



Road safety on mind, 124 black spots removed

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CHANDIGARH, APRIL 29 In the last one year, Punjab Road Safety and Traffic Research Centre (PRSTRC) has eliminated 124 black spots or accident-prone areas out of 239. This represents a significant reduction of 52 per cent in black spots.

ADGP AS Rai said the PRSTRC had created jobs for professionals who had been assisting in promoting road safety and ensuring safe transportation system for all.

The PRSTRC has also contributed towards research and innovation by developing state-of-the-art crash investigation vehicles and smart barricades that use Artificial Intelligence to improve road safety, he said.

The centre had identified 784 black spots in the state. With an investment of Rs

1,100 crore, the PRSTRC along with the the National Highways Authority of India worked on 239 black spots and eliminated 124 accident-prone areas, said Rai.

Giving details of the road accident fatalities, Navdeep Asija, Punjab Traffic Adviser-cum-Director, PRSTRC, said 1,434 people had lost their lives on these black spots between 2016 and 2018. He said the fatalities reduced to 932 on these black spots. This represents a significant reduction of 35 per cent fatalities at these spots.

Rai said the PRSTRC was the first step towards evidence-based policing and making in-house arrangements for data-led decision making. "This has helped us not only to optimise our resources, but to plan impactful interventions using a data-led approach," he said.

Bathinda jail warder provided cellphone to inmates, arrested

VIRAL VIDEO Inmates had levelled serious charges against jail staff

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BATHINDA, APRIL 29 The probe into the viral video of 13 inmates from Bathinda Central Jail has revealed that the cellphone used to record the video was provided by jail warder Baljit Singh.

Bathinda SSP Gulneet Singh Khurana said during the interrogation of the inmates, the name of Baljit cropped up and a case was registered against him.

He said after knowing about the registration of an FIR, the jail warder remained absent from duty. He said the jail warder had been arrested.

The SSP said Baljit was an alcoholic and used to provide mobile phones and other things to inmates in lieu of money.

Khurana, however, termed the allegations levelled by



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the inmates in the video against the jail officials completely false.

On April 8, the video of Bathinda jail inmates was

aired on a private channel, in which they levelled serious allegations against the jail administration.

Before the video went viral,

the jail authorities registered a case against the inmates at the Cantt police station for allegedly blackmailing the jail staff.

Acting on a complaint of Assistant Jail Superintendent Shiv Kumar, the Cantt police had registered a case against Manipar, Gurjit Singh, Gurvinder Singh, Bhopinder Kumar, Hardeep Singh, Harpal Singh, Harbant Singh, Navtej Singh, Manjit Singh, Ranjodh Singh, Arshdeep Singh and Jaspreet Singh.

The inmates even threatened the jail administration that if they did not provide them mobile phones and drugs, the video would be sent to news channels.

The incident has raised serious questions regarding the security system of the jail in Bathinda.

Cabinet rejects move for early release of Jassi's killer

JUPINDERJIT SINGH TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

CHANDIGARH, APRIL 29 The Cabinet thwarted an attempt for the premature release of the main contract killer in the infamous Jassi honour killing case on Friday.

Details about the meeting, which emerged today, revealed that the Prisons Department had recommended the premature release of 21 convicts. The Cabinet, led by CM Bhagwant Mann, rejected only the case of Anil Kumar, an accused in the Jassi case.

Kumar had got interim bail in the case a few months ago. He has spent over 11 years in the jail. Kumar, along with dismissed Sub-Inspector Joginder Singh and accomplice Ashwani Kumar, was convicted for life by the Supreme Court in May 2015. Joginder Singh had got premature release on May 27, 2016, during the SAD-BJP regime while Ashwani Kumar was released prematurely during the Congress regime on March 19, 2021.

The main conspirators were Jassi's mother Malkiat Kaur and maternal uncle Surjit Singh Badesha, who were Canadian citizens and were extradited for the alleged crime in January 2018 to face trial in India. Their case is still under trial in the Sangrur sessions court. Kumar was hired as the contract killer along with SI Joginder Singh. The murder of Jassi, a Canada born Indian girl, took place on June 8, 2000.

