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Over 15K allottees owe CHB over ₹67 cr in rent

SMALL FLAT SCHEME Told to clear dues or lose unit

TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

CHANDIGARH, JUNE 25
 More than 15,000 small flat allottees have not cleared their dues to the tune of over Rs 67 crore. The Chandigarh Housing Board (CHB) has now warned the defaulters to make their outstanding payments to avoid cancellation of the allotment.

The CHB has uploaded a list of defaulters on its website, directing them to clear their dues at the earliest to avoid action.

The CHB has allotted about 18,138 units under the small flats scheme, including 2,000 under the Affordable Rental Housing Complex (ARHC). The flats are meant to be occupied only by allottees and their families against a monthly rent of Rs 800 for the first five years with 20% increase after every five years.

These flats cannot be sold, sublet, transferred or handed over to anyone else. These residential buildings are located in Sectors 49, 56 and 38 (West), Dhanas, Industrial Area, Mauli Jagran, Ram Darbar, Maloya (small flats)

PENDING PAYMENTS		
Area	Defaulters	Dues
Dhanas	6,977	₹23.04 cr
Sector 38	894	₹6.71 cr
Sector 49	848	₹5.98 cr
Sector 56	693	₹5.75 cr
Ram Darbar	539	₹5.06 cr
Mauli Jagran	1,301	₹3.95 cr
Maloya	1,960	₹3.28 cr
Industrial Area	94	₹41.20 L
Maloya (ARHC)	1,803	₹13.26 cr

FILE PHOTO

and Maloya (ARHC).

The maximum outstanding amount of Rs 23.04 crore is against 6,977 allottees of small flats in Dhanas. Besides, Rs 6.71 crore is to be recovered from 894 defaulters in Sector 38, Rs 5.98 crore from 848 defaulters in Sector 49, Rs 5.75 crore from 693 defaulters in Sector 56, Rs 5.06 crore from 539 defaulters in Ram Darbar, Rs 3.95 crore from 1,301 defaulters in Mauli Jagran, Rs 3.28 crore from 1,960 defaulters in Maloya and Rs 41.20 lakh from 94 allottees in the Industrial Area. Further, 1,803 allottees of ARHC flats in Maloya owe the CHB Rs 13.26 crore.

In June and July 2022, a door-to-door survey was conducted wherein it was observed that of 18,138 small/ARHC flats, 15,995 were retained by original allottees. Of the remaining 2,143 flats, 1,117 were found occupied by unauthorised persons, 636 were found locked and 168 occupants denied to give information to the survey teams. In November 2022, another survey was conducted for the flats found locked during the previous survey. Of 2,143 flats, notices have been served on 540 defaulters. After sufficient opportunity was given to them for personal hearing, 83 occupants failed to prove their claim. Thereafter, cancellation proceedings were initiated against them.

ELANTE TRAGEDY

Toy train firm owners held, let off on bail

CHANDIGARH, JUNE 25

The two partners of Pixie Land Management, which operated the toy train at Nexus Elante Mall, were arrested today in the wake of the tragedy where an 11-year-old boy had died.

The suspects, Sunil Kumar Goyal, a resident of Sector 34, and Punit Kumar Ahuja, a resident of Gururgram, were arrested and later released on bail. Earlier, the driver of the toy train, Sourav, was also arrested.

The victim, Sehbaaj Singh, had died after the toy train he was riding overturned on the evening of June 22. His cousin, who was also on the train, escaped unhurt. Sehbaaj was in the third and last compartment of the toy train when it overturned while taking a turn in the mall's plaza area, sustaining a head injury. —TNS



Some of the suspects arrested for running a fake call centre in Mohali on Tuesday. TRIBUNE PHOTO

Fake call centre busted, two kingpins among 37 nabbed

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MOHALI, JUNE 25

The police today claimed to have busted a fake call centre running from Phase 8-B, Industrial Area, and arrested a total of 37 persons, including 12 females. The fake call centre was being run to scam

Gang of scammers targeted foreign nationals: Mohali SSP

foreign nationals. SSP Dr Sandeep Garg said as many as 45 laptops with 45 headphone mics, 59 mobile

handsets (23 used for office and 36 for personal use) and a black Mercedes-Benz car (DL-08-CAK 5520) have been recovered from the suspects.

