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PEDDLER HELD WITH 'ICE' DRUG

Chandigarh: A man has been arrested by the District Crime Cell of Chandigarh police for allegedly possessing 24.82 gram "ice" drug (methamphetamine). The accused identified as Vijay Kumar (33), a resident of Nayagaon, who was riding a car, was nabbed at a police check post in Sector 21. A case under the NDPS Act has been registered against the accused. The police said the accused has a criminal past with cases of rioting and another under the NDPS Act had been registered against him at Sector 17 police station. TNS

4 IN NATIONAL JR HOCKEY TEAM

Mohali: Gurjot Singh, Gursewak Singh, Arshdeep Singh and Prince Deep Singh from Roundglass Punjab Hockey Academy have been selected to the Indian Junior Men's Hockey Team that will tour Europe between May 20 and 29. The Indian Junior Men's Hockey team will be playing matches in Belgium, Germany and the Netherlands as part of Hockey India's initiative to help the team gain exposure and build on experience. 19-year-old Gurjot hails from Nakodar, Gursewak from Batala, Pathankot-born goalkeeper Prince joined the academy in 2022, and Arshdeep, 19, hails from Amritsar. Olympic Gold medalist and Technical Lead of the academy, Rajinder Singh congratulated the players. TNS

PAWAN ENTERS QUARTERFINALS

Chandigarh: City's Pawan Kapoor entered pre-quarterfinals of the World Masters Tennis Championship by defeating his Mexican opponent Jose Fidel Moreno 6-3 6-1 in a one-sided affair at Reforma Club Mexico. Kapoor, who is also the captain of +55 years category, will be playing top seeded Bruce Acland of Mexico to get into quarterfinals. TNS

PENCAK SILAT MEET FROM MAY 11

Chandigarh: Pencak Silat Association of Chandigarh will organise the 6th Master & Senior State Championship (Men and Women) at Maharashtra Bhawan, Sector 19, from May 11 to 12. Local registered players will be eligible to participate in the championships. Interested teams can confirm their entries with the organisers before May 9. TNS

CARROM MEET BEGINS TODAY

Chandigarh: The 6th edition of the Inter-School Carrom Championship will begin tomorrow at St Stephen's School, Sector 45. The tournament will be organised by the Chandigarh Carrom Association. In the three-day tournament, competitions will be conducted in four categories including boys' team championship, girls' team championship, boys' singles and girls' singles. A total of 10 schools will be participating in this championship. TNS

8-WICKET WIN FOR NAGESH ACADEMY

Mohali: Cricket With Nagesh Academy (CWNA) defeated RG Academy by eight wickets during the 1st Mahatma Hansraj Boys U-23 Cricket Tournament. Batting first, the RG bats posted 246/6 with the help of Dakesh Nain (47), Monty Saini (45), Divesh Pandey (40), Rachit Rohilla (35) and Divyansh Gujjar (23). Mohit Verma claimed three wickets. In reply, CWNA achieved the target as Sukhshinran Singh (88), Mohit Verma (63), Vishvajit Dhandra (42) and Aryan Mehta (39) scored for the side. Shubham Arya and Kartik claimed one wicket each. TNS

Masih campaigning for Tandon, says Congress; BJP terms it 'lie'

BJP addresses him as Anil Kumar in daily poll schedule: Ex-party leader



SANDEEP RANA
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CHANDIGARH, MAY 7 Lok Sabha election battle heated up in the city after the Congress today accused nominated councillor Anil Masih, who as the returning officer for the Mayor polls had defaced eight votes polled in the favour of the AAP, of "aggressively campaigning" for BJP candidate Sanjay Tandon.

To avoid any further controversy and embarrassment, it was also alleged that the BJP — in its daily election schedule — addressed Masih as Anil Kumar, a reference person for an event held in a Sector 19 church yesterday.

"I along with other fellow Christian community members attended this event that was addressed by Tandon. But, we were shocked to see the person, who murdered democracy, was sitting inside a room, where Tandon later visited. When we came to know about it, we raised lodged a protest. In the melee, I was even pushed by



Anil Masih tampers with ballot papers during mayoral polls. FILE

CONG MADE DUPLICATE COPIES OF OUR EVENTS

“It is all a lie. They (Congress) have made duplicate copies of our events. And, even if Masih participates in some (BJP) programme as a Christian community member, what is wrong in it.” JP Malhotra, BJP city president

a BJP member. The event was organised by Masih, who has been deliberately mentioned as Kumar,” said Cornelius Jordan, former general secretary of BJP minority morcha. Jordan today joined the Congress in protest.