Jassi had married Sukhwinder Singh Mithu of Kaunke Khosa in Jagraon in April 1999. Her mother Malkiat Kaur and uncle Badesha, who were against the match, had already barred her from talking to Mithu. They told her that Mithu was feigning love just to migrate to Canada. When



Sukhwinder Mithu and Jassi. FILE

WON'T LET CRIMINALS GO SCOT-FREE

“The world is watching the Indian police and justice delivery system in this case. The AAP govt will never let criminals go scot-free. A minister

they learnt about their secret wedding, they got Mithu booked in March 2000 on charges of kidnapping and forcible wedding.

The girl somehow escaped from Canada and reached India to give a statement in favour of Mithu. The couple then applied to move to Canada, but 12 killers waylaid them near Narike village near Malerkotla. They stabbed Mithu, leaving him for dead in the fields. Of the 12, only three were convicted by the Supreme Court. They then took Jassi to a house where they made Jassi talk to her mother in Canada over the phone. Police investigation says Jassi's mother ordered her killing.

Sources said at the meeting yesterday, all Cabinet ministers objected when Kumar's case was put up and mention of the Jassi case was made.

Mann put his foot down saying Jassi's killing was one of the most heinous crimes in recent times and his government would not release the convicts.

Interestingly, the remission case came just two days after Mithu, the husband of Jassi and witness to her kidnapping and murder, was released on bail in an NDPS Act case.

Sportspersons back women wrestlers

RAVI DHALIWAL TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

GURDASPUR, APRIL 29 The women grapplers who are protesting against Wrestling Federation of India (WFI) president Brij Bhushan Sharan Singh have found "unconditional support" from Gurdaspur's coaching fraternity, top sportspersons of the region and trade unions.

Judokas Jasleen Saini, Karamjit Singh Mann and Maheshinder Saini have said they would support their Delhi colleagues "till justice is delivered." The three judokas are product of the Shaheed Bhagat Singh JFI Coaching Centre which has produced many international

ARREST WFI CHIEF, DEMANDS MINISTER

Sports Minister Gurmeet Singh Meht Hayer on Saturday demanded the immediate arrest of WFI chief and BJP MP Brij Bhushan Sharan Singh to ensure a fair probe into charges levelled against him by women wrestlers

judo players, including an Olympian.

The wrestlers have been staging a protest since January. Incidentally, yesterday the Delhi Police had registered two FIRs against Brij Bhushan at the Connaught Place police station. The first FIR was registered against

the WFI chief under the POC-SO Act as the alleged victim in this case is a minor. The second FIR pertains to a sexual harassment complaint filed by other women wrestlers.

In the last few days, the grapplers have got support from several ex-sportsmen, including hockey Olympian Pargat Singh and ex-Test cricketer Navjot Sidhu.

In a meeting of coaches held today at Guru Nanak Park, it was decided that all coaching centres of Gurdaspur district would remain closed on Monday. "On the same day, we will also take out a protest march in the main streets of the city," said Amarjit Shastri, judo coach.

₹37-cr assets of ex-Chief Engineer attached by ED

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MOHALI, APRIL 29 The Enforcement Directorate (ED) has provisionally attached assets to the tune of Rs 37.26 crore belonging to former Chief Engineer of Greater Mohali Area Development Authority (GMADA) Surinder Pal Singh, his family members, entities and associates under the provisions of the Prevention of Money Laundering Act, 2002.

The assets include 63 immovable properties consisting of parcels of land and buildings in various districts of Punjab. The assets also include movable properties.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

It has been reported by the applicant (s) that Late Sh. Des, Raj Khanna S/o Late Sh. Ganga Ram Khanna, who was the owner of House No. 84, MIG, GF, Housing Board Colony, Kalka. Distt. Panchkula, Haryana, died on 10.08.2018, Smt Usha Khanna W/o Late Sh. Des Raj Khanna R/o House No. 84, MIG, GF, Housing Board Colony, Kalka. Distt. Panchkula has claimed/applied for the transfer for the said property in her name on the basis of intestate death of Late Sh. Des Raj khanna S/o Late Sh. Ganga Ram Khanna living intestate property.