Disclosing the modus operandi of the gang, the SSP said they used to send fake emails to foreign people

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IN BRIEF

MAN ROBBED AT GUNPOINT

Chandigarh: An unidentified person robbed a man of a purse and a silver bracelet at gunpoint in Sector 24. Complainant Krishan Mehta, a Sector 38 resident, reported that an unidentified person robbed him of his purse containing ₹2,000 and a bracelet. A case has been registered at the Sector 11 police station and an investigation initiated in to it. TNS

WHAT'S ON

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MOHALI

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APNI MANDI: Sector 25

2 arrested for opening fire outside club in Sec 9

CHANDIGARH, JUNE 25

Two Punjab residents have been arrested by the UT police for opening fire outside a club in Sector 9 here. Two SUVs parked near the club were also vandalised. The incident took place outside Boom Box Café on June 22.

ASI Jatinder Singh had received information about the incident from the owner of another club, who said few youths had an altercation with bouncers in the parking area outside the cafe. It was

alleged that the suspects also opened fire in the air before fleeing. Before the cops reached the spot, the bouncers and the youths, who had come to attend a party, had escaped. The police launched

HOOKAH SERVED, 1 HELD

The UT police registered a case on finding hookahs being served at Boom Box Café in Sector 9. They recovered 37 hookahs, 17 packets of tobacco flavour and charcoals. Rohit Kumar, an employee, was arrested.

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Fatehgarh Sahib BJP workers observe Black Day

FATEHGARH SAHIB, JUNE 25
A large number of BJP workers, led by state vice-president of the party Praveen Bansal and district president Didar Singh Bhatti, observed Black Day today. The workers observed two minutes of silence to pay respect to all those who opposed the Emergency and languished in jails.

Addressing the gathering, Bansal said it is shameful that the Congress leaders are calling for the protection of the Constitution. They said the Congress should remember that they had imposed an emergency in the country by completely ignoring the Constitution, adding that they put opposition leaders in jail on this day in 1975.

Didar Singh Bhatti said that even after 50 years of the imposition of an emergency, there is anger among the people of the country, and this black day can never be forgotten. — OC

All teaching staff at PU to have chance to head dept, says HC

SAURABH MALIK
TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

CHANDIGARH, JUNE 25
The Punjab and Haryana High Court has ruled everyone in Punjab University has to be given a chance of headship to lead a department on a rotation basis, irrespective of their stature as junior and senior in the teaching faculty.

Justice Sanjay Vashisth of the High Court also made it clear that the interpretation was strengthened by Rule 2.3 of the Punjab University Calendar on the rotation of headship in the teaching departments. Instead of mentioning posts such as professor, reader, or lecturer, the rule started with the expression 'a person'. Justice Vashisth said the post of chairman or head of a department in a teaching department was not a promotion to a particular position. It was merely a designation for a specific tenure of

three years at a given time.

Justice Vashisth said the designation was required to run on a rotation basis. The issue was undisputed by the parties in court that it would not matter the post that the proposed candidate was manning.

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Justice Vashisth said, "If the rotation of lecturers or assistant professors is continuing and another eligible lecturer with a minimum of eight years of

teaching experience in the department is available, he can lead the department by being designated as chairman or head of the department, despite the availability of the professors or readers."

He added that the intent and purpose of formulating the rotation system by the framers of the 'rules for headship' in the teaching departments was to create qualitative teachers who could manage the affairs of the departments in an efficient and effective manner.

Referring to Rule 2.3, Justice Vashisth said 'a person' once designated as chairman or head of the department would not be eligible for the same designation for the second time until all other available and eligible professors, readers, and lecturers in the department had availed themselves of the chance of being designated as chairman or head.

The ruling by Justice Vashisth came on a petition filed against Punjab University and other respondents by Dr Mohanmeet Khosla for a quashing order dated September 20, 2019, in which Assistant Professor Smedha Singh was designated as chairman or head of the School of Communication Studies for three years.

Assistant Professor Bhavneet Bhatti was subsequently arrayed as respondent as she was designated chairperson or head for three years from October 1, 2022, following completion of three years' fixed term by Smedha Singh during the plea's pendency.

Justice Vashisth said the petitioner's plea for being designated as chairperson or head for the period during which Smedha Singh was designated, on the ground of being available as a professor, appeared to be misconceived.

Fire breaks out at P'kula bank; cash, lockers safe

TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

PANCHKULA, JUNE 25
A fire broke out at the Punjab National Bank (PNB) branch in Sector 8 here today. Though no casualty was reported, the fire engulfed the ground and first floors, damaging bank equipment.