As per BJP's daily election schedule that has gone viral, Masih has been mentioned as a reference person along with his contact number for another event held at Sector 41 church in front of Krishna Market at 11 am on April 28. However, in another copy of the same schedule shared lat-

er, his name and phone number were omitted, while names of other contact persons of 18 events for that day were not deleted.

Sharing copies on X, Congress Lok Sabha candidate Manish Tewari wrote, "This is hilarious. Sanjay Tandon's internal programme says that Anil Masih the 'great paragon of Democracy' who rigged the Mayor elections is the organiser of programme No 5 (Picture 2), but the schedule that was released to the media (picture 1) omits his name. These surrepti-

tious liaisons are characteristic of the duplicity of the BJP Chandigarh."

Chandigarh Tribune tried to contact Masih through phone call and texts, but he did not respond.

Asked, BJP city president Jatinder Pal Malhotra said, "It all has been invented by the Congress. It is all a lie. They (Congress) have made duplicate copies of our events. And, even if Masih participates in some (BJP) programme as a Christian community member, what is wrong in it. The Congress is trying to hurt the sentiments of the community." Tandon also dismissed allegation as false.

Congress city president HS Lucky said, "His (Malhotra) assertions of we fabricating (BJP programme schedule) are laughable. If this is the case, then is their (former) team member Jordan also lying? Why would he lie about his community that too in a church?"

Masih, who was former general secretary of BJP minority morcha, had tendered an unconditional apology to the Supreme Court for his conduct after the court had overturned the Mayor poll result by declaring INDIA bloc's Kuldeep Kumar as Mayor instead of BJP's Manoj Sonkar.

'Cong wants to reduce SC, ST, OBC quota, give it to Muslims'



BJP candidate Sanjay Tandon at an event in Mani Majra, Chandigarh, on Tuesday. NITIN MITTAL

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CHANDIGARH, MAY 7

The Congress wants to reduce SC, ST, OBC reservation and give it to Muslims by changing the Constitution, BJP candidate for Chandigarh Lok Sabha seat Sanjay Tandon said today.

He said when Pm Narendra Modi asked the Congress to give in writing that it would not reduce the SC, ST, OBC quota, and give it to Muslims, the party was silent.

"INDIA bloc, of which the Congress is an important component, was under a sinister plan, planning to snatch reservation of SC/ST/OBC and give it to Muslims by changing the Constitution. This is the real face of Manish Tewari's Congress and INDIA Bloc," he said.

In the same breath, Tandon

said the BJP government would keep intact the SC/ST/OBC reservation when it comes to power as it was against religion based reservation.

Tandon was addressing members of the business community and industrial labour force today.

Meanwhile, Tandon also launched a scathing attack on the Congress and its nominee Manish Tewari for trying to demoralise the security forces.

Referring to the observations made by former Punjab CM Charanjit Singh Channi regarding the attack on the IAF convoy in J&K, Tandon said this was the Congress's real character. Tandon wanted Tewari to explain his stance on the national security issue. It is to be noted that Channi, a senior Congressman, had termed the attack by terrorists a poll stunt by the BJP.

Slamming the Congress, Tandon said, "Such irresponsible statements are demoralising for the armed forces."

Tandon said the Congress was "trivialising the sacrifices made by our soldiers and brave hearts and this shows their anti-national character".

"Modi, on the other hand, is worried about all segments of society particularly the armed forces so that the morale of the defence forces remains high. It is clear that it is only under Modi that growth of the country is possible," he claimed.

Meanwhile, Tandon promised the industrialists that he would implement a one-time settlement related to pressing industry issues like FAR (floor to area ratio), conversion of plots from leasehold to freehold, and need-based changes among others.

Martyrs' forum slams Channi

CHANDIGARH, MAY 7

Sanjeev Rana, the president of nationwide campaign "Ek Eint Shaheed Ke Naam," has slammed ex-Punjab CM Charanjit Singh Channi over his remarks that a recent terror attack on IAF soldiers in Jammu and Kashmir was a stunt.

In a statement, city resident Rana said Channi has shown an example of his thinking.

"The people of India are condemning this kind of thinking of any political person in such matters and we strongly oppose this statement. If Channi does not apologise, then all the district units of our organisation will submit memorandums to the deputy commissioners and at the state-level to governors and chief ministers of the respective states in the name of the President, Prime Minister, Home Minister and Defense Minister, so that insensitive people like Channi are punished," said Rana.

The Congress should make its stand in this matter, he said. —TNS

BJP on way out after third phase of polling: Tewari

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CHANDIGARH, MAY 7

INDIA candidate for Chandigarh parliamentary constituency Manish Tewari today said unlike the BJP's "jumlas", the Congress vision was welfare-centric touching all sections of the society.

