims-2024 Examination, in Chandigarh on Sunday. TRIBUNE PHOTO

## Daksh shines in CCN victory

CHANDIGARH, JUNE 16

A half-century by Daksh Kaushik (70 off 34 balls) helped Chandigarh Cricket Nursery (CCN) beat Youth Cricket Academy (YCA) by 103 runs during the Summer Cricket League.

Batting first, the CCN posted 319/6 in 30 overs with the help of Daksh along with Yash Mittal (56), Parth (40) and Pari Khambra (30) and Raghav Verma (25). Bhavya and Gurish claimed two wickets each for the bowling side.

In reply, the YCA posted 216/9 with the help of Mohammad Harnoor (85), Ayaan Aroora (35), Bhanu Sharma (11) and Karanvir Singh (11). Ujjwal Jain and Raghav Verma claimed two wickets each for the bowling side, while Abdul Wajid took one. — TNS



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Bride-to-be Amy Jackson celebrated her bachelorette party with her friends on a private jet in France. She wore a chic white suit, sun hat and netted white gloves.

### Shoot-ready

Salman Khan will soon begin filming his next film *Sikandar*. The film marks the reunion of Salman Khan and Sajid Nadiadwala. Directed by A.R. Murugadoss, the film is set to release next Eid.

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These actresses in bold, cunning and menacing avatars have redefined how we see women villains on the big screen

# When **terror** has a pretty face



**THE DARK RECESS: Parul Gulati – *Silence 2***  
Parul Gulati made a striking impression with her role in the thriller, *Silence*. Known for her work in web series and television, Parul's transition to a dark and complex character was amazing. Her portrayal of a cunning and manipulative antagonist showcased her ability to dive deep into the psyche of her character, delivering a performance that was both chilling and captivating.

In an industry often dominated by heroic narratives, a select few female actors have turned the tables, bringing depth, nuance, and unforgettable charisma to their villainous roles. These performances not only challenge the stereotypes of female characters in cinema but also showcase the extraordinary range and talent of these actresses.

Here's a closer look at some remarkable performances where leading ladies have owned the screen as the antagonists.

#### MEET THE SORCERESS

**Mouni Roy – *Brahmastra: Part One – Shiva***  
Mouni Roy's role as the dark sorceress Junoon in *Brahmastra* marked a significant departure from her earlier roles. Known for her work in television, Roy embraced the challenge of playing a powerful and sinister villain with remarkable ease. Her portrayal of Junoon, a character driven by ambition and darkness, was both visually and emotionally impactful.

#### RUTHLESS & VULNERABLE

**Vidya Balan – *Ishqiya* & *Neeyat***  
Vidya Balan is known for her unconventional roles, and her performances in *Ishqiya* and *Neeyat* are perfect examples of her fearless approach to acting. In *Ishqiya*, Bal-

an played Krishna, a widow with a mysterious and dangerous side. Her nuanced performance brought a blend of vulnerability and ruthlessness, making Krishna an unforgettable character. In *Neeyat*, Vidya stepped into the shoes of a cunning and calculating villain with aplomb.

#### MASTER OF THE GAME

**Tabu – *Andhadhun* & *Bhool Bhulaiyaa 2***  
Tabu has long been celebrated for her versatility, and her roles in *Andhadhun* and *Bhool Bhulaiyaa 2* have solidified her status as a masterful villain. In *Andhadhun*, she played Simi, a morally ambiguous character whose actions drove the film's suspenseful plot.

In *Bhool Bhulaiyaa 2*, Tabu took on a dual role, showcasing her exceptional range. Her portrayal of the vengeful spirit Manjulika was a tour de force. She blended horror and empathy in a way that few could achieve. Her performance was both haunting and poignant.

#### COMIC & CHARISMATIC

**Richa Chadha – *Fukrey***  
Richa Chadha's portrayal of Bholi Punjaban in the *Fukrey* film series is a testament to her incredible acting prowess. As the tough and



street-smart antagonist, Richa brought a blend of humour and menace to the role, making Bholi Punjaban a memorable character. Her performance was marked by a perfect balance of comedic timing and ruthless determination, endearing her to audiences while also keeping them on edge. Richa's charismatic performance was a key factor in the success all three parts of *Fukrey*. — Dharam Pal

#### SECRET WEAPON

**Konkona Sen Sharma – *Killer Soup***  
Konkona Sen Sharma's performance in *Killer Soup* was a masterclass in understated menace. Known for her critically acclaimed roles in independent cinema, Sharma brought a quiet but terrifying presence to her character. Her portrayal of a seemingly benign individual who hides a dark and deadly secret was both chilling and compelling.