Fire officials cited a short-circuit as the cause of the fire. They said on receiving information about the fire at 9.27 am, tenders were dispatched to the site.

Sources said an appliance caught fire as an employee switched it on. Later, it burnt six computer systems, a few CPUs, office cabins, other office furniture and some bank record.

Bank officials said the cash as well as items kept in the bank lockers were completely safe.

Fire officials said the flames had reached the second floor but the equipment and files



Furniture gutted in fire at PNB branch in Sector 8, Panchkula, on Tuesday. TRIBUNE PHOTO: NITIN MITTAL

kept there were saved in time. The bank has now moved the branch's entire functioning to its office in Sector 11.

Fire officials said six engines were pressed into service to douse the flames. District fire officer Tarsem Rana said, "We were able to control the fire in about 45 minutes to 1 hour, but the entire operation lasted over two hours."

During the day, residents who have accounts in the bank also reached the premises to check whether their lockers were safe.

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Day after attack on police team at Panchkula, 2 held, 4 at large

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PANCHKULA, JUNE 25
The police continued to grope in the dark over the course of 24 hours after three members of a joint team of Panchkula and Delhi police were attacked and left injured by miscreants at Sector 20 on Monday. The police said they have managed to nab two individuals—Ranbir Rana and Habib—and have registered a case of rioting and culpable homicide against them and their four unidentified accomplices.

The police said the case has been registered on the basis of the complaint by Yunis Javed of the Delhi Police. Javed was the investigating officer in a case of theft of 30 buffalos registered at the Ghazipur police station in Delhi.

He said the Delhi Police had arrested a man, Aftab, who was a suspect in the theft case, and through him gathered information about his accomplice in the crime, Habib's whereabouts. He said, "We found out that Habib was at Panchkula. Therefore, we started a search operation along with the Panchkula police in the city; however, we were attacked by Habib, Ranbir Rana, and four other accomplices when we reached their flat at Sector 20. They also tried to snatch away my pistol."

The police officer fired gunshots and injured Ranbir Rana during the scuffle. The police also arrested Rana and Habib. The police said the other suspect managed to escape the site in a car.

Police officials said they have registered a case against

the suspects under Sections 147 (rioting), 149 (unlawful assembly guilty of offence committed in prosecution of common object), 186 (obstructing public servant in discharge of public functions), 189 (threat of injury to any public servant), 225 (intentionally offering resistance or illegal obstruction to lawful apprehension), 308 (culpable homicide), 332 (voluntarily causing hurt to any person being a public servant in the discharge of his duty), 34 (acts done by several persons in furtherance of a common intention), 342 (wrongful confinement of any person), 353 (assault or criminal force to deter public servant from discharge of his duty), 379B (snatching) and 511 (offences punishable with imprisonment) of the IPC at Sector 20 police station.

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an investigation and scrutinised the footage of CCTV cameras installed outside a bank nearby that led to the identification of the suspects.

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Subsequently, a case under Sections 160, 427 and 336 of the IPC and Sections 25-27-59 of the Arms Act was registered at the Sector 3 police station. During the investigation, Sumit Singh (34) of Ludhiana and Jaspal Singh (31) of Mohali were arrested.

Mining firm booked for attack on P'kula MC team

TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

PANCHKULA, JUNE 25
A day after an attack and misbehaviour with a team of Panchkula Municipal Corporation, the police have registered a case against a mining firm at the Chandimandir police station. The Municipal Corporation had written to the police, demanding the registration of an FIR and the initiation of requisite action against those involved in the attack.

In the complaint to the police, Deputy Commissioner Apoorva Chaudhary said the municipal team formed to check sand mining and related activities, comprising Ward 13 councillor Sunit Singla, Ward 20 councillor Salim Khan, Executive Engineer Ajay Panghal, SDO Manoj Ahlawat, Junior Engineers

Navdeep, Sushil Kumar, and Manvir Singh, visited the land under the MC Billa village to collect a status report of mining activity.

She said the members found illegal mining on the MC land. DC Chaudhary said they identified that those responsible for the act had dug out sand up to 50 feet deep into the ground; however, the team was stopped by various individuals who were wielding weapons. She said the individuals went on to misbehave with the team members and even attacked them. She said, "They threatened the team members with dire consequences in case they came to the area again."