The former union minister also said after the completion of the third phase of polling, it was now more than clear that the BJP had already been cleansed out and the formal announcement would be made on June 4 once the votes are counted. "The writing is on the wall that BJP is on the way out", he remarked.

He was interacting with the residents, businessmen, traders, shopkeepers, and government and private employees during his 'padyatra' in Sector 35. The 'padyatra' was organised by councillor Prem Lata and AS Gujral.

He claimed the unemployment in the country right now was highest in 45 years.



INDIA bloc candidate for Chandigarh Lok Sabha seat Manish Tewari attends a public meeting at Shastri Colony in Chandigarh on Tuesday. TRIBUNE PHOTO: RAVI KUMAR

WILL PROVIDE 50% RESERVATION TO WOMEN IN GOVERNMENT JOBS

“A Congress-led government at the Centre would provide 50% reservation to women in government jobs.” Manish Tewari, CONGRESS CANDIDATE FOR CHANDIGARH PARLIAMENTARY CONSTITUENCY

He said under the 'pehli naukri pakki' (first guaranteed job) scheme, every fresh graduate and diploma holder across the country will get one year apprentice-

ship with a guaranteed income of Rs one lakhs.

Today, Deepak Sharma, Zahid Parvez Khan, Vikram Chopra, Dharamveer and other

leaders, BJP Mandal 26 General Secretary Mamta Dogra, who is also a social activist, joined hands with Congress.

Apart from this, today the

general secretary of BJP Minority Front Cornelius Jordan, who was also a former National Executive Member of BJP Minority Front, joined the Congress.

Along with him, Peter Masih, Kamal Bin Shan, Anuj Kumar Chander from Christian community also joined hands with Congress.

Also, Tewari today said a Congress-led government at the Centre would provide 50% reservation to women in government jobs.

Addressing a meeting of the city women organized by local councillor Taruna Mehta in Sector 30, Tewari said, providing 50 percent reservation to women in government jobs was one of the 25 guarantees the party has promised in its election manifesto.

He alleged the BJP government at the centre delaying the implementation of the law for providing 33 percent reservation to women in legislative bodies including the parliament and state legislative assemblies.

Candidates need to submit no-dues certificate: EC

CHANDIGARH, MAY 7

As nomination filing process for the Lok Sabha elections has commenced, the UT Election Department has reminded all candidates of the Delhi High Court's directive requiring disclosure of government accommodation occupation details and clearance of associated dues within the past 10 years.

A "no dues certificate" is required to be submitted to the Returning Officer at the time of filing of nomination on rent, electricity, water and telephone charges on government accommodation.

To streamline the process, Permission Cell, a single window system, located at the Estate Office Building, Sector 17, has been established for issuing permission for various election events. The same cell shall also facilitate obtaining NOCs for government accommodation. Candidates can submit their application forms at the Permission Cell from 8am to 8pm daily. —TNS

4 held for duping city resident of ₹1.90 lakh

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CHANDIGARH, MAY 7

Four people have been arrested by the Cyber Crime Investigation Cell of Chandigarh police for allegedly duping a city resident of Rs 1.90 lakh by posing as bank staff.

Rajbir Singh Rai had complained that an unknown person posing as a bank employee had called him regarding deactivating a service offered on his credit card. The fraudster told the complainant that the bank would be sending an APK file on his Whatsapp number, and he should download it.

Soon after Rai download the file and filled information, three transactions were made from his card.

The police were informed about the incident, and a case was registered at Cyber Crime police station.

During the investigation, a raid was conducted in Patna and four accused identified as Shahidul (25), Gautam Kumar

(24), Bablu Kumar (25) and Sarvan Kumar (26) were arrested. The police said 42 mobile phones and six SIM cards were recovered from them.

One held for snatching

A 33-year-old man has been arrested in connection with a snatching case. Complainant Joginder Singh, a resident of Maloya, had reported that he along with his wife and daughter boarded an auto from railway station to Maloya. There were already three persons in it.

He said on reaching Sector 33, one of the suspects got down from the auto and tried to escape after snatching one of the bags. The complainant nabbed the suspect.

The other suspects in the auto sped away from the spot along with other bags of the complainant. The police said the arrested person has been identified as Jeeshan Ahmed, a native of Bijnor in Uttar Pradesh.

COA calls executive committee meet on May 11

DEEPAKAR SHARDA
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CHANDIGARH, MAY 7

Six months after taking over the Chandigarh Olympics Association (COA), a "self-proclaimed" group in power has called for the first all-member executive committee meeting on May 11.

The meeting will be held at Sector 21, and main agendas to be discussed include modalities of conducting the 2nd Chandigarh State Olympic Games and to demand allotment of land for COA office.