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## GIRL DAD

Varun Dhawan welcomed his first born, a baby girl, with wife, Natasha Dalal on June 3. On the occasion of Father's Day, he posted an adorable first glimpse of his baby girl.

He is seen holding his daughter's hand. He wrote, "Happy Father's Day. My father taught me that the best way to celebrate this day is by going out there and working for your family, so I'll be doing just that. Couldn't be happier to be a girl dad." — IANS

## 'It means the world'

Emilia Clarke on starring in *GOT* and the love she receives for it even today

*Game of Thrones* star Emilia Clarke recalled starring in the iconic series in which she portrayed Daenerys Targaryen. She shared that it, 'means the world' and fans have showered so much love and appreciation to the series that she feels more attached to it.

She said, "The more distance I have from *GOT*, the more I can quantify it. When I started, I didn't know what I was doing. Now, as more and more time goes between it and me doing it, the more I'm like, that was incredibly special and that was incredibly rare." The fantasy drama ran for eight seasons from 2011 to 2019. — ANI



## MOVIE REVIEW

# Sonam shines in this rom-com

Film: **KUDI HARYANE VAL DI**

Director: Rakesh Dhawan

Cast: Ammy Virk, Sonam Bajwa, Yashpal Sharma, Yograj Singh, Ajay Hooda, Hardeep Gill, Honey Mattu, Seema Kaushal, Mahabir Bhullar and Manpreet Dolly

Rating: ★★☆☆

#### SHEETAL

Punjabi cinema has become inclusive and the latest theatrical offering, *Kudi Haryane Val Di*, is an example. With Ammy Virk and Sonam Bajwa as his lead actors, writer-director Rakesh Dhawan shifts his focus on the villages of Haryana. The director-actor duo, Rakesh and Ammy, earlier gave a hit film, *Aaja Mexico Chaliye* (2022).

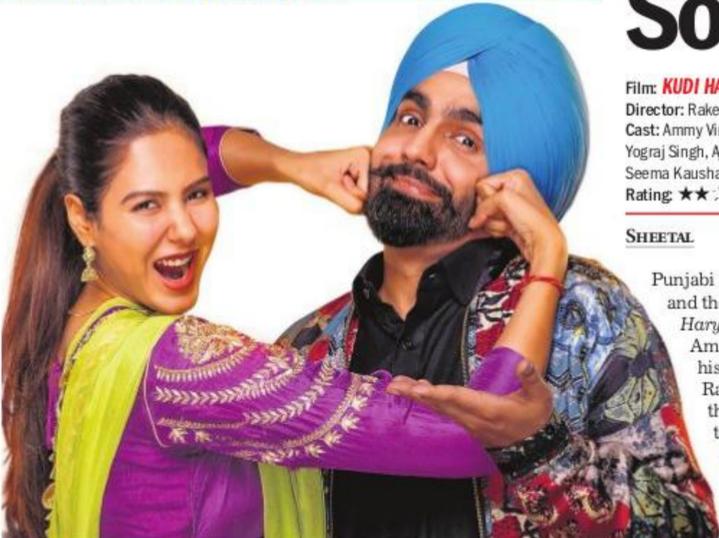
In *Kudi Haryane Val Di*,

Ammy plays Shivjot, who comes from a family of pehalwans but has never stepped inside an akhada. Destiny plays its part and he is forced to accompany his father's students to Haryana for a wrestling match. There he meets Neelam (Sonam), a daughter of a pehalwan (Yashpal Sharma), and promptly falls in love with her. There's no love story without obstacles and here we have many. This comedy of error sticks initially but drags on after some time and we can't help but wait for the interval. The story is predictable and the screenplay is a tad too lengthy. The subplot involving Yograj Singh is supposed to provide us with comic relief but unfortunately, it doesn't. The director's effort to give us a climax along the lines of popular comedy films such as *Hera Pheri* and *Hungama* falls flat.

Kudos to Sonam Bajwa for nailing the

Haryana girl Neelam's character. To play a daughter to veteran actor Yashpal Sharma, who is a true-bred Haryanvi, needs proper homework, especially with diction and dialect, and Sonam does a convincing job. Ammy plays his usual self, a Punjabi munda who wears his heart on his sleeve. He chases his girl and wins our hearts while doing that. Ammy with his punches and comic timing stands out from the rest. There are moments that evoke genuine laughter.

The background music does not enhance the viewing experience. Even the songs are average — rather forgettable, except for one song which is filmed on Sonam in a Haryanvi folk dress. Sonam has definitely earned some Haryanvi fans with this one. It's a one-time watch, for the effort of the director and the actors to bring something new.



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