Municipal officials said the land in question belonged to the Municipal Corporation; however, the individuals rejected the claims. MC officials

said numerous vehicles involved in mining were also witnessed at the site.

The Municipal Corporation wrote to the police, demanding action.

Mayor Kulbhushan Goyal said the MC had sent its team to inspect the area and collect the mining tax, which had not been received for years. The MC has filed a complaint with the police, demanding immediate action.

SHO Chandimandir Prithvi Singh said they have registered a case against Krishna Mining under Sections 148 (rioting), 149 (unlawful assembly), 323 (voluntarily causing hurt), 506 (criminal intimidation), 353 (assault or criminal force to deter a public servant from discharge of his duty), and 341 (wrongful restraint) of the IPC.

ASHA workers protest in support of demands

OUR CORRESPONDENT

FATEHGARH SAHIB, JUNE 25
ASHA workers led by the state president, Kirandeep Kaur Panjola, held a protest in support of their demands in front of the Deputy Commissioner's office today. The workers presented a memorandum to the Deputy Commissioner, which is to be forwarded to the Health Minister. They said the memorandum highlights all their demands, adding that they would intensify their agitation if their demands were not met.

Addressing mediapersons, Panjola said the AAP had failed to fulfil any promise that they made

before coming to power in the state.

She said the decisions taken by the government regarding ASHA workers and facilitators would hinder health care activities and increase infant mortality. She said the decisions taken by the government should be withdrawn, adding that the retirement age should be increased from 58 to 65 years and Rs 5 lakh should be given to all retirees. Panjola said Rs 10,000 pension should be given after discharge of service, incentives should be restored, and appointment letters should be given to workers who have cleared ANM.

Issue of drug abuse in Punjab deliberated on at conference

DHRUV NOATAY

CHANDIGARH, JUNE 26
In a significant move to address the escalating issue of drug abuse in Punjab, a round table conference organised by the Joshi Foundation brought together various social and religious organisations, religious heads and eminent personalities.

It marked the beginning of a joint campaign aimed at eradicating drug abuse across Punjab. The conference was titled 'Uncontrollable Drug Menace: A Grave Challenge for Society, especially Punjab, Let's Work out Concrete Solutions'.

Experts put aside their ideological differences and committed to a united front in the fight



Ex-MP of Gurdaspur Kavita Khanna (extreme right) speaks during the conference at Panjab University on Tuesday. PRADEEP TEWARI

against drug addiction. "If this campaign is not run across the entire state of Punjab, we risk losing an entire generation," said Joshi Foundation Chairman Vineet Joshi.

He said the campaign aimed to engage communities at the grassroots, providing them with the necessary tools and

support to combat drug abuse.

Former Gurdaspur MP Kavita Khanna, North Head, Art of Living Foundation, Armit Juneja; Chairman, Dharam Prachar Committee, HSGMC Baljit Singh Daduwal; and Santokh Singh Mahakaal of Budha Dal, Rajpura, spoke at the conference.

Fake call centre busted, two kingpins among 37 nabbed

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citing that a transaction was to be done from their PayPal account for which they could contact a customer care number, which was of the fake call centre. Gullible people making the call were tricked and duped.

The police said they had received a tip-off about the functioning of a fake call centre under the garb of an IT company, Webtap Private Limited, at Kailash Tower in the Industrial Area following which a team under

the supervision of DSP (City) Mohit Aggarwal was constituted. Inspector Sukhbir Singh and SHO Abhishek Sharma were members of the team.

The team unearthed the fake call centre and arrested 37 persons, including Gujarat-based kingpins Kaivind Patel and Parteek Dudhat. Most of the suspects belong to northeastern states.

A case under Sections 406, 420 and 120-B of the Indian Penal Code has been registered against them.

Stone hurled at Shatabdi breaks windowpane

AMBALA, JUNE 25
An incident involving pelting a stone at the Delhi-Chandigarh Shatabdi Express has come to light after an X user uploaded a video. As per X user Gagandeep Singh, someone threw a stone at a window of the train, and as a result, the windowpane broke.

The user wrote that he was travelling from Delhi to Chandigarh on the Shatabdi Express 12045, and at around 10.03 p.m. last night, as the train crossed Ambala station, someone threw a stone at the windowpane where he was seated. He said it did not hurt anyone, adding that within a few minutes, the RPF arrived at the coach and noted all the details of the incident.