Though, it will be not for the first time that a COA body will discuss conducting the State Olympic Games. It's worth mentioning that the last games were organised in October 2005, followed by a sponsored event called "Mini Olympics" in 2012. Since then, the COA functioning is marred with politics of gaining power and accusing the office bearers (who were once arms-in-arms) of committing the wrong doings for their personal welfare.



Chandigarh Olympics Association members pose for a photo in November last year. FILE

Meanwhile, during the meeting various others agendas including, amendment of the Memorandum of Association and Rules and Regulations of the COA as per provisions of National Sports Development Code of India, 2011; appointment of standing counsels in district courts and high court; opening of new bank account; consider

and approve of the report of affiliation and disaffiliation committee; decide the issue of multiple membership of certain office bearers of state sports associations of Chandigarh, in contravention of Rule 27.3 of the Rules and Regulations of Indian Olympic Association; consider and approve the modalities of celebrating of the Interna-

tional Olympic Day on June 23, 2024 and other matters with the permission of the chair, will be discussed.

After initiating the process of debarring certain sports associations (which supported the current group to come in group) last month, the executive committee is likely to approve an action against the accused associa-

tions. Notably, the COA found discrepancies in these accused associations only after coming to power.

Also, the matter of opening a new bank account is likely to get an approval. It will be interesting to see, what will be done with the old account of the COA, which is located at a Sector 8-based bank. The old account is also on the name of the COA and is said to be still active under the authority of the former office bearers.

During the 2023 Goa National Games, the teams were asked to make financial arrangements on their own on the promise of reimbursement. The teams were issued kits in a ceremony attended by top UT Administration officials, at Mani Majra Sports Complex. The Sports Department has also stopped the COA grant as they failed to submit utilization certificate of previously received grants. Though it's an old practice, the executive committee will also take a call on office bearers multiple memberships of office bearers.



119 BOOTHS VULNERABLE IN MOHALI DISTRICT: DEO

A total of 119 booths in 37 locations of the district have been identified as vulnerable by ECI officials. **P2»**

PANCHKULA MAN DUPED OF ₹1.88 CR IN CYBER FRAUD

A 66-year-old resident of Panchkula duped of ₹1.88 crore on the pretext of investment in shares. **P2»**

ACTOR NARGIS FAKHRI WANTS TO LIVE IN THE WOODS

Nargis took to her Instagram Stories and shared a video where she is seen trekking through the woods. **P4»**

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IN BRIEF

MAN LOSES ₹4.88L TO ONLINE FRAUD

Chandigarh: A resident of Dhanas has lost Rs 4.83 lakh to an online fraud. The complainant, Vijayander Parsad, reported that an unidentified person cheated him on the pretext of investment in stocks. A case has been registered at the cybercrime police station. **TNS**

WHAT'S ON

CHANDIGARH
BLOOD DONATION CAMP: PGI Community Centre, 9:30 am to 2:30 pm

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12-yr-old schoolgirl crushed under truck at Zirakpur

Was riding pillion on scooter when it skidded near underpass site

GAURAV KANTHWAL
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ZIRAKPUR, MAY 7

A Class VII student of Manav Mangal Smart World School, Zirakpur, was crushed under the wheels of a truck while she was on her way to school on the Ambala-Chandigarh national highway near the Singhpura chowk this morning.

Deceased Ananya (12), a resident of Preet Colony, Zirakpur, was riding pillion on a scooter with her mother Pushpa. The scooter skidded on the uneven patch strewn with gravel close to a truck laden with iron bars.

Passers-by said the National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) officials had been apathetic to the bad condition of the patch, which led to the accident and death of the child.

"The NHAI, which is carrying out carpeting work on the road, left this patch unmetalled. No signage or caution board has been put up at the bald patch near the Singhpura chowk. The construction of two vehicular underpasses (VUPs) has been hanging fire for two years now.

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Father (pink T-shirt) of deceased Ananya (inset) rushes to the spot near the Singhpura chowk as her mother and sister cry in Zirakpur on Tuesday. **TRIBUNE PHOTOS: RAVI KUMAR**



Accident-prone bald patch at Singhpura chowk in Zirakpur.

NHAI APATHETIC TO SAFETY OF COMMUTERS: RESIDENTS

Local residents are angry over "never-ending" construction of vehicular underpasses by the National Highways Authority of India (NHAI). Road users played its officials for haphazard construction work. The administration has also failed to resolve the problem of snarl-ups at the construction site.

SADAK SURAKHYA FORCE VEHICLE REACHES LATE

An ambulance of a charitable body reached the spot before the Sadak Surakhya Force (SSF) vehicle. Personnel of the SSF were seen managing the traffic at the accident spot. Local residents said the ambulance service at the Dhakoli Community Health Centre was erratic and mostly remained unavailable.