If anybody have any objection for the transfer of the said property in favor of the applicant Smt. Usha Khanna W/o Late Sh. Des Raj Khanna R/o House No. 84, MIG, GF, Housing Board Colony, Kalka. Distt. Panchkula, Haryana, they may furnish their objection in writing in the office of the undersigned within 30 days from the date of publication of this notice, failing which this property shall be transferred accordingly and no further claim whatsoever shall be entertained later on.

**Estate Manager,
Housing Board Haryana,
Panchkula.**

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PUBLIC NOTICE

COUNTRYWIDE PROMOTERS PRIVATE LIMITED
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This Public notice is being issued in compliance of Memo No. LC 657 S-PA (SK)-2023/11644 dated 21.04.2023 issued by Director General, Town & Country Planning, Haryana Chandigarh ("DTCP").

Whereas, Countrywide Promoters Private Limited and others are developing a residential plotted colony in accordance with the provision of licenses granted by DTCP from time to time bearing license nos. 157-193 of 2005 dated 07.10.2005, 316 to 346 of 2005 dated 22.12.2005, 413 to 442 of 2006 dated 18.01.2006, 259 of 2007 dated 19.11.2007, 38 of 2011 dated 28.04.2011, 47 of 2011 dated 27.05.2011, 59 of 2010 dated 07.08.2010 and 60 of 2010 dated 07.08.2010 alongwith consolidated sanctioned Layout Plan.

Now, a fresh Letter of Intent (LOI) bearing memo no. LC 657 S-PA (SK)-2023/11644 dated 21.04.2023 has been granted by DTCP on total 571.30625 Acres (after incorporating additional unlicensed land measuring 18.30625 Acres and subtracting licensed land measuring 5.85 Acres from existing licensed lands) for setting up of residential plotted colony over an additional land area measuring 18.30625 acres in the revenue estate of village Kheri Kalan, situated in Sectors 82-89 Faridabad, Haryana.

And whereas DTCP has issued the revised Layout Plan of 571.30625 acres after incorporating/adding the unlicensed land area measuring 18.30625 acres and subtracting licensed land measuring 5.85 Acres.

And whereas, several individuals have made bookings/entered into purchase agreements for allotment of plot/floor/flat/property in said Colony (hereinafter referred to as "Allottees").

And whereas, the earlier approved Layout Plan bearing drawing no. 8558 dated 24.08.2022 sanctioned for the said colony is now proposed to be revised without changing any plots wherein any third-party rights have been created or where plots have been allotted, thus the areas allotted to the existing Allottees are not impacted in any manner and the Company has not changed any green area from the last approved Layout Plan.

And whereas, the office of Director General, Town & Country Planning, Haryana, Chandigarh has required seeking of objection against the revision of Layout Plan as a pre-condition for allowing such revision in the Layout Plan for the Allottees.

Accordingly, vide this public notice objections are hereby invited from the Allottees on the proposed revision of the Layout Plan of the said colony. A copy of the earlier approved Layout Plan bearing drawing no. 8558 dated 24.08.2022 and the revised Layout Plan approved "In-principle" vide memo no. LC 657 S-PA (SK)-2023/11644 dated 21.04.2023 along with the drawing is available for perusal on our website www.btpp.com. The said Layout Plan can also be perused at the office of the undersigned at OT-14, 3rd Floor, Next Door, Parklands, Sector-76, Faridabad 121004, Haryana, as well as in the office of District Town Planner (Planning), HSPV Complex, Sector-12, Faridabad.

Such Allottees, who are having any objection to the revised Layout Plan may file his/her/their objections in the office of District Town Planner, HSPV Complex, Sector-12, Faridabad within a period of 30 days from the date of publication of this notice, failing which it shall be assumed that there are no objections to the said revised Layout Plan of the colony.

Place: Faridabad **Rohit Mohan**
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₹51,000 each for three Class VIII toppers

CHANDIGARH, APRIL 29 Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann on Saturday felicitated three girls who have bagged the top positions in the Class VIII results, which were declared on Friday.