RPF post-incharge Javed Khan said a case has been registered and the matter is under investigation. — TNS

Dengue advisory by Mohali admn

MOHALI, JUNE 25
The District Health Department has advised residents to take precautions for the prevention of dengue fever in view of the forthcoming monsoon. Civil surgeon Dr Davinder Kumar and district epidemiologist Dr Subhash Kumar said teams of health workers are conducting a door-to-door survey in houses and other places, checking coolers, refrigerator trays, pots, empty tyres, boxes, and other items, and also sensitising people about the symptoms, causes, precautions, and treatment of dengue.

They said the health officials have asked people not to let water stagnate anywhere in and around their homes. They said if dengue fever occurs the patient should visit a government health facility where dengue tests and treatment are free. — TNS

2.5L saplings to be planted in F'garh Sahib

OUR CORRESPONDENT

FATEHGARH SAHIB, JUNE 25
In order to make the district green and to prevent the falling level of groundwater, the District Administration has set a target to plant 2.5 lakh saplings across the district. Addressing a meeting of administration officials, Deputy Commissioner Parneet Shergill said they would also spread awareness among the residents to install rainwater harvester systems to recharge the ground water.

She has directed all the block development and panchayat officers to



DC Parneet Shergill addresses officials in a meeting.

install rainwater harvester systems under MNREGA to recharge the groundwater levels. The officials of the Canal Department were asked to mark the places for planting trees along the banks of canals

and rivers in the district. The DC said saplings should be planted on major roads and other communication routes in the district, adding that officials need to ensure that saplings are planted in schools through

the Education Department so that children have a clean environment.

The officials of the Agriculture Department were directed to make the small farmers aware of planting saplings too.

The DC said under the MGNREGA scheme, a 'forest friend' can be appointed for the maintenance of 200 plants, who would take care of the plants and water them. She said that there is a big change in the environment, so it is everyone's duty to contribute to saving it by planting more plants so that the district remains green and clean.

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UT looking for pvt consultant to 'upgrade' sports infrastructure

DEEPANKAR SHARDA
TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

CHANDIGARH, JUNE 25 Usually patting their backs for having the best infrastructure, the UT Sports Department now is looking for a private consultant for identifying shortcomings in the sports complexes across the city and upgrading these. Perhaps for the first time, the department is planning to engage/appoint a consultant for upgrading of the sports infrastructure of various sports complexes. As per an expression of interest (EoI), the department is looking for a consultant for upgrading local sports complexes with global sporting standards. The consultant is also expected to upgrade the infrastructure keeping in mind the needs of specially-abled children. "This (hiring of consultant) has come from the higher-

A STEP TOWARDS PRIVATISATION?

As per the scope of work, the consultant will survey all facilities, identify shortcomings (national/international standards) and will also take part in meetings with stakeholders, preparation of bid documents, floating of tenders, evaluation of bids and award of contract. Till date, all projects related to upgrading of sports complexes or building of new infrastructure were being done by the Engineering Department.

ups. The department doesn't exist for only conducting civil services tours, dispersing cash awards or for cash award meets, it should be able to manage and develop infra. By hiring a consultant, they are just passing on the responsibility," said an official seeking anonymity. Interestingly, the EoI has been put on public domain despite all projects in Chandigarh being looked after by the UT Engineering Department. The firm or company having experience of providing consultancy related to upgrading sports infrastructure (mini-

mum two projects) to the government have been invited to apply before July 1. A brief meeting related to the project is scheduled for July 11.

"This is perhaps happening for the first time. In the last decade, the Sports Department has made ample additions in their kitty (addition of infrastructure) and now within this span, the department is realising to have an upgrade. It will be interesting to see how much more public money will be at stake for upgrading the infrastructure," said a senior functionary of the UT Administration.

Meanwhile, the Secretary Sports remained unavailable for comments.

No mention on existing sports facilities

Amid the calling of EoI from firms to upgrade the facilities, the department failed to take over the Sector 17 football stadium, which was allegedly built in an 'incorrect' manner. In addition, the Sector 10 skating rink lacks basic facilities (speed skating) and athletes at the Sector 46 sports complex are also seeking authorities' attention.

The swimming pools are being run by lifeguards and boatmen, while the department still doesn't have a single facility of a 50m Olympic pool for professional swimmers. The gyms at various sports complexes also demand attention.