NO CAUTION BOARD AT MISHAP-PRONE SPOT

Signage or caution boards are missing near the construction site on the national highway. Iron spikes protruding from the road drainage pose danger to road users.

Bouncer shot dead in Kharar

Fallout of eight-year-old rivalry between two groups

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MOHALI, MAY 7

A resident of Teur village, Manish Kumar (26), who worked as a bouncer, was shot dead by two unidentified bike-borne youths at Chando Gobindgarh village in Kharar this afternoon. The assailants shot him in the head at point blank range.

The police said the victim was returning home from a gym in Kharar. Eyewitnesses said the assailants were waiting for Manish near the road. The killing is suspected to be a fallout of more than eight-year-old tussle between two groups of bouncers over supremacy in the area.

Kharar DSP Karan Sandhu said, "Manish was involved in

SAKETRI MURDER CASE

An accused in the bouncer Amit Sharma murder case, Gagan posted on social media that he would avenge Manish's death. Amit was shot dead outside a temple in Saketri in broad daylight on May 8, 2017. Sonu Shah, Gagan and Surjeet were booked in the case. They were involved in a gang war with the Amit group in Mohali in November 2016 when around 70 rounds were fired at each other. Later, Meet was arrested in the case.



VICTIM MANISH KUMAR

an attempt-to-murder case in Chandigarh and a couple of others registered at the Mataur police station in Mohali. A case of murder has been registered against the unidentified assailants."

He had been attacked earlier also and is said to have received threat calls, said residents of his village.

Meanwhile, an accused in

the bouncer Amit Sharma murder case, Gagan posted on social media that he would avenge Manish's death. Amit Sharma, alias Meet, was shot dead outside a temple in Saketri in broad daylight on May 8, 2017. He was shot 11 times as he was leaving the temple with his mother around noon. A case of murder, **CONTINUED ON PAGE 2**

No nomination filed on Day 1

INDIA VOTES 2024

CHANDIGARH, MAY 7

On the first day of filing of nominations for the city Lok Sabha seat today, no one turned up. However, a few candidates procured nomination forms.

The UT Election Depart-

ment has reminded the candidates intending to file nominations to strictly adhere to the instructions provided by the Election Commission of India regarding the maintenance of election expenditure, with an upper limit set at Rs 75 lakh applicable for the city parliamentary constituency.

The department has stated that the key instructions include the candidates are required to open a dedicated

bank account exclusively for election expenditure purposes. All transactions exceeding Rs 10,000 must be conducted through cheque, draft or bank transfer, utilising the designated election expenditure bank account; maintaining comprehensive records of all funds received and expenditures incurred, including donations, loans and expenses on campaign items. — **TNS**

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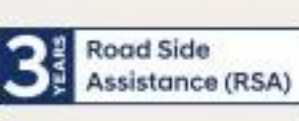
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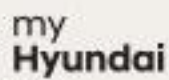
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119 booths vulnerable in Mohali district: DEO

96 poll code violation complaints lodged



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MOHALI, MAY 7

A total of 119 booths in 37 locations of the district have been identified as vulnerable by ECI officials. The number may increase or decrease as a meeting will be held with the observers in the coming days, said District Election Officer Aashika Jain.

Jain said, "Nine flying squad teams and as many static surveillance teams have been deployed in the district to ensure free and fair atmosphere for the conduct of elections."

She said, "To check the violation of the model code of conduct, a control room is being run where as many as 53 complaints have been received through eVIGIL app. Out of these, 35 were found correct where the action taken report has been submitted to the CEO Punjab while 18 were dropped at the ARO level. Similarly, 43 complaints were received on toll-free number 1950, out of which action taken report on 33 was submitted to the CEO Punjab and five



DC-cum-District Election Officer Aashika Jain and SSP Sandeep Garg address mediapersons in Mohali on Tuesday. PHOTO: VICKY

19,193 TO VOTE FOR FIRST TIME

The district has a total of 8,06,500 voters, including 4,22,576 males, 3,83,886 females and 38 third gender. Out of these, 6,218 voters aged 85+ and 6,808 PwD voters have been identified to whom postal ballot/free transportation to the booth services are to be provided. As many as 19,193 first-time voters (in the age group of 18-19 years) have been registered by the ECI.

were dropped at the ARO level. Action on another five is in progress."

SSP Dr Sandeep Garg said, "Nine interstate nakas at critical points have been set up in coordination with the district administration. Patrolling is continuing with the help of a company of the Central Armed Police Force."