Honouring the three students — Lovepreet Kaur, Gurankit Kaur and Samarpreet Kaur— with a cash reward of Rs 51,000 each, the CM said it was a red-letter day for the state as these daughters of the state had excelled in the field of education.

He said it had been decided that students who score equal marks in the exams will be given the same rank

The CM said the government was committed to providing a conducive environment to the students, especially girls. He said a policy was being framed for giving monetary rewards to students excelling in the Class V, VIII and X examinations.

₹196 crore to boost infra at medical college in Patiala

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PATIALA, APRIL 29 The state government has allocated Rs 196.81 crore to upgrade infrastructure at Government Medical College and Rajindra Hospital, Patiala.

Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann said a trauma centre and residential quarters would be constructed at a cost of Rs 68 crore.

Mann, who inaugurated the renovated emergency ward at Rajindra Hospital, said the capacity of beds had doubled to 100. Till now, critical patients were referred to other hospitals, including PGIMER, Chandigarh.

The CM said, "We are providing Rs 4.75 crore for the construction of a sports hall at the Government Medical College. We will build houses for faculty at a cost of Rs 15.58 crore, multi-storey houses for doctors at an expenditure of Rs 17.67 and junior resident hostel at a cost of Rs 13.52 crore."

He said the government



CM Bhagwant Mann with a patient after opening the renovated emergency ward at Rajindra hospital in Patiala. RAJESH SACHAR

would also construct residential quarters for Class III and IV employees at a cost of Rs 76.32 crore. He said a separate ward would be constructed for jail inmates at the hospital. He said the government had already advertised hiring of specialist doctors.

Citing the example of students of a government

school who topped Class VIII board exams, the CM said the government had been working towards providing better education to children. Responding to a question on alert issued at various jails in the state, Mann said the government had kept the law and order situation under control.

Push for IT sector, govt to frame dedicated policy

VIJAY C ROY TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

CHANDIGARH, APRIL 29 Having virtually missed the information technology (IT) bus, the state government is now leveraging this growing sector and is in the process of drafting a dedicated IT policy to boost the sector.

The state has already launched an industrial and logistic policy. "We are in the process of drafting a new IT policy. The draft will be in public domain soon. We will extend all possible support and assistance to the IT Industry," said Dilip Kumar, Principal Secretary, Industries and Commerce,

Punjab, at the eighth edition of Ticeon 2023.

According to sources, the IT policy will be drafted after studying the policies of various states. The state will incorporate the best practices adopted by different states to follow a proactive approach and to facilitate the ease of doing business for IT companies. The sources said the department would start consultative meetings with various stakeholders to seek inputs and suggestions. According to senior officials, the proposed policy would encourage and incentivise IT companies.

Addressing the gathering,

DRAFT TO BE OUT SOON

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Kumar said, "The more the government stays away from business, the better it is. We will handhold you and will give you the ecosystem. Punjab has a great ecosystem to start a company."

Both IT and ITES are

fast growing sectors and most suitable for Punjab. ITES, identified as a sunrise sector, can drive economic growth and prosperity and provide a long-term viable solution to the problem of unemployment in the state.

"IT is a thrust sector for the state government and its potential to create jobs for the youth is immense," CEO, Invest Punjab, KK Yadav said during the discussion.

Software Technology Parks of India (STPI) has already set up two centres in the state — in Mohali and Amritsar. Set up in 1998, the Mohali centre has

around 140 registered companies, which are exporting, while the Amritsar centre has started operations recently. STPI officials said after Mohali, Amritsar might soon be a hub of small and medium enterprises (SMEs) in Punjab as the much-awaited state-of-the-art second centre had been operational.

Lauding the recent efforts of the government to develop the region as an IT hub, Software Technology Parks of India, Senior Director Devesh Tyagi on Saturday sought cooperation from the government in setting up more such centres in the state.

BSF seizes 1.5-kg drugs near border

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CHANDIGARH, APRIL 29 In the third incident in as many days, the Border Security Force recovered 1.5 kg of narcotics from fields near the International Border in Amritsar sector on Saturday.

Based on specific information, a search operation was launched by the Border Security Force on the outskirts of Hardo Rattan village in Amritsar district during which a packet wrapped with yellow adhesive tape was found.