Trident Stallions storm into Sher-e-Punjab T20 Cup final

TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

MOHALI, JUNE 25

Trident Stallions stormed into the final of the Sher-e-Punjab T20 Cup after a brilliant show by openers Abhay Choudhary (92) and Prabh-simran Singh (40) at the IS Bindra PCA Stadium today. The side posted a stunning 57-run win over Agri King's Knights in the semifinals and both Choudhary and Prabh-simran laid the foundation stone for the side's entry into the final.

Batting first, the Stallions posted 203/8 in the allotted 20 overs. The openers gave the team a good start by raising a 117-run partnership in the first 10 overs. Prabh-simran scored 40 off 26 balls before getting caught by Abhishek Kumar off Madhav Singh Pathania. Choudhary continued his innings and got ample support from Sahil Sharma (34 off 12 balls), and Raman-



Trident Stallions player plays a shot against Agri King's Knights at IS Bindra PCA Stadium, Mohali, on Tuesday. PHOTO: VICKY

deep Singh (18 off 9 balls).

Choudhary posted a stunning 92 off 54 balls to help the side achieve a good total. Sumit Sharma (3/39) and Varinder Singh Lohat (3/7) remain the main wicket takers for the bowling side.

In reply, the Knights were

bundled out for 146. Gur-winder Singh Bhullar claimed 3/24, while Gurnoor Singh Brar, Shubham Rana and Ramandeep Singh claimed two wickets each.

Lohat (49 off 34 balls) was the leading run scorer for the side.

File replies before June 28, Sec 53 shopkeepers told

CHANDIGARH, JUNE 25

The UT Administration has asked the shopkeepers of the Furniture Market in Sector 53 to submit their replies with regard to the notices within two days. A delegation of the market today met DC Vinay Pratap Singh in this connection.

The DC listened to their grievances and asked them to file their replies to the Land Acquisition Officer before June 28, failing which demolition would be carried out. The delegation requested permission to buy shops in the upcoming bulk material market in auction and till the auction is conducted, they offered to pay rent of the area encroached upon by them as assessed by the administration.

The DC clarified that it was government acquired land and the furniture market was an encroachment. He added that their replies would be examined on merit and a decision would be taken by the administration after due consideration.—TNS

Purohit assures policy on religious places, shops in 2 furniture markets

CHANDIGARH, JUNE 25

A new policy will be prepared vis-a-vis religious temples and shops in the furniture markets of Sectors 53 and 54. Punjab Governor and UT Administrator Banwarilal Purohit gave this assurance to a BJP delegation that met him today over several issues.

It was led by Chandigarh BJP president Jatinder Pal Malhotra and general secretary (org), Punjab and Chandigarh BJP Manthri Sriniwasulu. The BJP said the Governor assured that no coercive measures would be



UT Administrator Banwarilal Purohit offers sweetened water to passersby outside the Raj Bhawan on Tuesday.

taken in this regard. "The Governor said interests of all these

people will be taken care of," said Malhotra.—TNS

Bail denied to accused in PGI employee's suicide case

TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

CHANDIGARH, JUNE 25

A local court has dismissed the anticipatory bail application of Ajay Sharma, a tutor working in the Radiodiagnosis Department of the PGI, who had been booked in a suicide case of woman supervisor Narinder Kaur of the same department.

Opposing the bail application, public prosecutor Ashok Gautam assisted by Rabintra Pandit, advocate for the complainant, claimed that the CFSL report had confirmed that

the suicide note recovered during investigation was written by the woman employee.

The police had registered the case for offences punishable under Sections 306 (abetment to suicide) on the complaint of Gurinder Singh, husband of the victim on March 13.

The husband further alleged that the accused and other persons of the department had been mentally harassing his wife. Due to their 'torture' she committed suicide. He said a suicide note was recovered in which his

wife had named the accused as the person responsible for her taking the extreme step.

The accused denied all charges in the anticipatory bail application. He said he had been working as a tutor technician for 36 years in the PGI.

The woman was working as a supervisor radiographer and was custodian of all radiology equipment or machines in her section. Certain parts of the machines of which she was the custodian had not been accounted for and this fact was also given by

her in writing to the head of department.

He said she had even sent a WhatsApp message requesting him to help her in the matter regarding certain missing parts of the machines. He claimed that on March 11 she also gave representation to the PGI Director for voluntary retirement due to family circumstances and mental health and on the same day she committed suicide.

On the other hand, public prosecutor opposed the anticipatory bail application. He said the suicide

note was recovered during investigation. It was sent to the CFSL for checking the handwriting. He said as per the CFSL report the suicide note was written by Narinder Kaur.