Since the model code of conduct came into force, the police have registered 52

FIRs under the NDPS Act and arrested 72 persons while recovering drugs worth Rs 2.31 crore, including poppy husk and opium. As many as 20 persons have been arrested in 13 FIRs registered under Arms Act with the recovery of 16 pistols, one rifle and four country-made pistols. Under the Excise Act, 50 cases have been registered with the arrest of 54 persons.

P'kula man duped of ₹1.88 cr in cyber fraud

PANCHKULA, MAY 7

A 66-year-old resident of Panchkula was duped of Rs 1.88 crore in a cyber fraud.

In his complaint to the police, Rakesh Kumar Bansal, a resident of Sector 9, stated that he was added to a WhatsApp group after he clicked on a link while watching a video on an online platform on March 23. He said the group was named 'customer care ICICI Ambani shares' and had over 80 participants when he had joined. He was guided on investing money in various shares and also directed to download an application.

The fraudsters used to send details of bank accounts to receive money in the name of investment. Meanwhile, Bansal started sending them money through RTGS and net banking.

He 'invested' Rs 50,000 on April 9 and Rs 2.50 lakh the

next day. Unaware of the fraud being committed on him, the complainant sent Rs 18 lakh on April 13, Rs 16 lakh on April 14, Rs 21 lakh on April 19. In a transaction on April 26, he even deposited Rs 80 lakh in one go.

The complainant said in return, he had initially received Rs 3,302 back in his bank account. His request to withdraw the amount was rejected. By the time he realised he was being duped, he had already transferred Rs 1.88 crore to the bank accounts as directed by fraudsters in the WhatsApp group.

A case under Sections 120-B (criminal conspiracy), 420 (cheating and dishonestly inducing delivery of property), 406 (criminal breach of trust) and 467 (forgery of document) of the IPC has been registered at the Cybercrime police station. — TNS

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12-yr-old student...

Neither the NHAI nor the administration is bothered about the safety of road users," they alleged.

"This is criminal on the part of the authorities. They are bound to ensure safe commuting at construction sites also. They should be booked under Section 198 A of the Motor Vehicle Act (Amended) 2019, which deals with the failure to comply with standards for road design, construction and maintenance," said Harman Sidhu of ArriveSAFE, an NGO that works on road safety.

Shockingly, road users just passed by as the injured woman kept crying near her daughter's body. Passers-by also complained that the police vehicle reached the spot almost half an hour later.

The truck driver, Kali Bhushan (23) of Jammu, reportedly tried to flee the spot but was nabbed by a passer-by. An ambulance of a charitable body later shifted the body to the mortuary of the Dera Bassi subdivisional hospital.

The truck driver told the police that he was on his way to Ambala from Baddi to deliver iron bars.

A case of negligent driving has been registered against the driver at the Zirakpur police station.

Bouncer shot...

criminal conspiracy and offences punishable under the Arms Act was lodged against Sonu Shah, Gagan and Surjeet. They were involved in a gang war with the Amit Sharma group in Mohali in November 2016 when around 70 rounds were fired at each other. Later, Meet was arrested in the case.

As the assailants shot dead Manish in Kharar, SSP Sandeep Garg, at a press conference in Mohali, was listing out the achievements of the police force in the run-up to the LS elections. With polls round the corner, it will be a big challenge for the police to maintain law and order situation in the district in the wake of the bouncer's murder, which is a fallout of group rivalry.

Panchkula enrolls 10,452 new voters

PANCHKULA, MAY 7

As many as 10,452 new voters have been added to electoral rolls in less than two months since the implementation of the model code of conduct on March 16.

Now, as many as 4,33,094 voters in the district would be able to cast their votes in the Lok Sabha elections, said Deputy Election officer (DEO) Yash Garg.

The election office has prepared the final voters' list of both Panchkula and Kalka Assembly constituencies in the district, which fall under the Ambala Lok Sabha constituency. As many as 2,27,581 voters are male, 2,05,487 female and 26 third gender.

Meanwhile, 8,345 young voters in the age group of 18-19 years will cast their vote for the first time.

The DEO said the office had established 424 polling booths in the district, including 218 in Kalka and 206 in the Panchkula Assembly constituencies.

OVER ₹13L FOUND IN LUXURY SUV

The police recovered cash to the tune of ₹13.50 lakh from a luxury SUV at the Vikas Nagar checkpoint in Sector 19 on the Punjab-Haryana border here. SI Ram Sharan from the Sector 19 police post said they had informed the Income Tax Department regarding the matter. A day ago, the police had recovered ₹14.95 lakh at the same checkpoint. — TNS

He said there were 2,00,181 voters in the Kalka Assembly constituency, including 1,04,773 men, 95,390 women and 18 transgenders. The Panchkula segment has 2,32,913 voters, including 1,22,808 men, 1,10,097 women and eight transgenders.