After hearing the arguments the court dismissed the anticipatory bail application. It said the investigation in the matter was pending. The court said under the totality of the facts and circumstances and without expressing any opinion on the merits of the case the accused is not entitled to anticipatory bail.



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2024-25

ADMISSIONS GOING ON FOR GRADE XI COMMERCE & HUMANITIES

COMMERCE

Compulsory Subjects :

- English Core (301)
- Economics (030)
- Business Studies (054)
- Accountancy (055)
- Legal Studies (074)/ Mass Media Studies (835)

Optional Subjects (Commerce & Humanities):

- Hindustani Vocal Music (034)
- Physical Education (048)
- Mathematics (041)

HUMANITIES

Compulsory Subjects :

- English Core (301)
- Political Science (028)
- Economics (030)
- History (027)/ Geography (029)/ Psychology (037)/ Sociology (039)
- Legal Studies (074)/ Mass Media (835)

- Informatics Practices (065)
- Commercial Arts (052)

COMMITTED TO CHARACTER DEVELOPMENT AND ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

- Affordable Fee Structure
- Target group for Class XII for Meritorious Students

SUKIRTI
96.8%
100/100 in Maths

PRISHA
94%

DISHITA
91.8%

JASWINDER
91.6%

AASTHA
91%
100/100 in Maths

ARMAAN
90.6%

OUR CLASS X TOP ACHIEVERS 2023-24

Total students appeared	45 students
90 percent and above	7 students
80 - 90 percent	13 students
70 to 80 percent	12 students

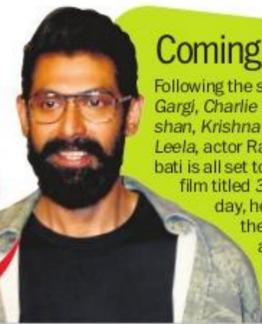
EMERGENCY RELEASE DATE OUT



Actor-politician Kangana Ranaut's film *Emergency* has finally got a new release date. Last month, Kangana announced the postponement of the movie due to her election campaign. The film is all set to release on September 6 now.

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Coming up

Following the success of Gargi, Charlie 777, Pareshan, Krishna and His Leela, actor Rana Daggubati is all set to present a film titled 35. On Tuesday, he unveiled the poster and the title.

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Bigg dream gets bigger



IN A FEW WORDS...

Which artiste inspired you initially to become a singer?
Michael Jackson.

Indian musicians you follow on Instagram?
Darshan Raval, Diljit Dosanjh and Mitraz.

Languages you would love to learn?
English, Hindi, Tamil, Telugu and Punjabi.

Your best live-performance so far?
Sanskriti University, Mathura, where I performed last year.

Next goal to achieve?
I want to act and dance.

Favourite Indian cities?
Mumbai, Chennai.

Next destination on your travel list?
Hyderabad.

Unwinding activity?
I move my body a lot and think a lot of good thoughts.

Favourite Indian dish?
Dosa.

Underrated Korean dish that Indians must try?
Kimbab; I think Indian people will like it because it contains a lot of vegetables.

Best street food you had in India?
Samosa.

Accessories you can't leave without when stepping out?
Rings and earrings.

What do your friends call you?
Psycho.

Annoying habit your friends don't like about you?
I answer quickly because I am an impatient personality.

Fashion brand you love?
BLR! It is a Korean street brand, and the design is unusual and unique. I wear it when doing special shoots.

One word for Indian fashion?
Colourful.

How do you want to be known to the world?
Fun and cool, like a friend who makes you feel happy.

Do you see yourself settling in India? If so, which city?
I think I am already half settled in India. Mumbai is my favourite city. I do feel at home there.

India has acted as catalyst in my journey of self-growth, says K-pop sensation Aora, who, after a successful stint in *Bigg Boss*, is now eyeing Bollywood

SHEETAL

K-POP sensation Aora's charm is spreading like wildfire in India, especially after his stint in reality show *Bigg Boss* last year. Many relate to the singer for he embraces India's culture and traditions like his own. Talking to *The Tribune*, he pours his heart out.

In 2022, Aora listened to Indian music for the first time, a song called *Cham Cham*. The rhythm just clicked with him and from there on he started searching for more Indian music. He recounts, "At that time I did not know India had many different languages. But I resonated with all kinds of music that India offers. When I visited India for the first time, the love I received from people here made me feel very warm. So in many ways, India acted as catalyst in my journey of self-growth."