In Kalka, 4,017 voters are in the age group of 18-19 years and 5,151 above 80 years of age. In Panchkula, 4,328 voters in the age group of 18-19 years and 7,929 above 80 years of age. — TNS

21 wild boars, one carcass found at Jagatpura shed

MOHALI, MAY 7

Officials of the Department of Forests & Wildlife Preservation, Punjab, and the police today arrested two suspects and recovered 21 wild boars and a carcass from a shed in Jagatpura village this morning. The suspects were identified as Amb Sahib Colony resident Yoginder Singh and Sunil Kumar of Ram Darbar. They used to run a meat shop in Jagatpura.

Wildlife officials said a tip-off was received that the duo

had kept wild boars in captivity and indulged in trading, transporting and selling meat of wild animals.

Under the Wildlife Protection Act of 1972, wild boars are Schedule III animals, which are protected, but can be hunted under specific conditions.

The suspects were booked under Sections 9, 39, 40, 48B, 49, 50 and 51 of the Wildlife Protection Act.

The suspects were produced in a court and sent to judicial custody till May 20. — TNS

SCHOOL NOTES



Students adorned with sashes during the investiture event.

PML SD PUBLIC SCHOOL, CHD

The school observed the investiture ceremony of the senior secondary wing for the session 2024-25. Members of the school council were conferred with their respective badges and sashes. Principal Monica Sharma motivated the students to strive hard with the unified zeal for the betterment of the school.

AKSIPS-45, CHANDIGARH

The kindergarten teachers of the school conducted an engaging and educational activity on good and bad touch for its young learners. The initiative aimed at equipping toddlers with the necessary understanding and vocabulary to recognise and respond to inappropriate touch, fostering a safe and secure learning environment through storytelling, role play and open discussion.

RIMT WORLD, MANI MAJRA

The school had the honour of presenting an exclusive screening of a highly anticipated movie, "Rabb Di Awaaz", in the school auditorium, captivating students from grade 7 onwards. Adding to the excitement, the school welcomed the star-studded cast of the movie, including director Ojaswee Sharma, actors Abhinav Sharma, Mohit Verma and more.

SAINT SOLDIER INT'L, SECTOR 28, CHD

The school is actively engaged in an online international youth exchange programme hosted by Yang Mei Senior High School in Taiwan. An orientation session was held to familiarise participants with the flow of the exchange programme.

Moot court contest at RBU

MOHALI, MAY 7

Rayat Bahra University organised the seventh edition of its national moot court competition, which focussed on the theme of domestic violence.

Seventeen teams participated in the contest. Justice

Archana Puri of the Punjab and Haryana High Court was the chief guest on the occasion. Marwadi University, Faculty of Law, Rajkot, won the trophy and the CT Institute of Law, Jalandhar, was the runner-up. — TNS



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Evergreen!

At the Met Gala, Hollywood star Penelope Cruz went goth in black by Chanel. The dress had a bustier top and a *Sleeping Beauty*-like off-shoulder silhouette.



Jennifer Lopez, Shakira, Dua Lipa and Nicki Minaj

INDIA CONNECT

Alia shines Sabyasachi saree

Bollywood star Alia Bhatt, no stranger to the Met Gala spotlight, made a grand entrance in a breath-taking floral Sabyasachi saree, marking her second appearance at the prestigious event. With a train that practically engulfed the red carpet, Bhatt's ensemble was nothing short of show-stopping. Alia marked her Met Gala debut in 2023 with a beautiful ensemble crafted by Prabal Gurung. Her homage to Karl Lagerfeld in a bespoke white gown, adorned with delicate pearls, captured timeless elegance.

Sabyasachi creates history

It was a moment of pride for all as ace designer Sabyasachi Mukherjee created history by becoming the first Indian designer to grace the prestigious Met Gala carpet. On Tuesday, he attended the fashion extravaganza wearing an 'embroidered cotton duster coat from the Sabyasachi Resort 2024 collection, layered with tourmalines, pearls, emeralds and diamonds from Sabyasachi High Jewellery. He also posted a video where he is seen posing for photographers on the Met Gala carpet on Instagram. He struck some stunning poses on the streets of New York City.

Mindy dons Gaurav Gupta

Actor-producer Mindy Kaling turned heads as she strutted the Met Gala carpet in a creation by renowned designer Gaurav Gupta, which he labelled The Melting Flower of Time. Gupta, whose creations have previously been worn by Grammy-winner Beyonce and socialite Paris Hilton, among many others, took to Instagram to share pictures. In the images, Kaling is seen wearing an architectural gown in a nude shade. She completed her look with basic make-up and a sleek bob. — ANI & IANS



Mindy Kaling

Ever MET stars in full bloom?

THE Met Gala this year witnessed a bevy of stars once more, including Jennifer Lopez, Zendaya and a host of others in a swirl of flora and fauna looks on a green-tinted carpet, lined by live foliage. Lopez went for silver leaves in a second-skin goddess gown and Zendaya was all vamp and fantasy in a rare double appearance on the steps of The Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York on Monday.

Lopez (in Schiaparelli) was seen in a near-naked gown in her 14th Met Gala appearance. Zendaya put on her fashion face in peacock hues of blue and green, with a head piece to match and leaf accents. It's been five years since Zendaya last attended the gala. Lopez went with Tiffany & Co diamonds, including a stunning bird motif necklace with a diamond of over 20 carats at its centre.

SHINING THROUGH

Flowers were everywhere, in line with this year's theme, The Garden of Time, inspired by JG Ballard's 1962 short story by the same name. Mindy Kaling was seen in sand-coloured swirls that towered over her head at the back; her look was designed by Indian couturier Gaurav Gupta.

Gigi Hadid brought the drama in a look by the drama king himself, Thom Browne. Her white gown was adorned with 2.8 million microbeads with yellow flowers and green thorns. She was high glam in a wavy bob and crimson lips.

If there was a queen of the Met Gala besides the evening's mastermind, Anna Wintour, it was Sarah Jessica Parker. The long-time attendee takes each year's theme seriously, researching every detail. This year Sarah was in an *Alice in Wonderland* look with a lavender overlay and a Philip Treacy topper on her head. The dress was by Richard Quinn. Her long hair tumbled behind her back in beachy waves, a look that built into a beauty trend of the evening.

Tennis star Serena Williams took metallic gold to another level in a shining one-shoulder statement look. Ariana Grande was all Glinda the Good Witch, making the most of her pale-coloured strapless Loewe look with 3D eyelashes at the side of each eye. Cardi B struck a pose in a statement black gown with a huge tulle train by Windowsen. She paired the look with

green jewels and a high black turban. She needed multiple helpers to move her dress up the stairs. Penelope Cruz, meanwhile, went Goth in black by Chanel. It had a bustier top and a *Sleeping Beauty*-like off-shoulder silhouette.

There was another *Sleeping Beauty*-ish guest — Kendall Jenner in a Givenchy look done by Alexander McQueen in 1999.

Kendall's sister, Kylie Jenner, was more old Hollywood than storybook in a chic Oscar de la Renta low-cut strapless look, a white bloom in her clicked-back updo and a train behind.

Oddly, elder sister Kim Kardashian tightly covered up her gorgeous silver corset look with a leaf motif by Maison Margiela with a lumpy grey sweater. Dua Lipa was a whole different kind of princess. She went full rock 'n' roll in black by Marc Jacobs, who accompanied her. Her lace and feather look was slow slung at the hip with a deep plunge at the neck. The princess vibes were in apparent reference to the Met's spring exhibition that the gala kicks off. It's called *Sleeping Beauties: Reawakening Fashion*. While it doesn't actually have to do with Disney, or even princesses, some of the 400 guests went there.

Demi Moore stuck to the garden in a Harris Reed look with huge wings encircled by arrows and hand-painted with pink and white blooms. Diesel broke through on the gala carpet on Dove Cameron. It was about as unlike Diesel as it gets! The look had sleeves attached to her train. Lily Gladstone went for black by Gabriela Hearst.

Meanwhile, among the stars that were conspicuous by their absence were Rihanna, Taylor Swift, Blake Lively, Lady Gaga and Jared Leto. — AP & ANI

...If not, here's a chance to do so as celebs flaunt flower power at Met Gala red carpet, justifying this year's theme — Garden of Time



Ariana Grande, Demi Moore, Zendaya and Gigi Hadid. PHOTOS: REUTERS

'Nature heals us'

Nargis Fakhri wants to live in the woods

Actress Nargis Fakhri desires to live in the woods, as she says there is nothing better than spending days amid nature. Nargis took to her Instagram Stories and shared a video where she is seen trekking through the woods. Without sharing details about her whereabouts, Nargis wrote, "I want to live in the woods, there is nothing better than waking up to this and spending your days in nature. I feel so grateful and blessed; nature heals us."

Talking about her work, Nargis, who made her Bollywood debut in 2011 with the Ranbir Kapoor-starrer *Rockstar*, was last seen in the Hindi comedy *Shiv Shastri Balboa*, starring Anupam Kher and Neena Gupta. The actress will next be seen in the Telugu period action adventure film *Hari Hara Veera Malu Part 1 — Sword vs Spirit*, starring Pawan Kalyan and Bobby Deol. The film is reportedly set in the Mughal era. — IANS



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