OVERCOMING CHALLENGES

As the South Korean singer recently performed live in South India, he recalls his experience as a memorable one, "I have

always loved South Indian music and was looking forward to performing there. I am grateful that my first show was a huge success." Besides singing songs in many Indian languages, Aora is keen to become a Bollywood hero and Shah Rukh Khan is his idol, "I would love to sing and act in Indian films. If there is a good show and I get an opportunity, I would love to explore television too."

As for the similarities and differences in Indian and Korean film as well as music industry, Aora says, "Stress in Korea is much higher. Too much pressure on perfection, but in India there is more freedom."

LANGUAGE NO BAR

When it comes to singing a song in a different language, Aora says it is a challenge, "I translate the lyrics into English and then to Korean. I try to understand the feeling and meaning so that when I sing, I can express it well. I also listen to the song more than 100 times to get the diction correct."

Rest assured Aora knows the meaning of the viral song *Akh Lari Bado-Badi*, a reel he made for Instagram!

'ALL RELIGIONS TEACH US HOW TO LOVE'

One of Aora's many dedicated social media posts about India highlights his visit to the Golden Temple in Amritsar. He also sang holy verses of *Sukhmani Sahib* in the reel. From a country like South Korea where many practise Christianity or Buddhism, it makes one wonder what makes him croon devotional songs like *Raghupati Raghav?* He explains, "I do not practise any religion, but I am very spiritual. At the end of the day, we all are humans and all religions teach us how to love."

"I have visited Amritsar twice now and both times it was a very calming experience. The Golden Temple has a special allure that keeps attracting me. I would love to go again."



Aora at the Golden Temple in Amritsar

Fashion is her forte

Actress Sonam Kapoor, who is known for her impeccable fashion sense, made a striking appearance at Dior's Haute Couture Fall/Winter Show in Paris. On her Instagram account, Sonam shared glimpses from the event. The *Ranjhaana* actress wore Dior's Spectador pump. Complementing the pumps, Sonam donned a rich brown leather jacket featuring an American flag motif. To complete her look, Sonam chose a grey wool skirt, and a navy polka dot tie, which added a playful yet sophisticated touch.

The show that took place on Monday featured the latest couture collections from Dior, drawing top fashion names from around the world. The *Neerjha* actress has become a regular fixture at international fashion events, including Paris Fashion Week, King Charles' Coronation, and the Cannes Film Festival, where she was the first Indian actress to attend.

A recent report listed Sonam among the most influential celebrities for luxury fashion brands in 2023, placing her alongside names like Zendaya and Kylie Jenner. Her presence at Dior's show continues this trend, showcasing her impact on the fashion industry.

Apart from her fashion credentials, Sonam has also become the sole Indian actress to be on the South Asia Acquisition Committee of the Tate Modern Museum.

Sonam recently starred in the crime thriller *Blind*, which premiered on July 7, 2023. The actress is also preparing for two upcoming projects, with details to be announced soon. — ANI

Sonam Kapoor looks stunning at the Dior Fall-Winter Haute Couture Show in Paris



Paris-based and Mauritius-born DJ Greg says he is quite at home in India, as he finds no major differences between the people of his native country and here

Familiar notes

SAUMYA SINGH

Mauritius-born DJ Greg is surprised at the music scene he is witnessing in India. After Delhi and Hyderabad, Greg recently performed in Chandigarh, courtesy Alliance Francaise de Chandigarh, Sector-36. "I have been here for a few days. I've seen the streets, the people and the food. They are very similar to our people and our food, so it's almost like home for me," he says.

Greg, who is excited about Hindustani

classical music, says he will like to collaborate with Indian artistes at some point. He says, "I am in contact with an Indian group called MadStarBase, and we are planning to remix some old songs. I plan to invite them to my radio show back in France, and maybe work together on some music." The DJ has a radio show in Paris, a place he now calls home. He invites DJs from all over the world to showcase their talent on it. "I look forward to inviting Indian DJs as well."

Talking about his signature style, he goes

for fusion of different genres with electronic music being one major component. "I pick up elements from various places and try to bring all of that into my creations. However, music of my native land has a major influence on me." The 23-year-old artiste has been in this profession since he moved to Paris about four years ago.

"The past four years of my professional life have gone by really quickly and I feel lucky that I get to do this. It was initially my passion, but now is my profession," he says.

